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## Lifesaving Services

### 2005-2006 Drowning/Fatality Summary Update

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Coastal Fatality reported for the 2005/2006 season to date:

#### Surf/Beach Related Drownings – 3

11/11/05 - 4.15pm – Green Island – late 20's Male – 1km from patrol area

03/12/05 - 4.45pm – Miami Beach – 18yr Male – 100m from patrol area

27/12/05 - 10.00am – Teewah Beach (*south of Double Is Point*) – 54yr Male – 30km from patrol area

#### Surf/Beach Related Deaths – 6

19/10/05 - 7.00am – Tallebudgera Creek – 63yr Male – 1km from patrol area

23/10/05 - 4.00pm – Ellis Beach – 15mth Male – unknown location

27/10/05 - 7.00am – Broadwater (*Gold Coast*) – 32yr Male - >500m from patrol area

26/11/05 - 10.50am – Coochiemudlo Island – 20yr Female – 100m from patrol area

18/12/05 - 5.00am – Marcus Beach – 59yr Female – 3km north of patrol area

07/01/06 - 5.00pm – Amity Point (*North Stradbroke Island*) – 21yr Female – 12.5km from patrol area

08/01/06 - 11.45am – Umaqico Beach (*Cape York*) 7yr Female – Distance to be advised

### State Lifesaving Committee Update

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The Lifesaving Committee is currently working on the following projects:

- Reviewing the current Marine Stinger Risk Management Guidelines
- Developing a Crocodile Policy
- Conducting further investigation into the possibility of establishing a 'SurfCom' in North Queensland
- Developing a Lifesaving Services Level Calculator
- Conducting further investigation on development of the emergency response beacons.

## Operations Support

### Christmas School Holiday Patrols

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The Operations Support Crew have provided additional patrols on the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast in order to assist the organisation in achieving its vision of "Zero Preventable Deaths and Injuries on Queensland's Beaches".

## **Rescue Water Craft**

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The RWC crew have continued to provide early morning patrols (commencing at 4.30am) on the Gold Coast and have extended the patrols to cover the busiest periods of the day. The patrols have proved incredibly successful with the service performing 20 rescues and 480 preventative actions during the December and January period.

Daily routine RWC patrols have also been conducted on the Sunshine Coast with numerous rescues being performed, particularly in the Maroochy River Mouth.

## **Westpac Helicopter**

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Lifesaver 5 has been conducting daily routine patrols on the Gold Coast keeping a watchful on swimmers.

## **Noosa North Shore**

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The Operations Support fleet expanded its service to cover the Noosa North Shore region over the Christmas School Holiday period. A roving 4WD patrol commenced on 27<sup>th</sup> December and concluded on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2006. The patrols proved a huge success with a number of preventative actions and rescues being performed.

**SLSQ would like to extend a sincere thank you to all Operations Support crew who contributed to the success of these patrols.**

## **Surf Safety Cameras**

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Surf Life Saving Queensland has recently installed a number of additional surf safety cameras on the Gold Coast and are undergoing trials on the Sunshine Coast. It is Surf Life Saving Queensland's aim to have seamless surveillance on both coasts using a network of surf safety cameras monitored in identified 'black spots' along the coastline.

The Surf Life Saving Queensland surf safety camera system is intended to provide real time monitoring of surfing and swimming activities between and outside the flagged areas.

## **Join the Operations Support Team**

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***Are you interested in expanding your lifesaving knowledge? Why not join the Operations Support Team!***

The Surf Life Saving Queensland Operations Support Team are actively seeking volunteers to become involved in additional services that support Life Saving in Queensland, including:

**SurfCom:** As a SurfCom Controller you will be responsible for the coordination of the Operations Support team and liaising with other Emergency Services on the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coasts. Join the SurfCom crew and learn valuable communication, coordination, management and prioritising skills while helping save lives!

**Rescue Water Craft (Waverunner):** The Rescue Water Craft is primarily responsible for patrolling outside the flagged areas in South East Queensland. If you are a responsible, dedicated and experienced lifesaver and you are prepared to get wet in the white water, then we need you.

**Jet Rescue Boat:** The Jet Rescue Boats patrol the outer break off the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast and provide the best view of the beach! We are looking for lifesavers keen to get in and get wet while they enjoy the thrill and excitement of patrolling with these craft.

**Offshore Rescue Boat:** The Offshore Rescue Boat, used in North Queensland, has a patrolling role providing back up to patrolled and unguarded beaches throughout the stinger season. You would be involved with special events, community awareness programs and due to the nature of the patrols multi agency search and rescue operations with other marine rescue agencies.

