



SURF LIFE SAVING NORTHERN REGION

ANNUAL REPORT

2022

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CEO'S REPORT



The past year has showcased the remarkable resilience, capability and dedication of our lifeguards and volunteers. Despite the overhang of Covid-19, our team's agility has kept our core activities steadfastly in place.

Prolonged lockdowns have resulted in record levels of beach attendance, stretching our volunteer lifeguards beyond standard patrol hours. Current trends continue to nudge us past being a peak summer response and more akin to a year-round emergency service. Remarkably, nearly half of our operations now unfold beyond the safety of the flags and the usual patrol schedules. This raises a pressing question: are we adequately resourced to address these emerging challenges? Our current strategic initiatives aim to answer this in both the short- and long-term.

On the strategic front, we are balancing two imperatives. We are not only enhancing the attractiveness of Surf Life Saving for volunteers in the Northern Region but also deepening our engagement with Surf Life Saving New Zealand (SLSNZ), government agencies, and stakeholders. With SLSNR aiming to ensure we have the appropriate mandate, resources and structure to carry out our mission effectively. This focus becomes even more critical as we navigate the disruptions and recalibrations forced upon our traditional programmes.

Our volunteers remain an invaluable asset, providing unmatched return on investment. New tools, such as the Surf Patrol app, fine-tuned based on volunteer feedback, are elevating our operational capabilities. In collaboration with SLSNZ, we are taking steps to nationally scale this innovation alongside SurfCom and SafeSwim.

Government relations are growing as we work towards a unified voice for beach safety. Financial challenges, exacerbated by inflation and fundraising difficulties, make resource allocation a crucial issue. A more structured approach to the distribution of Central Government funding is clearly needed to better support future sustainability.

For the upcoming year, our goals are clearly defined. We plan to strengthen the connections within our organisation focusing on participation and retention, while also strengthening our outward reaching connections to ensure future support, and clearly defined roles, responsibilities and resources for the direction we are heading.

As we transition into a new season, my optimism is fuelled not just by our past milestones but also by the untapped promise that lies within this exceptional organisation. I offer my heartfelt thanks to our relentless volunteers, the Northern Region team, our Board, major supporters, and the entire Surf Life Saving Northern Region community. Your enduring support is the cornerstone of both our present achievements and future success.

Matt Williams
CEO

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



The 2021/2022 season commenced once again with the uncertainty of Covid-19 looming over our patrolling activities. But, as our statistics show, some robust organisation mean we never missed a single patrol at any of our clubs.

Some extremely hot weather, and our region's emergence from lockdown saw droves of people visiting our beaches, making for a very busy start to the season. Tragically, this also resulted in a number of drowning fatalities at some of our west coast clubs. It was a particularly emotional time for my club of Karioitahi, which experienced three fatalities in six weeks. As a result of this extreme weather and high beach patronage, regional lifeguard patrols commenced three weeks early at these beaches.

To Matt Williams and his Northern Region team, thank-you for your outstanding support of the clubs and region throughout this a difficult time. Despite remote working requirements and a tough start to the season, your tireless work was a great asset to supporting our clubs.

To Surf Life Saving Northern Region's major supporters who have stuck by us this season, I thank you all for your ongoing support.

To Denise Bovaird and the Northern Region Board, thank you all for your dedication and your time commitment. While there is some way to go in educating people on the difference between operations and governance, our Board does a terrific job in managing the strategic direction of our region.

Finally, I would like to thank our Life Members, club administrators, lifeguards, volunteers, and our wider surf lifesaving community for what has been another great season for Surf Life Saving Northern Region.

As I write this end of season report, a new season is already beginning. Some pool competition has already started, and planning is well underway for the commencement of patrols. I wish everyone a great start to the season, and have my fingers crossed that it will be smooth and trouble-free.

Jim Coe
President





MINISTER'S REPORT



It has been an incredibly testing year for Surf Life Saving Northern Region. The success of Northern Region in response to the many challenges thrown at us has demonstrated our collective strength: careful planning and precautions mean not a single patrol was cancelled this season due to Covid-19 – we always had flags on the beach.

Season highlights for Northern Region include the new surf lifesaving facilities completed at Sunset Beach and Karekare, thanks to some immensely hard work by those clubs to fund, manage and build these wonderful community facilities. We also saw increased prominence for our SAR operations, with over 40% of our rescue activities being carried out by our SAR squads, largely outside regular patrol hours. Good data is essential for services such as ours, and so the ongoing refinement of the Surf Patrol app has been a particular highlight.

But above all, the determination of Clubs and members to continue with key activities; patrolling, training and junior surf programmes is testament to the strength of the movement in Northern Region.

This strength was emphasised at our annual Toyota Financial Services SLSNR Awards of Excellence. The awards are an important acknowledgement of our volunteers' hard work, the tremendous achievements on our coastlines and beyond, and the support of our

key partners, Toyota Financial Services, Yamaha, Auckland Council, Grassroots and newcomers Quiksilver. Our volunteers' significant commitment was on display in the sheer number of service awards recognised this year.

Competitive lifeguarding also came to the fore, cementing its importance within the wider surf lifesaving fabric as a way to engage our membership, and as a feeder pathway into the traditional lifesaving award and activities for the young and not so young alike. We will build on these successes and continue to innovate in the competitive space, to develop our series of sporting events, and to support Junior Surf and competitive lifeguarding programmes.

As we implement measures to sustain and grow the surf lifesaving movement in our region, we are also committed to providing a fulfilling experience to our volunteers. We are working closely with our Northern Region volunteer committees to ensure appropriate support and programmes to enhance this experience.

Our team at Northern Region continue to deliver a higher level of support to clubs and volunteers, and I congratulate Matt Williams and his team for another year of extremely hard work amid trying circumstances. My thanks to the rest of the SLSNR Board and President Jim Coe for their ongoing input to the regions governance and also the considerable work involved in the SLSNR Review.

Denise Bovaird
Chair

A message from the Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector

It is my great pleasure to share my appreciation for the outstanding work Surf Life Saving Clubs do throughout Aotearoa. As Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector, I want to thank the more than 18,000 members and 4,500 volunteers who patrol beaches and surf areas to keep people safe.

Over the last 12 months we have seen how resilient and supportive the community sector can be, and how crucial the role of volunteer mahi is. Almost 50 percent of New Zealanders volunteer for their communities, and in doing so, they add to the mana and vibrancy of our society.

Surf Life Saving Clubs provide crucial services for to keep people safe as they visit our beautiful beaches, and allow friends and whānau to enjoy our natural environment. Many clubs have also extended support to local communities and offered development opportunities to members, including a focus on our young people.

I want to acknowledge the various services and responsibilities that Surf Life Saving New Zealand provides. From water safety education to proactive lifeguarding and the promotion of surf lifesaving as a unique and competitive sport. Surf Lifesaving clubs also play a crucial role as dynamic social hubs that communities can enjoy.

Kiwis love the water, and with summer just around the corner this will also be the first summer in a few years we will have international visitors enjoying our spectacular coastline.

With this in mind, I want to thank you all for your tireless dedication and commitment to keeping us safe. Please stay healthy and look after yourselves this summer.

Hon Priyanca Radhakrishnan
Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector



LIFE MEMBERS



Muriel Brown*	1957	Neil Reid	1995	Mark McCarthy	2014
A. Pearce*	1961	Noel Kay	2000	Stephen Smith	2014
Albie Veart*	1962	Ian Hill	2003	Alan Franich*	2015
John Chapman*	1976	Graeme Danks	2004	Stephen Butler	2015
Abbie Day*	1977	Neil Falloon*	2004	Pat Olsen	2016
Eddie Millar*	1978	Denis Cooksley	2006	John Chapman	2016
Bob Rogers*	1978	Robert Ferguson	2008	Grant Morrison	2017
Bert McCarthy*	1979	Murray Bray	2008	Jonathon Webber	2019
Jim Ferguson*	1980	Timothy Jago	2010	Joanne Hobson	2020
Denis Black	1981	Bob Mercer	2010	Faron Turner	2020
Malcolm Beattie	1986	Dick (Richard) Pocock	2010	Henry Backhouse-Smith	2020
E. Wright*	1987	Gareth Neilson	2011	Michelle Newton	2021
Roger Curtice	1989	Wayne Franich	2012	David Godfrey	2022
Bob Harvey	1990	Stephen Pye	2012	Mason Dray-Hogg	2022
Buddy Lucas*	1991	Patricia Reid	2012	Ian Godfrey	2022
Valerie Walton	1991	Warwick Bell	2013	Lindsay Hill	2022
Ross Malyon	1992	Christopher Parsons	2013	Nicola Howes	2022
John Thomas	1993	Jim Coe	2013	Rob Howes	2022
Ian Maclaine*	1994	Johnny Clough	2013		

*Deceased



2022 SEASON KEY STATISTICS


 **2**
LIFESAVING
FACILITIES IN
CONSTRUCTION

 **84 SAR**
QUALIFICATIONS

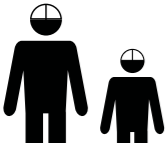
 **22**
PATROLLED
LOCATIONS

 **416**
NEW
FIRST AID
AWARDS GAINED


 **1**
NEW CLUB

 **229**
NEW
LIFEGUARDS
PATROL SUPPORT

 **1422**
ACTIVE
LIFEGUARDS
PATROL SUPPORT

2236

U14 MEMBERS
PARTAKING IN
JUNIOR SURF

 **5671**
ACTIVE
MEMBERSHIPS

11283

STUDENTS
NOT REACHED
DUE TO COVID
CANCELLATIONS

 **2963**
TOTAL NUMBER
EDUCATED
IN 2022

2022 SEASON AT A GLANCE

 **86876**
TOTAL HOURS

191

SEARCHES

 **405**
RESCUES

 **141**
CALLOUTS

147
MAJOR
FIRST
AIDS

 **479**
MINOR
FIRST
AIDS

 **21293**
PREVENTATIVE
ACTIONS

 **133528**
INVOLVING
PEOPLE

610
ASSISTS


WHO WE ARE

Surf Life Saving Northern Region (SLSNR) is the organisation tasked with preventing beach and coastal drowning for the millions of people living in the upper North Island of New Zealand. Our iconic lifeguards are a treasured symbol of beach safety, and a time-honoured sight along New Zealand's coastlines.

SLSNR consists of 18 clubs, after the addition of Baylys Beach Surf Life Saving at Ripiro Beach in the west coast of Northland at the start of this year. These clubs fly the flag for safe coastal use and beach recreation from Raglan north to Cape Reinga on the west coast, and back down the east coast to Auckland. Our single, simple purpose is to protect the region's communities in the water, on our beaches and at our coastline.

The surf lifesaving movement in New Zealand has evolved 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 are recent developments.

Our lifeguards are primarily found "between the flags", where they have a long, proud history of providing formal supervision to beachgoers at 24 patrol locations throughout Northern Region. Their presence on patrol has traditionally been from Labour Weekend in late October through to April the following year, but the patrol season continues to expand as the way we use our coasts in our ever-growing region evolves.

On patrol, lifeguards work closely with the public to help them avoid the many dangers present on our beaches, but they are still regularly required to respond to a wide array of emergencies at, or near the beach, and to rescue people in difficulty in the water all year around. 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 and 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 (SAR) efforts, being called out for on-water or near-beach SAR duties around our coastlines and flooding response throughout the year, ensuring a rapid response to coastal- and water-related 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 our purpose and is an important building block in New Zealand's Drowning Prevention Strategy. You will find lifeguards in classrooms, marae, tertiary institutions and public events, on beaches, and more recently online – educating people of all ages on critical water-safety competencies throughout the year.

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

Overarching all of this is our role in supporting clubs and shaping strategies to ensure our organisation and our member clubs are relevant to their communities and continue to offer attractive volunteering opportunities.

In the changeable landscape of volunteering, SLSNR works closely with its members to ensure they are well-placed to deliver to their future aspirations alongside our continuing role of providing governance, leadership and advocacy for our member organisations.



2022 PRIORITIES - SLSNR FOCUSES AND DELIVERABLES 2021-2022



WHY WE EXIST



MISSION:

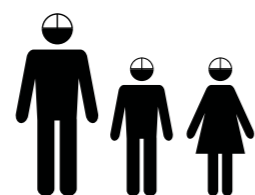
Providing the resource and capability to ensure our clubs have the flags go up on their beach.



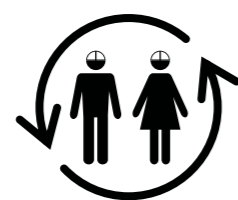
VISION:

Supporting our clubs to keep their community safe on the coastline.

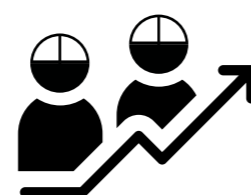
OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Attract members to Junior Surf Pathways as a means to building future lifeguards.



Retain senior members through the development of a culture and experiences that engages members.



Grow the capability of SLSNR to deliver quality programmes across all areas of the organisation.



Enhance delivery of Lifeguard, Surf Sport, Junior Surf, and Diversity & Inclusion programmes to ensure clubs are supported to build necessary capability with minimal barriers.

AREAS OF FOCUS	ACTIONS	MEASURE OF SUCCESS
A Rejuvenation of Junior Surf and Rookies	A1 Provide an improved Junior Surf Delivery model and framework to better support clubs in this space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in Junior Surf Coach Pathway through delivery of 3x new coach development modules Engage a minimum of 12 SLSNR clubs through Junior Surf & Patrol Series Events
	A2 Provide targeted Coach Development programme(s) for Junior Surf coaching pathways	
	A3 Stronger focus on the delivery of the Rookie Programme within Surf Life Saving clubs	
B Support and Development of Lifeguards 14>x>18	B1 Develop an Academy Training model to support consistent access to training and qualifications for all pathways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a robust understanding of the ideal numbers of 14-18-year-old lifeguards for each SLSNR club using the lifesaving capability matrix. Combine this number to set a regional benchmark. SLSNR staff to work with each club to support them to reach their benchmark for 14-18-year-olds and a regional benchmark. Develop a robust understanding of attrition rates of the 14-18-year-old age group and the reasons for attrition.
	B2 Create an engaging culture that motivates participation from 14-18y.o members.	
	B3 Improve Instructor and Examiner capability and experience to support the delivery of key awards and qualifications	
C Retaining Senior Members	C1 Provide further resource to the development of Surf Officials, Coaches and Event Lifeguards and reduce burnout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One Surf Lifeguard Award Examiner at each SLSNR club. Two advanced IRB driving camps before end of 2021
	C2 Ensure Advanced Learning Opportunities continue to be developed in relevant areas (adv. IRB training etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase quality and quantity of Officials, Coaches and Event Lifeguard
	C3 Continue the development of technologies that reduce the administrative burden of involvement (Surf Patrol App etc.)	
D Organisational Communication and Messaging	D1 Develop an effective communications platform to ensure organisational communications are received by membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alignment of policies and communications with SLSNZ Development of a direct communication solution that engages membership on key messaging and information
	D2 Better align policies, regulation and communication with SLSNZ	
	D3 Develop a youth forum for direct communication with youth members and fostering leadership development	
E Improve delivery of BAU Programmes and Services	E1 Improve Contingency planning for events in the ongoing COVID-19 impacted environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% of clubs engaging with Club health tool and lifeguard capability matrix
	E2 Continue ongoing ECOS and SAR programme development	
	E3 Implement Lifesaving Capability Matrix and Club Health tool assessments tailored to each club	
	E4 Continue development of Surf Patrol App ensuring it is delivering necessary value to volunteer patrol operations	

PATROL ASSETS BY LOCATION

LOCATION	SAR SQUAD	IRB	RWC	ATV	FIRST AID	RESCUE BOARD
Far North						
Baylys						
Whangārei Heads						
Ruakākā						
Waipū Cove						
Mangawhai Heads						
Pākiri						
Ōmaha						
Wenderholm						
Ōrewa						
Red Beach						
Long Bay						
Mairangi Bay						
Takapuna						
Muriwai						
Bethells						
United						
Piha						
Karekare						
Kariaotahi						
Sunset						
Raglan						





CLUB OF THE YEAR ŌMAHA BEACH



Ōmaha Beach Surf Lifesaving Club has continued to go from strength to strength this year, continuing with its strong all-inclusive family-based focus and culminating in winning Club of the Year and Charlie Wood winning Junior Coach of the year at the 2022 annual Surf Life Saving Northern Region Awards of Excellence.

The club was honoured and ecstatic by the wins. A priority on mental health and wellbeing of volunteers this past year has been a mainstay in retaining volunteers and increasing membership significantly to now over 520.

Another highlight from the season saw five Ōmaha athletes selected into the Surf Lifesaving Northern Region Sport Development Squad. For a small club, picking up six Gold, six Silver and five Bronze Medals at the Junior and Senior Northern Champs was an outstanding achievement.

The club has continued to reach out to the community in many areas particularly in creating sustainable positive relationships with sponsors and other groups to create community hub spaces.

Junior numbers have continued to grow to a level that has inspired new organisation and processes to ensure all junior surf members have fun and learn new skills. Parents are intrinsically involved in all areas of coaching, managing and water safety. Many junior parents are training to become lifeguards this coming season which ensures the club can continue to be able to patrol the beach with its ever-increasing visitor numbers.

Ōmaha has grown in its capabilities due to its lifeguards who are enthusiastic, professional, diligent and love taking on board greater leadership roles which continues to strengthen the club going forward.

Surf Sports has seen amazing successes due to the passion of its coaches and the training programmes provided this season. Team members faced all challenges head on with participants remaining dedicated and focussed, training hard and supporting each other, always turning up to training with a positive attitude and a smile on their faces.

One major positive from the season was celebrating Rob Earleys life membership, a dedicated lifeguard, an excellent communicator and a fantastic role model. Congratulations Rob!

NEW TRAINING AWARDS



SEASON AT A GLANCE



CLUB REPORT FAR NORTH

Far North Surf Rescue has had a busy year, buoyed by the club's ongoing efforts to bring on older guards, upskill its volunteers, and establish a company of lifeguards with skills and knowledge to make Ahipara and its surrounds as safe as possible for beachgoers.

Weekly training sessions were initiated at the beginning of the season and continued throughout the year. These were an opportunity for some of the younger volunteers to step out of their comfort zone and try new things, familiarising themselves with the IRBs, going for long distance swims, and using the rescue boards.

Just prior to the start of the season, Far North's Search & Rescue team underwent Coordinated Incident Management training, as well as attending SAR training events at Waipū Cove and Mangawhai Heads, to help recognise and fill gaps in their skillset. Long-time Far North volunteer Tony Walker also attended the SAR Summit in Dunedin, the first time a Far North clubby has represented the club outside the North Island.

Tony, and his fellow Far North member Victoria Rehu were both awarded Sport Northland Volunteer Awards, recognising their hard work throughout many years' worth of patrolling.

Far North president Akesa Waitai-Ifopo said that as well as supporting up-and-coming guards, the club's work to develop its more experienced volunteers has paid dividends.

"We now have two operational SAR team, with more guards available when needed. This has relieved a lot of anxiety around being able to respond to callouts.

"The club is also extremely proud of the growing number of locals who are entering the paid lifeguarding service. This was the first season for many years where we've been able to field a full team of local paid lifeguards, and we have high hopes this will continue," she said.

Akesa also completed her Local Duty Officer training over the past season, the first clubbie in the Far North to do so – helping to fill a crucial gap in the area for on-call incident management and debriefing support.

The club's community involvement doesn't end with the sand. This year, the club was heavily involved in Ahipara's Matariki Festival, helping to set up and pack down the festivities, providing volunteers as standby first aid providers, and even hosting a winter morning "Polar Dip" that received a strong turnout despite the frigid conditions.

Far North has also continued to focus on beach education, and was able to host Kaitiāia Intermediate for the Water Skills for Life programme, reaching 179 grateful students.

NEW TRAINING AWARDS



SEASON AT A GLANCE





CLUB REPORT

BAYLYS BEACH

Surf Life Saving Baylys Beach has celebrated its inaugural season as a Surf Life Saving New Zealand and Surf Life Saving Northern Region affiliated club, a significant achievement given the work to re-establish the club began almost 20 years ago.

It's fair to say the club is now thriving, although it's been a tough season. Even with the limitations of Covid-19 restrictions, volunteer hours have grown significantly to keep up with the demand of a hot summer, with larger than expected numbers of beach goers hitting the sand and the sea at Baylys Beach. Meanwhile, the club continues to respond to more and more incidents outside its primary response area.

Club captain Kyran Gillespie is extremely proud of Baylys Beach's core senior lifeguard group, who he says have stepped up and put in a significant number of additional patrolling hours to ensure the beach remains safe.

"Our club committee has really helped to galvanise our base, and we now have a strong bunch of senior lifeguards that have brought experience and stability to the club. It's great to see our newer members thrive and get into a new sport that hasn't really been available in the Western Kaipara District until now," he says.

Gillespie says the club's fellow Northland clubs have been hugely supportive, as has the wider Surf Life Saving Northern Region family.

