

# Circular

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<b>Summary:</b> This document contains important information about the 2017 Australian Youth, Masters & Opens Surf Life Saving Championships to be held at North Kirra, Bilinga and Tugun Beaches from Saturday 25 March to Sunday 2 April 2017.

## **DISTRIBUTION OF THIS CIRCULAR**

It is most important that the information in this Circular be brought to the attention of carnival officials, team managers, coaches and competitors. Non-receipt of this circular will not be taken as an excuse if a club, team or individual does not comply with the requirements outlined in this and other circulars which refer to the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2017.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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## KEY INFORMATION FOR THE AUSSIES 2017

The following two pages are a check list to help ensure all applicable documents have been reviewed by all relevant participants for The Aussies 2017.

- AUSSIES CIRCULARS** – Please ensure you have are up to date with all The Aussies 2017 circulars found on the Aussies > [Event Info webpage](#):
  - Circular 21/16-17 Aussies Entry Circular
  - Circular 40/16-17 Powercraft
  - Circular 46/16-17 Board Riding
  - Circular 48/16-17 Youth Officials Appointments – Version 2
  - Circular 49/16-17 Masters and Opens Officials Appointments – Version 2
  - Circular 51/16-17 Scrutineering
  
- TIMETABLE** - The event timetables are available on The Aussies > [Event Info webpage](#). Please note the timetables are subject to change.
  
- CONDITIONS OF ENTRY** – Ensure you have read through the Conditions of Entry section (pg. 8-13) and your club has met all these requirements before arriving to North Kirra. Any breaches of these conditions will deem a club ineligible to compete.
  
- TEAM MANAGER MEMOS** – If you are a Team Manager be sure to have read the Team Manager memos (available on [Members Portal](#)> Library > Sport > Events > SLSA > Australian Championships > 2016-17) that snapshot the key information applicable to Team Managers around release date.
  
- OFFICIAL MEMOS** – If you are an Official be sure to have read the Official memos (available on [Members Portal](#)> Library > Sport > Events > SLSA > Australian Championships > 2016-17) that snapshot the key information applicable to Officials around release date.
  
- POWERCRAFT REQUIREMENTS** – Clubs must meet powercraft requirements as set out in the [Powercraft Circular](#). (available on [Members Portal](#)> Library > Sport > Events > SLSA > Australian Championships > 2016-17)
  
- TEAM MANAGER DECLARATION & LYCRA FORM** – Team Managers must complete the [Team Manager Declaration and Lycra Form](#) before their club will be eligible to compete in addition to the Team Manager Declaration on the following page.
  
- EVENT MAP** – The new event map of North Kirra & Tugun Beach is available on the Aussies 2017 [Event Info webpage](#).

## IMPORTANT DATES

Please see below a summary of important dates\* related to the Australian Youth, Masters and Open Surf Life Saving Championships 2017.

\*All below dates and times are subject to change

March 2017		
<b>Wed, 15 Mar</b>	<b>5:00pm AEDT</b>	<b>Normal Entries Close</b>
	5.00pm AEDT	Limited Entries Entered (by States)
<b>Fri, 17 Mar</b>	5:00pm AEDT	Normal entry invoices sent to clubs
<b>Sun, 19 Mar</b>	<b>11.59pm AEDT</b>	<b>Online Late entries close</b>
Mon, 20 Mar	9:00am-5:00pm	<b>First day for container deliveries</b> <b>(ANY CONTAINER DELIVERED BEFORE THIS DATE WILL BE TURNED AWAY)</b>
	5.00pm AEDT	Late entry invoices sent to clubs
<b>Thu, 23 Mar</b>	<b>5.00pm AEDT</b>	<b>Invoices due</b> (All entry payments in full due)
Fri, 24 Mar	7:00am AEST	First day for club tents to be erected – All Beaches
	9:00am-3:00pm	Scrutineering begins: Trailer Compound – Cnr Pacific Pde & Musgrave St, North Kirra (Youth Competitors Only)
	<b>2.00pm AEST</b>	<b>Powercraft personnel Briefing: VIP Marquee, located at the end of the main board walk at North Kirra Beach</b>
	<b>3.00pm AEST</b>	<b>Youth and Ocean Swim Team Managers Briefing: VIP Marquee, located at the end of the main board walk at North Kirra Beach</b>
	<b>5.00pm AEST</b>	<b>Youth and Ocean Swim Officials Briefing: VIP Marquee, located at the end of the main board walk at North Kirra Beach</b>
	<b>5.00pm AEST</b>	<b>Last day for container delivers</b>
Sat, 25 Mar	<b>All Day AEST</b>	<b>Competition Day 1: Youth Championships</b>
	7:00am-3:00pm	Scrutineering continues: Trailer Compound – Cnr Pacific Pde & Musgrave St, North Kirra
Sun, 26 Mar	<b>All Day AEST</b>	<b>Competition Day 2: Youth Championships</b>
	7:00am-3:00pm	Scrutineering continues: Trailer Compound - Cnr Pacific Pde & Musgrave St, North Kirra
	8:00am-12:00pm	The AUSSIE Ocean Swim – North Kirra Beach
	<b>2:30pm AEST</b>	<b>Board Riding Competitor briefing &amp; day 1 board riding marshalling: VIP Marquee, located at the end of the main board walk at North Kirra Beach</b>
	<b>4.30pm AEST</b>	<b>Masters &amp; Opens Team Managers Briefing Option 1: VIP Marquee, located at the end of the main board walk at North Kirra Beach</b>
	<b>6.30pm AEST</b>	<b>Masters &amp; Opens Officials Briefing Option 1: VIP Marquee, located at the end of the main board walk at North Kirra Beach</b>
Mon, 27 Mar	<b>All Day AEST</b>	<b>Competition Day 3: Masters Championships</b>
	All Day AEST	Scrutineering continues: Trailer Compound - Cnr Pacific Pde & Musgrave St, North Kirra

Tue, 28 Mar	All Day AEST	Competition Day 4: Masters Championships
	All Day AEST	Scrutineering continues: Trailer Compound - Cnr Pacific Pde & Musgrave St, North Kirra
	4.30pm AEST	<b>Open Team Managers Briefing Option 2: VIP Marquee, located at the end of the main board walk at North Kirra Beach</b>
	6.00pm AEST	<b>Open Officials Briefing Option 2: VIP Marquee, located at the end of the main board walk at North Kirra Beach</b>
Wed, 29 Mar	All Day AEST	Competition Day 5: Open Championships
Thurs, 30 Mar	All Day AEST	Competition Day 6: Open Championships
Fri, 31 Mar	Half Day AEST	Competition Day 7: Open Championships
Sat, 1 Apr	All Day AEST	Competition Day 8: Open Championships
Sun, 2 Apr	All Day AEST	Competition Day 9: Open Championships
Mon, 3 Apr	All Day AEST	Spare Competition Day
	All Day AEST	First day for container pickup
Fri, 7 Apr	All Day AEST	Final day for container pickup

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*\* Team Managers who are managing for more than one of Youth, Opens and Masters Championships need only attend **one** of the briefings*

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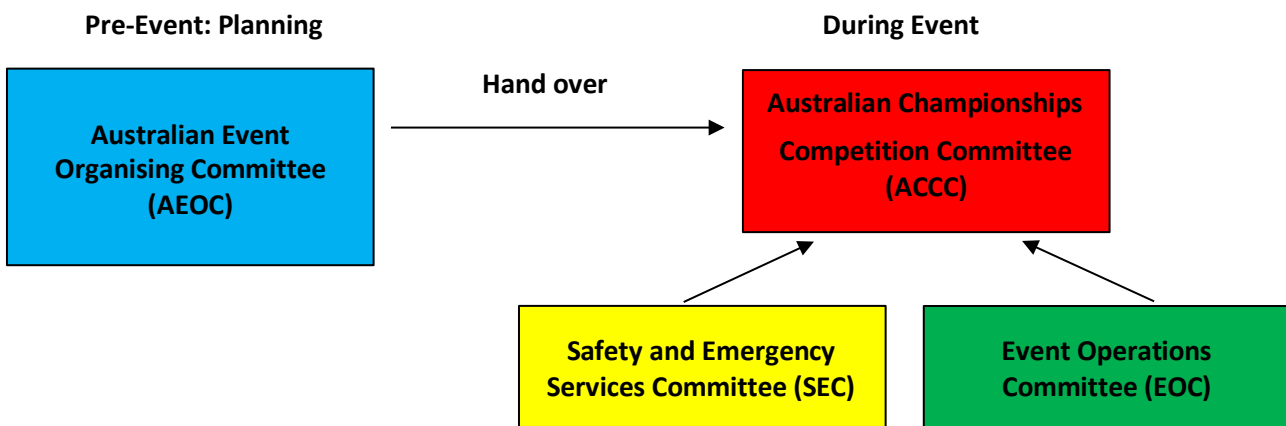
# CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEES

The Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2017 are managed by four committees. The below four committees are structured accordingly.

