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2024 AWARD WINNERS



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Ashley Callus OAM - Redlands Coast inaugural Hall of Famer 2024.

Ashley Callus OAM (born 10 March 1979) is an Australian former sprint freestyle swimmer. Coming from Redlands Qld, Callus, graduated at Iona College. He was coached by Chris Urquhart as a member of Redlands Swimming Club and spent the beginning of his career as the understudy to fellow Australians Michael Klim and Chris Fydler.

At the 1998 Kuala Lumpur Commonwealth Games, Ashley Callus won gold as part of the men's 4x100m freestyle relay team. After finishing fourth in the 100m freestyle at the 2000 Australian Championships, Callus was selected to make his Olympic debut at the age of 21.

2000 Sydney Olympics Ashley Callus swam in only one event, the 4x100m freestyle relay. In the final, he led off Chris Fydler, Michael Klim and Ian Thorpe to a thrilling victory over the United States on the first night of the swimming competition.



2001 World Championships in Fukuoka, Japan. Callus joined with Klim, Thorpe and Todd Pearson to win the 4x100m Medley relay inflicting the first ever loss on the United States in that event at the swimming World Titles.



One of the most iconic celebrations in Australian sport, the scenes of Todd Pearson, Ashley Callus, Michael Klim and Ian Thorpe, strumming their air guitars after taking down the Americans in the 4x100 Freestyle Relay.

2002 Commonwealth Games Manchester. Callus won Gold in both 4x100m and 4x200m Relay Teams, then backed up to win Silver in the 100m individual freestyle event.

2002 World Short Course Championships Moscow. Callus won Gold in the 100m individual freestyle event and Silver in the 4x100 Medley Relay.

2004 Athens Olympics, Callus qualified for the 50 m and 100 m freestyle but was unplaced.

2006 Commonwealth Games Melbourne, Callus anchored the 4×100 m freestyle relay team to silver, he also reached the final of both the 50 m and 100m freestyle.

2006 The World Short Course Championships China. Gold on the 4×100m medley Relay Team.

At the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Callus won the bronze medal in the 4x100 metres freestyle relay Team behind the USA and France. He finished a close fourth in the 50 metres freestyle. In a post swim interview, he said he would consider returning for a fourth Olympic Games appearance.



In 2009 Callus made a return at the Au-trials and despite clocking thunderous times in the prelims and semi-finals, he failed to beat the younger generation of sprinters. After what most swimming fans assumed was a quiet retirement, Callus made an unexpected return to the Australian short course championships. Callus broke the Australian 50m freestyle record clocking 21.24. In the Finals later that day he brought the record down to 21.19".

2010 Telstra Trials Callus won the 50m freestyle and at the Pan Pacs finished 7th.

2012 Ashley Callus announced his retirement from the sport of swimming. He had been aiming to become the first Australian to swim in four Olympic Games but decided to call it a career at the age of 32. He said "I've been to three Olympics; I have nothing more to prove to myself. I'm totally satisfied with what I've achieved.

Miles away at Somerset College on the Gold Coast, ex-Olympian Ashley Callus' post-competitive life hasn't changed all that much. He still rises every morning at 5am and trundles to the pool, but this time around it's the next generation of swimmers that he is focused on.

AS a Gold Level Coach and works for the Somerset College Academy's National and High-Performance Swim Squads on the Gold Coast. Callus and coaches Gold Coast surf lifesaving ironman, Tom Gallagher, who had a golden start on day one of the 2024 Paralympics in Paris. The 26-year-old Gallagher from Somerset, stormed home over the top of the field, to claim gold for Australia in the first event of the meet, the S10/S9 50m freestyle.

Of his own glory days, Callus admits they're a bit of a distant memory though he gets the occasional reminder, like at the 2015 Queensland junior titles when a few of his charges spotted a picture of the ex-champ hanging on a wall.

It is certain that Ashley Callus' and Alicia Coutts induction into the Redlands Coast Sporting Hall of Fame will bring back memories of their amazing athletic achievements



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Alicia Coutts - Redlands Coast inaugural Hall of Famer 2024.

