

ITHACA-CALOUNDRA CITY LIFE SAVING CLUB INC.

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2007/2008 SEASON ANNUAL REPORT

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Incorporated: 10.7.1986

Affiliated with Royal Life Saving Society Queensland Incorporated

The Club has completed its fifty-fourth season.

MISSION STATEMENT

To achieve the highest level in the delivery of Aquatic Safety, Rescue and Emergency Care with the support of volunteer members within a family based environment.

ANNUAL REPORT

President's Report

This has been a fantastic season - it has been a year of growth within the club not only in membership numbers, but more importantly the calibre of our members. It has been a time of looking forward & of planning for our future. It has been a season of great achievement.

Our Junior Life Guard program is gaining more success each year. Our numbers have increased in both age groups, with members striving to better their awards each year. Some of the older Junior Life Guard members have now joined our patrols as either Rookies or Cadets depending on their age & qualifications. Their youthful enthusiasm, has spurred on our senior members, encouraging them to lead the way to greater achievements.

One of our greatest achievements this year has been sending our first team to the Royal Life Saving Society World Championships in Germany. In the past years Jeannie Baxter Reid has successfully represented our club. For a small club like ours, I felt that having a team actually compete in the world championship was in its self a great achievement. Our team did not come home empty handed. In the Masters Championships Rob Reid & Brad Clegg were awarded the silver medal for second place in the men's Line Rescue against 11 other teams from around the world. Our other team consisting of Paul Barry & Jim Connelly missed out on a bronze medal by just less than one second. This achievement will lead the way to future world competitions that up until this year had only been a dream.

Another first for the club this season was the purchase of a new Quintrex 560 Spirit cabin boat with 115hp Mercury outboard motor & trailer. This will give our members new dimensions. It will not only develop & educate our members in Marine safety, but it will enlarge our scope of rescue service in the Caloundra area.

I would like to thank all our members for their dedication to lifesaving & to the hours they give in service to the people of Caloundra. I look forward to being part of this great club in the future

Helen Morris
President

AWARDS

All available awards of The Royal Life Saving Society - Australia are listed, with Club awards gained shown.

	2007/08	2006/07	2005/06
Swim & Survive (from Water Discovery to Snr Swim & Survive)	28	28	24
Lifesaving: Dry Rescue			
Wade Rescue			
Accompanied Rescue			
Bronze Star	7	15	10
Bronze Medallion	12	9	5
Lifeguarding: Patrol Bronze Star			
Patrol Lifeguard	11	11	3
Pool Lifeguard		1	
Advanced Lifeguard			
IRB – Driver	7	6	3
IRB – Crew	7	7	3
Senior First Aid	23	14	5
Radio operator	6	16	
Advanced Lifesaving: Bronze Cross			
Award of Merit			
Distinction			
Diploma			
Resuscitation: Basic Resuscitation			
Resuscitation	23		5
Oxygen Resuscitation			
Oxy Equip Resus		5	1
Semi Auto Defib.			
Nat Resus & Em Care			
Teaching: Instructor			
Teacher of Lifesaving			
Workplace Trainer			
First Aid Trainer			
Examiner: Level 1			
Level 2			
Level 3			
Oxygen Equipment			
Patrol Lifeguard			
	<u>124</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>59</u>

PATROLLING

This season the Club patrolled Bulcock Beach, Caloundra, weekends from 22 September 2007 to 5 May 2008 (20 Sept 2006 to 7 May 2007 last season). Patrols were conducted from 9.00am to 5.00pm and on occasions from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

The Club conducted official patrols over patrol weekends including Christmas, Boxing, New Years and Australia Day holidays, with a total of 73 days of 542 hours (76 days of 521.5hours for 2006/07) in attendance. Patrols at Caloundra were maintained with low numbers at Bulcock Beach. The continued patrolling of the still waters of Caloundra between the Caloundra Bar and Golden Beach using rescue boats ensured a wide coverage of area with small numbers.

Incidents for the season were as follows:

	2007/08	2006/07	2005/06	2004/05
First Aid	67	133	54	47
Rescues	11	26	15	5
Preventative Action	45	20	29	72
IRB - Rescues	70	59	62	71

The Club was involved in a major rescue on 26.12.07 when Met Caloundra SLSC IRB brought a male kite surfer (picked up at the northern end of Bribie Island) to Bulcock Beach at 3.30pm. The patient was pronounced dead at Caloundra Hospital about an hour later.

