

The Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2018

Team Managers Memo

Welcome to The Australian Surf Life Saving Championships 2018 (The Aussies 2018) Team Managers Memo.

Please ensure to read all enclosed information carefully and contact the SLSA events team on events@slsa.asn.au for any further information. We look forward to seeing you in Perth from 14th April – 22nd April at The Aussies 2018.

RELOCATION OF BEACH SPRINT TRACK

After extensive consultation with leading beach athletes, coaches and local council it has been decided in the best interest of the event and to provide a fair and even beach track to all competitors the location of the Beach Sprint Track will now be Trigg Island Beach.

Trigg is approx. 1.8km north of Scarborough beach and has been the location for numerous state based beach events in the past.

SLSA will provide a shuttle bus service to Trigg from Scarborough for anyone who needs transportation to the Beach Sprint Track.

This change in location will mean the following events will now be held at Trigg Island Beach:

Youth Championships

- Beach Sprints – Saturday 14 April
- Beach Relays – Saturday 14 April

Masters Championships

- Beach Sprint Monday 16 April
- Beach Relays Monday 16 April

Open Championships

- Beach Sprints (Heats & Quarters) Thursday 19 April
- Beach Sprints (Semis and Finals) Friday 20 April
- Beach Relays Friday 20 April

Further details (including start times) can be found online at <https://sls.com.au/aussies/> under Event Timetable.

TIMETABLES

The 2018 Event Timetable has undertaken a significant review and sort feedback from a variety of event stakeholders. The consultation process took feedback from male and female elite and non-elite competitors, past athletes, present coaches and team managers, carnival officials and administrators.

Out of that feedback 5 broad themes emerged:

1. More block style racing - at least 2 or 3 rounds of an event especially in the early rounds over the first two days. This also includes blocking the Board Rescue event (like we already do for the belts) later in the program from heats all the way through to finals.
2. Less course changes - when you set a transition style course run as many events as possible around that style of course before you change it. i.e. Iron person, Board/ski/Taplin relays etc. The more we reduce course changes the more efficient the program.

3. Delay the bulk of the ski events including the single ski event till later in the week to allow for many of the older ski paddlers, who only specialise in these events, to reduce their travel time, accommodation costs and time off work.
4. A 'Teams events finals package' on one afternoon (early in the program) to create more atmosphere for the team's events finals.
5. Swim finals back to being held on Sunday and no Iron person semi-final on Sunday morning.

Due to the relocation of the beach track to Trigg and further feedback received from variety of event stakeholders.

The following minor amendments have been made to the timetable since the release in December 2017.

- Beach Sprints on Thursday 19 April will now start at 1pm. This earlier start will reduce the pressure on Officials and Athletes to run through the timetable of events and be able to conclude racing at a reasonable finish time.
- Beach Sprints on Friday 20 April will now start at 2pm. With Relays to commence at 4.15pm. This earlier start will reduce the pressure on Officials and Athletes to run through the timetable of events and be able to conclude racing at a reasonable finish time. Further it will allow all Officials to attend the Officials Function that evening.
- Belt Races to be scheduled on Friday 20 April morning (8am start) thus reducing the chances of sun glare, mixed with the Freemantle Doctor, in the afternoon. Making it far fairer for the competitors and easier to judge.
- Later start (11am) on Friday 20 April Lifesaver Relay and Iron events. Allowing further recovery time and reducing the chances of fatigue for many competitors, Officials IRB crews etc.
- Board Rescue to am Saturday 21 April from am Friday 20 April

The 2018 Timetable can be viewed online at [The Aussies 2018 Webpage](#).

IMPORTANT DATES/TIMES

Please see below a summary of important dates related to the Australian Youth, Masters and Opens Surf Life Saving Championships 2018.

