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### Welcome

Welcome back to all members returning for another year, and 'Hello' to those new members who have just signed up with one of the Wide Bay Capricorn Branch Clubs.

By way of introduction we are Bob and Chris, Director and Deputy Director of Surf Sports respectively in the Wide Bay Capricorn Branch, and as such are responsible for all matters Surf Sports.

### Surf Sports Officials

A report was sent to all Club Surf Sports Officers earlier in the year outlining their resources in this department. Overall it showed that most Clubs had a dwindling and aging pool of Surf Sports Officials.

As we have been given the responsibility of all things Surf Sports we have an obligation to rectify this and we can only achieve this with positive constructive input and support from the Clubs within the Branch.

### New Surf Sports Officials' Course

**Now is the time to appeal to existing and new members alike to enrol in the New Surf Sports Officials' Course. The first step for intending Officials is to complete the pre-requisite Online Training (Modules 1 & 2) prior to a Practical Workshop and On-The-Beach practise and assessments.**

I have attached two handouts regarding the Core Officials' Course. These handouts are to be read prior to attempting any part of the course as they will greatly assist you navigate your way to and through the Online content. They consist of :

- National Officiating Accreditation Scheme (NOAS) Core Officials Introduction
- Core Official 'Member Journey'.

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### Core Officials Course Timeline

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| Start OnLine Course       | As soon as you can                           |
| Complete OnLine Course    | Friday 17-11-2017                            |
| Attend Practical Workshop | Sunday 19-11-2017 (Tannum Sands & Bundaberg) |
| Practise & Assessment     | Sunday 19-11-2017 Ongoing & On-the Beach     |

It is recommended that the OnLine content is spread out over at least a two-three week period to maximise understanding of the content. Don't suffer information overload by trying to complete the OnLine component in the week prior to the Carnival.

With the ongoing practise and assessments, the new trainees are encouraged to attend as many Carnivals as they can prior to the end of the season. There are up to 10 Carnivals they can attend to display their knowledge/skills and be assessed. It is our intention - where Carnival attendance allows - to reduce the Accreditation timeframe from 6 years to 6 months for Core Officials.

Once Core Official status has been attained, the next step is Technical Official, however, more about that level will be downloaded in the future.

As previously stated we all have a responsibility to ensure that Clubs and the Branch have more than adequate numbers of skilled Officials to safely conduct its Sports programme each season.

Please note that this is an Agenda Item at the upcoming Branch Council and Combined Boards Meetings, where we look forward to your contribution and welcome any queries you may have in this regard.

Thank you for your ongoing support of sport.

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