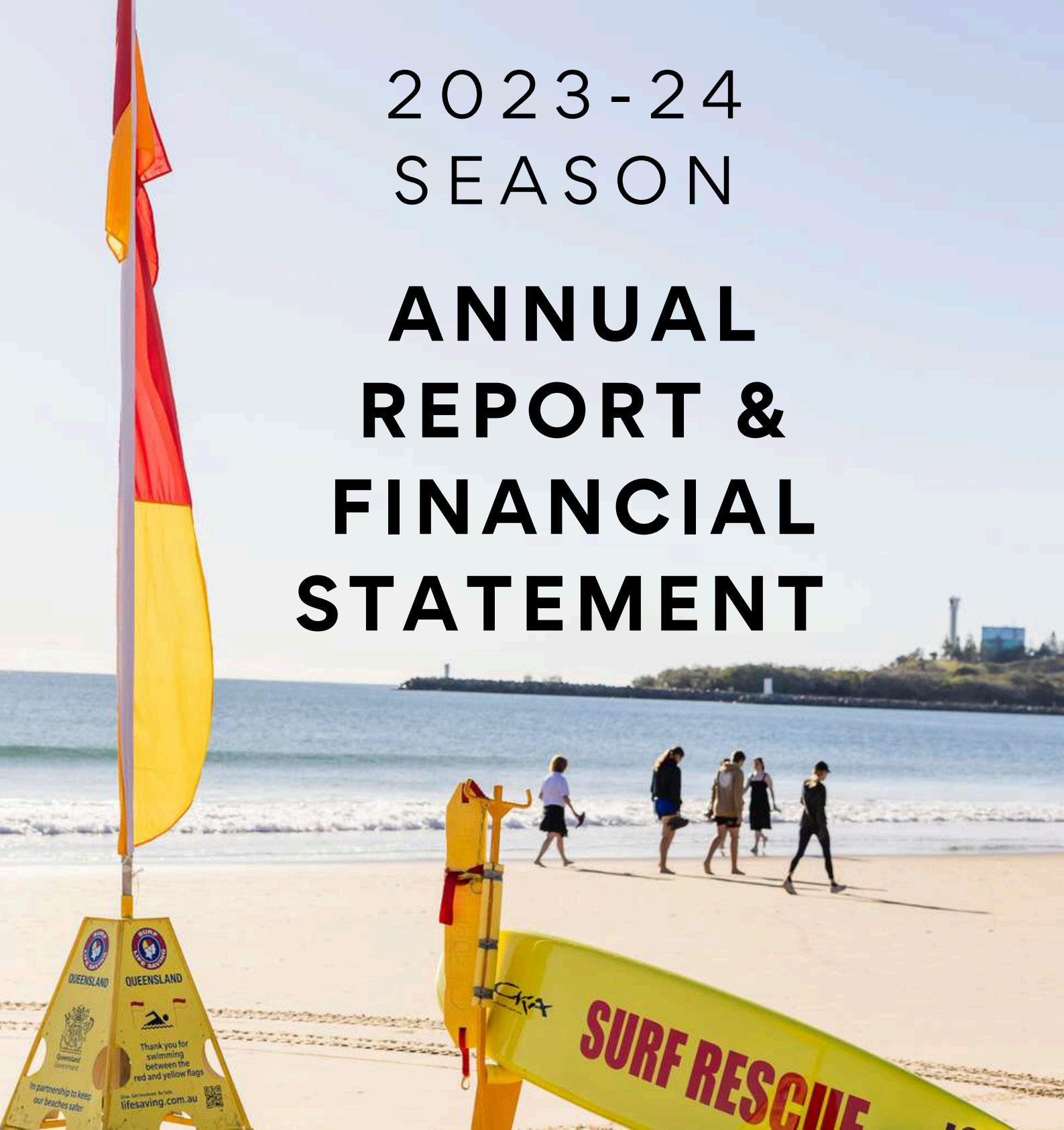


2023-24  
SEASON

**ANNUAL  
REPORT &  
FINANCIAL  
STATEMENT**



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**Surf Life Saving Queensland  
Sunshine Coast Branch**

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# WHO ARE WE?



Surf Life Saving Sunshine Coast is the region's peak beach safety and rescue authority and has a proud tradition of saving lives for over 100 years.

Since 1907, surf lifesavers have volunteered their time and effort both on and off the beach to provide a first-class lifesaving service.

Our clubs and our members are the heart and soul of our organisation and are integral to our continued success.

Our movement is a part of the history, fabric and future of this country. It represents the lifestyle, values and beliefs of the Australian culture. It protects life, it saves life, and it promotes life.

The Sunshine Coast Branch of Surf Life Saving Queensland is the largest Branch in Queensland, consisting of now 15 Surf Life Saving Clubs and was established in 1930.

## OUR VISION

Zero preventable deaths in Sunshine Coast Branch patrolled waters.

## OUR MISSION

Sunshine Coast Branch will operate as a proactive and effective peak body leading the way in lifesaving service provision, education, sport, beach and water safety advocacy and community leadership.



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# SEASON SNAPSHOT



PREVENTATIVE  
ACTIONS

26,468



RESCUES

328



VOLUNTEER  
PATROL  
HOURS

168,560



FIRST AID  
TREATMENTS

5057



TOTAL ACTIVE  
MEMBERS

3359



TOTAL JUNIOR  
MEMBERS

4576

# SEASON SNAPSHOT



## Sunshine Coast Patrol Statistics

### BEACH ATTENDANCE

Swimmers Between Flags	332,711
Swimmers Outside the Flags	145,686
Craft Users	94,145
On Beach	915,278

**TOTAL BEACH VISITATIONS** **14,878,820**

### RESCUES

No Gear	11
Rescue Tube	114
Rescue Board	101
IRB	84
Other	5
Preventative Actions	26,468

### FIRST AID

Minor Cuts	2,370
Minor First Aid	4,687
Marine Stings	2,317



## Membership Categories

Probationary	116
Junior Activity Members (5-13 years)	76
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	421
Active Junior (15-18 years)	532
Active Senior (18 years & over)	2070
Award Member	306
Reserve Active	30
Long Service	707
Past Active	142
Associate	3959
Life Member	395
General	511
Honorary	51
Non Member Participants	10
Leave/Restricted	83
Total Active	3359

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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13909</b>
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## Award Name

Age Manager Course	62
Assessor Bronze Medallion	7
Training Officer Bronze Medallion	8
Bronze Medallion	442
IRB Crew Certificate	148
Observers Award	84
QLD 4WD Induction	95
QLD Tractor Induction	83
Radio Operator Certificate	14
Silver Medallion - Patrol Captains	61
Silver Medallion - IRB Driver	69
Surf Rescue Certificate - CPR Endorsed	360
SSV Operator Induction	157
Surf Play One - U6	356
Surf Play Two - U7	530
Surf Aware One - U8	584
Surf Aware Two - U9	551
Surf Safe One - U10	522
Surf Safe Two - U11	469
Surf Smart One - U12	384
Surf Smart Two - U13	350

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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5336</b>
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# OUR VALUED LIFE MEMBERS

RM BARTLETT AM  
PJ BERIGAN OAM\*  
JJ BETTS\*  
P BOLT  
DJ BOULTON OAM  
RH BRINKLEY\*  
L BUHK OAM  
BA CAMPBELL AM\*  
R CAMPBELL  
A CASEY\*  
J CLARKE\*  
R CAVE  
M COYLE  
GR DAKIN  
WJ DALEY\*  
R DAVIDSON OAM\*  
B DAY  
JB DEARLOVE MBE\*  
SA DELLA BIANCA  
SR DELLA BIANCA  
R DEVLIN AM KC  
T DUNCAN  
D DWYER OAM\*  
M DWYER  
B GOULDING  
I GRANT OAM  
L GRICE OAM

S HANDY  
N HARGRAVE\*  
BS HAYTER  
P HIGGINS  
S HILLIER\*  
M HOOGWAERTS  
A INWOOD  
C INWOOD\*  
P JAKEMAN\*  
T KEEGAN\*  
AB KELK  
N KELK OAM  
J KLEMM\*  
P KELLY  
C KUHN\*  
J KUSKOPF\*  
R LANE  
C LAW  
P LUCAS\*  
JGMCCARTHY\*  
W MCCLINTOCK\*  
D MCLEAN ESM  
I MALTMAN  
D MATHISON  
GFR NICKLIN\*  
KL OC'ONNELL\*  
N OLANDER  
AB PARKYN\*

LG PETERSEN\*  
K PHILLIPS  
L PURCHASE  
R RANKIN AM  
D SMALLCOMBE  
S SMITH  
JR SPENDER\*  
L STONE  
S SWAN  
D SWANSON  
R TALLON OAM\*  
G TANNER OAM  
MR TAYLOR\*  
P THOMAS  
R THOMAS  
J THORPE  
G TOPFER  
M TRUSKETT  
W TWIGGER  
J WATTS  
R WEWER  
BF WILKES\*  
E WILLIAMSON\*  
PA WILLIAMS\*  
B WEATHERALL  
TC YOUNG\*  
R ZILLMAN\*

\*DENOTES DECEASED LIFE MEMBERS

# BRANCH DIRECTORS

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**Tim Ryan OAM**  
President



**Ian Norman**  
Deputy President



**John Lowe**  
Director of  
Lifesaving



**Kirsten Phillips**  
Director of Youth  
& Membership



**Peter Kerridge**  
Director of  
Finance



**John Thorpe**  
Life Member on the  
Executive



**Craig Law**  
Director of Surf  
Sports



# DEPUTY DIRECTORS

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**Eliza Dreves**

Deputy Director of  
Membership  
Services - Youth



**Rob Campbell**

Deputy Director of  
Membership  
Services - Junior  
Activities



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**David Scullion**

Deputy Director of  
Lifesaving



**Shane Linton**

Deputy Director of  
Surf Sports

# CLUB PRESIDENTS



**Rainbow Beach Surf Life Saving Club**  
Shane Handy



**Noosa Heads Surf Life Saving Club**  
Ross Fisher

**Sunshine Beach Surf Life Saving Club**  
John Gooderham



**Peregian Beach Surf Life Saving Club**  
John Roderick

**Coolum Beach Surf Life Saving Club**  
Ernie Burrows



**Marcoola Surf Life Saving Club**  
Peter Hourn

**Mudjimba Surf Life Saving Club**  
Phill Daniels

**Maroochydore Surf Life Saving Club**  
Robert Elford



**Alexandra Headland Surf Life Saving Club**  
Sam Archer

**Mooloolaba Surf Life Saving Club**  
Matthew Horder

**Kawana Waters Surf Life Saving Club**  
Shane Gale

**Dicky Beach Surf Life Saving Club**  
Peter Aitken

**Metropolitan Caloundra Surf Life Saving Club**  
Brett Magnussen

**Bribie Island Surf Life Saving Club**  
Jeff Butler

**Redcliffe Peninsula Surf Life Saving Club**  
Kylie Robins



# BRANCH OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

## **Branch Education Officer**

Dana Craven

## **District Supervisors**

David Scullion

Doug Gould

Damian Swan

## **Branch Lifesaving Officer**

Harry Crosthwaite - IRB Officer

## **Branch Judiciary Committee**

Ralph Devlin AM KC

Santo Della Bianca

David Swanson

Douglas Bolton OAM

Ross Bartlett AM

Tanya Duncan

## **Branch Legal Officer**

Ralph Delvin AM KC

## **Branch Life Member Panel**

Santo Della Bianca

David Swanson

Douglas Bolton OAM

Ross Bartlett AM

Tanya Duncan

Michael Dwyer

## **Branch Team Manager**

Craig Law

## **Branch Team Manageress**

Cinnamon O'Shanesy

Natalie Jarrot

## **Branch Team Coaches**

Joel Piper

Abbie Tolano

Summer Short

Todd Mc Swan

## **Branch Selection Committee**

Kane Pilkington

Craig Law

Pauline Gleeson

Cinnamon O'Shanesy

## **Surf Sports Officers**

David Cumner - IRB Officer

Peter Thomas - Gear &

Equipment Officer

Barry Leek - Official Liaison

Officer



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# SLSQ SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL STAFF

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**Aaron Purchase** - Regional Operations Manager

**Jess Roberts** - Membership Development Coordinator

**Shane Urban** - Lifesaving Services Coordinator

**Laura Ioviero** - Community Awareness Coordinator

**John Roderick** - Education & Training Supervisor

**Karen-Anne Lyon** - Education Development Coordinator

**Eniko Kasza** - Regional Administrator

**Mackenzie Hoger** - Regional Administrator



## SUNSHINE COAST BRANCH STAFF

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**Merrill Shwab** - Branch Administrator

**Bronwyn Gilchrist** - Branch Administration Assistant

**Val Colley** - Branch Administration Assistant

**Karyn Cook** - Branch Administration Assistant

*Until September 2023*

# THANK YOU

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## PERFORM THREE SIXTY



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## BRANCH PRESIDENT

## AND DEPUTY PRESIDENT



# Branch President Tim Ryan OAM



As we remark on another season between the 'Red & Yellow', I would like to take this opportunity to thank all 15 clubs and their 13,909 members that proudly played part in the 2023/2024 season for the Sunshine Coast Branch.

This season saw over one million visitors across our beautiful coastline. From those visitations, we had 328 rescues, delivered 5,057 first aid treatments, carried out 26,468 preventative actions, and saw our dedicated patrolling members commit 168,560 volunteer hours in the 23/24 season. This accomplishment serves as a powerful testament to the effectiveness of our lifesaving efforts and the unwavering commitment of our volunteers. It also highlights the critical role we play in ensuring the safety of beachgoers along the Sunshine Coast. With 13, 909 members across our 15 clubs this season, it is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our Clubs and their committees.

Peregian Beach Surf Life Saving Club continued to grow with a staggering 198 Junior Members - a 19% increase on the previous season. Maintaining their strong relationships with the local Community has been integral in their growth and reinsertion back into their local community.

Alexandra Headland & Bribie Island Surf Life Saving Clubs celebrated a historic milestone, commemorating 100 years of dedicated service to our coastal communities. Their century of unwavering commitment to beach safety, community engagement, and lifesaving excellence stands as a source of inspiration for all of us.

The Awards of Excellence serves as a platform to recognise and celebrate the outstanding contributions of our club members and affiliated organisations. Their dedication to our mission and their communities, reinforces the sense of pride and unity within our surf life-saving community. These accolades are a testament to the passion and excellence that permeates our organisation. At the Awards we also acknowledged the fantastic support and fundraising by Perform 360 to support our Branch. This year the team raised over \$30,000 making it over \$84,000 to date, to support our members!

Mooloolaba, Alexandra Headland and Maroochydore Surf Life Saving Club successfully hosted the Australian Lifesaving Championships, an event characterized by exceptional organisation and the stunning natural beauty of our coastal environment. The positive feedback received from participants and spectators alike underlines the success of this event and reflects the high standards we maintain in hosting competitions.

We saw a big push in the participation of our members in all our Branch development programs; PULSE Junior, Camp Commando, PULSE - Advanced Lifesaving Program and Youth Ball. Under the incredible leadership and guidance of our Branch Director of Youth & Membership, Kirsten Phillips, Eliza Dreves and her team of Coordinators have seen maxed out programs at every step. Over 50 at PULSE Junior, 175 at Camp Commando, full suit of 26 participants at PULSE and over 260 Youth members at Youth Ball with 300 members total celebrating the end of their season. I would like to also take this opportunity to thank our SLSQ Membership Development Coordinator Jess Roberts for her support this season.



