



Cairns
SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB
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CAIRNS SLSC ANNUAL REPORT 2024



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CAIRNS SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

A Century of Dedication - Centenary Year Review

Cairns Surf Life Saving Club has reached an incredible milestone, celebrating 100 years of lifesaving excellence. The centenary year has been a time of reflection, celebration, and recognition of the club's enduring legacy, as well as an opportunity to look forward to the future. Throughout 2024, Cairns SLSC has not only marked this historic occasion but has also shown unwavering commitment to its mission, "Providing a safe aquatic environment, through high standards of lifesaving, training, education, youth development, and surf sports".

One of the standout achievements this year has been the remarkable contribution of over 3500 hours of patrol & water safety time. This number represents countless hours spent by dedicated volunteer lifesavers on the beach, ensuring the safety of swimmers and beachgoers

Alongside the lifesaving efforts, Cairns SLSC also excelled in competition, showing their skills, determination, and sportsmanship at the Surf Carnivals.

A highlight of the centenary celebrations was a wonderful dinner held in June, where 220 guests gathered to honour the club's achievements and its remarkable history. It was an evening filled with camaraderie, reflection, and a shared vision for the future.

The centenary celebrations were not only a tribute to the past but also a reminder of the importance of the work that lies ahead. As we look to the next 100 years, Cairns SLSC remains a cornerstone of the community, steadfast in its commitment to saving lives, protecting the public, and fostering a vibrant, supportive environment for all its members.



MISSION STATEMENT

Providing a safe aquatic environment, through high standards of lifesaving, training, education, youth development, and surf sports.

OFFICE BEARERS FOR SEASON 2024/2025

Board Of Management

President
Greg Meller

Deputy President
Anthony Hannan

Secretary
Sue Way

Club Captain
Max Rivett

Treasurer
Brian Heggie

JAO
Shaun Taylor

Club Officers

Surf Sports Officer
Tiera Mikuzis

Youth Officer
Hannah Bissett
Paul Mead

IRB Officer
Rob Paterson

Gear & Equipment
Bob McPhail

First Aid
Kylie White

Marine Stinger
Jen Rees

Senior Team Manager
Tiera Mikuzis

Peer Support
Rob Campbell

Surf Boat
Mick Lang

Club House
Colin Sparkes

Building & Infrastructure
Douglas Ramsay

Patron
Ron Pollard

Committees




100 Year Committee

Colin Sparks, Tania Paterson, Fiona Grant, Sharyn Yeabsley, Kye Yeabsley, Peter Cox, Shaun Taylor, Ron Pollard, Chris Auger, Cathy Bissett, Barbara Chauvin Hartmann, Anna Ramsay

Meritorious Committee

John Wright, Chris Auger, Colin Sparkes, Peter Lade, Doug McKinstry

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FUNDING

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSEF
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club Facility Maintenance • QFES/QPS • Gear & Equipment Boost • Member Retention
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Clubs Round 4 • Active Women & Girls • Disaster Recovery Program • Gambling Community Benefit Fund • Minor Infrastructure & Inclusive Facilities • Volunteer Grant

DONATIONS

Throughout 2024 we were very fortunate to receive donations from Ellis & Denise Richardson, Clifton Beach Markets and Cairns Surf Club Palm Cove. With their financial support we were able to invest in improving our lifesaving, training, education and youth development.

FUNDRAISING

A big thank you to our fundraising volunteers who have generously supported Cairns SLSC throughout the year. Their hard work in fundraising and raising awareness at local markets (with a special mention to Fiona Grant) delivering vital water safety at Cairns Ironman and local sporting events and assisting with BBQs (special thanks to Anna Ramsay and her team) has made a significant financial impact. We truly appreciate your dedication and the difference you've made to our club and community.

Triathlon Water Safety	\$412
BBQs	\$14044
Clifton Beach Market	\$904
Container Exchange	\$387
Gran Fondo	\$1500
Ironman Water Safety	\$7292
Ironman Swim Start & Finish	\$590
QLD Life Saver Appeal	\$2032
Raffles & Money Board	\$1648
Triathlon Water Safety	\$412

SPONSORSHIP

We extend our deepest gratitude to our incredible club sponsors for their unwavering support throughout the past year. Their generosity and commitment have played a vital role in helping Cairns Surf Life Saving Club keep our beaches safe and our community strong.



We also extend our thanks to our valued national & state principal partners, whose support helps Surf Life Saving thrive across the country.

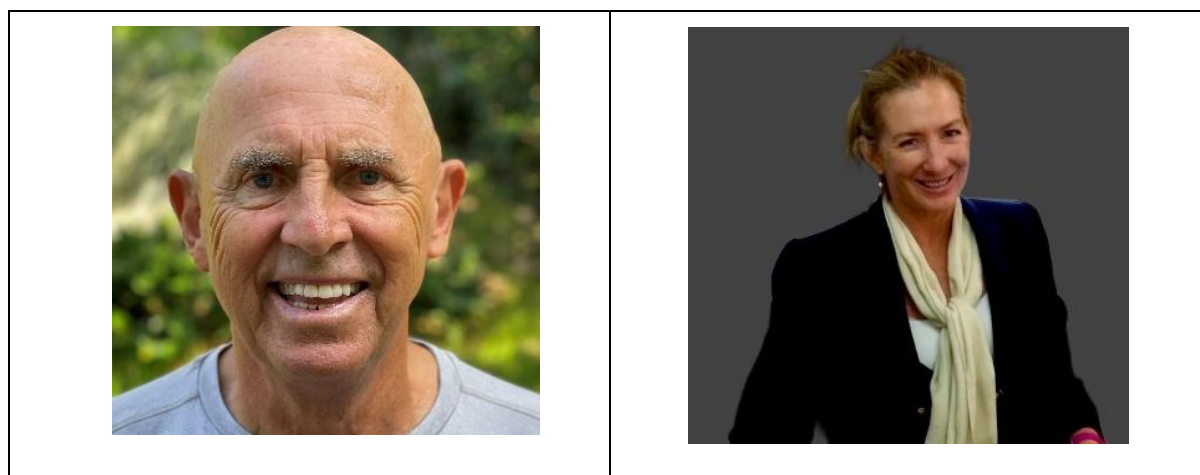


LIFE MEMBERS

Life membership is awarded to members who have displayed distinguished voluntary services to Cairns SLSC sustained over a period of at least 10 years.

Jack Plunkett BEM 1948-49	Jim Waldman 2008-09
Ton Farrugia 1953-54	Doug McKinstry 2009-10
Frank Hellmuth 1953-54	David Duffield 2011-12
Mick Holman 1963-64	Peter Lade 2012-13
Eric Lendich 1963-64	Jon Jones 2012-13
Fredrick White 1965-66	James Marsh 2013-14
Dr Jack Barnes 1968-69	Michael Ryan 2014-15
Joe Farrugia 1968-69	Rob Paterson 2015-16
Don Campbell 1969-70	Chris Haug 2015-16
Ron Pollard 1969-70	Carol Shanks 2015-16
Frank Matthew 1970-71	June Cotter 2015-16
Tom McDonald 1973-74	Bryan Coates 2016-17
Robert Crawford 1974-75	Adrian Davies Roe 2016-17
Brain Cator 1974-75	Mark Fifield 2017-18
Theo Eldridge 1974-75	Fiona Grant 2019-20
Gary Lewis 1975-76	Annabel Grant 2019-20
Brian Voller 1976-77	Tania Paterson 2019-20
Bill Smith 1985-86	Paul Stevens 2019-20
Chris Auger 1987-88	James Holmes 2020-21
Colin Sparkes 1994-95	Anthony Hannan 2020-21
John Menico OAM 1996-97	Barbara Chauvin-Hartmann 2022-23
Lawrence Green 2003-2004	Bob McPhail 2023-24
John Wright 2004-2005	Belinda Marsh 2023-24

Congratulations to our 2023-24 Life Members Bob McPhail & Belinda Marsh.



VALE

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of three of our dearly loved and highly respected members in 2024. Their loss is deeply felt by all of us, and we extend our heartfelt condolences to their families during this incredibly difficult time.

They will be missed, but their legacy and the impact they made will forever remain in our hearts.

Rest in peace

Alan Keith	Adrian Davies Life Member	Brian Voller Life Member
 A photograph of Alan Keith, a bald man wearing sunglasses and a grey t-shirt, smiling and resting his hands on a wooden surface.	 A photograph of Adrian Davies, a bald man wearing glasses and a dark polo shirt with orange and white stripes on the collar.	 A photograph of Brian Voller, a man with a beard and a black and white striped cap, looking directly at the camera.