Alicia Coutts' amazing athletic journey to represent her Region and Country on the world stage, is a testament to her dedication and talent. Starting her swimming career at Redlands Swim Club at the age of 9, Alicia Coutts' journey to the Olympics is a testament to her dedication and talent. Starting her swimming career at Redlands Swim Club at the age of 9, she trained under coach David Urquhart, staying with the club for 20 years until her retirement in 2016. Alicia Coutts was a Swimming Australia National Training Centre scholarship holder, where she was coached by John Fowlie during her later career. In 2008 Alicia competed in the Beijing Olympics where she finished fifth in the 200-metre individual medley,

It was at the 2010 Commonwealth Games in New Delhi, that Alicia Coutts began making headlines internationally, moving her way up the swimming ranks. Dubbed the 'Delhi-Golden Girl' after winning five gold Medals, being the 100-metre butterfly, 100-metre freestyle, 200-metre individual medley, 4×100-metre freestyle relay, and 4×100-metre medley relay. Alicia had dominated the competition creating a reputation for herself as a gutsy swimmer, a master of many strokes and a must have for a number of relay teams.

This success continued into 2011 where she won silver in the 100m butterfly and 200m individual medley and bronze in the 4x100m medley relay at the Shanghai World Championships.

The best was yet to come at the 2012 London Olympic Games Alicia's Team won Gold in the Women's 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay, Silver in Women's 4 x 100m Medley Relay and Women's 4 x 200m Freestyle Relay. Alicia also won Silver in the Women's 200m Individual Medley then capped a bronze medal in Women's 100m Butterfly.



Her outstanding performance at the 2012 London Olympics placed her in elite company, matching the achievements of fellow Australians Ian Thorpe and Shane Gould for the number of medals won by an Australian athlete at a single Olympics. In recognition of her achievements, Alicia Coutts was named Australian Institute of Sport Athlete of the Year.

Next came the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games where Alicia won Gold in the 200m Individual Medley, 4 x 100m Medley Relay, 4 x 200m Freestyle Relay and Silver in the: 200m Individual Medley. At the 2016 Rio Olympics Alicia swam an emotional last race, leaving nothing in the tank and nothing to chance at her last shot on the world stage. She finished a creditable fifth in the Women's 200m Individual Medley.

When reflecting on her career Coutts' said it would be sad to leave such a huge part of her life behind, but the memories would always remain. "I have spent such a large part of my life on the Australian Swim Team and over the years I have made so many amazing friends and met teammates that have become like family to me," Coutts said. "It will be sad not to be racing and to not to be a part of this amazing team, but I am honoured to have been able to represent my country for such a long time and the Australian Swim Team will forever be a part of my heart.

"From a little girl who had a dream to be an elite swimmer, to my final race in Rio I wouldn't change a thing about my career, and I am so proud of everything my team and I managed to achieve over the years."

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Calan Lovitt - Redlands Coast inaugural Sportsman of the Year 2024.

Since joining the club in 2004, Calan has held numerous key positions and has made a profound impact on the club's culture it's members, and the broader Surf community. Cal served as club captain from 2015 to 2018 and as a patrol captain for 15 consecutive years, from the 2008/2009 season onwards. His contributions have earned him awards like Best Patrol Captain (2021), All Star Patrol Group, Best Patrol Member, and the Highest Patrol Hours award numerous times. Cal's dedication is highlighted by his reaching over 3,000 volunteer patrol hours, averaging 158 hours per season for 19 straight years. Cal's is also a successful competitor winning a gold medal at the state level and a bronze medal at the Australian titles in the 2km Beach Run.

Calan Lovitt marked 15 seasons as a Patrol captain during the 23/24 and was voted 2024 Qld Surf Life Saver of the Year.



Cal's mentorship extends beyond formal training sessions. He has initiated whole-club training workshops that bring together members of all ages to practice rescue scenarios and sharpen their emergency response skills. His ability to foster a culture of learning has helped develop well-rounded lifesavers who are confident and capable both on and off the beach.

In addition to his work with new members, Cal has also contributed to the long-term success of the club by creating resources like the Club Captain Manual and the Patrol Induction Weekend guide, ensuring that future leaders of the club are well-equipped with the knowledge and tools they need to succeed.

In summary, Calan Lovitt's dedication to the club, innovative leadership, and personal sacrifice have gone above and beyond the typical expectations of a lifesaver. His holistic approach to service, combined with his focus on mentorship and skill development, has left a lasting, positive impact on the club and its members.



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Kimberley Sue See - Redlands Coast inaugural Sportswoman of the Year 2024.