The 2023/2024 season has seen some major change for our Branch as we entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Surf Life Saving Queensland (SLSQ), for the delivery of administration services and broader support of the Branch. This MOU aims to provide increase consistency in administration across the state, increase collaboration between the Branch and the SLSQ, and provide access for staff to SLSQ's employment resources. I'd like to acknowledge Merrill Shwab, Bronwyn Gilchrist, Val Colley, and Karyn Cook for their service and support to the Branch and wish them all the best in their future endeavours. As with any transition, there were some challenges however, I would like to acknowledge the SLSQ Regional team led by Aaron Purchase, for their commitment to supporting our Executive and Club's throughout the season. We've made positive strides during this process, and I am confident our future is bright.

It has been a remarkable year for the Sunshine Coast Clubs and Branch. As we reflect on these achievements, we extend our deepest gratitude to our members, partners, and the community for their unwavering support. The season has showcased the strength and resilience of our organization, and we look forward to another year of excellence and dedication to our vital mission of saving lives and fostering bonds within our coastal communities.

Yours in Lifesaving,

**Tim Ryan OAM**

President

Sunshine Coast Branch



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# Deputy President Ian Norman



This has been my first season as part of the Branch Executive after a long stint at the club management committee level (eight years as Treasurer and four years as President). Thanks to Tim and the Branch team for making me feel welcomed with their advice and guidance.

My focus for this season has been on being behind the scenes support mostly in the governance area. A revision to the Branch Constitution was progressed which provided more clarity around the requirements and process for Branch Life Membership. This change was discussed with Branch Council and formally approved in March. We are currently progressing formal Office of Fair Trading approval to the revised section before it comes into full effect. In addition a broader review of the Branch Constitution is well progressed. This review will see Branch move to adopt the SLSQ Branch Constitution template subject to any changes required to reflect the Sunshine Coast Branch's specific needs. A working draft of the revised Constitution has been developed and will be considered by the Branch Executive early in season 2024/25 ahead of a formal consultation process with Branch Council.

Further work has progressed on the Branch Strategic Plan following a workshop held in early 2023 which was facilitated by Kylie Robins. Based on the outcomes of this workshop a revised version of the Branch Strategic Plan was developed which has been endorsed by the Branch Executive. For 2024 the strategic plan has been reviewed based on feedback from the Club Presidents and Branch Executive and an update of progress against the Branch's strategic objectives has been included in this report.

Finally initial work has started on a review of the Branch's communication strategy. At this stage a review of current Branch stakeholders, communications channels and communications objectives has been documented. For season 2024/25 Branch will work with SLSQ communications to agree on a cohesive communication strategy for Branch that aligns with SLSQ's communication strategies.

As always thanks to the clubs for your support and participation. Look forward working with you next season.

**Ian Norman**

Deputy President  
Sunshine Coast Branch



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# Surf Lifesaving Sunshine Coast STRATEGIC PLAN

OUR OBJECTIVE	<b>Lifesaving</b> Effective lifesaving operations support enabling clubs to keep the beach safe	<b>Education</b> Delivery of effective training support and delivery that meets the clubs needs	<b>Surf Sports</b> Strong Branch participation at all levels of surf sports events	<b>Junior Activities</b> Well run and attended Nipper programs across all Branch clubs
OUR PLAN FOR SUCCESS	<p>Ensure all Clubs meet patrol obligations &amp; encourage excellence in the delivery of lifesaving services.</p> <p>Implement new life saving initiatives, standards and extension of services</p> <p>Sharing and development of life saving resources.</p>	<p>Maintain high quality training outcomes, standards and integrity.</p> <p>Identify training gaps and facilitate efficient training.</p> <p>Deliver specialist training to the membership in emergency care.</p>	<p>Effective and efficient management of surf sport carnivals.</p> <p>Promote and facilitate involvement in surf sports.</p> <p>Develop and support high quality officials, team managers and Surf Sports Directors.</p>	<p>Provide support to clubs in the delivery of high-quality and sustainable junior activities programs.</p> <p>Develop and support club junior activities officers and support persons.</p> <p>Support clubs to retain and recruit junior activities members.</p>
WHAT WE DID IN SEASON 23/24	<p>Five Club Captain meetings held.</p> <p>Seven clubs have introduced RWC (jet-skis) to their patrol operations.</p> <p>328 rescues, 26,468 preventative actions, 168,560 volunteer patrol ours.</p>	<p>Five CTO meetings held.</p> <p>Full time Branch training officer appointed.</p>	<p>Worked closely with the clubs on delivering a great Aussie title.</p> <p>Officials' courses saw major increase in officials.</p> <p>15 new coaches signed off from Branch Development session.</p>	<p>Two JAC Forums held.</p> <p>All 15 Clubs engaged in JA Health Checks throughout the season.</p> <p>Successful engagement with the Nipper App.</p> <p>High standard of Junior Education implemented across the Branch.</p> <p>5% increase in Junior Membership – 4,576.</p>

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<b>Youth Development</b> Targeted range of youth development programs in place and working	<b>Membership Development</b> Member welfare and development programs in place across all clubs	<b>Finance and Property</b> Sustainable and responsible financial performance	<b>Administrative and Governance</b> Strong governance models in place, clear direction and efficient administration support
<p>Support members 14-30 through leadership, development and networking opportunities.</p> <p>Support members attending SLSQ and SLSA youth development activities.</p> <p>Facilitate delivery of high quality, safe and fun youth activities.</p>	<p>Support clubs in membership development, recruitment and retention initiatives.</p> <p>Provide advice and guidance on member welfare and protection.</p> <p>Promote opportunities for all members to participate in development and leadership opportunities.</p>	<p>Disciplined management of Branch assets, income and expenditure.</p> <p>Demonstrate value for money for clubs and members.</p> <p>Develop a Facility Plan for the future of the Branch facilities.</p>	<p>Provide administrative and governance standards, advice and mentoring to clubs.</p> <p>Demonstrate effective and efficient high-quality governance, administration, compliance and conflict resolution standards.</p> <p>Promote DEI outcomes in the Branch governance bodies.</p>
<p>Youth Development Ball: 300 attendees</p> <p>Camp Commando: 175 attendees</p> <p>PULSE Junior: 50 attendees</p>	<p>Worked closely with SLSQ on the SLSQ Complaints Procedures</p> <p>Supported 5 clubs in dealing with member complaints</p> <p>Developed an agreed Branch communications strategy</p> <p>PULSE Advanced Program: 35 attendees</p> <p>3359 active members</p>	<p>Positive financial results for season 2023/24</p> <p>Grants received for \$22,750</p>	<p>Progressed changes to Branch Life Member procedure</p> <p>Well advanced on review of the Branch Constitution</p> <p>MOU signed off with SLSQ for admin support services</p>

# EXECUTIVE REPORTS

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# Director of Lifesaving

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## John Lowe



# John Lowe



I acknowledge the outstanding efforts and unwavering dedication demonstrated by our 15 clubs spanning from Rainbow Beach to Redcliffe Peninsula throughout the volunteer season. The commitment and passion exhibited by the members of these clubs have not only upheld but elevated the values and virtues of our movement, ensuring the safety and well-being of beachgoers along the Sunshine Coast.

The collective efforts of our clubs have resulted in countless preventative actions and rescues, exemplifying the selflessness and generosity inherent in the spirit of Surf Lifesaving. This year, patrolling members of 15 Clubs performed 1,112 rescues and conducted 10,378 first-aid activities. Unfortunately, this season saw four drownings on Sunshine Coast Beaches. Further, we saw 29 external 13SURF requesting urgent assistance from the Police and Ambulance, to which our volunteers responded. The tireless commitment to patrolling our beaches, educating the public on water safety, and responding swiftly and effectively in times of need have undoubtedly saved lives and prevented countless accidents.

Our Branch continues to be at the forefront of innovation. Eleven clubs have been approved to operate rescue watercraft (RWC) on patrols in conjunction with their IRBs, the most of any Branch in the State of Queensland. I want to extend a special acknowledgment to the Club Captains of Rainbow, Noosa, Sunshine, Peregian, Coolum, Marcoola, Mudjimba, Maroochydore, Alex, Mooloolaba, Kawana, Dicky, Met Cal, Bribie, and Redcliffe. Your leadership, guidance, and unwavering dedication have been instrumental in ensuring your respective clubs' success and continued excellence. Your selfless giving of time and passion has not gone unnoticed and is deeply appreciated by all.



Sincerest thanks to Doug Gould and Damian Swan and a particular thank you to David Scullion, Deputy Director of Lifesaving and District Supervisor, for spending countless hours conducting patrol inspections from Rainbow to Redcliffe. Thank you to our Patrol Captains for accommodating them during the inspections.

A big thank you to Dana Craven, who took on the role of Education Adviser and Branch Representative on the State Education Panel. Dana's enthusiasm, common-sense approach, and understanding of the challenges of club CTOs ensure that our Branch is leading the way in education. Thank you to the staff, especially the Lifesaving Coordinator Shane Urban, for their support during the last year.

As we reflect on the achievements of the volunteer season, let us not only celebrate the lives saved and the accidents prevented but also recognise the strong sense of community and camaraderie fostered by every member of our Surf Lifesaving clubs. We continue to make a positive impact on our local communities through our collective efforts and shared commitment to the safety and well-being of others.

Once again, thank you to all the clubs and their members for their outstanding contributions and dedication. Your commitment to the values and virtues of Surf Lifesaving inspires us all.

Yours in Lifesaving

**John Lowe**  
Director of Lifesaving  
Sunshine Coast Branch



# Director of Surf Sports

## Craig Law



# Craig Law



With season 2023/24 now complete, it's time to both reflect and appreciate the achievements of the past year, which was yet another great one for our clubs.

Whether it's as an athlete, a team manager, a coach, an official or committee member, each of our clubs should be applauded for their efforts in the Surf Sports space with some of the most dedicated and amazing volunteers on show with their desire to ensure that the Sunshine Coast is not only the largest, but the best Branch in Qld.

Given this is my final report in a brief but very pivotal couple of years in the DOSS role, I feel incredible proud of all that is Surf Sports on the Sunshine Coast. From our U8s-10s all the way through to our Masters competitors there really is something for everyone. I have thoroughly enjoyed the role and as I move on to new endeavours, I look forward to seeing you all on the beach next season!

I want to extend a huge thank you to a number of mainstays of a surf sports community who have once again assisted me greatly. To Santo Della Bianca, Denis Mathison, Shane Linton, Dave Cumner, Peter Thomas, Sharleen Swan and Barry Leek or is it Larry Beek, my heartfelt appreciation for your outstanding contributions to our Branch for decades, and to me personally, and your ongoing counsel and commitment was immense.

The insane amount of hours you have all put into Officials upgrades and accreditations this season has been game changing. To all of you, your support of myself, and the commitment to your roles was second to none. Only a few of us can truly understand the amount of hard work that goes on behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of a Branch Surf Sports program, and I have no hesitation in saying that each of you dedicated countless hours to guarantee yet another successful season for our Branch.

This season saw significant change in our Branch support with a staffing restructure which had significant implications for the Surf Sports section, but fortunately through the amazing work of Jess Roberts, we powered through and continued to deliver the program. Jess's work during this period was instrumental in ensuring our service delivery and I am forever indebted to her for her work in this space.

Thank you also to our Executive Directors, President Tim Ryan, Deputy President Ian Norman, Finance – Peter Kerridge, Lifesaving – John Lowe and Youth & Development Kirsten Phillips. I appreciate your patience and support this season. There has been some major change this season and I am proud of the season we have had and the positive momentum that has come around as well.

To the Surf Clubs that volunteered to host our carnivals I congratulate them and their carnival committees for the efficient way they went about with the preparation of their beaches and especially to the workforce that worked tirelessly ensuring the success of our carnivals. No task was ever too big, and the challenges were dealt with in an efficient and positive manner. A great team effort.

As many of you know, I have nothing but admiration for our many Officials, in particular our longest serving senior officials, whose support and passion for our Carnivals is unparalleled. Although at times the numbers were small, under the guidance of the Carnival Referees and the professionalism of the officials, all carnivals were conducted successfully. Congratulations to all our officials who attained higher honours in being chosen to represent our Branch at the Junior and Senior State Titles and the National Championships (Aussies) this season.

A massive thank you to Maroochydore, Alexandra Headland & Mooloolaba Surf Lifesaving Clubs for their efforts during Australian Titles. Aussies was an incredible success and a credit to the standard of Surf Sports we have on the Coast.

This past season has been yet another one of unprecedented success across all facets including Surf, Beach, Pool, Surf Rescue, IRB and Surf Boats, which has seen a number of our athletes achieve outstanding levels of accomplishment and personal achievements. From the elite Nutri Grain Series to the Aussies, along with numerous numbers of State and Australian representatives. Our clubs certainly have much to be proud of when it comes to reviewing their past season. Goodluck to all our athletes heading to the upcoming World Championships!

Once again, our Sunshine Coast Inter Branch Team was victorious for an unprecedented fifteenth time in the last sixteen years of this Qld Championships event. A breeding ground for future Surf Sports stars, National and World Champions across multiple disciplines and sports, our crew continues to excel year after year.

Of great significance is the fact that our Branch Team has produced some seven Olympians who are about to head to Paris which is simply amazing. To Lani Pallister, Alyssa Bull, Sam Short, Nick Sloman, Jamie Perkins, Chelsea Gubecka and Ally Clarke good luck and go and own your moment, we are immensely proud of you all.

I wish to congratulate all those members who were nominated for our Branch Excellence Awards, and ultimately those who received these awards. Each was a worthy winner and will be a quality representative of our Branch at the upcoming State Excellence Awards.

As volunteers we all dedicate countless hours to the proudest volunteer movement in this great country of ours. In doing so, we often forsake that valuable family time with our loved ones, who continually support our passion for lifesaving. To my very understanding and amazing wife Angela, along with our family, thank you once again for affording me the many hours needed to fulfil the multiple Branch and State roles, I've undertaken this past season.

And finally, to all of our members and your very supportive families, thank you from the bottom of my heart once again for your commitment and dedication to our program. It is only through your efforts that we continue to punch well above our weight in all areas of Lifesaving and Surf Sports, which truly makes us the envy of so many other Branches throughout Queensland.

**UNITY IS STRENGTH!**

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# Director of Youth & Membership Development Kirsten Phillips



# Kirsten Phillips



Total membership for the branch has remained strong with 13,909 members at the end of the season a 2% increase on the previous season. However, our active membership has declined by four percent compared to the previous season with a total of 3,359 active members across the branch – increasing our active membership is something we need to remain focussed on. Our junior activities numbers saw a 5% increase compared to the previous season with a total of 4,576. Across the Branch we also need to focus on our approach to retention with an overall retention rate of 69% - the state benchmark is 75%. In good news though our active membership retention is 81%!

Participation in our youth and membership development activities remained strong this year. The increase in junior membership is a testament to our junior activities programs across the Branch continuing to be delivered to a very high standard. It is great to see so many programs offering diverse opportunities, especially in the inclusion space. Thanks to my Deputy Director for Junior Activities - Rob Campbell for his leadership across the Branch this season and for his support in guiding clubs in relation to developing their programs.

Our youth development portfolio has been led by Eliza Dreves again this season – thank you Eliza for your dedication and hard work. Youth Development Officers across the branch have continued to bring a high level of enthusiasm and willingness to grow the youth membership base across the coast. The Pulse Jnr Program was well attended again this season with our 13–17 year old SRC and BM holders again refining their frontline lifesaving skills to put into practice on patrol.



