

Water Safety Award will be presented to an impressive member who has made a difference through their volunteering efforts to Nipper Water Safety.

- Tom Headley Tom, dedicated Water Safety members support not just the needs of our future lifesavers, but the Sunday patrols. Tom you are always vigilant and always smiling!

Nipper Parent of the Year – awarded to the most outstanding Nipper Parent whose contribution to Nippers was integral to the season’s success.

- Susan MCarthy for her work in completing the sign in sheets, being a key liaison point for Nipper parents, being there to support registration days, sorting the uniforms for the club, ensuring lost property found a home, taking photos, undertaking some of the administration duties, responding to Bec & Sue’s various requests and much more....I can’t thank you enough for all you have done to make the load a little less on all of us and doing so with such enthusiasm and grace. You have not been doing it for any accolades. You just have a pure heart for helping others. You have made my job both as president and as JAC this year so much easier than it could have been. Thank you again. I am not sure that we have time to mention all that you have done, but your work started well before the kick off of the Nippers season and finished after many others seasons came to an end.

Cadet of the Year - awarded to the most conscientious Cadet (13-15yr) Club member.

- Oscar Griffiths embodying a passion for lifesaving that inspires both youth and senior club members alike. His dedication and willingness to step up whenever needed have earned him appreciation from many within the club. Oscar’s commitment to lifesaving and leadership makes him a remarkable candidate for this prestigious recognition.

Lisa Denahy Award is presented to an individual who has shown grit and unwavering determination in their pursuit of obtaining their SRC or Bronze award.

- Mequila Warmasley-Pickles

IRB Person of the Year - Awarded to the most outstanding IRB driver or crew member. Someone who is committed to maintaining their skill level, assists with maintaining the boats and equipment and supports the training of others providing mentorship and guidance.

- Greg Williams

Broken Oar Award - To a member who has gone above and beyond to make sure their outstanding IRB skills were on display showing new members how “NOT” to...

- Petrol Gate (Greg Williams, Patrick Crowe, Jasmine Crowe) – I can provided a very funny poem on this if you like.

Peter Broadfoot Award – Patrol of the Year awarded to an patrol team whose dedication to their individual roles, team and club is exceptional

- Patrol teams 11 & 12 (Sean O’Rourke, Darren Tonks, Susan Hume, Kyah Miles, Alixis Scott, TC Campbell & Harold Phipps)

Administration of the Year award is a new award, and is for someone who consistently goes the extra mile to make the lives of other members easier, or to make the services and programs delivered by the club run smoother.

- Rohan Fisher - Rohan's commitment to the administration has been nothing short of outstanding. Balancing a full-time job and family commitments, he has dedicated countless hours to strengthening the club's structure, modernising policies, and ensuring sustainable long-term success. His ability to blend high-level governance reform with hands-on involvement has made an undeniable impact, shaping the club's future and reinforcing its place as a thriving, well-managed organisation.

Here are just a few of Rohan's extraordinary contributions:

- o Led the club executive through strategic planning, refining its direction with a three-year roadmap
- o Facilitated the development of a new Club Constitution, improving governance structures, stabilising leadership transitions, and ensuring accountability while honouring club traditions.
- o Introduced standing subcommittees, improving efficiency and decision-making while creating new opportunities for members to contribute to leadership and club operations.
- o Enhanced youth engagement, supporting the introduction of Junior Club Captains and working with local schools to develop emergency services pathways for students.
- o Facility upgrades, including air-conditioning and security enhancements, significantly improving member comfort and safety.
- o Strengthened community partnerships, liaising with council, businesses, sports clubs, and local entrepreneurs to build reciprocal relationships, sponsorships, and infrastructure support for members.
- o Elevated member recognition, introducing Distinguished Service Awards and Honour Blazers, ensuring outstanding contributions are celebrated and fostering stronger volunteer retention.
- o And despite this incredible administrative workload, Rohan continues to serve on the frontline—acting as Club President, Junior Activities Coordinator, Patrol Captain, Duty Officer, and RWC Operator. His dedication extends beyond governance and into direct lifesaving service, ensuring beachgoers feel safe and supported.
- o Rohan's ability to seamlessly balance governance, reform, lifesaving service, and community engagement reflects his deep commitment to every level of this organisation. His leadership has solidified our clubs future, driving sustainability, operational efficiency, and long-term success.
- o Rohan, your vision, leadership, and dedication have transformed this club. Your ability to modernise governance, strengthen youth pathways, improve infrastructure, and enhance member retention has solidified Birubi Point SLSC's future, ensuring stability, sustainability, and inclusivity.

Youth Volunteer of the Year Award is for an impressive member aged between 15-21 years, who has made a difference through their volunteering efforts.

- Michael Scott - Some volunteers make an impact far beyond their patrol hours, shaping the spirit and strength of our club. Michael Scott, has gone above and beyond with your dedication, enthusiasm, and commitment to service. Michael's contributions have been truly inspiring. His

commitment to patrolling, mentoring younger members, and fostering a strong club culture has made a significant impact.

