Surf Life Saving Far North Coast Branch Inc.

RWC Operators
Far North Coast Branch Clubs
Expressions of Interest

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

In particular the SLSFNC Branch is currently searching for RWC Operators who are willing to commit to a minimum of two seasons patrolling at locations across the Branch including; Tweed Coast, Brunswick / Byron, Ballina and Yamba / Clarence.

The Rescue Services 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 June, July and August 2025 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 90 % of the scheduled training during the above period as it is difficult to catch up on missed training.

Applicants must meet the minimum qualifications outlined in the RWC Operator Position Description (Below) to be eligible for consideration.

Once nominations have been reviewed, successful applicants will be notified by email.

Please complete the Google online Application Form at this location LINK by 1700 hours on Sunday 1 June 2025.

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RESCUE SERVICES RESCUE WATER CRAFT OPERATOR POSITION DESCRIPTION

Rescue Water Craft (RWC) operators are part of the Rescue Services Group of Surf Life Saving Far North Coast Branch.

Operators will be rostered across Tweed Coast, Brunswick / Byron, Ballina and Yamba / Clarence locations from where they will conduct rostered patrols, support club patrols, respond to incidents and support surf sports events as required.

RWCs have the ability to provide increased surveillance of our coastline and rapid response to emergencies in high risk or unpatrolled areas. RWC operators act as a single resource in remote locations, so all operators need to be highly trained, experienced lifesavers. RWC operators are required to work with minimal supervision, in all weather and surf conditions and respond to call outs throughout the year when tasked.

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 Rescue Services Group is through a selection process whereby prospective candidates are deemed to have met, or are able to demonstrate they possess the skills and experience 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 15 June 2025 and run for approximately 8 to 10 weeks (weather dependant).

To be considered for this course those interested MUST meet the following criteria;

Essential Qualifications:	**Required Experience:**
Be a financial member of a Surf Life Saving Far North Coast Branch 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. Surfcom, Duty Officer's, Police etc) Minimum age for Rescue Services.
Current Australian Driver's License	Minimum One year experience towing and reversing a trailer, including on sand. Note this is not part of the training program as such so members need to already have this skill.
Current proficiency of SLSA Bronze Medallion / Certificate II Public Safety Aquatic Rescue	Consistent and committed SLS Club Patrol attendance over numerous seasons.

DESIRABLE

The following awards are DESIRABLE;

Current proficiency in Silver Medallion IRB Drivers award	DESIRABLE
Silver Medallion Beach Management and / or Silver Medallion Patrol Captain Version 2022.	DESIRABLE
Current proficiency in Advanced Resuscitation Techniques award or equivalent	DESIRABLE
Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue	DESIRABLE

This position MAY require 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	Expected to undertake a minimum of one rostered shift per month during the surf season as well as 24/7 callout response as required.
Working With Children Check (WWCC)	**MANDATORY** – volunteer
Reports To	RWC Captain in the relevant area they patrol.

Please note that the induction day on the 15 June 2025 is considered mandatory attendance and is the gateway into the course.