"Lifeguards have been visiting from all around the country to see what we have to offer, and even to volunteer for a day or two. We're hugely appreciative of the level of support we've received," he says.

The club was also a happy recipient of a brand-new IRB set-up donated by bp New Zealand, a long-time sponsor of surf lifesaving in New Zealand. The club held an event to commemorate the new boat, highlighting the importance of corporate support for local clubs.

While Covid-19 limited some of the club's activities, the club was still able to focus on and expand some of its services. Balylys Beach SAR squad has increased its capabilities with new equipment and upskilling of its members through a range of training activities.

The club's lifeguard crew, including the younger guards, have been in the pool twice a week over the winter months, training to be fit and rescue-ready for another busy patrol season.

NEW TRAINING AWARDS



SEASON AT A GLANCE



CLUB REPORT

WHANGĀREI HEADS

It's been a really successful season for Whangārei Heads Surf Life Saving Patrol despite the challenges caused by Covid-19. We had 30 lifeguards and 65 junior surf members return and were able to put on a patrol every weekend between October and Easter – despite sickness, mandates and everything else we collectively dealt with.

This season saw a big up-tick in the number of incidents during patrol hours with our lifeguards performing 17 rescues, assisting 17 people to safety, giving 10 people first aid and conducting one search for a missing person. We also completed 300 preventative actions stopping 1750 people from getting into trouble.

In the training space we had a big increase in the number of IRB drivers, going from just 5 at the start of the season to 11 by the end of it. This is thanks to a huge effort on behalf of Ben Akroyd, Evan Oxborrow and John-Michael Swannix who sorted the training and logistics. We have another 10 candidates currently in training, with a particular focus on getting our female lifeguards interested and trained up. This Wāhine on Water approach is being led by one of our Junior Club Captains, Hannah Lugtigheid, alongside Evan our Powercraft Officer.

First Aid is an area where our club continues to excel, with all of our lifeguards holding a surf-recognised First Aid qualification. Our team of instructors helped qualify five new lifeguards, 8 new IRB crew and six new Patrol Captains over the past season.

We are extremely proud of our club members who have been recognised this past season for the service they have provided to the organisation and the community. Lindsay Hill, Rob Howes and daughter Nicky Howes were all made Life Members of Surf Life Saving Northern, with Nicky becoming the youngest ever member to be awarded this honour. The trio were also recognised at a national level, receiving service awards from Surf Life Saving New Zealand.

Nicky also became our club's fifth life member this season, joining Rob and Lindsay as well as Jim Bidois and Rod Boswell. Our Search and Rescue Coordinator and Club Secretary John-Michael Swannix was awarded his Distinguished Service Award, while our Club Captain Hazel Buchanan, Powercraft Officer Evan Oxborrow and Club President Jason Akroyd were given Club Service Awards.

As always, we continue to support the community during the off-season with the provision of our Search and Rescue squad. This is made up of senior lifeguards that live locally and are on-call 24/7 to respond to any incidents occurring in the Whangārei Heads areas. This summer, we also supported the installation of emergency flotation devices for Ocean Beach, for any bystander rescues that may occur after hours.

NEW TRAINING AWARDS



SEASON AT A GLANCE





CLUB REPORT RUAKĀKĀ

Reflecting on yet another Covid-19 season, Ruakākā would like to pay a special tribute to all members, especially lifeguards for patrolling in these tough – less social – times, and to all coaches and parents who worked especially hard to make Junior Surf happen week after week. The club appreciates the commitment and dedication of its volunteers.

Club president Tania Ahrens says, "We are very thankful for central government funding through SLSNZ and SLSNR. This invaluable source of income is a lifeline for our equipment and operational costs. Marsden Lions also continues to support our club with annual sponsorship through their annual golf tournament, and this is greatly appreciated."

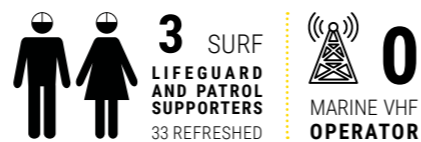
Ruakākā lifeguards were once again able to support a number of community events this season – Wild Kiwi and the Parua Bay swim – as event lifeguards. Many thanks to lifeguards who represent the club and provide valuable support out on the water.

The Ruakākā SAR squad needs recognition for their national achievement at the NZSAR Awards. Unfortunately, Covid-19 restrictions meant that only one member of the squad was able to attend the awards ceremony held at Government House. Well done to Ben, Adam, Dana and Ayla for this outstanding achievement. These same lifeguards were also involved in a dramatic rescue at Uretiti while undertaking a random patrol on the RWC.

Well done also to the club's girls' IRB Racing team for their first year of competing. They excelled at both the Regional and North Island Champs, coming away with medals in all of their races. Alesha and Jess went on to Nationals, and even though they missed out on placing, they did extremely well to get into two finals – coming fourth in both. Special thanks must go to Stephen Jennings for his coaching and his drive to train the next group of IRB drivers over winter.

The Dainty family also attend a number of Junior carnivals, waving the Ruakākā flag proudly.

NEW TRAINING AWARDS



SEASON AT A GLANCE



CLUB REPORT WAIPŪ COVE

Tēnā koutou katoa

He tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata. People are the strength of our club. Our purpose is to save lives, but our strength is our comradeship, this is what glues us together to form a strong and effective lifesaving unit. Despite the upheavals of the past few years we have grown in strength, we have moved our club forward, and we have created a strong platform to continue our growth. Our committee is ably led by Tim Manning and our lifeguards flourish under the leadership of our Club Captain, Kath Manning. Thank you to Tim and Kath, and to all our committee members for their tireless work. Special thanks go to Heather Beaton, who project managed our amazing new kitchen, which will be blessed and opened at our upcoming AGM in September.

Nationally three of our members were recognized for 50 years of service, Laurie Bell, Dave Woodman and Ian Godfrey. Ian was also named a Life Member of SLSNR, while Tim and Kath received Service Awards and Angela Stolwerk received a Distinguished Service Award. At club level, we acknowledged over 70 years each of service by siblings Wendy Hunter and Bryce Beeston, awarding them Life Membership.

Congratulations to Laura Manning on receiving SLSNR Rookie of the Year award. Laura carries on a proud tradition for Waipū Cove Rookies, who continue to excel in this area.

This season, we received a Tū Manawa Grant from Sport Northland for our Accessibility Project, which provides beach wheelchairs for adults and children, giving wheelchair users access to the beach and water at Waipū Cove. We have also installed ramp access to the club, and worked with the Waipū Cove Reserve Board to build concrete ramps along the reserve and boat ramp to make the beach more accessible.

Saving lives on our beach and surrounding coast has always been and always will be our focus. To this end, we continue to support lifeguard training at all levels and to grow the capability of our SAR squad. We will continue our Northland Surf Lifesaving Tour in coming seasons, targeting dangerous swimming beaches. We will also run our North Island/South Island lifeguard exchange with Rārangī SLSC in early January.

Waipū Cove looks forward to hosting the SLSNZ North Island IRB Championships in March.

NEW TRAINING AWARDS



SEASON AT A GLANCE





CLUB REPORT

MANGAWHAI HEADS

This last season, though disrupted again by the pandemic, saw Mangawhai Heads Surf Life Saving achieve some major long term goals, whilst also maintaining high standards in its core responsibilities. The club is well positioned to continue to meet the SLS needs in the area and is a crucial strand in the fabric of the local community.

Club President Jon Drucker says Mangawhai Heads is respected within the Northern Region as innovative and completely capable.

"It has been a great pleasure for me to have been part of the team, and I look forward to the coming season and all it has to offer," he says.

Despite the emergence of a pernicious rip in the middle of the main patrolled area, Mangawhai lifeguards did a stellar job of preventative lifeguarding throughout the season. This resulted in a relatively uneventful year regarding incidents, belied by the fact that the conditions were extremely challenging.

The 24/7 callout Search and Rescue squad responded to numerous taskings throughout the year, sent representatives to the National SAR Submit in Dunedin, and upgraded equipment for better communication and squad safety.

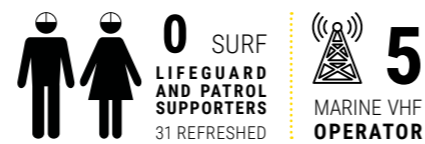
It was another banner year for the Junior Surf program; showing incredible adaptability and resilience through the various pandemic restrictions. Jr Surf had a record number of participants who, significantly, were provided with a great source of normalcy by their participation through the most trying of times.

Rookie Program: A huge shout out to Billy Fulton for heading the resurgence of the Rookie Program. This season saw 13 participants, who are ready and pre-trained for many of their Bronze training tasks. This program is a great way to keep gap year Jr Surf members in the mix to get their SLAs

Continuous upgrades to the Club House have made it safer, stronger, and more conducive to patrolling, Jr Surf, and as a venue. In addition, discussions with KDC around expanding the Boat Shed are looking to future proof equipment storage and emergency response needs. This is important as the local area grows, and the need for SLS services grows along with it.

Through the efforts of the club along with assistance from the Mangawhai Boating and Fishing Club, the Coast Guard have committed to having a presence in Mangawhai for the first time this coming season, which is much anticipated.

NEW TRAINING AWARDS



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CLUB REPORT

ŌREWA

At times this season, Ōrewa Surf Life Saving was left looking only at the swells on the horizon and bracing for each wave of Covid-19. Many events were cancelled, traffic light settings disrupted daily routines and ongoing government mandates restricted members from being actively involved in the accustomed ways.

The resilience and adaptability shown by the Board, Operational Committees and members over the past 12 months has been humbling - an attitude focused on mucking in, looking beyond barriers, getting things done and living the values to support the community.

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.

While beach usage and incidents are increasing, lifeguards and patrol support members continue to provide a high-quality service to the public during extended patrolling hours, contracting for event safety, and in response to Search & Rescue emergencies 24/7 all year round. Well done to all members, instructors and examiners

for delivering a quality service in the club's primary function to "protect the community in the water."

There are so many people helping to run the club in a variety of ways, please accept the club's thanks for your input. The board, operational committees and wider management teams put in a huge amount of work off the beach to ensure the smooth running of the various activities of the club.

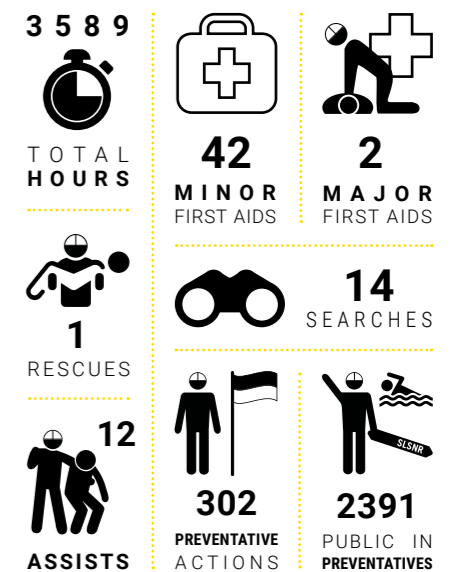
A big thanks to all sponsors, especially Hopper Construction, Brendon and the team at Coastal Properties, Ōrewa New World, YOU Travel Ōrewa, Barfoot & Thompson Ōrewa, AV Jennings and the Lifesaver Foundation. The club looks forward to continuing to work with you in the coming years. This also included the continued support of the local Council lead by Gary Brown, Helen Wilkins and her team from Destination Ōrewa and Patron and local member of Parliament Mark Mitchell.

Chairperson Faron Turner wraps up the club sentiment well, saying "I want to show gratitude for our combined accomplishments and achievements - we are a large, adaptable and successful volunteer Surf Lifesaving Club in New Zealand, a charity which is focused on continuous improvement and enabling everyone to share the load."

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CLUB REPORT RED BEACH

The 2021-22 season was a mixed bag at Red Beach Surf Life Saving, with the club having to adjust and adapt its plans to handle changes. The club took the ongoing COVID challenges in our stride, and credit must be given to the club's management, coaches, operational committees, and athletes for keeping the momentum going and maintaining strong membership levels.

The club has now completed its 69th year of operation. The season sustained a bigger hit from Covid lockdowns than the previous season. Athletes were left reeling over the cancellation of major events such as the SLSNZ Pool Champs, the ERCs, Oceans '22, and for the second consecutive year, the NZ Championships in Christchurch. The Owen Chapman Cup event in January was the first fully-fledged carnival of the season.

In a season that was dominated by Covid lockdowns, the club is particularly proud of the healthy culture across the Senior and Junior divisions and its ability to retain strong membership numbers throughout the turbulence. With extra planning in place, it was able to deliver lifesaving and sports programmes with efficiency.

The club also arrived at the end of its building redevelopment programme which began in 2008. Work was completed with the installation of a disability lift at the club.

At the end of the season, the club's mission was achieved to keep the community safe on the two beaches it patrols. There is lots to be proud of, and it was another successful year with no drownings or serious injuries, but plenty of minor first aid and preventative actions taking place.

In the 2021/22 season, 27 new lifeguards and 2 patrol support guards qualified to join the team of lifeguards.

For the 13th consecutive summer, Red Beach lifeguards patrolled Pakiri Beach from mid-December until the end of February. There were no recorded rescues and three assists. Red Beach lifeguards are to be thanked for the time they spent on patrols and working through the challenges they were faced with.

Jack Gavin, Red Beach's remarkable sports coach for 7 years, returned to his hometown of Gisborne at the season's close. A new club coach picked up the coaching reins from the beginning of May 2022.

Red Beach SLSC was founded in May 1953, and the club will celebrate its 70th anniversary in 2023. The coming 2022-23 season will also mark the 50th anniversary of Red Beach's Junior division.

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CLUB REPORT MAIRANGI BAY

As difficult a season that it was, in the end was only made possible by the extremely hard work and the dedication of the wider Mairangi Bay Surf Life Saving community, members, volunteers, and directors. This season would not have happened without each of the directors doing their roles as well or as efficiently as they did on behalf of chair and the membership.

This season the club mourned the passing of two Life Members, Rex Redfern and James (Jim) Campbell MNZM. Both gentlemen were exactly that – gentlemen – and their contributions to the surf movement and The Bay of Dreams will remain forever present. Once again, we offer our condolences to both families.

The club would also like to congratulate and thank everyone involved from Surf Life Saving Northern Region, lead expertly and professionally by CEO Matt Williams and Board Chair Denise Bovaird. Their financial and administrative support, as well as the personal backing and guidance received during the season has been gratefully accepted.

Both Surf Life Saving New Zealand and Surf Life Saving Northern region continue to provide upfront and behind the scenes support. They have both assembled great teams within their organisations who have helped The Bay of Dreams to deliver another successful season both on, in and around the water.

Congratulations must be passed along to the club's outstanding sportspeople and lifeguards who were recognised at the annual Surf Life Saving Northern Region Awards of Excellence, with nine finalists and five awards in the evening.

Danielle McKenzie won the inaugural Supreme Sportspeople award, in addition to winning the Open Sportswoman trophy. The club also picked up Lifeguard of the Year – Daniel Short, Outstanding Contribution to Junior Surf – Peter Storey, and U-17 Sportswoman – Zoe Crawford. Well done team.

In the wake of Covid-19, it's unclear how a 'normal' season may look, but events and functions are underway again so there's hope the outlook is a lot better than the previous two seasons. An uptake in participation is the goal moving forward.

Stay open to every possibility, be kind to everyone, check in on those around you and most importantly – have fun.

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CLUB REPORT MURIWAI

For Muriwai Volunteer Lifeguard Service, the 2021/2022 season was characterised by the club's agility. Fresh out of lockdown, visitors were craving Muriwai's wide open spaces and beautiful coastlines: according to Auckland Council data, the beach had 1.2 million visitors over the past year.

Muriwai's lifeguards were kept extraordinarily busy throughout the season, providing support, emergency responses, preventative actions, and educating beachgoers – to ensure ongoing safety for the beach and community.

Muriwai Volunteer Lifeguard Service president Jo Cooper says that, amid all the hustle and bustle, the club's amazing team still managed to find time to continue IRB and RWC training, run the club's junior surf programme (where possible), develop its rookie guards, and continue to train and develop Muriwai's senior surf sport squad.

"I wish to acknowledge our volunteers who continue to donate their time to ensure the safety of those living in or visiting the local area. Their commitment, passion and efforts are recognised and appreciated," she says.

It wasn't just busy for the regular patrols: Muriwai's Search & Rescue squad responded to a total of 17 after-hours incidents. One such incident deserves special mention – on 31 August 2021, the Muriwai SAR squad rescued 11 people and assisted 47 others to safety during significant flooding during in Kumeū, demonstrating the many ways in which the community can call on lifeguards' skills.

Their actions saw the squad receive two recognition awards for their dedication and service, taking out the prestigious 'Rescue of the Year' at the 2022 Surf Life Saving Northern Region Awards of Excellence. The second award was presented to SAR squad lead Glenn Gowthorpe for his 'Outstanding Contribution to Search and Rescue' during the 2021-2022 season.

Others within the club were similarly recognised for their distinguished service, with Damian Molloy winning the award for Outstanding Contribution to Power Craft, David Godfrey being named a life member of SLSNZ, and seven Muriwai clubbies receiving service awards.

The club continues to work with the local community and its sponsors, and despite being a busy club, its strong and committed operational team will see it continue to build its capabilities, and its agility.

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CLUB REPORT BETHELLS BEACH

The impressive achievements of the Bethells Beach Surf Life Saving Patrol whānau were on proud display at the annual Toyota Financial Services SLSNZ Awards of Excellence this year, with the club fielding an impressive 12 finalists in the annual awards.

Bethells Beach gear steward Dean Maddaford deservedly won Innovation of the Year for developing an improved design for IRB trailers, which helps to avoid potential engine damage to the IRBs when being loaded.

The club's incoming president, Donal Dray-Hogg says the recognition of Bethells Beach's hard work has been a great source of pride for the club.

"Despite the ongoing challenges that all clubs have faced over the past year, we are incredibly proud of our achievements over the season."

"The leadership of our club captain, Leonard Mead, and of our more experienced guards, meant we were able to manage Covid restrictions with minimal disruptions. Setting up three special patrols made up of experienced guards with diverse skillsets allowed us to start the season on time," she said.

Bethells Beach SLSP was particularly focused on developing closer relationships with local groups and emergency services agencies this year, hosting several workshops with local surfers as part of Surfers Rescue 24/7, with Auckland Westpac Rescue Helicopter, and with Auckland Council's local park rangers on drowning prevention and rock fishing education, in conjunction with SLS Northern Region and Drowning Prevention Auckland.

The year also saw an increase in members becoming involved in IRB racing, which saw the Bethells Beach IRB teams reaching podium finishes at every event, and the two women's IRB teams being named in the SLSNZ High Performance Development Squad.

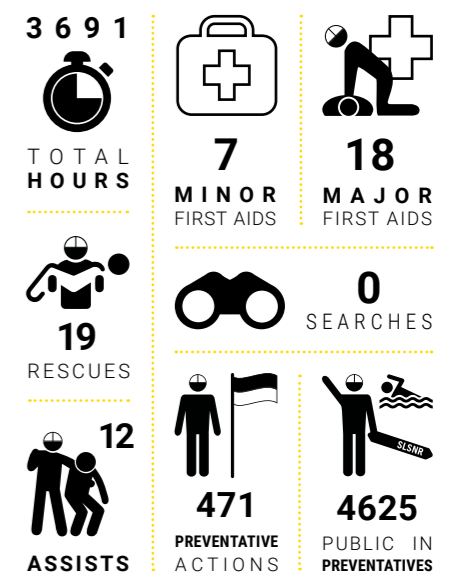
Paige Atkins, another of the club's awards finalists, was a driving force behind Bethells' rookie lifeguard programme. Paige put a lot of work into building communications for the club's U20 members, as well as working to provide further opportunities within the club. Her changes to how the club engaged with its rookies was recognised as best practice by SLS Northern Region, and was adopted as an exemplary model of how such programmes should work. Paige also received the regional Spirit of Adventure scholarship.

The junior surf team, led by Junior Surf Coordinator Damian Strickett, managed to kick off the junior season on time, providing opportunities for young members to get back on the beach despite Covid's ever-changing rules.

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CLUB REPORT

UNITED NORTH PIHA

The last season was one of the most disjointed and challenging in United North Piha's history. The club is indebted to Victoria, Director of Lifeguarding and her team for keeping the team safe so that it could do the same for beachgoers.

Robert Ferguson, Club president says, "All facets of the club have had to operate outside their comfort zones this season. The IRB and lifeguard training groups did theory training online, while I hope I never have to do another club meeting on Zoom or Teams again. Despite the lack of continuity, our lifeguard award trainees and Junior surf group all managed to get it done."

"We were incredibly proud to see Noel Kay awarded New Zealand Order of Merit for his services to lifesaving," continues Ferguson. "Noel is a foundation member of the United North Piha Lifeguard Service. In addition to his commitment to surf sport, we estimate Noel has secured over \$1 million in funding for our club in his capacity as a board member and funding officer."

