



Cairns Surf Life Saving Club

Cairns SLSC Newsletter

Welcome to our new look newsletter. We are using this new format to improve the way you receive information. Click a post and be taken to a webpage where you can read more.

This format allows you to have a brief overview in an easy to read format in your inbox.

We want to reduce the number of emails you receive from us each week, and make it easy for you to find the information you need in one central location.

Patrolling In Paradise Since 1924.

Membership



Jill Boltz
Administrator



An email should have hit your inbox with information about how to renew your 2026/27 membership.

As mentioned, the easiest way to renew is by logging into your Members Portal and following these steps:

More → Membership → Organisation → Renew → Select your category/price → Make payment (if required)

The new fees are listed below:

Active \$90

Award \$50

Nippers U6-U14 \$75

Associate \$50

Nipper Parent \$50

We accept PlayOn! Sports Vouchers

[Play On! Sports Vouchers](#) | [Recreation, sport and arts](#) | [Queensland Government](#)

If you have any trouble accessing your account or completing your renewal, please don't hesitate to get in touch, I'm happy to help.

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Play On! Sports Vouchers



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Nippers



Play On! Sports Vouchers are currently open for applications.

Every Queensland child aged 5 to 17 is eligible for one voucher per financial year. If your child received a Play On! Sports Voucher in Round 1 (August/September 2025), they're not eligible for this round.

For further information, click on the link below

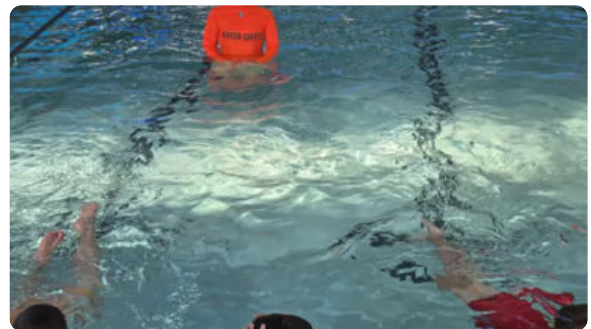
[Play On! Sports Vouchers | Recreation, sport and arts | Queensland Government](#)

Cairns SLSC is a recognised Play On activity provider.

School Holiday Swim Program



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This program is designed to:

- Build confidence in the water
- Improve swimming skills
- Get ready for the ocean

Details:

- Who: U8, U9, and U10s – parents who are keen to get involved are warmly invited to join in!
- When: Easter School Holidays, dates & times TBC
- Where: Oceans Edge Pool

- Instructor: Qualified swim coach
- Cost: Small fee applies, subsidised by the club

Action required: Complete your Expression of Interest (EOI) by Wednesday 1st April at 12 noon to register your interest. <https://form.jotform.com/260849465871067>

SLSA Sports Manual



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Surf Sports



[Introduction - Surf Sports Manual 38th Edition - October 2025](#)

The Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) Sports Manual is the official guide for all surf sports activities under SLSA. It provides comprehensive rules, regulations, and best-practice guidelines for competitions, training, and athlete development. The manual ensures consistency, safety, and fairness across all levels of surf sports, covering events such as beach sprints, surf races, board and ski events, and team relays. It is an essential reference for athletes, coaches, officials, and clubs participating in surf sports programs.

AUSSIES



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Five of our youth competitors proudly represented CSLSC at the 2026 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships held at North Kirra, Gold Coast across a big two-day event.

Athletes:

- **U13 Boys:** Jake Bowes
- **U14 Girls:** Lacey Taylor, Mia Bamford
- **U15 Girls:** Lauren Baldwin, Kiara Williams

Our team put in outstanding efforts across all events, with some fantastic results:

Surf Swim Finals

- **Lacey Taylor – 18th**

- **Mia Bamford – 27th**

A massive achievement for both, making the final at a national level.

 **Beach Events**

- **Lauren Baldwin – 8th in
the 2km Beach Run**

- **Lauren & Kiara – 5th
in the 2 x 1km Beach Relay**

Incredibly strong performances from our U15 runners.



Aussies



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Such cracking performances from our master's at Aussies on the Gold Coast

2km Ocean Swim:

3rd – James Holmes

Surf Swim:

5th – James Holmes

18th – Peter Lade

23rd – Maz Cox

35th – Peter Cox

Massive effort from everyone hitting the water and flying the flag for our club.

Congratulations to you all.

**AUSSIES 2026
2KM OCEAN SWIM:
3RD – JAMES HOLMES**



Youth Officials



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Surf Sports



Surf Lifesaving Australia is excited to announce that the **Youth Officials Award** is now active. This initiative allows young members, 13 years and older, to become accredited surf sport officials, and can officiate at either youth carnivals (Core Officials) or at all age carnivals (Technical Officials).

By lowering the minimum age, more young people can now step into officiating roles, increasing the opportunities for members who are looking for a non-competitive pathway in surf sports.

