



# Annual Reports

For the years 2018/19 & 2019/20  
*Due to Covid-19 two seasons presented*



## President's Report ~ Dave Litton

As President of the Club, I am pleased to speak to some of Waihi Beach Lifesaving Club's achievements during what has been a busy two years with some very serious rescues and incidents. Our members have dealt with all of this professionally.

The Club's facilities have been significantly improved with the addition of the new amenities block, which was much needed. This project was managed exceptionally well by Donna & Mel, seeing this completed before the season began. The design and flow of this wing are much needed new access point linking the lifeguard tower and the accommodation block together.

The Club has installed a fit for purpose CCTV system providing security for both the members and the significant amount of assets and gear in the Club. Working alongside the Police, the new security system was designed to also assist them with recording around the outside of the Club. Thanks to Andrew Cochrane for his significant investment in time and energy to get the right system in place.

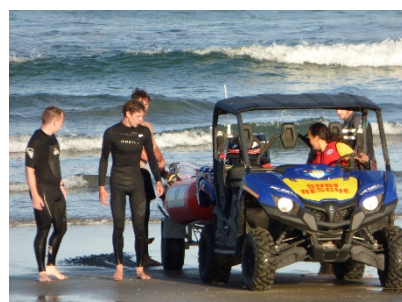
To support the lifeguard's fitness & strength, further investment into exercise equipment in the gym and boards was secured. In addition, the Board has been refining the lifeguard sports programme developing a Fit For Purpose strategy. Over the coming year ahead, there will be a further investment into more equipment and resources to ensure the gym is a resource for all lifeguards and athletes.

The RWC (Jetski) implemented into our patrolling has allowed several lifeguards to take the opportunity to train and qualify in this rescue craft. As a result, this craft has been well utilised in several rescues and will enable lifeguards to cover a wider area as part of patrolling. As a qualified person, I can speak to how effective this RWC will continue to be, and it is great to see our Club leading the way as very few Clubs have this asset.

We continue to work closely with our partner agencies in providing a lifeguarding and rescue service. We have been working with FIRENZ, St Johns, Coastguard and Police on several rescues and searches. We have utilised these relationships here to build our capability with training, gaining advice on equipment purchases, ensuring we are compatible and looking to work closer with Coastguard with the planned Bowentown Service Hub adjacent to the Coastguard base.

These relationships and the trust here have seen the Club continue to be a strong player in providing rescue and lifesaving services and an excellent resource for Police and Emergency services when required.

It is a real privilege to be the President of this Club, and I am incredibly proud to see the Waihi Beach Lifesaving Club continue to grow and build on what we have achieved since I have held this position. We have a solid leadership group and Chairperson and I am looking forward to working with the Board again to develop our future strategies and lead the Club into the next decade.



## Chair's Report ~ Donna Pfefferle

As the Board prepared for the Annual General Meeting 2021, it provided time to reflect on the last two seasons, reviewing the successes, the challenges and the impact of Covid-19 on our lives. In addition, the lockdown provided both the Club and the SLSNZ movement the opportunity to review several processes, develop lifeguarding strategies and plans for the future.

Every season our stunning lifeguards and volunteers return to Waihi Beach to support the community and visitors to the region. In addition, the Board's investment into training opportunities across all sectors of the Club has paid off. Whether it is lifeguarding, first aid, fitness, sport, or leadership training, the member's education and skill development level highlight everyone's commitment.

### Financial Overview:

Each year the Board has continued to strengthen the balance sheet and improve cash flow. Cost containment has been a core driver, and I am pleased to report that we have achieved a sustainable operational cost level.

We are overwhelmed by the generous support from several grant providers, sponsors, donors and businesses that help us achieve our professional lifeguarding goals. You will see from the financial performance report that our revenue streams are varied and generous.

There is much work to undertake to upgrade areas of member's services, but I am pleased to report that the Board has made a start. We have a working party made up of Board Members and three external professionals to upgrade the downstairs facilities and the upstairs hospitality region.

### Lifeguarding:

Going back to the start of the 2019 season, it was a very proud moment for Waihi Beach Lifeguard Services as guards raised the red and yellow flags on a third patrol at Island View and implemented a water-based roaming patrol with the RWC. We achieved this goal two years earlier than planned with the drive from the Director of Lifeguarding, James Lloyd and the Lifeguard Committee. With ongoing support from the Western Bay District Council, Island View will be a permanent patrol.

