



Guardians of Harbour Beach volunteers recognised at Mackay SLSC Awards Day

Mackay SLSC held their annual awards day on the scenic grounds in front of the surf club, with members taking in the beautiful ocean and island views, as well as each other's company to celebrate what has been a challenging but rewarding season.

Club President Brendan Smith opened the afternoon recognising the club's contribution of "**Vigilance & Service**" to the Mackay community as the guardians of Harbour Beach for over 70 years.

Mr. Smith said "Being a volunteer organisation there are many people who make sacrifices to contribute to the running of various aspects of the club, this ensures that we can keep our beach safe for the Mackay Community".

The awards afternoon was a way of recognising both junior and senior members who make a difference, from the volunteer workforce who run major carnivals such as the North Australian Titles, our Nippers program and the Tri-Series events, generous sponsors and most importantly the Club Captain, Patrol teams and patrolling members.

"As a club we are proud of the achievements of all our members and the afternoon was a great way to celebrate together, after a long and busy season. We are now starting to plan for an even bigger and better season, and welcome the community to get involved."

The North Barrier Branch Awards night was recently held at Mackay SLSC, with the club's Director of Surf Sports, Josh Grant taking out one of the highest accolades of the branch which extends from Sarina to Ingham. He was awarded the Clive Hammond Medal for outstanding service and dedication to his club and the branch. He is now a state finalist at State Awards and the club wishes him all the best.

Awards went to;

Junior Club Champion - Meliana Craig

John Patti Most Improved Nipper – Kody Amos

Flo Payne Club Nipper Culture - Ash Johnson

George Moody Quiet Achiever – Jake Hudspith

Junior Coaches Award - Bodie Mau

Junior Club Captain - Molly Madden

Presidents award for 'Service and Vigilance - Tony Caris

Volunteer of the year – Ben Madden

Junior Lifesaver of the year - Jesse Holmstrom

Bronze Medallion of the year - Andrea Conroy

Surf Rescue Certificate of the year - Sofie Searle



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Trainer & Assessor of the Year - Peter 'Stan' Ridland

Coach of the year - Josh Grant

Senior competitor of the year - David Fitzmaurice

Highest patrol hours & 100+ hours - Ryan Lee

Patrol Captain of the year - Peter Kynastan

Recognition of Major sponsors - Craig's Couriers, M & P Services & Bulk Fuel Australia

PHOTOS; *(See photos below with names where possible)*

Some of the Mackay SLSC Nippers celebrating their season – it's a Ripper to be a Nipper! *(source: Leah McLean Photography)*





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Nippers enjoying hitting the waterslide to celebrate the end of the season. *(source: Leah McLean Photography)*





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As Volunteer of the Year, Ben Madden has made a huge contribution to the club. (source: Leah McLean Photography)





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Head Coach Greg Born receiving a gift for his efforts training club members throughout the season. (source: Leah McLean Photography)





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Club legend and Patron, Reg Butler with wife Helen and Christine Webb enjoying the afternoon.
(source: Leah McLean Photography)



Josh Grant receiving the Clive Hammond Medal for outstanding service & dedication at the recent NBB branch awards. (source: NBB Media)





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Club President Brendan Smith enjoying the afternoon before presentation of awards starts.
(source: Leah McLean Photography)





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Part of the nipper family, Ben & Jakobi Johnson enjoying an afternoon on the lawns. (source: Leah McLean Photography)



Nippers listening to the opening of presentations by Brendan Smith, club president.





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If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact myself, we really appreciate your support!

We hope to see you at the beach!

Josh Grant

Director of Surf Sports (DOSS)

Mackay Surf Lifesaving Club

