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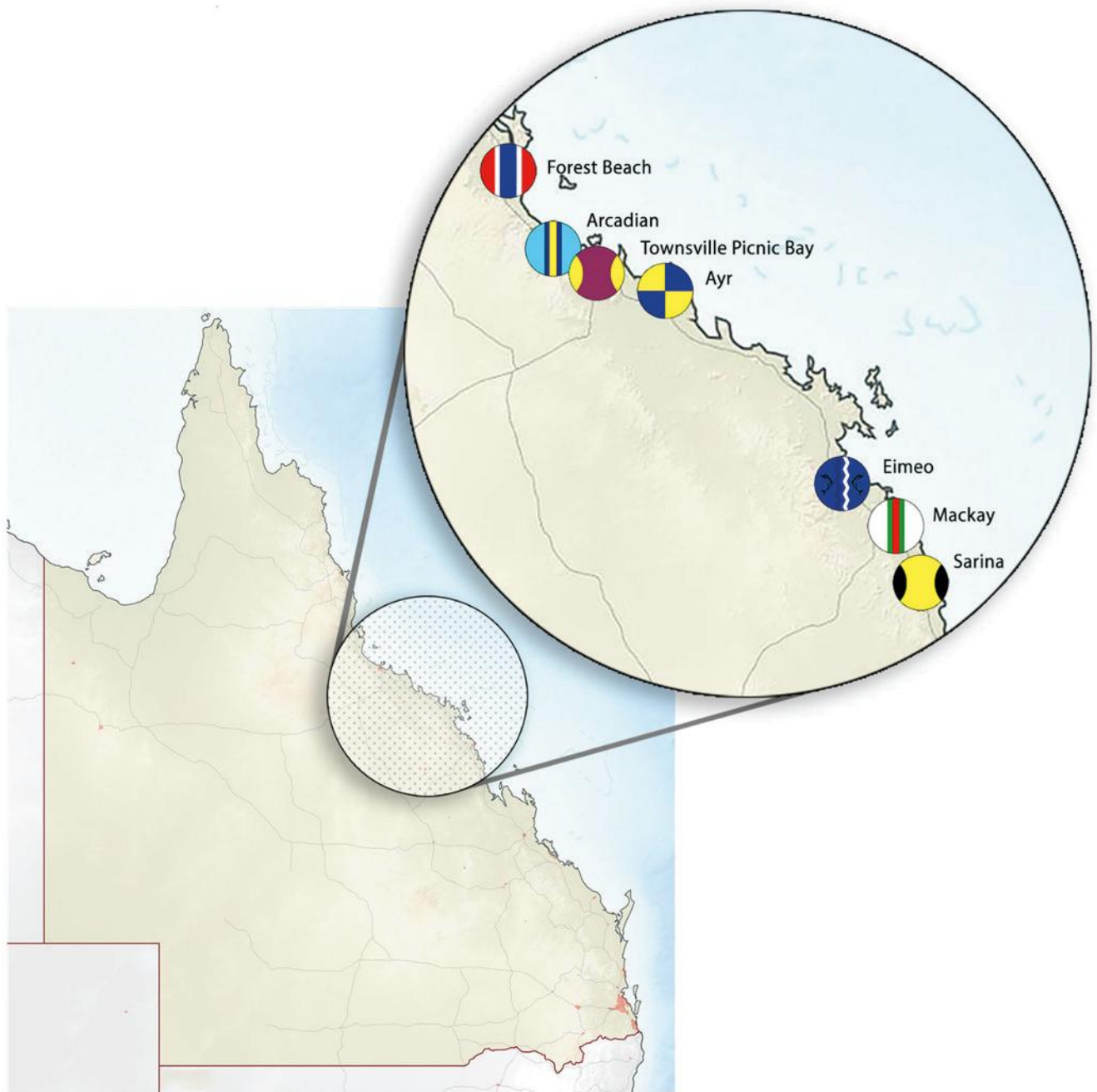
North Barrier Branch Inc.

90th Annual Report

Season 2025 - 2026



The North Barrier Branch



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WELCOME MESSAGE – PATRON’S SALUTE

Welcome to the 90th North Barrier Branch Annual Report.

I would like to sincerely thank all club members, staff, patrol members, and volunteers for their dedication and commitment throughout the season. Your efforts have contributed to another successful year, and most importantly, there was no loss of life.

I also extend my appreciation to the regional staff for the significant work they do in ensuring the Branch continues to operate effectively, as well as to our Branch Officers for their ongoing support and leadership.

A special thank you goes to all volunteers across our Branch clubs. Your time, effort, and willingness to serve your communities are invaluable and greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to Ayr SLSC for their 100th year anniversary.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge and thank Julie Muller, Director of Planning & Administration, for her outstanding contribution to the Branch. Julie has provided valuable service as a member of the Executive, an Official, and in numerous other roles. Her dedication, professionalism, and commitment have been greatly appreciated and have made a significant contribution to the success of the Branch.

Thank you all for your support and service throughout the past season.

Frank Burke
Patron & Life Members
North Barrier



OUR VISION

**“ZERO PREVENTABLE DEATHS IN
QUEENSLAND PUBLIC WATERS”**

NORTH BARRIER BRANCH PRESIDENT'S REPORT



To the esteemed members of the North Barrier Branch.

It is with great privilege and honour that I present my report for the 2025-2026 season, marking our 90th year. I extend heartfelt gratitude to all our dedicated North Barrier Branch members, supporters and sponsors, whose invaluable contributions uphold the Surf Lifesaving movement as Queensland's foremost volunteer organisation today.

Our seven clubs within the North Barrier Branch have contributed to make our communities safer and better places to live. Each club has fulfilled their patrol obligations for the year even through multiple severe weather events.

I wish to thank Surf Life Saving Queensland for their ongoing support of the North Barrier Branch, in particular their significant investment in our regional staff. The regional staff take significant pressure off our volunteers, doing the heavy lifting. In a world where volunteer time is reducing the support of paid staff has never been more needed.

I would like to thank our Regional Manager Jason Wells for leading the work this year, as well as his commitment throughout the season. His ongoing support has made my time as North Barrier Branch President much easier allowing me to focus on specific tasks.

I would like to make a special mention to Matthew Stone our regional educational officer. With most clubs struggling to train new and old members his dedication and persistence in offering courses for all our awards has helped ensure each club has members for patrols.

To our North Barrier Branch executive, I thank each one of you for your valuable contribution and ongoing support. Many of you have positions within your respective clubs but you all find the time and energy to ensure our branch is successful, whether that be through helping run our carnivals to ensuring patrol obligations are met. I truly feel overwhelmed with the support you have all provided this season.

I would like to thank the dedicated Club Presidents who form the North Barrier Branch Council. Myself as a club president dealing with club politics and issues, I can fully appreciate the time you have devoted to the branch this season. I thank you all for your commitment, robust discussions, differing opinions but most of all for your passion for your own clubs and the North Barrier Branch. Without such passion and commitment there is no North Barrier Branch and without a strong NBB clubs would suffer.

It has been a privilege to represent the Branch this season, I look forward to continuing in the role of President. I firmly believe our Branch is in a strong position and I am excited to see the progress we can all make in the upcoming season.

Yours sincerely,

Benjamin Lawry
President
North Barrier Branch.

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION & PLANNING'S REPORT



Firstly, I would like to acknowledge Dr Ben Lawry, North Barrier Branch President, Ben works tirelessly for the North Barrier as NBB President, Ayr SLSC President, Doctor, Mentor, Husband and Father. Ben's contribution to North Barrier Branch has benefited from his commitment from his love of lifesaving.

My journey with the North Barrier Branch began in 2014 assisting Jenny Neal (former RM) and Amanda Fry (Former Admin) with admin duties within the NBB Regional Office. Volunteering for this office I gained a new purpose which led me to my first Executive Position in 2016 as Treasurer, during the last 9 years on the Executive as Treasurer and

Secretary; I have grown with a real love working within this organisation. At one time I held two Executive Positions and two positions on the Lifesaving Committee, during this time I seen the dedication of many North Barrier Branch Members who give their time freely and tirelessly for the organisation: Surf Lifesaving Queensland. I am amazed by the wealth of knowledge I have gained within the positions held.

At season's end we have the opportunity to reflect on the events that have occurred during this season, to all North Barrier Branch Clubs and families, thank you for the outstanding job adjusting to changes by the government and SLSQ in implementing changes, clubs always step up to ensure safety of members which is of paramount importance, along with keeping the community safe. The way the clubs performed during this season was above and beyond, something all clubs can be proud of.

There are so many people who I would like to mention but there are three who I would like to make a special mention of and that is Mandy Bone former RAO, Mandy provided valuable support to myself and many branch members; Lyn Coomber for the knowledge of Surf Lifesaving and the graciousness to assist when asked; and to Shelley Isokangas, current RAO who works tirelessly to learn and support myself and many other members of branch. Thank you. I am constantly amazed at the wealth of knowledge that is gained by working with fabulous members.

I noticed whilst carrying out my duties the changes, continual updates and upgrading in the Surf Lifesaving movement especially in Information Technology, safety and compliance to name a couple which has added increased workloads to committees, clubs and members who at all times raise to meet the new standards which in turn benefits members and clubs who provide an invaluable service to our communities. A credit to all clubs.

I send a big thank you to everyone who have patrolled our beaches, educated and trained our members, assisted the public, organised surf sport carnivals, administered our clubs, promoted water safety, driven fundraising efforts, provided first aid, attended meetings, helped to get kids having fun and being active, implemented new programs, completed paperwork and positively contributed to Surf Lifesaving across our Branch.

I am sad this journey is coming to an end, I have enjoyed working closely with the Executive Committee; Ben, Leigh, Kellie, Linda, Lisa, Dave, Bob and of course our North Barrier Branch Patron: Frank thank you to you all.

See you on the beach.....

Cheers
Jules

Julie Muller
Director of Administration & Planning
North Barrier Branch



NORTH BARRIER REGIONAL OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT

The 2025–2026 season has once again showcased the dedication, resilience and community spirit of our volunteers across the North Barrier Branch. From patrol operations and member development to engagement with our local communities, our clubs continue to embody the very best of surf lifesaving.

I would like to personally thank every volunteer, officer and supporter who has contributed throughout the season. Your collective efforts make a real and lasting difference, ensuring our beaches remain safe while strengthening the connection between our clubs and the communities we serve.

Throughout the season, the SLSQ Regional Office and staff have remained firmly focused on providing practical, hands-on support to both Branch and Clubs. This includes assisting across all areas of club operations so that our volunteers can focus on what matters most – delivering lifesaving services and creating positive experiences for members.

SLSQ continues to invest significantly in our region through staff, facilities and direct funding. This year alone, more than \$400,000 in direct funding has been made available to support clubs and Branch. This funding has contributed to improved equipment, enhanced operational capability and strengthened the long-term sustainability of our organisation. Our regional office facilities have also provided valuable access to meeting spaces, administrative support and shared resources.

Member development remains a key priority. Programs such as Lifesaving Capability Workshops, Floodwater Training, Lifesaving Development Program, Women in Leadership, and a range of youth initiatives have all played an important role in building capability, confidence and inclusion. Importantly, funding support has helped ensure that distance and cost are not barriers to participation. By investing in our people, we are securing the future leadership of lifesaving in our region.

As we look ahead, it is essential that clubs continue to evolve, not only as lifesaving organisations, but as financial sustainable, business-based organisations. The reality is that the cost of operating a clubhouse will continue to rise, increasing insurance premiums and ageing facilities placing additional financial pressure on the members. These challenges highlight the need for every club to move beyond short-term thinking and develop not only a clear strategic plan, but also a robust financial business plan that sets a path for long-term sustainability.

Traditional fundraising practices will continue to assist with short term purchases however will not build the resilient and reliable financial streams required for the future. Clubs must think more broadly and strategically about how they generate income and manage their assets. A strong club will need to recognise and leverage their facilities and their connection to the community, to create diverse and dependable income streams. This includes making the most of clubhouses and other assets through venue hire, functions and community events, strengthening partnerships with local businesses and sponsors, and developing programs that bring new people into our organisation.

Successful clubs are those that actively connect with their communities. They tell their story well, clearly demonstrate their value, and create meaningful opportunities for people to engage with and support lifesaving beyond the beach. By doing so, they not only strengthen their financial position but also deepen their relevance and impact within their local communities.

Equally important is the culture within our clubs. We must continue to create inclusive, supportive environments where every member feels welcomed, valued and respected. A strong sense of belonging drives retention, attracts new members and ensures that our organisation remains vibrant and relevant.

Good governance underpins everything we do. Clubs are encouraged to regularly review their constitutions, bylaws and policies to ensure they remain compliant, effective and fit for purpose. Regional staff are available to assist in this space, helping to reduce administrative burden so clubs can focus on delivering services and supporting their members.

Finally, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to our regional staff. Many are volunteers themselves, and their commitment goes well beyond their formal roles. Their passion, dedication and willingness to support our clubs and Branch is greatly appreciated and does not go unnoticed.

Together, we are building not just safer beaches, but stronger, more sustainable clubs and communities.

Thanks for a great year
Jason Wells – Regional Operations Manager



LIFE MEMBERS

NORTH BARRIER BRANCH LIFE MEMBERS (*Denotes Deceased)				
1955	*Sam Johnson MBE	Ayr	1994	*Assoc. Prof. John Williams OAM
1961	*Bob Burdell OAM	Arcadian	1995	Flo Payne DSC OAM
1962	*Jack Sellars	Forrest Beach	1996	*Ray Carter
1963	*Cec Honey	Arcadian	1996	Assoc. Prof. Peter Fenner AM
1964	*Arnold Hogan	Arcadian	1996	Kevin Couper
1965	*Don Johnson	Ayr	1999	George Moody
1966	*Doug Bird	Arcadian	2000	Noel Henderson
1967	*Don Howlett	Arcadian	2001	Michael Clyde
1968	*John Menico OAM	Forrest Beach	2002	Chris Cantoni
1969	*Alf Franks	Ayr	2008	Lyn Coomber
1973	*Bert 'Hock' Keyse	Ayr	2008	Gary Gage
1977	*Stuart Braddick	Picnic Bay	2008	Darrin Bragg
1977	*George Sadd	Picnic Bay	2008	George Clarke
1977	*Peter Grant	Arcadian	2008	Graeme Gibson
1977	*Maurice Mulcahy	Ayr	2008	John Galea
1978	*Don Foreman	Maroochydore	2008	*Tony Pashalis
1979	*Pat Madden	Mooloolba	2008	Peter (Stan) Ridland
1980	*Brian Coomber	Arcadian	2008	Rod Leach
1981	*Reid Anderson	Picnic Bay	2008	Don Roache
1986	Reginald Butler OAM	Mackay	2001	Elizabeth Sheret
1986	*Norm Howland OAM	Mackay	2017	Gary Morgan
1987	*Jack Paterson	Picnic Bay	2018	Charlie Pashalis
1988	*Doug Hannah	Arcadian	2021	Gillian Braddick
1994	Frank Burke	Arcadian	2021	Peter Marshall
1994	*Assoc. Prof. Vic Callanan			

SURF LIFE SAVING QUEENSLAND LIFE MEMBERS (*Denotes Deceased)				
1961	*Sam Johnson MBE	Ayr	1989	Reginald Butler OAM
1961	*Bob Burdell OAM	Arcadian	1989	*Brian Coomber
1961	*Cec Honey	Arcadian	1990	*Norm Howland
1964	*Jack Sellars	Forrest Beach	1996	Assoc. Prof. Penner Fenner OAM
1970	*Don Johnson	Ayr	1996	*Jack Paterson
1975	*Don Howlett	Arcadian	1999	Flo Payne DSC OAM
1975	*John Broadhurst	Mackay	2003	Frank Burke
1977	*Doug Bird	Arcadian	2008	Michael Clyde
1977	*John Menico OAM	Forrest Beach	2013	John Galea
1978	*Don Foreman	Maroochydore	2015	Lyn Coomber
1978	*Pat Madden	Mooloolaba	2017	Darrin Bragg
1986	*Maurice Mulcahy	Ayr	2018	Peter Marshall

SURF LIFE SAVING AUSTRALIA LIFE MEMBER (*Denotes Deceased)				
1963	*Sam Johnson MBE	Ayr	1995	Reginald Butler OAM
1964	*Bob Burrell OAM	Arcadian	1995	*John Menico OAM
1965	*Cec Honey	Arcadian	2000	Assoc. Prof. Peter Fenner AM
1966	*Don Johnson	Ayr		

We offer our deepest respect and sympathy to the relatives and friends of our members who have passed away this year. We also extend our sympathy to members of Surf Lifesaving who have suffered bereavements in their families this year.