All First aid cases are now treated in the first aid room. In previous years the beach patrol occasionally completed some first aid treatments.

The beach has changed again over the year with the point essentially eroded away, causing rocks to be exposed on the point. Sand has continued to build up on the northern tip of Bribie Island, which now appears closer to Bulcock Beach. The channel and bar is straight out from the passage, which is causing strong sweeps near the mouth of the passage.

The strong sweeps continue to pose a danger for all water users, as on an outgoing tide someone in the water can be swept into dangerous water within a few minutes.

Club Captain's Report

Thank you to all members for the last season. At times it has been difficult, but I believe we all pulled together to serve the public.

I am proud to say that the senior members grew again this season, mainly attributable to the continuation of our Junior Lifeguard program.

This season saw our Rookies continue from the Junior Lifeguard program. We have five rookies, and they are now qualified members and we have a new batch for next season. They worked hard and contributed to patrols and training.

Unfortunately I have to report of a death (drowning) this year. Whilst this is a tragedy, we must also look on the positive side. The five members of the club that attended (along with Met Cal SLSC) all acted very professional. It must also be said that the person was not in the view of any of our patrol members, and that he was brought back to our beach for resuscitation. I believe we have all learnt from this event. It has put into place all the hard work at training.

Apart from this event, the patrols were often completed this season with strong winds and rain (not the great Queensland weather we are used to). This made it very difficult at times. This also made the swimming conditions dangerous to the public.

The Junior Lifeguard program within the club, plateaued this season with 42 registered members. The membership of this program will be capped at 50 again for next season.

We also have a team of four patrolling members who are going to Germany in July this year to compete in the World Life Saving Championships. We wish them all the best!

The Club also purchased a boat for surveillance. It will be called "Lady Ithaca". A new membership category will be introduced next season and more information will be available at the AGM.

I would also like to express our deepest sympathy (on behalf of the Club) to Helen Morris, Club President, who sadly lost both her father and her husband within a two week period. Bryan Morris (Helen's husband) is a past president of the club and has contributed many hours to running of the club, chaperone and other official duties as president etc. He was a valued member of the club and we will all miss him.

Lynda Barry
Club Captain

JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM

The program

The Club commenced its Junior Lifeguard Program (similar to Nippers) in 2002 and continued it again this season, with another year of significant increase in membership. The Program is a fun environment where games and competitions are used to teach the children:-

- Water Safety,
- Basic Rescue Techniques,
- Safe Swimming Habits,
- Basic Resuscitation, and
- Team work & responsibility

The program is conducted by members of the club and all sessions (and children) are logged and tracked. Children progress through an introductory period of basic water safety; and will then progress through the 'Swim & Survive' series of awards. This progression would be expected to take between 1 and 4 years depending of the child's age and abilities. After the Swim & Survive awards, Junior Lifeguards are named as Cadet Lifeguards, and they aim for the 'Bronze Star' award, which is an introduction to the Bronze Medallion. The target age for Bronze Star is 12 years old, and once Junior Lifeguards obtain their Bronze Star, they assist with beach patrol duties.

The Junior Lifeguard Program conducts two training sessions each week:-

- Sunday morning at 8.00am (2 x 1 hour session) on Bulcock Beach
- Tuesday Evenings at 6.30pm (2 x 1 hour session) at Pathways, Northlakes

Junior Lifeguard Member's

Year	Members numbers			Increase
	Junior	Cadet	Rookie	
2002/3	20			
2003/4	25			25%
2004/5	32			28%
2005/6	24	12		12.5%
2006/7	32	16		33%
2007/08	20	16	5	

The Cadet strand was introduced in the 2005/06 season and the Rookie strand was introduced in the 2007/08 season.

FUNDRAISING

The Management Committee agreed to provide a fundraising encouragement trophy to the member who raised the most funds for the club during the season.