From scenarios to a resus masterclass this program is exceptional in upskilling these young lifesavers – well done to the coordination team.

Our PULSE program for 18+ was also held again this season with participants from across the Sunshine Coast but also some guest participants who are to run the program in their own branches – great to see Sunshine Coast leading the way and encouraging this approach. This program continues to develop our frontline lifesavers to ensure they are confident in managing emergency responses on patrol. Well done to the coordination team and all the contributors to the program this season!

Camp Commando was again a huge success with over 130 participants and 30+ leaders and coordinators. Highlights included a slime wars, Bonnie Hancock presentation, and Perform 360 challenges. All good fun and making memories for the youth of the organisation. There was also the introduction of ‘mum squad’ this year, a team of four mums who helped the coordinators behind the scenes in looking after participants who needed a little extra care. Thanks so much to the coordination team.

The season capped off with our largest ever Youth Ball – this event has become so popular it was wait-listed this year as we couldn’t fit any more in the venue. Youth Ball is a great way to top off the season and thanks to all involved in this and all our youth and membership development programs! It is also great to see that because of these programs, the Sunshine Coast Branch continues to put forward numerous participants and leaders for state and national development programs – I would encourage all members wanting to develop their leadership skills within surf lifesaving to consider their involvement in one of these initiatives.

Over the past 12 months we have continued with our wonderful relationship with Perform 360. The partnership with this organisation has seen the members of Perform 360 and the Maggs family provide an incredible amount of support to Surf Life Saving on the Sunshine Coast. To date Perform 360 have raised more than \$84,000 for Sunshine Coast Surf Life Saving – this is just incredible!!! This funding has gone directly into gear, equipment and development programs to uplift the capability of our frontline members to better protect our beaches. However, the relationship goes beyond the funding support with the team integrating into a number of our programs with health and well-being activities. It was also with great pleasure that we again awarded this year's Lifesaver's Lifesaver and Leader's Leader awards at Camp Commando in Callum's memory. The funding this team has raised has had such an incredible impact – I say it every year but I can't stress enough that the crew at Perform 360 truly embody our lifesaving values of mateship, teamwork and giving back.

In these volunteer roles, it is critical that we work in partnership with our Branch and SLSQ staff team members – thank you to all of you for your support and assistance. But I have to give a huge shout out to Jess Roberts – it has been an absolute pleasure working with you this past season Jess – your support has been exceptional and you always bring a smile to our faces in how you approach your work. Thanks also to President Tim Ryan and my fellow Directors for your support – I think we can all be proud of what we have achieved together this season!

While we often focus on the development programs and events that happen during the season, the true strength of the Branch is in how we support our clubs – the connections we have with the clubs are invaluable and we need to continue to foster relationships, share successful practices and work together for better outcomes for our volunteers.

**Kirsten Phillips**

Director of Youth and Membership Development  
Surf Life Saving Sunshine Coast



# MEMBER

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# RECOGNITION



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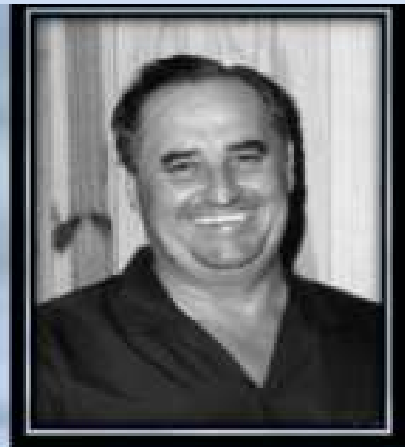
# BUHK WILKES

## MEMORIAL TROPHY

Both Bill Buhk and Fred Wilkes, in whose name the trophy is dedicated to, placed great emphasis on the standard of our grass roots responsibility in all aspects of Surf Lifesaving, not just for a few months of the season, but for the entire patrolling period.

The Buhk Wilkes Memorial Trophy is presented annually to the club that meets the criteria and highest standard of proficiency both on and off the beach, that these men greatly respected and firmly upheld during their time of service.

Buhk Wilkes Surf Life  
Saving Club of the  
Year Results



**First Place** - *Marcoola SLSC*



**Second Place** - *Redcliffe SLSC*



**Third Place**  
*Alexandra Headland SLSC &  
Sunshine Beach SLSC*



# BUHK WILKES

## MEMORIAL TROPHY

PLACING 2023-24	TOTAL	CLUB
1	1584	MARCOOLA
2	1547	REDCLIFFE PENINSULA
3	1540	ALEXANDRA HEADLAND
3	1540	SUNSHINE BEACH
4	1537	COOLUM BEACH
5	1526	KAWANA WATERS
6	1503	MUDJIMBA
7	1500	BRIBIE ISLAND
8	1499	MAROOCHYDORE
9	1493	MET CALOUNDRA
9	1493	NOOSA HEADS
10	1487	MOOLOOLABA
11	1484	RAINBOW BEACH
12	1483	DICKY BEACH
13	1482	PEREGIAN BEACH

# Awards of Excellence Recipients

## ***Member Development Awards***

### **U14 Lifesaver of the Year**

Travis Lovell *Kawana Waters SLSC*

### **Paul Egan U15 Lifesaver of the Year**

Archer Bailey *Noosa Heads SLSC*

### **U18 Lifesaver of the Year**

Cameron Ray *Metropolitan  
Caloundra SLSC*

### **U21 Lifesaver of the Year**

Penelope Earl *Mudjimba SLSC*

### **Junior & Youth Development Club of the Year**

*Mooloolaba SLSC*

## ***Surf Sports Excellence Awards***

### **Junior Athlete of the Year**

Stanley Jarrott *Maroochydore SLSC*

### **Youth Athlete of the Year**

Dylan Wilson *Sunshine Beach SLSC*

### **Athlete of the Year**

Tiarnee Massie *Maroochydore SLSC*

## ***Surf Sports Excellence Awards***

### **Masters Athlete of the Year**

Rodney Taylor *Mooloolaba SLSC*

### **Sports Team of the Year**

Open Womens Taplin Team

Tayla Halliday

Emma Woods

Lani Pallister

*Alexandra Headland SLSC*

### **Official of the Year**

Barry Leek *Noosa Heads SLSC*

### **Volunteer Coach of the Year**

Dave Oliphant *Alexandra Headlands  
SLSC*

### **Professional Coach of the Year**

Jack Hansen *Alexandra Headlands SLSC*

### **Team Manager of the Year**

Craig Law *Sunshine Beach SLSC*

### **Handicap Champion Club of the Year**

*Noosa Heads SLSC*

### **Champion Club of the Year**

*Alexandra Headland SLSC*



# Awards of Excellence Recipients

## *Lifesaving Excellence Awards*

### **Operations Support Person of the Year**

Lex Helibron *Alexandra Headland SLSC*

### **Trainer of the Year**

Guy Tanner *Mudjimba SLSC*

### **Assessor of the Year**

Dana Craven *Alexandra Headland SLSC*

### **Club Captain of the Year**

Damon Faint *Peregian Beach SLSC*

### **Surf Lifesaver of the Year**

Cherisse Breese *Alexandra Headland SLSC*

## *Major Awards*

### **Volunteer of the Year**

Zoe Naylor *Mudjimba SLSC*

### **Club of the Year**

*Alexandra Headland SLSC*

### **Clive Hammond OAM Medal**

Kirsten Phillips *Metropolitan Caloundra SLSC*





# Club Presidents

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## Reports



# Shane Handy



This year, we are proud to report that there were no fatalities between our flags, despite over 55,000 visitors to our beach. This is a remarkable achievement for a club with just 83 active lifesavers.

Our club thrives thanks to the unwavering support of our sponsors. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to them for their invaluable contributions. The Supporter's Club has once again played a crucial role, providing significant funding to our Surf Life Saving Club, enabling us to continue our vital services. We deeply appreciate the efforts of the Supporters Club, General Manager Raelene, her staff, John, and the committee.

We also received vital support from Surf Life Saving Australia, Surf Life Saving Queensland, the Queensland Government, and the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services. Their major funding, along with the assistance of our many individual supporters, is invaluable.

The dedication of our active members is greatly appreciated by myself, the club, and the committee.

A special shout out goes to our number one patrol team for achieving a perfect score of 100% in their Buhk Wilkes inspection—an incredible accomplishment. The dedication and countless hours on patrol of all our teams ensure public safety and reflect the core mission of our club. Be proud of your efforts, I certainly am.

Many thanks to Justin Schooth, our Chief Training Officer, for his tireless work in upskilling our members, training new lifesavers, and facilitating emergency care awards throughout the season. His energy and enthusiasm for this integral role is simply next level.

And a big thanks to our Club Captain, Mitch King, for his leadership in organising patrol teams and covering gaps when needed. His efforts also led to nine members completing the Jet Ski course, preparing us to utilize the RWC in the coming season. Cheers to Mitch for another great year ahead.

I also extend my gratitude to our committee for their dedication and contributions. Even during the off-season, they are hard at work preparing, analysing, planning, and ensuring we are ready to save lives.

One area of focus for the coming season is updating our constitution to align with modern governance standards and streamline our operations for the future.

In conclusion, our club's success is due to the collective efforts of all our members. I am truly grateful for your teamwork and dedication.

See you all on the beach next season.

**Shane Handy**

President - Rainbow Beach SLSC



# Ross Fisher



In its 96th year of surf lifesaving by the Noosa Heads SLSC, the proud record of no lives lost between the flags at Noosa Main Beach remained intact and I congratulate the members who contributed to ensure this critical and outstanding record remained. This wonderful result and achievement for our core business of lifesaving, commends our PC's and patrolling members who contribute to the Clubs 15 patrol teams.

Club Captain Roger Aspinall again praised their efforts on many occasions and reflected on the wonderful training provided by all our trainers across all areas of skills and awards under CTO Paul Jenkinson. Roger also enjoyed a very successful year and was well supported by his Lifesaving Committee. He held very successful PC and VPC meetings, including a new Leadership Course initiative that were well attended.

On behalf of the Board, I also acknowledge and offer my congratulations to all families and friends for supporting our patrolling members and allowing them to carry out their vitally important lifesaving duties throughout the year. A number of our lifesavers go above their patrolling commitments and also volunteer for SLSQ Wave runner duties as well as some form part of the Club's Emergency Response Group [ERG] who are available 24/7 to be called out for various emergencies that are controlled by the Police.

JAC enjoyed another excellent year with Director Shaun Baker and his committee running another terrific program with some 650 Nipper members signed up. He was strongly supported by his committee who worked very well and was supported by JAC administration assistant, Sheridan.

As part of the strategic plan, this year, the Surf Sports and JAC Coaching has been reviewed to provide better integration and coaching programs from Nippers through to Masters. This plan will be important to set the path for our athletes of the future.

The Seahorse Nipper program is also run under the JAC umbrella and this year, another two four-week programs, plus a Xmas special, was able to be delivered successfully, after a continued process of administration reviewing new requirements.

After the annual selection process to choose the Nipper Captains, I was invited to announce the new Captains and Vice Captains for 2023/24 and one of their first duties was to march with me and lay a wreath on Anzac Day and what a fantastic job they did representing the Club and I sincerely thank them.

To present two deserving and valuable patrolling members with a Presidents Medal was another highlight for myself this year as they highlighted some of our outstanding members. The first was to Jo Power for her outstanding contribution over many years to both the Seahorse Nipper Program along with fundraising work for the Club and the Community. The second Presidents Medal was to Joey Glassock for his outstanding efforts to the Club during the year. These included supporting the Club Captain when required, Waverunner and Club Jetski operator and being a leader at Youth Camps. He also achieved 111 hours of patrolling and support during the year.

Surf Education has continued to grow, and the program run by Sacha Tapara-Beatson, now includes 31 schools Toowoomba to Gympie and in excess of 2500 students. This program forms part of the Clubs commitment to the community and hopefully entices many attendees to join a surf club and patrol a beach in either Noosa or another community. Many of the trainers have been assisting Surf Education for some years and provide the valuable support to this excellent program.

In addition, a program to educate local swimming groups was implemented and two sessions were held during the year where information and advice on CPR, spinal injuries, 1st aid and surf conditions was relayed, followed by morning tea. Council Lifeguards also attended to pass on their views and experiences.

As we move closer to 100 years in 2028, the new Training Centre facility was completed in May thus providing the Club with an up to date, modern centre for training, functions, meetings, and numerous additional activities that provides members with enormous benefits for future years. The project was managed by Club General Manager Byron Mills and the majority building works completed by our Maintenance Manager Peter Gray. A lift is installed and access to the property is via an electric security gate. It was officially opened by SLSA President John Baker AM ESM on the 21st June this year and was joined by numerous local VIP's and all Emergency Services representatives.

Planning for the replacement of the old section of the building in time for the Clubs 100th birthday in 2028 as endorsed by the members, is very well advanced by the Building Planning Working Group. A Project Manager was contracted to carry out a comprehensive building dilapidation report that included Fire, Hydraulics, Electrical, Waste Management, Engineering, Geotech and Access. When completed it was provided to an architect, contracted to produce an architect's brief to cover all the requirements identified by the Club Committees and the numerous reports. This proposed building replacement will provide club members with both a level on top for their use and some 20 additional carparks under the building. As the Club continues to grow, the administration and the support required for all areas increases proportionally.

General Manager Byron Mills, and Club Administrator and Office Manager Tanya Duncan, continue to ensure that the office functions smoothly and the Club operates at a very high level of vitally important governance, in accordance with the Strategic Plan, Constitution and SLSQ.

I thank the Board Members for ensuring their sections ran smoothly and for their support provided to myself once again this year. I note that four of the Board members, including Rob Harney, Roger Aspinall, Barry Leek, and Brett Leckie, have been on the Board along with myself for eight years, thus providing stability, consolidation, continuity, experience and knowledge, to ensure the continued success of the Club. The Director of Surf Sports Alan Rogers tendered his resignation after three years and Director of JA Shaun Baker, will be stepping down after a very successful 3 years heading a very large JAC Program of 650 nippers.

I also acknowledge the support received from our governing bodies being both Surf Life Saving Queensland and Sunshine Coast Branch. Our relationship continues to be a very strong, stable and has been one built over many years on trust and communication between us. Noosa Shire Council under Mayor Clare Stewart, continued to communicate openly and supported any initiatives we had at both the Club and Noosa Beach and subsequently, worked constructively to assist us, and we thanked them for this mutually beneficial co-operation. New Mayor Frank Wilkie [March 2024] has committed to continue Councils support to lifesaving.

Yours in Lifesaving

**Ross Fisher**

Club President and Life Governor - Noosa Heads SLSC



# John Gooderham



We are pleased to present the annual report for Sunshine Beach Surf Lifesaving Club for the year 2023/2024 season. This report encapsulates our achievements, challenges, and the dedication of our members in fulfilling our mission of ensuring safety and promoting beach culture in our community.

As the season drew to a close on the 6th of May we were again able to celebrate the commitment and skills of our patrolling members who have delivered another successful season with zero fatalities between the flags. Under the guidance of Club Captain, John Reeves, and all the PC's we continue to provide a safe environment for locals and visitors alike who come to enjoy our beach. Again, this season our patrolling members have excelled and performed some challenging rescues. Of note Pia & Zach Heffernan (U14 SRC) were involved in separate, but exceptional ocean and cave rescues that required skill and knowledge to avoid an unpleasant outcome. An amazing effort from our younger members.

Our patrolling numbers have continued to grow with the support of our CTO, George Springall and his team of trainers overseeing the bronze medallion courses and John is anticipating the addition of a new patrol in the coming season which will help to dilute the patrolling load across all members.

