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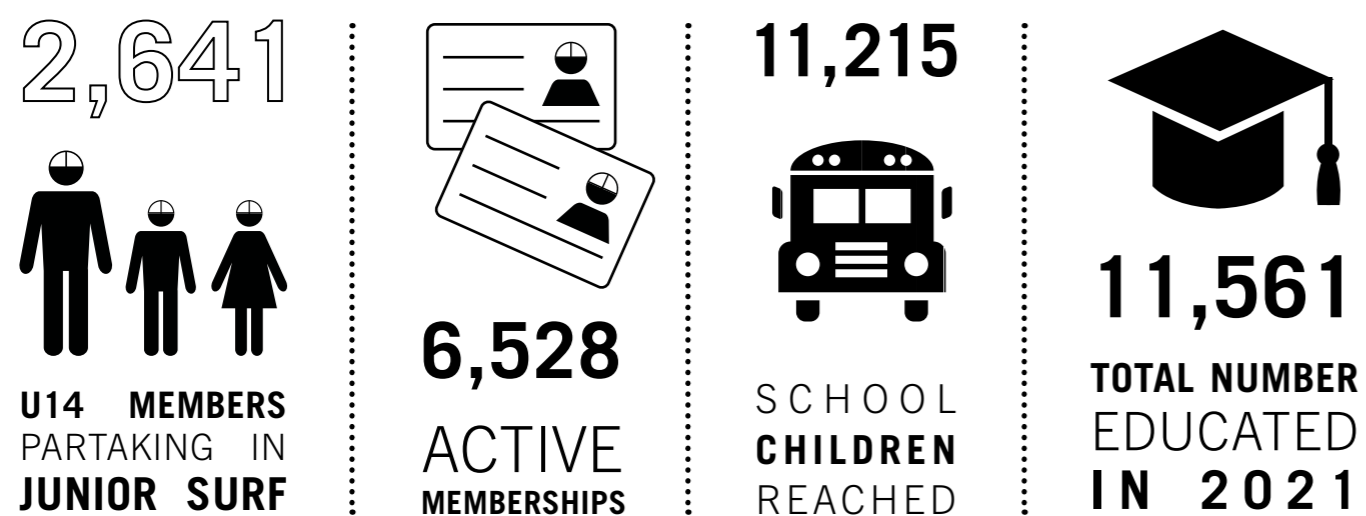
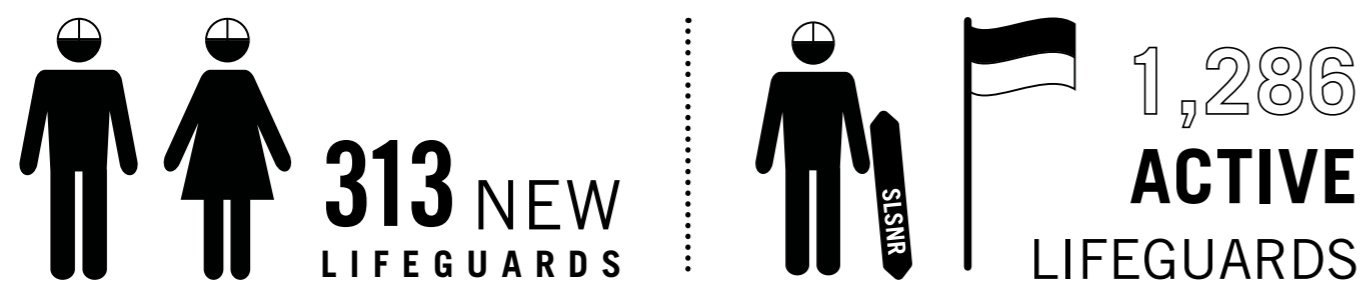
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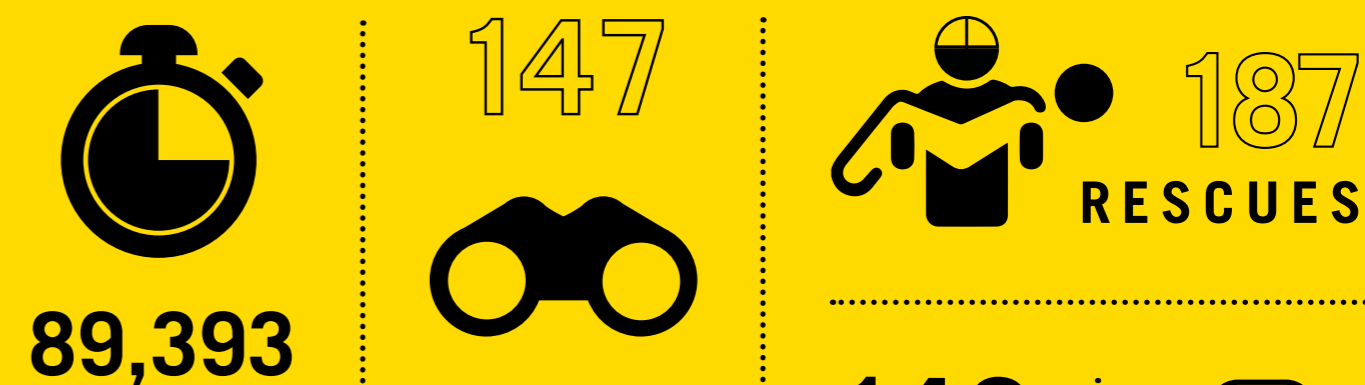
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2021 SEASON AT A GLANCE



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



The 2020-21 season for Surf Life Saving Northern Region's 17 (now 18) clubs again demonstrated that, regardless of what happens to our communities, the ocean's dangers don't change. COVID-19 challenged our clubs to deliver their services differently, but we were fortunate to be spared the disruptions of the previous season and for most this summer was pretty much business as usual.

At the outset of the season however, we were very apprehensive about what was in store for our lifeguards given the uncertainties around the impact of the pandemic. It was also a testing time for our clubs as they contemplated a future where the needs of beachgoers would change and grow, and the demands on our guards become more intense. As the summer progressed, we were reassured by a continued pattern of improved behaviour by the public between the flags and more attention being paid to lifeguards' instructions.

The past season also saw some uncertainty about where the movement was headed, what would be required to meet the changing needs of our public, and how clubs might meet the resource demands arising from the changes we saw coming.

Lifesaving is now a year-round commitment and it was notable this year that our guards were often being required to respond to incidents outside normal patrol hours and often in quite remote areas of the coast. The demand on facilities and equipment that brings is significant. The rescues that featured in this year's Awards of Excellence Rescue of the Year finalists for example were epic in their complexity and the skills of the lifeguards' responses.

For the clubs, the challenge into the future will not simply be to maintain the level of services we currently provide, but to increase that level, and our biggest challenge, which the SLSNR Board and management team fully understand and support, is the importance of recruiting and retaining volunteers to meet future demands.

This season was something of a watershed one for SLSNR in terms of refining our strategic focus in that way and I look forward to the advances I see coming in 2021-22.

My thanks, on behalf of the Board and SLSNR management, to all our club leaders, organisers, coaches and volunteers. You are Surf Life Saving and once again your efforts in 2020-21 were top-shelf and hugely valuable to keeping our communities safe in their recreation.

Jim Coe
President

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT



Surf Life Saving Northern Region made it through the year with plenty to be proud of despite the disruptions and uncertainties of COVID-19. A special tribute to all the volunteers who just keep on making it happen - performing their duties through the patrolled season, many then making themselves available to be on standby as part of our increasingly busy Search and Rescue Squads and the myriad of training and planning that continues over the colder months.

With the previous season cut off early clubs started off the 2020-21 season eager to make up time with training and new qualifications. We celebrated the qualification of 313 new lifeguards and 41 Patrol Supporters, keeping our region's trainers and examiners very busy.

Internal tourism saw most of the Northern Region beaches much busier than previously. During our Labour Weekend-to-Easter season, our lifeguards committed almost 66,000 volunteer hours to patrolling 24 beach locations, making around 26,000 safety interventions involving more than 114,000 people. 148 beachgoers who would otherwise almost certainly have drowned were rescued along with 264 assists from the water where the need for a rescue was probably only minutes away. Interestingly many of these interventions took place outside our patrolled areas, with a much greater involvement of watercraft - particularly jet-skis. I attribute this trend to the crucial preventative work of our lifeguards but also increased responsibility from the public, swimming between the flags and following our lifeguard's instructions to stay safe.

Beyond our season there is an ongoing need for lifesaving resource to be ready 24/7. All 18 SLSNR clubs now have SAR Squads and these teams were collectively called out 115 times, saving a further 38 swimmers, boaters or surfers from a tragic end, while also being involved in eight searches for missing people and, sadly, helping recover eight bodies. Throughout the year, SLSNR's rescue communications centre SurfCom handled 348 incidents, with our Duty Officers attending 23 major incidents, and our Peer Supporters assisting members involved in traumatic situations on 42 occasions.

Our pool, beach and IRB competitions are a vital part of ensuring our volunteers are at peak fitness and skill levels to tackle the demands of a beach day with high surf and large volumes of beachgoers. Reflecting the role of these activities we have now adopted the name Competitive Lifeguarding for these events. This season we had four events cancelled because of COVID but still completed 13 competitions, involving more than 3,000 participants.

Our first ever Central Government funding allocation was well-timed with many of our traditional sources for grants that fund a big part of our activities severely impacted by COVID-19. Funding and support from the Auckland Regional Amenities Funding Board, Auckland Council and the Regional Councils in Northland and Waikato are essential to our core activities. Despite the significant financial pressure they also face, the level of support they give to surf lifesaving reflects the importance they place on the vital role our activities play in keeping their ratepayers and visitors out of trouble on the coast.

Sponsorship from Toyota Financial Services, who provide funding and vehicles for the Region, and Yamaha who provide jet skis used collaboratively by clubs, is also crucial to the level of service we deliver.

The Northern Region whanau has now increased to include a new surf life saving club at Baylys Beach on Auckland's northern west coast. While we have had peak summer patrols at this location for some years, it is great to see the local community develop facilities that can support their own club and membership.

A review of SLSNR's governance and operational structure commenced in February 2020, and this exercise is providing clubs an excellent opportunity to consider what level of support and collaboration they require to effectively meet the needs of their community while maintaining their own sovereignty and an appropriate influence over regional activities.

As always, the biggest thank-you must go to the volunteers of all ages who patrol, contribute on working parties and committees, and who coach, train, examine and support our lifeguards. Population growth and diversity place increasing demands on the services provided in the Region. I also warmly acknowledge the efforts of my fellow Board members, along with our President Jim Coe, our CEO Matt Williams and his team. The region is indeed in good heart.

Denise Bovaird
Chair



MINISTER'S REPORT



As Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector, I want to thank you all for the extraordinary job you do around Aotearoa to keep our communities safe. Thank you also for the opportunity to put on record my appreciation of your mahi.

The past year has been challenging, and it has highlighted the importance of our strong, vibrant and active community sector. It has also shone a spotlight on the resilience of the sector and the crucial role that volunteers play.

I know that our Surf Life Saving Clubs are made up of a large number of volunteers, who generously give their time to ensure that Kiwis- and visitors- can enjoy our beaches and natural environment safely. Many clubs have also become hubs that have extended support to local communities and also offered development opportunities to members, including a focus on youth.

I want to acknowledge the varied roles that Surf Life Saving plays - from saving lives through to teaching young people about surf safety, and coaching young athletes to be the best they can be.

Kiwi love the water, and with summer fast-approaching, I want to once again thank you all for your dedication to keeping us all safe. This year, after the restrictions we have faced with the Delta variant, our beaches are likely to be even busier. A busy summer will undoubtedly mean a busier time for our Surf Life Saving Clubs.

Thank you for all the work you are doing for New Zealanders across the country.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Priyanca".

Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan
Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector



CEO'S REPORT



Surf Life Saving Northern Region entered the 2020-21 season with vivid memories of a previous season clipped by the sudden arrival of COVID-19 in mid-March 2020 and clarity on the need to prepare the organisation and its funding models for further disruption in the year ahead.

But aside from a second dip into lockdown in August 2020, and a brief lockdown in February of 2021, the 2020-21 season was generally spared major disruption by the pandemic, which was largely kept at bay through the summer and the balmy post-season autumn months.

Border closures and significantly reduced international travel meant beaches across the country were even more popular as leisure destinations and our volunteer and paid lifeguards again served their communities proud in another busy season.

During the season, our lifeguards committed a total of almost 66,000 volunteer hours to patrols of 24 beach locations, making around 26,000 safety interventions involving more than 114,000 people. They were called upon to perform 148 rescues of beachgoers who would otherwise almost certainly have drowned, along with 264 assists from the water – where the need for a rescue was probably only minutes away.

Lifeguards were also at hand to dispense major or minor first-aid for 730 people and assisted in almost 100 searches for missing people on the coastline. What was interesting was the extent to which these interventions took place outside our patrolled areas, with a much greater involvement of watercraft getting into trouble – particularly jet-skis. I would attribute this trend not only to the continually changing face of coastal recreation with new craft being used, hobbies and recreation being undertaken and previously remote areas being frequented more often. Additional to the increase in response outside of the flags it should also be noted that driving this trend is the crucial preventative work by our guards “between the flags” which is reducing the need for rescues and other interventions, an increase in degree of responsibility from the public, swimming between the flags and following our lifesavers’ instructions to stay safe.

Our role of course doesn’t end when the season wraps around Easter, resuming the following October. Between times, a smaller number of New Zealanders continue to find their recreation in our coastal waters requiring ongoing lifesaving resource to be ready 24/7. SLSNR’s 18 Emergency Callout Squads (ECOS) were called out 115 times, saving a further 38 swimmers, boaties or surfers from a tragic end, while also being involved in eight searches for missing persons and, sadly, helping recover eight bodies.

SLSNR’s rescue communications centre SurfCom handled 348 incidents this season, with our Duty Officers attending 23 major incidents, while our Peer Supporters assisted members involved in traumatic situations on 42 occasions.

Our season beach statistics don’t, however, paint the whole picture of the Region’s achievements. It often passes unnoticed by the general public the extent to which our lifeguards’ feats on patrol derive from many hours of training, honed by a full, competitive surf sports season. Our pool, beach and IRB championships are a vital part of ensuring our volunteers are at peak fitness with skill levels to tackle the demands of a beach day with high surf and large volumes of beachgoers. This season we had four events cancelled because of COVID’s late season arrival, but still completed 13 events involving more than 3,000 participants.

Outside the competition circuit, our volunteers – young and old – gave an enormous amount of their time to ensuring our lifeguards had the skills necessary to effect rescues quickly and safely. This season the Region graduated 127 rookies through to full lifeguard status, qualified 313 into the movement along with 41 Patrol Supporters – a vital new cog in the support network. There is also a tremendously important role carried out by our community education team who took the beach safety message to more than 11,500 children and adults.

This season saw a very notable increase in the number of SLSNR clubs with the arrival as a fully fledged surf club of Bayly’s Beach located on Ripiro Beach in Dargaville – a welcome addition to the SLSNR family, whose arrival acknowledges the undeniable need to expand our services in Northland and a notable increase in beach numbers at new locations in the Region.

In total, these statistics tell a story of a volunteer movement which make a huge and important difference to the lives of New Zealanders recreating at our beaches and on the water.

The achievements of the 2020-21 season also owe a huge amount to our other supporters, of course: our funders, sponsors and other partners, who are on the journey with us every step of the way. They tell us we’re easy to support but last year was a difficult time for all organisations in New Zealand and their support under such circumstances was deeply appreciated and gratefully received.

Auckland Council needs to be acknowledged for their continued partnership and support across many vital areas of our business, and for leading the way in local government engagement for surf lifesaving nationally. As principal sponsor of SLSNR, and of our annual Awards of Excellence, Toyota Financial Services (TFS) deserves a special thanks too. TFS continues to grow its support for lifesaving – that support was recently extended to the movement across New Zealand.

Alongside TFS, Yamaha brings a special dimension to our organisation through its provision of state-of-the-art, fit-for-purpose water assets that enable our clubs to respond quickly and effectively on the beach and in the water to incidents as they arise. Yamaha are another sterling ally in our work to keep the public safe.

Finally, my thanks to our Board: our Chair, Denise Bovaird, Stephen Deschamps, Anthony Drake, Joanne Hobson and our President Jim Coe: your wisdom, passion and devotion to the cause are priceless to us and it continues to be my pleasure to support you in your governance roles.

And to my team – a massive thank you for your efforts this past year under difficult circumstances. The year has once again shown that SLSNR’s strong culture, connectedness and ability to work together in good times or bad allows us to succeed in even the most difficult circumstances.

Matt Williams
CEO



WHO WE ARE

Surf Life Saving Northern Region (SLSNR) is the primary organisation for the delivery of beach and coastal drowning-prevention services to millions of people in the upper North Island of New Zealand. Our iconic lifeguards continue to be a treasured and time-honoured sight on the coastlines of New Zealand.

Today SLSNR consists of 17 member organisations (with Baylys Beach being added as a member from 1 July 2021), flying the flag for safe beach recreation at 17 clubs from Raglan north to Cape Reinga and down the east coast to Auckland. Our single and simple purpose is to protect the Region's communities in the water, on our beaches and on our coastline.

The surf lifesaving movement in New Zealand has continued to evolve in recent years as the movement's role and impact continue to grow. Today's lifesavers provide support to the public through a vast array of valuable services, many of which weren't evident in the past.

Our lifeguards are primarily to be found "between the flags", where they have a long, proud history of providing formal supervision to beachgoers at 22 patrol locations throughout the Northern Region. Their presence on patrol has traditionally been from Labour Weekend in late October through to April the following year, but the length of the lifeguard season continues to grow with increasing demand from the community to have formal supervision provided for more hours of the day and more days in the year.

While patrolling, lifeguards work closely with the public on the beach to help them avoid the many dangers present, but they are still regularly required to respond to a wide array of emergencies at, or near, the beach and rescue people in difficulties in the water. Their emergency training and resources mean lifeguards are frequently asked to assist in responding to on-beach or near-beach first-aid incidents, ranging from jellyfish stings or sprained ankles through to more serious incidents like cardiac arrests or vehicle accidents.

Our lifeguards also contribute a critical element to New Zealand's Search and Rescue efforts, being called out for on-water or near-beach SAR duties around our coastlines throughout the year, ensuring a rapid response to coastal emergencies at all times.

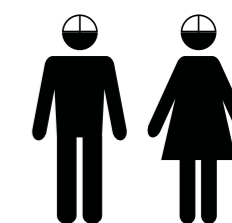
Outside of our patrolled beaches, SLSNR also provides formal event-safety services to commercial entities and the community, ensuring those events and other forms of organised coastal recreation have access to lifesaving skills and services.

Community Education continues to be a huge part of SLSNR's purpose and an important building block in New Zealand's Drowning Prevention Strategy. You will find lifeguards in classrooms, at marae, at tertiary institutions, at public events and on beaches educating people of all ages on critical water-safety competencies throughout the year.

Surf Life Saving also offers more than 15 different sport disciplines for its members to take part in and compete in, through formal and informal sport-and-recreation pathways and frequent large-scale sporting events. These pathways allow thousands of athletes from age six to 60-plus to play, learn, and compete on the water and beach.

Overarching all of this is our role in supporting our member clubs and shaping strategies to ensure our organisation and those clubs continue to be relevant to their stakeholders and provide attractive volunteering opportunities. In the constantly changing landscape that is volunteering, SLSNR works closely with our club members to ensure they are well-placed to deliver to their future aspirations in addition to our continuing role of providing governance, leadership and advocacy for our member organisations.

LIFE MEMBERS



Muriel Brown*	1957	John Thomas	1993	Warwick Bell	2013
A. Pearce*	1961	Ian Maclaine*	1994	Christopher Parsons	2013
Albie Veart*	1962	Neil Reid	1995	Jim Coe	2013
John Chapman*	1976	Noel Kay	2000	Johnny Clough	2013
Abbie Day*	1977	Ian Hill	2003	Mark McCarthy	2014
Eddie Millar*	1978	Graeme Danks	2004	Stephen Smith	2014
Bob Rogers*	1978	Neil Falloon*	2004	Alan Franich*	2015
Bert McCarthy*	1979	Denis Cooksley	2006	Stephen Butler	2015
Jim Ferguson*	1980	Robert Ferguson	2008	Pat Olsen	2016
Denis Black	1981	Murray Bray	2008	John Chapman	2016
Malcolm Beattie	1986	Timothy Jago	2010	Grant Morrison	2017
E. Wright*	1987	Bob Mercer	2010	Jonathon Webber	2019
Roger Curtice	1989	Dick (Richard) Pocock	2010	Joanne Hobson	2020
Bob Harvey	1990	Gareth Neilson	2011	Faron Turner	2020
Buddy Lucas*	1991	Wayne Franich	2012	Henry Backhouse-Smith	2020
Valerie Walton	1991	Stephen Pye	2012	Michelle Newton	2021
Ross Malyon	1992	Patricia Reid	2012		

*Deceased



SURF LIFE SAVING 2021 STRATEGIC PLAN

OUR VISION

A well-educated public participating in safe enjoyment of our coastlines

Our beaches and coastlines are treasures. We value the ability of all the public to access them readily at all times of the year and the costless recreation they provide, their natural value, and their ability to attract visitors.

We want to ensure beaches remain readily used, and that those who use them have safe access provided through the services of Surf Life Saving Northern Region (SLSNR), both on and off the beach, through active lifesaving delivery, and various forms of education and engagement.

OUR MISSION

Preventing beach-related death and injury on our coastlines

SLSNR's core focus continues to be the reduction of the on-beach drowning toll in our region. This will continue to be through the planned delivery of on-beach lifesaving supervision, and public education.

While our core mission has not changed from previous years, it has been expanded to account for the continuing trend of increasing demands and responses for our lifeguards, in order for us to adequately plan and resource operations.

OUR VALUES

SLSNR is committed to the wellbeing of all its membership, and the public who rely on the services we provide

- Risk is a constant partner in our business and we value our services being delivered in the safest way.
- We are committed to our responsibility to understand and manage the risk that exists in the environments our members operate in.
- The public has an inherent trust in the services we provide; we honour this commitment and will always deliver our services to the highest standard.

Achieving greater outcomes through collaboration, utilising strong affiliations and partnership

- SLSNR is built on the support of its member clubs and the strong affiliation of each club's membership.
- Within our membership we hold a vast knowledge base which adds value and insight to organisational decision-making processes.
- Collaboration will continue to drive organisation efficiency and uniformity of operations.

Serving the public courageously

- We value and honour the courage it takes to save a life.
- We engage in this service not for personal gain or reward but to better the quality of life in the local communities we serve.
- This service enhances our organisation's reputation and mana.

Stakeholder relationships premised on trust and honesty

- We rely on investment and support from the public, and public and philanthropic funders.
- We commit to continuing to ensure effective and agreed open use of public funding.

The mauri of waitai and its importance to our identity

- The ocean is of great importance to the public, and SLSNR's identity.
- Its overall health – water quality, use by community, rāhui – impacts the community and is of relevance and importance to us.
- We will advocate to continuing practices that enhance and support the mauri of our coastlines and beaches.

The need to continually review operations and innovate

- We accept that we exist in a dynamic, changing landscape.
- Developing and emerging technologies provide valuable opportunities to improve organisational outcomes and public health and safety.
- It is important to openly and objectively review the way we deliver our services.

The importance of SLSNR's culture, and that this culture drives our service

- Our culture is our currency.
- Members have strong affiliation to their clubs and the coastal locations where they reside.
- Surf Life Saving's unique culture is valued, creates "better people", and will be fostered.

OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

COVID-19 and its impacts required a narrowing of the organisations focus to better serve the current needs of our member clubs and ensure the organisation was well positioned to respond to the short and medium term challenges that arose out of the COVID-19 pandemic.