1999/00	Paul Barry
2002/03	Bruce Cowling
2003/04	(not awarded)
2004/05	(not awarded)
2005/06	(not awarded)
2006/07	(not awarded)
2007/08	(not awarded)

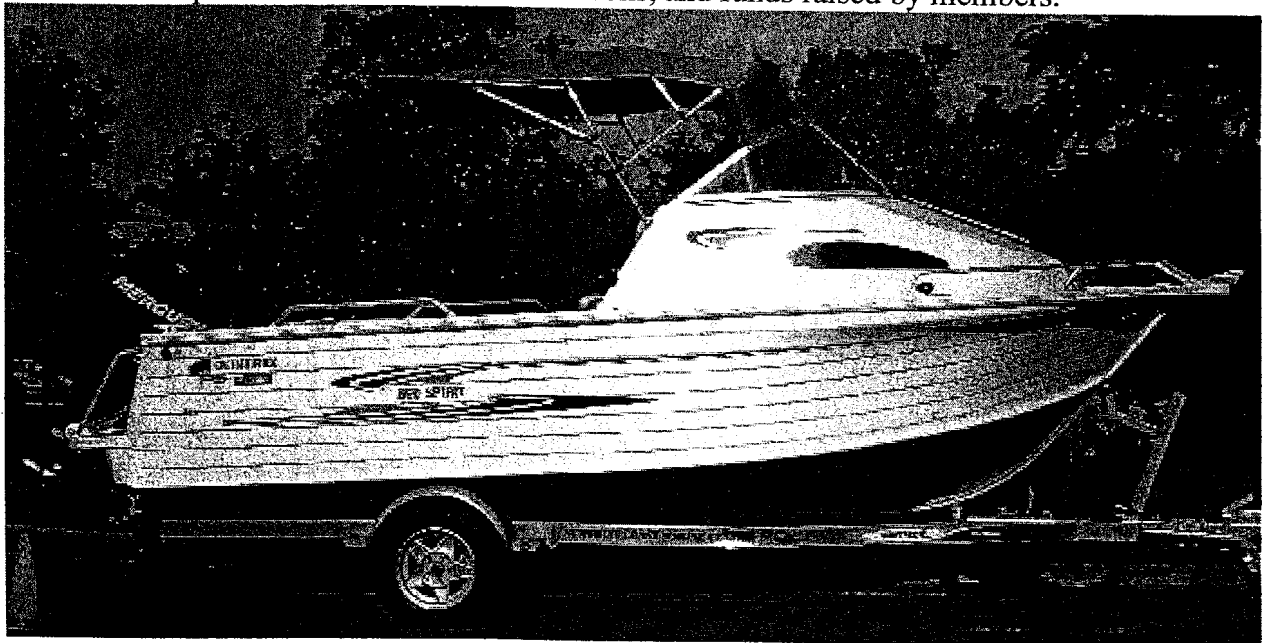
ROYAL LIFE SAVING MARINE RESCUE (RLMR)

The Club has purchased an Aluminium Boat, primarily for use in the Caloundra passage area. The purpose of this boat is:-

- Water Safety (Surveillance and observation), in a boat more suitable for continual (all day) use
- Assist with Rescue's and preventative actions, more particularly when an IRB is too small or underpowered
- Additional member training and retention
- Public Education

Due to our unique situation, many rescue's that occur, involve other water craft (Jet Ski's, Paddleboards, Windsurfers, Kite Surfers, etc), which an Inflatable Rescue Boat is not adequately able to assist. A larger rigid hull boat would better site such situations.

The boat will be launched in September 2008, at the beginning of the 2008/9 season. The boat was purchased from external donations, and funds raised by members.



FOUNDATION

On 1 December 1992 the Club agreed to the formation of a FOUNDATION, with the following eleven goals and conditions:

1. The aim of the Foundation is the creation of a capital fund capable of generating an annual income, part of which will be used to maintain the operation of the patrolling activities of the Club.
2. The principle to be developed by the generation of funds from sources such as legacies, bequests, donations, fundraising activities specifically designated for the purpose and transfers as approved by the Management Committee from the Club's general funds and/or fundraising activities.
3. A principle amount of \$100,000 be the initial goal.
4. Annual distribution be restricted to a maximum of 50% of the annual income generated by the Foundation.
5. Decisions on the distribution to be made by the Management Committee.
6. The signatures for the Foundation accounts be the usual Club signatories.
7. The bank books and investment receipts remain in the custody of the Club's Honorary Treasurer.
8. All expenses directly attributable to the Foundation be paid out of the Foundation.
9. All donations/bequests to the Foundation be acknowledged in the Club's Annual Report.
10. The Foundation's funds to be available to the Club general account on a loan basis, only in times of extreme financial hardship and with the approval of the Club's Management Committee.
11. These Foundation conditions to from part of the Club's By-Laws, and as such, can only be altered or repealed as per Rule 2\5 of the Club's Rules (Constitution).

