



Cairns
SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT

2025



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CAIRNS SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

2025 Year Review

2025 was an incredible year for Cairns Surf Life Saving Club, proudly standing as one of Queensland's oldest lifesaving clubs!

Our dedicated lifesavers patrolled our beaches, keeping our community safe, while our training programs ensured we had skilled, confident lifesavers ready for any challenge. Our surf sports programs thrived, showcasing talent, teamwork, and the passion that makes our club so special.

We were equally proud of our commitment to youth development and volunteering, nurturing future leaders both on and off the sand. Our Nippers program remained a cornerstone of the club, a fun, safe, and inspiring way for kids to learn valuable life skills, build confidence, and grow a lifelong connection to surf lifesaving.

2025 was truly a year to celebrate our rich history, our vibrant community, and the amazing members, volunteers, families, and supporters who together make Cairns SLSC what it is today!

Please sit back, relax, and enjoy the our 2025 Annual Report, there's plenty more to celebrate!



MISSION STATEMENT

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

OFFICE BEARERS FOR SEASON 2025/2026

Board Of Management

President
Anthony Hannan

Deputy President
Bryan Coates

Secretary
Sue Way

Club Captain
Max Rivett

CTO
Paul Mead

Treasurer
Brian Heggie

JAC
Richard Young

Club Officers

Surf Sports
Shaun Taylor

Youth
Hannah Bissett

IRB

**Gear &
Equipment**
Bob McPhail
**Building &
Infrastructure**
Douglas Ramsay

Surf Boat
Bryan Coates

First Aid
Shane White

Water Safety
Hendrik Veenstra

**Member Protection
Information Officer**
Sue Way

Complaints Manager
Rob Campbell

BBQ
Anna Ramsay

**Master Team
Manager**
Bob McPhail

**Senior Team
Manager**
Shaun Taylor

**Junior Team
Manager**
Richard Young

Patron
Ellis Richardson

Committees

Meritorious Committee

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FUNDING

	• BSEF
	• QPS 24/25 • QPS 25/26 • QPS Sustainability Round 20

DONATIONS

Throughout 2025, we were very fortunate to receive generous support from Cairns Surf Club Palm Cove, as well as from several other local businesses. With their financial support we were able to invest in improving our lifesaving, training, education, youth development & maintaining our premises.

Cairns Surf Club Palm Cove	\$113,725
Renee Kerr	\$250
Grill'd	\$600
Member Donations	\$48

FUNDRAISING

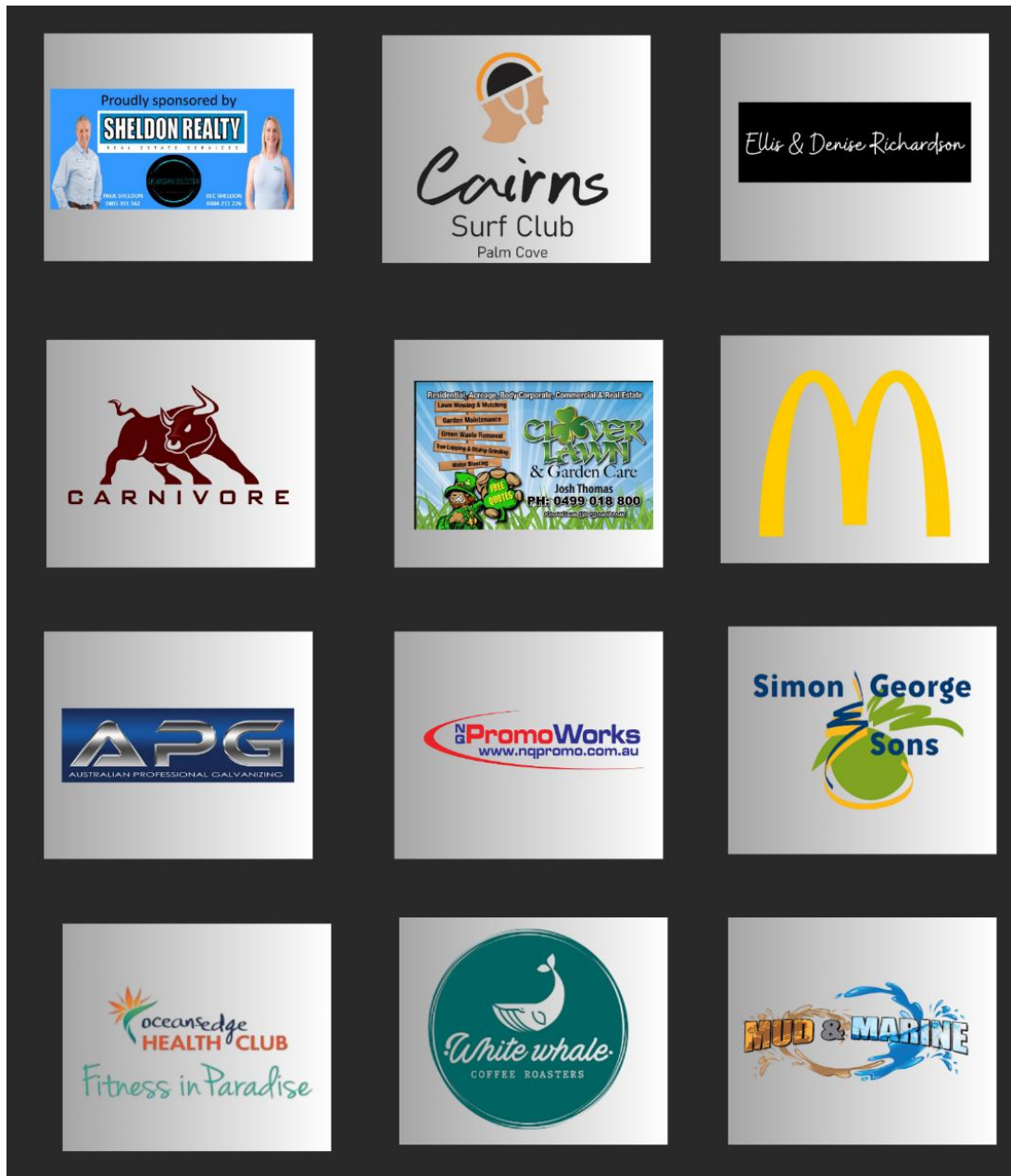
A big thank you to our fundraising volunteers who have generously supported Cairns SLSC throughout the year. Their hard work in fundraising and raising awareness at local markets (with a special mention to Fiona Grant) delivering vital water safety at Cairns Ironman and assisting with BBQs (special thanks 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.

BBQ (Club)	\$16552
BBQ (Bunnings)	\$4225
Clifton Beach Market	\$920
Gran Fondo	\$550
Ironman Water Safety	\$7292
Ironman Swim Start & Finish	\$338
Entertainment Book	\$171
Raffles & Money Board	\$2607
100 th Anniversary Wine Sales	\$851
SLS Lottery	\$146
Food & Wine Frolic	\$382

SPONSORSHIP

We extend our deepest gratitude to our incredible club sponsors for their unwavering support throughout the past year. Their generosity and commitment played a vital role in helping Cairns Surf Life Saving Club keep our beaches safe and our community strong. Through both financial contributions and in-kind support, our sponsors helped equip our volunteers, support vital programs, and ensure the continued delivery of our lifesaving, training, and community initiatives.

We are sincerely thankful for their ongoing partnership and belief in the work we do.



PARTNERS

We extend our sincere thanks to our Major National Partners, whose support helps Surf Life Saving thrive across the country.



We also thank our State Partners, whose continued support strengthens Surf Life Saving throughout Queensland



LIFE MEMBERS

Life Membership is the highest honour our club can bestow.

It is awarded to members who have demonstrated distinguished voluntary service to Cairns SLSC, sustained over a period of at least 10 years.

This recognition celebrates individuals whose dedication, leadership, and commitment have made a lasting impact on our club, our members, and the wider community.