REG BUTLER OAM (MACKAY) – 75 YEARS OF SERVICE

Reginald Butler OAM

The North Barrier Branch would like to recognise Regional Butler OAM for his dedication to the North Barrier Branch as a Lifesaver, Official, Patron, Mentor, Patrolling Member, Volunteer, Fundraiser and most importantly a Friend to All.

Reggie was born on May 6th, 1933, where have the years gone? Reggie joined Surf Lifesaving as a 17-year-old in 1950, Reg is in his 93rd year of life and would have seen monumental changes during his 75 yes; 75 years of services to Surf Lifesaving. Thank you for your years of service as Patron to the North Barrier Branch and dedicated years of service to the Branch. Reggie is an outstanding individual and along with his wife attended many carnivals over the years.

North Barrier Branch Life Membership attained 1986.

Surf Lifesaving Queensland Life Membership attained 1989 - Reggie was the 182nd Life Member of SLSQ

Surf Lifesaving Australia Life Membership attained 1995.

Reggie was honoured by the Mackay Surf Lifesaving Club in May 2019 with the renaming of the Members Bar to Butler's Reef to recognise the years of service, dedication, and volunteer work to the Mackay Surf Lifesaving Club.

Thank you, Reginal Butler OAM you are a lifesaving legend.



NORTH BARRIER BRANCH OFFICERS

** This is a list of the Executive Officers, Branch Councillor, State Representative, Patron, Vice Patrons and Committee members of Lifesaving, Membership, Junior Activities and Surf Sports.

Executive Officers

President	Ben Lawry
Deputy President	Leigh Ryan
Director Admin & Planning	Julie Muller
Director Finance & Property	Bob Parker
Director Lifesaving	David Young
Director Surf Sports	Lisa Vernon
Director Membership	Linda Murray
Director Junior Activities	Kellie Lawry
Safety Officer	Frank Burke

State Representatives

State Council	Ben Lawry
Alternate State Council	Leigh Ryan
State Lifesaving Committee	David Young
State Surf Sports Committee	Lisa Vernon
State Education Committee	Cynthia Hegerty
State Junior Activities Committee	Kellie Lawry
State Membership Committee	Linda Murray

Honorary Officers by Appointment

Immediate Past President	Mark Gwynne
Auditor	Jessups Accountants

Patron

Frank Burke

Vice Patrons

Mayor of Burdekin Shire	Cr Pierina Dalle Cort
Mayor of Townsville	Cr Anne-Maree Greaney (Acting Mayor)
Mayor of Mackay	Cr Greg Williamson
Mayor of Hinchinbrook	Cr Ramon Jayo
Member for Herbert	Hon Phillip Thompson OAM MP
Member for Mundingburra	Hon Janelle Poole MP
Member for Burdekin	Hon Dale Last MP
Member for Mackay	Hon Nigel Dalton MP
Member for Thuringowa	Hon Natalie Marr MP
Member for Townsville	Hon Adam Baillie MP
Member for Whitsunday	Hon Amanda Camm MP
Member for Hinchinbrook	Nick Dametto MP / Wade Chiesa MP

Board of Lifesaving

Director	David Young
Trainee Assist to Director	Zara Richardson
IRB	Barbara Hemerick
Communications	Frank Burke
Education Officer	Cynthia Hegarty

Club Captains

Arcadian	Matt Stone
Ayr	Tramayne Horan
Eimeo	Andrew Malouf
Forrest Beach	Michael Biasi
Mackay	Ryan Lee
Sarina	Lisa Vernon
Townsville Picnic Bay	Jonette de Haan

Club Chief Training Officers

Arcadian	Matt Stone
Ayr	James Kennedy
Eimeo	Vacant
Forrest Beach	Helen Stanton
Mackay	Peter (Stan) Ridland
Sarina	Vacant
Townsville Picnic Bay	Gary Gage

Board of Surf Sports

Director	Lisa Vernon
Deputy Dir Surf Sports (Nth)	Vacant
Deputy Dir Surf Sports (Sth)	Ross Armstrong
Arcadian	Nathan Burgers
Ayr	Terry Lund
Eimeo	Ross Armstrong
Forest Beach	Helen Stanton
Mackay	Josh Grant
Sarina	Lisa Vernon
Townsville Picnic Bay	Vacant
Gear & Equipment	Peter Marshall

Board of Junior Activities

Director	Kellie Lawry
Arcadian	Adam Edwards
Ayr	Kellie Lawry
Eimeo	Alecia Malouf
Forrest Beach	Melissa Hall
Mackay	Lexi Schiffer
Sarina	January Sarich
Townsville Picnic Bay	Chelsea McLennan

Board of Youth & Membership

Director	Linda Murray
Deputy Director	Isla Murray
Arcadian	Adam Edwards
Ayr	Kellie Lawry
Eimeo	Alecia Malouf
Forrest Beach	Melissa Hall
Mackay	Lexi Schiffer
Sarina	January Sarich
Townsville Picnic Bay	Chelsea McLennan

Thank you to all our North Barrier Branch Officers. Your immense efforts and ongoing commitment ensure Surf Lifesaving continues to provide integral community services and sporting opportunities from Forrest Beach to Sarina

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Notice is hereby given for the 90th Annual General Meeting of
Surf Life Saving Queensland North Barrier Branch Inc.

Where: Mackay Surf Life Saving Club, Mackay

When: Saturday 18th July 2026

Time: AGM meeting starting at 8am

Business to be conducted

1. Opening – attendance including apologies and alternates (proxies)
2. Confirm and adopt the minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting
3. Affiliation of the Clubs and Branch with Surf Life Saving Queensland
4. Election/appointment of Councillors
5. Presentation and adoption of the Annual Report and Financial Statements
6. Election of Officers and Appointed Officers
7. Endorsement of the Executive: Deputy President, Finance & Property, Surf Sports, Safety Officer, for the two-year term, 2026/2027; 2027/2028. Due to Resignation; Endorsement of Administration & Planning Officer during term, Endorsement for remainder of term 2026/2027.
8. **Notice of motion** - To be submitted for inclusion as special business at the Annual General Meeting. All notices of motion must be submitted in writing to the Secretary not less than 28 days (21st June 2026) (excluding receiving date and meeting date) prior to the Annual General Meeting.
9. Agenda Item – Change of North Barrier Branch Inc. Constitution.

The Chairperson reserves the right to amend the order in which business is taken.

Ben Lawry
President
SLSQ North Barrier Branch Inc.

ARCADIAN PRESIDENT'S REPORT



It is a pleasure to present my Arcadian Surf Life Saving Club report for the 2025-26 season.

This year has been one of consolidation in the areas of membership growth, financial sustainability, and volunteer engagement.

We continue to uphold our core mission of "Vigilance and Service" by providing well trained and professional patrol members making Alma Bay the safest beach on Magnetic Island for the public to swim. Our volunteer patrolling members under the guidance and tutelage of Liz Power and Stoney ensure our active members were competent in all aspects of their respective duties. While patrols dealt with a few marine stings (200) and other incidents (1 board rescue) there were no associated deaths or drownings at Alma Bay.

I'd like to thank all our Patrol Captains and lifesavers for their dedicated service this year and look forward to their continued support next year. This year we had 12 patrol groups which enabled the Club to spread the load.

Our Club is blessed with a strong active membership cohort which we were in fact able to grow this year. Total membership ticked over 400 this year with 135 Active Members all of whom were strongly encouraged by Club Captain and CTO Matthew Stone to enhance their skill sets and we thank him for assessing and signing off proficiencies, plus other advanced lifesaving skills. (26 new Bronze and 19 new SRC).

My thanks and congratulations go out to Adam Edwards and his volunteers' team for a successful Nipper and Junior season. Our Nipper and juniors form a significant part of our Club (148 members) and competed successfully at all Club, Branch, and North Aussie carnivals. Congratulations to those junior members who were selected in representative teams.



Volunteering in life saving clubs involves significant challenges including excessive administration burdens as committee members, as well members who balance patrols and participation in fund raising activities with their busy personal and family lives. My eternal thanks to our volunteers and your hard-working Executive Committee who are engaged and committed to ensure our Club thrives.

Financially our Club is in a solid position with a strong Balance Sheet but like most northern clubs we face financial challenges to sustain our operations especially in the areas of insurance, club house maintenance, and asset replacement.

I thank all our Club sponsors who are there to support our nipper events, carnivals, and operations especially our major sponsor Sealink. Special call out to the Arcadian Hotel where our Club can generate significant fund raising from the world-famous Toad Races and Friday night raffles. Thanks to all our volunteers who help especially Paul Smith who is our Toad Race ring master every Wednesday night, and Lee Jones (Life Member) and Kim Foley for Friday night raffles.

Planning is underway to celebrate our 100 years in 2028. This is a significant milestone for our Club which has a rich history and tradition and will be appropriately celebrated in 2028. Thanks to Kate Rosenblatt and Amy for kick starting the planning. Members are encouraged to provide Kate with historical facts and photos to help with the production of the celebration.

In closing I am encouraged that our Club continues to show strength and resilience which with talented stewardship, will see us strive to the position as the number one Club in the Branch.

Paul Chappell – Arcadian President



AYR PRESIDENT'S REPORT



The 2025-26 season has been another successful year for the Ayr Surf Life Saving Club. This season the club focused on member experience especially looking at our patrolling members. Under the guidance of our two new club captains, Tramayne Horan and Kristi Wassmuth, the club looked at how we could strengthen our patrol teams and lessen the burden placed upon members. This was achieved by reviewing the make-up of patrol teams, establishing new teams and the recruitment of both new and old members. Overall members recorded less patrol hours individually than in previous seasons showing the changes have had a positive effect on member experience.

Patrols commenced in September and were all roving patrols given the ever-changing beach conditions. Members once again this season provided their services along the entire length of our beach. Due to a severe weather event our beach was closed for one weekend in January. Despite the weather events, lack of water, no beach at times due to sand movement and debris, our patrol members attended their patrols and fulfilled our patrol obligations. The club recorded 1950 patrol hours for the season. I thank every patrolling member for all their time and effort this season.



In April the Ayr SLSC received the new custom-built patrol trailer. This trailer has been in the planning for two seasons. The new trailer will allow members to establish a Traditional patrol area along the beach at the discretion of the patrol captain.

The competition season started in August which means the Nipper program commenced in July with proficiencies. Beach training days followed beginning in August, with the first carnival held at Townsville Picnic Bay on the Strand in late August. Ayr SLSC attended all carnivals hosted by the North Barrier Branch except for the Sarina one day carnival. This season the NBB hosted seven carnivals in total. The Ayr SLSC had competitors competing in both North Barrier Branch Championships at Eimeo and the North Australian Championships at Mackay.

Ayr had two competitors selected in the Queensland Country team who competed at the interbranch championships. Milla Chapman achieved a third place in her beach flags, whilst Warne McShane won two gold medals in the pool rescue events.

At the end of the competition season the North Barrier Branch selects a Junior NBB State Team and this season 14 competitors from Ayr were selected in the team to compete at the Junior State Titles held at Maroochydore in February. The State Junior Titles saw Ayr SLSC competitors achieve the following results:

- Milla Chapman bronze medal in the U14 Mixed beach relay.
- Milla Chapman and Alyssa Irvine bronze medal in the All-Age Relay.
- Taylor Chapman bronze medal in the U12 Female Beach Relay
- Taylor Chapman silver medal in the U12 2x500m beach relay.
- Charlotte Lawry and Emilee Wassmuth won a silver medal in the U13/14 2-person R&R.
- Briella Wassmuth won a silver medal in her U14/15 2-Person R&R
- The Ayr SLSC had four competitors in the NBB March Past Team who won a Silver Medal, these competitors were Charlotte Lawry, Luca Lawry, Briella Wassmuth and Emilee Wassmuth.

The highlight for myself at the Queensland Junior State Titles was seeing the first Ayr 5-person R&R team in many decades compete under the NBB Cap. This team consisted of Charlotte Dale, Charlotte Lawry, Luca Lawry, Briella Wassmuth and Emilee Wassmuth, coached by George Clarke of Townsville Picnic Bay, with assistant coaches Kellie Lawry and Kristi Wassmuth. The team came away with the Silver Medal, just behind the Redcliffe team.

This year at the Australian Titles the Ayr 2-person R&R team consisting of Charlotte Lawry and Emilee Wassmuth coached by George Clarke, assistant coaches Kellie Lawry and Kristi Wassmuth came away with a Bronze Medal.



To run our nipper program, it takes an enormous amount of people, time and energy. I thank every member who has helped this season to make our nipper program great. I would especially like to thank Kellie Lawry who has once again done an amazing job guiding the ship, her efforts are countless and go largely unrecognised.

The club hosted Camp Alva again this year in April after the initial planned date coincided with a severe weather event forcing the club to postpone the camp. Camp Alva is designed to provide an opportunity to help transition our older nippers into young lifesavers. The camp shows our nippers the many different aspects of life saving and starts their leadership journey. This age group is pivotal to any club's future success providing the backbone for future patrolling members. We had several of our nippers attend, all of whom did our club proud.

In November the club hosted the North Barrier Branch Surf Rescue Championships. This season only 18 competitors competed at this event from two clubs – Ayr (12) and Mackay (6). Ayr SLSC won the carnival overall for the second year in a row.

Fundraising this year was led by Yvette Richter and saw three fundraising events held, Christmas Raffle, Easter Raffle and a new event – Darts Night. The two raffles were both successful on many fronts – funds raised and community awareness and involvement. Both raffles were run over several days with members selling tickets direct to the community leading to increased community engagement and awareness.

The new Darts Night replaced the long running Golf Day after public liability insurance was not obtainable for Golf Day. Although the Darts night was held on the same weekend of another community event it was well attended and from those that attended report it was a great success. The Darts night will be moved back to January/February to replace Golf Day moving forward.

The Ayr SLSC was successful in obtaining the Gambling Community Benefit Fund Grant to a tune of \$96000. This grant has led to continued infrastructure improvements to the Ayr Clubhouse. Improvements through this grant include: three new roller doors, two new water tanks and concreting below the tanks, new external aluminium stairs to replace the existing rotting wooden stairs, epoxy flooring to the BBQ area, new vinyl plank flooring in the meeting room and painting the external building.

Surf Life Saving Queensland have provided vital funds to the Ayr SLSC through the QPS grants and BFES grants. These grants cover our patrol agreement, funding of our administrator and equipment funding which this year included the new patrol trailer.

As we head towards the 2026-27 season, the Ayr SLSC will reach an extraordinary milestone – 100 years of service to the Burdekin community. To celebrate this momentous occasion the Ayr SLSC held a centenary celebration weekend from the 29th of May to 31st May. Events held included the Meet and Greet on Friday 29th May. Gala ball Saturday 30th May and the Club Open Day on Sunday the 31st of May. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 100th Committee for all their hard work planning and preparing for this celebration.

Alongside the planning for the celebration weekend the Ayr SLSC engaged Martin Grandalis to write the club's history. Martin has written a pictorial history of the Ayr SLSC, this book will be launched in October 2026 when the club officially turns 100.

