

CAIRNS SLSC NEWSLETTER



Message from Cairns SLSC President, Tony Hannan

President's Message

Where has the season gone?! It feels like only yesterday we were kicking off the season, and now here we are, just one carnival left for 2025 and seven weeks of patrolling to go! What a season it's been so far. The energy, teamwork, and dedication across our club have been incredible, and I hope everyone feels proud of what we've achieved together.

Our Nippers will wrap up their season a little earlier than the seniors, with their break-up this Sunday, 19th October. No doubt many of them (and their families!) will be feeling a touch of sadness that the fun is coming to an end, while the rest of us keep the momentum rolling through the final weeks.







A massive shoutout to our amazing Age Managers, who show up week after week with enthusiasm and commitment, not only for Sunday Nippers but also at carnivals near and far. You're the backbone of our junior program!



And to our officials, coaches, water safety crews, BBQ crew, office ladies, and photographers, your dedication and willingness to volunteer your time and energy truly set our club apart. Your contribution goes above and beyond what we see in most other sports, and it doesn't go unnoticed.

At the recent Branch Carnival, Cairns SLSC once again shone both on and off the field. I couldn't be prouder of our members' sportsmanship, team spirit, and outstanding performances. The results speak for

themselves, with Cairns proudly taking home four major club trophies:

-  Overall Club Champions
-  Junior Club Champions
-  Masters Club Champions
-  Overall Aggregated Points Champions


A phenomenal effort by all involved... congratulations, Team Cairns!

Our patrolling members also continue to do an exceptional job keeping our beaches safe. Your vigilance, professionalism, and friendly approach, whether helping locals or visitors, make a huge difference.

It's encouraging to see new members signing up for the upcoming SRC and Bronze Medallion courses, ensuring our proud lifesaving legacy continues, however our club is still looking for four new Patrol Captains to expand our Patrol Groups to twelve for 2026, helping to share the load and strengthen our frontline presence. If you are keen reach out to our Chief Training Officer Paul cto@cairnssurfclub.com.au

While I have your attention, don't forget you're all warmly invited to our Club Presentation Evening on Friday, 22nd November. This is our chance to come together, celebrate our achievements, and enjoy a fantastic night with our surf club family. For more details, contact Jill at admin@cairnssurfclub.com.au



All members are welcome, and encouraged, to have their say on who takes home some of the coveted awards! Cast your votes by 30th Oct by clicking here 

<https://form.jotform.com/251127476986065> 

Let's finish the season strong, celebrate our successes, and carry that Cairns spirit right through to the very end.

Tony

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Surf Sports Update from Surf Sports Officer, Shaun Taylor



North Queensland Branch Championships – Port Douglas Wrap-Up 🏆

What an incredible weekend in Port Douglas for the North Queensland Branch Championships!








A huge congratulations to everyone who competed, officiated, provided water safety, age managed, and supported our athletes, your combined efforts made the event a fantastic success.

Cairns SLSC had an outstanding carnival, proudly taking home four major club trophies:

- 🏆 Overall Club Champions
- 🏆 Junior Club Champions
- 🏆 Masters Club Champions
- 🏆 Overall Aggregated Points Champions

SLSQ North Queensland Branch / 2025 NQB Championships Port Douglas

Club leaderboard

Rank	Club	Points	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
1	 Cairns	1780	104	112	84	53	36	29
2	 Port Douglas	652	54	36	15	15	14	15
3	 Ellis Beach	633	35	27	39	23	24	15
4	 Mission Beach	349	19	13	18	18	17	10
5	 Etty Bay	293	8	14	18	23	13	8
6	 Non Member	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	 Non Competitive	0	-	-	-	-	-	-

Special congratulations to our memorial race winners:

- Ellie Greenwood – *Tiarn Raymond Memorial Open Women's Ski Race*
- Mathys Moolman – *Wayne Porche Memorial Open Men's Ski Race*

Age Champions

- U11 Boys – *Alex Rudnick*
- U12 Boys – *Ash Cockrem*
- U13 Boys – *Jake Bowes*
- U13 Girls – *Layla Young*
- U14 Boys – *Ben Bissett*
- U14 Girls – *Lacey Taylor*
- U15 Girls – *Lauren Baldwin & Kiara Williams*
- U17 Girls – *Ellie Greenwood*
- Open Female – *Ellie Greenwood*

- Open Male – *Mathys Moolman*
- 40–49 Male – *Shaun Taylor*

North Queensland Branch Team Selections

Congratulations to the following Cairns members who have been selected to represent the North Queensland Branch:



- U11 Girls: Lottie Bowes, Sienna Myhill
- U11 Boys: Flynn Coverdale, Harrison Williams
- U12 Girls: Lucy Coverdale
- U12 Boys: Ash Cockrem, Archer Wickerson
- U13 Girls: Layla Young
- U13 Boys: Ben Limpus, Jake Bowes, Quentin Veenstra
- U14 Girls: Lacey Taylor, Mia Bamford
- U14 Boys: Ben Bissett, Hugh Yu
- U15 Girls: Lauren Baldwin, Kiara Williams

Well done to all our athletes, coaches, volunteers, and families — what a fantastic way to finish the branch season! 🏊‍♀️ 🏊‍♂️

North Aussies, 31 Oct-2nd Nov

Nominations are now open for the North Aussie Championships in Mackay. To nominate head over to Live Heats and nominate before Oct 19th, if you are having difficulties with the system reach out to Jill surf.admin@cairnssurfclub.com.au

Please note that the North Aussie bulletin <https://www.cairnslifesaving.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/2025-North-Australian-Championships-Entry-Bulletin.pdf> includes information regarding marine stinger protective clothing:



It will be compulsory for 11-14 competitors to wear appropriate and approved PPE

At this time u15-Masters will not be required to wear appropriate and approved marine stinger PPE – UNLESS weather, sting treatments stinger captures risk assessment, or the NAC carnival ref or safety officer dictate otherwise

ALL U15 to Masters are STRONGLY ADVISED to bring appropriate and approved marine stinger PPE to the carnival as the carnival referee may at any time during the carnival enforce the wearing of protective clothing by all or any competitors in ALL water events.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me:
Shaun, Surf Sports Officer, at surfsports@cairnssurfclub.com.au

Junior Activity Update from JAC Richard Young

What a fantastic season it's been for our Nippers!  

As we wrap up another fun-filled year on the beach, I'd like to say a huge thank you to all our Nippers, families, Age Managers, Water Safety, and volunteers who've made this season such a success. Your enthusiasm, teamwork, and energy are what make our junior program so special.



Nippers of the Week for September:




17th September

- U8: Henry Garrett
- U9: Harper Wickerson
- U11: Beau Pembroke & Lottie Bowes
- U13: Layla Young & McKenzie Hill
- Greencap: Cameron Volpi-Donnelly

21st September

- U9: Lilly Weekes & Pippa Harrison
- U11: Harrison Williams & Sienna Myhill
- Greencap: Aria Thompson & Owen Atha


Nipper of the Month – Pippa Harrison

A huge congratulations to Pippa Harrison!  Week by week, Pippa has gone from strength to strength at Nippers, showing amazing dedication, skill, and sportsmanship.  

Please check your emails for details about your child's awards and join us this Sunday, 19th October for our Junior Break-Up Celebration!



We're bringing back the Amazing Race, organised by the wonderful Lucinda, and it's sure to be full of laughs and friendly competition. After the race, Anna and her team will be firing up the BBQ with sausages and drinks for everyone to enjoy.

Our Presentation will kick off around 12 noon, followed by free platters in the Garden Bar from 12:30pm — and yes, the bar will be open for drinks! 

To top it all off, we'd love to see you again at the Club's Presentation Evening on Friday, 22nd November. Thanks to our generous Supporters Club, the night is heavily subsidised, with a delicious alternate-drop meal for just \$25 per adult and \$15 per child. To book your spot, please contact Jill at surf.admin@cairnssurfclub.com.au

Thanks again for an incredible season, enjoy the celebrations, and we can't wait to see our Nippers back on the sand next season!

Richard

Junior Activities Coordinator (JAC)

CTO update from Paul Mead

There's still plenty of time to earn awards before the year wraps up, and don't forget to complete your skills maintenance to stay on top of your achievements. If you need any guidance, support, or clarification with anything at all, please don't hesitate to reach out to me cto@cairnssurfclub.com.au or Jill surf.admin@cairnssurfclub.com.au



We are here to help & happy to assist you in any way we can 😊

PS I would love to have more Patrol Captains to spread the load... if you are keen and would like to discuss further drop me an email cto@cairnssurfclub.com.au

