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Service in jeopardy

MAROOCHYDORE. — Rescue services at Caloundra's popular Bulcock Beach are being jeopardised by lack of finance and members.

The Royal Lifesaving Club captain, Mr Steve Skinner, said facilities were stretched to the limit and new equipment was needed.

He said he feared for the public's safety unless action was taken quickly.

The club's main problems centred around its small membership of 14 patrolling lifesavers and its failure to attract adequate community and Government funding.

Its activities were different from those of other Sunshine Coast clubs be-

cause as a Royal Lifesaving Society group it had to restrict its rescue services to still water.

"Bulcock Beach is very popular among families and because we've only about 12 members regularly patrolling, there's a lot of pressure on us," Mr Skinner said.

"We desperately need more members and new equipment. There's not one piece of our equipment that isn't a bit faulty.

"Most people think the clubhouse is a bait shop, it looks so dilapidated.

"The club has no sponsor and at the moment, things can only be described as pathetic."