



Amanda Rishworth MP
Member for Kingston
MEDIA RELEASE

Swim Between the Flags

Federal Member for Kingston Amanda Rishworth has donned her togs to retrain as a volunteer surf lifesaver.

On Saturday 10 January, Ms Rishworth undertook and passed the Surf Lifesaving proficiency test at the Christies Beach Surf Lifesaving Club.

“As a former volunteer surf lifesaver, I understand the vital role surf lifesavers play in protecting more than 30 kilometres of beaches in Southern Adelaide,” Ms Rishworth MP said.

Each year around 300 Australians lose their lives in our rivers, lakes, dams, pools, and beaches - many deaths are preventable.

Tragically six people have already drowned in South Australian waters this summer.

Surf Lifesaver of the Year Andrew Bedford believes complacency has been a key factor, with all coastal drowning deaths over the previous year taking place outside the flags.

Ms Rishworth encourages all beachgoers to adhere to the flag areas on our beaches this summer.

“The only way to swim safely at the beach is between the flags”, Amanda Rishworth MP said.

Surf Life Saving Australia has played a valuable role in reducing the number of deaths in our coastal waters and has provided a safe and educational environment for all age groups to enjoy Australia’s popular coastline.

Being involved in Surf Life Saving Australia is an important way to ensure Surf Life Saving Australia can continue to protect Australia’s coastline.

“I’m proud to be part of the growing Surf Lifesaving movement which continues to protect many Australians every year.”

Volunteering for a local Surf Life Saving Club is a great way to serve the community, keep fit and have a lot of fun.

“I encourage Southern residents to consider joining me this summer to keep our many beachgoers safe,” Ms Rishworth said.

Interested local residents can contact 8354 6900 for more information about becoming a Surf Lifesaving volunteer.