The committees include:

- Australian Championships Competition Committee (ACCC)
- Safety & Emergency Committee (SEC)
- Event Operations Committee (EOC)
- Australian Event Organising Committee (AEOC)

### Committee Structure:





## AUSTRALIAN EVENT ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The Australian Event Organising Committee (AEOC) is responsible for the logistical pre-planning and operational delivery of the Australian Interstate Championships 2017. The Australian Event Organising Committee is not responsible for the planning and conduct of actual competition.

<b>Championship Referee / Chair of Sport / Deputy Chair</b>	Andrew	Buhk
<b>Championship Referee - Youth</b>	Steve	Marley
<b>Deputy Referee - Youth</b>	Jenny	Kenny
<b>Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator</b>	Steve	Leahy
<b>Powercraft Coordinator</b>	Mal	Flew
<b>Officials Advisor</b>	Paul	Kenny
<b>Championships Advisor</b>	John	Brennan OAM
<b>Technical Adviser</b>	Greg	Allum OAM
<b>Events Advisor</b>	Wayne	Druery
<b>Host Club/ Venue Representative - North Kirra</b>	Michael	Kearney
<b>SLSA Event Manager</b>	Tony	Henderson
<b>SLSA Venue Manager</b>	Ken	Bird OAM
<b>SLSA Event Officer</b>	Hayley	McGreal
<b>SLSA Operations Co-ordinator</b>	Kate	Theodor-Gallagher
<b>SLSA Sports Manger / Chair</b>	Shane	Knight
<b>Deputy Referee – Masters &amp; Opens</b>	Don	van Keimpema
<b>Gear &amp; Equipment Coordinator</b>	Ross	Wyeth

## AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPETITION COMMITTEE

The Australia Competition Committee (ACCC) will direct all matters relating to the actual conduct of the competition. The ACCC may, subject to the rules in the Surf Sports Manual ([current edition](#)) and event rules, any subsequent amending bulletins and this circular, may postpone, cancel and/or alter any or all Championship events, and alter the venue of the competition.

A review of the following will be conducted at each Competition Committee meeting:

- a) Risk Assessment of the current conditions of the beach and back of beach area
- b) Injury management statistics
- c) Current weather predictions
- d) Competition statistics

The ACCC may consult and seek advice from appropriate officials, athletes and other personnel on local weather, surf conditions and safety issues when required. The ACCC shall appoint the various sub committees and panels as required for the Championships (for example, Disciplinary Committee, Boat Panels etc).

The ACCC is responsible for enacting the contingency plan for the Australian Championships. The Championship Referee and the Safety and Emergency Services Coordinator are responsible to the ACCC for recommendations concerning competition safety. The Safety, Search and Rescue Guide developed for this event is to be applied by the Championship Referee in considering and making recommendations, in consultation with relevant emergency services and lifesaving authorities.



<b>Chair – Open &amp; Masters Championships</b>	Mike	Martin AM
<b>Chair – Youth Championships</b>	Rick	Wright OAM
<b>Sport Manager / CEO Delegate</b>	Shane	Knight
<b>Championships Referee – Masters &amp; Opens</b>	Andrew	Buhk
<b>Championships Referee – Youth</b>	Steve	Marley
<b>Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator</b>	Steve	Leahy
<b>WHS Advisor</b>	Paul	Chivers
<b>Technical Adviser</b>	Greg	Allum OAM
<b>Host Club/ Venue Representative - North Kirra</b>	Michael	Kearney
<b>SLSA Event Manager</b>	Tony	Henderson
<b>Media Liaison Officer (observer)</b>	Fran	Hannan
<b>North Kirra Host Club Representative</b>	Michael	Kearney
<b>Tugun Host Club Representative</b>	TBC	

#### **SAFETY & EMERGENCY COMMITTEE**

The Safety and Emergency Committee (SEC) shall be appointed which must consider and advise the Championship Referee and ACCC on all matters relating to competition and non-competition safety and emergency services. The chair of the Committee shall be the Safety and Emergency Services Coordinator who shall also be a member of the AEOC and the ACCC. The composition of the Safety and Emergency Committee will be determined by SLSA or the relevant AEOC.

<b>Chair – Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator</b>	Steve	Leahy
<b>Assistant Safety &amp; Emergency Management Coordinators SEMCs</b>	Murray	Copas
	Shane	Daw
	Kane	Treloar
<b>Deputy Referee – Masters &amp; Opens</b>	Don	Van Keimpema
<b>Deputy Referee - Youth</b>	Jenny	Kenny
<b>Workplace H+S Quality Assurance</b>	Shane	Daw
<b>Independent Risk Advisor</b>	Paul	Chivers
<b>Medical – First Aid Coordinator</b>	Mary- Anne	Sewell
<b>Water Safety Coordinator</b>	Jamie	Findlay
<b>Powercraft Coordinator</b>	Mal	Flew
<b>Communications Coordinator</b>	Hugh	Day
<b>Local Police Representative</b>	QPS Duty Officer	
<b>Athlete Liaison Officers (2)</b>	Scott	McCartney
	Jordy	Mercer (TBC)
<b>Peer Support Manager (observing)</b>	Taleah	Neowhouse



## EVENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

The Event Operations Committee (EOC) is responsible for the back of house operations during the Championships. The chair of the Committee shall be the Event Manager who shall also be a member of the AEOC and the ACC. The composition of the Event Operations Committee will be determined by SLSA or the relevant AEOC.

<b>Chair – National Event Manager</b>	Tony	Henderson
<b>Venue Manager</b>	Ken	Bird OAM
<b>Assistant Venue Manager</b>	Chris	Nay
<b>Sold Out Representatives</b>	Matt	Cooper
	Kim	Voss
<b>National Event Officer</b>	Hayley	McGreal
<b>National Event Operations Coordinator</b>	Kate	Theodor-Gallagher
<b>Logistics &amp; Support Services Coordinator</b>	Graham	Bruce
<b>Gear and Equipment Coordinator</b>	Ross	Wyeth
<b>Sponsorship Representative (observer)</b>	Erin	Jeffries
<b>Presentations Manager</b>	Robyn	Carr
<b>Sport Presentation Contractor</b>	Dani	Potter
<b>Event Administration Coordinator</b>	Barry	Leek
<b>Announcing Coordinator</b>	Jean	Burling OAM

## OFFICIALS

All key information for officials will be available on the Aussies 2017 – [members portal](#) including circulars and memos.

# CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

## SAFETY

All Competitors and Officials are referred to the Introduction on page (i) of the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual and in particular but not only paragraphs (d), (e) and (f). Paragraph (d) states:

*"Surf lifesaving can be inherently dangerous. Serious accidents can and often do happen which may result in property damage, physical injury and even death. All members are assumed to have voluntarily read and understood this warning and accept and assume the inherent risks in surf lifesaving."*

A Safety Operations Manual has been developed for use by the Safety & Emergency Committee (SEC), the Competition Committee (ACCC), officials and relevant personnel. These guides have been refined for use for the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2017.

Water safety as part of the competition, is ultimately the responsibility of the SEC & ACCC, based on the advice of the Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator, the Championship Referee and Officials in determining postponement or cancellation of any or all events, or relocation to an alternate venue in accordance with Section 1 - Competition Safety, of the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual, any subsequent amending bulletins, and this Circular.

The Championship Referee and Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator will conduct safety briefings to Officials and Team Managers before commencement of competition and during the event as required.

Risk assessors have been appointed to assist the Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator to provide ongoing assessment of conditions and safety across the carnival area. They will create an effective communications channel to the Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator and Competition Committee. Those Officials may seek advice from competitors and team representatives to ensure an informed opinion is provided and can be acted upon where appropriate.

An Area Referee's debrief will be conducted by the Championship Referee at approximately 4:30pm on each day of competition in the Officials marquee – Southern grass area at North Kirra Beach.

Competitor/Team Manager Briefings will also be conducted 30 minutes prior to the start of competition each day. These briefings will be conducted in each area by the Area Referee and/or the Sectional Referee.

At the conclusion of each race, each competitor will be issued with a decal, regardless of their placing, including those that have completed the race outside qualifying competitors, disqualified competitors and those that did not finish. Competitors that do not start the race will also be recorded. Each competitor must present the decal in person to the Area Recorder.

### PLEASE NOTE:

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- All competitors participating in The Aussies 2017 ocean precinct **must** wear a **yellow** vest. Failure to comply with this safety measure may result in disciplinary action against the individual and club.
- For warm up and training competitors entering the water must wear high visibility **pink, green, orange, yellow or red** vests. In all competition, **YELLOW** vests must be worn.
- For the duration of the Championships, Surf Life Saving will provide a water safety from 7.00am to 8.00am as well for one hour after the cessation of competition.
- On competition lay days, a patrol will be present on the beach in front of North Kirra SLSC.
- Powercraft & water safety requirements are set in place for the duration of the Championships, inclusive of Youth, Masters & Opens Championships.

