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NORTH QUEENSLAND BRANCH INC.
ANNUAL REPORT
2024

NQ BRANCH SNAPSHOT



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RESCUES

1,098

MEMBERS

294

FIRST AID TREATMENTS

10,810

VOLUNTEER PATROL HOURS

386

AWARDS ACHIEVED

3,499

PREVENTATIVE ACTIONS

35,217

SWIMMERS BETWEEN
THE FLAGS

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OUR FIVE CLUBS

The **North Queensland Branch** was established on the 30th September 1950. Representatives of the three clubs were present: **Cairns, ETTY Bay, and Mission Beach**. S. Flegler was elected as the first Branch President. With 3 clubs minimum required to maintain a branch the number of clubs was boosted to four in 1952 with the formation of Yorkeys Knob SLSC. Members from Yorkeys Knob SLSC were

instrumental in forming **Ellis Beach SLSC in 1957**, and Yorkeys ceased to exist. **The branch gained a fifth club in 1980** when the **Port Douglas SLSC** was established. The club was allocated a small block of land on the foreshore of Four Mile Beach.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Jemima Eveans
Deputy President	Vacant
Dir. Admin & IT	Anna Ramsay
Dir. Finance	David Baldwin
Dir. Lifesaving	Jon Murray/Jesse Glutz
Dir. Surf Sports	Mark Bamford
Dir. Junior Activities	Nicola Williams
Dir. Youth & Membership	Bridget Greensill



COUNCIL MEMBERS

Port Douglas SLSC	Irene Cats
Ellis Beach SLSC	Hamish Jenkins
Cairns SLSC	Greg Meller
Etty Bay SLSC	Shayne Cini
Mission Beach SLSC	Simon Linden
Council Chairperson	Jemima Eveans



OFFICERS

IRB Officer	Mat Williamson
Education Officer	Jessica Williamson
Grievance Officer	Vacant
Gear & Equipment Officer	Vacant



PRESIDENT REPORT



The 2024 season has been one of growth, resilience, and strong collaboration across our clubs. Despite early challenges, we strengthened our programs, increased engagement, and laid a solid foundation for the future.

We began the season with the Awards of Excellence, celebrating the dedication of our volunteers. A special commendation was awarded to those involved in the Emergency Response efforts during severe flooding, underscoring the vital role our lifesaving community plays beyond the beach.

This year also marked major milestones for two of our clubs:

- Cairns SLSC – 100th Anniversary
- Mission Beach SLSC – 80th Anniversary

These celebrations highlighted the enduring strength and legacy of surf lifesaving in North Queensland.

A key focus this season was Junior Activities Development. We introduced the first Age Managers Clinic and organised a Junior Activities coordinator trip to the Gold Coast, providing our leaders of our young members with valuable exposure to large-scale nipper programs. The second Northern Youth Southern Experience (NYSE) was also a success, fostering connections with southern clubs and developing the next generation of lifesavers. With even more planned for the coming season, I look forward to seeing this space continue to grow.

In sport, we saw strong participation across the region, with the return of two pool rescue carnivals and five beach carnivals, including the inaugural paddle around Dunk Island at Mission Beach. We also expanded athlete development opportunities through clinics and competitions.

It was another significant year for patrol operations, and I commend all our active members for their dedication to keeping our beaches safe. Congratulations to those who achieved their first award or new qualifications this season. The rollout of GWN technology was another milestone, showcasing the advancements that continue to enhance our lifesaving capabilities.

None of these achievements would have been possible without the commitment of our volunteers. Your dedication—on the beach, in administration, training, and mentoring—is the backbone of this organisation.

I extend my gratitude to the North Queensland Councillors for their support throughout the season, working alongside the board to deliver key initiatives. A special commendation also goes to the North Queensland Board of Directors, many of whom stepped into new roles this year. Their leadership and dedication to member development





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are shaping the future of our branch. Thank you to the staff of Surf Life Saving Queensland for their continued support of surf lifesaving in the regions.

This season has been an incredible learning experience, and I am grateful for the support I have received in my first year as President. As we enter 2025, I'm excited to continue working alongside the board, council, and our members to enhance our initiatives and further engage and retain membership within our movement.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our success this season. Your passion and commitment make a real difference to Surf Life Saving in North Queensland.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jemima Eveans".

Jemima Eveans

President, North Queensland Branch
Surf Life Saving Queensland



LIFE MEMBERS OF NQB, SLSQ & SLSA



***Erich Lendic**
1971 | NQB



Ron Pollard
1982 | NQB | SLSQ



***Theo Eldridge**
1983 | NQB | SLSQ



***Peter Edwards**
1989 | NQB



Robert Brumley
1991 | NQB | SLSQ



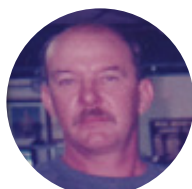
***William John Harris**
1992 | NQB | SLSQ



***Sam Rinaudo**
1992 | NQB



***John Menico OAM**
1994 | NQB | SLSQ | SLSA



David Murray
1994 | NQB



***Tina Patane**
1995 | NQB



Colin Sparkes
1998 | NQB | SLSQ



Denis McQuillan
1999 | NQB



Michael Libke
2000 | NQB



Frank Mathew
2000 | NQB



***Frank Darveniza**
2001 | NQB



John Goodman
2001 | NQB



John Goodman
2001 | NQB



Paul Brougham
2004 | NQB



June Cotter
2004 | NQB



***Barry Pollard**
2005 | NQB



Joan Curtin
2005 | NQB



William Horseford
2005 | NQB



David Clifton
2006 | NQB



Michael Stevens
2008 | NQB | SLSQ



Graeme Boothe
2008 | NQB | SLSQ



Lawrence Green
2008 | NQB



Robert Masters
2015 | NQB



Melinda Jackson
2015 | NQB | SLSQ



Jenny Jones
2023 | NQB



Fiona Grant
2024 | NQB



Annabel Grant
2024 | NQ



Gary Williams
2024 | NQB

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.

* denotes deceased



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



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Notice is hereby given of the 75th Annual General Meeting of Surf Life Saving Queensland - North Queensland Branch Inc.

WHEN: Saturday 22nd March 2025

TIME: 11.00am

WHERE: North Queensland Branch Office Boardroom
26 Leisure Park Road, Smithfield

The Business of the 75th Annual General Meeting shall be:

- I. Minute of silence for members & public passed away.
- II. Apologies and Alternates
- III. Acceptance of Proxies
- IV. Statement of Conflicts of Interest
- V. Branch Affiliation with SLSQ/SLSA
- VI. Affiliation of Clubs
- VII. Appointment of Councillors
- VIII. Presentation and Adoption of Annual Report and Financial Statements
- IX. Confirmation that SLSQ maintains PL Insurance to \$20m.
- X. Appointment of Auditors for 2025
- XI. Election of Deputy President, Director of Surf Sports, Director of Junior Activities, Director of Administration & IT
- XII. Election of Casual Positions –
- XIII. Election of Board of Lifesaving Positions – Education Officer, Marine Stinger Officer
- XIV. Announcement of Life Membership Awards

The Chairperson shall decide the order in which business shall be undertaken.

Jemima Eveans
NQB President



DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

Navigating Challenges with Commitment and Excellence

Reflecting on the past months as the Director of Administration for Surf Life Saving North Queensland, I am pleased to share our accomplishments from this past season.

The year 2024 has been marked by continuing to make significant strides in delivering our strategic initiatives and, notably, the continued recovery from Cyclone Jasper as well as further weather events.

Building on Foundations

Upholding the Surf Life Saving North Queensland strategic initiatives of excellence in lifesaving services, promoting water safety education and enhancing community experience remained our priorities.

Outlining our Strategic Plan

Our Volunteers and Our People

- Strengthening our membership recruitment and retention pathways to create a long-term sustainable membership base including generational crossover.
- Ensuring our volunteers have access to resources and training.
- Building on connection, inclusion, diversity, safety and wellbeing for all our members.

Lifesaving, Communication, Education & Advocacy

- Maintaining and developing our position as the key authority on water safety including our messaging on drowning state-wide.
- Engaging with Government on all levels to lead the way in innovation, research, knowledge and education.
- Play a key role in coastal safety, management and environmental challenges.

Our Sport, Membership, Programs and Pathways

- To grow participation through development projects including new sporting events.
- To run our events dynamically and develop pathways for our officials developing our future leaders.
- To advocate for the inclusion of lifesaving as an Olympic sport.

Organisation Alignment – Our Clubs Branches & State

- To build on our strong community by acknowledging that we are a volunteer led professionally managed organisation.
- To protect our values and behaviours and to instil pride in our clubs and branches.

- To build a culture centred around leadership, innovation, efficiency and effectiveness.

Our Brand, Funding & Partnerships

- To strategically position SLSQ across the board to increase our intrinsic value in order to develop future funding opportunities.
- To develop our brand and partner with mutually beneficial organisations.
- To be the service of choice for both Government and Police Services in education and training.

Safety, Corporate Governance & Enterprise Risk Management

- To strengthen SLSQ's systems and infrastructure to ensure we remain effective administrators.
- To ensure continual best practice across all areas of operation.

Our Commercial Enterprise – Lifeguards, RTO, Aviation

- To build upon our RTO services to provide the highest level of training for our volunteers, team members and clients.
- To maintain and build on our 20 lifeguarding contracts and seek new contracts where viable.
- Key Highlights from the Year

We continue to reflect, review and re-energise our processes, documents in accordance with our Constitution and ByLaws which underwent a substantial review to check for relevance to our region and practices. These were updated and confirmed by SLSQ to assist in being proactive and remaining up to date with our changing environment. We introduced Terms of Reference for the Board to increase efficiencies and effectiveness. The role descriptions also underwent a rigorous refresh with the aim to encourage more to nominate for positions within the Branch.

Looking Ahead

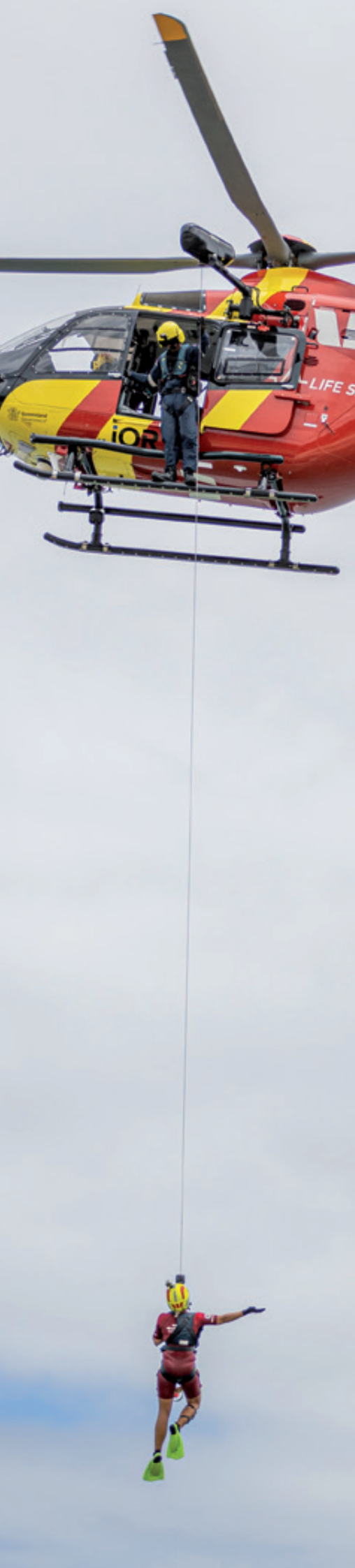
2025 brings a review of our Strategic Plan with workshops planned with the Board and Councillors with the objective to remain focussed, strong and committed to promoting the strategic initiatives that are core to Surf Life Saving North Queensland with dedication to excellence in all areas.