Jack Plunkett BEM 1948-49	Jon Jones 2012-13
Ton Farrugia 1953-54	James Marsh 2013-14
Frank Hellmuth 1953-54	Michael Ryan 2014-15
Mick Holman 1963-64	Rob Paterson 2015-16
Eric Lendich 1963-64	Chris Haug 2015-16
Fredrick White 1965-66	Carol Shanks 2015-16
Dr Jack Barnes 1968-69	June Cotter 2015-16
Joe Farrugia 1968-69	Bryan Coates 2016-17
Don Campbell 1969-70	Adrian Davies Roe 2016-17
Ron Pollard 1969-70	Mark Fifield 2017-18
Frank Matthew 1970-71	Fiona Grant 2019-20
Tom McDonald 1973-74	Annabel Grant 2019-20
Robert Crawford 1974-75	Tania Paterson 2019-20
Brain Cator 1974-75	Paul Stevens 2019-20
Theo Eldridge 1974-75	James Holmes 2020-21
Gary Lewis 1975-76	Anthony Hannan 2020-21
Brian Voller 1976-77	Barbara Chauvin-Hartmann 2022-23
Bill Smith 1985-86	Bob McPhail 2023-24
Chris Auger 1987-88	Belinda Marsh 2023-24
Colin Sparkes 1994-95	Brian Heggie 2024-25
John Menico OAM 1996-97	Marilyn Woods 2024-25
Lawrence Green 2003-2004	Max Rivett 2024-25
John Wright 2004-2005	
Jim Waldman 2008-09	
Doug McKinstry 2009-10	
David Duffield 2011-12	
Peter Lade 2012-13	

Congratulations to our 2024-25 Life Members Brian Heggie, Marilyn Woods & Max Rivett—true pillars of Cairns SLSC



We are thrilled to recognize Brian as a new Life Member of Cairns SLSC! Brian has been an integral part of our club since 1999, bringing dedication, energy, and a true love of surf life saving to everything he does. Since 2019, he has served as our Treasurer, ensuring the club's finances are in excellent hands—an ongoing commitment that has been vital to our operations.

Even at over 70 years young, Brian remains fiercely competitive and continues to inspire all of us with his passion and determination. He is a regular volunteer, always ready to lend a hand wherever needed, and an active patrol member, having clocked over 700 patrol hours to help keep our beaches safe.

Brian's dedication, leadership, and unwavering commitment to Cairns SLSC make him a truly deserving recipient of Life Membership. We are proud to celebrate him and his incredible contribution to our club and community.



We are proud to celebrate Marilyn (Maz) Woods as one of Cairns SLSC's true legends! Marilyn has been a committed member since 2010, earning 53 awards, of which 42 are still current—a testament to her skill, dedication, and passion for surf life saving. She is an avid competitor and a respected Patrol Captain, leading by example both on and off the beach.

A strong advocate for women in surf, Marilyn's drive and vision led to the creation of a women's-only patrol group, providing a supportive and empowering space for female lifesavers. Her commitment to keeping our community safe is reflected in her impressive 575 patrol hours and 121 water safety hours.

Marilyn's leadership, advocacy, and relentless dedication make her an inspiration to all members of Cairns SLSC, and we are proud to honour her outstanding contribution to our club.



Max Rivett has been a dedicated member of Cairns SLSC since 2007, contributing in countless ways over the years. From his early involvement with Nippers as an Age Manager and Deputy JAC, supporting carnivals, training days, and sleepovers, to patrolling since 2009, Max has always stepped up.

He is currently an active Patrol Captain and Club Captain, ensuring our patrols run smoothly and our club meets its obligations. Max has also been heavily involved with IRBs, advising on craft, motors, repairs, and storage, while generously sharing his knowledge with members and encouraging youth participation.

With 798 patrol hours to his name, Max has also contributed to working bees, fundraising, community engagement, and club promotion. His leadership has extended to the Club Board, serving as Deputy President and Club Captain when needed, always ensuring the club thrives. Max's dedication, expertise, and willingness to help wherever needed make him a true pillar of Cairns SLSC.

SLS AWARDS GAINED IN 2025

Congratulations and thank you to the members who earned the below awards in 2025

Surf Life Saving Awards Gained 2025	
Advanced Resuscitation Techniques	Annabel Grant, Michael Hannah, Nicole Johnston, Stewart Lockie, Summer Lockyer, Che McPherson, Ellie Nona, Bailey Pearson, Callum Rickson, Logan Stevens, Darelle Taylor, Ella Thomas, Nigel Thomas, Summer Tottman.
Age Manager	Louise Bernstein, Jemima Eveans, Kyle Leary, Wade Limpus, Joanna Maceachern, Paul Mead, Kelly Moloner, Sophie Pedersen, Anna Ramsay, Shaun Taylor,
Age Manager Assistant	Hamish Mead
ALS Beach Operations Management	Kye Yeabsley
Assessor IRB	Jon Murray
Assessor Surf Rescue	Paul Mead
Bronze Medallion	Stephanie Aylward, Ava Bamford, David Baldwin, Abby Bissett, Leigh Danton, Manihiki Fallot, Trenton Gleeson, Tarrant Green, Emily Kearney, James Langtree, Wade Limpus, Logan Lockyer, Sam Meadows, Narayen Pattison, Celeste Pembroke, Brenda Taylor, Darelle Taylor, Xander Veenstra, Tracey White, Leigh Wickerson, Malcolm Wright
Child & Youth Risk Management Strategies	Deb Amery, Rod Amery, Jake Anderson, Elise Angel, Stephanie Aylward, David Baldwin, Hannah Bissett, Blair Callendar, Robert Campbell, Bryan Coates, Timothy Cockrem, Peter Cox, James Czencz, Leigh Danton, Gabrielle Donnelly, Manihiki Fallot, Annabel Galea, Tarrant Green Michael Hannah, James Holmes, Sophie Jackson, Sally Johnston, Karen Joyce, Dylan Kelly, Catherine Le Cerf, Kyle Leary, Tama Lockie, Logan Locker, Summer Lockyer, James Marsh, Golo Maurer, Julia Mayo Ramsay, Douglas McKinstry, Robert McPhail, Sam Meadows, Kelly Moloney, Narayen Pattison, Nathan Pullen, Davina Russon, Thomas Sonsini, Graham Stokes, Brenda Taylor, Darelle Taylor, Xander Veenstra, Robert Way, Tracey White, Leigh Wickerson, Ashley Wilkinson, Malcolm Wright, Sharyn Yeabsley
Child Safe Awareness	Deb Amery, Rod Amery, Jake Anderson, Elise Angel, Stephanie Aylward, David Baldwin, Hannah Bissett, Blair Callendar, Robert Campbell, Brooke Chauvin-Hartmann, Bryan Coates, Timothy Cockrem, Peter Cox, James Czencz, Leigh Danton, Gabrielle Donnelly, Manihiki Fallot, Annabel Galea, Tarrant Green Michael Hannah, James Holmes, Sophie Jackson, Sally Johnston, Karen Joyce, Emily Kearney, Dylan Kelly, Catherine Le Cerf, Kyle Leary, Tama Lockie, Logan Locker, Summer Lockyer, James Marsh, Golo Maurer, Julia Mayo Ramsay, Douglas McKinstry, Robert McPhail, Sam Meadows, Elizabeth Meller, Kelly Moloney, Narayen Pattison, Nathan Pullen, Maiya Rickson, Davina Russon, Thomas Sonsini, Graham Stokes, Heather Stokes, Olivia Stork, Brenda Taylor, Darelle Taylor, Lacey Taylor, Xander Veenstra, Robert Way, Tracey White, Leigh Wickerson, Ashley Wilkinson, Malcolm Wright, Sharyn Yeabsley