2025 SKILLS MAINTENANCE & BRANCH COURSES

SKILLS MAINTENANCE			
Date	Time	Venue	Skills Maintenance
21st Sept	900	Mission Beach SLSC	Observers, Radios, SRC, BM, Resus, ART, IRB
21st Sept	1230	Port Douglas SLSC	Observers, Radios, SRC, BM, Resus, ART, IRB
28th Sept	900	Mission Beach SLSC	Observers, Radios, SRC, BM, Resus, ART, IRB
28th Sept	900	Cairns SLSC	Observers, Radios, SRC, BM, Resus, ART, IRB
5th Oct	900	Ellis Beach SLSC	Observers, Radios, SRC, BM, Resus, ART, IRB
5th Oct	900	Mission Beach SLSC	Observers, Radios, SRC, BM, Resus, ART, IRB
6th Oct	1000	Etty Bay SLSC	Observers, Radios, SRC, BM, Resus, ART, IRB
18th Oct	1300	Cairns SLSC	Observers, Radios, SRC, BM, Resus, ART, IRB
19th Oct	900	Ellis Beach SLSC	Observers, Radios, SRC, BM, Resus, ART, IRB
19th Oct	1300	Port Douglas SLSC	Observers, Radios, SRC, BM, Resus, ART, IRB
25th Oct	900	Cairns SLSC	Observers, Radios, SRC, BM, Resus, ART, IRB
9th Nov	1300	Cairns SLSC	Observers, Radios, SRC, BM, Resus, ART, IRB
30th Nov	1000	Etty Bay SLSC	Observers, Radios, SRC, BM, Resus, ART, IRB

BRONZE MEDALLION & SRC			
Date	Time	Venue	Component
26th Oct	0900-1200	Cairns SLSC	Observer/Radios
8th Nov	0900-1200		Pool Swim/Rescue Intro
15th Nov		Branch	FA/ART Course
23rd Nov	0900-1200	Cairns SLSC	RSR, Water Rescues
30th Nov	0900-1200	Cairns SLSC	Spinal, Final Assessments

BRANCH COURSES			
Date	Time	Venue	Component
17-19th Oct	1800 onwards	Mission Beach SLSC	IRB Course
9th Nov	1800-2100	TEAMS	Silver Medallion Patrol Captains Course
9th Nov	1800-2100	Branch	IRBD Training/SM Patrol Captains Course
13th Nov	1730-2130	Branch	FA
15th Nov		Branch	FA/ART
20th Nov	1730-2130	Branch	ART
29th Nov			IRBD Assessment

Volunteer hours update – as of end of September 2025 🔥

Below is a shout-out to the legends who've clocked the most hours across Patrol, Water Safety, and Other Roles (including officials, trainers, BBQ crew, shop helpers and more).

Thank you all for your incredible contribution, we couldn't do it without you! 🙌👏

	Patrol Hours		Water Safety Hours		Other Hours		All Hours	
1	Hamish Mead	72.63	Mark Bamford	36.67	Anna Ramsay	162.96	Richard Young	198.24
2	Max Rivett	67.11	Lucinda Eveans	34.75	Richard Young	157.71	Paul Mead	183.22
3	Maz Woods	52.75	Hendrik Veenstra	34	Fiona Grant	153.53	Mark Bamford	180.72
4	Ken Doyle	50.78	Gerard Smallbane	29.48	Mark Bamford	122.8	Anna Ramsay	162.96
5	Ed Lukin	49.32	Sophie Pedersen	22.25	Paul Mead	121.38	Fiona Grant	153.53
6	Mark Colbridge	49.29	Ava Bamford	20.25	Doug Ramsay	98.75	Hamish Mead	121.96
7	Col Sparkes	49.24	Shiho Myhill	20	Annabel Grant	90	Cathy Bissett	106.9
8	Alastair Yeabsley	48.45	Paul Mead	17.92	Barbara C-Hartmann	83.75	Annabel Grant	106.24
9	Sarah Wanden	46.53	Louise Bernstein	17.5	Michelle Langtree	83.62	Lucinda Eveans	102.73
10	Jon Murray	46.53	Lauren Baldwin	16.5	Cathy Bissett	82.4	Doug Ramsay	92.54

PATROL

🌟 Shoutout to our incredible volunteer lifesavers!

Week in, week out, rain or shine, our lifesavers patrol the beaches, keep our community safe, and go above and beyond for locals and visitors alike.



