



ANNOUNCEMENT

TO:	Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, Captains, Junior & Youth Development Directors/Coordinators SLSS BOM, LSRSC, Duty Officers, EC, Y&JDC, SSC, MS
FROM:	Director Youth & Junior Development, Director Lifesaving & Rescue Services
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SUBJECT:	Junior Search and Rescue Scenario Club Drill 2026/27
OVERVIEW:	Sydney Branch Lifesaving & Rescue Services Committee, and the Youth & Junior Development Committee request clubs to conduct at least one 'missing child search and rescue scenario' during nippers each season. We would encourage clubs to ensure this task has been completed by 31 December 2026 for this season.

The Branch Manager Rescue Services is required to be advised of dates and times when Clubs are planning to schedule this practice exercise, and a Branch Duty Officer will be in attendance to work with the Clubs, to offer advice and updates on how the drill was managed and outcomes delivered.

Please utilise your JSARK Kit for the Emergency Drill (formerly known as the NERK) which all clubs have for this exercise. Clubs are also reminded to invite a representative of each Club Patrol or Patrol Captain to the Missing Nipper Drill, so every Patrol within your Club is aware of the required procedures should their patrol be on duty when a Missing Nipper emergency occurs. We would encourage clubs to engage their SRC & BM youth members in these drills, especially those working in water safety and age managing/assistant roles within your clubs, it is essential that our best skilled and positioned lifesavers know what to do in such a critical situation. Assistance from members of your patrols who hold a Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue (SMAR) award could also be helpful for these drills.

We have linked to this circular the [SLSNSW Junior Activity Search and Rescue Information](#) which we recommend clubs use as a guide during a scenario.

Clubs are asked to provide date and time of their scenario drill to the Branch Office by 27/11/2026 via jotform link

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