The Club's lifeguard pathways continue to strengthen, starting with a solid Junior Surf programme that supports athletes' transition to the Rookie Lifeguard programme and on to becoming a qualified lifeguard or patrol support.

The Club has secured both Rookie team and individual titles at the Eastern Region Rookie Competition repeatedly. Another very proud moment was the 2019 New Zealand DHL Lifeguard of the Year being presented to a Waihi Beach Lifeguard - James Lloyd. This prestigious award recognises the level of skill, commitment and the respect James has within the Surf Lifesaving community. We had members of our lifesaving committee selected as mentors and instructors for Intermediate Lifeguard School, demonstrating the standard of their leadership skills.

In the 2018/19 season, the guards patrolled over 3100 volunteer hours, 2019/20 reached an all-time high of over 5000 hours. The increase in preventative actions highlighted the outstanding work our lifeguards do. To finish the 2018/19 season, the Club was presented for the third consecutive year, **Coromandel Club of the Year**.

Our emergency call-out squad (ECOS) continues to offer valuable 24/7 services exceeding 50 search hours most seasons. The tasks deployed by Andrew Cochrane, our ECOS Coordinator, are, by nature never easy. The wider community is very fortunate to have a search and rescue team supporting the 75km coastline.

February 2019 saw Waihi Beach Lifeguards presented with the Eastern Region Rescue of the Month.

### Junior Surf Programme & Senior Surf Lifesaving Sport:

Beach education from participation is a proven formula to teach 5-13 year olds surf skills. Under the guidance of the Club's Junior Surf Co-ordinators, Head and Assistant Coach as well as our wonderful team of volunteer coaches, we have seen a steady increase in athlete numbers exceeding 150 young members. The ratio of boys to girls has continued to sit around 50/50 at Junior Surf and it continues to be similar in lifeguarding.

There have been some exciting moments during the two seasons with many personal bests achieved and a number of Junior Surf and lifeguard athletes on the podium. A new Board strategy saw the number and type



of training sessions on offer increase across a number of disciplines and the future of these programmes continues to look bright.

The Board and the Lifeguard Committee have worked very hard over the last two seasons to bring a sustainable and relevant level of lifeguarding and patrolling. The Board has invested in the training of all of our members, improved the facilities of the accommodation block and other areas of the Club, raised significant funds to ensure the operation of the organisation and developed a sustainability plan to continue building the health and wellbeing of the Club.

To the lifeguards, Board Members, volunteers, supporters, donors, staff and Surf Lifesaving NZ thank you for all you do. We couldn't achieve so much without your support.

In it for Life.

Awards & Statistics 2019/2020

At the Eastern Region Awards of Excellence for the 2019/20 season, Waihi Beach lifeguards were recognised for their efforts in the Coromandel. Taking out 6 out of 9 of the individual awards demonstrates the commitment our volunteers provide to the region.

Location of Patrol	Total Hours	Num People Rescued	Num People Assisted to safety	Num People needing Major First Aid	Num Minor First Aid incidents	Num Searches	Num Preventative Actions	Num Public in Preventatives
Waihi Total	6233	7	19	12	108	19	4259	56482

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Awards of Excellence 2020 Results

**AWARD WINNERS**

Rescue of the Year  
WAIHI BEACH LIFEGUARD SERVICES

Examiner of the Year  
LUCY SCOWN

Beach Education Instructor of the Year  
GEORGIA ELDRIDGE

Patrol Support of the Year  
SHARLENE MANUKAU

Rookie Lifeguard of the Year  
ROSIE SWAIN

Emerging Official of the Year  
MICK BUCKLEY

**Finalists**

*Lifeguard of the Year*  
JAMES LLOYD

*Regional Lifeguard of the Year*  
LUCY SCOWN

*Instructor of the Year*  
LUCY SCOWN & MADDIE SCOWN

*Patrol Captain of the Year*  
GEORGIA ELDRIDGE & MADDIE SCOWN

*U19 Volunteer Lifeguard of the Year*  
JESSICA MEADE & RIAN BUTLER

*Patrol Support Person of the Year*  
COLE HULME

*Beach Education Instructor of the Year*  
LUCY SCOWN

*Volunteer coach of the year*  
ADAM WALTER

**Regional Service Awards:**  
\*Dave Grant \* Dave Litton \* James Lloyd \* Natalie Lloyd  
**Regional Distinguished Awards:** \* Christiaan Maarhuis



James Lloyd

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OF THE YEAR  
2019

Director of Lifesaving Report - James Lloyd



In 2019, we won Coromandel Club of the Year for the third successive year, representing the incredible strengths the club was going through.

