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NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR JANICE KERSHAW - ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURF LIFE SAVERS

Councillor Janice Kershaw has submitted the following Notice of Motion -

"I formally move that -

- 1 Council recognise the significant contribution that our volunteer Surf Life Savers have made during these challenging times.
- 2 In recognition of the above, Council write to the following Surf Clubs: Helensburgh-Stanwell Park, Coalcliff, Scarborough-Wombarra, Coledale, Austinmer, Thirroul, Sandon Point, Bulli, Woonona, Bellambi, Corrimal, Towradgi, Fairy Meadow, North Wollongong, Wollongong City, Port Kembla and Windang acknowledging their efforts.
- 3 At an appropriate time in future, some form of formal recognition be made, such as an award ceremony or reception, or what may be deemed appropriate"

Background provided by Councillor Janice Kershaw:

Our Surf Live Savers are always dedicated, professional and hardworking volunteers, however during this summer school holiday period their role has been even more demanding. From having to implement COVID safe measures, contend with the influx of beach users from outside of our Local Government area and unfavourable surf conditions.

During this period, we have seen many rescues, some outside of patrolling areas and or patrolling hours and unfortunately drownings, all of which have an impact on our volunteers and the community.