



# Surf Life Saving Sydney Inc.

Established October 1907  
Telephone: (02)9019 0722  
PO Box 6006, Malabar NSW 2036  
Email: [admin@surflifesavingsydney.com.au](mailto:admin@surflifesavingsydney.com.au)

ABN 74 781 063 539  
Facsimile: (02) 9019 0720

[www.surflifesavingsydney.com.au](http://www.surflifesavingsydney.com.au)

**ISSUE DATE: 16<sup>th</sup> November 2011** **CIRCULAR NO: 33/11-12**

<b>TO: Clubs, Presidents, Secretaries, Captains, Chief Training Officers, Duty Officers, SurfCom, ORB, RWC Personnel, IRB Captains, Holders of SMBBM Award</b>	<b>FROM : Peter Agnew, Advance Award Coordinator</b>
<b>Cc: SLSS &amp; BOL Management</b>	

**SUBJECT: EOI Certificate IV in Public Safety (Aquatic Search & Rescue Management) Trial 2012**

## Action

Surf Life Saving Sydney seeks expressions of interest (EOI) from surf lifesaving members to be part of a seven month trial of the Cert IV in Public Safety (Aquatic Search and Rescue Management) to be conducted between February 2012 and August 2012.

The trial will involve attendance at approximately 30-40 hours of face-to-face workshops on search and rescue; community & media liaison; risk management; team management and will be conducted over a seven-month trial period. EOI are also sought to participate in the RPL trial and for subject matter experts to assist in the delivery of the program.

**Expressions of interest close on the attached form by Monday 9 January 2012.**

**An information evening will be held on Wednesday 30 November 2011 at Clovelly SLSC 7pm and at North Cronulla SLSC on Thursday 5 January 2012**

## Background

Surf Life Saving Sydney has a strong history in the development of lifesaving equipment and education programs over many decades. The Branch has been at the forefront in the development of the IRB, on beach resuscitation, oxygen delivery along with ORB's and helicopter rescue services.

Next year Surf Life Saving Sydney will trial the first Certificate IV Qualification in Public Safety Aquatic Search and Rescue Management. The qualification will be rolled out across the organisation in the next five years and our members will have an integral part of its trial and suggested content while having the opportunity to provide input and recommendations for its future delivery.

## The Program

The Certificate IV in Public Safety (Aquatic Search and Rescue Management) consists of five modules:

1. Basic Beach Management
2. Beach Team Management
3. Beach Safety and Risk Management
4. Community Relations
5. Beach Operations Management

Module 1 (Basic Beach Management) is now a common award within Surf Life Saving and forms the entry-level award for Patrol Captains.

Modules 2 to 5 form specialist streams comprising two three units of competency in each module and focus on the management of aquatic safety activities. Upon successful completion of the five modules participants will receive a Certificate IV in Public Safety (Aquatic Search and Rescue Management).

### **Target Group**

Expression of interest is sought from a cross section of SLS members in the following target groups to be part of the trial.

- Patrol Captains
- Club Captains
- Lifeguards Managers/Supervisors
- Area Supervisors
- Duty Officers
- IRB Captains
- ORB/RWC Operators
- Health and Safety Officers

### **Criteria for participation**

- Experience in one of the target group areas (A cross section is required)
- Hold the Basic Beach Management Award
- Express a commitment to complete the program in its entirety

### **Subject matter experts**

Expression of interest is also sought from experienced and dynamic subject matter experts who have experience in one or more of the following areas to assist with the delivery of the program.

- Team and group management
- OH&S / Risk Management
- Community Relations and media
- Beach and Rescue Operations

### **Information evening**

An information evening will be held on Wednesday 30 November 2011 at Clovelly SLSC 7pm and at North Cronulla SLSC on Thursday 5 January 2012 7pm.

The information evening will provide an overview of:

- The program content
- Assessment activities
- Course structure options
- Roles of trial participants
- Support options during the program
- Q&A and trial input/suggestions
- Application process

Please register your attendance for the information evening/s with Linda at the Branch Office [awards@surflifesavingsydney.com.au](mailto:awards@surflifesavingsydney.com.au) or 0919 0722.

## **Trial Goal**

The goal of this trial is to test the currently resources in Beach Management and the Certificate IV in Public Safety (Aquatic Search and Rescue Management) program. Participants will complete the program via face-to-face facilitation or via RPL.

