



ANNOUNCEMENT

TO:	Club Presidents, Secretaries, Captains CC: BOM, LSRSC, EC, SSC, Y&JDC, MS
FROM:	Manager Lifesaving, Director Lifesaving & Rescue Services
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SUBJECT:	Garie Patrol Support Program Season 2026-27
OVERVIEW:	As we all prepare to enter the 2026-27 season we are continuing to support Garie SLSC via the Garie Patrol Support Program . Surf Life Saving Sydney is committed continuing to work with Garie SLSC, to build their capabilities and we are calling on Sydney clubs to assist by providing lifesaving patrols on Saturdays at Garie Beach .

Background

After several seasons unable to patrol due to the collapse of Garie Road, Garie SLSC is rebuilding their membership base and infrastructure.

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**, with 26 still to be filled at Garie this season. Branch is working on innovative ideas to fill some of these patrols via innovative approaches but aim to give Clubs the first pick of patrols. We welcome all ideas to support Garie during their rebuild.

Table: Patrol allocations by club

Club	Total Active Members (25/26)	% of total members (nearest %)	Patrols allocated
North Bondi	548	12%	3
Bondi	583	13%	3
Bronte	386	9%	3
Tamarama	223	5%	2

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Clovelly	235	5%	2
Coogee	712	16%	3
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%	28
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.
- Clubs may nominate full weekends (support Garie patrol on the Sunday) or mixed-club patrols if preferred.
- Please book in your preferred patrol dates via this link <https://calendly.com/lifesavingmanager-sls/30min>. Clubs are asked to directly book in their patrol dates at Garie and patrols are allocated on a first in basis.

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 by email to lifesavingmanager@sls.sydney at least two weeks before your patrol
- Patrols must comply with the **current LSA**, with a Sydney Branch recommended minimum of **five patrolling members** on duty



Closing

On behalf of Branch President Peter Carney, Director of Lifesaving and Rescue Services Simon Smith, and Garie SLSC President, Brad Taylor, we thank you in advance for your support.

Garie SLSC plays a vital role in the lifesaving operations of our Branch. Your contribution ensures the continuation of this important service and strengthens our collective commitment to keeping our beaches safe.

For any questions, please contact Alexandra Scott lifesavingmanager@sls.sydney

Kind Regards,

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Manager Lifesaving

Simon Smith
Director of Lifesaving and Rescue Services

Appendix:

2026/2027 Garie SLSS roster – available dates

Garie Patrol Support Roster 2026-27					
Date	3-Oct	10-Oct North Cronulla	17-Oct	24-Oct	31-Oct
Date	7-Nov	14-Nov	21-Nov	28-Nov	
Date	5-Dec	12-Dec	19-Dec	26-Dec GARIE	
Date	2-Jan	9-Jan	16-Jan	23-Jan Elouera	30-Jan
Date	6-Feb	13-Feb	20-Feb	27-Feb	
Date	6-Mar	13-Mar	20-Mar	27-Mar	
Date	3-Apr Elouera	10-Apr	17-Apr	24-Apr	

26 September to 25 October	10am to 3pm
26 October to 6 December	10am to 4pm
7 December to 7 February	10am to 5pm
8 February to 29 March	10am to 4pm
10 March to 26 April	10am to 3pm

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