Conduct Briefings & Debriefings	Kye Yeabsley
Control a Level 1 Incident	Kye Yeabsley
Endorsed Delegate ART	Peter Cox, Tamra Johnston, Nicole Johnston, Paul Mead, Shane White, Marilyn Woods
Endorsed Delegate BM	Robert Campbell, Peter Cox, Tamra Johnston, Nicole Johnston, Paul Mead, Colin Sparkes, Shane White, Marilyn Woods
Endorsed Delegate QLD SSV Operator	Paul Mead
Endorsed Delegate Resuscitation	Robert Campbell, Peter Cox, Tamra Johnston, Nicole Johnston, Paul Mead, Shane White, Marilyn Woods
Endorsed Delegate SRC	Robert Campbell, Peter Cox, Tamra Johnston, Nicole Johnston, Colin Sparkes, Shane White, Marilyn Woods
First Aid	Stephanie Aylward, David Baldwin, Ava Bamford, Mark Bamford, Abby Bissett, Brooke Chauvin-Hartmann, Leigh Danton, Manihiki Fallot, Trenton Gleeson, Annabel Grant, Tarrant Green, Michael Hannah, Nicole Johnston, James Langtree, Catherine Le Cerf, Kyle Leary, Stewart Lockie, Logan Lockyer, Summer Lockyer, Hamish Mead, Mathys Moolman, Miya Nock, Narayen Pattison, Bailey Pearson, Callum Rickson, Max Rivett, Logan Stevens, Tina Stevens, Graham Stokes, Heather Stokes, Darelle Taylor, Ella Thomas, Nigel Thomas, Summer Tottman, Xander Veenstra, Jamie Walker, Shane White, Tracey White, Leigh Wickerson, Nicole Williams
Inclusive Beaches Online	Lucinda Eveans
IRB Crew	Asia McPherson, Che McPherson, Sam Thomson, Shane White, Lily Young
Observers Award	Julia Mayo-Ramsay
Disaster Management Plan Awareness Module	Julia Mayo-Ramsay
QLD Facilitator Drone	Jon Murray
QLD GWN Induction	Stephanie Aylward, Alan Mahoney, Julia Mayo-Ramsay, Join Murray, Sarah Wanden
QLD Lifesaving Development Program	Summer Lockyer, Miya Nock, Callum Rickson, Summer Tottman
QLD Marine Stinger Award	Lilly Eveans, Alan Mahoney, Paul Stevens, Zara Stevens, Hendrik Veenstra, Richard Young
QLD Phase 1 Search & Rescue Training Course	Kye Yeabsley
QLD RWC Crew Induction	Kye Yeabsley
QLD Shallow Water Rescue Induction	Elise Angel, Mark Bamford, Louise Bernstein, Catherine Bissett, Hannah Bissett, James Czencz, Paul Mead, Celeste Pembroke, Shaun Taylor, Sam Thomson, Hendrik Veenstra
QLD SSV Operator Induction	Louise Bernstein, Robert Campbell, Brian Heggie, Joanna Maceachern, Shane White, Marilyn Woods
QLD State Committee/Panel Induction	Fiona Grant
QLD Training Officer Marine Stinger	Jon Murray

Radio Operator certificate	Julia Mayo-Ramsay
Rescue Watercraft Operator Certificate	Hannah Bissett, James Czencz, Matthew Lamont, Paul Mead, Max Rivett, Paul Stevens, Richard Young
Resuscitation	Stephanie Aylward, David Baldwin, Ava Bamford, Mark Bamford, Abby Bissett, Robert Campbell, Leigh Danton, Manihiki Fallot, Trent Gleeson, Annabel Grant, Tarrant Green, Michael Hannah, Anthony Hannan, Nicole Johnston, Emily Kearney, James Langtree, Catherine Le Cerf, Kyle Leary, Stewart Lockie, Logan Lockyer, Summer Lockyer, Che McPherson, Hamish Mead, Mathys Moolman, Jon Murray, Miya Nock, Ellie Nona, Narayen Pattison, Bailey Pearson, Callum Rickson, Max Rivett, Logan Stevens, Tina Stevens, Graham Stokes, Heather stokes, Darelle Taylor, Ella Thomas, Nigel Thomas, Summer Tottman, Xander Veenstra, Jamie Walker, Shane White, Tracey White, Leigh Wickerson, Nicola Williams
Sexual Harassment and Misconduct Awareness	David Baldwin, Ava Bamford, Mia Bamford, Abby Bissett, Ben Bissett, Catherine Bissett, Brooke Chauvin-Hartmann, Robert Dempsey, Manihiki Fallot, Trenton Gleeson, Tarrant Green, Arlo Jarvis, Emily Kearney, James Langtree, Kyle Leary, Stewart Lockie, Logan Lockyer, Louella Mays, Douglas McKinstry, Robert McPhail, Elizabeth Meller, Ellie Nona, Narayen Pattison, Celeste Pembroke, Phoebe Pembroke, Ellis Rickson, Olivia Stork, Max Tait, Darelle Taylor, Lacey Taylor, Dylan Tyer, Dion Uys, Xander Veenstra, Sarah Wanden, Ashley Wilkinson, Hugh Yu
Silver Medallion IRB Driver	Summer Lockyer, Summer Tottman
Silver Medallion Patrol Captain	Robert Campbell
SRR App Access	Kyle Leary, Nathan Pullen, Daniel Srhoj
SS Aust Sports Commission Community Coaching Essential Skills Course	Shaun Taylor
SS Coach Assessor (Online Theory Modules)	Mark Bamford, Lucinda Eveans
SS Coach Mentor	Lucinda Eveans
SS Development Coach	Lucinda Eveans, Shaun Taylor
SS Foundation Coach	Lucinda Eveans
SS Safety Officer	Kye Yeabsley
SS Senior Official	Mark Bamford, Sue Way
SS Senior Official Mentor	Sue Way
Surf Rescue Certificate	Mia Bamford, Mark Bissett, Catherine Bissett, Arlo Jarvis, Kyle Leary, Elizabeth Meller, Phoebe Pembroke, Ellis Rickson, Olivia Stork, Max Tait, Lacey Taylor, Dylan Tyer, Hugh Yu
Surf Risk Rating	Kyle Leary, Nathan Pullen, Daniel Srho
TAF Induction	Annabel Grant, Anthony Hannan, James Holmes, Tamra Johnston, Che McPherson, Paul Mead, Kelly Moloney, Jon Murray, Paul Stevens, Sarah Wanden
Training Officer BM	Paul Mead
Training Officer SRC	Paul Mead
Volunteer Trainer Delivery Set	Robert Campbell, James Holmes Tamra Johnston, Nathan Pullen

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Congratulations go our members who were named winners at the 2025 North Queensland Branch Awards of Excellence

NQB Awards of Excellence	
Junior Athlete of the Year	Hamish Smallbane
Masters Athlete of the Year	Shaun Taylor
Official of the Year	Sue Way
Team of the Year	Cairns SLSC March Past Team

 Hamish Smallbane	 Shaun Taylor	 Sue Way	 March Past Team
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The Surf Life Saving Queensland Awards of Excellence were held in conjunction with the SLSQ Conference from 22-24 August in Brisbane. While none of our NQB nominees took home the top honours this year, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to those who were successful.

The achievements of all nominees were celebrated, and we continue to be inspired by the dedication, hard work and excellence shown across our surf lifesaving community. Although we may not have won on this occasion, the experience was invaluable for those who attended; Hannah Bissett, Fiona Grant, Tony Hannan, Bob McPhail, Paul Mead, Anna Ramsay and Sue Way, providing a wonderful opportunity to connect, learn and proudly support the broader Surf Life Saving Queensland family

RECOGNITION AWARDS

After a remarkable Centenary Year in 2024, 2025 has been a quieter year in terms of recognition awards.

While we have not presented any major awards this year, we continue to celebrate the ongoing dedication, commitment, and achievements of all our members throughout the season.