Acknowledgment

In closing, Surf Lifesaving North Queensland remains committed to ensuring our coastal communities' safety. As an organisation we are growing and developing, we are learning from our experiences and continuing to evolve. I would like to thank every single member, supporter and stakeholder for your involvement and commitment to our organisation. You are the foundations for our continued success and the impact SLSQ can have on the communities we live in.

Anna Ramsay

Director of Administration



REGIONAL OPERATIONS MANAGER

As the Regional Operations Manager for Surf Life Saving North Queensland, I am proud to present the 2024 annual report, highlighting the achievements and progress of our dedicated team and volunteers. This year has been a testament to the strength of our lifesaving community, with significant growth in services, training, and community engagement.

Life Saving Services and Surf Sports

Greg, our Life Saving Services and Surf Sports Coordinator, has played a crucial role in ensuring our beaches remain safe while also fostering competitive excellence. Under Greg's leadership, we have improved patrol efficiency with fundamental changes to out patrol agreements, enhanced emergency response (ER) capabilities, presenting our ER capabilities to both Councils and club ER members. Our surf sports events have seen good engagement and strong performances in local and state competitions, reinforcing the vital connection between fitness, skills, and lifesaving excellence.

Education and Training

Education is at the heart of what we do, and James, our Education and Training Supervisor, has led a highly successful year in coordinating and delivering vital courses. From Bronze Medallion training to highly entertaining scenario based advanced first aid and rescue skills, our members have benefited from a centrally coordinated approach to award training. James has been fundamental in researching and costing emergency response gear and equipment, in support of our Region being well prepared to assist emergency services, when required.

Membership and Community Awareness

Kaz, our Membership and Community Awareness Coordinator, has worked closely with club members and directors to grow our membership and strengthen our presence in the community. Through targeted engagement programs, a priority club focus, school visits, and public awareness campaigns, we have seen a notable increase in new members and community support. Our Nippers program continues to thrive, introducing young members to the values of surf lifesaving while fostering future generations of volunteers. Our surf lifesaving youth programs have been incredibly exciting, offering our young members valuable pathways and opportunities for growth.

Administrative Support

Tania has provided reliable administrative support to both staff and the NQ Board, ensuring smooth coordination for meetings and events. By effectively managing processing tasks and adhering to compliance requirements, Tania has supported the essential organisational efficiency.

Collaboration with the North Queensland Board and Council

I have had the privilege of working closely with the North Queensland Board and Council. Their guidance and strategic direction have been influential in our success this year. Together, we



have tackled budgets, challenges, priority clubs, facility reviews, implemented new initiatives, and strengthened the foundation of our branch. Their passion and dedication to surf lifesaving is well respected.

2024 Highlights

Completion of the Renovations at Branch, including a new gear & equipment shed, kitchen and meeting room, lifeguard storage and a welcoming reception area.

Sport & Recreation First Nations Grant Funding supported the first Fastest on Sand event which included surf sports beach events, good food, Aboriginal and Torres Strait dancing and music. The grant supported the Raising of the Flags at the start of patrol. This year we raised the Red & Yellow Flags with the Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Flags.

Cairns Airport Ironman Cairns and Green Island Swim – we have set the standard for the best and most organised water safety service with over 70 volunteers from 5 clubs coming together.

Northern Youth Southern Experience (NYSE), our youth experienced surf lifesaving on the Gold Coast

Surf Life Saving advancing the Emergency Response (ER) Capacity beyond the flags with funding to support gear and equipment, swift water training, drone training, an ER trailer.

The State Club Captain & CTO conference in Port Douglas attended by members from 58 clubs across Queensland.

Looking Ahead

As we move forward, our focus remains on continuous improvement. We aim to further develop our lifesaving services and operations, expand training opportunities, increase surf sports development coaches, focus on nippers being all about a fun experience and build community engagement north and south of our region. With the unwavering support of our volunteers, staff, and board, I am confident that Surf Life Saving North Queensland will continue to thrive and make a lasting impact.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to another outstanding year. Your dedication ensures that our beaches remain safe and that our lifesaving movement continues to grow.

Jen Rees

Regional Operations Manager
Surf Life Saving North Queensland



LIFEGUARD SUPERVISOR

What a big year of changes and events it has been!

1. North Queensland's First BOM (Beach Operations Management) Course

A major milestone for the region, our team successfully hosted North Queensland's first BOM (Beach Operations Management) course. Participants from the North Barrier region joined us for this valuable training opportunity. The course provided a comprehensive foundation, enhancing skills in Search and Rescue (SAR) and other vital beach operations. We are excited to make this course a regular part of our training schedule, with the second session planned for July.

2. Onboarding of New Staff and the Addition of Two TAE Trainers

In our efforts to strengthen and expand our lifeguard team, we welcomed several new staff members, bringing fresh energy and valuable skills to the service. This expansion has been essential in maintaining well-patrolled beaches and ensuring a robust response capacity. The new recruits have already completed rigorous training and have made a significant impact on beach safety, upholding high service standards year-round.

Additionally, we have two new TAE (Training and Assessment) trainers in our team. Their extensive experience has enabled us to refine our training programs, resulting in a more structured training schedule. These trainers play a key role in preparing our lifeguards to effectively handle a wide range of emergency situations while keeping them up to date with the latest training.

3. Hut Upgrades

This year saw the completion of much-needed upgrades to all our lifeguard huts. These improvements included new flooring, fresh paint, and roof repairs. The only remaining hut requiring attention is at Trinity Beach, which is scheduled for repairs and elevation by the end of this year.

4. GWN Radio Rollout

The rollout of the new GWN radios has proven to be a major success. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with reports highlighting clearer communication and ease of use. While we have encountered some initial teething issues, we are addressing them and are now benefiting from the consistent performance of the radios.

5. Cyclone Jasper Recovery

The beach foreshores continue to be vulnerable following the impacts of Cyclone Jasper, having endured significant stress from king tides and strong winds throughout the year. Several locations remain in the process of full recovery. However, despite these challenges, we have successfully adapted and continued to provide consistent lifeguard services across all affected areas.

These highlights reflect the dedication of our team as we continue to evolve, develop and enhance the quality of our service.

Dee Westland

Lifeguard Supervisor NQ





LIFESAVING SERVICES & SPORTS COORDINATOR NQ

I commenced my employment with SLSQ in the role of Lifesaving Services and Sports Coordinator NQ in August 2024. The beach carnival season started the weekend before at Mission Beach with a picture-perfect tropical weekend. I watched everyone working together to make the carnival a success. I knew then that I had made the right choice in joining the surf movement as a paid employee. I commend and acknowledge the work that all members devote to make our Nth Qld clubs what they are, especially those members who go above and beyond expectations.

The 2024 patrolling and carnival season progressed with few incidences and has wrapped up, well done everyone. We are now rocketing towards the commencement of the 2025 Far North Queensland season which kicks off at the beginning of April.

Last season I was pleased to be involved with lifesaver training across the branch. We finally got the long awaited RWC (Rescue Water Craft – Jet ski) course underway and now have some capability with RWC on patrol at Etty Bay and Cairns Clubs. 2025 will see further role out of RWC courses for patrolling members and Ops Support.

My role in "Sport" and "Lifesaving" has enabled me to be apart of many aspects of our branch. As a volunteer I have continued to train, assess and patrol, and as a paid employee, I have been able to interact with clubs to help them move forward and continue to meet their patrol contracts. I am working with the Surf Sports team to enhance our coaching and officiating capability. I feel that as a branch we are working well as a team to meet our core goals of patrolling our beaches and developing sport in our branch.

2024 saw NQ branch further develop and implement their Emergency Response capability. NQ branch has a fully equipped Emergency Response trailer including a designated Emergency Response IRB. We were able to showcase this at "operation deluge" where we worked alongside the SES and QPS in Trinity Inlet to hone our emergency response skills. The combined effort of our members, resources and utilisation of assets from within the branch provided a great response to the scenarios provided during this activity.

Each club now has an endorsed emergency response team. Further training for these members should be rolled out during 2025. Some upcoming courses are Swift Water Rescue and U25kg UAV (Drone) pilot. If you have an interest in being part of the Emergency Response team in your club, please reach out to your Club Captain or President to register to be apart of Lifesaving beyond the flags.

Finally, A big thanks to the Queensland Government and QPS for the sustainability grants that all our clubs accessed successfully. This funding was used to purchase necessary equipment and services to keep us training lifesavers and making the beaches we patrol safer

for everyone. Funding was provided for NQ branch and Cairns club to replace old IRB motors, Cairns club is also using some of the funding to replace worn out PFD's. Funding was granted for Ettu Bay's Starlink services and partial funding towards a new IRB. The sustainability grant will be used for club administration support at the Mission and Ellis Beach clubs and partial funding was granted for an IRB for Port Douglas SLSC. Lastly, funding has been provided to replace damaged shade sail posts at Ellis Beach after the flooding Cyclone Jasper brought.

I look forward to being apart of Lifesaving and Sport Services into the future and assisting each and every club grow and develop to form their integral part of our branch make up.

I encourage all existing and new members to keep up their good work and dedicated involvement. Without the effort that members make we would not be able to facilitate our everyday commitments, let alone provide additional Lifesaving support opportunities that are a necessary part of living in this region.

See you on the Beach,

Greg Cullen

SLSQ Lifesaving Services and Sports Coordinator NQ



DIRECTOR OF LIFESAVING

First, I would like to thank the branch for the opportunity of being the NQ Branch Lifesaving Director, even though it was for a short time.

Over the last season we were a part of the roll out for clubs receiving jet skis and drones. Courses for each asset have been run so those clubs who have applied for a jet ski and or drone are now able to use those during patrols. We hope these assets will be able to help with member recruitment and member retention. They will certainly be able to help a patrol be more flexible and responsive to a situation. With this roll out we have managed to be able to do share agreements with the lifeguard service which has had benefits for all parties involved.

Cairns	Max Rivett	4144.2
Ellis Beach	Sonja Harrip	2381.49
Etty Bay	Jesse Witt	1566.12
Mission Beach	Jesse Glutz	1327.29
Port Douglas	John Goodman	1218.82
TOTAL		10637.92

There has been another option added to how first aid and advanced resuscitation courses can be delivered. These two courses can now be combined into a two-day course. The first day will be online theory while the second day will be all practical assessment, allowing for a full day of hands on which will be great for our members. By the end of the course members will have their CPR, first aid and ART.

The roll out of the new Government Wireless Network (GWN) radio system has been a great success with feedback being there is much better reception, less dropouts and much clearer communication.

As I said at the start my tenure as Director of Lifesaving was short. I felt I had too much on my plate and felt the branch needed to be better represented. Jesse Glutz has stepped up and is now the Director of Lifesaving for the NQ branch. With Jesse attitude, compassion and commitment to patrols, his club and now the branch, I feel the branch is in very good hands moving forward.

Jon Murray (Muzz)

North Queensland Branch Director of Lifesaving



After an active and rewarding Surf Life Saving Season in 2024, I want to thank all our members for their commitments to the Lifesaving movement. I have taken on the North Queensland Branch Director of Lifesaving Role in 2024, leading into 2025. I look forward to supporting our Northern communities to uphold the Surf Life Saving Queensland vision of zero preventable deaths in Queensland waters.

Despite experiencing the extreme weather events in the past few weeks, our communities have been resilient to combat the monsoonal rain, flash flooding and cyclone risks in our region. Our Branch Emergency Response Group have been on standby, ready to deploy in areas of need. I am thankful that we have such a highly skilled team across our clubs that have worked hard to prepare for the worst.

