

## NQ BRANCH SNAPSHOT

RESCUES =





10,641



223 FIRST AID TREATMENTS





39,991

SWIMMERS
BETWEEN THE FLAGS



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## **OUR FIVE CLUBS**











## NORTH QUEENSLAND BRANCH OFFICERS

#### **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

President	Rachael Wynberg
Deputy President	Jemima Eveans
	Nicola Williams
Dir. Admin & IT	Scott Pearson
Dir. Finance	Bob Masters
Dir. Lifesaving	Gary Williams
Dir Curf Coorte	Alex Rogers
Dir. Surf Sports	Jemima Eveans
Dir. Junior Activities	Jenny Jones
Dir. Youth & Membership	Jesse Witt



#### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Port Douglas SLSC	Irene Cats	
Ellis Beach SLSC	Hamish Jenkins	
Cairns SLSC	Rob Patterson	
Etty Bay SLSC	Shayne Cini	
Mission Beach SLSC	Simon Linden	



#### **OFFICERS**

IRB Officer	Mat Williamson
Education Officer	Annabel Grant
Grievance Officer	Edward Lukin
Gear & Equipment Officer	Stuart Turrell
Judiciary Chairperson	Brian McElhinney
Judiciary Secretary	Alana Witt
Judiciary Committee	Fiona Grant, June Cotter



## NORTH QUEENSLAND BRANCH PRESIDENT'S REPORT



This season, our more than 1000 members gave upward of 10,641 hours to ensure zero preventable deaths in our North Queensland Public Waterways. We have provided water safety for major sporting events, contributed to the development of over 300 nippers across the branch, and delivered education to our members and the broader community. Our 2,468 preventative actions ensured our beachgoers went home safely to their families. 289of our members participated in Surf Sports across a range of disciplines and events including beach and water carnivals, pool rescue, surf boats and surf rescue championships.

Our branch calendar boasts a number of development and participation opportunities including Bronze Medallion (Cert II in Public Safety – Aquatic Rescue), IRB Drivers, Silver Medallion Beach Management and Advanced Resus to name a few. Thank you to those who give of their time to deliver and develop our members' skills.

Our 2022 Awards of Excellence gave us cause to celebrate and reflect on the outstanding contributions of our NQ members – some of whom went on to win State Accolades! Congratulations to you all. This year we were successful in having our Awards of Excellence Nominations open, Skills Maintenance release and Patrol Service Contract due dates, amended to better reflect the NQB Season in direct response to easing the pressure on clubs as well as push for the now reviewed age of RPAS (Drone Pilot) operator to be lowered to 16 years.

After much campaigning we are so excited to be playing host to the 2023 State Pool Rescue Championships with support from Cairns Regional Council and SLSQ. What an exciting time in our region as we host the first State Pool Rescue Championship to be held outside the south-east corner.

Through targeted and active promotion and social media we have increased our promotion and connection with potential new members and the communities we serve. We have delivered youth development in the form of Camp FLIP, our Future Leaders Innovation Program, that brought together youth from across both NQ and North Barrier and will continue to grow and improve this experience.

We have delivered a robust surf sports calendar and developed athletes to compete at both regional, state and national levels in our region, including our branch Surf Rescue Championships.

Our board of Directors and various club members attended the 2022 Surf Life Saving Queensland Conference where we gained much insight and vigorously highlighted the unique needs of our North Queensland Clubs and members.

We have financially contributed to member travel, development and our youth team to attend events outside of our region and continue to work toward reducing barriers to membership and for our members as well as successfully acquired grants for enhancing our branch.

However, having done all that – we recognise there is so much more to be done and we will continue to do. We have reviewed our Strategic Plan and we will continue to prioritise our strategic objectives.

We will expand our training programs to include branch run Bronze courses to support clubs and trainers in delivering patrolling services.

With the support of SLSQ we will target our focus on the communities in which we operate to recruit members into our clubs and help grow our movement in NQ stronger.



We will continue to advocate and be the voice for the most Northern Clubs in Queensland at a State Level and work with SLSQ to deliver the best experience for you, our members, and the public we serve.

We will continue to communicate through our elected representatives on State initiatives and developments as well as through our monthly newsletter to inform our members of opportunities and achievements. In 2022 we welcomed both the State Lifesaving Committee and State Membership committees to our region and this year, we will play host to the SLSQ Board of Directors and Council as well as again host our MEALS forum; leveraging the opportunities and addressing the challenges of Tropical Life Saving.

We will continue to diversify and enhance our sport programs, to develop our athletes, coaches and officials. and provide opportunities for our clubs to come together within our branch and other branches in education, training, sport, lifesaving and community activities.

We will be active in our Reconciliation Action Plan to deliver on our commitment to First Nations Peoples. as one. with our surf life saving community.

I would like to acknowledge the contribution of our dedicated and professional volunteer board members whom I have the

pleasure of serving with. Thank you all for what you do for Surf Life saving and to support me:

Nicola Williams - Deputy President

Scott Pearson – Director of Administration and Board Sponsor for the NQBYST

Bob Masters - Director of Finance

Jemima Eveans – Director of Surf Sports and immediate past Deputy President

Gary Williams - Director of Lifesaving

Jessie Witt - Director of Youth and Membership

Jenny Jones – Director of Junior Activities

As well as all our Branch officers and committee members – thank you.

I would particularly like to acknowledge the contributions of Jemima Eveans who took on the role of Director of Surf Sports whilst still fulfilling her obligations as Deputy President until the casual vacancy was filled. I would also like to acknowledge Alex Rogers as the previous Director of Surf Sports prior to his departure to the Sunshine Coast – we wish him the best and thank him for his service. Also thanks goes to Bob Masters, who despite his best efforts to resign, remained in the role of Director of Finance for the past 12 months – greatly appreciated. Jenny Jones, after many years of service to the Branch, is hanging up her Director's cap at this AGM, but will not be a stranger to Surf Life Saving. Thank you for your selfless contributions in many guises Jenny and sharing of your broad knowledge of all things lifesaving.

Finally, but not least I would like to recognise our former SLSQ President, Mr Mark Fife OAM who stepped down from the role this year and congratulate Mr Gerard O'Brien who was appointed SLSQ President.

Along with Dave Whimpey, CEO, SLSQ staff including our own Regional staff, my fellow State Councillors, thank you all for your support of Surf Life Saving North Queensland and helping me to fulfill my role.

Rachael Wynberg

**NQB** President.



## LIFE MEMBERS OF NQB, SLSQ & SLSA



\*Eric<mark>h</mark> Lendic 1971 NQB



Ron Pollard 1982 NQB | SLSQ



Theo Eldridge 1983 NQB | SLSQ



\*Peter Edwards 1989 NQB



Robert Brumley 1991 NQB | SLSQ



\*William John Harris 1992 NQB | SLSQ



\*Sam Rinaudo 1992 NQB



\*John Menico OAM 1994 NQB | SLSQ | SLSA



David Murray 1994 NQB



Tina Patane 1995 NQB



Colin Sparkes 1998 NQB | SLSQ



Denis McQuillan 1999 NQB



Michael Libke 2000 NQB



Frank Mathew 2000 NQB



\*Frank Darveniza 2001 NQB

## LIFE MEMBERS OF NQB, SLSQ & SLSA



John Goodman 2001 NQB



Paul Brougham 2004 NQB



June Cotter 2004 NQB



\*Barry Pollard 2005 NQB



Joan Curtin 2005 NQB



William Horseford 2005 NQB



David Clifton 2006 NQB



Michael Stevens 2008 NQB | SLSQ



Graeme Boothe 2008 NQB



Lawrence Green 2008 NQB



Robert Masters 2015 NQB



Melinda Jackson 2015 NQB

We offer our deepest respect and sympathy to the relatives and friends of our members who have passed away this year. We also extend our sympathy to members of Surf Lifesaving who have suffered bereavements in their families this year.

\* denotes deceased

## IN MEMORY OF THEO ELDRIDGE

Theo joined Bribie Island SLSC in 1950-gaining his Bronze in 1951. He maintained his membership at Bribie Island from 1950-1957 before moving to North QLD.

Theo was a member of Etty Bay from 1958-1959, Cairns SLSC from 1969-present and Port Douglas from 1984-Present.

Theo dedicated a lifetime to Surf Life Saving holding a number of positions including President of Cairns SLSC, President of Port Douglas SLSC and President of North QLD Branch.

For his dedicated service to Life Saving Theo was awarded

- Life Membership-Cairns SLSC
- Life Membership-Port Douglas SLSC
- Life Membership-SLSQ North QLD Branch
- Life Membership-SLSQ



### IN MEMORY OF TINA PATANE OAM

Tina was first introduced to lifesaving in early 70's when her sons joined the nipper movement at Etty Bay. She became involved with the junior committee when she took on the role of Secretary in 1975, at the time, membership was only open to boys. She held the Junior Secretary's position for many years and also held the Branch Junior Secretary's role.

Tina was an Official long before the accreditation even existed and spent many, many hours/days/years in the roles of what we would probably now call a Marshall and a Recorder, which were all done manually in those days (ie. all handwritten out, on spreadsheets).

Tina was heavily involved in all 3 Junior State Championships held at Etty Bay and may have even held a state type delegate role during this time.

Her involvement did not stop when her boys left for boarding school and then into university, nor did it stop when the junior & senior clubs merged, she simply stepped up and took on the club role of Secretary for 7 years and Treasurer for 1 year.

Tina was awarded Club Life Membership in 1991 and Branch Life Membership in 1995. She was further recognised with an OAM in 2016 for her community service. Her total years with the Surf Lifesaving movement would have been 20+ years.

Tina wrote in Etty Bay SLSC 75th year book in 2011:

"During my years with the Club, friendships were forged throughout the State including State Centre.

Travelling to different clubs throughout the state for Carnivals, mainly by Panorama Coaches under the expertise of Sam Rinaudo gave us many adventurous moments and experiences. The Nipper Club parents enjoyed the camaraderie and hospitality of other club parents as our accommodation was mainly the club house. Never once did we forget the Surf Lifesaving movement motto of Vigilance and Service".



### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## Surf Life Saving Queensland North Queensland Branch

Notice is hereby given of the 73rd Annual General Meeting of Surf Life Saving Queensland North Queensland Branch Inc.

WHEN: Saturday 22 April 2023

TIME: 11am

WHERE: Regional Office, 26 Leisure Park Rd, Smithfield

The Business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:

- i. Minute of silence for members & public passed away
- Ii. Apologies and Alternates
- lii. Acceptance of Proxies
- Iv. Statement of Conflicts of Interest
- V. Branch Affiliation with SLSQ/SLSA
- Vi. Affiliation of Clubs
- Vii. Appointment of Councillors
- Viii. Presentation and Adoption of Annual Report and Financial Statements
- Ix. Confirmation that SLSQ maintains PI Insurance to \$20m
- X. Appointment of Auditors for 2023
- Xi. Election of Deputy President, Director of Administration and IT, Director of Surf Sports, Director of Junior Activities, Director of Lifesaving and Director of Finance,
- Xii. Announcement of Life Membership Awards

The Chairperson shall decide the order in which business shall be undertaken

Rachael Wynberg

**NQB** President

## NORTH QUEENSLAND BRANCH DEPUTY PRESIDENT



North Queensland Branch deserves congratulations for a great 22/23 season.

Thank you to all our clubs, patrols, boards and council members, officials, water safety volunteers, parents, and competitors that made this season of junior sports and activities so successful.

We must express our gratitude to our Club Captains and Active Members for patrolling our beaches and maintaining the safety of the community. I consider it a great honour to have spent the 22–23 season serving on this Board of Directors. I want to emphasise the board's great knowledge and leadership, which have been crucial in enabling me to perform the position this year. Thus, I want to thank you for your dedication and support this season.

The yearly Awards of Excellence are one way we honour the accomplishments of our members, which many of you might not be aware of.

The Awards of Excellence honour those in our organisation who have gone above and beyond, including our members, clubs, branches, and lifesavers. The rise in our representation at this year's Awards of Excellence is something I am looking forward to.