ANNUAL CLUB AWARDS

The Annual Club Awards are always a highlight of our season, CONGRATULATIONS to all winners

2025 Annual Club Award Winners		
Junior Awards		
Junior Athlete of the Year	Green Family Trophy	Lacey Taylor
U14 Lifesaver of the Year	Grant Family Trophy	Lacey Taylor
Spirit Of Carins	Langstreth Family Trophy	Lucinda Eveans
Surf Sports Awards		
U15 Age Champion		Female: Lauren Baldwin Male: Hamish Smallbane
U17 Age Champion		Female: Ellie Greenwood Male: James Langtree
Open Age Champion	Palm Cove Car Rentals Trophy	Female: Lily Young Male: Mathys Moolman
Masters Age Champion		Female: Gen Cox Male: Anthony Hannan
Masters Athlete of the Year	Jon Jones Trophy	Anthony Hannan
Overall Club Champion	Ron Pollard Trophy	Ellie Greenwood
Family of the Year	Ryan Family Trophy	Young Family
Youth Athlete of the Year	McKinstry Family Trophy	Ellie Greenwood
Open Athlete of the Year	James "Swampy" Marsh Trophy	Mathys Moolman
Coach of the Year	Bryan Coates Trophy	Alastair Yeabsley
Rookie Coach of the Year		Not Awarded
Official of the Year	Adrian Davies Roe Trophy	Cathy Bissett
Rookie Official of the Year		Not Awarded
Team Manager of the Year		Shaun Taylor
Club Awards		
Ralph Award		Not Awarded
Masters' Choice		Peter Cox
Old Boy's Trophy		Doug Ramsay
President's Award		Michelle Langtree
Most Patrol Hours	Sparkes Family Trophy	Hamish Mead
Most Water Safety Hours	Silvercup Trophy	Mark Bamford
Most Other Service Hours		Anna Ramsay
Membership Development Awards		
U18 Lifesaver of the Year	Haug Family Trophy	Lily Young
Services to Junior Activities		Tiera Mikuzis
Assessor of the Year	Bill Smith Trophy	Jon Murray
Trainer of the Year	Chris Auger Trophy	Paul Mead
Volunteer of the Year	Robert 'Bear' Crawford Trophy	Mark Bamford
Club Person of the Year	Matthew Family Trophy	Paul Mead
18-25 Lifesaver	John "Choko" Wright Trophy	Hannah Bissett
Surf Lifesaver of the Year	Jon Menico Trophy	Rob Campbell

PRESIDENT REPORT Tony Hannan

As President of Cairns Surf Life Saving Club, it's a privilege to reflect on another remarkable year. 2025 has been exhilarating, with strong growth across patrol hours, water safety contributions, Nippers, and Surf Sports achievements.

We remain committed to an inclusive, welcoming, and safe environment, while honouring the traditions and values that have defined our club for over 100 years.

Our vision is clear: promoting excellence in Surf Life Saving while delivering Fun, Family, Friendship, and Fitness. As we celebrate our achievements, we look forward to expanding programs, nurturing new lifesavers, and serving our community with pride.



Patrol & Water Safety Highlights

- Patrol Hours: 3,292 hours by 114 members (+9.6% vs 2024)
- Water Safety Hours: 568 hours across training, carnivals, triathlons, and the Cairns Ironman (+22.9% vs 2024)

These numbers reflect the dedication of our members and the growing role our club plays in keeping the community safe.



Nippers & Family Engagement

- Nipper Participants: 128 (+37.6% vs 2024)
- Family Involvement: Key driver of volunteer growth. Objective for 2026: increase family contribution by 15% to reduce operational pressures and improve efficiency.

Surf Sports Successes

- 2025 delivered memorable victories, showcasing the skill, dedication, and teamwork of our members.
- Full details are in the Surf Sports Officer's Report.

Sponsors & Supporters

We value all of our sponsors and supporters, whose generosity makes everything we do possible. A full list of our 2025 sponsors can be found on page 6 of this report. Some of the highlights from this year include:

- CSLS Supporters Club: strengthens community presence through TV advertising, social events, and engagement with Tourism Palm Cove.
- Special thanks to Patron Ellis and Denise Richardson, who contributed a fully enclosed gear trailer carrying:
 - 4 skis
 - 16 mals
 - 22 Nipper boards
 - Reconfigurable space for IRBs and motors

Community Impact & Recognition

- Recognised as first responders in the Emergency Response Group
- Established the Branch Operation Support Team

The importance of this role was tragically highlighted during the Bondi Beach terrorist attack, where our volunteers were among the first on the scene.

Acknowledgements

Cairns Surf Life Saving Club thrives because of our volunteers, and the dedication of:

- Board members
- Office bearers
- Committee members
- Administrator Jill

Together, we share our passion, strengthen our club, and continue serving our community with excellence.

See you on the beach
Tony



CHIEF TRAINING OFFICER REPORT Paul Mead

My first year as the club Chief Training Officer was incredibly rewarding. I've been involved in training or teaching of some form for over 20 years, and returning to a front-line training role and in the thick of teaching has been fantastic. It's been made easier by having a great team of people helping to administer, deliver, and teach courses this year.



The focus for the year has been around three key areas:

1. Identifying what awards, we are deficient in across the club and aligning our training program to best support the needs of our Patrols has been the priority. We have identified that we need more people to hold the following awards:
 - a. Patrol Captains – Currently we have a reliance on one or two people per Patrol Team to fill this role. This means these people get burnt out as the season progresses. Having three qualified Patrol Captains per Patrol would greatly increase our capability.
 - b. ART – This award is open to anyone aged 15 years or over. So, even our younger members can gain this award. It is a relatively low time commitment to gain this award but has a big impact for patrols.
 - c. Powercraft drivers – We need more IRB Drivers and RWC (JetSki operators). Currently we have one award holder on many patrols, and this again increases burnout.
2. Increasing the number of trainers. We have at least six people who are progressing through their training awards and probationary courses. By 2027 we will have a fantastic cohort of qualified trainers. This will significantly reduce the burden on the small group we currently have.
3. Working closer with the JAC to identify parents to undertake the SRC or Bronze Medallion. Parents are an essential part of ensuring the club can meet the water safety commitments at Nippers and carnivals. They are also the future of our patrol teams! So, developing a clear pathway, without overwhelming them, has been a key undertaking this year as well.



This means that for 2026 we are well set up to deliver courses that meet these club needs. I'd like to thank a few people who have supported our club training over 2025.

My biggest shout out goes to Jon 'Muzza' Murray – Muzza has been incredibly supportive of me this year and always saying yes to support IRB and RWC courses, assessing the final Bronze Medallion course for 2025 with me, assisting with skills maintenance, and generally being a wealth of knowledge. We are incredibly lucky to have a genuinely great bloke in the club who lives and breathes life saving.

Jill - Always there to organise people, equipment, and anything else that helps to keep me sane!



Max Rivett, Rob Campbell, Peter Cox, Shane White, Nicole Johnston, Maz Woods, and Annabel Grant - Thank you all for putting your hands up this year to help out with training courses, SSV inductions, and

skills maintenance. Having you as part of the club training team lightens the load - thank you.

James Guthrie and Greg Cullen - Whilst both have left Branch as staff members, and are a huge loss to our movement, they answered every call and query I made this year! They ran great training courses and were always willing to help out our club.

My final word is to all our members - thank you for the time you give to staying proficient, updating your awards, and completing new awards. Whilst 'the system' can be frustrating at times, I thank you for your perseverance. I look forward to seeing you on a new course in 2026!

Looking forward to a great 2026
Paul Mead



CLUB CAPTAIN REPORT Max Rivett

It is with immense pride that I present the Club Captain's Report for the 2025-2026 patrol season.

This season has been another strong demonstration of the dedication, professionalism, and community commitment shown by our patrol members. With 103 active patrolling members, our club delivered an outstanding 3,292 patrol hours, ensuring a consistent and highly visible safety presence on our beach.

Throughout the season, we welcomed over 45,000 visitors to our patrol area. With high visitation comes increased responsibility, and our members rose to the challenge with vigilance and proactive intervention.

Operational Statistics

- 68 marine stings treated.
- 652 swimmers advised
- 1,118 preventative actions performed.
- 112 minor first aid treatments administered.
- 7 major incidents responded to
- 1 water rescue completed.
- Zero loss of life

The high number of preventative actions highlights the proactive approach taken by our patrol teams. By identifying risks early and engaging with beachgoers, our members successfully reduced the need for more serious interventions.

While we responded to seven major incidents and one water rescue this season, I am extremely proud to report that there was **zero loss of life** – a testament to the training, teamwork, and rapid response of our patrol members.

