

Darren Hauser
Life Membership awarded 29/07/2006



Darren joined Somerton SLSC, SA in 1969 as a 7 year old nipper. As a child he was rescued by Lifesavers on his home beach and it was after this that his parents thought it best that he on the local Club and learn how to swim. In 1974 Darren and his family moved to QLD and he joined Alexandra Headlands SLS and in 1987 work took him to Townsville where he joined Acarida SLAC. As a nipper he has won the Australian Sprint Titles as a 10, 11 and a 12 year old. Since Nippers, he has been a fulltime Lifeguard, Sunshine Coast Beach Coach and also a member of the Westpac Helicopter Rescue Crew. Darren joined Hervey Bay SLSC in the 1990-1991 seasons and was President from 1992 to 1995. As President, he was instrumental in overseeing the building of the clubhouse and strengthening the Membership Base. Darren was the driving force behind the inception of the Maryborough Masters Games, which Hervey Bay holds as an Annual Carnival. Darren still kept up his Surf Sports winning Branch Titles in Sprints, Flags, Ski, Double Ski and Board Rescue. He has also won 3 Queensland Masters Bronze Medals and in 1994 he won a World Masters Gold medal as a member of a composite Beach Relay team. In 2000 he carried the Olympic Torch in Hervey Bay as was also awarded a Certificate of Recognition for International Surf Lifesaving. In 2009 Darren celebrated 40 years in Lifesaving. In 2010, Darren organised and completed a 92km Marathon Ski Paddle, to raise funds for the Leukemia Foundation in dedication to his Dad, John, who passed away with Leukemia in 2009. The "Paddle for Leukemia" consisted of 6 ski paddlers who paddled from Rainbow Beach to Hervey Bay over 3 days and raised over \$12,000.00 for the Leukemia Foundation.