**Westpac Lifesaver Helicopter Rescue Service:** The Westpac Lifesaver Helicopter Rescue Service provides extended patrol activities with rescues often undertaken in difficult and dangerous conditions. We need lifesavers with high levels of commitment, skill and fitness to help our service in South East Queensland.

If you are interested in becoming a part of any of these additional services please contact Amanda Hinkley – Lifesaving Development Officer, by phone on 3846 8041 or by email at [ahinkley@lifesaving.com.au](mailto:ahinkley@lifesaving.com.au).

# Lifeguards

## North Queensland Region Update

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The North Queensland region has started to see increased crocodile activity along the patrolled beaches. Recent heavy rains have prompted the animals to start moving around as their habitat is being flooded with the outfall of debris. Queensland Parks and Wildlife services have been working closely with Surf Life Saving Queensland Lifeguard services monitoring the animals movements and location. So far we have had crocodiles sighted at South Mission Beach, ETTY Bay, Holloways Beach, Yorkeys Knob Beach and Kewarra Beach. The animals have all been small in size, (below 2 metres) with the majority being between 1 to 1.5 metres in length. Animals of this size are usually submissive and tend to quickly return to the protective areas of their habitat in the mangrove regions.

Irukandji Box jellyfish have been active in our area causing beach closures and also stings to unsuspecting bathers which were transported to hospital. Our preventative measures, with 1 Man Irukandji Drags, are once again proving themselves to be the vital Frontline defence for our Lifeguards and Lifesavers on our patrolled beaches with beach closures taking effect before anyone is stung. These drags are being assessed for any improvements to guarantee better catch rates and are going to be a major part in helping develop a new training course for managing Marine Stingers.

The 6 metre Off Shore Rescue Boat is heading back to Townsville on January 23, 2006 to resume normal patrols and activities in the area. It has been a great tool to assess our needs in North Queensland and over 20 members Lifeguards and Lifesavers alike have enjoyed the experience. Currently a grant submission is awaiting approval for a craft to be based in North Queensland at Yorkeys Knob, and Lifeguards and Lifesavers are keen to see a permanent vessel in the area.

## North Barrier Region Update

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Lifeguards have been kept busy over the Christmas school holidays, with several stings in the area, some of which resulted in beach closures. There has been a heightened interest in Marine Stingers in the North Barrier Region, with lifeguards fielding questions during the stinger drags at the beaches. A recent stinger incident involving a small child being taken to hospital, has resulted with the parents of this child making contact with the Lifeguard Service and expressing their gratitude to the lifeguard who assisted them in this rescue.

Some rain in the north kept beach visitation numbers down during the last week of the school holidays, yet the return of the sunny weather allowed the public and holiday makers to enjoy the beautiful beaches in the North Barrier Region. With the return of school, lifeguards look forward to more consistent visitor numbers.

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### Wide Bay Capricorn Region Update

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The Wide Bay Capricorn Region Lifeguard Service has been operating on 11 of the region's beaches during the 2005-06 Christmas school holiday period. The school holiday period has been particularly busy, especially the 2-week period around Christmas and New Year, with large crowd numbers being the norm rather than the exception. The increased beach visitations have been keeping the Lifeguards busy, with most being forced to remain on patrol until 6pm. Despite the high number of beach visitations, the Lifeguards have been kept relatively quiet, with only a small number of rescues and first aid cases performed.

Perhaps the only exception to this has been Agnes Water Beach, which was 'invaded' by Irukandji over a two week period from mid December to early January. This extremely rare scenario (for this region) forced a number of beach closures over the busy Christmas period.

The Hervey Bay City Council sponsored service ended on Saturday 21st January, with Livingstone Shire Council beaches to wind up on Wednesday 25th January, while Burnett Shire and Calliope Shire Council beaches will finish on Sunday 29th January. The extended service provided in the Miriam Vale Shire Council (Agnes Water) will continue through until Saturday 11th February. The January 2006 Lifeguard statistics will be finalised in coming weeks, however, the December 2005 statistics for the Wide Bay Capricorn Region (11 beaches) were as follows – 8 Rescues, 9000+ Preventative Actions, 1 Major First Aid Case, 10 Minor First Aid Cases and 16 Marine Stings.