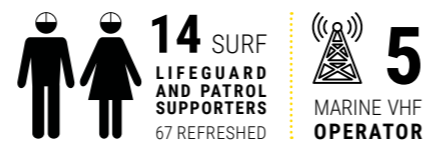
Programmes to upgrade the clubhouse and replacement patrol tower programs continue under the steady stewardship of Gareth and the club's Trust members. With the patrol tower now finished, the club hopes it will become a beacon for the community to focus on. Its completion is in many ways representative of the continued support of the community.

Local carver Andy Mardell has created a wooden sculpture to take pride of place in front of the new clubhouse, carved from a fallen Kahikatea tree from the Te Henga area. The design, which was developed with the support of Te Kawerau ā Maki representative Pita Turei symbolises our beloved Piha beaches, along with waves on the bow of a waka.

The club thanks its volunteer lifeguards for their dedication to keeping the North Piha community and beachgoers safe, and their dedication to keeping themselves fit and focused on continual improvement. It was also heartening to welcome back some returning members back into the red and yellow.

United North Piha looks forward to the challenge of the new season where more kiwis may be staying put and using the beautiful but often dangerous beach.

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CLUB REPORT

PIHA

Piha's successful patrol season was punctuated by several serious rescues, one of which won SLSNZ Rescue of the Month in February, for Piha Active Reserve Patrol's rescue of two fishermen. The men were minutes away from dying, when three lifeguards entered the rocky and turbulent waters south of the beach, with three-metre sets sweeping into the bay. The immediate response from the guards, the IRB crew operating in challenging surf conditions, and the on-beach medical response ensured the best possible outcome.

Piha SLSC vice president Nicky Lloyd says that another significant occasion during the season was the occurrence of the first all-female Regional Patrol at Piha, which included club members Valentina Rocca and Liana Sykes.

"The club is extremely proud of the number and quality of its female lifeguards. We have some highly trained and experienced female volunteer guards as role models in the club and to have the first all-female regional patrol occur at Piha, with two clubbies leading that patrol, is a testament to our work to continue to develop young female lifeguards," she says.

Piha's focus on member development was also boosted when Theo Commissaris was selected to represent Piha at National Guard School. This was a fantastic opportunity for Theo to train under the tutelage of some of the country's most experienced lifeguards, then bring his learnings back to the club.

The Day of Giants, always a highlight on the Piha events calendar, was run in two metre swells and fine weather, setting the tone for another great day of thrills and a few spills. This was again combined with the Piha Invitational Ironman and Ironwoman races, which are highly respected on the events calendar.

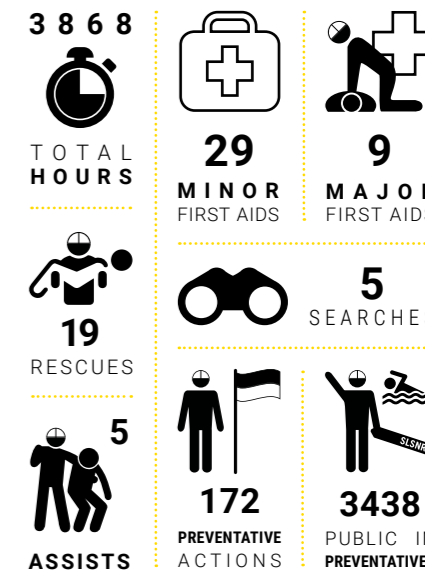
In a season overshadowed by Covid-19, Piha Surf Life Saving Club managed to maintain its focus on beach safety with ongoing training, competition, and education. This ensured the club was able to respond rapidly in emergency scenarios, with fit and rescue-ready lifeguards. Piha's Nipper committee and head coach delivered an incredible service for our members, which was of huge value to all involved.

Over the past five seasons the club has encouraged its young lifeguards to give back to the club, setting up a leadership programme within the senior surf squad. It now has a strong crew, many who trained as nippers themselves, working as volunteer coaches. These young coaches have become pivotal role models for the club's young nippers.

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CLUB REPORT KAREKARE

The 2021-22 season gave Karekare Surf Life Saving much to be proud of. Following a challenging season in 2020-21 with Covid-19 restrictions, and the final stages of construction for its clubhouse, a highlight from the year was undoubtedly having full use of its new lifesaving facility.

The magnificent new building has served the club well through the season, playing a pivotal role in fostering community spirit and enticing locals and visitors alike to enjoy the rugged Karekare coastline, with monthly potluck dinners and weekly yoga sessions already making great use of the space.

With an official club opening postponed twice this year, Karekare looks forward to celebrating its new space soon and blessing its magnificent new Pou which was installed in March. Special thanks must be made to our Carver Mihaka Marikena, Sir Bob Harvey and Karel Witten-Hannah for bringing the vision to life.

Karekare Administrator Teresa Harvey said the new lifesaving facility complete for the season meant the club's management team could focus on growing the club and upskilling current members.

"With a number of second or even third generation lifeguards, we have strong retention here. Our members are very valuable to us and we want to ensure they have the opportunities to advance their skills," she said.

It's always a privilege experiencing new lifeguard talent come through the ranks, and Karekare was thrilled to host Lifeguard examinations this season. Seven new guards qualified this year, all of whom have strong connections to the area with either their parents, grandparents and siblings already patrolling there.

The season had no shortage of incidents, with several serious rescues putting the Karekare team through their paces. It was especially momentous for the club to have its team recognised as finalists for Rescue of the Year and Rescue of the Month.

Special mention to lifeguard Karel Witten-Hannah patrolling additional hours at the end of patrol for the late evening swimmers, ensuring no fatalities for the community. Karel's hardwork saw him awarded the Queens Service Medal in the Queens Birthday Honours this year. Congratulations Karel!

The club was also chuffed for lifeguard Jess Wanden-Hannay, who won U19 Lifeguard of the Year at the 2022 annual Surf Life Saving Northern Region Awards of Excellence.

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CLUB REPORT KARIAOTAHU

The 2021-22 summer season proved busy for Kariaotahi Surf Life Saving guards, again completing a large number of volunteer hours, preventative actions and rescue services. The club saw an unprecedented number of after-hours incidents and unfortunately the highest number of drownings seen in many years.

This season could have looked very different, but as a club we know a big part of doing what we do is looking after each other and ensuring everyone has the care and support needed no matter the situation, big or small. The professionalism and efficiency of our lifeguards displayed while having to deal with multiple tragedies gives the team great pride.

Kariaotahi club members continue to prove they are more than just lifeguards on the beach and that is evident with the number of different activities our members have been involved in.

As the joint-busiest Search and Rescue squad in the region, Kariaotahi SAR members are devoted to upskilling and attended multiple training courses. Learning new skills and sharing knowledge really pays off when faced with real life situations. Kariaotahi Vice President Bradley Walters says recognition as SLSNR SAR Squad of the year, was a highlight from the season.

"Our IRB racing team continues to represent the club to the highest standards of sportsmanship and skill," he says. "Their efforts and hours of training have paid off with the team bringing home numerous medals from all three of the competitive events over the season and came out as top overall club at the SLSNR IRB Champs. Well done team!"

As Karioitahi beach is classified as a public road, more visitors year on year brings an increase in activities outside the scope of what would normally be seen on a beach. After meeting with community members, the club were supported by an increase in police presence over summer.

Continuing with an active presence on social media has also helped Kariaotahi to forge important relationships with the community, and through this we have been able to convey important safety messages, exciting things happening for the club and general information to a wider audience.

The Kariaotahi Building Development Project continues to be a significant piece of work for the club. This season saw significant progress with support from community organisations and supportive businesses. The new building is now coming to life after 10+ years of planning, and we can't wait to share further updates.

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CLUB REPORT

SUNSET BEACH

The summer of 2021/2022 tested the resilience of Sunset Beach Surf Life Saving to extreme levels. As with all clubs in the district, Covid-19 weakened patrolling strength, but record beach attendance numbers also pushed the team to the limit weekend after weekend. The long periods of great weather and easterly winds also contributed to an increase of beach numbers.

It is fortunate that the Club has in place a dedicated Board who performed in their respective roles at the highest level, and President Malcom James Beattie says he is in debt to all for this commitment.

"The Club Board of Directors provided outstanding leadership and their commitment in these times of uncertainties was appreciated by the Executive," he says.

"We have had a full year of events at the Community Hub and my thanks go out to the Trustees for all they have done to make this facility available to the Port Waikato Community," continues Beattie.

Weekly activities include Yoga, Pickleball, Indoor Bowls, Preschool, Lifeguard First Aid Courses and training and community events such as weddings and birthdays.

The new club house and in particular the rescue equipment storage has proven to be one of the very best in the Northern Region.

For this coming summer, the club will target a new build program for its beach rescue tower which has now become a "must do" project.

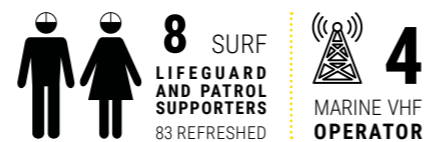
The club also congratulates its IRB Competition Team which has performed at the highest level in New Zealand and Australia. Being the Top Club in NZ and winning Gold Medal titles in the Australian Championships is an amazing record.

Sunset Beach also continued its dominance in a number of categories at this year's annual Surf Life Saving Northern Region Awards of Excellence, including the Open Female IRB team of Taylor Shrimpton and Abi Chapman who were awarded Team of the Year, while coach Shane Edwards – himself a finalist in the team's category – picked up Coach of the Year, the fourth time he's won the category.

Special mention also of Hayley Rewi also took out Paid Lifeguard of the Year at this year's Northern Region Prizegiving. Well done Team Sunset!

The unknowns of Covid this coming summer will no doubt once again test Sunset Beach yet again, but as always our volunteer lifeguards will rise to the occasion and meet the challenges.

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CLUB REPORT

RAGLAN

It has been a challenging year for Raglan Surf Life Saving. With the loss of the tower last winter and most of the patrolling taking place under some form of Covid restrictions, there is much to be proud of. Club members have ensured that throughout all challenges, the club maintains a high level of service to the wider community.

With the loss of the club's patrolling tower before the season started there was a lot to learn in the opening few weekends. This coupled with a requirement for observation-only patrols to start the year, gave teams time to form new patrolling structures based on the deck at the club house.

Club President Daniel Wilson says he was impressed how every patrolling member adapted to the new structure and continuously found the best solutions to obstacles they faced.

"Everyone came together as a team to ensure the season ran smoothly; and it was a busy season on all fronts," he says. "The support by parents and families in the background is also greatly appreciated to ensure our operation runs smoothly."

Raglan is still working towards a suitable tower replacement, in the form of an extension to the existing club house. This extension will encompass a new meeting and training room to allow more room for multiple groups simultaneously. A new control room will be cantilevered over the cliff to allow uninterrupted views of the whole beach as well as provide protection from the elements for our guards.

These extensions will be essential additions to the club to enable seamless patrolling for decades to come. The club is currently working through Council consents and early designs; and is seeking funding in the coming months to allow the building process to begin in March 2023.

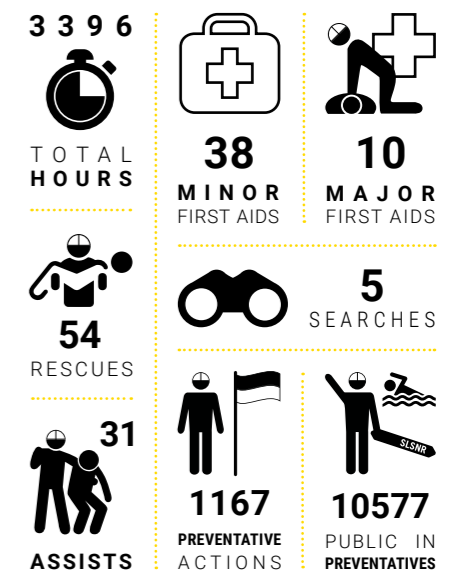
Due to the pandemic, community activity was greatly impacted with restrictions preventing many annual events and training from going ahead. The club hopes this coming season it will be able to return to pre-Covid conditions. A big thanks to everyone for being responsible and isolating to protect teammates and the wider community.

The club also thanks our wonderful team of sponsors and supporters, without them, none of this would be possible. Gallagher Charitable Trust, the Gallagher Foundation, Trust Waikato, WEL Energy Trust, NZ Lottery Grants Board, Northern Lifeguard Services Trust, Meridian Energy, COGS, TSG, Raglan Signs, local Lions Clubs and the New Zealand Government.

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FACILITY REDEVELOPMENTS

This year marks significant milestones for Surf Life Saving Northern Region, with the completion of key facility redevelopments at KareKare and Sunset Beach Surf Life Saving Clubs flanking the Manukau Harbour.

KareKare Lifesaving and Community Facility

Commencing in 2015 with cornerstone funding from Auckland City Council, the KareKare Surf Life Saving Club achieved completion of its redevelopment project. After securing \$1 million in keystone funding, a dedicated fundraising committee amassed the required \$4.2 million. In 2019, Cassidy Construction won the contract, although challenges with site access led to delays.

Auckland Council and Surf Life Saving Northern Region gave the green light in 2020, paving the way for the demolition of the old clubhouse. A ceremony involving local iwi Te Kawerau a Maki, club members, and over 150 lifeguards marked this occasion. A pou whenua, carved by Mihaka Marikena, was installed and honors the partnership with the local iwi and integrate seamlessly into KareKare's visual landscape.

Despite COVID-19 disruptions, construction proceeded under stringent protocols. The completed facility spans 505.58m² with an additional 160m² of hardstand concrete area. It houses artwork by Dean Buchanan and features a historical mural, alongside bunk rooms named after distinguished lifeguards and rescues. The new building epitomizes architectural excellence, marrying form and function in a highly valued location.

Sunset Beach Community Hub and Lifesaving Facility

The Sunset Beach Surf Life Saving Club faced an urgent situation in 2019 when the existing community hall reached a state of disrepair requiring demolition. In response, the Club and its Charitable Trust committed to constructing a new community hub and lifesaving facility.

With financial backing from Trust Waikato, NZLGB, local grant funders, a targeted rate from Waikato District Council, and the Provincial Growth Fund, a budget of \$2.4 million was secured. The project, initiated in 2019, saw the community hub completed in December 2020 and the lifesaving facility in March 2021.

Opened in February 2022, the facility accommodates up to 200 people and includes a dedicated surf lifesaving area complete with a kitchen, bunk rooms, gear storage, training space, and a medical triage center. It serves the expanding communities in Port Waikato and neighbouring areas, responding to growing needs for lifesaving services and community engagement.



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- \$698.25 (lifespan 4 years)
- E** All-Terrain Vehicle
- \$19,688.54 (lifespan 3 years)
+ fuel, servicing \$700 p/a
- F** Toyota Hilux patrol vehicle
- \$14,400 p/a + on road costs
- G** Rescue Water Craft, rescue sled,
beach dolly - \$35,000+
servicing \$700 p/a + fuel
- H** Lifejacket
- \$73.91
- I** Helmet
- \$52
- J** Scoop Stretcher
- \$746
- K** Automated External Defibrillator
- \$3,391.30 (lifespan 10 years)
- L** Rescue Tube
- \$104.35 (lifespan 2 years)
- M** Rescue Board
- \$2,087 (lifespan 4 years)
- N** Information Board
- \$1,145
- O** Oxygen/First aid kit
- \$600+
- P** Rescue fins + belt
- \$150
- Q** Patrol flags + bases
- \$4,255 (lifespan 2 years)
- R** Danger signs
- \$1,500



2021/2022 RWC PROGRAMME

Northern Region has an operational fleet of seven RWCs, which are being operated out of Ruakākā, Ōrewa, Bethells Beach, United North Piha, Kariaotahi, Sunset, and Raglan.

This season, an RWC was also stationed at the Auckland Marine Rescue Centre during peak summer period, to support the Paid Lifeguard Service patrols on Auckland's North Shore beaches. The "City Ski", as it has become known, has quickly become one of our busiest rescue assets during peak season. In addition to its support for Auckland beaches, it has also been called upon to assist with Coastguard and Maritime Police operations, operating on a seven-day roster.

The warm relationship between SLSNR and Yamaha, our RWC supplier, continues to grow. Yamaha has recently agreed to renew the current fleet of RWCs in March 2023 and has also agreed to supply a further two skis in October 2022.

Yamaha's dedication and commitment to supporting our RWC programme means we have been able to expand our training, induction, and exam programmes to a wider selection of Northern Region clubs. We are grateful to Yamaha for their ongoing support, and we are eager to build our relationship in the seasons to come.

PATROL ADVOCATES

Patrol Advocates are responsible for auditing our clubs to ensure they meet Surf Lifesaving NZ standards, as well as supporting any training requirements they might have. This year, the Patrol Advocate season started in the middle of a lockdown, making life difficult for the six new Advocates and three returning Advocates.

Sadly, much of their training was completed online, as circumstances would not permit in-person training. Covid-19 restrictions resulted in travel limitations, and as a result many of our Advocates were not able to start their patrol visits until late December / early January. Despite this, many Northern Region clubs were visited the required three times, with a total of 43 visits completed.

Clubs have been supportive of the Patrol Advocate role, and recognise that its purpose is to support them, not catch them out. All reports back from Advocates were positive, with audits being completed at a 98-100% success rate. The only common issue was a lack of patrolling members available during the day to engage with training. This was especially prevalent in Northland, but is common throughout the region during the busiest time of the season.

A big thank you to all our Advocates for what has been a tough season, especially for those new to the role – dealing with restrictions, isolation, low patrol numbers and high beach populations is not an easy task! There is continuous improvement needed in this space, as the role of the Advocate moulds to fit the needs of the region. One idea for next season is to place advocate visits on the calendar before assigning Advocates to beaches, to ensure that all visits are completed within the December – March timeframe.



PAID LIFEGUARD OF THE YEAR HAYLEY REWI



This season's recipient of Paid Lifeguard of the Year is Hayley Rewi. Hayley played a major role in assisting the running of the PLS in Raglan, one of our busiest locations. She is a natural in dealing with critical incidents, beach management and public interactions, and her communication and organisational skills are second-to-none. Hayley has brought cohesion and consistency to the teams she works with, while maintaining a positive attitude and energy, and a focus on inclusivity and diversity. She has consistently demonstrated leadership throughout challenging times. Hayley's home club is Sunset Beach.

PAID LIFEGUARD OUTSTANDING FIRST SEASON 2021/2022 JESS JONES



Jess Jones, winner of Paid Lifeguard Outstanding First Season, has had an exciting first season. Her peers endorsed her commitment and dedication to her team, and she has a fantastic rapport with her teammates.

Jess is studying Health Science, majoring in Paramedicine, and has gladly imparted her knowledge in this area to help develop her team's First Aid capability.









PAID LIFEGUARD SERVICE

During the 2021/2022 season, Northern Region employed 119 regional lifeguards, including casual lifeguards, for our Paid Lifeguard Service (PLS). The paid lifeguards conduct weekly patrols at Northern Region's 18 club locations and four satellite locations from 29 November 2021 to 4 March 2022.

Paid Lifeguard Service Overview 2021/2022

Piha, Muriwai and Raglan are the only locations that are typically patrolled for the entire 14-week period. However, in response to drowning fatalities at Karekare and Karioatahi, the PLS commenced patrols at Bethells Beach, Karekare, Karioatahi, and Sunset Beach two weeks earlier than anticipated. Just nine days' notice was given for this change, requiring a collaborative effort from Surf Life Saving Northern Region (SLSNR) and the clubs involved.

Areas of Work	Q2 Oct-Dec	Q3 Jan-March	YTD YE2021	YTD YE2022
 Number of people rescued	38	33	54	71
 Number of people assisted	67	106	85	173
 Number of First Aids	94	149	313	243
 Number of searches	22	44	34	66
 Number of preventatives	6128	8712	16172	14840
 Number of hours worked	12493	18107	27423	30600

There was a 24% increase in PLS rescues when compared with the previous year, a 51% increase in people assisted, a 21% decrease in the first aid provided, and a 48% increase in searches.

The increase in hours worked due to PLS patrols commencing early at four locations. This may also have impacted statistics around rescues, assists, and searches. It is likely that the introduction of the Surf Patrol App has also improved the accuracy of data.

Covid-19

Covid-19 has continued to affect our organisational processes, with the complexity of Vaccination Passports, mask mandates, and exemptions for travel between regions placing extra burden and workload on the team. Surf Life Saving New Zealand (SLSNZ) appointed Paul Newnham as the Covid-19 Support Manager, and he was instrumental in keeping SLSNR and SLSNZ informed of Government updates relevant to surf lifesaving.

Operating within the Government's Covid-19 restrictions saw changes to our beach management practices, such as mask wearing on flags, lifeguards operating within a 'patrol bubble' for the season, and maintaining physical distancing in club-houses and lifeguard towers. These changes were effective, with just three guards stood down as they awaited test results, and none of the PLS contracting Covid-19.

Trials

Paid lifeguards were selected from a pool of 161 applicants in a competitive selection process, and demonstrated a high level of skill and competence.