### **CONDITIONS OF ENTRY FOR COMPETITORS**

As the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2017 is for lifesavers, the conditions of entry to these Championships require all competitors to have met strict membership entry requirements as detailed in the Aussies Entry Circular 21/16-17, and all other relevant circulars and bulletins, and the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual.

To be eligible to compete at the Championships, competitors must comply with Policy 5.4 – Proficiency & Patrol Hour Requirements – Competition Eligibility (available online at [Members Portal](#) > Library > Governance > Policy > SLSA > Policy 5.4) and the Conditions of Entry listed on the pages 8-13 of The Aussies Entry Circular 21/16-17. Ineligible competitors will not appear in Carnival Manager to nominate to compete.

Random checks of competitor proficiency and patrol records may be undertaken by the event Administration Manager prior to The Aussies 2017.

It is of the utmost importance and responsibility of Team Managers to ensure their team members are proficient lifesavers.

### **SLSA COMPETITION RULES**

Except where otherwise determined all events shall be conducted as per the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual (SSM) and any other relevant circulars and bulletins including any special conditions for the Australian Surf Life Saving Youth, Masters and Open Championships.

The original source document for the current edition SSM is the electronic version located on the websites of SLSA ([www.slsa.com.au](http://www.slsa.com.au)). The electronic version is the authorised reference document and is maintained in terms of all authorised amendments. SLSA may issue bulletins in accordance with its constitution to supplement this written publication. Bulletins will also be available on SLSA's website.

**Note 1:** A clarification has recently been made to the 'Competing Unfairly' SSM Clause 2.29(b) dot point relating to jostling or obstructing to include deliberately impeding. The clarified wording is:

- Deliberately impeding that includes jostling or obstructing another competitor or handler to impede their progress.

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**Note:** Deliberate impedance during the run to the finish line is defined as “the deliberate use of hands, arms, feet or legs or a deliberate and significant change of direction to impede another competitor’s progress towards the finish line”. Any competitor, who commits a deliberate impedance of another competitor or handler may be penalised, eliminated or disqualified, dependent on the circumstances and the event. If two or more competitors are guilty of deliberate impedance, the competitor who first deliberately impeded will be penalised, eliminated or disqualified. For Beach Flags refer to Section 9.

It is mentioned that there is no change to the Beach Flag rules in this regard.

**Note 2:** In 2016 a clarification was also made to the ‘Competitors with Disabilities’ SSM Clause 2.4. The clause reads:

#### **2.4 COMPETITORS WITH DISABILITIES**

- (a) Upon application to the Competition Committee at an event, an allowance may be considered for a competitor with a permanent limiting disability, but only if there is no disadvantage to other competitors in the event.
- (b) The decision of the Competition Committee shall be final and shall not be subject to protest.

**Note 1:** This section is not to assist competitors who have suffered an injury. The section is intended to assist members with a permanent limiting disability to participate in SLSA competition.

**Note 2:** This section is also not intended in the normal course to assist competitors with, say, replacement knees or hips etc. by allowing runners in events.

**Note 3:** As detailed in the entry circular the following supplementary boat rule is also to apply to the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2017 and replaces parts of [Surf Sports Manual](#) Section 5.1(c):

*A: "Double dipping" (i.e. competing in more than one division or age category of rowing) by crews will not be permitted at the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2017. Exceptions to this condition are as follows:*

1. *Sweep Oarsmen may continue to compete in multiple divisions and gender and age categories but, as per existing SLSA rules, shall only compete in a particular division or category once irrespective of whether they are sweeping or rowing;*
2. *Individual rowers from an age crew who are also competing with another crew (i.e. not the same four rowers) in an older age category are permitted to row in a second category at the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships provided that the other crew members are not also doubling up to form separate crews;*
3. *Should a member of any crew become indisposed they may be replaced subject to approval of the Carnival Referee provided they comply with the requirements contained in Section 2.18 of the Surf Sports Manual and this event condition;*

*B: If an U19 or U23 competitor is rowing in an older age category made up of mixed age groups they can continue to row in that older age category even if their own individual age division is suspended or cancelled. However, a crew made up entirely of rowers from suspended or cancelled age or gender group(s) shall not be permitted to compete."*

#### **ORDER AND TIMETABLE OF EVENTS**

- (a) Water events at North Kirra Beach will commence at 8:00am (unless otherwise stated in the event timetables) and conclude at 4:00pm each day. If required water events can be

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extended to 5:00pm each day. Beach Events will begin as indicated in the event timetable with all days scheduled for Twilight except the Second day of the Youth Champs. The carnival timetables identifying the order of events can be found on the Aussies > [Event Info Webpage](#).

**Events will not be delayed for competitors; individuals must select their priority of events and adequately plan their time for marshalling and completion of events.**

Team Managers and competitors should note that depending on conditions each day, the 4:00pm finish time may for water events require a heat/s from an individual round of an event held the following day. Organisers do have discretion to extend competition to 5pm each day for water events if required.

**Revisions of the event order and commencing times may occur. Team Managers should ensure that their competitors are at the beach well in advance of the scheduled starting times. Competitors and clubs will be kept informed of any changes through a range of channels including the SLS website, noticeboards, public address announcements, [Facebook](#)/[Twitter](#), media broadcasts, email and/or SMS facilities.**

- (b) Masters boat event draws will be on display from 7.30am on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March, in the Boat Area. The Open Championships Boat event draws will be on display commencing from 7.30am on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017 in the Boat Area. As per previous years, boat crews and captains will be required to mark off crews at scrutineering so that draws are completed by 7.30am each morning and racing can commence at 8am. **Boat scrutineering will occur in the car park next to Tugun SLSC on O'Connor Street.**
- (c) The official completion of competition is 20 minutes after the conclusion of the last event. However, matters currently 'in train' (e.g. Protests, Appeals etc.) shall continue to final resolution; the result of which shall be considered as being within the "official competition completion time".
- (d) Marshalling – Competitors are to report for Marshalling in their respective areas allowing ample time (e.g. at least 30 minutes) before the start of their event.
- (e) Race Start, Finish and Course Variations – In the event of adverse sea and/or weather conditions, SLSA may need to change the beach/water starts and/or finishes and/or course layouts (e.g. conducting competition events in lake, river or canal etc.). The Referee, in conjunction with the ACCC, may use their authority including that listed in current edition Surf Sports Manual **Section 13.12 (a)** (available online at [Members Portal](#) > Library > Sport > Manuals and Technical Rules > SLSA > Surf Sports Manual > Section 13) and any amending or supplementary Bulletins or Circulars, to make the necessary changes. Such changes shall be advised to competitors in a race briefing prior to the commencement of an event.
- (f) The referee and ACCC have the ability to impose time limits on all events if deemed appropriate for the conditions. All Masters competitors need to be aware that time limits will be applied to all events if deemed necessary to finish the program in the time available.

## **LODGING OF ENTRIES**

Incorrect entries will not be accepted. It is the responsibility of each club to ensure that competitors and teams are correctly entered. Only competitors entered for events in the club's entries shall be

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permitted to start. Please refer to the Penalties - Breach of Entry Regulations, outlined in The Aussies Entry Circular 21/16-17 for lodgement of entries containing false information of declarations.

### **WHOLE CLUB & INDIVIDUAL LATE ENTRIES**

Late entries may be submitted at the Administration Centre at the Championships provided they are received no later than 4.00pm the day before the race is scheduled to occur. Individual or team entries will be accepted as long as declarations of compliance with proficiency and patrol hour requirements and endorsements of Club, Branch and State Centres accompany the entries. If an entire club does not submit entries before the late entry closing date (Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March), the club needs to request permission to enter in writing to the Competition Committee explaining the exceptional circumstances for late entry.

### **ADDITIONAL EVENT ENTRIES**

An administration fee of \$7.00 (incl. GST) per change to an already existing competitor can occur up until 4.00pm the day before the race is scheduled to occur.

**Only cash, credit cards and EFTPOS are accepted forms of payment for late entries or additional event entries, and must be made at the Administration Centre. Please note that it is not possible to have your club invoiced for these entries.**

### **TEAM CHANGES**

It is the Team Manager's responsibility to ensure that changes to the club's competing teams have been registered with the Area Marshall or at the Administration Centre prior to start of competition.

Team member substitution slips will be available for Team Managers to lodge with the area marshals as necessary. Failure to do so may result in disqualification of their teams. Name checks will be carried out throughout the Championships.

### **COMPETITIVE TRANSFERS**

Details of transfer requirements are set out in **Section 2.2.4 – Competitive Transfers** of the current edition of the Surf Sports Manual (available online at [Members Portal](#) > Library > Sport > Manuals and Technical Rules > SLSA > Surf Sports Manual > Section 2.2.4).

### **PROTEST/APPEALS**

All protests shall be lodged with the appropriate carnival official in accordance with the procedures outlined in the current edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual and shall identify the specific sections/clauses in the Surf Sports Manual upon which the protest is based.