Your dedication, skill, and teamwork make Cairns SLSC such a proud and vibrant club, we see you, we thank you, and we celebrate you! 🙌👏

UPCOMING PATROLS



Sat 18th AM Team 1
 Sun 19th AM Team 2
 Sun 19th PM Team 3
 Sat 25th PM Team 4
 Sun 26th AM Team 5
 Sun 26th PM Team 6

Advancing Women in Lifesaving

SLSQ would like to offer you the opportunity to apply for the Advancing Women in Leadership Program. The Advancing Women in Leadership program aims to increase the participation of women and girls in community leadership positions through professional development and networking opportunities. Focused on enhancing business, emotional, and social intelligence, the program will support women in assuming leadership roles and retention of current leaders across clubs and branches.

Applications are now open until Sat 18th Oct, don't delay apply today

[Women in Lifesaving Queensland QLD | Surf Life Saving Queensland](#)

Blue Card

If you are 18 & over & intending on volunteering with Cairns SLSC and/or enrolling onto a course, you will need a blue card, to do so scan on the below QR code. The same code can be used to link your card from another organisation.

SCAN HERE



CHILD SAFETY MODULES

If you are 18 & over in conjunction with your blue card you are required to complete the Child Safety Modules, these can be found in the SLSQ Hub, within your members portal.

Members Portal Update. All Systems Go!

Great news, the updates to the Members Portal have now been completed, and everything is up and running smoothly and you should be able to access all your information as normal.

If you haven't logged in for a while, now's a great time to jump back in and check out the updated system. If you do spot anything unusual or have any questions, please let Jill know surf.admin@cairnssurfclub.com.au

Finding information and keeping up with the news.

Make sure to follow us on Facebook for the latest news & photos

<https://www.facebook.com/CairnsSurfClub>

For information and external links head to our website [Cairns Surf Life Saving Club | The Surf Club Palm Cove Lifesaving](#)

Cairns SLSC Presentation Evening – Saturday, 22nd November

Get ready for a night of fun, laughter, and celebration! Join us as we recognise and cheer on our amazing members and award winners.

🎯 Alternate drop meal – delicious and heavily subsidised by the Supporters Club!

🏆 Celebrate our winners – don't miss the chance to see who takes home the coveted awards.

🗳️ Have your say! – Make sure to cast your vote for your favourites by 30th October

<https://form.jotform.com/251127476986065>

Bring your surf club family, enjoy the great company, and let's make it a night to remember!



SAT 22nd NOV | 6:30PM

Cairns SLSC Presentation Evening



Celebrate the spirit of Cairns SLSC,
awards, achievements, &
a two-course dinner with your club family.

ADULTS \$25
U12 \$15

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SUPPORTERS CLUB

A huge thank you to **Kate and her incredible team** at the Supporters Club for their ongoing support of Cairns SLSC. From helping fund club initiatives to supporting our members, including contributions to the **Presentation Evening meal**, their dedication truly makes a difference.

It's also fantastic to see so many of our **younger surf lifesaving members** getting involved, learning, and giving back — a true reflection of the surf lifesaving spirit!

The Supporters Club's hard work and generosity help keep our club strong, vibrant, and able to celebrate our achievements together. We're so grateful for everything they do!

REMINDER: that all 18+ members receive free membership to the Supporters Club!

Next time you're in, simply ask for a membership form at the bar, or click this link [Membership-Form-2526.pdf](#) complete & hand it in at the Supporters Club reception.

Weekly Events:

- Monday, Bingo Night
- Tuesday, Games Night
- Thursday, Members & Raffle Night
- Friday, All Day (12noon-7pm) Happy Hour



Make sure to check the Supporters Club website for further upcoming events [What's On](#)

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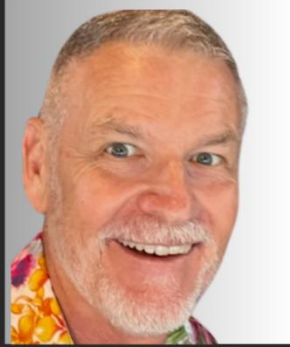
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I will

- Act within the rules and spirit of the game
- Promote fair play over winning at all cost
- Encourage and support others
- Respect officials' and coaches' decisions
- Thank players, coaches and officials

I won't

- Use bad language or harass or abuse anyone
- Criticise or ridicule anyone's performance
- Lose control of my emotions
- Be dishonest or show unsporting behaviour
- Be disrespectful

Play by the Rules is supported by
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Promoting Positive Participation in Surf Life Saving

We're proud to support the Play Well Partner Activation Program, an initiative designed to show all Australians that they have a place in sport.

This program encourages safe, inclusive, and respectful environments where everyone, from juniors to masters, volunteers to spectators, can enjoy being part of surf lifesaving.

Let's work together to Play Well, Stay Well, and Support Each Other!



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