



Beach Safety Warnings Policy

Ocean Based Hazards

The purpose of this policy is to provide an overview and flow of the approach that the Coogee Beach Surf Life Saving Club will take to review warnings, evaluate impacts, implement controls and communicate actions on Beach Safety Warnings issued by State and Local Authorities for Ocean Based Hazards.

The Ocean based Hazards may be, but not limited to the following;

- Shark Warnings
- Extreme Weather
- Environmental Catastrophes

The Director of Life Saving presumes control of investigating and managing the clubs actions in regards to the Beach Safety Warnings. The Director of Lifesaving will consult with the Director – Surf Sports and the Director – Member Development or their delegates to initiate and complete the following items.

- 1) Director Lifesaving Receives Warning Notification from Authorities and Presumes control of investigation
- 2) Director Lifesaving Consults Director of Surf Sports and Member Development or delegates
- 3) Discussion facilitated on the type and level of warning issued
- 4) Club Activities within the warning period identified
- 5) Club Activities that are impacted are evaluated for risk exposure to the warning type, this includes but is not limited to
 - a. Severity of the warning
 - b. Consequence if exposed to the hazard
 - c. The likelihood of exposure happening
 - d. Proximity of the hazard to the clubs activities
- 6) Control measures and actions developed to mitigate risk of the warning, this may include but not be limited to the following for water based activities;
 - a. Suspending Club Activities
 - b. Cancelling Club Activities
 - c. Changing Location of Club Activities
 - d. Closure of Coogee Beach
- 7) Control measures and actions are communicated to affected members via the Clubs website and Social Media Avenues (Facebook/Twitter etc.) by the Director Lifesaving
- 8) Director of Lifesaving to review warning status when updates are provided by the authorities
- 9) Director of Lifesaving to initiate re-evaluation of warning impacts as per step 2 in this flow path.
- 10) Director of Lifesaving to communicate the cancellation of the warning as per the methods identified in step 6 and 7 of this flow path

Below is a list of the Authorities that may issue a warning and require the Director of Life saving to initiate the implementation of this policies content:

- State Government departments (Fisheries, Police, Environmental Protection, Health)
- State Emergency Services (SES, Fire, Ambulance, Police, HAZMAT)
- City of Cockburn (Ranger Services, Community Services, Health, Environmental, Emergency management)
- Surf Life Saving Western Australia