Mar-18		
Mon, 19 Mar	7:00am AWST	Site Build Commences
Wed, 21 Mar	5:00pm AEDT	Normal Entries Close
	5:00pm AEDT	Limited Entries Entered (by States)
Fri, 23 Mar	5:00pm AEDT	Normal entry invoices sent to clubs
Apr-18		
Wed, 4 Apr	5.00pm AEDT	Online Late entries close
Fri, 6 Apr	5.00pm AEDT	Late entry invoices sent to clubs
Mon, 9 Apr	9:00am-5:00pm AWST	First day for container deliveries (ANY CONTAINER DELIVERED BEFORE THIS DATE WILL BE TURNED AWAY)
Thu, 12 Apr	5.00pm AEDT	Invoices due (All entry payments in full due)
Fri, 13 Apr	5:00am AWST	First day for club tents to be erected – All Beaches
	9:00am-3:00pm AWST	Scrutineering begins: Trailer Compound – Location southern grass area near Brighton Street next to the C-Breeze Café. Approx. 400m to the south of the Scarborough Amphitheatre. (Youth Competitors Only)

	2.00pm AWST	Powercraft personnel Briefing: Location VIP Marquee - North side of the Amphitheatre.
	3.00pm AWST	Youth and Ocean Swim Team Manager Briefing: Location VIP Marquee - North side of the Amphitheatre.
	4.30pm AWST	Youth and Ocean Swim Officials Briefing: Location VIP Marquee - North side of the Amphitheatre.
	5.00pm AWST	Last day for container delivers
Sat, 14 Apr	All Day	Competition Day 1: Youth Championships
	7:00am-3:00pm AWST	Scrutineering continues: Board & Ski Scrutineering will take place on the southern grass area near Brighton Street next to the C-Breeze Cafe (Approx. 400m to the south of the Scarborough Amphitheatre). Surf Boats will take place on the northern grass area near Reserve St (Approx. 400m to the north of the Scarborough Amphitheatre).
Sun, 15 Apr	All Day	Competition Day 2: Youth Championships
	7:00am-3:00pm AWST	Scrutineering continues: Board & Ski Scrutineering will take place on the southern grass area near Brighton Street next to the C-Breeze Cafe (Approx. 400m to the south of the Scarborough Amphitheatre). Surf Boats will take place on the northern grass area near Reserve St (Approx. 400m to the north of the Scarborough Amphitheatre).
	8:00am-12:00pm AWST	The AUSSIE Ocean Swim – Scarborough Beach
	2:30pm AWST	Board Riding Competitor briefing & day 1 board riding marshalling: Location VIP Marquee - North side of the Amphitheatre.
	4.30pm AWST	Masters & Opens Team Manager Briefing: Location VIP Marquee - North side of the Amphitheatre.
	6.30pm AWST	Masters & Opens Officials Briefing: Location VIP Marquee - North side of the Amphitheatre.
Mon, 16 Apr	All Day AWST	Competition Day 3: Masters Championships
	All Day	Scrutineering continues: Board & Ski Scrutineering will take place on the southern grass area near Brighton Street next to the C-Breeze Cafe (Approx. 400m to the south of the Scarborough Amphitheatre). Surf Boats will take place on the northern grass area near Reserve St (Approx. 400m to the north of the Scarborough Amphitheatre).
Tue, 17 Apr	All Day	Competition Day 4: Masters Championships
	All Day	Scrutineering continues: Board & Ski Scrutineering will take place on the southern grass area near Brighton Street next to the C-Breeze Cafe (Approx. 400m to the south of the Scarborough Amphitheatre). Surf Boats will take place on the northern grass area near Reserve St (Approx. 400m to the north of the Scarborough Amphitheatre).
	4.30pm AWST	Open Team Manager Briefing: Location VIP Marquee - North side of the Amphitheatre.
	6.00pm AWST	Open Officials Briefing: Location VIP Marquee - North side of the Amphitheatre.