On 13 May 1993 the Club started the Foundation with \$10,000 and continued with further investments.

OFFICE BEARERS

Patron:	Mr Mark McArdle MP
Vice Patrons:	Hon Rodney Welford MP Coun. Tim Dwyer Mr Don Aldos
President:	Mrs Helen Morris * CRLSS
Deputy President:	Mrs Lynda Barry *
Secretary:	Mr Jeffery Phillips *
Treasurer:	Mr Paul Barry *
Club Captain:	Mrs Lynda Barry* (app 28.1.07)
Chief Instructor:	Mr Robert Reid *

Registrar/Recorder:	Ms Paula Preston
Clubhouse Director:	Mr Jeffrey Phillips
Gear Steward:	Mr Brad Clegg
Club Vice Captains:	Ms Andrea Theis Mr Jim Connelly
Deputy Chief Instructor:	vacant
Communication Officer:	Mr Jeffrey Phillips
Publicity Officer:	Mrs Helen Morris

Jr L/guard Administrator:	Mrs Lynda Barry
Jr L/guard Co-ordinator:	Mr Paul Barry

Elected Committee Members: Ms Paula Preston

Vice Presidents:	Mr John McClelland AMSM, CRLSS Mr Mick Taplin Mr Ken Chandler
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* Management Committee members.

Auditor:	Mr James McClelland McClelland & Associates
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MEMBERS

Following is a list of current financial members, excluding Life Members and Office Bearers.

Paid Members

Anthony Barry	Patricia Barry
Jeannie Baxter-Reid	Joanne Boustead
Dianne Clegg	Angela Keegan
Natalie Preston	Paula Preston
Robert Reid	Nick Robinson
Paul Seto	Robert Schwartz
Adam Smyth	John Young

Rookies

Louisa Cools (resigned)	Sam Coxeter
Lauren Deagon	Kate Mathers
Jake Robinson	Keziah Young

Junior Members

Laura Barry	John Bryson
Samantha Barry	Nicholas Burandt
Sarah Clegg	Alice Green
Emma Green	Jessica Green
Alliyah Higton	Ashlee Higton
Brittney Jeffs	Courtney Jeffs
Sean McNevin	Christopher Mahan
Bede Mannion	Jack Mannion
Sarah Mannion	Amy Mathers
Amy Russell	Jakam Smyth
Jared Smyth	Jenae Smyth
Jesse Smyth	Jake Theis
Kurt Theis	Riley Tomkins
Jake Warner	Luke Warner
Jack Webb	Megan Webb
Gabrielle Wilson	Izaac Wilson

VALE – Bryan Morris

17.11.1938 – 11.3.2008

Bryan was an active member of his local community and an active member of the Club for many years. He was also Deputy President for the 1990/91 season and President for the 1991/92 and 1992/93 seasons.

LIFE MEMBERS

1961	Mr George Marr	+
1979	Mr John McClelland AMSM, CRLSS	
1982	Mr Ben Williams	
1983	Miss Bronwyn McClelland	
1984	Mr James McClelland DipRLSS, CRLSS	
1985	Mr Robert Stinson CRLSS	+
1989	Mr Stephen Pearl	
1990	Mr Stephen Skinner ARLSS	
1991	Mrs Ann McClelland	+
1993	Mrs Yvette Skinner	
1996	Mr Scott Conway ARLSS	
1999	Mr Paul Barry	
2000	Mr Jeffrey Phillips	
2003	Mr Mathew Schneider	
2004	Mrs Helen Morris CRLSS	

CLUB TROPHIESJUNIOR LIFEGUARDJunior Lifeguard of the Year

(Mark McArdle Bursary Award)

For continued and outstanding performance and teamwork by a junior lifeguard.

