

Tony Grima

Life Membership Awarded 24/06/2010



Tony and his family moved from St Marys NSW (bottom of the Blue Mountains) to Hervey Bay in February 1994 and joined Hervey Bay SLSC in September 1994. His 3 boys went through nippers from 1994 to 2008. Tony gained his Bronze medallion in 1998 and to date has patrolled over 698 volunteer patrol hours. Tony has taken on many Committee positions in the Club ranging from President (2 seasons) Deputy President (3 seasons) Youth Development Officer (4 seasons) Age Manager (8 seasons) and Surf Sports Officer (9 seasons). He was one of the first Age Managers to follow an Age Group for successive years from 1997 to 2005 giving them continuity. Tony has taken an active role in all areas of Surf Sports including being the WBC Director of Surf Sports (4 seasons). He regularly competes in the masters Sprints and Flags and has won medals at Branch, North Aussies and State titles. In 2001 he gained his Level 1 coach Accreditation and in 2003-04 & 2004-05 he was the Assistant Beach Coach for Qld Country Team. In 2009 he gained his Level 2 Coaching Accreditation and in 2010-11, 2011-12, 2014-15 & 2015-16 he was the QLD Country Beach Coach, He won the 2013-14 & 2014-15 WBC Coach of the year award.

In 2002, Tony gained his Level 1 Official Accreditation and in 2006 gained his Level 2 Official Accreditation. His time spent officiating is staggering. He has officiated at approximately 120 carnivals and spent over 1600 hours on the beach as an Official. He has officiated at 4pt Junior Carnivals, Junior and senior Branch Titles, Qld Junior and Senior State titles, IRB Carnivals, Pool Rescue Competitions, fastest Man on Sand and Australian titles. He has been Carnival Referee at Branch Titles, Sectional Referee at North Aussies and State titles as well as Video referee at State and Australian Titles. For his efforts, the Club has awarded him official of the Year for 9 seasons and he has also won the WBC Official of the year for the 2008-09 & 2011-12 seasons. Tony was awarded the Club Presidents Award for the 2009-10 season and competitor of the year numerous times.

Tony has also gained many awards, including Bronze Medallion, ARC, ATV, Defib md IRB Crew, Level 2 Coach, Level 2 Official, Assessor, Trainer and Coach Mentor holding 79 awards in total.