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### **FAR NORTH COAST CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE SURF LIFESAVER**

Surf Life Saving Clubs from the Far North Coast will be holding a Surf Lifesaving Display on this coming **Sunday September 23, 2007** commencing at **11.00 AM at Lenox Head** Alstonville SLSC.

The Display will feature a professional demonstration of surf life saving, to celebrate the Year of the Surf Lifesaver and also to highlight the logical reasons for swimming between the red and yellow flags.

John Beasley, Far North Coast Branch President said "members of the public are invited to witness this spectacular event as a celebration on the Far North Coast for the Year of the Surf Lifesaver".

All Surf Clubs from the Far North Coast will be taking part in the display, with members coming from Yamba, Evans Head, Ballina, Lennox Head, Byron Bay, Brunswick Heads, Cabarita, Salt, Cudgen and Fingal Rovers Surf Lifesaving Clubs.

The highlight of the display will include a mass rescue scenario by the Surf Patrol, which will feature a boat explosion scenerio and inferno, this will involve the use of the Inflatable Rescue Boat, RWC ( Jetskis ), liaison with Helicopter and Ambulance. Most scenarios will feature both resuscitations and defibrillation techniques.

"On the day, surf club members will demonstrate how the surf clubs coordinate beach rescues with the broader Emergency Services based in the area via Surfcom ( Far North Coast radio communications base ), RWCs ( Jetskis ), NSW Ambulance, Westpac Lifesaver Helicopter and New South Wales Police, and will give the community an in-sight into the limited resources which are available to the Club to achieve these outcomes" John said.

The planned activities may include a demonstration of the need for Surf Awareness at beaches along the Far North Coast by using dyes employed by Search and Rescue units like the Westpac Lifesaver Helicopter service. This display will highlight the various rips and currents along the beach which each Surf Club must identify on every patrol before determining the most appropriate location for safe swimming.

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**For further information, media pack ( now available ) and photo opportunity please contact ;**



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