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FOREWORD



**NEW SOUTH
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Date: 20th September 2016

Dear All,

It is with pleasure that I provide you with the SLSNSW Standard Operating Procedures – Version 5 (2016). This manual outlines policies, procedures and guidelines to assist lifesaving services in the management and delivery of their operations.

Supporting the strategic plan, this document will define minimum operating standards for all Surf Life Saving Clubs, Support Operations/Services and the Australian Lifeguard Service. It also reflects the professional requirements, responsibilities and expectations of our services by all stakeholders; including our own members, emergency service partners, government departments and the wider community.

Our organisation and the services provided by our tens of thousands of volunteers/staff are fundamental to the Australian way of life; we are respected across the board as the best in the world at what we do, and the demand for our services is increasing annually.

As the public need and emergency service expectations increase, Surf Life Saving is self-driven to provide the highest quality service it can through innovation, dedication and hard work. This manual reflects those values and our combined commitment to excel in our mission to prevent drowning.

'Version 5' of the SLSNSW Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) is updated to reflect the many changes that have occurred in the past 2 years in lifesaving operations.

While this document aligns with National policy and outlines the various State minimum requirements, branches and clubs may extend minimum requirements above these levels if deemed necessary to meet local needs. Such enhancements should be set within Clubs Patrol Operations Manuals and Lifesaving Service Agreements.

We would like to thank the many members, officers, staff and industry partners who have had input into the development of this document and the previous versions of this document.

Please apply this document to the management of your lifesaving services, and I again thank you for your ongoing professionalism and dedication.

Yours in lifesaving,

John Restuccia

Director of Lifesaving

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