

# Small club with big heart

IN October a team of 10 members from Ithaca-Caloundra City Life Saving Club participated in the World Lifesaving Championships in Alexandria, Egypt.

Rob Reid and Brad Clegg won a gold medal in the line throw in the pool competition, and Paul Barry and Robert Schwartz won a bronze medal in the board rescue race in the ocean competition.

Paul and Robert also came fifth in the world in the Line Throw and Paul came sixth in the world in beach flags, a hotly contested event.

Club member Jeannie Baxter-Reid, who is also the manager of the Australian national team, came fifth in the world in the ocean swim.

Club captain, Lynda Barry achieved a personal best at the championship in the manikin rescue race

"This is a huge improvement on the club's results from the 2008 World Championship, when Rob Reid and Brad Clegg won a silver medal in the line throw. Members are already looking forward to the next World Championships in 2012 in Adelaide," Mrs Barry said.

"The club is really proud



**Ithaca-Caloundra City Life Saving Club won a swag of medals at the world championships in Egypt. PHOTO: Contributed**

of its members achieving such great results, being such a small club, members put many hours into helping keep beachgoers safe, and finding time for them to train for the World Championship is hard."

The World Lifesaving Championship is held every two years and consists of three competitions in one, being National Teams, Masters, and Inter Clubs competition.

The event had more than 4000 competitors from more than 50 nations and included pool and beach

competitions, surf boats and inflatable rescue boat competitions.

All members who competed for the Ithaca club are regular patrolling members at Bulcock Beach, which has recently been redeveloped by Sunshine Coast Regional Council.

The Ithaca Club is the smallest life saving club on the Sunshine Coast, and is unusual because it is almost identical to most other life saving clubs, but it is independent of the Surf Life Saving movement.



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