



## **Important Patrol Roster Information**

On behalf of the Management and Lifesaving committees, I would like to thank you for giving up your time volunteering to keep Northcliffe beach safe for all to use.

### **Patrols**

Please find enclosed your copy of the official Patrol Roster and Time Table for the 2009/10 summer season. Take five minutes now and check thoroughly as to when your patrols are on. It's your responsibility to know when you are rostered on.

Please note that the roster hasn't changed too much since last season. We have two extra patrol teams taking our number to 19. Some patrol numbers have changes, but don't assume you are on the same patrol number as last year, as you may not be.

The roster has been set up in a way that will help eliminate any absenteeism. The first six patrols are competition patrols. These patrols have been rostered to steer clear of carnivals so you do not have to hunt around for substitutes. Patrols 18 & 19 are made up of surf boat competitors and the roster has kept them clear of boat competition dates. Competitors should look at 1 new award this season so the competitor patrols can be strong with qualifications. A course calendar is included, check and sign up for a new award.

Each season the club is required to enter into a patrol agreement with Surf Life Saving Queensland which outlines our obligations to provide patrols on the beach. The patrol roster has been put together to meet this obligation. It is very important for you to help us meet this obligation by turning up to your patrols as rostered. This way we can ensure an efficient patrol operation here at BMD Northcliffe and the work load is shared.

Please read the patrol policy at the top of your Patrol Timetable.

### **Phone contacts**

Please check your phone contact on the patrol roster. If it is incorrect or we do not have your mobile numbers please email those details to [lcooke@northcliffesurfclub.com.au](mailto:lcooke@northcliffesurfclub.com.au). If we have a mobile number for you an SMS reminder message will be sent on the Thursday of each week prior to your patrol date.

### **Substitutes**

Due to our obligations under the patrol agreement it is very important that you find a substitute if you are unable to make any of your rostered patrols. It is also important that you find someone that is able to fill your role in the patrol. i.e. if you are the IRB driver you need to make sure you have made arrangements that cover that role.

I have provided phones numbers with the patrol rosters for your use only to arrange substitutes. Please ring at least five people from the patrol list to arrange a substitute. If you are unable to cover your patrol then please call your Patrol Captain or Lea Cooke at the club to inform them.

Please remember that unresolved patrol breaches will result in suspension of your membership. This means club facilities will not be available to use, including coaching, training, gym, showers & change rooms etc.

### **Patrol on line survey**

Thank you to all members who completed the patrol on-line survey. A great deal of useful information was gathered from the survey which is being implemented to improve your experience as a volunteer life saver. Please utilize the information sheets in the patrol van to ensure everyone is involved in set up/ set down and all roles are fulfilled during your patrol.

### **Surf Safe Appeal – (House to House)**

Each season Surf Life Saving Queensland runs a major fund raiser weekend to help clubs raise money. Some clubs have risen over \$50,000. Last season we raised nearly \$25,000 but would like to do much better this year. The last weekend in November (28 + 29 Nov) is the official Appeal weekend but we are able to raise money the week either side. I will send out a flyer closer to the time. We need everyone's help to make it a great success.

### **Friday Night Raffles**

Once again this season we are conducting Friday Night Raffles. Please see the attached flyer with regards to the roster. It only takes 1 hour of your time and keeps you in the draw for the trip to New Zealand. Some patrols make a

social evening of their rostered raffle night and stay on for dinner. It's a good opportunity to catch up with your team.

### **Patrol Incentive Scheme**

#### ***Major Prize – NZ Ski Trip***

This year's prize will be a New Zealand ski trip. Approximately 5-7 days in Queenstown during the snow season. So, to be the running for this you need to follow the requirements as follows:

The rules are pretty straight forward.

1. Be a proficient, rostered patrolling member.
2. Complete a minimum 35 hours patrol
3. No patrol absenteeism. You must attend or have a sub for all of your rostered patrols.(no skipping out early or arriving late).
4. Your Patrol must complete a rostered Friday Night Raffle/s, and you (or sub) must be present for at least one. Some patrols are only rostered on for one this year due to extra patrol teams.
5. Assist with the annual Surf Safe Appeal (house to house)

\*\*Every qualifier (completion of all requirements) will receive free membership for the 2010/2011 season.

#### ***Monthly Prize – 2 x \$50 vouchers to The Surf Club Northcliffe Bistro***

All you have to do is...

1. Be a proficient, rostered patrolling member.
2. Complete your rostered patrol in full
3. Be keen and have a go whilst on patrol.

Patrol Captains get to nominate one person from the patrol that they believe deserve reward. All nominations go into the barrel. Two names are drawn each month for a \$50 voucher to the Bistro. Good Luck

### **Education**

#### ***Proficiency***

A theory paper is again required to be completed this year; it's a concise paper and will take no time at all to complete. Please make sure you tick off all your awards and complete the relevant questions for those awards. It's important each member is proficient for all the awards they hold.

For proficiency you are required to complete the following sections; Pool Swim, Signals, Run Swim Run, Scenario & Resus

For those with extra awards such as IRB Drivers, IRB Crew, ARC & DEFIB, you need to complete a few additional questions on the theory paper and your practical assessment for those awards

#### **HOW WILL THEY WORK**

Proficiencies this year will involve a Friday night session at the club to complete your workbook and CPR, ARC + DEFIB practical followed by a pool session the following morning at the Southport Pool, then back to the club for your run/swim/run, scenarios, signals etc. Those with IRB awards will complete their practical on the beach. We have been allocated 3 weekends to complete our proficiencies so you **MUST** commit to attending one of them. A number of dates have been approved for us to run our proficiencies and they are listed as follows:

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| <b>1. FRIDAY 21 AUG – 6PM Training room &amp; SUNDAY 23 AUG – 8am Southport Pool, then to beach</b>   |
| <b>2. FRIDAY 11 SEP – 6PM Training room &amp; SATURDAY 12 SEP – 8am Southport Pool, then to beach</b> |
| <b>3. FRIDAY 9 OCT– 6PM Training room &amp; SATURDAY 10 OCT– 8am Southport Pool, then to beach.</b>   |

#### **Pool Swims**

Everyone needs to do a pool swim before you can enter the ocean to complete your proficiency.

You can do it anytime you want as long as a level 1 pool coach or an assessor at the club is willing to sign off your pool time for you. Have a look on the Northcliffe website to print out the form and go for your life.

#### ***Patrol Season***

A number of members have gained their IRB Drivers and Crewies over the winter, along with ARC, Defib and Operational First Aid. This means we are going into the season well prepared.

Welcome to our new bronzies for their first season and a huge thank you to all our volunteer life savers for continuing with patrols for this season.

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