During our Summer months, lifeguards have been hard at work keeping our beaches safe and maintaining water safety during stinger season. Dee Westland, John Murray and the team have continued to patrol from Four Mile Beach to South Mission Beach. The team have also welcomed two international lifeguards to patrol during the stinger season and are progressing in effective beach operations management that will allow lifeguards to become incident controllers servicing major disasters.

Before our start of season, Greg Cullen and I will attend the State Life Saving Committee meeting on Magnetic Island in early March. We will endorse each club's patrol contract and discuss state initiatives to bring to our branch. I am excited to be named the committee representative for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI), something that I can directly bring to the North Queensland Branch to foster safe, welcoming and inclusive environments for everyone.

On the 3rd of April, we will host a patrol captain meeting at NQB Office, and on the 5th of April our 2025 Season will start. We will once again support our communities with the Raising of the Flags and Welcome to Country that weekend.

Our incredible determination and commitment to the red and yellow is extremely fulfilling. I am excited to support each of our clubs with diligence in 2025 and continuing to grow the Lifesaving movement in North Queensland.

Jesse Glutz

North Queensland Branch Director of Lifesaving

NQ BRANCH SURF RESCUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

NQ Branch 2024 Surf Rescue Championships - Age Champions				
Age Group	Female	Club	Male	Club
U12 Winner	Layla Young	Cairns	Jake Bowes	Cairns
U13 Winner	Elizabeth Meller	Cairns	—	—
U14 Winner	Chloe Wright	Port Douglas	Hamish Mead	Cairns
U15 Winner	—	—	Eric Wark	Port Douglas
U17 Winner	Jemma Wark	Port Douglas	—	—
Open Winner	Harriet Grant	Cairns	—	—



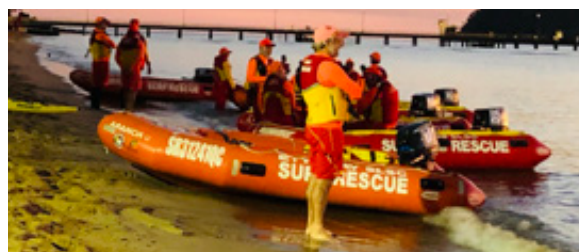
CAIRNS AIRPORT IRONMAN QUICKERSILVER REEF SWING GREEN ISLAND

The Cairns Airport IRONMAN Cairns is a world-class triathlon event, held annually in the stunning Far North Queensland region, attracting athletes and spectators from around the globe. The support and safety provided by Surf Lifesaving North Queensland is a crucial element in ensuring a successful and smooth event. Surf Lifesaving North Queensland consistently goes above and beyond, offering exceptional support throughout the entire event. The team's professionalism and readiness make athletes feel secure, allowing them to focus entirely on their race. Their presence is integral to the success of the event, as they play a key role in mitigating any risks and contributing to the smooth running of the event.

Beyond just water safety, Surf Lifesaving North Queensland provides an incredible sense of community and partnership with the IRONMAN team, working tirelessly to maintain high standards for both the event's participants and spectators. Surf Lifesaving North Queensland's contribution to the event cannot be overstated. Their partnership makes the Cairns Airport IRONMAN Cairns an unforgettable experience for everyone involved.

In 2024 Cairns Airport IRONMAN Cairns was voted the best Ironman event in Australia and New Zealand.

Leanna Ali
Regional Director, Oceania





NQB Youth State Team

The NQB Youth State Team put in a dedicated 12-month season, with training extending beyond North Aussies and continuing over the Christmas period. I would like to acknowledge the commitment and dedication of the athletes. Unfortunately, the Youth Championships were cancelled at the 11th hour due to the after effects of Cyclone Alfred. Many thanks to the team age managers, coaches, and supporters who made this trip possible for our elite youth athletes.

2024 Surf Sports Season

The 2024 surf sports season was a tremendous success, featuring five surf carnivals and two pool rescue carnivals.

Pool Rescue Success

Our branch excelled at the Queensland Pool Rescue Competition, securing the Champion Club title thanks to the outstanding efforts of our individual swimmers. This achievement is a testament to their dedication and preparation.

Mission Beach Carnival and Dunk Island Ski Classic

The reintroduction of the Mission Beach Carnival, along with the Dunk Island Ski Classic, was a standout success. Participation numbers across all carnivals were excellent, reflecting the enthusiasm of our members and their families.

Cairns Hosting Highlights

Cairns successfully hosted the NQB Championships and the Champion Lifesaver event this year. The branch extends its gratitude to the Cairns Surf Life Saving Club and carnival referees for organizing such a fantastic event. Congratulations to all age champions on their achievements.

List of Branch Age Champions

(To be included)

North Aussies Representation

The branch had strong representation at the North Australian Championships, with several age champions. Their performances contributed to the selection of a large contingent for the Queensland Country Team.

List of NQ Selections:

- Mia Bamford (age champion)
- Halle Cygler
- Lacey Taylor
- Ben Bissett (age champion)
- Kiara Williams
- Charlie Daddona
- Ava Bamford (age champion)
- Abbey Bissett
- Logan Lockyer
- Hydrothon Clinic

With many thanks to our major sponsor and the Port Douglas Surf Life Saving Club, the branch successfully hosted a Hydrothon Clinic—the most northern clinic in Australia. Featuring elite Iron athletes and coaches, this event welcomed 75 participants from the 10-17 age group. Feedback from athletes and local coaches was overwhelmingly positive, enabling the branch to plan a second clinic at Cairns in 2025.

Looking Ahead

The Board of Surf Sports is actively exploring innovative ways to promote carnivals and elevate surf sports in North Queensland. A comprehensive carnival calendar has been developed to enhance programming and incorporate feedback from our recent survey. This calendar promotes variation and inclusiveness, with each club encouraged to identify and host a signature special event.

Acknowledgments

The Board of Surf Sports (BOSS) finalized official representative positions this year. We extend our gratitude to Sue Way and all our officials for their time and dedication, ensuring the safe and effective operation of the 2024 carnivals.

Special thanks to BOSS members:

- Deputy Director Tiera Mikuzis
- port douglas Grank Knight
- Ellis beach Col cameron
- Etty Bay Blaise Cini
- Mission Ben Felan
- Official Sue Way

Their efforts throughout the season have resulted in a strong surf sports program. A huge thank you to our

officials, IRB crews, and water safety teams for ensuring the safe operation of carnivals and athlete events.

Future Goals

We look forward to delivering:

- Officials courses
- Coaching courses
- Enhancing the abilities of clubs to develop pathways in the arena of surf sports

Thank you to everyone who contributed to another fantastic year and we look forward to seeing you on the beach and in the pool in 2025

Mark Bamford

Director of Surf Sports



2024 NORTH

QUEENSLAND BRANCH

CHAMPIONSHIPS

2024 NQ Branch Championships				
Age Group	Female	Club	Male	Club
U8 Winner	Julie Smith	Mission Beach	Jett Rider	Mission Beach
U9 Winner	Raven Hoskins	Etty Bay	Jett Harty	Port Douglas
U10 Winner	Layla Smallbane	Cairns	Harrison Williams	Ellis Beach
U11 Winner	Elise Wright			
Marlee Onekawa	Cairns	Ash Cockrem	Cairns	
U12 Winner	Hannah Smallbane	Cairns	Jake Bowes	Ellis
U13 Winner	Mia Bamford	Ellis Beach	Warne Mcshane	Cairns
U14 Winner	Kiara Williams	Ellis Beach	Hamish Smallbane	Cairns
U15 Winner	Ava Bamford	Ellis Beach	Logan Lockyer	
James Langtree	Cairns			
U17 Winner	Ellie Greenwood	Cairns	Leathan Hudson	
Mathys Moolman	Ellis Beach			
Cairns				
Open Winner	Harriet Grant	Cairns	Leathan Hudson	Ellis Beach
30-39 Winner	Irene Cats	Port Douglas	---	---
40-49 Winner	Carie Kelliher	Port Douglas	Shaun Taylor	Cairns
50-59 Winner	Genevieve Cox	Cairns	Grant Knight	Port Douglas
60-69 Winner	---	---	John Goodman	Port Douglas
70+ Winner	---	---	Anthony Hannan	Cairns

Overall Point Score		
Rank	Club	Points
1	Cairns SLSC	1869
2	Ellis Beach SLSC	787
3	Port Douglas SLSC	610
4	Etty BAY SLSC	386
5	MISSION BEACH SLSC	229

The SLSQ North Aussies was held from 25th to 27th October in Mackay with over 500 participants attending. Congratulations to all our NQ Branch Athletes who produced some excellent results in Pool Rescue and Surf Events.



NORTH AUSSIE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Overall Point Score

Rank	Club	Points
1	Emu Park SLSC	1074
2	Tannum Sands SLSC	820.5
3	Cairns SLSC	606



NQ BRANCH

YOUTH STATE TEAM

The 23/24 Season kicked off with the selection of the youth state team at the North Queensland Branch Championships held at Ettu Bay. The team, comprising the branch's strongest 39 athletes aged 11-15 years, was chosen.

Following the northern season, the team committed to an additional six months of intensive training leading up to the Queensland Youth State Championships, initially planned for Burleigh Heads on the Gold Coast. The coaching staff devised a comprehensive program that utilised various venues including the Cairns Wake Park, Lake Tinaroo, and Mt. Whitfield.

During this training period, the team had the privilege of participating in the Kamana project led by Iron Women Harriet Brown and Lizzie Welbourne. They received valuable insights on female participation in sports, nutrition, and performance mindset.

The team attended Burleigh Heads a day earlier than in previous years for familiarisation with beach and surf conditions. This allowed the team to experience the expertise of high-level coaches such as Jon and Taj Anderson from Burleigh Surf Club, as well as Iron Persons TJ Hendy, Ben Carberry, and Brielle Cooper.

The Carnival location was moved in the days prior to commencement from Burleigh Heads to North Kirra Beach. This led to readjustment by team management for arranging the transport of athletes and equipment to the new venue locations.

Our Athletes adapted and throughout the competition weekend, the team showcased outstanding performances, in what was described as difficult and hectic conditions. Despite this, the team demonstrated outstanding results, making the finals in several disciplines, and achieved beach medal wins.

Special recognition goes to Halle Cygler and Lacey Taylor for clinching Gold in the U12 2x500m Beach Relay event, and to Ella Mayes and Lauren Baldwin for securing Bronze in the U13 2x1km Beach Relay event. Halle Cygler also won bronze in the U12 1km.

Other notable results include Cooper Hudson for an outstanding 5th in the male U14 Ironman, Charlize Gee finished 7th in beach flags. Both Teams entered the All-Age Relay, secured a place in the final and finished in the top 8. The senior team showed enormous pride in the Green and Gold, participating in the March Past which resulted in a very credible top ten performance.

In addition to the competition experience the team benefited from meeting old friends and making new ones from across all the Queensland Surf Life Saving fraternity.

I extend my gratitude to all members of Far North Queensland for their unwavering support and trust in our ability to represent them. A mention must be made of the pool coaches and the Pace Project team for their dedication and support to our athletes.

Special thanks to the current Director of Surf Sports, Jemima Eveans, and Finance Officer David Baldwin, as well as the FNQ Board of Directors for their guidance. Appreciation also goes to the Age Managers and parents for their support throughout the journey.

I want to acknowledge the invaluable contribution of the Assistant Team Manager, Shaun Taylor, and the team's Head Coach, Col Cameron along with his support coaches, Lucinda Eveans, Chris Hudson, and Marty Wescott. Thanks also goes out to Richard Young and Nathan Lockyer, affectionately known as the "Amigo's." Our "Amigo's" packed our teams boards and equipment into two trucks and set off for the long drive to the Gold Coast.

To the athletes, thank you for your unwavering commitment, dedication, and continual development in FNQ Surf Sports.

