

Subject	Request for All Club Lifesaving and Operations Support Patrols to Wear Black Armbands in Tribute – Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th February
Information	<p>Dear Surf Life Saving Queensland Clubs and Club Captains,</p> <p>You are no doubt already aware of the tragic loss of a young Bribie Island SLSC member, who passed away on Monday 3rd February, following a shark attack during her afternoon swim.</p> <p>In tribute and solidarity, we respectfully request that all patrol members across Queensland consider wearing black armbands during their patrols on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th February.</p> <p>You are also invited to ask your patrol members to observe a minutes silence (announced over the Public Address system) on the change of patrols on both of these days.</p> <p>Additionally, Clubs are welcome to lower their Club flags to half-mast as a further mark of respect if they wish to do so.</p> <p>This devastating event has deeply affected the local Bribie community, and our entire Surf Life Saving Queensland family. As we come together in this time of sorrow, we believe the act of wearing black armbands will serve as a visible and meaningful symbol of respect, remembrance, and solidarity with her family, friends, and all those who are grieving. By honouring her memory in this way, we also affirm our shared values and commitment to the safety and well-being of the community and our fellow lifesavers.</p> <p>Yours in lifesaving, Gerard O'Brien President Surf Life Saving Queensland Simon Richards State Lifesaving Officer Surf Life Saving Queensland</p>