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PROFESSIONAL LIFEGUARDS CONCLUDE PATROLS ON LOCAL BEACHES, BUT VOLUNTEER SURF LIFESAVERS TO CONTINUE AT POINT LONSDALE UNTIL EASTER MONDAY

Professional Lifeguards have concluded their 'summer school holiday' beach patrols after a busy period at both the Point Lonsdale Back Beach and at Queenscliff's Santa Casa Beach.

Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club Secretary, Mr. Matthew Ponsford announced that "during the period over 13 000 people visited the Back Beach, where Professional Lifeguards maintained a close watch, at a beach that can be very dangerous". "Professional Lifeguards issued 645 surf warnings, where professional advice and safety directions were given and this helped to reduce the number of rescues to 8, while 6 people required first aid attention at the beach".

Matthew went on to say that "during the same period over 23 000 people visited the Santa Casa Beach and the Professional Lifeguards kept a watchful eye on them there". "Professional Lifeguards issued 265 surf warnings, 1 rescue was performed and 13 people required first aid attention at the beach".

"We are most fortunate to have Professional Lifeguards employed at two popular local beaches to maintain 7 day a week coverage during what is the busiest time on our beaches". "The Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club is grateful to Tabcorp, the State Government and the Borough of Queenscliffe who assist to make this possible".

Volunteer Surf Lifesavers will continue to provide a patrolled beach at the Point Lonsdale Back Beach until Easter Monday at the following times:

Saturdays 1:30pm to 4:30pm and Sundays / Public Holidays 10:00am to 4:00pm.

"I would advise all beach goers to 'Play It Safe By The Water', to never swim alone and to swim between the red and yellow flags".

For further information please contact the Secretary / Media Liaison Officer - Matthew Ponsford on 0419 52 52 58

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Serving the community since 1947

*Over 1 450 lives saved by volunteer surf lifesavers and professional lifeguards
Always swim between the red and yellow flags – no lives lost 'between the flags'*

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