SLS AWARDS GAINED IN 2024

Congratulations and thank you to the members who earned these awards in 2024

Surf Life Saving Awards Gained 2024	
Advanced Resuscitation Techniques	Kinga Albrecht, Issac Lukin, Joanna Maceachern, Miya Nock, Callum Rickson, Alex Rogers, Tom Sonsini, Marilyn Woods, Richard Young
Age Manager	Elise Angel, Wade Limpus, Sophie Pedersen, Celeste Pembroke
Bronze Medallion	Louise Bernstein, Anna Eisenhauer, Ellie Greenwood, Fergus Johnston, Asia McPherson, Debra Mullins, Phil Nock, Ellie Nona, Bailey Pearson, Eliza Spann, Logan Stevens, Sam Thomson, Lily Young
Child & Youth Risk Management Strategies	Louise Bernstein, Glenn Charters, Daisy Colbridge, Nathan Coverdale, Anna Eisenhauer, Lilly Eveans, David Garozzo-Vaglio, Trenton Gleeson, Belinda Green, Gail Jackson, Peter Lade, Matthew Lamont, Wade Limpus, Nathan Lockyer, Oliver Lukin, Asia McPherson, Bryce Menzies, Colin Mongta, Debra Mullins, Axel Northcott, Celeste Pembroke, Ehan Purcell, Patricia Ryan, Gerard Smallbane, Eliza Spann, Zara Stevens, Emilia Taifalos, Sam Thomson, Sarah Wanden, Lily Young
Child Safe Awareness	Louise Bernstein, Cathy Bissett, Hannah Bissett, Glenn Charters, Daisy Colbridge, Nathan Coverdale, Koby Craig, Anna Eisenhauer, Lilly Eveans, David Garozzo-Vaglio, Trenton Gleeson, Belinda Green, Gail Jackson, Wade Limpus, Nathan Lockyer, Oliver Lukin, Joanna Maceachern, Asia McPherson, Hamish Mead, Bryce Menzies, Colin Mongta, Debra Mullins, Miya Nock, Axel Northcott, Celeste Pembroke, Ethan Purcell, Michael Ryan, Patricia Ryan, Gerard Smallbane, Eliza Spann, Zara Stevens, Emilia Taifalos, Shaun Taylor, Sam Thomson, Kailee Vardon, Hendrik Veenstra, Jamie Walker, Lily Young, Stephanie Young
Endorsed Delegate Bronze Medallion	Mick Lang
Endorsed Delegate IRB TAF PD	Calum Docherty
Endorsed Delegate QLD SSV Operator	Jon Murray
Endorsed Delegate SRC	Mick Lang
Facilitator Bronze Medallion	Jon Murray
First Aid	Louise Bernstein, Cathy Bissett, Jill Boltz, Anna Eisenhauer, Ellie Greenwood, Fergus Johnston, Aisa McPherson, Colin Mongta, Debra Mullins, Jon Murray, Phil Nock, Ellie Nona, Bailey Pearson, Ethan Purcell, Anna Ramsay, Alex Rogers, Eliza Spann, Sam Thomson, Sarah Wanden, Marilyn Woods, Alastair Yeabsley, Richard Young
Flood Water Rescue Awareness	Calum Docherty
Flood Rescuer Responder Plus	Jen Rees, Max Rivett
Water & Flood Awareness	Robert Campbell, Calum Docherty, Jen Rees, Max Rivett

IRB Crew	Kinga Albrecht, Robert Campbell, Calum Docherty, Fergus Johnston, Nicole Johnston, Miya Nock, Ellie Nona, Bailey Pearson, Callum Rickson, Logan Stevens, Tina Stevens
IRB TAF eLearning	Calum Docherty, Jon Murray, Paul Stevens, Tina Stevens
IRB TAF Practical	Calum Docherty, Jon Murray
IRB Workshop	Jon Murray
IRB Training Comp Eligibility	Lilly Eveans
Observers Award Online Theory Assessment	Peter Cox, Robert Davidson, Sue Way
Operate & maintain a personal water craft for rescue	Calum Docherty, Lilly Eveans, Tamra Johnston, Alex Rogers
Peer Support Officer	Harriet Grant, Anna Ramsay, Jen Rees, Shane White
Prepare maintain & test response equipment	Calum Docherty, Lilly Eveans, Tamra Johnston, Alex Rogers
QLD 4WD Induction	Lilly Eveans, Shane White
QLD Drone Operator	Brad Rees, Max Rivett, Daniel Srhoj, Shane White
QLD Governance Training	Anna Ramsay
QLD GWN Induction	Louise Bernstein, Hannah Bissett, Jill Boltz, Robert Campbell, Daisy Colbridge, Mark Colbridge, Maz Cox, Peter Cox, Anna Eisenhauer, Lilly Eveans, Annabel Grant, Brian Heggie, Sally Johnston, Peter Lade, James Langtree, Bob McPhail, Paul Mead, Greg Meller, Shiho Myhill, Axel Northcott, Sharman Parr, Sophie Pedersen, Brad Rees, Jen Rees, Max Rivett, Alex Rogers, Gerard Smallbane, Paul Stevens, Zara Stevens, Ella Thomas, Sam Thomson, Hendrik Veenstra, Jamie Walker, Sue Way, Nathan White, Shane White, Alastair Yeabsley, Lily Young, Richard Young
QLD Marine Stinger Award	Kinga Albrecht, Louise Bernstein, Hannah Bissett, Robert Campbell, Peter Cox, Tin Greem Simon Greenwood, Peter Lade, Paul Mead, Shiho Myhill, Ellie Nona, Sophie Pedersen, Nathan Pullen, Tom Sonsini, Nigel Thomas, Sam Thomson, Jamie Walker, Shane White
QLD Peer Support Officer	Fiona Grant, Harriet Grant, Anna Ramsay, Jen Rees, Shane White
QLD RWC Crew Induction	Lilly Eveans, Shane White
QLD SSV Operator Induction	Belinda Marsh, James Marsh, Sue Way
QLD State Committee/Panel Induction	Sue Way
Rescue Water Craft Operator Certificate	Calum Docherty, Lilly Eveans, Tamra Johnston, Joanne Langstreth, Brad Rees, Jen Rees, Alex Rogers
Resuscitation	Louise Bernstein, Cathy Bissett, Jill Boltz, Anna Eisenhauer, Fergus Johnston, Tamra Johnston, Joanne Langstreth, Asia McPherson, Colin Mongta, Debra Mullins, Jon Murray, Phil Nock, Ellie Nona, Bailey Pearson, Ethan Purcell, Anna Ramsay, Jen Rees, Alex Rogers, Eliza Spann, Sam

	Thomson, Sarah Wanden, Sue Way, Marilyn Woods, Alastair Yeabsley, Lily Young, Richard Young
Sexual Harassment and Misconduct Awareness	Elise Angel, Alyssa Atfield, Abby Bissett, Hannah Bissett, Robert Campbell, Bryan Coates, Daisy Colbridge, Mark Colbridge, Ruby Colbridge, Maz Cox, Peter Cox, Koby Craig, Charlie D'Addona, Calum Docherty, Ken Doyle, Anna Eisenhauer, Lilly Eveans, Lucinda Eveans, Annabel Grant, Harriet Grant, Tim Green, Ellie Greenwood, Simon Greenwood, Anthony Hannan, Brian Heggie, James Holmes, Cooper Hudson, Fergus Johnston, Macklen Johnston, Nicole Johnston, Sally Johnston, Tamra Johnston, Carie Kelliher, Peter Lade, Matt Lamont, Joanne Langstreth, James Langtree, Wade Limpus, Tama Lockie, Logan Lockyer, Summer Lockyer, Ed Lukin, Isaac Lukin, Oliver Lukin, Joanna Maceachern, Alan Mahoney, Belinda Marsh, James Marsh, Ella Mayes, Bob McPhail, Che McPherson, Paul Mead, Brett Mesner, Tiera Mikuzis, Mathys Moolman, Ann More, Jon Murray, Miya Nock, Sharman Parr, Rob Paterson, Bailey Pearson, Sophie Pedersen, Ethan Purcell, David Quantrill, Brad Rees, Jen Rees, Callum Rickson, Maiya Rickson, Max Rivett, Alex Rogers, Michael Ryan, Hamish Smallbane, Joanne Smallbane, Tom Sonsini, Colin Sparkes, Daniel Srhoj, Logan Stevens, Paul Stevens, Tina Stevens, Zara Stevens, Shaun Taylor, Ella Thomas, Nigel Thomas, Summer Tottman, Kaille Vardon, Hendrik Veenstra, Xander Veenstra, Sarah Wanden, Bradley Weaver, Nathan White, Shane White, Marilyn Woods, Emma Yap, Alastair Yeabsley, Richard Young, Stephanie Young
Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue	Lilly Eveans, Shane White
Silver Medallion Patrol Captain	Nicole Johnston, Paul Mead, Brad Rees, Jen Rees, Shane White
SRR App Access	Hannah Bissett, Robert Campbell, Calum Docherty, Annabel Galea, Mick Lang, Jon Murray, Jen Rees, Sarah Wanden
SS Aust Sports Commission Community Officiating Essential Skills Course	Jean-Claude Chauvin, Carolyn Hudson, Phil Nock
SS - Coach Assessor (Online Theory Modules)	Alastair Yeabsley
SS - Officials Attendance Approver	Fiona Grant, Sue Way
SS - S1 Boat Sweep Accreditation	Bob McPhail, Brad Rees
SS - S4 Boat Sweep Assessor/Mentor	Mick Lang
SS - Senior Official (Online Theory Modules)	Ruth Nona Renshaw
SS - Technical Official	Phil Nock
SS - Technical Official (Online Theory Modules)	Jean-Claude Chauvin, Carolyn Hudson, Phil Nock