In the far north, there was the first face-to-face meeting with the State Membership service committee. This was a fantastic way to put things into perspective and understanding the direction and strategic objective of this committee.

A unique and eye-opening experience was having clubs come together to discuss and develop ideas on how to include a first nation voice in North Queensland Tropical Lifesaving perspective as we built our knowledge and understanding of the First Nations with the launch of the Reconciliation Action Plan.

Members of the North Queensland Branch participated on state committees and panels throughout this time. The NQ Branch has continued to be able to fight for the special conditions of our members and lifesaving in the Tropics thanks to our involvement on these committees and panels.

As our Branch President and a State Councillor, Rachael Wynberg contributes to the growth, empowerment, and support our members and SLSQ need to provide crucial services to the community.

Gary Williams serves on the State Lifesaving Committee as our branch's director of lifesaving. He is a crucial representative of North Queensland in all lifesavings, ensuring that our speciality in tropical lifesaving is acknowledged.

Our branch's director of surf sports, Alex Rogers, is a member of the state surf sports committee. Alex has advocated for equal access to resources and recognition of the challenges that our athletes have while competing at the state level.

For her years of dedication to the North Queensland Branch as our Branch Director of Junior Activities, Jenny Jones has advocated for the value of family, fun, and fitness for our young ones at the state level.

Jesse Witt is the Branch Director of Youth Development. I wish to express my gratitude to Jesse for his ongoing encouragement of adolescent development with lifesaving and continual representation on North Queensland at a state leadership development camp.

support and help to the Boards, Presidents, Clubs, and Members, SLSQ and Regional Office are appreciated.

Once more, I would want to express my gratitude to SLSQ for continuing to provide funding to enable our Young State Team's trip to the State Championship.

A last w<mark>ord of gr</mark>atitude to Rachael and each President and Board member for their ongoing support.



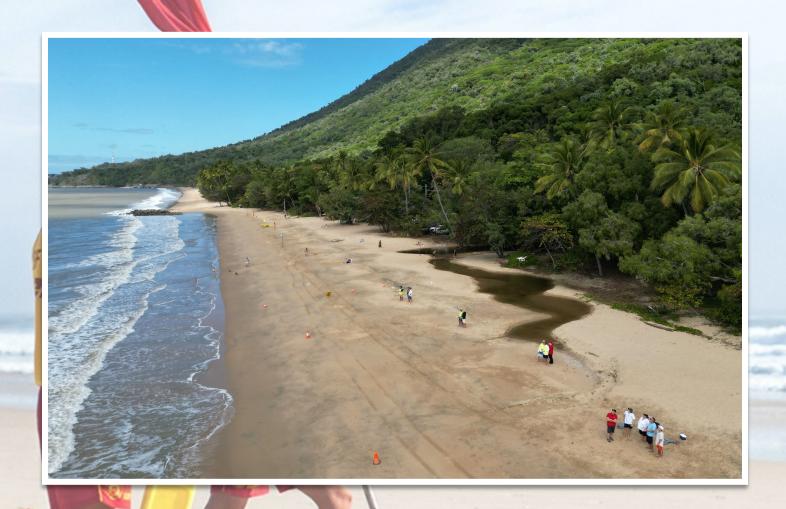
We appreciate each North Queensland branch representative that serves on these state committees and panels. For their support and help to the Boards, Presidents, Clubs, and Members, SLSQ and Regional Office are appreciated.

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Jemima Eveans

NQ Branch Deputy President (April—Dec)



#### **DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION & IT**



As the Director of Administration, I am incredibly proud of the achievements we have made this past season.

Our strategic planning session with the Board and Councillors sharpened our focus and heighted our strengths and areas for development.

Our strategic plan outlined our 2022 goals to provide excellence in lifesaving services to ensure the safety and wellbeing of beach-goers, promoting education and awareness for water safety, and enhancing the overall experience within our community. I am pleased to say that we have not only met but exceeded our expectations in our focus areas of our plan.

We have seen a significant uptake in our members taking on the responsibility of becoming trained lifeguards and volunteers. They have undergone training programs throughout the season ensuring the safety of all visitors to our beaches.

None of these achievements would have been possible without the unwavering commitment and dedication of you, our members, who have worked tirelessly throughout the season. It goes without saying your contributions have been invaluable, and we are incredibly grateful for your continued support.

To continue to strive and move towards superior performance we have identified focus areas for next season:

We will strengthened our relationship with local councils and tourism authorities. Their support will provided us with the additional resources to fulfill our mission, and result in increased public awareness and support for Surf Life Saving North Queensland.

We will connect with local organisations to provide backing, and partner with us to provide support for our North Queensland Branch Youth State Team, helping them kick goals at the 2023 Youth Championships following the disappointment of the cancellation of the 2022 event due to atrocious weather conditions.

As we look forward to the upcoming season, we remain focused on our mission of keeping our beaches safe and secure, and we remain committed to the principles that guide our work.

Thank you for your continued support of Surf Life Saving North Queensland.

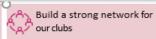
Scott Pearson







Communicty Education and advocacy



Our Plan for Success



innovation

 Promoto our capabilities with key stakholder Improve communication and

 Support clubs from a branch level providing information, training and IT solutions

CREATE A SOLIDFOUNDATION

CELEBRATE CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE

2020 - 2022

2022 - 2023

2023 - 2025

How we will Measure Success Retained membership

Increased retention (15-25yrs)

· Relationships with Regional Councils and Tourism bodies

promotion about our organisation

across youth members 

Develop ongoing relationships to become the "go-to" on marine and · Five Healthy Clubswith retained and growing memberships

### REGIONAL OPERATIONS MANAGER



In March 2022 we welcomed two new staff members to the North Queensland Regional team, Karen Smith-Marron, Regional Administration Officer and Kye Yeabsley, Life Saving Services Supervisor. Later in the year we welcomed Nicola Williams to the role of North Queensland Branch Deputy President; Alex Rogers moved to the Sunshine Coast and Jemima Eveans stepped into the NQB Director of Surf Sports role.

In March, Eimeo Surf Life Saving Club members rescued a patient from the water shortly after completing the Box Jelly fish net drag. The patient had more than 2m of tentacles from a Chironex Fleckeri around his legs and unfortunately could not be saved. Mackay, Eimeo and Sarina can't install Marine Stinger Enclosures due to the extreme tides. Through the process of supporting the members involved and reviewing signage and process, we identified the need to increase our safety messaging to the public and to ensure all new and existing patrolling members in the northern regions complete a Marine Stinger Award.

The SLSQ marine stinger procedures had an in-depth annual review with a great effort going into a new marine stinger course and a new risk assessment form for both lifesavers and lifeguards. The new online course has a large number of images and videos which gives our lifesavers and lifeguards an improved knowledge of how to identify marine stingers. All Patrolling members 15+ will complete the new award between 2022 and 2023.

We have the most incredible commitment as the Surf Life Saving North Queensland Regional Branch in our provision of a water safety service for one of Cairns Regional Councils biggest events – The Cairns Airport Ironman Cairns and 70.3 and the Ironman Green Island swim. The 2022 event had 3600 swimmers and we provided 10 IRB's, 35 Rescue Boards, the SSV, beach safety and Ski's leading the swimmers. A total of 92 volunteer lifesavers from our five clubs ensured an excellent water safety service. The Branch and the five surf life saving clubs benefit financially from the water safety service.

In Surf Sports we progressed from using SEMS in the office and on the beach to combining SEMS with Live Heats. This was far more satisfying, a reduction in paperwork and produced immediate results for anyone with the Live Heats app on th<mark>eir ph</mark>one. Thank you to all our carnival officials and to the staff for persevering through another change and adapting to wrist bands and scanning. Live Heats will continue to be used in the 2023 season.

Lifesaving had one of the Regions biggest IRB driver and crew training weekends in June. Etty Bay Surf Life Saving Club hosted the training and fed every one for the whole weekend. It was awesome. Even the Cassowary came to visit up close, walking amongst the campers at dinner time – to scary! Our Branch has a good team of IRB trainers, assessors and SME's who all committed to the weekend. We had 9 IRB's, 12 TAF's/SME's and trained 10 drivers and 25 Crew, a total of 47 members plus the lovely Etty Bay members

who looked after us. Well done to all and thank

you, our patrols will benefit from this.

I would like to acknowledge our trainers and assessors for the hours they commit to ensuring our patrolling members have their First Aid, CPR and ART awards. Plus, their commitment to the continuous upgrades they are required to do as part of their training. This year we had members deliver not only their club training but two Branch first aid courses and two ART courses. Thank you.



### **REGIONAL OPERATIONS MANAGER**

In September our NQ Board, Council, staff and club members attended the Lifesaving Conference in Brisbane and the State Awards of Excellence. The conference had exceptional and inspiring presentations and plenty opportunity to network and build relationships across the state. Congratulations to Rachael Wynberg for being awarded a President's Medal for outstanding and significant service to Surf Life Saving Queensland, one of only three ever awarded in the State. Congratulations to Kye Yeabsley for winning the SLSQ U18 Junior Lifesaver of the year. Congratulations to Jon (Muzz) Murray who won the SLSQ Lifeguard of the year.

We celebrated Harriet Grant's successful swim from Green Island to Yorkies Knob, the equivalent of swimming the English Chanel with the addition of marine stingers.

Our U14 – U17's enjoyed Camp Flip in September at Tinaroo and we can see them all proudly wearing the camp T-shirts that were collectively designed on the camp. We had 32 participants. Thank you to our leaders, staff and guest speakers for a full program and some good mentoring.

I would like to express my respect and acknowledgement to the Surf Life Saving Queensland, North Queensland Branch Board, Council, Club Officers and SLSQ staff who come together and drive the North Queensland Branch forward ensuring continuous support for the five clubs, the members and the sustainability of Life Saving.

Jen Rees

Regional Operations Manager NQ & NB



## NORTH QUEENSLAND LIFEGUARD SUPERVISOR



As you may or may not know this will be my last report as I am finishing up on the 23rd June 2023 to go and see what else life has instal for me.

It has been quite a ride the last 17 years, the first year being a casual Lifeguard and then the opportunity arose for the North Queensland Lifeguard Supervisor position which I was fortunate enough to get and have been doing ever since.

Prior to this I joined Ellis Beach SLSQ with my kids in nipper and I soon took the role as Club Captain for 4 years.

Over this time I have seen some wild things, met and worked with a heap of interesting and awesome people and seen the Lifeguard service and SLSQ evolve into what it is today, with the implementation of SURFCOM, LIMSOC

and DEPUTY just to name a few. All are great initiatives and have made administration etc a whole lot easier and more professional.

The building of our awesome HQ has made such an asset to our region, the envy of all I have no doubt.

I have to mention the stalwarts of our clubs, most of which were all there before I started and most are still there. I will not mention them personally as I do not wish to miss anyone out but I am sure you all know who they are and you should laud these great people because they are exceptional and NQ Lifesaving would not be the same without their selfless dedication.

Over the years I have had a policy of taking on club members who are turning 17 and show an interest in Lifeguarding. Usually as they finish grade 12 and either are trying to get into University or a gap year, yes they already have a foundation of the skills required for the job but everyone of them have been awesome individuals and I am a proud man if I have had the smallest influence on them to turn them into the people they are today.

Over the years I reckon their numbers would be in the hundreds and they have gone on to many different walks of life, including Doctors, Lawyers, Nurses, Paramedics, Chemist, Engineers, Midwifes, Police, Firies, Dentist, Rescue Chopper, Electricians, IT, Teacher, Military Service and many more.

Some are with us a short time and some stay a bit longer. I have a few that have been on board for over 10 years and one that was here before me and has 20 years service up, that would be Jon Murray (Muzz).

Muzz has applied to be my replacement and has been successful. He has vast experience and has the respect of all that work with us and the broader SLSQ Community and I believe we he will do an excellent job.