While 2021 marked the third year of delivery to our 2018 – 2021 Strategic Plan and the continued progress of our strategic areas of focus, key strategies were refined to focus on the support and growth of SLSNR member clubs and their current operational needs as a key priority

Key strategic areas of focus 2021

- 1. Supporting the lifesaving process through:**
 - a. Developing lifeguarding benchmarks for each Club
 - b. Determining the equipment requirements to support Club's patrols
 - c. Annual reviews of Club facilities to identify where funding or support is required to ensure they properly meet lifeguarding capability.
- 2. Supporting member clubs in the retention and recruitment of members, and membership development (refreshers, Surf Lifeguard Awards, IRB development, First Aid and instructor and examiner progress);**
- 3. Progressing the SLSNR organisational review; and**
- 4. Improving communication and information sharing across all levels and areas of the organisation.**

We look forward to sharing our progress, success and learnings in delivering this Plan over the course of this Annual Report.

STRATEGIC OUTCOME 1
**GROWING STRONGER
CLUBS**





CLUB OF THE YEAR UNITED NORTH PIHA

Winning the Surf Life Saving Northern Region Club of the Year this year was a huge achievement for everyone in our club and reflected the consistent work that has been done by many enthusiastic members and supporters over a broad range of club activities.

Because of the increased demands of having to patrol two significant areas of our beach we are always looking for innovative ways to ensure high-function patrol groups.

The addition of a club-based and manned Rescue Water Craft has increased our patrol efficiency particularly at low-tide scenarios when it is difficult to utilise an IRB to herd beach-users back into the patrolled area. It is a high-profile piece of rescue equipment and there is an aspirational drive from our younger lifeguards to get to a standard where they can become operators.

With the imminent clubhouse and patrol tower rebuilds in place, we reached out to our local community for help and have been overwhelmed by their support and appreciation for what we do. This season we were able to host a “meet the locals” evening, a great night where our clubbies met members of our local community in a social setting.

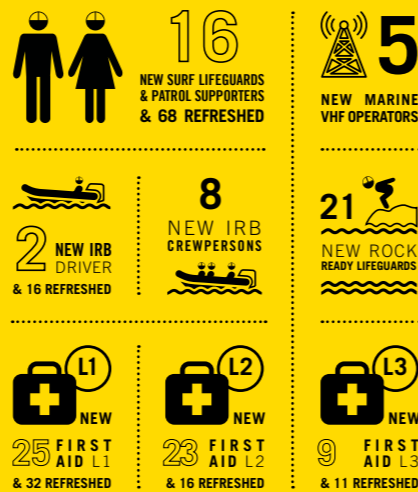
Also a favourite for local families is our New Year’s Day kiddie’s day, an event where kids (and adults) get to have fun in all forms of running races, gumboot throws or a lolly scramble.

We continue to have a strong focus on giving our members every opportunity to improve on, or gain, new skills by offering a wide range of training opportunities, from completing refresher programmes, to club swimming nights, IRB training, and opportunities to attend SLSNR and SLSNZ training events.

Our club works tirelessly to be ready on the beaches for our community.

By Robert Ferguson (President)

TRAINING AWARDS



SEASON AT A GLANCE



CLUB REPORT BAYLYS BEACH IS BACK



“New people, new home, same place” is how Baylys Beach Surf Life Saving Patrol committee members describe themselves since their brand-new surf club and Community Centre was built in late 2020. With the ongoing support of their committee members and local community, Baylys Beach was proudly endorsed this year as the official 18th club in Surf Life Saving Northern Region (SLSNR) and the 75th club in New Zealand, with an incredible story to back their success.

Founding member and current president David Ross says the facility has been “more than just a new building, it’s the first building we have ever had,” with the community and lifeguards more than excited for the club’s future.

The timeline of Baylys Beach surf club begins in the late 1950s when it was first formed, but local authority consent issues forced the club to close its doors in 1982.

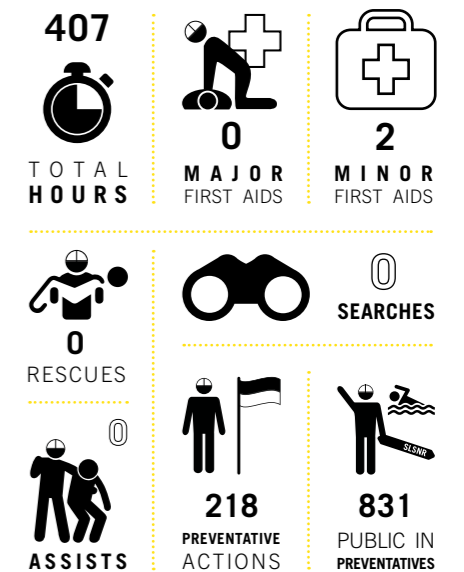
An under-funded surf club did not stop Baylys Beach from achieving its goals however, and the club hosted several events prior to its re-establishment, including the SLSNR IRB training programme in 2005, with the first IRB exam being held there in 2006.

As locals began to get used to the appearance of surf lifesavers in the area, they contacted SLSNR and asked if the club could be reviewed and re-established. In 2007, a community meeting was called, with three executive members from the SLSNR- Dean Storey, Johnny Clough and David Ross, to discuss the forming of a new club.

From there, Baylys Beach jumped from strength to strength with a volunteer patrol commencing in 2009 and their first qualified lifeguards being produced in 2010. In 2011, the Baylys Beach Surf Life Saving Patrol was constituted as an organisation, and they deservedly won the National Rescue of the Month in 2012. The success continued as two Baylys Beach lifeguards participated in the 2018 SLSNR Rescue of the Year, with Kyran Gillespie participating again in 2020.

These facilities have allowed the club to continue to pursue their goals and offer opportunities for young lifeguards in the area, expanding their services along Ripiro Beach and creating more patrolled beaches for New Zealanders to enjoy. The club hopes to enhance Junior Surf development, community development and continue to educate members. Ross says the club is extremely thankful to its loyal committee, who have been there from the beginning, and the community at Baylys who helped create the club and get it to where it is today.

SEASON AT A GLANCE



CLUB REPORT FAR NORTH

By Akesa Waitai-Ifopo
(President)



2020-21 was a season to be proud of for our Far North clubbies who showed up and supported our community through another period of growth, especially through the strengthening of our Junior Surf programme.

It is always rewarding keeping swimmers safe in the water at Paripari Beach over the peak season. However, this season also saw a growth in callouts and training opportunities for our Search and Rescue squad. This included the late-night rescue of two men and six dogs trapped by floodwater in Kaitaia in August 2020, the rescue of a surfer and search for two others at Te Kōhanga Shipwreck Bay in April 2021 and several medical events along Ninety Mile Beach. Additionally, our SAR Squad grew to almost double its original size over the season, with several members participating in the Northland SAR Squad training weekend at Waipū Cove and every single member achieving their CIMS 3 or higher – the first squad in Northern Region to do so.

A memorable and rewarding moment for our club was getting involved with our local Relay for Life. By participating together we were able to help raise funds to support those with cancer. A worthy cause that we were all proud to get involved with. Thanks to the commitment of our Far North team members we were able to navigate through the demands of the season, and despite COVID-19 complications things ran fairly smoothly. In addition to this, our club's beach education instructors helped educate more than 500 local school kids from around the Far North, delivering essential water-safety skills to a known high-risk population.

Good communications from Northern Region and the leadership team were also well received and a great support for our club. By focusing on training our existing guards during the year, more instructors were available to recruit and train new lifeguards and patrol support members. A highlight of this was the Rock Module and Board Rescue module trainings put on by our Northern Region Patrol Advocate, which has allowed our club instructors to now deliver these courses ourselves. Younger members were also encouraged to reach out for more responsibilities in various roles around the club. We want to continue developing our team by upskilling our current lifeguards and patrol support people, making us a stronger club in the years to come.

TRAINING AWARDS



SEASON AT A GLANCE



CLUB REPORT WHANGĀREI HEADS

By Jason Akroyd
(President)



The 2020-21 season was an extremely successful one for Whangārei Heads. Our club re-established its Search and Rescue Squad and ended up being one of the busiest squads in Northern Region, completing 14 after-hours incidents which resulted in 10 lives being saved, four assists and three bodies being recovered.

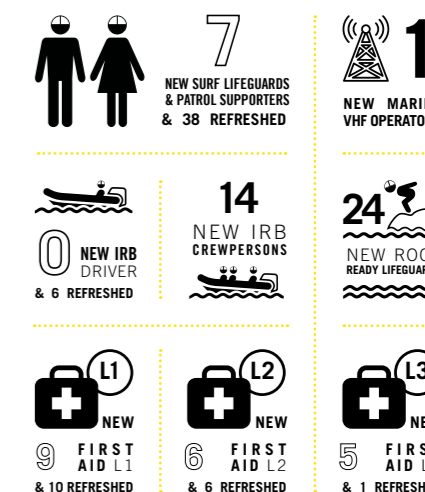
During the patrolling season, our lifeguards completed 3,058 patrol hours – an average of almost 70 hours per active member. We also performed one rescue, five assists, one major first-aid, six minor first-aids and two searches. The club's rescue of the year was performed by club members Josh Maxwell, Ben and Daniel Akroyd who rescued two inexperienced scuba divers swept about a kilometre offshore in large swells.

Our lifeguards took many opportunities to upskill this summer. We had 24 members get their Rock Training & Rescue Module, 14 achieve their IRB Crewpersons Module, 13 their Board Rescue Module, six their Coordinated Incident Management System, nine members got their First-Aid Level 1 and 10 refreshed, six achieved their First-Aid Level 2 and 6 refreshed, and four got their First-Aid Level 3 and 2 refreshed. We also trained seven new lifeguards, two new instructors and one new examiner.

Whangārei Heads trialed a drone as part of our patrolling operations for 2020-21. Five club members were trained as pilots by Northern Region, with the drone being used for preventative actions, keeping track of fishers on the surrounding rocky coastline and for searches – including one where we successfully located a stranded whale.

Finally, we must highlight Lindsay Hill and Rob Howes who were awarded Life Memberships for their dedication to the club. Nicky Howes also received her club Distinguished Service Award, while John-Michael Swannix received a club Service Award this year. Lindsay, Nicky and John-Michael were also honoured with Regional Service Awards from Northern Region at this year's Awards of Excellence.

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CLUB REPORT RUAKĀKĀ

By Tania Ahrens
(Chairperson)



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The 2020-21 year has brought about many changes in the way Ruakākā SLSP operates, and despite the challenges we have much to celebrate.

COVID-19 impacted the delivery of a number of our Beach Education days last year preventing the Auckland team from attending due to lockdown. Problem-solving and adjusting has become the new norm for us, and we organised support from our own lifeguards for these events, operating patrols under COVID-19 measures.

It was a busy summer for our Search and Rescue Squad and event lifeguards. The event lifeguards attended several events such as the Wild Kiwi Experience, the Parua Bay Swim and the Kai Iwi Lakes Triathlon. The SAR Squad was kept busy with a number of search and rescues and enjoyed working with the local Police and Coastguard.

Two of our senior lifeguards Kyran Gillespie and Tania Ahrens attended the Awards of Excellence hosted by SLSNR in Auckland this year. Both won in their respective categories and we are very proud of their efforts and successes.

The IRB Nationals proceeded as planned this year, allowing our club to host the event. It was a great success thanks to our wonderful and dedicated work team led by Ben McKernan.

This season Junior Surf has been a source of great growth and energy thanks to the programme team. The Northland Experience day planned by Donal Dray-Hogg in liaison with our Junior Surf Co-ordinator Jason Toovey brought a new event to the Junior Surf calendar that we hope to repeat in the future. Our Rookies also grew for a second season and we thank Jason and Donal for growing the next generation of lifeguards.

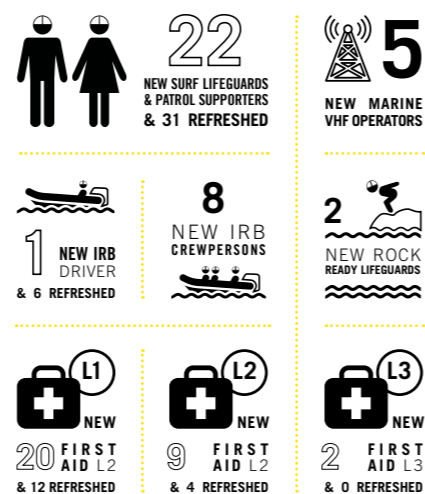
Despite Covid-19 we have had a record year for building social connections within the club from our lifeguards to Junior Surf. During the season we held a joint prizegiving, Christmas Party, and Junior and Senior Champs.

We wish to congratulate Baylys Beach Club for successfully becoming a full member club. This is the result of many hours of hard work and dedication of a number of club members who have served both Ruakākā and Baylys Beach over the years. It has been an honour to support the club and lifeguards in their endeavours.

Finally, we look to the future with hopes of progressing the plans for a new Clubhouse for Ruakākā. Nigel Taylor has stepped into the role of Project Manager and we have a sub-committee dedicated to making this a reality.

Thanks to all who have been a part of this year, despite its challenges, and to those continuing the journey.

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CLUB REPORT WAIPŪ COVE

By Kath Manning
(Club Captain)



The 2020-21 year was another busy one for Waipū Cove SLSC despite the COVID-19 challenges, with record Junior Surf registrations for our club (160), the roll-out of our new Coast Watchers initiative and patrolling innovations with the inaugural North-South lifeguard exchange with Rārangī SLSC near Blenheim.

It was also a very successful year for the club, with our SAR Squad team winning SAR Squad of the Year, Coast Watchers taking Innovation of the Year, Jaine Curran being awarded Instructor of the Year and Lucy Manning winning Rookie of the Year at the SLSNR Awards of Excellence.

Our pre-season Rookie Camp drew 28 participants who underwent a weekend of training on first-aid, CPR, rock safety, board skills, ocean swimming, and scenario practice, along with some social fun. Thanks to On Target Drilling for sponsoring the camp, and all our club Instructors for making it happen.

We qualified 19 Surf Lifeguards and six Patrol Supports, including many experienced adult lifesavers and Junior Surf parents. Our thanks to Jaine Curran who led the consultation and development of five new club values- Building Leaders, Celebrating Service, Connecting Communities, Family, Friends & Teamwork, and Promoting an Active Lifestyle.

With some championship events cancelled because of the pandemic, we ran our own Patrol Champs to keep our volunteers on their toes and ready to respond and help

build team spirit; this involved rescue races, scenario practice and team theory quizzes, where everyone could play to their strengths.

Another first for the club this season was running City Nippers “getaway” with 17 local and visiting holiday makers taking part, utilising club Community Educator instructors.

IRB racing and development is in full force at Waipū with one of our U19 Womens teams “Full Send” being named top U19 crew nationally, and all five crews medalling in the season’s competitions. This is an ongoing area of growth and focus for the club as a way of engaging and retaining our youth. Our Masters canoe team also continues to thrive and enjoy competing.

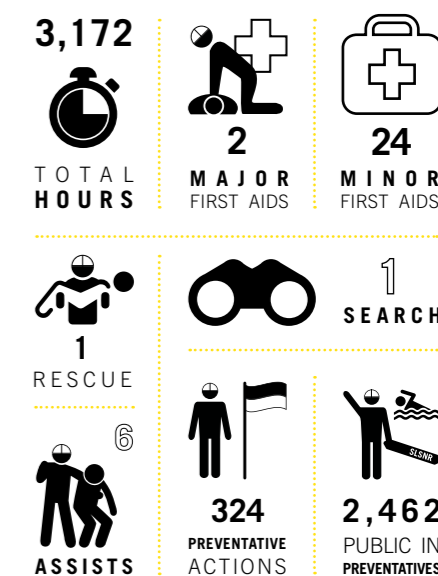
Another area we focus on is community engagement and support, which this year included the Mid-Winter swim, dune replanting, Christmas Parade involving over 100 members, gate duty for the Waipū Festival on New Year’s Day, the Waipū Primary Easter Carnival, a Quiz Night, our annual club day public ocean swim and fun run event, and water safety education for local schools. This season, the club won the Community Impact Award at the Bream Bay Sports Awards recognising our efforts in that area.

We continue to enjoy the legacy of our Life Members, who are celebrated at special happy hours, along with a “Legends” Dinner, and we wish to congratulate Ian Godfrey who celebrated 50 years’ patrolling the flags this season, along with Laurie Bell and Dave Woodman who have also been active members for 50 years. That’s a big milestone to reach, speaking of huge lifelong commitment and dedication to surf lifesaving, exemplifying the phrase “in it for life”.

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CLUB REPORT

MANGAWHAI HEADS

By Jon Drucker
(President)



2020-21 proved to be another fruitful season for Mangawhai Heads Volunteer Lifeguard Service as our team focused on building on the positive momentum gained through previous years.

A notable achievement for our club was qualifying 15 new lifeguards for their Surf Lifesaving Award. Existing lifeguards also upskilled in first aid, IRB operations and crew certifications by participating in intermediate and advanced lifeguard training courses. These developments ensured more robust and consistent patrols were available across the board for our club.

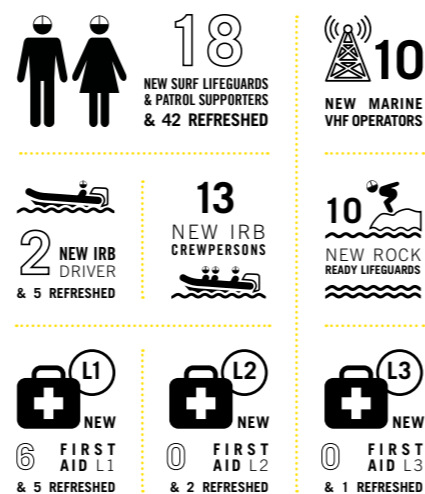
Additionally, our Junior Surf programme operated at full capacity for the second year in a row, allowing us to welcome new families into the lifesaving fold and increase our profile in the local community. The programme gives us new opportunities to imbue our beach and safety messaging through a growing community of new members, increasing our influence locally.

During the season we were extremely proud to witness our club provide community support on our coastline, with over 4,300 volunteer lifeguard hours logged covering major incidents both on patrol and in after-hours callouts to our Search and Rescue Squad.

A definite highlight for the 2020-21 season was watching a new generation of our club members begin to step up their involvement in our club, and in the greater lifesaving movement. We are also honoured that our response to a major incident was recognised through a nomination for SLSNR Rescue of The Year at the annual Awards of Excellence.

Thanks to the hard work of our volunteers, we were able to keep our head above the rising waters of responsibilities that we faced throughout the year. We also benefited greatly with help from other clubs and individuals in the SLS community, and our thanks also go to the regional and national surf lifesaving bodies and the other organisations who supported us this season.

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CLUB REPORT

ŌMAHA

By Linda Crisford
(President)



Investing in growing connections between our members has been a key focus for Ōmaha Surf Life Saving Club and an area of particular joy for our club in 2020-21.

This season we have continued to develop a club culture that is all-inclusive of age and gender, running events and activities that interest both our junior and senior members. We are particularly inspired by 69-year-old local resident David Stone, who has started training to be a lifeguard with us. He truly is living out the values treasured by the Ōmaha family.

As we worked to grow into a strong family and community club throughout the year, many exciting events were put on to provide fun activities for everyone. Some club activity highlights include a team-building weekend at Whangamatā Surf Club in May run by our Competitive Sports Organiser Tracy Blair. As well as an all-ages-and-abilities paddle from Scott's Landing up the Mahurangi River to Warkworth, a ski paddle to Mathesons Bay and the Ōmaha Reality Paddle (our version of the Molokai Event) organised by Life Member Frank Maher. These events have been so popular that they've become fixtures in our calendar.

We continue to try very hard to include our local community in all we do, not only by providing lifesaving and Search and Rescue Squad services but by making the club available to host local gatherings like yoga, spear-fishing events and underwater hockey mid-winter swim.

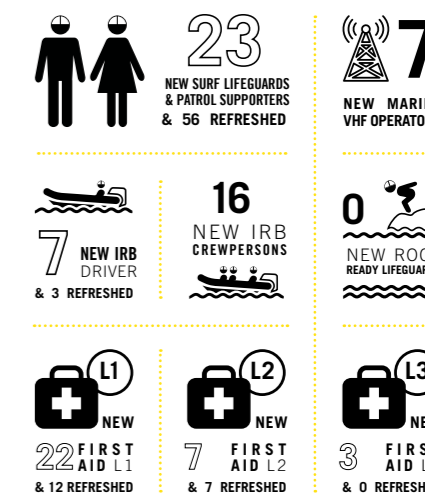
Our thanks to our professional and dedicated lifeguards, members and committee who have given extra time, experience and training to keep up with the requirements of an increasingly busy season. Maintaining the level of lifeguarding we need has been important as Ōmaha Beach is exponentially gaining in popularity due to many new homes being built in Warkworth and Matakana and its nearness to Auckland. This is continuing to bring new challenges as the numbers on the beach are rising so fast.

To keep our club thriving, our new treasurer Jess Broun has worked tirelessly to navigate the new government funding and put in place robust accounting procedures to manage this. We have worked hard on training and retaining lifeguards and had an increasing number of refreshers this season. We have been lucky to have trainer Andrew Cowan on board to teach our new lifeguards too.

In total 23 new lifeguards passed their exams and 223 juniors are now registered with the club. The growth of our Juniors is also continuing and thanks to the Junior Committee, this large group is able to enjoy a fantastic experience every Sunday morning. A former Ōmaha nipper and surf sports trainer has become Olympian athlete Teneale Hatton showing our youth the importance of chasing your dreams.

Lastly, we are proud that our club has become an important place for sharing experiences, tackling new challenges and growing friendships. A legacy we hope lives on.

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CLUB REPORT ŌREWA

By Faron Turner
(Chair)



Last season marked seven decades of Ōrewa SLSC serving its local community, and we are proud to live and breathe the lifesaving motto “in it for life”.

Our long-standing contribution through lifesaving and other services, wouldn't be possible without the adaptability of all those invested in, and contributing to, the club. With an attitude focused on mucking-in, removing barriers, getting things done and living out our values, Ōrewa has been able to thrive despite the challenge of the pandemic.

This past year our patrolling teams completed 3,756 volunteer hours on the beach, performing six rescues, 14 assists and over 1,000 preventative actions to protect beach-users from harm.

We are humbled by our lifeguards and patrol support members who continue to provide a high-quality service to the public during extended patrolling hours, contracting for event safety and responding to call-out emergencies 24/7 all-year-round. Well done to all our members, instructors and examiners for delivering a quality service in our primary function - to protect our community in the water.

Our junior and senior members have performed with excellence in Surf Sports this year and their achievements have been recognised at club, regional and national levels. Congratulations to everyone who has competed in sport events, and thanks to all those who have coached or managed teams at club and regional levels this season.

Member engagement, recruitment and retention is still the number one focus and priority for our team. We continue to develop our pool of active patrolling members, parent helpers and under-14 junior membership to be able to support the increasing service that we offer our local community and our members. Our future focus will continue to be on developing active and involved citizens through our club and engaging our community.

Our club is grateful for the continued support of our sponsors, our local council lead by Gary Brown, and our Patron and local MP Mark Mitchell. We truly couldn't exist without your generosity.

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CLUB REPORT RED BEACH

By Ross Malyon
(Secretary/PR Officer)



Our club notched up 68 years of operation in 2020-21 and we are proud to be both healthy and thriving, thanks to outstanding leadership from our management team and enthusiastic support from senior and junior committee members.

We ended the season having achieved our mission of keeping the community safe on the two beaches we patrol, Red Beach and Pākiri Beach. It was our 12th season of patrolling at Pākiri in addition to normal patrols at Red Beach. Attendance and commitment from the patrols this season was excellent and our lifeguards completed a total of 3,174 voluntary patrolling hours. We also carried out 248 preventative actions, three rescues, 31 first-aid treatments and one search.

Active membership continues to be a strength of the club, keeping the club flush with qualified lifeguards to meet our patrolling requirements. We had 22 lifeguards qualify for their Surf Lifeguard Award, while two qualified as Patrol Support guards. Ten Red Beach lifeguards qualified as IRB drivers, and a record 30 lifeguards obtained the IRB Crewman Award.