Lastly, the NQBYST extends its sincere gratitude to its sponsors and partners for their invaluable support and assistance:

- Cairns to Cape 4x4
- Fuel Equipment Specialists
- Dig N Dump Earthworks
- NQ Petro
- Mungalli Creek Dairy
- Cairns Wake Park

Cairns SLSC

Lacey Taylor
Elizabeth Meller
Ben Bissett
Lauren Baldwin
Hamish Smallbane
Macklen Johnston
Abby Bissett
Logan Lockyer
James Langtree
Xander Veenstra
Hannah Smallbane
Layla Young
Maycee Donovan
Lucy Coverdale
Ash Cockrem
Jake Bowes

Clancy Ross
Ben Limpus
Lewis Lee
Warne McShane

Etty Bay SLSC

Isadora Nucifora
Aria Di Palma
Beau Westcott
Ellis Beach SLSC
Charlie D'Addona
Halle Cygler
Mia Bamford
Kiara Williams
Isaac Wynberg
Ualani Hudson
Ava Bamford
Bonnie Buttimore
Skyla Papworth
Jakes Bowes
Quade Cygler
Archer Wickerson
Zach Laidlaw

Mission Beach SLSC

Charlize Gee

Port Douglas SLSC

Ruby Harty
Marlee Onekawa
Elise Wright

Regards,

Shaun Taylor

2024/25 NQBYST Team Manager



EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2024 was a massive year for Education in North Queensland.

It all kicked off in February with the first of the new Silver Medallion Patrol Captain course running with the theory/online component being a joint North Barrier Branch and North Queensland Branch workshop. We were able to combine forces and get a great mixture of learnings and perspectives from across the two regions. The practical assessments at Palm Cove also cause some excitement among the locals with some great acting skills from some of our members for the scenarios.

Running at the same time as the SMPC was also a couple of ART courses. These had a great turnout as well, meaning we had several members trained up and ready for the start of season.

Mission Beach were the first club to run a bronze course with training running through March, and assessments being finalised on Good Friday (first day of patrol) meaning 4 new Bronzies were ready to go.

From there it was all systems go for patrols but also training. Cairns and Ellis kicked off some bronze training in April, as well as our first branch IRB course for the season, starting at Tinaroo Dam. It was quite cold up there but everyone who came along had a great time and learnt plenty.

The rest of the year it all continued with SRC and Bronze courses at all clubs, a second IRB course that started with a big weekend at Etty Bay and even 3 drone courses at Port Douglas, Ellis Beach and Etty Bay with members from all 5 clubs participating.

In June, I was lucky enough to attend the Lifesaving Development Program at Magnetic Island and do a fair amount of training/assessments with the next generation of lifesavers from across the state. It was great to see the passion for the surf movement from everyone that attended.

In August I attended the National First Aid Trainers Conference in Cairns, which gave me some great learning opportunities which I am able to bring back to NQB.

September saw Exercise Deluge take place in the Trinity Inlet. We were invited, along with SES, QPS and ARFF from Cairns airport, to participate in the exercise to better build our Emergency Response capabilities. It was a great multi agency exercise.

In October, I was invited to bring a couple of members along to some TACMED training workshops being run in Cairns. This was a great opportunity for a couple of our ECT TAFs to learn some new skills and hone those skills they already have. It was a very messy couple of days.

Also in October was Restart a Heart Day where we were able to offer free compression only CPR training to the public to try and make sure as many people know how to Send, Push, Shock and hopefully be able to save a life one day.

The IRB training got a makeover nationwide and a new training package was rolled out from SLISA. The NQ region was the first in the state, if not the country, to have all our IRB TAFs through the upgrade training and able to deliver the course to the region. Well done to our IRB TAFs for getting stuck in to get it complete.



Skills maintenance also had a few changes last year with a Branch Skills Maintenance calendar being rolled out so members could plan when to attend around their busy schedules and also go to other clubs to complete it. There was overwhelming positive feedback for this and we will be aiming to do the same in 2025.

In November, we had 170 odd members from across the state come to beautiful Port Douglas for the CTO/Club Captain conference. So many of them were amazed at not only how beautiful our region is, but also how we conduct training up with the risks we have within the water. There wasn't many who wanted to get in the water at all.

Below is a list of how many people completed each award for the year

Age manager	15
Age manager assistant	8
ART	25
Drone Operator	12
First Aid	75
IRB Crew	24
IRB Driver	2
Bronze Medallion	31
SRC	26
SMPC	7
Marine Stinger	51
RWC	8
CPR	102
Total	386

Thank you to all our amazing NQ TAFs who gave up so much of their time to train our members in 2024!

James Guthrie

SLSQ Education and Training Supervisor NQ

SAFETY, TRUST, COMMUNITY, LEADERSHIP, RESPECT, TEAMWORK.



MEMBERSHIP & COMMUNITY AWARENESS COORDINATOR NQ

Membership

I am excited to say it's been an action packed year for NQ Membership and Community Awareness in 2024.

There were many memorable achievements in Membership during this season with one highlight being the focus on our NQ Clubs Junior Activity Programs. We kicked off the season with a NQ Branch Family Fun Day which involved an Aquarium visit and BBQ at Cairns Lagoon. This was a great opportunity for families to come together at the start of season and for new families to meet and have some fun. With a strong focus on our Junior Activity Programs, JAC's, Age Managers and their development, we rolled out Age Manager Resource Packs to all of our Age Managers. SLSQ supported our branch with Age Manager Training Clinic's at Palm Cove and Etty Bay. We were lucky to have Joel and Ella Kinneally travel up to provide an educational hands-on training session for our JAC's and Age Managers. The benefits this training provided our Age Managers was evident with their confidence on the beach and in their roles during the season. We continued our commitment to developing our JA program by supporting our JAC's with a trip to the The Gold Coast in November. The aim of this JAC Development program was for our JAC's to attend Coolangatta SLSC and Palm Beach SLSC nipper sessions and experience a Nipper program on a larger scale. Taking in the opportunity to observe the operations and to develop their knowledge in beach layout and training programs. Unfortunately, they experienced heavy rain and nipper sessions were cancelled, however they had great engagement with Club JAC's, each other and learnt valuable knowledge they can implement in their clubs 2025 JA Program.

In April 2024 Bridget Greensill was nominated as NQB Director of Membership and Youth. Working with Bridget we refined the NQ Youth program (NYSE) to implement a Lifesaving focus. In September we headed to the Gold Coast to stay at Palm Beach SLSC with 17 NQ youth from Port Douglas, Cairns, Ellis Beach and Etty Bay. During the program the youth experienced a development session with Carol Fox, Surf Lesson, team building initiatives and responsibilities, visited the SOCC, Westpac Helicopters, Race One, patrolled on SEQ beaches, attending a Nipper session at Coolangatta and were lucky to attend the SLSQ Awards of Excellence in Brisbane. With a strong focus on Lifesaving, pathways, opportunities and connecting with other youth in the branch the program was a great success.

Other memorable achievements to mention was supporting our clubs with the SLSQ Priority Club program and action plans, MEALS Conference in May, 2024 Sign on Day, Cassowary Coast Careers Day, Cairns Region Careers Day and JCU Market Days, Peninsula School Sports Spectaculars, NQ Branch float in the Cairns Regional Council Festival Street Parade and a Port Douglas Carnival Beach activation. It has been a pleasure supporting and working with Nicola Williams, DoJA and Bridget Greensill, NQB DoMY, Clubs and their members to enhance their membership experience.



Community Awareness

Community Awareness or Awareness in the Community? This is a conversation I had a lot in 2024 in relation to what are we trying to achieve and the answer is essentially both. As a Community Awareness staff member we provide education and promote awareness of beach and aquatic safety whilst also promoting awareness in our community of Surf Lifesaving and the many benefits of being a Lifesaver.

The reach into our NQ communities grew in 2024 with engagement in U'8's Days and Beachsafe Presentations held at Schools, Libraries, Day Care Centres and OSHC. It was exciting to have new schools involved in beach programs and welcomed Newman Catholic College, Cairns Home Education and Mission Beach Rainforest Schools to our Practical Beach programs. Little Lifesavers School Holiday programs were held at Cairns Lagoon in January and April then moved to the beach at Palm Cove in July.

In March I had the privilege of travelling to Thursday Island to deliver a Water Safe Schools program at the local aquatic centre. This was a great experience to engage with the local community and educate the children in aquatic safety. Locally, we conducted a Water Safe School Program at Woree Aquatic Centre with MacKillop Catholic College and look forward to seeing this program develop further as schools embrace the importance of educating our children on aquatic safety.

With support from the SLSQ CA team we delivered a Water Safe Seniors program at Port Douglas and Yorkey's Knob in June. This is a lovely program aimed at educating and engaging our senior community members in Surf Life Saving. It was rewarding seeing the participants gain confidence in the surf, making new friendships and hearing their stories over a cuppa following the program.

As part of the NQ Branch First Nations Sport and Recreation Grant we conducted an eight week afternoon Beach Safety Program at Yorkey's Knob with 10 participants. The program was conducted with the assistance of Marc Harbrow Mentoring who transported the participants to the program following school. It was a rewarding experience to see the confidence in the children grow over the program as they gained skills in dolphin diving, boards and rescues.

With the growth of NQ Community Awareness in 2024 I was pleased to welcome some of our local club members to the Community Awareness team, Hannah Bissett Cairns SLSC, Mia Buls Ellis Beach SLSC, Deb Mullins Cairns SLSC and Bailey Pearson Cairns SLSC to our NQ CA team. I hope that NQ CA will continue to grow into 2025 and beyond to provide an important pathway for our youth members whilst providing important safety messaging to our community.

See you on the Beach

Karen Smith-Marron

SLSQ Membership & Community Awareness Coordinator NQ





YOUTH & MEMBERSHIP

Being the Director of Youth & Membership is a great honour and a role I plan to fulfill to my best ability. To be leading and supporting our youth to become the future leaders and role models of our Branch is a great privilege.

As this season end and another begins, I would like to reflect upon what has happen over the last season in 2024/2025.

NYSE CAMP:

NQB NYSE Youth Development Program to continue in 2025 on the Gold Coast with proposed dates of travel from Wednesday 24th September to Monday 29th September 2025. This was subject change depending on start of patrol season 2025. The 2024 camp was a great success with all participants fully engaging in all activities. From the 2024 camp we have widened the selection criteria for participants. In 2025 we will also welcome participants who hold Observers, Radio and First Aid certificates as well. This will allow for a wider range of participants to apply.

20 pax, 10 males, 10 female

Participants are to hold a SRC or Bronze, Observers, Radio and First Aid and be **14 years and above**.

4 Chaperones, (2 male, 2 female, 1 Coordinator) Chaperone would ideally be Club YDO's but if they cannot attend EOI will be sent out for parents with Bronze or SRC to attend.

This year we will continue with a similar schedule to 2024, with some extra inclusions.

Accommodation – Palm Beach SLSC dorms

Flights - Return flights to Brisbane and then train down to the Gold Coast.

Transport – Buses on loan from Tallebudgera Surf Club

Focus is on Lifesaving Development and pathways.

We would like to give the youth an experience of Lifeguarding at Southbank and also include a visit to Surf House for a morning tea with staff and meet key figures in Lifesaving in QLD.

Once again our camps are only successful if the participants are willing to engage fully within the experiences. All our clubs should be proud of the kids who attended. We have some great leaders coming through.

YOUTH PATROL:

2025 will see the first NQB Youth Patrol with Youth from across our 5 clubs in our branch.

We would like to offer the youth the opportunity to visit another club and patrol at a different beach for a weekend or a day as per the club patrol requirements. The patrol will camp at the club overnight for the members to engage and to be ready for their patrol shift. During the overnight camp we will engage them in fun team building activities aimed at building camaraderie, developing problem solving skills and enhancing their Lifesaving skills, ie. first aid scenarios.