Due to the re-emergence of Covid-19 ahead of the commencement of the patrol season, Northern Region was unable to go ahead with in-person trials. Our selection process remained thorough despite this, with screening processes in place for experience, qualifications and fitness, however there was some reliance on applicants being open and honest.

Induction

Due to the restrictions, inductions were conducted online. While this proved irritating, it is vital that all PLS lifeguards understand the values and standards of our organisation, and are familiar with the PLS Code of Conduct.

The induction included presentations by SLSNZ Medical Director Gary Payinda, National Wellbeing Lead Ari Peach (on new wellbeing provider Benestar), senior lifeguards, and Georgia Parker and John-Michael Swannix from Northern Region (on the Surf Patrol App and SurfCom procedures).

Seasonal Supervisors

Our four Seasonal Supervisors played a key role in ensuring all PLS guards had the necessary resources and information to perform their role while upholding our values and meeting our high standards, as well as ensuring Northern Region met its responsibilities and capabilities as an organisation. They were kept particularly busy managing the ever-changing Covid-19 policies and mandates.

Seasonal Supervisors carried out trainings with patrol captains and their respective teams, and filled gaps in the roster when PLS guards were unable to work.

Highlights of 2021/2022

The season highlight for PLS this year is that we were able to deliver the paid service to all patrol locations despite the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions and lockdowns. We are extremely proud of the way our team managed these significant pressures, to fulfil our obligations to the public and our stakeholders, and ensure our frontline lifeguards could perform their duties.



ROCK FISHING PROJECT YE2022

The Rock Fishing Project is now in its 17th year of operation, running as a partnership between Auckland Council, Drowning Prevention Auckland (DPA) and Surf Life Saving Northern Region (SLSNR), and solely funded by Auckland Council.

The purpose of the project is to increase the safety and awareness of Rock Fishers on our West Coast beaches around Auckland.

The project has seen a decline of drownings for rock fishers off Auckland's west coast. In the five years from 2005 to 2009, land-based fishing accounted for 25 drowning fatalities in New Zealand, 10% of all drowning incidents nationwide, and 29% of all beach-related fatalities. From 2016 – 2020, 27 fishers died, with two of the deaths located in Auckland.

Northern Region, DPA and Auckland Council trained four Rock Fishing advisors, who proactively engaged with rock fishers and took any preventative actions where required. Rock fishers are "at-risk" for drowning, specifically men.

The advisors did not compromise their own safety, instead they utilised a drone to observe and educate where conditions were unsuitable or dangerous. However, they were also rescue-ready and able to respond to incidents with the support of local lifeguard services.

Rock Fishing advisors raised water safety awareness with rock fishers, educated them on safer rock fishing and land-based fishing, and promoted lifejacket hubs across the region. The survey developed by DPA was a critical tool. Advisors also checked and tested fishers' personal rescue equipment, taught them how to use it properly, and noted and reported any damage to the Paid Lifeguard Supervisor.

Outputs:

Several popular rock fishing areas at Piha and Muriwai were monitored over an 8-week period, with advisors educating over 150 rock fishers. The advisors also collected 150 surveys from rock fishers in these areas.

DPA supported SLSNR with the training of Rock Fishing advisors through online courses and practical training. They also Educated 2367 participants on rock fishing safety through presentations, workshops and seminars, and surveyed 132 rock fishers. This included a crab fishing workshop, a crab fishing seminar, four Rock Fishing Education workshops, four rock fishing seminars, more than 20 presentations on land-based fishing safety, and two charter boat fishing workshops.

DPA and SLSNZ are currently conducting joint research into personal rescue equipment. Survey results show that 27.3% of rock fishers were wearing lifejackets on the day they were surveyed, with 30% of those wearing lifejackets indicating that they always wear a lifejacket around water.

Across this period, our advisors performed seven rescues, six first aid responses, and were involved in six search operations.

Recommendations:

As the programme continues, the organisations recommend extending the duration of educational patrols, as people have been observed rock fishing throughout the year. Extending the programme to include two full-time aquatic rangers would increase observation, education and response to rescues on our coastlines.

We have also recommended annual coastal awareness training for all Rock Fishing advisors, to involve all partners in annual induction training, to add Advisor names to surveys to increase accountability, and to report to Auckland Council both pre- and post-season.



WEST COAST WĀHINE TAKEOVER

This summer saw a stellar all-female team take the reins of the lifeguard patrol at Piha. This was the first time a female-only team had carried out a weekday patrol, keeping people safe at this busy Auckland beach during the peak summer season.

The team of five wāhine was made up of Liana (Piha SLSC & 2021 Regional AOE Lifeguard of the Year), Valentina (Piha SLSC), Sam (Mount Maunganui LS), Elise (Mairangi Bay SLSC), Olivia (Red Beach SLSC).

The debut all-female line-up at Piha has a wealth of surf lifesaving knowledge and experience under their belt; including IRB driver, crew and instructor certifications, first aid awards, SurfCom operator, intermediate guard school instructor, patrol and vice patrol captain and 2021 AOE Regional Lifeguard of the Year.

The day's patrol ran smoothly with no incidents taking place, no doubt with thanks to the team working together to avert potential problems.

Beyond this landmark all-female patrol day, there have been a host of senior female lifeguards working alongside their male counterparts at Piha this summer.

A 'can-do' attitude is the common trait for these go-getter lifeguards who are determined to seize every opportunity to develop their lifesaving skills and expertise. Quite rightly they have refused to let gender limit what they can achieve in the world of lifesaving and beyond.

Liana's advice to girls in lifesaving is, "Being a female is absolutely not a disadvantage and if you have the courage to put yourself out there are people who will definitely support you, go get 'em!"

Olivia encourages new lifeguards to "Take every opportunity, as they can lead to even more opportunities".

Val also offers these words of wisdom, "You can do anything you want and don't let anyone tell you that you can't. But if they do, just do it anyhow, and do it better!"

These young women are an inspiring bunch of lifesaving wāhine with their proactive approach and positive outlook.



SEARCH AND RESCUE SERVICES

It has been our busiest-ever season for Northern Region Search and Rescue (SAR) squads, with a record 141 after-hours callouts, well ahead of the previous record of 125 callouts in 2020-2021. Much of the increase can be attributed to burgeoning relationships between SurfCom and agencies like police and ambulance services.

Northern Region SAR squad members played an active role in 104 of these incidents, saving 70 lives, and providing 183 assists, 71 searches, and the administration of emergency first aid in 22 instances.

SAR Squads

SAR squads at our 18 Northern Region clubs have each been activated at least twice each this season, with a total of 1150 volunteer SAR hours worked. Raglan and Kariaotahi had the busiest SAR squads, with 19 callouts each. Raglan SAR has been consistently busy over the past few years, possibly due to beach morphology creating more dangerous conditions. Muriwai, Piha/United, and Mangawhai also had a high number of call-outs.

Covid-19 had a significant impact on regional SAR training opportunities, with only two training sessions going ahead at Far North and Mangawhai Heads. This was a large drop compared to the eight regional SAR trainings run the season prior. Covid-19 also saw the cancellation of several marine SAR exercises organised by NZ Police in Northland, Auckland and Waikato. This was disappointing given their importance to inter-agency collaboration and relationship-building.

CIMS (Coordinated Incident Management Systems) is a course that teaches people how different agencies work together on incidents. A record 67 SAR squad members made the most of the lockdown by completing the online CIMS 3 course through Tai Poutini Polytechnic, while a further 16 went on to get their CIMS 4 qualification in May – the first time the course was able to be run in almost two years. Northern Region is now the most CIMS-qualified SLS region in New Zealand by far, with more than a third of our squad members now holding the award.

Duty Officers

Following a Support Services Review last season, the Duty Officer service continues to grow stronger. Activations for Duty Officers were up 88% on last season, with 30 critical incidents to date compared with the 16 activations at this point last year.

A total of eight local Duty Officers were trained this season, selected from 15 high-quality applicants. There are now 40 active Duty Officers placed strategically throughout the region. Two new regional Duty Officers were trained, as well as one new Lead Duty Officer, based at the Marine Rescue Centre.

Northland and Waikato, which were particular areas of concern, have seen a rise in the amount of Duty Officers with 10 now in Northland, 22 in Auckland and 8 in Waikato. This is up from 2 in Northland, 13 in Auckland and 2 in Waikato at the start of 2021.

All our clubs received multiple visits from Duty Officers throughout the summer, with particular efforts to visit clubs based in Northland and south of Auckland. The team also assisted the Paid Lifeguard Service by training four Seasonal Supervisors, so that they could provide better debriefing and incident management support to the PLS.

Peer Support

Northern Region has benefitted from the national rollout of Peer Support this season, with more than 110 of our members referred to and contacted by counsellors through the new well-check system. Well-checks have evolved from previous procedures set up in Northern Region, but now include professional support from Benestar, funded through SLSNZ's relationship with Xero. Feedback from well-checks has been highly positive, and it has been used by almost all our members involved in critical incidents.

There are now 170 Peer Supporters in New Zealand, split into 15 local networks. Northern Region's 65 Peer Supporters have been tasked to 30 critical incidents to support lifeguards and run well-being debriefs. This is an 88% increase on this point last year when there have been just 16 critical incidents. SurfCom has been instrumental to the rollout of Peer Support in other regions, with any lifeguard in the country able to call 0800 SAVE LIFE to request activation of their local Peer Support network.



SurfCom

The SurfCom team has had another stellar season, demonstrating ongoing flexibility and agility while maintaining high standards. SurfCom managed 509 incidents over the past year, across all four regions, a 16 percent increase on 2020-2021.

SurfCom Incidents	2020-2021	2021-2022
Northern Region	403	404
Eastern Region	35	81
Central Region	2	20
Southern Region	0	4

This season saw the first stage of the national SurfCom rollout, resulting in a large increase in the number of incidents the service supported. SurfCom had the ability to dispatch all 42 SAR squads and 15 Peer Support networks across the country, while the 0800 SAVE LIFE number was the primary channel used by Police for incidents occurring in Northern and Eastern Region, and as a back-up channel for other Police districts.

Six new SurfCom Operators were trained over the summer, a welcome addition to our team of eight operators. Meanwhile, a total of 84 Northern Region members completed the Introduction to SurfCom Module via SLSNZ's online learning platform. It's great to see so many members completing this in order to be able to better understand and communicate with SurfCom.

In what eventuated to be a prescient decision, SurfCom commenced weekday operations early for the second year running, due to the high number of beach fatalities during November 2021. A critical incident occurred nearly every day during the final two weeks of the month, and SurfCom support played a key role in responding to all of them.

Covid-19 precautions saw the Marine Rescue Centre Presentation Room converted into a SurfCom Operations Room, to separate SurfCom and Coastguard staff and reduce potential transmission of Covid-19 while maintaining inter-operability for major incidents and handovers. For the first time ever, SurfCom had three stations to cover both regional and national incident management.

The introduction of invoicing for SAR work through SurfCom has seen more than \$37,000 paid to our clubs over the season, more than eight times higher than in previous years. This is a great example of SurfCom's work to support clubs behind-the-scenes, and the professionalism with which the service adapts to new processes.



The hazard predictive modelling work that SLSNZ started a few seasons back was finally put into practice this season through the Surf Patrol App. The SurfCom team ensured that the lifeguards at Muriwai and Ōrewa were verifying the predictive rip and wind data three times a day to build a picture of the model's accuracy. This work is forming part of a research paper between SLS and NIWA, which we hope will lead to further funding for similar features on platforms such as SafeSwim.

The introduction of fatality fact-checking and critical incident debrief procedures at SurfCom has seen timely updates to SLSNZ and better records for coronial requests and police investigations. In addition, SurfCom has continued to provide daily media and operational reports to highlight our lifeguards' work to media and funders.

Surf Patrol App

The Surf Patrol App has been a great success this season. For the first time ever, we have received 100% of daily volunteer and PLS patrolling data in the national database every evening by 11pm. The app has reduced the administrative burden on our volunteers, and has improved the accuracy and scale of reporting, with instant notification of member injuries, incidents, preventatives and other important patrol information.

The SurfCom team was instrumental in the design, testing, and development of the app, with many working additional hours to ensure it was useful and user-friendly.

St John Mobile Data Terminal (MDT)

The St John MDT was activated 211 times during the season, a 55% increase on the 135 activations in 2020-2021. This trend will continue as St John communications staff grow more familiar with and confident in the surf lifesaving response.

MDT Incidents	2020-2021	2021-2022
Total Activations	136	211
Lives Saved	25	40
First Aids	71	75
Deceased	4	14
Searches	6	8



SEARCH AND RESCUE SERVICES

NOTABLE CALLOUTS



MEDICAL @ Mangawhai Heads. 1200. 03/07/21.

Bream Tail. 1 x 58yo female with possible dislocation of knee. Fallen from rocks. Tide incoming. Mangawhai SAR tasked and transported patient back to surf club. Taken to hospital by ambulance.



RESCUE @ Piha. 1141. 04/07/21. At the gap, South Piha

1 x person fallen off rocks, has lifejacket on. Piha and United SAR tasked. Patient rescued by MOP. Lifeguards treated patient for hypothermia.



SEARCH @ Town Basin, Whangārei Harbour. 0842. 09/07/21

1 x missing elderly male. Last seen Wednesday. Northland SAR requested surf search waterways and shallow areas of town basin that Coastguard can't reach. Ruakākā SAR Squad tasked. 1 x IRB, 1 x RWC searched. Patient later found hypothermic by LandSAR teams before dying in hospital.



RESCUE @ Blacksands, south of Sunset. 0918. 24/08/21

1 x 15yo male walking along the beach, was pulled in by a wave, broke his leg and now onshore. At Blacksands, 2-3km south of club. Inaccessible by land. Sunset advised by MOP and informed SurfCom. A1 requested PMU tasking due to Level 4 lockdown. Lifeguards responded in IRB with FA equipment. Put leg in splint and transported patient to surf club to meet waiting ambulance. Patient taken to hospital.



FLOODING @ Kumeū. 0517. 31/08/21

Reports of multiple people in distress due to flooded homes from storm overnight. Requesting Surf SAR Squads. Muriwai and Mairangi SAR tasked. Performed 11 rescues and did 55 assists of people trapped by floodwater.



SEARCH @ Marokopa. 2247. 13/09/21

Kiritehere Beach. 1 x male, 3 x children missing. Car found swamped on beach. Waikato SAR requesting SLS assistance with in-water search. Raglan SAR Squad tasked. Started searching on Wed 15th Sep due to rough conditions. Taranaki SAR tasked and joined search on Thu 16th. Ōmanu SAR tasked and joined search on Fri 17th. Nothing found.



MEDICAL @ Raglan. 1401. 25/09/21

A 58yo female fell awkwardly in surf and dislocated or broke her hip. In severe pain – described as worse than childbirth. Allergic to some painkillers. Off-duty lifeguards advised by MOP and radioed incident to SurfCom. Ambulance called by MOP. Lifeguards provided First Aid and transported off beach to Wainamu Carpark to meet ambulance.



RESCUE @ O'Neill's. 1318. 08/10/21

Fisher swept off rocks. Bethells SAR tasked. Position described as between O'Neill's Island and Bethells. Patient is about 200m offshore, on angel ring flotation device. Eagle and Westpac also tasked. Bethells SAR responded. Eagle dropped swimmer into water and helped return patient to shore. Lifeguards then transported patient to FA room, status 3. Treated for hypothermia before being checked over by Westpac and taken to hospital via ambulance. POL advised of second patient. 2 x IRBs launched and found second patient. Performed medical assessment status 4.



SEARCH @ Cornwallis, Manukau Harbour 0824. 09/10/21

Two off-duty Piha lifeguards were kayaking when they noticed two divers who looked in distress and were trying to return to shore. When approached they informed the lifeguards a third diver from their party was missing and hadn't been seen for 10 minutes. Lifeguards returned the divers to shore then called 111 and alerted Police to the missing diver. Began coordinating the search with members of the diving group. Checked boat ramps and carparks. Lifeguards took kayaks and searched from the point last seen, around the marker buoys and coastline from Mill Bay and Armour Bay to Cornwallis checking for anything snagged. Police later called to confirm the diver had been located and was deceased. They confirmed they were standing down and had exited the water.



SEARCH @ Papanui Point. 1430. 06/11/21

Person swept off rocks. Raglan SAR Squad tasked to search coastline. Nothing found.



RESCUE @ Ōmaha. 1516. 11/11/21

South end of Ōmaha Beach. 1 x 12yo female unconscious face down in water. Ōmaha SAR tasked. Lifeguards provided FA until FENZ arrived. Set up helicopter landing zone for Westpac. Patient flown to Middlemore. Status 2, suspected spinal injuries.



RESCUE @ Bethells. 1544. 16/11/21

Person pulled out by current in front of tower, last seen 20min ago. SurfCom alerted via MOP on Bethells Emergency Phone. Bethells SAR tasked and searched water with 2 x IRBs and Eagle in air. Person found face down and brought back to beach. Lifeguards started CPR while ambulance came to assist. Ambulance declared patient status 0. Friend in water managed to self-rescue before Bethells arrived but was assessed and left in stable condition.



RESCUE @ Karekare. 1630. 21/11/21

3 x patients in the water in rip in centre of the beach. 1 x IRB responded. All three patients retrieved and safely returned to shore requiring no further assistance from lifeguards. One patient advised to go to A&E to be checked over by a doctor.



RESCUE @ Karekare. 1750. 21/11/21

2 x people swept out. IRB launched and retrieved both patients. Status 1 and Status 3. CPR performed on Status 1 patient successfully. Westpac flew status 1 patient to hospital while the other patient was taken by ambulance.



SEARCH @ Karekare. 2039. 21/11/21

Police requested assistance from Karekare for searching for a missing tramp. Lifeguards assisted police with the search providing assistance with lights and visibility from torches and ATV headlights. Eagle located the person who was retrieved from the bushes by police and transported back to the club by SLS ATV.



MEDICAL @ Karekare. 2112. 21/11/21

Lifeguards have been approached by a patient having heart problems. Ambulance called and on route. Lifeguards monitored the patient's vital signs (including breathing and consciousness as these were unstable) before handing over to ambulance who transported the patient to hospital.



MEDICAL @ Mangawhai Heads. 0914. 22/11/21

Spinal injury after diving under wave. Pins and needles in extremities. St John requiring SLS assistance. Lifeguards provided FA to patient until ambulance arrived and took over, transporting the patient to Whangārei Hospital.



RESCUE @ Kariaotahi. 1645. 23/11/21

St John Request SLS assistance with a 17yo female patient last seen in water 800m north of surf club wearing a red bikini. Lifeguards, Westpac, Eagle responded. 1 x patient found safe and well. Other patient was found in water and brought to shore by lifeguards. CPR commenced and patient handed over to paramedics who declared status 0.



RESCUE @ Sunset. 1735. 23/11/21

Two people stuck in rip requiring assistance. 3 more enter water to help them. Sunset and Kariaotahi SAR squads responded. Total of seven people rescued by Sunset lifeguards, 2 treated on beach for mild hypothermia. No further medical attention required.



RESCUE @ Raglan. 0941. 28/12/21

CG advised of a capsized vessel on Raglan Bar, 3 patients in water. Two were picked up member of public on a jet ski. 1 x patient rescued by lifeguards in IRB. All three patients taken back to Manu Bay and assessed as status 4, handed over to ambulance.



SEARCH @ Ōmaha. 1850. 29/12/2021

Coastguard advised of an overdue diver 200m out to sea South of Ōmaha beach at Takatu Point. Informant on jet ski on water. Patient retrieved by Ōmaha IRB and returned to shore. Patient declared status 4, no medical attention needed.



SEARCH @ Tāwharanui. 1024. 4/1/22

IRB tasked to patient at Māori Bay near Anchor Bay, Tāwharanui. 1 x person stuck on rocks, outgoing tide. PMU request that surf responds. Eagle also on route. Lifeguards responded in IRB and found the patient with an open fracture to their ankle. 1 lifeguard along with 2 x police and 1 park ranger carried with the patient to Eagle helicopter who transported the patient to medical assistance.



MEDICAL @ Kariaotahi. 0928. 7/1/22

50yo male has a motorcycle accident, treated for suspected spinal injury. Sore head, neck, lower right back, right ankle. 8/10 pain. Dizzy and confused. On O2 due to lowered SPO2. Lifeguards monitored the patient, treated for a spinal and provided oxygen due to lowered SPO2. Helicopter, police and ambulance responded.



RESCUE @ Piha. 1702. 08/01/22

PMU advised of 2x swimmers in distress at blue pool, South Piha. Asked if Lifeguards are able to respond to incident. Progressed into 4 patients, and 1 patient stuck on rocks. All patients were rescued and returned to shore. One patient treated with O2. All patients were able to leave the beach with no further medical assistance.

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NOTABLE CALLOUTS *CONTINUED*



SEARCH @ Kariaotahi. 1031. 11/01/22

Kariaotahi SAR tasked by PMU to multi-day search for patient missing for five days. Eagle spotted the body and requested lifeguard assistance to recover it. 1 lifeguard was taken from the club by Eagle up to Cochrane's Bay to secure the body while 2 more lifeguards set up an IRB to respond. The IRB picked up the body and returned it to the club where it was handed over to police and the coroner.



