

Position Description
NQB Marine Stinger Officer
North Queensland Branch

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The role of the NQB Marine Stinger Officer is to be responsible for the care and maintenance of equipment used in detection and identification of marine stingers, the education of Club members and the wider Community.

Marine Stinger Officer shall be not limited to:

- (i) Be appointed by the Board and Council at a General Meeting following a recommendation of personnel submitted by the Board of Life Saving.
- (ii) Be responsible to the Director of Life Saving
- (iii) Be the holder of a proficient SLSQ Marine Stinger Award.
- (iv) Supervise Marine Stinger operations, standards and training within the Branch and shall attend meetings of the Board of Life Saving.
- (v) Regularly visit NQB Surf Clubs to monitor Marine Stinger Drags on patrol, techniques implemented and advise or update members on these matters if required.
- (vi) Liaise with Education Supervisor and Lifesaving Services and Sports Coordinator to organise seminars and training programs to keep members abreast of Marine Stingers information.
- (vii) Be a consultant and adviser for Clubs on stinger nets, marine stingers and safety equipment
- (viii) Be responsible to the Director of Life Saving. Reporting shall be through the Branch and re-directed to the Board concerned.

Requirements

The NQB Marine Stinger Officer must:

- (i) Be a current financial member of a NQB Surf Life Saving Club.
- (ii) Hold a proficient Bronze Medallion/Cert II in Public Safety and Aquatic Rescue.
- (iii) Be the holder of a proficient QLD Marine Stinger Award
- (iv) Be over 18yrs
- (v) Hold a current and valid Working with Children Blue Card or Exemption Card.
- (vi) Maintain up to date proficiencies in CSA and CYRMS Awards (Child Safety Awareness and Child Youth Risk Management Strategies)
- (vii) Have knowledge of the different species of Marine Stingers found in Australian waters.
- (viii) Understand how the nets work and why they are used.

Responsibilities

- Responsible for and with the assistance of Club Captains and their patrolling members, the general maintenance of stinger detection equipment. This includes nets, stinger suits, gloves, boots etc.
- Identifying patrolling members that require the Marine Stinger Award to their Club's CTO and Club Captain

- Work with the NQB Clubs to ensure that there is a qualified Marine Stinger Award holder on all patrols.
- Ensure patrolling members are educated on identification of marine stingers. Ensure that there is an identification chart kept in the patrol hut.
- Coordinate with Club Captains and the Director of Life Saving for replacement of any equipment that is damaged or goes missing.
- Ensure members are aware of both reporting protocols and policies concerning beach closures.
- Liaise with Club Officers concerning education of their junior members and parents on Marine Stingers
- Remain current and keep a good working knowledge of changes to marine stingers policies and procedures
- Maintain a close working relationship with the Marine Stinger Specialists at James Cook University.