Surf Rescue Certificate	David Baldin, Lauren Balwin, Koby Craig, Charlie D'Addona, Darragh Dempsey, Macklen Johnston, Ella Myes, Lola McPherson, Hamish Mead, Hamish Smallbane, Stell Weston Barbuto
Surf Risk Rating	Calum Docherty, Michael Lang, Sarah Wanden
Surf Risk Rating (Online Modules)	Hannah Bissett, Robert Campbell, Calum Docherty, Annabel Galea, Michael Lang, Jon Murray, Jen Rees, Sarah Wander
TAF Induction	Paul Mead, Max Rivett, Sarah Wanden

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Congratulations go our members who were named winners at the 2024 North Queensland Branch Awards of Excellence

NQB Awards of Excellence	
Youth Lifesaver of the Year	Bryce Menzies
Junior Athlete of the Year	Cooper Hudson
Youth Athlete of the Year	Mathys Moolman
Masters Athlete of the Year	Simon Greenwood
Athlete of the Year	Shaun Taylor
Official of the Year	Ruth Nona
Sports Team Manager of the Year	Carrie Hudson (& Mark Bamford EBSLSC)
Sports Team of the Year	Cairns U14 Team
Volunteer Coach of the Year	Alistair Yeabsley
Club & Community Innovation Award	Cairns SLSC Fun Swim Run



At the Surf Life Saving Queensland Awards of Excellence, which took place in conjunction with SLSQ Leaders Network a strong contingent from Cairns SLSC proudly represented the club. Annabel Grant, Fiona Grant, Carrie Hudson, Jen Rees, Jill Boltz, and Cooper Hudson were in attendance, showcasing the spirit and dedication of our members.

Although none of our NQB winners took home the top honours this year, we would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to those who were successful. The achievements of the other nominees were celebrated, and we continue to be inspired by their hard work and excellence. While we may not have won this time, the experience was an invaluable opportunity to connect, learn, and show support for the broader surf lifesaving community.

RECOGNITION AWARDS

Order of Australia Medal (OAM)

Colin Sparkes' remarkable contributions to both the surf lifesaving movement and rugby league have earned him one of Australia's highest honours—the Order of Australia Medal (OAM). Awarded in recognition of his exceptional service, Colin was one of only 73 Australians to receive this prestigious accolade in 2024. His tireless dedication to the community spans almost five decades, marking nearly 50 years of voluntary service to Surf Life Saving.



Throughout his career, Colin has embodied the values of service, leadership, and community spirit. His impact on surf lifesaving is immeasurable, and his commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of countless individuals is a testament to his character.

As a citizen devoted to the welfare of others, Colin Sparkes' legacy will resonate through the lives he has touched, and his OAM is a well-deserved recognition of his enduring commitment to making a difference in the community.

50 Years of Service

Bryan Coates has made an extraordinary contribution to our club and the broader community, with an incredible legacy spanning decades. First awarded his Bronze Medallion on 12 October 1975, Bryan's dedication to surf lifesaving has been unwavering. His commitment continued when he earned his Silver Medallion IRB Driver in October 1990, a testament to his advanced skills and leadership in the field. By 2012, Bryan's passion for developing the next generation was evident as he took on the role of junior coach, guiding young members with the same dedication and care he had shown throughout his career.



In total, Bryan has earned 31 prestigious awards, each reflecting his tireless effort and deep commitment to the club and its values. As a Life Member of the club, his impact is solidified not only in the accolades he's earned but also in the countless hours he's dedicated to keeping others safe and mentoring future lifesavers.

Beyond his formal achievements, Bryan's creativity and sense of club spirit were evident when he became the chief instigator behind the design of the iconic "bonehead" shirts for our club. This design has become synonymous with the pride and unity of our community. Bryan's legacy will continue to inspire those who follow in his footsteps.

National Medal

The National Medal is an Australian award that recognizes long and diligent service by members of voluntary organisations, including lifesaving groups, who risk their lives or safety to protect the community. A minimum of 15 full seasons is required.

At the CSLSC 2024 Awards evening Brian Heggie, James Holmes & Steve Bruun were proudly presented with the National Medal.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Tony Hannan



I would like to extend a warm welcome to all board members, old boys and past and present Club members. As one of the largest, if not the largest Surf Club in regional Queensland we are committed to patrolling the World's # 1 beach, saving lives by keeping our public safe, creating and growing great Australians in our membership and building a better and stronger community.

Our vision is to be recognised for excellence in life-saving skills and to promote our members so that they are passionate about family, friendship, fun, fitness, community and our beach. To that end the club provided 3002 patrolling hours by 115 active members.

The club had a very competitive Surf Sports season, winning most carnivals in our branch and taking out 3rd at the North Aussies in Mackay. We had a strong representation in the North Queensland team for the state titles and four of our cadets competed at Aussies 2024 in Maroochydore. For the first time in the recorded history of the club, our March past team also competed at the Maroochydore Aussies for a creditable 16th.

Our membership remains strong with 363 members, this is broken down into 113 junior, 131 active and 119 other members, however looking forward to 2025 season, one of our main objectives is to increase our membership by at least 10%. We will do this by implementing our new strategic plan to provide a roadmap for success in the coming seasons and providing an exciting sign on day on 23rd March. Of equal importance this year is our focus on the training and assessing of our club members and to hopefully provide an easier pathway for all involved in certification and proficiencies.

It's a great honour for the Cairns Surf Lifesaving Club and one of which we are all very proud for reaching the 100 years milestone in 2024. Who could forget our wonderful week-long celebration in recognition of this achievement. This achievement will only strengthen our resolve to keep building on our financial, competitive and management success for many years to come.

Our most notable achievements for 2024 include improvement of financial governance, the completion of our amenities block, the acquisition of new equipment, including IRB's, motors, boards, skis, 2 trailers and an SSV.

The Board and Club duly acknowledges and sincerely thanks the generous donations of Ellis and Denise Richardson along with the continuing support from all our other sponsors. I would ask all members to acknowledge and recommend our sponsors at every opportunity.

Looking forward, our Club needs to continue and deepen our involvement with the NQ Branch. Our active participation in branch activities and the leadership shown within respective portfolios has already made a positive impact at this level. This will grow our Club's presence in the region and foster growth and development for the future. We also recognise the fantastic work by our supporter's club board and encourage them to act in ways that are commercially responsible and insulating from undue influence by Club members. This balance is crucial for sustaining long-term health and success of our Club.

I'd like to give a special thank you to our previous President Greg Meller who made the hard decision to step down from his role in early February, please see below attached letter from Greg below.

Dear Members of the CSLSC Board,

It is with mixed emotions that I must submit my resignation as President of the Cairns Surf Life Saving Club. Serving in this role has been an incredible honour and privilege, and I am immensely proud of what we have achieved together over the past 3 years.

I want to extend my sincerest apologies for not seeing through my full current term and for leaving you in the lurch over the last few months. The increasing demands of balancing professional work commitments have made it challenging to dedicate the necessary time and energy to the club. Please know that my resignation is not a reflection of the board, club, or its members. The timing of this decision has been considered to avoid ongoing issues with establishing and maintaining quorums. The pending AGM will provide an opportunity for the board to either appoint a new President as a general vacancy or allow club members to submit nominations.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the board for their unwavering passion and dedication. The hard work and commitment displayed by each of you have led to significant advancements within our club. Notable achievements include the improvement of our financial governance, the successful completion of the amenities block, the acquisition of essential new equipment such as IRBs, motors, trailers, boards, skis, an equipment trailer, and an SSV, and the very enjoyable celebrations of our club's centenary—a 100-year milestone that deserves recognition. These milestones not only enhance our operational capabilities but also reflect the innovative spirit with which you continue to find ways to provide tangible benefits to our members.

I encourage you all to continue this important work and maintain your spirit of servitude towards our club members, even during times when your efforts may not feel fully appreciated. Your dedication makes a profound difference in the lives of our members and the broader community.

Furthermore, I urge you to continue deepening our involvement with the NQ Branch. Your active participation in branch activities and leadership within your respective portfolios has already made a positive impact. Continuing to engage at this level will not only strengthen our club's presence within the region but also foster growth and development for the future.

I also encourage you to continue fostering the inclusive culture of the Supporters Club, empowering the Supporters Club board to act in ways that are commercially responsible and insulating them from undue influence by club members. This balance is crucial for sustaining the long-term health and success of our club.

Thank you for the support, camaraderie, and shared vision that have defined my time as President. I leave confident in the knowledge that the club is in capable hands and poised for continued success.

With sincere gratitude,

Greg Meller

Finally, a big thank you to all our board members, office bearers and administrator for their endless hard work to ensure the continued success of the Cairns Surf Lifesaving Club.

See you on the beach... Tony

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT Max Rivett

The 2024 patrol season has been a phenomenally successful and progressive year for the Cairns Surf Life Saving Club. Our dedicated patrolling members have continued to provide outstanding service to the community, ensuring beachgoers remain safe while also expanding our capabilities in rescue operations, training, and emergency response.