Protest/Appeal Forms will be readily available from the Competitor Liaison Officers located in the various competition areas. A fee of \$115.00 AUD per appeal (incl. GST), must be paid to lodge an appeal with the Appeals Committee. This fee is only accepted as **CASH**. Should the appeal be successful, the fee will be refunded.

### **INTERNATIONAL COMPETITORS**

#### **Conditions of entry for international competitors:**

1. SLSA reserves the right to invite and/or accept entries from international competitors and club teams to compete in any event at the Australian Championships.
2. Limited Entry Events – only one entry from each country may be accepted into an event. If more than one individual or club team nominates, only the national champion or highest ranked individual/club team from that country (as advised by the governing body to SLSA) will be allowed to compete.

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3. Youth Championships entry restrictions apply to any international Club entries. All other events (unrestricted) in Masters and Opens have no limits on international competitors or club teams entering.
4. International club teams must be a genuine club team (not composite) and must compete in club colours to be eligible to compete.
5. International individual competitors may compete in their club caps or, with the permission of their country, compete in their national colours.
6. All international competitors and club teams must gain international clearance from their governing body and must be submitted to SLSA prior to competition to compete at the Australian Youth, Masters and Open Surf Life Saving Championships 2017.

### **MANDATORY TEAM MANAGERS BRIEFING**

The Championship Referees, Mr Andrew Buhk (Open and Masters) and Mr Stephen Marley (Youth) have requested that Team Managers' briefings for Youth, Masters and Opens Championships be held for general instruction on requirements and conditions for the conduct of these championships.

**As part of the Australian championships safety procedures, the safety and contingency plans and other matters relating to the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2017 will be communicated in detail. As a condition of entry, the Team Managers briefing is mandatory and failure to attend may result in the Club's entries being refused and/or the Club to be referred to the ACCC for further action.**

Team Managers managing Youth, Master and Open competitors/teams are only required to attend the Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017 briefing. Those clubs with separate Team Managers must have respective managers attend the **Friday** briefing for Youth, **Sunday** briefing for Masters and/or **Tuesday** briefing for Open competitions. As per the above, it is still a mandatory requirement that all Team Managers have attended one of the briefings prior to a club being able to compete.

#### **Youth Team Managers & Ocean Swim Briefing – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

Venue: VIP Marquee (located at the end of the main boardwalk)  
North Kirra Beach - Pacific Parade & Lang Street, North Kirra QLD 4225

Time: 3:00pm AEST (Accreditation passes and lycras will be issued)

#### **Masters Team Managers Briefing – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

Venue: VIP Marquee (located at the end of the main boardwalk)  
North Kirra Beach - Pacific Parade & Lang Street, North Kirra QLD 4225

Time: 4:30pm AEST (Accreditation passes and lycras will be issued)

#### **Open Team Managers Briefing – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

Venue: VIP Marquee (located at the end of the main boardwalk)  
North Kirra Beach - Pacific Parade & Lang Street, North Kirra QLD 4225

Time: 4:30pm AEST (Accreditation passes and lycras will be issued)

**As part of Surf Life Saving Australia's administrative processes, the briefings will be audio and/or videotaped and these recordings may be submitted for evidentiary purposes.**

## OFFICIALS BRIEFINGS

This year officials for more than one Championship will only need to attend one briefing. Officials' briefings will also be held in the VIP Marquee at North Kirra Beach. The Youth Officials briefing will be held at 5:00pm, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. The Masters Officials briefing will be held at 6:30pm, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March and Open Officials briefing held at 6.00pm Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

If you are officiating only at one carnival, you must attend the briefing immediately before the Championship for that you have been appointed.

## AUSSIES 2018

### Tourism WA, StayOz Invitation to an Aussies 2018 information Session

Tourism WA and StayOz will be hosting an important session on Wednesday March 29<sup>th</sup> with information and advice regarding travel and accommodation for Aussies 2018, to be held in Scarborough, WA. A representative from each club should attend to get the inside track on planning for next year's event.

Drinks and canapes will be served, and someone will win 7 days' free accommodation at Aussies 2018 for a party of five! (sharing)

*(Ts and Cs apply.)*

Click [here](#) to RSVP for your club and get on the guest list (max 2 representatives/club.)

**Date:** Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**Time:** 3.30-5.00pm

**Venue:** SLSA VIP marquee, on the beach, North Kirra.

## SCRUTINEERING

Refer to the full details contained in [Scrutineering Circular 51/16-17](#). This Circular details the full requirements for scrutineering. These are summarised in this section.

Compulsory scrutineering of Surf Board, Ski, Reels, Lines, Belts, Swim Fins and Rescue Tube competition will not be required before marshalling for competition provided that Boards and Skis carry manufacturer compliance decals. However, voluntary scrutineering will be available prior to competition at the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2017.

Surf Boats shall be subject to a minimum of safety scrutineering and weight check before being taken onto the beach for competition.

However, all equipment used in competition shall be subject to full scrutineering including safety, weight, dimensions, and ancillary fittings against specifications (refer [www.slsa.com.au](http://www.slsa.com.au)) at any time before during or immediately after competition.

As such Team Managers and competitors are strongly advised to ensure that their surf boats, skis and boards, reels and surf belts, surf lines, swim fins, rescue tubes and surf boats, etc. comply with the SLSA Specifications and Policy Statements (as applicable) before departure and usage in these Championships.

Any equipment scrutineered before use in competition and found to be out of specification may be rectified. However, if the equipment has been used in competition at these Championships and found not to meet specification, it and the competitor(s) may be subject to disqualification and/or other penalties.

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Not following the suggested scrutineering procedures and/or equipment being outside of specifications will not be an excuse if the information contained in this section is not followed.

The times and locations for scrutineering are detailed in the Scrutineering Circular.

### **POWERCRAFT**

As per the [Powercraft Circular 40/16-17](#) any IRB personnel (driver or crew) not considered to be at a competent level for water safety purposes, the club will be responsible to find replacement personnel. The relevant club may be referred to the ACCC for further action. Insurance coverage is provided for IRB equipment supplied by clubs while in use for the duration of the Championships.

**Please ensure all clubs have looked at the [Powercraft Roster](#) and are aware of their requirements.**

### **DRESS OF COMPETITORS/OFFICIALS**

In all events, competitors must wear approved competition dress as detailed in the following:

1. Latest **Bulletin 1/13-14 Surf Sports Manual Update – Dress of Competitors** (available online at [Members Portal](#) > Library > Bulletins, Circulars and Publications > Bulletin > SLSA > 2013-14 > Bulletin 1)
2. **Circular 56/12-13 High Visibility Safety Garments – SLSA Sport and Sanctioned Events** (available online at [Members Portal](#) > Library > Bulletins, Circulars and Publications > SLSA > 2012-13 > Circular 56)
3. And in addition to Section 2 – General Competitor Conditions of the current edition of the **Surf Sports Manual** (available on [Members Portal](#) > Library > Sport > Manuals and Technical Rules > SLSA > Surf Sports Manual).

To promote competitor safety and assist with competitor identification, competitors and handlers entering the water beyond knee depth are required to wear the provided yellow Lycra vest as the top layer of clothing. Refusal to comply renders the clothing, competition apparel or equipment ineligible for the competition and the competitor and/or team would be ineligible for further participation in the Championships.

The general exceptions shall be March Past, First Aid Competition, Reelman in Belt races (linesman are not exempt), optional for Board Riding, Beach events and other events where sponsor or coloured tops are provided by SLSA to aid the judging or identification process (e.g. beach sprint/relay events and for 2017 Ski finals). In regards to R&R please note the entire team will be required to wear yellow Lycra vests.

The Competition Committee and/or the Championship Referee may grant approval for a club or competitor to wear a vest different to the supplied vests if the vests meet current SLSA sponsorship and safety requirements. This approval is subject to colour and visibility of the club/competitor vests being fluoro yellow **ONLY**. These must be presented for approval at the Team Managers' briefings. The approved lycras may only then be worn during the heats. For the Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Finals the SLSA branded event lycras must be worn. **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Competitors will be checked at the start line and no competitor will be allowed to compete unless they comply.

Where a club has multiple teams in an event, competitors must have distinguishing numbers or letters marked on their caps or on their upper arms (as required in the current edition Surf Sports Manual and any clarifying Bulletins or Circulars).

SLSA Staff, Championship Referee, Area Referee and Sectional Referee reserve the right to order the removal or covering of signage, ID or logos in conflict with the championship sponsors, in this case the SLSA branded event pink Lycra vests shall be worn.

For any Lycra vests that are lost, competitors must pay a \$20 replacement fee. Lycra vests are available from the administration centre. For any damaged yellow Lycra vests, upon the discretion of the administration centre team, will be replaced free of charge.

