

SLSQ Procedure

Subject: Low Patronage Patrol	Department: Lifesaving
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Purpose

A Low Patronage Patrol covers designated patrol areas for a Life Saving Club, as specified in the club's agreed Patrol Service Agreements. The patrol aims to meet minimum requirements for personnel and equipment outlined in the Patrol Operations Manual.

Scope

Composition of Low Patronage Patrol:

- A Low Patronage Patrol shall consist of at least two core members who are financially current and proficient in the following minimum qualifications:
- 2 x Bronze Medallion qualified members or One Gold Medallion Holder (one member must be over 18 years old).
- First Aid
- One IRBD and one IRBC or RWC Operator (with relevant operational craft).

Desirable Qualifications:

- Silver Medallion Beach Management or Silver Medallion Patrol Captain.
- Advanced Resuscitation Techniques
- Side by Side Operator Certificate.
 - o (Note: Desirable qualifications may be collectively held by the 2 x Bronze Medallion holders/1 x Gold Medallion Holder).

Definitions

SOCC: State Operations Communication Centre (SOCC) **DOLS:** Director of Lifesaving

SLO: State Lifesaving Officer **SLSQ:** Surf Life Saving Queensland

LSM: Lifesaving Services Manager **PSC:** Patrol Service Contracts

Weather Brief: A Document sent out by the SOCC at 10am each Thursday prior to the weekend outline the conditions and what is happening that weekend.

Low Patronage Patrol: A patrol that has reduced members than what is outlined in a club patrol service contract.

Procedure

1. Club receives weekend weather brief from the SOCC.
2. Club uses all relevant information to form a decision is the beach could have low patronage on a certain day of their volunteer patrol service factoring in the below criteria.

Criteria for Low Patronage Patrol:

Notification must meet one of the following criteria:

- No factors leading to increased population (e.g., school holidays, public holiday, long weekend, major events, summer).
 - Beaches closed during widespread severe weather or times of natural disasters (per policy LS09).
 - Extreme Tides 2hrs each side of the change only
 - Critical Marine Stinger Risk, North of Bustard heads only.
 - Pollution (Oil, Debris, water quality, etc)
 - No changes to beach conditions that increase the site's normal risk profile.
3. If the club is satisfied that they meet the above criteria the club must complete the relevant Branches Low Patronage Patrol Notification Form (listed below). This must be submitted strictly by 11.59pm on the Thursday before the weekend patrol or two business days before a public holiday.
 4. Once submitted the notification form will be reviewed by the Branch DOLS and relevant Lifesaving Coordinator or Regional Manager, with final approval being given by the SLO and Lifesaving Services Manager by 10am Friday.
 5. Club will receive notification of approval or denial by 10am the Friday before patrols are to commence. If successful, the club must adhere to the composition of the low patronage patrol as outlined in the scope. If unsuccessful, or no response is received from SLSQ, a standard Full Patrol will apply as per the club's patrol service contract.

Notes:

1. Strict adherence to deadlines and procedures is essential to ensure timely notification of reduced patrolling levels.
2. All references to qualifications, criteria, and deadlines are subject to periodic review and updates as necessary.
3. No junior activities are to be run while a Low Patronage Patrol has been approved and in place.

Nomination Form Links

[PDB LOW PATRONAGE PATROL NOMINATION LINK](#)

[SCB LOW PATRONAGE PATROL NOMINATION LINK](#)

[SSCB LOW PATRONAGE PATROL NOMINATION LINK](#)

[WBC LOW PATRONAGE PATROL NOMINATION LINK](#)

[NBB LOW PATRONAGE PATROL NOMINATION LINK](#)

[NQB LOW PATRONAGE PATROL NOMINATION LINK](#)

Flowchart