When I send out messages to all, I will always finish with "NO SEA TOO ROUGH" some people who don't know, scoff at his and say we don't have rough seas up here and I explain to them it is not what it is about, it is a metaphor for life, there is never a SEA TOO ROUGH, you just need to keep ploughing through.

Thank You All for being part of my journey, I hope I've left it in a good place and I am sure Muzz and the crew will continue to make it better.

"NO SEA TOO ROUGH"

PEACE!

Regards

Jay March

Lifeguard Supervisor



## LIFESAVING



#### LIFESAVING SERVICES SUPERVISOR



At the beginning of the NQ 2022 season, I had the privilege of being accepted into the role of Lifesaving Services Supervisor for North Barrier and North Queensland. Now having spent a year in this role, an entire season supporting the branch and moving into my 13th year as a member of the branch, I am more excited than ever to keep pushing for the advancement of our branch and clubs.

This season has been one like no other with brand new initiatives being implemented into SLSNQ; one of the highlights being the trial of club drone operations. As some of you may know, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries ran the "Shark Smart Program" for a few years, where a select group of people were able to operate drones for crocodile and shark watch. Last season we expanded this into the club world, with Etty Bay and Ellis Beach SLSC taking part in a Queensland first club drone operation trial. Across the 2 clubs, we had 29 members complete their Drone Operators Certificate, to conduct drone operations whilst on patrol. Although we had only

a short time at the end of the season to conduct this trial, we now are in a position for this season where these pilots can effectively contribute to patrolling and keeping our public safe through the operation of the drones.

Another initiative was the introduction of club RWCs. Previously RWCs were only operated by Operations Support in SEQ and by the lifeguard service. his initiative allows clubs to be approved to purchase their own RWC for patrol operations. Cairns SLSC was the branch's only applicant and was successful in doing so. We hope to see their RWC patrolling Palm Cove in 2023.

As with every year, all clubs were involved with water safety for the Cairns Ironman, thank you to all the members that were involved with this. A special shout out to those who assisted at Green Island and to the small group who assisted me and the ironman team with set up on Saturday; this turned into an 11-hour day on the beach! Ironman 2023 is soon upcoming so let's get excited for another year!

A concern for our Branch is that across all clubs, we are seeing a dip in members holding the relevant awards needed for an operational patrol. Fortunately, we have had amazing success in the uptake of branch-run IRB courses, notably the course run in Etty Bay with over 20 members receiving their IRBC/D award! We hope to see great member take up of the courses offered this season.

#### Notable incidents for 2022 were:

Missing Person @ Four Mile Beach
Request for Police @ Four Mile Beach
Request for Police @ Palm Cove (PALV SSV Stolen)
Rescue in Water @ Yorkey's Knob – PALV IRB to assist

I look forward to further supporting each club and to continue improving the quality of lifesaving services we provide and striving to achieve the SLSQ mission statement "Zero Preventable Deaths in Queensland Public Waters".

Thank you all for your commitment and excellence in lifesaving throughout the 2022 season and I look forward to seeing you all on the beach for the 2023 season.

Kye Yeabsley

Lifesaving Services Supervisor NQ & NB



#### **DIRECTOR OF LIFESAVING**



It is a pleasure and honour to once again provide a report and document the NQB Patrol Season for 2022. During fourth tenure as Director of Lifesaving for North Queensland Branch I have had the honoured to represent the interests of all clubs and lifesavers from our region who continue to do great job done volunteering throughout the season. We returned to a different environment after the COVID-19 pandemic but our patrolling members adapted to the minor challenges. I was indeed proud of the effort, resilience and commitment demonstrated by all our lifesavers through the whole season to accept and overcome those challenges. It was interesting that visitation to the beaches did not reduce significantly over the season as a lot more locals and SEQ visitors took advantage of the closed borders to experience the natural environs and assets we have in our region, visiting and appreciated our beaches.

I would like to congratulate all the Educators in our Branch.

A testament to your efforts to ensure sustainability and meeting our patrol agreements is the 366 new Lifesaving awards delivered over the 2022 season. This does not include the skills maintenance requirements for our

current award holders to maintain their proficiency.

Bronze Medallion BM including the Cert II 5.				
	Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue)	3		
	Surf Rescue Certificate (CPR Endorsed) SRC	24		
	Silver Medallion Beach Management SM(BM)	15		
	Silver Medallion IRB Driver IRBD	15		
IRB Crew Certificate IRBC				
First Aid [AID] FA				
	Advanced Resuscitation Techniques [AID] ART(AID)	35		
	Observers Award	9		
	QLD Marine Stinger Award	9		
	QLD SSV Operator Induction	23		



Special thanks to all the Club CTOS (Ruth Hannett, Jeremy Kay, Annabel Grant and Greg Cullen) yet again this has been a trying time for you all to progress these Awards and annual proficiencies. I would like to recognise and thank contribution of all the Club Captains John Goodman, Sarah Old and Sona Harrip, Steven Donaldson, Jesse Witt and Malcolm Davison. Their support and dedication to maintaining our lifesaving ops and delivering a quality beach service is commended. Also without their support my role as Director would have be extremely difficult.

Our Volunteer BM and SRC members delivering 11551 hours of patrols and water safety over the season.

Patrolled Rostered Hours		
Substitute Hours	714	
Volunteer Hours	879	
Water Safety Hours	910	

This was delivered by a dedicated xxx active patrolling members across the Branch.

Of note is a breakdown of patrolling members hours for the season:

- 7 members who volunteered over 100 hours
- 10 members who volunteered over 80 hours
- 26 members who volunteered over 60 hours
- 103 members who volunteered over 40 hours
- 90 members who volunteered over 20 hours



I would like to acknowledge the financial support given by the State Government in the form an annual amount of \$25000 to each club to ensure they are sustainable for the season and also the Qld Fire Emergency Service (QFES) and the Federal Government for additional funds to assist in the replacement and maintenance of clubs high valued Lifesaving assets and equipment. Equipment such as IRBs Outboards, SSV, Rescue Boards, Radios, and PPE. These funds go a significant way to ensuring our volunteers have appropriate equipment to perform their roles and responsibilities on the beach.

It is noted that as more members of the public and visitors enjoy our beaches, we are indeed displaying that we are a highly trained professional organisation albeit that we are volunteers. The equipment is a vital component of our routine patrol duties throughout our season

Once again, Support Operations were extremely busy throughout the season, with the ramp up of Drone activities to inspect beaches for Dangerous Marine Creatures. A big thank you to all those clubs members involved in maintaining this unique qualification and undertaking volunteer flights through 2022. I look forward to seeing more of this capability operating at our beaches during the 2023 season as SLSQ rolls out more training opportunity for this capability.

To the Lifesaving Support team in NQB and State Centre, again their work goes unnoticed to the masses of Branch members but their support assistance and guidance is invaluable to effective operations of Lifesaving service throughout QLD and within NQ Branch I have thoroughly enjoyed working in my role at the Branch, and representing the lifesavers of North QLD at those higher forums. It has been an honour to meet and work with so many passionate lifesavers in our organisation, and very proud of our clubs and support team at Branch Office. The challenges still exist to recruit more patrolling members by converting and encouraging Associate members to gain an award and join the patrol party on the beach to make life easier on the beach for current patrolling members and to expand our service.

Thank you all, and look forward to seeing you on the beach during the 2023 season.

Best for 2023 Gary Williams

**Director of Lifesaving** 



## NQ BRANCH SURF RESCUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

## **NQ Branch Surf Rescue Championships Age Champions**

Age Group	Female	Club	Male	Club
U14 Winner	Bailey Pearson	Cairns		
U15 Winner	Summer Tottman	Cairns	Callum Rickson	Cairns
U17 Winner	Natalie Cook	Etty Bay	Leon Kay	Ellis Beach
U19 Winner				
Open Winner	Tamra Johnston	Cairns		



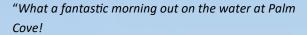
#### **CAIRNS AIRPORT IRONMAN**

Thank you to all of our NQ Branch Lifesavers and Volunteers who assisted with the 2022 Cairns Airport Ironman on 20th June. The 2022 event had 3600 swimmers, we provided 10 IRB's, 35 Rescue Boards, and the SSV, beach safety and Ski's leading the swimmers. A total of 92 volunteer Lifesavers from our five clubs ensured an excellent water safety service. for Ironman and Green Island Swim.











I would like to thank every single member of the water safety team for your efforts in ensuring that the Cairns Airport IRONMAN Asia-Pacific Championships Cairns operated without a hitch in the morning and was the success that it was.



The job you all do is essential to the success of the this event and your dedication, commitment, knowledge and professionalism is unrivalled around Australia! As a team you were able to get all athletes through the swim, or withdraw from the swim safely.



On behalf of myself and the whole IRONMAN Group team, again a massive thank you and we look forward to working with you again in 2023"



Cheers











"Overall Best IRONMAN of 2022 Global Athletes' Choice Award

An amazing achievement that could not have been possible without our incredible community, athletes and volunteers. Congratulations to all of us and all other winners too!"

## SURF SPORTS



#### **DIRECTOR OF SURF SPORTS**



Surf Sports - You are never too old or young to start. It is a lifetime sport that brings incredible amounts of humbleness and happiness and exposure to long life skills and friendship.

The 74-member Nth Queensland Youth State Team, who travelled to the Sunshine Coast, then caught everyone's attention with what unfolded. This was not the athletes' year, as the State Junior and Senior Championships were both cancelled at the beginning owing to a tropical calamity. We congratulate all athletes, age managers, coaches, and team managers for guaranteeing the safety through a very trying and discouraging time.

Afterwards, we entered the realm of pool rescue. The year 2022 saw activities begin with a journey to Innisfail in the south and a late-night session at Smithfield. Melinda Jackson, a pool rescue specialist, and two athletes from the BMD Northcliff Surf Lifesaving Club were fortunate enough to support this session. Coaches were taught practical advice during the Pool Rescue workshop, and the top coaches stayed with the athletes while they raced to teach them. Culminating in the June Branch Championships at Smithfield.

This season's biggest test was adding live heats to our beach carnivals. Under this new approach, officials were put through online training. With the assistance of SLSQ, we tested live heats and made sure everything

worked well. Together with assistance from Live Heats. This brought carnival systems into the twenty-first century with modern technologies.

Five carnivals for the North Queensland branch surf sports season were back. Live heats were introduced at our inaugural beach carnival, which was held on the Port Douglas SLSC. The weather put up a fantastic performance at Mission Beach, it had been more than five years. This last weekend was just amazing. Athletes and technology were tested in Etty Bay in August. The team day at Cairns SLSC was unlike any other. To create a super squad, each club was combined to display a sportsmanship.



Finally, this year's North Queensland Branch Championship Carnival took place at Ellis Beach. This athletic event drew around 200 competitors. In the first year, Surf Rescue Championships coincided with our branch's day weekend. There was a rise in attendance, and 2023 should see additional growth for this event.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the North Queensland Branch's surf sports this season, including the athletes, age managers, water safety personnel, officials, and coaches.

The Yorkeys Knob Summer School Surf League attracted the most participants than ever this year. Thank you once again for all water safety and officials for volunteering their time to support this event.



Finally, the North Australian Championships trek to Mackay has arrived. This October competition displays the skills of athletes from Hervey Bay to Port Douglas. At this event, age is not a factor. Queensland Country Team selection is done by the work put forth in this carnival. These athletes compete in the annual Inter-Branch Carnival against the Southeast Queensland branches as representatives of North Queensland, Wide Bay, and North Barrier Branch. With almost 50% of the squad coming from the North Queensland Branch, our Branch was strongly represented.

One area where our Branch shines is with our officials. This year, officials from our branch have participated in every major competition, from the states to the nationals, in a variety of capacities, from judges to carnival referees. Without authorities, carnivals cannot be held, and this season, new members filled those roles. These new authorities will ensure the success of carnivals in the future with time and training.

The personnel at the SLSQ regional office are very dependable and responds to my requests for help outside of regular business hours. Surf Sports will not be successful without age managers, clubs, water safety, officials, team managers, Directors of Surf Sports, involved parents and many more.

