



ANNOUNCEMENT

TO:	Club Presidents, Secretaries, Captains, Chief Training Officers, Interested Parties CC: BOM, LSRSC, EC, SSC, Y&JDC, MS
FROM:	Director Lifesaving & Rescue Services, Manager Lifesaving
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SUBJECT:	Gear Inspection 2026
OVERVIEW:	Planning is underway for season 2026-27 as clubs prepare for the annual Gear Inspection.

This communication serves as a summary follow up of the SLSS Gear Inspection Guidelines 2026-27 document which was published to clubs yesterday by email.

Gear Inspection date which has been previously advised to clubs is **Saturday 12 September 2026**.

Link to document

The Sydney Branch Gear Inspection Guidelines document can be found on our website at the following link <https://sls.sydney/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/Sydney-Branch-Gear-Inspection-Guidelines-2026-27.pdf>

Format on Gear Inspection Day

Items to be inspected on the day (as per Guidelines document 2026-27) : IRBs, IRB Motors, Fuel Cells, Defibrillators (not including training defibrillators), Oxygen and ART kits, Suction kits, Severe bleed/traumakits/shark bag/major haemorrhage kit, supplementary patrol equipment (red & yellow flags where applicable), Black & white quartered flags/Signal flags, Binnoculars, Fins, Loud Hailer, Emergency evacuation flag, spinal boards, IRB safety signs.

Order of Inspection

The gear inspection team will be split into two teams, one team taking the southern clubs (Sutherland and the RNP) and the other team taking the northern clubs (Randwick and Waverley).

- We anticipate starting approximately 8am
- Northern Clubs order starting at South Maroubra SLSC then heading north.
- Southern Clubs order starting at Wanda SLSC then heading south

The Lifesaving Manager will update Clubs via the Club Captain WhatsApp group our progress and forecast arrival time.

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On Inspection Day Clubs must have gear ready to be inspected upon arrival of the Gear Inspection Team.

Key Dates

Task	Date
Advise Branch of Club endorsed gear & equipment auditors	Monday 3 August 2026 E: lperrin@sls.sydney
Clubs update Gear & Equipment on SurfGuard	Friday COB 28 August 2026
Gear Inspection date	Saturday 12 September 2026
Clubs to have completed the Annual Gear Inspection process and SurfGuard updated to reflect completed	SLSNSW Annual Compliance Circular states 11 September 2026. We Suggest clubs ensure all club inspected items are actioned in SurfGuard by the due date and then other items actioned after Branch Gear Inspection date of 12/9/26

Should you have any questions please contact Alexandra Scott, Manager Lifesaving E: lifesavingmanager@sls.sydney

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