The Junior Surf programme jumped a notch with a record of 448 members, resulting in a significant number of families becoming connected with surf lifesaving and what it has to offer. The outcome was having more parents involved in the training of the youngsters and we are working to accommodate this growth in training and membership.

At the Junior NRCs in February, the club's 96 competitors won the Northern Region Junior Points Trophy for the sixth consecutive year. They also regained the Cath & Eddie Millar Cup.

At the Awards of Excellence night in July, we were proud to witness Harry Mellor collect the Surf Lifeguard of the Year award. It was last won by a Red Beach lifeguard in 1991. We also congratulate our athletes Akira Gardiner, Ciara O'Neill and Kate Rogers who were added to the SLSNZ High Performance squad.

Despite the fact that COVID-19 cast an enormous shadow over the last season, our club remains as one with all divisions of the club integrating well together.

It's great to see some encouraging leadership and mentoring qualities developing amongst the senior athletes, and the presence of a strong camaraderie among all squad members.

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CLUB REPORT

MAIRANGI BAY

By Mike Brown
(Chairman)



Mairangi Bay Surf Life Saving Club members continued to show resilience and resolve this 2020-21 season. The “it takes a village” mentality rang true for the team who pulled together to ensure every individual was safe, engaged and connected throughout the year.

Our patrol team proudly kept the North Shore communities safe across all East Coast Bays beaches, providing an important physical patrol presence at three popular North Shore beaches – Takapuna, Mairangi Bay and Long Bay.

Throughout the season, club members completed two rescues, 12 assists, 67 first aids, four official call-out rescues and eight searches. This also included 548 preventative actions involving 1,900 members of the public. Lifeguards from the club also put their hand up to provide Event Water Safety support for public and community fundraising events.

With over 200 actively patrolling lifeguards onboard, our club completed over 6,000 volunteer hours and were able to deploy the lions share of lifeguards required for Northern Regions Paid Lifeguard Service positions. We are extremely proud to have 49 new lifeguards and one new Patrol Support person qualify this season.

Membership numbers continue to grow for Mairangi Bay Surf Lifesaving club, with over 1,500 current financial members on the roster. We are pleased to share that better incentives were also put in place for members, like our new digital Senior Club Members Card which was introduced to enhance a sense of belonging as well as assist members in gaining discounts through our many club supporters.

2020-21 has seen a much-improved financial result for the club, thanks to the improved funding from SLSNZ through central government funding. We remain extremely grateful for the continued support of our many sponsors and numerous grant funding organisations.

Lastly, nothing would be possible without our amazing team of volunteers across the breadth of our club right from the management team through to our Junior Surf Sunday morning BBQ team, gear maintenance, and our amazing part-time Club Administrator – Leigh Storey.

Mairangi Bay SLSC is truly The Bay of Dreams for many.

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CLUB REPORT

MURIWAI

By Jo Cooper
(President)



For the 2020-21 season, we recognise the fantastic work our volunteers did with preventative actions and to prevent drownings on our beach. We value the time and commitment they put into keeping our community safe.

Our Search and Rescue Squad continued to provide support outside of patrol hours, and was recognised for its efforts through two BP Rescue of the Month Awards. Once again, we wish to acknowledge the incredible work the squad does alongside other emergency support services who operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

We started the season with a boost in numbers of new lifeguards, IRB crew- persons and drivers, trained RWC drivers, and first-aid training qualifiers. Our awesome instructors continued to commit their time to ensure current lifeguards were highly skilled and new lifeguards were inspired to learn and join the lifeguard fraternity.

This year our rookie programme had a very passionate and competent group of aspiring young lifeguards participate, completing the programme to a high standard.

Our Patrol 6- otherwise known as The Youth Patrol- also continued to thrive, with good numbers of keen and dedicated young lifeguards operating under the mentorship of other experienced lifeguards.

We are “Muriwai proud” of our many club operations and achievements this past season.

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CLUB REPORT

BETHELLS BEACH

By Sue Brewstar
(President)



Visitor numbers continue to rise inside and outside of patrol hours at Bethells Beach, increasing the demand for highly trained and agile lifeguards last season.

We are extremely proud of our club members who dedicated massive amounts of time over the season, both on and off-duty, providing 6,536 hours of service including 116 emergency call-out hours – the highest recorded emergency call-out time to date.

Prior to the official patrol season, our Search and Rescue Squad responded to a number of incidents, resulting in the development of a “Preventative Patrol” which involved our volunteer lifeguards being present on the beach from 3-6pm daily until the Paid Regional Lifeguards Service began in December.

Receiving a Rescue Water Craft at the beginning of 2021 gave a significant boost to our patrol capability, especially in terms of response to the northern and southern bays that form part of our SAR Squad rescue coverage.

Training and development continue to be a focus for our club, particularly in areas that are essential for quality lifeguarding on a west coast beach.

Our number of qualified and refreshed lifeguards increased during the season, meaning 140 lifeguards were available to protect the public on the beach. Over 2,600 preventative actions were carried out by our lifeguards which contributed to a low number of rescues being required.

We are pleased to report that in 2020-21, eight new qualified IRB drivers came onboard and 22 new qualified IRB crewpersons along with 40 lifeguards graduating with a Rock Module qualification. 114 lifeguards also qualified for first-aid certificates at all levels during the year, an essential skill as our location can cause delays in emergency medical services being able to respond to life threatening situations where every second counts.

We also ran a successful ATV driver-training course around the fundamentals of driving our vehicles in our Bethells Beach environment.

Our IRB racing teams grew in number with a very promising young and newly formed team, the Bethells Fews, earning bronze, silver and gold medals at the Northern Region IRB Championships and the IRB National Championships.

As a club, we are endeavouring to work more collaboratively with other clubs and water-safety organisations, continuing our affiliated membership with Waiheke Island to ensure people could gain lifeguarding skills on the island. A joint SAR Squad training session with Kariaotahi also took place to sharpen our clubs skills. We also joined forces with Drowning Prevention Auckland to launch a Lifejacket hub – the first of its kind at a local surf club. This involved making new lifejackets available at Bethells club and via our patrols for two-week loans for fishermen and other water users from our community.

A special mention is due for Henry Backhouse Smith who was presented with the inaugural “Legends of BBSLSP” award at our AGM, recognising his 43 years of service. It was also inspiring to see four members being nominated for Life Memberships this year.

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CLUB REPORT

PIHA

By Katie Arden
(General Manager)



Piha Surf Life Saving Club (PSLSC) members remained resilient in training, education and development during a COVID-19-interrupted season, ensuring our community was kept safe on the beach.

We are proud of the impact our lifeguards have within our community and beyond the iron sands. During patrols and Beach Education sessions our club continued to help educate the public around beach safety. Our lifeguards also continued to prove their agility by not only saving lives in the water, but also being a crucial support during car accidents on local roads this year.

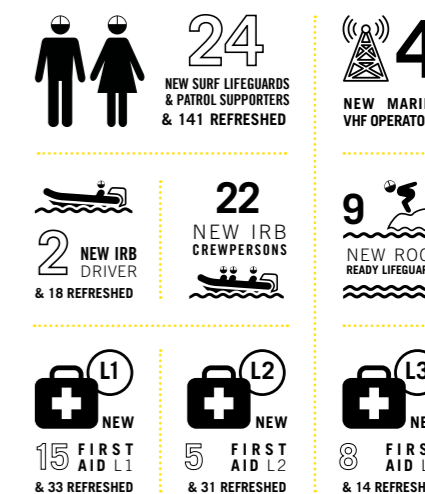
The willingness of our members to learn and adapt to new environments and COVID-19 restrictions meant that demands could be tackled head-on at the beach and beyond. Our team of volunteers, instructors, examiners and staff pulled together more than ever this year to get the mahi done.

To help grow a culture of self-sufficiency within our club, members dedicated the season to raise funds that have been invested back into our team, allowing our future lifeguards and leaders to receive targeted training and development sessions.

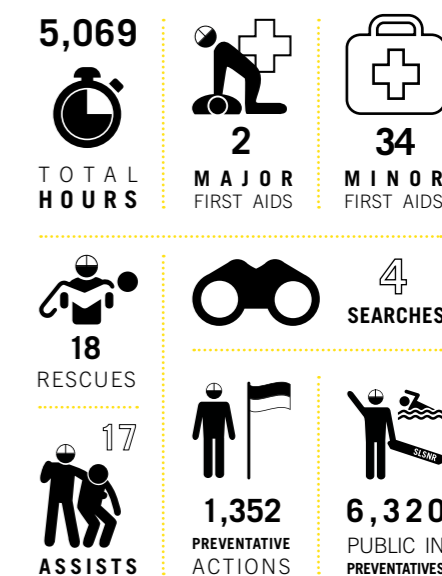
Despite it being a difficult season to hold events, Piha proudly delivered the infamous Day of Giants and added to the competition line-up with the introduction of an Invitational Ironman and Ironwoman.

This Ironman event was designed to ensure spectators got up close and personal with the action, with competitors returning to the shore after each lap. There was plenty of action in the boats too and both events proved hugely successful.

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CLUB REPORT
KAREKARE

By Teresa Harvey
(Administrator)



The 2020-21 lifesaving season was challenging for Karekare SLSC for a number of reasons, COVID-19 notwithstanding. Our patrols had no clubhouse during the season, as we were in the process of building a new one, the previous, aged facility having been demolished, so volunteers had no lifesaving, first-aid or cooking facilities to call on, or spaces to gather. Patrols had to be staged from containers near the beach which was not ideal.

Despite this, our membership numbers increased, with many new volunteers signing up for patrols, and we were able to maintain a strong presence on the beach during patrol hours and for Search and Rescue callouts, as well as fulfilling our event-guarding commitments. It was thus with a measure of some pride that we saw Karekare make the finals for Rescue of the Year at the 2021 SLSNR Awards of Excellence.

It was also extremely heartening to get our new clubhouse completed on time and on budget this year despite the pandemic – a significant accomplishment after 20 years' planning.

This ability to maintain our services has much to do with the club's strong leadership and the continued commitment of our volunteers. The completion of the new clubhouse has helped attract a number of former club members back to the fold which was greatly welcomed. We also owe a big thanks to the people of Karekare who have been very supportive of the building project – an asset they will be able to share in, which is a great boost for our community.

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CLUB REPORT
KARIAOTAHU

By Bradley Walters
(Vice President)



Despite the new challenges that COVID presented this 2020-21 season, the Surf Life Saving Kariaotahi team were proud to again be named a finalist for the Club of the Year at the annual Awards of Excellence.

While it was a quieter season for us on the rescue front, this was met by an increase in preventative actions carried out by our proactive patrol team, who took the initiative to keep our community safe.

As a club we were proud to support the Waiuku Business Association throughout the year, assisting them with a number of community events. We took this golden opportunity to educate the public on key safety messages and were able to fundraise for our new club build.

One of the key standouts for our club was the mid-season COVID-19 level change and how quickly our team was able to implement our action plan to ensure our members were safe on patrol and still able to save lives.

Over the 2020-21 season, the club has pushed for more internal training too, which has been made much more accessible through central government funding. Our members continue to stay challenged through our internal KPI structure which sets a high standard and ensures our organisational targets are met.

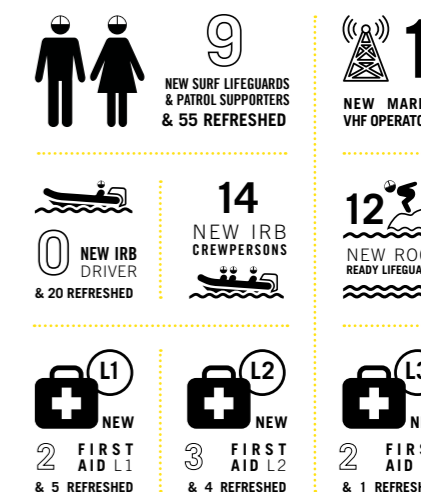
As a club, we were chuffed for our IRB team who had a successful year bringing home medals at every competition they attended. The team improved on last year's results, achieving goals laid out within our sports plan and setting a new benchmark for next season.

Our Junior Programme also thrived this season with another healthy group coming through and participating. It's fantastic to see the next generation of lifeguards learning from a young age.

During the season, our club had access to a Rescue Water Craft (RWC) for training purposes, meaning four new operators could become RWC qualified. Three more members are also up next for their qualification exam. The RWC has also been a great tool for a research project on Hamilton's Gap, an isolated but popular beach north of Kariaotahi. To the benefit of beachgoers, our patrols increased in efficacy to the area along with two other locations of interest thanks to this water vehicle.

Our whole team should be extremely pleased with the plans and processes that were put in place last season. By working as a team and taking a proactive approach, our club operations ran successfully and smoothly in 2020-21.

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CLUB REPORT

SUNSET BEACH

By Malcolm Beattie obe
(President)



This season the undertaking of our new \$2.4m rebuild project was a major highlight for the Sunset Beach Lifeguard Service. We are proud of our Project Steering Group, who undertook full responsibility for the project which will be completed for the beginning of patrols next Labour Weekend, despite several COVID lockdowns.

The challenge of delayed supplies hasn't prevented our team from meeting deadlines and support from funders has been essential to our success. Both material donations and discounted rates have ensured we could get through financially and we are thankful for the continued generosity and support.

Through the completion and opening of our new Community Hub, locals have been able to enjoy using a facility second-to-none in the Region.

A state-of-the-art medical centre is also included in the complex and provides our club and community with the only medical facility in the Port Waikato area.

The Hub is used for several local groups to meet on a regular basis, and during the week preschool sessions are held along with an Indoor Bowls Club for seniors every week. A Friday night Community Roast Dinner is also made possible through the venue having a seating capacity of 200 people and a fully equipped commercial kitchen with a walk-in chiller room.

The Hub is also used by the surf club for training on weekends, and despite having no clubhouse for a full season, our lifeguards were committed to overcome this hurdle to keep our public safe.

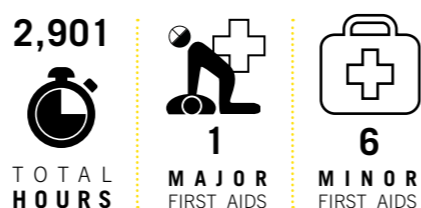
To ensure we could manage the high-pressure levels on the beach this year, we deployed additional resources across all emergency services. With increased beach attendance driven mainly by the growth of housing in north Waikato our patrols were at maximum output most weekends. We imagine the new Sleepyhead Project in north Waikato (1,500 new homes) will also add to attendance at our beach.

We believe the success of our club is a result of the culture of family involvement throughout all aspects of our club's operations. "Nurture what you have" is our mantra at Sunset and we continue to manage our growth carefully.

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CLUB REPORT

RAGLAN

By David Galuszka
(Director of Lifesaving)



Raglan Surf Life Saving club is proud to have thrived in many different aspects last season despite the challenge of small lifeguard numbers.

Through training and development opportunities offered in 2020-21, we were able to foster a highly-skilled and qualified group of lifeguards and members in the club, ensuring the public using the beach were best protected. Throughout the season, 97 qualifications were gained which covered first-aid qualifications, rock-training and rescue and Patrol Captain courses.

With international borders closed, there was a clear increase in the number of people visiting the beaches, meaning our lifeguards worked harder and longer to serve their community. Member welfare continues to grow as an area of focus for our club, and to ensure that the mental wellbeing of the team was cared for, 15 members gained Mental Health First-Aid Certification through St John before the season commenced.

Lifeguard hours were extended during peak season to cope with beach visitor numbers and these were covered by three patrol groups with a fourth "Open Patrol" group which includes members from other clubs. While this is a great opportunity to share the load and lift comradery, our goal is to run four patrols of just Raglan SLSC lifeguards, and the 2021-2022 season is looking promising for this to happen.

The Raglan team didn't shy away from community events throughout the season and participated in several local events

like the New Year's Eve Parade, Anzac Day Memorial Service and Xtreme Waste Maui Dolphin Raft Race. Having the Junior Surf team win a raft race at the event was a great highlight for everyone!

In addition to this, during Open Patrol Weekend our clubbies and Bethells team members helped with the Parafed Waikato Adaptive Surfing Day, as well as providing water safety for a Veterans of Combined Forces Surfing Association surfing event.

We were proud to take on surf education opportunities with local school Melville High School during their camp, giving in-water safety advice to year 13 students. Lifeguards also patrolled for the students as they swam in the estuary outside the campground, an invaluable exercise for not just the students, but teachers and parents who were there as well.

To share our story as life savers, members from the club attended the Westpac Helicopter open day at Waikato Hospital with an IRB in tow. It was a great opportunity to be part of a "rescue services day" and talk with the public about what we do.

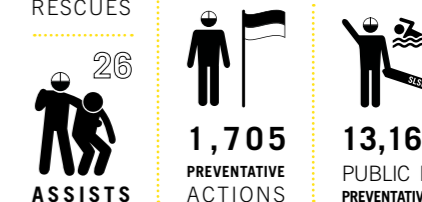
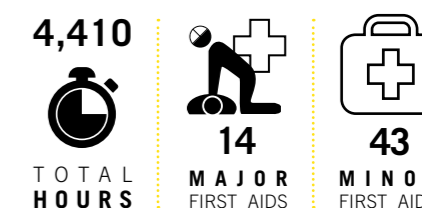
Other highlights for the year include a new Surf Sports group in development, while our lifeguards were also recognised in top volunteer lifeguard awards for SLSNR this year showing our commitment to our patrols.

Record numbers were also seen in Junior surf for the last season which is awesome. Seeing our younger lifeguards coaching and modelling the "in it for life" motto was very inspirational, and we hope to see our current Junior Surf children qualify as lifeguards in years to come.

TRAINING AWARDS



SEASON AT A GLANCE



STRATEGIC OUTCOME 2

ENHANCING LIFESAVING SERVICE DELIVERY



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Surf Life Saving Northern Region provided patrols across 22 patrol locations, from Ahipara in the Far North down to Raglan in the Waikato. These patrols were provided by a mix of volunteers and paid lifeguards operating out of 18 Surf Life Saving clubs and a further four satellite patrol locations. The completion of the Baylys Beach lifesaving facility has provided an excellent base for both paid and volunteer lifeguards on this important part of the coastline.

This season there has been a strong focus on the upskilling and development of the Search and Rescue (SAR) Squads and the Peer Support network. All SLSNR clubs now have at least two Peer Supporters and a SAR Squad. The vast majority of recommendations made in the Support Services Review have been completed or are nearing completion. This has led to a great deal of positive change in Northern Region. The Paid Lifeguard Service review recommendations have also been implemented with positive results.

SLSNR continues to work with clubs and examiners to increase the Region's IRB training capability, an area which has been identified as needing improvement. Training highlights for the season include a 500% increase in Rock Module qualifications for SLSNR lifeguards, the high number of Surf Lifeguard Award exams at the start of the season to catch up from COVID-19 and the significant increase of Patrol Support Awards across the Region.

VOLUNTEER LIFEGUARD SERVICE

Rescue Water Craft (RWCs)

RWCs (Jet Skis) continue to develop as a fantastic rescue asset for our clubs. The focus on training is ramping up over the off-season, with good numbers of new operators expected in time for the new season. This past season was challenging in the RWC space, with delays leading to most beaches receiving their RWC in late December and the final RWC being delivered to Ōrewa on Easter weekend. This means our priority for the off-season has been to provide training weekends for all RWC operators, in particular the southwest clubs- Sunset, Kariaotahi, and Raglan.

On a positive note, all RWCs have been used productively since becoming operational. Bethells, Ruakākā and United have added the RWC to their weekend patrols as a support asset (much like an IRB). Kariaotahi have been using the Waikato RWC as a training asset for their probationary operators to get ready for their RWC exam. The North Shore RWC (based at MRC) was used over the peak of summer to support the East Coast Bays and respond to any callouts. We are looking forward to a much busier off-season with the RWCs, and a fantastic 2021-22 season with all our new operators.

Patrol Advocates

The Support Services Review of the patrol auditing process in 2020 resulted in the creation of the Patrol Advocate role, designed to support and develop clubs. With seven advocates working around the region, each club was visited three times over the season. Some of the northern clubs were able to use their Advocate to upskill members, running Board Rescue Modules and Rock Rescue Training on the day of their visit. Other positive feedback has been received about the demeanour and supportive nature of the Advocates and their willingness to help clubs to improve. The advanced notice given to clubs for each visit has made the audit process more enjoyable and much more of a learning-based environment.

Drones

Northern Region trialled two drones this season, one with Rock Fishing Advisors on Auckland's West Coast and the other at Whangārei Heads – with a training session put on for five of the club members to become UAV pilots. This is an exciting area which SLSNR is looking to develop more next season depending on resourcing.



VOLUNTEER LIFESAVING AWARDS

QUIKSILVER SURF LIFEGUARD OF THE YEAR HARRY MELLOR



Harry has given his all to the Surf Life Saving movement this season. His dedication to instructing, lifeguarding, mentoring, leading and developing lifeguards throughout the region has been outstanding. The quality of candidates he produces is a testament to his skills as a coach and his ability to inspire the next generation of lifeguards.

Harry is involved not only in the operational side of lifesaving, but also in competition and membership development. His work on the Membership Development Committee and as Head Instructor on both the Youth Development camps and Intermediate Guard Schools demonstrated the strength of his leadership abilities.

His commitment and dedication to not only volunteering but also the paid lifeguard service this season has been immense, completing 14 weeks as a Patrol Captain at Muriwai. During this time, Harry helped train up-and-coming Patrol Captains as well as ran countless training sessions to upskill his guards. These trainings helped hundreds of beachgoers safe over summer.

Harry is the Club Captain at Red Beach as well as their Search and Rescue Coordinator. He has recently trained up as a Peer Supporter and is set to complete his Local Duty Officer training this season. He is well liked by his peers and is a deserving winner of Surf Lifeguard of the Year.



VOLUNTEER LIFESAVING AWARDS

QUIKSILVER PATROL SUPPORT OF THE YEAR MARY DUFF



Mary is an outstanding Patrol Supporter from United North Piha. Prior to the 2020-2021 season she underwent two serious surgeries on her shoulder which meant she was unable to don the red and yellow uniform.

Determined not to let this stop her contributing to the club and the surf life saving movement, she instead ordered a blue uniform and quickly became integral to United's lifesaving operations.

As a newly qualified instructor, Mary took over the bulk of the club's lifeguard award instructing, eventually transitioning into a Head Instructor role at the club. She also assisted in the running of the club's newly reformed Rookie Programme.

Mary was also a huge help to Karekare, instructing several of their candidates when they didn't have an instructor to train them. Mary doesn't let her teaching stop once a guard qualifies, she

helps guide new guards through their first seasons and educates them about the lifesaving pathways available.

Mary was a major asset on patrol, she stepped up from being a Vice Patrol Captain to PC and helped to coordinate incident responses and preventative actions. As a qualified First Aid Level 3 responder, she was able to provide expert help to those that needed it – a quality that meant she remained a valued member of the club's SAR Squad.

Not satisfied with just having an "injury season" Mary continued her own personal development and joined SLSNR's Senior Guard School as the first Patrol Support to attend. She is now on track to be a full-time Patrol Captain next season, despite her shoulder injuries likely to keep her in the Blue Uniform for another year. To finish off her season Mary qualified as a Peer Supporter in order to better support those around her. Overall, Mary makes a huge impact to her club and the region and is a great role model – demonstrating how the Patrol Support role can continue to have a hugely positive impact in the organisation.



PAID LIFEGUARD SERVICE AN OVERVIEW

Paid Lifeguard Service

This season Surf Life Saving Northern Region employed 108 Paid Lifeguards from the 125 applications received. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, no international applications were accepted. The Paid Lifeguard Service (PLS) was delivered to 22 locations across the Region and was operational from 28 December 2020 to 5 March 2021. The Paid Lifeguards performed to a high level to keep the public safe despite the lockdown.

SLSNR was committed to ensure that we delivered the PLS to a level that met all of our values and high standards. After last season, there were a number of issues and challenges that came to light through the reviews and feedback we received. There were some extra challenges that we also faced with COVID-19 but we were able to ensure these were resolved effectively. The results from this season's reviews and feedback acknowledges this.