To the Board of Surf Sports: Without your efforts, we would not have been able to accomplish what we did in 2022. Even though this season is over, we are already getting ready for the 2022–2023 campaign. I am forwards to see you all on the sand.

Jemima Eveans

#### Director of Surf Sports (Dec-April)







## SECONDARY SCHOOL SURF LEAGUE



# Secondary School Surf League Yorkeys Knob 9th September

The 2022 NQ Secondary School Surf League attracted over 180 Students in attendance from High Schools across our region from Mossman in the North to Cassowary Coast in the South., the day was hailed a huge success by teachers and students.







Age Group	Female	School	Male	School
U13 Winner	Lily Young	St Monica's	Leathan Hudson	St Andrew's
U15 Winner	Mia Yeabsley	St Monica's	Julian Wynberg	Smithfield
U16 Winner	Bailee Zammit	St Monica's	Mitchell Rodgers	St Andrews

#### **Overall Point Score**

Rank	School	Points
1	St Augustine's	221
2	St Monica's	159
3	TAS	124



## **NORTH AUSSIE CHAMPIONSHIPS**



## North Aussie Championships Mackay 28th, 29th & 30th October

The SLSQ North Aussies was held from 28th to 30 October in Mackay with over 500 participants attending. Congratulations to all our NQ Branch Athletes who produced some excellent results in Pool Rescue and Surf Events.



#### **Overall Point Score**

Rank	Club	Points
1	Arcadian SLSC	704
2	Emu Park SLSC	650
3	Cairns SLSC	482



## NQ BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS

# NQ Branch Championships Ellis Beach SLSC 8th—9th October Age Champions

Age Group	Female	Club	Male	Club
U10 Winner	Hannah Smallbane	Cairns	Clancy Ross	Cairns
U11 Winner	Mia Bamford	Ellis Beach	Ben Bissett	Cairns
U12 Winner	Lauren Baldwin	Cairns	Charlie Daddona	Ellis Beach
U13 Winner	Ava Bamford	Ellis Beach	Logan Lockyer	Cairns
U14 Winner	Ellie Greenwood	Cairns	Leathan Hudson	Ellis Beach
U15 Winner	Miya Nock	Cairns	Mathys Moolman	Cairns
U17 Winner	Mia Yeabsley	Cairns	Kody Worth	Etty Bay
U19 Winner	Tamra Johnston	Cairns	Mitchell Rogers	Ellis Beach
Open Winner	Tamra Johnston	Cairns	Luca Godfrey	Ellis Beach
30-34 Winner				
35-39 Winner	Lucinda Eveans	Ellis Beach	Shaun Taylor	Cairns
40-44 Winner			Chris Hudson	Ellis Beach
45-49 Winner	Nicole Johnston	Cairns	Graham Barnes	Ellis Beach
50-54 Winner			Grant Knight	Port Douglas
55-59 Winner			Philip Johnston	Cairns
60+ Winner			Anthony Hannan	Cairns
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#### **Overall Point Score**

Rank	Club	Points			
1	Cairns SLSC	1346			
2	Ellis Beach SLSC	1024			
3	Etty Bay SLSC	375			
4	Port Douglas SLSC	262			
5	Mission Beach SLSC	141			



### NQ BRANCH YOUTH STATE TEAM

#### **NQ BRANCH YOUTH STATE TEAM 2023**

As my 4<sup>th</sup> year of being part of Team Management this was definitely the best lead up & championships that I have I have been involved in.

#### **Management Team**

Assistant Manager — Mark Bamford

Water and Beach—Coach Colin Cameron

Assistant Coaches & Helpers—Mark Bamford, Chris Hudson

Although not part officially of the NQBYST, valuable leadership, coaching & direction by Lucinda Eveans & Alistair Yeabsley to support the team was priceless and certainly added to the team culture & success. A massive big thankyou to their volunteer efforts and dedication to the team.

#### **Pre-event training**

Our timetable for training followed a similar pattern to last year. Sunday training as a compulsory group session focussing on skills & benchmarking fitness levels. Tues & Thurs morning board trainings Beach sessions were moved to a Friday evening which seemed to work well with a good turn out. As part of our training schedule a training weekend at Camp Barrabadeen was held late January.

#### Camp Barrabadeen

This was a huge success with Lucinda's programme their to test the kids to the limit. It was very pleasing to see all the kids rise to the occasion and give it their a all. A circuit training organised by Anece Taylor with help from Chris Hudson enjoys a special mention for the energy levels, enjoyment and group participation that this encouraged. It was a great weekend that heavily focussed on building team culture and successfully did so. A shout out to Cathy Bissett and her team of merry helpers in the kitchen that kept everyone well fed for the weekend.

#### **Uniforms**

This was solely managed by the amazing Nicola Williams who was well organised and had everything nailed in a timely manner. The uniform changed for the first time in 3 years which was an added expense but was well received by the team and definitely overdue. An extra special thanks to Nicola who did all the embroidery herself, saving us all a bit of cash. Given no restriction on ordering there has been some discussion regarding limiting items purchased or non compulsory items being an additional charge to the levy for future events. This would ensure a fixed cost for budget purposes moving forward.

#### Media & Sponsorship

This year saw more organisation with a sponsorship officer nominated, Ruth Nona who did a fabulous job with creating a media kit and securing 5 major sponsors almost immediately.

Cairns to Cape 4 x4 & IMS as Platinum Sponsors NQ Petro, Tag Hire & Benchmark Landscaping as Gold Sponsors

There were also several businesses that helped with encouragement awards for the athletes. AJ Hackett Bungy, NV Café & BC Coyle Cinemas & Surf Dive & Ski to name a few of the major contributors here. A massive thanks to all.



An ingenious initiative of Ruth's also saw the birth of the GoFundMe page for NQBYST to help with expenses for the team. To keep the kids and the online updates interesting, the kids needed to achieve swimming the distance to & from Mooloolaba in kms. The target of \$5000 was reached only a few days prior and was a great effort by all involved.

AVIS again came on board as a sponsor supplying 4 x 12 seater coasters + trailers & Prado for the team. This was time consuming and a little more difficult to secure this year than in the past. There were several emails and phone calls by Scott Pearson made to pursue this sponsorship. The relationship with AVIS was through a business connection that previous Team Manager Alex Rogers had within the AVIS Management. This person has since moved on and therefore although was finally secured, it was no easy task.

#### Accommodation

Pandanus Holiday Apartments Mooloolaba was used as the accommodation venue this year. The management, location & rooms was nothing short of spectacular. We were able to park our truck and vans out the back and kids had an easy 200m walk to the beach & back for training & competition.

#### Catering

Coles online was again used for breakfast & lunches all organised by Age Managers prior to the trip. Dinner the first night was held at the Mooloolaba Club, with other dinners during the week held at the Black Bunny Café in Alex Headlands. The last night was a casual pizza & drinks catch up at a park close by to the accommodation & competition.

#### Competition

The competition was sensational with NQ finishing in the highest place recalled and at least in the last 7 years in 18<sup>th</sup> place with a total of 33 points with 46 clubs recorded as competing. We were actually 1<sup>st</sup> on the leader-board after the 1<sup>st</sup> hr of competition (many a photo was taken here lol). A large majority of kids made semi finals & finals with the following outstanding results as a special mention.

Mia Bamford—2nd 1km Run

Ben Bissett-2nd 1km Run

Cooper Hudson—3rd Surf Race

Halle Cygler-4th 1km Beach Run

Lauren Baldwin—5th 1km Beach Run





There were several other high placings in team events and top 20 finishes which with some events having up to 130 kids is an awesome effort.

#### Conclusion

A very successful State Championship. Team Culture & Team Management was the best have experienced in all my years being part of the team. A big shout to Richard Young who was our main man driving the truck there & back and doing everything asked of him as chief amigo. Without volunteers like Richard we would not be in a position to provide this opportunity for the kids and I hope others come on board to support him next year. A huge congratulations an awesome effort to all kids that trained and competed. Their work ethic throughout was of a very high standard and again the best that have seen in years. Hard work really does pay off and Teamwork definitely makes the dreamwork. Best of luck next year to all management & competitors.

Tiera Mikuzis

#### **Team Manager**





## **NQ BRANCH YOUTH STATE TEAM**

**Cairns** 

Lacey Taylor

Elizabeth Meller

**Taylor Hudson** 

Ellis Rickson

Ben Bissett

Lola McPherson

Lauren Baldwin

Hamish Smallbane

Macklen Johnston

Abby Bissett

Logan Lockyer

James Langtree

Cooper Hudson

Xander Veenstra

**Bailey Pearson** 

Lily Young

Ellie Greenwood

Ellie Nona

Fergus Johnston

Miya Nock

Summer Tottman

Mathys Moolman

Callum Rickson

Logan Stevens

**Port Douglas** 

Lani Kelliher

**Ellis Beach** 

Charlie D'Addona

Halle Cygler

Mia Bamford

Kiara Williams

Isaac Wynberg

Koby Craig

Ualani Hudson

Ava Bamford

Leathan Hudson

**Etty Bay** 

Ariana Nucifora

**Mission Beach** 

Charlize Gee

Beau Westcott

Alex Bradley

Kai Westcott







# EDUCATION AND MEMBERSHIP



#### EDUCATION & MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR



Just like that another year is over and we welcome the 2023 season.

We started off our year again with the MEALS forum in March where we saw all over 40 members and staff from across our five clubs come together to discuss and workshop changes and our NQ stress points. With feedback all being positive from across the board, our little NQ Forum will now look to go state-wide with all branches receiving a forum in 2023.

2022 also saw a new look season calendar for the branch, encompassing training and education, meetings, camps and all-important dates you our members needed to know across the season. With over 200 accredited awards issued within the branch in 2022, our trainers and assessors were stretched thin getting all our members qualified or upskilled. Ellis Beach SLSC again hosted the regional Clontarf Academies for their Annual course with 12 participants attending this year and successfully obtaining their Bronze. In 2022 the QLD Marine Stinger course was also revamped and rolled out to our

trainers with the branch. This train the trainer course was our TAFs chance to provide feedback and input into the course and prepare them for member rollout.

In April SLSQ again ran the Lifesaving Development Program. NQB once again had good representation with 4 participants and 6 leaders/coordinators in attendance. With the inclusion of a Northern Queensland Program in 2023, I hope to see many more NQB faces in attendance across the two programs.

SLSQ held it's conference in August with members coming together from across the state to listen to guest speakers and network with other members. In conjunction with the conference the State Awards of

Excellence ran with 2 North Queensland members walking away on top. Congratulations to Kye Yeabsley and Jon Murray on their awards and achievements over 2022.

In September we again ran the Secondary School Surf League and saw an increase in numbers with over 150 students from 9 schools come down and compete on the day. Our members were incredible on the day, once again volunteering their time to officiate and water safety. I thank everyone for their support at this event and look forward to seeing the results in 2023.

In 2022 we also saw our inaugural Future Leadership Innovation Program (FLIP) run with 15 participants and 4 leaders/coordinators. The jam packed three days had members participating in team bonder, team challenges and honing their leadership skills, as well as looking to the future of the lifesaving

movement and the part they want to play. Massive thank you to Jesse Witt for his hard work in getting this program off the ground..

Whilst I have moved on from working in both the North Queensland and North Barrier regions, it is not good bye. My role at state has grown and you will still hear from me all the time for all things Membership.

I wish you all the best for the 2023 season and I'll see you at MEALS!

Zoe.

Z. Breitkreutz

Education and Membership Development Coordinator
North Queensland/North Barrier Branch



NQ Branch welcomed Emily Donoghue to the Position of Education, Membership and Community Coordinator in December 2022. Welcome to the NQ Branch Team and SLSQ





#### DIRECTOR OF YOUTH & MEMBERSHIP



Being the Director of Youth & Membership is a great honor, to be leading the future of our youth to become the future leaders and role models of our Branch. As this season ends and another begins, I would like to reflect upon what has happened over the last season.