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### South East Queensland Update

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Surf Life Saving Queensland is seeking a highly motivated, experienced and appropriately qualified person to fill the permanent position of Lifeguard Supervisor at South Bank. Successful candidates shall

- Demonstrate a high level of customer service skills
- Demonstrate skills and experience in the supervision of staff
- Demonstrate a high level of administrative skills
- Be available to work flexible shifts
- Hold or be able to obtain a Bronze Medallion, Advanced Resuscitation Certificate and Senior First Aid Certificate.
- Able to complete a physical and practical test – 400m pool swim in less than 7.30 minutes and 1600 run in 8 minutes.

Interested applicants are advised to obtain a copy of the job description by phoning 3846 8020 or via e-mail from [ghanvey@lifesaving.com.au](mailto:ghanvey@lifesaving.com.au). Applications close on 5pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2006.

# Training and Education

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### Community Education

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Surf Life Saving Queensland in conjunction with the Surf Life Saving Foundation conducted the Brisbane Beach Safety Program. This program targeted over 40 schools and reached over 12 000 primary school students prior to the school holiday break.

Surf Life Saving Queensland is seeking members interested in becoming part of the Community Education Team assisting in the delivery of Community Education Programs across the state. If you would like some more information or are interested do not hesitate to contact the SLSQ Training Division on 07 3846 8022.

Surf Life Saving Queensland is seeking information from Clubs that are conducting community education surf safety programs. If Clubs conducting programs could contact their Regional Training & Education Coordinator's so that we can collect the statistics from their programs it would be greatly appreciated.

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### **Nationally Recognised Qualifications**

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All members who have gained their Bronze Medallion and are actively patrolling are still encouraged to complete the Recognition of Prior Learning Forms and BM Workbook Activities section and submit them to SLSQ to gain their Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue). For any further information do not hesitate to contact your Regional Training & Education Coordinator or SLSQ.

Members who would like to convert their SLSA Awards (First Aid, Advanced Resuscitation & Defibrillation) into Nationally Recognised Qualifications should complete the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Form for that award and submit it to SLSQ. For any further information or for a RPL application form do not hesitate to contact SLSQ.

# Youth and Membership

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### **More than Taking the Heat**

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There is one job like no other, a job requiring employees to be educators, counsellors, safety advisers, community workers, public speakers and instructors as well as rescuers.

The job is tough – the job is being a firefighter.

Queensland Fire & Rescue Service (QFRS) is currently taking applications for recruit firefighters. The recruitment process is ongoing, allowing applicants to update their applications over time.

QFRS encourage women to apply for recruit firefighter positions.

For more information contact 1300 369 003 or log on to [www.fire.qld.gov.au](http://www.fire.qld.gov.au)

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### **MasterFoods Promotion**

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Do you want to win your Club a shiny new BBQ and have a chance to win a beach cricket match with Aussie cricket legend Glenn McGrath? Then we need you to rally the Nippers, their parents, the Club and your whole community and get behind the MasterFoods "Barbie Between the Flags" Promotion. All you need to do is purchase selected MasterFood products to take part. It's as easy as that. Check with your Club Administrator/Secretary for more details or contact Anthony Peterman on (07) 3846 8001 or on [apeterman@lifesaving.com.au](mailto:apeterman@lifesaving.com.au)

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### **Streets City Nippers**

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The start of 2006 has seen approximately 70 new recruits to the Streets City Nipper Program which runs at Streets Beach at Southbank Parklands.

Nippers from the Brisbane region learn about beach awareness and beach safety from qualified lifesavers over an eight week period. The program concludes on March 11 with a break up and mini carnival where these nippers showcase their skills.

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### **New Zealand Leadership Development**

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Two Queensland Surf Lifesavers have returned from the cooler shores of New Zealand after participating in the 2006 Surf Life Saving Northern Regions Leadership Development Camp. Sue Duncan (Broadbeach SLSC) and Luke Campbell (Point Lookout SLSC) participated in this program which covered leadership, team building and problem solving skills.

Surf Life Saving Queensland and Surf Life Saving Northern Regions have a reciprocal leadership program relationship, where participants join the 18-25yrs Pelerman Leadership Development Program that Queensland runs in early September. This allows members to gain a different insight into the leadership programs and pathways that are available. Congratulations to both Sue and Luke for representing Queensland so well.

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### **2005/2006 SLSQ Recognition Awards – Open for Nominations**

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Surf Life Saving Queensland is happy to present to your Club/Branch a series of awards in recognition of the contributions our members make to Surf Life Saving in range of areas including Lifesaving, Youth Development, and Surf Sports.