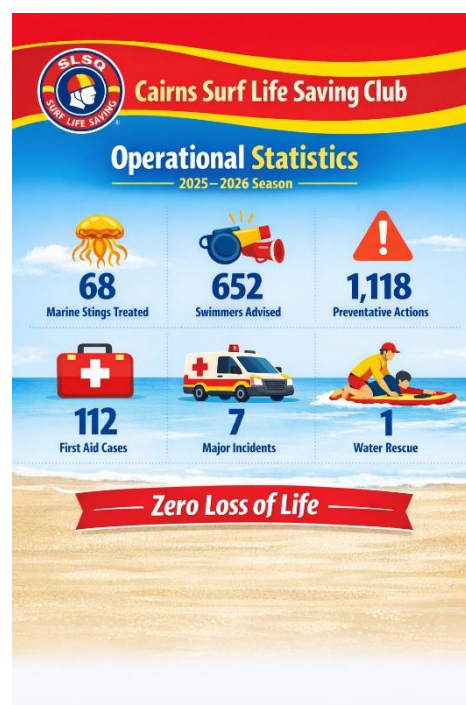
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These results would not be possible without the tireless efforts of our volunteers, patrol captains, trainers, and support members. Their commitment to maintaining qualifications, mentoring new members, and upholding the highest operational standards continues to strengthen our club.

On behalf of the club, I thank each of our 103 active members for their contribution to another safe and successful season.

We look forward to building on this momentum in the 2026-2027 season.

Max Rivett



NATIONAL PATROL SERVICE AWARDS

In 2025, Cairns Surf Life Saving Club did not receive any National Patrol Service Awards. However, this reflects the fact that many of our members are building towards significant milestones and are well on their way to being recognised in 2026.

We are extremely proud of the dedication, commitment, and countless hours our patrolling members contribute each season. Their ongoing efforts to keep our beaches safe demonstrate the true spirit of surf lifesaving, and we look forward to celebrating their achievements at the next awards cycle.

2025 Patrol & Water Safety Hours

Thank you to all our dedicated members for their invaluable time and effort spent patrolling and ensuring water safety throughout 2025. Your work has not gone unnoticed, and we truly appreciate the tireless dedication and teamwork that each of you brings to this important cause.



Total hours, patrol 3292, water safety 568,

2025 Patrol & Water Safety Hours					
Name	Patrol Team	Hours	Name	Patrol Team	Hours
Hamish Mead	2	93	Max Rivett	Carnivals	85
Hendrik Veenstra	6	80	Shiho Myhill	6	71
Ken Doyle	3	69	Paul Mead	2	67
Colin Sparkes	4	66	Marilyn Woods	5	66
Sophie Pedersen	6	65	Mark Bamford	8	62
Anna Eisenhauer	2	60	Lucinda Eveans	2	59
Ed Lukin	7	58	Mark Colbridge	7	58
Alastair Yeabsley	3	57	Jon Murray	1	56
Rob Campbell	4	55	Stewart Lockie	3	55
Tiera Mikuzis	5	51	David Baldwin	1	51
Matthew Lamont	8	51	Sarah Wanden	5	51
Lauren Baldwin	1	50	Bradley Weaver	4	50
Sam Thomson	2	48	Louise Bernstein	2	48
Tom Sonsini	4	47	Richard Young	3	47
Gerard Smallbane	4	46	Daniel Srhoj	4	49
Ava Bamford	8	46	Paul Stevens	7	46
Lily Young	3	46	Shane White	2	45
Joanna Maceachern	2	44	Ann More	8	42
Manihiki Fallot	6	42	Lola McPherson	1	42
Nicole Johnston	8	42	Nigel Thomas	1	42
Hannah Bissett	8	42	James Czencz	4	42
Celeste Pembroke	6	41	Bryan Coates	4	41
Ellie Nona	3	40	Elise Angel	1	40
Mathys Moolman	7	39	Alyssa Atfield	5	38
Bob McPhail	4	38	Alan Mahoney	4	38
Asia McPherson	1	37	James Langtree	3	36

Tina Stevens	7	35	Anthony Hannan	1	35
Narayen Pattison	3	34	David Quantrill	4	34
Che McPherson	1	33	Mia Bamford	8	33
Ruby Colbridge	7	32	Maiya Rickson	2	30
Summer Tottman	5	30	Trenton Gleeson	5	30
Brian Heggie	6	30	Shaun Taylor	7	30
Abby Bissett	8	30	Cathy Bissett	8	29
Charlie D'Addona	4	29	Xander Veenstra	6	26
Kiara Williams		26			
Ash Wilkinson	8	26	Logan Lockyer	5	25
Gen Cox	8	25	Elizabeth Bamford	8	23
Hugh Yu	6	23	Phoebe Pembroke	6	22
Elizabeth Meller	1	24	Tim Green	7	21
Ellie Greenwood	1	20	Olivia Stork	5	19
Macklen Johnston	8	18	Bailey Pearson	1	18
Darragh Dempsey	2	18	Ella Thomas	1	17
Sally Johnston	6	17	Annabel Grant		16
Rob Dempsey	2	16	Dylan Tyer	7	15
Jemima Eveans	2	13	Miya Nock	8	13
Stephanie Young	3	13	Jen Rees		13
Jamie Walker	6	12	Nathan White	7	12
Arlo Jarvis	7	11	Lilly Eveans		10
Eliza Spann		10	Tamra Johnston		10
Darelle Taylor	7	9	Peter Cox		8
Tama Lockie	3	8	Ben Bissett	8	8
Lacey Taylor	7	8	Logan Stevens	7	7
Simon Greenwood	1	5	Fergus Johnston	8	4
Callum Rickson	2	4	Deb Mullins	2	4
Brad Rees		4	Michael Ryan		4
Doug McKinstry		4	Kye Yeabsley		3
Louella Mays		2	Max Tait		2





JAC REPORT Richard Young

Overview

All in all, it has been a very difficult season, and various challenges have become apparent. We welcomed many new families this year and received lots of encouraging feedback, which is a strong sign for future growth and engagement

That said, the season did not come without its challenges. We had 148 nippers registered which was a significant increase on previous years.

Average attendance this season was a challenge, with less than 50% of registered Nippers on any given Sunday (season high 69%, low 20%). Irregular attendance meant that some participants weren't able

to complete the requirements for their surf awards, so a big shoutout to those listed below who did!



It also made running structured training sessions tricky, as the mix of abilities in each group made consistency and teamwork harder to build.

Surf Awards	
U6	Owen Farnsworth, Arie Hansen, Aurianna Jackson, Daniel Skelcher
U7	Betty Barker, Freddie Danton, Paddy Frear, Jack Harvey, Hudson Kent, Alexina Lenz, George Mackie, Abigail Meller, Bailey Meller, Phoebe Mitchell, Audrey Moulang, Doris Moylan, Tyler Myhill, Aria Thomson, Mason Wallace, Keanu Weekes, Zeke Wright
U8 Surf Aware One	Elsie Beith, Elijah Bowes, Logan Evered, Lottie Gill, Marli Govan, Phillipa Harrison, Milo Jackson, Max Nock
U9 Surf Aware Two	Isla Bland, Mason Coleman, Chase Duncan, Elsie Farnsowrth, Edie Hansen, Matilda Leary, Eve Pembroke, Lily Sommeling, Lilly Weeks, Harper Wickerson, Archer Wood
U10 Surf Safe One	Finn Cockrem, Finn Jackson, Nathan Liddell, Emmylou Ross, Gianni Santo, Archie sparkes, Heath Taylor, Kai Wright
U11 Surf Safe Two	Lottie Bowes, Flynn Coverdale, Charlee Donovan, Lucy Felan, Angele Lenz, Isabelle McDowall, Sienna Myhill, Beau Pembroke, Alex Rudnik, Harrison Williams, Kalani Willison-Harris
U12 Surf Smart One	Ash Cockrem, Lucinda Coverdale, Tawhirimatea Devine, Adia Tuesday Gates Foale, Jett Sommeling, Maileh White, Archer Wickerson
U13 Surf Smart Two	Jake Bowes, Rilet Brennan, Eve Dempsey, James Felan, Mackenzie Hill, Ben Limpus, Nell Ramsay, Luca Santo, Hugo Stroud, Archie Towe, Quentin Veenstra, Layla Young



A shortage of age managers, combined with the unexpected loss of two mid-season, placed significant pressure on the delivery of our nippers' program and affected consistency in training and mentoring.