How will the patrol work?

For each Club patrol the youth patrol will be under the supervision of the Patrol Captain of the visiting Club and be given responsibility of radio communication, assisting with setting up beach equipment as per patrol and beach requirements, raising flags and moving during patrol if required, first aid equipment check, stinger drags, writing and updating beach report and partaking in training scenarios during patrol if

applicable and any other Lifesaving activities as required by the Club or Patrol Captain.

How will we engage the youth?

EOI to our youth members for the Youth Patrol, once all submissions are received, we will coordinate a roster/s with Clubs and youth members.

As a pilot program for the 2025 season, we would like to aim for 3-5 club patrols dependent on budget allocation, members on patrol and club patrol shifts, not all patrols may need to be overnight, some may be able to be collected in the morning and returned home following the patrol shift.

We envision Bridget Greensill (NQB DoMY), Karen Smith (MCC) and the Club YDO Officer (in that region) will attend the Youth Patrol and will work with the clubs to ensure that all Awards are covered to comply with Patrol agreements.

And finally, as I have worked with all the clubs over the past patrolling year, it has become apparent that the Youth of our region need a voice. At our first surf carnival at Mission Beach we will be holding our first Youth Forum. This is a very exciting time for all our kids as this will be the beginning of our very first Youth Council. All YDO's will be invited to participate in this event. We have also invited Alex from SLSQ to be part of our first forum.

What will this look like?

YOUTH FORUM:

NQB Youth Forum from across our 5 clubs in our branch will be held at our first surf carnival at Mission Beach. We would like to offer the youth the opportunity to participate in a forum to identify and create a youth council specifically looking at retention, skill development and youth opportunities. Youth will be invited to participate in discussions around programs that are offered state wide as well as Branch developed and club developed. Youth will be encouraged to join in sessions that will focus on lifesaving leadership as well as Youth Excellence program.

How will the forum work?

This will be held at the first carnival at Mission Beach Club.

We would come together as a group on Saturday afternoon and into the evening. The agenda will be available 2 weeks prior so that all Youth/Youth Development Officers/ Director of Membership and Youth/ Membership and Community Awareness Coordinator are able to attend and participate.

WHAT OPPORTUNITIES WILL THE YOUTH GET?

The Youth will be invited to start a discussion around setting goals within the Youth space within their club and Branch. They will be encouraged to voice where they believe the direction of Youth within North Qld Branch should be heading and how are we going to achieve these goals. They will also be invited to nominate to be part of the Youth Council that will also meet with Branch Board on a monthly basis.

Youth will be given the opportunity to learn about ongoing state and regional programs within the 2025 calendar and what the expectations are if they attend any of these programs within the calendar year.

The outcomes from this forum would be the retention as well as identification of youth coming through the clubs gaining their Observers, Radio, FA, SRC and Bronze qualifications as well as becoming involved in the leadership development within their clubs and taking on Junior Club Captain roles as well as stepping into Deputy roles within their clubs.

If a club was to identify a junior member to participate in a State Youth Forum or program this would be fully supported through our ongoing budget and grant allocation.

Once again I would like to thank the Youth Development Officers who have come onboard in 2024 and early 2025. We will be meeting regularly to discuss ongoing projects, programs and all things Youth and Membership throughout the year. Another massive thankyou must go to both Karen Smith-Marron and Jen Rees. Without their guidance and ongoing support I certainly would not have had such a successful year.

To the Youth of our branch. You need to be excited about what is coming. If you see a program you want to attend please reach out to your branch. If you want to complete a certificate course speak to your YDO and most of all KEEP ON PATROLLING. See you all on the beach!!

Bridget Greensill

Director of Membership and Youth



354

ACTIVE
MEMBERSHIP



1,098

TOTAL
MEMBERSHIP



329

JUNIOR
MEMBERSHIP

VS. 2024/25 Mid-Season (July 2024)



7%

INCREASE



8%

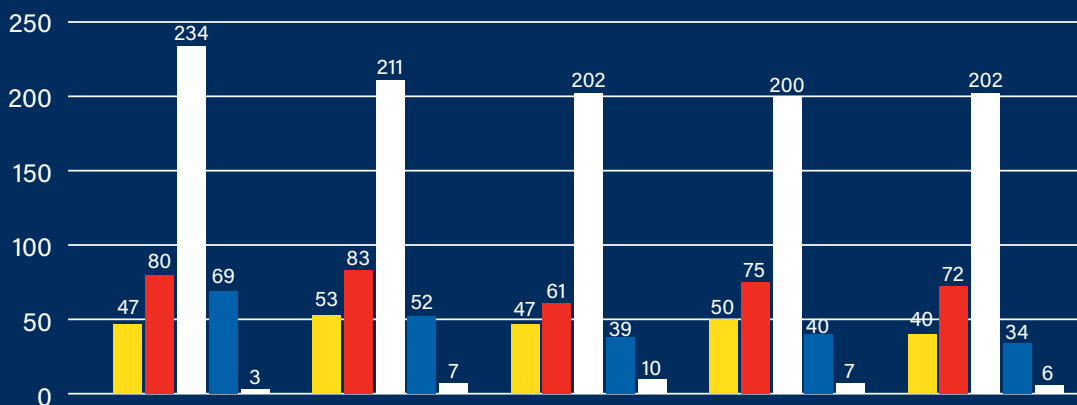
INCREASE



8%

INCREASE

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP





65%

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP
RETENTION



74%

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP
RETENTION



72%

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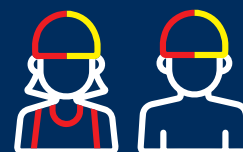
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ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP
RETENTION



66%

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP
RETENTION



84%

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP
RETENTION



65%

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP
RETENTION



61%

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP
RETENTION



65%

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP
RETENTION

NORTH QUEENSLAND BRANCH AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to the following members who were received awards for the North Queensland Branch Awards of Excellence 2023 Season. Thank you for the dedication and support you provide to Surf Life saving in North Queensland. Your continuous hard work and dedication to Surf Lifesaving has certainly been recognised. Your continuous hard work and dedication to Surf Lifesaving has certainly been recognised.

Andy Frizzell OAM, OBE Award

Jemima Eveans (Ellis Beach SLSC)

Clive Hammond OAM Medal

Rachael Wynberg (Ellis Beach)

U14 Junior Surf Lifesaver of the Year

Ava Bamford (Ellis Beach)

U18 Junior Surf Lifesaver of the Year

Kari Cini (Etty Bay)

Youth Surf Lifesaver of the Year

Bryce Menzies (Cairns SLSC)

Assessor of the Year

Jeremy Kay (Ellis Beach)

Volunteer of the Year

Sonja Harrip (Ellis Beach)

Surf Lifesaver of the Year

Mark Nucifora (Etty Bay)

Trainer of the Year

Rachael Wynberg (Ellis Beach)

Junior Athlete of the Year

Cooper Hudson (Cairns)

Youth Athlete of the Year

Mathys Moolman (Cairns)

Masters Athlete of the Year

Simon Greenwood (Cairns)

Athlete of the Year

Shaun Taylor (Cairns)

Official of the Year

Ruth Nona (Cairns)

Sports Team Manager of the Year

Mark Bamford/Carrie Hudson

Sports Team of the Year

Cairns SLSC U14 Team (Cairns)

Volunteer Coach of the Year

Alistair Yeabsley (Cairns)

Club and Community Innovation Award

Cairns SLSC FunSwimRun (Cairns)



Congratulations to our NQ Branch members who were Awarded the honour of receiving. **2023 SLSQ Trainer of the Year | 2023 SLSA Trainer of the Year**



Gary Williams
Ellis Beach SLSC



Jeremy Kay
Ellis Beach SLSC
2023 SLSQ Clive Hammond Award

Well deserved recognition for all that you do for Surf Life Saving in North Queensland.





DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

2024/2025 was a season of learning and rejuvenation for the NQ Branch Juniors' Board. New leadership came with Shaun Taylor (Cairns), Carl Schneider (Ellis Beach) and Paul Lardi (Mission Beach) with me as Director, Nicky Harty (Port Douglas) and Mark Nucifora (Etty Bay) remaining on the Board from Last season.

We Kicked off the season with a nipper fun day that was held at the Cairns Aquarium and Cairns Lagoon. Although the rain did not hold off, this day saw just under 100 nippers from all five clubs come together to celebrate the start of the season. We ticked off some education around the aquarium with a treasure hunt. After collecting our treasure, we made our way to the Lagoon for further activities and a sausage sizzle.

NQB MEALS was the next item on our agenda the workshop held in March, with ideas and knowledge shared, to help our JAC's and others attending, gain a better understanding of the JA role and an overview of all that Junior Activities (JA) encompasses. It was timely as it started our season well and we all gained a lot of knowledge and understanding for things not only JA but in the wider lifesaving community as well. The MEALS forum was well attended and had representatives from all 5 clubs.

The Branch saw an increase of 17% in memberships in the Juniors Section. Port Douglas having a 32% increase, Ellis Beach had a 73% increase, Etty Bay had a 33% increase and Mission Beach with a 24%. Unfortunately, there was a decline in membership at Cairns of 21%. The overall member retention rate in the Branch of 67% was extremely pleasing.

The clubs continued to educate and develop their Nippers via surf play, participation, and fun. The education pathway via the delivery of the Surf Education program and awards ensures that our youngest lifesavers become knowledgeable in both lifesaving and surf sports.

As part of continuing development, we ran the first Age Manager Development Clinic. This clinic saw Ella and Joel Kinneally attend and impart their wealth of knowledge onto our Age Managers to better equip them for the season. The session on Saturday was held at Etty Bay SLSC and then on Sunday at Cairns SLSC. Joel spent full days down on the sand and in the water giving firsthand and practical experience and knowledge to all the Age Managers whilst Ella spent time developing the knowledge of the Age Managers on navigating the Nipper App. The Feedback was overly positive with Age Managers feeling more confident in delivering the Nippers program for the season. This is a clinic that we will run yearly to further develop the capabilities of our Age Managers.

As part of the Junior Development Activities Programs, Nippers are given the opportunity to gain a Junior Development Award each season. A total of 363 age accreditations and awards were gained in 2024/5 by our junior members, this includes age awards and SRC/bronze for the under 14/15 age groups.

Of the Junior members who completed their Surf Rescue Certificate, all have carried out patrol and water-safety duties during the calendar year, across their respective club beaches, at Junior/Nipper training sessions and at triathlon events. We also saw several parents receive their age manager and observer awards to assist our nipper programs.

Surf Sports is always a major component in the development of our nippers. Our clubs hosted five (5) carnivals in 2024/25 season, (with a few of the clubs also delivering green cap activities at this time), two (2) Pool Rescue carnivals, (catering to all the competitive age groups within nippers) as well as Champion Lifesaver. All seven Carnivals were well attended and nippers gained good experiences across the board.

A highlight of the junior surf sports program is the NQB Youth State Team. This season was no exception. The team did us proud, with outstanding performances from members making semis, to finals, and becoming state medallists. Congratulations to all on firstly your selection into the NQB YST and secondly for your attitude, behaviour and performance when representing the NQ Branch.

A change this season came with the use of the Nipper App. This was used by JAC's and Age Managers to assist on the beach and signing off age awards. There is great potential with the app and is aimed at making life a little easier for all involved in junior activities. It took a good part of the season to get used to using this platform with all clubs utilising it by the end of the season. Thank you to everyone for their patience and understanding with the few minor hiccups that were, thankfully, all sorted out as soon as possible, I look forward to supporting you all next year to continue using this platform.