Firstly, we finally held the first annual Branch Youth Development Program with great success being FLIP, the Future Leadership Innovation Program. It was a great weekend up on Tinaroo Dam, with 16 Participants attending and I give a big thank you to the leaders, Coordinators and helpers that make it such a wonderful and successful weekend.

We also had 4 participants represent our branch at the Youth Excellence Program on the Gold Coast last September, in which I was the coordinator for, and I was so proud of them all with the way they processed them self and our branch.

In November I represented our branch as a mentor for the Leadership Excellence Program held in Brisbane for over 18-year-old to help guide our future leaders in Queensland and I'm hoping to be able to send some participants in this coming season I'm very excited that in this season coming we will be sending a number of participants, leaders, trainers, and staff down the Magnetic Island in June to represent our branch at the first LDP held in NQ, in which I will be the Head Program Coordinator.

Over the last season there was one big stand out though, someone who was a Participant at LDP, YEP and FLIP plus was Present at the LEP as a Staff member of our branch after turning 18, this amazing and dedicated lifesaver has truly shown the way as a role model for other youth in our branch and is doing a great job as the Education, Membership and Community Awareness Coordinator for the NQ branch and is also helping out NBB.

She is a true future leader of the Branch and a great representation of what all the development programs strive to do, empowering our future and the youth that anything is possible. So well done and congratulations to Emily Donoghue for leading the way.

Now looking forward we start a new season, prepare to face anything and to keep driving our youth to challenge themselves in the future and to empower our members to keep supporting and rising each other and the branch to a higher standard. Leading and showing a path for everyone to follow like we do by leading and showing where it is safe to swim, Between the Red and Yellow Flags.

This is Jesse Witt signing out, until next season.

P.S. For everyone else **YOUTH** is just a word the represents young people but for us it represents our future and gives us hope that what we love as lifesavers will live on in them.

Jesse Witt

**Director of Youth & Membership** 



# NQB MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS 2022/2023 SEASON



ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP



12% Decrease



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TOTAL MEMBERSHIP



10% Decrease

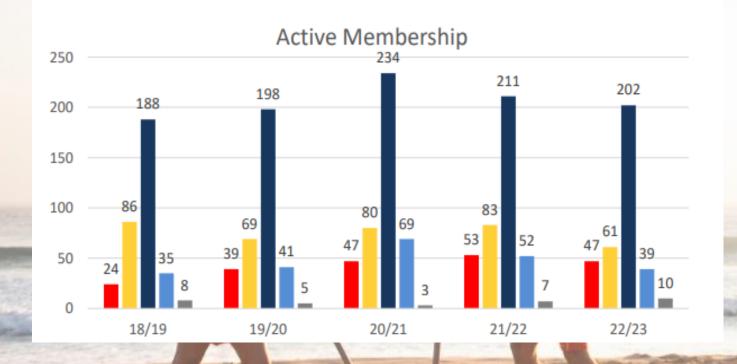


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JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

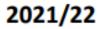


14% Decrease



# NQB MEMBERSHIP RETENTION STATISTICS

2020/21



2022/23



**78%** 

65%

74%

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP RETENTION

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84%

**70%** 



66%

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP RETENTION



**78%** 

**ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP** RETENTION



65%

**ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP** RETENTION



61%

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP RETENTION

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JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP RETENTION

Congratulations to the following members who were received awards for the

#### North Queensland Branch Awards of Excellence 2021 Season

Thank you for your dedication and support you provide to Surf Life saving in North Queensland.





# Award

# Recipient

Andy Frizzell OAM, OBE Award	Chris Hudson, Ellis Beach
Clive Hammond OAM Medal	Alexander Ro <mark>gers, Ca</mark> irns
U14 Junior Surf Lifesaver of the Year	Eden Cini, Etty Bay
U18 Junior Surf Lifesaver of the Year	Kye Yeabsle <mark>y, Cairn</mark> s
Volunteer of the Year	Martin Cook <mark>, Etty B</mark> ay
Youth Surf Life Saver of the Year	Leon Kay, <mark>Ellis Be</mark> ach
Assessor of the Year	Annabel Gr <mark>ant, C</mark> airns SLSC
Operation Support Person of the Year	Gary Williams. Ellis Beach SLSC
Surf Lifesaver of the Year	Alan Tans <mark>ey, Ell</mark> is B <mark>each</mark>
Trainer of the Year	Jeremy Kay, Ellis <mark>Beach</mark>
Innovation Award	Cairns SLSC
Junior Athlete of the Year	Summer Tottman, Cai <mark>rns</mark>
Masters Athlete of the Year	Brian Markham, Port <mark>Douglas</mark>
Official of the Year	Stuart Turrell, Etty Bay
Sports Team Manager of the Year	Robert McPhail, Cairns
Sports Team of the Year	Cairns Masters Team
Volunteer Coach of the Year	Michael Howard

# SLSQ AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE 2022

Congratulations to our NQ Branch members who were Awarded the honour of receiving 2022 SLSQ Awards of Excellence

NQ Branch President, Rachael Wynberg, Ellis Beach

# PRESIDENTS MEDAL for Outstanding and Significant Service to Surf Life Saving Queensland



Kye Yeabsley, Cairns - U18 JUNIOR LIFESAVER OF THE YEAR



John Murray (Muzz), Cairns - SLSQ LIFEGUARD OF THE YEAR

Well deserved recognition for all that you do for Surf Life Saving in North Queensland.

# DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR ACTIVITIES



2022/2023 NQB Junior Activities Report – Jenny Jones 2022/2023 was a season of momentous change for our branch junior board. New leadership came with four (4) of our five (5) clubs electing a new JAC:- Mark Bamford (Ellis Beach), Paul Mead (Cairns), Peter Greven (Etty Bay) and Marty Westcott (Mission Beach). Unfortunately, Port Douglas were not able to recruit a Junior Activities Chair, however Kerry Bower-Miles continued to attend our JA meetings in the interim and the club was still able to deliver a nipper program throughout the season.

We also saw Ray "Freddie" Fien hand over the reins of State Junior Activities Advisor after thirteen (13) years at the helm to Natalie Jarrott. Ray's sudden and unexpected passing only a month ago has saddened us all, but none more so than his family. His legacy will no doubt continue, as will his popular catch cry of "It's Ripper to be a Nipper".

The first item of business on the calendar was the NQB MEALS workshop held in March, with ideas and knowledge shared, to help our new JAC's and others attending, gain a better understanding of the JA role and an overview of all that junior activities encompasses. It was with anticipation that surely a better season was ahead; given COVID-19 restrictions had eased and championship events could not possibly be cancelled again.

Unfortunately, there was a further decline in our overall junior membership this season (-14%) with only Etty Bay SLSC, posting an increase (+ 3%). Retention rates (+ 61%) however were extremely pleasing.

The clubs continued to educate and develop their nippers via surf play, participation, and fun. The education pathway via the delivery of the Surf Education program and awards ensures that our youngest lifesavers become knowledgeable in both lifesaving and surf sports.

As part of the Junior Development Activities Programs, nippers are given the opportunity to gain a junior development award each season. A total of 197 age and 14 SRC accreditations and awards were gained in 2022 by our junior members, which equates to 75% of the total junior membership being fully engaged. Notably Mission Beach achieved 100%, with all their junior members gaining their age appropriate award.

Of the fourteen (14) junior members who completed their Surf Rescue Certificate, thirteen (13) have already carried out patrol and water-safety duties totalling 282.26 hours in the calendar year across their own club beaches, at junior/nipper training sessions and at triathlon events.

Club	Junior Membership	No. Junior Awards Completed
Port Douglas	39	29
Ellis Beach	61	56
Cairns	122	70
Etty Bay	30	27
Mission Beach	29	29
	281	211

Following annual Junior Reviews clubs engaged their nipper parents and carers and worked towards gaining accreditation that would fully support their junior activities:-

Club	Award	No. Completed
Ellis Beach	Age Manager	4
Etty Bay	Age Manager	2
Etty Bay	Nipper Adult Assistant	2



Surf Sports is always a major component in the development of our nippers. Our clubs hosted five (5) carnivals in 2022/2023, (with a few of the clubs also delivering green cap activities at this time), three (3) pool rescue carnivals, (catering to all the competitive age groups within nippers) as well as champion lifesaver.

A highlight of the junior surf sports program is the NQB Youth State Team. This season was no exception. The team did us proud, with outstanding performances from members making semis, to finals, and becoming state medallists. Congratulations to all on firstly your selection into the NQB YST and secondly for your attitude, behaviour and performance when representing the NQ Branch.

The feat surrounding the management and logistics of the YST from training out of season, to travel and transport, together with uniforms, accommodation and catering organisation can never be fully understood or appreciated unless you are part of the experience.

A huge thank you goes to SLSQ and NQ Branch staff, Club JAC's, Age Managers, Team Managers, Water Safety, Coaches, Uniform Officers, Chaperones, JAAO's, Trainers, Assessors, BBQ helpers, Amigos, Fundraisers and Patrolling Members for quite simply without ALL OF YOU our Junior Activities and programs would not be possible.

Further gratitude to those members who have gone above and beyond this season and there are so many of you that contribute to running a JA program regardless the size of your club. I also extend my congratulations and very best wishes to those members who have been nominated by their clubs for NQB Awards of Excellence; in particular for the U14 Junior Life Saver of the Year and the Andy Frizzell OAM OBE Services to Junior Activities awards.

I wish the incoming committee all the very best for the 2023/2024 season. Things are already looking brighter following recent club AGM's with all last year's JAC's returning and Port Douglas appointing Nicky Harty as their JAC. Membership drives, together with come and try events, school visits etc are already showing promising signs of a ripper year ahead.

It's Ripper to be a Nipper in North Queensland.

Jenny Jones

### **Director of Junior Activities**



# SURF LIFESAVING IN THE COMMUNITY

#### **MEALS**

NQ Branch MEALS (Membership, Education, Administration, Lifeguard, Sports) was held on Saturday 19th March 2022. Thank you to all who attended, it was a great day and the information and sessions provided from SLSQ Staff were informative and educational and a great opportunity to gain knowledge in all our relevant areas. NQ Branch will look forward to hosting this wonderful event again in March 2023.



# **Anzac Day Dawn Service**



Thank you to NQ Branch members Hannah Williams, Ellis Beach SLSC, Fergus Johnston, Cairns SLSC, Jon Murray, Cairns SLSC and Arjan Wynberg, Ellis Beach SLSC for laying the wreaths at Cairns and Trinity Beach Memorial services on behalf of NQ Branch.



# **Memorial Day**

Cairns Surf Life Saving Club hosted the NQ Surf Life Saving Memorial Day on Sunday 1st May 2022. Thank you to everyone who attended to pay respect and remember those lost in Queensland waters and farewell members of the Surf Life Saving Community who are not longer with us.

Lifesavers laid a wreath to pay tribute to those who have lost their lives in the surf.



# SURF LIFESAVING IN THE COMMUNITY

#### **NQ Branch Drone Trial**

On the last weekend of July Drone Operators courses were held at Ellis Beach and Etty Bay. In total there were 16 members from both Ellis Beach SLSC and Cairns SLSC taking part in the Course.

Members were trained in CASA regulations for drones and maintenance for drones during a face to face



theory lesson. After the theory, members took to the skies and flew practice flight on a variety of different drones. They were trained in different functions of the drones and how to operate a drone in a patrolling scenario.



#### SLSQ State Conference

The SLSQ State Conference was held in Brisbane on the weekend 19-21st August 2022 in Brisbane. The NQ Branch Board of Directors, Staff and Club members from Port Douglas, Ellis Beach, Cairns, Etty Bay and Mission Beach attended this informative event. There was over 320 delegate, 2 amazing key note speakers and 35 sessions covering topics including, Surf Sports, Lifesaving, Nippers to Education and Youth, Operations and Governance. Thank you to all members who attending and their clubs who supported them in getting there, the weekend was a huge success.



