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## Beach Lifeguard Service

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### duties

Our Professional Ocean Lifeguard's skills and duties include:

- accurately assessing beach conditions
- choosing suitable swimming locations
- providing advice and regulatory beach signage
- performing rescues and providing first aid
- advising and enforcing local Council law
- preparing and delivering surf education to schools and residents
- liaising with other rescue and emergency organisations
- providing beach and water surveillance
- maintaining and using tower surveillance systems.



Our Lifeguards are experienced in the use of:

- rescue boards and tubes
- personal water rescue craft (jet ski)
- whistles and public address systems
- four-wheel drives and quad bikes
- two-way communication
- oxygen/first aid
- defibrillators
- spinal stabilisation equipment.

### Facts

- All our lifeguards are members of the Australian Professional Ocean Lifeguard Association (APOLA). They are highly qualified and undertake a rigorous assessment process every year.
- We employ over 20 Professional Ocean Lifeguards every beach season.
- Our Professional Ocean Lifeguards are paid as professional staff and wear nationally-recognised blue and white APOLA Lifeguard uniforms.
- Over 400,000 people visit our 7 patrolled beaches annually.
- Our Professional Lifeguards perform over 100 rescues each year.
- Over 9000 preventative actions are carried out each year. These include public address

warnings, verbal warnings and signage displayed on beaches.

- Council's annual Lifeguard recruitment takes place in August every year. Expressions of interest are open year-round by contacting our Supervising Beach Lifeguard on

## Other services

We can provide a Professional Ocean Lifeguard patrol service outside of specified patrol times on a fee-for-service basis.

We also provide a Surf Education Program for schools outside our municipality on a fee-for-service basis.

Schools or private groups who wish to use our Lifeguard Patrol service should contact our Lifeguard Coordinator on [\(02\) 4232 0444](tel:(02)42320444).

For our Surf Education Program contact our Supervising Beach Lifeguard on [0408 414 967](tel:0408414967).

## Contact

Our Supervising Beach Lifeguard can be contacted on [0408 414 967](tel:0408414967).