

CLUB PATROL RADIO EQUIPMENT

Audience: Club Presidents
Club Lifesaving Officers
Club Radio Officers

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Summary:

- Detail of requirements for ownership, maintenance and servicing of associated equipment
- Circular 56 2005/2006 is superseded by this circular

Action:

- Review, acknowledge and action 'Club' requirements

Through the generous support of the Federal funded Clever Networks' Bush Medivac WA program, all Clubs have now have received their allocation of replacement radio equipment, applications and accessories.

Please note the procedures that apply to the operation of the communications equipment. This circular replaces Circular 56 2005/2006.

Circular 56 2005/2006 stated that all affiliated clubs retain ownership of the equipment and are responsible for replacement of the hardware and associated applications. This status has not changed. Under the funding agreement the Vertex model handsets have been purchased to allow dual band (VHF/UHF) frequencies to communicate seamlessly especially during emergencies, especially when other agencies are involved in coastal emergencies or hazards. Sufficient Vertex model handsets have been procured to replace the Icom radios distributed to Clubs in the 2005/2006 season.

The Vertex model handsets are a straight replacement of the Icom radios and as such all Clubs should have by now returned their Icom radios and chargers to SLSWA. Clubs are not permitted to retain this equipment and those found not to have returned this equipment will be charged a daily rental fee of \$3.75 (+GST) per radio as of the 27th February 2009.

Should Clubs require additional handsets or equipment to meet operational requirements, over and above that provided by the Federal grant, these are to be purchased and maintained by the Club; SLSWA will provide direction to Clubs to make these purchases if they are necessary.

The list below details the equipment, applications and accessories that have been provided to Clubs under the grant.

1. Vertex VX-829 (full keypad) radios with battery
2. Six bay or single battery chargers
3. Aqua-pac water proof radio bags
4. Paqua-clear water proof bag for IRB

Below is a summary of responsibilities of the Club and SLSWA in maintaining effective surf rescue communications.

Club responsibilities

- Clubs will own equipment distributed as per above
- Place radios, batteries and chargers on Club asset and insurance registry
- Operate and maintain surf rescue communications as per manufacturer recommendations
- Store and secure equipment in a clean, dry and ventilated area and ensure they are in operationally ready mode at all times
- Maintain insurance that protects against operational loss or damage including theft
- Budget for replacement of equipment, parts or accessories should equipment require repair or replacement resulting from Club activity
- Do not loan or hire radios. They must not be used for any other purpose other than official and sanctioned surf life saving related activity
- Report faults to Radlink Communications on the Radio Fault Form as per **schedule 2** attached
- When requested return Radio units to SLSWA for annual servicing

SLSWA responsibilities

- Provide and maintain surf rescue communications licenses and infra-structure
- Operate and maintain SurfCom under the SLSWA VN6SA license throughout weekends and public holidays of October and March
- Organise and resource basic annual servicing of Club handheld radio sets

Attachment

1. Schedule 1 – Radio Default Repair Request Form

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Andrew".

PAUL ANDREW
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER