

Details Overview

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Three key achievements from the current season	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognition – Honoured with the Sunshine Coast Branch Operations Support Member of the Year Award • Education & Training - As a Facilitator, he has led and coordinated multiple courses to help establish the highest number of active of patrolling members and award holders in the club’s history. • Lifesaving Services – Successfully sought grants, supporters and sponsors to provide upgraded club equipment and resources to improve patrolling services for both active volunteer members and the local community.

Essential Criteria

This award is designed to recognize our active members, who have provided outstanding lifesaving efforts and contributions. The nominee should be able to demonstrate their involvement and achievements in a number of areas including lifesaving activities, surf sports, attendance and participation in training, extra-curricular activities, and leadership roles. The nominee would clearly demonstrate that they have strong leadership qualities, an overall positive attitude and that they are capable of being a role model for the State's members and an ambassador for the organisation.

Please supply evidence, where appropriate, via either a printout from Surfguard or equivalent:

- Current financial member of Surf Life Saving Australia
- Surf Life Saving Australia awards/certificates held
- Community awards/certificates held
- Patrolling hours (rostered and achieved) for 2016/17, 2015/16 and 2014/15 seasons.

Selection Criteria

1. List the nominee's involvement in Surf Life Saving during the current season e.g. on the beach, off the beach, patrol hours and awards etc.

He has performed the role of Director of Lifesaving for this past season, along with his additional duties of Patrol Captain, Gear and Equipment Officer, Waverunner Operator and After-Hours Response Coordinator. It goes without saying that the passion and commitment he gives to each of these roles goes above and beyond anything I have ever witnessed from any other volunteer involved with the lifesaving movement.

He has also been instrumental in ensuring the Sunshine Beach club reached record numbers in patrolling members and qualifications attained whilst coordinating our Training and Education section as both a Senior Trainer and Assessor. During this past season, he has spent countless hours volunteering his time training and assessing IRB Driver and Crew courses, Bronze Medallion and SRC, along with upskilling of over 350 active members in courses and skills maintenance training from Junior Activities to Patrolling Members.

Training and Assessing Hours Completed – (over 80 Members and 200 hours)

- 3 – IRB Courses
- 2 - Waverunner Courses
- 2 – Bronze Medallion Courses
- 2 – Silver Medallion Courses

Qualifications Upskill -

- Facilitator – Silver Medallion in Beach Management

Awards Achieved –

- Sunshine Coast Operations Support Member of the Year

2. Briefly describe the nominee's history in Surf Life Saving (minimum 3 years)

In the past three seasons, he undertaken multiple Club and Branch roles to demonstrate his level of dedication and commitment to all things lifesaving. To qualify this, he is not one to simply take on a role in name only, it's the amount of time and effort that he commits to each duty that separates him from the average member. Each of the following roles have been undertaken continuously and con-currently during the past three seasons.

Patrol Hours Completed -

- 2016/17 – 50 Patrol Hours / 35 Operations Support Hours (Waverunner)
- 2015/16 – 57 Patrol Hours / 78 Operations Support Hours (Waverunner)
- 2014/15 – 98 Patrol Hours (inc Carnival Water Safety/IRB Duties)

Club Positions -

- Director of Lifesaving
- Trainer and Assessor
- Gear & Equipment Officer
- IRB & ATV Officer
- Club Safety Officer
- Club Supervisor

Branch Positions –

- Waverunner Operator
- After-Hours Response Coordinator (Northern)

Club Awards –

- Lifesaver of the Year Award
- Patrol Captain of the Year Award
- Most Patrol Hours Award

Branch Awards –

- Lifesaver of the Year
- Club Captain of the Year (Twice)
- Operations Support Person of Year

State Awards –

- Clive Hammond Award – Silver Medal

3. Provide details of the nominee's achievements during the past 12 months within surf lifesaving including information about leadership roles, lifesaving and/or sporting achievements. Also provide information about leadership roles, academic or sporting achievements or contribution to other community organisations that the nominee has achieved

- Managed and supervised up to 200 Active Patrolling Members including Patrol Captains, Club Officers and Support Personnel during patrolling requirements, committee meetings and lifesaving operations during his appointment as Director of Lifesaving.
- Identified and selected suitable Active Members with the appropriate skill sets and qualifications to fill vacant officer positions to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of our patrol equipment and operations.
- Engaged Patrol Captains and coordinated meetings to ensure quality beach management, and to maximise team performance through efficient rostering and staffing of patrol teams with relevant award holders.
- Facilitated and assessed over 80 active members from multiple clubs in IRB, Waverunner, Bronze Medallion and Silver Medallion courses, ensuring training professionalism and quality of course delivery standards at all times.
- Implemented and encouraged Youth and Cadet Activities. Promoted a healthy team environment to help foster camaraderie and peer support for both junior and novice lifesavers to ensure the long term sustainability and success of our Club's patrolling ranks.
- Liaised and networked with external stakeholders including Council, Community Groups and charitable organisations to establish working partnerships and relationships to reinforce our club's community minded approach to volunteer lifesaving services.
- Developed the Sunshine Beach Active Member Handbook, encompassing a comprehensive 14 page document which outlines all things Lifesaving. Provided all Patrol Captains, Lifesavers, Nippers and additional lifesaving personnel with a clear and concise set of guidelines for lifesaving operations, beach management, codes of conduct etc.

4. Provide examples of how the nominee has demonstrated that they are a role model within the organisation including where they have proven themselves as an ambassador for the organisation.

He is presently our Director of Lifesaving, an Executive Board Director, and a Patrol Captain for the Sunshine Beach SLSC. In each of these roles, he is viewed as a senior club figure head, leader and club mentor to so many. More importantly, through his engagement with our Youth and Cadet members, he is a role model of the highest order for our youngest and most influential future lifesavers.

As a proactive Patrol Captain, his passion and enthusiasm goes above and beyond that of any volunteer I have encountered, having undertaken numerous rescues and preventative actions as volunteer lifesaver. He has spent countless hours on the beach constantly engaging patrolling members from all sections to help improve our lifesaving services and their individual skill sets. He has regularly substituted for other Patrol Captain's in their absence given his desire and commitment that Sunshine Beach should always maintain its vigilance and service to the beach. He is a meticulous character who leads his patrol with a dedication and professionalism rarely seen in the volunteer ranks. It is through the efforts of lifesavers' like his that we will ensure Sunshine Beach is recognised as a leading club within the Lifesaving fraternity.

He has this season assisted greatly with the training of new members through his Facilitator Accreditation. He has been instrumental in ensuring award proficiencies amongst patrolling members within the club are maintained, and has conducted a number of Silver and Bronze Medallion, and IRB Courses throughout the season which has seen Sunshine Beach reach new heights in members with PC, IRB Driver and Crew qualifications. I would have no hesitation in saying that Sunshine Beach is now one of the leaders within the Branch in promoting Education and Training amongst its members and this has been achieved via the outstanding rapport and relationships he has established within the Branch. He has been extremely active in the recruitment of many new SRC and Bronze Medallion holders in particular the engagement of our youth members to ensure Sunshine Beach not only increases its patrolling ranks for the future, but the retention of our younger members is sustained within this worthwhile community organisation of Lifesaving for many years to come.

I can say without hesitation that he is one of Lifesaving's most outstanding Ambassador's and Role Models', and it is Sunshine Beach's absolute privilege to have him within our ranks and leading our Lifesaving fraternity.

5. Why is the nominee worthy of the award (maximum 200 words)

He is an outstanding club member and representative of not only Sunshine Beach, but the Branch and State surf lifesaving communities. He has dedicated himself tirelessly to Club and Branch in his roles as Director of Lifesaving, Waverunner Operator, Facilitator and the After Hours Response Coordinator for the Northern Division.

There is no doubting his passion, commitment and dedication to each of these roles, and the countless hours he devotes that goes unnoticed by so many.

I submit that one of his greatest assets is his desire to ensure the long term sustainability of Sunshine Beach SLSC, in particular with his quest to improve the lifesaving services provided, and the patrolling experience that our members enjoy.

His achievements since taking on the Director of Lifesaving role a couple of years ago, has now seen our patrolling ranks record levels which further validate our club's nomination of an outstanding and very worthy nominee for this award.

He was also recently awarded the Sunshine Coast "Operations Support Member of the Year" Award for his volunteer services.

6. Additional information

He is a dedicated volunteer of the Lifesaving Movement and so typical of the type of member that no club can do without.

I have no hesitation in saying that our club would certainly be poorer if not for his efforts behind the scenes which have not just been restricted to this season, but many before, and no doubt, many more to come.

I submit that he fills a very unique and rare type of "Volunteer Lifesaver". One that is involved in such a diverse and varied range of positions across a club, which simply outlines his commitment to every aspect of our organisation.

His achievements and efforts to date only further validate our club's nomination of an outstanding and very worthy nominee for this award.