



# Patrol Members Welcome Pack

Season 2017/18

Hi everyone, welcome and thank you for being a part of our awesome patrolling family this year! We have another great season ahead, and have fingers crossed for beautiful warm weather with sunny days and friendly seas. I've compiled all the info you could want for the coming season, but if I have missed anything or you have any other questions give me a call. In the meantime, read up and get keen for summer on the best beach in the country! :D

## Attendance

As an active member at Woonona SLSC you will be expected to attend your patrols as rostered. If you are unable to attend you need to get a swap with another member. If you are ill or unfit for patrol (at short notice) you need to tell your Patrol Captain **asap**. This means we have the best chance of covering your absence and avoiding any financial penalties or risk to the public that may otherwise occur.

If you miss patrols Rach will have to give you a call and you (and I) don't want you to be on the naughty list!

## Swaps

We have a legal obligation to provide an agreed level of service. As such, when subbing patrols you **MUST ENSURE** the person who you are subbing with has all the required qualifications (eg if you are ART qualified you must ensure the person who is covering you is also proficient in this qualification). In the event you are not the only person on your Patrol Team with a qualification it is your responsibility to ensure that the qualification is covered on the patrol (either by the person filling in for you, or ensure that the other qualified member in your team will be patrolling on that date). Once you have confirmed your sub remember to let your Patrol Captain and Rach or Mitch know.

Need to find someone to sub with you? Post it on the Woonona SLSC Facebook group, call your mates, ask people at Sippers etc, but if all else fails call Rach or Mitch. Don't forget to get in early, especially for peak times like Xmas and Easter.

## 100% patrols

In order to achieve the coveted 100% Patrol Attendance award at the end of the season you must attend ALL of your rostered patrols. If you are unable to attend a patrol, arrange a suitably qualified substitute (don't forget to tell your Captain), and pay them back. If the member does not want you to swap them back you need to contact Rach or Mitch to organise a suitable patrol to make up the hours. We will ask you to attend a patrol which assists our club in meeting operational requirements.

**NB** if you are excused from a patrol, arrive late or depart early without arranging a sub to cover, you will not be eligible for this award

**Uniform**

As lifesavers we must present a professional image to the community and be easily identifiable as an on-duty lifesaver. The mandatory SLSA patrol uniform comprises of a:

SLSA yellow long sleeved patrol shirt

SLSA red patrol shorts

Red and yellow quartered patrol cap (Bronze Holders)

SLSA red patrol peaked-cap or wide-brim hat

**Patrol Competition**

As always we will be running our annual competition to find the best Patrol Team of the Year. Take the opportunity during quiet times on patrol to brush up on your signals, rescue skills and teamwork. You never know when we will pop up and make you go get wet and sandy :D

**Learn more!**

Keep your eyes peeled for courses, or get in early and register your interest with Mitch Bell. From Advanced Resus, Spinal, IRB's through to Basic Beach Management, Coaching or Training whatever you are interested in the Education Team can help you out.

**Skills**

I encourage you to use our patrol gear! Go for a swim, practice your body surfing or take a board out. Make sure you clear it with your patrol captain first, they will make a call on if you can be spared and need to know where you are. Enjoy the summer and practice your skills.

**Need more?**

This is just the an overview, for more detail and anything else you need to know please refer to the Member's Information document available on our website [www.woononaslsc.com.au](http://www.woononaslsc.com.au)

Have a great time!

See you on the beach,  
Rach