



## Surf Life Saving Australia - Circular

<b>Title:</b>	Cleaner Outboard Engines Scheme (COES) 2017-18
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<b>Audience:</b>	Clubs and State/Territory Centres
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<b>Subject:</b>	Cleaner Outboard Engines Scheme (COES)
<b>Summary:</b>	Notification to Clubs of Cleaner Outboard Engines Scheme (COES)

### Background:

The Australian Government through the Department of the Environment and Energy (Department) and Surf Life Saving Australia are undertaking the Surf Life Saving Cleaner Outboard Engine Scheme (COES) which will provide Australian Surf Life Saving Clubs (SLSCs) with \$1 million of funding over four years to upgrade existing outboard engines to new, cleaner, more efficient outboard engines that have lower fuel consumption.

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Grants provided to SLSCs are up to \$1000 (GST exclusive) per new outboard marine engine purchased for surf life saving purposes. Clubs may use other grants/funds towards the purchase of cleaner outboard engines i.e. Beach Safety Equipment Fund, BRP Grant.

Grants are only provided to clubs that have IRB hulls that are compatible with cleaner engines and the cleaner engines are for use only with those hulls (See Circular 57/16-17 IRB - transom mass limit).

### How to Apply:

- **Clubs are to complete the webform application**
  - <https://apps.sls.com.au/content/cleaner-outboard-engines-scheme-coes-webform>
  - Clubs are to attach tax receipts for purchased eligible outboard engines and an invoice to SLSA to receive the grant as part of the webform.
- **1 July 2017 – 30 June 2018 Period for Equipment Purchase for the financial year 2017-18.**
  - Tax receipts for equipment purchases within this period are eligible for acquittal under the COES.

The Surf Life Saving Cleaner Outboard Engines Scheme is supported through funding from the Australian Government. To ensure on-going support and to provide recognition of the Australian Government, Clubs are encouraged to arrange ceremonies and photo opportunities with their Federal Member of Parliament.

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### Terms and Conditions:

In consideration of receiving the grant, the Club must adhere to the terms set out in the Cleaner Outboard Engines Scheme (COES) Circular and the conditions as set below;

1. Surf Life Saving Clubs must be fully compliant and affiliated with their State Life Saving Centres. Please refer to your state centre for detailed compliancy requirements necessary for affiliation. If the state centre advises SLSA that a Club is non-compliant, the Club will not be eligible for COES payments until the Club is fully compliant and affiliated with the State Life Saving State/Territory centre.
2. Payments of the grant for eligible outboard engines will be made to Clubs within 30 days from when the tax receipt is received.
3. Outboard engines purchased under the scheme must comply with the Product Emissions Standards Act 2017 and Surf Life Saving Australia's policies on endorsed manufacturers and/or appear in the SLSA Gear and Equipment List.
4. Outboard engines purchased under the scheme must be compatible with IRB hulls owned and operated by Clubs.
5. Tax receipts for purchases must be submitted via the online application for auditing purposes.
6. All gear and equipment owned or purchased by Clubs must be updated onto the SLS database.
7. Equipment purchased through the COES must be retained by the Surf Life Saving Club for a minimum of 12 months.
8. Should the actual total cost incurred purchasing equipment be more than the proposed costs, SLSA will not be responsible nor obliged to pay any monies additional to the notified grant amount.
9. The COES monies must not be used for any purpose other than that for which the grant was approved.
10. Surf Life Saving Clubs are required to promote the grant through their Club communication channels and participate in promotional media opportunities that could be generated through the program.

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### **Eligible Engines List:**

Currently there is only one engine that is compatible with SLSA operational requirements and the new emission standards – Evinrude E-TEC. As others become available they will be added to the list.

Engine Make	Engine Model	Engine Power	Certification Details
Evinrude	E-TEC ED25D (18.4 kW) E25T (18.4 kW)	25hp	(2018) California EPA Air Resources Board - JBCXM0035220 Certified -20 September 2017

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