Wed, 18 Apr	All Day	Competition Day 5: Open Championships
Thurs, 19 Apr	All Day	Competition Day 6: Open Championships
Fri, 20 Apr	Half Day	Competition Day 7: Open Championships
Sat, 21 Apr	All Day	Competition Day 8: Open Championships
Sun, 22 Apr	All Day	Competition Day 9: Open Championships
Mon, 23 Apr	9:00am-5:00pm AWST	First day for container pickup
Wed, 25 Apr	9:00am-5:00pm AWST	Final day for container pickup
Fri, 27 Apr	5:00pm AWST	Bump Out Complete

All above dates and times are subject to change

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

CONTINGENCY LOCATIONS

For Aussies 2018 the SLSA Events Team and Aussies Organising Committee have focused a considerable amount of time researching and inspecting suitable contingency locations in the event that the Aussies should be relocated.

We have widely consulted with local authorities and key event stakeholders and have determined the following possible contingency options:

Option 1 – Reschedule Program

This is the preferred option in most instances once the Championships are underway and allows the responsible Committee to change the program to suit the available resources or environmental conditions that may be experienced during competition. This may require rescheduling of one or all of the competition arenas, including changes to courses, starts and finishes. The program allows for flexibility of rescheduling.

Rationalisation of the program may require deletion of events with priority given in the following order;

Youth Championship Events

Given the limited time frame for the conduct of the Youth Championships once underway priority will be given to concluding any events that have commenced and then to the conduct of events that can be completed in the allotted time. The carnival committee will however have total discretion in what events are conducted.

Masters Championship Events

The carnival committee will however have total discretion in what events are conducted should there be a need to rationalise the events conducted. The age and number of competitors in each event will be a consideration the priority given to which events may or may not be included in a reduced program for the Masters Championships although once underway priority will be given to concluding any events that have commenced and then to the conduct of events that can be completed in the allotted time.

Open Championship Events

In the case of a contingency, open events will be given priority over age events then decreasing in age

Priority	Event	Rationale
A	Surf Race Board Race Ski Race Ironperson	Core individual events High media interest Allows competitors from smaller clubs without teams to compete

	Beach Sprint Taplin Relay Surf Boats Beach Relay Patrol Team	Generally easy to marshal and simple to run Premier Teams' event. Showcases the strength of a club across a broad range of disciplines
B(1)	Board Relay Ski Relay Surf Teams	Core Teams events
B(2)	Double Ski Mixed Double	Core Team events Craft that can result in heightened risk management issues in larger surf conditions.
C	Board Rescue Rescue Tube Rescue Belt Races Champion Lifesaver Beach Flags	All Rescue style of events Length of time to complete events from heats through to finals is large. Achieving a fair course, at times, can be difficult i.e. 50m off bank is required Setting the course, at times, at a distance longer than the SSM is required.
D	Restricted Surf Race Lifesaver Relay 2Km Swim	Low competitor numbers Both events could be regarded as a duplication (i.e. similar in nature) of the Open Surf Race and Taplin Relay.

Where events are relocated to alternative sites then the program must be amended to ensure the safe completion of the competition.

The Championship Referee has autonomy to make minor changes to the program but must advise the Chairman of the ACCC at the earliest opportunity.

Option 2 – Use of an Alternative Competition Arena at Scarborough Beach

The responsible Committee may see fit to change the competition arenas allocated to the various Age Groups or Events. The Committees may consider these options in conjunction with Option 1 or independently due to hazardous conditions requiring a safer location for less experienced competitors.

Option 3 – Move to Carnival Arenas North or South along the beach

This option is for the movement of the competition arenas north or south along Scarborough Beach. This option may be considered due to environmental issues being identified, e.g. lack of beach. This option may require the movement of one arena or all of the arenas.