The 2020-2021 PLS season ended under COVID-19 Level 3, and with a tsunami warning.

Seasonal Supervisors

During the off-season, it was suggested that the SLSNR PLS Supervisor had assistance to deliver the service to its fullest potential; in response, SLSNR employed four Seasonal Supervisors to ensure all our responsibilities and capabilities were met, building on the learnings from the previous season. The Seasonal Supervisors looked after four sub-regions- Northland, East Coast, Southern and West, and were instrumental in the success of the season enabling increased training and support across the Region.

PLS Lifesaving Statistics

PLS Statistics	20/21	19/20
No. of people rescued	54	49
No. of people assisted	85	145
No. of major first aids	46	32
No. of minor first aids	267	366
No. of searches	34	30
No. of preventatives	16,172	15,367
No. of hours worked	27,423	26,211

Induction

The two-day induction for the Paid Lifeguards was held at Muriwai and the Auckland Marine Rescue Centre (AMRC). At Muriwai, guards were put through their paces with a rock session, tube rescue, ATV maintenance and a Surf Patrol App session and issued with uniforms for the season. The second day at the AMRC had four instruction rotations on Body Recovery, the Westpac Rescue Team, Connect Team and Advanced CPR.

Trials

This season SLSNR took the pool trials to the outer regions. These included Whangārei Aquatic Centre, Hamilton Waterworld and North Shore AUT Millennium Pool. Applicants who were unable to attend any of these three trials were able to attend an out-of-region pool trial, held in the Southern and Central Regions.

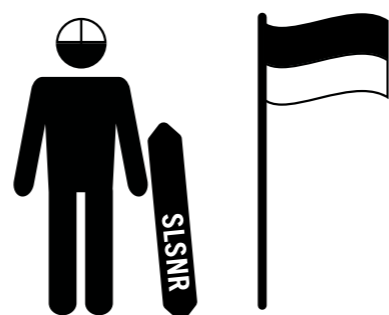
The theory test was also reintroduced this year. SLSNR will roll out the national online theory test for the 2021-2022 season. SLSNR instructors and examiners assisted with assessing the trial process.

Highlights

Highlight for the PLS this season included Paid Lifeguards being jointly recognised for BP Rescue of the Month for the rescue of an injured surfer on a remote beach near Piha, which went on to win the SLSNR Rescue of the Year at the annual Awards of Excellence.

Northland Regional Council funded an extra week for the PLS at the four Northland locations- Whangārei Heads, Ruakākā, Waipū Cove and Mangawhai Heads, while Raglan was also funded for an extra week through a special funding application. Baylys Beach PLS was accommodated in the Club's new facility.

All PLS patrols were audited and passed to a high standard.



PAID LIFEGUARD OF THE YEAR LIANA SYKES



The winner of the 2020-2021 SLSNR Paid Lifeguard of the Year is Liana Sykes who was Patrol Captain at Mangawhai Heads for most of the summer, before transferring to Piha for the remainder.

Liana's attention to detail when it came to managing her team and beach is unlike no other. As part of the wider senior leadership team within SLSNR PLS, Liana has shown the commitment and desire to not only improve herself, but to make sure that she passes on all her knowledge and experiences to her team in any given scenario.

Liana has the leadership and mentoring skills that her patrol team benefited from daily, and this was evident from the feedback given by all those around her. She is able to foster a level of calmness and reassurance within her team and herself during any incidents which she may be presented with, which are just a couple of her standout qualities. Liana is someone who strives for excellence in every facet of lifeguarding.

Liana has proven over the season that she has the ability to lead a team with cohesiveness and exceptional communication skills. The overall development seen in Liana and her teams over the season are testament to that.

SEARCH AND RESCUE SERVICES

There were 115 after-hours callout requests for Northern Region Search and Rescue (SAR) squads between July 2020 and June 2021 – almost four times the 31 callout requests received in the 2019-2020 season.

Lifeguards played an active role in 81 of these incidents, resulting in 36 lives saved, 59 assists, 32 people searched for, 32 given emergency first-aid and eight bodies recovered.

SAR Squads

The number of SAR squads in Northern Region has grown from 16 to 18 this season, with the addition of Whangārei Heads and Baylys Beach.

The busiest squads were Raglan with 18 after-hours callouts, Whangārei Heads with 14, Piha/United with 13, Bethells with 12, Muriwai with 11 and Mangawhai Heads with 10.

SLSNR helped organise eight squad training sessions this season to upskill members around rock rescues, body recoveries and marine search and rescue techniques. These included rock module, body recovery and SurfCom communication training events at Far North, Whangārei Heads, Waipū Cove, Mangawhai Heads, Mairangi Bay, Sunset Beach and two at Raglan.

The Waipū Cove and Kariaotahi squads both deserve a special mention. The team at Waipū have made huge improvements, growing their squad from six members to 15, upskilling their team in rock training and body recoveries, training their local camp-ground staff to open up the Club and prepare gear – improving their response time by up to 10 minutes, and also developing a spotters network of local beach-front residents along the Bream Bay coastline to provide eyes and updates should a person be reported in distress.

Kariaotahi continues to excel in search and rescue, with a high-performing squad that trains regularly and is well-drilled in a variety of different locations and conditions. Not only that, but senior members also contribute to the development of other SAR squads around the region and the country – as seen in Northland in April, where the Kariaotahi team taught skills and passed-on knowledge to five other squads from the region.

Duty Officers

The Duty Officer service underwent some big changes following the Support Services Review. This saw the implementation of a paid Alpha 1 Duty Officer position at the Marine Rescue Centre on weekends and peak-season weekdays, a Delta 1 who is 24/7 on-call for any responses and the new Delta 2 – Local Duty Officers to improve responses in areas like Northland and Waikato.

Three new Alpha 1 Duty Officers were trained over the season, with a further 18 sitting their Local Duty Officer training in May. The current Duty Officer pool attended Night Operations training and also undertook media training with industry professionals over the season.

SurfCom

SurfCom Operators assisted with 238 incidents during patrol hours and 112 after-hours callouts this season for both Northern and Eastern Region. Four new SurfCom Operators were trained up over the summer. They and the five returning Operators have devoted many hours to improving their coastal awareness and rescue asset knowledge as well as media training to increase the positive coverage of the work done by our lifeguards on the beaches.

Peer Support

The region's 58 Peer Supporters were all refreshed prior to the 2020-2021 season through group supervision sessions. A further 18 Peer Supporters were trained up at three separate trainings over the season, meaning all clubs now have at-least two Peer Supporters – a big step toward improving club health and achieving the recommendations in the Support Services Review.

St John MDT

The St John Mobile Data Terminal on the SurfCom desk was activated 135 times this season. This early notification system led to 25 lives being saved, 71 given emergency first-aid, six searches and four bodies being recovered.

External SAR Qualifications

Several members of the SAR services took the opportunity to upskill in external SAR courses like Coordinated Incident Management Systems (CIMS) and Marine SAR Technical.

This season we had 20 members achieve their CIMS 2, 22 achieve their CIMS 3, 15 complete their CIMS 4, 12 their SAR Leadership, 11 their Marine SAR Technical, nine their Manage the Marine Response qualification and two their Manage the Initial Response qualification.



SURF PATROL APP

The story of the Surf Patrol App development in Northern Region highlights the constant innovation and creativity our organisation enables. The app is currently in the third iteration of its development ahead of the 2021-2022 season and with some exciting changes on the horizon, it is an ideal time to reflect on the mammoth effort by all involved in getting the app to where it is now.

Discussions around developing an app to input data live from beaches into the national database go back years, but it was the Lifesaving Advisory Group and the SLSNR Board in 2018 who commissioned the first round of funding for this work.

The purpose of the app was clear: it needed to eliminate the administrative burden on volunteers and SurfCom to enter patrol data into the national database. This included Patrol Captains reports as well as incident and patient report forms. It should also reduce non-emergency broadcasts on the Rescue Network.

The first iteration of the app was tested during a Police SAREX on the Manukau Harbour in September 2019. The app was then rolled out to Paid Lifeguards, who were given training on how to use it at their November 2019 induction. A month later, tablets were provided to all 22 patrol locations and from December the app was used daily by the PLS guards. SurfCom Operators played a key role in this initial rollout, reminding the lifeguards to enter their patrol information each morning and then reading it back to the patrol over the radio to make sure it had come through correctly.

This process, and the feedback it generated, enabled the developers Lime Digital to continue fixing bugs and glitches as they occurred. Slowly the usability of the app started to improve and by January 2020, the app was in a position where it was functioning well enough to roll out to volunteers. This happened organically, with the Paid Lifeguards who had used it going back to their respective clubs and teaching the other volunteers how it worked. SurfCom also started to encourage the use of the app by providing trouble-shooting advice for any common issues and by taking Start of Patrol reports solely by the app and not over the radio.

The first season of the Surf Patrol App was a success. A mountain of feedback was generated from members on how it could be improved and things were looking promising for getting the app to automatically integrate into the national database over the 2020 winter. Unfortunately in March, the Covid-19 pandemic started and the app got put on the back-burner while SLSNR staff worked to ensure the survival of our organisation as our traditional funding structures collapsed. Thankfully, as we all know now, the Government came to the party mid way through the year.

The interruption caused by Covid-19 meant it wasn't until July 2020 that the Surf Patrol App was put back on the agenda. The SLSNR board agreed to provide additional funding in August for essential developments – in particular for the integration work needed to have the patrol information automatically integrating into the national database.

With the season fast approaching, there was an immense amount of pressure to get developments underway and completed in time for Labour Weekend. This pressure led to some inconsistencies in communication and promises from Northern Region that ended up being not achievable. For that we apologise and send our thanks to members for sticking with the project. In late February 2021 that the automatic integration of the app into the national database would be complete – finally ticking off the number one goal of this project.

This wasn't the end of the challenges however. It was soon discovered that information coming from the app into the database was not always coming through correctly and the database rejected any patrol record that was not complete. This led to inconsistencies such as IRB drivers being loaded in the CRM as Rookies and members being entered five times on a single patrol. Additionally, both Volunteer and Paid Lifeguards had understood that if they used the app on their patrols that they would not have to fill enter paper forms. While some volunteer clubs had continued entering their patrol data during this time, it did mean that as we neared the end of the season more than 70% of our region's patrol data was either not in the database or had major issues like the above.

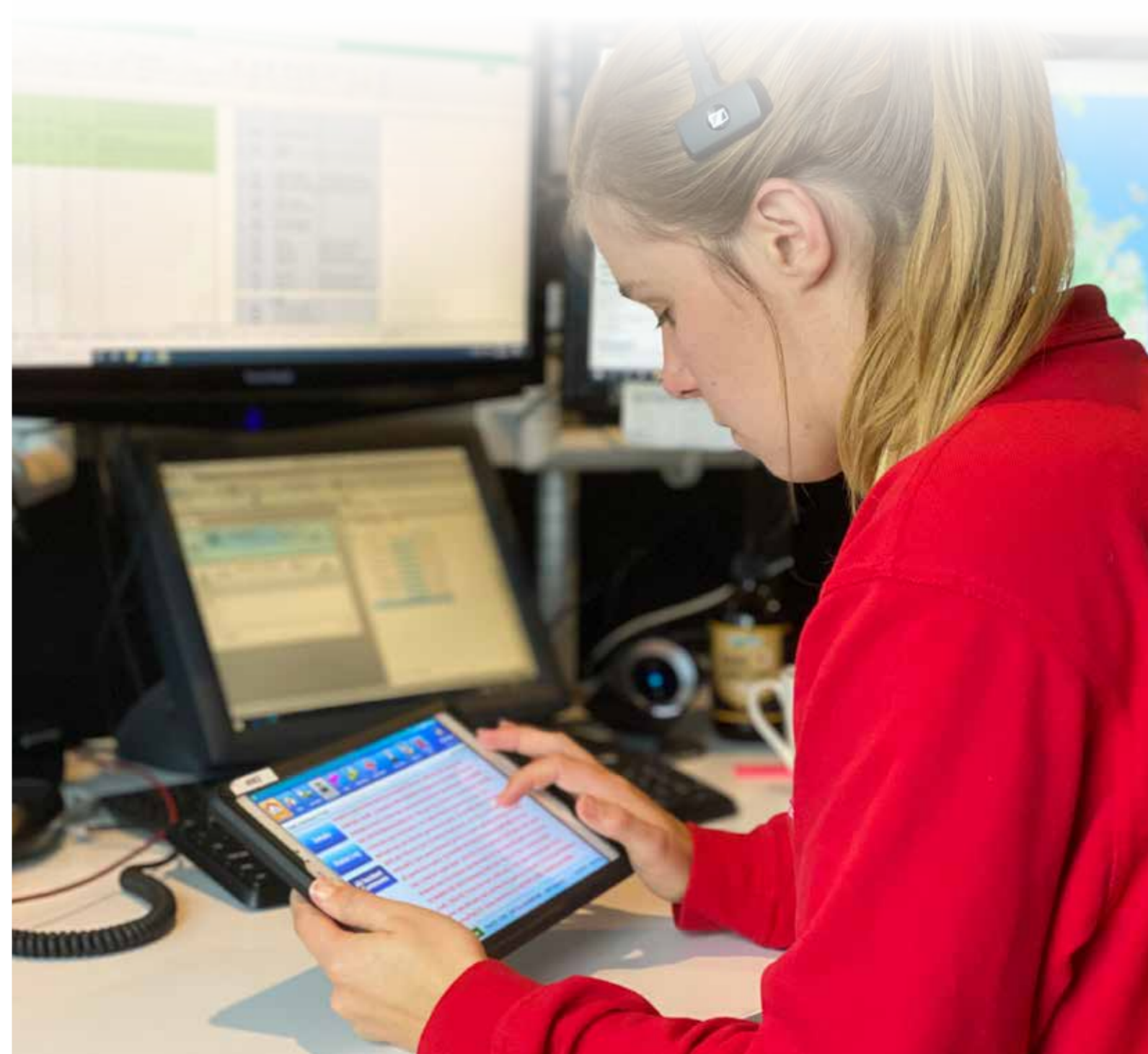
It was our team of SurfCom Operators who came to the rescue. For the remainder of the season they smashed through the data entry, devoting numerous hours to entering all of the outstanding paperwork and tidying up any data the app had pushed through incorrectly. By April, SLSNR was 100 percent compliant and up to date on its data entry.

In order to learn from the mistakes of the past, SLSNR commissioned work from Lime Digital over the 2021 off-season with the aim of having the major developments completed and tested by Labour Weekend. SLSNZ has also come to the party and is funding a significant amount of the developments with an eye to purchasing the app and rolling it out nationally. SLSNZ has also commissioned OA Systems, who run the National Database, to complete work alongside Lime Digital to fix some known issues and make the app much more efficient and user friendly.

This project has had as many names: Project Linda, Digital Forms, the Digital App and finally the Surf Patrol App. It has also had a similar number of project leads including Ben Julian, Alan Gibson and currently John-Michael Swannix who have all played a huge

part in getting the app to where it is. A constant throughout this project has been the developer Lime Digital, headed up by Jarrod Lodge, who has managed to create a working, usable, product on the (at times skint) funding available. The Surf Patrol App Working Group, headed by LAG Chair, Bryce Pearce, and made up of key personnel and volunteer lifeguards who are also app developers must also be acknowledged for their knowledge and advice.

The development of this app has certainly been a journey and we thank you all for sticking with it so far. It's an exciting time ahead, and while we don't want to make last year's mistake of over-promising, we hope that this season will be the one where the app really comes into its own.





RESCUE OF THE YEAR 'HELP' SURFER RESCUE



The rescue of a badly injured surfer who wrote HELP in the sand at a remote West Auckland beach has been awarded Northern Region's Rescue of the Year.

The award was presented jointly to the United North Piha and Piha Paid Lifeguard Service patrols for the rescue performed on February 17th 2021, while Auckland was under Covid-19 Alert Level 3.

Two members of the public on a walking track called the United North Piha Surf Club around 3:30pm, after spotting the man writing the message in the sand at Mercer Bay before collapsing.

An RWC was sent from North Piha with two lifeguards, Kyran Gillespie (United PLS) and Blake Porteous (Piha PLS), and first aid equipment to conduct a search and rescue effort.

On arrival at Mercer Bay the lifeguards located the surfer, 43-year-old Ben Searancke, and realized he had serious injuries. Searancke had been surfing at neighbouring Karekare beach since 10:30am but lost his board in the large surf and was swept onto rocks. His leg had been gashed to the bone and he had used his surfboard leash as an improvised tourniquet. Unable to walk out via the Mercer Bay tracks and after two hours of persisting, he had in desperation written his message in the sand hoping someone would see it.

Once on scene, Blake provided emergency first aid before beginning the difficult process of transporting Searancke back to Piha, where Eleanor Mulrennan as the SurfCom Operator had organized an ambulance to meet them at the surf club. The heavy shore break made getting Searancke onto the RWC difficult. Blake supported him out into waist depth water and Kyran managed to time the swells just right for the pair to climb onto the sled and be towed to safety.

Around 5pm Searancke's wife reported him missing to Police after growing concerned at not having heard from him since he had left to go surfing that morning. SurfCom was notified by Police and Eleanor was able to confirm that the patient the lifeguards were treating was Searancke and the good news conveyed to his relieved family. Credit must also be given to Eleanor for asking for a photo from the two informants who spotted the man writing his message in the sand. It is this striking image, like something out of the film Castaways, which helped the story go viral nationally and internationally.

In New Zealand, not only did this rescue lead both TV1's Seven Sharp and TV3's The Project, it also led the airwaves on radio and was the top story for days on websites like Stuff and the NZ Herald. Overseas media also lapped up the story, with agencies from France, to Russia, to Malaysia to China all reporting on it. These overseas stories include some very enhanced versions of the rescue by the UK tabloids and an absolutely bizarre animated re-enactment by an Indonesian news agency.

Following the incident Searancke publicly thanked his rescuers and did a number of interviews with news agencies around New Zealand. This rescue not only demonstrated the incredible skills and coordination of our Surf Lifeguards and SurfCom Operators, but also assisted with spreading beach education and water safety messages to a huge audience. The incident is a deserving recipient of Northern Region's Rescue of the Year.

SEARCH AND RESCUE SERVICES

NOTABLE CALLOUTS

RESCUE @ Far North. 0058. 18/07/2020.

2 x men on tractor and 6x caged dogs trapped due to flood water in winter storm, approximately 300m from the road in Kaitaia. Far North SAR Squad activated. Risk assessment performed by ECOS, IRB launched and successfully rescued the 2 men and 6 dogs.

RESCUE @ Mangawhai Heads. 1908. 22/08/2020.

4 x people stuck on Sentinel Rock. Mangawhai Heads SAR Squad activated. Lifeguards performed rock rescue and returned patients to safety.

RESCUE @ Waipū Cove. 27/08/2020.

During Covid-19 Level 3. Kayaker reported in distress to Police approximately 1km off the Waipū Rivermouth. Waipū SAR Squad activated. On arrival by IRB crew the kayak was vertical due to a bung failure. The team approached the patient with caution and ran through the Covid-19 assessment checklist. They quickly performed a rescue, returning the patient to the surf club where he was treated for hypothermia.

RESCUE @ O'Neill's. 1323. 05/10/2020.

1 x 40yo M fisher swept off rocks. Bethells SAR Squad activated and searched in-water and via land in large swell conditions. Search continued at first light on the second day with no luck. Body eventually recovered on the coastline north of O'Neill's by Muriwai SAR Squad on 11/10/2020.

RESCUE @ White's Beach. 1525. 06/10/2020.

1 x F swept off rocks. Spotted drifting out to sea face down in the water. Bethells, United and Piha SAR Squads tasked. Piha IRB pulled patient out of the water and commenced CPR. Patient taken into White's Beach and CPR continued until Westpac landed and paramedics declared the patient dead.

RESCUE @ Piha. 1221. 08/10/2020.

3 x patients swept out of the Keyhole. 1 x patient may have head injury. United and Piha SAR Squad tasked. Piha IRB rescued 3 patients. St John provided first aid on return to shore.

RESCUE @ Muriwai. 1546. 08/10/2020.

1 x M surfer in distress on rocks on island off Gannett Colony. Can be seen from observation platform. Cannot get off rocks due to rough conditions. Two lifeguards swam from gannet colony to patient with Eagle and a third ECOS member observing from above. Gave patient tube and fins to assist with return. Swam patient back through cave into Māori Bay.

RESCUE @ O'Neill's. 1212. 09/10/2020.

2 x people stuck in rip at O'Neill's being washed out so sea. Bethells SAR Squad tasked. Both patients onshore when lifeguards arrived but in poor condition. S1 and S2. Lifeguards administered oxygen and first aid until Westpac arrived and transported to hospital.

RESCUE @ Ocean Beach. 1400. 18/10/2020.

2 x inexperienced scuba divers in distress, being swept north from Jump Rock in massive swells. 1km offshore. Off-duty lifeguards doing training spotted the pair. 1 x lifeguard responded on rescue board and towed the pair to just off the break-zone by letting them hold onto his feet. 2 x lifeguards in IRB arrived and returned the divers to shore.

RESCUE @ Waipū Estuary. 1249. 22/10/2020.

1 x 55 yo M. Status 2. Fell down rocks and face down in water. Head injury and bleeding. Waipū SAR Squad tasked. Transported patient to ambulance waiting at end of Johnson Point Rd.

RESCUE @ Sunset. 1620. 26/10/2020.

3 x swimmers caught in rip and taken out to sea. Off-duty lifeguards launched IRB and rescued all 3 patients. 1x Status 2. 2 x Status 3.

RESCUE @ Old Woman, Whangārei Heads. 1409. 14/11/20.

1 x 40yo M diver, found unconscious not breathing in-water by family. Patient taken by boat back to Urquhart's Bay. FENZ, Ambo, NEST and LGs responded to scene. CPR performed until pronounced dead by paramedics.

MEDICAL @ Kariaotahi. 1712. 14/11/2020.

Car crashed into motorbiker on beach. Kariaotahi SAR Squad tasked. Lifeguards performed first aid until patients taken to hospital.

RESCUE @ Papanui Point. 0941. 29/11/2020.

1x M fisher swept off rocks at Papanui Point. Raglan SAR tasked and responded via water and road. Rough swell conditions meant the search was quickly shut down on arrival due to the risk to rescuers and likelihood the patient was dead.

MEDICAL @ Ocean Beach. 1445. 10/12/2020.

1 x 27yo M pulled unresponsive from the water at Ocean Beach. Off-duty lifeguards were first on scene and gave first aid. Put on O2 and provided status updates to emergency services through SurfCom. Fire and Rescue Helicopter paramedics arrived. After 25 minutes on O2 patient regained consciousness and was transported to waiting ambo in ATV.

RESCUE @ McLeod's Bay. 1813. 28.01.2021.

1 x unconscious male in the water. 50m offshore in the channel. Whangārei Heads SAR Squad tasked and pulled the man from the water. CPR performed until the patient was declared deceased.

MEDICAL @ Far North. 0830. 16/03/2021.

1 x M fisher in Snapper Bonanza event came out of water and collapsed on 90 Mile beach. Lifeguards responded and performed CPR. Patient died at the scene.

RESCUE @ Ocean Beach. 1320. 25/03/21.

1 x M spotted face down in the water at Ocean Beach. Whangārei Heads SAR Squad tasked. Surfer had pulled body into Dead Horse Bay. Lifeguards responded in IRB with Police who declared the patient dead. Returned body to Ocean Beach via IRB for transportation away from the scene.

MEDICAL @ Far North. 1620. 10/04/2021.

Horse-riding accident at Lone Pine, 5km North of Ahipara. 1 x 58yo F. Suspected pelvic fracture. Can't move leg. Lifeguards responded and assisted with first aid and transporting patient. Airlifted to hospital.

SEARCH @ Piha. 0530. 20/04/2021.

1 x M fisher swept off rocks at the Keyhole. Friend saw headlight in water. United and Piha SAR tasked and assembled at Piha Surf Club. Risk assessment performed and on-water search deemed too risky. Land-sweep performed with Police and belongings gathered from splash point.

