



Media Release

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Beach Safety Equipment Fund supports local Surf Life Saving Clubs

I am delighted to announce that seven local Surf Life Saving Clubs will each receive a \$25,000 boost in funding thanks to the Australian Government's Beach Safety Equipment Fund.

Clubs that will benefit from the additional funding include; Dromana, Gunnamatta, Mount Martha, Portsea, Point Leo, Rosebud & McCrae and Sorrento.

The additional funding will ensure local Surf Life Saving Clubs can continue their great work.

It will allow Clubs to purchase vital lifesaving and first aid equipment such as inflatable rescue boats, rescue boards, defibrillators and oxygen resuscitators.

The initiative will provide Australian surf lifesaving clubs with an additional \$1.6 million per year over the next five years to purchase vital safety equipment. It means each of the nation's 310 surf lifesaving clubs will be entitled to \$5000 per year across the terms of the agreement.

The Australian Government has also introduced the Beach Drowning Black Spot Reduction Programme to educate the public about coastal hazards and reduce drowning at dangerous beaches.

Lifesavers do a terrific job in our community and have kept our beaches and coastline safe for more than 100 years.

Lifesavers provide a vital community service that is very much appreciated and valued. Last year lifesavers performed 12,000 rescues and provided 32,000 first aid treatments to beachgoers across Australia.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank lifesavers for their dedication to protecting residents and visitors on our local beaches and coastlines.

The Australian Government is dedicated to reducing drowning deaths and supporting the fantastic work our lifesavers do to keep our beaches safe.

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