I would like to thank the Management Committee for all their time and support this season. A special thanks to Allison Wicks who stepped into the role of Treasure this season. Allison has dedicated countless hours to the club ensuring our day-to-day finances are in order and had a major role in the background organising the 100th Year Gala Ball. To our long-suffering secretary Linda Scott, a very big thank you for your efforts this season attending all executive committee meetings and 100th Committee meetings ensuring minutes and action items were recorded and completed.

To finish off I would like to thank every member who has patrolled, attended a nipper day, helped at the club house in anyway or has helped fundraise a single dollar. Without our members the Ayr Surf Life Saving Club would not be the club we are. I look forward to seeing you all again next season.

Ben Lawry
President
Ayr SLSC



AYR 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS





EIMEO PRESIDENT'S REPORT



It is with great pride that I present the President's Report for another outstanding season at Eimeo Surf Life Saving Club. The 2025/2026 season has been one of growth, achievement, community spirit, and continued success across all areas of our Club. With another season completed and planning well underway for 2026/2027, we can reflect on a year of significant accomplishments while also looking ahead to the future with confidence. Our Club remains committed to building a strong, inclusive, and dynamic community centred around friends, family, and fun, while ensuring that every member feels welcome, valued, and connected whenever they are at the Club.

Our major infrastructure projects continue to progress. The Retaining Wall Project has now completed the design phase, with construction expected to commence in mid-2026. While the design process took longer than originally anticipated due to Council and State Government approval requirements, we are pleased to see the project moving forward. The Master Planning Project is also progressing well, with Place Design Group continuing their work to develop a long-term vision for our Club's future.

Throughout the patrol season, our members once again demonstrated exceptional commitment to beach safety and community service. Our 46 active patrolling members across seven patrol teams kept Eimeo Beach incident-free throughout the season. Their professionalism, vigilance, and dedication ensured a safe and well-managed patrol season, with no major incidents or critical emergencies occurring during patrol operations.

Like all Surf Life Saving Clubs, our primary purpose is to provide voluntary lifesaving services and ensure the safety of beachgoers. I am proud to report that we have maintained a fatality-free beach this season. This achievement is a direct reflection of the commitment and professionalism of our volunteer patrol members and water safety personnel. For a small club, the transition to Sunday and Public Holiday patrols under the revised patrol agreement has had a significant positive impact, helping to reduce member burnout and improve retention. However, growth in our patrolling membership remained limited this season and attracting and retaining patrol members will continue to be a key focus moving forward.

I would like to acknowledge and thank all our patrolling members for their commitment to saving lives and serving our community. In particular, I extend my appreciation to our Patrol Captains, IRB Drivers, and IRB Crew members who willingly take on additional responsibilities throughout the season.

This season marked our second year of recognising members for significant patrol hour milestones. These milestones represent only part of the contribution our members make to the Club. While many hours spent coaching, volunteering, serving on committees, and supporting events are not formally recorded, patrol hours remain an important measure of the commitment required to keep our Club operating.

100 Hours

- Zara Hegerty
- Andrew Walmsley
- Eve Phegan
- Drew Atkinson

200 Hours

- Tom McMillan
- Andrew Hegerty

300 Hours

- Lauren Armstrong
- Mick Hendrie

600 Hours

- Cynthia Hegerty
- Marti Harris

Thank you to our Management Committee and all members who volunteered in official roles throughout the season. Like all volunteer organisations, our Club relies on members stepping forward to share the workload. I encourage more

members to become involved in the coming season and look forward to welcoming new faces, fresh ideas, and different perspectives to help guide the Club's future.

This season we successfully secured grant funding to purchase six new mals for our youth members. These boards will provide improved training and competition opportunities for years to come and represent an important investment in the future of our Club.

Surf Sports continues to be both rewarding and challenging, particularly for a regional club that does not always have ideal surf conditions. Congratulations to all our competitors who proudly wore the Eimeo cap throughout the season. A special thank you must go to the parents who dedicate countless hours transporting competitors up and down the Queensland coast, as well as to our Director of Surf Sports, Ross, our coaches, and our water safety volunteers whose efforts make participation possible.

Hosting our first carnival in more than ten years was not only a significant milestone but also demonstrated the capability of Eimeo to deliver major surf sports events. It showcased our volunteers, our facilities and our beach to the broader surf lifesaving community. While the event certainly delivered a few memorable moments, including the now-infamous "Jellygate" and a crocodile, it also demonstrated that Eimeo is a venue capable of successfully hosting major branch events. Carnivals of this scale require an enormous amount of planning and volunteer effort, and I sincerely thank every person who contributed their time and energy to ensure the event's success.

Our Junior Activities Program remains a large part of our Club and represents the largest portion of our membership. It provides the perfect entry point for families to become involved in Surf Life Saving. A huge thank you goes to our Junior Activities Coordinator, Alecia, and the dedicated team of volunteers who make our Nippers program such a success. Sunday mornings simply would not happen without our Age Managers, Coaches, Water Safety personnel, and volunteers. Your commitment creates an environment where children can learn, grow, and develop a lifelong connection with Surf Life Saving. Junior member retention will be a key focus in the season ahead as we continue working to ensure our Nippers return year after year.

As this will be my final President's Report, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been an incredibly rewarding three years as President. Together, we have achieved significant milestones, strengthened our Club's position within the community, progressed major infrastructure projects, hosted major events, and continued to grow our programs and services.

None of this would have been possible without the support of an incredible group of volunteers, committee members, members, sponsors, and families who contribute so much to our Club.

On a personal note, I would like to thank my husband, Andrew, for his patience, understanding, and unwavering support throughout my time as President. I also thank our children, Zara, Hugo, and Fletcher, who have embraced Surf Club life with enthusiasm and have shared this journey with me every step of the way.

While serving as President has been one of the greatest privileges of my life, it has also required significant sacrifices from my family. As I step aside from the role, I do so with immense pride in what we have achieved together over the past three years.

During this time, we have strengthened the Club's governance, progressed major infrastructure projects, hosted significant events, expanded participation across our programs, and positioned Eimeo strongly for the future. Most importantly, we have continued to foster a welcoming and supportive culture that makes Eimeo such a special place.

I leave the role knowing the Club is in a strong position and with confidence that the next generation of leaders will continue to build on the foundations we have established. The future of Eimeo Surf Life Saving Club is bright, and I look forward to watching its continued success as both a member and supporter.

Thank you to everyone who has supported me during my time as President and, most importantly, thank you for everything you do for Eimeo Surf Life Saving Club.

Yours in Surf Life Saving,
Cynthia Hegerty
President
Eimeo Surf Life Saving Club

FORREST BEACH PRESIDENT'S REPORT



A Year of Achievement

As we reflect on another outstanding season, I am incredibly proud of everything Forrest Beach Surf Club has achieved both on and off the beach. The commitment, dedication and community spirit shown by our members continues to strengthen our club and ensure we remain well positioned for the future.

The year began with a significant honour as we welcomed the Presidents of Surf Life Saving Australia and Surf Life Saving Queensland, John Baker AM ESM and Gerard O'Brien, in recognition of our members' exceptional response during the 2025 floods. The visit was a special moment for our club, as both Presidents made the trip to personally thank our members for their tireless service and support during the February flood response. Their words of gratitude and recognition were a powerful reminder of the impact we make as volunteers, both on and off the beach.

In addition, we were proudly named as one of only 12 clubs across Australia to receive a brand-new IRB through the AMPOL Lifesaving Support Program, a significant investment that will strengthen our operational capability and support our lifesaving services for years to come.

Our efforts were also acknowledged at the SLSQ State Awards of Excellence, where the club received the State Innovation Award for our flood response initiative, alongside a commendation for Club of the Year.

These achievements reflect the incredible dedication of our members and volunteers, whose commitment extends well beyond the patrol season.



Lifesaving Excellence

Our patrolling members continue to be the backbone of our club. I sincerely thank every volunteer who dedicated their time to keeping our stretch of coastline safe.

A key highlight of our club's ongoing development is the continued commitment to training and upskilling members across all award pathways. This season saw strong participation across a wide range of lifesaving and training awards, including:



- CPR: 32
 - First Aid: 30
 - Advanced Resuscitation Techniques (ART): 16
 - Observers: 2
 - Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC): 6
 - Bronze Medallion: 7
 - MSA: 6
 - Radio Operator: 1
 - IRB Crew Certificate: 8
 - IRB Driver: 4
 - Silver Medallion Patrol Captain: 2
 - Silver Surf Rescue Vessel (SSV): 5
 - Tractor Operations: 5
- Total awards achieved across the season: 124

These results demonstrate the strength of our training culture and the ongoing commitment of our members to developing lifesaving capability within our club.

On average, each patrol member contributed approximately 40 volunteer patrol hours throughout the season. Alongside these patrol commitments, members completed annual proficiencies, training and additional development, ensuring our club maintains the highest standards of lifesaving while continuing to build capacity for the future.

Strengthening Our Club

This season also saw tremendous success through the operation of our clubhouse functions and bar services.

This season also saw tremendous success through the operation of our clubhouse functions and bar services. A special thank you goes to Nicole and Keith Amos, Mark and Cinzia McKewen, Peter Phillips, Helen and Luke Kaurilla, and Mary Venables, whose hard work has transformed the use of our venue, *The Clubhouse*, including the successful delivery of our weekly Friday night community fundraiser, *Beers by the Beach*, both of which have become valued initiatives for community engagement within our club and wider community.

Their efforts generated more than \$26,400 in profit between November 2025 and March 2026, creating an important new income stream that will directly support the purchase of equipment and uniforms for our Nipper members in the coming season.

Inclusion, Nipper and Youth Development

This season also marked an incredibly important step forward in our commitment to inclusion, accessibility and youth development within our junior programs, with the successful launch of the StarFish Nippers program. This initiative provides children with disabilities the opportunity to participate in surf lifesaving activities in a safe, supportive and engaging environment, alongside their peers.

The introduction of StarFish Nippers has been warmly embraced by our club community and reflects our ongoing commitment to ensuring that surf lifesaving is accessible to everyone. It has been inspiring to see participants develop confidence, enjoy the beach environment, and build meaningful connections within our club.

This program strengthens the heart of our Nipper community and reinforces our belief that every child deserves the opportunity to belong, participate, and thrive at Forrest Beach Surf Life Saving Club.



In addition, our partnership with St Teresa's College, Abergowrie continues to grow and strengthen, providing valuable opportunities for First Nations boys to engage in surf lifesaving pathways, leadership development and community involvement within our club.

Surf Sports Success

Our surf sports competitors once again represented Forrest Beach Surf Life Saving Club with distinction across Branch, State and National competitions.

Congratulations to Jahmarley Bann, Stephen Hall and Antwoine Schlapfer for competing at the Queensland Youth State Championships on the Sunshine Coast, with Antwoine and Stephen achieving podium finishes.

We also congratulate Leshwan Bann on his selection in the Queensland Country Team, where he proudly represented both our club and region.

A highlight of the year was our Under 19 Relay Team, which was recognised as the 2025 Lions Club Sports Team of the Year before being named a finalist in the 2025 North Queensland Sports Team of the Year Awards. These achievements reflect the dedication of our athletes and coaches and the continued strength of our surf sports program.

Our Nipper members also enjoyed another successful season, demonstrating enthusiasm, determination and excellent sportsmanship across both competition and participation.



Member Recognition

This season also saw one of our longest-serving members recognised well beyond the club for his exceptional contribution to Surf Life Saving.

Congratulations to Lenny Chiesa, who was honoured with the Hinchinbrook Shire Citizen of the Year, the North Queensland Service to Sport Award, and the Queensland Service to Sport Award, recognising more than 50 years of dedicated service to Surf Life Saving. These well-deserved honours reflect Lenny's lifelong commitment to lifesaving, mentoring members and strengthening both our club and the wider community.

Recognising Our Members

Our Annual Awards celebrate the outstanding individuals whose commitment, leadership, sportsmanship and service continue to strengthen our club.

Club Awards

Club Person of the Year: Michael Biasi
Dedication to Club Award: Nicole and Keith Amos
Vigilance and Service Award: Lenny Chiesa & Helen Stanton
Jason Callow Award: Wendel Bowen

Patrol Awards

Most Patrol Hours (Female): Helen Stanton – 74 hours
Most Patrol Hours (Male): Michael Biasi – 77 hours

Surf Sports Club Champions

U17 Male Club Champion: Leshawn Bann
Open Male Club Champion: Mike Waia
Masters Male Club Champion: Michael Chiesa

Nipper Awards

Junior Female Club Champion: Thea Higgs
Junior Male Club Champion: Slade Higgs
Senior Male Club Champion: Antwoine Schlapfer
Junior Club Person of the Year: Stephen Hall
Nipper Encouragement Awards: Mackenzie Scobie and Thain Wilson
Special Mentions (Surf Sports): Evie Gibson and Thomas Martin



Life Membership

One of the highest honours our club can bestow is Life Membership. This season we proudly welcomed two exceptional members into this distinguished group.

Helen Stanton has dedicated more than a decade of service to our club. Since joining alongside her children, she has contributed in numerous leadership roles including Surf Sports Officer, Chief Training Officer, Junior Activities Officer and Secretary. Helen's unwavering commitment, leadership and passion have transformed many areas of our club while inspiring countless members to achieve their own goals.

Melissa Hall has been involved with the club since childhood and has represented Forrest Beach with distinction throughout her competitive career, earning medals at branch, state and national levels. A dedicated patrolling member since the age of 14, Melissa has also played a pivotal role in developing our Nipper program as Junior Activities Chair and has contributed professionally to Surf Life Saving Queensland through her work in Membership & Community Awareness. Her achievements, including being crowned Queensland Miss Summer Surf Girl winner and becoming the first member from our club to receive this honour, make her a truly deserving Life Member.

In a unique milestone for the club, Melissa and her parents, Lenny and Pam, have created history as the first family to achieve Life Membership across two generations, reflecting their extraordinary and lasting contribution to Forrest Beach Surf Life Saving Club.



Special Thanks

A sincere thank you goes to our Executive Committee, whose leadership, time and commitment throughout the season ensure the continued success and smooth operation of our club. Your dedication behind the scenes is deeply valued and essential to everything we achieve.

We also extend our appreciation to all sponsors for their ongoing support of Forrest Beach Surf Life Saving Club. Your contributions enable us to deliver lifesaving services, develop our members, and continue to provide opportunities across all areas of the club.

Looking Ahead

As President, I extend my sincere thanks to every volunteer, member, official, coach, parent and supporter who has contributed throughout the season.

Together we have achieved another remarkable year, and I look forward to building on these successes as we continue to grow and strengthen our community.

Scott Gibson
President – Forrest Beach



MACKAY PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Mackay Surf Lifesaving Club – “Guardians of Harbour Beach”

Once more this season the Mackay Club has proudly endeavoured to maintain the highest standards of “Vigilance & Service” as the traditional “Guardians of Mackay Harbour Beach.”

It is a great credit to our small team of active volunteers and supporting members as well as the executive management for navigating us successfully through a very rewarding season. Upon reflection, considering the many facets and aspects of club life, we should be very proud of what has been achieved during the 2025-26 season.

Patrolling:

Thanks to all our Club Patrol Captains and our dedicated volunteers who kept our beach safe and ensured patrol obligations were fulfilled throughout the season. While new families and members continue to join our ranks, we have also lost some long serving experienced members leaving the city or taking on new opportunities. Can I acknowledge the efforts of our Club Patrol Captains for playing a significant role in coordinating, leading and training our patrol volunteers. Our patrolling members must also be acknowledged for their commitment during the season and their willingness to sub in for additional patrols during peak periods such as Christmas, Easter, and the various public holidays.

Ongoing skill development, award proficiencies and education on stinger safety for us and the swimming public has certainly been a focus for all clubs and the relevant authorities. Developing consistent beach stinger risk assessment protocols and practices has been an ongoing priority for all patrol captains and their teams.

The club was successful in again lobbying both state & branch to endorse our patrol contract for volunteer services on only Sundays & Public holidays. This has resulted in significant morale and well-being benefits for members who had been previously overstretched to comply with patrol contract rosters.