Winners will be announced at the SLSQ Awards Night being held in Brisbane on Saturday 13 May, 2006. Clubs and Branches are invited to submit nominations which should be forwarded to Surf Life Saving Queensland with Branch Endorsement for the relevant judging and selection process.

SLSA Club of the Year	Closes with SLSQ 14 February, 2006
SLSA DHL Lifesaver of the Year	Closes with SLSQ 14 February, 2006
SLSA DHL Volunteer of the Year	Closes with SLSQ 14 February, 2006

The awards listed below close with SLSQ on **Tuesday 04<sup>th</sup> April, 2006**

- SLSQ Trainer of the Year
- SLSQ Assessor of the Year
- Pelerman Junior Lifesaver of the Year (U18)
- Pelerman Young Lifesaver of the Year (18 – 25)
- Andy Frizzell Award – Service to Junior Activities
- Pelerman Youth Development “Club of the Year”
  
- Coach of the Year x 2 (Amateur and Professional)
- Competition Official of the Year
- Rookie Coach of the Year
- Rookie Competition Official of the Year
- Competition Team Manager of the Year

Sir Adrian Curlewis Scholarship closes with SLSQ on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2006  
Pelerman Nipper of the Year closes with SLSQ on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2006

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### **Women in Surf Life Saving Recognition**

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A reminder to Clubs to send their nominations for the 'Women in Surf Life Saving Recognition Program' into Surf Life Saving Queensland. This recognition program is a one-off 3 tiered recognition certificate program based on volunteer performances of our female members.

Clubs and Branches have been requested to identify and nominate suitable members for the Bronze, Silver and Gold – Women in Surf Life Saving Recognition Certificates.

Nominations are open for the 2005/2006 season and can be submitted at any time during the season. The final deadline will be May 31, 2006.

For further information visit the SLSQ Website and view Circular 145.10.05 or contact Sharon Brennan at Surf Rescue House on (07) 3846 8023 or email [members@lifesaving.com.au](mailto:members@lifesaving.com.au)

# Marketing

## **Enter Your Conrad Jupiters Summer Surf Girl Now!**

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The 2005/06 Conrad Jupiters Summer Surf Girl program is on track with sixteen entrants from all over Queensland confirming their nomination.

It's not too late for your Club to nominate an entrant for this great fundraising event. Remember – entries are open until the end of January 2006, but the more time your entrant has, the more money she can raise for your Surf Life Saving Club, so get your members involved now!

If your Club is interested in participating in the Conrad Jupiters Summer Surf Girl program or you would like more information, contact Bronwyn Glass at Surf Life Saving on 3846 8048 or email [bglass@lifesaving.com.au](mailto:bglass@lifesaving.com.au).

# Foundation

## **2006 Adidas International Women's Day Fun Run/Walk**

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For the 6<sup>th</sup> year, the Surf Life Saving Foundation will be the sole beneficiary of the Adidas International Women's Day Fun Run/Walk.

The Adidas International Women's Day Fun Run/Walk, to be held at South Bank on Sunday 5 March, offers females of all age groups, fitness levels and backgrounds either a leisurely stroll or an energetic 5km run along the Brisbane River.

The event, which celebrates International Women's Day, is arguably the largest of its kind in the country and this year it is expected to attract a record crowd of 4,500+ competitors.

Cost to enter is \$15 for adults, \$12 for children (U18) and \$50 for a corporate team of four. Included in the cost is a free race pack, plus the first 1,000 people who enter will receive a free Adidas race t-shirt. In addition everyone who enters will go in the draw to win 3 nights accommodation (including breakfast) at Daydream Island Resort & Spa.

This event would not be possible without the support of our event partners including Adidas, City News, The Athletes Foot, Kellogg's Special K, Alfred E Chave, Pria PowerBar, McDonalds, Boost Juice, Coates Hire, Daydream Island Resort & Spa and the YMCA.

Entry forms are available from The Athlete Foot, online at [www.lifesaving.com.au/funrun](http://www.lifesaving.com.au/funrun) or by phoning the fun run hotline on 3846 8042 between 9am – 2pm weekdays.

# Around the Regions

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## North Queensland

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### 📌 North Queenslanders attend Laerdal Surf Rescue Championships

While many members in North Queensland have been enjoying the quieter months of our season, eight Surf Lifesavers from the North Queensland Branch trained hard in preparation for the 2006 Laerdal State Surf Rescue Championships held at Broadbeach on January 22-23. Congratulations to these members for qualifying into these events.