### LYCRA VEST SIZING & DISTRIBUTION

To collect Lycra vests at the Team Managers' briefings, Team Managers are required to complete the [Team Manager Declaration & Lycra Form](#) with numbers and sizes of Lycra vests required for that club. Lycra vest sizing chart is below. Team Managers are responsible for distributing Lycra vests to all competing club members. SLSA makes every effort to provide the clubs with the requested allocation of Lycra vests (via the online [Team Manager Declaration & Lycra Form](#))

Please note, if a club is competing in Youth, Masters & Opens Championships, the club's entire Lycra vest allocation will be provided at the Youth Team Managers briefing.

<b>LADIES</b>	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL
SIZE	L8	L10	L12	L14	L16	L18	L20	L22
Bust	83cm	87cm	91cm	95cm	99cm	103cm	107cm	111cm
Waist	65cm	69cm	73cm	77cm	81cm	85cm	89cm	93cm
Hips	88cm	92cm	96cm	100cm	104cm	108cm	112cm	116cm

<b>MENS</b>	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL
SIZE		M14	M16	M18	M20	M22	M24	
Chest	86cm	90cm	94cm	99cm	104cm	109cm	114cm	119cm
Waist (low waist 4cm below natural waist)	76cm	80cm	84cm	88cm	92cm	96cm	100cm	105cm

### OFFICIALS

Officials will be issued with items of clothing relevant to their position, including a long sleeve Officials shirt, cap, officials dinner dress shirt and contact lanyard. IRB and other officials may receive lycras etc. Instructions in this regard will be given at the Officials Briefing.

The Championships have partner sponsors and all officials should wear the clothing provided. Officials may not wear any other sponsor branded officials clothing issued at previous Championships.

All appointed officials will be able to collect their official's kit from the uniform distribution centre within the official's area between the following times:

Date	Time
Friday 24th March, 2017:	9am - 5pm
Saturday 25th March, 2017:	7am - 5pm
Sunday 26th March, 2017:	9am - 5pm
Monday 27th March, 2017:	8am - 2pm
Tuesday 28th March, 2017:	8am - 5pm
Wednesday 29th March, 2017:	7am - 3pm
Thursday 30th March, 2017:	7am - 1pm

**Note:** Clothing distribution will be as per size stated on nomination forms. Every effort will be made to accommodate correct sizes for late nominees, however no guarantees can be given.

## **SPONSORED EVENTS/COMMERCIAL IDENTIFICATION**

### **General**

It is a condition of entry to the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2017 that competitors may be required to carry sponsor logos/identification on craft, boats, and equipment. However, if this occurs every effort will be made not to cover other signage, provided it does not conflict with sponsors of the Championships. For further details regarding sponsorship, refer to **Policy 5.8 – Competition Sponsorship** (available online at [Members Portal](#) > Library > Governance > Policy > SLSA > Policy 5.8). It should be noted that the Championships have major partner and event partner sponsors. The following details clarify the requirements of all sponsored competitors/clubs participating in the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2017.

- Semi-finalists and finalists in the sponsored events may be required to carry event sponsor signage affixed on craft or equipment.
- Finalists in all ski craft events will be required to affix BRP sponsor sticker on the front of the craft, as outlined in figure A. This sticker will be given to competitors when marshalling for these events.
- Club/individual's sponsor signage on craft and equipment will not be covered unless, when fitting the event sponsor signage, it is unavoidable. All competitors in these sponsored Championship events will also be required to wear lycras provided by SLSA.
- No competitor, handler and/or club is permitted to have any signwriting, logos or corporate ID on either clothing, competition apparel, gear, equipment or on the person in the competition area (including marshalling areas) which is deemed not in "good taste".
- It may be possible that TV interviews will be undertaken with prominent competitors, and in such cases, they may be asked to wear one of the official sponsor T-shirts and/or caps.



Please note the following sponsors related to the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2017:

- **Strategic Partner:** Tourism and Events Queensland

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- **Major National Partners:** DHL and Westpac
- **Event Partners:** BRP, FINZ, Connecting Southern Gold Coast and City of Gold Coast
- **Event Supports:** Coates Hire, Nutri-Grain and Stay Oz

### **Authority**

All SLSA Staff, Sectional Referees, Area Referees and the Championship Referee reserve the right to order the removal or covering of signage, ID or logos in conflict with carnival sponsors.

Refusal to comply with any of the above will render the clothing, competition apparel, or equipment ineligible for the competition, and the competitor (and/or team) may be ineligible for further participation in the Championships.

If such breaches are found after the event or in post-race scrutineering, the competitor (and/or team) may forfeit titles and awards. The refusal to fulfil the conditions of entry may see the competitor disqualified from further participation in the championships.

### **Presentations**

At the conclusion of the events, place getters may be asked to wear items of apparel (T-shirt, hat etc.) identified with the specific event sponsors during the presentations. It is noted that **Policy 5.8 – Competition Sponsorship** (available online at [Members Portal](#) > Library > Governance > Policy > SLSA > Policy 5.8) will apply in respect of presentations. In addition, competitors being presented must comply with Policy 5.8 in regards to dress whilst on the presentation dais.

Co-operation is requested in this regard and members should keep in mind that the involvement of sponsors helps to curtail significant expenses that would otherwise need to be passed onto competitors and clubs.

### **CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALS, TROPHIES AND POINTSCORE**

SLSA Championship medallions will be awarded to individuals and team members gaining 1<sup>st</sup> (Gold), 2<sup>nd</sup> (Silver) or 3<sup>rd</sup> (Bronze) in all Championship events contested. A minimum of one starter is required for any event to be contested. For all events, medals will be awarded as follows:

- Three (3) or more competitors – Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals may be awarded.
- Two (2) competitors – Gold and Silver medals may be awarded.
- One (1) competitor (providing the competitor/team correctly completes the course) – Gold medal

### **Presentations**

Presentations of medals are likely to occur at the end of each race day. The times for presentations will be announced over the loud speaker half an hour before they begin, and we request all winners to attend their designated presentation. Should you wish not to participate, the presentation team will hold your medal aside and present to you post ceremony.

### **Trophies/Pointscores**

The following Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2017 overall pointscore categories and memorial and other perpetual trophies will be awarded at the conclusion of the Open competition:

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| - Overall Pointscore ‘Surf Life Saving Australia Perpetual Trophy’ | - Open 5 Man R&R ‘Dearlove and Rennie’ Trophy                   |
| - Handicap Pointscore  | - R&R Overall Open Champion Club Competition ‘Sandstrom Trophy’ |
| - Under 17 years Champion Club                                     |   |
| - Under 19 years Champion Club                                     |   |

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- Open Age Champion Club
- Most Outstanding Male Competitor Athlete
- Most Outstanding Female Competitor Athlete
- Male Champion Lifesaver
- Female champion Lifesaver
- Peter Lacey Medal (U19, U17, U15 Ironman/woman, Surf Race, Board and Belt individual pointscore)
- Open First Aid Competition 'Tess Cramond AO, OBE Shield'
- Under 19 First Aid Competition 'Ian Mackie AM trophy'
- Open 6 Man R&R 'Sir Adrian Curlewis Trophy'
- Open Champion R&R Team 'R&R Premier's Flag'
- Under 19 Surf Boat 'Robert Gatenby Shield'
- Under 19 Ironman 'Saxon Bird Trophy'
- Surf Board Riding Overall Masters Champion Club Competition
- Surf Board Riding Overall Open Champion Club Competition
- Open Champion R&R Team 'R&R Premier's Flag'
- Under 19 Surf Boats 'Robert Gatenby Shield'
- Under 19 Ironman 'Saxon Bird Trophy'
- Surf Board Riding Overall Masters Champion Club Competition
- Surf Board Riding Overall Open Champion Club Competition
- Teams Surf Board Riding 'Peter Doolan Trophy'
- Open Patrol Competition 'The Governor Generals National Trophy'

The following memorial trophy will be awarded at the conclusion of the Youth competition.

- Under 15 Ironman 'Matthew Barclay Memorial Trophy'

The pointscore for each Champion Club within each event's age category, 6 points will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> place, down to 1 point for 6<sup>th</sup> place. If, when the Championships have concluded there is a tied pointscore, the Club with the most 1<sup>st</sup> placings will be declared the winner. Failing this, the Club with the most 2<sup>nd</sup> places to 6<sup>th</sup> places respectively will be taken into account to determine a winner. If, after this procedure there is no single winner, then the pointscore will be declared a tie and dual trophies will be presented.

The pointscore for the Peter Lacey Medal shall be determined as follows - 6 points will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> place, down to 1 point for 6<sup>th</sup> place. If, when the Championships have concluded there is a tied pointscore, the individual with the most 1<sup>st</sup> placings will be declared the winner. Failing this, the individual with the most 2<sup>nd</sup> places to 6<sup>th</sup> places respectively will be taken into account to determine a winner. If, after this procedure there is no single winner, then the trophy will be declared a tie and dual trophies will be presented.