Thank you to everyone for the many hours given to patrolling the flags over the season. This team effort spread across the twelve patrols creating lasting friendships and providing valuable support to the wider community as we maintain a safe environment on the beach.



John has raised the bar in his four years as Club Captain and sadly steps down at the end of this season. Always jumping in to support a depleted patrol, John has demonstrated total commitment to our club and is highly respected both around the club and at Branch - Thank you John for everything, we will miss your contribution to the club and the Board.

2024 marked the 30th anniversary for Nippers at the club which was celebrated in February with many of the original JAC committee present. Hilary Harding who holds the honour of the first JAC at the club was joined by many families from the early years as we celebrated the event with speeches made by former JAC's covering all the years.

We learned how in the early years our beach was deemed too dangerous for Nippers and how the club struggled to get approval from Branch and SLSQ to allow the development of the program. Eventually in 1994 this was achieved with 47 Nippers enrolled. Over the years the Nippers program has provided a pathway to feed our club with younger members and their parents enabling the continued growth in our patrolling members to provide the support to our core business between the flags. The board would like to thank the current JAC chair, Nicole White & Tony Frost for their help organising the wonderful day.

This year our Nippers program exceeded 250 members and Nicole and her committee are anticipating continued growth moving forwards. With the expanding Nipper program, we are now seeing some large age groups coming up through the age groups and anticipate delivering 30 new SRC members into patrols in 2024/25 which will soon become the norm.

Brigid Duncanson as Director of Surf Sports and supported by a strong committee have overseen the continued development of the Surf Sports program.

Wes and Jade Berg supported by Pauline Gleeson - beach coach, have built upon the achievements of the 2023 season and delivered another fantastic season across all ages. This year has seen the Surf Sports program expand with a large cohort of 103 members which has doubled over the last two years.

The Surf Sports program has excelled not only at regional competitions but also at the national level, with several athletes across all ages securing podium finishes and earning recognition as top performers in their respective disciplines. It was a joy to see that the Masters made sure their presence in the club was felt with some excellent results at Aussies!!

In the Nutri-grain Series, we were represented by Electra Outram (4th overall) and Gemma Welch-Smith (21st overall). We congratulate them on their success in the Nutri-grain Series. Their presence at the club and at training is a huge stimulus for the whole surf sports cohort who respect and thrive in the opportunity to train alongside some of the best in the country.

The continued development of the skills for life program for the U8-U10 age group will provide strength in numbers within the club as we move forwards with parents encouraged to participate setting them on a pathway to bronze medallion. Congratulations to Wes, Jade, Pauline, and Sarah on a magnificent surf sports season. Besides the amazing results, it has been wonderful hearing the commentary at carnivals constantly referring to the success of Sunshine Beach.

Tara Lees leading the Youth & Cadets as Director, has had another fantastic year with record numbers attending the Pulse Junior program, Camp Commando, and the Youth Ball. This reflects Tara's energy and commitment to motivate and retain our younger members. We remain focused on encouraging the development of our youth members and will look for new initiatives as the larger age groups coming up through the club begin to flow into this cohort.

As Tara steps away from the role this year we thank her for developing the Youth and Cadet program over a three year period.

Both the Life Saving and Supporters Clubs established sub committees to oversee the revision of their respective Constitutions over the last 12 months. The time offered by all members who joined the sub committees and from general members who contributed to the dialogue is very much appreciated by all.

Through the continued relationship held with our sponsors we remain truly grateful for the support given to the club. Again, this year, our three gold sponsors are the Norris Motor Group, Noosa Springs Golf Resort and Heads of Noosa who are in good company with 31 additional sponsors all providing the much-needed support to help us maintain our presence on the beach. We would also like to acknowledge the exceptionally generous support again from the Norris Group who have donated a new SSV vehicle for use on the beach patrols along with a new sports trailer.

The Supporter's Club has had another successful year guided by our General Manager, Julie Strudwick, and her support team. Despite the economic uncertainties presented through 2023, the trading performance has been very strong with excellent profits shown again. As a club we are now in a very strong position because of the excellent accounts delivered since the opening of the new building in 2020, which has enabled the club to pay down the building loan in an amazing four-year period. This is a stunning outcome which is highly commendable, and I thank and congratulate all who have been involved on this journey.

Michelle Burnett along with Carmel Foot and Deb Court as bookkeepers, have provided extensive support to the Board and the wider membership over the last year. Their knowledge and understanding are exceptional, and we are truly grateful to have them at the club as part of the Sunshine team. Thank you.

Both the Life Saving Board and Supporters Board are made up of a strong and balanced team that offer a mix of lifesaving and professional experience. We are extremely appreciative of the commitment given by all Board members to attend a multitude of meetings over the year that enable our club to continue to grow and move forwards positively. The collective energy of all has helped to provide a financially stable platform thanks to the prudent financial management that has been followed. We will continue to invest in essential resources, equipment, building upgrades and maintenance to enhance the capabilities of our club.

Looking ahead, Sunshine Beach Surf Lifesaving Club is committed to building on the achievements of the past year and overcoming challenges to further our mission. We will continue to prioritize education, training, community engagement and strengthen partnerships with local organisations and authorities to promote beach safety and environmental stewardship.

On a final note, the Board acknowledges the departure this year of Yvette McKinley as Director of Administration. Yvette has been on the board for seven seasons holding different roles and provides a broad and knowledgeable contribution to all aspects of the decision making. Thank you, Yvette, for the time and commitment given to the club over such a lengthy period. You will be missed by all on the Board. The new season will come around quickly... Enjoy the break in the off season!

Kind Regards,

**Johnny Gooderham & Gabrielle Collins**

President & Vice President - Sunshine Beach SLSC



# John Roderick



Two years ago our club was re-established and registered with Queensland Office of Fair Trading and affiliated with Sunshine Coast Branch SLS, Queensland SLS and Australia SLS as its own legal entity of a surf life saving club. I acknowledge the significant contribution that the Noosa Heads SLSC gave for several seasons and the efforts of the working group in planning for the club to be able to relaunch and have the foundation to have a long term future.

The initial plan for the last two seasons has been simple basics. Focus on patrolling the beach well, have a good nipper program and be financially prudent which we have continued to achieve. Maintaining these three points will always be important governance issues for the future.

We now are aiming to build on this success through increasing our membership and improving the club facility. We have started a plan to increase membership for the whole club, from juniors, associate members and active patrolling members from the local community. On the club facility a master plan has been created . The improvements will enhance the existing building through staged works. In July we are planning to renovate the upstairs kitchen to improve income from venue hire and for our members to enjoy at social events for the lifesaving club.

Thanks to all the members of the lifesaving Board who as volunteers have given of their time in the belief that a lifesaving service at Peregian Beach is important. To all the members of the supporters committee, your management of the markets and events throughout the year is the financial backbone of the club, thank you.

I look forward to seeing the club continue its improvement in the upcoming seasons. Yours in Lifesaving

**John Roderick**

President - Peregian Beach SLSC

# Ernie Burrows



Season 2023/2024 has been action on all fronts, on the beach patrolling, in the training rooms, nippers, surf sports, IRB racing, surf boats and staff administration. To finish the year off we had our State Titles and the Australians Championships. Can I urge you to read each sections reports as they have had success in all areas of their section and have achieved great results.

The Management Committee has also been caught up in the hectic pace with our focus on the review of our Constitution and By-Laws (thanks to the sub-committee). The updates were triggered by a strong recommendation from SLSQ to be compliant. The Supporters Club have started updating their Constitution as well. Moving forward both clubs will have an up-to-date constitution and By-Laws that supports both club's business and members.

I believe that the first object in the new draft Constitution highlights why we exist. Our first object is as follows: The Object of the Association is to participate as a member of Surf Life Saving Queensland (SLSQ) and Surf Life Saving Australia Limited (SLSA) through and by which surf lifesaving and the protection and preservation of life in the aquatic environment can be conducted, encouraged, promoted, advanced and administered - Patrolled beaches save lives.

All sections are reviewing club policies, hopefully, to be completed early in season 2024/25. The Building Committee have had several wins, one at our second property with the road work under way and the shed area will soon be compliant as required by Sunshine Coast Council. The other is the renovations to the clubhouse affecting the Supporter's Club area has been given the go-ahead with some minor requirements from the Council. Fingers crossed the renovations will start early next year.

This year I took the time to visit all the sections at training and carnivals and was encouraged to see the commitment and enthusiasm of all members within the sections.

The CTO section has been strengthened by the inclusion of a part time staff member. This has relieved some of the workload placed on the CTO. Training sessions and new members obtaining awards have increased. The commitment and enthusiasm of the new members highlights the willingness to be involved.

The Nippers have a new committee with several members moving on from last season. This has led to a new direction and a new look at the way nippers and their parents do things. Very positive.

Surf Sports once again are the high achievers in the State Titles and Aussies. Fingers crossed for the success of the IRB racing team during their racing season. Go the red caps.

So, as you can see this season has slipped away, but can I say the future looks great both in patrolling numbers and finance.

I can't sign off without giving a special thanks to all our volunteers who have kept the beach safe and our support staff led by our Admin Manager Carla.

See you on the beach.

### **Ernie Burrows**

Honorary President - Coolum Beach SLSC



# Peter Hourn



I can't believe that another season has passed us by; a season that was challenging to say the least. Nor can I remember a year where the weather and surf conditions have been as messy as they have been this year. It is a tribute to the dedication of you, our volunteers, that Patrols have been maintained and most importantly, there was once again no preventable deaths on our patrolled beach. The dangers of our beach were bought home once again with the death of a swimmer south of the flagged area at Discovery Beach, with members of our Club involved in trying to resuscitate the swimmer.

We had a number of rescues during our patrols which were all carried out professionally and with successful outcomes each time. Jordan Elliott also received a Lifesaving Excellence award for a rescue performed outside patrolling hours.

Despite the conditions, we saw an increase in the number of visitors to our patrolled area with statistics as follows:

- Beach visitations: 57,000
- Surf Rescues: 29
- First Aid Treatments: 33
- Preventative Actions: 755
- Hours Patrolled: 7,811

As with all things, the weather and conditions were not the only challenges that the Club faced this year. It was with trepidation that patrols were reduced to 11 from 12 but thanks to the efforts of members who were prepared to put their hand up and do extra, the impact was minimal so thank you very much to those members; your efforts are greatly appreciated.

As always, there is a lot of hard work that goes on behind the scenes so that the Club runs efficiently and as smoothly as possible.



To this end, Geoff Jeffcoat has put in a remarkable amount of time and effort, for which I would like to thank Geoff; your efforts are greatly appreciated. Thank you to Tony Wickham and Jim Mulheran, who have ensured that during the season all of our gear and equipment is in good repair and ready for patrols on the weekend.

To Jill Hamilton and her team of trainers and assessors, without your efforts the Club could not function as it does. The number of hours that members of the Club put into training is enormous and is vital in maintaining our standards and strong focus on Lifesaving Services.

Our Nippers had a successful if somewhat disrupted season due to conditions, with numbers remaining strong. Thank you to Andy Cullity and his team for delivering a successful program under challenging conditions. Once again there is a lot of work behind the scenes and on a Sunday morning to deliver this program. It is one of my favourite sights to see, the sea of pink on a Sunday morning and just as importantly, the mass of orange to provide water safety.

While our competitors are not great in numbers, they certainly did us proud with their efforts this season. I'll leave it up to Jim to give details, but it was great to see our colours at State and National Championships as well at the Coolangatta Gold again this year.

For a small Club with only 2 boat crews we certainly punched above our weight. I'm sure we all went on the ride with our Under 19 crew and I can't tell you how proud we are of your efforts during the year. I'll leave it to Travis to fill in the details but well done to all and thanks Travis for the work you put in as Surfboat Officer and Steve DeLaurence, who has nurtured and built the boat section to what it is today, as well as sweeping both crews.

At the Branch Dinner last year we saw a number of members winning awards. Ben Allsopp: Trainer of the Year, Richard Phillips: Lifesaver of the Year and Geoff Jeffcoat: The Clive Hammond Medal. Well done to these members and on top of this, we achieved 2nd place in the Buhk Wilks for Lifesaving Excellence so congratulations to all on another great result!

On an exciting note, we have finally been given the green light from Council for the Masterplan to redevelop the Club. This has been a long and frustrating process, having been in the pipeline for over 5 years, but we now have certainty, and the truly hard work begins. Thanks to all those who have been involved, it certainly has been a journey.

I'd like to thank the Surf Life Saving Board for their time and guidance of the Club during the year. It is your efforts that keep the Club on track, and we can all be very proud of the sound position that we find ourselves in especially with the redevelopment on the horizon.

To the Supporters Club Board led by Craig Hunter-Smith, thank you for the record contribution to Surf which has certainly bolstered the bottom line and put our club in a very strong position financially.

To all our sponsors big and small, thank you for your contributions to our Club which assist greatly with maintenance and purchasing of gear and equipment so vital to maintaining our services on the beach. A special thanks to our major sponsors: Austraffic, Belle Property, Bendigo Bank, MP Fiona Simpson and Paddy Walsh Painting. A special thank you to the Isaac's Family whose generous donation has allowed us to upgrade a lot of gear and equipment this year.

There were changes to the Administration Team in the office, with Roz Denny taking over the reigns as Lifesaving Administrator. All I can say is that Roz has been a revelation with her ability to learn and deal with matters efficiently and with no fuss. Thank you for your time, good humour and most of all keeping everything running smoothly. If you haven't met Roz yet, drop into the office and say hello. I know she wants to meet all of our members to put a face to names.

To Lyn and Amanda, who have given up their time to show Roz the ropes, thank you very much; it is always nice to know when someone is taught by the best. Thanks also to Fatima who joined the team and assisted with Nippers until she fell pregnant and retired again. A special thanks also to Jill who stepped in last year and kept the office functioning, as well as maintaining her work with training. To Andy Daly, who has completed his first year as the General Manager, it has been a pleasure to work with a true professional and what you have achieved in the year has been outstanding. For someone who came to the role with very little Surf Lifesaving background, you have hardly missed a beat and the results from the Supporters Club are exceptional. I look forward to seeing you around the Club for years to come.

It is with a tinge of sadness that I end this report, as I will be stepping down at the upcoming AGM, and I thank each and every one of you for your support during my time as President. I would especially like to thank my wife Lyn, who has supported me and put up with the countless meetings that I attend. I leave with confidence knowing that the Club will be in good hands and wish Ben Allsopp all the best in the role of President.

**Peter Hourn**

President - Marcoola SLSC



# Phil Daniels



Another season done, an eventful but successful season for our Club once again. I have to thank our 521 total membership, 129 active members and over 200 nippers, for all they have contributed to the Club and the larger community this season. It hasn't always been easy and we have had some unusual incidents that have required some out of the ordinary actions. We have achieved a lot and we need to reflect and take stock.

Our primary goal is “zero preventable deaths at our beach”. This is written slightly differently depending on where you read it, from our beach to between the flags and in Queensland public waterways. But the goal is the same regardless and while I believe we achieved that again this season we have to acknowledge that sadly, one person did lose their life in proximity to Mudjimba Surf Lifesaving Club, during our patrol hours. Our crew performed to the highest level, as all of our crews do in the incidents we attend while on patrol. I thank them for it. This season the Club received a few thank you emails from families we have assisted both on the beach and in the community and I know we all deserve many more.

Some of statistics for you:

- We had over 50,000 visitors to the beach with 33,000 beachgoers. That's 256 people to every patrolling member.
- We conducted 14 rescues and 172 first aid treatments – the pointy end.
- 1,512 swimmers were advised – this number is important\*
- 618 rips observed.
- 77 patrolling days, 154 patrols conducted.
- At least 2 land searches conducted.

