

## Media Release - Statement from Shellharbour SLSC re Bella Portofino Shellharbour

Following enquiries regarding the current status of the Bella Portofino Function Centre operating out of Shellharbour Surf Life Saving Club, the club provides the following statement.

Shellharbour Surf Life Saving Club has had an agreement with Yuzu Catering Pty Ltd (trading as Bella Portofino Shellharbour) to operate a function centre in our club function area since January 2013. The initial term of this agreement expired on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2015, from which time the agreement has continued on a month to month basis, pending the issuing of a new Expression of Interest for future operations.

The club recently issued Expressions of Interest to various potential operators, including Portofino, to submit proposals for the operation of the function centre. In the meantime, Portofino has continued to operate the function centre.

Should Portofino cease to operate the function centre for any reason in the interim, the Shellharbour Surf Life Saving Club has committed to do whatever it can to provide access to the function centre for any weddings/functions that may have been booked on a bare hire basis, with the party arranging suitable alternate caterers. Should a new operator take over the operations of the function centre, the Surf Club will endeavour to introduce anyone impacted by any cessation of Portofino to the new operator.

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