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# Cliff Collapse Response

## 1 Revision Control Table

Revision Date	Author	Author's Position	Status	Approval
14/11/2005	DCU	Lifesaving Services Manager	Draft	Unapproved
30/11/2005	DCU	Lifesaving Services Manager	Final	Sub-Committee only
04/12/2005	DCU	Lifesaving Services Manager	Final	Executive

## 2 Scope

- (1) This policy applies to activities taking place within the Lifesaving Services division of the Jan Juc Surf Lifesaving Club Inc.

## 3 Background

- (2) The cliffs at the Bird Rock end of the Jan Juc surf beach are some of the fastest receding cliffs in the world. This means that there is a real danger of cliff collapse at any time whilst lifesavers are on patrol. As qualified first aiders Jan Juc SLSC members possess some of the required skills to effect rescues in these circumstances. However, Jan Juc SLSC members do not possess the technical skills or equipment to move around such rockfalls.

## 4 Policy Statement

- (3) It is the policy of the Club to ensure the safety of its members whilst effecting the rescue of people trapped under a cliff at the Bird Rock end of the Jan Juc beach.

## 5 Implementation

- (4) In circumstances where a cliff collapses while a patrol is operational the patrol's initial course of action shall be—
  - a. contact Lifesaving Command to inform them of the situation giving details known at the time—
    - i. number of people, if any, trapped;
    - ii. approximate size of slip;
    - iii. time of slip;
    - iv. weather conditions now and imminent; and

- v. any other relevant details known at time;
  - b. act on instructions given by Lifesaving Command; and
  - c. ensure that any bystanders or crowds are controlled and kept well away from the area.
- (5) In circumstances where a cliff collapses and there is a co-ordinated response from a number of emergency services the patrol shall *only* follow and act on instructions from the Victorian Police. The patrol shall *not* follow or act on instructions from any other external emergency service.

## 6 Authorisation

- (6) This policy has been authorised by—

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President/Secretary

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Date

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Division Manager

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Date

## 7 Review Schedule

- (7) The operation of this policy shall be reviewed on or before 1 May 2006.