

**Chris Donnelly**  
**Life Member awarded 16/06/2012**



As a valued member of the Hervey Bay Surf Club, Chris has been instrumental in changing the club and its members by looking at new services and value adding to Local Disaster Manager Group of Fraser Coast and attracting major carnivals to Hervey Bay. He has patrolled over 720 hours since starting at the club in 2001.

Chris also trains and competes for Hervey Bay SLSC. He coaches numerous groups from green cappers to masters in surf swim, boards and for the past few seasons has been coaching the march past team culminating with the Jnr march past team winning Gold at Branch and Bronze at State titles. Chris is a Level 2 Official and has spent many many hours on the beach as an official so that the Hervey Bay Surf Lifesaving competitors can compete. He has officiated at 4pt Carnivals, North v South Carnivals, Junior & Senior Branch, Junior & Senior State, North Aussies and Australian titles.

**Branch experience;**

Chris is the current Branch President and is always available to assist clubs with issues and attends councillor meeting when required. Along with the president role Chris is also Branch Trainer/Assessor and TACO, Chris has assisted with the IRB /Bronze Proficiency Assessments at other branch clubs.

As WBC Branch President he has attended and participated in councillors meetings. At State level he is a member of IRB Lifesaving Panel, in reviewing training, issues and improvements to IRB's.

Chris has held the following positions, President from 2004 – 2008, Chief Training Office from 2008 – 2015, Water coach including IRB Racing & Surf Boats, Level 2 Official, Patrol Captain, Assessor, Age Manager / JAC 2005-2006, Publicity Officer 2005-2006.

Chris has also held the following positions for Wide Bay Capricorn Branch, President 2008 – current, Deputy President, TACO, Deputy Director Lifesaving South Branch, First Aid Officer. Chris also holds 142 awards in total