



STATE OPERATIONS CENTRE SMEAC BRIEF

ITEM: **Dangerous Surf Advisory: General Warning**

Effective: Thursday 12th January, 2012

Location: Hunter – Far South Coast

Advisory Target: SLS State & Branch Duty Officers, SLS Club Callout Teams
Lifeguard Service Supervisors
NSW Police Force
Ambulance Service of NSW
Helicopter Rescue Services

Issued By: SLSNSW State Operations Centre
Emergency Number: 13SURF (24/7), Non-Emergency: (02) 94718092 (business hours)
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<p>SITUATION</p>	<p>As at 1230hrs 11/01/12:</p> <p>A dangerous surf warning has been issued by the BOM effective on Thursday 12 January. A low pressure system developing in the Bass Strait will create a large southerly swell that will push up the NSW coastline.</p> <p>This swell is forecast to peak on Thursday afternoon with moderate waves continuing into Friday for the North Coast.</p> <p>The swell may reach upwards of 3 metres, with a period of 10 - 12 seconds. This will result in hazardous conditions at all beaches/rock-shelves/coastal cliffs/bar-crossings.</p> <p>Weather conditions along NSW will be mostly sunny with temperatures in the mid 20's. Winds will be south to south westerly averaging 25km/h.</p>
<p>MISSION</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant on-duty lifesaving/lifeguard services are aware and prepared appropriately • Emergency Services (NSW Police & Ambulance NSW) are aware and prepared for surf rescue notification/tasking through 13SURF • On-call surf rescue services / response teams are aware and prepared appropriately • Aerial services are aware and prepared for joint-operations with surf rescue services (lifeguards/SLS services) • Appropriate media advisories are released and consistent information provided
<p>EXECUTION</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lifeguard Supervisors / SurfCom's and Support Operations briefed by relevant Branch Officers and Lifeguard staff • Surf Rescue 13SURF protocol adhered too • On-duty services prepared • On-call services equipment checks and personnel check • Upward notification from Lifesavers/Lifeguards to 13SURF for any major locally identified major SAR emergencies

A DMINISTRATION	As per service coordination/command systems
C OMMUNICATIONS	State Duty Officer – 137873 (13SURF) Donna Wishart – SLS State Media Officer 0414 414 087 State Lifesaving Manager – Dean Storey 0429 396 139

PUBLIC SAFETY MESSAGES – DURING DANGEROUS SURF WARNING

1. Swim only at patrolled beaches, between the red/yellow flags . 'No Flags = No Swim'
2. Rock Fisherman should avoid fishing on the open coastline
3. Inexperienced surfers should avoid surfing
4. Boaties should check their local forecast, seek advice from Marine Rescue and always wear a lifejacket
5. Visit www.beachsafe.org.au for information on patrolled beaches/times
6. If witnessing an in-water emergency dial **000 – Police**