While 14 rescues is 14 people back to family and friends, 1,512 swimmers were advised – before a rescue was necessary. This is important because it hides what I call the “near miss incident”. By that I mean, most people have no idea how close to a serious incident they actually were. Fair enough, not all people advised were close to a serious incident. So if we cut that number in half, just to be brutal: That's 756 people potentially close to being involved in a serious incident. Being brutal again, if even half of that number became an incident, suddenly our rescues have jumped up from 14 to around 380! The general advice is that a drowning can occur much faster than people actually think. So just how close were some of those people, really?

Our Club has continued to engage with some of our local community groups such as the North Shore Lions, Mudjimba RSL and of course our major sponsor, Joanne Reilly Property who has provided wonderful support. Financially, the Club is in a positive position and we are seeing the benefits of being one of SLSQ's priority listed clubs. Added to that, we have benefited from SLSQ's facilities funding program and assistance packages aimed at curbing the effects on our members from the increasing Work Cover insurance premiums to all clubs. This means our membership fees can remain static for at least the short term, while a better arrangement can be negotiated.

Other clubs on the Sunshine Coast have also assisted. We have received \$4,500 from Alexandra Headland SLSC and \$9,000 from Noosa SLSC. This is of huge benefit to us and I am grateful for their support, please join me in thanking them when you get the chance. Throughout the season we have secured nearly \$100,000 in grants for various items such as the vehicle, SSV, RWC, our youth and nippers, training and lifesaving equipment and building works. This effort came largely off the back of, but not exclusively Tim Young and Harry Crosthwaite who both worked very hard to secure funding and negotiate with various agencies to get the best products and deals for us all. Thank you. We have some further plans to upgrade the Club in general.

The scope of which is largely dependent on the third round of facilities funding from SLSQ (yet to be announced, at the time of writing). That will determine the level of works involved. Early planning has the kiosk area being improved and some renovations to the first aid room and lifesaving office at the northern end of the building.

The second half of this year will see the executive committee review the Strategic Plan to project it forward and set our goals for the near future. We have some planning for the Club's processes and procedures as well, in an effort to further clarify them and bring them in line with the evolving environment that governs us. We strive to recruit and retain our members to further assist with our core activity of patrolling, it's worth noting that most clubs in Queensland have experienced some level of difficulty with membership and SLSQ has promoted some programs to assist clubs like ours in that area. I hope that we can take advantage of that assistance this season. We are increasing our surf sports equipment available to members to further engage with those looking to improve their ocean skills.

Training continues, both in theory and the practical application of our skills. The application of which has been displayed in our actions as mentioned previously when I discussed our responses to incidents.

This has been my first season as president and one of the most enjoyable parts for me was engaging with our members. I am still getting to know many of you but I am so impressed with the huge range of skills and backgrounds that we have among our membership. Our common thread is we all love the beach. Why else would we want to spend so much time there? Some of us like the idea of community service and others like the practical aspect, but it's all on the sand and in the water when you get right down to it. There are a lot of us that want to progress in surf lifesaving and there are many avenues to do that in this organisation. As a club, I think we are progressing well.

We are doing more than surviving, by a long way and that is a true statement of your commitment to our goals. I ask you now to continue that effort for the next season and seasons beyond.

Finally I'd like to thank you all again for the efforts over the past season. The statistics don't lie but they also sell the story short. We are all volunteers and it takes a special person to give up that amount of time in the service of others. It is a big deal. Thank you to our sponsors and patrons for supporting our Club. I am a very proud member of Mudjimba Surf Lifesaving Club.

**Phil Daniels**

President - Mudjimba SLSC



# Robert Elford



My report this year will begin with the proud claim that for the 108th season there have been no lives lost between the flags on Maroochydore beach. An opening statement that I hope every future report can be proud to claim. Our core business is and will always be Lifesaving, safeguarding the community and visitors to our beach.

Our great club's foundations were put in place and although the world has changed (dramatically), I still believe that the core of what we do and who we are when we make the choice to serve others, which shows the humanity in us all. The skills we teach our members have far-reaching benefits, aiding people in many different and sometimes life-threatening situations not limited to the beach.

I think that sometimes the gravity of the actions taken to save, rescue and prevent a loss of life are not truly appreciated because that is just what is done by Lifesavers. The contribution that has been made to countless lives that have been saved through the actions of our members is a credit to their training and their sense of community. Every member should be proud of their contribution to the Club and that their efforts have meant that someone is enjoying sitting at home with their families and loved ones because they were saved by a Lifesaver who was trained and supported by an army of like-minded Club members.

It is no easy task to manage the Lifesaving section of a huge club with over 300 active members, to train, roster and ensure every patrol meets our patrol obligations. To Drew Moles (Director of Lifesaving), every Patrol Captain and indeed every patrolling member, you have our gratitude.

Our Trainers led by our CTO Michelle Burnett who has once again this season trained so many future Lifesavers; thank you.



We do not continue to exist if we do not have new members gaining their Bronze Medallions, Surf Rescue Certificates, First Aid and Radio awards, IRB qualifications, Water Safety and the many other awards that are necessary to keep our community safe. This season, over 300 Active members took part in patrolling our beach and safeguarded more than 90,000 visitors on our beach.

Our Junior Activities numbers remain strong with over 300 young souls beginning their journey in Lifesaving and hopefully our great club. To see so many of the youth that I was lucky enough to know and watch grow into adulthood return to the Club with their children is heart-warming to say the least. The decision by every parent who enrolls their child in a Lifesaving Club is one that they will thank you for when they are old enough to appreciate what they have gained and the life skills they have been taught.

Every Sunday throughout the season, you cannot be unmoved. Watching the next generations going through their paces, beginning a journey for some that will be the making of lifelong friends and being part of one of the most iconic Surf Clubs in history.

Our Nipper program does and cannot exist but for the efforts of so many dedicated volunteers. Our history of being a Surf Sports icon remains well intact with so many of our members excelling in the Surf Sports and other arenas.

Running two successful Club carnivals the Century 21 on Duporth Junior Carnival and the Murphy Homes Maroochy Classic, which is now part of the Summer of Surf Series. As a Club we continue to run and impress all those who attend our carnivals; but they only see the finished product. The countless hours of administration and organisation that is required pre and post event is a credit to all involved. The support of our valued sponsors in Surf Sport and Lifesaving makes it possible for the Club to ensure we have the resources to carry out our core business and remain an icon in the sports arena.

With Aussies back on our own beach this season, we showed the rest of Australia and the world that we are a power in Surf Sports that keeps on improving and astounding those clubs that chose a different path to gain success. I believe our success comes from our depth and that so many of our great athletes can claim with pride that they have been members at Maroochydore since they began their Lifesaving journeys, many since Green Caps. Belonging to a Club that has stood the test of time, that is recognised worldwide and whose history, as is its future, are determined by the contributions of so many who chose to be part of a family, a Club and community.

Our Youth at Aussies were unofficially 1st by a considerable margin and the Seniors 3rd overall. An amazing effort and credit to our coaching staff led by Nathan Greig (Bugsy). The most gratifying aspect with our results was that they were achieved in every arena with all contributing to the result.

The Clubs efforts in running the Aussies was much appreciated and acknowledged by SLSA President John Baker and the Organising Committee who once again were impressed with the Club's ability to host with the other Clubs a successful event. With approximately 8,300 entries it is agreed that it was the largest Aussies in history.

The Supporters' Club continues to trade well setting, new benchmarks and increasing its financial support to the Active Club. Our Supporters' Club Manager Tim Wagner has shown himself to be an asset, with himself and his team continuing to improve their performance and value to the Club. Our ageing building is being nursed toward our proposed rebuild and all credit to Tim and the Supporters Board for their efforts in maintaining such high standards in service and ongoing maintenance.

Our new Club journey is progressing well with most key requirements being ticked off on the way to approvals being granted. I can't speak highly enough of Laurie Murphy (Chair of the Building and Works Committee) and the time and guidance he has bought to the project.

There are so many individuals involved in all aspects of our new build, but it would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the input of Dale Massie, Clint Irwin, and Mal Pratt in the planning stage of our journey. The planning, fundraising and relocation during the rebuild are massive undertakings which we will all need to be part of the many groups that are working through these aspects of the rebuild.

Kim Musgrove has once again been our grants guru, sourcing over \$175,000 in vital funds that have been used to improve our equipment and facilities. Well done Kim; don't ever leave. Our administration staff have again been the fabric that holds the Club together, their countless hours over and above their paid roles which are unseen by most, ensures that the Club continues to adhere to all administration guidelines and requirements for the Club to exist. We are fortunate that our staff are not only employees but volunteers who are vested in the Club through their families and friends. I am deeply appreciative of the commitment of the Board of Management and the Supporters' Committee without whose guidance and input the Club would not continue to be a force in lifesaving, sport and business.

Volunteering your time and energy to be a productive and caring member of Lifesaving and our Club family is inherent in everyone that chooses to wear a patrol cap, volunteers and chooses to give back to our community by safeguarding those who visit our beach. Not every member patrols the beach, but their contribution is still essential to the overall operation and existence of our Great Club.

**Robert Elford**

President - Maroochydore SLSC

# Sam Archer



And so it is, we celebrate 100 years. It truly is a momentous milestone, one that is almost hard to fathom.

To gain some perspective, I found myself researching what was happening in the world back in 1924 when our Club was first formed. During this period, our population in Australia was one fifth of what it is today, and we were still emerging from the horror and huge loss of life from the First World War. Astonishingly, more than seven percent of our population served, with two-thirds of them wounded or killed. Following the war, we were then confronted with the Spanish Flu pandemic that claimed a further 15,000 Australian lives. This was certainly tough times, and yet this period in the 1920s was known as the Roaring Twenties – a time of hope. There was a profound belief that a brighter future lay ahead, and this belief paved the way for positive change in many areas of society, such as women’s freedoms, technology, arts, and culture.

Specifically, the year 1924 marked the year when the first ever crossword puzzle was published by Simon & Schuster and when the first Winter Olympics was held in Chamonix, France. It was also, of course, the year that a group of young men from Woombye, who had one year earlier joined the Mooloolaba Life Saving Club to obtain their lifesaving qualifications, left to start the Alex Surf Club. They had realised the importance of protecting beachgoers at Alexandra Headland – a beach that, until that point of time, remained unpatrolled. That was the 24th of July 1924. Our Club was founded with 32 members, most of whom were lifesavers, and our first clubhouse, built later that same year, was a modest 5m x 2.5m shed.

My, how both the world and our Alex Surf Club has changed since then. Today our clubhouse is sizeable enough, and of course we boast a membership base of more than 1,800 members, with over 550 active lifesavers and more than 540 nippers. Our Supporters Club membership base is more than 35,000 which is testament to our past and present employees.

We have also enjoyed a great deal of success in the competitive surf lifesaving arena. Our Club is home to many past and current State and Australian champions, such as well-known Sport Australia Hall of Fame Inductees Hayden Kenny, Kristy Munroe and Grant Kenny who all deserve special mention. All three were outstanding competitors who were born and bred Alex Surf Club members – and we have so many more up and comers rising through the ranks which promise exciting times ahead for our Club now and for the next 100 years, I am sure.

We have achieved so many things at our Club, and that goes beyond competitions. Indeed, one of our greatest honours is protecting beachgoers on our stretch of sand for 100 years. Yes, so much has been achieved but there are so many more things we aspire to be and are yet to fulfil. Without a doubt however, what I believe is our greatest achievement is the community we have nurtured. That is what this Club is really about – community. Indeed, the word ‘Club’ is a descriptor that has never sat well with me. We are so much more than that. We are a community and a very special one at that. For me personally, it even goes further than that. I consider this community, this group of people, part of my extended family. I love them and am so proud to have served.

### **Sam Archer**

Honorary President - Alexandra Headland SLSC



# Matthew Horder



What can I say, another great season at Mooloolaba Surf Life Saving Club. We have achieved so much again not only for our members but for the wider community. Up front, can I say thank you to all of you who keeps our beach safe and make our club great. Our club's leadership and community-minded focus have fostered an improved culture, which was clearly evident by the remarkable turnout at our annual dinner, where 300 members joined in celebration.

This strong participation reflects the vibrant, inclusive, and engaged member base, demonstrating the positive impact of our collective efforts and dedication to life saving and the community. The season started with some terrific acknowledgement of several of our members.

John (Joe) Western received his 60 year long service award – an incredible achievement. At the annual branch awards three of our members received acknowledgement – Rod Taylor for Sunshine Coast Masters Athlete of the Year, Charli Jones for Sunshine Coast U21 Youth Lifesaver of the Year and John Lowe for Sunshine Coast Club Captain of the Year. John Lowe also was elected as Director of Life Saving and Sunshine Coast Branch.

Further, we had the following members also representing the Club within SLSQ, Mark Weyer (recently resigned after 6 years), Steve Barclay and Manuel Barth on the SLSQ Board, and Courtney Angel on the membership services committee. Thank you all for going above and beyond representing the Club at higher levels.

We can be proud to say that this season has been another of action, with a focus on giving back to our broad membership. I hope you continue to notice some positive changes throughout the club, here are a few of our achievements:

- Our coaching team once again has training sessions incredibly well attended and available to all members. This includes our volunteer coaches who provide many hours giving back to the club.
- Our first athlete in many years qualifying and competing in the Nutri-grain Iron Series – well done Dom Stitt and the team behind you.
- Our youth social calendar, led by Charli Jones, has engaged our younger demographic culminating in 40 youngsters attending the Branch Youth Ball.
- Our financial management continues to improve finding a responsible balance between giving back to members and saving for the future. Our strong balance sheet with over \$2.6million provides a healthy future for us all.
- A successful Supporters Club who have been able to continue to provide the financial stability for our Club – thank you.
- Our relationships with sponsors and partners have been strengthened and are enduring including several new sponsors to the club.
- The media representation across all outlets has been very strong, there would barely a week go by when Mooloolaba SLSC is not featured in some form of media.
- The second SRC Camp was facilitated for the U/14 and was a wonderful success! In September 2024 we will take the camp to Tallebudgera for the first time.
- Successfully co-hosted the Australian Surf Life Saving Titles, one of the biggest “Aussies” in over 20 years.
- Our Masters team won their second State Titles in a row, plus finished second at the Australian Titles – look out Bondi, we are coming after you.

- Once again hosting the very successful ANZAC Day Service, regarded as one of our best yet.
- And of course, patrolling many hours on our beach.

Thank you to the dedication and commitment of our Management Committee, thank you to Craig Vipond, Craig Parker, Rachael Robinson, Nick Gale, Mark Hickey, and Conor Walsh.

We are extremely lucky to have a dedicated team of staff who always demonstrate the highest level of professionalism and experience and without them we cannot achieve our goals. Thank you to Amanda, Nikki, Tanya, Tiarnn, Merrill, Rhys, Maddy, Josh and Corey.

As we look ahead to the future, I am confident that the Mooloolaba Surf Life Saving Club will continue to plan and grow. We have much to consider for our future and with your ongoing support and dedication, I have no doubt that we will continue to make a positive impact on our community and save lives on our beaches for generations to come.

Thank you once again for your hard work and commitment over the past season. I look forward to working with you all in the years to come.