SEARCH @ Far North. 1507. 25/04/2021.

1 x F surfer reported stuck in a rip in large swells. Possible second patient. Far North SAR tasked and performed in-water and land search. Third separate surfer was rescued. First patient located safe and well by Police, search continued for second patient until stand down. Police later established second patient was also safe and well.

SEARCH @ Papanui Point. 0800. 04/05/2021.

1 x fisherman swept off the rocks at Papanui Point. Raglan SAR Squad tasked by Waikato SAR Police to conduct search. Raglan SAR Squad, with support from Kariaotahi SAR Squad, searched the coastline between Raglan and Ruapuke. Nothing found but GPS tracking provided to Police. Second search performed by Raglan SAR Squad on 09/05/21. Patient's body later recovered on remote coastline by Police.

MEDICAL @ Ōmaha. 0825. 09.05.21.

In carpark. 1 x 44yo M, severe cut from stand-up paddle boarding accident. Pale and vomiting. Conscious and breathing. Ōmaha SAR Squad activated and provided first aid. Patient transferred to ambulance for transport to hospital.

MEDICAL @ Red Beach. 1510. 16/05/21.

1 x unresponsive, breathing female found on beach by member of the public who alerted off-duty lifeguards attending first aid course at the surf club. Lifeguards provided first aid. Attempted to secure airway and attached defib in case of cardiac arrest. Fire and Ambo arrived- transported down the beach in ATV. Patient stretchered to ambulance. Westpac landed but were stood down by ambo.

SEARCH @ Mangawhai Heads. 1019. 18/05/2021.

1 x missing 70yo F. Reported missing at 0730, car found in carpark next to estuary. Mangawhai SAR Squad tasked and searched estuary for two hours – all the moorings, holes and eddies. Stood down by Police after two hours of searching.

MEDICAL @ O'Neill's Bay. 1611. 12/06/21.

1 x 48yo M, broken leg while surfing, severe pain. Bethells SAR Squad activated and provided First Aid until Westpac arrived on scene. Transferred into helicopter.



SEARCH AND RESCUE SERVICES AWARDS



TENEALE HATTON DUTY OFFICER OF THE YEAR & OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO SEARCH AND RESCUE

Teneale Hatton (Winner)
Faron Turner (Nominee)
Daniel Short (Nominee)

This year's Duty Officer of the Year is Teneale Hatton, who also won an Award for Outstanding Contribution to Search and Rescue.

Over the past season, Teneale has clocked up more than 350 hours as a SurfCom Operator and Duty Officer while also balancing her roles as a paramedic and training as an Olympian. She has a direct, no-nonsense approach to her work and remains calm and rational under pressure. Teneale has helped lead the development and delivery of new training for Duty Officers in Northern Region, provided detailed and constructive feedback to those she mentored, and also contributed to the development of regional and national policies.

She has blazed a trail for women in surf lifesaving since becoming a lifeguard in 2004. She is the longest-serving SurfCom Operator in the history of the service with 12 years' experience and in 2012 she became the first female Duty Officer. The SLSNR Search and Rescue Services would not be where they are today without Teneale's input.



DANIEL SHORT OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO SEARCH AND RESCUE SERVICES

Daniel Short (Winner)
Teneale Hatton (Winner)
Victoria Mulrennan (Nominee)

Daniel Short was a joint winner of Outstanding Contribution to Search and Rescue Services, along with Teneale. His efforts with SAR squads contributed to a massive 500% increase in the number of candidates receiving rock module training in Northern Region, including members of Whangārei Heads, Waipū Cove, Mangawhai Heads, Kariaotahi, Sunset and Raglan. He has also delivered body recovery training to these same clubs – helping to fill knowledge gaps in a crucial area for our SAR teams.

Dan is a popular Duty Officer with lifeguards, SurfCom Operators and Coastguard staff who appreciate his friendly manner, clear communication and wealth of lifesaving experience. The work he did during the 2019-2020 season helped shape the role that would later become the Alpha 1 Duty Officer.

He is a well-known and well-liked member of the lifesaving community and is therefore an effective Peer Supporter. He has also contributed to the RWC programme through the development of the Crewperson's Checklist, a crucial step towards clubs being able to operate RWCs as patrol assets. The Search and Rescue services have been greatly improved by Dan's contribution over a number of years and he is a very deserving recipient of this award.



ELEANOR MULRENNAN SURFCOM OPERATOR OF THE YEAR

Eleanor Mulrennan (Winner)
Georgia Parker (Nominee)
Isobel Hillman (Nominee)

SurfCom Operator of the Year, Eleanor Mulrennan has been a solid and reliable Operator from the moment she started on the team. She is able to remain calm, professional, and make critical decisions under pressure. She adapts quickly to different situations, thinks ahead and shows initiative.

Eleanor was instrumental in the successful outcome of the "HELP" surfer rescue at Mercer Bay, which went viral internationally and won SLSNZ's Rescue of the Month and SLSNR Rescue of the Year. Her skill, clear communication style and extensive life-saving knowledge has impressed the Coastguard Operators, Surf Duty Officers and staff she has worked alongside- leading her to win SurfCom Operator of the Year in her first season.

VICTORIA MULRENNAN PEER SUPPORTER OF THE YEAR

Victoria Mulrennan (Winner)
Liam Parkin (Nominee)
Tania Ahrens (Nominee)

Peer Supporter of the Year for 2020-21, Victoria Mulrennan has been an active Peer Supporter in the West Coast Auckland network over the past season, attending an impressive seven debriefs to support lifeguards involved in stressful or traumatic incidents.

She has also provided follow-up support, checking in on members in the days, weeks and months following these events to remind them of their counselling and support options and that they have someone to reach out to if they need help. In addition to this, she has contributed to the development of new policies and procedures for Peer Support in Northern Region – helping to improve information-sharing and follow-up processes to ensure the service meets the needs of members.



WAIPŪ COVE SEARCH AND RESCUE SQUAD OF THE YEAR

Waipū Cove (Winner)
Kariaotahi (Nominee)
Whangārei Heads (Nominee)

Waipū Cove has been awarded SAR Squad of the Year to recognise the excellence in their organisation and administration, as well as the major steps they have taken to improve their SAR response and upskill their team.

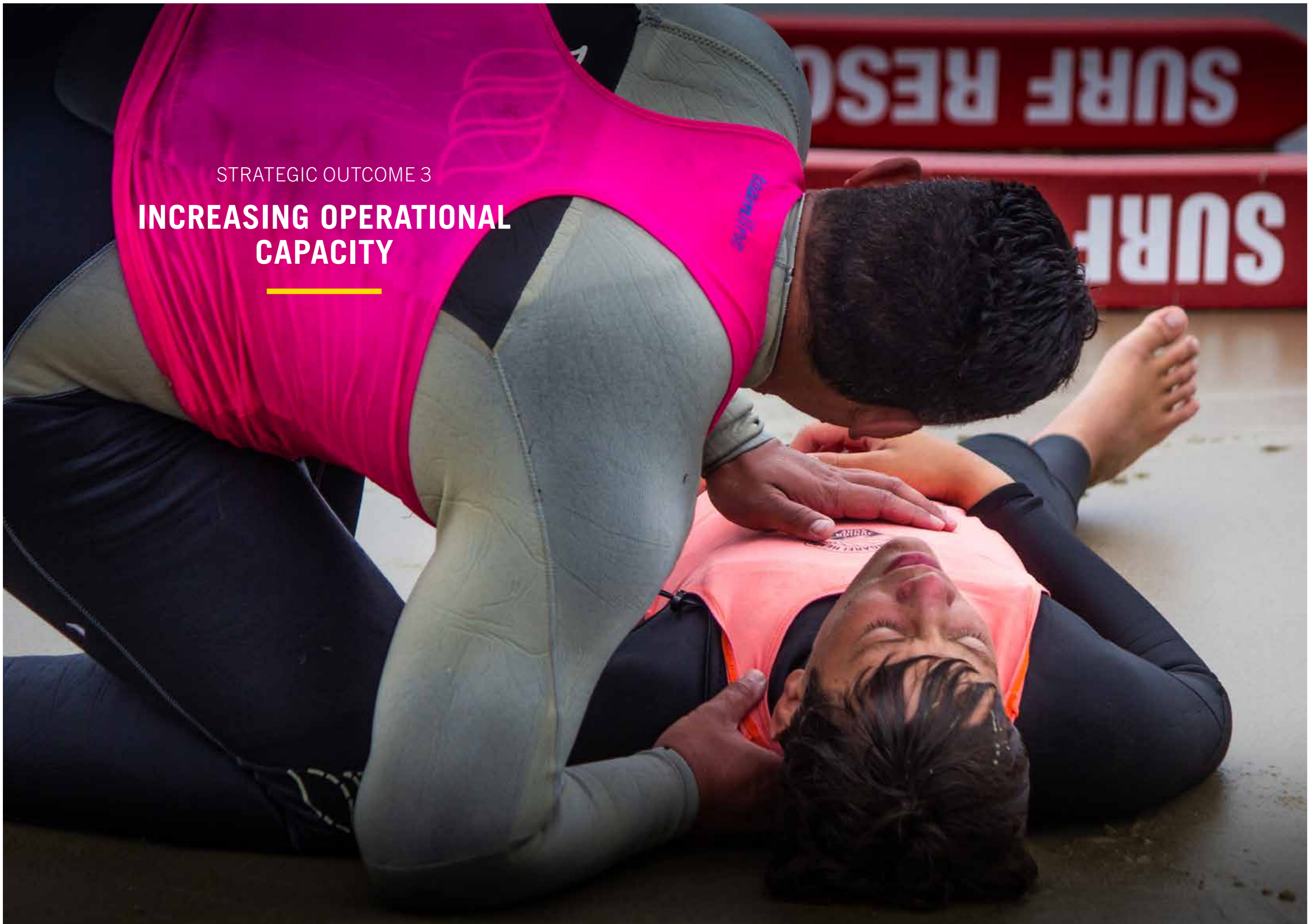
The two major callouts that Waipū Cove attended this season were both executed like clock-work and provided those in need with a quick and skilled response. The first was a rescue of a kayaker in late August 2020 during the second COVID-19 lockdown. The kayak was vertical on arrival and the man hypothermic after spending hours in the water. The second incident was in October, when the team was called out to a man who fell down a rock-face and was spotted unconscious in the Waipū Estuary. They recovered the patient and transported him to a waiting ambulance.

Waipū Cove have taken big steps to improve their response. The team have added the staff at their local campground into their SAR support and trained them to open up the Club and prepare their gear. They estimate this has shaved 10-15 minutes from their response time for callouts. The club has also set up a spotters' network along Bream Bay and a WhatsApp chat has been created where incident notifications can be posted, such as the kayaker sinking off Waipū river mouth. Those residents in the spotters' network are able to keep eyes on the patient and provide updates until rescuers arrive on scene. This initiative won the club Northern Region's Innovation of the Year award at the 2021 Awards of Excellence.

Waipū Cove's entire SAR have gained their rock module and completed body recovery and SurfCom training. They have a team of skilled and experienced IRB drivers that live locally and provide mentoring to others in the team. Additionally, their members have taken opportunities to upskill in external SAR qualifications such as CIMS 2/CIMS 3 and CIMS 4. Waipū Cove has a joint SAR Coordinators model. Kath Manning and Rick Stolwerk share the role and both are quick to respond to emails, update their files, respond to surveys and ensure their members meet the expected standards. Jaine Curran is also a major asset to this team helping to organise inductions, trainings and attend meetings. The club is a deserving recipient of SAR Squad of the year.

STRATEGIC OUTCOME 3

**INCREASING OPERATIONAL
CAPACITY**



INCREASING OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY

Lifesaving Training and Development

Member training and development continues to be the cornerstone of the Region's ability to deliver the crucial service that members of the public require and expect. Surf Life Saving Northern Region through its volunteer instructors, examiners, facilitators, administrators, and club captains successfully qualified 354 surf lifeguards and patrol supporters, 215 IRB crewpersons and 62 IRB operators, as well as a number of other qualifications, to contribute to crucial lifesaving patrols across our 22 patrol locations.

IRB Crewperson Module

The IRB Crewperson Module was a focal point of the 2020-21 season. As of 1 July 2021, it will be a requirement of all surf lifeguards to have completed the IRB Crewperson Module to be able to undertake any IRB-related patrol or SAR operations. With this policy change, there has been a significant increase in IRB Crewperson Modules delivered and members qualified to meet the new requirements. During the 2018-19 season the Crewpersons Award was changed to a module, which allowed clubs to qualify members using their own examiners, rather than requiring impartial examiners from other clubs; this has increased accessibility to the qualification and reduce the burden on regional resources. Clubs are well positioned after a busy season to enter 2021-22 with the highest number of IRB crew-qualified lifeguards ever.

Rock Training and Rescue Module

The growth of the Rock Training and Rescue Module has been a key focus of the 2020-21 season as clubs recognise the value of ensuring that lifeguards are equipped with the knowledge and skills to operate on and around rocks safely, as rocks are significant features at many of our patrol locations and are the centre of numerous lifesaving and SAR incidents. The number of lifeguards qualified to undertake rock-rescue operations continues to grow exponentially with 188 new qualifications giving the Region a total of 299 active, rock-ready lifeguards.

COVID-19 Recovery

COVID-19 had a significant impact on training and development activities during the 2019-20 season. The priority following this was to ensure the retention of all those affected, by providing the opportunity to complete their relative training programmes and become qualified. This in turn posed a serious challenge as, compared to previous seasons where the spread of examinations was even throughout the season, there was now a backlog of members ready and waiting to complete the exam as soon as we moved back to an alert level where it was safe to deliver these exams. This put immense strain on our team of regional examiners who bore the brunt of large exams, with on some occasions up to 70 candidates being examined and qualified in a single weekend. The season has been a success as, after the low development figures experienced in 2019/20, we have returned to a position of growth.

Intermediate Lifeguard School

This season two Intermediate Lifeguard Schools were delivered within Northern Region. The Intermediate Lifeguard School provides extensive training, skill development and operational experience for lifeguards who have been patrolling for up to three seasons. It is a two-day camp where participants complete modules in surf lifeguarding techniques, public image and relations, emergency care, SAR, physical training and board and rock rescues.

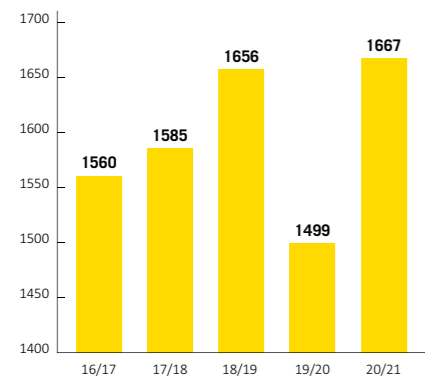
Online Learning

The 2020/21 season again saw an increase in the number of online learning opportunities that have been introduced to increase accessibility to training and development for members when not at the beach. Online pre-learning modules have been created to allow lifeguards who are to partake in Rescue Water Craft, IRB Crewperson and Patrol Captain courses to begin their training at home before stepping foot on the beach. This means candidates arrive at courses with a good base understanding of the content and what to expect, which allows them to maximise the contact time they have with their instructors. The vast majority of clubs have also opted into completing the theoretical components of their Surf Lifeguard, Patrol Support and IRB Driver refresher courses online. This has been incredibly valuable as it increases accessibility to the refreshers and ensures they are more comprehensive and effective for members. The physical components of the refresher are delivered in person.

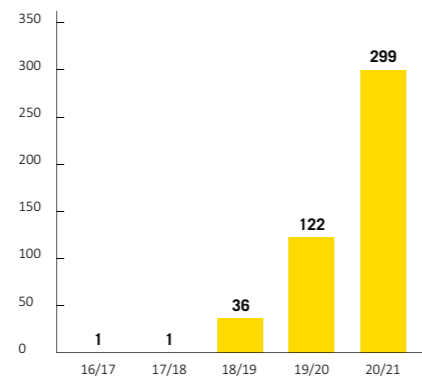


2020/2021 TRAINING (LIFESAVING)

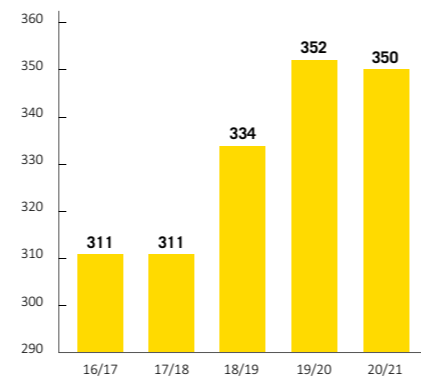
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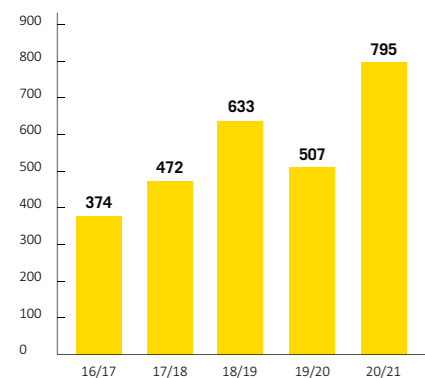
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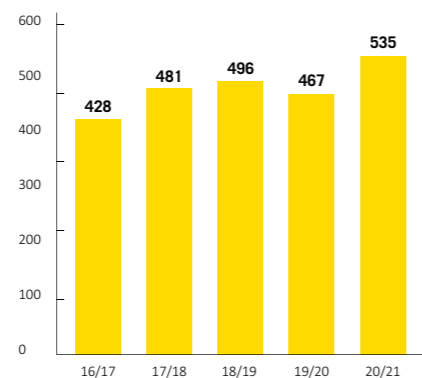
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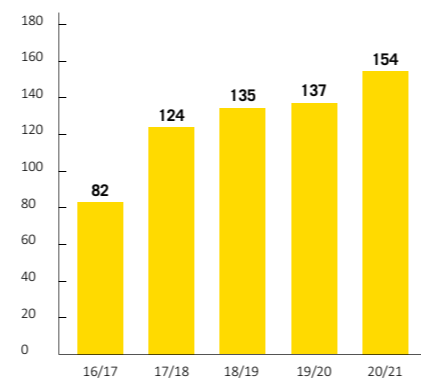
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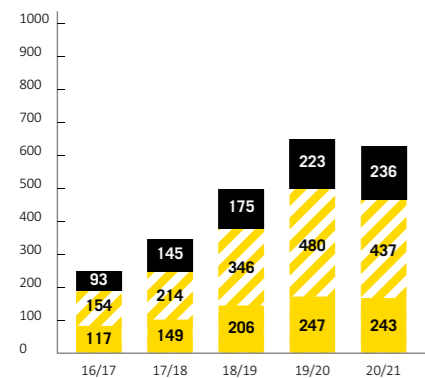
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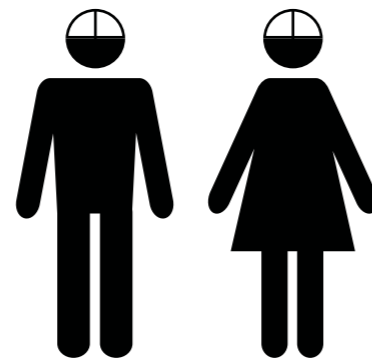
ACTIVE PATROL CAPTAINS



FIRST AID TRAINING



- Level Three
- Level Two
- Level One



↑ 17%
INCREASE

4,716
TOTAL TRAINING
2020/2021







STRATEGIC OUTCOME 4

IMPROVING ACCESS TO COMMUNITY EDUCATION



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COMMUNITY EDUCATION AT A GLANCE

	2020-2021		2019-2020	REASON
 <p>Proudly brought to you by TSB</p>	11,432 BOOKED 9,523 REACHED	↓	11,711 BOOKED 9,578 REACHED	EXPECTED LOWER NUMBERS IN FINANCIAL/ COVID CLIMATE
	353 BOOKED 346 REACHED	↓	381 REACHED	LACK OF RESOURCES TO RUN Q1, Q3 PROGRAMMES COVID EFFECTED
 <p>Proudly brought to you by TSB</p>	1,348 REACHED	↑	219 REACHED	SPECIFIC MARKETING
	2,289 STUDENTS FROM 18 SCHOOLS (603 FROM 7 SCHOOLS REBOOKED)	↑	940 STUDENTS FROM 10 SCHOOLS	ALERT LEVELS RESTRICTIONS, TEACHER FATIGUE, RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS



COMMUNITY EDUCATION REVIEW

We all love using the outdoor environment and as regular users of the surf environment we feel a connection to the locations we choose to surf in. This is not something that has come naturally to us though. It is through time and experience that we feel comfortable being in this place. For many people, the beach environment remains a mystery and a place to stay away from.

For many young people, Community Education is their first step towards using the beach environment in a safe and responsible way. It's often the first spark to ignite a lifetime of enjoyment and wherever possible we try to highlight the pathways available to them that the surf clubs can offer.

The 2020/21 Community Education programme once again saw its fair share of COVID-19-related difficulties. Each of the four streams that make up Community Education were unfortunately affected by the pandemic.

Instructors

The success of the Beach Education programme owes much to the enthusiasm, passion and professionalism of our instructors. Being a Beach Education instructor is a serious undertaking, as the responsibility accepted by each individual is significant. The skills required are fundamentally different to those required for the Paid Lifeguard Service or a Search and Rescue (SAR) squad. It is the only area of surf lifesaving where members of the public are signing over full responsibility for their children's safety.

The induction and training involved with being a Community Education instructor is essential and the skills passed on to junior staff members from more experienced instructors is invaluable. At the end of each season, we survey staff to try to improve our standard of instructing for the future and this season there was high praise for the support received from the Community Education leadership team and senior instructors.

Congratulations to Parys Smith on being the SLSNR Beach Education Instructor of the Year. Parys has committed many hours and years of service towards the Beach Education and City Nippers programmes. She's been fundamental in the development of these programmes and we look forward to her continued efforts in this area.



Beach Education

Beach Education engaged with 101 schools this season- 9.9% of all schools in the Northern Region. Forty-seven of those were low-decile schools and 33 of those were fully funded. Thanks to the funding received from Foundation North and Water Safety New Zealand, we've increased the number of low-decile schools educated and increased our number of fully funded programmes last season. More than 46% of the schools we educate are funded and we reached 9.7% of all low-decile schools in our region.

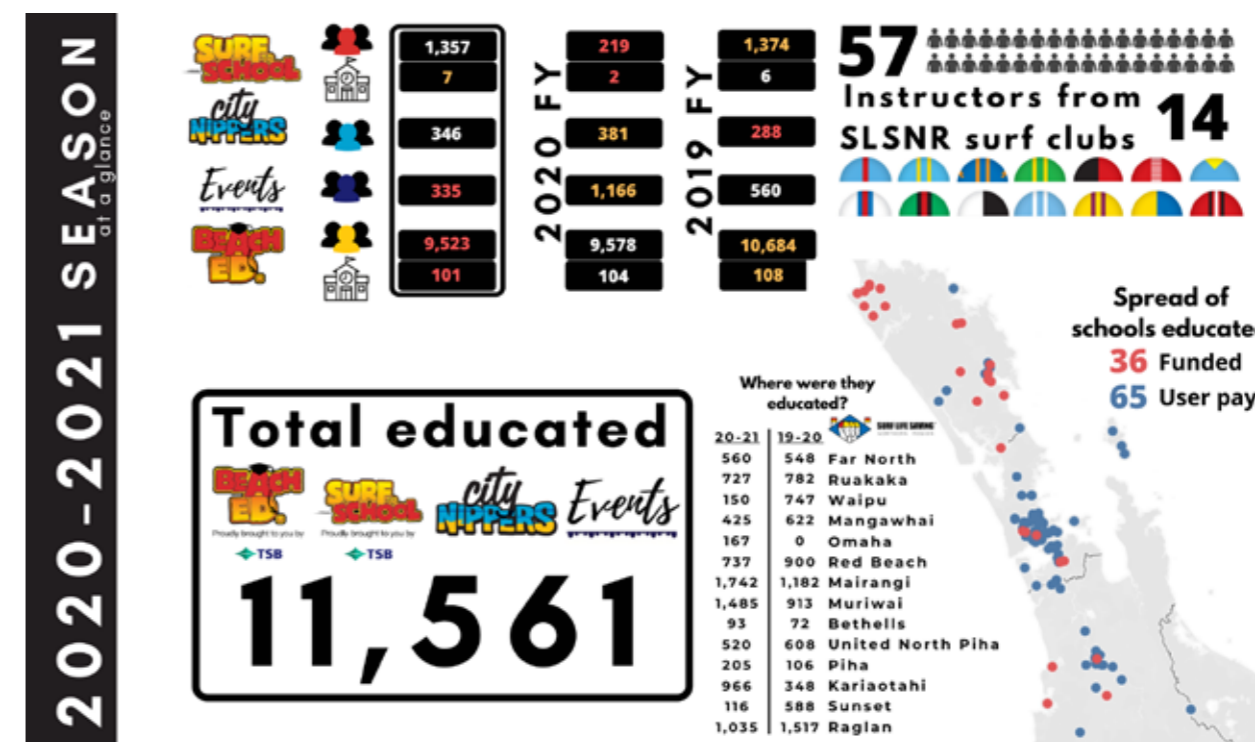
We're very grateful for the support given, but realise this is only a small slice of the vulnerable communities we need to reach. We're confident, however, that with continued support, the outstanding reputation of Community Education will spread and the number of schools we reach will grow.