SEARCH @ Muriwai. 1025. 02/03/22

Patient's vehicle found at Constable Rd, Muriwai end of Te Henga walkway, male owner's whereabouts unknown. Police request 1 x IRB to search in line with the club south-bound, just behind the breakers until in line with Constable Rd and then continue south hugging the cliff so they can search the rocks and water at the same time. Muriwai SAR Squad responded with 1 x IRB and 1 x RWC. Located deceased patient on the rocks directly in line with Constable Rd.



MEDICAL @ Waipū Cove. 1654. 5/3/22

1x 64yo Male located on the road by the surf club. Unconscious, unresponsive and not breathing, no pulse. Lifeguards from Waipū Cove SAR responded with resuscitation equipment and defibrillator to scene. Once on scene, they performed CPR and administered 3x shocks with a defib before the patient regained heart rate and breathing – handed over to Ambulance / Fire as Status 1 – now breathing and irregular heartrate who was stabilised and transported to Whangārei Hospital.



RECOVERY @ Muriwai. 1940. 10/03/22

2 x off duty lifeguards who were leaving Muriwai beach after a surf were alerted to an incident occurring where two skydivers had collided in mid-air. Coastguard NZ received a distress call over VHF and activated the Muriwai SAR squad, before contacting RCCNZ for an SLS tasking. Lifeguards launched an RWC and arrived on scene (approximately 2.5 to 3km west of the south end of Muriwai beach) where 1x female in her 40s was being supported by 2 members of the public who had raced to assist on a private jet ski – CPR was in progress. Patient unconscious and not breathing – status 1. Lifeguards transferred the patient to the sled on the back of RWC, cut her free from her parachute and harness and commenced CPR and mouth-to-mouth. They returned to shore where Westpac Rescue 1 and FireNZ had set up a triage arena on the beach. 4 SAR members carried the patient from the RWC up the beach, commenced CPR and a defibrillation was attached with no shocks advised. Crew from Westpac Rescue took over patient care and pronounced the female patient deceased on-scene – status 0. Another patient, a male in his 30s was also treated by the team on the beach and was taken to hospital with injuries – status 2 by Westpac Rescue 1.



RESCUE @ Piha. 0833. 25/04/22

Male fisherman wearing yellow PFD seen in water by MOP on Tasman lookout. Piha SAR tasked. Lifeguards confirmed patient was unresponsive when they picked him up out of water. Brought patient back to beach and commenced CPR. Westpac arrived and pronounced patient status 0.



MEDICAL @ Kariaotahi. 1758. 25/04/2022

1x 20yo male fell off motorbike on the dunes 50-100m North of the northern vehicle access, people are around him. Landed on shoulder, pain in lower back, some pins and needles. Ambulance called but requests some LG assistance till they get there. SAR squad on scene and assisting. Lifeguards assisted monitoring the patient, however they had to move them due to patient getting very cold as they had been waiting for over 2 hours for an ambulance. Ambulance arrived and took patient.



RESCUE @ Kariaotahi. 1535. 04/05/22

150-200m offshore, north of surf club, 13y/o struggling in water, POL land based unit + Eagle responding. SAR Squad activated to respond. 1 x IRB was launched and rescued the patient before returning to sea and rescuing two more people. The extra two had attempted to rescue the initial patient before getting into difficulty themselves.



RESCUE @ Iron Gates, Ahipara. 1750. 21/05/22

1 km round the rocks from Shipwreck Bay. A male surfer slipped on rocks, hit head, fell unconscious into water face down. Off-duty Mangawhai lifeguards Quinn Bedford and Tom Kehoe were on-scene and rescued the patient from swells and returned to rocks. Quinn performed CPR and resuscitated the patient twice. After the second round the patient sat up and was transported to Shipwreck Bay where FENZ and an ambulance were waiting. Far North Surf SAR were activated but stood down as FENZ were already on scene so nothing further they could have done, patient was transported to Kaitiāia Hospital.



SEARCH @ Piha. 1116. 26/05/22

POL advised that a MoP has possibly sighted a body, 30m off Nun Rock, drifting north towards South Piha. Eagle unavailable so PMU request PHA SAR to commence search. Lifeguards launched 1 x IRB from South Piha (United and Piha SAR activated). IRB searched for approx one hour before being stood down by Police. 3m swell made search difficult.



SEARCH @ Piha. 0730. 27/05/22

Missing person reported in the Piha the day prior. 2 x IRBs, 1 x RWC and 1 x ATV to commence search at first light per PMU tasking. SLS water assets searched from South Piha to White's Beach while ATV searched South and North Piha. Eagle joined search. 1 x IRB and Eagle located body at White's, IRB waited with body until POL were on scene for handover. Due to condition of body and nature of incident, Police and LandSAR to coordinate retrieval and transport of body.



BOAT FLIP @ Mangawhai Bar. 1008. 01/06/22

Overtaken vessel with 1 person holding on to the hull. Lifeguards reported incident and request SAR Squad activation in order to respond. Mangawhai Heads SAR Squad activated. IRB launched and rescued 1 person displaying signs of mild hypothermia, ambulance called but assessed patient as being okay to depart scene on their own.



MEDICAL @ Kariaotahi. 1410. 19/06/22

Head on collision between motorcycle and 4WD at 80km/hr. Patient wrapped around bumper with chest, pelvic, leg injuries, suspected spinal injury. Helicopter response requested. Off-duty lifeguards came across incident on the beach. Requested assistance and treated and monitored patient until ambulance and helicopter arrived on scene. Patient was transported to hospital by Westpac helicopter.



RESCUE OF THE YEAR

KUMEŪ FLOOD RESPONSE, MURIWAI VOLUNTEER LIFEGUARD SERVICE



Calls literally flooded in to the NZ Police 111 line during the early hours of 31 August 21 when the Kumeū, Huapai and Waimauku areas received in excess of 91mm of rain in one hour. This flooded buildings, closed roads, brought down trees and trapped people in their homes. Due to the volume of rain in a compressed time period, the sheer scale of the flooding and the multiple 111 calls from people in distress and requiring immediate assistance, the NZ Police quickly enlisted the services of Surf Lifesaving Northern Region in order to call out the Muriwai Volunteer Lifeguard Service SAR Squad.

The Muriwai SAR Squad received the callout at 5:35 with very basic details requesting them to prepare for flooding evacuation taskings in the Kumeū area. The initial response would require IRBs and lifeguard crews to assist in the rescue and evacuation of a number of residents in Huapai, some 17km away from Muriwai Beach. Initially five Muriwai SAR Squad members responded with 2 x IRBs, First Aid and Rescue equipment, navigating their way to the Police Incident Control Point (ICP) at the Police Station in Huapai, the transit was made all the more difficult by flooded and closed roads along with farmers moving livestock down debris strewn roads to safety.

The Muriwai SAR Squad reported to the Police Incident Control Point at 6:30am, and received a situation update, rundown on the first rescue task and then commenced the rescue planning and risk assessment process. With NZ being at COVID-19 DELTA Alert Level 4, the team of (double vaccinated) lifeguards also had to include COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control measures in order to keep both themselves and the public safe.

The first incident site was on Tapu Rd, Kumeū, a short drive from the ICP. Once on-scene, Police, FENZ, Civil Defence and Ambulance staff quickly defaulted to the Muriwai Surf Lifeguards as the specialists in deploying rescue boats and entering the swiftly running waters. With the huge volumes of water coursing down streets, across farmlands and through houses, the risk of debris, sewage contamination, wire fences and hidden objects necessitated additional protective equipment to be worn - shoes, full lifejackets, helmets, radios, facemasks and PLB's were mandatory for all crews. Driving an IRB in fast flowing waters around submerged objects such as fences and alongside floating objects like shipping containers required careful planning, good crew communications along with a different IRB driving style.

With some of the lifeguards having white water rafting and kayaking experience, the Muriwai lifeguards quickly made it across a swiftly flowing 'road and paddock' to the first two patients, one gentleman was rescued from the roof of a shed, while the other gentleman was stuck inside his garden shed with 1.5m water flowing around him, he had been in the shed since 10pm the previous night. Not Your Ordinary Rescue! The only way to retrieve the elderly and fatigued gentleman was for the lifeguards to carefully remove the shed windows and man-handle the gentleman out through the window frame into the IRB. During this rescue the adjacent shed was swept away while a shipping container floated past, caught up in the torrent. The lifeguards were therefore under some pressure to expedite the rescue of the ailing gentleman.

Once this first tasking was successfully completed, NZ Police quickly informed the SAR Squad of reports of multiple people in distress across a number of different incident sites. The Muriwai SAR Squad coordinator then called in further backup by way of a third IRB crew, a Duty Officer and the Mairangi Bay Search and Rescue squad. The SAR Squad members were then assigned to NZ Police teams and spent the remainder of the day attending to 9 further incidents, including a young man rescued from a sleep out and reunited with his family, the rescue of a couple, their baby and their dog from a flooded and unstable house, as well as rescuing a woman, her two teenage sons and their family's two dogs and cat from a flooded and at risk property in Huapai. Rescue & Assistance Totals

A total of 11 people were rescued and a further 55 people assisted to safety, reunited with family and friends, or their welfare and immediate needs assessed. Parliamentary Recognition to formally recognise their efforts, Local Labour MP Maria Lubeck submitted an order paper to the house on 09 September 2021 thanking the Muriwai Lifeguard Service for their critical role in the emergency response to the flooding including the rescuing of dozens of residents of the Kumeū community.



SEARCH AND RESCUE SERVICES AWARDS



GLENN GOWTHORPE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO SEARCH AND RESCUE

Glenn Gowthorpe, Muriwai (Winner)
Faron Turner, Ōrewa (Finalist)
Guy Hornblow, Kariaotahi (Finalist)

Glenn is always looking to improve his SAR team, and the wider SAR network. He has done some incredible work this past season, including coordinating Muriwai SAR Squad's response to the Kumeū Floods, which resulted in 11 rescues and 47 people assisted to safety. He presented his learnings from this incident to delegates from around the country at the SLSNZ SAR Summit held in Dunedin earlier this year. Glenn was also one of the lifeguards who responded to the Muriwai Sky-Diver tragedy, cutting the patient from her parachute and returning her to shore, before commencing CPR.

He maintains positive relationships with incident responder organisations such as FENZ, Police, Muriwai First Response, Auckland Council Park Rangers and local iwi. This season, he organised shared training scenarios with Westpac Rescue Helicopter crews from the Auckland Regional Helicopter Trust. He has a keen focus on improving the capability of his squad, inducting up-and-coming members, and supporting the team with the right equipment, training, and skills.



KARIAOTAHU SEARCH AND RESCUE SQUAD OF THE YEAR

Kariaotahi SAR Squad (Winner)
Far North SAR Squad (Finalist)
Muriwai SAR Squad (Finalist)

Kariaotahi SAR's win is in recognition of their outstanding incident responses, administrative excellence, diversity of members, and commitment to upskilling.

The squad is a model of excellence when it comes to their consistent and varied trainings. They train year-round, in different locations and conditions, to provide the best rescue-ready response to their local area. These trainings occur at least once a month, practicing scenarios and skills on the treacherous Waikato and Manukau Bars, the Waikato River and all along Karioitahi Beach itself. Kariaotahi SAR champions the development of wāhine, with half its members being women.

Kariaotahi SAR have proven themselves to be an efficient and reliable team, recently rescuing three people within 13 minutes of being activated. The Kariaotahi SAR squad have been recognised many times by other emergency services for their actions and are constantly improving. It is the only SAR Squad in Northern Region to have conducted approved flood and swift-water rescue training, with five members taking part in the Rescue 3 course run by SLSNZ.

Members of the Kariaotahi SAR squad have also helped develop and lead regional SAR Squad training weekends at Waipū Cove, Mangawhai Heads and Ōrewa, which have seen members from seven other SAR squads come together to learn vital search and rescue skills.

GEORGIA PARKER SURFCOM OPERATOR OF THE YEAR

Georgia Parker, Ōrewa (Winner)
Caylee Cooke, Kariaotahi (Finalist)

Georgia has devoted a huge amount of time and energy to increasing the professionalism of SurfCom, SLSNZ's operations centre, over the past season. Her calm and supportive manner over the radio and phone as lifeguards dealt with major incidents was highly commended by all those who nominated her. As Chief SurfCom Operator, she has overseen the training of six new SurfCom Operators this season, and has laid the ground-work for the National SurfCom rollout.



FARON TURNER DUTY OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Faron Turner, Ōrewa (Winner)
Ben McKernan, Ruakākā (Finalist)
Daniel Short, United (Finalist)

Faron is one of the longest-serving Duty Officers in Northern Region, but his contribution over the last season has been particularly impressive. He has proven extremely dedicated and reliable time and time again, taking on more shifts than any other Duty Officer, and helping to train 26 new Duty Officer candidates from around the region. His knowledge, wisdom, and patience have seen many a SurfCom Operator, fellow Duty Officer and also staff member feel understood, heard and supported. He is a highly deserving winner of this award.



DEBBIE PHILLIPS-MORGAN PEER SUPPORTER OF THE YEAR

Debbie Phillips-Morgan, Raglan (Winner)
Sharyn Chow, Waipū Cove (Finalist)
Harry Mellor, Red Beach (Finalist)

Debbie has dealt with a number of serious incidents this season, making a big difference in the Waikato area. Her outreach and ability to connect with members of all backgrounds was highlighted as a major strength, in particular her work during Operation Marokopa. At a club level, she has ensured members going through stressful times have access to the well-being support that they need. She is a great example of what our Peer Support service is doing for our members. Ngā mihi nui, Debbie.



NZ SEARCH AND RESCUE AWARDS

KAREKARE AND RUAKĀKĀ



The New Zealand Search and Rescue (NZSAR) awards are presented annually in recognition of outstanding achievements within New Zealand's search and rescue region, which covers 30 million square kilometres. The 2022 NZSAR Awards took place at Government House on Tuesday 17 May.

KAREKARE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

Jess Wanden-Hannay and Shalema Wanden-Hannay are presented with Karekare's NZ SAR Certificate for Operational Activity.

Karekare were awarded a NZSAR Certificate of Achievement for Operational Activity for the rescue of an adult and two children from Karekare Beach on 21 November 2021.

On 21 November 2021, an off-duty lifeguard spotted an adult and two children swimming in the mouth of a notorious rip. The beach was unpatrolled, and although they did not currently appear in distress, she realised the seriousness of the situation. She

immediately called for backup and then entered the water to assist.

With three rescue tubes, she swam through the surf, first providing one tube to a 16-year-old boy. Quickly she prioritised the adult, who was in serious trouble, floating face down and unconscious.

Meanwhile, an inflatable rescue boat was deployed through challenging surf conditions to assist. As a team, they extracted the adult and returned to shore. The initial rescuer then attended to the 14-year-old boy until the rescue boat could return.

On the beach, members of the Karekare Surf Life Saving Club worked in perfect unison to coordinate the rescue and response: simultaneously providing CPR to the adult, reassuring distressed members of the public, establishing two helicopter landing zones and coordinating the additional responding and supporting agencies (Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust, St John, Police, and Fire and Emergency New Zealand).

CPR was continued for 26 minutes until the rescue helicopter arrived and paramedics took over patient care.

Nine days later, the adult swimmer was discharged from hospital and was expected to recover fully.

RUAKĀKĀ SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

Ben McKernan is presented with Ruakākā's Certificate of Achievement for Support Activity.

Ruakākā were awarded a NZSAR Certificate of Achievement for Support Activity for their assistance with the search of a man who went missing in Whangārei.

On 8 July 2021, Police were notified that a man with dementia had left his home in Whangārei sometime the previous evening and had not returned.

Weather conditions were poor, with widespread rain and cold temperatures. Over the next four days, more than 120 people from LandSAR, Coastguard, Surf Life Saving, Police and members of the public searched for the missing man, with support from Skywork Helicopters and the Whangārei Fire Brigade.

The incident management team provided outstanding coordination and tasking of the many search teams. Each was able to bring a wealth of experience and specialist skills to the operation, which was conducted in coastal, urban, and bush environments.

On the fourth day of the search, following clues from CCTV footage of the area, teams were re-deployed to search the bush, creeks and tracks surrounding the Parihaka monument.

The terrain in the area is extremely difficult, with numerous waterfalls, steep bush, windfalls and slips. The man was located by a search team in a creek bed, having sustained significant injuries from a fall, and was hypothermic from exposure to the elements. He went into cardiac arrest shortly after being found.

Despite the search team members conducting CPR for an extended period of time until further assistance arrived, the man sadly died at the scene. Through a coordinated effort, all involved contributed to the return of the man to his family.

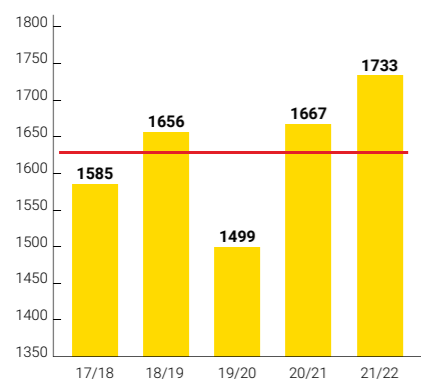


**LIFEGUARD TRAINING
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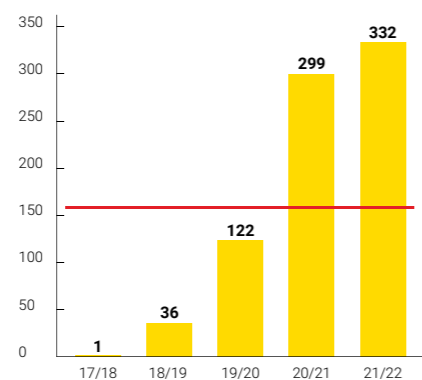


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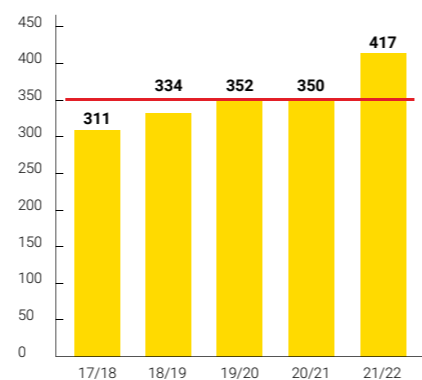
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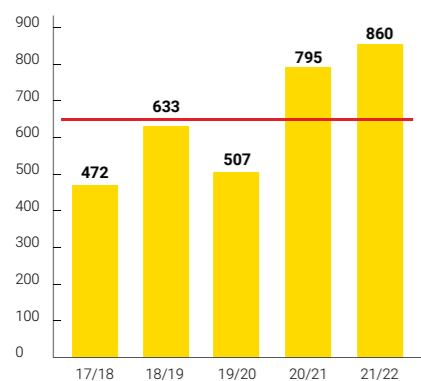
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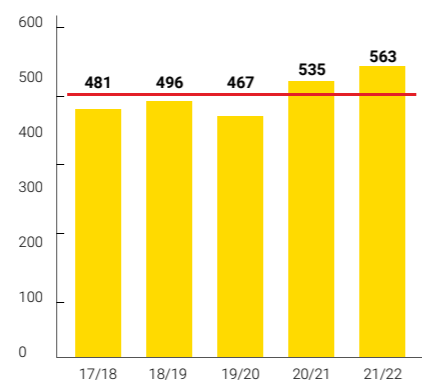
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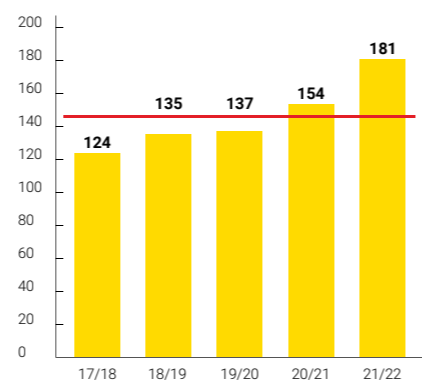
ACTIVE IRB CREWPERSONS



ACTIVE MARINE VHF OPERATORS



ACTIVE PATROL CAPTAINS



*horizontal red bar is 5-year average

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Covid-19

Covid-19, specifically the Omicron variant, has played a major role in Northern Region's, and our clubs' ability to deliver training to members. While many of our notable courses/camps, such as Intermediate Guard School, Senior Guard School, Instructor training, Patrol Captain's course, and Wāhine on Water were postponed until later in the season/early in the off season, we have still had excellent progress in a number of other important areas. These include UAV operations, RWC development and Surfers Rescue.

Amazingly, 103 of our total 229 new lifeguards and patrol supporters were examined and qualified across just two days in December 2021. These qualifications contribute to crucial lifesaving patrols across our 22 patrol locations.