### 📌 Branch Representative Team

The North Queensland Junior Branch Representative Team has commenced training for the upcoming Queensland Junior Surf Life Saving Championships to be held on the Gold Coast. Unfortunately due to the Stinger Season they are unable to train in the open ocean. Not letting this stop them and opting for the best stinger-free option around – this team can be seen training on a Sunday morning at the local 'Cable-Ski' park! Keep up the great work North Queensland!

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## North Barrier

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### 📌 Masonic Lodge Donation

The Milligan's Masonic Lodge in Townsville held a fundraiser on St Patrick's Day to raise funds for the purchase of 2 rescue boards to be presented to the Townsville Clubs - Picnic Bay and Arcadian. These boards arrived and were presented to the Clubs on January 12 while the District Grand Master was in Townsville. Thank you to Peter Gage for his contact with the media and for the organisation of the day's proceedings. Members of the Milligan Masonic Lodge were extremely happy with the outcome and were pleased with the way the emblem was installed on the rescue board.

### 📌 Cowboys Community Score

At a recent presentation at the Cowboys Leagues Club, the Branch received a cheque for \$677.00 for the efforts in the 2005 Community Score promotion. We have been invited to participate in the promotion for the 2006 year and should look forward to improving our stature and involvement with the Cowboys.

### 📌 Red Cross Blood Bank Promotion

Monday January 16 the Red Cross had a day where they set up the Mobile Blood Bank at Picnic Bay Surf Club where Surf Lifesaving was promoted by the Red Cross. It was a pleasing day for the Red Cross Blood Bank and they were happy with the outcome with a good number of first timers giving blood. We look forward to this relationship continuing in the future.

### 📌 Palm Island Project

Lifesavers will again head to Palm Island this January to provide nipper like activities for the children of Palm Island. Surf Life Saving Queensland has been generously supported by the Department of Emergency Services and the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy. Lifesavers have been working closely with leaders at the islands PCYC to up-skill the staff so they can eventually facilitate the nipper program as part of the PCYC's day to day activities.

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## Wide Bay Capricorn

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### 📌 U21 Athlete Development Squad Tour

The Wide Bay Capricorn U21 Athlete Development Squad toured the Gold Coast from Thursday 12 to Sunday January 15, competing at the Tugun Round of the Summer Surf Series and training with some of the State's best coaches and athletes.

A squad of 23 competitors and 5 coaches/chaperones made the trip and all were very pleased with the coaching and expertise that they received, especially from former Australian and World Ironman runner-up, Luke Richmond. The squad performed solidly at the Tugun carnival, with the Open Men's and U17 Men's Beach Relay both placing 2nd in their respective events and Tannum Sands young-gun, Ryan Bartholomew, also placing second in the U17 Men's Beach Flags. But perhaps the 'find' of the tour was Hervey Bay SLSC competitor and pool swimmer, Bradley Byrne. Byrne was competing in his first ever surf lifesaving carnival, after only gaining his Bronze Medallion in late 2005, yet managed to exceed all expectation to place 4th in the U19 Men's Surf Race and 8th in the Open Men's Surf Race – truly remarkable performances against some of the country's best swimmers!

#### 📌 Steele Off To Olympics!

Elliott Heads SLSC golden girl and former beach flags and beach sprint sensation, Michelle Steele, has just been selected to represent Australia in the Skeleton event at the 2006 Winter Olympics to be held in February in Turin. This is sensational news for Michelle and also for the Elliott Heads SLSC, with Steele's recent excellent form in World Cup events, including three top-6 finishes, certain to ensure that she is a medal contender at the Winter Olympics. If she has not already done so with her State and Aussie medals and Queensland team representations, Steele is now certain to ensure that everyone has now heard of Elliott Heads! Go Michelle!

#### 📌 State Team Members

Bundaberg SLSC young-guns, Benjamin Sheppard and Riley McGregor, along with Yeppoon SLSC nipper, Miranda Bell, will all make their State Team debuts when they compete for the Queensland Junior Cyclones Team at the Australian Interstate Championships at Freshwater Beach (NSW). The U14 competitors and water event specialists are excited about competing for their State and all are looking forward to continuing their early season good form and knocking over our arch rivals NSW.