Our target this season was to retain schools from previous seasons where before we had focused on new acquisitions. This has helped to establish lasting relationships with schools that will hopefully continue for many years, enabling us to provide sustained support through a number of school years. Our target would be to focus on both new acquisitions of schools and retention of schools but that is limited by how much time is available to our dedicated Com Education team.

A huge thank-you to all the Northern Region surf life saving clubs for their involvement in, and support for, the Beach Education programme. Feedback from clubs was overwhelmingly positive about Beach Education's involvement and use of their facilities, something we have encouraged by emphasising the importance of professionalism from our team and the need to respect each club's unique culture and history. Our aim is to always leave a club in a better condition than we found it.

We can't conclude a review of Beach Education without mentioning the impact of COVID-19, which affected 18 schools by either forcing a cancellation of the sessions or requiring reduced numbers of students to take part to fit under restriction levels. This was disappointing as it meant 2,289 students couldn't attend their Beach Education session. Our total participants reached would have been almost 10,000 if COVID-19 hadn't disrupted the programme.

We did manage to rebook 56% of all COVID-19-related cancellations; however, most of these are in the 2021-22 season and ongoing uncertainties around the impact of the virus mean the programme for the coming season may also be difficult to complete.



Surf to Schools

The Surf to Schools programme had a great season last year with the numbers of students educated increasing from 219 in the 2019-20 season to 1,348 in the 2020/21 season. This is a great result as we're managing to provide beach awareness to schools that are potentially wary of taking their children to a beach or can't afford the cost of taking part in the Beach Education programme.

This year, for the first time, we surveyed the schools that took part in Surf to Schools to explore what impact this programme was having on the students and learned that five schools have had students enquire about joining a surf club, and 10 of those students have gone on to become involved with surf clubs. The ripple effect of this can be huge depending on the area and the club.

City Nippers

A large effort has gone into entering all our City Nipper students into the Water Safety New Zealand competency database showing alignment through the water safety sector- a total of 346 children which is a huge achievement. The establishment of this was a significant challenge but now the hard work has been carried out we'll be able to move forward with this easier in the future.

We also had our first City Nippers programmes being delivered at Waipū Cove in 2020-21 which was a huge success. This is part of our strategy to deliver Community Education to areas which have a large summer population over the holiday period or in satellite locations as expansions for existing surf clubs.

Overview

The total number of people educated in the community in 2020-21 was 11,552- an increase over the previous season despite the COVID-19 disruptions. But there is still significant scope for the team to take the message further with around 570 schools yet to engage in any Beach Education programmes.

Providing the mahi were 57 instructors from 14 different surf clubs and a huge thanks to those individuals and all our clubs for supporting our programmes and encouraging your members to become involved with Community Education. Without the Junior Surf pathway and inspirational coaches and instructors the youngsters meet on their journey, we'd find it very difficult to do what we do.

We have been very grateful to receive funding towards programme overheads of our Community Education from the



STRATEGIC OUTCOME 5

LEAD PROVIDER OF SPORT & RECREATION OUTCOMES



EVENT RECAP

The 2020-21 season will forever be associated with COVID-19 and the challenges it presented. Sporting codes across the board faced large-scale disruptions with surf lifesaving being no exception. Five of our 18 events across the season were cancelled, including the SLSNR Pool Rescue Championships and the SLSNR Senior Regional Championships.

Despite the cancellation of these events, participation numbers continued to grow with the 2020-21 season on track to record 3,700 lifeguards from across the Region participating at events- a trend which appears set to continue.

The challenges presented by the new environment allowed space for innovation to occur within the event space. This took the form of inaugural events like the Rangitoto Classic, The Invitational and the U10 Royale being delivered. Each new event delivering to the ever-evolving needs of the surf lifesaving movement and ensuring guards are fit, focused and rescue-ready come summer.



Good fortune also saw the delivery of two marquee events in the SLSNR calendar. The SLSNR Junior Championships catered to more than 300 junior members across Waitangi Weekend at Ōrewa Beach. Similarly, the SLSNR IRB Championships hosted more than 35 crews in a competition which simulates rescues in a way that is very close to the real thing.

Both Championship events were closely contested, with Red Beach retaining their Junior Championship crown for a second year running and Sunset Beach continuing its dominance of IRB racing to retain the regional IRB Championship title.

For full results, follow the QR codes below.

JUNIOR CHAMPS



DAY ONE



DAY TWO

NR IRB



INNOVATION IN YOUTH PARTICIPATION THE U10 ROYALE

The U10 Royale was an innovative event format delivered for the first time this season. The event's purpose was to create an opportunity for future lifeguards to participate and compete, while removing barriers to do so.

The event was born after the Junior Operational Committee (JOC), received clear feedback from clubs that their younger members wanted more opportunities to practise their skills and become confident in their environment.

We were conscious of not providing an adult competition format for young people so heeded that call and took the opportunity to be innovative and deliver a best-practice youth event. Instead of a traditional competition for the U10 Royale, where members compete for their club, participants were placed in teams with other clubs, giving them a chance to meet other kids. Teams were balanced for age, gender and ability, with all races offered being in a relay format.

The inaugural event held at Ōrewa Beach attracted 125 junior members from seven clubs across the Northern Region. In line with the inclusive nature of the event, participants were recognised at the prize-giving for sportsmanship, perseverance, encouragement and fun. We will look to making the event bigger and better in the 2021-2022 season.



THE INVITATIONAL

The 2020-21 season saw the delivery of New Zealand's first true domestic Surf Sports performance event in over a decade. The Invitational saw 96 of the country's fittest and fastest lifeguards compete in eight teams of 12 across all disciplines: Swim, Board, Ski, Rescue and Beach events.

In a twist unique to this event, teams were drafted by their respective Coaches and Managers. This format saw the best and fastest lifeguards competing against each other with club and regional allegiance put aside. All events included a team element which added another different dynamic to the event.

The field boasted a number of current Open and Junior Black-Fins, NZ Development Squad members, World Champions and former Olympians. The unique element of team composition allowed these experience members to work in teams alongside younger members from around the country; an amazing role-modelling experience for any budding athletes.

Former Junior Black Fin Claudia Kelly led her team to take out the inaugural event which saw plenty of close racing.

The above ingredients made The Invitational the highlight of the 2020-21 Competitive Lifesaving season with the 2021 event set to eclipse the inaugural events.

Follow the below QR code for a snapshot of the action from the day.



RED BEACH MOST QUALIFIED SURF LIFEGUARDS IN A YEAR

The Junior Surf and Rookie Guard programmes are long established club components of the surf lifeguard pathway. Their purpose is to introduce younger club members to the environments they will one day patrol and to ensure their development enables them to qualify as a Lifeguard at age 14.

It is hard to argue that no other club has streamlined this pathway more effectively than Red Beach Surf Life Saving Club. The structure of the Club's programme, the integration of junior and senior members and an emphasis on the social elements of being a "clubbie" lie at the heart of their formula.

The effectiveness of developing and training new lifeguards was such that Red Beach earned national recognition by being awarded the Gudsell Trophy at the 2020 SLSNZ Awards of Excellence, given to the club qualifying the highest number of new guards in a season. This came off the back of qualifying 50 new guards this season, the large majority of whom were involved in the junior and rookie programmes, or were parents of members in those programmes.

Red Beach Junior Coordinator Kirtsy Rutledge-Malyon credits the Club's family-orientated approach to their programme as the difference-maker: "We aim to create a fun, inclusive and engaging space for our rookie members to become qualified lifeguards. We try to keep their coaching and manager groups with them as they progress through the Junior Surf programme and allow opportunities for their Senior peers to help their learning towards the end of their pathway".



WAIPŪ COVE SLSC IRB MEMBERSHIP RETENTION STRATEGY

In 2017, Waipū was struggling to get IRB drivers for patrols and realised the club needed to train more. After Tim Manning qualified as a driver, he became an IRB instructor/examiner which helped build club capability in training new drivers, averaging six a year compared to one or two. Then, in 2018, they had two under-19 male crews that were keen to start competing and the club supported them with their racing.

This interest in IRB driving and racing gained momentum with members keen to join the team as soon as they qualified, starting as patients and working their way up to drivers. Many of them also started instructing and coaching. They wanted to be part of the comradery, the trips away, the challenge of competing, and the opportunity to visit other clubs and make new friends. The hype was building, and the club soon realised this was an important area of focus, and needed to be supported.

The club committee did this by supporting teams financially, encouraging training, inviting experienced IRB coaches to assist (thanks to Sunset for helping!), encouraging families/parents to get involved, covering patrols when IRB competitions were on, applying for funding/sponsorship for IRB racing

equipment and maintenance, getting sponsored lifejackets and t-shirts, and promoting the teams' successes to the community and wider membership. The club encouraged all IRB drivers to attend engine maintenance workshops, and senior club leaders attended events to support and encourage the teams, as well as photographing/videoing events to help promote and capture the buzz.

The teams themselves decided on a minimum patrolling requirement, so that each team member had to do 30 hours on patrol, and contribute to club events before being eligible to compete, to ensure they were giving back to the club and community. Competition driving improves IRB skills for patrolling, which the club sees as the end-game. Racing is great, but it is not just about the competition- it is about being able to put everything together that you have learnt when you need it under the pressure of a real rescue. There is no question that once you have raced an IRB you have an improved skill level- launching, patient pick-ups and the return-to-beach. Most importantly, it builds your confidence.

In 2020, Waipū had 20 refreshed IRB Drivers which is close to 30% of their lifeguards. They have also had five competitive crews for the last couple of seasons: two female under-19 crews, one male under-19 team and two male under-23 crews, coming fifth-equal in the club competition at the Nationals, and winning top under-19 female crew – “Full Send”.

IRB racing has contributed to retaining their experienced 16-22 age group, mainly by helping to boost club spirit, creating a positive fun vibe, a sense of belonging, and the competitive challenge to achieve personal excellence.



IRB racing is way of uniting people who want to do surf lifesaving as well as a sport. It brings thrills and enjoyment. As a driver, when my crew and I hit the first wave, a feeling of excitement rushes through our body. It's a great way to improve skills, efficiency and communication in an IRB.



Emily Stolwerk (17),
IRB driver.



AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE



2020-21 SLSNR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO JUNIOR SURF CLAIRE BURGHAM



Claire Burgham has been a member at Red Beach for 10 years and in her time has been a valued member in the Surf Officials space and played a crucial part in changing the way junior events are run in Northern Region.

Coming on board as Event Referee for the 2020-21 season, Claire had a clear goal in mind: to make Junior Surf events fun for kids again and bring new races in. With a focus on team and mixed gender/club racing at events, Claire brought a refreshing perspective to Northern Region events. The new format allowed more juniors to get involved and meet new people as kids were encouraged to create teams made up of different genders and clubs.

This new set-up also meant shorter race days meaning attendees weren't on the beach and in the sun too long.

Claire became an official during the 2013-14 season and then completed her official level 2 certificate in 2015/16. She joined the Junior Operational Committee (JOC) in the 2018-19 season and has made a great contribution to the team. With all the impressive work she has done over the years as both a member of Red Beach and Northern Region, it is not hard to see why she was awarded the Contribution to Junior Surf award at the Toyota Financial Services 2021 Awards of Excellence in 2021 followed up by a recognition award at the Red Beach AGM in August.

We look forward to seeing Claire in action as Event Referee again for the 2021-22 season and see how events progress.

COMPETITIVE LIFESAVING OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE: VOLUNTEERS THAT STEER MOVEMENT

At the heart of all that happens within surf lifesaving are the key volunteers and volunteer committees in the clubs who are never too far away from the direction-setting and decision-making of their club. These groups and individuals are critical to the movement as they present the consensus of the ideas and act as an important control and sense-check on developments and initiatives. Put simply, the direction of surf lifesaving is volunteer-led and then delivered through SLSNR.

Within the Junior Surf and Competitive Lifesaving space there are up-to-five different working groups being engaged and consulted who provide their insights into what the movement's needs and wants are. These working groups feed their insights into two main volunteer committees: The Junior Operational Committee (JOC) and the Competitive Lifesaving Operational Committee (C-LOC). It is within this operational committee space where the decision-making happens within our movement.

The members within these committees volunteer countless hours of their time engaging in dialogue with members from the working groups, SLSNR employees and their own networks within the movement to ensure the decision-making and direction-setting process is robust.

What exactly does the outcome of these committees look like? In the 2020-21 season, these committees were responsible for removing further barriers to events, allowing more people to participate, through innovating and delivering three key, new competitions: the Rangitoto Classic, The Invitational and the U10 Royale.

Junior Operational Committee Members (2020-21)

Tim Rogers (Chair)

Claire Burgham

Jillian Walker

Andrew Short

Rob Mihaljevich

Competitive Lifesaving Operational Committee Members (2020-21)

Dave Shanks (Chair)

Jason Pocock (Deputy Chair)

Michelle Newton

Wayne Franich

Gracey Monteith

Belinda Langman

Shane Edwards

Mike Brown

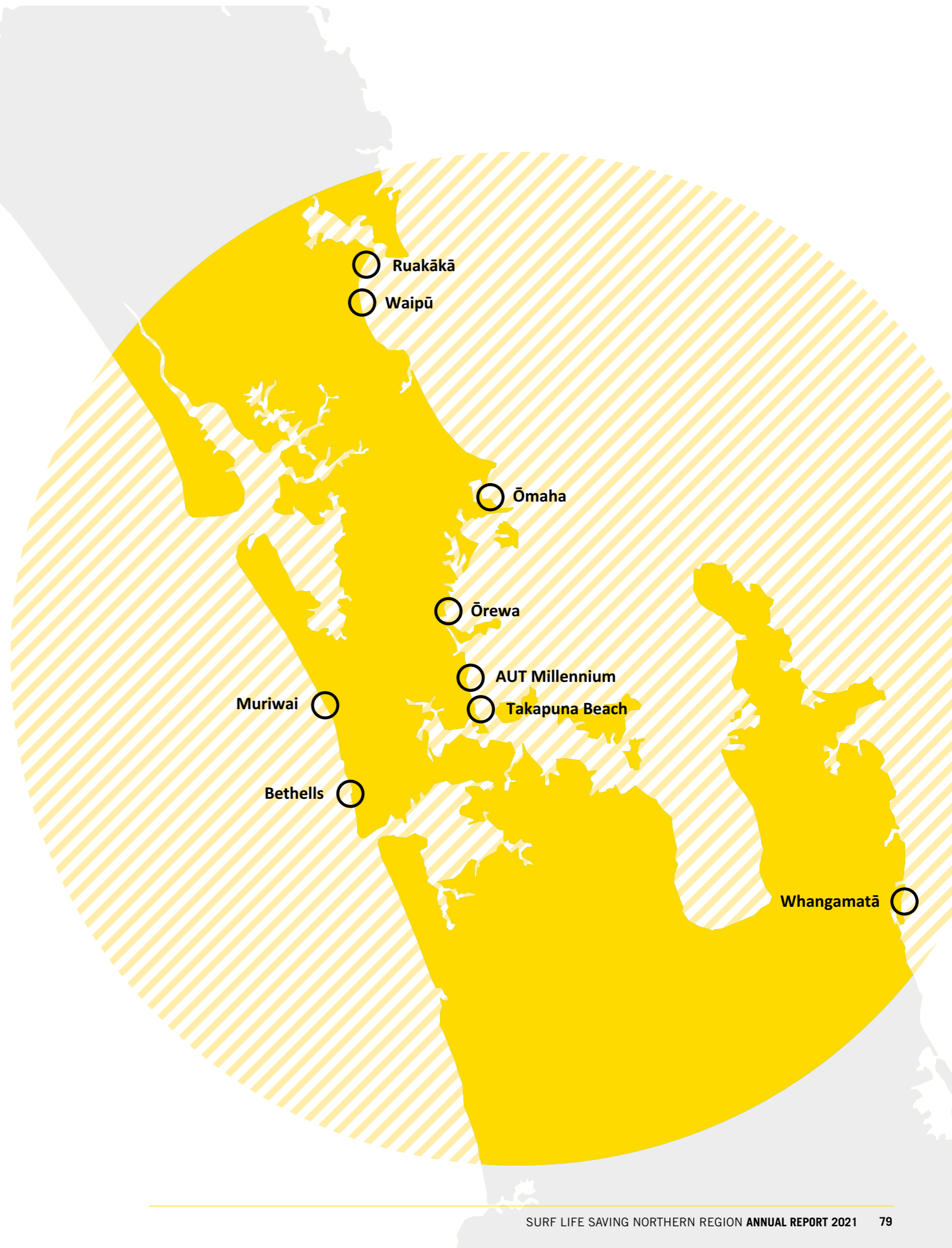
John Chapman



2020-21 EVENT LOCATIONS & PARTICIPATION NUMBERS

Event	Location	Participants
Pool Rescue Interclub #1 (Cancelled)	AUT Millennium	-
Pool Rescue Interclub #2 (Cancelled)	AUT Millennium	-
SLSNR Pool Rescue Championships (Cancelled)	AUT Millennium	-
Rangitoto Classic	Takapuna Beach	150
Long Distance Challenge	Ōrewa	91
Senior Interclub #1	Muriwai	154
Senior Interclub #2	Ōrewa	271
Junior Interclub #1	Ōmaha	396
Whangamatā Classic	Whangamatā	434
The Invitational	Whangamatā	96
Junior Interclub #2	Ruakākā	459
IRB Interclub	Ruakākā	78
West Coast Experience	Bethells	100
U10 Royale	Ōrewa	124
SLSNR Junior Championships	Ōrewa	307
SLSNR Patrol Champs (Cancelled)	Waipū	-
Northern Regional Championships (Cancelled)	Ruakākā	332
SLSNR IRB Championships	Ruakākā	103

Participation	Totals
Total junior participation	1386
Total senior participation	1377
Total junior surf numbers (across the region)	2641
Total volunteer hours in events (officials, event guards)	2600



STRATEGIC OUTCOME 7

OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERYONE



AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE WINNERS LIST

Title	Name	Club
LIFESAVING AWARDS		
Instructor Of the Year	Jaine Curran	Waipū Cove
Examiner Of the Year	Benny Larsen	Ōrewa
Quicksilver Outstanding Contribution to Power Craft	Leif Neilson	United North Piha
Quicksilver Rookie Lifeguard of the Year	Lucy Manning	Waipū Cove
Quicksilver Under 19 Surf Lifeguard of The Year	Mollie Abrams	Raglan
Quicksilver Patrol Support of the Year Award	Mary Duff	United North Piha
Quicksilver Surf Lifeguard of the Year	Harry Mellor	Red Beach
Volunteer of the Year	Joanne Hobson	Sunset Beach
Toyota Financial Services Rescue of the Year	United North Piha/Piha Mercer Bay Rescue	
Innovation of the Year	Waipū Cove / ECOS Coast Watchers	
Yamaha 2021 Club Of The Year Award	United North Piha Lifeguard Service	
SURF SPORTS AWARDS		
Under 14 Sportswoman of The Year	Elizabeth Brennan	Ōrewa
Under 14 Sportsman of The Year	Mason King	Ōrewa
Outstanding Contribution to Junior Surf	Claire Burgham	Red Beach
Junior Coach of the Year	Brendon Rutledge-Malyon	Red Beach
Under 15 Sportswoman of The Year	Isla Petherbridge	Ōrewa
Under 15 Sportsman of The Year	Kailen Brackebush	Ōrewa
Under 17 Sportswoman of The Year	Zoe Crawford	Mairangi Bay
Under 17 Sportsman of The Year	George Wenman	Ōrewa
Under 19 Sportswoman of The Year	Kendra Stinson	Ōrewa
Under 19 Sportsman of The Year	Patrick Makgil	Red Beach
Surf Coach of The Year	Shane Edwards	Sunset Beach
Competition Team of The Year	Sunset Woman's Open IRB Crew Taylor Shirmpton & Abi Chapman	
Developing Surf Official of The Year	Andrew Short	Red Beach
Surf Official of The Year	Tania Ahrens	Kariaotahi/Ruakākā
Quicksilver Event Guard of the Year	Blair Lees	Mairangi Bay
Sportswoman of the Year	Danielle Mckenzie	Mairangi Bay
Sportsman of the Year	Steve Kent	Mairangi Bay
Junior Surf Cath and Eddie Millar Cup	Red Beach	
Northern Region Junior Surf Championships	Red Beach	
IRB Championships	Sunset Beach	



SERVICE AWARDS AND LIFE MEMBERSHIPS



SERVICE AWARDS



Anne Snowden
Raglan



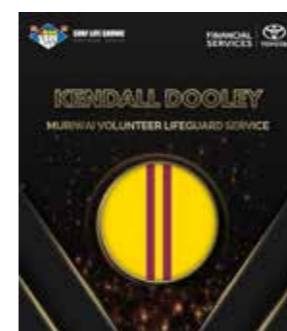
Jon Copeland
Ōrewa



Dean Maddaford
Bethells Beach



Jenny Fergus
Ōrewa



Kendall Dooley
Muriwai



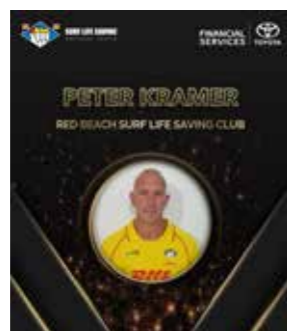
Mark Edwards
Sunset Beach



Kelly McColl
Ōrewa



John-Michael Swannix
Whangārei Heads



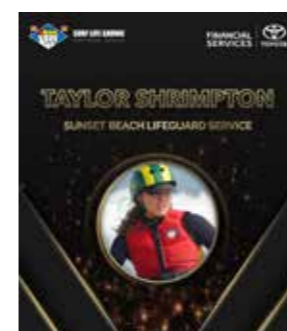
Peter Kramer
Red Beach



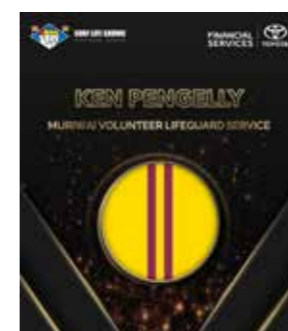
Grace Campbell
Mairangi Bay



Shannon Swann
Kariaotahi

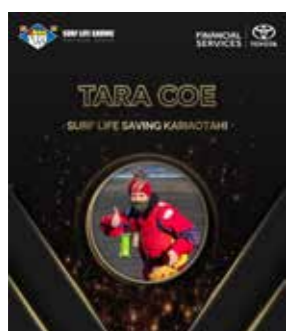


Taylor Shrimpton
Sunset Beach



Ken Pengelly
Muriwai

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS



Tara Coe,
Kariaotahi



Mike Lawrence
Kariaotahi



Shane Edwards
Sunset Beach



Nicola Howes
Whangārei Heads



Lindsay Hill
Whangārei Heads



Leif Neilson
United North Piha

LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Michelle Newton
Red Beach



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS





**Surf Life Saving Northern Region Inc
Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 June 2021**

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**Directory
As at 30 June 2021**

Purpose of the Group:	To be the lead provider of water safety services, working to prevent drowning and injury in our community.	
Nature of activities:	The provision and administration of life guarding activities, community education and sporting programmes within the northern region.	
Address:	3 Solent Street, Mechanics Bay, Auckland	
Independent Auditor:	BDO Auckland	
Bankers:	ASB Bank Limited	
Solicitors:	Bell Gully	
Charities Commission:	CC21256	
Board Members:	Denise Bovaird (elected September 2017, appointed chairperson September 2018) Stephan Deschamps (elected September 2019) David Comp (elected September 2017) Hillary Catherine Wyllie (co-opted September 2018) Matthew Williams (CEO appointment December 2015) Chris Glackin (co-opted September 2019) Anthony Drake (elected September 2018)	
CEO:	Matthew Williams (appointed December 2015)	
Controlled Entities:		
	Bethells Beach Surf Life Saving Patrol Incorporated	CC32842
	Far North Surf Rescue Society Incorporated	CC41115
	Karekare Surf Lifesaving Club Incorporated	CC26933
	Surf Life Saving Kariaotahi Incorporated	CC41763
	Mairangi Bay Surf Lifesaving Club Incorporated	CC42492
	Mangawhai Heads Volunteer Lifeguard Service Incorporated	CC36716
	Muriwai Volunteer Lifeguard Service Incorporated	CC38103
	Omaha Surf Lifesaving Club Incorporated	CC43892
	Orewa Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated	CC26779
	Piha Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated	CC30080
	The Piha Surf Life Saving Club Trust Fund	CC10116
	Raglan Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated	CC38988
	Raglan Surf Life Saving Amenities Trust	CC36270
	Red Beach Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated	CC34379
	Ruakaka Surf Life Saving Patrol Incorporated	CC23400
	Sunset Beach Lifeguard Service Incorporated	CC25294
	Sunset Beach Surf Lifesaving Charitable Trust Incorporated	CC25258
	United North Piha Lifeguard Service Incorporated	CC39240
	United North Piha Surf Lifesaving Charitable Trust	CC52480
	Waipu Cove Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated	CC33308
	Whangarei Heads Volunteer Surf Life Saving Patrol Incorporated	CC22304

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
SURF LIFE SAVING NORTHERN REGION INCORPORATED**

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the separate and consolidated financial statements ("the financial statements") of Surf Life Saving Northern Region Incorporated ("the Parent") and its controlled entities (together, "the Group"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021, and the statements of comprehensive revenue and expense, statements of changes in equity and statements of cash flow for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the *Basis for Qualified Opinion* section of our report, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 30 June 2021, and its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime ("PBE Standards RDR") issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.

