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Lauga praises Keppel surf lifesavers record

More than 730 surf lifesavers rescued eight swimmers and performed nearly 6000 hours of patrols on Yeppoon and Emu Park beaches last season, the Member for Keppel Brittany Lauga said today.

“In the Keppel electorate we have surf lifesaving clubs at both those beaches, and together their actions during the 2019/20 season were remarkable.

“They undertook 1331 preventative actions, performed 53 first aid treatments, and trained up 29 new members.”

Ms Lauga said Surf Life Saving Queensland’s annual report for the Keppel beaches recorded 34,892 beach visitations and 800-plus travellers to the area.

“We should all be so thankful for the time, training and discipline these volunteer lifesavers put in each weekend in order to keep us safe on the beaches.”

She said there were also 49 volunteers who trained for and received new awards in first aid, advanced resuscitation, inshore rescue boat (IRB) crew, IRB driver or beach management.

“There were more than 34,000 surf club members throughout the state, and more than 131,000 people have returned home to their loved ones after being rescued by Queensland volunteers or lifeguards throughout the state.

“I’m proud to be patron of the Emu Park SLSC, which recently was granted \$1 million for clubhouse upgrades.

“I’m really looking forward to seeing the work being completed.”

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Ms Lauga said in 2020 Surf Life Saving Queensland celebrates 90 years of keeping Queenslanders and visitors safe on our 8,000km of coastline, and the Palaszczuk Government is proud to support these dedicated club members.

“It is one of the largest volunteer-based community service organisations in Australia, and all lifesaving personnel are trained in various lifesaving techniques and must attain an Award prior to performing patrol services,” she said.

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