This season has seen significant advancements in equipment, communication systems, and specialised training, which have enhanced the efficiency and effectiveness of our lifesaving efforts.

Key Achievements – 2024 Season

Full Patrol Coverage & Lifesaving Service Excellence

We successfully maintained full patrol coverage throughout the season, ensuring a strong presence on the beach and responding swiftly to incidents. This would not have been possible without the commitment of our volunteers, who consistently turned up for duty and demonstrated exceptional teamwork.

Expansion of Rescue Watercraft Operations

One of the most significant developments this year has been the full integration of the Rescue Watercraft (Jet Ski) into patrol operations. This additional resource has greatly enhanced our ability to respond quickly to incidents in and beyond the flagged areas, particularly for offshore rescues and search operations. In addition, we have strengthened the IRB fleet, the club added two new Inflatable Rescue Boats (IRBs) and two new motors, both equipped with a full 'surf kit' to enhance our ability to perform rescues in surf conditions. These additions ensure that our rescue fleet remains modern, dependable, and capable of handling the demands of patrol operations.

Drone Acquisition for Future Implementation

In line with advancements in lifesaving technology, the club has acquired a new drone, which will be implemented in the 2025 patrol season. This drone will assist in surveillance, rip identification, missing person searches, and improving overall beach safety. Its deployment will enhance our ability to prevent incidents before they occur.

Upgraded Communication Systems – New GWN Radios

To improve coordination during patrols, the club introduced new GWN radios, which have significantly enhanced communication between patrolling members, ensuring faster response times and better situational awareness in emergency situations.

Formation of an Emergency Response Group

Recognising the need for rapid response capabilities outside of traditional patrol hours, the club established an Emergency Response Group. This team remained active throughout

the summer, providing critical assistance during high-risk periods, including extreme weather events and peak visitor times. Their efforts have reinforced our club's role as a key responder in emergency situations.

Advanced Training & Development for Patrolling Members

- **Flood Water Response Training:** Additional training opportunities were provided for members to develop their skills in flood and swift water rescues, further extending our club's rescue capabilities beyond the beach environment.
- **Marine Stinger Management Course:** All patrolling members successfully completed marine stinger training, ensuring they are well-prepared to manage envenomation cases, particularly during the stinger season.
- **Continuous Skills Development:** Throughout the season, our members participated in regular training sessions to refine their first aid, rescue, and teamwork skills, reinforcing our club's commitment to high standards of lifesaving.

Looking Ahead to the 2025 Season

Building on this year's successes, the club will focus on further developing our rescue capabilities, expanding training opportunities, and enhancing lifesaving technology.

Strengthening Jet Ski and Drone Capabilities

In 2025, we will continue to develop our Rescue Watercraft (Jet Ski) program, ensuring more members are trained and qualified to operate the craft. Additionally, we will officially implement our drone program, providing enhanced surveillance and search-and-rescue support.

Rolling Out Shallow Water Rescue Courses

We are excited to introduce Shallow Water Rescue Courses aimed at improving water safety at sporting events and community activities. These courses will equip our members with specialised techniques for assisting in water-related incidents in pools, rivers, and shallow coastal areas.

Expanding Emergency Response Training

Recognising the growing need for lifesaving services beyond traditional patrol hours, we aim to further develop our Emergency Response Group, ensuring they are well-trained and equipped to respond to off-season and after-hours emergencies.

Continuous Investment in Equipment and Training

To keep our club at the forefront of lifesaving excellence, we will continue to invest in high-quality equipment, refine training programs, and explore innovative rescue techniques that will support our patrols and community services.

Final Acknowledgements

None of these achievements would have been possible without the dedication of our volunteers, trainers, club leadership, and community supporters. I extend my deepest gratitude to everyone who contributed their time, skills, and passion to making our patrols successful.

As we look forward to an even stronger 2025 season, I encourage all members to stay involved, keep up with training, and continue to uphold the high standards of professionalism and commitment that define Cairns Surf Life Saving Club.

Thank you for your service and see you on the beach! Max

AWARDS & PROFICIENCIES Annabel Grant

The club would like to extend appreciation to life member **Annabel Grant** for her exceptional dedication and service to our members. While the club did not have an official Chief Training Officer, Annabel consistently went above and beyond in ensuring both new and existing members received the highest quality training.

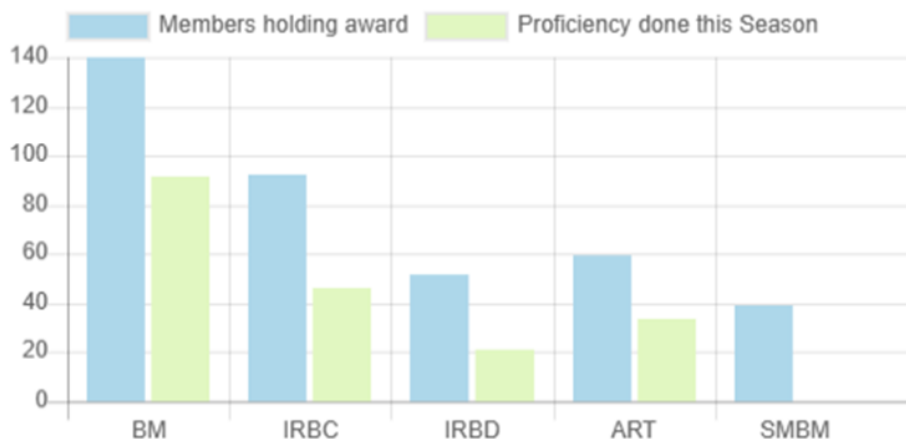


Annabel's tireless efforts have made a significant impact on the training and safety standards of our club. Her passion, time, and expertise have not only strengthened our team but also contributed to the continued success of our lifesaving programs.

We are deeply grateful for Annabel's exceptional service and commitment to the development and safety of our members. Her contributions have set a high standard for the club, and we are fortunate to have such a dedicated and passionate life member.

Thank you, Annabel,

Awards & Proficiencies



NATIONAL PATROL SERVICE AWARDS

Congratulations to the members who were acknowledged for their commendable patrolling services at the CSLSC 2024 Awards Evening.

5 Year National Patrol Service Award			
Blair Callendar	Brooke Chauvin-Hartman	Zara Chauvin Hartman	Rob Davidson
Steve Donaldson	Ken Doyle	Harriet Grant	Julie Horgan
Nicole Johnston	Matt Lamont	Joanne Langstreth	Helen Leicht
Stewart Lockie	Melissa Lum	Brett Mesner	Tiera Mikuzis
Ann More	Nathan Pullen	David Quantrill	Alex Rogers
Bayley Stevens	Joy Tusa	Sue Way	Shane White
Alastair Yeabsley	Kye Yeabsley		
10 Year National Patrol Service Award			
Bryan Coates	Mark Colbridge	Steve Daly	David Duffield
Mark Fifield	Annabel Grant	Lawrence Green	Anthony Hannan
Chris Haug	Peter Lade	David Lep	Ed Lukin
Belinda Marsh	Rob Paterson	Max Rivett	Carol Shanks
Paul Stevens	Brad Weaver	Nathan White	Marilyn Woods
15 Year National Patrol Service			
James Holmes	James Marsh	Bob McPhail	Sharman Parr
Michael Ryan	Col Sparkes		
20 Year National Patrol Service			
Brian Heggie	Doug McKinstry		

2024 Patrol & Water Safety Hours

Thank you to all our dedicated members for their invaluable time and effort spent patrolling and ensuring water safety throughout 2024. Your work has not gone unnoticed, and we truly appreciate the tireless dedication and teamwork that each of you brings to this important cause.



2024 Patrol & Water Safety Hours					
Name	Patrol Team	Hours	Name	Patrol Team	Hours
Max Rivett	7	107	Greg Meller	1	99
Paul Mead	2	96	Lily Young	3	83
Robert Paterson	1	71	Hendrik Veenstra	6	69
Sophie Pedersen	6	64	James Langtree	3	61
Alastair Yeabsley	3	60	Mathys Moolman	7	57
Ann More	8	57	Jen Rees	6	56
Abby Bissett	8	56	Colin Sparkes	4 Bright Sparkes	55
Joanne Langstreth	5 Girl Torque	54	Axel Northcott	2	52
Tiera Mikuzis	5 Girl Torque	51	Mark Colbridge	7	50
Matthew Lamont	8 & Carnival	50	Hannah Bissett	8	50
Marilyn Woods	5 Girl Torque	49	Brad Rees	6	48
Tina Stevens	7	48	Paul Stevens	7	48