Option 4 – Partial Relocation away from Scarborough Beach

This option allows the majority of the Championships support infrastructure, TV, sponsors' signage and other Championships infrastructure to remain at Scarborough Beach. Such items are not considered essential to the conduct of the competition. Following a risk assessment, if conditions are deemed unsafe for particular events, those events will then be relocated to an alternative venue where conditions are more suitable. **Primary and secondary alternative locations may be considered for this option where appropriate.**

Option 5 – Complete Relocation of Championships

Complete relocation of the Championships including sponsors' signage and TV, etc. The entire carnival infrastructure will be duplicated, where practical, at the alternate site except for the TV commentary stand. Primary and secondary contingency sites have been identified as follows:

Primary Alternatives

These locations have been identified as suitable for relocation of all or a large component of the Championships. This does not preclude individual events being relocated to these sites if appropriate. Infrastructure will be installed at these sites prior to the commencement of the Championships and comprehensive plans developed to facilitate any move.

Outlines of the site plans for this location are Annexed to this document and include the overall layout, location of different events, key administrative areas, traffic routes into respective competition areas, emergency services (including entry/exit points for ambulance and helicopter pads) and car parking.

There are no locations approved for complete relocation of any of the 2018 Championships

Secondary Alternatives

These locations have been identified as suitable for only partial relocations and for use by individual aspects of the Championships if required. 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.

Surf Location –

- Trigg Island
 - Beach
 - Boats (One Area only available)
- Leighton Beach
 - All events can be conducted at this venue

Protected Water Locations –

- Coogee Beach

SLSA have also investigated other beaches along the WA coast line as potential contingency venues and have ruled them out due to unavailability, not suitable for Aussies, unable to gain permission from local authorities to hold our event, distance, etc.

SITE MAP



CIRCULARS

Please check all circulars on [The Aussies 2018 Webpage](#). Or [Member's Portal](#) > Library > Sport > Events > SLSA > Australian Championships > 2017-18. All Team Managers must read and understand these circulars.

- Entry Circular
- Powercraft Circular
- Board Riding Circular
- Official Nomination Circular
- Official Appointments Circular
- Scrutineering Circular
- Event Volunteer Circular
- Gear & Equipment Subsidy Circular

TEAM MANAGERS DETAILS – ONLINE FORM

To keep up to date with all key Team Manager information at The Aussies 2018 both in the lead up to and during the event, please ensure that your club's Team Manager have filled in the [Team Manager Declaration & Lycra Form](#).

This includes Team Manager and Assistant Team Manager contact information and is the only way to order lycras for Aussies 2018. **Please note: We will be supplying yellow lycras for this year's Aussies so please make sure you complete you club's order. Only yellow lycras can be worn in competition.** Competitors can still warm up in pink or other hi-vis lycras if they choose to.

Please note: Rash vests are pre-ordered and there may be some athletes who may not get the size they requested due to lack of stock. We apologise in advance for this inconvenience.

TEAM APP

The 2018 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships will be using the 'Team App' smart phone application to send out updates and notifications to competitors. Please see the below instructions to understand what 'Team App' is and how to use it. It may also be helpful to visit the website for further clarification at <https://www.teamapp.com/faqs>.

How do I use the Team App?

Download 'Team App' from your App Store or Google Play. Once you have downloaded the app and created a user login, search for '**Official Aussies 2018**' in the search bar at the top of the screen and click on the event to join and follow the Team Manager feed. You will from here you will be able to access news feeds, event timings and where to find all the latest and up to date information on the event. By joining the event and turning on your mobile app notifications, you will receive an immediate text and email update as they are posted, ensuring you never miss any important information!



'Team App' is applicable for all Apple iPhones, iPads and iPods, plus most Android mobile devices.

****Please note it is imperative that you sign up for this application to receive important race information. Whilst Facebook and other channels will post periodic updates, the 'Team App' will be the main point of communication between the events team and competitors. This will be replacing the SMS text messaging service used previously at Surf Life Saving Australia events.****

RESULTS

Please note the following websites have been set up by SLSA regarding all event results:

Option 1: <https://aussies2018results.sls.com.au>

All Aussies 2018 Youth, Masters & Open results will be accessible via the provided link and will come direct from the carnival manager entry system. Note, there are no historical results on this site which enables faster response time on searching.