It is with thanks to our remaining Age Managers, water safety, BBQ helpers and coaches who volunteered their time on a weekly basis to assist and make our nippers program the best it can be. A highlight for me is seeing our CSLSC youth stay around after their training and assisting the Age Managers with coaching and water safety

Carnivals

Nipper participation was lower this year which was especially notable in the younger age groups. However, our nippers who did compete had strong performances throughout all competitions this year with some particularly challenging carnival conditions which tested not only the juniors but many of the adults. Cairns retained its position at the top of all competitions both within our Branch and North Aussies where again the juniors reigned supreme.



A highlight was the Cairns members competing at North Aussies in Mackay where a record 12 individuals were selected for the interbranch Championships on the Gold Coast

Champion Lifesaver



This year saw the failure of the NQB champion lifesaver event at the 11th hour. A special thank you to our life members Annabel and Fiona Grant for firstly providing the training and mentoring to the kids which provided them with the confidence and skills to enter this event and then stepping in and organising an internal Cairns competition at the collapse of the Branch event. This event is at the core of what we do, which is Lifesaving. Hopefully, we can move forward this year to ensure this event goes ahead.

Fundraising

Our nippers and parents once again raised a substantial amount of money through our weekly BBQs and various raffles throughout the season. This year more than \$20,000 was raised.

These funds come back to our nippers and enable us to continually replace and repair equipment



End of Season

The season finished off with our end of year awards. This year we brought the festivities back to the club and organised the amazing race around Palm Cove. Kids and parents had a blast with lots of smiling faces and the club buzzing with activity.

Afterwards, the annual awards were presented to our Nippers, well done to all for their hard work and achievements this season!



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Age Group	Male Age Champion	Female Age Champion	Age Managers Choice
U8	Milo Jackson	Marli Govan	Elsie Beith
U9	Chase Duncan	Eve Pembroke	Matilda Leary
U10	Finn Cockrem	Zarah Pickford	Finn Jackson
U11	Harrison Williams	Charlee Donovan	Lottie Bowes
U12	Ash Cockrem	Lucy Coverdale	Jett Sommeling
U13	Jake Bowes	Layla Young	Nell Ramsay
U14	Mia Bamford	Hugh Yu	Elizabeth Meller
Special Recognition Awards			
U9 Amanda Riches Award		Elsie Farnsworth	
U11 Ironperson		Harrison Williams	
JAC Award		Lacey Taylor	

Looking Ahead

Looking forward to 2026 we have a busy schedule planned. Two pool rescue carnivals, five surf lifesaving carnivals and the champion lifesaver competition, as well as State and Australian youth championships, with a total of 27 weekends covered by competition and training.

Here's to making 2026 an awesome year
Richard

YOUTH OFFICER REPORT Hannah Bissett

2025 has been a year of outstanding growth, development, and achievement for the youth members of our surf club. Throughout the year, our young lifesavers have continued to strengthen their skills, expand their knowledge, and demonstrate a strong commitment to personal and team development. It has been incredibly rewarding to watch their confidence grow both on and off the beach.



A significant milestone for many of our younger members was the achievement of their surf rescue certificate (SRC). Our new under 14's proudly earned their

SRC and officially joined patrol teams in July. This accomplishment marked the beginning of their journey as qualified patrolling members, and they have embraced the responsibility with enthusiasm. In addition, several of our youth members successfully completed their Bronze Medallion, further advancing their lifesaving skills. Others



expanded their qualifications by gaining IRB crew certifications, strengthening our club's operational capacity and ensuring we have enough younger members on each patrol, ready to respond when needed.

In April, four of our youth members were selected to participate in the Lifesaving Development Program held at Marcoola Surf Lifesaving Club. The week-long experience provided them with invaluable exposure to advanced training, real-life scenario-based training, and collaboration with youth members from across the state. During the camp, they were challenged both physically and mentally, applying their skills in high-pressure rescue simulations and problem-solving activities. Each participant returned with significant achievements, including their Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Award, IRC crew qualification, and IRB diver certification. Beyond the qualifications gained, the program fostered leadership, resilience, and a deeper understanding of teamwork.

Upon returning, these members were able to positively influence their patrol teams and mentor their fellow youth members. The Youth Excellence Program conducted in September for members under 18 and The Leadership Excellence Program,



conducted in November for members over 18, were both camps providing opportunities for members to gain knowledge and skills to advance as a leader, or future leader within their own club. I highly encourage if given the opportunity, to attend this camp.

The Northern Youth Southern Experience, held during the September school holidays, was another highlight of the year. Eleven of our youth members represented the club on the



camp. The experience provided opportunities that may not always be available for our northern branch, allowing participants to broaden their understanding of surf lifesaving operations across different environments. While away, members patrolled alongside experienced clubs including Kurrawa, Palm Beach, and Northcliffe, gaining firsthand insight into how the larger southern clubs operate. They also visited SurfCom to learn about communication and coordination during major incidents and toured the southern coast branch office to see how the inflatable rescue boats are manufactured and maintained. Participants further developed their practical skills by

participating in an IRB racing demonstration and assisting with water safety at Coolangatta Surf Life Saving Club. Visiting the Westpac Rescue Helicopter and visiting Race One Surfcraft. These experiences broadened their perspective on the diverse roles within surf lifesaving and highlighted potential pathways for future involvement. Most importantly, the camp built stronger connections among youth members across the 5 clubs. They returned home inspired, motivated and eager to implement new ideas within their own club.



Overall, 2025 has been a year defined by progress, opportunity and achievement. Our youth members continue to represent the club with dedication and professionalism. Their growth ensures a strong and capable future for our club. We are incredibly proud of their accomplishments and look forward to seeing them continue to develop as the next generation of lifesavers.

I look forward to a great 2026
Hannah

SURF SPORTS OFFICER REPORT Shaun Taylor

- Building Champions.
- Building Community.
- Building Pathways.



Season Overview

The 2025 season has been one of the most successful and progressive years for Surf Sports at Cairns SLSC.

Across Youth, Senior and Masters divisions, we achieved:

- Overall Branch Club Champions
- North Australian Overall Points Champions
- Significant state representation
- A national podium finish

Our structured programs, strong volunteer culture and athlete commitment have positioned Cairns SLSC Surf Sports as a leading club within the region.

Membership & Participation

- Athletes competing from U8 through to Masters
- Strong Youth retention and pathway progression
- Delivery of 5-6 structured sessions per week
- Consistent training attendance throughout the season

Disciplines delivered:

- Surf Swim
- Board
- Ski
- Beach
- Strength & Conditioning

Pre-Season Development Programs

Ski Camp - Tinaburra, Lake Tinaroo

Prior to the commencement of the competitive season, a ski development camp was held at Tinaburra, Lake Tinaroo.

The camp provided athletes with:

- Dedicated ski skill development
- Technical refinement without surf variables
- Increased water time and race simulations
- Team bonding and squad cohesion



The controlled freshwater environment allowed athletes to build confidence and improve technique ahead of the surf season.

These camps have proven highly beneficial in accelerating early-season performance.

Surf Fit Clinic - U11 to Open

The club hosted a comprehensive Surf Fit Clinic led by Dan Norton-Smith and team.

Key features included:

- Practical water-based sessions
- Classroom theory components
- Performance education
- Video analysis and technical feedback
- Race strategy and preparation insights

Importantly, the club subsidised the cost for all members to ensure accessibility and participation. The invitation was extended to other clubs within the branch.

The clinic was extremely well attended and provided valuable learning opportunities across all age groups from U11 to Open.

This initiative demonstrates the club's commitment to athlete development and high-performance exposure.



Major Competitive Achievements

Branch Championships

Overall Club Champions

North Australian Championships

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



These results reflect strength across all divisions and disciplines.

State Representation & Honours

- 11 athletes selected - Queensland Country Team (Interbranch)
- 17 athletes selected - Queensland Youth State Team

This level of representation highlights the effectiveness of our athlete pathway.

Pool Rescue Program

- State Champions
- 6 athletes represented Cairns SLSC

The Pool Rescue program continues to complement our surf competition performance and technical development.

Australian Championships

Six athletes represented Cairns SLSC at the national level.

Highlight Performance

Hamish Smallbane

 3rd Place - U14 Surf Swim

Hamish, stormed home to claim 3rd place in the U14 Surf Swim at the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships!



