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Dear Alumni and friends,

### **Tour of the National Sea Rescue Institute (NSRI) - Durban Rescue Base, Station 5**



Sea Rescue is the charity that saves lives on South African waters, through Education, Prevention and Rescue. The organisation relies on donations and sponsorships cover their annual running costs and volunteering service from the rescue crew, technical experts and Board of Directors.

Following a tragic incident in 1966 where 17 fishermen drowned after three fishing boats sank in a terrible storm, Miss Pattie Price (whose own life had been saved by a RNLI lifeboat in the English Channel) began a committed letter-writing campaign to motivate for the formation of a sea rescue organisation in South Africa. Captain Bob Deacon and Ray Lant were the first volunteers to respond to this call and in 1967 the South African In Shore Rescue Service (SAISRS) was born – its first rescue craft – a 4.7m inflatable boat was donated by the Society of Master Mariners. Soon the SAISRS became the National Sea Rescue Institute (NSRI) and today carries on the proud tradition of volunteering started in 1967.

In 2006 Sea Rescue's drowning prevention initiative, originally named WaterWise, was launched. The programme is presented at schools nationwide and targets youth in disadvantaged communities and since its inception it has taught over 1 300 000 children about basic water safety.

Helen Wienand of NSRI would love to share Sea Rescue's amazing stories and the wonderful work undertaken by their volunteers over the years. This visit to the NSRI will start with a presentation about the organisation, thereafter there will be a tour of the boats and facilities. There will also be time to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and cake.

*Credit: The wording of this invitation was adapted from the Sea Rescue website.*

Join us for what promises to be a most inspiring and informative talk and tour with tea, cake and good- company afterwards!

**DATE :** Saturday, 26 May 2018  
**TIME :** 15h00  
**VENUE:** Durban Rescue Base, 1 Mahatma Gandhi Rd, Point, Durban  
**COST :** NIL (Donations to NSRI are welcomed)  
**RSVP :** By Friday, 18 May 2018 to Nomcebo Msweli on 031 260 2016 or email:  
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