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New club tents are really cool

ITHACA Caloundra City Life Saving Club, which patrols Bulcock Beach, is delighted to have received two new shade tents through the Sunshine Coast Council's Minor Grants Community Development Fund.

The shade tents form an essential part of the volunteer lifesavers' patrol equipment and the new tents will replace old ones that were wearing out through constant usage.

"Stay shaded, stay sun safe!" was the name of the project.

"Heat exhaustion and skin cancers are a real risk for patrolling lifesavers, so keeping cool and shaded is essential for our members," club captain Lynda Barry said.

"It is particularly important that they remain alert and physically ready to undertake rescues and first aid, as often these are cases that require careful treatment and hospitalisation."

Gary, a patrolling



SUN SAFE: Bulcock Belles with lifesavers Patricia, Cosi and club captain Lynda, enjoying the shade of one of the new tents. PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

member, added: "There isn't a lot of shade on Bulcock Beach so the tents not only provide a cool area for when we patrol but they also get used as an alfresco first aid room from time to time, as our own facility is so small."

In fact, the tents serve multiple purposes for the local community. They are used to shelter the club's

junior lifeguards from the sun, while older people or those who have access problems can sit under them and watch what is happening on the beach.

They recently shaded members of a church group who were conducting an immersion baptism.

The club thanks the council for the grant.

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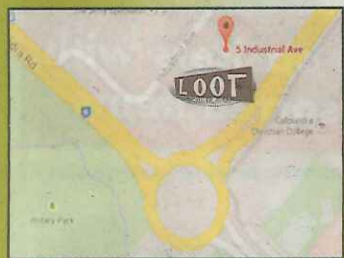
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