The club also welcomed a new batch of BM qualified members, recruited from an interest in our Club Surf Boat program under Surfboat Captain Stan Ridland. The success of this program inspired interest from local business and organisations to contribute to the purchase of a new surfboat for the club. The first in 25 years.

Periods of severe weather this season activated by a series of FNQ cyclones definitely impacted our beaches and our ability to patrol effectively. Fortunately, after much debate and lobbying, MRC came on board to organise several beach debris clean ups during the season. Plans are now for this to become a more regular, scheduled task on the MRC parks & recreational spaces maintenance program.

Competition:

The North Australian Surf Lifesaving Championships hosted by MSLSC was again the premier competition event for the season. For the third year running club and competitor participation numbers were on the rise with a full 3 days of quality event competition. Our predominantly young and small Mackay junior's contingent as well as our growing Masters division performed exceptionally well gaining valuable championship confidence & experience.

The Mackay Club also claimed NBB Championships success this season for the first time in close to a decade. The building of consistent improvement over time has been a result of our dedicated coaches, trainers and committed competitors.

Our junior/youth members continued to test themselves and their skills at carnivals throughout the branch. Experience, confidence and success is certainly growing amongst this very inspiring group of young future lifesavers. The State & National Junior/Youth carnivals are the pinnacle competition events for the year. Congratulations to our junior members who represented our club as part of the NBB Team and the Mackay Club (more details in DOSS report). Credit to our Nippers & Club Coaches and trainers especially Josh Grant, Cathy McKinnon, Stewart Richardson and Stan Ridland for their huge contributions in developing a strong foundation of basic skills and surf endurance through our Juniors/ Youth and Surfboat Teams Program. Some amazing **State & National Championship medal performances** resulted.

Special thank you also to all our extra behind the scenes volunteers led by Peter Marshall who miraculously appear at all carnivals, local, NBB, State & Nationals as gear stewards, carnival officials, water safety and team supporters. Competition could not happen without your generous contributions of time & effort. We appreciate what you do.

Club Facilities & Operations:

Our clubhouse facilities are now over 25 years old and still remain a significant club & community resource. We are very fortunate to have such a multipurpose venue for the use of our members and the community. However, maintaining such an asset in ocean front conditions is always a challenge. Wear and tear have taken its toll. It is important to acknowledge the considerable behind the scenes efforts by members, supporters and community which has been required to conduct repairs, undertake significant maintenance and fund replacement of broken or unsafe structures and equipment.

Our club administrator, management team and Supporters Club have actively sourced numerous community grants and business sponsorships to contribute to these large financial burdens. Effective lobbying by the club executive convinced SLSQ to contribute a sum of \$200K toward a clubhouse partial roof replacement. Final cost reached \$263 K. As per Paragon Engineering Report the entire upstairs commercial cold room and associated server spaces had to be demolished and rebuilt. The club sourced an additional \$550 K from the HMCT Foundation to contribute to this project and facility upgrades. Contracts are still to be finalised but hopefully a completion date before August 2026. Special recognition to Club Captain Ryan Lee for his role as project liaison officer for this major club restoration project. Significant efforts chasing additional grants and local business sponsors to contribute to the project shortfall has been undertaken by the Management team and our Supporters Club. This will be major achievement for the long-term future & sustainability of the club.

Council Rates, Insurance, Electricity and regular club roller door replacement costs continue to be our most significant day to day cost outlays.

Members volunteering for additional special events as First Aid & Water Safety personnel have also been an important source of income for the club throughout the season. These included the Mackay Triathlon Festival, Mackay Twilight Run, Mackay BMA Marina Run, Winter Solstice Ocean Swim, Sport & Rec MKY Expo, U Beach ALL Access Day, Harbour Beach Twilight Markets as well as several other smaller events.

Our **Supporter's Club** has also assisted with financial subsidies to contribute towards club operating costs as well as financial assistance to support other club ventures and facility improvements. Our ongoing thanks to Supporters Club Staff & Management for their contributions & efforts.

Partnerships:

While many individuals, families & businesses have supported our club this year, special mention should be made of the following: **HMCT Foundation** (Clubhouse Restoration Project) **M&P Services** – supporters of the North Aussies Championships and a significant donor via their community golf day event in partnership with **Key Solutions Group, NQ Bulk Ports, BMA, Macrossan & Amiet, Glencore/Hail Creek** have also continued to be highly valued, long term, financial and in-kind supporters of our club. Their ongoing commitment has been invaluable to ensure MSLSC continues to be an effective asset and resource for our local community.

The club continues to foster and expand partnerships within the community. We continue to support and sub lease our training room to the **PCYC Project Booyah team** and **UDA Realty upstairs**. New this season has also been the monthly **Harbour Beach Twilight Markets** on the club grounds. Our ongoing partnership with the **DUNES** development project south of the club has also continued. All these initiatives contribute to the club sourcing new strategies to highlight our value to community and build a continually growing club profile.

Future Focus:

Club management is very aware of the potential growth and expansion of the southern end of the Harbour precinct for the future. This is an opportunity that we want to be sure we are ready to engage with and benefit from into the future. As such, MSLSC committed to the **SLSQ Future Focussed Club** initiative which enabled us to capture member opinion and feedback in the development of our next club strategic plan. This is currently in a review and feedback phase with the final plan anticipated to be ready for implementation in the new season.

While the season has often been hectic and challenging at times it has also been very rewarding and enjoyable. Our club culture is built upon volunteering, selfless service, and a love of the beach with likeminded people. I am very proud of our joint achievements this season, especially those members who continually go above & beyond as well as the newer members who have found their feet and stepped up to be key contributors in our club for the future. I am very pleased to see our club moving from strength to strength.
See you all on the beach again next season.

Brendan Smith - President



SARINA PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Dear Members

Lifesaving

Sarina SLSC has completed another year of protecting the community at our amazing Sarina Beach. While we are currently low on active members, we have found a way to keep this most valuable community service intact.

We enhanced our primary service this year by re-instating our Saturday patrol service by having surveillance patrol created which had one Bronze member performing this duty for a small club we should be very proud that we can perform this service, there are other clubs in our region who have yet to succeed in this critical service.

It was positive to see several of our nipper kids come through the ranks and successfully obtain their Bronze medallion this season, it is always uplifting for our club to see these green caps become the newest cornerstones of our club.

I would like to extend my upmost appreciation to our Club Captain Lisa Vernon and Vice Club Captain Lars Gall, the work they have both done in the background that no one sees is immense, thank you.

Our active members can't patrol our beach without taught skills in what they may be confronted with so a big thank you goes out to our CTO Dave Young, his training offsiders Lisa Vernon & Lars Gall, your work is valued by our club. Sarina SLSC has never been scared to go out on a limb and try different things, we are the first club in our branch to purchase a Jet Ski, and a drone is not far away, we will never die wondering!

Junior Activities

Our nipper program keeps rolling on and has been the major provider of our active members over the last two decades. The JAC program provides lifelong skills to all our youth who undertake this program, a big shout to JAC Chairperson January Sarich, Green Caps Co-Ordinator Narelle Nash and regular contributors Geoff Renehan & Shannon Saye.

Surf Sports

Our carnival numbers dropped this year however every club has transitional moments, and I am sure we will rebound in the coming years. However, we still had some amazing results watching the Brad Boys carving everyone up at the Aussies this was truly amazing and we also one a mixed beach relay at states under the NBB Branch cap with three stingrays Lane, Cooper & Ainslee

Our Executive

A huge thank you to our committee after a couple of years of trying to settle positions in, we are now in a very strong position.

Secretary: Shelley Brady, she is the glue that holds it all together an amazing work ethic, respectful and accommodating. Treasurer: Kylee Richardson has taken on the role with gusto; she is totally committed and can create a monthly financial report that I can understand.

Club Captain: Lisa Vernon, she is unwavering in performing this duty to the best of her ability, has led the way in finding the best way for our active members to perform our primary service at Sarina Beach.

CTO: Dave Young year on year always ready to train our people with his love for our club and the movement is second to none.

JAC: January Sarich: January always undertakes every effort to make our JAC program the best it can be, you can't ask for more than that.

Administrator: Breanna Wyatt is an old clubbie and former Surf Girl of our club she performs this role in a paid part time position and she is fabulous. Nothing is ever too much for her, she will always get the job done. Breanna has a great work ethic, always looking to improve what we currently do and does all of this with lots of passion.

Kind regards

Trent Vernon - Sarina Surf Lifesaving President



TOWNSVILLE PICNIC BAY PRESIDENT'S REPORT



As the 2025/26 season wraps up, I would like to recognise our Life Members, patrolling members, club members, sponsors, and the wider community for their contributions and support throughout the season.

With members patrolling both Magnetic Island and The Strand, it has once again been a busy year. Keeping our beaches safe remains our highest priority, while educating and engaging with our community on beach safety continues to be an important role our volunteers perform so well.



Thank you to our new patrolling members this season. I hope Surf Life Saving and volunteering become part of your family's lifestyle, just as it has for many of our long-term members. Our club simply cannot function without the commitment of volunteers who generously give their time to support both the club and our community.

A special thank you to our JAC, Age Managers, water safety personnel, officials, coaches, committee members, and volunteers. Your dedication is the backbone of our club and ensures our members continue to enjoy a safe and rewarding experience.

Like many regional clubs, we continue to face challenges including slow membership growth and increasing operational costs. Despite this, we remain fortunate to receive ongoing support through Surf Life Saving Queensland and Surf Life Saving Australia funding programs. Every dollar received is invested back into delivering lifesaving services, maintaining facilities, supporting volunteers, and keeping our beaches safe.

Fundraising remains critical to the sustainability of our club. Thank you to everyone who supported events throughout the year, including Ewan Races, the Sportsman's Lunch, TOWSA Swim, Running Festival, Magnetic Island Race Week, Nipper BBQs, Trivia Night, and many others. Ewan continues to be our largest fundraiser and would not be possible without the hard work of our dedicated volunteers, families, and supporters. We would love to see some new faces become involved in fundraising activities next season.

Thank you to the Townsville Picnic Bay Supporters Club, our Building Committee, and Administrator Sam Munroe for their continued support and commitment to the club. The club also continues to progress through the dedication of our Executive Committee, whose members always have the club's best interests at heart. Thank you for everything you have contributed throughout the season.

Looking ahead, our focus remains on growing patrol membership, strengthening family engagement, improving communication, and ensuring our Junior Activities Program continues to meet the needs of our members. We are also excited about the development of a new website and the fresh ideas emerging from members stepping into leadership and volunteer roles.

Next season will be especially significant as we celebrate our 100th anniversary. This remarkable milestone reflects the dedication of generations of members who have built and sustained our club. I look forward to seeing our members proudly wearing the maroon and gold as we celebrate this achievement together.

Finally, thank you to all members, volunteers, sponsors, supporters, and families of Townsville Picnic Bay SLSC. Your dedication and community spirit ensure our club continues to thrive and proudly serve our community.

Picnic Bay Proud!

Melinda Cosgrove
President – Townsville Picnic Bay



DIRECTOR OF LIFESAVING'S REPORT



Another successful patrol season has concluded, with no drownings or fatalities recorded between the flags across North Barrier Branch beaches. This outstanding achievement reflects the dedication, professionalism, and commitment of our volunteer members. Throughout the season, North Barrier Branch members contributed [insert patrol hours] patrol hours in support of our core mission of keeping beachgoers safe.

The season was not without its challenges. Several beach closures were required due to significant weather events across the region, the presence of marine stingers and other hazardous marine life, and damage to stinger nets. Despite these operational challenges, our clubs continued to maintain a strong focus on public safety and service delivery.

The season commenced with visits to all clubs to ensure readiness for the year ahead. Patrol inspections were subsequently conducted throughout the season, with all clubs achieving a commendable standard. These inspections remain an essential component of our governance and quality assurance framework, enabling the Branch to assess compliance requirements, operational capability, skills maintenance, and knowledge retention. The consistently high standard demonstrated across all clubs reflects the commitment of our members to delivering safe, professional, and effective lifesaving services.

Attendance at Branch Lifesaving meetings by Club Captains and Chief Training Officers was exceptional throughout the year. This level of engagement has ensured that important operational information, updates, and directives have been effectively communicated and implemented at club level, strengthening consistency across the Branch.

A key focus over the past two years has been the replacement of stinger suits used for dragging operations. I am pleased to report that, prior to the commencement of the 2026–27 season, each club will receive ten new suits. This initiative will be incorporated into both patrol and Nipper activities and forms part of our broader commitment to improving operational capability and member safety. Surf Life Saving Queensland and Surf Life Saving Australia have been strong supporters of our "one suit for all purposes" initiative, and their assistance throughout this process is gratefully acknowledged.



During the season, the Branch also undertook trials of e-bikes on selected beaches. These trials provided valuable insights into their potential application within beach operations and may assist in informing future operational enhancements.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Kye for his outstanding contribution to North Barrier Branch over the past [insert years] years. His commitment to improving emergency services equipment and operational resources has strengthened the Branch's capability and has left a lasting legacy that will benefit

lifesaving services well into the future.

My thanks also go to Wellsy for acting as my representative at meetings when required and for the invaluable support provided throughout the season. Your knowledge, experience, and willingness to assist have been greatly appreciated. To Zara Richards, Trainee Assistant Director of Lifesaving (South), thank you for your assistance with patrol inspections and your continued commitment to supporting our clubs. To Shelley, thank you for your unwavering support and assistance throughout the year; your contribution is highly valued. Finally, I would like to acknowledge Stony for his support as Director in the North, particularly with patrol inspections and the provision of valuable operational advice and guidance throughout the season.

To the members of the Lifesaving Committee, thank you for your dedication, professionalism, and commitment throughout the season. Your contributions play a critical role in supporting our clubs and ensuring the continued delivery of high-quality lifesaving services across North Barrier Branch.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank all patrolling members, trainers, assessors, officials, and volunteers whose efforts continue to uphold the values and reputation of Surf Life Saving. The success of our season is a direct reflection of your commitment to serving our communities and keeping our beaches safe.