RWC

The 2021-22 season has proven to be the greatest step forward in Rescue Water Craft development and operation since they were first introduced into New Zealand. A nation-wide strategic review run in conjunction with SLSNZ has seen a Northern Region staff member move into the role of de facto Chief RWC Examiner, as well as updates to the RWC development policies, to remove some of the barriers for potential applicants. Over the season, 37 new probationary operators and 25 new RWC operators were qualified in Northern Region alone. The focus has now shifted to growing the limited instructor and examiner pool. With only 9 examiners throughout the country, 8 of them from Northern Region, managing their availability has been a difficult task. With seven new probationary instructors now qualified, this should alleviate some of the burden. Northern Region is proud to lead the strategic direction of RWC operations in Aotearoa New Zealand.

UAV

UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle), commonly called drones, are an exciting new prospect for lifesaving operations, and we are confident they will prove a valuable tool for general patrolling and Search and Rescue operations. During the 2021-22 season, UAVs were predominantly used by our Rock Fishing Advisors, to test and refine how they could be used as part of their day-to-day operations. Advisors have successfully used UAVs to check public rescue equipment at prominent rock fishing spots, an ideal first application of UAVs as it avoids the requirement for Advisors to navigate the rocks themselves. This was an inherently dangerous activity for Advisors, especially during challenging weather and surf conditions. There are a series of risks involved in operating UAVs, which are considered aircraft and are subject to the rules and regulations of the New Zealand Civil Aviation Authority. Northern Region is working with Coastguard Auckland Inc. to educate members on the safe operation of UAVs.

Wāhine on Water

Wāhine on Water is a programme aimed at encouraging more women to take part in powercraft operations throughout the country. Wāhine on Water events are predominantly led by wāhine senior lifeguards and are tailored to provide a welcoming, wāhine-centric learning environment, and to remove some of the apprehension around the use of powercraft by highlighting the skill of our female IRB and RWC instructors. One Wāhine on Water course was delivered at Muriwai Beach in 2021 and drew participants and instructors from 15 different Northern Region clubs. Wāhine on Water continues to gain traction and we expect to see a significant increase in the number of new female IRB crewpersons and drivers thanks to the programme.

Lifesaving Capability Matrix

The Lifesaving Capability Matrix (LCM) was introduced at the beginning of the 2021-22 season as a tool to share membership data with clubs in an easily digestible format, in order to support data-driven decision-making. The original goal of the project was to actively measure the operational capability of each of the Northern Region clubs and identify areas where support was required. As we have worked with our clubs, this has since evolved to a much more holistic service, with a monthly report allowing them to benchmark and measure their success. The pilot season for LCM has served as an opportunity to socialise the concept of data-based decision-making with clubs, and as we progress it we will seek additional input from volunteer operational committees to align goals and standardise the LCM across the region.

**COMMUNITY
EDUCATION**



ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Introduction

Every New Zealander has the right to safely enjoy our beautiful coastline with their friends and whānau. But our calm and inviting waters can quickly become dangerous and unforgiving. Anyone can drown: no one should. Many children in our region have never had the opportunity to learn basic water competencies or experience our amazing beaches.

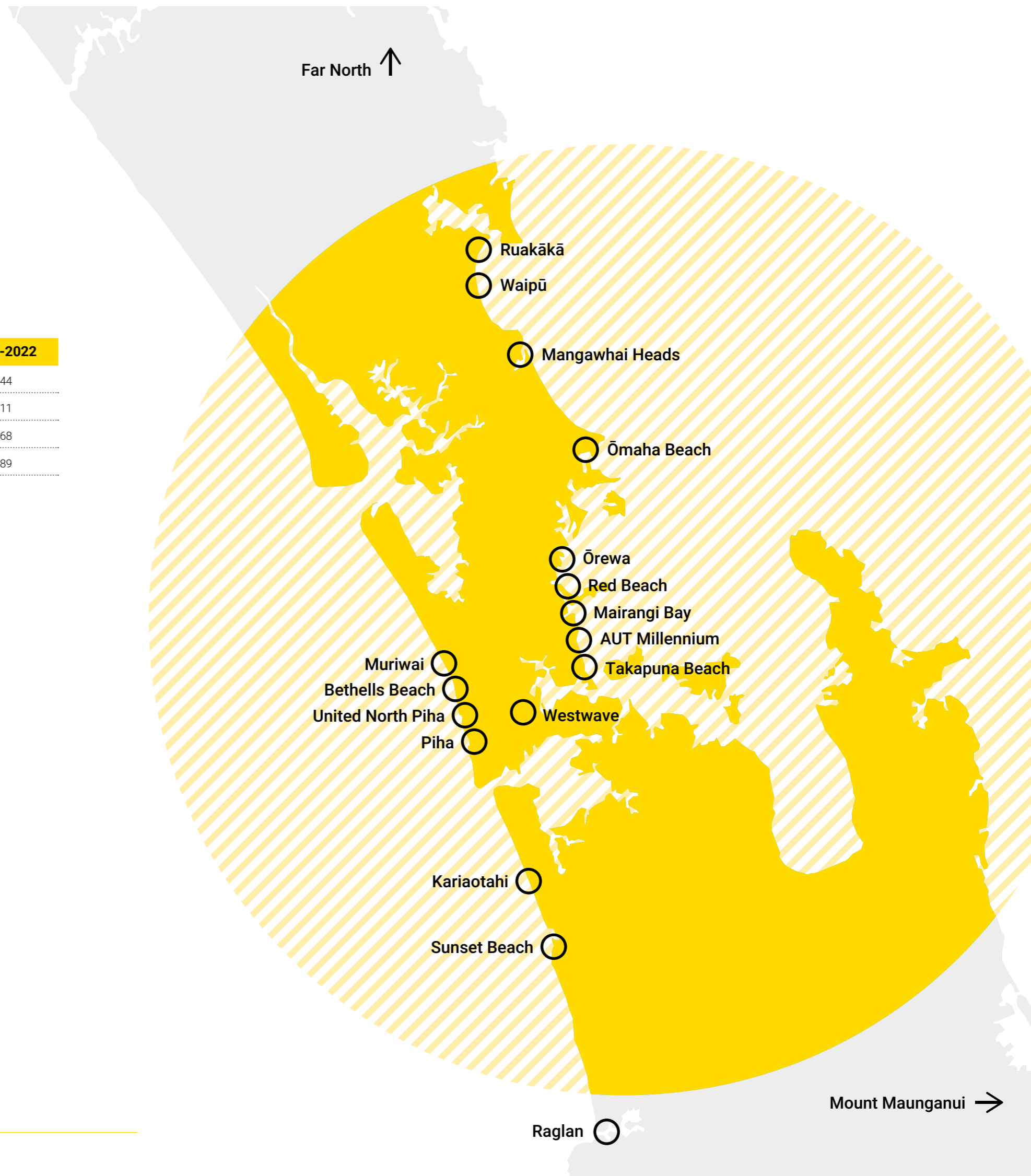
Water safety education is critical to addressing New Zealand's drowning statistics.

Our Community Education programmes, run by qualified instructors, allow children to experience coastal environments in a safe, controlled manner. These programmes aim to instil children with a respect for the ocean, so they can understand and identify risks, and recognise the limits of their water competence.

The Covid-19 pandemic was a significant disruption for our planned Community Education programmes over the 2021/22 season. A combination of alert level restrictions and schools' strict health and safety procedures saw many of our Beach Education and Surf to School programmes cancelled in Term Four, although an easing of restrictions over the summer months allowed some education to go ahead.

Where were they educated?

Location	2021-2022
Northland	544
East Auckland	411
West Auckland	468
South Auckland/Waikato	289





Instructors

Training sessions held at the beginning of summer enabled us to develop a talented team of instructors.

We thank all our instructors for their efforts over a very challenging season: they showed patience and flexibility in uncertain circumstances, while remaining focused on educating rangatahi. Special thanks also to Sarah at Coastguard NZ, who kindly led our Community Education team through the Safe Boating Course. This course has become hugely popular with children and parents participating in our City Nippers programme.

End of season surveys provided important feedback, and highlighted the difficulties of Covid-19. The responses have been reviewed, and we will make any necessary changes to ensure instructors continue to have the support that will provide them with a rewarding experience.

Congratulations to Maraea Whiu, winner of the Community Educator of the Year – 2022. Maraea went the extra mile and is highly deserving of the award. She demonstrated an engaging, calm approach to teaching children beach safety skills. Well done, Maraea.



Beach Education is a nationwide programme that teaches water safety awareness and basic survival skills to school-age children. Northern Region engaged with 34 schools across the region, down from 100 from the previous season, due to Covid-19 restrictions. Our team did the best they could to accommodate the restrictions and rescheduled schools where possible.

Covid-19 restrictions at the beginning of Term Four meant that our busiest time was considerably affected, with instructors, teachers and students all required to isolate. We maintained a strong dialogue with the schools throughout this time and managed to ensure that some Beach Education and Surf to Schools events took place.

A significant spike in fatal drownings at the beginning of summer prompted many schools to book Beach Education sessions for their students. Unfortunately, many could not go ahead. Northern Region is working to reschedule the postponed sessions.

Northern Region clubs have been deeply supportive of the Beach Education programme, as well as flexible, and have generously allowed the use of their facilities. Without them, this programme would not be possible. We will strive to maintain these relationships, and to ensure club facilities are treated respectfully.



City Nippers was a particular highlight for the 2021/22 season, as it was the Community Education output least affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Its delivery coincided with a relaxing of restrictions, which allowed us to run events across multiple locations and educate a total of 384 children.

We were very lucky to start the summer holiday sessions with a week of City Nippers on Waiheke Island. Thanks to funding from Cecilia Robinson the programme was highly successful and is likely to continue next season. Participants and parents alike have been so grateful for this opportunity and were thrilled to have the engagement from Surf Lifesaving Northern Region.



The Surf to School programme was significantly affected by Covid-19 restrictions, with many schools unable or cautious about hosting external providers. However, the programme was still able to reach 149 students across two schools, compared with 13,357 students across 7 schools last year.

The Surf to Schools programme is a great way to engage with new schools, and as Covid-19 restrictions ease it will provide an opportunity to reach a wider audience and encourage new schools to join our Beach Education programme.

Digital Education

Covid-19 restrictions over the last few seasons have prompted the development of our Digital Education Strategy. Surf to School – Online was trialled this year as a pilot programme of this strategy. Its purpose is to enable continued education through periods when face-to-face delivery is not possible, and to enable easier access to resources and training for others to share our safety messages.

Distance learning lowers resource strain on Surf Life Saving Northern Region, and enables greater community reach. While practical application is important in the process of skill-based knowledge acquisition and retention, there are numerous roadblocks to participation in general, such as transport, safety ratio personnel, suitable dates, weather, instructor availability, and financial capability.

Still in its infant stages, this project promotes sector collaboration and addresses medium-term goals of the Auckland Water Safety Plan.

Water Skills for Life Beach Pilot

During Term One 2022, we worked with Esther Hone from Water Skills for Life to implement their Beach Module. Once again, this was hindered by Covid-19. From the initial 480 expressions of interest across Northern Region, only one event was able to go ahead. Far North Surf Lifesaving Club hosted Kaitiāia Intermediate for 5 sessions, reaching 179 grateful students.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR PROFILE FOR 2021/22

Name: **Paige Atkins**
 Home club: **Bethell's Beach**
 Role at club: **Junior Club Captain,
 Rookie Coordinator,
 SLA instructor,
 Committee member,
 Call-out Squad,
 IRB racing.**



How many years have you taught Community Education for SLSNR?

Two seasons.

How did you get involved with Community education?

There are lots of passionate instructors at Bethell's Beach Surf Life Saving Patrol, including many community educators who inspired me to get involved. After my first session, I was passionate about the community education program and have loved it ever since.

What do you enjoy about teaching young people water and surf safety?

Seeing the students' smiles, and knowing I've made a difference when I see their confidence grow. From their nerves when entering the water to the huge smiles they leave with. More education around the beach and surf safety will ultimately result in fewer rescues and fatalities.

What have you found challenging this season?

As always, Covid-19 has played a massive part in our 2021/22 season. Unfortunately, numbers of both instructors and students were low due to isolation. Both the staff and schools worked well to ensure the day delivery was still possible.

What was a highlight for you during this season?

My highlight of the season is putting smiles on students' faces. The season's most memorable moment was a student who came up to me on flags at Bethells on a volunteer weekend. The student began to tell me they told all their friends about what they had learnt from the lifeguards. A few weeks later, their sibling needed help from the lifeguards, and because of the community education program, they could assist their sibling to safety.




What would you say to parents or schools to encourage them to enrol their children or students in our education?

Surf safety is all about education: how to be safe at the beach and around water is a crucial life skill. It is a great community to become part of, with lots of activities, fun at the beach, and valuable life lessons taught within community education and surf lifesaving.

What would you say to others interested in becoming a Community Education Instructor for SLSNR?

Community education is a great summer job, and if you are enthusiastic and love teaching, this is a perfect job for you. You get to work with various lifeguards at different beaches, spending your days educating the public on how to be safe and inspiring them to get involved in surf lifesaving.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION AT A GLANCE

	2021- 2022		2020 -2021	REASON
	11283 STUDENTS FROM 98 SCHOOLS	↑	2289 STUDENTS FROM 18 SCHOOLS	COVID ALERT LEVELS AND RESTRICTIONS
	2370 DELIVERED TO 34 SCHOOLS	↓	11711 BOOKED 9578 REACHED	LOCKDOWN ALERT LEVELS AND SCHOOL H+S RESTRICTIONS
	384 REACHED	↑	353 BOOKED 346 REACHED	EASING OF COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS
	149 REACHED	↓	1348 REACHED	LOCKDOWN ALERT LEVELS AND SCHOOL H+S RESTRICTIONS

**MEMBER
SERVICES**



EVENT RECAP

The 2021/22 season, as with the season prior, will always be marked by the challenges of the Covid-19 world. For surf lifesaving this has meant altered events, limited interations, and changing details— often at extremely short notice. Changing restrictions did pose a number of challenges, increasing the time needed to plan for events 10-fold. These obstacles were only able to be overcome thanks to the surf lifesaving's committed volunteer workforce. Thanks to these volunteers, Northern Region delivered events to 1,428 current and future lifeguards, ensuring our members stayed fit, healthy and engaged in trying times.

Covid-19 challenged our thinking and forced us to clarify what Junior Surf and Competitive Lifesaving mean within the wider context of surf lifesaving. Two key data points helped to provide this context, and influenced how we think about and communicate our competitive events.

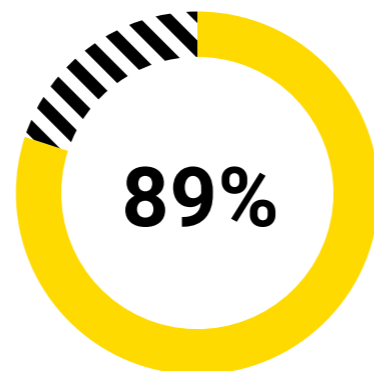
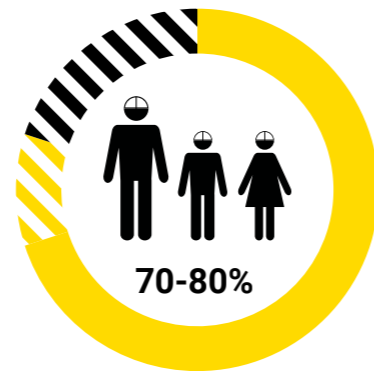
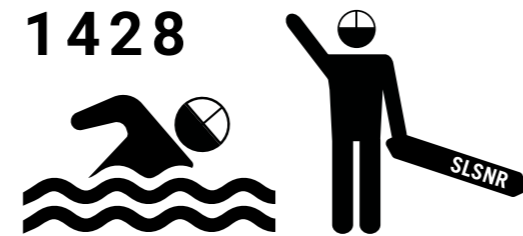
Historically, 70-80% of U14 members who participate in Junior Surf events go on to gain their Surf Lifeguard Award.

In the 2021-22 season, 89% of those employed by the Paid Lifeguard Service either:

- Started in Junior Surf
- Still participate or have an interest in Competitive Lifesaving

The above data demonstrate our varied membership pathways, and how they improve member engagement and retention. They also show clearly that Junior Surf and Competitive Lifesaving contribute directly to our organisation's core purpose: putting lifeguards between the flags to keep our beaches safe.

Despite the Covid-19 challenges, Northern Region was fortunate to deliver three Championship events, as well as a marquee event in The Invitational.



THE INVITATIONAL

The Invitational

The Invitational, in just its second year running, has once again cemented its popularity with both clubbies and the general public. Ninety six of New Zealand's fittest and fastest athletes forming 12 teams came together on Mount Maunganui's main beach in January. These teams competed against each other in a fast and furious format covering all rescue disciplines: Board, Swim, Ski, Sprint and Beach Flags.

The unique element of The Invitational sees teams selected through an athlete draft, as opposed to being formed through club or regional affiliation. This means clubmates and friends get to test their mettle against each other, and there's certainly no love lost between them.



Scan the QR code to catch the action from this season's event.



NORTHERN REGIONAL JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

SLSNR Junior Championships 2022

The 2022 SLSNR Junior Championships were delivered across Waitangi weekend at Auckland's Ōrewa Beach. Due to crowd limitations, only the U13 and U14 age groups were able to be run, with the boys competing on the Saturday and all girls racing on the Sunday.

Despite the restrictions, 195 competitors across eight clubs took part in the event. The high number of U14s who then go on to gain their Surf Lifeguard award was a determining factor in deciding which age groups would complete. These future lifeguards certainly enjoyed the opportunity to race against their friends and rivals, in a safe and fun environment.



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NORTHERN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

SLSNR Northern Regional Championships 2022

Similar to the Junior Championships, the SLSNR Northern Region Championships needed to be split across multiple venues in order to comply with Covid-19 restrictions limiting events to 100 people. The individual events were hosted at Muriwai, while Surf Boat were held at Ōrewa Beach. Muriwai events were also split further, with a morning session for women's events and an afternoon session for men's events.

The event was only able to go ahead due the dedication and adaptability of Northern Region's tireless volunteers. A total of 214 competitors across seven clubs battled in their respective arenas, for a final hit-out in our shortened competitive season.



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NORTHERN REGIONAL IRB CHAMPIONSHIPS

SLSNR IRB Championships 2022

The SLSNR IRB Championship was less affected by Covid-19 restrictions than other competitive events, as it was held at Waipū Cove, in the Northland region. Spectators would have been forgiven for thinking everything had returned to normal, with 20 IRB crews from eight clubs from around the region battling it out in the challenging three-metre-plus surf.

IRBs are surf lifesaving's primary rescue craft, and this event gave operators and crews a chance to hone their skills in some difficult conditions that are very likely to be encountered in real rescue scenarios.

After a full day's worth of racing, Surf Lifesaving Kariaotahi managed to finish the event on top overall points, to be crowned Northern Region IRB Champions for the 2022-23 season.



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JUNIOR POOL RESCUE ROYALE

THE NEXT STEP IN YOUTH PARTICIPATION



The Covid-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on Northern Region's ability to run competitive events over the past two seasons, particularly our indoor pool competitions. Traditionally, these have been quite stressful for newer and younger athletes, with some participants withdrawing from races, or becoming upset if they were disqualified for technical reasons. This has reinforced the importance of providing junior surf programmes with opportunities to participate in indoor pool events that aren't overly competitive or intimidating.

To support this, we have developed the Junior Pool Rescue Royale, which follows a similar format to its beach counterpart, the U10 Royale. It is designed to introduce juniors to indoor pool events in a relaxed environment that spotlights participation and removes some of the pressure and apprehension of competitive pool events.

The Junior Pool Rescue Royale is about having fun, making new friends, and learning new skills. Club affiliations are removed: participants are placed into teams with members from other clubs, and coaching is provided by athletes in older age groups. This gives the older athletes a chance to pass on their knowledge and develop their coaching skills, while providing a low-pressure environment for the younger competitors to test their skills in a team-based event.

The positive impact of the event has been immediately apparent, with many participants returning for subsequent pool events, and inter-club bonds being formed between the participants, and their coaches. Placing the Junior Pool Rescue Royale at the beginning of the event calendar has created a welcoming environment, which reinforces the importance of giving it a go, and celebrates resilience in situations of tolerable stress. The skills that they are learning will help their progression both at events, and as they develop into lifeguards.



RANGITOTO CLASSIC AND MINI CLASSIC



The Rangitoto Classic has become a high point on the competitive surf sport calendar since the inaugural event in 2020. Last season, the Mini Classic was introduced to complement the main race.

The Rangitoto Classic is a unique event in the surf sport calendar as it is open to the general public. This has resulted in a diverse group of entrants from across the country, including competitors from other sports like stand-up paddleboarding and waka ama.

The traditional event sees competitors paddle their surf skis, double skis and surf boats to Rangitoto Island, run to the top of the mountain and back, then paddle back to Takapuna. A second, shorter course is available for both junior and senior competitors. The new Mini Classic race consists of two paddle legs and a run leg along Takapuna Beach. The Mini Classic means everyone has a chance to be part of the event, and to get a taste of the main event.