Pathways

Through this award, young members will be given the option to become a Core Official or a Technical Official, depending on the age of the competitors that they wish to support.

eLearning Access

All officials aged 13-21 years will be issued eLearning at no cost to the participant, ensuring accessible training and development for young members.

Expressions of interest

We are now seeking expressions of interest from our youth members who may like to become an official. We can provide further information and answer any questions.

Please email Jill at surf.admin@cairnssurfclub.com.au to let her know you would like more information.

Merchandise



🎁 Merch is back + better than ever! 🎁

We're excited to let you know that our Cairns SLSC merch has been fully restocked, and we've also added some brand-new items to the range! 🙌

Whether you're after something practical, something to wear proudly, or a great gift idea, there's something for everyone in this latest drop.

👉 Check out the attached price list for all the details

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Pop in and grab your favourites before they sell out again! Every purchase helps support our club 🧡❤️

Child Safety



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Child Safety is Our Top Priority

At Cairns SLSC, the safety and wellbeing of every child is our highest priority. We are committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment for all Nippers and young members.

Our programs operate under strict Surf Life Saving Australia child safety policies, and all staff, volunteers, and coaches undergo comprehensive training, including working with children checks. We take proactive steps to ensure a positive experience, monitoring all activities and maintaining a culture of respect, supervision, and care.

Parents and guardians are always encouraged to engage with our team, ask questions, and provide feedback — because keeping our Nippers safe is a shared responsibility.

Patrol Roster 2026




The countdown is on for our first Patrol on the 3rd of April.

A huge thank you to each of you for committing to patrol for Cairns SLSC in 2026, lifesaving is the heart of our club, and your dedication makes it all possible.


Attached you will find:

- 2026 Patrol Teams & Final Roster

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Carnival Dates



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2026 Age Groups



AGE GROUP 2026/2027												
Age Group	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
U6	2020	2020	2020	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021
U7	2019	2019	2019	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020
U8	2018	2018	2018	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2019
U9	2017	2017	2017	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018
U10	2016	2016	2016	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017
U11	2015	2015	2015	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016
U12	2014	2014	2014	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015
U13	2013	2013	2013	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014
U14	2012	2012	2012	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013
U15	2011	2011	2011	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012	2012

Age Groups 2026/2027		
Green Caps	1/10/2020	30/09/2021
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U8	1/10/2018	30/09/2019
U9	1/10/2017	30/09/2018
U10	1/10/2016	30/09/2017
U11	1/10/2015	30/09/2016
U12	1/10/2014	30/09/2015
U13	1/10/2013	30/09/2014
U14	1/10/2012	30/09/2013
U15	1/10/2011	30/09/2012

What month and year your child was born decides the age group they compete in. Use the chart above to find your child's birth month and year, their age group, e.g. U6, is on the lefthand side.

Our Nipper program on Sundays operates largely on age groups as well. We will sometimes combine age groups or split groups according to ability. The Age Managers and JAC will make this decision on the day according to conditions.

Membership Fees



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Thank you for your continued support of Cairns SLSC



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Open Day

Thank you to all our members who have already put up their hand to help – your support is greatly appreciated! 🙌

We also warmly welcome anyone else who is available to lend a hand. This Open Day will be a fantastic opportunity to showcase our club to the community, connect with potential new members, and for those who like to do it in person, a great chance to renew memberships.

Whether you're helping on the beach, in the clubhouse, or just coming along to enjoy the day, it's a wonderful way to celebrate our club and the lifesaving community.



Start
12:00am, 19 Sun Apr 26

End
12:00am, 29 Sun Mar 26

Patrol Starts

Patrol Season is Here! ❤️🧡

A huge thank you to all our amazing lifesavers, the heart of Cairns SLSC.

Your dedication keeps our beaches safe and our community strong. We're so proud and grateful for everything you do as we kick off another season of patrols!



Start
11:00pm, 02 Thu Apr 26

End
7:00am, 06 Mon Apr 26

Lifesaving Development Program

Surf Lifesaving

Patrol



Applications are now closed, however we eagerly await to see which of our members applications were successful.

Overview:

LDP is an education program that allows Members to gain a number of lifesaving Awards in a short space of time. A significant component of the training is delivered through scenarios providing a high impact on participant's skill development and teamwork abilities. Program participants will gain a number of Awards including First Aid, Advanced Resuscitation Techniques and IRB Crewperson OR Silver Medallion IRB Driver. Participants will also be exposed to additional skills and development opportunities including pathways, teamwork, leadership and lifesaving operations.

Start
12:00am, 05 Sun Apr 26

End
2:30am, 12 Sun Apr 26

Raising The Flags

Patrol



Each year we 'Raise the Flags' on our first volunteer patrol of the season; placing the red and yellow in the sand as an iconic symbol of safety, vigilance and service. The significance of this varies between clubs and members.