#### **Little Lifesavers Program**

In the 2022 April, July & Dec holidays, our Community Awareness Team ran two day Little Lifesavers Programs at the Cairns Lagoon, with participants aged 5 to 11. This program, supported by Kumon, is designed to be fun, engaging and a great way to educate children on the important aspects of water safety, whilst also increasing their skills and confidence in the water with a variety of water safety and lifesaving techniques.



# CLUB REPORTS



# PORT DOUGLAS SLSC PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Our 2022 Surf Season started in the pool, the Mossman Pool to be precise. We noticed a lack of swimming abilities from our nippers, and identified the opportunity to run a Nippers Swim Program during School Term 1 (January – March). With just over 30 kids, new and existing members, we started the year with a buzz.

It was wonderful to see everyone come together to run this program. Parents helping out in the pool, Bonne and Ingrid managing the sign ons and attendance sheet, and the support of the Mossman Pool to run this program. This is what Surf Lifesaving is all about.

Unfortunately not many of the new members joined the nippers program, possibly due to a gap between the end of the swim program and the sign

on day in late April. With a planned earlier Sign On Day for next season, we hope we can turn this successful program in a growth a new nippers next year.

We ran successful patrols from April till November with 8 patrol groups, resulting in half day patrols for most. This was a welcome change from the full day patrols over the last few years, and something our lifesavers enjoyed. The patrol groups were light on, but minimum standards were met and everyone on the beach was kept safe. A massive thank you to all our patrolling members for their dedication to lifesaving.

Caylen and Emily were selected to join the SLSQ Lifesaving development Camp on the Sunshine Coast in April. Emily obtained her IRB Driver Award and Caylen his IRB Crew Award, plus the both of them refreshed their First Aid and added the ART Award to their list of accomplishments. They both loved attending the camp, making new friends and learning new skills. Thanks to the club committee for covering the cost of this camp for the both of them.

For the first time we hosted the Port Douglas State School Cross Country event, which was a great success. The grass area is the perfect location for community events like this. Unfortunately the District Cross Country event had to be cancelled due to bad weather. I think it's wonderful for our club to engage in community events like this and make our facilities available.

Our Club Trainer Ruth ran another successful Bronze Medallion and SRC Cou<mark>rse, which gave</mark> us 1 new Bronze Medallion members and 2 new

SRC's.

The IRB Crew and Driver Course ran by Branch earlier in the year was very helpful for our club, helping us to 4 new IRB Drivers and 3 new IRB Crewies. Both these courses and the SLSQ Lifesaving Development Camp were a massive help to get us through our patrol season successfully. A massive thank you to Ruth, John and all other trainers involved with this.



The nippers program ran from 15 May till Mid-October. Qualified help and water safety was light on, but we managed to safely run this program and the kids loved it.

We also ran Junior Board Training on Wednesdays, plus adult training on Mondays and Wednesdays. Numbers were low, but fun on the beach and in the water we had! I would love to see these additional training sessions continue and grow in attendance. To do this, we will need more Coaches and Water Safety to help out.



This season we had 5 Carnivals again, with the happy return of

the Mission Beach Carnival. Based on the overall lower members numbers this season, we had a great attendance at these carnivals. We all love competing as our other branch beaches, making new friends and testing our skills and fitness. We were a bit low on officials, which is something we should push for next season. We ran the first Carnival of the season on 16 & 17 July. I always love seeing our club come together to run this yearly event successfully. Everyone is happy to help out, of course under Ingrid's guidance. Thank you t all of you! At our carnival we ran the inaugural Steve Pollard Double Ski Race, in loving memory of Steve. Grant and myself entered the race, but it was the Cairns team who got the win. A fun race that put a big smile on all of our faces. Steve would have loved it.

Our club house got a makeover with a new floor layed, walls freshly painted and a new TV on the wall. This was due to successful grant applications. A massive thank you to Bonne for managing the application process for these grants.

We also got a special visit from Bonne Hancock on our amazing ski paddle around Australia. It was very inspiring to all of us, and we got the chance to ask her questions. After visiting our club she made it back to the Gold Coast and Completed her journey.



I would also like to thank Bridget for taking on the role as Youth Development Officer and working together with our youth club members to engage them more and create opportunities for them. They attended the Secondary School Surf League, Camp FLIP at lake Tinaroo, and Bridget gained the approval to run a Bronze Medallion Course at the Mossman High School. A great direction for our club and hopefully one that will result in more youth

members joining our club in future years.

We are also very proud of Lani Kelliher who got selected for the NQ Branch State Team. She trained very hard over summer and did an awesome job at the State Championship at Mooloolaba in February.

I would personally like to thank the club committee for supporting me attend the SLSA Leadership Masterclass in Adelaide. It was very refreshing to meet other club committee members from all over Australia, and the material that we were taught was very helpful to think about our club in a more strategic way.

Another successful season for the Port Douglas Surf Life Saving Club and a massive thank you to everyone involved. It's the kind people like you, who are happy to volunteer their time, that keeps our club going. Let's grow our amazing club bigger and better over the next few years!

Irene Cats

**President** 

**Port Douglas SLSC** 

# ELLIS BEACH SLSC PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I would like to thank our outgoing president Len Wanklyn for his huge contribution to the club in his years as president and I look forward to carrying on his good work. Stepping into the role midterm has meant joining a well-established and high functioning board. I thank the all the current and retiring board members for their dedicated service and professionalism in driving Ellis Beach forward to be the best it can be in all areas of surf lifesaving.

A special mention to our joint directors of lifesaving and the

success they have managed through a trying, shorthanded patrol season, well done to Sarah and

Sonja.

We have had a successful surf sports season this year with many of our members chosen for various representative teams, and a contingent heading to Perth to compete in the Aussie's. I am sure I speak for the whole club in wishing all our athletes the highest success in their endeavours, and that the numerous hours of training ae rewarded, we are very proud of all of you.



One major change around our club in the past 12 months has been the installation of new turf on both sides of the highway. A special mention to our director of surf sports Col Cameron in his ability to inspire our membership to achieve amazing results for the benefit of all our members. I think all will agree that the area under the Melaleuca trees on the beach is now a favourite spot for members and public alike, It was the perfect setting for our end of year function.

Once again, thanks to all supporting members who tirelessly contribute to the success of our wonderful club.

#### Club house relocation

This year we have been finding solutions to limitations on the new clubhouse site, including to waste and water, erosion control, traffic management and environmental considerations. We now

believe we have results that will allow us to move forward quickly. We hope to commence building within 6 months once all approvals are sought and granted. Thank you for your patience on this matter.

Hamish Jenkins

President
Ellis Beach SLSC



# CAIRNS SLSC PRESIDENT'S REPORT



It is with pride and great pleasure that I present the Presidents Report for season 2022.

It has been a busy year on and off the beach, and I would like firstly to extend my sincere thanks to our club committee, especially the executive members who have had a particularly challenging year.

Of course, club administrator Jill Boltz who is the ever smiling and chirpy personality at the end of the phone, email, or the front desk, and does a wonderful job of keeping us all on track and who can be relied upon to always contribute her upmost.

I thought this year I would split my report into two sections ... Our achievements for 2022 and our goals for the 2023 season.

2022, saw another successful patrol season with no breaches and 100% coverage over all patrol weekends. Thanks in most part to Steve Donaldson who worked tirelessly on keeping patrols updated and communicating diligently with our lifesaving members. Thanks to the many preventative actions and vigilance by a surf Lifesavers I am pleased to advise that we had no loss of life on our beach in 2022.

I would like to see us continue the service with the same attention and hope that 2023 will see all our bronze medallion and SRC holders actively participate in patrol regardless of their position in the club. This is after all our core business and why we are here.

In the arena of surf sports and training, Cairns yet again remained triumphant in all North Queensland beach carnivals, branch championship, and senior March past. Pool Rescue at North Aussies was won resoundingly, North Aussies produced 24 Juniors selected to attend the state titles. 5 Queensland Country representatives were also selected from our club and for the first time we have 5 of our senior female competitors ably coached by Al Yeabsley competing at the senior state titles.

North Aussies saw our juniors victorious, great results with senior competitors finishing 4th and despite a considerably diminished masters contingent, gaining first place by handicap count back.

Great efforts with Champion Lifesaver competitions held at NQ Branch Championships, where we had 4 champions with Ellis Rickson placing first in U15 Age group gaining the highest point scorer ever recorded.

Congratulations to both Kye Yeabsley and Jon Murray aka "Muzz" for their success with their North Qld Nominations and then Qld SLS award for U18 Junior Lifesaver of the Year & Lifeguard of the Year at the 2022 respectively.

Another huge achievement by one of our members namely, Ms Harriet Grant was her magnificent swim from Green Island to Yorkies Knob on 17th September.

Well done Harriet and her support crew



Finally, we must recognise the efforts and success of 5 of our master's competitors who attended the SLS World Championships in Riccione Italy who came away with bronze and silver medals in a number of events: again well done in keeping CSLSC on the world map!

All of these notable efforts are achieved not only by the stellar efforts of our competitors, but by the fabulous coaching team, age, managers, surf, sport, officer, and JAC my sincere thanks and congratulations to you all.

This report would be way too long for me to thank all the persons responsible for our success as a club this year, but mention must go to



our: trainers, assessors, carnival officials, fund raising crew, gear stewards, maintenance persons, events crew, and of course our parents. Another achievement in 2022, after years of delay, we have finally launched a surf boat and look forward to future success and increased interest in qualified members. My thanks to those who have contributed the time to seeing this vision realised.

Iron man, 2022, our club again provided the bulk of the life-saving manpower required to achieve another successful event with again no significant rescues or loss of life. Thanks to all those involved in lifesaving, as well as those who volunteered on the beach to further assist the event as well as contribute to our fundraising efforts.

Fundraising events is another area where our club excels ... with special mention and thanks to all persons



assisting with the high tea, weekly training barbecues, special event barbecues, (my congratulations and thanks to Richard Young for his tireless efforts in coordinating the bbq)

Thanks to all those who assisted with Cairns Carnival weekend, Go Green Caps Mini Carnival, end of year Junior break up, Senior Presentation Night and of course the "Let's Celebrate" event, acknowledging our club's final success in securing ownership and overriding control in all areas

Final acknowledgement to a huge part of our workload in 2022 must address the successful and long-awaited outcome of the end of lease of the Supporters Club under Surf Lifesaving Queensland tenure. Many of you will already be aware of the significant challenges and difficulties that accompanied this negotiation. The outcome resulted in the Cairns Surf Lifesaving Club, taking back total ownership, control, and management at the Supporters Club. A rebranding of "Surf Club-Palm Cove "to "Cairns Surf Club -Palm Cove" and the removal of the former logo to be replaced with our aligning Cairns Surf Lifesaving club logo is underway. To this end, a new supporters club board of directors has been appointed led by Mr Alex Rogers and Cairns Surf Lifesaving club members.

I am sure you will agree our future as a club, organisation and business looks bright, and I look forward to working alongside all our members and staff to see 2023, be a great year and the beginning of a new successful era for our great club.

Rob Patterson

**President** 

**Cairns SLSC** 

# ETTY BAY SLSC PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Being my first season as Etty Bay Club president, there has certainly been a lot to learn along the way. I would like to thank our previous club president, Brian McElhinney for his dedication and commitment over the last 11 years in this role.

As the previous season ended with much disappointment due to the cancellation of the Junior and Senior State Championships, in which we had 9 juniors, 1 senior and 2 boat crews due to compete.

We started the 22/23 season moving in the right direction with the completion of a new 5-year Strategic Plan. One of the items in the Strategic Plan was to see the introduction of a drone being used as part of our patrols, also encompassing Sunday nippers, which has given many of our members and parents confidence to have the juniors in the water, not to mention the growing confidence the community has to enjoy our wonderful beach.

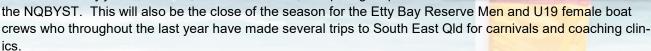
It was great to see recognition for 3 of our members at the NQ Branch Awards of Excellence. Stuart Turrell – Official of the Year, Marty Cook – Volunteer of the Year, and Eden Cini – Junior Surf Lifesaver of the Year.