Yours in Lifesaving

David (Youngy) Young – Director Lifesaving

TOTAL PATROL HOURS NORTH BARRIER BRANCH 2025/2026

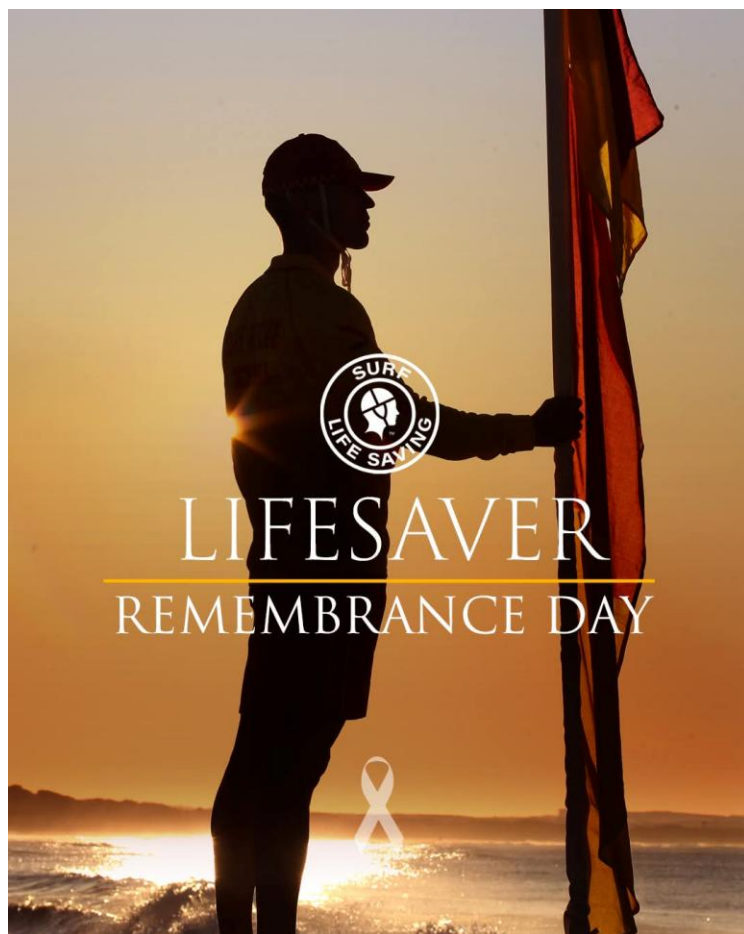
Arcadian	3753.44
Ayr	1929.79
Eimeo	1481.98
Forrest Beach	2095.8
Mackay	1937.38
Picnic Bay	2296.71
Sarina	1759.14
TOTAL	15254.24

YEARLY STATISTICS NORTH BARRIER BRANCH – 2025/2026

	TOTALS			
CLUBS	Total Beach Visitation	Total minor First Aid	Total Preventative Actions	Total Local Laws and PR
ARAV	28639	200	814	661
AYRV	5530	7	77	296
EIMV	36350	21	1362	418
FORV	9245	17	573	523
HARV	14421	65	1177	530
PBMV	7796	28	331	313
PICV	14910	33	445	602
SARV	13004	15	811	240
<u>TOTAL</u>	129895	386	5590	3583

MEMORIAL DAY – AUSTRALIAN LIFESAVER'S PRAYER

O Lord of all good life,
Who has given to my fellows and me in this land of Australia,
Bathed in sunshine, Enriched by the bounties of nature,
Encircled by the rolling waves,
I ask that You will accept the service that I offer
As a guardian of the lives of others.
I give thanks for the joy of living, The Strength of
manhood,
The honour of the noble deed,
Teach me to know that the value of a single life
Is of infinite worth in Your sight.
May I ever be alert to the needs of those
Whose safety is dependent on my vigilance.
Help me at all times to play the man
And never to flinch at the call of my duty.
Make me ready to match the moment of testing
With the spirit of courage and adventure.
Make me strong and steadfast
In the service that I have embraced.
Help me to be a good comrade.
May I never be disheartened
By difficulties or discouraged by discipline.
May the standard of my life be a help
To those who look to me for an example.
Help me to offer to You, to my club,
And to those whose safety is dependent on my skills
Nothing less than the best I can give.
And to ask for no reward
Save that of knowing that I do my duty and fulfil Your will.
O Lord, my god accept this prayer
Amen



SLSQ North Barrier Branch Executive members acknowledge and thank all North Barrier Branch Lifesavers, who have chosen to selflessly give their time and skills over the past season to keep our beaches safe for our communities to enjoy.

LIFESAVING COORDINATOR'S REPORT

The 2025/26 season has once again demonstrated the dedication and commitment of our clubs and members across the North Barrier Branch. It was particularly pleasing to see all clubs successfully meet their patrol obligations throughout the season. This achievement should not be underestimated, especially for those clubs facing challenges associated with reduced membership numbers and volunteer availability.

The introduction of revised patrol service agreements, based on statistical beach visitation data, has assisted clubs in better aligning resources with community demand. While change can often present challenges, the updated model has provided a more sustainable approach to service delivery across our diverse region.

Disaster response continues to become an increasingly important component of Surf Life Saving operations. North Barrier Branch is represented on three of the five Local Disaster Management Groups (LDMGs) across our region, ensuring Surf Life Saving remains a valued partner in community resilience and emergency response. As disaster response now forms part of our Queensland Police Service funding arrangements, it is essential that we continue to build capability and generate interest in this area. Given the size and geographical spread of our region, there is also a need to develop and maintain club-based response teams that can provide timely local support when required.

This season also marked the first full year of our Operations Support service. I would like to sincerely thank Cameron Todd for the professional manner in which he has managed and delivered this service. The feedback received has been overwhelmingly positive, and the service has provided valuable support to clubs and patrol operations throughout the region. Moving forward, it is important that this service does not become an additional burden on our patrolling members. We must continue to explore opportunities to build capacity and maximise the effectiveness and utilisation of the service.

As we look towards next season, I encourage all clubs and members to continue investing in training, development, and skill enhancement. The more capable and confident our members become, the better equipped we are to provide safe and effective lifesaving services to our communities.

Thank you to every volunteer, officer, trainer, assessor, and club leader who has contributed throughout the season. Your commitment ensures that Surf Life Saving remains a trusted and respected service across the North Barrier Branch.

Regional Manager
Jason Wells



LIFEGUARD SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

On behalf of Surf Life Saving Queensland (SLSQ) and the Australian Lifeguard Service Queensland (ALSQ), I am pleased to present the 2025/26 North Barrier Lifeguard Service Annual Report. This report highlights the outstanding achievements of our lifeguard team and reflects the dedication, professionalism, and commitment demonstrated by our personnel throughout the year. Their efforts continue to play a critical role in protecting the lives of residents and visitors across the North Barrier region.



Throughout the reporting period, SLSQ and ALSQ have continued to work closely with Townsville City Council and Mackay Regional Council to deliver a range of aquatic safety, coastal safety, and drowning prevention initiatives. These collaborative partnerships remain focused on a shared objective: saving lives and creating safer aquatic environments for our communities.

It is with sadness that we report a fatal drowning at Riverway Lagoons during the year. Incidents of this nature serve as a reminder of the inherent risks associated with aquatic environments and reinforce the importance of maintaining highly trained and professional lifeguard services. Following this incident and a subsequent review, ALSQ assisted during a transition period to support the introduction of a new provider responsible for lifeguard services at Riverway Lagoons.

Like volunteer lifesavers, professional lifeguards are driven by a passion for the ocean and a commitment to helping others. In December, the service was once again tested when lifeguards responded to a resuscitation incident at Strand North. Assisted by an off-duty lifeguard, the team worked seamlessly together to achieve a positive outcome, with the patient transported by the Queensland Ambulance Service conscious and breathing. This incident exemplified the professionalism, training, and teamwork that underpin our service.

Across the North Barrier region, ALSQ recorded the following statistics during 2025/26:

- Beach Attendance: 862,919
- Preventative Actions: 86,437
- Rescues: 39
- Incidents: 172
- First Aid Treatments: 136 (91 Major, 45 Minor)
- Stinger Drags Logged: 1,207

October recorded the highest visitation levels of the year, with 105,190 visitors attending our patrolled locations. March saw the highest number of incidents, with 25 recorded, while rescues peaked in November, when lifeguards performed nine rescues across the region.

Although the stinger season was relatively quiet, ongoing monitoring activities recorded the following marine stinger species:

- Chironex fleckeri: 10
- Morbakka: 2
- Cyanea: 3
- Physalia: 4
- Catostylus: 7

A strong focus remained on workforce development throughout the year, resulting in significant enhancements to the capability of our professional lifeguard team. Key achievements included the qualification of 10 new Rescue Watercraft (RWC) operators and seven Incident Controller Level 1 lifeguards. In addition, ALSQ supported two further lifeguards to complete their Incident Controller Level 2 qualifications.

To address the increasing prevalence of anti-social behaviour across our operational areas, all lifeguards completed specialised de-escalation training. This training equipped staff with the skills and knowledge required to manage challenging situations professionally, respectfully, and safely, while ensuring the wellbeing of lifeguards, beachgoers, and the broader community. Collectively, these initiatives have significantly strengthened the operational capability and resilience of the North Barrier Lifeguard Service.

This year also marked the return of a dedicated ALSQ Conference, held prior to the SLSQ Conference. The event brought together lifeguards from across Queensland to share knowledge, experiences, and best practice initiatives aimed at enhancing service delivery statewide. Delegates also had the opportunity to learn from industry experts, emergency service professionals, and leaders within the health and fitness sectors.

Following this event, Tiago and Daniel were awarded the Prof. Tess Cramond AO, OBE Medal of Lifesaving Excellence in recognition of their outstanding resuscitation efforts at Alma Bay. While we are immensely proud of the contributions made by all our lifeguards throughout the year, this achievement represents a particularly significant accomplishment. We extend our sincere congratulations to both recipients.



Building on the establishment of the Coastal Safety Network during the previous reporting period, SLSQ has continued to expand this important initiative with the installation of two new emergency response beacons at Pallarenda and Picnic Bay. North Barrier became the first region in Queensland to receive the latest generation of these beacons, which allow both lifeguards and the State Operations Centre (SOC) to receive emergency calls directly from members of the public and monitor unfolding incidents in real time.

The new beacons also incorporate public address functionality, enabling the delivery of pre-recorded safety messages and live emergency announcements. Public rescue equipment has been integrated into each beacon installation, with additional equipment also deployed at Alma Bay. These advancements represent a significant step forward in public safety across the North Barrier region and would not have been possible without the ongoing support of Townsville City Council and Surf Life Saving Queensland.

While this year presented some of the most challenging circumstances our service has faced, particularly following the tragic incident at Riverway Lagoons, it has also been a year of significant achievement. The North Barrier Lifeguard Service recorded one of its highest years on record for beach visitation and incident response activity, while continuing to enhance the skills, capability, and professionalism of its workforce.

I would like to thank every lifeguard, council representative, volunteer lifesaver, and partner agency who has contributed to the success of the service over the past year. Through their dedication and commitment, the North Barrier Lifeguard Service continues to provide world-class aquatic safety services and remains focused on its core mission of saving lives, creating safer beaches, and serving our communities.

Mitch Knight
Lifeguard Supervisor

DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP'S REPORT



As 25/26 closes it feels like 26/27 has already begun and the wheels of our Membership base are already turning. Our Branch Committees remain active and working together to reflect on the season that was and strategies to make the next even better. However, I do hope that each Member whether they be a club executive or the average punter has some time out. Burnout is a huge and Hot topic in the Membership space, and we owe it to ourselves to be mindful with our commitments and brave enough to make time for ourselves.

Statistically, across the branch we had a positive growth of 3% in Active membership. 5% up on the Statewide result. North Barrier Branch continues to have a solid 50/50 Gender split of membership as well excellent representation of this on Club and Branch Executive Roles. Our continued engagement in our Youth across the North Barrier Branch continues to show an incredible return on investment with a number of our Youth stepping into significant Leadership roles at Club, Branch and State Level. This season we saw Youth take up more Patrol Captain roles, Carnival Officials, Youth Development Officers, Leadership Roles on State Programs, Branch Positions and even Deputy Chair on the State Youth Advisory Board reporting to the State Membership Service Committee. NBB has solid retention across out Cadet/Active Junior into Active Senior numbers. Congratulations to the Clubs for the effort and time invested into providing opportunities for our youth to grow and develop in their confidence, skills and experiences.

Before the season really kicked off a significant contingent attended the State Conference with NBB very well represented at the Youth Forum. A wonderful evening at the Awards of Excellence, 3 Awards for our region, made for a quiet and sedate evening had by all. An honourable mention to Lenny & Pam Chiesa who were the LAST on the Dance floor at the end of the night. This season also, Members across the Branch engaged in the Advancing Women in Leadership program. The 6month journey with 40 women across the state encouraging participants to back themselves, building skills in data driven thinking, strategic networks, courageous conversations and authentic leadership. Congratulations to those who engaged, and I hope you found some gems of knowledge and insight for your Lifesaving Pathways.



NBB had excellent representation at all SLSQ Programs in the 25/26 Season and this participation is something I would encourage all to support each Season. State Programs including YEP (Youth Excellence Program 15-17yrs) LDP (Lifesaving Development Program 16-20yrs) ALDP (Advanced Lifesaving Development Program 20+) and LEP (Leadership Excellence Program 18+). These are amazing opportunities to help our Youth participation and engagement, Emerging operations support skills development and Developing Leaders. We set a task of at least 1 Youth from every club at YEP 2025 and were delighted that was achieved. Thank you to the State Membership Committee for their continued support of NBB member engagement.

Of course, a season wouldn't be complete without the North Barrier Branch SRC/BM Camp organised and managed by Matt Stone and various Trainers held in Alma Bay. With a new condensed format and reduced time in Camp the schedule was packed and intensive. The level of engagement and commitment from this cohort of Youth was top tier considering it was one of the largest SRC groups in many years. They did their clubs and themselves proud. Thanks always must go to the Chaperones, Cooks, Trainers and Assessors who make these camps possible as well as safe and fun for all involved. The value of coming together to train as a Branch brings a special connection that carries through the rest of the season and fosters friendships spread across the 550km of our stretch of Coastline.

I extend my sincere thanks to all our members for another outstanding season. Each individual contributes something unique and valuable to our Branch, and it is this collective commitment that strengthens the Surf Lifesaving community.

Thank you for choosing to be part of Surf Lifesaving throughout the 25/26 season. I trust that your involvement has brought you moments of joy, meaningful friendships, personal development, and shared laughter.

As we conclude this season, I encourage you to rest and recharge, and to prepare for a successful and inspiring 26/27 season ahead.

Linda Murray
Director of Membership



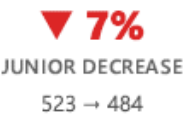
NBB MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS 2025/2026

NORTH BARRIER BRANCH

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS REPORT 2025/2026



Vs. Previous Season



Gender	Count	%
Male	732	49.5%
Female	746	50.4%
Non-binary	1	0.1%

Numbers in this report are generated from the SLSQ Membership Dashboard.
Active members = Cadet (13-15), Active (15-18), Active (18+), Award, Reserve Active.
Note: Branch-level report. Historical trend data available at state level only.

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Club	Total	Active	Junior	% Active	% Junior
Arcadian	407	149	138	36.6%	33.9%
Eimeo	303	46	141	15.2%	46.5%
Picnic Bay	201	54	43	26.9%	21.4%
Mackay	189	69	42	36.5%	22.2%
Forrest Beach	154	79	46	51.3%	29.9%
Ayr	118	54	39	45.8%	33.1%
Sarina	108	31	35	28.7%	32.4%
Total (raw)	1,480	482	484		

Note: Totals are raw counts. Members in multiple clubs within the branch are counted once per club. Deduplicated branch total: 1,479.

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP – NORTH BARRIER BRANCH

MEMBERSHIP 2025/2026

Membership Category	Count	%
Probationary	144	9.7%
Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	484	32.7%
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	64	4.3%
Active (15-18 yrs)	97	6.6%
Active (18yrs and over)	296	20.0%
Award Member	18	1.2%
Reserve Active	6	0.4%
Long Service	9	0.6%
Past Active	9	0.6%
Associate	146	9.9%
Nipper Parent	78	5.3%
Life Member	88	5.9%
General	12	0.8%
Honorary	12	0.8%
Community Member	7	0.5%
Inclusive/Adaptive Program Participant	4	0.3%
Leave / Restricted	5	0.3%
Total Active	481	
Total	1,479	100%

Junior Activities (Age Category)	Count	%
Under 6	49	10.1%
Under 7	55	11.4%
Under 8	58	12.0%
Under 9	61	12.6%
Under 10	55	11.4%
Under 11	55	11.4%
Under 12	51	10.5%
Under 13	55	11.4%
Under 14	45	9.3%
Junior Activities Total	484	100%

DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR ACTIVITIES' REPORT



Camp Alva 2026

This year with a possible cyclone bearing down on us, 'Camp Alva', the NBB Camp for Under 12s and 13s, was postponed in January to ensure the safety of our members. Thankfully we were able to reschedule the much-loved camp to the April school holidays, and another fantastic weekend of fun was had by all. Unfortunately, with the change of date and clashes in timetables, the camp saw smaller numbers than usual, but all those who attended still made the most of the experience.

The camp saw 22 kids from nearly all clubs across the Branch, undertake leadership and development activities, mix, and mingle with friends from different clubs and learn more about the life saving movement and additional avenues that you can take outside nippers. This year's group of nippers were a wonderful bunch who all displayed exceptional behaviour, manners and attitude throughout the weekend, and all clubs, parents and participants should be proud.

Kellie Lawry, North Barrier Branch Director of Junior Activities





MEMBERSHIP & COMMUNITY AWARENESS

COORDINATOR'S REPORT



As we are close to another successful season, I am proud to reflect on the achievements and progress made across the North Barrier Branch.

