



STATE OPERATIONS CENTRE SMEAC BRIEF



ITEM: **EXTREME HEAT WARNING**
Effective: Friday 10/02/2017 – Sunday 12/02/2017
Location: Ballina to Batemans Bay

Advisory Target: Surf Life Saving NSW State Duty Officers Group

Issued By: SLSNSW State Operations Centre
Emergency Number: 13SURF (24/7), Non-Emergency: (02) 94718092 (business hours)
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SITUATION	As of 1400hrs 09/02/2017 the State Heatwave Sub Plan was activated by the Deputy State Emergency Operations Controller for the upcoming extreme heat event from Friday 10 th February 2017 until late Sunday 12 th February 2017. Temperatures are expected to reach 45+ degrees Celsius in some parts of the states coastline. The hot weather will bring large crowds to NSW beaches and poses many challenges for lifesaving assets both for themselves and the public. Lifesaving assets can expect increased workload with the larger crowds and a higher demand on services. The high temperatures also pose a member welfare risk which should be managed locally as needed.
MISSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the awareness and importance of choosing a patrolled swimming location if visiting the beach this weekend. • Decrease the risk of heat related illness to patrol members. • Publicise key messages from NSW Health <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Drink plenty of WATER 2. Keep Cool 3. Watch out and take care of others 4. Think ahead and have a plan
EXECUTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLSNSW to produce media release for the upcoming heat wave and to be distributed through the appropriate channels. • Increase awareness by distributing heat warning information to branches, and clubs. • Promote key messages from NSW Health and the use of fatigue management strategies with branches and clubs.
ADMINISTRATION	SMEAC to be distributed to all state duty officers through the State Operations Centre.
COMMUNICATIONS	All communication is to be done through the State Operations Centre between the hours of 0700hrs and 1900hrs. After hours communication will be done through the State Duty Officer via 13SURF.

PUBLIC SAFETY MESSAGES

1. Increase hydration and oral water intake early.
2. Increase sun protection if exposure to the sun is likely.
3. Alert vulnerable persons to the extreme heat warning.
4. Only swim at patrolled beaches, between the red/yellow flags (seek the advice of lifesavers)
5. Visit www.beachsafe.org.au for information on patrolled beaches/times
6. If witnessing an in-water emergency dial **000 – Police**