



DATE: 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2013  
SUBJECT: Use of mobile / smart phones whilst on patrol  
Approved by: Executive Management Committee

The following policy statement was prepared by the Club Captain and all Patrol Captains advised to enforce as of 2 January 2013 with the policy adopted at the Mooloolaba Executive Management Committee meeting to be held 20 January 2013 and adopted as Policy from 2 January 2013:

## **POLICY**

### **BACKGROUND:**

At a previous Patrol Captain and Mooloolaba SLSC Lifesaving Committee meeting in October 2012 the use of mobile / smart phones was discussed with a monitoring process adopted by the Patrol Captains to advise members not to use these devices unless in an emergency whilst on patrol.

A review at the end of calendar year 2012, and including recent communication with members of the public and Queensland Police Service a final decision has been made to remove/ban all use of mobile / smart phones from all members whilst on patrol, except for the Patrol Captain and Vice Patrol Captain.

### **DIRECTION:**

Patrol Captains have been advised on 2 January 2013 via email, to advise all patrolling members not to take mobile / smart phones with them onto patrol on the beach. These devices must remain in the member's bag and can only be accessed after consultation with the Patrol Captain and after the member is removed from the patrol area and out of sight from the public on the beach ie not to be seated outside the tea room at the benches. The members must remove their skull cap similar to when members leave the patrol area for a break or to purchase food/drinks from the adjacent shops and use their device at a location away from the patrol area.

There are no exceptions to this policy other than approval for Patrol Captains and Vice Patrol Captains to utilise their device as required. Should a member break this rule it is the Patrol Captains discretion to warn the member and remove the device or remove the member from patrol with no hours credited.

The Mooloolaba SLSC aims to be pro-active in the protection of the bathing public, its members and in particular provide clear guidance to all members on acceptable actions whilst on patrol.