We have in this time hit the 100 active qualified lifeguard mark, by far the highest in the Coromandel. This helped our case to also then gain a third patrolling area, Island View, which has been essential in keeping our community safe, especially with significantly increased population feeding the Island View area. Through this, we have also been able to offer paid roles to more lifeguards within the club.

We've invested as a club into a RWC (Rescue Water Craft – JetSki) to use the latest innovations within lifesaving to further keep our community safe, as well as investing heavily into getting our lifeguards qualified into positions to operate the RWC. We currently have the highest number of qualified RWC operators of any club in the country. The RWC has been a valuable asset in many searches so far. None more high profile than that of Jayden Chhayrann.

We have invested as a club into 2 new CPR manikins, and a new state of the art manikin, with digital capability to show the learner how they are performing and help enable interactive teaching along the way. We have also purchased another club defib.

Our call out squad has been extremely busy over these two seasons. We are very lucky to have a team of ECOS members who are there again and again and again for the club in times of need, and we are very grateful for these members – often who end up in very difficult situations.

Through the 2018/19 & 2019/20 seasons we qualified 18 IRB crewpersons, and 10 IRB drivers, qualified 47 new lifeguards, 9 patrol support guards, upskilled hundreds of first aid qualifications, and had numerous lifeguards attending courses such as BP Leaders for Life, National Lifeguard School, Intermediate Lifeguard School, Patrol Captains Courses, and Instructors Courses.

We have had a very well-established and strong functioning lifesaving committee, which improves in structure every season. We have some incredible minds on this committee, working extremely hard to do the best for the club and make sure that we have an incredible season. Thank you to all guards involved.

A massive thank you to every member of the club for everything that you do; we are a wonderful team, but especially huge thanks to every single one of our lifeguards and patrol support. You are the club – you are the primary purpose of our club, you make the club what it is. This is your club just as much as anybody else's, nobody owns it. A special mention to our life members, past lifeguards, some of whom are still so active in supporting the Club and the work we are doing. You all deserve to be very proud; we've got an incredible facility, have incredible members, and that makes me very excited for the future.

## Club Officers 2019/20/21 Season

<b>President</b>	David Litton
<b>Chair</b>	Donna Pfefferle
<b>Treasurer</b>	Ruth Butter
<b>Director of Lifeguarding</b>	James Lloyd
<b>Director of Membership</b>	Karrina Mountfort
<b>Director of Sports</b>	Natalie Lloyd
<b>Director of Assets</b>	Andrew Cochrane
<b>Independent</b>	Christiaan Maarhuis
<b>Administration Manager</b>	Melanie Gearon
<b>Administration Assistant</b>	Lynette Hardy
<b>Junior Surf Co-Ordinator</b>	Louise Buckley & Jayne Harray
<b>Rookie Co-Ordinator</b>	Bree McCowatt & Rian Butler
<b>Patrol Captains</b>	Christiaan Maarhuis
	Jordyn McClennan
	Georgia Eldridge
	Ella Higgins
	Fiona Lafferty
<b>First Aid Officer</b>	

## Life Members

John Beeston*	Barry Timbers*
Bill Burton	Ben Heath
Wray Clark	Kevin Steel
Graeme Cullen*	Barry Jesney
Dan Harris	Murray Munro
Jack Pattillo	Henk Postmaa*
Ian Robinson	Mark Godwin
Justin Hawkes	Reece Mead
Michael Hickey	John Butler
Denis Butler	
(*deceased)	

## Acknowledgements

On behalf of the Board and the members, we extend our gratitude to all the volunteers, supporter, parents and sponsors of Waihi Beach Lifeguard Services Inc. We would like to thank you for your support and generous contribution toward lifeguarding and the success of the club.

Volunteers have provided valuable time and energy to a number of events and projects that would not come to fruition without their support.

To our Life Members and previous lifeguards, thank you for your past, present and future contribution. The assets you have built over the years continue to provide a strong base for the members.

Please know that your support and generosity does not go unnoticed. Without your involvement, these things would not be possible.

*Kind regards from the Board*

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## WAIHI BEACH SPORTS COMMITTEE

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