



Surf Life Saving Far North Coast Branch Inc.

## **RWC Operators Expressions of Interest**

SLSFNC Branch Support Operations will be conducting an RWC training course for successful candidates to assist with its operational needs. The RWC Course will be conducted under the supervision of SLSNSW.

In particular the Branch is currently searching for RWC Operators who are willing to commit to a minimum of two seasons patrolling at locations across the Branch where further RWC Operators are currently required including Brunswick / Bryon, Ballina and Yamba / Clarence. The Support Operations commitment is in addition to the patrolling obligations at your Club, which MUST take priority.

The course will be conducted over weekends (usually Sundays) during, July, August and September 2022 at various locations across the Branch, with final assessment date to be advised. As this course provides highly specialised training by senior members of the SLSFNC Branch, there is a high degree of commitment to the course. Applicants should make sure that they are available to attend a minimum of 85 % of the scheduled training during the above period.

Applicants must meet the minimum qualifications outlined in the RWC Operator Position Description (Below) to be eligible for consideration. The minimum qualifications have been established unanimously by the SLSFNC Branch Council (of which each Club / Group has a voting delegate)

Once nominations have been received, successful applicants will be notified by Friday the 8 July 2022 for interview.

Please complete the Google online application Form at this location <https://forms.gle/bKuT9rLSUgsQ5LGp6> and upload the completed SLSNSW Support Operations Application Form, attached by 1700 hours on Sunday 3 July 2022.

If you would like further information please contact Jimmy Keough.

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## **SUPPORT OPERATIONS RESCUE WATER CRAFT OPERATORS**

Rescue Water Craft (RWC) operators are part of the support operations group of Surf Life Saving Far North Coast Branch. Operators will be rostered across Brunswick / Bryon, Ballina and Yamba / Clarence locations utilised in the branch from where they will conduct rostered patrols, support club patrols, respond to incidents and surf sports events as required.

RWC operators are required to work with minimal supervision, in all weather and surf conditions throughout the season and respond to call outs throughout the year when tasked. RWC operators usually patrol alone and in remote locations.

Rescues are often performed close to the shoreline, whether rocky and/or sandy, inside the surf zone and frequently away from beach patrols with little immediate support. Operators will be relying on their training, radio communications and the rescue equipment carried on the RWC until support arrives.

Operators must be self-sufficient, responsible, mature, and reliable, they must also work effectively in a team, with surf patrols, IRB's and where a multi-agency response is required. Operators are expected to maintain a reasonable level of fitness, have exceptional communication skills, and ensure they maintain their relevant competencies as surf lifesavers.

Entry into the SLSFNC Branch RWC Group is through a selection procedure whereby prospective candidates are deemed to have met, or are able to demonstrate they possess the skills and qualifications required to undertake RWC Operator training. The successful RWC Operator is a person with a mature character, high degree of commitment, reliability, experience, and knowledge in surf lifesaving.

### **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

Expressions of interest are being sought from experienced surf life savers to undertake Rescue Water Craft (RWC) Operator training. Training will commence on Sunday 17 July 2022 and run for approximately 10 weeks (weather dependant).

To be considered for this course those interested MUST as a minimum meet the following criteria (Which are contained in the SLSNSW Education Pathway as well as having previously been approved by Branch Council, which includes a delegate from each Club);

Essential Qualifications:	Required Experience:
Be a financial member of a Surf Life Saving Far North Coast Club	Insurance coverage.
Be minimum 18 years of age	Be of a mature character with the ability to work unsupervised and independent but accepting of direction from others (i.e. Duty Officer's, Police etc) Minimum age for support operations.
Current NSW RMS Driver's License	Minimum One year experience towing and reversing a trailer. <b>Full unrestricted licence required.</b>
Current proficiency in Advanced Resuscitation Techniques award.	Sound knowledge and experience with Oxygen and AED operation.
Current First Aid Certificate.	Able to demonstrate sound experience in first aid application.
Current proficiency of SLSA Bronze Medallion/Certificate II Public Safety Aquatic Rescue	Consistent and committed SLS Club Patrol attendance over many seasons.
Current proficiency in Silver Medallion IRB Drivers award	Have held the award for a <u>minimum of one season</u> with experience driving a SLS IRB in various surf conditions prior to making application.
Silver Medallion Beach Management	Vast experience as Patrol Captain or Vice-Captain.
Current SSV Induction	Demonstrated SSV capability on differing beach / boat ramp environments
Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue	DESIRABLE

This position requires an operator to interact with children and therefore a Working With Children Check (WWCC) is mandatory. Successful applicants will be expected to obtain a WWCC that has been verified in Surfguard prior to being deemed competent as an RWC operator. **The WWCC is non negotiable.**

#### ROLE SUMMARY

Position Title	Rescue Water Craft (RWC) Operator
Commitment	Minimum 20 hours rostered shifts per season as well as additional 24/7 callout response as required.
Working With Children Check (WWCC)	<b>MANDATORY</b> - volunteer
Reports To	RWC Captain in the relevant area they patrol.  Priority given to candidates willing to patrol at Brunswick / Bryon, Ballina and Yamba / Clarence areas.

