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MEMBERS

The lifesaving movement in Queensland has always been regarded as one of the best, if not the best, in Australia.

And if you are interested in joining an organisation that can teach you how to save lives while enjoying yourself at the same time, the opportunity is there. A group based at Brisbane who spend weekends on beaches on the Sunshine Coast where the kids are trained properly and taught all the techniques of lifesaving are looking for new members — especially young ones.

And the Royal Lifesaving Society, while connected with the Surf Lifesaving Association in some ways, is a totally new and recognised organisation. For further information contact Jim McClelland after hours on 369 6218.

Guard issues bar warning

CALOUNDRA Coast Guard has issued a firm warning for all boat users to take extreme care when crossing the potentially dangerous Caloundra bar.

Senior vice-commander Norm Jordan said the bar was changing rapidly and could even be a trap for experienced seamen.

He said unless people knew the bar, they should not attempt a crossing.

"It is even more treacherous this summer than in the past because it is sanding up so quickly. The location of the channels are virtually changing on a weekly basis.

"Even people who know the area should approach it with a great deal of caution," Mr Jordan said.

During the holiday period, the Coast Guard had helped in a rescue of a canoe and five-metre half-cabin

cruiser that became victims of the deceptive bar. No-one was injured.

He said the Coast Guard was only too willing to supply the latest information on bar conditions to boat users.

Mr Jordan said if a Coast Guard vessel was in the vicinity the crew would show people the best place to make the crossing.

The Caloundra Metropolitan Surf Club has supported the flotilla's concern.

Club member Arthur Douglas said a jet ski and an inshore rescue boat belonging to the Ithaca Life Saving Club were the latest casualties of the bar.

He said many people were swimming between the Caloundra groyne and the bar.

"That area of the beach is very dangerous and the people who frequent it are becoming a serious problem," Mr Douglas said.