

MICHAEL BONNICI – BIOGRAPHY

Michael involves himself in several interdisciplinary activities ranging from his work as a Town Planner in Local Government, a Rugby League Referee for the NSW Elite competitions and more notably his commitments to his Volunteering in Surf Life Saving.

At the age of 22, Michael is the Club Captain and Lifesaving Director of his local Surf Life Saving Club in Cronulla. Michael also acts as a Duty Officer for critical incidents alongside other Emergency Services personnel and leads numerous leadership development camps for those young members moving through the pathways of Surf Life Saving. Collectively, Michael volunteers over 200 hours a year and is extremely proud and passionate about the promotion of youth development and beach safety.

Michael was the Sydney South 'Volunteer of the Year' 2017 & NSW / ACT 'Young Achiever of the Year' 2018, recognising his efforts for both his Surf Life Saving volunteer efforts as well as commitments to charities such as Samaritans Purse, the Australian Red Cross, Meals on Wheels and the Salvation Army. Michael has travelled to Cambodia to help build schools and provide aid for those impoverished regions as well as acted as an ambassador for the Australian Red Cross for Blood Donations. Michael was active in door knocking in the red shield appeal for the Salvation Army as well as volunteering for Meals on Wheels to the elderly.

Michael is extremely passionate about educating others, having helped educate hundreds Culturally and Linguistically Diverse people in Sydney as well as primary school children across regional NSW about the importance of Beach safety across NSW.

This year Michael completed in Bachelor of City Planning (Honours) at the University of NSW from which he was a Peer mentor to younger students, the President in the Planning Students Club as well as an a student ambassador for the University. My graduated with a John Shaw Memorial Scholarship for his commitments to society whilst undertaking full-time study.