To finish off our season we organised a Junior Activities Coordinators Professional Development trip to the Gold Coast. All 5 clubs were invited to send their JAC's or a proxy to attend this development opportunity. Mission Beach, Cairns and Ellis Beach JAC's attended and embarked on a wealth of learning. The JAC's attended Nippers' sessions at Palm Beach Surf Lifesaving Club as well as Coolangatta Surf Lifesaving Club immersing themselves in the Nippers' program. The JAC's also had one on one training opportunities with the South-East Regions JAC's. During our trip we attended Race One for an educational tour, as well as Surf Comm to gain valuable knowledge of the inner workings of Surf lifesaving. The trip, although wet, was a success, with our JAC's returning armed with some valuable knowledge that will lead them into writing amazing nipper programs next season. We have an annual educational trip planned.

A huge thank you goes to SLSQ and NQ Branch staff, Club JAC's, Age Managers, Team Managers, Water Safety, Coaches, Uniform Officers, Chaperones, JAAO's, Trainers, Assessors, BBQ helpers, Amigos, Fundraisers and Patrolling Members, for quite simply, without ALL OF YOU our Junior Activities and programs would not be possible.

Further gratitude to those members who have gone above and beyond this season and there are so many of you who contribute to running a JA program regardless the size of your club. I also extend my congratulations and very best wishes to those members who have been nominated by their clubs for NQB Awards of Excellence; in particular for the U14 Junior Life Saver of the Year and the Andy Frizzell OAM OBE Services to Junior Activities Awards.

I wish the incoming committee all the very best for the 2025/2026 season. Things are already looking bright following recent club AGMs being held, with new and old JAC's joining us and some exciting events and workshops already planned. Membership drives, together with come and try events, school visits and more are already showing promising signs of a ripper year ahead.

It's Ripper to be a Nipper in North Queensland.



SURF LIFESAVING IN THE COMMUNITY

Indigenous Round Beach Event

We are so excited to host 120 participants competing in beach sprints, flags, distance running and our finale fastest on sand! We watched amazing Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island dancing and music. Proudly supported by Sport & Recreation. Mark Harbrow Mentoring helped too and local councillor Rhonda Coghlan attended the festivities.



Out with the kids

Our NQB Community Awareness Team were busy over the school holidays with Beach Safety presentations at Smithfield Library, Trinity Beach Primary OSHC and at Yorkeys Knob foreshore. Great to have lots of active listeners learning about Beach Safety and they love the Water Safe activity books.

Water Safety Seniors Program

Our first Water Safe Seniors Programs were run at Port Douglas and Yorkeys Knob this week. Great to see everyone walk away feeling more confident in the surf and make connections.

Raising of the Flags

A massive thank you for everyone who came to the beach this morning to celebrate the start of our volunteer patrol season and to commemorate the traditional owners of the land we patrol on.

A special thank you to Alfred from @jabalbina_ for welcoming us to your country, and our new Major Lisa Scomazzon @douglasshirecouncil for joining the ceremony.



JCU Market Day

All about recruiting and education. Getting out there and educating our local students about water safety, especially as many of them are from overseas.



Cairns Festival Grande Parade

Thank you to our amazing NQ members who supported our NQB float in the Cairns Festival Grande Parade tonight, we had a great night with lots of fun and smiles.



Memorial Day

Cairns Surf Life Saving Club hosted the NQ Surf Life Saving Memorial Day on Sunday 30th April 2023. Thank you to everyone who attended to pay respect and remember those lost in Queensland waters and farewell members of the Surf Life Saving Community who are not longer with us. Lifesavers laid a wreath to pay tribute to those who have lost their lives in the surf.



Water Safety for the Great Barrier Reef Ocean Swim

2xIRB driver/crew and 9 Bronze/SRC Award members on Rescue Boards and one spotter/ radio comms.

Lifesavers enjoy a day on the GBR with lunch and a snorkel following the race.



CLUB REPORTS PORT DOUGLAS

It is with great pride that I reflect on an extraordinary year for our club. Despite the challenges posed by Cyclone Jasper and subsequent flooding, we were fortunate that our club facilities remained undamaged. Our dedicated members came together to ensure a safe, supportive, and fun environment for all. This resilience and community spirit truly highlight the strength of our club.

Our patrol season was another success. While we continue to operate with a small but committed team of active patrolling members, their efforts ensured we maintained high standards of safety and service to our beachgoing community. Their dedication is at the heart of our club's mission, and I sincerely thank each of them, and especially our Club Captain John Goodman, for their hard work.

A significant moment of the year was hosting our first 'Raising of the Flags' ceremony, which focused on recognising and celebrating Indigenous culture and contributions. This event marked a new tradition that aligns with our values of inclusion, respect, and community engagement.

In terms of growth and development, we were thrilled to secure \$250,000 in SLSQ facility funding. This significant investment will assist in planning the much-needed extension of our clubhouse, allowing us to better support our growing membership and future programs.

We were also proud to participate in the 2025 SLSQ Join the Club Promotion, with promotional photo and video shoots held at our club. This initiative will help boost recruitment and visibility for surf lifesaving clubs across the region. A massive thank you to our members who participated in this shoot, and of course SLSQ for organising this.

Our surf sports program saw a revival, with a return to five carnivals, including a fan favourite carnival at Mission Beach. Most of our nippers and some of our lifesavers compete at these local events, plus other members help with water safety, age managing and other duties, which highlights the dedication and comradery of our members.

We also celebrated a special achievement at this year's AGM with the announcement of Ruth Hannett as a Life Member. Ruth's passion, dedication, and years of service exemplify the spirit of volunteerism that keeps our club thriving. Congratulations, Ruth, on this well-deserved recognition.

The support of our Branch and State Office is well noted. Their support really helps our volunteers shine and it assists us in growing our club. With our club, branch and state support, I am positive about the future of our club, and hopeful to drop out of our 'Priority Club' status soon.

It was wonderful to finish our season with our annual Awards Night and Reef Trip. This really brings our members together after a busy surf life saving season. A tradition to continue for years to come.

As we look forward to another year, I would like to thank our committee and members. Together, we continue to make a positive impact in our community, both in and out of the water.

Here's to an exciting and successful 2025!





CLUB REPORTS

ELLIS BEACH

2024 was a year of highs and lows. The year commenced with us looking at Cyclone Jasper's devastating aftermath. As president of our club. While the destruction and devastation of the flooding from over 2m of rain in 4 days was well documented, it was the incredible call to arms of so many of our members to the aid of our community at large.

Special recognition was awarded to Jeremy Kay, with a meritorious bronze medallion for his bravery while aiding and rescuing people from the raging flood waters. Further meritorious awards were bestowed upon Luca D'Addona and Emile Kurukchi for their assistance in the rescue of people from the homes. Nothing better demonstrates our club's commitment to our community than these acts of selflessness.

Our joint "Volunteers of the Year" Dave Donnelly and Mick Roberts along with our director of admin Graeme Boothe took charge of the clean up and building works process to get our clubhouse back into working order. The insurance bill was substantial, and as a result our club has been returned to its former glory. Thanks also goes out to our builders Paynters who looked after our interests and delivered a clean, useable product back to us within budget and timeframe, thanks Paddy O'Callaghan.

Raising the flags at Ellis Beach this year saw us joined by the SLSQ CEO Dave Whimpy and Indigenous leaders with a welcome to country ceremony. It was a moving although very wet affair as the heavens opened and the season commenced.

Ellis Beach membership has been stable for a few years with this year seeing a rise in membership to our highest numbers for many. It shows that as a club we are doing something right and giving our members what they want, and their friends are coming along to join as well. We pride ourselves on being the family club, this is evident with over 100 nippers enrolled for the first time in many years.

With a full carnival calendar of 5 beach carnivals and 2 pool rescue, accompanied with hours of training our athletes performed admirably. Our coaches once again selflessly went above and beyond guiding them to incredible results. Our age managers and support staff excelled in directing or teams and with out all the input from the volunteers including water safety we just wouldn't have a had the success we achieved this year. We all need to take a bow and acknowledge the effort by the dedicated volunteer next to you.

Our patrol teams completed another season with outstanding commitment shown by about 70 members to give up their time to support our community to keep our beach safe. I'm looking forward to getting back to the beach to be involved in yet another season on our beach. Thanks patrol teams

Our supporters club has been very busy and under the direction of Dave Donnelly and Graeme Booth and many helpers we have made the largest donation in recent history to the surf club \$58,000. This is an outstanding result with most of the funds coming from the sale of meat tray raffle tickets at the Barron River Hotel and the Ellis Beach Bar and Grill. If you have the time, think about joining a crew to help sell tickets, it helps all our members and its great fun.

Grants have helped keep us on a continual improvement path. With Grants totalling \$147,000 a massive debt of thanks is owed to our

wonderful life member and grant writer Irene Williams. This contribution is incredibly valuable to a small club such as ours

The new clubhouse will start construction this year. SLSQ has taken the reigns and will direct the construction and project management. A massive congratulation and thank you to Scott Connors on delivering us an approval for a new club through the

most rigorous process I have been through. Without Scott and his project management skills and persistence we would still be knocking on doors, thanks Scott.

Lastly to the Ellis Beach Board of directors' thanks you to each one of you for the time skill dedication and unwavering commitment to run our club to such an incredible standard, we all owe you our appreciation.

Hamish Jenkins

President Ellis Beach SLSC





CLUB REPORTS

CAIRNS

Our vision is to be recognised for excellence in life-saving skills and to promote our members so that they are passionate about family, friendship, fun, fitness, community and our beach. To that end the Cairns club provided 3002 patrolling hours by 115 active patrolling members.

The club had a very competitive Surf Sports season, winning most carnivals in our branch and taking out 3rd at the North Aussies in Mackay. We had a strong representation in the North Queensland team for the state titles and four of our cadets competed at Aussies 2024 in Maroochydore. For the first time in the recorded history of the club, our March past team also competed at the Maroochydore Aussies for a creditable 16th.

Our membership still remains strong with 363 members, this is broken down into 113 junior, 131 active and 119 other members, however looking forward to 2025 season, one of our main objectives is to increase our membership by at least 10%. We will do this by implementing our new Strategic Plan to provide a roadmap for success in the coming seasons and providing an exciting sign on day on 23rd March. Of equal importance this year is our focus on the training and assessing of our club members and to hopefully provide an easier pathway for all involved in certification and proficiencies.

It's a great honour for the Cairns Surf Lifesaving Club and one of which we are all very proud for reaching the 100 years milestone in 2024. Who could forget our wonderful week-long celebration in recognition of this achievement. This achievement will only strengthen our resolve to keep building on our financial, competitive and management success for many years to come.

Our most notable achievements for 2024 include improvement of financial governance, the completion of our Amenities Block, the acquisition of new equipment, including IRB's, motors, boards, skis, 2 trailers and an SSV.

The Board and Club duly acknowledges and sincerely thanks the generous donations of Ellis and Denise Richardson along with the continuing support from all our other sponsors. I would ask all members to acknowledge and recommend our sponsors at every opportunity.

I'd like to give a special thank you to our previous President Greg Meller who made the hard decision to step down from his role in early February, please see an extract from his letter below.

Dear Members of the CSLSC Board,

It is with mixed emotions that I must submit my resignation as President of the Cairns Surf Life Saving Club. Serving in this role has been an incredible honour and privilege, and I am immensely proud of what we have achieved together over the past 3 years.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the board for their unwavering passion and dedication. The hard work and commitment displayed by each of you have led to significant advancements within our club. Notable achievements include the improvement of our financial



governance, the successful completion of the amenities block, the acquisition of essential new equipment such as IRBs, motors, trailers, boards, skis, an equipment trailer, and an SSV, and the very enjoyable celebrations of our club's centenary—a 100-year milestone that deserves recognition. These milestones not only enhance our operational capabilities but also reflect the innovative spirit with which you continue to find ways to provide tangible benefits to our members.