I stepped into the Membership and Community Awareness Coordinator role in February. While I am new to the position, the past few months have provided an invaluable opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the portfolio and its many facets. Having previously experienced Surf Life Saving from a member's perspective, I have enjoyed bringing that understanding into this role and working alongside our clubs, volunteers, and staff to support membership growth, member development, and community engagement throughout the

Branch.

Building Community Connections

One of the most rewarding aspects of the role has been seeing the positive impact Surf Life Saving continues to have beyond the beach. My first day in the role was spent delivering a program to Year 10 Sport and Recreation students at my former high school fitting introduction to the position and the important work we do within the community.

Over the past three months, we have delivered a range of school and beach education programs across the region. Highlights included visits to Eaton College, a school supporting students with Autism Spectrum Disorder, as well as St Teresa's College and Abergowrie State School. With a strong Surf Life Saving connection already established through St Teresa's College and Forrest Beach SLSC, it was encouraging to see enthusiasm from First Nations students who are not yet involved in our movement.



We have also expanded our community presence through a new partnership with Townsville Airport, helping share important beach and surf safety information with visitors to the region. In addition, we attended several community events, including the Bowen Careers Expo, Caravan Expo, and Run Army events. These opportunities allow us to engage directly with the public, promote water safety messages, and showcase the many pathways available within Surf Life Saving.

These engagements not only raise awareness of beach safety but also provide valuable opportunities to introduce new families to Surf Life Saving and strengthen connections within our local communities.

A special thank you to Charlotte, our Community Awareness Casual, for her support at many of these events throughout the season. The Community Awareness Casual roles continue to provide valuable opportunities for our young members to gain experience while promoting Surf Life Saving within the community, and I would welcome the opportunity to see this team grow further in both size and impact. I would also like to acknowledge the support of our lifeguards, who regularly assist with education and community engagement initiatives, helping us extend our reach and strengthen our impact across the Branch.

Recognising Excellence

One of the highlights of every season is celebrating the achievements of our members. Whether through service, leadership, education, patrol operations, surf sports, or youth development, our volunteers continue to set a high standard across the Branch.

The North Barrier Branch Annual Awards Night provided an opportunity to recognise these outstanding contributions, and it was particularly pleasing to see our members and clubs recognised at the Surf Life Saving Queensland Awards of Excellence.

Congratulations to:

Briella Wassmuth (Ayr SLSC) – U14 Lifesaver of the Year
Adam Edwards (Arcadian SLSC) – Andy Frizzell OAM, OBE Award for Service to Junior Activities
Forrest Beach SLSC – Innovation Award for Flood Emergency Rescue
Forrest Beach SLSC – Commendation for Club of the Year



These achievements are a testament to the dedication, innovation, and commitment of our members and clubs. Congratulations to all involved.

Strengthening Our Clubs

One of the exciting developments this season has been the launch of The Youth Collective, an initiative designed to provide a voice for young members across the North Barrier Branch and create opportunities for greater engagement, connection, and leadership development.

The establishment of The Youth Collective came in response to a recognised need to better understand and support the experiences of our young members. It has been encouraging to see early interest and growth in this space, with young people eager to contribute ideas and help shape the future of Surf Life Saving within our Branch.

Our youth members are not only the future of Surf Life Saving; they are an important part of our organisation today. By creating opportunities for meaningful involvement and leadership, we can continue to build stronger clubs and support the next generation of volunteers, patrol members, officials, and leaders.

It was also encouraging to see our Branch represented at the Junior Activities Forum earlier in the season. While this event took place before I commenced in the role, I look forward to attending future forums and working alongside clubs to identify ways we can continue to support and strengthen our nipper programs and the volunteers who make them possible.

I look forward to working alongside our clubs and their young members to further develop this initiative and bring to life many of the ideas and opportunities identified through The Youth Collective. Through collaboration and shared ownership, we can continue to create a positive and inclusive environment where young people feel connected, valued, and empowered to contribute.



Supporting Sustainable Growth

The Priority Clubs Project continued to play an important role in supporting long-term sustainability across the Branch. Through targeted planning and practical support, participating clubs have worked hard to address local challenges and identify opportunities for future growth.

The positive progress made throughout the season reflects the commitment of club leadership teams and volunteers. Encouragingly, current projections suggest a reduction in the number of clubs requiring priority support next season, highlighting the effectiveness of these collaborative efforts and the resilience of our clubs.

Investing in Our Future Leaders

Youth development remains one of the most important investments we can make as an organisation.

One of my highlights this season was attending Camp Alva and spending time with some of our junior members. Having participated in Camp Alva myself many years ago, it was a special experience to return in a different capacity and gain a new appreciation for the program.

It was wonderful to get to know the nippers and witness firsthand the outstanding work of the Camp Alva team. The camp continues to provide an exceptional opportunity for young members to develop confidence, independence, teamwork, and leadership skills while building friendships with peers from across the Branch.

Programs such as Camp Alva play a vital role in supporting the transition from Junior Activities into active membership and future leadership opportunities within Surf Life Saving.

Initiatives such as The Youth Collective also complement this work by ensuring young members have a voice and clear pathways into leadership and active club involvement.

Looking Forward

As we prepare for another season, there is much to be excited about. The continued growth of community programs, the development of our young members, and the commitment shown by clubs across the Branch provide a strong foundation for the future.

I look forward to getting to know our clubs and members, and support them in the areas of membership development, Junior Activities, and community engagement. By working together, sharing ideas, and embracing new opportunities, we can continue to strengthen Surf Life Saving across the North Barrier Branch and ensure our members remain at the center of everything we do.

Thank you to our clubs, volunteers, staff, and members for your ongoing support throughout the season. I look forward to building on these successes in the year ahead.

Mariam Hall
Membership and Community Awareness Coordinator

EDUCATION & TRAINING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Thanks to everyone in the Branch for another successful season. We truly have the best Branch in the State. Our volunteers have completed 741 awards for the season. Thank you to all our TAF's, Endorsed Delegates and SME's for Training, Assessing and getting through skills maintenance requirements. All clubs are building up capabilities to continue a strong training team going forward. We have a lot of members that have completed Trainer and or Assessor skillsets and full Certificate IV TAE40122. We now need to focus on getting them all through the probie process so they can deliver courses.



The Branch SRC/Bronze camp was another success, thanks to Linda, Emily, Isla, Alecia and all the helpers. The kids had a great time and good to see them forming bonds with kids from across the Branch. Thanks also to the Arcadian SLSC for hosting us at the Alma Bay clubhouse.

We now have an Operations Support team that do Jet ski patrols around Magnetic Island. Thanks to all the members that have given their time to become RWC Operators and a big shout out to the training team Mitch, Ian, Aaron and Cam. This will continue to grow over the next couple of seasons. Sarina also has a jet ski so we will be working on building their team and ensuring sustainability over the next few seasons.

The Regional team has changed a bit this season. We've lost Emily and Kye who both made a massive impact in our Branch. We still have a great team led by Wellsy, Mitch, Shelley and we've welcomed Mariam who comes from Lifesaving royalty up at Forrest Beach. It's always a positive workplace and everyone helps each other out.

Enjoy the off season and see you all in September.

Matt Stone **Education & Training Supervisor**



AWARD	GAINED 25/26
Surf Rescue Certificate	41
Bronze	68
Resuscitation	167
First Aid	130
Advanced Resuscitation Techniques	107
IRB Crew Certificate	40
Silver Medallion IRB Driver	19
Silver Medallion Patrol Captain	13
Qld Marine Stinger Award	48
Qld SSV Operator Induction	27
Qld Tractor Induction	13
Qld 4WD Induction	0
Qld Shallow Water Rescue	32
Observers Award	7
Rescue Watercraft Operator	11
Radio Operators	3
Drone Operator	0
Trainer Skillset	6
TAE40122	1



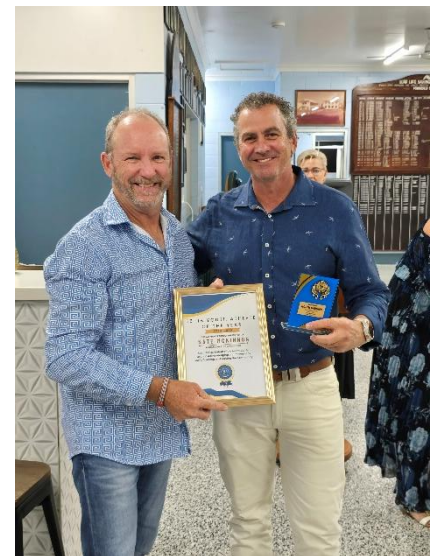
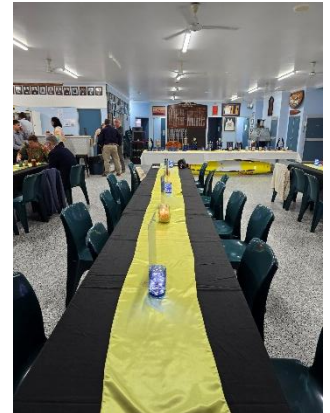
NORTH BARRIER AWARDS RECIPIENTS 2024/2025

We would like to acknowledge all awardees at the recent North Barrier Branch Awards Presentation night in Ayr, all great ambassadors for our Branch.

The Awardees at the recent NBB Awards evening who need to be acknowledged for their passion to Surf Lifesaving

Award	Recipient	Club
Junior Athlete of the Year	Cadence McKinnon	Mackay
15-18 Youth Athlete of the Year	Nate McKinnon	Mackay
Stuart Braddick Memorial Athlete of the Year	Evandah Bann	Forrest Beach
Masters Athlete of the Year	Kristy Wassmuth	Ayr
George & Jenny Clarke Trophy Team of the Year	U19 Forrest Beach Relay Team	Forrest Beach
The Brian Coomber Memorial Trophy Carnival Official of the Year	Stephanie Dale	Ayr
The John Galea Family Trophy Coach of the Year	Brian Heyer	Townsville Picnic Bay
U14 Junior Surf Lifesaver of the Year	Briella Wassmuth	Ayr
U18 Junior Surf Lifesaver of the Year	Jett Reid	Forrest Beach
U21 Youth Surf Lifesaver of the Year	Sarah de Haan	Townsville Picnic Bay
Surf Lifesaver of the Year	Kellie Lawry	Ayr
NBB Scholarship	Nate McKinnon	Mackay
Andy Frizzell OAM, OBE Award for Service to Junior Activities	Adam Edwards	Arcadian
The Rossato Family Trophy Volunteer of the Year	Theresa Reid	Forrest Beach
Clive Hammond Medal	Lenny Chiesa	Forrest Beach
Champion Patrolling Club of the year	Townsville Picnic Bay	Townsville Picnic Bay
Patrol Inspections	Townsville Picnic Bay	Townsville Picnic Bay
Sports Team Manager of the Year	Pam Chiesa	Forrest Beach
Club of the Year – Points Branch Championships	Arcadian	Arcadian
Innovation Award	Forrest Beach	Forrest Beach
Club of the Year	Forrest Beach	Forrest Beach

NORTH BARRIER BRANCH ANNUAL AWARDS PRESENTATION 2025





SLSQ AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

2024/2025 SEASON

Another successful season has been finalised with the Awards of Excellence for Surf Lifesaving Queensland held in Brisbane at the Star Casino.

The Branch was excited to bring home three prestigious awards from the Awards of Excellence, the winners were:

- Briella Wassmuth U14 Lifesaver of the Year - Ayr SLSC;
- Adam Edwards Andy Frizzell OAM, OBE Award for Service to Junior Activities - Arcadian;
- Forrest Beach Innovation Award - Flood Emergency Rescue - Forrest Beach
and a Commendation for Forrest Beach for Club of the Year, a big CONGRATULATIONS.



NORTH BARRIER BRANCH SCHOLARSHIP

2024-2025 SEASON

History of the Scholarship

On the 27th of February 1996 Fiona Clyde lost her life in a tragic Surf Boat training accident at Harbour Beach, Mackay. Fiona was a very dedicated member of the Mackay SLSC and was also a qualified Lifeguard and a well-credentialed competitor in the North Barrier Branch. Fiona and previous winners possess such good character, personality, friendliness and devotion to Surf Life Saving that the North Barrier Branch along with Fiona's family considered it appropriate that a fund be established to provide a scholarship to honour her memory. The aim of the Fund is to provide an Annual Scholarship of \$800 to a member of the Branch aged between 16 and 21 (inclusive), male or female, to assist him/her to continue to develop Surf Lifesaving, Surf Sports or Scholastic achievements. Each club in the Branch is invited to nominate one member who fulfils a variety of criteria within the Surf Lifesaving, Surf Sports or Scholastic arenas.

PAST NBB SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS		
1996 - 1997	Wayde Chiesa	Forrest Beach
1997 - 1998	Damon Chiesa	Forrest Beach
1998 - 1999	Ben Lawry	Arcadian
1999 - 2000	Joanne Galea	Sarina
2000 - 2001	Derrick Neitz	Forrest Beach
2001 - 2002	Dale Johnson	Forrest Beach
2002 - 2003	Samantha Butcher	Sarina
2003 - 2004	Emmy-Rose Curtis	Arcadian
2004 - 2005	Caitlin Braddick	Townsville Picnic Bay
2005 - 2006	Zachary Lowth	Forrest Beach
2006 - 2007	Simeone Butschle	Sarina
2007 - 2008	Max Braddick	Townsville Picnic Bay
2008 - 2009	Jeremy Best	Arcadian
2009 - 2010	Jack Robinson	Sarina
2010 - 2011	Toni Chapman	Eimeo
2011 - 2012	Mary Parker	Townsville Picnic Bay
2012 - 2013	Macey Ronald	Sarina
2013 - 2014	Lachlan Parker	Townsville Picnic Bay
2014 - 2015	Jade Fahy	Townsville Picnic Bay
2015 - 2016	Harry Braddick	Townsville Picnic Bay
2016 - 2017	Saffron Jones	Eimeo
2017 - 2018	Jai-Ann Eastaughffe	Townsville Picnic Bay
2018 - 2019	Lucy Bragg	Townsville Picnic Bay
2019 - 2020	Ainsley Wells	Townsville Picnic Bay
2020 - 2021	Brianna Baker	Eimeo
2021 - 2022	Paterson McKinnon	Eimeo
2022 - 2023	Matilda Stone	Arcadian
2023 - 2024	Mariam Hall	Forrest Beach
2024 - 2025	Nate McKinnon	Mackay

Nate McKinnon is the proud recipient of the 2024-2025 season Fiona Clyde Scholarship



Lifesaving has been an important part of my life for over a decade, and I feel privileged to have been granted the Fiona Clyde Scholarship for season 24/25. I began my lifesaving journey as a Green Cap in the 2015/2016 season. Lifesaving was a sport I enjoyed with my 3 siblings, we drove for an hour and a half each Sunday from Coppabella to Mackay to join in Nippers. I already loved swimming so spending Sundays in the water at the beach, swimming and paddling boards was the highlight of every week. Very quickly Lifesaving became a passion, and I was driven to train hard and do the very best in every discipline. I unfortunately broke my femur at age 7, which disrupted my ability to do a lot of physical things but as I rehabilitated for a year being able to paddle my Nipper board and get back into the ocean was therapeutic and helped my recovery. From the moment I entered Under 9's paddling a Nipper board and joining in my siblings at training sessions and trying to keep up with my clubmates on Mals, became my happy place.

I have been fortunate enough to have experienced great success within lifesaving; I qualified for the North Barrier Branch team to go to States from U11's through to U15's. I qualified for the Queensland Country team, three times and have enjoyed success at Club and Branch levels, as well as at the North Australian Championships.

The skills I have developed through lifesaving go far beyond the physical benefits. I have learnt to be committed by training up to 10 times a week and organised to ensure I have time for training, patrolling, a part-time job and school study, so my grades are maintained at a high standard. I have learnt to be resilient as the surf is unpredictable and things sometimes just don't go the way we plan; this is an excellent life lesson to ensure I always dust myself off and try harder next time. I have learnt the value of friendship and that your teammates from lifesaving, always have your back and are lifelong friends.