In 2022, 173 competitors raced in the Rangitoto Classic, with 37 athletes from 6 clubs competing in the Mini Classic. Some athletes who entered the Mini Classic in 2021 moved up to the Rangitoto Classic in 2022.



WAIPŪ COVE ROOKIE CAMP

This season, Waipū Cove SLSC extended an invitation to the Northland clubs to attend their annual Rookie Camp. Thirty-two candidates attended the camp representing Waipū Cove, Whangārei Heads, Ruakākā, and Mangawhai Heads. The purpose of the camp was to develop surf lifesaving skills, have a positive and fun start to the Rookie season, and inspire the Rookies to follow through and qualify as surf lifeguards. The two-day camp included rock rescue techniques in the surf, providing first aid and CPR, and rescue techniques with tubes and rescue boards. This was a fantastic initiative to help bridge the gap between junior surf and lifesaving, as well as increasing collaboration between the Northland clubs.



EVENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE PROFILE

Every summer we are lucky to have some amazing volunteers take on event management roles. Our event management volunteers often work away unnoticed, but the countless hours they spend making sure our events are successful are incredibly important. The constant changes that have accompanied Covid-19 certainly haven't made things easier. Our 2021-2022 beach event management team consisted of Claire Burgham – Event Referee and Bronwyn Prescott – Event Safety Officer for our junior events, and in the senior beach space, John Chapman – Event Referee and Trevor Keinzley – Event Safety Officer.

Covid-19 restrictions meant getting creative and being flexible with programmes, but the team rose to the occasion managing to deliver a number of events that may otherwise have been cancelled.

When asked what was most challenging about the season, all members agreed that running events during Covid-19 brought some extra challenges and stressful situations around protocols, which put events at risk of not going ahead. We have asked them to share some of their reflections on the season:

What made you want to become an Event Referee/ Event Safety Officer?

Claire Burgham: I felt like I had the skills to offer, and enjoyed the satisfaction of creating and delivering (with my team) a great event for everyone involved.

Bronwyn Prescott: I wanted to be Event Safety Officer because of my passion for safety, and to enhance the enjoyment of participants and spectators.

John Chapman: I wanted to be part of the team that delivers quality events for our members, and to help develop the next generation of Surf Officials. This role gave me the chance to do both.

Trevor Keinzley: I had desire to see that events were run safely and in line with expectations, so that competitors would be able to achieve their potential without fear of harm.

What did you enjoy about the 2021-22 Season?

Claire Burgham: It was great to get one event delivered in January, which was really well-received and enjoyed after the disappointment of Covid-19 cancellations.

Bronwyn Prescott: It ran smoothly, the participants had a good time, felt safe and there were plenty of events for them to participate in.

John Chapman: We have a great team of people involved with organising and running events and they are fun to work with. The few events we did get to run seemed to be really enjoyed by the athletes, which was satisfying.

Trevor Keinzley: 2021 - 2022 Was not a great season with interruptions caused through Covid-19, however the opportunities that did eventuate were fun and rewarding – especially the feedback we received.





JUNIOR COACH OF THE YEAR: CHARLIE WOOD (ŌMAHA)



Ōmaha Surf Life Saving Club's Junior Surf programme has grown rapidly over the past two years. The club is intent on providing a safe, welcoming and inclusive space for families entering Junior Surf, and that journey begins for many with the Tadpoles group (5-7 year olds). Charlie Wood is Ōmaha's lead Tadpoles coach, and he has been instrumental in creating such an environment.

This year, Charlie coached a group of 54 Tadpoles and mentored four junior lifeguard coaches. He is an excellent role model, and led by example in demonstrating every value that Ōmaha teaches.

On top of his strong rapport with the Tadpoles in his care, he also focused heavily on engaging the parents, ensuring every session similarly educated adults on surf safety. This has resulted in the highest adult participation that many at the club have ever seen. Involving parents in Junior Surf has huge long-term advantages, with these parents more likely to participate and volunteer in the future.

Charlie remained flexible in the face of numerous challenges, including Covid-19 restrictions, a tsunami warning, and two cyclones, and adapted his sessions to suit the conditions while building core surf lifesaving skills.

Throughout all this, Charlie still managed to keep his sessions fun and varied, and his Tadpoles and their parents engaged. He would often put his own money and time into developing engaging activities and providing treats for the kids. He'd bring his own gas-powered shower to keep the kids warm on cool days, and bought ice blocks to cool them down on warm days. He gave tours of the club and taught them about lifesaving equipment like IRBs, demonstrating the various things they'd be able to do as they progress through the Junior Surf programme.

Charlie also dedicated time to developing and mentoring the younger lifeguards in coaching roles, and encouraged other parents to volunteer for the club. He even put together a big information sheet for others interested in coaching. He does all this while juggling his own two children with his wife, who also volunteers for Ōmaha.

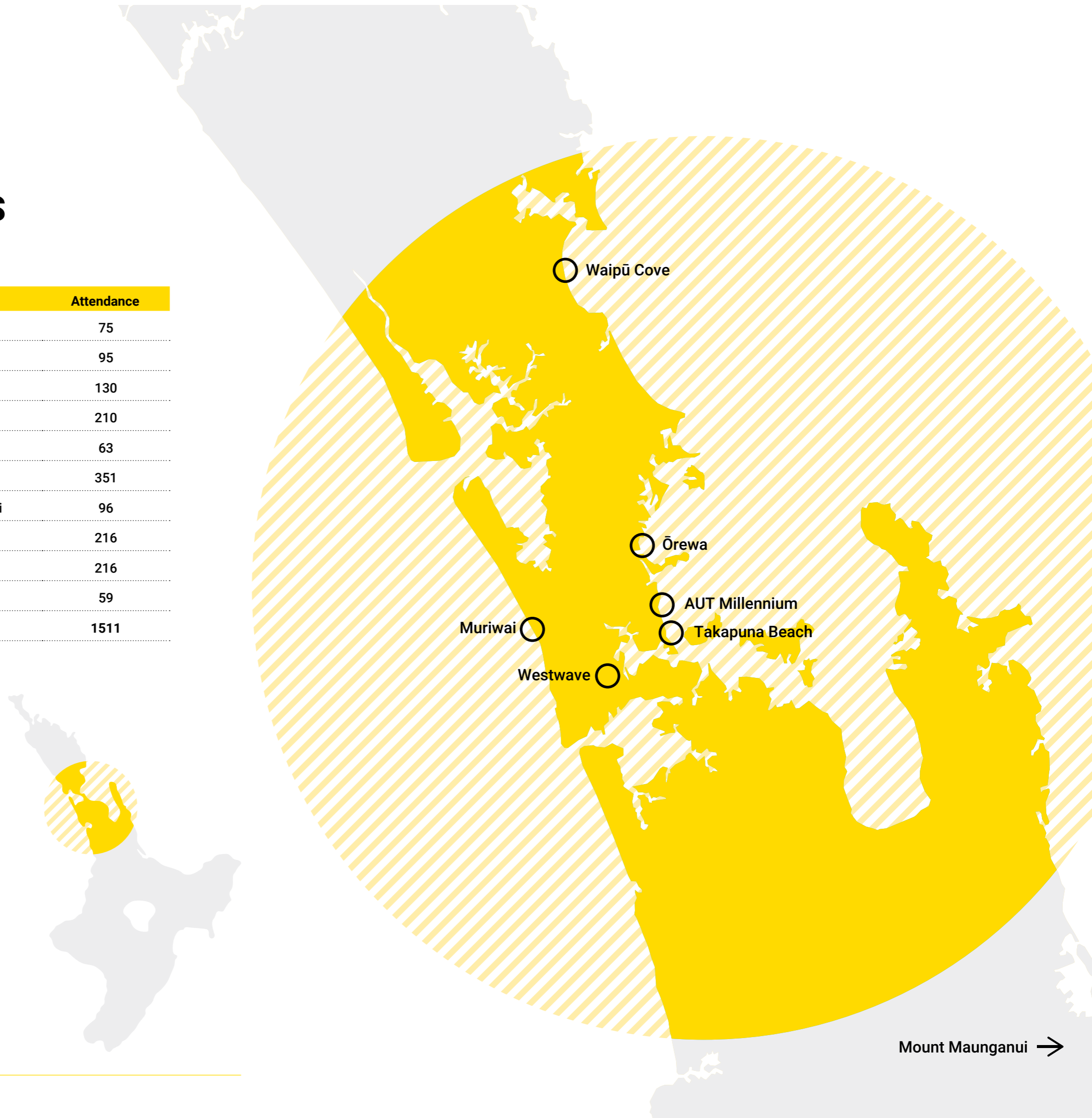
Charlie continues to focus on improving his coaching skills, and willingly shares his knowledge with others. His dedication is evident in the hugely positive feedback Ōmaha has received from parents and other coaches, and the club attributes much of the growth and quality of the club's Junior Surf members to Charlie's work.

Surf Lifesaving is extremely fortunate to have volunteers like Charlie guiding the lifeguards of tomorrow.



2021-22 EVENT ATTENDANCE NUMBERS

Event	Location	Attendance
Pool Rescue Royale	AUT Millennium	75
Pool Rescue Run Through #1	AUT Millennium	95
Pool Rescue Run Through #2	Westwave	130
Rangitoto Classic	Takapuna	210
Auckland All-In (IRB)	Ōrewa	63
Auckland All-In (Juniors)	Ōrewa	351
The Invitational	Mount Maunganui	96
SLSNR Junior Championships	Ōrewa	216
SLSNR Northern Regional Championships	Ōrewa/Muriwai	216
SLSNR IRB Championships	Waipū Cove	59
		1511



FEMALE LEADERSHIP NETWORK



An initiative developed by the Membership Development Committee, the Female Leadership Network saw continued growth in the 2021-22 season, with content delivered in person and online pending the COVID restrictions at the time. The purpose of this initiative is to showcase the wāhine in our movement who have, and continue to make, powerful contributions to Surf Lifesaving in an effort to highlight the way for the next generation of aspiring leaders.

The first Female Leadership Network workshop of the season was held at The Surf Club at Muriwai in June 2021, and presented an opportunity for wāhine from across the region to come together to make connections and discuss women's leadership within surf lifesaving. Topics included leadership opportunities they would like to see and what challenges they are facing. Unfortunately, this was the only workshop delivered in person but the uptake and conversations generated as a result, set the tone for the upcoming workshops. Resulting workshops were held online, with keynote speakers discussing their experiences and on a range of topics identified at the June workshop. Speakers/facilitators for the 2021/22 FLN season included:



Hannah Williams:

Hannah is well known and respected within surf lifesaving as someone who has traversed the peaks of both lifeguarding and surf sports. Hannah, a successful surf athlete in her own right, is a former Junior Black Fin who represented New Zealand on the international stage, with countless National medals and titles to her name. Alongside her sporting exploits, Hannah has been a recent participant on the SLSNR BP Leaders for Life program and was the top ranked lifeguard on her cohort at the 2021 SLSNZ National Lifeguard Course. Hannah gave an insightful and inspiring talk on her journey to date through Surf Lifesaving including what drew her to love the movement, her experience with burnout, and her tips on recognizing the early signs and prevention of burnout.

Tara Coe:

Part of the mainstay Coe family hailing from Kariotahi SLSC, Tara has worn many hats and filled many roles within her time within the movement. Tara has held governance roles at a club and regional level, is a regular SAR after hours asset as SLSNR's Delta One as operates in a leadership position as a Patrol Captain on the beach. Tara's varied experience made her an ideal candidate to lead her workshop focused on conflict resolution. This is an area all lifeguards will encounter, such is the nature of our objective in community safety. Tara's presentation provided best practice tools across a number of environments including on the beach, in a governance setting and with peers. This workshop was a particular success, attracting members from across the ditch to listen in and interact, highlighting the importance of this topic to our membership.

Simone Spencer:

Another member who has had a diverse pathway, Simone now leads critical work within the sport development space through Active, pioneering frameworks such as GoodSports and Balance is Better. Simone's lifesaving journey started within Junior Surf that flowed into surf sports. A very capable beach sprinter and flagger, Simone represented her region with distinction and also her country, competing in numerous National teams. Simone spoke about the opportunities afforded to her through her journey, how lifesaving equipped her with tools she uses to be successful in her work and her vision for tomorrow's female leadership within lifesaving.

Waipū Cove Rookie Camp:

The Rookie Lifeguard program is the final step in the Junior Surf pathway for members between 12-13 years of age. As members can only sit their Surf Lifeguard award once they've turned 14, the Rookie program aims to better prepare members to successfully sit their lifeguard award and also to introduce them to patrolling customs and processes. This pathway contributes between 30-40% of newly qualified guards per year and is the most reliable source of sustaining lifeguarding stocks within a club.

How the pathway is delivered varies between clubs and their setups, however more clubs are including 'Rookie Camps' as part of their program. As with all youth activities, social engagement and interpersonal experience are key to engagement and retention. Clubs have adopted Rookie Camps into their program in order to cater to a wider membership catchment within their memberships. This is still a newer initiative for some clubs however.

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The success of the above collaboration will continue into the 2022-23 season, with other clubs from around the region expressing interest to collaborate and foster relationships.

BUDDY LUCAS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM PILLARS

The Buddy Lucas Leadership program has roots which hark back to the 1970's and is named after Piha stalwart Buddy Lucas, who played a seminal role within his club and region. Lucas saw the importance in providing opportunities for the memberships future leaders to learn, hone their skills, and ultimately share their knowledge back to their fellow club members. Lucas' legacy lives on thanks to the Denis Black Foundation which supports the three pillars of the Buddy Lucas Leadership program.

After a trying past two seasons, the Buddy Lucas Leadership Program will continue to deliver in 2022-23 season. This program presents a unique membership pathway not available outside of SLSNR but has proved essential to membership development, retention and an improved delivery product on our coastlines through greater leadership capacities within SLSNR's clubs.

The three pillars of the Buddy Lucas Leadership program include:

Pillar One: California Lifeguard Exchange

Dating back to the 1970's, this long standing relationship will continue in early 2023. This exchange sees two members for the Californian Lifeguard Service experiencing a summer lifeguarding within the Northern Region as part of SLSNR's Paid Lifeguard service. During NZ's winter months, two candidates from New Zealand complete a similar exchange. This program serves as an invaluable learning opportunity for candidates to hone new skills in different environments. This pillar represents the highest leadership opportunity and is reserved for the best candidates.

Pillar Two: SLSA Leadership College

Delivered by Surf Lifesaving Australia, candidates will attend the leadership summit with the best and brightest from across the ditch. This intermediary step in the pathway aims to provide an enhanced opportunity from SLE.

Pillar Three: Senior Leadership Experience (SLE)

A most recent pillar provides the opportunity for 15-20 members an enhanced leadership experience. The SLE serves as an entry point for the senior leadership pathway and marks the transition from a Junior Guard to a Senior Leader.



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following pages contain the exact reprint of the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022, page numbered 1 to 21.





Surf Life Saving Northern Region Inc
Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

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Directory
As at 30 June 2022

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) Anthony Drake (elected September 2018) Stephan Deschamps (elected September 2019) Joanne Hobson (co-opted February 2021) Matthew Williams (appointed December 2015)	
CEO:	Matthew Williams (appointed December 2015)	
Controlled Entities:		
	Surf Life Saving Baylys Beach Incorporated	CC60893
	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 2022, and the statements of comprehensive revenue and expense, statements of changes in equity and consolidated cash flow statement for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated 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 2022, 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 \$38,362 for the Parent and amounting to \$2,222,561 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 2022 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 three 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.

Board's 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
20 July 2023



Statements of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense
For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	Note	Parent - 2022	Group - 2022	Parent - 2021	Group - 2021
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue from Exchange Transactions	7	114,021	1,388,404	250,018	1,534,897
Revenue from Non Exchange Transactions	7	3,616,796	7,820,163	4,159,206	10,848,435
Other Income	8	1,304	255,567	13,280	222,133
Total Revenue		3,732,121	9,464,134	4,422,504	12,605,465
Cost of Delivery - Exchange Transactions	9	(1,919,974)	(2,977,358)	(2,283,186)	(3,342,081)
Gross Surplus		1,812,147	6,486,776	2,139,318	9,263,384
Club Distributions and Activities		(3,735)	(3,735)	(167,704)	(141,907)
Administrative Expenses		(1,986,559)	(5,000,269)	(1,636,816)	(4,519,895)
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	10, 11	(178,147)	1,482,772	334,799	4,601,582
Finance Income	12	12,373	59,301	4,456	57,748
Net Finance Income		12,373	59,301	4,456	57,748
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		(165,774)	1,542,073	339,255	4,659,330
(Loss) / Gain on revaluation of available-for-sale financial assets		-	(154,898)	-	237,223
Total Other Comprehensive Revenue and Expense for the year		-	(154,898)	-	237,223
Total Comprehensive Revenue and Expense for the year attributable to equity		(165,774)	1,387,175	339,255	4,896,553



Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity - Group
For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	Available-for-sale asset fair value reserve	Retained Earnings	Total Equity
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 30 June 2020	295,981	17,416,113	17,712,094
Total Comprehensive Revenue and Expense for the year			
Surplus	-	4,659,330	4,659,330
Other Comprehensive Revenue and Expense	237,223	-	237,223
Balance at 30 June 2021	533,204	22,075,443	22,608,647
Total Comprehensive Revenue and Expense for the year			
Surplus	-	1,542,073	1,542,073
Other Comprehensive Revenue and Expense	(154,898)	-	(154,898)
Balance at 30 June 2022	378,306	23,617,516	23,995,822

Statement of Changes in Equity - Parent
For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	Retained Earnings	Total Equity
	\$	\$
Balance at 30 June 2020	1,427,166	1,427,166
Total Comprehensive Revenue and Expense for the year		
Surplus	339,255	339,255
Balance at 30 June 2021	1,766,421	1,766,421
Total Comprehensive Revenue and Expense for the year		
Surplus	(165,774)	(165,774)
Balance at 30 June 2022	1,600,647	1,600,647



Statements of Financial Position
As at 30 June 2022

	Note	Parent - 2022	Group - 2022	Parent - 2021	Group - 2021
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Assets					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	13	676,536	3,782,388	936,909	3,952,548
Financial Assets	14	1,000,000	2,975,246	1,000,000	2,850,457
Inventory		-	66,372	-	107,615
Trade and Other Exchange Receivables	15	54,707	350,701	46,364	271,240
Current Assets		1,731,243	7,174,707	1,983,273	7,181,860
Financial Assets					
Available for-sale Financial Assets - Piha Surf Life Saving Trust	14	-	1,001,705	-	933,951
Loan - Lifesavers Foundation	16	-	-	-	-
Property, Plant and Equipment	26	240,336	15,129,478	226,363	9,263,594
Capital Work in Progress	25	-	1,817,919	-	6,223,923
Non-Current Assets		240,336	17,949,102	226,363	16,421,468
Total Assets		1,971,579	25,123,809	2,209,636	23,603,328
Liabilities					
Trade and Other Payables	17	271,631	901,255	263,463	538,758
Loans and Borrowings	19	-	45,791	-	61,000
Deferred Income	18	99,300	180,941	179,751	391,101
Current Liabilities		370,931	1,127,987	443,214	990,859
Loans and Borrowings					
Loans and Borrowings	19	-	-	-	3,823
Total Non-Current Liabilities		-	-	-	3,823
Total Liabilities		370,931	1,127,987	443,214	994,682
Equity					
Retained Earnings		1,600,648	23,617,516	1,766,422	22,371,423
Available-for-sale assets fair value reserve		-	378,308	-	237,223
Total Equity		1,600,648	23,995,822	1,766,422	22,608,646
Total Equity and Liabilities		1,971,579	25,123,809	2,209,636	23,603,328

Approved and on behalf of the Board on this date:

20 July 2023

Board Member

Board Member



Statements of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	Note	Parent - 2022	Group - 2022	Parent - 2021	Group - 2021
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities					
Cash receipts from grants, sponsorships, donations, fees		3,642,022	9,186,933	4,519,644	11,632,987
Payments to suppliers and grant recipients		(3,800,704)	(6,322,126)	(4,032,541)	(6,755,172)
Interest received		12,577	59,301	-	57,748
Interest paid		-	-	4,456	-
Net Cash from/(used in) Operating Activities		(146,105)	2,924,108	491,559	4,935,563
Cash Flows from Investing Activities					
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		1,305	28,822	-	-
Acquisition of property, plant & equipment and capital work-in-progress		(115,572)	(2,756,619)	(41,497)	(4,764,341)
Proceeds from / (investment in) term deposit and available for sale investments		-	(347,441)	(1,000,000)	(860,122)
Provision for Lifesaver's Foundation loan		-	-	-	-
Net Cash from/(used in) Investing Activities		(114,267)	(3,075,237)	(1,041,497)	(5,624,463)
Cash flows from Financing Activities					
Repayment of borrowings		-	(19,032)	-	(1,906)
Cash Flows used in Financing Activities		-	(19,032)	-	(1,906)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(260,373)	(170,161)	(549,939)	(690,806)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 July		936,909	3,952,548	1,486,847	4,643,354
Cash and Cash Equivalents at 30 June	13	676,536	3,782,387	936,909	3,952,548



Notes to the Financial Statements
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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.