**Please note that the induction day on the 17 July 2022 is considered mandatory attendance and is the gateway into the course, there will be no exceptions to this.**



# SURF LIFE SAVING SUPPORT OPERATIONS MEMBER APPLICATION

Group/Service Name:	Far North Coast Support Operations
<input type="checkbox"/> New member	or <input type="checkbox"/> Existing Member Re-application (annually)

APPLICANT DETAILS		
Last name:	First name:	
Address:		
Suburb:	State	Postcode:
Telephone: (H)	(W)	(M)
Email:	Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____	
Club:	Branch:	

SUPPORT SERVICES APPLYING FOR (one application form per service):	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RWC Operator	<input type="checkbox"/> JRB Crew
<input type="checkbox"/> Duty Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> JRB Driver
<input type="checkbox"/> SurfCom Operator	<input type="checkbox"/> JRB Skipper
<input type="checkbox"/> ORB Skipper	<input type="checkbox"/> ORB Driver
<input type="checkbox"/> ORB Crew	<input type="checkbox"/> Patrol Support Officer
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	

MINIMUM PRE-REQUISITE (tick box for appropriate awards held and proficient):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bronze Medallion	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior First Aid
<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Resuscitation Techniques	<input type="checkbox"/> IRB Crew
<input type="checkbox"/> IRB Driver	<input type="checkbox"/> Silver Medallion Basic Beach Management
<input type="checkbox"/> JRB Crew	<input type="checkbox"/> JRB Driver
<input type="checkbox"/> JRB Skipper	<input type="checkbox"/> ORB Crew
<input type="checkbox"/> ORB Driver	<input type="checkbox"/> ORB Skipper
<input type="checkbox"/> Radio Operators	<input type="checkbox"/> Motor Vehicle Licence
<input type="checkbox"/> NSW Boating Licence / PWC License	

Pre-requisite Matrix														
	Age	BM	MVL	SMBBM	SFA	ARTC	VHF	TOC	CNC	JRBC	ORBC	SMIRBD	JRBD/ ORBD	BL/ PWC
RWC operator	18	•	•	•	•	•						•		•
JRB Crew	16	•				•								
Duty Officer	18	•	•	•	•	•								
JRB Driver	18	•	•			•				•				•
SurfCom Ops	17											•		
JRB Skipper	18	•	•			•	•	•		•			•	•
ORB Crew	16	•				•								
ORB Driver	18	•	•			•	•				•			•
ORB Skipper	18	•	•		•	•	•	•	•		•		•	•

BM =Bronze Medallion, MVL=Motor Vehicle Licence, SMBBM=Silver Medallion Basic Beach Management, SFA=Senior First Aid, ARTC = Adv Resuscitation Techniques, VHF= Marine Radio Licence, TOC=Training Officers Certificate, CNC=Coastal Navigation Course, JRB=Jet Rescue Boat Crew, ORBC=Offshore Rescue Boat Crew, ROC=Radio Operators Certificate, BL/PWC=Boating Licence/PWC Licence

**LIFESAVING EXPERIENCE AND REASON FOR JOINING – SLS Experience (internal and external experience)**

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**APPLICANT DECLARATION**

I have an understanding of the Support Service position/s that I have applied for and the relevant sections of the SLSNSW Standard Operating Procedures Manual. I agree to comply with SLSA & SLSNSW current training manuals & policies which includes holding the correct (and current) pre-requisites at all times when operating the rescue craft. I also understand that SLSNSW and the Branch have the right to withdraw any endorsement at any time should I breach any of the above.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

**ENDORSEMENT**

**Branch Endorsement**

Branch Director of Lifesaving / Branch Support Service Officer to tick:

- Minimum Pre-requisites checked
- Induction (SOPS, resources and Job Description)
- Form completed correctly
- Application endorsed

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Branch Director of Lifesaving / Branch Support Services Officer

**State Endorsement**

- Verified, Validated and Recorded

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Surf Life Saving New South Wales