I encourage you all to continue this important work and maintain your spirit of servitude towards our club members, even during times when your efforts may not feel fully appreciated. Your dedication makes a profound difference in the lives of our members and the broader community.

Furthermore, I urge you to continue deepening our involvement with the NQ Branch. Your active participation in branch activities and leadership within your respective portfolios has already made a positive impact. Continuing to engage at this level will not only strengthen our club's presence within the region but also foster growth and development for the future.

I also encourage you to continue fostering the inclusive culture of the Supporters Club, empowering the Supporters Club board to act in ways that are commercially responsible and insulating them from undue influence by club members. This balance is crucial for sustaining the long-term health and success of our club.

Thank you for the support, camaraderie, and shared vision that have defined my time as President. I leave confident in the knowledge that the club is in capable hands and poised for continued success.

With sincere gratitude,

Greg Meller

Finally, a big thank you to all our board members, office bearers and administrator for their endless hard work to ensure the continued success of the Cairns Surf Lifesaving Club.

Tony Hannon

President Cairns Surf Life Saving Club





CLUB REPORTS

ETTY BEACH

With the opening of the 2024 season, we saw the launch of the Etty Bay SLSC website ettybayslsc.au allowing the club to achieve another goal from our 5-year strategic plan. We were also pleased to provide our active members with the newly designed club T-shirt featuring our club sponsors.

It was yet again wonderful to see Etty Bay members receive recognition for their efforts at the NQB Awards of Excellence. This year congratulations went to Kari Cini – U18 Junior Lifesaver of the Year and Mark Nucifora – Surf Lifesaver of the Year.

We have had another successful year with our involvement at community events, such as the Innisfail Show and the Innisfail Riverfest. It's great to see our members supporting the club at these community events as I believe it boosts the club's profile. Another initiative the club has undertaken this year was the opening of our upstairs bar once per month for the Etty Bay Sunday Socials. This is rapidly gaining momentum with the goal of increasing the community's awareness of the club and what it has to offer, hopefully leading to new memberships.

2024 finally saw the arrival of our new Thundercat GenIII IRB and the acquisition of a new Seadoo GTI130 Rescue Water Craft which was another achievement from our 5-year strategic plan.

Our small club was successful with several grant applications and funding packages this year.

The most exciting news of all was the allocation of the SLSQ Facilities Funding which will see our club receive \$800K to go towards Facility Infrastructure Improvements.

Sadly, this year we say farewell to the Cook family from Etty Bay and I would like to thank Marty, Tara, Ella, Natalie and Charlotte for their commitment and dedication to Etty Bay SLSC on and off the beach.

Finally, thank you to our Management Committee Members for giving up their time to ensure the club moves forward. Thanks to our trainers, assessors, patrolling groups and all our members for being part of our small but amazing club.

Shayne Cini

President Etty Bay Surf Life Saving Club





CLUB REPORTS

MISSION BEACH

As the 2024 Surf Life Saving season in North Queensland draws to a close, I would like to thank our members who have given their time to provide a safe place for the local community and the many visitors who come to Mission Beach to swim.

This season we recorded three rescues where our members responded to two separate incidents involving kayakers and a yachtie who were in difficulty in waters between Dunk Island and the beach. The timely action of our patrol members and the professional manner in which they responded prevented what may have otherwise had serious outcomes. In addition, our patrols dealt with stinger incidents and provided advice on beach and water safety to numerous local beach goers and visitors while providing reassurance and advocating for the wonderful marine environment we have at Mission Beach.

Our members' commitment to achieving and maintaining the high level of skills required to respond to a range of situations that arise in our ocean waters and on our beaches, and their dedication to patrolling our beach, is second to none and in doing so they have enabled us to meet our goal of zero preventable drownings on our patrolled beach.

My personal thanks go to our hard-working committee for their support in my role as President. To Jane Berge, Amanda Patch, Jesse Glutz, Malcolm Davison, Paul Lardi, Kyrra Johannsen-Weston and Ben Felan thank you for the many hours that you willingly give for the benefit of others.

Our small but growing band of competitors, officials and water safety again punched well above their weight and the club was well represented at all branch carnivals, as well as the North Queensland Branch and North Aussie Championships. There were many excellent individual and team performances, and thanks and congratulations go to all for an outstanding job.

Congratulations also to members who gained their lifesaving bronze medallions and SRC awards and were able to join our patrol teams as qualified lifesavers in addition to the many trophy and award winners.

Nippers, where our younger members learn surf skills, beach safety and are introduced to lifesaving and competition through a structured programme of activities, was once again an important part of our regular weekly schedule. Thanks go to our junior activities coordinators for their commitment and dedication in providing a safe and friendly learning environment where our nippers received expert tuition and encouragement to become the lifesavers of tomorrow. Also, a special mention and thanks to the parents of our Nippers who provide water safety every week, transport to and from carnivals and most importantly support for their children.

Mission Beach is fortunate to have the support of many sponsors which are acknowledged on the sponsors board at the clubrooms and in our annual report. In particular we recognize the support of Surf Life Saving Queensland and in particular the staff and officers of the North

Queensland Branch as well as the ongoing support of Cassowary Coast Regional Council.

This year we celebrated the 80th Anniversary of the formation of Mission Beach Surf Life Saving Club at our carnival in July and with an event at the Club on Saturday 2nd November. It was great to see so many current and past members in back at the Club to celebrate this milestone. The presence of past members, the display of photographs and narration of our history were important reminders of the vital contribution of so many members over the eighty years since the formation of the club in 1944. Deserving of special mention are our life members John Crooks OAM (Dec), Stan Flegler (Dec), Dudley Taylor, Jack Riley (Dec), Daniel Hatten (Dec), Gary Cali, Kathy White, Wanda Lowe and Don Wheatley.

Our club places a high degree of importance on family involvement and in closing I would like to thank the many families that make up the big family that is our club and the even bigger family of surf lifesavers throughout Australia. To those, especially the parents of our younger members, who are not involved but are able, I encourage you to do so. Remember it is your club and the more you put into it the more you and your children will get out of it.

Simon Linden

President Ettu Bay Surf Life Saving Club



FINANCE

After another successful year for the SLSQ North Queensland Branch, I have the pleasure to present the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2024.

funds of just over \$321,341 (ex GST) for the 2024 Financial Year, this being compared to \$275,472 for the previous year.

Prudent financial management has supported the delivery of our programs and initiatives, with a positive Profit and Loss Operating outcome for 2024 being:

Total Income	\$289,453
Total Expenses	\$243,583
Net Position	\$45,870

The main income sources and grant contributions for 2024 were:

SLSQ Operational Support	\$14,254
SLSQ Biannual Funding	\$29,238
SLSQ Youth and Membership	\$ 9,000
Sponsorships (incl YST)	\$11,000
Water Safety	\$ 2,000
First Nations Grant	\$23,308
Active Women's and Girls (Hydrothon)	\$ 7,500
Active Clubs (JAC Prof. Dev)	\$ 2,500
Team Elite (Credit)	\$ 5,000
Affiliation fees (clubs)	\$ 3,708
Donations	\$ 113
QPS & Lifesaving Services Dev. Fund	\$ 4,954
FRRR Suncorp Disaster Prep. Grant	\$ 15,136
Interest and Dividends	\$ 6,938

Outgoings/Expenses:

Outgoings were primarily related to the operational and capital costs of undertaking programs such as the Surf Carnivals, Pool Rescue, Northern Youth Experience (NYSE), Youth State Team (YST), Insurance (\$5,775), Depreciation (\$10,367), Repairs and Maintenance (\$10,526), Equipment Purchases (\$13,025), Training Services, Awards of Excellence, etc.

Contributions (\$17,055 net) were also distributed to the Clubs for water safety support to the Ironman Event and Green Island Swim.

Key Financial Impacts in 2024

A one-off SLSQ operating support (\$14,254) in addition to some good grant outcomes and operational efficiencies mostly lead to the positive outcome. The Disaster Preparedness Grant of \$15,136 was received in late 2024 and this is forecast to be expended in 2025 on disaster related gear and equipment, noting also that some other grants, and NYSE and YST programs (due to the lead-up and timing) straddles over multiple years.

It has been a pleasure to work with the Board throughout 2024 and be part of the many great outcomes that the Branch along with the member Clubs have been able to achieve.





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SURF LIFE SAVING QUEENSLAND NORTH QUEENSLAND BRANCH INC**ABN 87 567 189 545****Auditor's Report to the members
For the year ending 31 December 2024***Report on the Financial Report*

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Surf Life Saving Queensland North Queensland Branch Inc, which comprises Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024 and the income statement for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the statement by members of the Branch committee.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of the Branch is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Queensland) 1981, and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members.

The committee's responsibilities also includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the committee's financial reporting obligations under the Associations Incorporation Act (Queensland) 1981. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

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

SURF LIFE SAVING QUEENSLAND NORTH QUEENSLAND BRANCH INC
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Auditor's Report to the members (continued)
For the year ending 31 December 2024

Independence

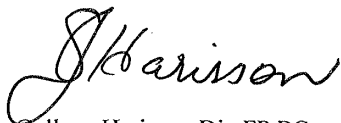
In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Qualification

As is common for an organisation such as Surf Life Saving Queensland North Queensland Branch Inc, it is difficult to establish accounting control over income prior to its receipt and accordingly it is not possible for our examination to extend beyond the amounts of income recorded in the accounting records of Surf Life Saving Queensland North Queensland Branch Inc.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the matter referred to in the Qualification paragraph above and subject to the limitations imposed by the matters referred to therein, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the Surf Life Saving Queensland North Queensland Branch Inc financial position as at 31 December 2024 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.



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18th March 2025

**SURF LIFE SAVING QUEENSLAND NORTH QUEENSLAND BRANCH INC****ABN 87 567 189 545****Income and Expenditure Statement****For the year ended 31 December 2024**

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Income		
Affiliation fees	3,708.40	1,022.75
Dividends	3,308.04	3,072.00
Donations	113.33	49.61
Grants unexpended year start	22,762.18	3,976.00
Grants and subsidies	82,583.56	96,503.30
Grants unexpended year end	(16,086.69)	(22,762.18)
Insurance recovery	336.36	
Interest	3,630.20	954.03
Junior activities	2,881.99	
Nominations fees	28,395.41	24,354.55
Other income	759.10	1,920.91
Profit on sale plant and equipment	1,073.27	
Refunds and reimbursements	3,384.00	
Sponsorship	5,000.00	2,500.00
Water safety	21,800.00	25,590.62
Youth camp	8,320.82	24,052.29
Youth state team	117,483.09	95,138.85
Total income	<u>289,453.06</u>	<u>256,372.73</u>
Expenses		
Accommodation	4,705.46	1,636.37
Advertising and promotion	390.88	765.35
Audit fees	2,440.91	2,368.18
Awards	11,113.07	9,705.56
Bank fees and charges	0.43	2.53
Bookkeeping	3,696.00	1,958.00
Carnival expenses	9,196.22	9,082.66
Computer expenses	1,118.64	915.86
Depreciation - plant	7,312.00	11,621.00
Depreciation - buildings	3,055.00	3,055.00
Donations		35,000.00
Equipment low cost	3,116.65	2,038.73

These financial statements must be read in conjunction with the attached Auditor's Report and Notes which form part of these financial statements.