My family embarked on a journey of competing in the Champion Lifesaver Competition when my elder brother Paterson was in U14's. As a family my siblings and I have qualified for the State Surf Rescue Championships for over 8 years. I feel proud to have achieved the trifecta in Champion Lifesaver for three consecutive seasons. I won the Branch, State and National Championships in U14's, U15's and U17's in the Champion Lifesaver event. This achievement was a lot of hard work. It meant many hours of study, training and commitment not only from me but from my coaches that included my mum Cathy as my Surf Rescue Coach, Josh Grant as my Iron person coach and Pat Wright and Greg Born my swim coaches.



I also feel privileged to have been supported in my Surf Rescue journey by two greats of our branch – Reggie Butler and John Braddick. They have both supported and championed me every step of the way. The knowledge I have of rescue techniques, first aid and medical conditions will help me with my career aspirations. Since breaking my femur at the age of 7 years old, I have aspired to study medicine and become a doctor like the doctors that helped me. In season 2025/2026, I have had to forgo competing at States and



Nationals to focus on my Year 12 studies so I can pursue my dream of medicine. The scholarship money allowed me to purchase UCAT materials and study plans, to increase my chances of success at the medicine entrance examination which I will sit in Brisbane in mid-July. My dedication to my study this season has meant I am on track to pursue my dream. I have still been a patrolling member of Mackay Surf Lifesaving Club and attended Nippers when I could. I have been fortunate to be able to coach and mentor the Nippers of Mackay in the champion lifesaver events, providing demonstrations of the Live Patient scenario and Resuscitation on the mannequin. I was also able to demonstrate this at the Surf Rescue Branch Carnival in November last year to upcoming Champion Lifesavers from clubs in our branch..

I am a passionate Surf Lifesaver and know I will definitely compete again in the near future. I am grateful for the scholarship which has helped me immensely this season and I aspire to give back to the Lifesaving movement one day by being the Club Doctor of a surf club.

Nate McKinnon NBB Scholarship Winner 24-25 Season



DIRECTOR OF SURF SPORTS' REPORT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Lisa Vernon NBB Director of Surf Sports
NBB Deputy Director North - Vacant
Ross Armstrong NBB Deputy Director South
Terry Lund Ayr SLSC
Ross Armstrong Eimeo SLSC
Helen Stanton Forrest Beach SLSC
Lisa Vernon Sarina SLSC
Nathan Burgers Arcadian SLSC
Townsville Picnic Bay SLSC - Vacant
Josh Grant Mackay SLSC
Frank Burke NBB Safety Officer
Peter Marshall Gear steward



The 2025/2026 season has been a successful season in surf sports in the North Barrier Branch. In September it was the sixth year in a row that Arcadian hosted a carnival at Alma Bay, and the numbers continue to grow. It's always a great excuse to spend a few days on Magnetic Island. In October Forrest Beach, always a favourite, turned it on again with fabulous conditions. The hospitality at these two carnivals makes the trip away for clubs always worth it.

North Aussies held in Mackay at the end of October, and we had several of our NBB Senior Officials step up to take on senior positions. From this carnival the Queensland Country team was selected. We were very well represented with Nate Brady (Team Captain), Leshawn Bann, Cooper Brady, Lane Brady, Warne McShane, Riley Simpson, Hayden Tobin, Kody Amos, Flynn Armstrong, Zara Richardson, Isabella Grant, Milla Chapman, Madeline Cameron, Nina Dicker and Gabrielle Dowden.

Our 15 QLD Country Reps headed to the Gold Coast to compete at Interbranch where they competed against the best of the best from Sunshine Coast, South Coast and Point Danger Branches. In the u15's Lane took out the Beach Sprints and 2nd in Beach Flags, also in u15's his brother Cooper taking out Beach Flags and 3rd in Beach Sprint, Nate Brady 2nd in the u17 Beach Flags, Leshawn 3rd in the u17 Beach Sprint, Milla 3rd in the u14 flags, Nina Dicker 3rd in the u13 Beach Flags.

Branch Surf Rescue Championships were held at Ayr in November 2025. Thanks to Ayr for their hospitality and John Braddick for refereeing and to all of the officials and Ayr SLSC members for running the event. We have some very good competitors in this event and hopefully we can get more numbers to next season's titles. In the u15's Cadence McKinnon also went on to win gold at State Titles and silver at Aussies! Also, in u15's Isabella Grant silver at State Titles and bronze at Aussies.

Eimeo hosted, for the first time, the NBB Championships in November and while we were interrupted by a stinger the Eimeo crew presented a great carnival. The NBB youth team for junior states was selected from this carnival and it was great to see how competitive the racing was. The NBB youth team had a bonding/ training weekend in Ayr before heading to States in February.

Youth State Titles was a fantastic weekend with beautiful weather and great results. Thanks to everyone involved, officials, managers, coaches, water safety, parents and the kids. Congratulations to our team captains Lane Brady (Sarina) and Amelie Edwards (Arcadian) great role models. A huge round of applause goes to David Dowden for organising our Youth Team - please know we truly appreciate what you have done to push this team forward. A big thank you also goes to Ellen Madden for organising all of the uniforms.

Aussies was held on the Gold Coast this year. Conditions were again challenging from large waves and a strong sweep. NBB were well represented with 5 out of 7 NBB Clubs represented as well as a long list of officials. A huge thank you to George Clark, Jason Wells, Gillian Braddick, Dennis de Bartolo, Peter Marshall, Peter Kedgie, Lisa Vernon, Deanne Dowker and John Galea. Deanne was presented with 30 Years Officiating and John for 50 Years Officiating, congratulations to both of these devoted North Barrier Branch members.

Congratulations to all North Barrier Branch members who competed at Aussies. Our top 10 finishers were

Eden Shearman & Scout Hastie - Gold u14/15 2 Person RnR
Lane Brady - Silver u15 Beach Flags
Lane Brady - Silver u15 Beach Sprint
Cadence McKinnon - Silver u15 Champion Lifesaver
Isabella Grant - Bronze u15 Champion Lifesaver
Charlotte Lawry & Emilee Wassmuth - Bronze u13/14 2 Person RnR
Cooper Brady - 5th u15 Beach Flags
Cooper Brady - 7th u15 Beach Sprint
Nina Dicker - 7th u13 Beach Flags

Some of our clubs have had some exposure to some top-level coaches in Bonnie Hancock, Brett Robinson and Ky Hurst. These sessions are so valuable to our kids and also our club coaches. I would encourage anyone wanting to get into coaching to try to gain as much knowledge as you can from these experts in their field. Also, if anyone is on holiday down south, get in contact with any of the clubs because I've found most of them are happy to help any of our kids. This was my third season in this role, and I would like to thank Jason Wells for his assistance organising and our Senior Officials Matt Stone, Jason Wells, Alecia Malouf, Linda Murray and Gillian Braddick for their help organising, support and help running. Pete Marshall for keeping all the gear in order and the Surf Sports committee for all their efforts. Also, all the officials who gave up their time to run the carnivals, all the club Team Managers and Coaches. This is a great group of people who are keen to grow surf sports in our region.

See you all on the beach!

Lisa Vernon
NBB Director of Surf Sports





NBB CARNIVALS 2025/2026

SLSQ - NORTH BARRIER BRANCH CARNIVAL DATES

Venue	Carnival Type	Dates
Sarina Beach	U8-Masters	30th August 2025
Alma Bay	U8-Masters	20/21st September 2025
Forrest Beach	U8-Masters	11/12 th October 2025
Mackay Harbour	SLSQ Nth Aust Champs U11- Masters	31st Oct - 2nd Nov 2025
Eimeo	NBB Championships	22/23rd November 2025
Ayr	Branch Surf Rescue Titles U12- Masters	6 December 2025



NORTH BARRIER BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

2025/2026 SEASON

Age Champion	Name & Club
U11	Harper Ritson – Arcadian Fletcher Hegarty - Eimeo
U12	Aria Tobin – Mackay Crue Tobin - Mackay
U13	Gabrielle Dowden – Eimeo Flynn Armstrong - Eimeo
U14	Emma Jones – Ayr Hayden Tobin - Mackay
U15	Isabella Grant – Mackay Joseph Madden – Mackay Nathaniel Espartinez - Mackay
U17	Zara Richardson – Mackay Owen Malouf - Eimeo
Open	Meliana Craig – Mackay Matthew Newland - Mackay
Masters	Kate Giorgas – Picnic Bay Matthew Newland - Mackay

NORTH BARRIER BRANCH SURF RESCUE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS 2025/2026 SEASON

First Aid

Age Group	Name and Club
U15	Isabella Grant & Candence McKinnon - Mackay
U17	Zara Richardson & Nate McKinnon - Mackay

Champion Lifesaver

Age Group	Name & Club
U12	Luca Lawry – Ayr Charlotte Dale - Ayr
U13	Alyssa Irvine - Ayr
U14	Cole Pontifex – Ayr Charlotte Lawry - Ayr
U15	Zachary Dale – Ayr Nathaniel Espartinez - Mackay
U17	Nate McKinnon – Mackay Sara Richardson – Mackay
Masters	Kristy Wassmuth - Ayr



QLD COUNTRY TEAM NBB MEMBERS 2025/2026

QLD Country Captains - Ellie Greenwood (Cairns) **Nate Brady (Sarina)**

U13 Male

Flynn Armstrong	Eimeo
Kody Amos	Mackay

U13 Female

Gabrielle Dowden	Eimeo
Nina Dicker	Eimeo

U14 Male

Warne McShane	Ayr
Hayden Tobin	Mackay
Riley Simpson	Arcadian

U14 Female

Madeline Cameron	Arcadian
Milla Chapman	Ayr

U15 Male

Lane Brady	Sarina
Cooper Brady	Sarina

U15 Female

Isabella Grant	Mackay
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U17 Male

Leshawn Bann	Forrest Beach
Nate Brady	Sarina

U17 Female

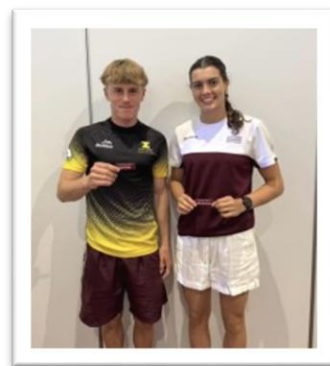
Zara Richardson	Mackay
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Management Team

Team Manager	Natalie Cumming	Yeppoon
Assistant Team Manager	Caitlyn Goudie	Yeppoon
Head Coach	Ted McLeod	Emu Park
Assistant Coach Beach	Tony Grima	Hervey Bay
Assistant Coach Pool	Kade Goudie	Yeppoon
Assistant Coach Ocean	Al Yeabsley	Cairns
Assistant Coach Ocean	Cody Roth	Elliot Heads
Female Chaperone	Cathy Bissett	
Cairns		

QLD Country Reserves

U15 Male Antwione Schlapfer (B)	Forrest Beach
U15 Female Cadence McKinnon (W)	Mackay
U17 Male Nate McKinnon (W)	Mackay





NORTH BARRIER BRANCH YOUTH STATE TEAM

2025/2026 SEASON

The 2026 Queensland Youth Championships, held at Maroochydore SLSC, provided an outstanding opportunity for North Barrier Branch athletes to compete against the best youth surf lifesavers from across the state. NBB was proudly represented by 68 competitors who demonstrated commitment, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the lead-up and the event.

The team's collective efforts resulted in an excellent 9th overall placing out of 42 clubs and branches, reflecting both the depth of talent within the branch and the dedication shown by athletes throughout the season. Across the championships, NBB achieved an impressive medal tally of 22 medals, comprising 6 Gold, 6 Silver and 10 Bronze medals. These results were complemented by numerous finalists, personal best performances and strong team displays across all disciplines.

While the medal tally highlights the success achieved, the true strength of the team was evident in the way the kids supported one another, embraced challenges and represented NBB with pride both on and off the beach. The championships showcased not only individual excellence but also the positive culture and camaraderie that continues to grow amongst our clubs at the branch level.

Such achievements are only possible through the collective efforts of a dedicated team of volunteers and supporters. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to our coaches for their expertise, leadership and countless hours of preparation throughout the season of both club and branch sessions. Thank you also to our age managers for their organisation, encouragement and care for our athletes, and to our water safety personnel who ensured a safe training and competition environment.

I also acknowledge our officials who helped the event to be conducted efficiently and fairly. Finally, I would like to thank all parents, families and supporters for their ongoing commitment, encouragement and assistance throughout the season.

Congratulations to every athlete who competed in the NBB team. The achievements at States are a testament to your hard work and dedication and provide a strong foundation for continued success in future years.

Dave Dowden
2026 NBB Youth State Team Manager



	U11 MALE				U11 FEMALE		
1	FLETCHER	HEGERTY	EIMEO	1	HARPER	RITSON	ARCADIAN
2	LACHLAN	GRIFFITH	MACKAY	2	MADELINE	BOWREY	ARCADIAN
3	OLIVER	COLQUHOUN	ARCADIAN	3	HARPER	MILES	SARINA
4	MAX	MULLER	EIMEO	4	MAHLI	McSHANE	AYR
5	DARCY	FORSTER	ARCADIAN	5	AUDREY	RICKARDS	AYR
6	MATTHEW	LORIMER	ARCADIAN	6	ELIZABETH	SEIBURN	ARCADIAN
7	JOEY	WARD	PICNIC BAY	7			
	U12 MALE				U12 FEMALE		
1	LUCA	LAWRY	AYR	1	MIA	McLENNAN	PICNIC BAY
2	FERGUS	GRANT	ARCADIAN	2	CHARLOTTE	DALE	AYR
3	TALON	CLOSE	MACKAY	3	TAYLOR	CHAPMAN	AYR
4	CRUE	TOBIN	MACKAY	4	GEORGIA	FLETCHETT	PICNIC BAY
5	WILLIAM	DITCHBURN	EIMEO	5	ARIA	TOBIN	MACKAY
6				6	TAMSYN	BANE	EIMEO
7				7	JOSEPHINE	BERESOWSKYJ	EIMEO
8				8	HANNAH	BARDEN	EIMEO
	U13 MALE				U13 FEMALE		
1	FLYNN	ARMSTRONG	EIMEO	1	ELLA	EDWARDS	ARCADIAN
2	EAMON	WILLIAMS	ARCADIAN	2	FELICITY	COLQUHOUN	ARCADIAN
3	HUGO	HEGERTY	EIMEO	3	GABRIELLE	DOWDEN	EIMEO
4	HARRY	MADDEN	MACKAY	4	NINA	DICKER	EIMEO
5	JOHNATHON	GRANT	MACKAY	5	ISABELLE	MALOUF	EIMEO
6	ISAIAH	ESPARTINEZ	MACKAY	6	ALYSSA	IRVINE	AYR
7	KODY	AMOS	MACKAY	7			
	U14 MALE				U14 FEMALE		
1	HAYDEN	TOBIN	MACKAY	1	MADELINE	CAMERON	ARCADIAN
2	WARNE	McSHANE	AYR	2	MILLA	CHAPMAN	AYR
3	RILEY	SIMPSON	ARCADIAN	3	MILA	ESPOSITO	ARCADIAN
4	COLE	PONTIFEX	AYR	4	EMMA	JONES	AYR
5	CHARLIE	PARKER	ARCADIAN	5	ISLA	LORIMER	ARCADIAN
6	JAHMARLEY	BANN	FORREST BEACH	6	IVY	RYAN	ARCADIAN
7				7	SAMAYAH	McCALL	EIMEO
	U15 MALE				U15 FEMALE		
1	ZACHARY	DALE	AYR	1	AMELIE	EDWARDS	ARCADIAN
2	JOSEPH	MADDEN	MACKAY	2	CADENCE	McKINNON	MACKAY
3	LANE	BRADY	SARINA	3	ISABELLA	GRANT	MACKAY
4	COOPER	BRADY	SARINA	4	AINSLEE	RICHARDSON	SARINA
5	STEPHEN	HALL	FORREST BEACH	5	SHANIYAH	LEWIN-PEARON	FORREST BEACH
6	WILL	GRANT	ARCADIAN	6	ZARA	HEGERTY	EIMEO
7	NATHANIEL	ESPARTINEZ	MACKAY	7			
	R&R						
	AMELIE	EDWARDS	ARCADIAN		LUCA	LAWRY	AYR
	LUCIA	CALLEJA	ARCADIAN		CHARLOTTE	DALE	AYR
	ELLA	EDWARDS	ARCADIAN		CHARLOTTE	LAWRY	AYR
	RILEY	SIMPSON	ARCADIAN		EMILEE	WASSMUTH	AYR
	ISLA	LORIMER	ARCADIAN		BRIELLA	WASSMUTH	AYR
	MILA	ESPOSITO	ARCADIAN		EDEN	SHEARMAN	PICNIC BAY
					SCOUT	HASTIE	PICNIC BAY

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & PROPERTY'S REPORT

Life Members, Committee Members, Councillors and North Barrier Branch Members. The completed audit of the financial report of Surf Life Saving Queensland North Barrier Branch Inc. for the year ended 30 April 2026 is included in the Annual Report. I take this opportunity to thank Annette Ellis (Sturt Business Centre), Jessups, Shelley Isokangas, Julie Muller and all those who assisted throughout the 2025/2026 season.