**Note:** International clubs (and/or non SLSA affiliated clubs) are not eligible to earn points towards Australian Champion Club or other pointscore trophies. Hence, any placing's achieved by non SLSA clubs will not be counted towards the overall pointscore and the points will be allocated in finals to the first 6 Australian Club place getters.

### **Dead Heats**

Where a dead heat (as defined in the current edition **Surf Sports Manual** (available on [Members Portal](#) > Library > Sport > Manuals and Technical Rules > SLSA > Surf Sports Manual) occurs in the final of an event the clubs of individuals/teams will share the placing points and medal relative to the finish placing. The club of the next individuals/teams to finish will receive the relative placing points based on the number of individuals/teams finishing ahead of them. For example: if two individuals/teams finish equal 1<sup>st</sup>, both individuals/teams shall receive 6 points each and the gold



medal. The next placing individual/team shall be awarded the 4 points and the bronze medal for coming 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Overall SLSA Champion Club**

For the overall Championship pointscore winner (Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2017 only) the winning club will be awarded at the closing ceremony. Also, awarded at this ceremony will be the Male Competitor of the Championships and Female Competitor of the Championships.

### **Club Handicap Pointscore**

The Handicap point score will be on a handicap system based on the Champion Club from the previous year's Australian Championships. The calculation of the winning club would be the Champion Club from the previous year's championships starting on zero points and the club that scored zero points in the previous year commencing on maximum points.

### **Surf Boats**

All Surf Boat presentations will be conducted in the Surf Boat area.

### **Presentation of Medals**

Presentation and collection of medals for the will be undertaken at each presentation area throughout the Championships. During this time competitors who wish to use the main presentation dais to have a picture taken are welcome to do so. An official photographer may not be in attendance.

To avoid congestion at the end of competition each day, all medal winners in a particular event are requested to attend the presentation dais in their area together as soon as possible after the conclusion of their final for presentation or collection of medals. The presentation areas will conclude 30 minutes after the completion of competition each day.

Medals not collected during the days of competition may still be collected from the main presentation area until Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017. Medals not collected after this time will be boxed up and distributed to a Club representative for future presentation.

### **MODEL AIRCRAFT & UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES**

SLSA, under agreement with the local government authority, has control and management of the event site and the water abeam the site. The use of Model Aircraft and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) within the controlled boundaries of the Championships is strictly prohibited as they have serious safety implications for search & rescue and television helicopters that will operate in the area from time to time.

### **MISCONDUCT**

Misconduct before, during and after the Championships will not be tolerated. Offending members risk disciplinary action against themselves and their club. In particular please refer to **Section 2.26 SLSA Code of Behaviour** of Surf Sports Manual and **Section 2.27 Abuse/Inappropriate Behaviour** (available online at [Members Portal](#) > Library > Sport > Manuals and Technical Rules > SLSA > Surf Sports Manual > Section 2.26 & 2.27) and the **Policy 6.5 – Member Protection Policy** (available online at [Members Portal](#) > Library > Governance > Policy > SLSA > Policy 6.5).

Competitors and/or members found tampering with signs, fences or PA system cabling and equipment also risk disciplinary action against themselves. For safety reasons, any oars or other equipment found on fences may be removed.

A Carnival Disciplinary Committee has been appointed with powers to "cite" or take any action as necessary as a result of misconduct and will be readily available to convene as required up to and including Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017.

In addition, the behaviour of each club will be monitored at various times and functions, airline flights arriving and departing from Gold Coast Airport and the commercial areas in North Kirra Beach, Tugan Beach and around the Gold Coast. Note that misbehaviour at any official or unofficial functions will be under the jurisdiction of the Carnival Disciplinary Committee.

It is expected that all matters affecting participants, supporters and spectators will normally be communicated to team management, for their transmission to members and implementation.

**It should be noted by Team Managers that QLD Police have a zero-tolerance policy to anti-social, disorderly or alcohol related behaviour. Team Manager names and contact numbers will be provided to QLD Police for emergencies. Likewise, QLD Police details will be provided to Team Managers.**

## **DRUG USE**

Surf Life Saving Australia supports the Australian Government, the Australian Sports Commission, the Australian Olympic Committee, and the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) in their efforts to eradicate the use of drugs in sport. SLSA has published a **Policy 5.2 - Anti-Doping Policy** (available online at [Members Portal](#) > Library > Governance > SLSA > Policy 5.2) which condemns the use of performance enhancing drugs and doping practices in sport.

Any event conducted by SLSA is subject to random drug testing, without prior notice. The very strict procedures laid down for the testing for drugs will be observed, and competitors refusing to submit to a drug test will be subject to prescribed penalties. Should Team Managers require further information, please refer to Policy 5.2 (as linked via [Members Portal](#) above) and, as appropriate, contact the "Drugs in Sport" hotline on 1300 027 232.

The **Policy 6.23 – Illicit Drugs in Sport Policy** (available online at [Members Portal](#) > Library > Governance > SLSA > Policy 6.23) addresses the out-of-competition use of illicit drugs, concentrating primarily on education, awareness and prevention initiatives. This policy is designed to help prevent the uptake of illicit drug use and reduce the drug-related harm to individuals, families and stakeholders of SLSA and the broader community.

## **GAMBLING**

**Gambling by SLSA members on events in which they are participating as a competitor, official, manager or organiser is strictly prohibited.** Members proven to have gambled on an SLSA Event whilst a competitor coach, official, manager or organiser of that competition will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action in accordance with SLSA Regulations. Please refer to **Policy 5.1 – Sports Betting, Result Fixing and Corruption** (available online at [Members Portal](#) > Library > Governance > SLSA > Policy 5.1).

## **ALCOHOL FREE ZONE**

In 2017, The Aussies will be a dry event. The entire event footprint, including North Kirra Beach, Bilinga Beach Tugun Beach and surrounding back of beach areas including all container and gear storage areas are alcohol free zones. The only exception to this are licensed or approved premises.

QLD Police will be monitoring this closely, so please ensure your teams and supporters are aware and follow this guideline.

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## **POST EVENT ACTIVITIES**

Misconduct before during and after the Championships will not be tolerated. Offending members risk disciplinary action against them themselves and their club. QLD Police will be closely monitoring behaviour during and after competition each day.

## **CONTINGENCY PLANS/SITES**

A contingency plan has been developed to provide a clear and simple response in the event of natural or man-made hazards, particularly adverse weather conditions preventing the conduct of part, or the whole of the competition events due to safety concerns at North Kirra Beach and Tugun Beach or any of the alternate contingency venues.

In the case where the program cannot be conducted at North Kirra Beach or Tugun Beach, one or more alternative contingency venues, including those outlined in this circular will be used.

**The following sites have been pre-approved as alternate venues for competition:**

### **PRIMARY ALTERNATIVES**

These locations have been identified as suitable for only partial relocations and for use by individual aspects of the Championships if required as they have been identified as being suitable for relocation of all or a large component of the Championships. Should a full relocation be required, sections will be relocated as per the secondary locations (below). Community impact is to be kept at a minimum and no infrastructure will be installed at these sites prior to the commencement of the Championships. Any infrastructure requirements at these sites will depend on the type of event and duration of use required and should be installed prior to the commencement of competition at that site.

A final decision regarding the use of any contingency site will be dictated by a risk assessment at that site.

#### **Boats**

- North Kirra Beach
- Raby Bay

#### **Craft/Swim**

- Immediately south of the current venue
- Runaway Bay

**Safety at The Aussies 2017 is paramount and as part of the safety procedures, the safety and contingency plans will be communicated in detail. Therefore, the Officials briefing is mandatory and failure to attend may result in your appointment being terminated and or referred to the AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPETITION COMMITTEE for further action.**

**Likewise, with Team Managers, as a condition of entry, the Team Managers briefing is mandatory and failure to attend may result in the Club's Entries being refused and or the Club to be referred to the AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPETITION COMMITTEE for further action.**

## COMPETITION INFORMATION

### YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

The first round draws for youth ironman and ironwoman will be available at the youth team manager briefing to assist with marshalling before and during the Opening Ceremony.

The U14 and U15 individual events shall be conducted over the relative courses detailed for each particular age group as detailed in the current edition SSM and any amending bulletins or circulars e.g. the surf race distance for the U14s shall be the front set of swimming buoys only and the U15 surf race will be over the two sets of buoys.

All Youth Team Events will be run over the Under 15 Course for respective events.

**Note 1:** All Youth Events shall be conducted under the 'no break' rule.

**Note 2:** If considered necessary because of surf conditions or entry numbers, the Referee, in consultation with the ACCC, may approve less than 50% qualifiers from first round heats in some events in order to effectively manage the Championship timetable.

### FIRST AID EVENTS

Clubs will be required to provide their own oxygen cylinders for all Patrol Competition and Under 17's to Opens First Aid Competition. To avoid fees associated with carrying oxygen on flights clubs are able to fill empty canisters at the following BOC outlet:

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25 Rivendell  
Tweeds Head South  
2486

### BOARD RIDING LOCATION

At this time, it is highly likely that the board riding competition will be held at Burleigh Heads or Miami in order to get reasonable wave conditions. All competitors and officials need to be aware that they are responsible for their own travel arrangements to and from the venue, and aware of any venue changes.