## **Methodology**

To trial this program we will conduct one full program of Modules 2 to 5. This will include a group of participants that will complete the program face-to-face. Options on program delivery will be discussed with the participants to determine a suitable workshop format (eg 2 half Saturdays per month or three week nights per month etc) A group will also participate in part face-to-face and part RPL.

As part of this trial we will provide feedback on existing resources and make any other recommendations on the conduct and format of the program.

Validation of the following resources will be conducted as part of this trial:

- Content of units – to Cert IV units
- Workbook
- Powerpoints
- Lesson Plans
- RPL Kits
- Assessment Portfolio
- Assessment Tools

## **Program outcomes**

Participants successfully completing this program will receive a national accredited Certificate IV in Public Safety (Aquatic Search and Rescue Management). It is also intended that you will also be issued with a Certificate IV in Public Safety (Leadership) as there is a near match with units in both qualifications. Full details will be provided at the information evening.

## **Trial Committee**

The Trial Committee includes:

- Michael Bretherton – NSW Director Education – 0428 604 973
- Pamela Simon – NSW Education Manager – 9471 8000
- Michael Hodsdon – NSW Beach Management Review Representative – 0410 649 298
- Peter Agnew – Sydney Branch Advanced Awards Co-ordinator – 0407 938 880

For further information please contact one of the trial committee members.

Kind regards

**Peter Agnew**

**SLSS Advanced Awards Coordinator**



## Expression of Interest – Nomination Form Certificate IV in Public Safety (Search and Rescue Management) Trial 2012

**Applications close at Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch Office on Monday 9 January 2012  
PO Box 6006 Malabar NSW 2036 Fax: 9019 0720**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Club:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DOB:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your preferred workshop timing by circling as many options as possible below for attending face-to-face workshops:

**Week nights:**            Mon   Tue   Wed   Thurs   Fri   Best time? (e.g. 7pm to 9pm) \_\_\_\_\_

**Weekends:**            All day Sat    All day Sun    Full weekend    Half day Sat    Half day Sun

**Do you have the Silver Medallion Basic Beach Management?** Yes / No

**Brief Surf Life Saving Experience**

**What role/s do you currently perform?** (tick more than one if required)

Patrol Captain	
Club Captain	
Lifeguard Managers/Supervisor	
Area Supervisor	
Duty Officer	
IRB Captain	

ORB Crew, Driver or Skipper	
RWC Operator	
Health and Safety Officers	
Other	

**Please indicate your area of interest in this trial by ticking:**

- Face-to-face program – I would like to attend the face-to-face workshops and complete the workshop and assessment activities for this module
- RPL – I would like to RPL for this module
- Subject matter experts – I would like to facilitate this area of the program or be a guest speaker

**Certificate IV in Public Safety (Aquatic Search and Rescue Management)**

Module	Face to Face Program	RPL	Subject matter experts
<b>Beach Team Management</b>			
Manage Information			
Lead, Manage, develop teams			
Administer work group resources			
<b>Beach Safety and Risk Management</b>			
Conduct risk assessment			
Treat risk at an operational level			
<b>Community Engagement</b>			
Foster a positive organisational image			
Liaise with other organisations			
Liaise with media at a local level			
<b>Beach Operations Management</b>			
Coordinate search and rescue operations			
Conduct briefings and debriefings			
Administer a local public safety group			

Comments / Questions



## Do you want to get your Certificate IV in Public Safety (Search and Rescue Management)?

Surf Life Saving Sydney are seeking expressions of interest from holders of the Basic Beach Management Award to take part in a seven month trial of this qualification.

This trial is ideally suited to:

- Patrol Captains
- Club Captains
- Lifeguards Managers/Supervisors
- Area Supervisors
- Duty Officers
- IRB Captains
- ORB/RWC Operators
- Health and Safety Officers

Further information can be found in SLS Sydney Circular No 33 available from your Club or [www.surflifesavingsydney.com.au](http://www.surflifesavingsydney.com.au)

An information evening will be held on :  
Wednesday 30 November 2011 at Clovelly SLSC 7pm and at North Cronulla SLSC  
on Thursday 5 January 2012 7pm

Applications close by COB on Monday 9 January 2012  
SLS PO Box 6006 Malabar 2036 or email to  
[awards@surflifesavingsydney.com.au](mailto:awards@surflifesavingsydney.com.au)  
Applications must be on the Expression of Interest Nomination Form  
which is attached to the Circular