

SUMMARY OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE – Ian John Grant

1. Has served as a volunteer for Surf Lifesaving Australia (SLSA) for 45 years and is still an active patrolling member.
2. Is a Life Member of Bribie Island SLSC, Dicky Beach (North Caloundra) SLSC, Sunshine Coast Branch, Surf Lifesaving Queensland and Surf Lifesaving Australia.
3. Has taken on numerous Office Bearer positions at club, Branch and State level over the last 45 years.
4. Has been dedicated to improving the standards of First-aid by conducting First-aid courses in conjunction with St John Ambulance Australia since 1976 and commenced 'crash' First-aid Courses in Brisbane on weekends for lifesavers (normal courses ran over 9 nights which created problems for most lifesavers). These courses were a forerunner to what are now considered a normal way of teaching First-aid.
5. In 1976/77 was instrumental in the development of a State First-aid Room Competition for improving the standards of First-aid rooms and was a co-writer of the 'Guide to First-aid Officers' book.
6. Has campaigned and been successful for the inclusion of First-aid Competition for open, U18 and U16 competitors at Branch, State and National levels.
7. Has given freely of his time to encourage, guide and assist anyone from any club in Australia in the elements of First-aid Competition and is dedicated to the promotion and advancement of First-aid Competition within Surf Lifesaving.
8. Holds 17 Branch Titles, 8 State Titles and 1 National Title in the Open First-aid Competition.
9. Was a crewman and winch operator for the Westpac Lifesaver Helicopter Rescue Service for 12 years, served as crew chief and crew vice chief and has been an examiner for 15 years.
10. In 1979 received a Priory Vote of Thanks for Special Service Rendered from St John Ambulance.
11. For Contribution to First-aid and teaching was made 'A Serving Brother of the Order of St John' which was endorsed by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II in 1984.
12. Awarded Australian Sports Medal in 2000 for services rendered to Surf Lifesaving.