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In October, 2010 a team of 10 members from Ithaca-Caloundra City Life Saving Club who train at Pathways Leisure Centre, North Lakes and patrol Bulcock Beach, in Caloundra 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 who achieved a personal best at the Championship in the manikin rescue race, said, "this is a huge improvement on the Clubs results from the 2008 World Championship, when Rob Reid and Brad Clegg won a silver medal in the Line Throw, and members are already looking forward to the next World Championships in 2012 in Adelaide, S.A."

Mrs Barry also said "the Club is really proud of its members achieving such great results, being such a small Club, members put many hours into helping keep beach goers 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 over 4,000 competitors from more than 50 nations and included pool and beach competitions, Surf Boats & Inflatable Rescue Boat competitions.

The Clubs has trained at Pathways Leisure Centre North Lakes, since the pool opened and conducts both Junior and Senior training sessions on Wednesday evenings. The Club patrols Bulcock Beach, Caloundra which is only a 45 minute drive from North Lakes, and many of the members of the club live in North Lakes and surrounding suburbs. The Club would welcome anyone interested in joining the club, for physical fitness, public service or competition. The Club is the smallest Life Saving Club on the Sunshine Coast, and is unusual as whilst being almost identical to most other Life Saving Clubs, it is independent of the Surf Life Saving movement.

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For background information about the club, please refer to the club's website – www.caloundracity.asn.au

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