2002/03	Amy Mitchell
2003/04	(not awarded)
2004/05	Emma Kobez
2005/06	Louisa Cools
2006/07	Lauren Deagon & Jake Robinson
2007/08	Sarah Mannion

Most Improved Award

2004/05	Amy Mathers
2005/06	Sean McNevin
2006/07	Alice Green & Emma Green
2007/08	Laura Barry

Life Saving Skills Award (Juniors)

2004/05	Louisa Cools
2005/06	Jake Theis
2006/07	Issac Wilson
2007/08	Emma Green

CLUB TROPHIESLife Saving Skills Award (Cadets)

2005/06	Lauren Deagon
2006/07	Samantha Barry & Jake Theis
2007/08	Chris Mahon

SECRETARY'S ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

(Donated by Helen Morris)

For overall Club "encouragement".

1992/93	Hannah Gadsden
1996/97	(not awarded)
1997/98	Aaron Dahm
1998/99	Corey Dahm
1999/00	Sarah Dahm
2000/01	(not awarded)
2001/02	(not awarded)
2002/03	Tracey James
2003/04	(not awarded)
2004/05	(not awarded)
2005/06	Michael Smith
2006/07	Paula Preston & Nick Robinson
2007/08	Angela Keegan

SENIOR LIFEGUARD OF THE YEAR

(Mark McArdle Bursary Award)

2005/06	Isaac Cox
2006/07	Jim Connelly
2007/08	Robert Schwartz

CLUB TROPHIES

THE PRESIDENT'S SHIELD

(Donated by Brian Davis MLA)

For continued and outstanding contribution at "coast/patrolling activities".

1979/80	Stephen Skinner
1980/81	Bronwyn McClelland
1981/82	(not awarded)
1982/83	Gordon Palmer & Adam Musial
1983/84	Yvette Barry & Michael Madden
1984/85	Michael Madden
1985/96	Stephen Pearl
1986/87	Paul Barry
1987/88	(not awarded)
1988/89	Catherine Stumer
1989/90	Karen Miles/Paul Hudson
1990/91	Jeffrey Phillips
1991/92	Scott Conway
1992/93	Mathew Schneider
1993/94	Salina Currie
1994/95	Mark Riken/Salina Currie
1995/96	Salina Currie
1996/97	(not awarded)
1997/98	(not awarded)
1998/99	Brendan O'Shea & Tony Spriggs
1999/00	(not awarded)
2000/01	(not awarded)
2001/02	(not awarded)
2002/03	Matthew Kay
2003/04	(not awarded)
2004/05	Bob Sims
2005/06	Jeffrey Phillips
2006/07	Brad Clegg & Paul Seto
2007/08	Diane Clegg

McClelland Award

(Donated by the McClelland family)

For most patrols undertaken by cadets.

2006/07	Sam Coxeter
2007/08	Samantha Barry

CLUB TROPHIES

PATRON'S CUP

(Donated by Joe Venning)

For continued and outstanding contribution at "pool training".

1969/70	Angela Perry
1970/71	Angela Perry
1971/72	Linda Gallagher/James McClelland/Doug Hawly
1972/73	Judith Godwin
1973/74	Bronwyn McClelland
1974/75	(not awarded)
1975/76	(not awarded)
1976/77	(not awarded)
1977/78	(not awarded)
1978/79	Peter Bell
1979/80	Leah Doyle
1980/81	(not awarded)
1981/82	Stephen Pearl
1982/83	Michael Madden
1983/84	Paul Barry
1984/85	Scott Conway
1985/86	Jose Zahran
1986/87	Catherine Stumer
1987/88	(not awarded)
1988/89	Simon Johnson
1989/90	Tom Dunstan/Benjamin Kells
1990/91	Karen Morris/Claire Morris
1991/92	(not awarded)
1992/93	Claire Morris
1993/94	(not awarded)
1994/95	Graham Meiforth/Bianca Spraggon
1995/96	(not awarded)
1996/97	(not awarded)
1997/98	Kerrie Bell/Tegan Bell
1998/99	Natasha Selwood
1999/00	(not awarded)
2000/01	(not awarded)
2001/02	(not awarded)
2002/03	Lynda Barry
2003/04	(not awarded)
2004/05	Matthew Warner
2005/06	(not awarded)
2006/07	Andrea Theis
2007/08	Andrea Theis