Earlier in the season we held the official opening of our refurbished Undercover Training area which not long after was the venue for a well-organized, well attended and enjoyable IRB driver/crew training course.

In June we welcomed Maxi (Trent Maxwell) to Etty Bay for a day of education, training and fun for our members and community alike which was enjoyed by all ages.

This was a great prelude to the NQ Branch carnival season as we have welcomed many new nippers and their families to the carnival scene. This gives us great confidence for the future to have this new generation of families become members of the Etty Bay SLSC.

Our Trainers and Assessors have also given up many hours of their time to help several new members gain their Bronze Medallion throughout the season. We look forward to a successful State Champs in 2023 as reward for our only junior member, Arianna Nucifora, competing as part of



Of course, I can't give enough thanks to all the members of our Etty Bay family for all that they do.

This year we say farewell to one of these members, the dedicated official, Stuart Turrell, who will be greatly

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We look forward to a successful State Champs in 2023 as reward for our only junior member, Arianna Nucifora, competing as part of the NQBYST. This will also be the close of the season for the Etty Bay Reserve Men and U19 female boat crews who throughout the last year have made several trips to South East Qld for carni-

vals and coaching clinics.

Of course, I can't give enough thanks to all the members of our Etty Bay family for all that they do.

This year we say farewell to one of these members, the dedicated official, Stuart Turrell, who will be greatly missed for all that he does at Etty Bay and NQ Branch. We wish him all the best.

Shayne Cini

President

# MISSION BEACH SLSC PRESIDENT'S REPORT



As the 2022 Surf Life Saving season in North Queensland comes to a close, I would like to acknowledge and thank our members who have given their time to provide a safe swimming environment for the local community and the many visitors who come to Mission Beach.

Our members' commitment to achieving and maintaining the high level of skills required to respond to a range of situations that arise in our ocean waters and on our beaches and their dedication to patrolling our beach, is second to non. This is reflected in the fact that Surf Life Saving is one of the most highly regarded volunteer emergency services in Australia.

I would also like to thank our small and very hard-working committee and office bearers, who in many cases, in addition to fulfilling their patrol obligations undertake multiple roles to ensure that Mission Beach SLSC fulfils its role as one of five clubs that comprise the North Queensland Branch.

To Malcolm Davison, Jane Berge, Marty Westcott, Amanda Patch, Leona Bradley, Jesse Glutz, Anne Pleash and Dave Bradley, thank you for the many hours that you willingly give for the benefit of other.

Although our primary role is to patrol the beach, Surf Life Saving also provides opportunities for competition and it was great to see the return of a surf carnival at Mission Beach after and absence of two years. The weekend of the 6th and 7th of August delivered perfect weather and supported by our members, both in the competition arena and behind the scenes, as well as members of our fellow North Queensland Clubs, the carnival was an outstanding success.

Our enthusiastic band of competitors under the watchful eye of coach Marty Westcott punched well above their weight and the club was well represented at all branch carnivals, as well as the North Queensland Branch and North Aussie Championships. There were many excellent individual and team performances, and congratulations go to all for an outstanding job. Congratulations to Beau Westcott and Charlize Gee for their selection in the North Queensland Country Team that competed at the Interbranch Championships.

Congratulations also to members who gained their lifesaving bronze medallions and SRC awards and were able to join our patrol teams as qualified lifesavers in addition to the many trophy and award winners.

Nippers, where our young members learn surf skill, beach safety and are introduced to lifesaving and competition through a structured program of activities was once again an important part of our regular weekly schedule. Thanks to our Junior Activities Coordinator, Marty Westcott and his enthusiastic bank of helpers for their commitment and dedication in providing a safe and friendly learning environment where our nippers received expert tuition and encouragement to become the lifesavers of tomorrow.



# MISSION BEACH SLSC PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mission Beach is fortunate to have the support of many local sponsors which are acknowledged elsewhere in the Annual Report. In particular the ongoing support of the Cassowary Coast Regional Council is acknowledged and greatly appreciated. Special thanks go to Jason and Kerry of Tuskers for their continued support through the social member program, meat raffles and weekly supporters draw, while providing great food and live music entertainment which ensures that there is always life at the club.

During the year we were able to finalise the refurbishment of the bunk room, and we now have an excellent facility that as well providing accommodation for visitors, doubles up as a function and training room as required. We also saw the long-awaited arrival of our new IRB appropriately names after one of our life members—John "Crooksey" Crooks.

History and tradition are an important part of any club and I would like to acknowledge the important contribution of so many member in the seventy eight years since the information of the club in 1944. Deserving f special mention are our life members, John Crooks OAM (Dec), Stan Flegler (Dec), Dudley Taylor , Jack Riley (Dec), Daniel Hatten (Dec, Gary Cali, Kathy White, Wanda Lowe and Don Wheatley.

Our club paces a high degree of importance on family involvement and in closeing I would like to thank the many individual families that make up the big family that is our club and the even bigger family of surf life-savers throughout Australia. To those, especially the parents our younger members, who are not involved but are able, I encourage you to do so. Remember it is your club and the more you put into it the more you and your children will get out of it.

I look forward to seeing you all back and having fun next year.

Simon Linden

**President** 

Mission Beach SLSC



# NQ BRANCH CLUBS



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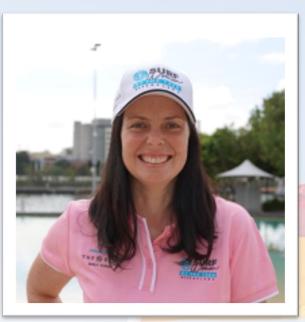


ETTY BAY SLSC

# **SURF WOMAN PROGRAM**

I represented Ellis Beach SLSC in the Queensland Surf Woman program, which ran from September 2021 – May 2022. With the help of Ellis Beach Club members, we raised over \$8,000. Yes, there were opportunities to get glammed up, but it's about so much more than that – there was a lot of hard work behind the scenes!

I undertook fundraising at the Cairns Amateurs, a Blood Donation Drive, an online raffle (many thanks to Dave Donnelly for donating the prize) and community awareness presentations to other community groups. We wrapped up with a Gala judging event at the Star Gold Coast – thanks to Gary Williams for joining me at the event.



The Surf Woman judging criteria has significantly changed in recent years, with less focus on fundraising. Entrants have the flexibility to design their own activities, fundraisers, and community awareness sessions. The eight entrants from around Queensland travelled to Southeast Qld for three weekends over the program to be judged on lifesaving skills, communication and public speaking, leadership and innovation.

While we were down south, we learnt a lot about SLSQ and other Clubs, visiting SLSQ Head Office, Surf Guard and the Westpac Rescue Helicopter hangar. There are so many ways to get involved further in lifesaving and this was a great way to share experiences and learnings from around the State.

It was great to represent Far North Queensland in the program and I'd recommend it to anyone who wants to give it a go!

Ellen Cox

2022 Surf Woman Representative

Ellis Beach SLSC







# DIRECTOR OF FINANCE



It is with great pleasure I present to you the North Queensland Branch Financial Statements for the year ending 31st December 2022.

The Financial Statements for FY 2022 have been audited by Cape York Accounting Smithfield and can be located in the following pages.

Bob Masters

**Director of Finance** 







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## Auditor's Report to the members For the year ending 31 December 2022

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Surf Life Saving Queensland North Queensland Branch Inc, which comprises Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022 and the income statement for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the statement by members of the Branch committee.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of the Branch is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Queensland) 1981, and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members.

The committee's responsibilities also includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the committee's financial reporting obligations under the Associations Incorporation Act (Queensland) 1981. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

This Auditors Report must be read in conjunction with the attached Notes which form part of these financial statements.

Auditor's Report to the members (continued) For the year ending 31 December 2022

#### Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

#### Qualification

As is common for an organisation such as Surf Life Saving Queensland North Queensland Branch Inc, it is difficult to establish accounting control over income prior to its receipt and accordingly it is not possible for our examination to extend beyond the amounts of income recorded in the accounting records of Surf Life Saving Queensland North Queensland Branch Inc.

#### Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the matter referred to in the Qualification paragraph above and subject to the limitations imposed by the matters referred to therein, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the Surf Life Saving Queensland North Queensland Branch Inc financial position as at 31 December 2022 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.

Colleen Harisson Dip FP BCom

Chartered Accountant

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20 March 2023

This Auditors Report must be read in conjunction with the attached Notes which form part of these financial statements.

# Income and Expenditure Statement For the year ended 31 December 2022

	2022 \$	2021 S
Income		
	2 000 00	2 000 00
Affiliation fees	3,000.00	2,000.00
Dividends received	1,994.34	1,478.52
Donations	59.61	89.44
Grants unexpended year start		7,727.73
Grants and subsidies	46,835.98	30,610.61
Grants unexpended year end	(3,976.00)	
Interest received	472.80	
Nominations fees	22,963.63	23,560.91
Other income	8,600.85	1,455.84
Refunds and reimbursements	1,617.48	126.36
Youth state team income	61,212.24	
Total income	142,780.93	67,049.41
Expenses		
Accountancy		1,409.09
Accommodation	4,917.38	358.90
Advertising	814.18	30.00
Annual dinner	1,285.11	1,427.27
Audit fees	2,181.82	
Awards	5,485.95	1,563.77
Bank fees and charges	172.11	370.70
Bookkeeping	440.00	1,815.00
Carnival expenses	9,893.71	11,289.77
Computer expenses	776.63	877.95
Contribution to clubs	3,181.82	
Depreciation - plant	20,574.00	27,283.00
Depreciation - buildings	3,055.00	3,055.00
Equipment expensed	1,137.70	3,460.60
Fees and charges	58.60	
Food and meals	3,934.70	644.64
Fuel and oil	764.51	401.70
Insurance	5,182.38	7,447.35

# Income and Expenditure Statement For the year ended 31 December 2022

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Meeting expenses		2,256.22
Nomination fees		819.77
Postage	511.95	420.36
Printing and stationery	326.46	1,433.19
Rent on land and buildings	3,499.98	3,818.16
Repairs and maintenance	540.00	1,737.92
Staff amenities	204.73	111.75
Subsidies paid		559.09
Sundry expenses	727.27	317.27
Telephone and internet	1,005.00	608.00
Training expenses	3,515.63	2,688.53
Travel	3,130.53	1,704.50
Uniforms	1,875.29	
Youth state team	65,801.20	55,172.64
Total expenses	144,993.64	133,082.14
Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before income tax Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities	(2,212.71)	(66,032.73)
Net profit (loss) attributable to the association	(2,212.71)	(66,032.73)
Total changes in equity of the association	(2,212.71)	(66,032.73)
Opening retained profits	(66,032.73)	
Net profit (loss) attributable to the association	(2,212.71)	(66,032.73)
Closing retained profits	(68,245.44)	(66,032.73)

# Detailed Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022

	Note 2	2022 \$	2021 S
Current Assets			
Cash Assets			
Westpac NBQ Cheque Account	61	1,577.34	115,666.99
Westpac JST Cheque Account	56	5,329.37	46,469.62
Westpac Master Card	1	,974.53	904.68
Westpac YST Card		251.70	251.70
Westpac Term Deposit 7899	50	,233.28	
Westpac Term Deposit 7901	50	,239.52	
	220	,605.74	163,292.99
Receivables			
Trade debtors		190.00	16,500.00
		190.00	16,500.00
Other			
Deposits paid	11,	,904.14	18,676.18
	11,	904.14	18,676.18
Total Current Assets	222	699.88	198,469.17

# Detailed Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 S
Non-Current Assets			
Other Financial Assets			
Morgans - NAB Capital Notes	•	60,000.00	60,000.00
		60,000.00	60,000.00
Property, Plant and Equipment			
Building improvements		30,550.00	30,550.00
Less: accumulated depreciation		(14,547.00)	(11,492.00)
Plant and equipment		132,392.41	132,894.27
Less: accumulated depreciation		(111,208.09)	(94,308.68)
Furniture and fittings		19,766.93	19,766.93
Less: accumulated depreciation		(19,766.93)	(19,766.93)
		37,187.32	57,643.59
Total Non-Current Assets		97,187.32	117,643.59
Total Assets		329,887.20	316,112.76
Current Liabilities			
Payables			
Income in advance		49,772.83	41,272.82
Grants unexpended		3,976.00	
		53,748.83	41,272.82
Current Tax Liabilities			
GST payable		9,018.27	7,476.79
Input tax credits		(2,108.38)	(4,078.04)
		6,909.89	3,398.75
Total Current Liabilities	-	60,658.72	44,671.57
Total Current Diabilities			

