



# Anglesea SLSC Policy Document

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## TITLE: Patrol Activities & Performance

### PURPOSE

To ensure all Anglesea SLSC lifesavers understand what is expected of them while on patrol.

### INTRODUCTION

**Duty of Care:** Lifesavers are bound by these three words. A '**Duty of Care**' is a responsibility we are expected to uphold. '**Duty of Care**' requires lifesavers to act in the interest of preventing beach goers from putting themselves in life threatening situations and providing assistance, to the best of your ability and training, to beach goers who find themselves in difficulty.

Your training and attendance on patrol puts you in the position where beach goers have the right to expect you will provide lifesaving services in a professional manner as set out in the rules of Surf Life Saving Australia. If you neglect to fulfil your '**Duty of Care**', you as an individual may face personal consequences.

*An example of poor '**Duty of Care**' is sitting behind the patrol area or sleeping on patrol, if someone were to drown and it is shown that your lack of duty of care was a factor in that death, you may find yourself in a very serious personal liability situation.*

Please turn up to patrol 30 minutes prior to the time listed on your roster. Patrol finishes when you have been released by the Patrol Captain.

### PROFICIENCY

All members must do their proficiency test prior to the 31st December. After this date you are not able to do patrols, as you are not insured. Any member wishing to compete for the club must also do their proficiency prior to this date, no exceptions.

### PATROL UNIFORM

As a member of Anglesea SLSC you should take pride in the uniform you wear, knowing that we are a premier lifesaving club in Australia. To maintain the high standards we have set, we must look professional in the official patrol uniform; the public expects this of a Anglesea SLSC.

Full patrol uniform is required by OH&S standards, it is NOT optional:

- Patrol Cap must be worn at all times
- Patrol Shirt
- Patrol Shorts
- Swimming costumes (Club)



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- Wide Brim Hat or Peak Cap (SLSA Issue)
- Sunglasses (to protect your eyes from UV Rays) – your choice

Please do not wear casual clothes on patrol or a non-official hat or head wear over your patrol cap.

Initial uniform is supplied. Subsequent uniform requirements can be purchased from the club shop.

## CONDUCT WHILE ON PATROL

The image you create by your actions on patrol reflect upon all members of the club.

You are constantly under the scrutiny of the public, they and other members of the club expect an extremely high standard.

Please refrain from using bad language, displaying an image of lack of care, no smoking while in uniform and stuffing around in general. At all times display a professional duty of care.

All Anglesea patrol members shall:-

1. Obey the directions given by your patrol captain at all times.
2. Practice the basic principles of PREVENTION, RECOGNITION, and RESCUE whilst on patrol.
3. Professionally fulfil your patrol duties as delegated by the patrol captain.
4. Sign on in the SLSA patrol log book prior to commencing patrol.
5. Encourage swimmers to swim between the red and yellow flags.
6. Warn swimmers entering the water outside of the flagged off area of the danger and hazards and advise them to swim between the red and yellow flags.
7. Be polite and courteous to other patrol members.
8. Encourage board riders to not impose on the swimming area.
9. Wear the correct patrol uniform during your rostered patrol times.
10. Remove your patrol uniform at the completion of their rostered patrol and only wear the patrol uniform during patrol.
11. Not leave the patrol area unless authorised by the Patrol Captain.
12. Always carry a rescue tube and whistle when patrolling the water's edge.
13. Maintain your fluid intake during patrol duties, especially on hot days.
14. Practice the basic principles of Sun Safety (Slip, Slop, Slap and Wrap).
15. Always be polite and courteous when dealing with the public.
16. Where allocated by the Patrol Captain wear the personal packs (bum bags).



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17. Ensure all patrol equipment is erected in a secure and safe manner.
18. Advise the Patrol Captain if feeling fatigued, ill or tired.
19. Check rescue equipment for damage or breakages and report such to the Patrol Captain.
20. Advise members of the public that the beach is closed or is closing i.e. at the end of the patrol day and/or due to dangerous conditions etc.
21. Advise the Patrol Captain of your absence, late arrival or early departure if needed.
22. At all times be under the direction of the Patrol Captain.