Basis for Qualified Opinion on Financial Performance

Control over club rental and bar income, product sales, certain membership user pays, fees and subscriptions, fundraising and donations cash income streams amounting to \$21,618 for the Parent and amounting to \$2,493,384 for the Group prior to being recorded is limited, and there are no practical audit procedures to determine the effect of this limited control. Accordingly, the completeness of revenue and related cash flows are unable to be determined.

Opinion on Financial Position

In our opinion, the financial positions of the Parent and Group as at 30 June 2021 are presented fairly, in all material respects in accordance with the Public Benefit Entity Standards Reduced Regime.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) ("ISAs (NZ)"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 *International Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners (including International Independence Standards) (New Zealand)* issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion.

In addition to providing assurance services to the Parent, we provide audit assurance services to one of the controlled entities. We have no other relationship with, or interests in, the Parent or any of its controlled entities.

Other Information

The Board is responsible for the other information. The other information obtained at the date of this auditor's report is information contained in the annual report but does not include the consolidated financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of audit opinion or assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Boards' Responsibilities for the Financial Statements

The Board is responsible on behalf of the Parent and the Group for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with PBE Standards RDR, and for such internal control as the Board determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the Board is responsible on behalf of the Parent and the Group for assessing the Parent and the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board either intends to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

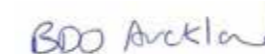
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (NZ) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located at the External Reporting Board's website at: <https://www.xrb.govt.nz/assurance-standards/auditors-responsibilities/audit-report-7/>.

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Who we Report to

This report is made solely to the Parent's members, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state those matters which we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Parent and the Parent's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report or for the opinions we have formed.



BDO Auckland
Auckland
New Zealand
6 December 2022

**Statements of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense
 For the Year Ended 30 June 2021**

	Note	Parent - 2021	Group - 2021	Parent - 2020	Group - 2020
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue from Exchange Transactions	7	250,018	1,534,897	271,152	1,461,617
Revenue from Non Exchange Transactions	7	4,159,206	10,854,045	3,487,502	7,083,629
Other Income	8	13,280	222,133	6,372	81,484
Total Revenue		4,422,504	12,611,075	3,765,026	8,626,731
Cost of Delivery - Exchange Transactions	9	(2,283,186)	(3,342,081)	(2,073,644)	(2,798,240)
Gross Surplus		2,139,318	9,268,994	1,691,382	5,828,490
Club Distributions and Activities		(167,704)	(147,518)	(933,054)	(518,054)
Administrative Expenses		(1,636,816)	(4,519,895)	(1,013,813)	(3,911,757)
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	11	334,799	4,601,581	(255,485)	1,398,679
Finance Income	12	4,456	57,748	29,025	106,603
Finance Costs	12	-	-	-	(34)
Net Finance Income		4,456	57,748	29,025	106,569
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		339,255	4,659,329	(226,459)	1,505,248
Gain on revaluation of available-for-sale financial assets		-	237,223	-	43,975
Total Other Comprehensive Revenue and Expense for the year		-	237,223	-	43,975
Total Comprehensive Revenue and Expense for the year attributable to equity		339,255	4,896,552	(226,459)	1,549,223

**Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity - Group
 For the Year Ended 30 June 2021**

	Available-for-sale asset fair value reserve	Retained Earnings	Total Equity
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2019	252,006	15,910,865	16,162,871
Total Comprehensive Revenue and Expense for the year			
Surplus	-	1,505,248	1,505,248
Other Comprehensive Revenue and Expense	43,975	-	43,975
Balance at 30 June 2020	295,981	17,416,113	17,712,094
Total Comprehensive Revenue and Expense for the year			
Surplus	-	4,659,329	4,659,329
Other Comprehensive Revenue and Expense	237,223	-	237,223
Balance at 30 June 2021	533,204	22,075,442	22,608,646

**Statement of Changes in Equity - Parent
 For the Year Ended 30 June 2021**

	Retained Earnings	Total Equity
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2019	1,653,626	1,653,626
Total Comprehensive Revenue and Expense for the year		
Surplus	(226,459)	(226,459)
Balance at 30 June 2020	1,427,167	1,427,167
Total Comprehensive Revenue and Expense for the year		
Surplus	339,255	339,255
Balance at 30 June 2021	1,766,421	1,766,421

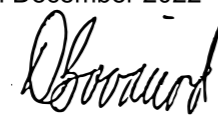
Statements of Financial Position
 As at 30 June 2021

	Note	Parent - 2021	Group - 2021	Parent - 2020	Group - 2020
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Assets					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	13	936,909	3,952,548	1,486,847	4,643,354
Financial Assets	14	1,000,000	2,850,457	-	1,802,318
Inventory		201	107,616	-	150,226
Trade and Other Exchange Receivables	15	46,364	271,239	112,283	193,553
Current Assets		1,983,474	7,181,860	1,599,130	6,789,451
Financial Assets	14	-	-	-	-
Available for-sale Financial Assets - Piha Surf Life Saving Trust	14	-	933,951	-	884,745
Loan - Lifesavers Foundation	16	-	-	8,272	8,272
Property, Plant and Equipment	26	226,363	9,263,594	266,302	8,608,080
Capital Work in Progress	25	-	6,223,923	22,987	3,262,926
Non-Current Assets		226,363	16,421,468	297,561	12,764,023
Total Assets		2,209,837	23,603,328	1,896,691	19,553,474
Liabilities					
Trade and Other Payables	17	263,463	538,759	320,117	449,755
Loans and Borrowings	19	-	61,000	-	-
Deferred Income	18	179,751	391,101	149,407	1,316,625
Current Liabilities		443,214	990,860	469,524	1,766,380
Loans and Borrowings	19	-	3,822	-	75,000
Total Non-Current Liabilities		-	3,822	-	75,000
Total Liabilities		443,214	994,682	469,524	1,841,380
Equity					
Retained Earnings		1,766,421	22,075,442	1,427,167	17,416,113
Available-for-sale assets fair value reserve		-	533,204	-	295,981
Total Equity		1,766,421	22,608,646	1,427,167	17,712,094
Total Equity and Liabilities		2,209,635	23,603,328	1,896,691	19,553,474

Approved and on behalf of the Board this date ; 6th December 2022



Board Member



Board Member

Statements of Cash Flows
 For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

	Note	Parent - 2021	Group - 2021	Parent - 2020	Group - 2020
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities					
Cash receipts from grants, sponsorships, donations, fees		4,518,564	11,632,987	3,650,662	9,009,204
Payments to suppliers and grant recipients		(4,031,663)	(6,755,172)	(4,026,595)	(5,845,559)
Interest received		4,456	57,748	29,025	106,603
Interest paid		-	-	-	(34)
Net Cash from/(used in) Operating Activities		491,357	4,935,563	(346,908)	3,270,214
Cash Flows from Investing Activities					
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		-	-	2,404	52,821
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment		(41,497)	(1,803,344)	(84,849)	(1,107,308)
Acquisition of capital work in progress		-	(2,960,997)	-	(1,882,930)
Proceeds from / (investment in) term deposit		(1,000,000)	(860,122)	1,100,000	116,535
Provision for Lifesaver's Foundation loan		-	-	-	-
Net Cash from/(used in) Investing Activities		(1,041,497)	(5,624,463)	1,017,555	(2,820,882)
Cash flows from Financing Activities					
Repayment of borrowings		-	(1,906)	-	(36,597)
Cash Flows used in Financing Activities		-	(1,906)	-	(36,597)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(550,140)	(690,806)	670,647	412,735
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 July		1,486,847	4,643,354	816,200	4,230,619
Cash and Cash Equivalents at 30 June	13	936,707	3,952,548	1,486,847	4,643,354



1. Reporting entity

Surf Life Saving Northern Region Inc. (the 'Parent') is a public benefit entity for the purposes of financial reporting in accordance with the Financial Reporting Act (2013).

The entity is a society incorporated and domiciled in New Zealand established under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 and registered under the Charities Act 2005. The registered office is at 3 Solent Street, Mechanics Bay, Auckland. These consolidated financial statements comprise the consolidated results and position of the entity and its controlled entities (together referred to as the 'Group'), and the separate results and position of the Parent.

SLSNR and its controlled entities were established to provide life guarding activities, community education and sporting programmes within the northern region.

2. Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand (NZ GAAP). They comply with Public Benefit Entity Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime (PBE Standards RDR), as appropriate for Tier 2 not-for-profit public benefit entities. For this purpose the Group has designated itself a public benefit entity.

The Group and Parent qualify as Tier 2 reporting entities as for the current and period it has had between \$2million and \$30million operating expenditure, and are not publicly accountable.

The financial statements comply with all relevant PBE standards RDR. The financial statements are authorised and issued by the Board of Directors as recorded in the statement of financial position.

3. Measurement basis

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, except for available for sale financial assets.

4. Functional and presentation currency

The financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars (\$), rounded to the nearest dollar which is the Parent and Group's functional currency.

5. Use of judgements and estimates

In preparing these financial statements, management has made judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

Judgements

Information about judgements made in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effects on the amounts recognised in the financial statements are included in the following notes:

- Note 26 Useful lives and depreciation rates of property, plant and equipment assets
- Note 7 Revenue Recognition non-exchange revenue (conditions vs. restrictions)
- Note 23 Related party transactions and controlled entities
- Note 25 Capital Work in Progress

Capital work-in-progress includes work performed pre-redevelopment of various clubhouses. As the redevelopment can take significant time to complete, judgement needs to be applied when considering whether pre-development expenditure still meets the definition of an asset at each reporting date.

6. Significant accounting policies

Set out below is an index of the significant accounting policies, the details of which are available on the pages that follow. The accounting policies have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

- A. Revenue Recognition
- B. Employee Benefits
- C. Grant Expenditure
- D. Finance Income and Finance Costs
- E. Cash and Cash Equivalents
- F. Property, Plant and Equipment
- G. Leases
- H. Taxes
- I. Related Parties
- J. Financial Instruments
- K. Basis of Consolidation
- L. Impairment
- M. Inventory
- N. Reclassification



A. Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognised when the amount of revenue can be measured reliably and it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the group, and measured at the fair value of consideration received or receivable.

The following specific recognition criteria in relation to the entities revenue streams must also be met before revenue is recognised.

Revenue from Exchange Transactions

(i) Sale of goods

Revenue is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownerships have been transferred to the customer, recovery of the consideration is probable, the associated costs and possible return of goods can be estimated reliably, there is no continuing management involvement with the goods, and the amount of revenue can be measured reliably. Revenue is measured net of returns and discounts.

The timing of the transfer of risks and rewards varies depending on the individual terms of the sales agreement.

(ii) User pays

Revenue received from users where members or non members purchase specific services (for example attendance of a lifesaving event) is initially recorded as revenue in advance, and then recognised proportionally on the basis of the value of each session relative to the total value of the purchased services.

Event income including entrance fees are recorded as revenue when the function or event takes place.

(iii) Rendering of services

The Group and Parent recognises revenue from rendering of services in proportion to the stage of completion of the transactions at the reporting date. The stage of completion is assessed based on surveys of work performed.

(iv) Interest Income

Interest income is accrued using the effective interest rate method. The effective interest rate exactly discounts the estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial assets to that asset's net carrying amount. The method applies this rate to the principal outstanding to determine interest revenue each period.

Revenue from Non Exchange Transactions

Non-exchange transactions are those where the Group and Parent receives value from another entity (e.g. cash or other assets) without giving approximately equal value in exchange.

Inflows of resources from non-exchange transactions, other than services in-kind, that meet the definition of an asset are recognised as an asset only when:

- It is probable that the Group and Parent will receive an inflow of economic benefit or service potential; and
- The fair value can be measure reliably.

Inflows of resources from non-exchange transactions that are recognised as assets are recognised as non-exchange revenue, to the extent that a liability is not recognised in respect of the same inflow.

Liabilities are recognised in relation to inflows of resources from non-exchange transactions when there is a resulting present obligation as a result of the non-exchange transactions, where both:

- It is probable that an outflow of resources embodying future economic benefit or service potential will be required to settle the obligation, and
- The amount of the obligation can be estimated reliably.

The following are the specific recognition criteria in relation to the entities non-exchange transactions.

(i) Donations, Legacies and Bequests

Donations, legacies and bequests are recognised as non-exchange revenue upon receipt and include donations from the general public, donations received for specific programmes or services or donations in-kind. Donations in-kind include donations received for services and these are recognised in the statements of comprehensive income and expenses when the service or good is received. Donations in-kind are measured at their fair value as at the date of acquisition, ascertained by reference to the expected cost that would be otherwise incurred by the Group or Parent.



Revenue from Non Exchange Transactions (Continued)

(ii) Sponsorship income

Sponsorship income includes sponsorship given by businesses. Revenue is recognised over the term of the sponsorship contract.

(iii) Grant income

Grant revenue includes grants given by other charitable organisations, philanthropic organisations and businesses (predominately class 4 gaming and community trusts). The recognition of non-exchange revenue from grants depends on whether the grant comes with any stipulations imposed on the use of a transferred asset.

Stipulations that are 'conditions' specifically require the Group and Parent to return the inflow of resources received if they are not utilised in the way stipulated, resulting in the recognition of a non-exchange liability that is subsequently recognised as non-exchange revenue as and when the 'conditions' are satisfied.

Stipulations that are 'restrictions' do not specifically require the Group and Parent to return the inflow of resources received if they are not utilised in the way stipulated, and therefore do not result in the recognition of a non-exchange liability, which results in the immediate recognition of non-exchange revenue.

The value of in-kind sponsorship comprising various products and services received from sponsors is recorded as revenue and expenditure within the year that the benefit is received.

(iv) Government and Council Grants

Grants received from Government or Councils are non exchange revenue and are therefore recorded during the year they are received. The Auckland Regional Amenities Funding (ARAFA) Grant is applied to fund operational expenditure. The Group and Parent confirms that all conditions associated with the government grant have been met.

B. Employee Benefits

Short term employee benefits are expensed as the related service is provided. A liability is recognised for the amount expected to be paid if the Group and Parent has a present legal or constructive obligation to pay this amount as a result of past service provided by the employee and the obligation can be estimated reliably.

C. Grant Expenditure

Grant expenditure is recognised once the grant is approved and committed to by both parties. When the Board approves the grants and the approval is communicated to the recipient, who returns a written acceptance, the expenditure is recognised.

D. Finance Income and Finance Costs

Finance income and finance cost include:

- interest income
- interest expense
- dividend income

Interest income or expense is recognised using the effective interest method.

Dividends are recognised when the Group and Parent's right to receive payment is established, and the amount can be reliably

E. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and cash at bank, deposits on call and highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less, which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and are subject to insignificant risk of changes in value.

Cash investments with original maturity of greater than three months are classified as financial assets.

F. Property, Plant and Equipment

(i) Recognition and measurement

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items. Where an asset is acquired in a non-exchange transaction for nil or nominal consideration the asset is initially measured at its fair value.

Where material parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items of property, plant and equipment. Any gain or loss on disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment is recognised in surplus or deficit.

Subsequent costs are added to the carrying amount of an item of property, plant and equipment when that cost is incurred if it is probable that the future economic benefits embodied with the item will flow to the Group and Parent, and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised. All other repairs and maintenance costs are recognised in surplus or deficit.



F. Property, Plant and Equipment (continued)

Capital work in progress is not depreciated until commissioned. Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of items of property, plant and equipment less their residual value using the straight-line method or diminishing value method over their useful lives, and is recognised in surplus or deficit.

(ii) Depreciation

Depreciation has been calculated to allocate the cost or valuation of assets over their estimated useful lives, at the following rates:

	Straight line	Diminishing Value
Furniture & Fittings	13.5% - 69%	4% - 100%
Rescue Gear, Sports Equip, Inflatable Rescue Boats	0% - 80.4%	0% - 100%
Radio Equipment	4% - 50%	40%
Motor Vehicles and Trailers	7.5% - 50%	10% - 69%
Buildings	2% - 3%	2% - 3%

Depreciation methods, residual value of assets and useful lives are reassessed annually.

G. Leases

Leases in which a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases.

Payments made under operating leases are recognised in the statements of comprehensive income and expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. Lease incentives received are recognised as an integral part of the total lease expense over the term of the lease.

H. Taxes

The entity and its controlled entities all have charitable status and are exempt from income tax.

I. Related Parties

The Group and Parent regards a related party as a person or an entity with the ability to exert control individually or jointly, or to exercise significant influence over the entity, or vice versa. Members of key management are regarded as related parties and comprise the management and directors of the Group and Parent.

J. Financial Instruments

The Group and Parent initially recognises financial instruments when the Group and Parent becomes a party to the contractual

The Group and Parent derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows in a transaction in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred. Any interest in transferred financial assets that is created or retained by the Group and Parent is recognised as a separate asset or liability.

The Group and Parent derecognises a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged, cancelled, or expire.

The Group and Parent also derecognises financial assets and financial liabilities when there has been significant changes to the terms and/or the amount of contractual payments to be received/paid.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Group and Parent has a legal right to offset the amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

The Group and Parent classifies financial assets into the following categories: *loans and receivables*, and *available-for-sale*.

The Group and Parent classifies financial liabilities into the following category: *Amortised cost*.

Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value, plus and directly attributable transaction costs.

Subsequent measurement is dependent on the classification of the financial instrument, and is specifically detailed in the accounting policies below.



J. Financial Instruments (continued)

(i) Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Loans and receivables are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses. Loans and receivables comprise cash and cash equivalents, cash investments and receivables. Cash and cash equivalents represent highly liquid investments that are readily convertible into a known amount of cash with an insignificant risk of changes in value, with maturities of three months or less.

Any difference between fair value and transaction price of the concessionary loan at initial recognition is recognised as a finance cost in surplus or deficit.

(ii) Available-for-sale financial assets

Available-for-sale financial assets are non-derivative financial assets that are designated as available-for-sale or are not classified in any other category of financial assets.

Available-for-sale financial assets are subsequently measured at fair value with gains or losses being recognised in other comprehensive revenue and expense and presented in the available-for-sale fair value reserve within net assets/equity, less impairment. Available-for-sale financial assets comprise shares in listed NZ entities.

The fair value of financial instruments that are traded in active markets at each reporting date is determined by reference to quoted market prices, without any deduction for transaction costs.

(iii) Amortised cost financial liabilities

Financial liabilities classified as amortised cost are non-derivative financial liabilities that are not classified as fair value through surplus or deficit financial liabilities. Financial Liabilities classified as amortised cost are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Financial liabilities classified as amortised cost comprise trade and other payables, and Loans and Borrowings.

K. Basis of Consolidation

(i) Controlled entities

The Parent controls an entity when it is exposed, or has rights, to variable benefits from its involvement with the other entity and has the ability to affect the nature of amount of those benefits through its power over the entity. In assessing control, the Parent takes into consideration potential voting rights that are currently exercisable.

The financial statements of the Parent's controlled entities are included in the consolidated financial statements from the date that control commences until the date that control ceases.

Subsequent changes in a controlled entity that do not result in a loss of control are accounted for as transactions with owners of the controlling entity in their capacity as owners, within equity.

The financial statements of the controlled entities are prepared for the reporting period as stated in note 23, using consistent accounting policies.

(ii) Transactions eliminated on consolidation

Intra-group balances and transactions, and any unrealised income and expenses arising from intra-group transactions, are eliminated in preparing the consolidated financial statements.

L. Impairment of non-derivative financial assets

A financial asset not subsequently measured at fair value through surplus or deficit is assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is objective evidence that it is impaired. A financial asset is impaired if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the asset, and that the loss event(s) had an impact on the estimated future cash flows of that asset that can be estimated reliably.

Objective evidence that financial assets are impaired includes default or delinquency by a counterparty, restructuring of an amount due to the Group and Parent on terms that the Group and Parent would not consider otherwise, indications that a counterparty or issuer will enter bankruptcy, adverse changes in the payment status of borrowers or issuers in the Group and Parent, economic conditions that correlate with defaults or the disappearance of an active market for a security. In addition, for an equity security classified as an *available-for-sale* financial asset, a significant or prolonged decline in its fair value below its cost is objective evidence of impairment.



L. Impairment of non-derivative financial assets (continued)

(i) Financial assets classified as loans and receivables

The Group and Parent considers evidence of impairment for financial assets measured at amortised cost (*loans and receivables*) at both a specific asset and collective level.

All individually significant assets are assessed for specific impairment. Those found not to be specifically impaired are then collectively assessed for any impairment that has been incurred but not yet identified.

Assets that are not individually significant are collectively assessed for impairment by grouping together assets with similar risk characteristics.

In assessing collective impairment the Group and Parent uses historical trends of the probability of default, the timing of recoveries and the amount of loss incurred, adjusted for management's judgement as to whether current economic and credit conditions are such that the actual losses are likely to be greater or less than suggested by historical trends.

An impairment loss in respect of a financial asset measured at amortised cost is calculated as the difference between its carrying amount and the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. Losses are recognised in surplus or deficit and reflected in an allowance account against *loans and receivables* financial assets. Interest on the impaired asset continues to be recognised.