Kimberley first represented Australia at the 2013 Youth Trans-Tasman Test Series. She made her Opens debut in the Emus Women's Open Team a year later at the 2014 Trans-Tasman Test Series as an 18-year-old. Kim has since been an integral member of the Australian Women's Open Team for the past four Trans-Tasman Series and the 2015 and 2019 Federation of International Touch World Cups.



In 2024, Kimberley captained the Australia Women's Open Team at the Touch Football World Cup held in Nottingham UK. The Australian Emus Women's Opens team is the pinnacle of female touch football talent. Kim led the dominant Australian Emu's through ten round games with the team conceding only three tries and scoring 147. She ultimately led the team to World Cup glory over New Zealand with her strong leadership and direction on the field and with a player of the final performance. A truly outstanding achievement considering there were over twenty-one teams and three hundred players in the division.

Not only was Kim representing Australia, but all members of the Redlands Touch community also viewed her captancy of the Australian team as an outstanding honour, given her involvement with Redlands Touch Association. Being an amateur sport played by more than 700,000 people in Australia, to reach the pinnacle and stay there, takes incredible commitment and numerous sacrifices. Working full-time, often ten hours a day, Kim ensures she gets at least 2-3 additional training sessions in each week on top of her weekly team trainings and playing 2-3 games per week.



As the newly appointed Women's Open captain, Kimberly Sue See and open stalwart Jonathan Palau were named Ron Hanson Medallists, ahead of the 2023 Opens Trans-Tasman Test Series. The Ron Hanson medal is awarded to individuals who possess excellent values, leadership and humility.



"It's a great privilege and honour to receive this medal and carry the flag on behalf of our country." Sue See said.

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Point Lookout Surf Lifesaving Club - Redland Coast inaugural Organisation of the Year 2024.

This Club fosters a supportive environment for all members, from young nippers to seasoned lifesavers, ensuring a diverse inclusive community. Point Lookout SLSC achievements have recently been recognised with an amazing range of Club and Member specific awards, including the Point Lookout SLC 2023/2024 South Coast Branch 2024 Awards:



- Youth and Junior Development Club of the Year
- Surf Lifesaver of the Year – Calan Lovitt
- Pat Kelly Patrol Efficiency
- Steve Owen Surf Life Saving Club of the Year
- Youth SLS Club of the Year
- Queensland SLS Club of the Year
- Andy Frizzell Dedication to Junior Activities Award – Elisa Morris
- Volunteer of the Year – Don Jackson



This year, Point Lookout Surf Life Saving Club prioritized addressing challenges unique to our remote location. Through surveys and ongoing communication, we implemented new initiatives that significantly improved our operations.

One major challenge was transporting our participants and patrolling members to our location. We navigate this through a strong partnership with SeaLink and local island transport. Life Member Cal Lovitt initiated a new Emergency Response Plan, which included specialised training for handling the complexities of patrolling two beaches simultaneously.

This plan involved a detailed decision tree and memorable acronym, that enhanced our preparedness and response capabilities.

A major rescue early in the 2024 season demonstrated the effectiveness of this training program, with several of our youth members not only confidently applying their skills instilled by the camp, but they also seamlessly integrated back into their regular patrols. Recognition programs like the Nipper of the Week, monthly awards and acknowledgements for all achievements—both small and large, help build confidence in members across all age groups fostering an inclusive environment.



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Hudson Brown - Redlands Coast inaugural Emerging Athlete of the Year 2024.

Ormiston's Hudson Brown is a talented trampoline gymnast registered with Redland City Gymsports. A dedicated athlete, his accomplishments speak volumes about his potential. His passion for the sport of Trampolining ignited when at the age of seven, he connected with coach Anna Platt at Carindale PCYC. Anna soon discovered that he was very down-to-earth and a bit of a perfectionist who from a young age, would win medals at almost every competition. There were times where Hudson got disheartened because as a perfectionist, it made learning hard skills a bit tricky." Ms Platt said that, unlike other young kids, Hudson did not have a gymnastics background before starting his trampolining career.



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At age 14, Hudson secured an outstanding second place in the fiercely competitive individual trampolining National Finals for under-17s. Demonstrating his versatility and synchronicity, he claimed third place in Synchronised Trampolining for under-22s. Hudson's contribution played a pivotal role in the Queensland State team's national title win for Team Trampolining, at the prestigious National Championships.