Nicole Johnston	8	47	Nigel Thomas	2	46
Robert Campbell	4	42	Ken Doyle	3	41
Ellie Nona	3	41	Matthew Ebden	6	40
Bryan Coates	4	39	Joanna Maceachern	1	39
Che McPherson	1	38	Shane White	2	36
Daniel Srhoj	5 Girl Torque	36	Maz Cox	8	36
Xander Veenstra	6	36	Miya Nock	8	35
Ruby Colbridge	7	35	Scott Pearson	1	34
Sue Way	4	33	Brian Heggie	1	34
Jamie Walker	6	32	Summer Tottman	5 Girl Torque	32
Tom Sonsini	4	32	Dion Uys	3	32
Ed Lukin	7	32	Asia McPherson	1	30
David Quantrill	4	28	Helen Leicht	6	28
Hamish Mead	2	27	Ellie Greenwood	1	27
Annabel Galea	7	26	Nicholas Taifalos	6	27
Annabel Grant	Carnival	26	Bailey Pearson	1	25
Simon Greenwood	1	25	Ella Thomas	2	25
Debra Mullins	2	24	Bradley Weaver	4	24
Richard Young	4	24	Zara Stevens	7	24
Bob McPhail		22	Logan Lockyer	5 Girl Torque	21
Anna Eisenhauer		20	Albert An	5 Girl Torque	20
Alyssa Atfield	5 Girl Torque	20	Harriet Grant	Carnival	20
Kinga Albrecht		20	Cooper Hudson		20
Stephanie Young	3	20	Summer Lockyer	5 Girl Torque	19
Rob Dempsey		18	Eliza Spann	Carnival	18
David Baldwin	1	18	Shaun Taylor		17
Louise Bernstein	2	16	Yazmin Rivett	7	16
Alan Mahoney	4	16	Lauren Baldwin	16	
Gerard Smallbane		15	Joanne Smallbane		15
Macklen Johnston	8	13	Maiya Rickson		14
Hamish Smallbane	8	13	Sam Thomson	2	13
Maiya Rickson		14	Fergus Johnston	8	12
Logan Stevens	7	12	James Holmes	Carnival	12
Lola McPherson	1	12	Darragh Dempsey	2	11
Stella Weston Barbuto		11	Anthony Hannan		8
Carie Kelliher		8	Peter Cox		8
Phil Johnston		8	Georgia Johnston	8	8
Isaac Lukin	7	8	Mia Yeabsley	3	8
Lani Kelliher		6	Nathan Pullen		5
Rod Putna		4	Phil Nock		4
Louella Mays		4	Daisy Colbridge		4
Bryce Menzies	5 Girl Torque	4	Ethan Purcell		4
Callum Rickson		4	Lucinda Eveans		2
Elise Angel		2	Alex Rogers		2



JAO'S REPORT Shaun Taylor

The 2024 Nippers program was another fantastic success as we continue to nurture the future life savers of our club! With 104 Nipper members participating this season, 94 completing their Junior Preliminary Evaluation, a further 58 completing their Junior Activities Competition Skills Evaluation and 97 earning their Surf Awards, our junior program remains robust and thriving.

Surf Awards	
U6	Abigail Meller, Aria Thomson, Audrey Moulang, Bailey Meller, Brielle Jones, Jay Jordan, Keanu Weeks, Lily Martin, Patrick Kelvy, Tyler Myhill
U7	Destiny Lane, Jameson Brown, Logan Evered, Max Nock, Maximus Turner, Orione Giordano, William Seror
U8 Surf Aware One	Chase Duncan, Elsie Farnsworth, Eve Pembroke, Lily Sommeling, Zara Jordan, Lily Weekes
U9 Surf Aware Two	Brodie Smith, Finn Cockrem, Gianni Santo, Heath Taylor, Kai wright, Lincoln Gatt, Nathan Liddell, Oscar Cox, Xander Maurer, Zarah Pickford
U10 Surf Safe One	Alex Rudnik, Beau Pembroke, Emmylou Ross, Flynn Coverdale, Katrina Stroud, Layla Smallbane, Sienna Myhill
U11 Surf Safe Two	Adia Tuesday Gates Foale, Ash Cockrem, Lucinda Coverdale, Maileh White, Nico Azzopardi, Tawhirimatea Devine, Zack Stewart
U12 Surf Smart One	Benjamin Limpus, Bramley Cox, Clancy Ross, Ethan Green, Eve Dempsey, Hannah Smallbane, Hugo Stroud, Jakes Bowes, Layla Young, Lewis Lee, Luca Santo, McKenzie Hill, Nell Ramsay, Quentin Veenstra
U13 Surf Smart Two	Ash Mayes, Ben Bissett, Elizabeth Meller, Heath Seymour, Hugh Yu, Lacey Taylor, Lani Kelliher, Liam Smith, Maycee Donovan, Olivia Stork, Phoebe Pembroke, Warne McShane

Each week, over 80 juniors joined us on the beach for 19 sessions and 5 carnivals. This wouldn't be possible without the dedication of our volunteers. I am incredibly grateful to our Age Managers, water safety team, BBQ volunteers, trailer packers, and towers, who ensure our nippers are safe and having fun. A special thanks also goes to Paul Mead and

Richard Young for their assistance throughout the year and stepping into the JAO role in my absence. Also, to our



Administrator, Jill, and the uniform shop team, who keep everything running smoothly behind the scenes.

Our performance at the carnivals was impressive, showcasing standout efforts, determination, and teamwork. Twenty juniors were selected for the North Queensland Branch Youth



State team, set to compete at the 2025 Youth State Championships in March. Additionally, six juniors were named in the QLD Country Team: Ben Bissett, Lacey Taylor, Hamish Smallbane, Logan Lockyer, Abby Bissett, and Ellie Greenwood, following their participation in the North Aussie Championships at Mackay.

Our nippers and their parents also played a crucial role in fundraising, raising over \$15,000 through weekly BBQs and various raffles. These funds are vital for maintaining and upgrading our equipment, directly benefiting our nippers.

We celebrated the end of the season with an event at the Wake Park, where we recognised the achievements of our nippers and announced the age champions and other award winners. Below you will find the complete list of Junior award winners.

2024 Junior Award Winners				
Age Group	Male Age Champion	Female Age Champion	Male Age Managers Choice	Female Age Managers Choice
U8	Chase Duncan	Eve Pembroke		Lily Weeks Elise Farnsworth
U9	Finn Cockrem	Zarah Pickford	Kai Wright Lincoln Gatt	
U10	Flynn Coverdale	Layla smallbane	Beau Pembroke	Katrina Stroud
U11	Ash Cockrem	Lucinda Coverdale	Tawhirimate Devine	Maileh White
U12	Ben Limpus	Layla Young	Quentin Veenstra	Eve Dempsey
U13	Ben Bissett	Lacey Taylor	Hugh Yu	Lani Kelliher
U14	Hamish Smallbane	Lauren Baldwin	Macklen Johnston	Lola McPherson
U15	James Langtree	Abby Bissett	Zander Veenstra	Lily Young
Special Junior Awards				
U9 Amanda Riches Award			Oscar Cox	
U11 Ironperson			Male Ash Cockrem	Female Lucinda Coverdale
JAC Award			Ash Cockrem	

Looking ahead, the 2025 season promises to build on our strong foundation, adding more fun and surf skill development to ensure we have an even stronger nipper program in 2025!



SURF SPORTS OFFICER'S REPORT Tiera Mikuzis

Every season of surf sports is big but 2024 was huge. Training commenced at the start of the year for our junior brigade for the upcoming State Titles in Burleigh where 25 of our athletes, 3 of our team/age managers attended. The NQB team placed 22nd out of 35 clubs and our CSLSC athletes competed incredibly well. Special mention to Lacey Taylor with her gold medal in the 2 x 500m relay. We had a couple of our youth head down to the Australian Championships along with our very own Bob McPhail who attended the World Championships! 2024. Special mention to Fiona Grant, Bob Way & Sue Way who were chosen to officiate at this massive event on the GC.

The dedication of our athletes and coaches was evident from the start of the season with many training opportunities available. In preparation for pool rescue. The Pool Rescue aspect of Surf Life Saving dominated the beginning of the season with Branch Championships. Our success in the pool was second to none with lots of medals from nippers to master's and a big win to Cairns. We had 3 athletes go on to compete at the State Pool Rescue on the GC with quite a few medals brought back home to Cairns.



The surf beach season kicked off with extra training sessions available to all our junior/senior & masters sessions with the addition of a Friday afternoon board session for the juniors and additional ski trainings continuing.

The Hydrothon at Port Douglas saw most of our junior competitors taking part. It was a huge success with many new skills, some hard training and the opportunity for our kids to meet & train with some current Iron men & women.

The Fun Swim Run, despite overlapping with a local swim carnival, attracted nearly 50 participants, with the newly introduced long course drawing the most entries. Everyone had a fantastic day, enjoying the event to the fullest.

It was great to see the carnival season commence back at Mission Beach over the Cairns Show holiday weekend after a few years of not holding a carnival here. The introduction of the new Dunk Island Ski race to open the carnival was well received with Cairns' members taking out most of the placings. Cairns also victorious as overall winners with a massive 1497 points



Etty Bay was the next carnival on the 17-18th August with Cairns again winners with 1429 points. The carnival was well run and all that travelled down had a great time. Port Douglas on the 14th-15th September again saw some wild & windy weather. Due to the cancellation of a few events the points total only reached 1328 points but still saw a healthy win for the Cairns. Ellis Beach was held 31st-1st September saw the M shaped

course brought into play for standard surf events and a very popular 'Dash for Cash' format with the latter being very well received. Cairns smashed it out over this long carnival programme with a massive 1632 points.