**Matthew Horder**

President - Mooloolaba SLSC





# Shane Gale



Greeting to all club members and interested parties, the 2023-24 has been very busy and very successful year for Kawana Surf Club. The Club has a real feeling of excitement around its future. This is partly due to the upcoming renovations (which I will go into further detail), our improving financial position and the growth in our youth involvement. I am proud to say that this season saw zero drownings on our stretch of patrolled beach. I would like to step away from a traditional report format and focus on some of the main areas that is driving the success of Kawana Surf Club.

Of the 27,000 beach goers that used Kawana Beach during patrol hours we are proud to report the following statistics. Fatalities - 0, Rescues - 21, Preventative Actions - 4608, First Aid - 114. Our beach is busier than ever with the increasing population of the Sunshine Coast. This season, once again, we have been able to fill every rostered Patrol due to our committed Life Savers. We have been able to increase and improve our beach capabilities with the addition of a new tractor through a grant and sponsorship from Budget Direct. In addition, with a grant from SLSQ and sponsorship from Budget Direct we were able to replace our very rusted patrol vehicle with a newer patrol vehicle. The Surf team has been applying for every grant that will help with the rising costs of keeping our beach running. We have had new Gold and Platinum sponsors come on board with Shadforth Civil, BCF, Cricks and Beach Side Resort as major sponsors. Our goal is to start the season knowing that we will not have to rely on grants to cover our costs. We are not there yet but we are getting closer thanks to our fantastic sponsors and fundraisers.

Membership – We have a very committed and experienced patrolling member base. As mentioned, we have been able to fill every rostered Patrol due to our committed Life Savers, many of which do well over their rostered hours to support weaker patrols. Our challenge for the future is maintaining a patrolling member base that can not only patrol between the flags but also have enough members to conduct more regular roving patrols both North and South to areas that are seeing an increase in swimmers.

This year we were able to use a member retention grant of \$9000 to go directly into members incentives. These incentives included, early membership payment discounts, 25% discount on membership fees if you complete 45hrs or more in the past season, refund of bronze medallion course fees if you complete 40hr within 12 months and free rash shirts for all patrolling members. Along with this we are in the process of commencing construction of the new Surf facility which will update our Surf storage and give members a training and kitchen area. These initiatives and improvements could not have come at a better time with all smaller clubs reporting a drop in active patrolling members and I hope these incentives and upgrades will set a path for our future success of this proud Club. Our juniors and youth are our future, and we continue to focus on keeping them engaged and having them join our ranks as SRC's and patrolling members.

Leadership – We have introduced several roles and committees to support and lead in the areas that the Surf committee did not previously have the resources or expertise to do. These are the Building Committee, Fundraising Committee, Social Media Advisor and the splitting of the Youth and Member Development roles into two separate roles. All of these have played a part in this year's success. As a Committee, it is reassuring and welcomed to have members helping with their knowledge and passion to fill these positions. The Leadership and support of Kane and Jen and the Supporters Club is a key part of our financial and cohesive success. The Supporters Club continues to support our main aim of keeping our beach goers and visitor safe at Kawana beach.

The Nippers Committee led by Megan has continued their growth in junior and youth involvement in surf sports. Nippers and youth administration and management can be very challenging, and Megan and the team have done an outstanding job of encouraging involvement and keeping our youth members engaged with our Club. To all members of the Surf Committee and our administrative team thank you for your outstanding leadership. Rachelle and Greera thank you for your support to keep our committees and Club functioning.

Support – The Club has seen a level of support from internal and external associations that I don't believe has been available or delivered in the past. SLSQ Board and Branch have actively engaged with us to look at member retention and building maintenance / suitability. Our sponsors have been extremely generous, grant opportunities have been available and filled, neighbouring larger Clubs have given financial support and representatives of Government have actively sought our plans and thoughts for the future direction of KWSLSC. This has culminated with a continued improved financial position and it has also allowed the Club to complete the current Surf Facility upgrade without having a debt. I want to finish up by thanking every past and present patrolling member, their families, life members, volunteers, sponsors, and patrons of KWSLSC for your support this last season. KWSLSC has a bright future and I am very proud to be a part of it.

### **Shane Gale**

President - Kawana Waters SLSC



# Peter Aitkin



Our single most important objective is to provide a safe swimming environment at Dicky Beach. The other important aspects of the club - Surf Sports, Junior Activities, inclusiveness, and community engagement all provide the skills, enthusiasm and willingness of our volunteers to provide that service at the beach. The Lifesaving Committee has been outstanding in providing this training, operational equipment and guidance to patrols and patrol captains. This season saw the introduction of a wave runner to support our lifesaving operations. The Club continues to access training ensuring we can effectively use this equipment. Our members have also taken on activities to support the wider community continuing the “PIPPY Program”.

It offers the opportunity for the wider community to become involved in lifesaving, surf awareness and nipper activities. Is success measured by the number of medals? No, success is better measured by observing the progress of our athletes and teams through the rounds, into quarter finals, repechages, semi-finals and finals. The work done this season lays the basis for an even more successful season in 2024-2025. Junior Activities (JAC) continues to have a very healthy membership. This is in no small part to the time and planning by the JAC into making the nipper days exciting and challenging, at times under very challenging conditions. The JAC placed a big focus on recruitment of volunteers and as a result I have met some fantastic new members performing roles on the JAC, water safety on nipper days and at carnivals, officials, age managers, BBQ cooks, canteen assistants, and those chaperones and assistants during the camps at the Club and the annual “Harry’s Hut” adventure.

I would like to recognise and thank the administrative staff, who do an amazing job and undertake their role with little fuss. There are Club and SLSQ processes in place to acknowledge and reward our volunteers. Our Honors and Awards Committee continues to accept nominations for Club and SLSQ awards which recognise our Club Volunteers and their work. The next big challenge for the Club is the development of SLSQ land at Bokarina Beach. This is currently in the early planning stage. Our Club will continue to grow with the untiring efforts of all the volunteers, the office bearers, patrol members, committee members, team managers, coaches, helpers, age managers and parents.

The future plans include extensions to the Club, strategic plan and the development in and around the Dicky Beach foreshore. Our younger members are influenced by social media. It is important life and ordinary members, patrol captains, coaches, age managers and other leaders listen to these members. We have a responsibility for them to take on leadership roles so our traditions will not be forgotten but they have the skills to progress and respond to future challenges. The Club has the members in place to respond positively to these challenges and look forward to this continuing next season.

### **Peter Aitken**

President - Dicky Beach SLSC



# Brett Magnussen



How best to describe Mets' Season 2023-24?

Words like stability, spirit, growth, vigilance, and celebration come to mind.

2023-24 represented a significant milestone in our Club history. On the 7th of October, 2023 marked 90 years since the first volunteer patrol of Kings Beach. In 1933 it was Cliff Croughan, Doug Mabin, and Bill Porter who made up the first volunteer patrol...fast forward 90 years, it was the Sand Crabs and Des Dwyer patrol teams keeping Kings Beach safe. The highlight of our celebrations was the 90th Anniversary Gala Ball in October 2023. The Club Gala Ball was a great success where the Club shone brightly celebrating our past, present, and future. The production of a feature video as a legacy initiative and to support the 90th celebrations was such a positive experience in reconnecting with the Old Boys and families who shaped the Club in its more formative times. Thank you to the 90th organising committee who did an amazing job (Justine Ashworth, Stuart Cordingley, Jacob Thomson, Sharon Punter, and Eliza Dreves).

Total Club membership for the season was 845 Members including 189 Active Members, 316 Junior Activities Members and 289 Associate Members. Thank you all for your membership, service, and support throughout a very successful season for the Club. Most pleasing this season has been our Members' shared commitment to the Mets One-Club family.

We should all be very proud of our Club and its achievements this season, the highlights of which are outlined below.

Our Operations Group - All areas of the Club have again been well managed this season, which is only possible through the commitment of our operational leaders. Thank you to our Club Captain, Andrew Richards, for his leadership of the Club's operations, which has again been a key component of the Club's success this season. Andrew was effective in each of his capacities, namely, Club Captain, coordination of the Operations Group, coordination of the Friday night raffles, liaison with SLSQ Sunshine Coast Branch and Council on lifesaving matters, and communication with the Board on operational issues.

Lifesaving: Thank you to Andrew, Deputy Club Captains, Shane Punter, Harry Richards, Carl Perkins and Cameron Ray, and our Patrol Captains and their respective teams for your service over the season. This season saw over 130,000 members of the public visit Kings Beach, which with increased visitation to Happy Valley, is now one of the busiest stretches of beach on the Sunshine Coast. This combined with challenging conditions on many weekends during the season led to 27 rescues and 139 first aid cases.

This season saw our own Simon Richards, Kirsten Phillips, and Eliza Dreves appointed to key roles with SLSQ and Sunshine Coast Branch. Simon as the State Life Saving Officer who chairs the State Life Saving Committee, and Kirsten as the State Membership Officer who chairs the State Membership Committee, with both reporting to the SLSQ Board. This is the first time that one Club has Members leading 2 x State Committees. Meanwhile, Kirsten is also the Sunshine Coast Branch Director of Youth and Membership, and Eliza is the Sunshine Coast Branch Deputy Director of Youth. We are very fortunate to have Members in these leadership roles given access to lifesaving knowledge and networks this provides to our Club.

Training and Education: Thank you to our Chief Training Officer, Aleisha Edwards, and our Trainers and Assessors who have again done a fantastic job. This is a function that is critical to the Club's sustainability in maintaining and growing our patrolling members' necessary awards and skills.

This season saw 26 new SRC's and 27 new Bronzies receive their awards in addition to the huge task of skills maintenance and new awards for existing members.

**Member Development:** Thank you to our Member Development Officer, Eliza Dreves, and her team who have again achieved plenty this season. Engagement and development of our youth continues to be a Club success story which has seen retention of many of our nippers to now being senior active members. This has been possible through the team's energy in coordinating engagement activities through member recognition initiatives, events such as the Youth Ball, Camp Commando leadership camp, lifesaving training and education courses, and Club BBQ's, as well as contributing to Branch and or SLSQ programs such as PULSE Advanced Lifesaving. If not busy enough, Eliza and her team also coordinate the Club's Annual Dinner, award nominations, and the end of season members' survey!

**Junior Activities:** Thank you to Junior Activities Chairperson, Mel Ray, the Junior Activities Committee, and legion of parent volunteers for a successful nipper season. Our nippers excelled in all areas including lifesaving, education, surf sports, and member development activities. It was great to see Mets again host the Junior Branch carnival at Kings Beach, which I look forward to being a regular feature of our annual Club calendar. Our nipper program continues to underpin the Club's ability to enhance member retention rates and our pipeline of patrolling members.

**Surf Sports:** Thank you to Surf Sports Officer, Phill Ashworth, coaches, team managers, and volunteers for a successful season which culminated in the recent Aussies hosted on the Sunshine Coast. Phill's leadership has seen the Mets' surf sports program positively develop this season by bringing together disciplines and age groups as one-club, creating a governance framework through the production of a surf sports manual, building Club spirit through initiatives such as camps, participation at interstate carnivals, and the Mets Club Champs, and providing access to quality, professional coaching.



A thriving surf sports program is a key contributor to Mets' success as it builds Club spirit, profile, and our capability to save lives.

Congratulations to all athletes and the Surf Sports team for your results and Club representation at all carnivals, in all disciplines contested, across the season. I look forward to following our team competing at the World Lifesaving Championships later this year on the Gold Coast.

**Our Committees:** Our standing committees are acknowledged for their contribution during the season. Of special note, thank you to Brent Hiley for his tireless work in leading our fundraising committee in securing Grant funding and sponsorships. Thank you to Beth and Shane Kunkel, supported by Emily Hiley, for leading our fundraising for the QLD Surf Appeal resulting in >\$35,000, a fantastic result!

Whilst on fundraising, a huge thank you to our patrolling members for driving the Friday night raffles, and our surf sports team for the Saturday afternoon raffles, a combined net outcome of >\$35,000, another excellent outcome. The Building Committee was not formed or convened as there was no requirement this season.

**Our Life Members:** Our Life Members' contribution over the season is acknowledged - we are fortunate to have so many Life Members active in the Club passing on their experience. It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Life Member, Norm Irvine, and Old Boys, Gordon King, Bryan Costigan, and Michael Ogle over the course of the season, and remember the contributions made to the Club.

Condolences go out to the respective families.

**Our Assets:** Our Clubhouse, the Pavilion, and the Boatshed are Sunshine Coast Regional Council (Council) assets with community leases in favour of Mets. The Club has an agreement in place with the Caloundra State School for the Queen Street Storage Shed.

The Queen Street Storage Shed was improved this season through the connection of power (and solar), as well as the provision of gym equipment. Thank you to Jim Chisholm for leading the connection of power/solar, to Brent Hiley for securing Grant funding, and to Phill Ashworth and Molly for developing the shed into a training and craft storage facility.

Discussions with Council are ongoing to secure a long-term extension to the lease for the Pavilion.

Unfortunately, the Boatshed Redevelopment (aka the Kings Beach Lifesaving Facility (KBLF) project) was delayed this season due to the Council's Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy and its potential impacts on the proposed development. This has required significant redesign to address environmental and overland flow issues. Pleasingly, the Council remains committed to funding the project, however, a proposed construction start date is subject to resolving the design challenges.

**Our Supporters' Club:** Thank you to the Supporters' Club, Kings Beach Surf Club, Board for the positive working relationship with which Mets enjoys. The Supporters' Club provided significant financial support and support in-kind this season which has been critical to the sustainability of Mets. The Supporters' Club and Mets (Surf Life Saving (SLS) Club) Boards continue to work closely to strive to increase the level of support to the SLS Club to enable it to fulfil its core purpose. All Mets Members are encouraged to frequent the Kings Beach Surf Club as every dollar spent ultimately supports our Club.

**Our Board:** I wish to acknowledge the work of the Board and the measured way in which it has managed the Club's finances, governance, regulatory compliance, and strategic direction. The Board has been unified in its purpose, placing Members and Club Values central to its decision making. The Club is in a sound financial position notwithstanding the ever-increasing annual cost base. Key financial challenges moving forward include fit out costs for the KBLF project, Clubhouse building compliance cost risks, and maintenance of sponsorships and fundraising income levels. Thank you to Vice-President, Sharon Punter, Treasurer, Graham Archdall, Secretary, Justine Ashworth, and Directors, Brent Hiley, David Ray, and Ben Bryce for your commitment and dedication to the Club.

Finally, thank you to the following who have supported and contributed to the success of the Club over the course of the season. Our Patron, Andrew Wallace MP, and Vice Patrons, Councilor Terry Landsberg and Jason Hunt MP. Our sponsors listed earlier in the report. Our Administration team of Kay Blokkeerus and Kate Coles.

Moving Forward: The 90th celebrations makes one ponder about Mets' 100-year milestone. Our challenge, as custodians, is to strive to build a thriving Club that can better serve its Members and community moving forward. We are well placed to do so given the momentum created this season.

Bring on season 2024-25!

**Brett Magnussen**

President - Metropolitan Caloundra SLSC



# Jeff Butler



The 2023-2024 season saw the Bribie Island Surf Life Saving Club celebrated its centenary which saw many events held at the beginning of the season. Starting with the formal lunch, probably the best function I've attended in a long time, and finishing the following week with the recovery breakfast. A great time was had by all that attended, with past members renewing friendships forged over the years with both past and present members. Listening to all the old stories told during the formal lunch was in my opinion a highlight of the events. The final event celebrating our 100 years was the unveiling of the "Plaques in the Park". This saw the strategic placement of four double-sided plaques in Bluey Piva Park, adjoining the surf club. The plaques covered all aspects of the Bribie Island. Surf Life Saving Club's involvement in the community over the past 100 years. Congratulations must go to Monica MacArthur and the 100-year committee for all the time and effort they put in to ensure that the celebrations ran smoothly and that all events were of the highest quality.