Competing against the best in the country, Hamish showed grit, determination, and some seriously impressive surf skills to earn himself a spot on the podium. A significant achievement for both the athlete and the club.

Officials & Technical Support

The continued success of Surf Sports is underpinned by the dedication of our accredited officials.

Throughout the season, our officials contributed at:

- Branch Championships
- North Australian Championships
- State Events
- Club Carnivals



Their professionalism and commitment ensure:

- Fair competition
- Safe event delivery
- Strong representation of Cairns SLSC at all levels

This area remains critical to the sustainability of our competitive program, and we thank all officials for their ongoing contribution.

Equipment & Operations

During 2025 we continued to:

- Maintain competition boards and skis
- Improve logistics planning for major events
- Strengthen training communication
- Manage asset sustainability

Continued equipment investment remains a strategic priority.

Strategic Priorities 2026

- Defend Branch & North Australian titles
- Increase State & National representation
- Strengthen Youth-to-Senior pathways
- Expand coaching and water safety capacity
- Expand Officials
- Prepare for 2026 Australian Championships
- Ongoing equipment & sporting upgrades

Acknowledgements

We acknowledge and thank:

- Our athletes
- Coaches
- Water safety volunteers
- Officials
- Families and supporters

The 2025 season represents a collective achievement across the entire club community.

Here's to an awesome 2026

Shaun

MASTER'S REPORT Bob McPhail

Once again, Cairns SLSC Masters have had a fantastic year, excelling both on the beach and in the water. Participation



numbers have grown significantly, with above-average activity across all carnivals. Our March Past team has also expanded, and current weekly training is beginning to show real medal potential for the upcoming Australian Surf Championships on the Gold Coast in March.



After outstanding performances at all Branch Carnivals, Cairns Masters played a key role in helping Cairns SLSC secure victories across every carnival, including the Branch Championships. From there, the team headed to the North Australian Championships in Mackay.

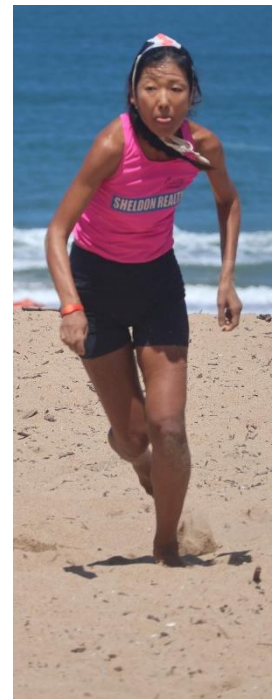


A particularly noteworthy achievement came in 2025, when the 70+ age group was included in the North Australian Championships for the first time, after more than four years of persistent advocacy by Bob McPhail and Tony Hannan. Cairns SLSC did not disappoint, with Bob, Tony, Sharmy Parr Harris, Nigel Harris, Shaun Taylor, Shiho Myhill, and Simon Greenwood competing above expectations. Despite

having only seven masters, the team claimed the Masters title, a remarkable achievement!

Cairns SLSC Masters warmly welcome new members aged 30 and above. With some of our 70+ competitors ready for a well-deserved break from competition 😊, there's plenty of opportunity for new faces to get involved, contribute, and enjoy the camaraderie.

If you're interested, in joining our team, please contact Bob McPhail on **0418 886 397**



GEAR & EQUIPMENT OFFICER REPORT Bob McPhail

Once again, our Gear & Equipment team has had a successful year, thanks largely to the care and responsibility shown by all members. Your support has not gone unnoticed, and I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all board members for their guidance and to every member who has looked after our equipment throughout the year.

As our club continues to grow, space within the shed is becoming increasingly limited. Plans are underway to expand storage, but in the meantime, I kindly ask that all storage areas be kept clean, organized, and clear to ensure equipment can be accessed and used safely and efficiently.

Given our limited space, please handle all equipment with care. If any damage occurs, accidents happen, and no one is to blame – I simply ask that you notify me as soon as possible so repairs can be made quickly. Timely communication ensures our gear remains in top condition for everyone.

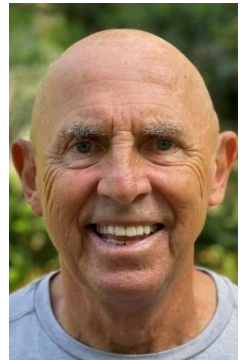
This year, we were fortunate to purchase and receive several key pieces of new equipment, which will further enhance our capabilities and support members across all activities:

- 2 x Mals (75 kg & 80 kg)
- Tohatsu Motor
- Jet Rescue Sled
- Motor Surf Kit
- Infront Mals x 2
- 2 x Fenn LS Skis
- Canons Metal Fabrication Surfboard Trailer

I would also like to make a special acknowledgment to the Richardson family for their incredible support of Cairns SLSC. The new flash trailer is a testament to their generosity and dedication. Our club is often the envy of others at carnivals, thanks to the high standard of our equipment – let's continue to look after it with pride.

Thank you all again for your continued support and commitment to maintaining the standard of our gear and equipment.

Looking forward to a super 2026
Bob



MARCH PAST TEAM REPORT Peter Cox

The Cairns Surf Life Saving Club March Past Team proudly reformed this season and has delivered an exceptional year as part of a structured three-year training and development plan. The team remained undefeated throughout the North Queensland Branch competition season, consistently presenting polished and professional performances at carnivals, Palm Cove Market Days, private events, and many Sunday mornings on the beach.



From an initial squad of sixteen, a competition team of twelve has trained twice weekly for nearly eight months in preparation for the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships at Kirra Beach. With six members new to lifesaving this season, and a well-balanced mix of age and gender across the team, the group has demonstrated both depth and inclusivity. The decision to take reserve members to the Aussies Championships on Sunday 29 March on the Gold Coast further strengthens the team's ability to manage contingencies and maintain performance standards.

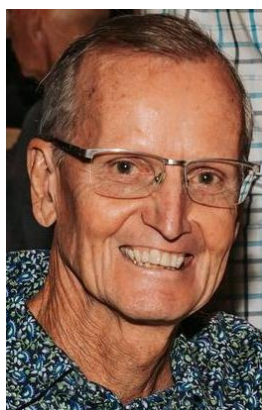
Fundraising efforts throughout the season, including Bunnings BBQs, enabled the purchase of new bright orange marching uniforms. These striking uniforms complement the team's iconic orange "bubbly" beach shoes and reflect the pride and cohesion of the squad. A rotating "Captain of the Month" initiative was also introduced, giving each member the opportunity to lead, contribute in unique ways, and further develop leadership skills.



Training has been conducted in a wide range of North Queensland conditions – rain, wind, and extreme heat – and across various beaches, ensuring adaptability and resilience. Thursday afternoon sessions were often followed by video review on the Club's big screen, allowing for technical refinement and continuous improvement. Team camaraderie was further strengthened over post-training meals at the Cairns Supporters Surf Club, with two members coming close to "Jag the Joker" honours.

It has been a privilege to coach this dedicated and enthusiastic group of lifesavers. Their commitment, sportsmanship, and willingness to grow have set a strong foundation for continued success in the seasons ahead.

Looking forward to 2026
Coach Cox



TREASURER REPORT Brian Heggie

Profit & Loss

Total Income	\$548,475.81
Total Expenses	\$431,065.21
Net profit/ loss	\$117,410.60

Main income contributions were from:

- Supports Club rent (\$159,758.85)
- Avis's rent (\$20,857.24),
- Fundraising (\$34,480.52), with a significant contribution from the BBQ raised funds.
- Membership fees (\$17,745.40),
- Merchandise and Sponsorships (\$32,743.31)
- Carried forward Amenities Grant funding (\$84,299.66)
- Donations as below (\$156,229.91)

Total rental and room hire income increased by 4.3%, matching CPI for the year.

Fundraising increased by 11% due to the significant contribution from the BBQs

Membership Fees were down 4% despite an increase in membership of 29% (462) due to reduced fees and free membership offers.

