

# Purpose

The aim of the Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group (RAPWG) is to guide the development, implementation, and monitoring of the SLSQ Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). The RAPWG aims to foster meaningful engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, promote reconciliation, and ensure the RAP aligns with the strategic goals and values of SLSQ and that the organisation is working towards or achieving the key deliverables of the RAP.

### RAP WORKING GROUP MEMBERS





Bill joined Eimeo SLSC in 2005 to get his family into the ocean and enjoying the tropical lifestyle. He has patrolled every year since and acquired his Bronze Medallion in 2005, Silver Medallion IRB and Silver Medallion Patrol Captain Awards. Bill has been a Club Executive for a majority of the 20 years and looks forward to continuing his involvement in useful administration pursuits with SLSQ. Bill is currently a senior executive in state government focused on Indigenous Strategy. He has a strong interest in reconciliation & closing the gap activities.



**KELLY SHOECRAFT** 

Kelly is a member of Burleigh Heads Mowbray Park SLSC and believes we have so much to learn from Indigenous people about the land, the sea and the animals. She wants to support the inclusion of Indigenous knowledges in all areas of lifesaving and wants to see more diverse representation and inclusion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our clubs across Queensland. Kelly also states that 'Lifesaving is such a great sport and community organisation and we can make it even better through these initiatives.' Kelly works at Griffith University and has been involved in their strategic direction to embed Indigenous knowledges into the curriculum and ensure cultural competency across the university.



**LAURIE TENNANT** 

Laurie did her Bronze Medallion at 40 years of age and now is the Vice Patrol Capatin at Mooloolaba SLSC. As an immigrant, she would like to contribute to the RAP to show her appreciation for being warmly welcomed by this country. Laurie has experience in community consultation, communications and change management as part of my day job. Laurie has experience in developing RAPs for large organisations in her paid profession, and has led many community consultation projects in her time as a consultant.



### **GERARD BROERSEN**

Gerard Joined the movement in 1994, doing his bronze medallion at Noosa Heads SLSC. He is an active member at Noosa heads, Sunshine Beach and Darwin Surf Clubs and has held several positions on committee over the years and competes in Surfboats for Noosa. In his other life he is a community worker and trainer who specialise in Community work and Mental Health. He has worked with Indigenous people throughout Queensland for over 25 years and has spent over six years living and working on the Tiwi Islands (Bathurst and Melville) and currently lives between there and the Sunshine Coast.

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**NICOLE KEIR** 

Nicole is a member of Mooloolaba SLSC and is passionate about promoting and furthering meaningful reconciliation between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and the wider Australian community. As Associate Director of Marketing and Communications at the Great Barrier Reef Foundation, she works with Reef Traditional Owner communities to share stories about the vital impact Indigenousled conservation has on the Reef and its catchments. Prior to her role at the Foundation, Nicole was an award-winning journalist in Australia, London and Tokyo.



**KATE JEFFREY** 

Kate Jeffrey is a proud Anaiwan woman from the Armidale Walcha area in Northern NSW and a member of Alexandra Headland SLSC. She grew up in small, rural communities inland, and came to North Curl Curl SLSC when her kids were Nippers. She has had many volunteer roles in surf. She has been at Alexandra Headlands SLSC since the beginning of 2024 and has taken on the role of beach carnival team manager for the 13-15's. Kate joined the RAPWG because while there's loads of great stuff happening there's so much scope for more, and the reconciliation journey is an opportunity for everyone to rise up together.



**BRETT SCOTT** 

From Black & White at Bribie as a nipper, to current day Black & White at Broadbeach SLSC as a Patrol Captain. Brett is an active member with over 1000 Patrol hours. He is an instructor, a committee member, a competitor, a Nipper Age Manager, a CPR Instructor in the Middle East, and a Patrol Development Officer. Off the beach, Brett is the Qld Manager for an Indigenous Furniture company.



**RACHAEL WYNBERG** 

Rachael is committed to fostering cultural understanding and inclusion, believing that true growth is achieved when every voice is embraced and uplifted. Joining Surf Life Saving Queensland's Reconciliation Action Working Group presents an opportunity to help shape the future of our organisation by building meaningful relationships, sharing knowledge, and creating opportunities that bring us together and strengthen our collective mission. By working collaboratively, she believes Surf Life Saving can become a space where all Australians can thrive and contribute to the success of our clubs and the communities we serve. Rachael is a member of Ellis Beach SLSC and SLSQ's First Nations Consultant.

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Leah is a member of Tweed Heads and Coolangatta SLSC. She is interested in participating in the RAPWG as an Indigenous woman and long standing SLS member. Leah believes her extensive lived experience as an Indigenous person, and particularly that within the Lifesaving movement, would help shape ideas and contribute to the development of a progressive and successful SLSQ Reconciliation Action Plan. She would love to see a strong commitment to engaging with Indigenous communities and create opportunities and pathways for Indigenous peoples into Lifesaving. She is committed to seeing more clubs and branches across the state adopt measures of inclusion and participation. Leah has been involved in many areas across Lifesaving, and also works within her community as a social worker supporting vulnerable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.



### **SHAUN BAKER**

Shaun Baker joined the Noosa Heads SLSC in 2014 to immerse his family in the community, enhance surf awareness and continue his affinity with the ocean. He has actively been involved in Junior Activities, holding various roles inclusing Age and Team Manager, Officiating, Age Manager Coordinator to being Director (JA) for the last four years, even during COVID with over 850 Nippers at two beaches. As a patrolling member and a father on the beach, Shaun's contributions have been invaluable.

Shaun has had the privilege of working with many remarkable individuals, notably Rosie Cooper, who played a key role in promoting Indigenous culture and storytelling at Noosa. Through her efforts, Lyndon Davis and the Kabi Kabi Dance Troupe have been engaged to open the Nipper season with a Welcome to Country and perform at the U8 – U10 Branch Carnival. A highlight was the 2022-23 when Lyndon's Welcome to County marked the raising the Aboriginal flag at the club for the first time.

Shaun is now in a Branch role on the Sunshine Coast and looks forward to a successful 2025



**JEMIMA EVEANS** 

Jemima has been an active member of Ellis Beach SLSC for over 10 years. During this time, she has served on the Ellis Beach and North Oueensland Branch Board. She is currently the President of the North Queensland Board. Jemima is interested in participating in SLSQ's RAPWG because she is passionate about promoting reconciliation and fostering inclusive practices within the community She believes that meaningful engagement with First Nation perspectives is essential for driving positive change. Jemima has experience in community engagement and project management and is eager to contribute ideas and actions that reflect the values of respect and partnerships, ensuring that the RAP is not only a framework but also a living commitment to reconciliation.



**SHANE WHITE** 

Shane is a member of Cairns SLSC and has held various roles in the club during his time as a patrol captain, assistant age manager, peer support officer, lifeguard and club captain. He is deeply interested in participating in SLSQ's RAPWG because he believes that reconciliation is essential for building a stronger, more inclusive community. His work (Queensland Ambulance Service) has a strong cultural safety unit, and he has valuable insights that will contribute meaningfully to SLSQ's RAP.

have also worked in remote communities across Cape York and the Far North region, which has given him the opportunity to better understand the challenges faced by these communities and the importance of tailoring support to meet their unique needs.



