

**Mark Thornton**  
***Life Membership Awarded 05/07/2009***



Mark and his family moved from Gisborne, Vic to Hervey Bay in 1998 and he and his family joined Hervey Bay SLSC in October 1999. His 3 children all went through nippers from 1999 to 2010. In 2002, Mark gained his Bronze Medallion and has since gained 32 awards, including many Assessing, Facilitator and Training Officer Awards. Mark has been a Patrol Captain since 2004, and to date has patrolled over 768 Patrol hours including many Public Holidays. He has taken on many roles on the Executive and Junior Committees including President, Deputy President (3 seasons) Club Captain (3 seasons) JAC (7 seasons) and an Age Manager (4 seasons). In his first season as Club Captain, Hervey Bay SLSC won WBC most Improved Club and in his third season, Hervey Bay won WBC Patrol Club of the year. In 2007 Mark was awarded the Clive Hammond Silver Medal for his commitment to the Club and was presented with this at the Annual SLSQ awards night.