Option 2: <http://results.sls.com.au>

All 2018 and historical results will be accessible via the provided link.

POWERCRAFT COMMITMENTS

Please ensure that your club is up-to-date with the powercraft requirements for 2018. This includes powercraft shifts and provision of craft. Powercraft operators' details must be filled in on the [Powercraft Operator Details Webform](#) by Monday 23rd March 2018.

Please ensure you have submitted your contact details to events@slsa.asn.au for your online roster access on www.deputy.com.au. Please review the Powercraft Circular the [Aussies Webpage](#).

GEAR & EQUIPMENT

The Craft Trailer compound located on the southern grass area near Brighton Street next to the C-Breeze Cafe (Approx. 400m to the south of the Scarborough Amphitheatre) and the Boat Trailer compound located on the northern grass area near Reserve St (Approx. 400m to the north of the Scarborough Amphitheatre). Will be open for use from 9:00am, Monday 9 April 2018. If any clubs drop off trailers before this date they will be towed away.

CLUB TENTS

Club tents can be erected from 5:00am, Friday 13th April 2018 **ONLY** in the areas marked "Club Tent Area". If there are any tents placed not in these areas or erected in these areas before this time they will be removed and stored in the Gear & Equipment Compound.

SCRUTINEERING CIRCULAR

Please check the Scrutineering Circular on the [Aussies Webpage](#) or [Member's Portal](#) for all information about scrutineering at Aussies. Craft and Boat scrutineering will begin from Friday 13th April.

At Aussies 2018 there will be no compulsory scrutineering of Boards, Skis, Reels, Lines, Belts, Swim Fins and Rescue Tubes required if Surf Boards and Surf Skis carry manufacturer compliance decals. There will be no compulsory scrutineering required of short and long boards used in the Board Riding events.

Voluntary scrutineering checks of Boards, Skis, Reels, Lines, Belts, Swim Fins and Rescue Tubes will be available prior to competition.

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

In addition to the above, 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) at any time before during or immediately after competition. i.e. SLSA reserves the right to carry out random scrutineering checks throughout the championships.

Please read the Scrutineering Circular for full details.

BRIEFINGS

- Youth and Ocean Swim Team Manager Briefing – will be held on Friday 13th 4.30pm AWST
- Masters and Opens Team Manager Briefing – will be held on Sunday 15th 4.30pm AWST
- Opens Team Manager Briefing – will be held on Tuesday 17th April 4.30pm AWST

All Team Manager’s must attend at least **ONE** of the Team Manager briefings.

LYCRA & ACCREDITATION PICK UP

- Clubs with Youth competitors: Your club’s youth competitor lycra and accreditation will be provided to your club representative directly after the 1st Team Manager briefing on Friday 13 April. Lycras will not be available for pickup at any time before the briefing.
- Clubs with Masters Competitors **ONLY**: Your club’s competitor lycra and accreditation will be provided to your club representative directly after the 2nd Team Managers briefing on Sunday 15 April. This allocation will not be available at any time before this briefing.
- Clubs with Opens competitors **ONLY**: Your club’s competitor lycra and accreditation allocation will be available directly after the 3rd Team Managers briefing on Tuesday 17 April. This allocation will not be available at any time before this briefing.
- If your club has a combination of Youth, Masters and Opens competitors, your allocation of lycras will be available from the earliest briefing correlating to that competition.

SHIPPING CONTAINERS

Clubs transporting containers to Scarborough SLSC, **MUST** contact the SLSA venue manager (kbird@slsa.asn.au) and provide the following information:

Club	Container size & quantity	Container arrival date	Container pickup date	Container Organisers Name	Container Organisers Phone No	Container Organiser Email	Transporting company (e.g.: Toll) & Container ID #

In booking container transport to Scarborough Beach, please first email kbird@slsa.asn.au to ensure correct delivery instructions and FAQs are provided.