#### 📌 Surf Rescue Competitors

The Wide Bay Capricorn Branch was represented by a number of competitors at the 2006 Queensland Surf Rescue Championships held at Broadbeach last weekend with the following competitors,

Kelli Bennett (Elliott Heads)	U19 Female Champion Lifesaver
Benjamin Petersen (Bundaberg)	U17 Male Champion Lifesaver
Stephanie Thornton (Hervey Bay)	U17 Female Champion Lifesaver
Shane Thornton (Hervey Bay)	U15 Male Champion Lifesaver
Matthew Cumming (Yeppoon)	Open Male Champion Lifesaver
Alesha Hotz (Yeppoon)	Open Female Champion Lifesaver
Gail Williams & Garry Norris (Tannum Sands)	Open First Aid Competition

#### 📌 Branch Championships

The 2006 Wide Bay Capricorn Branch Championships will be held at Yeppoon Beach on the weekend 4th/5th February, with Emu Park SLSC out to defend their Champion Club title.

#### 📌 North v South Teams Challenge

The 2006 Wide Bay Capricorn Branch North v South Teams Challenge will be held at Agnes Water on Saturday February 18, with the event this year expanded to include U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U17 and Open competitors. This year's event will be sponsored by Bob Wick's Bridgestone Tyre Centre and Tony McDuff's Stylesetter Office National, with teams to be announced following the next round of 4-point Nipper Carnivals to be held on Sunday January 29. The 2006 Wide Bay Capricorn Branch Boardriding Championships will also be held at Agnes Water on the same weekend – Sunday February 19.

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## Sunshine Coast

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### ☞ Resuscitation Story from Christmas Day

Bribie Island lifesavers gave a 74 year old man the best Christmas present of all this year – the gift of life. The man was swimming with his grandson at Bribie Island at the patrolled beach on Christmas morning when he is believed to have suffered a heart attack in the water. He was immersed in water for approximately 30 seconds before lifesavers got to him and brought him back to shore. The male caught the patrols attention after he suddenly dropped in the water and his family started yelling. Lifesavers Brett Ayres and David Shackley ran into the water and dragged the man from the water. Brett immediately gave the unconscious patient five quick breaths on the water's edge before checking the man's breathing and pulse – both of which were absent. Brett and David then moved the man further up the beach to commence CPR (cardio pulmonary resuscitation). On the fourth cycle, the man regained consciousness with a pulse and breathing present. They continued oxygen therapy for about 25 minutes before the Ambulance arrived as well as a medical helicopter. The patient was transported to a Brisbane hospital via the Energex Rescue Helicopter.

The man has recovered and has expressed his deepest thanks to Brett, David and everyone involved for saving his life. This kind of incident shows everyone that we do make a difference and can save people's lives. The people whose lives we do save are very grateful as too their family as without a patrol on the beach, there would possibly be a more tragic ending on one of the most celebrated days on the calendar. If it wasn't for our voluntary work and the dedication shown by our members to train so that we know how to deal with such situations this Happy Christmas Day story could have been quite different.

### ☞ Sunshine Coast Lifesavers to the Rescue

Sunshine Coast Operational Support Advisor Dave McLean, saves twenty people while holidaying in New Zealand. Dave and his son Matt (who was a scholarship recipient at the recent Pelerman State Leadership Development Camp in December) while swimming on a beach in New Zealand sighted a two and half metre shark lurking in shallow water near swimmers, Dave instantly went into Lifesaving mode clearing all swimmers from the potential danger, at first some were reluctant to leave the water however Dave's professional negotiation skills encouraged them to exit quickly. The exciting event was captured on video..... which we all look forward to seeing.

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## Gold Coast

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### ☞ Laerdal State Surf Rescue Championships

Congratulations to all competitors who competed at the recent Surf Rescue Championships at Broadbeach SLSC. A special mention goes to Finley Taylor who competed in both the team and individual events over the weekend, and both days after he finished competing he returned to Surfers Paradise SLSC to assist with patrols and other Club duties – Thanks for your dedication Finley.

### ☞ Gold Coast Honours Awards

Congratulations to Surfers Paradise member Scott Andrews who was awarded the Gold Coast Young Citizen of the Year in the Gold Coast City Council Australia Day Awards at the recent Australia Day celebrations. This was announced on Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> at a presentation evening and as part of his award Scott assisted in the naturalisation ceremony on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations is also extended to Robin Donchi from North Burleigh SLSC who a nominee in the Community Service Award. Congratulations guys!

### ☞ New Zealand Development Tour

Our thanks are extended to Northcliffe, Broadbeach and Maroochydore Clubs for their hospitality and kindness to the visiting Development Tour from Mairangi Bay SLSC in New Zealand. These athletes visited various beaches across the South East Corner and developed their Surf Sports skills and techniques. Thanks to these Clubs and the members who made their stay so memorable.

# Surf Sports

## Summer Surf Series

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The final two rounds of the Summer Surf Series were held in January, with more exciting racing capping off a top Series.

