



ANNOUNCEMENT

TO:	Club Presidents, Secretaries, Captains, Chief Training Officers, Member Services Teams, Surf Sports Teams and Youth & Junior Development Teams CC: BOM, EC, LSRSC, SSC, Y&JDC, MS
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SUBJECT:	Surf Life Saving Sydney Pre-Season Meetings 2026-27
OVERVIEW:	As part of Season 2026-27 preparations, Surf Life Saving Sydney (SLSS) has scheduled dedicated Pre-Season Sessions for clubs, offering targeted support and key operational updates before the season begins.

Based on feedback received from Clubs, Surf Life Saving Sydney has adopted a more focused approach to our Pre-Season Meetings for the 2026/27 season. This year, the following Pre-Season Meetings will be held:

Education / TAF Professional Development

Saturday, 8 August 2026

8:00am – 2:00pm

Prince Henry Centre, Little Bay

(In-person meeting)

Facilitated by **David Kowald, Director of Education, SLSS**

Lifesaving

Monday, 10 August 2026

6:30pm – 8:00pm

(Online meeting)

Facilitated by **Simon Smith, Director of Lifesaving & Rescue Services, SLSS**, and will include a presentation from SLSNSW on Drone Operations.

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Rescue Services - Duty Officers

Saturday, 29 August 2026

7:00am – 2:00pm

Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Helicopter Base

(In-person meeting)

Facilitated by **Charlie Hort, Manager Rescue Services, SLSS & Jackson Towns, Duty Officer Coordinator, SLSS**

Surf Sports and Youth & Junior Development

Sunday, 30 August 2026

9:30am – 11:30am

Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch Office, Little Bay

(In-person and online attendance available)

Facilitated by **Michele Cole, Director of Surf Sports, SLSS**, and **David Love, Director of Youth & Junior Development, SLSS**.

Rescue Services – RWC Operators

Tuesday, 1 September 2026

6:30pm – 7:30pm

(Online meeting)

Facilitated by **Charlie Hort, Manager Rescue Services, SLSS & James McLennan, RWC Coordinator, SLSS**

Membership

Wednesday, 2 September 2026

7:00pm – 8:00pm

(Online meeting)

Facilitated by **Doug Hawkins, Director Membership, SLSS**

Specific information regarding each Pre-Season Meeting has already been distributed to Clubs for the Education, Lifesaving, Rescue Services - Duty Officers and Rescue Services - RWC Operators meetings.

The Surf Sports and Youth & Junior Development meeting and the Membership meeting details will be shared with Clubs soon.

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Should you require any further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Branch Office at **admin@sls.sydney** or the relevant Director listed above.

We look forward to working with you all and enjoying a fun, safe, and successful season on our beautiful beaches.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

Marissa Saunders

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