At the start of the season, our clubs and branches recognise the symbolism of the patrolling flags going up and extend the recognition to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

Cairns SLSC will be hosting the initiative on Monday 6th April 9:30am followed by morning tea in the supporter's club.

Start
11:30pm, 05 Sun Apr 26

End
1:00am, 06 Mon Apr 26

NQB Awards of Excellence



The 2026 [Surf Life Saving North Queensland \(SLSNQ\) Branch Awards of Excellence](#) will now be held on Saturday, 28 March 2026, at 12:00 pm at the Surf Life Saving North Queensland Regional Office in Smithfield. The event recognizes outstanding volunteers, leaders, and clubs from the region.

Start
2:00am, 28 Sat Mar 26

End
4:00am, 28 Sat Mar 26

Skills Maintenance



Paul will be running a session on **Sunday 29th March at 9:00am.**

1. **SRC/BM skills** will be completed first.
2. **IRB skills** will follow for those who need them. If you only need the IRB component, timing will be confirmed once the steps below have been completed.

STEP 1:

Can everyone please log into their SLSQ Hub and complete all the online requirements BEFORE the session.

<https://hub.lifesaving.com.au/com.slsqhub.login>

Go to Skills Maintenance (via e-trainu) and then make sure they have completed the online components. They will be given a certificate of completion at the end. Please ask them to send this to me.

STEP 2

Please enrol in the skills maintenance in etrainu, where you get directed to complete your online components in the above.

Start
11:00pm, 28 Sat Mar 26

End
2:00am, 29 Sun Mar 26

Women In Lifesaving Patrol



We're excited to celebrate all the incredible women who are part of our lifesaving patrols at Cairns SLSC!

From the water to the sand, these amazing women help keep our beaches safe every day, and we want to shine a spotlight on all women in lifesaving for their dedication, skill, and community spirit.

Event Details:

- When:
12th April, 3pm
- Where:
Cairns SLSC Patrol Hut
- Special
Highlights:

All members are warmly invited to join us in celebrating these outstanding women and enjoying a fun, relaxed afternoon together.

Come along and show your support, let's celebrate the women who make lifesaving possible!

Start
5:00am, 12 Sun Apr 26

End
7:00am, 12 Sun Apr 26

15+ Ski Clinic



The new dates for our 15+ Ski Camp are locked in: **Saturday 11th April & Sunday 12th April**

Camping will be available on both Friday and Saturday night for those wanting to stay over.

Day 1 Saturday 11th April • Arrival: 7:45am • Location: Yungaburra Ski Club (15 Tinaburra Drive, Yungaburra) • On the water: 8:00am – 3:00pm

Day 2 Sunday 12th April • On the water: 8:00am – 3:00pm

We're looking for a parent who may be able to help tow the ski trailer up either Friday or early Saturday, any help would be hugely appreciated 🙏

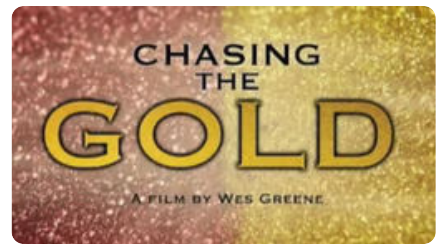
For planning purposes, if you're attending, please complete the JotForm by 2nd April

<https://form.jotform.com/260476887563069>

Start
10:00pm, 10 Fri Apr 26

End
5:00am, 12 Sun Apr 26

Chasing The Gold



Right after our Open Day, join us for a special screening of "Chasing The Gold" at Cairns Surf Life Saving Club! Celebrate 40+ years of Australia's toughest surf race, the legendary Coolangatta Gold, and follow some of the sport's biggest names as they tackle the 40th anniversary 41.8km epic. Pure endurance, grit, and heart

Where: Cairns Surf Life Saving Clu

When: Sunday 19 April 202

Doors Open: 2:00p

Screening Starts: 3:00p

Tickets: <https://www.ticketebo.com.au/.../chasing-the-gold-cairns...>

Adult (16+): \$25 + booking fee

Child (3-15): \$18 + booking fee (Children must be accompanied by an adult)

Popcorn & drinks available

Bring a cushion or bean bag for the kid

Bistro open after the film if you'd like to stay for dinner This is the perfect way for members, families, and the community to come together, enjoy an inspiring Aussie surf life saving story, and support Cairns Surf Life Saving Club



Caption

Grab your tickets here:

<https://www.ticketebo.com.au/.../chasing-the-gold-cairn>

Start
4:00am, 19 Sun Apr 26

End
7:00am, 19 Sun Apr 26

Price
\$18-\$25

Cairns Surf Club Palm Cove



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Administrator



To find out what is happening at our Supporters Club click on this link

[The Surf Club Palm Cove](#)

Remember, all Cairns SLSC members aged 18 and over receive free membership to the Supporters Club! To get your membership card, simply complete a form at the reception desk or click the link below to print, fill out, and submit it at reception.



Supporters Club Membership Application
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