



ANNOUNCEMENT

TO:	Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Captains CC: BOM, LSRS, EC, Y&JDC, SSC, MSC
FROM:	Manager Lifesaving & Director Lifesaving and Rescue Services
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SUBJECT:	Garie Patrol Support Program – Call for Club Support
OVERVIEW:	As Garie Surf Life Saving Club prepares to re-open this season, we are reinvigorating the Garie Patrol Support Program . Surf Life Saving Sydney is committed to supporting Garie SLSC, and we are calling on our clubs to assist by providing lifesaving patrols on Saturdays at Garie Beach .

Dear Clubs,

Background

Garie SLSC has been unable to patrol in recent seasons due to the collapse of Garie Road. With the imminent reopening of the road, the club will return to full patrol operations.

While Garie SLSC is committed to maintaining its patrols, the current membership base is too small to fulfil the full **Lifesaving Service Agreement (LSA)** without support from other clubs in the Branch. Given Garie Beach's status as a remote surf hotspot, it is vital that the LSA is upheld to maintain the club's proud record of **"No Lives Lost Between the Flags."**

Patrol Allocations

At this stage there are **29 patrol days** to be filled at Garie this season. Patrols have been allocated proportionally based on each club's number of active members for the 2024/2025 season (last season).

Table: Patrol allocations by club

Club	Total Active Members (24/25)	% of total members (nearest %)	Patrols allocated
North Bondi	548	12%	3
Bondi	583	13%	3

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Bronte	386	9%	3
Tamarama	223	5%	2
Clovelly	235	5%	2
Coogee	712	16%	4
Maroubra	278	6%	2
South Maroubra	316	7%	2
Wanda	265	6%	2
Elouera	333	8%	2
North Cronulla	235	5%	2
Cronulla	275	6%	2
Total	4389	100%	29
Era	62	1%	0
Burning Palms	40	1%	0

We are also working with Garie SLSC and clubs outside of Sydney Branch to assist in covering some of these dates. Should your club feel the allocated number of patrols is beyond your current capability, please advise along with a suggested number you believe is more achievable.

Nomination of Dates

- We ask each club to seek support from their membership and nominate dates that align with their allocation. Available dates as per appendix.
- It would be appreciated that clubs who can cover those first couple of weekends reach out ASAP.
- Clubs may nominate full weekends (support Garie patrol on the Sunday) or mixed-club patrols if preferred.
- Please send proposed dates to: lifesavingmanager@sls.sydney

Once nominations close, the SLSS Lifesaving Manager will finalise allocations and distribute the patrol roster.

Administration

- Patrols at Garie will be managed by the **SLSS Lifesaving Manager**, in conjunction with the **Garie Club Captain** and the **Club Captains of rostered clubs**.
- If a club cannot fulfil its allocated patrol, the SLSS Lifesaving Manager and Garie Club Captain must be notified **at least two weeks prior**. Clubs are encouraged to arrange a replacement with another club where possible.
- Patrol equipment will be provided and maintained by Garie SLSC in line with **SLNSW Public Safety SOPs**. Clubs are expected to treat equipment and facilities with care and leave them as found.
- If clubs wish, they may stay at **Garie SLSC** on the Friday and/or Saturday nights. Please advise when submitting your nominated dates, or at least **one week prior** to your rostered patrol.
- Patrols must comply with the **current LSA**, with a Sydney Branch recommended minimum of **five patrolling members** on duty

