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To: Club Secretaries
Club Presidents
District Officers
Chief Lifeguards
Club Captains
Club Chief Instructors
Regional Officers

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Subject: Water Restrictions – Club Impact

Action: Ensure All Patrol Members are aware of Legal Requirements

Given that water restrictions are in force across the state, it is important that clubs honour their legal and social responsibilities in the management of their local water supply.

Individual areas may have additional by-laws or restrictions that may not be covered in this summary. Clubs are encouraged to contact their local water service provider to ensure absolute compliance.

It is suggested that clubs provide adequate brooms and brushes to sweep sand off equipment at the end of the day.

Please be aware of the level of water restriction in your area and ensure compliance by members and paid Lifeguards.

- **There are no generic exemptions in place for Life Saving Clubs.**
- **These requirements are law.**
- **We should expect increased scrutiny at all levels with regard to our water usage.**
- **There are hefty penalties for breaches.**
- **All volunteers and paid lifeguards need to be compliant with the requirements.**
- **Clubs must make application to their local water authority for any exemptions**

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WATER RESTRICTIONS CLUB GUIDE



Cleaning of Vehicles

Vehicle includes IRB, ATV, 4X4, RWC and any other vehicle whatsoever, however it is propelled or moved.

Note that a **hose may not be used** to clean a vehicle **from Stage 2 onwards**.

Stage 1

- Water must not be used to clean a vehicle, except by means of
 - a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, to pre-rinse and rinse only; or
 - a high pressure water cleaning device; or
 - a commercial car wash; or
 - a watering can or bucket filled either by a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, or directly from a tap.

Stage 2

- Water must not be used to clean a vehicle except by means of:
 - a high pressure water cleaning device; or
 - a commercial car wash; or
 - a watering can or bucket filled directly from a tap (and not by means of a hose).

Stage 3

- Water must not be used to clean a vehicle except by means of:
 - a commercial car wash; or
 - a bucket filled directly from a tap (and not by means of a hose):
 - to clean vehicle windows, mirrors and lights; and
 - for spot-removing corrosive substances.

Stage 4

- Water must not be used to clean any part of a vehicle other than its windows, mirrors and lights, and for spot-removing corrosive substances, and then only with a bucket filled directly from a tap (and not by means of a hose).

Cleaning of Outboard Motors / RWC Motors

Note there is no allowance here for the filling of flushing tanks.

Stage 1 through to Stage 4

- Water must not be used to clean any part of a vessel, except to flush its inboard or outboard motor by means of a hand-held hose, in order to prevent it corroding. Water must be turned off at the tap, immediately after flushing is complete.

Cleaning of Hard Surfaces

Eg Paved / Tiled / Concrete area indoors or out

Stage 1 through to Stage 4

- Water must not be used to clean a hard surface unless cleaning is required as a result of an accident, fire, health hazard, safety hazard or other emergency, and a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle is used.

Cleaning of Buildings or Windows

Stage 1 and Stage 2

- Water must not be used unless:
 - a bucket filled directly from a tap (and not by means of a hose) is used; or
 - cleaning is required as a result of: an accident, fire, health hazard, safety hazard or other emergency, and a hand held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle is used

Stage 3 and Stage 4

- Water must not be used unless cleaning is required as a result of an accident, fire, health hazard, safety hazard or other emergency, and either:
 - a bucket, filled either by a hand-held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle, or directly from a tap, is used; or
 - a hand held hose fitted with a trigger nozzle is used.

Cleaning of other Rescue Equipment

Stage 1 through to Stage 4

- Water must not be used for the cleaning of any other gear or equipment without the prior written permission of your local water authority.
- It is suggested that clubs provide adequate brooms, rags and brushes to sweep sand off equipment at the end of the day