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**THE LAKES SURF CLUB KEPT AFLOAT BY WALLARAH 2 FUNDING**

The Lakes Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC) is well equipped to save lives this summer, thanks to a generous grant from the Wallarah 2 Community Foundation, which has helped to fund a new Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) motor for the Club.

The Lakes SLSC is operated by a committed group of members who volunteer their time to respond to incidents in their operating area, which spans from Frazer Park to Norah Head boat ramp, including Budgewoi Beach.

The new IRB motor will ensure volunteer lifesavers have access to the best equipment when conducting surf rescues and during emergency response operations.

“Part of our lifesaving commitment to the community is to provide an emergency response team who can be called upon to attend incidents outside of our standard operating area,” said Sean Leicester, President of The Lakes SLSC.

“We are the closest surf lifesaving asset to the notorious Wybung Head, which is the number one drowning blackspot on the Central Coast, and are required to attend incidents there quite regularly.

“This is approximately 20 minutes by water from our location so we need to ensure that our lifesaving equipment, particularly our rescue boat and motor, are in peak condition for our own team’s safety.

“We also provide lifesaving operations for members of the public at Lakes Beach on weekends and public holidays and the IRB is a pivotal piece of rescue equipment on the beach,” add Mr Leicester.

This is not the first time that the volunteers at The Lakes SLSC have benefited from the support of the Wallarah 2 Community Foundation Grants Program. The Club purchased an Oxy-Viver and Defib Kit in 2015 with the support of Wallarah 2.

“To date, we have used the kit to provide first aid to a number of members of the public, some of the more serious incidents included a suspected spinal injury, a severe allergic reaction to a blue bottle sting, a dislocated hip and a near drowning situation,” added Mr Leicester.

Peter Smith, Environment and Community Manager of the Wallarah 2 Coal Project said, “Budgewoi Beach and surrounds welcomes thousands of beachgoers throughout the busy summer season, so it’s vital that our lifesavers have the necessary equipment to tend to the inevitable incidents and emergencies that can arise during a day at the beach.

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“Wallahah 2 is proud to provide ongoing support to The Lakes Surf Life Saving Club through the delivery of two vital equipment grants over the past two years.

“Our volunteers do a fantastic job and deserve nothing less than the best equipment to carry out their work,” he added.

**A total of nine grants were awarded to community initiatives that benefit the Wyong region as part of the last Wallarah 2 Community Foundation grant process. Wallarah 2 will announce the opening of the 2017 grants soon. For further information, please visit [www.wallahah.com.au](http://www.wallahah.com.au).**

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