

## **Mackay SLSC rides wave of success at Branch Titles**

Last month saw Mackay SLSC “Guardians of Harbour Beach since 1950” head down to Sarina Beach for the North Barrier Branch Titles, the premier surf sports event for this region, with competitors vying to take out the Championships from clubs as North as Ingham and as South as Sarina.

Mackay competitors from U8’s up to Masters took part in a range of events, from beach flags, beach sprints, beach relays, endurance runs, wade races, surf swims, board races, ironman/woman events and swim / board / ski and Cameron relays (which combines all water events).

“We are so proud of the individual and team results that we achieved that weekend. Our culture at the club is that we are small in numbers but strong at competing and this certainly showed in the results we had. We have been training under the guidance of head coach Greg Born since early July for this event in December and the efforts of our lifesavers really shone through over the two day event. As a club we could not be prouder. As a result of their efforts we had 5 of our nippers selected in the Branch Team which will compete at State Titles on the Sunshine Coast at the end of February” said Josh Grant the Mackay Director of Surf Sports. “Mackay had a team of 17 competitors and finished a close 5<sup>th</sup>, with the Arcadian club from Townsville taking out 1<sup>st</sup> place with around 90 competitors.”

### **Mackay SLSC Branch Results;**

**Under 8’s** – Finn Hudspith: 1<sup>st</sup> Deep wade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Flags / Sprints, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wade. Tallon Close: 1<sup>st</sup> Wade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sprints, 4<sup>th</sup> Deep wade

**Under 9’s** – Harry Madden: 1<sup>st</sup> Surf swim / board, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sprints, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wade, 4<sup>th</sup> Flags. Jake Hudspith: 2<sup>nd</sup> Flags, 5<sup>th</sup> Board, 6<sup>th</sup> Wade. John Grant: 5<sup>th</sup> flags, 6<sup>th</sup> surf swim. Kody Amos: 4<sup>th</sup> sprints.

**Under 10’s** – Ash Johnson: 2<sup>nd</sup> board, 3<sup>rd</sup> surf race, wade, 4<sup>th</sup> sprints, 5<sup>th</sup> flags. Magenta Newland: 5<sup>th</sup> wade, 6<sup>th</sup> surf race

**Under 11’s** – Joseph Madden: 1<sup>st</sup> board, 3<sup>rd</sup> surf race, flags, sprints, 4<sup>th</sup> 1km beach run.

**Under 12’s** – Meliana Craig: 1<sup>st</sup> Ironwoman, 2<sup>nd</sup> surf race, 3<sup>rd</sup> board, flags, sprints, 4<sup>th</sup> 1km beach run. Zac Johnson: 3<sup>rd</sup> flags, sprints, 4<sup>th</sup> board, 5<sup>th</sup> Ironman, 6<sup>th</sup> surf race. Cooper Jayo: 6<sup>th</sup> sprints.

**Under 13’s** – Bodie Mau: 1<sup>st</sup> board, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ironman, 4<sup>th</sup> surf race, 6<sup>th</sup> flags. Molly Madden: 2<sup>nd</sup> 1km beach run, 4<sup>th</sup> surf race, board, Ironwoman, flags, sprints.

**Seniors / Masters** – Ben Madden: 1<sup>st</sup> surf race, 2km beach run, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ironman, 4<sup>th</sup> board race, 6<sup>th</sup> flags. Matt Newland: 2<sup>nd</sup> 2km beach run, board, flags, 3<sup>rd</sup> Surf ski, 4<sup>th</sup> sprints. Josh Grant: 1<sup>st</sup> board, 3<sup>rd</sup> sprints. Kate Born: 3<sup>rd</sup> U17 ski, 4<sup>th</sup> Open ski.

### **Team Events –**

1<sup>st</sup> U8-10 Cameron Relay, U9 Cameron relay, U10 Cameron relay, U10 Beach relay, U12 Cameron relay, U13 Cameron relay, Masters Board relay, Masters double ski, Open mixed double ski

2<sup>nd</sup> U9 Wade relay, U11 board relay, U12 surf teams,

3<sup>rd</sup> U10 Wade relay, U11 Surf teams, U12 beach relay, U12 beach relay

4<sup>th</sup> U11 Cameron relay, U12 board relay,

6<sup>th</sup> U8-10 Wade Relay,

Mackay Team getting ready for Branch Titles



Mackay competitors getting ready for warm up. (Photo: Carl Stanojevic/Mackay Seen)





Bodie Mau U13 Board Champion. (Photo: Carl Stanojevic/Mackay Seen)



Jake Hudspith 2<sup>nd</sup> U9 Flags, pictured with Mum Jess & brother Lachie. (Photo: Carl Stanojevic/Mackay Seen)





Mackay U8's Finn Hudspith and Tallon Close taking to the water in the wade race (Photo: Carl Stanojevic/Mackay Seen)



Mackay SLSC competitors having a quick break during warm up. (Photo: Carl Stanojevic/Mackay Seen)



Matt Newland 3<sup>rd</sup> Surf Ski race. (Photo: Carl Stanojevic/Mackay Seen)





Molly Madden (right) 4<sup>th</sup> Beach flags. (Photo: Carl Stanojevic/Mackay Seen)



Competitors from all clubs getting ready for board races. (Photo: Carl Stanojevic/Mackay Seen)