When an event occurring after the impairment was recognised causes the amount of impairment loss to decrease, the decrease in impairment loss is reversed through surplus or deficit.

Individual trade receivables that are known to be uncollectible are written off when identified, along with associated allowances. Loans, together with associated allowances are written off when there is no realistic prospect of future recovery and all collateral has been realised or has been transferred to the Group and Parent.

(ii) Financial assets classified as available-for-sale

Impairment losses on available-for-sale financial assets are recognised by reclassifying the losses accumulated in the fair value reserve in net assets/equity to surplus or deficit.

In the case of equity investments classified as available-for-sale, objective evidence would include a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value of the investment below its cost. 'Significant' is evaluated against the original cost of the investment and 'prolonged' against the period in which the fair value has been below its original cost.

In the case of debt instruments classified as available-for-sale, the impairment is assessed based on the same criteria as financial assets at amortised cost. However, the amount recorded for impairment is the cumulative loss measured as the difference between the amortised cost and the current fair value, less any impairment loss on that investment previously recognised in surplus or deficit.

The cumulative loss that is reclassified from the fair value reserve in net assets/equity to surplus or deficit is the difference between the acquisition cost, net of any principal repayment and amortisation, and the current fair value, less any impairment loss recognised previously in surplus or deficit.

Changes in impairment provisions attributable to application of the effective interest method are reflected as a component of interest income. If, in a subsequent period, the fair value of an impaired *available-for-sale* debt security increases and the increase can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised, then the impairment loss is reversed, with the amount of the reversal recognised in surplus or deficit. However, any subsequent recovery in the fair value of an impaired *available-for-sale* equity security is recognised in other comprehensive revenue and expense.

M. Inventory

Inventory is initially measured at cost, except items acquired through non-exchange transactions which are instead measured at fair value as their deemed cost at initial recognition.

Inventories are subsequently measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The cost of inventories is based on the first-in first-out principle and includes expenditure incurred in acquiring the inventories, production or conversion costs and other costs incurred in bringing them to their existing location and condition.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less the estimated costs of completion and selling expenses.



7. Revenue	Note	Parent - 2021	Group - 2021	Parent - 2020	Group - 2020
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue from Exchange Transactions					
Club Rental and Bar Income		-	520,226	-	368,177
Membership User Pays		228,262	876,909	231,959	935,744
Gaming Machine Income		-	-	-	-
Product Sales		540	102,103	540	117,608
Auckland Council Contracts		21,216	21,216	38,653	38,653
Other Revenue from Exchange Transactions		-	14,443	-	1,435
Total Revenue from Exchange Transactions		250,018	1,534,897	271,152	1,461,617
Revenue from Non Exchange Transactions					
Auckland Regional Amenities Funding		1,396,000	1,396,000	1,396,000	1,404,000
Waikato Regional Council		104,600	104,600	104,600	104,600
Northland Regional Council		217,012	217,012	202,985	210,713
NLS Trust Distributions	23	-	500	75,000	93,294
Operating Grants		645,839	1,319,430	869,297	1,398,136
Capital Grants		20,503	3,119,698	37,010	1,526,347
Foundation North Grants		172,000	273,535	404,783	359,305
The Lifesavers Foundation Grants		-	-	-	-
Sponsorship		95,225	369,513	65,422	331,539
SLSNZ - Fundraising and Sponsorship	23	870,996	1,305,491	62,231	73,189
NZLGB Funding through SLSNZ	23	385,463	1,518,561	210,000	539,956
Others		-	5,610	-	-
Fundraising, Donations and Legacies		251,567	1,224,095	60,174	1,042,550
Total Revenue from Non Exchange Transactions		4,159,206	10,854,045	3,487,502	7,083,629
Other Income	8	13,280	222,133	6,372	81,484
Total Revenue		4,422,504	12,611,074	3,765,026	8,626,730
8. Other Income					
		Parent - 2021	Group - 2021	Parent - 2020	Group - 2020
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Gain on sale of property, plant and Equipment		-	17,489	2,404	52,820
Other Income		13,280	204,645	3,968	28,664
		13,280	222,134	6,372	81,484
9. Cost of Delivery					
		Parent - 2021	Group - 2021	Parent - 2020	Group - 2020
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Lifesaving		500,000	1,089,092	401,262	490,884
Gaming Costs		-	-	-	-
Cost of Product Sales		-	218,688	-	207,874
Paid Lifeguard Services		1,134,454	1,141,916	1,144,562	1,144,562
Sports and Recreation		317,164	555,239	219,823	661,540
Community Education		331,568	337,144	307,997	293,380
		2,283,186	3,342,080	2,073,644	2,798,240
10. Employee benefit expense					
		Parent - 2021	Group - 2021	Parent - 2020	Group - 2020
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Wages and Salaries		2,461,323	2,921,074	2,011,572	2,453,976
Contributions to Kiwisaver		73,613	73,613	48,464	53,001
		2,534,936	2,994,687	2,060,037	2,506,977



11. Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	Note	Parent - 2021	Group - 2021	Parent - 2020	Group - 2020
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Operating surplus is stated after charging:					
Operating Rental	20	72,794	75,654	72,184	75,194
Club Distributions	23	208,905	2,824,052	598,688	-
Donations made		-	13,113	-	-
Legal Expenses		-	-	-	-
Depreciation Expense	26	104,423	1,349,541	118,508	1,457,726
Loss on disposal of property		-	198,199	-	198,199
12. Net Finance Income					
		Parent - 2021	Group - 2021	Parent - 2020	Group - 2020
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Interest Income received on bank deposits		4,456	57,748	29,025	106,603
		4,456	57,748	29,025	106,603
Finance Expenses		-	0	-	(34)
		-	0	-	(34)
Net Finance Income		4,456	57,748	29,025	106,569
13. Cash and Cash Equivalents					
		Parent - 2021	Group - 2021	Parent - 2020	Group - 2020
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Bank Balances		936,909	3,951,574	1,486,690	4,642,222
Petty Cash		-	974	157	1,132
Cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position and cashflows:		936,909	3,952,548	1,486,847	4,643,354
14. Financial Assets					
		Parent - 2021	Group - 2021	Parent - 2020	Group - 2020
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Current Financial Assets					
Term Deposit held by Surf Life Saving Northern Region		1,000,000	1,000,000	-	-
Term Deposits held by Surf Life Saving Clubs		-	1,850,457	-	1,802,318
Total Current Financial Assets		1,000,000	2,850,457	-	1,802,318
Non Current Financial Assets					
Term Deposits held by Surf Life Saving Clubs		-	-	-	-
Available for-sale Financial Assets - Piha Surf Life Saving Trust		-	933,951	-	884,745
Total Non Current Financial Assets		-	933,951	-	884,745
Total Financial Assets		1,000,000	3,784,408	-	2,687,063
Term deposits are held with various banks and financial institutions. Current term deposits mature within 12 months. Non Current investments are held with publicly listed entities and term deposits which mature after 12 months.					
15. Trade and Other Exchange Receivables					
		Parent - 2021	Group - 2021	Parent - 2020	Group - 2020
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Trade Receivables		41,824	235,617	106,337	164,619
Prepayments and Other Receivables		4,540	35,623	5,946	28,934
		46,364	271,240	112,283	193,553
Non-current		-	-	-	-
Current		46,364	271,240	112,283	193,553
		46,364	271,240	112,283	193,553



16. Loan Receivable	Parent - 2021	Group - 2021	Parent - 2020	Group - 2020
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Loan due from The Lifesavers Foundation	158,272	158,272	158,272	158,272
Provision against loan due from The Lifesavers Foundation	(158,272)	(158,272)	(150,000)	(150,000)
	-	-	8,272	8,272

In 2018 SLSNR entered into an agreement with The Lifesavers Foundation resulting in a loan of \$150,000 receivable over a 3 year period. The Directors of SLSNR assessed the cashflow forecasts for The Lifesavers Foundation and raised a provision of \$150,000 against the value of the Loan as at 30 June 2018. No repayment has been made in 2020, and a further \$8,272 was advanced in FY20 which is also provided against. The net effect is Zero.

17. Trade and Other Payables	Note	Parent - 2021	Group - 2021	Parent - 2020	Group - 2020
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Trade Payables		27,676	336,142	51,570	184,274
Employee Benefit liability		87,102	87,102	81,588	81,588
Trade Payables due to Related Parties	23	5,646	5,646	1,443	490
Inland Revenue Payables / (Receivable)		72,087	20,901	42,132	(11,039)
Accrued Expenses		70,952	88,968	143,284	194,442
Trade and other payables		263,463	538,759	320,017	449,755

The fair value of trade and other payables are equivalent to the carrying value.

18. Deferred Income	Parent - 2021	Group - 2021	Parent - 2020	Group - 2020
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Grants - Current	179,751	391,101	149,407	1,316,625
	179,751	391,101	149,407	1,316,625

Funding held in deferred income relates to grants which meet the definition of non-exchange transactions per IPSAS 23. At balance date the purpose of these grants has not been fulfilled and where an appropriate condition is attached to the grant in line with IPSAS 23 the unutilised grant is held as income in advance. All grants will be used within 6 months of balance date and are current in nature. The fair value of the grants are equivalent to the carrying value.

Karekare and Sunset clubs have received grants towards the construction of purpose build lifesaving facilities. These funds have not been utilised at 30 June 2021 and are held in deferred income.

19. Loans and Borrowings	Parent - 2021	Group - 2021	Parent - 2020	Group - 2020
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Kitchen / Bar Loan to Red Beach Surf Lifesaving Club	-	60,000	-	75,000
Loan to Muriwai Surf Lifesaving Club	-	1,000	-	-
Current	-	61,000	-	75,000
Non Current	-	3,822	-	75,000
	-	64,822	-	75,000

The Kitchen/Bar Loan to Red Beach is a loan by two members that have no contractual commitment. The loan is interest free, two payments made during the year (total \$15,000).



20. Operating lease commitments	Note	Parent - 2021	Group - 2021	Parent - 2020	Group - 2020
		\$	\$	\$	\$
(i) Future minimum lease payments					
Less than one year		52,728	52,728	6,533	6,533
Between one and five years		4,118	4,118	3,046	3,046
More than five years		-	-	-	-
		56,847	56,847	9,579	9,579
(ii) Amounts recognised in surplus or deficit					
Lease expense	11	72,794	75,654	72,184	75,194
		72,794	75,654	72,184	75,194

The Group leases vehicles and photocopiers.

21. Commitments and Contingencies

There are no other contingent liabilities as at year end (2021: nil). Refer to note 23 in relation to financial guarantee agreement in place.

22. Subsequent Events

To date the Group have undertaken the following steps to reduce the impact of COVID-19 on its operations:

- Reduced expenditure in non-critical business areas
- Prepared budgets for a small surplus

There have been no material events subsequent to reporting date that would substantially affect the ongoing financial performance of the Group. The ongoing SLSNR and SLSNZ review is still in progress and yet to be finalized.



23. Related Parties

Parent and ultimate controlling party

Surf Life Saving Northern Region Inc. (the Parent) was set up as an incorporated Society to be the lead provider of water safety services, working to prevent drowning and injury in the Northern Region.

Directors of the governing body do not receive any fees for meeting attendance and are only reimbursed for direct costs.

Remuneration of key management personal was \$196,890 (2020: \$180,000).

The Society is affiliated to Surf Life Saving New Zealand Inc. ('SLSNZ').

Controlled entities

The Society has 17 Surf Life Saving Clubs and 4 Trusts which are controlled by SLSNR.

Other related entities

The NLS Trust was set up by the affiliated clubs to SLSNR, with SLSNR having the power to appoint two trustees out of a governing body of up to 7 Trustees. All other NLS Trust trustees are appointed by the trustees themselves. The control of the NLS Trust is with the NLS Trustees only and control does not sit with SLSNR. The Area Foundation club members (17 Northern Region clubs) have the power to remove trustees.

Muriwai Lifeguard Services Amenities Trust (MLSAT) is the owner of the Surf Club Building at Muriwai and as such, the club's landlord. The club pays MLSAT for rent of the buildings and utilities and MLSAT pays the club for bar services provided to hirers of the venue. The club Chairman and one other member serve as trustees on the Board of Muriwai Lifeguard Services Amenities Trust, other Board members are independent from the Surf Club. MLSAT has been set up for the benefit of 11 community groups who have access to the use of the building facilities and therefore it is excluded from the consolidation.

The Lifesavers Foundation was established in 2017 with the purpose to be beneficial to the community by providing monetary grants, equipment and other resources to recognised surf life saving organisations for their charitable purposes. A memorandum of understanding was entered into between SLSNR and The Lifesavers Foundation which included the advance of a loan of \$158,272 to be used by the Foundation to fund its operations. The loan is interest free and has been fully provided against. Refer to Note 16.



23. Related Parties (continued)

List of Controlled Entities

	Balance Date 2021	Balance Date 2020	Controlling interest
Bethells Beach	30-Jun	30-Jun	100%
Far North	30-Jun	30-Jun	100%
Karekare	30-Jun	30-Jun	100%
Kariaotahi	30-Jun	30-Jun	100%
Mairangi Bay	30-Jun	30-Jun	100%
Mangawhai Heads	30-Jun	30-Jun	100%
Muriwai	30-Jun	30-Jun	100%
Omaha	30-Jun	30-Jun	100%
Orewa	31-Mar	31-Mar	100%
Piha	30-Apr	30-Apr	100%
Piha Trust	30-Apr	30-Apr	100%
Raglan	30-Jun	30-Jun	100%
Raglan Trust	31-Mar	31-Mar	100%
Red Beach	30-Apr	30-Apr	100%
Ruakaka	30-Apr	30-Apr	100%
Sunset Beach	30-Jun	30-Jun	100%
Sunset Trust	30-Jun	30-Jun	100%
United North Piha	30-Jun	30-Jun	100%
United North Trust	30-Jun	30-Jun	100%
Waipu Cove	30-Apr	30-Apr	100%
Whangarei Heads	31-May	31-May	100%

Group Transactions with Related Parties during the year.	2021		2020	
	Distribution received	Recharges paid	Distribution received	Recharges paid
SLSNZ	2,824,052	78,018	613,145	101,300
NLS Trust	500	-	93,294	-
Total	2,824,052	78,018	706,439	101,300
Group Year-End Balances arising from Sales to and Purchases from Related Parties	2021		2020	
	Receivable	Payable	Receivable	Payable
SLSNZ	-	5,646	-	490
Total	-	5,646	-	490

Parent Transactions with related parties during the year

2021 Clubs	Sales	Purchases	Receivable	Payable
	Recharges	Distributions		
Bethells Beach	5,738	18,551	120	-
Far North	1,274	5,120	-	-
Karekare	281	5,666	-	-
Kariaotahi	12,599	12,201	-	66
Mairangi Bay	1,601	13,251	691	-
Mangawhai Heads	5,479	19,151	-	-
Muriwai	4,452	12,551	255	-
Omaha	10,452	14,033	260	-
Orewa	8,140	19,976	372	-
Piha	7,548	16,551	1,922	-
Raglan	13,199	5,526	-	-
Red Beach	1,180	10,300	581	-
Ruakaka	2,567	9,372	-	-
Sunset Beach	2,586	13,257	60	-
United North Piha	3,157	13,849	-	-
Waipu Cove	1,472	12,637	65	-
Whangarei Heads	345	6,917	214	-
Total Clubs	82,070	208,905	4,540	66

23. Related Parties (continued)

2021

Other affiliated parties	Sales / Recharges	Purchases / Distributions	Receivable	Payable
The Lifesavers Foundation	-	-	-	-
AMRC Trust	-	82,371	-	5,580
NLS Trust	-	-	-	-
SLSNZ	1,245,680	78,019	6,563	-
Total	1,245,680	160,390	6,563	5,580



2020				
Other affiliated parties	Sales / Recharges	Purchases / Distributions	Receivable	Payable
The Lifesavers Foundation	-	-	158,272	-
AMRC Trust	-	77,494	-	6,308
NLS Trust	75,000	-	-	-
SLSNZ	210,000	116,496	-	1,443
Total	285,000	193,990	158,272	7,751

The Parent has entered into a financial guarantee agreement in relation to up to \$300,000 of shortfall on the Karekare Surf Club re-developments. No liability has been recognised in relation to the guarantee as there is no present obligation. All balances are current, unsecured and non interest bearing.

24. Financial Instrument Classifications

	2021		2020	
Financial Assets - Group	Loans and Receivables	Available for sale	Loans and Receivables	Available for sale
Cash and cash equivalents	3,952,548	-	4,643,354	-
Investments - term deposits	2,850,457	-	1,802,318	-
Investments - securities	-	933,951	-	884,745
Receivables	271,239	-	193,553	-
	7,074,244	933,951	6,639,225	884,745
Financial Liabilities - Group		2021 Amortised Cost		2020 Amortised Cost
Trade and Other Payables		538,759		449,755
Loans and borrowings		64,822		75,000
		603,581		524,755
Financial Assets - Parent	Loans and Receivables	Available for sale	Loans and Receivables	Available for sale
Cash and cash equivalents	936,909	-	1,486,847	-
Investments - term deposits	1,000,000	-	-	-
Receivables	46,364	-	112,283	-
	1,983,273	-	1,599,130	-
Financial Liabilities - Parent		2021 Amortised Cost		2020 Amortised Cost
Trade and Other Payables		263,463		320,017
Loans and borrowings		-		-
		263,463		320,017



25. Capital Work In Progress

United North Piha, Karekare and Sunset Beach are only noted Club's for as work in progress on Building.

26. Property, Plant and Equipment

GROUP Reconciliation of carrying amount for the year ended 30 June 2020	Furniture & Fittings	Rescue Gear, Sports Equip, Inflatable Rescue Boats	Radio Equipment	Motor Vehicles and Trailers	Buildings	Total
Gross Cost	1,055,090	8,169,606	430,973	1,526,300	8,758,188	19,940,157
Accumulated Depreciation	761,517	6,381,973	275,630	968,720	2,944,237	11,332,077
Closing carrying amount 30 June 20	293,573	1,787,633	155,343	557,580	5,813,951	8,608,080
Closing carrying amount 30 June 19	301,650	1,804,961	202,368	820,525	6,027,194	9,156,698
Additions during the year	90,162	666,680	29,773	143,098	92,512	1,022,225
Disposals during the year	- 4,909	- 38,330	-	- 56,035	- 13,843	- 113,117
Depreciation Expense	- 93,331	- 645,678	- 76,798	- 350,008	- 291,911	- 1,457,726
Closing carrying amount 30 June 20	293,572	1,787,633	155,343	557,580	5,813,952	8,608,080

GROUP Reconciliation of carrying amount for the year ended 30 June 2021	Furniture & Fittings	Rescue Gear, Sports Equip, Inflatable Rescue Boats	Radio Equipment	Motor Vehicles and Trailers	Buildings	Total
Gross Cost	1,026,299	8,836,395	488,132	1,717,149	10,220,964	22,288,939
Accumulated Depreciation	827,269	7,030,883	339,920	1,249,995	3,577,276	13,025,345
Closing carrying amount 30 June 21	199,030	1,805,511	148,212	467,154	6,643,688	9,263,594
Closing carrying amount 30 June 20	293,572	1,787,633	155,343	557,580	5,813,952	8,608,080
Reclassifications	- 92,630	64,133	7,665	30,947	- 10,115	-
Additions and CWIP transfers during the year	82,894	643,010	49,494	185,702	1,139,123	2,100,222
Disposals during the year	- 19,053	- 40,354	-	- 25,800	- 9,960	- 95,167
Depreciation Expense	- 65,752	- 648,910	- 64,290	- 281,275	- 289,312	- 1,349,541
Closing carrying amount 30 June 21	199,030	1,805,511	148,212	467,153	6,643,688	9,263,594

26. Property, Plant and Equipment (continued)

	Furniture & Fittings	Rescue Gear, Sports Equip, Inflatable Rescue Boats	Radio Equipment	Motor Vehicles and Trailers	Buildings	Total
PARENT Reconciliation of carrying amount for the year ended 30 June 2020						
Gross Cost	167,277	341,447	413,027	113,716	-	1,035,466
Accumulated Depreciation	140,233	269,816	266,458	92,657	-	769,165
Closing carrying amount 30 June 20	27,043	71,631	146,569	21,058	-	266,302
Closing carrying amount 30 June 19	19,618	64,186	189,718	26,439	-	299,961
Additions during the year	21,038	34,064	25,678	4,069	-	84,849
Disposals during the year	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation Expense	(13,613)	(26,619)	(68,827)	(9,449)	-	(118,508)
Closing carrying amount 30 June 20	27,043	71,631	146,569	21,059	-	266,302

	Furniture & Fittings	Rescue Gear, Sports Equip, Inflatable Rescue Boats	Radio Equipment	Motor Vehicles and Trailers	Buildings	Total
PARENT Reconciliation of carrying amount for the year ended 30 June 2021						
Gross Cost	188,545	335,189	445,497	125,541	-	1,094,772
Accumulated Depreciation	159,977	288,784	318,736	100,912	-	868,409
Closing carrying amount 30 June 21	28,568	46,405	126,761	24,629	-	226,363
Closing carrying amount 30 June 20	27,043	71,631	146,569	21,059	-	266,302
Additions during the year	21,918	5,284	37,282	-	-	64,484
Reclassification	(650)	(11,176)	-	11,826	-	-
Depreciation Expense	(19,743)	(19,334)	(57,091)	(8,255)	-	104,423
Closing carrying amount 30 June 21	28,568	46,405	126,760	24,630	-	226,363



OUR PEOPLE



Name	Title
Matt Williams	Chief Executive Officer
Debra Kemp	Executive Assistant & Office Manager
Alan Gibson	Operations Manager February 2021
Jo Fagan-Oslawskij	Head of Corporate Services
Daniel Gerrard	Head of Member Services May 2021
Zac Franich	Sports and Junior Sport Manager
Ari Peach	Life Saving Manager
Barbara Leyland	Grants Manager
Vorng Nhem	Finance Manager December 2020
Pia Harpour	Community Education Manager
Tara Coe	Manager- People, Culture & Club Development
John Michael Swannix	Search & Rescue Supervisor
Donal Dray-Hogg	Participation & Event Development Officer
Ollie Irwin	Paid Lifeguard Supervisor
Joel Ibbs	Training Supervisor
Lauren Williams	Life Saving Support Officer

Competitive Lifesaving Operational Committee	Position
Dave Shanks	Chair
Wayne Franich	Member
Belinda Langman	Member
Jason Pocock	Member
Gracey Monteith	Member
Shane Edwards	Member
Michelle Newton	Member

Member Development Committee	Position
Jacob Groom	Chair
Harry Mellor	Member
Daniel Short	Member
Samantha Larson	Member
Caylee Cooke	Member
Akesa Waitai-Ifopo	Member

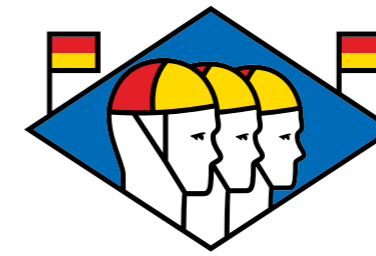
SLSNR Board	Position
Denise Bovaird	Chair
Anthony Drake	Director
Stéphan Deschamps	Director
Joanne Hobson	Director
Jim Coe	President
Denis Black	Patron

Honours and Awards Committee	Position
Joanne Hobson	Chair
John Thomas	Member
Ian Godfrey	Member

Junior Surf Operational Committee	Position
Tim Rogers	Chair
Claire Burgham	Member
Jillian Walker	Member
Rob Mihaljevich	Member
Andrew Short	Member

Lifesaving Advisory Committee	Position
Bryce Pearse	Chair
Kath Manning	Member
Jono Reshef	Member
Victoria Mulrennan	Member
David Galuszka	Member
Georgia Parker	Member

Training Advisory Committee	Position
Benny Larsen	Chair
Jackie Grant	Member
Wayne Sutton	Member
Trevor Keinzley	Member
Grace Campbell	Member



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