

## WHAT IS THE SURF LIFESAVING QUEENSLAND SUMMER SURF GIRL PROGRAM?

The S.L.S.Q. Summer Surf Girl Program is first and foremost a member development program which seeks to engage female members within Surf Life Saving to develop their skills and experience for their future careers within and outside the movement.

The Summer Surf Girl Program has now injected more than \$15.8 million into Surf Life Saving clubs throughout Queensland since the program's inception in 1964.

All funds raised are distributed back into the host club to be used in a variety of ways such as the maintenance and purchase of new rescue equipment, surf safety education, member development, increasing volunteer memberships and expanding training programs. Judging will take place and the winner will be announced in May, 2018.

## JESS SIMPSON – WHO IS SHE?

Jess has been a member of Dicky Beach Surf Lifesaving Club since 2005 when she joined as a nipper. Jess has continued on as a patrolling member having achieved the role as a Patrol Captain and for the past 3 years, and continues in this role for season 2017/18.

Jess is an active lifesaver and currently holds over 70 lifesaving awards including being a qualified Bronze Medallion Trainer and Assessor. Jess is also heavily involved in developing youth in surf lifesaving having attended numerous leadership programs including the National Leadership College in Sydney in 2017 along with having been a participant, leader and mentor on several Branch and State leadership programs.

Jess enjoys all aspects of lifesaving and actively participates leading our club youth by example. Jess is currently a Dicky Beach Surf Life Saving Board Member, chairs the Lifesaving Operations Committee, a member of the SLSQ UQ 18-30 Leadership Excellence Program Coordination Team. Jess competes in IRB racing having been a previous Queensland Cyclones IRB Team representative, March Past competitor, Surf Rescue competitor and beach sprint competitor along with club activities such as our weekly club swim training, assisting with nippers and attending fundraising activities where possible. When Jess is not working full time in Family Law, you will find her at the beach, kickboxing in the gym or sleeping, and all this at only 23 years of age!

Jess will be representing Dicky Beach Surf Lifesaving Club as Summer Surf Girl for 2018.