Hudson represented Australia in New Zealand for the first time, clinching a Gold medal in Synchronised Trampolining. At age 15- he faced his biggest competition yet, representing Australia at the Trampoline World Age Championships in Birmingham, in both individual trampolining and synchronised trampolining. His selection was reward for his excellent performances throughout the year. Hudson was also selected to be part of Nat Cook's OAM OLY \$1 million challenge, paired with the Brisbane business community. This program aims to support and educate young athletes like Hudson with the education, connections, and skills required to flourish outside of sport.

Hudson's ongoing success was highlighted in 2024 by his invitation to compete in two World Cups in Portugal, and his victory as the Under 17s QLD State Champion in March & August 2024. He competed at the final competition of 2024, the National Clubs Carnival, where he ended the year as the Junior Under 17s National Champion in Trampoline. As a proud member of the Redland City Gymsports Club, Hudson continues to train, honing his skills and focusing on the maintaining enthusiasm.

His Trampolining journey so far, has been nothing short of extraordinary, and he has an even bigger dream – representing Australia in his hometown by competing in the 2032 Olympic Games. With Hudson's passion for the sport, his incredible focus and relentless hard work, the realisation of this dream of success and Gold in Brisbane becomes very possible.

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Phil Carse - Redland Coast inaugural Coach of the Year 2024.

As the QAFL Senior Head Coach of Redland-Victoria Point Sharks, Phil consistently plans well-organized, purposeful training sessions that maximize player development. He communicates team goals, schedules, and expectations to players and support staff, ensuring everyone is informed and fosters a positive learning environment. Phil ensures that all players, regardless of ability, have a fair opportunity to participate and improve.

Phil adjusts coaching strategies based on the team's strengths and weaknesses and responds to unforeseen changes in the schedule. Each of these behaviours, contributes to creating a positive and supportive environment for players and everyone involved in the Football Club.



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Matt Lavery - Redlands Coast inaugural Official of the Year 2024

Matt exemplifies positive officiating behaviour at Redlands Touch, enhancing the overall experience for players, coaches, and spectators. His approach to program organisation is marked by meticulous attention to detail, ensuring that games run smoothly and efficiently. Matt is the Chairman of the Referee Committee leading the referee coach and mentoring team. He regularly conducts clinics and training sessions for Redlands Touch referees and other affiliates in the region. Matt sits on the regional referee high-performance panel providing ongoing support to referees and referees coaches across south-east Queensland. Matt's achievements in the last 12 months include his attendance at the 2024 Federation of International Touch World Cup in England, attending his 3rd World Cup, Matt officiated the Men's 30s Final. He is regularly ranked amongst the top 10 referees in the world and is part of the National Touch Referee Elite Squad.



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Kylie Preo - Redlands Coast inaugural Administrator of the Year 2024

Kylie demonstrates unyielding empathy to sport in Redlands. Dedicating nearly 60 hours a week as an administrator at Redlands Rugby League Club, shows her deep commitment to the club and its community.

Kylie holds multiple Roles serving as Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar, and takes on significant responsibilities to ensure the club operates smoothly, reflecting her dedication to its success. Kylie provides support for Coaches, Staff, managers, and teams to helping them perform their roles more effectively.

She is qualified to coach all age groups from U6 to Opens, demonstrating her commitment to athlete development and her understanding of the sport.



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Elisa Morris - Redlands Coast inaugural Volunteer of the Year 2024

Elisa has consistently demonstrated an unyielding empathy towards sport in the Redlands region, particularly through her long-standing commitment to the Point Lookout Surf Life Saving Club. Since joining the club in 2008, her involvement has been characterised by a deep concern for the well-being, development, and success of young athletes, as well as a genuine desire to foster a strong community spirit within the club.

Her commitment is evident in her role during the intensive week-long Bronze Medallion and SRC courses. Beyond her direct work with nippers, Elisa's empathetic nature is reflected in her role as the female chaperone for younger club members. She takes on this responsibility with great care, ensuring the safety Through her roles as a mentor, fundraiser, and leader,

Elisa has had a profound impact on the sporting community in the Redlands. Elisa's contributions have been instrumental in shaping the club's success, culture, and community, making her an invaluable member of Point Lookout SLSC.