Grants / Donations Received

Inclusive in this total of 2025 income are the following:

Donations

- (\$90,000 from SC) \$109,499.00

Grants and Subsidies

- SLSQ QPS (QFES) \$36,730.91
- SLSA BSEF \$10,000.00

TOTAL \$ 156,229.91

Main Outgoings were:

- Insurances \$85,998.54
- Rates & Water \$46,828.24
- Building Maintenance \$54,498.23
- Wages/ Super \$71,643.34
- Depreciation \$76,707.68
- Fundraising expenses \$10,160.02
- Merchandise purchases \$14,987.57
- Patrol expenses \$10,824.24
- Subsidies to Members \$7,710.00
- Carnivals/Events \$7,191.22

Key Financial Impacts in 2025

Overall profitability margin for 2025 (\$117,410.60) was somewhat inflated by the \$84,299.66 carried over to complete the Amenities Building. With the amount expended before the 2025 season effectively started.

This results in an actual profitability for the year based on normal Club operations as \$33,110.94

Current Cash Assets, including invested monies, at end of 2025 were \$194,038.03 in current 4 accounts.

Membership fees were effectively reduced in 2025 to encourage participation and along with free memberships, impacted our income.

Merchandise trading loss reflects poor sales on existing stock and consideration needs to be prioritized to selling down before too many need essential purchases are made in 2026.

Donations from Richardson family have been very welcome and was fully responsible for a lot of the craft and equipment purchases in 2024/25.

Also, a special thanks to the fundraising teams, in particular the BBQ team whose efforts have also been a great contributor to our bottom line in 2025.

Summary

2025 financial year has been marginal every month with Grant funds and income struggling to keep pace with rising costs particularly with rises in Rates and charges, Insurance and ongoing building maintenance and repairs for the Club.

Any large outlays in 2026 will essentially have to be funded through Grants and/or SC Donations while our income needs to focus on BAU i.e. paying the bills /maintenance and club activities/patrols.

Looking forward to 2026
Brian Heggie

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.

NB these hours are in addition to Patrol & Water Safety hours

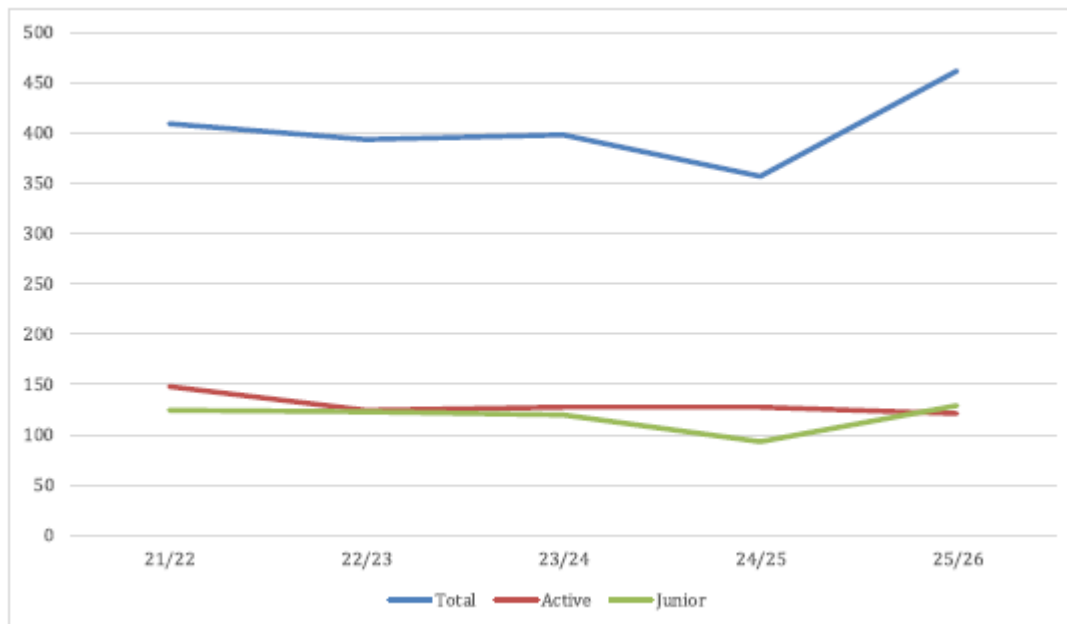
Other Service Hours					
Name	Hours	Name	Hours	Name	Hours
Anna Ramsay	192	Richard Young	169	Fiona Grant	159
Paul Mead	153	Mark Bamford	127	Douglas Ramsay	107
Annable Grant	98	Jemima Eveans	91	Barbara ChauvinHartmann	89
Catherine Bissett	85	Michelle Langtree	84	Nicola Williams	71
Steve Langtree	67	Susan Way	61	Lucinda Eveans	57
Chris Bowes	52	Shaun Taylor	46	Alastair Yeabsley	41
Jean-Claude Chauvin	40	Stephanie Young	37	Hamish Mead	36
Ava Bamford	36	Natasha Rivett	35	Robert Way	32
Asia McPherson	32	Elise Angel	32	Hannah Bissett	30
Anthony Hannan	30	Sharyn Yeablsey	29	Jill Boltz	28
Phil Nock	27	Nathan Coverdale	27	Robert McPhail	27
Joanna Maceachern	26	Gail Jackson	26	Nathan Pullen	25
Wade Limpus	25	Brenda Taylor	25	Sophie Pedersen	22
Jon Murray	22	Lily Young	22	Kylie White	22
David Baldwin	22				

Statistics 2021/2022-2025/2026

Total Membership

	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	% Change
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	24/25 to 25/26
Probationary	0	4	0	0	3	+NEW
Junior Activity (5-13 years)	125	122	119	93	129	+38.7%
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	22	21	16	17	22	+29.4%
Active Junior (15-18 years)	32	20	29	32	23	-28.1%
Active Senior (18 years+)	64	57	65	67	68	+1.5%
Award Member	25	21	12	6	5	-16.7%
Reserve Member	5	5	5	5	3	-40%
Long Service	7	7	6	5	3	-40%
Associate	100	104	106	98	79	-19.4%
Nipper Parent					94	+NEW
Life Member	28	28	28	31	32	+3.2%
Leave/Restricted	2	2	12	2	1	-50%
Total Active (Active 15-8, Active 18+, Cadet 13-15, Reserve)	148	124	127	127	121	-4.7%
Total	410	393	398	357	462	+29.4%

Membership Trends



Junior Activities Age Breakdown

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Under 6	9	10	9	15	8
Under 7	18	21	17	11	27
Under 8	19	19	15	7	19
Under 9	19	21	18	11	14
Under 10	18	13	17	10	15
Under 11	15	15	15	10	22
Under 12	18	13	15	15	10
Under 13	9	7	13	14	14
Under 14	9	8	6	11	0
Junior Activities Total	134	127	125	104	129

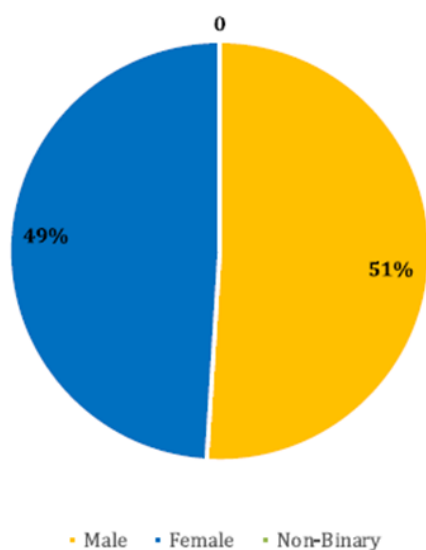
Movement

Movement Type		Count
Brand new to Cairns SLSC		190
Transfer IN (other branches)		2
Transfer IN (within NQ)		21
Total New		213
Lost from Cairns SLSC		92
Transfer OUT (other branches)		13
Transfer OUT (within NQ)		3
Total Lost		108

Retention

Membership Category	%
Active (15-18)	68
Active (18+)	85.5
Associate	47.6
Award	75
Cadet (13-15)	54.5
Junior Activity (5-13)	86.8
Leave/Restricted	0
Life Member	100
Long Service	75
Reserve Active	100
Total Active Retention	66.9
Total Membership Retention	69.7

Gender Distribution



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 1st March 2025



Anthony Hannan | CSLSC President