Every effort will be made at these Championships, to provide a fair area for all competitors and teams; however, where conditions are such that a fair competition area is not readily achieved without its relocation, the decision to relocate the area shall be made by the Australian Championships Competition Committee, in conjunction with the Championship Referee.

### VIDEO EQUIPMENT & PLAY BACK FACILITIES

Where available throughout The Aussies 2017, video equipment and play back facilities will continue to be used at some finish lines and judging areas for the boat, swim, craft and beach competition areas. The official television production (Splash Global) may also be used as official video footage for the purposes of judging.

## **WARM UP/TRAINING – WATER SAFETY**

To continue safety improvements in 2017, separate swim/craft warm up areas before competition commences each day will continue to apply. The following competition areas can be used specifically for either swim warm ups or craft warm ups from 7am each morning:

- Swim – Red area (R&R)
- Craft – Blue and White
- Swim – Orange
- Craft – Black and White
- Swim – Pink
- Craft – Green and Gold
- Swim and Craft – Southern warm up and ocean swim area except when ocean swim events are in progress.

**Note:** competitors are requested not to enter the water before 7am each morning and keep all areas clear so as to allow IRB crews ample time to reset and refine courses where required.

These areas will be identified with signage in each area and we ask that you brief your competitors prior to the Championships so that we continue to make the events as safe as possible. The success of this will rely on Team Managers briefing their athletes.

### **Lycras**

are to be worn by anyone swimming before or after competition for training/warm up purposes from Friday 24 March 2017 to Sunday 2 April 2017. Hi Visibility (pink, green, orange, yellow or red) vests must be worn in the water for training and warm up. All participants wanting to enter the water (e.g. Competitors, Team Managers, Coach's, Officials, etc.) are recommended to bring old lycras from previous competitions for this purpose as additional lycras will not be distributed.

**Competitors are asked to work with referees and officials if they wish to warm up/down between events and cannot get to specified areas.**

We ask that Team Managers and clubs communicate this information to touring members in the lead up to the championships so that we continue to improve the overall operation of the championships.

We also ask that you work with Area and Sectional referees to clarify any issues and/or be updated on any changes once the championships have commenced.

### **WATER EVENTS (Opens Championships)**

All events across all carnivals will be run under no break rule.

### **R&R COMPETITION**

The 6 Person and 5 Person Rescue and Resuscitation events will be conducted in accordance with conditions and procedures as set out in the current edition of the **Rescue and Resuscitation Competition Manual** (available online at [Members Portal](#) > Library > Sport > Manuals and Technical Rules > SLSA > Rescue and Resuscitation) in conjunction with the current edition SLSA Surf Sports Manual and any relevant bulletins. All R&R events will be conducted in the R&R area located at North Kirra Beach.

### **BOAT EVENTS (Opens Championships)**

Boat events will commence at 8.00am on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Boat Officials briefings will be at the Boat Recorders Centre at 7.00am each morning and the Sweeps briefings will be at the Boat Surf Life Saving Australia Club Mail – March 2017

Announcers Centre at 7.30am each morning. All Boat events will be conducted at Tugun Beach. All events will be run under no break rule.

#### **Lifesaver Relay – Timing of boat leg and commencement of other water legs**

Should the distance between the boat area and relevant water area be deemed too great for the remaining water legs to be started by the raising of a flag (as outlined in the current SLSA Surf Sport Manual) then the boat referee and open referee shall coordinate a fair commencement of the remaining water legs. This may include use of communication devices between areas and/or taking times from the boat leg and then using them for a 'handicap' start based on the times and positions recorded from the boat area. Referees will brief all teams on how this will be completed once marshalled.

#### **Unloading of Surf Boats**

The Boat storage area will be on Tugun Beach in the respective competition areas. Boats to be unloaded and scrutineered at Tugun Beach and trailers may be stored on the back of beach; an overflow area will be to the south and north of the competition areas on beach.

#### **Boat Scrutineering**

As per the Scrutineering Circular 51/16-17 and this circular all boats are required to be scrutineered for at least safety before they are permitted to be used in competition.

It is intended to conduct all boat competitions in the two boat areas. Clubs without boat trailers or towing vehicles should advise the boat scrutineers accordingly, in order that assistance in this regard can be arranged in the event of a change of venue due to adverse conditions.

#### **BOARD & SKI EVENTS (Youth, Opens & Masters Championships)**

For multi discipline events random draws will occur at Team Managers briefings. Draws for youth events will take place at Youth Team Manager Briefing while Masters and Opens draws will take place at Masters Team Manager Briefing. All events will be run under no break rule.

#### **Marshalling Area**

Boards and skis will be marshalled in a common marshalling/storage area at the rear of the competition area. Craft will then be called to a pre-race assembly area before proceeding to the starting line. At the completion of each race, all craft must be returned to the craft compound as soon as possible.

#### **Event Delays**

Events will not be delayed due to competitors not having their craft ready to compete or lack of equipment when marshalled.

#### **SURF BOARD/LONG BOARD RIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

##### **Competition Location**

The Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2017 – Board Riding competition is fully MOBILE with the daily contest location chosen subject to prevailing conditions. Daily contest location will be confirmed through an SMS to all team managers by 6.45am.

Burleigh Heads and Miami is the beach of first choice to conduct the event however will change based on most suitable surf conditions. All competitors need to be aware that they are responsible for their own travel arrangements to and from the venue.

## Board Riding Program of Events

The program of events will be as follows:

Date	Event
2:30pm, Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Board Riding Competitor Briefing &amp; day 1 marshalling –</b> VIP Marquee, North Kirra Beach – located at the end of the boardwalk
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March & Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Open/U19/U17/U15/U14 Short &amp; Long Board Riding</b>
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March & Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>All Masters – Short board &amp; Long board</b> (completion of any events from Monday & Tuesday – if required)
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>Board Riding Teams Challenge Event</b>

**Please be advised that a briefing & marshalling of all competitors for all board riding events will be held at 2:30pm, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March. All Team Managers must marshal in person.**

### Contact List

At the board riding briefing, all board riding Team Managers are to provide their mobile contact numbers. Once again, an SMS system will be used to notify the location of competition each day at 6.45am, after the early morning inspection has been made and the venue confirmed. This will eliminate the need for managers and competitors having to go to the Administration Centre to confirm the competition location. This SMS message will be sent to the Team Manager to pass onto your club's competitors.

Please be advised the venue (Burleigh Heads and Miami) and decisions on what is to be held on the day will be subject to conditions. Every endeavour will be made to provide the best conditions for the competition.

The event will be run in accordance with Surfing Australia rule book in conjunction with the SLSA competition manual. All judges will be Surfing Australia accredited judges.

It is important that only the competitors that will be competing marshal. This is requested to ensure accurate heats are drawn up, and to eliminate a number of "walkthroughs", which adds time to the running of events.

### Team Manager Meetings Times

Every endeavour will be made to brief team managers and meeting times will be notified. Meetings will be held and when necessary with the Board Riding Sectional Referee at 8.30am. Here, all relevant information will be distributed including heat draws, schedules, daily instructions, conditions brief etc.

### Heat Draws

Heat draws will be distributed each morning of the event at their daily morning Team Managers meeting. One heat draw copy will be given to each team. Updated heat draws will be kept throughout the day on the notice board at the Beach Marshal's tent.

### Event Running Schedule

The event running schedule will be released on a day by day basis and will be set according to prevailing surf conditions. The daily schedule will be provided to Team Management the day prior at the afternoon meeting and then confirmed via SMS message. The Administration Centre will also be available to be called after the SMS has been sent at 6.45am each day on the following number: **Admin Centre Phone: 07 5536 5598**

Official schedule will be posted throughout each day on the noticeboard at the Beach Marshal's tent. The running schedule is always subject to change at all times during the event. Surf conditions will be continuously monitored throughout the day. Please check noticeboard for possible changes. Beware of walkthroughs.

## **BEACH EVENTS**

### **March Past**

The Open, U23 & U17 March Past will be conducted at 8.00am on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017.

It is intended that a suitable band will provide the music for the competition. It is anticipated that the first call for Open, U23 and U17 March Past standard bearers to marshal on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April will be 7:15am. Marshalling will occur at the northern end of the beach area. Participating clubs must ensure that their standard bearer abides by this direction.

### **Beach Sprint Section**

A level track with running lanes will be prepared at the rear of the main areas at North Kirra, between the two grandstands. Competitors are assured that every attempt will be made to allow all positions on the beach to have equal conditions. All events will be run under no break rule.

### **Flag Areas**

The flag area will be located at North Kirra Beach between the two grandstands. All events will be run under no break rule.

