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Dear Club Presidents and Directors of Lifesaving,

There is no doubt that as a collective organisation we are having to chart a course for ourselves, our members and the local communities in which we live. Often you can find yourself being asked more questions than you have answers and the decisions we can take in the morning need to be changed by that afternoon or the next day. Our best way to move through these uncertain times is to stick together and be as consistent as we can be when applying the directions and guidelines provided by authorities and experts. Each local community will have its nuances of how these need to be applied and its own unique challenges. Across our history we have been up for a challenge and we should continue to take them on.

The collective of Surf Life Saving has always made substantial contribution to the local communities it serves. Even though COVID-19 is not an area that we have expertise, perhaps as Clubs you may still be able to help your local communities move through this period. With the patrolling season drawing to a close for many Clubs, it may be appropriate to take stock of PPE (gloves, protective glasses, hand sanitiser) you have left over and consider whether you are in a position to donate any of it to health services in your local community. Perhaps many of you already have considered this and taken action. While you may not have excess stock we are aware at this time every little bit counts.

Please don't feel obligated rather it's just a thought that might make a difference in these very challenging times.

Thank you again for the amazing contribution you have made to keeping Western Australian beaches safer this summer.

Stick together and as you have been doing please contact the SLSWA staff if you have a need for assistance or guidance.

Please stay safe with your families and members.

The Lifesaving Team

Surf Life Saving Western Australia