It was the highlight of the carnival calendar with Cairns celebrating their 100 years by hosting the 2024 Cairns NQ Branch Championships. Battling some high tides and hard sand the carnival was the definition of great teamwork by our many Cairns volunteers & athletes. Several Age Champions and a massive 1869 points more than 1000 points ahead of our closest rival showed the true spirit of 'teamwork making the dreamwork'.



The "Orange Army" was in full force again this year as we marched south to Mackay to compete in the North Australian Championships on the last weekend of October against clubs from Hervey Bay to Port Douglas. Our Master's brigade was a little depleted this year with only one man standing at the end of the carnival. Well, Done Paul Stevens! Despite this Cairns still placed 2nd overall, 1st in the Pool & 1st in Juniors.

Congratulations to all on a great season with a special mention to the below winners named at the 2024 Awards Evening.

2024 Annual Club Award Winners		
Junior Awards		
Junior Athlete of the Year	Green Family Trophy	Hamish Smallbane
U14 Lifesaver of the Year	Grant Family Trophy	Hamish Mead
Spirit Of Carins	Langstreth Family Trophy	Joanna Maceachern
Surf Sports Awards		
U17 Age Champion		Female: Ellie Greenwood Male: Mathys Moolman
Open Age Champion	Palm Cove Car Rentals Trophy	Female: Ellie Greenwood Male: Mathys Moolman
Masters Age Champion		Female: Jo Smallbane Male: Shaun Taylor
Masters Athlete of the Year	Jon Jones Trophy	Shaun Taylor
Overall Club Champion	Ron Pollard Trophy	Ellie Greenwood
Family of the Year	Ryan Family Trophy	Smallbane Family
Youth Athlete of the Year	McKinstry Family Trophy	Ellie Greenwood
Coach of the Year	Bryan Coates Trophy	Alastair Yeabsley
Rookie Official of the Year		Phil Nock
Official of the Year	Adrian Davies Roe Trophy	Sue Way
Team Manager of the Year		Tiera Mikuzis
Club Awards		
Ralph Award		Phil Nock
Masters' Choice		Bob McPhail
Old Boy's Trophy		Steve Langtree
President's Award		Hendrik Veenstra
Most Patrol Hours	Sparkes Family Trophy	Max Rivett
Most Water Safety Hours		Hendrik Veenstra
Most Other Service Hours		Anna Ramsay
Membership Development Awards		
U18 Lifesaver of the Year	Haug Family Trophy	Ellie Greenwood
Services to Junior Activities		Shaun Taylor
Assessor of the Year	Bill Smith Trophy	Annabel Grant
Trainer of the Year	Chris Auger Trophy	Annabel Grant
Volunteer of the Year	Robert 'Bear' Crawford Trophy	Anna Ramsay
Club Person of the Year	Matthew Family Trophy	Shaun Taylor
Surf Lifesaver of the Year	Jon Menico Trophy	Rob Paterson



100th COMMITTEE REPORT Colin Sparkes

It is hard to believe but Cairns SLSC is now in its second century of vigilance and service to the Cairns community. As such it is pleasing to note that the centenary celebrations went off with a bang.

I would like to thank our Centenary Committee who met and worked for over 18 months to plan our 100 Years Celebrations- Ron Pollard, John Wright, Rob Paterson, Tania Paterson, Barbara Chauvin-Hartmann, Fiona Grant, Annabel Grant, Peter Cox, Cathy Bissett, Anna Ramsay, Vicki Sparkes and Colin Sparkes as Chair.



The club committee formed a working group to investigate and plan events to enjoy this wonderful milestone. Many ideas were floated and eventually six activities were decided on

- Wine tasting of the Cairns SLSC 100-year vintage.
- Fun Swim Run event.
- Meet and Greet night on the Wednesday before the dinner.
- All club members given Cairns SLSC wet packs for togs, goggles and towel.
- Lawn bowls day at Marlin Coast Bowls Club.
- Centenary Dinner held at the club function room.

The wine tasting was held on the front deck with a variety of sparkling, red and white wines. I was told that the wines were well received and enjoyed, with many ordering a carton of their favourite for later consumption.

The Fun Swim Run event had an increasing number of competitors and so will become an annual event at the club. This event will grow into a great fund raiser in the years ahead. Well, done Annabel.



The Meet and Greet night were a wonderful opportunity for club members old and new to get together and swap some classic stories of the past and present. It was also the first time that most of our members got to meet Ralph Devlin OAM who had travelled up to be our guest speaker at the dinner.

On the Friday prior to the main event members were treated to an afternoon of lawn bowls at the Marlin Coast Bowls Club. This was a very enjoyable afternoon with members of the bowls club to assist with the technicalities of bowling.

Vicki Sparkes and Fiona Grant supplied afternoon tea to all the players and to some of the local bowls members who were there having a coldie and shouting encouragement. The bowls club members could not have been more welcoming, and a fun afternoon was well appreciated by those who attended.





The main event was obviously the Centenary Dinner that grew and grew with a ceiling of 220 guests attending. Pre-Dinner drinks were served at the reception area and beer garden bar. March past music could be heard and a fine bunch of lifesavers in full march past uniforms appeared out of the darkness and led the attendees to the beach front to be awed by the spectacular fireworks display fired from the Palm Cove jetty.



It was then time to get upstairs and be seated for the dinner with great work done to ensure everyone knew where they seated. With MC Peter Cox in control, it was not long before diners were enjoying their first course of a delicious 3 course meal. President Greg Meller welcomed the attendees, and Past President Rob Paterson proposed a toast to the club for 100 years of service and to the members past and present. Throughout the evening, our history was showcased through PowerPoint and video.

Before guest speaker Ralph Devlin took the mike, Jenny Roberts who is the daughter of Club Life Member Jack Barnes (dec) spoke of the connection between Cairns SLSC and her father, and the research undertaken to discover the illusive Irukandji jellyfish. In attendance was also Nick Barnes, Jack's son who along with Jack and clubbie Chilla Ross (dec) volunteered to be stung to prove that the jellyfish they had netted was the one they were looking for. All three were affected with Irukandji Syndrome.



Former State President Ralph Devlin, our guest speaker then entertained guests with a history of surf lifesaving and some of his interactions with Cairns club members. Colin Sparkes OAM gave a quick run through of 100 years of the Cairns SLSC and Doug McKinstry and Mike Ryan presented some of the stories of the master's over the past 20 years.

With speeches out the way it was time for members to mingle and share stories of their time in the club and to renew old friendships. It was great night, and it was a testament to the club and movement the number of people that travelled long distances to attend. A big thank you goes to the members of the Centenary Committee plus administrator Jill, and supporters club staff, Gillian, Simon and Kate who assisted and ensured the success of the night.



Of course, there were other events through the year that acknowledged our 100 Years, included using the 100 Year logo designed by Elizabeth Way; Branch Championships hosted by Cairns Surf Life Saving Club; interviews with Bluey Forsyth on ABC radio; Old Boys polo shirt.

Although we will not be here to celebrate the second hundred years, we know that Cairns Surf Life Saving Club will continue to ensure the safety of the Cairns community through Service and Vigilance for the next 100 years.

MASTER'S REPORT Bob McPhail

What a year the Cairns Masters have had! Starting with training sessions in February/March in preparation for our march pasts and events in the Australian Surf Lifesaving Championships in April at Maroochydore on the Sunny Coast. March past finished in a central position and our competition in the ocean impressed. Our Team Manager Peter Cox was very active and nearly achieved our first Australian gold medal however a wrong turn around the buoys put hold to that!!



Cairns Surf Lifesaving Club began our branch competition by taking out the "Cairns Cup" at Mission Beach followed by a stellar result at ETTY Bay, a highlight of the Carnival as always was Poems on the Beach, always a great night with music, food and banter.

Port Douglas was the usual competitive event with Cairns SLSC producing the goods with daylight separately us from the rest.

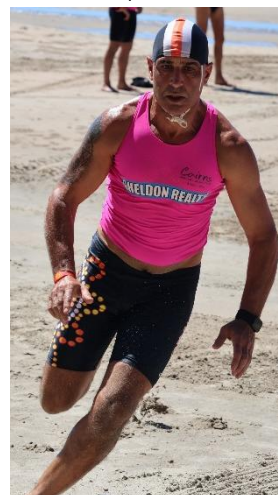


Ellis Beach was the same when we returned the XXXX Cup for the 15th year in a row!! Unfortunately, Bob McPhail was at the World Champs at Kurrawa Beach however the boys & girls produced the goods and brought home the bacon.

Cairns SLSC were granted the Branch Championships in our centenary year which proved to be very successful for our club where we won handsomely once again!



After a very hectic year with master's, we had limited numbers at the North Australian Surf Championships in Mackay where we finished 3rd overall.



SURF BOAT CAPTAIN'S REPORT Mick Lang

First, I would like to acknowledge Anneka for trying to drive this section and get interest from the Dental Students at JCU. She managed to get Eliza to return and then followed our new rowers in Lilly, Grace, and Holly.