Round 3 at Tugun saw record numbers, with 1,100 competitors from all over Australia taking part. Fine weather provided a great back drop for carnival, with the inclusion of the Australian High Performance Squad making for some of the best Surf Sports action this summer.

A solid 1.5 metre swell and overcast conditions made for an exciting Round 4 of the Summer Surf Series. There were plenty of thrills and spills, with many upsets on the water and beach. For Kawana Waters stars Glenn Anderson and Nikki Cox they stood up to the challenge and used their home turf to the full advantage, taking out the Open Ironman and Open Ironwoman respectively.

Congratulations to all those competitors that took part. A big thank you to all the volunteer Officials that ensured the carnivals ran smoothly. Also a big thank you to all the Team Managers, parents and Club volunteers who helped out.

## Queensland Victorious at 2006 Australian Interstate Championships

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The Queensland Cyclones brought home the goods this year, with the Junior and Senior teams combined efforts securing the Alan Whelpton AM Combined Interstate Pointscore Trophy. The Queensland Junior Cyclones were also victorious in taking out the Junior Trophy by a record 28 points, with Queensland also taking out the Handicap Trophy.

It was an exciting two days of competition at Queenscliff, with top performances from many of the Queensland athletes. Most impressively were the outstanding efforts of the U15 females who took out every event they contested – well done.

Surf Life Saving Queensland would like to congratulate all the Queensland team members and wish you the best of luck for the season ahead. A big mention also to the Coaches and Team Managers whose tireless efforts ensured the team were properly prepared, clothed and fed – thanks for a job well done!!!

## 2006 Crazy John's Queensland Championships

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A reminder that entries are now open for the 2006 Crazy John's Queensland Championships that will be held at North Burleigh on 9-12 March 2006.

**ENTRIES CLOSE ON CARNIVAL MANAGER ON 15 FEBRUARY 2006.**

**For full entry information, please refer to Surf Sports Bulletin 01.06 State Entry Bulletin.**

If you require any further information regarding the 2006 Crazy John's Queensland Championships please contact Lauren Ryan on [lyan@lifesaving.com.au](mailto:lyan@lifesaving.com.au) or Louise Hogben on [hogben@lifesaving.com.au](mailto:hogben@lifesaving.com.au)

## 2006 Laerdal Queensland Surf Rescue Championships

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Broadbeach played host to the 2006 Laerdal Queensland Surf Rescue Championships that were held from 21-22 January 2006. More than 150 competitors qualified through from their Branch Championships and battled it out over the two days. With the top two placegetters qualifying through to the Australian Championships, State medals were not the only incentive up for grabs.

North Burleigh Lifesavers, Brett Dowker and Emmy-Rose Curtis took out the top honours in the Open Male and Female Champion Lifesaver events. Dowker is the current Australian Champion in the event, and was able to reclaim his Queensland title that he lost off Finley Taylor (Northcliffe) in 2005.

Current Australian U19 Female Champion Lifesaver, Emmy-Rose proved she could more than cut it in the Open ranks, and will go into the Australian's a heavy favourite.

Northcliffe Open Patrol Team showed they really do have the best Lifesavers in the State, taking out their fifth Queensland Open Patrol title. North Barrier U17 stars from Forrest Beach did not let the tough conditions deter their hopes of a State gold medal, taking out the U17 Patrol Competition.

Sister duo Karly and Renee Fife made it two in row, successfully defending their Open First Aid title.

All competitors showed outstanding Lifesaving skills across the Patrol Competition, Champion Lifesaver and First Aid events. Queensland Lifesavers are regarded as some of the best in the world and the Queensland Surf Rescue Championships showed why that is.

Congratulations to all competitors that took part, and best of luck to those that will take on the Australian Championships in March.

A big thank you to all the volunteers, Officials and Assessors that made the event the success it was. Also a big thank you to Laerdal who continue to support Surf Life Saving and enable the Queensland Surf Rescue to experience such success.

# Administration

## **Australian Honours**

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Congratulations to SLSQ Life Members Don Burchill OAM and John Menico OAM who were recognised on Australia Day with Order of Australia Medals for their outstanding services to Surf Life Saving. Well deserved!

## **Supporters Clubs Liaison Officer Appointed**

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Lou Hesse has been appointed to the new Supporters Clubs Liaison and Support Officer role. This is a part time position at this stage.

This position has been established to coordinate, support and give advice to Supporters Clubs and particularly assist Committee Officers.