SURF LIFE SAVING QUEENSLAND NORTH QUEENSLAND BRANCH INC**ABN 87 567 189 545****Income and Expenditure Statement
For the year ended 31 December 2024**

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Fees and charges	23.45	
First aid supplies	690.22	
Food and meals	6,432.96	1,387.42
Fuel and oil	769.60	577.03
Grant expenditure - First Nations	15,393.40	
Grants repaid	1,685.97	
Insurance	5,775.16	7,882.59
Meeting expenses	667.07	873.12
Nomination fees		2,045.45
Postage	182.18	226.36
Printing and stationery	2,421.99	1,381.77
Rent	3,818.16	4,454.53
Repairs and maintenance	10,525.87	742.21
Junior activities	8,674.32	
Subscriptions and memberships	485.05	1,780.94
Subsidies paid	10,554.55	3,181.82
Sundry expenses	272.73	
Telephone and internet	488.18	819.09
Training and development	11,298.42	4,087.05
Travel	11,619.90	1,220.73
Uniforms	779.50	120.95
Water safety paid to clubs	19,033.51	23,526.03
Youth camp	1,568.18	22,534.45
Youth state team	84,277.56	95,138.85
Total expenses	243,583.19	250,129.63
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax	45,869.87	6,243.10
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities		
Net profit attributable to the association	45,869.87	6,243.10
Total changes in equity of the association	45,869.87	6,243.10
Opening retained profits	(62,002.34)	(68,245.44)
Net profit attributable to the association	45,869.87	6,243.10
Closing retained profits	(16,132.47)	(62,002.34)

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**SURF LIFE SAVING QUEENSLAND NORTH QUEENSLAND BRANCH INC**

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Detailed Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		\$	\$
Current Assets			
Cash Assets			
Westpac NBQ Cheque Account		96,644.74	98,898.49
Westpac JST Cheque Account		44,434.88	41,787.66
Westpac Master Card		1,468.65	804.30
Westpac YST Card Account		1,112.02	4,269.34
Westpac Term Deposit 7899		52,410.37	50,610.63
Westpac Term Deposit 7901		52,646.66	50,816.20
		<u>248,717.32</u>	<u>247,186.62</u>
Receivables			
Trade debtors		801.27	1,205.00
		<u>801.27</u>	<u>1,205.00</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>249,518.59</u>	<u>248,391.62</u>
Non-Current Assets			
Other Financial Assets			
Morgans - NAB Capital Notes		60,000.00	60,000.00
		<u>60,000.00</u>	<u>60,000.00</u>
Property, Plant and Equipment			
Building improvements		30,550.00	30,550.00
Less: accumulated depreciation		(20,657.00)	(17,602.00)
Plant and equipment		140,236.46	149,266.81
Less: accumulated depreciation		(112,855.65)	(122,829.09)
Furniture and fittings		19,766.93	19,766.93
Less: accumulated depreciation		(19,766.93)	(19,766.93)
		<u>37,273.81</u>	<u>39,385.72</u>
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>97,273.81</u>	<u>99,385.72</u>
Total Assets		<u>346,792.40</u>	<u>347,777.34</u>

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SURF LIFE SAVING QUEENSLAND NORTH QUEENSLAND BRANCH INC

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Detailed Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Current Liabilities			
Payables			
Trade creditors		4,604.40	18,516.90
Income in advance			27,899.54
Grants unexpended		16,086.69	22,762.18
		<u>20,691.09</u>	<u>69,178.62</u>
Current Tax Liabilities			
GST payable		10,092.40	8,887.75
Input tax credits		(5,332.54)	(5,760.61)
		<u>4,759.86</u>	<u>3,127.14</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>25,450.95</u>	<u>72,305.76</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>25,450.95</u>	<u>72,305.76</u>
Net Assets		<u>321,341.45</u>	<u>275,471.58</u>
Members' Funds			
Reserves			
Retained profits to 31/12/2020		337,473.92	337,473.92
Accumulated surplus (deficit)		(16,132.47)	(62,002.34)
Total Members' Funds		<u>321,341.45</u>	<u>275,471.58</u>

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Depreciation Schedule for the year ended 31 December, 2024

	Total	DISPOSAL			ADDITION			DEPRECIATION				PROFIT		LOSS		
		Priv	OWDV	Date	Consid	Date	Cost	Value	T	Rate	Deprec	Priv	CWDV	Upto +	Above	Total -
Building improvements																
Mezzanine floor	30,550.00	0.00	12,948		0		0	12,948	P	10.00	3,055	0	9,893	0	0	0
	30,550		12,948		0		0	12,948			3,055	0	9,893			
								Deduct Private Portion			0					
								Net Depreciation			3,055					

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Depreciation Schedule for the year ended 31 December, 2024

	Total	Priv	OWDV	DISPOSAL		ADDITION		Value	DEPRECIATION			Priv	CWDV	PROFIT		LOSS	
				Date	Consid	Date	Cost		T	Rate	Deprec			Upto	+	Above	Total
Plant and equipment																	
Pool manikins x 2	518	0.00	0		0		0	0	D	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pool manikins	1,360	0.00	0		0		0	0	D	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pool manikins	1,527	0.00	0		0		0	0	D	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manikin lungs	2,413	0.00	0	31/12/24			0	0	D	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trailer and cage	7,500	0.00	0		0		0	0	D	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Heartstart trainer	1,749	0.00	0	31/12/24			0	0	D	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pool manikins x 2	2,288	0.00	0		0		0	0	D	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Security gates/door	4,116	0.00	0		0		0	0	D	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Swim buoys x 6	5,170	0.00	0		0		0	0	D	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taylor box trailer	4,845	0.00	0		0		0	0	D	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DV0320																	
Sonix television	203	0.00	0	31/12/24			0	0	D	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PFDs lifejackets x 8	644	0.00	0		0		0	0	D	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Training equipment	2,588	0.00	0		0		0	0	W	40.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(defib etc)																	
Defibrillator	1,045	0.00	0		0		0	0	W	40.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ipad 32GB Gold	672	0.00	0	31/12/24			0	0	W	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kenwood radios x 2	1,580	0.00	0		0		0	0	W	66.67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paqua chest bags x 4	261	0.00	0		0		0	0	W	66.67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Defib FR & carry case	3,002	0.00	0	31/12/24			0	0	W	66.67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gedi IRB helmets x 2	255	0.00	0		0		0	0	W	66.67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PFD life jackets x 2	278	0.00	0		0		0	0	W	66.67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Patrol softpack & 6 rescue tubes	2,281	0.00	0		0		0	0	W	66.67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bleeding control kits x 4	254	0.00	0	31/12/24			0	0	W	66.67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adrenalin stinger suits x 10	1,244	0.00	0	31/12/24			0	0	W	66.67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paqua chest bags x 6	405	0.00	0		0		0	0	W	66.67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Container & shelving	4,582	0.00	2,088				0	2,088	D	20.00	418	0	1,670	0	0	0	0
Marquee & carrybag	1,449	0.00	0		0		0	0	W	66.67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Soft rescue boards x 8	9,207	0.00	0		0		0	0	W	66.67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tohatsu outboards x 2	10,545	0.00	0	31/12/24	2,727		0	0	W	66.67	0	0	0	2,727	0	0	0
Fuel cells x 2	1,080	0.00	0		0		0	0	W	66.67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Depreciation Schedule for the year ended 31 December, 2024

	Total	Priv	OWDV	DISPOSAL		ADDITION		DEPRECIATION			PROFIT		LOSS			
				Date	Consid	Date	Cost	Value	T	Rate	Deprec	Priv	CWDV	Upto	Above	Total
Portable NX3300 radios x 5	3,920.00	0.00	0		0		0	0	W	66.67	0	0	0	0	0	0
SSX Pro V IRB N647	14,579	0.00	2,757	31/12/24	0		0	2,757	D	40.00	1,103	0	0	0	1,654	0
SSX Pro V IRB N647	14,579	0.00	0	31/12/24	0		0	0	W	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marques 3x3mtr canopy	1,933	0.00	473		0		0	473	D	40.00	189	0	284	0	0	0
Belco trailer FC9412	7,195	0.00	1,861		0		0	1,861	D	40.00	744	0	1,117	0	0	0
Racks & outboard stand	700	0.00	179		0		0	179	D	40.00	72	0	107	0	0	0
IRB Reg AZC17Q	15,150	0.00	4,145		0		0	4,145	D	40.00	1,658	0	2,487	0	0	0
Zodiac																
IRB Reg AZC18Q	15,150	0.00	4,145		0		0	4,145	D	40.00	1,658	0	2,487	0	0	0
Zodiac																
Go Pro Hero9 camera	774	0.00	229		0		0	229	D	40.00	92	0	137	0	0	0
PA system for carnivals	4,435	0.00	1,394		0		0	1,394	D	40.00	558	0	836	0	0	0
Audi visual equipment (50% paid by SLSQ)	6,694	0.00	2,249		0		0	2,249	D	40.00	900	0	1,349	0	0	0
XFT 120c & AED trainer	1,355	0.00	481		0		0	481	D	40.00	192	0	289	0	0	0
Epoxy rescue boards x 2	3,173	0.00	2,030		0		0	2,030	D	20.00	406	0	1,624	0	0	0
Rubber dive bricks x 6	459	0.00	0		0		0	0	W	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
FINIS stopwatches x 16	1,585	0.00	1,585		0		0	1,585	W	0.00	1,585	0	0	0	0	0
Acer Aspire laptops x 5	3,291	0.00	1,482		0		0	1,482	D	66.67	988	0	494	0	0	0
Zacki rescue manikins x 3	1,432	0.00	961		0		0	961	D	40.00	384	0	577	0	0	0
Trailer modifications	2,750	0.00	2,045		0		0	2,045	D	40.00	818	0	1,227	0	0	0
Laerdal Resus Anne	5,724	0.00	5,216		0		0	5,216	D	40.00	2,086	0	3,130	0	0	0
HP Laptops x 2	1,633	0.00	1,409		0		0	1,409	D	66.67	939	0	470	0	0	0
Mercury 25ph Seapro	9,909	0.00	0		0	18/10/24	9,909	9,909	P	40.00	812	0	9,097	0	0	0
SLSA engines x 2																
	189,481		34,729		2,727		9,909	44,638			15,602	0	27,382			
								Deduct Private Portion			0					
								Net Depreciation			15,602					

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Depreciation Schedule for the year ended 31 December, 2024

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Notes to and forming part of the accounts

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial requirements of the Associations Incorporation's Act. The committee has determined that the club is not a reporting entity.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis, and are based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values, or except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following specific accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report:

(a) Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue, grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt. All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(b) Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

(c) Property, Plant and equipment.

Property, plant and equipment are included at cost, independent of committee's valuation. All assets, excluding freehold land and buildings, are depreciated over their useful lives to the association.

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Members Declaration

For the year ending 31 December 2024

The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the Income and Expenditure Statement and Detailed Balance Sheet:

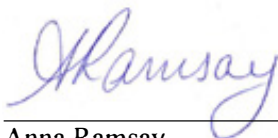
1. Presents fairly the financial position of Surf Life Saving Queensland North Queensland Branch Inc, as at 31 December 2024 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee and is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:



Jemima Eveans

President



Anna Ramsay

Secretary



David Baldwin

Director of Finance

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SURF LIFE SAVING QUEENSLAND NORTH QUEENSLAND BRANCH INC
ABN 87 567 189 545
Committees Report
For the year ending 31 December 2024

Your committee members submit the financial accounts of the Surf Life Saving Queensland North Queensland Branch Inc, for the year ending 31 December 2024.

Committee Members

The names of the committee members at the date of this report are:

Jemima Eveans	President
Anna Ramsay	Secretary
David Baldwin	Director of Finance

Principal Activity

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were surf life saving support services activities.

Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Operating Result

The net profit/(loss) from ordinary activities for year ended 31 December 2024 was \$45,869.87.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the members of the committee on:

Jemima Eveans President

Anna Ramsay Secretary

David Baldwin Director of Finance

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