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Hi Everyone,

Firstly on behalf of the Board of Management I hope you all had a great Christmas, and are enjoying the New Year and festive Season!! The season is well underway and we are now into our busiest part of the season especially for all our Lifesavers. Thanks in advance for all your time on the beach!! Especially our Patrol Captains and senior patrol members.

In regard to other things going on around the club:

#### **Education update:**

It's certainly been a busy start to the season so far for the entire education team. They've been busy on the beach week in week out for the last 2 months putting new candidates through their paces. The team has managed to get 69 Bronze Candidates and 30 SRC Candidates through their assessments.

On top of this the team has been diligently facilitating the annual skills maintenance sessions for over 500 of our active members ensuring they're all proficient to continue patrolling the beach this summer. This is no small task and a huge thank you is well deserved to all involved for making this possible.

It's now time for a well deserved break over the Christmas period for the entire team.

#### **Lifesaving update:**

Our active members have already completed 6,552 hours on Patrol (and it's only December!) They have also completed 47 Rescues, with Patrol 12 nominated to branch for the December rescue of the month, for their effort supporting the 5 Beaches Swim, finishing at North Bondi. We have 3 new Patrol Captains this season: P5 - Will Hauserman, P14 Garry Pendergast & Lisa Croudace. It is members like these 3 putting their hand up to do more that all members should be thankful for. This season Patrol sign on / sign off can now be completed via the SLS NSW Patrol Operations App, and as in past seasons, Swapsea is still available for patrol swaps if you cannot make a rostered patrol.

#### **Surf Sports update:**

With the early seasons carnivals out of the way we seem to be on track for another good season. We have had some good results already that have been listed in Enews and other forums like facebook. Special congratulations to Lily Finati who has again been selected in the 2019 NSW Youth Pathway Cup Team, and also to Lizzie Welborn and Noah Havard who have been selected in the SLSNSW team. Jim Walker is Head Coach & Scott Thomson Water Coach of the NSW team. After the Christmas & New Year break we start ramping up toward the Aussies in April and I encourage all members to go along to the local carnivals to support and cheer on the Red, White and Chocolate!

- 19 Jan - Wanda Carnival
- 26 Jan - Freshwater Carnival and the North Cronulla Iron-person
- 9 Feb - Sydney Branch Championships at Maroubra
- 10 Feb - Branch Age Championships
- 16 Mar - Coogee Carnival

#### **Future Projects**

The under promenade storage now known as the **Advanced Response Lifesaving Facility** is well under way with the NSW Government recently adding \$500,000.00 to the Federal Government's commitment of the same. This \$1M added to our own commitment of \$500,000.00 all that is left is for the council to come on board and we are having very constructive conversations with them in both regard to funding and also the DA process for this very important project.

The proposed expansion to the sheds will give us the ability to store all of our lifesaving equipment on the beach with direct access, including the ATV and RWC. It will reduce the issue of moving gear across the prom and ensure better response times especially for out of hours call outs

#### **Upcoming dates for the calendar**

Roughwater Swim – 13 January

North Bondi Classic – 10 February

Australia Day celebrations at the club – 26<sup>th</sup> January

Finally, I ask everyone to remember its YOUR club.... Please respect the facility we are so lucky to have and respect your fellow members. Especially! PLEASE Wash your feet off before entering the club.

Have a safe, happy and enjoyable start to 2019, and I look forward to seeing you around the club!!

Regards

Mark