Lou's contact details will be circulated in the near future. In the meantime enquiries can be directed via John Brennan (Executive Manager) on 07 3846 8030.

## **New Development Manager – Peter Gould**

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Peter Gould has commenced as SLSQ's Development Manager. Peter joins us from the Department of Emergency Services where he has been extensively involved in the development and delivery of SES training programs. In the Development Manager's role, Peter will be primarily focussed on working with his team of coordinators to ensure the delivery of high quality and effective training and membership development programs and resources.

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## Surf Sports Development

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A series of forums are being organised to review a surf sports revitalisation plan. SLSQ certainly recognises the importance of enjoyable, entertaining surf sports to members and the Association generally. The revitalisation plan will incorporate proposals relating to some new events (individual and team), competition events scheduling, and enhancements to athlete, coaches and officials development programs. Members wishing to participate in these forums, or wishing to provide constructive suggestions, can do so via [slsq@lifesaving.com.au](mailto:slsq@lifesaving.com.au)

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## Frontline Leaders Survey

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As mentioned in the previous bulletin, the feedback from the survey has been collated and analysed. The feedback has been particularly useful in reviewing SLSQ's business plan and staffing structure. Copies of the full report and findings will be presented to Branch meetings and other major forums over the next couple of months.

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## Department of Emergency Services

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SLSQ's best wishes and appreciation has been extended to the DES's long serving Director General, Mr Michael Kinnane ESM who has moved across to the role of Director General for the Department of Local Government, Planning, Recreation and Sport. We also welcome new DES DG Ms. Fiona McKersie and look forward to continuing the positive working relationship between SLSQ and DES.

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## Positions Vacant

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There are currently many positions open to join Surf Life Saving Queensland team in areas including Surf Sports, Training and Education and Membership Development. Please visit the Surf Life Saving Queensland website library to find the relevant circulars that relate to these positions.

All applications require a private and confidential application to the Executive Manager at Surf Life Saving Queensland by Friday February 10, 2006.

05.01/06	Surf Sports Manager
06.01/06	Gold Coast Region Training and Membership Development Coordinator
07.01/06	State Membership Development Coordinator

Should you require any further information on any of these positions please do not hesitate to contact Louise Hogben at Surf Life Saving Queensland on 3846 8030 or via e-mail on [lhogben@lifesaving.com.au](mailto:lhogben@lifesaving.com.au)

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## Sport and Recreation Queensland Workshop Calendar

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Sport and Recreation Queensland had disseminated their calendar of regional workshops for 2006. This relates to a wide variety of topics including Club Committees, Blue Card and Child Protection, Sports Nutrition and Physiology, Coaching Principles and Financial Management. These workshops are being conducted all over Queensland in a variety of regional areas. For more information on workshops in your area please contact your Regional Staff Member or visit the Sport and Recreation website [www.sportrec.qld.gov.au](http://www.sportrec.qld.gov.au)

# Circulars

## Circular Summary

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167.12/05	IRB Carnival (Expressions of Interest)
01.1/06	Team and Competitor list QLD SRC
02.1/06	Patrol Hour Exemption – Clarification
03.1/06	Recall position – State Official Advisor
04.1/06	Surf Rescue Champs Officials
05.1/06	Position Available – Surf Sports Manager
06.1/06	Position Available SLSQ T&MD GC
07.1/06	Position Available SLSQ MDC
08.1/06	SLSQ Recognition Award
09.1/06	Andy Frizzell Award
10.1/06	SLSQ Trainer and Assessor of the Year Award
11.1/06	Pelerman Junior Lifesaver of the Year U/18
12.1/06	Pelerman Young Lifesaver of the Year 18-25
13.1/06	Pelerman Nipper of the Year Award
14.1/06	Lifesaving Excellence Awards
15.1/06	SLSQ Surf Sports Awards
16.1/06	Pelerman Youth Development Club of the Year Awards

# Date Claimers

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10 -26 Feb.....	Rescue 2006 (Victoria)
14 Feb.....	Nominations close at SLSQ for DHL Lifesaver and Volunteer of the Year, SLSA Club of the Year Awards
24 Feb.....	Sir Adrian Curlewis Nominations close at SLSQ
10 Mar.....	.Pelerman Nipper of the Year Nominations close at SLSQ
9 – 12 Mar.....	Crazy John’s Queensland Championships – North Burleigh
4 April.....	SLSQ Recognition Awards close at SLSQ
28 Mar – 2 April.....	Australian Championships – Kurrawa
7 – 9 April.....	Queensland Junior Championships - Kirra

