

Interim Report November 2017 :

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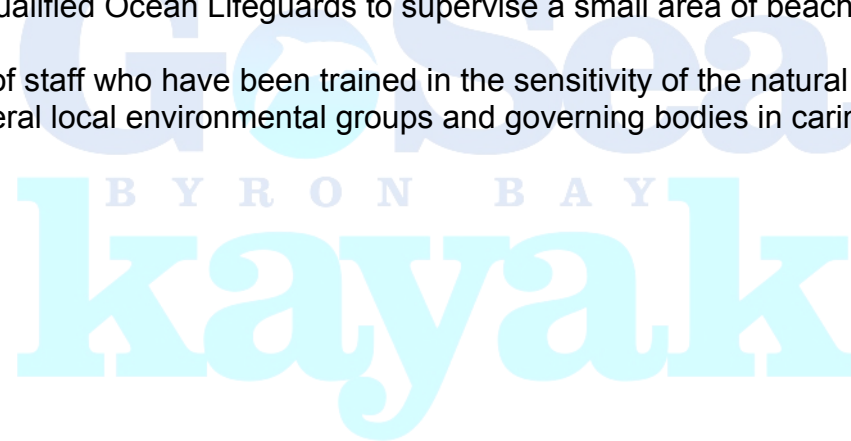
Provision of Beach Lifeguard Services – Belongil Beach , Byron Bay



Go Sea Kayak Byron Bay Pty Ltd is a locally based tour operator and Ocean Safety Service Provider within the Byron and Tweed Shires. Owned and operated for the last ten years by Kurt Tutt we have built a business around providing an experience for visitors that will live forever with them after they leave. We create a medium to interact with nature that is simplistic, underpinned by creating cultural and environmental awareness and appreciation.

Kurt has been involved from a very young age with the ocean in Byron Bay. With just over 30 years as a member of the local Surf Life Saving Club, 15 years experience as a Contract Lifeguard on local beaches including countless hours paddling on the ocean. In March 2016 our commercial Beach Lifeguard Service was launched at Belongil Beach Byron Bay. In partnership with Elements of Byron we provide professionally qualified Ocean Lifeguards to supervise a small area of beachfront at Belongil Beach.

Our services has the added feature of staff who have been trained in the sensitivity of the natural environment of the area who then act as a facilitator of the aims of several local environmental groups and governing bodies in caring for the area.



Analysis of Visitation

Average visitation per day during patrols has steadily increased since inception.

Below is averaged attendance estimates over the period of service of people swimming between the patrolled red and yellow flagged area.

Month	People Per Day
March 2016	19
April 2016	22
May 2016	11
June 2016	10
July 2016	15
August 2016	17
September 2016	42
October 2016	44
November 2016	53
December 2016	82
January 2017	94
February 2017	80
March 2017	31
April 2017	41
May 2017	27
August 2017	33
September 2017	64
October 2017	56



Analysis of Action

Rescues in Total:	13
Rescues by Board:	10
Rescue by Tube:	2
Rescue no equipment:	1
Resuscitation:	0
Oxygen Therapy:	1 (Note: non swimmer- beach goer suffering heat stroke)
Preventative Actions:	144 (people advised to move to a safer area to swim)
First Aid Applications :	46
Public Relations:	445
Search and Rescues:	1
Surf Dangerous, no swimming:	11 (Beach Closed interpretation)

Drownings between flagged area: 0

Drownings within 500mtrs of flags: 1

Personal Safety Assistance: 39 (people who appeared or felt threatened in vicinity of patrol area and were assisted by Lifeguards, use of presence as deterrence, confronting perpetrator etc)

Wildlife Rescues: 3 (1 wallaby, 1 echidna, 1 Green Turtle)

Dog owners advised: 32

Rubbish Collected: 28 kilograms of rubbish in total to date

Nude Beach goers advised: 172 (people advised of area where nude beach going is allowable)

Bird Disturbance Advised: 47

