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## **Paramedics fend off Sharks**

Helicopter SCAT (Special Casualty Access Team) Paramedics will now be protected from sharks this summer when they are winched into the ocean with the roll out of new shark shields.

The shark deterrent technology works by surrounding the user with an electrical field which impacts on sensory organs located around the snout of the shark. If sharks approach the transmitter, the initial discomfort increases until it becomes intolerable and the sharks will leave the immediate area.

With the spate of shark attacks last season, Ambulance is confident that these Shark Shields will keep their paramedics safe in the water.

**WHERE: South Cronulla Surf Club**

**TIME: 10am**

**WHAT: SCAT Paramedics along with the Ambulance helicopter. A winching demonstration will take place in the water.**