

## **Sue Murray**

### **Life Membership awarded 14/06/2015**



How I got involved in Lifesaving. Prior to me living in Hervey Bay I resided in Melbourne in which I was involved in Scuba Diving & waterskiing for many years. Whatever I did I felt the need to be near the water. I moved to Hervey Bay upon my return in 1992 from the UK in which I was only going to stay at my parents for 3 weeks..... I still have not decided which 3 weeks it will be & it's now 2016.

I joined the Fraser Coast Outriggers for a couple of years & I had a wonderful coach whom we all know well, Robert Garland. I have coached soccer in the past with both of my children playing the sport. We ventured down to the Surf Club after some friends had joined up a few weeks before & our kids were friends. So the tale begins.....

I was an Age Manager Assistant then Age Manager in various age groups then did Youth Development for a couple of years. I was an Age Manager in 2015-16 season which I thoroughly enjoyed. I obtained my bronze about 8 years ago & love to do Patrols on a weekend. What a perfect way to spend the afternoon. Perfect day in the office!! I have been a Patrol Captain now for 3 years & thoroughly enjoy being on the beach which enables me to chat to the other members plus enjoy conversations with the public. The best part of being on Patrol is being able to do scenarios & practice what we have been trained to do.

I did compete in Masters a few years ago which was so much fun as everyone is there for the same reason.... To have fun & enjoy yourself plus if you win a medal that's a bonus.

I have been on the Supporters Club Committee since 2008 in various roles as Secretary, Treasurer & President to which I hold the role to this day. I was President of the Supporters Club when we had Junior State Titles here in 2013, it was a busy time but rewarding making sure the catering side of it was in order plus our Bar was well covered by our volunteers. Again we had a 'Workforce' that worked tirelessly during the event. The years have gone by so fast & now I am in my 11<sup>th</sup> year. Both my children Connor & Paige were nippers/juniors at our club & went through the age groups with Connor becoming a Life Guard. He has now joined the Australian Army & surf lifesaving taught him some valuable life skills which he can use today.

Paige started in green cappers through to U14's then soccer took over her sporting days. Paige along with other great kids achieved a lot with our club in the various age groups. Life was fun for them both in HBSLSC.

I am now President of HBSLSC and it is such an honour & privilege to be in this position. I have made some amazing friends at our Club as it is really like 'Family'. I hope to still be involved for years to come in lifesaving at HBSLSC.

The motto of Lifesaving is to save lives through vigilance & service.

Well that's my story.