Brad Rees showed interest in learning to sweep which was a great and he attended the FNQ sweeps school to learn the intricacies of sweeping a very important component of surfboat rowing.

Life Member Bob McPhail also was keen to see the section of the Club grow, and he too attended to sweeps school and attended all training we conducted. I thank Bob for his involvement.

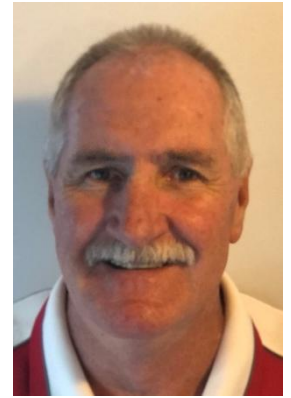
This section of any Club is a great source of attracting patrolling members to enhance what we are there for and that is patrolling the beach.

Unfortunately, Woolgoolga SLSC could not replicate what they did the year before, but I have spoken with Tim White their Surfboat Captain and they are looking at bringing at least 18 members up this year! They are using this weekend as a bonding session prior to the NSW season beginning.

I have contacted Gary 'Swoop' Williams from Tallebudgera who is also the ASRLQ President about holding a sweeps school for the FNQ Branch.

It was great to hear of the official naming of the surf boat "Jolly Roger" after Alex Rogers who was instrumental in reviving the surf boat culture in Cairns SLSC.

Regards, Mick



GEAR & EQUIPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT Bob McPhail

May I commence this annual review with a sincere thanks to all our club members for their continued care and due diligence in caring for our gear and equipment. While repairs are an inevitable part of our operations, it's worth noting the extra effort made by everyone during our centenary year. Your commitment has not gone unnoticed... thank you.



As many of you will know, we have purchased and received grants & donations for new boards, skis., trailers, IRB's, motor and an SSV. However, we have also purchased much needed equipment through Cairns Surf Life Saving Club revenue with valuable assistance from the Supporters Club. Members throughout the year have continued to support our club through many purchases of club wear, food and refreshments... management certainly supports your family support.



One piece of equipment I would like to see utilised more is our surf boat. If any members are interested in using this craft, I encourage you to reach out to me as soon as possible—I'd be more than happy to discuss opportunities.

The 2024 centenary year was a huge success for our club from march past teams, to our nippers and master's competitors, it was incredibly rewarding to witness such amazing performances across all levels.

Congratulations to each and every one of you for a great year.

Bring on 2025

IRB OFFICER'S REPORT Rob Paterson

These last couple of years have been the most exciting time to be a member of the CSLSC, and especially 2024 being our 100-year anniversary.

Newer members would not see the past struggles we have had with finance, trying to stretch those dollars as far as we can, to be able to provide the equipment that is required to function as a lifesaving club.

Fast forward to the 2024 year, thanks to the committee and president Greg Meller we have procured two new IRBs, a new road trailer, a new beach trailer and two new Tohatsu outboard engines.

This takes our current equipment roll call to.

- 4 x IRBs
 - Sparksy (semi-retired)
 - Parry - active service
 - Patto - active service
 - Annabel - active service
- 5 x Tohatsu outboard engine
- 1 x road trailer
- 1 x beach trailer

This is the first time in my 20 years at the club that we have the best and latest equipment, I would like to emphasise the importance and privilege we have been given, to have the equipment provided, we must all look after it.



During the year we have provided water safety to various events, our club carnivals, training sessions and our CSLSC 100-year anniversary Branch Carnival, most notable is the Ironman event in June, held at our beach, Palm Cove.

All five clubs and the North Queensland Branch provided IRBs for water safety, which I am advised is the best in Australia.

These IRBs do not operate themselves, the logistics of getting all the gear to the beach and setting up the courses takes time and effort and commitment from our members.

I would like to thank everyone involved for making the 2024 100-year anniversary a great one and especially thank the IRB Drivers and the Crewies for your efforts.

Annabel Grant and I have been given the highest accolade from the club.

The privilege of having an IRB named after us,

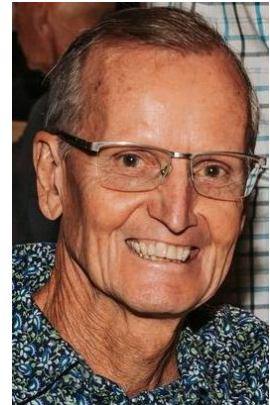
Being "ANNABEL" and "PATTO"

Thank you and best wishes-Rob



TREASURER'S REPORT Brian Heggie

This report is a financial summary based on the final Audited Account statements received on 12 February 2025 for the Jan to Dec 2024 year.



Profit & Loss ending 31 Dec 2024

- Total Income \$898,595.00
- Total Expenses \$533,326.24
- Profit before Tax \$365,268.76

Total Income was up \$448,279.26 from 2023.

Profit before Tax was up by \$312,684.19 from 2023.

These figures are significantly higher principally due to the Sports and Leisure Grant of \$350,000 for the Amenities in 2024.

Main income contributions were:

- Grants/ Subsidies \$497,194.82 (+835%)
- Rental & Room hire \$176,246.60 (+5.8%)
- Insurance Recoveries \$81,800.41 New
- Donations \$71,343.74 (+520%)
- Reimbursements/ Refunds \$56,167.20 (-24%)
- Fundraising \$30,858.06 (-50%)
- Membership fees \$18,489.34 (-17%)

Grant monies of \$350,000 for the Amenities as well as the Insurances payments for Jasper claims contributed to a one-off annual income in 2024 which greatly increased 2024 income.

Rental income reflected the annual rent review CPI increase for both Avis and the Supporter's Club.

Donations were significantly higher in 2024 due to the generosity of the Richardson family of \$60,000.

Reimbursements/ Refunds are related to payments by the Supporters Club lease. The lease agreement has some shared annual costs e.g. Rates, Bldg. Insurance, some building repairs/maintenance. The Surf Club traditionally pays these outgoings and is subsequently reimbursed by the Supporter's Club for their agreed share of the outgoing.

Membership fees were down with reduced numbers in 2024. This continues a trend that has continued over the last couple of years

Outgoings/ Expenses

Primary Outgoings/ Expenses were:

- Salary costs, and general/administration expenses (insurances, rates, fees) contributing - approx. 24 % of total expenses
- Fundraising expenses, Carnival /Event costs, building and maintenance costs and equipment depreciation contributing - approx. 39% of total costs

The difference in this financial year expenses for 2024 are mostly due to:

- Insurance Payments of \$53,619 to SC for Jasper claims
- Catch up on Depreciation of gear /equipment that has been previously disposed of / written off but not accounted for in previous audits. (\$73,303.08)

- Cost of Carnival and Events \$53,404.27 (266% increase)

It should be acknowledged that some items of repair/maintenance costs are still the responsibility of the Supporters Club otherwise these costs would be even higher annually.

Grants/ Subsidies Received

List of 2024 successful grants/subsidies ex GST, if applicable, are detailed below:

• Sports and Leisure Dept	\$365,000
• SLSQ agency for State Govt	\$111,754.49
• State Govt direct (Gambling Benefit Fund)	\$9,200
• Fed Govt Depts	\$12,500
• Total	\$498,454.49

Key Financial Impacts in 2024

- The effective completion of the Amenities was a significant impact for 2024. The total cost in 2024 including consultants, project management was \$425,082.37 with the outstanding balance of \$8578 to paid in the 2025 budget.
- It was evident in 2024 that the Club financial success was greatly supported by generous donations, and significant grants. With economic conditions continuing to tighten, it is considered that these sizeable contributions to our bottom line cannot be relied on going forward. It is therefore considered that greater focus on a sustainable income from memberships, sponsorships, rents and careful management of Maintenance works for the building would assist in making 2025 an ongoing success for the Club.

A special thank you goes to all those who have contributed to helping the Club retain a net surplus in another challenging year.

Brian Heggie

Treasurer - Cairns Surf Life Saving Club

MEMBERSHIP

Other Service Hours

Thanks to all our members who volunteered their time and energy to support various activities and service efforts. Your commitment makes a tremendous difference to our club & in our community, we truly appreciate each one of you. A special mention goes to the following members who dedicated over 20 hours to help with:

- Organising and running the BBQ events
- Towing trailers to transport equipment and supplies
- Assisting with fundraising efforts to ensure their success
- Actively participating in meetings, offering valuable insights
- Helping to clean and maintain our shed, keeping it organised and functional

These individuals have gone above and beyond in their service, and we are incredibly grateful for their contributions. Thank you to everyone for your continued support and dedication.

