

Karon Lekeu

CLOVELLY SLSC

Karon Lekeu has been around Clovelly SLSC since 2001 when she joined the Clovelly Eskimos with her husband Henri and two daughters. The following year she became the U6's assistant age manager and was mentored by Life Member Sydney D'Orna. Karon remained the age manager of this group until they completed their SRC in 2010.

Throughout her time at the Nippers, Karon served on the committee and was often found at many carnivals.

In 2004 Karon completed her Bronze Medallion under the watchful eye of Ken Ryan as she was the only female in her squad. Continually upskilling she became Patrol Captain of Team 5 and completed 10 years of Active Patrol Service. Throughout this time Karon became involved in the management of Clovelly SLSC, first as Secretary 2008-2011 and then became the 2nd only female President, serving from 2016-2019. Karon is the current Recruitment Officer for the club which acts as a support structure for new members on the committee.

Karon has many achievements which she is proud of, including the securing of funding to develop the disabled access ramp and the initiation of the 'One Club' approach alongside the Nippers and Eskimos. A proud moment of Karon's was competing for the Clovelly Eskimos at the 2004 Australian Winter Swimming Championships which was the first time women were able to swim competitively.

Karon says the best thing about Clovelly is the wonderful sense of community that comes from inclusiveness and camaraderie amongst the members of Clovelly. Her advice to members is to get involved however you can, whether it's cooking a BBQ, clean-up days or taking on new roles in the club. She believes that joining Clovelly SLSC is a great way to meet people and make life-long friendships.