Please ensure you provide the transport company with the following details for when it arrives at Scarborough:

- Contact: Ken Bird
- Organisation: Surf Life Saving Australia
- Email: kbird@slsa.asn.au
- Mobile: **0478 746 563**.

The address is public car park off Reserve St Scarborough, the directions are from Freemantle travel north on West Coast Highway and turn left into Reserve St and right into the car park.

Please note: If contact is not made and confirmed with SLSA, then a container will not be accepted onto site. We are expecting a large increase in the number of containers on site at Aussies 2018, so it is extremely important that the above information is followed, so SLSA can manage the delivery and access to containers successfully.

BUS SHUTTLE SERVICE

This year an off-site parking area will be set up at Abbett Park in Scarborough. A free shuttle bus service will also operate from this location daily for the duration of the Championships, commencing at 7am and finishing at about 5.30pm, depending on demand and the days finish time. It is anticipated the buses will run every 15 minutes or so. This shuttle service will only run throughout event areas, it will not run throughout the City of Perth.



ACCOMMODATION

Stay Oz Accommodation Management are an Event Supporter for The Aussies 2018. Stay Oz are the industry leaders in sporting group accommodation and will personally work closely with clubs to source the best possible accommodation packages for the event.

You can contact Stay Oz directly at lifesaving@stayoz.com.au and they will help sort out all your accommodation needs. This is a free service for all participants seeking accommodation around Scarborough for the Aussies 2018 and we encourage everyone to utilise and support it.

Stay Oz are experts in Sporting Group Accommodation and use this expertise to deliver a hassle-free service at no cost to you. Negotiate the best possible Prices and Terms to minimise financial risk to participants.

They have dedicated staff waiting to help you now and on the ground at the Event when you arrive. They will be with you from Start to Finish.

Stay Oz services are 100% free and are ready to help with your group accommodation requirements now.

Stay Oz focus on your accommodation so you can focus on Winning!

Email: lifesaving@stayoz.com.au

Phone: 07 5593 7604 (during Business Hours AEST - UTC +10hours)

INCIDENT PROCEDURES

Surf Life Saving Australia has a range of incident protocols in place for The Aussies 2018 including designated search and response teams. In the event of a shallow water search, event organisers may seek further assistance from some competitors who hold a Surf Rescue Certificate or Bronze Medallion.

DRONES ON SITE

Please ensure that all competitors and travelling family members are aware that no unauthorised drones are permitted at the 2018 Aussie Championships, including all respective arenas and surrounding locations.

Further information about event safety protocol and procedures will be available in the Final Carnival Circular, to be released and also at the Team Managers' Briefing.

ALCOHOL FREE ZONE

In 2018, The Aussies will be a dry event. The entire event footprint, including Scarborough Beach plus their surrounding back of beach areas including all container and gear storage areas are alcohol free zones. The only exceptions to this are licensed premises.

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

POST EVENT CELEBRATIONS

All teams are reminded that during and following The Aussies, Perth Police will be monitoring the behaviour of all members of the Surf Life Saving movement. Please bear this in mind for all event and post event celebrations.

TEAM MANAGER CHECKLIST

As the team manager have you:

- [Team Managers Online Webform](#) – have you filled this in with your details, your club's Assistant Team Manager details, your club's lycra sizes (combined total of masters & opens)?
- [Powercraft Operator Detail Webform](#) – have you or your club filled this in with your nominated operator details? Have you or your club signed up and logged in to "Deputy" the new Powercraft rostering program?
- Shipping containers – is your club sending a shipping container to the Scarborough Beach? If so, fill in the above table and send through to kbird@slsa.asn.au as soon as possible.
- Aussies Team App – Have you and all those from your club attending Aussies signed up to the Aussies Team App? This is the central point of communications for the event, so important to stay up to date about all things Aussies
- SLSA Facebook and Aussies Event Page – Have you and all those from you club liked the SLSA Facebook page and selected going to the Aussies Event Facebook Page?

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the SLSA Events team on events@slsa.asn.au or 02 9215 8000.