



Anglesea SLSC Policy Document

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TITLE: Offsite Rescue During Patrol Hours

PURPOSE

To ensure all Anglesea SLSC members understand the procedure for responding to call outs for rescues outside of the Anglesea – Pt Roadknight bay area. This is to minimise the risk of injury to members due to the lack of radio communication beyond Pt Roadknight and probable lack of knowledge of the coastline for IRB drivers and crew.

AIM

To provide a duty of care to club members while delivering effective and reasonable emergency response care to the general public along the surf coast.

IMPLEMENTATION

When Anglesea Surf Life Saving Club is asked to respond to a rescue, outside of the Anglesea and Pt. Roadknight cove, we will first be responding with our rescue 4WD fitted with the necessary first aid equipment until the situation has been assessed.

Patrol Captain: As part of set up procedures-

1. Fit one or two rescue boards to the roof of the rescue 4WD.
2. Start the 4WD to confirm it is operational.
3. Place emergency first aid equipment in the back seat of the 4WD including Oxygen, spinal board, spinal straps, First aid equipment and defibrillator. Plus at least one tube.
4. Prepare a callout IRB (on the road trailer), confirm the fuel cell is full and that the motor is operational prior to patrol and the IRB is tied down appropriately to the trailer.
5. Each patrol should assign a call out team based on their team capabilities on the day (of at least 3 people), but should include one senior leader on the patrol, ART/First Aid capability and board/tube rescue capability. Note Anglesea Main Beach remains the priority for the patrol, as such sufficient patrollers (minimum of 3 BM holders including a senior leader (one of which must also hold ART and First Aid qualifications)) must remain at Main Beach in the event of a call out.
6. Carry the 4WD key on you at all times while the patrol is active.
7. Undertake a radio check on patrol from the car radio for clarity and identify any operating problems. Park 4WD outside the First Aid Room, ready for any call out.



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8. The 4WD is not to be used during patrol times for any other purpose than call out.
9. If the 4WD is required for another purpose during a lifeguard shift the lifeguards and LSV must be notified of its use for another activity by the club (as this significantly limits the ability to respond to a call out). In the event a call out occurs whilst the 4WD is in use, it must immediately return to Anglesea SLSC for lifeguards to respond to the situation with.

Two responders while at rescue-

- Once arrived at the rescue location identify People, Problem and Position, radioing updated information to LSV and Anglesea Base using the car radio.
- Send in one rescuer to retrieve the patient.
- Before sending in second rescuer, the rescuer MUST ensure they have updated LSV and asked for additional support and know that the additional support is secured.
- Once additional support is dispatched and LSV is aware of the whole situation, second rescuer can assist first rescuer.

Rationale

- 4WD radio has the strength to communicate with LSV, Life Saver 6 and the patrol, therefore continued updates and shared communication can still take place.
- If a rescue is needed at set location, competent and confident board riders will be able to paddle out and wait for further assistance, while the second rescuer on the beach radios for additional support from LSV.
- Our duty of care is foremost to Anglesea main beach, this procedure it to prevent that duty of care being jeopardised.