

## SLSSNB 2020 SURF BOATS BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS CANCELLED

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<b>Summary:</b>	Information regarding the cancellation of the 2020 Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Branch Surf Boats Championship events.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The World Health Organization (WHO) recently announced that the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus is classified as a pandemic (defined as "an outbreak of a new pathogen that spreads easily from person to person across the globe").

Within Australia, the government has stepped up its health advisories in regard to the virus, with the latest notice being that the holding of organised non-essential gatherings should be limited to 500 people.

The nature of this situation and the advice provided has been changing and escalating rapidly on a daily basis and will most likely continue to do so for the coming weeks.

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Given the escalating situation surrounding the potential increase in the transmission of COVID-19, a decision has been made to cancel the 2020 SLSSNB Surf Boats Branch Championships.

Whilst we understand the disappointment of those that had planned to take part in the event, especially given the cancellation of the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships, this decision has not been made lightly or in isolation. Our prime responsibility is to take into consideration the health and wellbeing of our competitors, officials, club supporters and members.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Further information on the COVID-19 virus can be found here:

#### Australian Government Department of Health

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>

#### New South Wales Government Health

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

#### SLNSW COVID-19 Updates & Resources

<https://www.surflifesaving.com.au/resources/coronavirus-covid-19-updates-resources-slsnsw-members>