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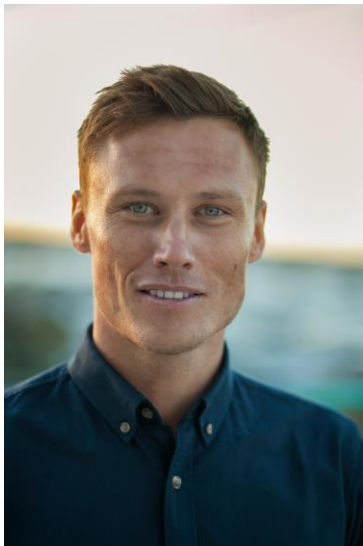
Date: Thursday 11th July 2019

Subject: New Staff at SLSNR

Attention: All Member

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Life Saving Manager- Ari Peach



Ari joins SLSNR with a wealth of experience in the emergency services sector as an intensive care Paramedic with St John Ambulance and more recently as the lead lecturer for Pre-Hospital Mental Health at the Auckland University of Technology. Ari also has noteworthy Surf Life Saving experience as a United North Piha volunteer lifeguard and as a past Regional Guard employee. Ari has a strong interest in first responder wellbeing and has recently completed his master's thesis which explores the role of counselling in supporting paramedics after critical incidents. A recent highlight for Ari has been the development and delivery of a new organisation-wide training initiative for Wellington Free Ambulance on ambulance staff mental health and wellbeing. We look forward to Ari joining SLSNR on the **19th of August**.

Community Education Manager - Pia Harpour



Pia will be well known to many within the Community Education team as a long-serving instructor and previous interim-manager. Pia is a proud member of the Bethells Beach Surf Lifesaving Patrol, during her time there she has served as Chief instructor, rookie co-ordinator and has been a club committee member for the past four seasons. Pia is a part of the callout squad and shares the Patrol Captain duties across two of the four patrols. At a regional level, this season Pia has served as a community education instructor, peer supporter, a SurfCom operator and a paid lifeguard. Recently Pia gained her Examiners Award to help retain members within SLSNR. Pia is looking forward to furthering her work and supporting SLSNR in the achievement of its community education outcomes. Pia has joined our team as of this week.



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Paid Lifeguard Supervisor- Ollie Irwin



Two-time winner of Lifeguard of the Year Ollie Irwin needs little introduction in New Zealand lifesaving circles. Ollie is a lifeguard of 26 years and has held various roles for SLSNR from being a Rock Fishing Advisor and Regional Lifeguard Patrol Captain. For the last six years Ollie has been on the SLSNR RWC team, event guard team and SLGA examiners team. He has been recognised for his past achievements for Innovation, Examiner of the year, Lifeguard of the year and a service award.

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Interim Sport Manager – Zac Franich



Zac has been on the beach for the past five seasons as the head coach at Orewa SLSC and joins our team in an Interim Sports Manager capacity. Zac has been an Orewa SLSC member for the past 25 years and a qualified lifeguard for 16 years. Aside from his current coaching role at Orewa, he has been the SLSNR HP Coach since 2016 and was appointed as the NZ Youth & Junior Black Fins coach in February for the LWC 2020 Campaign. Zac brings a wealth of knowledge from a sporting perspective along with some fresh ideas for the region sports programmes