



# ANNOUNCEMENT

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| <b>TO:</b>       | Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Club Captains, Rescue Services                                                                  |
| <b>FROM:</b>     | Director Lifesaving & Rescue Services<br>Emergency Management Coordinator                                                          |
| <b>DATE:</b>     | Tuesday 11 August 2026                                                                                                             |
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| <b>NUMBER:</b>   | 14: 2026/27                                                                                                                        |
| <b>SUBJECT:</b>  | New Local SAREX Toolkit                                                                                                            |
| <b>OVERVIEW:</b> | SLSNSW have released a practical, ready to use set of resources to help clubs plan and deliver Search and Rescue Exercises (SAREX) |

The toolkit has been developed to provide a simple, consistent approach to running exercises while still allowing flexibility to suit local needs. It includes planning templates, scenario templates, how-to guides and supporting resources to make it easier for clubs to conduct meaningful and realistic training. The aim is for the resources in the toolkit to be updated as required so, if you have feedback, please do send it through.

This is intended to support clubs to meet the existing requirement of PSS 9.9 Club/Service Callout Teams (Emergency Response) - "All club/service ECOTs teams should conduct at least scenario/exercise annually."

**<https://www.surflifesaving.com.au/local-sarex-toolkit/>**

As part of the new process, when a club or branch submits the **Local SAREX Notification Form**:

- An automatic confirmation email will be sent to the organiser, branch contacts, the relevant Emergency Management Coordinator and the SOC.
- A calendar invitation will also be sent to the same group
- If Sydney clubs wish to have branch assets participate in their SAREX a request must also be lodged through the [Branch Rescue Services Request Form](#).

These automatic notifications are intended to streamline the process, improve visibility of local exercises across the state, and ensure the appropriate stakeholders are informed.

Club ECOT members and Rescue Services members are also encouraged to attend the Sydney Emergency Call Out Forum on 25 October 2026 in Mascot. Follow the link here for further details:

**[ECOT Forum EOI](#)**

If you have any questions or would like more information about conducting exercises please reach out to Pat Moore via [emergencymanagement@sls.sydney](mailto:emergencymanagement@sls.sydney)

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