## **LIFESAVING EVENTS**

All Lifesaving event competitors are required to complete the **Lifesaving Patient Form** (available online at [Members Portal](#) > Library > Sport > Surf Sports Form > SLSA > Lifesaving Events). Please hand in the completed form when marshalling for the event.

### **First Aid Competition: Event Venue**

The First Aid Competitions will be conducted at Bilinga Beach. Competing teams in these events are to report to Bilinga SLSC for their pre-event briefing at the following times:

- U15 First Aid – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7:30am
- U19 First Aid – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 at 7:30am
- U17 First Aid – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 at 7:30am
- Open First Aid – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March April 2017 at 7:30am

Competing teams will be required to provide their own first aid equipment for this event. First aid equipment is as per the current Surf Sports Manual and any amending Bulletins and Circulars.

Clubs will be required to provide their own oxygen cylinders for all Patrol Competition and Under 17's to Opens First Aid Competition. To avoid fees associated with carrying oxygen on flights clubs are able to fill empty canisters at the BOC outlet listed below:

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2486

### **Patrol Championship**

This event shall be conducted in accordance with the rules and conditions set out in **Section 3.5** of the current Surf Sports Manual (available online at [Members Portal](#) > Library > Sport > Manuals and Surf Life Saving Australia Club Mail – March 2017



Technical Rules > SLSA > Surf Sports Manual > Section 3.5) and any amending Bulletins.

Competing teams for this event will be required to report on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at **7:30am** at Bilinga SLSC. The venue for the conducting of the "Task and Events Section" of the Patrol Championships will be advised upon marshalling.

All lifesaving equipment as required will be provided at the venue.

**Team Members' dress shall consist of club costume, good quality red DHL patrol shorts/skirt, yellow DHL patrol t-shirt and club competition cap.**

#### **Champion Lifesaver**

The Open/U19/U17/U15/Masters Champion Lifesaver events will be conducted on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Competitors and patients in these events are to report at 7:30am at Bilinga SLSC for an 8.00am start.

## EVENT OPERATIONS

### ADMINISTRATION CENTRE

The main Championships Administration Centre will be located at North Kirra Beach, at the end of the main board walk. There will be a noticeboard at the administration centre with general information, event draws, timetables, shuttle services etc.

The administration centre will be open from **7:00am – 4:30pm**, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

**Admin Centre contact details: Phone: 07 5536 5598**

### PARKING

Restricted parking only available at all beaches. Competitors and officials are encouraged to use the public transport and shuttle options.

### SHUTTLE BUS

A free shuttle service will be running throughout the Championships to transport competitors and spectators from the various sites. These routes will cover main racing start times in the morning and finish times in the afternoon. Briefings on site will also be in the rostered shuttle schedule. The final bus schedule will be posted at latest on the SLSA website by Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of March - <https://sls.com.au/aussies/>

#### Routes:

Buses running on a loop between North Kirra SLSC and Tugan SLSC

Buses running on a loop between Tweed Heads & Coolangatta SLSC & North Kirra SLSC

Officials Dinner Shuttle - one way only - Nth Kirra SLSC to Tweed Heads & Coolangatta SLSC

### ACCESS TO GEAR AND EQUIPMENT COMPOUNDS

**CRAFT COMPOUND** – Provision has been made for Board/Ski trailer parking in the craft compound located along Musgrave Street on the grass area. Under no circumstances are vehicles or trucks permitted to park or be left unattended in these areas.

### ACCREDITATION PASSES – TEAM MANAGER AND ASSISTANT TEAM MANAGERS

**TEAM MANAGER PASSES** - Team Manager passes will be allocated to each club for the Youth, Masters and Open Championships. These will be distributed after each briefing and will be the responsibility of the club to ensure this gets passed on from Youth to Masters to Open Championships.

**ASSISTANT TEAM MANAGER PASSES** – Accreditations will be distributed as per the number of Team Managers completed the [Team Manager Declaration Form](#).

**Please ensure that the [Team Manager Declaration Form](#) has been completed to ensure you receive the appropriate number of Assistant Team Manager passes for your club.**

**Without the pass, Team Managers will not have access into the competition area.**

Accreditation passes must be worn at all times, to allow Team Managers and to access competition areas, make team changes and enter new competitors.

## **MEETINGS FOR OFFICIALS/COMPETITORS/TEAM MANAGERS**

**SPECIAL COMPETITION FORUMS/PANEL MEETINGS** - These meetings will promote full discussion on the competition procedures and other points of view that will be of assistance in the planning and conduct of the respective events within Surf Life Saving Australia.

## **KEY OPERATIONAL TIMINGS FOR THE AUSSIES 2017**

For the 2017 Australian Championships, all officials need to report to their Area Referees on the morning of competition **45 minutes before the scheduled time of the first event** in their respective areas.

**As part of the Australian Championships safety procedures, the safety and contingency plans will be communicated in detail. Therefore, the Officials briefing is mandatory and failure to do so may result in your appointment being terminated and or referred to the ACCC for further action.**

**Likewise, with Team Managers, as a condition of entry, the Team Managers briefing is mandatory and failure to attend may result in the Club's Entries being refused and or the Club to be referred to the ACCC for further action.**

## **SECURITY OF EQUIPMENT**

Reports of missing vehicles, craft and equipment and personal belongings, are not uncommon at major events and all club Team Managers and competitors are reminded of their responsibility towards the security of their own equipment at these Championships.

Whilst allocated areas for the storage of surf craft, reels, tubes, etc. and general security surveillance personnel will be provided, the security of this equipment remains strictly under the control of the clubs and competitors and no responsibility will be accepted by Surf Life Saving Australia.

## **CLUB TENTS**

Club tents shall only be erected in designated areas after **7.00am, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017**. Tent restricted zones are clearly marked on the site map.

**Tents found in position (erected or otherwise) before this time and/or in non-designated areas, will be removed from the area. Tents will then be made available for collection at the gear compound area after Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017.**

## **SPECTATOR VIEWING**

Club supporters and spectators will have excellent viewing of the competition areas from the rear of these areas where provision has been made for the erection of club tents.

## **ACCESS TO COMPETITION AREA**

Under no circumstances will unauthorised personnel be allowed into any competition area. The same instruction applies to competitors who loiter around the area after competing. Many people will have travelled quite some distance to witness this major event and the area always must project an area befitting an Australian Championships carnival. A dedicated squad under the control of the Championship Referee will ensure this direction will be adhered to. The cooperation of all competitors and visitors is sincerely sought in this regard. Failure to follow this instruction may result in judicial action. Coaches, club officials and supporters are not permitted in the competition area; however, they may accompany their competitors into the marshalling areas.

## **PEER SUPPORT/COUNSELLING**

The Peer Support Manager or nominee is responsible for the contact and provision of peer support and/or counselling support. Both peer support and counselling services will be available to competitors, SLSA members, officials, family members or any other person. Access to these services will be made available through the Administration Centre.

## **CHAPLAINCY AND ECUMENICAL SERVICE**

A Chaplaincy service is available throughout the Championships and a tent will be located on North Kirra Beach. An Ecumenical Service will be conducted at 7.00am on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at the main presentations stage.

## **CATERING, SOUVENIRS & PHOTOGRAPHS**

General catering will be provided by way of food stalls, and retail food outlets with a wide range of food items being available at retail prices. Retail food outlets will be located in the back of beach areas at North Kirra Beach, along with all merchandise, manufacturers displays and sponsor stalls. Due to limited supplies, officials and clubs are advised to make early purchases of souvenirs and clothing.

### **Photography**

No club/branch photographer passes will be issued for The Aussies – this is in line with SLSA's Photography Policy - Policy 6.21 (available online at [Members Portal](#) > Library > Governance > SLSA > **Policy 6.21** – refer to "*Section 3 – Photography at official SLSA events*").

SLSA has appointed an Official Host Photographer to cover The Aussies 2017 – Harvpix will be on site throughout the Championships, with photographs including presentations of trophies where possible will be made available on [www.harvpix.com](http://www.harvpix.com).

## **MODEL AIRCRAFT & UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES (UAVs)**

As mentioned on pg 21, use of Drones, Model Aircraft and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) for photo/video recordings within the controlled boundaries of the Championships is strictly prohibited due to serious safety implications.

## **MEDIA ENQUIRIES**

Only accredited media will be granted access to the competition area (in accordance with the above policy) and The Aussies 2017 Media Centre.

**All media enquiries should be directed to: Surf Life Saving Australia Media Team – 0425 202 600**

## **TELEVISION BROADCAST**

Television broadcast of the event will be aired on Foxtel following the event. Keep an eye on SLSA's [Facebook/Twitter](#) and your local guide for exact date and time. The Youth and Open Championships will be livestreamed. Check out all the action live at <https://sls.com.au/aussies/> or on Facebook Live.

## **THE AUSSIES FESTIVAL ZONE**

The Aussies 2017 Festival Zone is the place to experience the sponsor activations, competitions and giveaways, get your Aussies 2017 official merchandise and enjoy a selection of the race action live on the Big Screen.