The financial year ended 30 April 2026 shows a profit of \$38,171, compared with \$34,139 in the prior year. Total revenue and other income for the year was \$107,992, while total expenses, including depreciation, were \$69,821.

Key financial results for the year were as follows:

- Profit for the year: \$38,171
- Total income: \$107,992
- Other expenses: \$56,96
- Depreciation: \$12,860
- Cash at bank and on hand: \$181,311
- Total current assets: \$282,654
- Total assets: \$336,620
- Total liabilities: \$3,310
- Total equity: \$333,310

The Branch remains in a sound financial position, with cash increasing from \$133,894 at 30 April 2025 to \$181,311 at 30 April 2026. Total equity also increased from \$295,139 to \$333,310, reflecting the positive operating result for the year.

Grant, subsidy and sponsorship income remained the largest source of income for the Branch, totalling \$60,319 for the year. Other income included carnival and branch nominations of \$15,637, state team clothing of \$9,450, sale of goods of \$7,246, affiliation fees of \$5,250, dinner and awards income of \$4,238, investment income of \$3,812, and camp income of \$1,236.

Expenses were well managed during the year, with other expenses reducing from \$86,440 in 2025 to \$56,961 in 2026. The main expense areas included carnival and branch expenses of \$13,326, dinner and awards expenses of \$8,356, insurance of \$6,120, travel and accommodation of \$5,563, catering expenses of \$5,348, and audit fees of \$3,800.

North Barrier Branch continues to support its clubs, members, surf sports, youth development, training, lifesaving services and branch operations. The positive result for the year places the Branch in a strong position to continue supporting member development, club assistance and lifesaving outcomes across the North Barrier region.

As always, the work of our volunteers remains the strength of the Branch. Demands on volunteers continue to increase, and I would like to acknowledge all members who give their time, skills and commitment to provide lifesaving services and a safe environment for the beach-going public.

Thank you to all clubs, members and volunteers for their continued support of North Barrier Branch throughout the season.

Bob Parker

Director of Finance and Property

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Surf Life Saving Queensland North Barrier Branch Inc

ABN: 75 984 355 184

Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 April 2026

Surf Life Saving Queensland North Barrier Branch Inc

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AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF SURF LIFE SAVING
QUEENSLAND NORTH BARRIER BRANCH INC
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2026

In accordance with section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the management committee of Surf Life Saving Queensland North Barrier Branch Inc. As the lead audit partner for the audit of the financial report of Surf Life Saving Queensland North Barrier Branch Inc for the year ended 30 April 2026, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, 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.

Jessups

Paul Sapelli
Partner

Dated: 12 May 2026

Level 1, 211 Sturt Street, Townsville QLD 4810



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Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income
For the Year Ended 30 April 2026

		2026	2025
	Note	\$	\$
Revenue and other income	3	107,992	131,449
Depreciation		(12,860)	(10,870)
Other expenses	4	(56,961)	(86,440)
Profit/(loss) before income tax		38,171	34,139
Income tax expense	2(b)	-	-
Profit/(loss) for the year		38,171	34,139
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		38,171	34,139

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Surf Life Saving Queensland North Barrier Branch Inc

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Statement of Financial Position

As At 30 April 2026

	Note	2026 \$	2025 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	181,311	133,894
Trade and other receivables	6	3,961	4,790
Other financial assets	7	97,382	93,711
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		282,654	232,395
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	8	53,966	64,873
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		53,966	64,873
TOTAL ASSETS		336,620	297,268
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	9	3,310	2,129
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		3,310	2,129
TOTAL LIABILITIES		3,310	2,129
NET ASSETS		333,310	295,139
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		333,310	295,139
TOTAL EQUITY		333,310	295,139

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 30 April 2026

2026

	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 May 2025	295,139	295,139
Profit/(loss) for the year	38,171	38,171
Balance at 30 April 2026	333,310	333,310

2025

	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 May 2024	261,000	261,000
Profit/(loss) for the year	34,139	34,139
Balance at 30 April 2025	295,139	295,139

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Surf Life Saving Queensland North Barrier Branch Inc

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Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended 30 April 2026

	Note	2026 \$	2025 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Receipts from customers		119,423	143,600
Payments to suppliers and employees		(76,832)	(98,754)
Interest received		141	521
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	12	42,732	45,367
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Proceeds from sale of plant and equipment		7,729	3,182
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(3,044)	(39,493)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		4,685	(36,311)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held		47,417	9,056
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		133,894	124,838
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	5	181,311	133,894

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 April 2026

The financial report covers Surf Life Saving Queensland North Barrier Branch Inc as an individual entity. Surf Life Saving Queensland North Barrier Branch Inc is a not-for-profit Association, registered and domiciled in Australia.

The principal activities of the Association for the year ended 30 April 2026 were the provision of life saving services.

The functional and presentation currency of Surf Life Saving Queensland North Barrier Branch Inc is Australian dollars.

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

1 Basis of Preparation

In the opinion of the Management committee the Association is not a reporting entity since there are unlikely to exist users of the financial statements who are not able to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. These special purpose financial statements have been prepared to meet the reporting requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards and Accounting Interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*, AASB 107 *Statement of Cash Flows*, AASB 108 *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors* and AASB 1054 *Australian Additional Disclosures*.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals 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.

Material accounting policy information is consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements and material accounting policies all comply with the recognition and measurement requirements in Australian Accounting Standards.

2 Material Accounting Policy Information

(a) Revenue and other income

Revenue from contracts with customers

Revenue is recognised on a basis that reflects the transfer of control of promised goods or services to customers at an amount that reflects the consideration the Association expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services.

Generally the timing of the payment for sale of goods and rendering of services corresponds closely to the timing of satisfaction of the performance obligations, however where there is a difference, it will result in the recognition of a receivable, contract asset or contract liability.

None of the revenue streams of the Association have any significant financing terms as there is less than 12 months between receipt of funds and satisfaction of performance obligations.

Specific revenue streams

The revenue recognition policies for the principal revenue streams of the Association are:

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 April 2026

2 Material Accounting Policy Information

(a) Revenue and other income

Specific revenue streams

Grant Income

Where grant income arises from an agreement which is enforceable and contains sufficiently specific performance obligations then the revenue is recognised when control of each performance obligation is satisfied.

Carnival and Branch Nominations

Carnival and branch nominations are recognised at a point in time when the event has been held.

Camp Income

Camp income is recognised at a point in time when the event is held.

Affiliation Fees

Affiliation fees are recognised over time as the performance obligations are satisfied.

Revenue recognition policy for contracts which are either not enforceable or do not have sufficiently specific performance obligations

The revenue recognition policies for the principal revenue streams of the Association are:

Grant Income

Operating grant income is recognised when the Association gains control of the asset as there are no performance obligations associated with the income.

Capital grant income is recognised as revenue in line with the progress of construction of assets or at a point in time when assets are acquired.

Donation Income

Donation income is recognised as revenue when the Association gains control of the asset.

Other Income

Other income is recognised on an accrual basis when the Association is entitled to it.

(b) Income tax

The Association is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

Surf Life Saving Queensland North Barrier Branch Inc

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(c) Goods and services tax (GST)

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

Receivables and payable are stated inclusive of GST.

Cash flows in the statement of cash flows are included on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as operating cash flows.

(d) Volunteer services

No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

(e) Property, plant and equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment.

Items of property, plant and equipment acquired for significantly less than fair value have been recorded at the acquisition date fair value.

Depreciation

Property, plant and equipment, excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life to the Association, commencing when the asset is ready for use.

(f) Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised initially on the date that the Association becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

On initial recognition, all financial instruments are measured at fair value plus transaction costs (except for instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss where transaction costs are expensed as incurred).

Financial assets

All recognised financial assets are subsequently measured in their entirety at either amortised cost or fair value, depending on the classification of the financial assets.

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2 Material Accounting Policy Information

(f) Financial instruments

Financial assets

Classification

On initial recognition, the Association classifies its financial assets into the following categories, those measured at:

- amortised cost
- fair value through profit or loss - FVTPL
- fair value through other comprehensive income - equity instrument (FVOCI - equity)
- fair value through other comprehensive income - debt investments (FVOCI - debt)

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the Association changes its business model for managing financial assets.

Amortised cost

The Association's financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise trade and other receivables and cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position.

Subsequent to initial recognition, these assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method less provision for impairment.

Interest income, foreign exchange gains or losses and impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in profit or loss.

Financial assets through profit or loss

All financial assets not classified as measured at amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income as described above are measured at FVTPL.

Net gains or losses, including any interest or dividend income are recognised in profit or loss.

Trade receivables

Impairment of trade receivables have been determined using the simplified approach in AASB 9 which uses an estimation of lifetime expected credit losses.

The amount of the impairment is recorded in a separate allowance account with the loss being recognised in finance expense. Once the receivable is determined to be uncollectable then the gross carrying amount is written off against the associated allowance.

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(f) Financial instruments

Financial assets

Other financial assets measured at amortised cost

Impairment of other financial assets measured at amortised cost are determined using the expected credit loss model in AASB 9. On initial recognition of the asset, an estimate of the expected credit losses for the next 12 months is recognised. Where the asset has experienced significant increase in credit risk then the lifetime losses are estimated and recognised.

Financial liabilities

The Association measures all financial liabilities initially at fair value less transaction costs, subsequently financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

The financial liabilities of the Association comprise trade payables, bank and other loans and lease liabilities.

(g) Impairment of non-financial assets

At the end of each reporting period the Association determines whether there is evidence of an impairment indicator for non-financial assets.

Where an indicator exists and regardless for indefinite life intangible assets and intangible assets not yet available for use, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated.

Where assets do not operate independently of other assets, the recoverable amount of the relevant cash-generating unit (CGU) is estimated.

The recoverable amount of an asset or CGU is the higher of the fair value less costs of disposal and the value in use. Value in use is the present value of the future cash flows expected to be derived from an asset or cash-generating unit.

Where the recoverable amount is less than the carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

Reversal indicators are considered in subsequent periods for all assets which have suffered an impairment loss.

(h) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

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3 Revenue and Other Income

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Affiliation fees	5,250	5,250
Camp income	1,236	3,114
Carnival and branch nominations	15,637	10,140
Carnival income	803	4,827
Dinner and awards	4,238	3,012
Gold Coast trip income	-	7,273
Grants, subsidy and sponsorship income	60,319	80,687
Investment income	3,812	4,859
Sale of goods	7,246	2,027
State team clothing	9,450	9,632
Sundry income	-	629
	107,992	131,449

4 Other Expenses

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Audit fees	3,800	3,750
Camp expenses	2,682	6,673
Carnival and branch expenses	13,326	12,291
Catering expenses	5,348	4,516
Dinner and awards expense	8,356	11,745
Education and amenities	3,127	1,189
Insurance	6,120	5,863
IT expenses	1,664	1,555
Qld country team	-	3,182
Repairs and maintenance	2,151	1,820
Sundry expenses	4,823	10,278
Travel and accommodation	5,563	17,377
Youth membership	-	6,201
	56,961	86,440

5 Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Cash on hand	200	200
Cash at bank	181,111	133,694
	181,311	133,894

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6 Trade and Other Receivables

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Trade receivables	3,961	4,790
	<u>3,961</u>	<u>4,790</u>

7 Other Financial Assets

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Surf life saving rescue fund	97,382	93,711
	<u>97,382</u>	<u>93,711</u>

8 Property, Plant and Equipment

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Plant and equipment		
At cost	78,614	157,321
Accumulated depreciation	(24,648)	(92,448)
Total property, plant and equipment	<u>53,966</u>	<u>64,873</u>

9 Trade and Other Payables

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Trade payables	-	126
GST payable	3,169	2,003
Other payables	140	-
	<u>3,310</u>	<u>2,129</u>

10 Contingencies

In the opinion of the Management committee, the Association did not have any contingencies at 30 April 2026 (30 April 2025:None).

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11 Related Parties

(a) Transactions with related parties

Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated. There were no related party transactions during the current or prior period.

12 Cash Flow Information

Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by operating activities:

	2026	2025
	\$	\$
Profit for the year	38,171	34,139
Non-cash flows in profit:		
- depreciation	12,860	10,870
- net gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(6,637)	(1,604)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
- (increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	829	4,172
- (increase)/decrease in financial assets	(3,671)	(4,339)
- increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	1,180	2,129
Cashflows from operations	<u>42,732</u>	<u>45,367</u>

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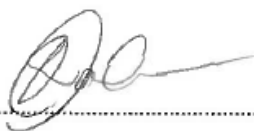
Responsible Entities' Declaration

The responsible entities declare that in the responsible entities' opinion:

- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the registered entity is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable; and
- the financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2022*.

Responsible entity



Dated

12.05.2026

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF SURF LIFE SAVING QUEENSLAND
NORTH BARRIER BRANCH INC
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2026

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Surf Life Saving Queensland North Barrier Branch Inc (the registered entity), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 April 2026, 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 material accounting policy information, and the responsible entities' declaration.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, 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* ("ACNC Act"), including:

- giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30 April 2026 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- complying with Australian Accounting Standards, and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2022*.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

It is not always practicable for the registered entity to establish control over all sources of income prior to receipt of these funds by the registered entity and accordingly, it is not possible for our examination to include procedures which extend beyond the amounts of such income recorded in the accounting records of the registered entity. Our audit report is thus qualified on the completeness of income.

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 ACNC Act and 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 qualified opinion.



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 ACNC Act. 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 Responsible Entities for the Financial Report

The responsible entities 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 and the ACNC Act and for such internal control as the responsible entities 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.

In preparing the financial report, the responsible entities are responsible for assessing the registered entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the responsible entities 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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards website at: http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Independence

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the ACNC Act, which has been given to the responsible entities of the registered entity, would be in the same terms if given to the responsible entities as at the time of this auditor's report.

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Paul Sapelli
Partner

Level 1, 211 Sturt Street, Townsville QLD 4810

Dated: 12 May 2026

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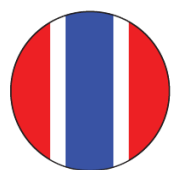
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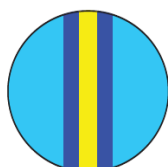
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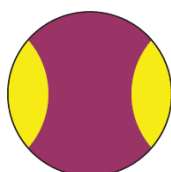




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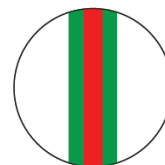
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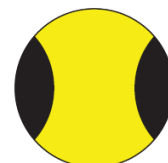
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