Here are just a few ways he has strengthened our club:

- o Over 86 patrol hours, engaging beachgoers in water safety education.
- o Hosting BBQs, creating a welcoming and connected patrol team.
- o Leading facility upkeep, ensuring a clean, functional space for all members.
- o Earning his RSA certification, supporting club events and fundraising.
- o Developing a merchandise project, reinforcing club identity and engagement.

Trainer of the Year - *This award goes to an endorsed Trainer who is passionate about building the skills of others, consistently delivers a positive learning experience, and who encourages other members to engage in the delivery of training.*

- Eric Gatehouse whose dedication to lifesaving education spans over two decades. A mentor, trainer, and leader, Eric has guided countless members through their lifesaving journey, shaping confident and capable surf lifesavers. Eric's impact has been immense
 - o Mentored and recruited new trainers, ensuring the future sustainability of lifesaving education.
 - o Led open-water training, improving endurance and surf competency among patrollers.
 - o Enhanced communication in training, making education more accessible and engaging.
 - o Provided individualised coaching, ensuring every trainee develops real rescue proficiency.
 - o Supported interclub collaboration, strengthening connections within the lifesaving community.
 - o Eric, your leadership, mentorship, and commitment have built a stronger, more skilled lifesaving team.

Assessor of the Year -- *This award goes to an Assessor who is passionate about building the skills of others, consistently delivers a positive and supportive assessment experience, and who encourages other members to engage in training or assessment.*

- Steve Fogwill - Steve's contributions have been truly invaluable. His commitment to mentoring assessors, supporting trainers, and ensuring members maintain high proficiency standards has shaped the strength of our frontline lifesaving services.

Patrol Captain of the Year - *This new award is for a patrol captain who is passionate about improving the service their patrol offers to the community, or the experience it offers to members.*

- Greg Williams - Trainer during patrol, Support and guidance after patrol, >400 patrolling hours, Great youth advocate, Improves moral, Encourages others to improve and undertake other awards to gain skills and competency.

Robb Duff Award - Volunteer of the Year Award goes to a conscientious club person who has made a difference through their volunteering efforts.

- Kylie Kepreotis - Volunteers are the heart of any organisation, and tonight, we celebrate Kylie whose dedication, leadership, and unwavering commitment have made a remarkable difference.

Kylie's contributions have touched every corner of the club. She has dedicated over 135 patrol hours, making her the club's leading female patroller, while inspiring younger members through mentorship and support. Kylie has

- o Transformed the membership processes, improving efficiency and accessibility.
- o Championed youth participation, encouraging future lifesavers.
- o Enhanced patrol camaraderie, fostering a welcoming team spirit.
- o Led club events, including presentation nights and community engagements.
- o Supporting fundraising and logistics, ensuring smooth club operations.

Kylie, your enthusiasm, leadership, and dedication make a lasting impact. Congratulations on receiving the Volunteer of the Year award—a well-deserved recognition!

Don Shaw Award – Youth Lifesaver of the Year award is given to an active patrolling member aged 15-21 years who has made an outstanding contribution to the delivery and development of surf lifesaving frontline services.

- Brad Delaporte - Some young lifesavers demonstrate commitment, leadership, and selflessness beyond their years. Tonight, we recognise Brad, an 18-year-old who has shown outstanding dedication to surf lifesaving while balancing full-time work as an apprentice carpenter. Brad's contributions have included:

- o Patrolling over 50 hours
- o Dedicating over 100 hours to training the next generation of lifesavers with patience and expertise, even being their transport to sessions
- o Guiding Bronze trainees, securing future patrol team numbers.
- o Performing rescues, and remaining calm in challenging conditions.
- o Strengthened youth engagement, mentoring younger members.
- o Led interclub training initiatives, fostering collaboration.
- o Supported club operations, ensuring training and patrols run smoothly.
- o Committed to his own development, successfully completing his IRB Driver and Patrol Captain certifications to expand his knowledge and leadership capabilities.

Brad, your passion and commitment have shaped the future of surf lifesaving. We are incredibly proud of you—congratulations on this well-deserved award!

Lifesaver of the Year *is an* active patrolling member who has made an outstanding contribution to the delivery and development of surf lifesaving frontline services.

- Callum Mercer - Callum your dedication to surf lifesaving has transformed our club and inspired future generations. Callum's leadership, innovation, and mentorship have

strengthened frontline lifesaving services, youth engagement, and patrol operations, leaving an incredible impact. Callum has:

- o Created Junior Club Captain roles, fostering leadership among young members.
- o Successfully integrated SRC cadets into patrol teams, strengthening lifesaving capability.
- o Led youth retention initiatives, ensuring 100% progression for SRC candidates.
- o Committed to personal development, earning IRB Crew and Silver Medallion Patrol Captain.
- o Provided emergency CPR response, demonstrating lifesaving skills beyond the beach.

Callum, your passion, leadership, and dedication to surf lifesaving make a real difference. You have shaped our club's future—congratulations on this well-earned award!

President's Award - Honouring a member or group who exemplifies exceptional leadership, dedication to the Club, and serves as an inspiring role model to others.

- Bec Delaporte

Bec's dedication, passion, and quiet determination have not gone unnoticed.

She consistently went above and beyond, contributing not just her time but your heart to everything you do.

The President's Award is a small recognition of the enormous impact she made—thank you for being such an integral part of our club.