

INFORMATION GIVEN TO TMs ON WEDNESDAY 21st OF OCTOBER

This is an information bulletin on behalf of the Carnival Committee for the upcoming Rainbow Beach Carnival this weekend. Team Managers (TM) if I could please ask for this to be circulated to your members attending over the weekend. In particular any Assist Team Managers, Officials, Coaches, Age Managers and water safety personnel attending the carnival.

WEATHER UPDATE:
With the current forecast (as of 8pm tonight), **this carnival will be going ahead – YAY!** In the *highly unlikely* event that there are any major updates in regards to weather from this point onwards, TMs will be emailed and rung by the SLSQ team to ensure no one is missed.

The current forecast for Saturday is looking like a cloudy day with a high chance of showers (2–20mm) and the possibility of an afternoon storm. Winds are forecast to be NE at 15–20km/h in the morning, with surf conditions sitting around 1–2ft, a +4kt NNE current and 9kt onshore gusts.

There is also rain forecast for Rainbow tomorrow, which is expected to ease by Friday. **We ask all members to please check road conditions before travelling on the weekend**, particularly the road into Rainbow Beach from the highway, just in case of any flash flooding.

Now, noting that it's likely (*we are still trying to bribe the weather gods*) to be a little cold and wet this year, we ask all clubs to please keep the following in mind:

- **Secure your tents properly!** Please make sure you have enough equipment to safely secure all tents. The last thing we want is tents taking flight across the beach and putting our competitors, spectators and the huge number of supporters at risk.
- **Support your nippers, don't force them.** Rainbow is an awesome start-of-season carnival and we want everyone to enjoy it! With **856 competitors** on the beach, it's important that every child feels safe, supported and comfortable enough to say *"not today"* if they aren't feeling up to competing. A little rain shouldn't take away from the fun, but we need to make sure our kids come first.
- **Pack the warm gear!** Please make sure all kids (and adults!) have jumpers and rain jackets to keep them warm and comfortable between races if the weather turns.

We're looking forward to a great weekend at Rainbow, and as always, the safety and wellbeing of our members comes first. Let's hope those weather gods come through for us!

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON:
We know a number of clubs are planning to run training sessions at Rainbow on Friday, so we just wanted to clarify a few things ahead of the weekend. Any Friday training is being conducted at your own Club's risk and is not associated with the carnival in any way.

Please ensure all the usual safety requirements are in place before entering the water, including:

- SRRs completed prior to entering the water.
- All water safety ratios are met, with water safety personnel in the correct uniform (shorts, rashie and Noddy cap) and equipped with either tubes or boards.
- All Nippers are wearing their high-vis vests and Noddy caps as per normal requirements.
- Coaches are mindful of space and craft movements to avoid any clashes with other clubs training.

And to our SSC Coaches please note our carnival set-up crew will also be out in IRBs laying cans for all four arenas, so please be mindful of their movements and give them plenty of space to get everything ready for Saturday.

A Few Extra Hands Would Be Amazing! If you have any parents around Rainbow on Friday between **3pm and 5pm** who are available to lend a hand, the Rainbow crew would absolutely love some extra support with putting up the arena bunting and setting up any additional tents. This is by far our biggest carnival on the calendar, and it genuinely takes a village to get it all up and running! Any extra hands would make a massive difference and would be hugely appreciated.

Some extra Friday reminders:

- **Please look after the bunting!** We know it's tempting to duck underneath or climb over it, but PLEASE DON'T CLIMB OVER THE BUNTING! It doesn't take much for it to sag or come loose, which means extra work for the set-up crew before the carnival even begins. Please use the designated entry points instead.
- **Stay off the dunes – including craft!** The dunes are home to all sorts of wildlife, including snakes, so all members and craft must stay off the dunes at all times. Please respect these areas and keep everyone safe.

OFFICIALS & WATER SAFETY
There will be QR code sign On's for your hours this year across all our carnivals for the season, please ensure you have signed on and off. No sign in = No hours. The team will have extra Officials shirts available for purchase should anyone need a new shirt - members are just asked to email Kym (ssbranch@lifesaving.com.au) beforehand so we can ensure we have the correct sizes available. WS if you have a wetty top it might be worth bringing it up just in case!

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PHOTOGRAPHERS:
Please note that the Branch will have some yellow high vis vests available for club photographers (if club's don't already have one) to ensure they are easily identifiable on the beach. With this many young members on the beach, ensuring our amazing photographers are identifiable from a child safety lense is a priority for our team. ALL photographers must also ensure that they have their physical pass with them! If it has been approved and is still awaiting the physical copy, members need to be able to provide the approval email from SLSQ. As always, no pass = no photos.

If there are any concerns or questions in regards to this please reach out to myself (Jess SLSQ - 0448 674 224) or the Kym in the Regional Office (07 5414 1600 or ssbranch@lifesaving.com.au directly so we can arrange support from our incredible volunteer carnival committee!

We look forward to another unreal event up at Rainbow and can't wait to see you all there!

Kindest Regards,
Jess on behalf of

Kerryl & Tara **Ross & Curly**
Carnival Referees Carnival IRB & Safety Officers
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