I'd also like to thank the Old Boys for the efforts put into assisting during the 100-year celebrations, providing the BBQs over the period. With the conclusion of the 2023 - 2024 Patrol season, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those members who offered up their valuable time to keep Woorim Beach safe for all beachgoers and swimmers. Although the season started slowly, we see a steady increase in, not only patrolling members but in total membership including associates and Junior Activities. I'd also like to thank our club Captain, Corey Cumner, and his vice-captain, Matt for ensuring that the rosters were always up to date and allowing the patrols to run efficiently over the season.

So once again congratulations and thank you from myself and the Bribie Island S.L.S.C. Committee to all patrolling members for the past season. Hopefully next season will see a further increase in patrolling members, enabling additional patrols and a reduction in patrol hours for our members.

Membership at the end of the 2023 -24 Season saw a slight decrease in patrolling members from the previous season, however, proficient members who are no longer patrolling have increased. Junior Activities had an increase from 200 members last season to 238 for this season. Total membership for the past season stayed steady at 543 members.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the club's committee who have put in many hours of hard work to keep the club running, not only during the patrolling season but all year round. The start of the season saw several changes in the way we deliver training and saw hours put into preparing, delivering, and processing courses. Thanks to the perseverance, frustrating at times, to David (Curly) Cumner who stepped up, in the absence of a CTO to fulfill all the club's training needs and managed to get through the season delivering the Skills Maintenance, SRC, Bronze, and IRB Courses, with Branch helping out with the delivery of First Aid and ART Courses. Thank you also to all the Trainers and Assessors who assisted in delivering and assessing the courses for the season.

Our two major fundraisers, the annual collection and the golf day, were well patronised with attendance up and providing much-needed funds to cover our day-to-day expenditures. We have the Old Boys to thank for their kind donations and sponsorship throughout the year, so thank you Old Boys and I look forward to working with you in the upcoming season.

Again, this year the club received ongoing support from the Moreton Bay Regional Council. Support also has come from our Federal, State, and Local members, as well as the kind donations and support received from the Old Boys, Bribie Island RSL, Rotary Club, Lions Club, Busy Fingers, and Victory Press.

The 2023 - 24 Season also saw Bribie Island S.L.S.C. host the junior team's carnival which was well patronised and overall, very successful. Many thanks should go to the volunteers who are constantly cleaning and maintaining the club's facilities and keeping them in a good state of upkeep.

The patrolling season also saw the continuation, of the wheelchair-accessible matting and wheelchair hire scheme. This will be reviewed by the council in the offseason. And finally in closing the new club bus will be arriving on the 17th of June, it has only taken two years to arrive.

### **Jeff Butler**

President - Bribie Island S.L.S.C. Inc.



# Kylie Robins



As another season draws to a close it is always very humbling to review the year and recognise all that we have achieved. Redcliffe Peninsula SLSC has always been a little different to larger clubs and our ability to be versatile, think outside the box and get things done is something I am immensely proud of.

This year our Executive Committee realised that as a club keeping things status quo was no longer going to cut it. There is huge potential in our club for growth and it is timely for us to make some changes to make us an appealing option to new members. Sometimes the conversations and reflections we undertook were confronting and uncomfortable, but they were all necessary. Through this process we realised that the culture of the club is our number one priority and we need to get that right. To do this we brought in our new Vision, Mission and Values statement. This statement which now hangs proudly in our club house articulates what it means to be a Redcliffe member. By embracing these we have already started to see a shift in some behaviours within the club. I encourage all members to make themselves familiar with these values and vision and implement them within your various roles within the club.

This season saw our club house get a much needed refresh with paint that was kindly donated by Dulux. Thank you to Rob and your team of volunteers who so enthusiastically painted away the yellow for a fresh white open look. Thanks to the refresh of the club house we were this year able to see the incorporation of the youth space. This space is a first step in growing and retaining our youth membership. The space is well used by other Youth Development crew. Thank you to Rob and Karla who built and furnished the space so well.

The Youth Development Crew this year have grown again in numbers and have been active across the club.

Surf Life Saving traditionally has a high drop off rate of engagement with the 14-20 year old age group. We have not been immune to this so have put in place some activities to work with this cohort and adjusted to making our program flexible to suit, work, patrol, school and social commitments. It was an honour to attend the Youth Ball with 13 of our Youth Development crew this year. They represented our Club with such a high standard that I couldn't have been prouder of them. Thanks to Rob, Nicolette and Red for your dedication to our Youth Crew.

The Junior Activities team under the leadership of Rob, once again this year smashed it out of the park. The Nippers program is continuously evolving, and while I may be biased, I believe we have one of the best run programs in the state. This program couldn't run without the amazing volunteers. It takes a lot of people to make the place hum on a Sunday, from the Age Managers, Water Safety, Canteen volunteers, set up and pack up crews, coaches and officials. Thank you all for your dedication.

It was great this year to see the continuation of growth of our numbers of officials and coaches. Your dedication to help our Nippers participate in surf sports has not gone unnoticed.

All of the competitors at carnivals this year did a wonderful job representing the Club. Seeing our club cap on the leaderboard for the first time in many years at the Seniors State Surf Life Saving Championships and also at Aussies was a real highlight. I cant wait to see them back there next season!

Our Patrol members, under the strong leadership of Phil, once again this season did a fantastic job of keeping visitors to our beach safe. Suttons Beach again remains fatality free. I enjoy visiting our patrol members and watching them interact with our community. It is a wonderful thing you are all doing and I look forward to seeing you all on your return next year.



Through some of our conversations as an Executive it was noted that one of the things which will build a stronger patrol and club is building our social connections and creating a real community. With this being the case, we plan on focussing efforts on creating social opportunities for club members and patrol members to better get to know each other. Our Patrol Captains do a great job in keeping their teams engaged, but we would like to see that stretch across multiple teams.

This is only a small snapshot of all the amazing things that have taken place at our Club, there is so much more to tell and so much left to achieve!

In closing I would like to say a special thank you to my fellow Executive Committee members - Phil Reed, Michael Gill-Bailey, Rob van Driel and Andrew Middleton. You all wear many hats around the club and give so much of your time to ensure our Club and its members succeed. Thank you also goes to your families who often go without seeing you or spending time with you so that you can undertake your duties at the Club.

Well done team Reddy! Lets see what amazing things we can do in 2024/25!

### **Kylie Robins**

President - Redcliffe Peninsula SLSC



**SURF LIFE SAVING QUEENSLAND**

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**SUNSHINE COAST**

**BRANCH INC**

**ABN: 82 260 488 697**

**Financial Report**

**For The Year Ended 30 April 2024**



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# Surf Life Saving Queensland Sunshine Coast Branch Inc

ABN: 82 260 488 697

Financial Report For The Year Ended  
30 April 2024

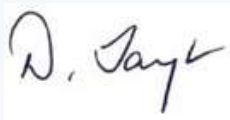
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**SURF LIFE SAVING QUEENSLAND SUNSHINE COAST BRANCH**  
**INC ABN: 82 260 488 697**  
**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER S 307C OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001 TO**  
**THE DIRECTORS OF SURF LIFE SAVING QUEENSLAND SUNSHINE**  
**COAST BRANCH INC**

In accordance with Subdivision 60-C of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the directors of Surf Life Saving Queensland Sunshine Coast Branch Inc. As the lead audit partner for the audit of the financial report of Surf Life Saving Queensland Sunshine Coast Branch Inc for the year ended 30 April 2024, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 April 2024 there have been no contraventions of:

- (i) the auditor independence requirements of the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012 in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



Name of Firm *sps audit*

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**SURF LIFE SAVING QUEENSLAND SUNSHINE COAST BRANCH INC**  
**ABN: 82 260 488 697**  
**STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR**  
**ENDED 30 APRIL 2024**

	Note	2024	2023
<b>INCOME</b>		15,682	17,703
Affiliation and capitations		832	14,294
Award fees		54,769	-
Branch development		106,055	112,170
Carnival entry fees		673	1,529
Clothing sales		-	3,379
Conference fees		32,688	37,844
Donations and gifts		23,823	22,978
Functions		20,682	2,069
Grant received		168	89
Interest received		1,362	-
Profit from sale of PPE		(2,000)	-
Sponsorship		495	21,258
Subsidy - Administration		26,102	25,193
Subsidy - QFEF		27,773	26,200
Subsidy - Wages		305	2,203
Training		2,888	2,156
Trust distributions - Betashares Legg Mason Australian Bond Fund		1,391	815
Trust distributions - MCP Master Income Trust		880	173
Sundry income		314,568	290,052
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>314,568</b>	<b>290,052</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		895	807
Accounting fees		5,554	1,265
Administration charges		5,000	5,000
Auditors remuneration		33	92
Bank charges		19,001	17,005
Branch team costs		53,540	(1,690)
Branch youth camp costs		67,977	74,704
Carnival expenses		1,294	5,636
Cleaning		7,256	9,091
Depreciation		2,165	2,258
Electricity		21,447	30,708
Function costs		600	-
Honorariums		4,945	5,130
Insurance		836	1,092
Insurance - workcover		(259)	5,770
Change in value of investments		18	1,248
Licences, registrations and fees		214	211
Motor vehicle and trailer expenses		32	298
Postage		311	2,200
Printing and stationery		1,417	2,674
Rates and water charges		451	2,102
Repairs and maintenance - buildings		3,835	5,506
Repairs and maintenance - plant and equipment		2,595	1,638
Staff and officials amenities		2,466	-
Sundry expenses		6,198	12,413
Superannuation		233	181
Telephone		-	8,013
Training and travel expenses		3,811	7,204
Trophies, medals and presentations		581	2,289
Uniforms		(22,528)	2,603
Movement in employee provisions		97,684	118,434
Wages and salaries		287,599	323,882
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>287,599</b>	<b>323,882</b>
Current year surplus / (deficit) before income tax		26,969	(33,830)
Income tax expense		-	-
Net current year surplus / (deficit) Other comprehensive income		26,969	(33,830)
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		26,969	(33,830)
Surplus / (deficit) attributable to members of the entity		26,969	(33,830)
Total comprehensive income attributable to members of the entity		26,969	(33,830)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**SURF LIFE SAVING QUEENSLAND SUNSHINE COAST BRANCH  
INC ABN: 82 260 488 697 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AS AT 30 APRIL 2024**

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	1	126,637	134,895
Trade and other receivables	2	-	7,116
Inventories	3	780	1,279
Other current assets	4	11,507	2,506
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>138,923</u>	<u>145,796</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Financial assets	5	73,188	72,928
Property, plant and equipment	6	67,177	66,171
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>140,365</u>	<u>139,099</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>279,288</u>	<u>284,894</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	7	4,088	13,599
Employee provisions	8	-	13,190
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>4,088</u>	<u>26,789</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Employee provisions	8	-	9,338
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>9,338</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>4,088</u>	<u>36,127</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>275,200</u>	<u>248,767</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained surplus		275,200	248,767
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u>275,200</u>	<u>248,767</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**SURF LIFE SAVING QUEENSLAND SUNSHINE COAST BRANCH INC ABN: 82  
260 488 697 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
30 APRIL 2024**

Note	Retained Surplus \$	Revaluation Surplus \$	Financial Assets Reserve \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 May 2022 Comprehensive		282,843		282,843
Income				
Surplus for the year attributable to owners of the entity		(33,830)		(33,830)
Historical adjustment		(246)		(246)
Total other comprehensive income	-	(246)	-	(246)
Total comprehensive income attributable to owners of the entity	-	(34,076)	-	(34,076)
Balance at 30 April 2023	-	248,767	-	248,767
Balance at 1 May 2023	-	248,767	-	248,767
Comprehensive Income				
Surplus for the year attributable to owners of the entity		26,969		26,969
Historical adjustment		(536)		(536)
Total other comprehensive income	-	(536)	-	(536)
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	26,433	-	26,433
Balance at 30 April 2024	-	275,200	-	275,200

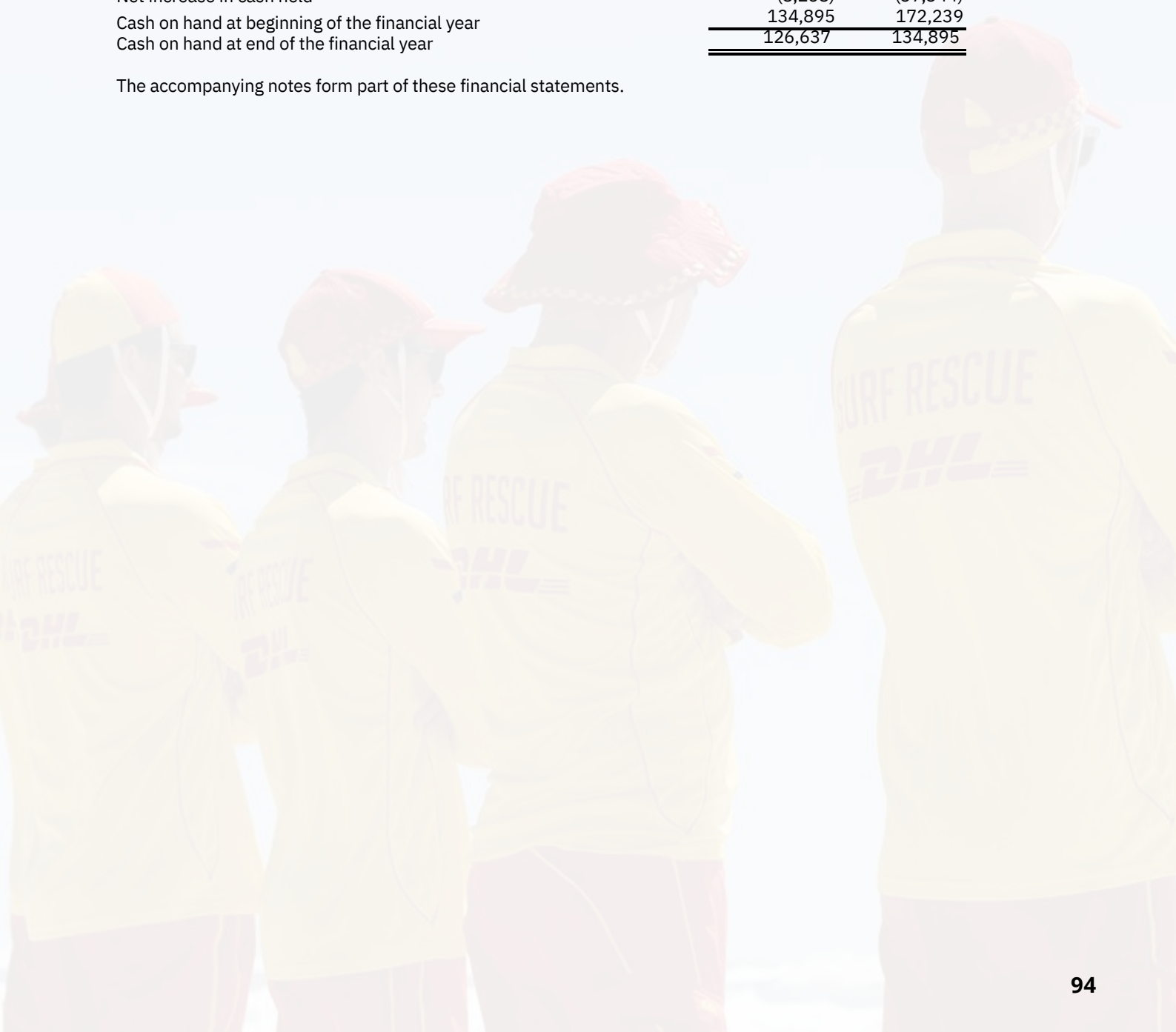
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**SURF LIFE SAVING QUEENSLAND SUNSHINE COAST BRANCH INC  
ABN: 82 260 488 697 STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR  
ENDED 30 APRIL 2024**

	Note	2024	2023
		\$	\$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Commonwealth, state and local government grants		-	-
Receipts from donations, bequests and raffles		307,977	278,226
Payments to suppliers and employees		(312,420)	(301,804)
Interest received		168	89
Distributions received		4,279	2,971
Net cash generated from operating activities		<u>4</u>	<u>(20,518)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		-	-
Payment for property, plant and equipment		(8,263)	(16,826)
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(8,263)</u>	<u>(16,826)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Repayment of lease liabilities		-	-
Increase in finance lease commitments		-	-
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase in cash held		(8,258)	(37,344)
Cash on hand at beginning of the financial year		134,895	172,239
Cash on hand at end of the financial year		<u><u>126,637</u></u>	<u><u>134,895</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.