Other Service Hours					
Name	Hours	Name	Hours	Name	Hours
Anna Ramsay	227	Barbara Chauvin-Hartmann	120	Doug Ramsay	115
Fiona Grant	106	Annabel Grant	95	Michelle Langtree	93
David Baldwin	92	Cathy Bissett	89	Sue Way	80
Tania Paterson	79	Stephen Langtree	76	Shaun Taylor	69
Hendrik Veenstra	67	Paul Mead	67	Robert Way	62
Brad Rees	53	Alastair Yeabsley	51	Carie Kelliher	51
Natasha Rivett	45	Joanne Smallbane	45	Richard Young	40
Phil Nock	39	Joanne Maceachern	36	Leah Dempsey	35
Lucinda Eveans	34	Gerard Smallbane	32	Ruth Nona Renshaw	28
Jill Boltz	28	Sophie Pedersen	28	Jean-Claude Chauvin	27
Jen Rees	25	Hamish Mead	25	Wade Limpus	23
Greg Meller	23	Rob Dempsey	22	Nicole Johnston	21
Maiya Rickson	21	Bob McPhail	21	Jon Murray	21
Anthony Hannan	20	Shane White	20	Louella Mays	20

CAIRNS



MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS REPORT EOS 24/25 SEASON



127
ACTIVE
MEMBERSHIP



357
TOTAL
MEMBERSHIP



93
JUNIOR
MEMBERSHIP

Vs. 24/25 Mid-Season (JULY 2024)



3% Increase



4% Increase



4% Increase

Vs. 23/24 EOS (NOV 2023)



Equal



10% Decrease



22% Decrease

Note:

Numbers in this report are generated directly from Surfguard;

Active members are taken from the following demographics 13-15 Cadets, 15-18 Youth, Active 18+, Award and Active Reserve members.

Total Membership 2020-2024

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
Probationary	64	0	4	0	0
Junior Activity (5-13 years)	154	125	122	119	93
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	12	22	21	16	17
Active Junior (15-18 years)	34	32	20	29	32
Active Senior (18 years & over)	76	64	57	65	67
Award Member	26	25	21	12	6
Reserve Member	1	5	5	5	5
Long Service	9	7	7	6	5
Past Active	0	0	0	0	0
Associate	53	100	104	106	98
Life Member	25	28	28	28	31
General	0	0	1	0	1
Honorary	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Member Participants	0	0	0	0	0
Leave/Restricted	0	2	2	12	2
Total Active	149	148	124	127	127
Total	454	410	393	398	357

Junior Age Category	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
Under 6	12	9	10	9	15
Under 7	12	18	21	17	11
Under 8	20	19	19	15	7
Under 9	22	19	21	18	11
Under 10	20	18	12	17	10
Under 11	23	15	15	15	10
Under 12	11	18	13	15	15
Under 13	15	9	7	13	14
Under 14	14	9	8	6	11
Total	149	134	127	125	104

Membership Retention



105

BRAND NEW MEMBERS



63%

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION



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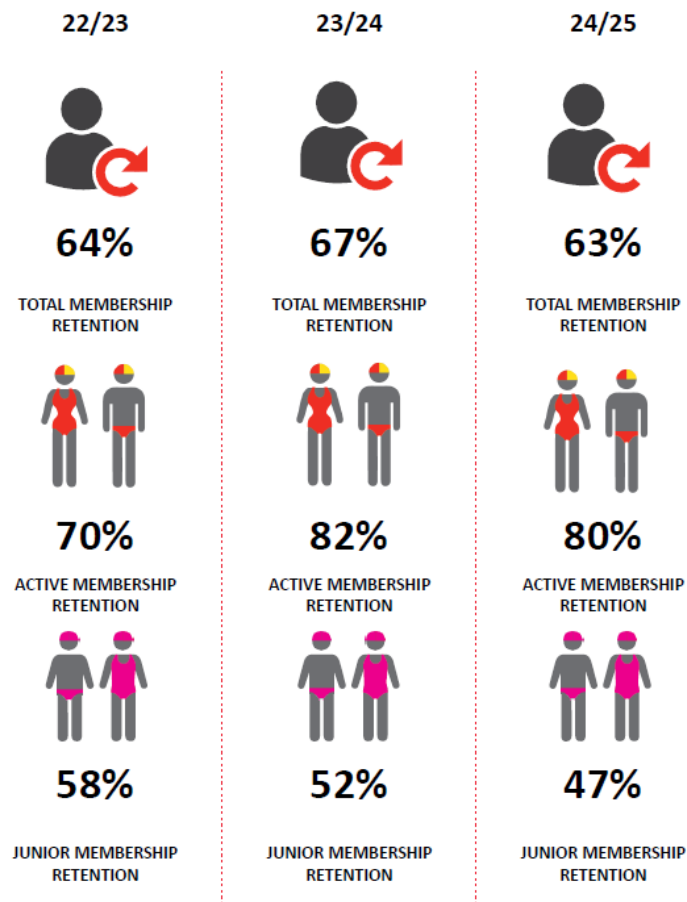
MEMBERS LOST FROM CAIRNS

CAIRNS 24/25														
	23/24 Membership	Retained from previous season		Transfers between Club Categories	Transferred out of the club		Left the organisation		Brand new members		Transfers In from other clubs		24/25 Membership	
		No.	%		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Probationary	0	0			0		0		0		0		0	
Junior Activities	119	56	47%	9	0	0%	63	53%	46	39%	0	0%	93	-22%
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	16	14	88%		0	0%	2	13%	2	13%	0	0%	17	6%
Active (15-18 yrs)	29	22	76%		0	0%	7	24%	3	10%	0	0%	32	10%
Active (18yrs and over)	65	51	78%		0	0%	14	22%	11	17%	0	0%	67	3%
Award Member	12	11	92%	5	0	0%	1	8%	0	0%	0	0%	6	-50%
Reserve Active	5	4	80%	1	0	0%	1	20%	2	40%	0	0%	5	0%
Long Service	6	6	100%	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	5	-17%
Past Active	0	0			0		0		0		0		0	
Associate	106	54	51%		0	0%	52	49%	41	39%	0	0%	98	-8%
Life Member	28	28	100%		0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	31	11%
General	0	0			0		0		0		0		1	
Honorary	0	0			0		0		0		0		0	
Non Member Participant	0	0			0		0		0		0		0	
Leave / Restricted	12	6	50%	4	0	0%	6	50%	0	0%	0	0%	2	-83%
Total Active	127	102	80%		0	0%	25	20%	18	14%	0		127	0%
Total	398	252	63%		0	0%	146	37%	105	26%	0		357	-10%

** Total Active = Cadet Member (13-15 years), Active (15-18), Active (18yrs and over), Award Member, Reserve Active

CAIRNS 24/25								
Active Members	23/24	Retained		Left SLS		Recruited		24/25
	No.	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.
13-15 Years	23	21	91%	2	9%	3	13%	23
16-18 Years	22	15	68%	7	32%	1	5%	25
19-25 Years	9	6	67%	3	33%	3	33%	8
26-35 Years	3	1	33%	2	67%	2	67%	4
36-50 Years	36	31	86%	5	14%	5	14%	31
51-70 Years	33	28	85%	5	15%	4	12%	35
70+ Years	1	0	0%	1	100%	0	0%	1
Total	127	102	80%	25	20%	18	14%	127

Membership Retention Trend



Junior Membership Retention

CAIRNS 24/25								
Age Group	23/24	Retained		Left SLS		Recruited		24/25
Under 6	9					15		15
Under 7	17	4	44%	5	56%	7	78%	11
Under 8	15	5	29%	12	71%	2	12%	7
Under 9	18	5	33%	10	67%	6	40%	11
Under 10	17	7	39%	11	61%	3	17%	10
Under 11	15	7	41%	10	59%	3	18%	10
Under 12	15	10	67%	5	33%	5	33%	15
Under 13	13	9	60%	6	40%	5	33%	14
Under 14	0	9	69%	4	31%	0	0%	0
Transitioned From JA		0						

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

Cairns SLS is committed to safeguarding children and young people in our membership. We acknowledge that a child-safe organisation doesn't just happen; it requires conscious effort to protect children and young people from harm.

Cairns SLS will work together to ensure a safe and inclusive environment for all children participating in our community. We recognise that our staff, volunteers, and members must understand the important responsibilities they each have in relation to child safety. Every person bound by this statement of commitment must always place the safety and welfare of children and young people above all other considerations.

Several measures will be used to achieve this such as:

- Prohibiting any form of abuse against children.
- Providing opportunities for our juniors to contribute to and provide feedback on our program development.
- Carefully selecting and screening people whose role requires them to have regular contact with children.
- Ensuring our code of conduct for people in positions of authority, is promoted and enforced particularly for roles associated with junior sport.
- Providing and promoting avenues for raising concerns or complaints; and
- Providing regular education and/or information to those involved in lifesaving on child abuse and child protection
- Ensuring safeguarding policy and procedures are communicated and understood by relevant staff and members.

The Cairns SLSC requires that if anyone bound by this statement of commitment reasonably suspects that a child within our organisation, has been or is being abused report it immediately to the police or Department of Communities Child Safety and Disability Services, and to the association's Safeguarding Children and young People [online reporting portal](#).

All allegations of child abuse will be dealt with promptly, seriously, sensitively, and confidentially. A person will not be victimised for reporting an allegation of child abuse and the privacy of all persons concerned will be respected.

Together we commit to provide an environment where children feel safe, respected, and valued.

As the President of Cairns SLSC, I hereby sign this Statement of Commitment on 5th March 2024



Greg Meller | CSLSC President



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