

SLSA Information

Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) is an Australian not-for-profit community organisation. This means that all of the money earned and collected by the organisation, or donated to it, is used to reach its goals and keep it running.

It is Australia's most valuable drowning prevention service. It is also an important coastal water safety and rescue organisation.

In the 1830s, laws were introduced that made it illegal for people to bathe or swim during daylight hours.

Between 1902 and 1905, this law was removed and surfing, swimming and sunbathing started to grow in popularity.

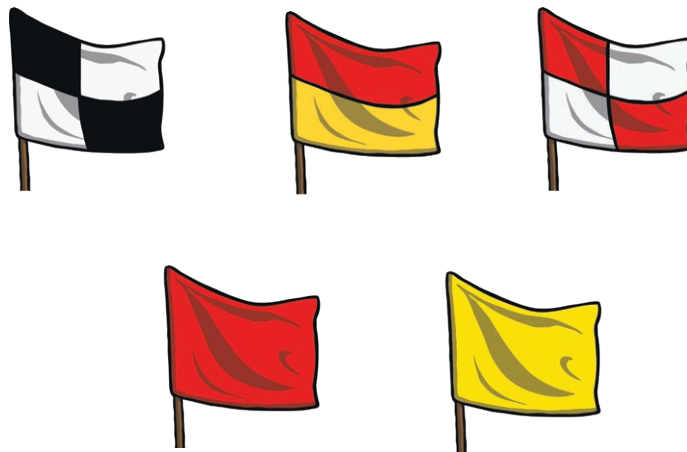


A small number of volunteers began to patrol the beach to help and in 1906, the first Surf Bathing Association was formed at one of Australia's most famous beaches, Bondi Beach.

These volunteers eventually became known as surf lifesavers and are now one of the most popular and well-recognised sights on Australian beaches.

The main message that surf lifesavers promote to members of the community is "swim between the flags".

When you visit the beach, there are lots of different flags and signs to help you. These tell you about the conditions of the surf and where you need to take extra special care.



Surf Life Saving Australia only survives because of the generous donations it receives from the community.

There are lots of different ways to help or support Surf Life Saving Australia, or any of the surf lifesaving associations in your state.



You could:

- organise a fundraiser;
- make a donation;
- join a local surf club;
- participate in a course that teaches children how to stay safe in the water;
- volunteer your time with a local surf club or organisation;
- do a first aid or CPR course.

Visiting the beach is part of the Australian way of life. Thousands of people enjoy visiting and swimming, surfing, playing and relaxing on Australian beaches all year. Since its beginnings almost 110 years ago, over 630 000 people have been rescued by lifesavers, making The Surf Life Saving Association of Australia one of the most important organisations in our community.

Questions

Complete the following questions by referring to the Surf Life Saving information sheet.

1. Complete using words from the text.

Surf Life Saving _____ (SLSA) is an Australian not-for- _____ community organisation. This means that all of the money earned and collected by the organisation, or _____ to it, is used to reach its goals and keep it _____. It is Australia's most _____ drowning prevention service. It is also an _____ coastal water safety and _____ organisation.

2. Complete the word building table below.

fundraise		
	organised	
		preventing
	patrolled	
donate		
		surviving

3. Use a dictionary to find the meanings of the following words:

- valuable: _____
- illegal: _____
- volunteer: _____
- promote: _____
- generous: _____

Questions

4. Answer the following questions True or False:

- Surf Life Saving Australia is shortened to SLSA. _____
- The law making it illegal to swim during daylight hours was removed in 1830. _____
- Bondi Beach was the location of the Surf Life Saving Association when it was established.

5. Answer the following short answer questions by filling in the blanks from the text.

- How is the money earned and collected by Surf Life Saving used?

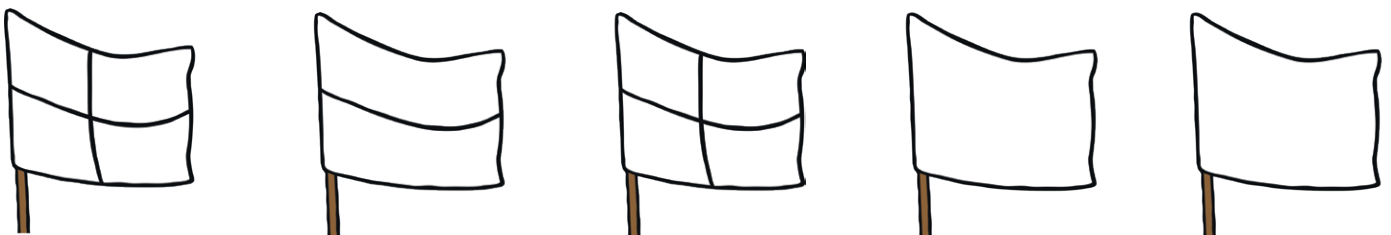
- The main message that surf lifesavers promote to members of the community is?

- Since its beginnings almost 110 years ago, over _____ have been rescued by lifesavers.

6. Complete the timeline with the correct years.

- _____ Laws were introduced that made it illegal for people to bathe or swim during daylight hours
- _____ This law was removed, and surfing, swimming and sunbathing started to grow in popularity.
- _____ A small number of volunteers began to patrol the beach to help.

7. Label and colour the flags correctly.



Questions

8. List some of the different ways you can support Surf Life Saving Australia.

1. _____

2. _____

9. Make a word search using words from the text.

10. Draw a picture of a surf lifesaver in uniform patrolling the beach.

Answers

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2. Complete the word building table below.

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patrol	patrolled	patrolling
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survive	survived	surviving

3. Use a dictionary to find the meanings of the following words:

- valuable: **a thing that is of great worth**
- illegal: **contrary to or forbidden by law, especially criminal law**
- volunteer: **a person who works for an organization without being paid**
- promote: **to support or actively encourage**
- generous: **showing a readiness to give more of something, especially money, than is strictly necessary or expected**

Answers

4. Answer the following questions True or False:

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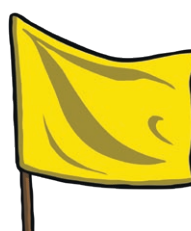
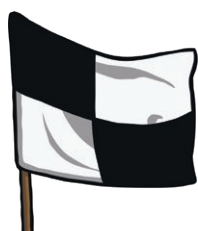
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1906 A small number of volunteers began to patrol the beach to help.

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Answers

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