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 6 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

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- 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 (ARAF) 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% - 4%	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.

(ii) **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 or 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.



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7. Revenue	Note	Parent - 2022	Group - 2022	Parent - 2021	Group - 2021
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue from Exchange Transactions					
Club Rental and Bar Income		-	390,373	-	520,228
Membership User Pays		93,087	584,232	228,262	676,909
Gaming Machine Income		-	355,000	-	-
Product Sales		-	33,309	540	102,103
Auckland Council Contracts		20,934	20,934	21,216	21,216
Other Revenue from Exchange Transactions		-	4,556	-	14,443
Total Revenue from Exchange Transactions		114,021	1,388,404	250,018	1,534,897
Revenue from Non Exchange Transactions					
Auckland Regional Amenities Funding		1,366,000	1,366,000	1,396,000	1,396,000
Waikato Regional Council		104,600	104,600	104,600	104,600
Northland Regional Council		228,000	228,000	217,012	217,012
NLS Trust Distributions	23	857,259	857,259	-	500
Operating Grants		-	709,358	645,839	1,319,430
Capital Grants		436,014	552,329	20,503	3,119,698
Foundation North Grants		-	128,109	172,000	273,535
The Lifesavers Foundation Grants		-	243,663	-	-
Sponsorship		100,304	350,546	95,225	369,513
SLSNZ - Fundraising and Sponsorship	23	70,517	422,373	870,996	1,305,491
NZLGB Funding through SLSNZ		415,740	1,643,279	385,463	1,518,561
Fundraising, Donations and Legacies		38,362	1,214,647	251,567	1,224,095
Total Revenue from Non Exchange Transactions		3,616,796	7,820,163	4,159,206	10,848,435
Other Income	8	1,304	255,567	13,280	222,133
Total Revenue		3,732,121	9,464,134	4,422,504	12,605,465
8. Other Income					
		Parent - 2022	Group - 2022	Parent - 2021	Group - 2021
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Gain on sale of property, plant and Equipment		1,304	28,822	-	17,489
Other Income		-	226,745	13,280	204,644
		1,304	255,567	13,280	222,133
9. Cost of Delivery					
		Parent - 2022	Group - 2022	Parent - 2021	Group - 2021
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Lifesaving		476,825	1,442,339	500,000	1,089,093
Gaming Costs		-	-	-	-
Cost of Product Sales		428,646	339,233	-	218,688
Paid Lifeguard Services		927,542	927,543	1,134,454	1,141,916
Sports and Recreation		27,859	184,459	317,164	555,239
Community Education		59,103	83,784	331,568	337,144
		1,919,974	2,977,358	2,283,186	3,342,081
10. Employee benefit expense					
		Parent - 2022	Group - 2022	Parent - 2021	Group - 2021
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Wages and Salaries		2,217,275	2,698,838	2,461,323	2,921,074
Contributions to Kiwisaver		46,434	46,434	73,613	73,613
		2,263,709	2,745,272	2,534,936	2,994,687
11. Operating Surplus/(Deficit)					
	Note	Parent - 2022	Group - 2022	Parent - 2021	Group - 2021
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Operating surplus is stated after charging:					
Operating Rental	20	134,936	139,216	72,794	75,654
Club Distributions	23	-	-	-	-
Donations made		-	1,200	-	13,113
Depreciation Expense	26	101,599	1,192,397	104,423	1,254,810
Loss on disposal of property		-	104,342	-	198,199
12. Net Finance Income					
		Parent - 2022	Group - 2022	Parent - 2021	Group - 2021
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Interest Income received on bank deposits		12,373	59,301	4,456	57,748
Dividend Income on available-for-sale financial assets		-	-	-	-
		12,373	59,301	4,456	57,748

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Finance Expenses		-	0	-	-
		-	0	-	0
Net Finance Income		12,373	59,301	4,456	57,748
13. Cash and Cash Equivalents					
		Parent - 2022	Group - 2022	Parent - 2021	Group - 2021
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Bank Balances		678,521	3,780,935	936,909	3,951,573
Petty Cash		15	1,453	-	975
Cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position and cashflows:		678,536	3,782,388	936,909	3,952,548
14. Financial Assets					
		Parent - 2022	Group - 2022	Parent - 2021	Group - 2021
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Current Financial Assets					
Term Deposit held by Surf Life Saving Northern Region		1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Term Deposits held by Surf Life Saving Clubs		-	1,975,246	-	1,850,457
Total Current Financial Assets		1,000,000	2,975,246	1,000,000	2,850,457
Non Current Financial Assets					
Term Deposits held by Surf Life Saving Clubs		-	-	-	-
Available for-sale Financial Assets - Piha Surf Life Saving Trust		-	1,001,705	-	933,951
Total Non Current Financial Assets		-	1,001,705	-	933,951
Total Financial Assets		1,000,000	3,976,951	1,000,000	3,784,408
Term deposits are held with various banks and financial institutions. Current term deposits mature within 12 months. Non Current investments are publicly listed entities and term deposits which mature after 12 months.					
15. Trade and Other Exchange Receivables					
		Parent - 2022	Group - 2022	Parent - 2021	Group - 2021
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Trade Receivables		7,713	259,300	41,824	235,617
Prepayments and Other Receivables		48,994	91,401	4,540	35,623
		54,707	350,701	46,364	271,240
Non-current		-	-	-	-
Current		54,707	350,701	46,364	271,240
		54,707	350,701	46,364	271,240
16. Loan Receivable					
		Parent - 2022	Group - 2022	Parent - 2021	Group - 2021
		\$	\$	\$	\$
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)	(158,272)	(158,272)
		-	-	-	-
In 2018 SLSNZ entered into an agreement with The Lifesavers Foundation resulting in a loan of \$150,000 receivable over a 3 year period. The Directors of SLSNZ assessed the cashflow forecasts for The Lifesavers Foundation and raised a provision against the full value of the Loan as at 30 June 2018. A further \$8,272 was advanced in FY21 and the balance was fully provided for in FY21 & FY22.					
17. Trade and Other Payables					
	Note	Parent - 2022	Group - 2022	Parent - 2021	Group - 2021
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Trade Payables		44,812	649,139	27,676	338,142
Employee Benefit liability		131,245	146,221	87,102	87,102
Trade Payables due to Related Parties	23	4,993	4,993	5,646	5,646
Inland Revenue Payables / (Receivable)		45,050	9,243	72,087	20,901
Accrued Expenses		45,531	91,659	70,952	88,968
Trade and other payables		271,631	901,255	263,463	638,758
Non Current		-	-	0	0
Current		271,631	901,255	263,463	638,758
		271,631	901,255	263,463	638,758
The fair value of trade and other payables are equivalent to the carrying value.					
18. Deferred Income					
		Parent - 2022	Group - 2022	Parent - 2021	Group - 2021
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Grants - Current		99,300	180,941	179,751	391,101
		99,300	180,941	179,751	391,101
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.					

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At 30 June 2021, Karekare and Sunset clubs received grants towards the construction of purpose build lifesaving facilities. These funds have been utilised at 30 June 2022.

19. Loans and Borrowings	Parent - 2022	Group - 2022	Parent - 2021	Group - 2021
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Loan to Orewa Surf Lifesaving Club	-	-	-	3,823
Kitchen / Bar Loan to Red Beach Surf Lifesaving Club	-	45,791	-	61,000
	-	45,791	-	64,823
Non Current	-	-	-	3,823
Current	-	45,791	-	61,000
	-	45,791	-	64,823

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). Orewa loan was fully paid during FY21.

20. Operating lease commitments	Note	Parent - 2022	Group - 2022	Parent - 2021	Group - 2021
		\$	\$	\$	\$
(i) Future minimum lease payments					
Less than one year		107,666	107,666	52,728	52,728
Between one and five years		503,210	503,210	4,118	4,118
More than five years		5,889	5,889	-	-
		616,765	616,765	56,847	56,847
(ii) Amounts recognised in surplus or deficit					
Lease expense	11	134,936	139,218	72,794	75,654
		134,936	139,218	72,794	75,654

The Group leases vehicles and photocopiers.

21. Commitments and Contingencies

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

22. Subsequent Events

Extreme weather events

The following clubs have been significantly affected by the extreme weather events in the North Island in January and February 2023:

1) Bethell Beach Surf Life Saving Patrol

Club house sustained moderate damages. It has been issued with a yellow sticker by Auckland Council restricting access to under supervision. The building is undergoing insurance assessment, and repairs where possible. The full extent of the damages is yet to be determined.

2) Mangawhai Heads Volunteer LifeGuardservice

Club house sustained heavy damages from ground movement and flooding caused by the weather events. The building is issued with council red sticker prohibiting access. The damages are currently being assessed by our insurer and the full extent is yet to be determined.

Consolidation into Surf Life Saving New Zealand (Inc)

On 21 June 2023 the 18 Clubs passed a vote to consolidate Surf Life Saving Northern Region Incorporated into Surf Life Saving New Zealand Incorporated under the terms of a Statement of Expectations ("SOE") agreed between SLSNZ and SLSNR Clubs, with the consolidation coming into effect from 1 October 2023. The manner in which the consolidation is achieved has yet to be determined but the SOE expects that SLSNR will continue as a separate legal entity.

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 \$180,000 (2021: \$196,690)

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

Controlled entities

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The Society has 18 Surf Life Saving Clubs and 4 Trusts which are controlled by SLSNR. During the year Baylys Beach Surf Club became a controlled entity and equity of \$6,920 is included in the surplus for the year.

Other related entities

The NLS Trust was set up by 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. Any trustee may be removed by Special Resolution of all other trustees. (Deed of Variation)

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. Refer to Note 16.

SLSNR is entitled to appoint 3 out of the 6 trustees of the Auckland Marine Rescue Centre Trust (AMRC). The AMRC is a charitable trust established to hold the AMRC building in which SLSNR is a tenant.

23. Related Parties (continued)

List of Controlled Entities

	Balance Date 2022	Balance Date 2021	Controlling Interest
Baylys Beach	30-Jun	-	100%
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.	2022		2021	
	Recharges Paid	Distributions Rec'd	Recharges	Distributions
SLSNZ	73,189	2,085,652	1,305,491	2,624,052
NLS Trust	-	857,259	-	500
Total	73,189	2,922,911	1,305,491	2,624,552

Group Year-End Balances arising from Sales to and Purchases from Related Parties	2022		2021	
	Receivable	Payable	Receivable	Payable
SLSNZ	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

Parent Transactions with related parties during the year to 30 June 2022

Clubs	Revenue / Recharges	Purchases / Distributions	Receivable	Payable
Baylys Beach	39	1,840	-	-
Bethells Beach	2,567	9,762	-	-
Far North	226	5,046	-	-
Karekare	509	8,208	-	-
Kariaotahi	5,052	9,036	810	-
Mairangi Bay	5,462	6,853	275	-
Mangawhai Heads	698	6,282	-	-
Muriwai	3,698	16,058	1,825	-
Omaha	1,892	6,485	-	-
Orewa	6,652	23,855	185	-
Piha	4,279	-	-	-

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Raglan	661	17,158	-	-
Red Beach	8,010	15,165	600	-
Ruakaka	3,583	4,329	25	-
Sunset Beach	1,122	8,245	-	-
United North Piha	793	21,433	15	-
United North Trust	-	-	-	-
Waipu Cove	696	8,973	-	-
Whangarei Heads	1,526	4,308	366	-
Total Clubs	47,466	171,037	4,071	-

23. Related Parties (continued)

2022				
Other affiliated parties	Revenue / Recharges	Purchases / Distributions	Receivable	Payable
AMRC Trust	-	133,744	-	4,993
NLS Trust	-	-	-	-
SLSNZ	1,312,670	36,373	3,342	-
Total	1,312,670	170,117	3,342	4,993

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Other affiliated parties	Revenue / Recharges	Purchases / Distributions	Receivable	Payable
AMRC Trust	-	82,371	-	5,580
NLS Trust	-	-	-	-
SLSNZ	1,245,680	78,019	6,563	-
Total	1,245,680	180,390	6,563	5,580

SLSNR guarantee agreement for the Karekare Surf Club redevelopments has now been released. 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

	2022		2021	
Financial Assets - Group	Loans and Receivables	Available for sale	Loans and Receivables	Available for sale
Cash and cash equivalents	3,782,388	-	3,952,548	-
Investments - term deposits	2,975,246	-	2,850,457	-
Investments - securities	-	1,001,705	-	933,951
Receivables	350,701	-	271,240	-
	7,108,335	1,001,705	7,074,244	933,951
Financial Liabilities - Group	2022		2021	
	Amortised Cost		Amortised Cost	
Trade and Other Payables	901,255		538,758	
Loans and borrowings	45,781		84,823	
	947,046		603,581	
	2022		2021	
Financial Assets - Parent	Loans and Receivables	Available for sale	Loans and Receivables	Available for sale
Cash and cash equivalents	676,536	-	936,909	-
Investments - term deposits	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	-
Receivables	54,707	-	46,364	-
	1,731,243	-	1,983,273	-
Financial Liabilities - Parent	2022		2021	
	Amortised Cost		Amortised Cost	
Trade and Other Payables	271,631		263,463	
Loans and borrowings	-		-	
	271,631		263,463	



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25. Capital Work In Progress

United North Piha, Karekare and Sunset Beach are only noted for as work in progress.

26. Property, Plant and Equipment

	Furniture & Fittings	Rescue Gear, Sports Equip, Inflatable Rescue Boats	Radio Equipment	Motor Vehicles and Trailers	Buildings	Total
GROUP Reconciliation of carrying amount for the year ended 30 June 2021						
Cost	1,055,163	8,875,688	518,818	1,668,089	9,508,354	21,626,112
Accumulated Depreciation	724,747	7,042,426	378,272	1,192,108	3,024,965	12,362,517
Closing carrying amount 30 June 21	330,416	1,833,262	140,547	475,981	6,483,389	9,263,595
Closing carrying amount 30 June 20	293,572	1,787,633	165,343	657,580	5,813,952	8,608,080
Additions during the year	82,894	643,009	49,494	185,702	854,069	1,815,158
Disposals during the year	19,703	51,630	-	13,974	9,960	95,167
Depreciation Expense	(65,752)	(648,910)	(64,290)	(281,275)	(194,681)	(1,254,810)
Closing carrying amount 30 June 21	330,416	1,833,262	140,547	475,981	6,483,389	9,263,594

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	Furniture & Fittings	Rescue Gear, Sports Equip, Inflatable Rescue Boats	Radio Equipment	Motor Vehicles and Trailers	Buildings	Total
GROUP Reconciliation of carrying amount for the year ended 30 June 2022						
Cost	1,095,830	9,716,228	601,636	1,586,368	16,306,655	29,306,716
Accumulated Depreciation	755,442	7,921,035	447,491	1,257,104	3,796,166	14,177,238
Closing carrying amount 30 June 22	340,388	1,795,193	154,146	329,263	12,510,489	15,129,478
Closing carrying amount 30 June 21	196,778	1,841,724	148,212	408,713	6,668,168	9,263,595
Additions during the year	212,327	640,996	75,152	122,185	6,188,370	7,239,031
Disposals during the year	(607)	(47,911)	(689)	(40,564)	(90,979)	(180,751)
Depreciation Expense	(68,110)	(639,615)	(68,529)	(161,070)	(255,073)	(1,192,397)
Closing carrying amount 30 June 22	340,388	1,795,193	154,146	329,263	12,510,487	15,129,478

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 2021						
Gross Carrying Amount	188,545	335,189	445,496	125,541	-	1,094,771
Accumulated Depreciation	159,976	288,784	318,737	100,912	-	868,409
Closing carrying amount 30 June 21	28,569	46,405	126,760	24,629	-	226,363
Closing carrying amount 30 June 20	26,394	60,455	146,569	32,884	-	266,302
Additions during the year	21,918	6,284	37,282	-	-	64,484
Disposals during the year	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation Expense	19,743	19,334	57,091	8,255	-	104,423
Closing carrying amount 30 June 21	28,569	46,405	126,760	24,629	-	226,363

	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 2022						
Gross Carrying Amount	188,545	354,074	510,110	157,615	-	1,210,344
Accumulated Depreciation	174,602	307,620	378,451	109,334	-	970,007
Closing carrying amount 30 June 22	13,943	46,454	131,660	48,281	-	240,337
Closing carrying amount 30 June 21	28,569	46,405	126,760	24,629	-	226,363
Additions during the year	-	18,885	64,613	32,073	-	115,572
Disposals during the year	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation Expense	14,626	18,837	59,716	8,422	-	101,599
Closing carrying amount 30 June 22	13,943	46,454	131,658	48,281	-	240,336



SERVICE AWARDS AND LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS



David Godfrey Muriwai



Mason Dray-Hogg Bethells Beach



Ian Godfrey Waipū Cove



Lindsay Hill Whangārei Heads



Nicola Howes Whangārei Heads



Rob Howes Whangārei Heads

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS



Angela Stolwerk Waipū Cove



Talia Comp Bethells Beach



Donal Dray-Hogg Bethells Beach



Daniel Harvey Bethells Beach

SERVICE AWARDS



Nigel Sorenson Muriwai



Kath Manning Waipū Cove

SERVICE AWARDS (CONTINUED)



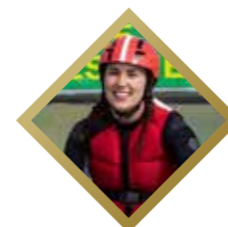
Tim Manning Waipū Cove



Glenn Gowthorpe Muriwai



Darrel Watt Muriwai



Maddison Hare Kariaotahi



Shannon Benterman Kariaotahi



Bryce Pearce Muriwai



Rick Schreuder Kariaotahi



Jacqui Peck Piha



Belinda Langman Ōrewa



Zac Franich Ōrewa



Steve Sumner Muriwai



David Galuszka Raglan



Evan Oxborrow Whangārei Heads



Samantha Larson Kariaotahi



Wayne Sutton Muriwai



Luke Stockman Muriwai



Brad Laloli Piha

OUR PEOPLE



2022 SURF LIFE SAVING NORTHERN REGION TOYOTA FINANCIAL SERVICES

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE WINNERS LIST

Name	Title
Matt Williams	Chief Executive Officer
Debra Kemp	Executive Assistant & Office Manager
Jo Fagan-Oslawskyj	Head of Corporate Services * November 2021
Nilesh Bhikha	Finance Manager
James Lea	Life Saving Operations Manager
Zac Franich	Member Services Manager
Ari Peach	Life Saving Manager * September 2021
Barbara Leyland	Grants Manager
Pia Harpour	Community Education Manager * June 2022
John-Michael Swannix	Search & Rescue Supervisor
Donal Dray-Hogg	Participation & Event Development Officer
Joel Ibbs	Training & Development Officer
Ollie Irwin	Lifesaving Support Officer
Talia Comp	Club Capability Development Officer
Linda Freeman	Payroll & Accounts Coordinator

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
Ian Godfrey	Member
Malcolm Beattie	Member
Dave Comp	Member
Michelle Newton	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

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

Sport 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

AWARD	WINNER	CLUB
Outstanding Contribution to Junior Surf	Peter Storey	Mairangi Bay
Junior Coach of the Year	Charlie Wood	Ōmaha
U15 Sports Female	Elizabeth Brennan	Ōrewa Beach
U15 Sports Male	Isaac Gear	Piha
U17 Sports Female	Zoe Crawford	Mairangi Bay
U17 Sports Male	Jasper Cornish	Red Beach
U19 Sports Female	Kate Rogers	Red Beach
U19 Sports Male	George Wenman	Ōrewa Beach
Coach of the Year	Shane Edwards	Sunset Beach
Developing Surf Official	Belinda Langman	Ōrewa Beach
Surf Official of the Year	Benny Larsen	Ōrewa Beach
Open Sports Female	Danielle McKenzie	Mairangi Bay
Open Sports Male	James Scott	Ōrewa Beach
Team of the Year	Open Women IRB Team	Sunset Beach
Supreme Sport Award	Danielle McKenzie	Mairangi Bay
Outstanding Contribution to Event Lifeguarding	Caleb Archer	Red Beach
Instructor of the Year	Mark Johnston	Ōrewa Beach
Examiner of the Year	Faron Turner	Ōrewa Beach
Outstanding Contribution to Powercraft	Damian Molloy	Muriwai
Rookie of the Year	Laura Manning	Waipū Cove
U19 Lifeguard of the Year	Jessika Wanden-Hannay	KareKare
Patrol Support of the Year	Grace Crimmins	United North Piha
Lifeguard of the Year	Daniel Short	UNP/Mairangi Bay
Innovation of the Year	Dean Maddaford	Bethells Beach
Volunteer of the Year	Harry Mellor	Red Beach
Rescue of the Year	Muriwai VLS	
Club of the Year	Ōmaha Beach SLSC	

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