



2024/25 FREE Membership Information Sheet for Patrolling Members Only

Fancy a FREE surf club membership ??

Lifesaving (patrols) is at the core of our existence as a surf club
SLSNSW are providing funding to all clubs to assist in providing membership subsidies **to patrolling members that ensures our role as operational lifesavers** for season 2024/2025.

To that end, Shellharbour Surf Club is pleased to offer a 100% subsidised (FREE) membership to any member that has their name against a regular Saturday/Sunday weekend Rostered Patrol.

As the funding is limited, so to is the offer. The offer will be terminated once the funding has been fully allocated.

What is expected of me ?

You MUST have your name against a Rostered Patrol.

You WILL

1. Aspire to attend 100% patrols.

We get it, life is busy, and it doesn't always work out. Infact only 30% of patrolling members achieve this objective. Still, you sign up to do patrols, you make every effort to do what you can, including trying to get a swap when you can't be there. Every member's patrolling hours are valuable and are all appreciated.

For the purposes of this subsidy offer only ... would you be able to commit to at least 50% of your rostered patrols (approx 25 hrs over the course of the season) ?

2. Embody our Patrol Requirements. Viewable at https://shellharboursurfclub.com/Patrol_Rosters.php
The most important one of all is communication with your Patrol Captain.

I know I cannot meet those expectations ?

Don't apply for the free membership then.

Pay your regular membership fees instead.

Do not take the offer unless your commitment is genuine.

You are only denying someone else the opportunity.

What if I take the free membership, but don't meet those expectations ?

There will be no penalty sometimes circumstances are out of our control.

But do not take this offer unless your commitment is genuine.

If at some point you feel guilty that you couldn't give your time as planned, maybe come back to us and make a donation.

Does Water Safety count ?

You are providing an amazing service for our Nippers worthy of recognition and support; however, you are not a rostered patrolling member, and the funding is specifically for ensuring our patrolling operational capability, so unfortunately, no, we cannot extend the subsidy to someone solely doing Water Safety. But consider putting your name to a Rostered Patrol, and it's a big welcoming Yes !!

I would like to do Patrols, but I'm not qualified ?

There will be an SRC/Bronze course at the start of the season.

Pay for a regular membership as normal. Upon successful completion of the SRC/Bronze course and allocation to a Rostered Patrol, you may request a reimbursement of your membership fees.

I would like to do Patrols, but I'm not a good enough swimmer / not fit enough ?

Maybe you're not cut-out for SRC/Bronze. Patrols also need more UAV (Drone) and Radio Operators. If that interests you, put your name forward for more information.

I've heard Surf Club XYZ is doing it differently ? Why aren't you doing what they're doing ?

Individual clubs may allocate the funding as necessary. We have decided to use it for the expressed purpose that it is being provided, fundamentally ***to patrolling members that ensures our role as operational lifesavers***

ie our ability to put patrols on the beach every weekend

Every season it gets harder and harder to do. Put simply, we NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS to do patrols !!

I do a Family Membership, can I get a discount ?

Yes, for every Patrolling member in the family group, you will be granted a \$45 discount off the Family Membership fee.

This is not automatic. You may need to communicate with the Registrar first prior to payment.

How do I claim it ?

When renewing your membership, you will see the renewal option 'FREE for Patrols'

✓ \$55.00 - Active (18yrs and over) - Active Renewal Fee

\$0.00 - Active (18yrs and over) - FREE for Patrols

Using this option, your registration will only be accepted once we can confirm your place on a Rostered Patrol Team.

I am not currently on a Patrol. How do I get on a Patrol ?

Starts with a conversation. Send an email to registrations@shellharboursurfclub.com

Further questions ?

All questions and enquiries may be put to registrations@shellharboursurfclub.com

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