



ANNOUNCEMENT

TO:	Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Captains, Club Chief Training Officers, Rescue Services Operators CC: BOM, LSRSC, EC, SSC, Y&JDC, MSC
FROM:	Director Lifesaving & Rescue Services
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SUBJECT:	EOIs RWC Operator Course 2026
OVERVIEW:	Expressions of Interest are now being sought from experienced members who are interested in joining the Rescue Services RWC (Support Ski) team for our next course intake of Trainees

SLSNSW Entry Requirements:

- Financial Member
- Minimum age of 18 years for assessment
- Minimum age of 17 years to commence training
- Current SLSA Bronze Medallion *and Certificate II Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue)*
- Hold a current and valid driver's licence with towing capacity (minimum green Ps)
- SLSA Bronze Medallion/Cert II – proficient

Note:

- SLS RWC Operators in NSW are required to complete the **SLSNSW Rescue Services Member Application Form** (which will be provided to operators upon completion of the course, if successful).
- After completing the RWC Operator Course, SLS members in NSW are required to go through a Probationary RWC Operator period as per the latest SLSNSW Rescue Services Member Appointment Procedure.

All prerequisites will be required to be met for consideration of acceptance. Members not holding all prerequisites can also apply for consideration on the understanding that all prerequisites are met by final RWC assessment date. Limited spots available for this training course.

RWC operators provide patrols along the coast including areas within Botany Bay as well as supporting club patrols. Because of the nature of the service, applicants will need to demonstrate a high level of lifesaving skills, surf awareness, experience and dedication.

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Applicants need to be aware that acceptance into the training requires a commitment to complete the training program and that the applicant is prepared to undertake patrols on the RWC. It is anticipated that you will be required to complete at least 20 hours of patrols per season.

How to Apply

Applications are to be in writing using the EOI form link provided here
[Sydney Branch Rescue Services - EOI Form - RWC Operator Course](#)

Application EOI must include:

- Award transcript from Surfguard which must include all SLSNSW RWC prerequisites listed above.
- Email address of your Club President and Club Captain (Branch office will contact your Club for letters of support for your EOI)

The Selection process includes a selection panel comprising of the Director Lifesaving & Rescue Services, Manager Rescue Services and RWC Coordinator. Successful applicants will be required to attend evening and weekend training sessions and pass a theory and practical final assessment for this award.

EOI applications including letters of support from members Club, close at SLSS Branch office by COB Friday 20 February 2026.

Successful Trainees will be advised in writing as soon as possible after the closing date.

Proposed Training Dates

It is intended that the Surf Life Saving Sydney will run the training course through the off-season consisting of Sunday morning practical sessions. Course duration is approximately 8-10 weeks, it is expected that all applicants will be available for every session. First session will be Thursday 9 July 2026 – Induction & theory with practical sessions commencing Sunday 12 July 2026.

Any queries relating to this Circular can be directed to Branch office lperrin@sls.sydney or contact RWC Coordinator James McLennan rlwc@sls.sydney

Regards

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