**SURF LIFE SAVING QUEENSLAND SUNSHINE COAST BRANCH INC ABN: 82 260  
488 697 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30  
APRIL 2024**

The financial statements cover Surf Life Saving Queensland Sunshine Coast Branch Inc as an individual entity, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Surf Life Saving Queensland Sunshine Coast Branch Inc is a company limited by guarantee, and a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission.

Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012. The entity is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions. Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards ensures that the financial statements and notes also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated. The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accrual basis and are

based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities. The amounts presented in the financial statements are in Australian Dollars and have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

Accounting Policies

(a) Revenue

Operating Grants, Donations and Bequests

When the entity receives operating grant funding, donations or bequests, it assesses whether the contract is enforceable and has sufficiently specific performance obligations in accordance to AASB 15.

When both these conditions are satisfied, the Entity:

- identifies each performance obligation relating to the grant;
- recognises a contract liability for its obligations under the agreement; and
- recognises revenue as it satisfies its performance obligations.

Where the contract is not enforceable or does not have sufficiently specific performance obligations, the Entity:

- recognises the asset received in accordance with the recognition requirements of other applicable accounting standards (for example AASB 9, AASB 16, AASB 116 and AASB 138);
- recognises related amounts (being contributions by owners, lease liability, financial instruments, provisions); and
- recognises income immediately in profit or loss as the difference between the initial carrying amount of the asset and the related amount.

Capital grant

When the Entity receives a capital grant, it recognises a liability for the excess of the initial carrying amount of the financial asset received over any related amounts (being contributions by owners, lease liability, financial instruments, provisions) recognised under other Australian Accounting Standards.

The Entity recognises income in profit or loss when or as the Entity satisfies its obligations under terms of the grant.

Interest income

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

(b) Inventories

Inventories held for sale are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

(c) Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value as indicated, less, where applicable, accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses.

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**Plant and Equipment**

Plant and equipment are measured on a cost basis and are therefore carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. In the event the carrying amount of plant and equipment is greater than the estimated recoverable amount, the carrying amount is written down immediately to the estimated recoverable amount and impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss. A formal assessment of recoverable amount is made when impairment indicators are present (refer to Note 1(e) for details of impairment).

Plant and equipment that have been contributed at no cost, or for nominal cost, are valued and recognised at the fair value of the asset at the date it is acquired.

**Depreciation**

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets, including buildings and plant and equipment but excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life to the entity commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Class of Fixed Asset	Depreciation Rate
Buildings	5%
Motor vehicles	25%
Plant and equipment	20-40%

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise. Gains are not classified as revenue. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation surplus relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

**(d) Financial Instruments**

*Initial recognition and measurement*

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions to the instrument. For financial assets, this is the date that the entity commits itself to either the purchase or sale of the asset (i.e. trade date accounting is adopted).

Financial instruments (except for trade receivables) are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs, except where the instrument is classified as "at fair value through profit or loss", in which case transaction costs are expensed to profit or loss immediately. Where available, quoted prices in an active market are used to determine fair value. In other circumstances, valuation techniques are adopted.

**(e) Impairment of Assets**

At the end of each reporting period, the entity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised in profit or loss.

**(f) Employee Benefits Short-term employee benefits**

Provision is made for the company's obligation for short-term employee benefits. Short-term employee benefits are benefits (other than termination benefits) that are expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service, including wages, salaries and sick leave. Short-term employee benefits are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid when the obligation is settled.

The company's obligations for short-term employee benefits such as wages, are recognised as part of current trade and other payables in the statement of financial position.

**Other long-term employee benefits**

The entity classifies employees' long service leave and annual leave entitlements as other long-term employee benefits as they are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service. Provision is made for the company's obligation for other long-term employee benefits, which are measured at the present value of the expected future payments to be made to employees. Expected future payments incorporate anticipated future wage and salary levels, durations of service and employee departures, and are discounted at rates determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on high quality corporate bonds that have maturity dates that approximate the terms of the obligations. Upon the remeasurement of obligations for other long-term employee benefits, the net change in the obligation is recognised in profit or loss classified under employee benefits expense.

**SURF LIFE SAVING QUEENSLAND SUNSHINE COAST BRANCH INC ABN: 82 260  
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The company's obligations for long-term employee benefits are presented as non-current liabilities in its statement of financial position, except where the entity does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period, in which case the obligations are presented as current liabilities.

(g) Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

(h) Trade and Other Debtors

Trade and other debtors include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from customers for goods sold.

Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

Accounts receivable are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any provision for impairment. Refer to Note 1(e) for further discussion on the determination of impairment losses.

(i) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are presented as operating cash flows included in receipts from customers or payments to suppliers.

(j) Income Tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the entity is exempt from income tax under Div 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

(k) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the entity has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions recognised represent the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of reporting period.

Comparative Figures

(l) When required by Accounting Standards comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

(m) Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements

The directors evaluate estimates and judgements incorporated into the financial statements based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the company.

Note 1 Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Westpac Community Solutions Account	114,816	123,243
Westpac Business Cash Reserve	11,697	11,529
Petty Cash	124	123
	<u>126,637</u>	<u>134,895</u>

Note 2 Trade and Other Receivables

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Trade receivables	-	7,116
Total current accounts receivable and other debtors	<u>-</u>	<u>7,116</u>

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Note 3	Inventories		
		2024	2023
		\$	\$
CURRENT			
At cost:			
Inventory		780	1,279
		<u>780</u>	<u>1,279</u>
Note 4	Other Assets		
		2024	2023
		\$	\$
Prepayments		11,507	2,506
		<u>11,507</u>	<u>2,506</u>
Note 5	Financial Assets		
		2024	2023
		\$	\$
NON-CURRENT	Note		
Betashares Legg Mason Australian Bond Fund		40,618	42,105
MCP Master Income Trust		32,570	30,823
Total non-current assets		<u>73,188</u>	<u>72,928</u>
Note 6	Property, Plant and Equipment		
		2024	2023
		\$	\$
Buildings:			
At cost		273,791	273,791
(Accumulated depreciation)		(270,681)	(270,214)
		<u>3,110</u>	<u>3,578</u>
Motor Vehicles			
At cost		10,091	10,091
(Accumulated depreciation)		(10,000)	(9,970)
		<u>91</u>	<u>121</u>
Plant and Equipment			
At cost		210,460	202,198
(Accumulated depreciation)		(161,588)	(155,327)
		<u>48,872</u>	<u>46,871</u>
Ramp and Driveway			
At cost		37,483	37,483
(Accumulated depreciation)		(22,379)	(21,882)
		<u>15,104</u>	<u>15,601</u>
Total property, plant and equipment		<u>67,177</u>	<u>66,171</u>
Note 7	Trade and Other Payables		
		2024	2023
		\$	\$
CURRENT	Note		
Trade payables		1,081	3,424
Other current payables		(136)	857
GST payable		(7,332)	4,277
PAYG payable		7,130	1,092
Superannuation payable		3,345	3,948
		<u>4,088</u>	<u>13,599</u>

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Note 8 Provisions

	2024	2023
CURRENT	\$	\$
Provision for employee benefits: annual leave	-	13,190
	-	13,190
NON-CURRENT		
Provision for employee benefits: long service leave	-	9,338
	-	9,338
	-	22,528

Provision for employee benefits

Employee provisions represent amounts accrued for annual leave and long service leave.

The current portion for this provision includes the total amount accrued for annual leave entitlements and the amounts accrued for long service leave entitlements that have vested due to employees having completed the required period of service. Based on past experience, the entity does not expect the full amount of annual leave or long service leave balances classified as current liabilities to be settled within the next 12 months. However, these amounts must be classified as current liabilities since the entity does not have an unconditional right to defer the settlement of these amounts in the event employees wish to use their leave entitlement.

The non-current portion for this provision includes amounts accrued for long service leave entitlements that have not yet vested in relation to those employees who have not yet completed the required period of service.

Balance is reduced to NIL as no employees at year end. Final pay run in Sept-23. All employees paid by SLSQ - Head Office.

Note 9 Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

There were no contingent assets or liabilities identified by the entity as having to be reported at the date of preparation of this report.

Note 10 Events After the Reporting Period

The directors are not aware of any significant events since the end of the reporting period.

Note 11 Related Parties

Other related parties include close family members of key management personnel and entities that are controlled or jointly controlled by those key management personnel individually or collectively with their close family members.

Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated.

Note 12 Entity Details

The registered office and principal place of business of the entity is:

Surf Life Saving Queensland Sunshine Coast Branch Inc  
Lot 695, Parkyn Parade  
Mooloolaba QLD 4557


**SURF LIFE SAVING QUEENSLAND SUNSHINE COAST BRANCH  
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In accordance with a resolution of the directors of Surf Life Saving Queensland Sunshine Coast Branch Inc, the directors of the entity declare that:

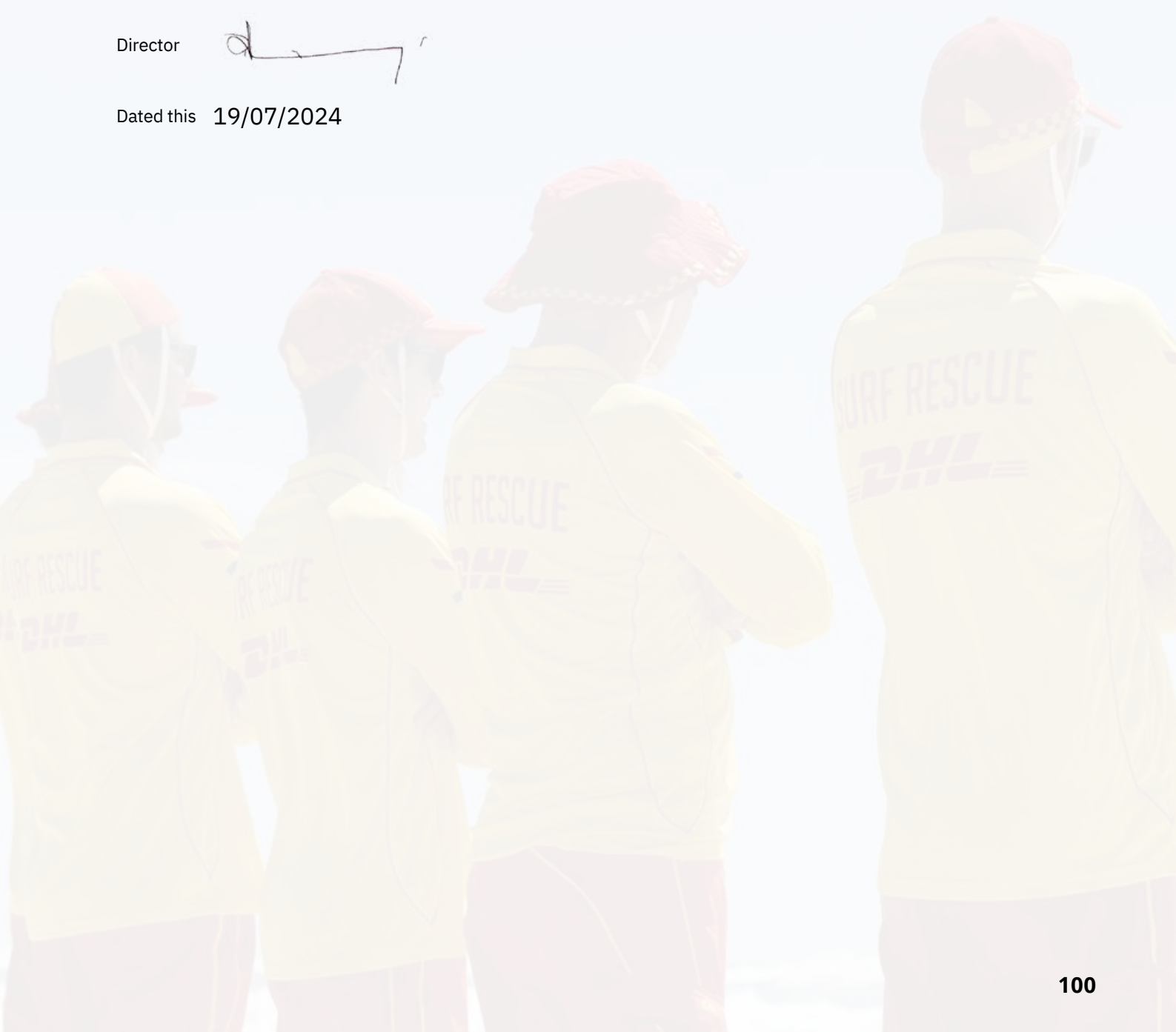
1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 2 to 10, are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and:
  - (a) comply with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures applicable to the entity; and
  - (b) give a true and fair view of the financial position of the registered entity as at 30 April 2024 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the registered entity will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is signed in accordance with subs 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

Director 

Director 

Dated this 19/07/2024



**SURF LIFE SAVING QUEENSLAND SUNSHINE COAST BRANCH  
INC ABN: 82 260 488 697 INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO  
THE MEMBERS OF SURF LIFE SAVING QUEENSLAND SUNSHINE  
COAST BRANCH INC**

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Surf Life Saving Queensland Sunshine Coast Branch Inc (the registered entity), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 April 2024, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the registered entity is in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (the ACNC Act), including:

- i. giving a true and fair view of the Registered Entity's financial position as at 30 April 2024 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 – AASB 1060 General Purpose Financial Statements - Simplified Disclosures for For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Tier 2 Entities and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

#### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Registered Entity in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the ACNC Act, the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110: Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards) (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### *Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting*

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Registered Entity's financial reporting responsibilities under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

#### Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The directors of the registered entity are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - AASB 1060 General Purpose Financial Statements - Simplified Disclosures for For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Tier 2 Entities and the ACNC Act and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

The directors of the Registered Entity are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The directors' responsibility also includes such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the registered entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the registered entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

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COAST BRANCH INC**

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Registered Entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the registered entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the registered entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Auditor's name and signature:



Diana Taylor  
Registered Company Auditor  
Unit 9, Serenity Waters  
123 Brisbane Road  
Mooloolaba QLD 4557

Address:

Dated this

19th

day of

June

2024



Thank you to all  
**13,909**  
members of the Sunshine  
Coast Branch for your  
dedication to Surf Life Saving  
throughout the 2023/24  
season!

**We look forward to seeing you back  
on the beach for the 2024/25  
season.**