# Detailed Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 S	2021 \$
Net Assets		269,228.48	271,441.19
Members' Funds			
December			
Reserves			
		337,473.92	337,473.92
Retained profits to 31/12/2020 Accumulated surplus (deficit)		337,473.92 (68,245.44)	337,473.92 (66,032.73)

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Depreciation Schedule for the year ended 31 December, 2022

	Priv						
\$\$01	Total -	0					
	Above	0					
PROFIT	CWDV Upto + Above	0					
	CWDV	16,003		16,003			
	Prijs	0	i	0			
TION	Depred	3,055		3,065	0		3,055
DEPRECIATION	Rate	10.00	1		Deduct Private Portion	I	4et Depreciation
	Value T	a.	Ť		Private		et Depr
	Valu	19,058		19,058	Deduct		2
	Cost	0		0			
ADDITION	Date						
SAL	Consid	۰		0			
DISPOSAL	Date						
	OWD	19,058		19,058			
à	room Puv	87					
ì	1009	30,550		30,550			
		aprovements 30,550,00 12/05/17					
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SURF LIFE SAVING QUEENSLAND NORTH QUEENSLAND BRANCH INC

ABN 87 567 189 545 Depreciation Schedule for the year ended 31 December, 2022

				DISF	DISPOSAL	ADDITION			DEPRE	DEPRECIATION			PROFIT		LOSS	
		Total	Δĺ	OWDV Date	Consid	Date Cost		Value T	Rate	Deprec	Prily	CWDV Upto	+ 00	Above	Total -	Prily
Plant and equipment	1															1
Pool mankins x 2	518,18 18/05/10	618	0.00	0	0		0	0	000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Popl manikins	1,360.00 24/05/11	1,380	00'0	0	0		0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pool manikins	1,527.27 05/07/11	1,527	00'0	0	0		0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manikin lungs	2,413,34 21/05/12	2,413	00'0	0	0		0				0	0	0	0	0	0
Trailer and cage	7,500,00 11/02/13	7,500	0.00	0	0		0				0	0	0	0	0	0
Heartstart trainer	1,749.30 24/05/12	1,749	00.0	0	0						0	0	0	0	0	0
Pool manikins x 2	2,286.00 27/06/12	2,268	00'0	0	0						0	0	0	0	0	0
Security gales/door	4,115.68 24/05/13	4,116	000	0	0		0				0	0	0	0	0	0
Sim buoys x 8	5,170,00 17/07/14	5,170	0.00	0	0						0	0	0	0	0	0
Communications trailor	4,845,44 15/08/14	4,845	00'0	0	0		0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Soniq television	202.72 25/08/14	203	0.00	0	0		0				0	0	0	0	٥	0
PFDS lifejackets x 8	643.72 14/10/14	944	0.00	0	0		0				0	0	0	0	0	0
PA system for trailer	3,674,59 13/05/16	3,675	0.00	0 31/12/22	0		0	9	00'0		o	0	0	0	0	D
Training equipment (defib etc)	2,588.00 29/11/16	2,588	000	372	0		0	372 W			0	0	0	0	0	0
Defibriator	1,045,45 27/03/17	1,045	0.00	167	٥		0	187 W			0	0	0	0	0	۰
ipad 32GB Gold	671,81 08/04/17	672	0.00	0	0		0	0	0.0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Kenwood radios x 2	1,580.00 23/09/19	1,580	0.00	317	0		0	317 V	9.88 V		0	0	0	0	0	0
Pagus chest bags x 4	261,04 01/10/19	281	00'0	55	0		0		V 66.67	7 56	0	0	0	0	0	0
Defib FR & carry case	3,002.00 28/10/19	3,002	0.00	649	0		0	649	W 88.8		0	0	0	0	0	0
Gedl IRB helmets x 2	255.45 29/10/19	255	0.00	99	0		0	25	W 66.67	35	0	0	0	0	0	0
PFD life jackets x 2	278.00 31/10/19	278	0.00	99	0		0	200	W 66.67	7 60	0	0	0	0	0	0
Patrol softpack & 8 resoure tubes	2,281.27 31/10/19	2,281	00'0	495	0		0	495 <	W 66.67	7 495	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bleeding control kits x 4	254,36 01/11/19	254	0.00	22	0		0	98	W 68,67	7 55	0	0	0	0	۵	٥
Adremain stinger suits x 10	1,243.90 05/11/19	1,244	0.00	271	0		0	27.1	W 88.6	7 271	0	o	0	0	0	0
Paqua chest bags x 6	404.58 08/11/19	405	0.00	89	0		0	88	W 66.67	7 89	0	0	0	0	0	0
Container & shehving	4,581.82 13/11/19	4,582	0.00	3,262	0		0	3,282	D 20.00	0 652	0	2,610	0	0	0	0
Marquee & carrybag	1,449.01 13/11/19	1,449	000	318	0		0	319 V	V 66.67		0	0	D	0	0	0
Soft rescue boards x 8	9,207.27 14/11/19	9,207	800	2,028	0		0	2,028 V	W 85.67		0	0	0	0	0	0
Tohatsu outboards x 2	10,544,73 19/12/19	10,345	000	2,407	0		0	2,407 V	W 86.67	2,407	0	0	0	0	0	0

These financial statements must be read in conjunction with the attached Auditor's Report and Notes which form part of these financial statements.

Depreciation Schedule for the year ended 31 December, 2022

					DISPOSAL	AL.	ADDITION		_	DEPRECIATION	TION			PROFIT	H	SSOT	
		Total	Prite	OWD/	Date	Consid	Date Cost	t Value	⊢ 9	Rate	Depres	Prij	CWDV	Upto +	Above	Total -	Priv
Fuel cells x 2	1,080.45 14/02/20	1,080	0.00	592		0		261	3	1	561		0	0	0	0	ľ
Portable NX3300 radios	3,920.00 08/04/20	3,920	0.00	997		0	,	997	Λ Δ	68.67	286	0	0	0	0	0	0
49 X																	
SSX Pro V IRB N647	14,578.84 25/01/20	14,579	0.00	7,658		0	_	7,65	8	40.00	3,063	0	4,595	0	a	a	0
SSX Pro V IRB N647	14,578,64 25/01/20	14,579	0.00	0		0	_		8	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manquee 3x3mtr canopy	1,932.72 15/03/21	1,933	0.00	1,315		0	,	1,315	9 9	40.00	929	0	789	0	0	0	0
Beloo trailer	7,194,83 19/04/21	7,195	000	5,169		0	-	3,16	0	40.00	2,068	0	3,101	0	0	0	0
Racks & outboard stand	700.00 12/04/21	700	0.00	487		0	-	0 497	9	40.00	189	0	296	0	0	0	0
Go Pro HeroB cambra	773.64 22/07/21	774	000	838		0	-	0 636	0 9	40:00	254	0	382	٥	0	0	0
PA system for caminals	4,435,00 07/09/21	4,435	0.00	3,671		0	_	3,871	0		1,548	0	2,323	0	0	0	0
Audi visual equipment (50% paid by SLSQ)	6,694.00 01/11/21	8,694	000	6,247		0	_	0 6,247	7. D	40.00	2,499	0	3,748	0	0	0	0
XFT 120s & AED trainer	1,354,55 20/12/21	1,355	0.00	1,337		0	_	1,337	7	40.00	535	0	802	0	0	0	0
Epoxy rescue boards x 2	3,172,73 01,01122	3,173	000	0		0 010	01/01/22 3,173	3 3,173	0	20.00	635	0	2,538	0	0	0	0
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		138,073		38,587		0	3,173		District.	41,760 Deduct Private Profice	20,574	0	21,188				
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Net Depreciation

# Depreciation Schedule for the year ended 31 December, 2022

					DISPOSAL	7	ADDITION			픕	DEPRECIATION	NO			PROFIT	-	1055	
		Total	Priv	OWDV	Date	Consid	Date	Cost	Value	,	Rate	Deprec	Priv	CWDV	Upto +	Above	Total -	Priiv
Furniture and fittings	såt																	
Chairs in training room	8,188.18 01/07/13	6,188	00'0	0		0		0	0	۵	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Telephone system	3,037,91 08/07/13	3,838	0.00	0		0		0	0	۵	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blinds in training room	1,782.00 23/07/13	1,782	0.00	0		0		0	0	۵	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Filing cabinet	685.45 23/07/13	696	0.00	0		٥		0	o	۵	0.00	0	0	O	0	0	0	0
Office chairs x 3	1,248,05 14/06/13	1,248	0.00	0		0		0	0	۵	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whiteboards x 4	323,64 24/06/13	324	0.00	0		0		0	0	0	0,00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bench sest	334.55 24/06/13	335	000	0		0		0	0	۵	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Office chair	270.91 24/06/13	27	0.00	0		0		0	0	0	00:00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Workstations x 3	897.27 24/06/13	597	00'0	0		0		0	0	۵	00:00	0	0	0	0	o	0	O
Metal drawer boxes x 3	300,00 24/06/13	300	0.00	0		0		0	0	۵	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FX single stack x 3	1,203.64 24/06/13	1,204	0.00	0		0		0	0	۵	00'0	0	0	0	0	0	0	٥
Ship shape hutch	199.09 25/06/13	189	0.00	0		0		0	0	۵	00'0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shahes	488.25 28/06/13	488	0.00	0		0		0	0	۵	00'0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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		19,767		0		0		0	0			0	0	0				
									Deduct Private Portion	ate F	ortion	0						
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									Net	ebte	Net Depreciation	0						

#### Notes to and forming part of the accounts

#### NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial requirements of the Associations Incorporation's Act. The committee has determined that the club is not a reporting entity.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis, and are based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values, or except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following specific accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report:

#### (a) Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue, grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt. All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

#### (b) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

## (c) Property, Plant and equipment.

Property, plant and equipment are included at cost, independent of committee's valuation. All assets, excluding freehold land and buildings, are depreciated over their useful lives to the association.

These Notes must be read in conjunction with the attached Auditor's Report which form part of these financial statements.

# Members Declaration For the year ending 31 December 2022

The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the Income and Expenditure Statement and Detailed Balance Sheet:

- Presents fairly the financial position of Surf Life Saving Queensland North Queensland Branch Inc, as at 31 December 2022 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
- At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee and is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:

Rachel Wynberg

President

Scott Pearson

Secretary

**Bob Masters** 

Director of Finance

# Committees Report For the year ending 31 December 2022

Your committee members submit the financial accounts of the Surf Life Saving Queensland North Queensland Branch Inc, for the year ending 31 December 2022.

#### Committee Members

The names of the committee members at the date of this report are:

Rachel Wynberg

President

Scott Pearson

Secretary

Bob Masters

Director of Finance

#### Principal Activity

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were surf life saving support services.

#### Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

#### Operating Result

The net profit/(loss) from ordinary activities for year ended 31 December 2022 was (\$2,212.71).

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the members of the committee on:

Rachel Wynberg

President

Scott Pearson

Secretary

**Bob Masters** 

Director of Finance

# OUR PARTNERS AND SPONSORS

**PRINCIPAL** 





#### **GOVERNMENT**



In Recognition of the Queensland Government and their contribution towards North Queensland Branch through the Queensland Fire & Emergency Services, Lifesaving Services Development Fund—Sustainability/Extension of Services



In Recognition of the Australian Government and their contribution towards the North Queensland Branch of Surf Life Saving Queensland

# **Australian Government**

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT







#### **COMMUNITY & BUSINESS**

















#### **AFFILIATES**





