



Kia Ora Koutou,

Another season done and dusted. As I note from my report last year, it was gutting to again have a season marred by Covid-19 related disruptions with the premature ending to Oceans 21' and the unfortunate cancellation of Senior Surf Sports Nationals. I have to applaud our members for their adaptability in some frustrating times, especially when it came to putting patrols on the beach during the Level Three lockdown of Auckland earlier this year. It hasn't been a straight forward season but we have made it to the finish line.

I wish to first acknowledge the senior lifeguard leadership group this season. Encompassing Dominic Sutton and the Lifesaving Committee, Phoebe Havill, Matt Millward and the Paid Lifeguard Team as well as the other senior lifeguards who have stepped up to the plate this season. Lifesaving, especially the volunteer side of lifesaving is our core business and without leadership at this level it simply doesn't happen. Thank you all for what you do.

I can't express how grateful I am for everyone who put on a red and yellow (Or blue and white) uniform this season. 37 People who otherwise may have lost their lives, made it home to their families because of our guards this season. Our guards were on the beach for over 5,000 hours collectively. Conducting approximately 2,100 preventative actions to help keep 18,500 people out of harms way. In addition to 37 rescues, 26 other people were assisted back to safety from situations where things may have gotten worse without lifeguard intervention. Our lifeguards also provided first aid on 94 separate occasions, with 8 people requiring further treatment from either the medical center or hospital.

This season, thanks to support from the Board of Directors, we saw an extension of services provided by our Paid Guard team running until the late weeks of February. Patrolling through the weeks was well received by the local community, with guards providing a safe beach for all to enjoy, after the majority of the crowds had left town. By all accounts an excellent year for the Paid Lifeguard team.

Another year of excellent sport results from both the Junior and Senior cohorts of Athletes. Glad to report there are several new names to go up on the club wall as national champions from the first three days of Oceans. Finn Freemantle for the U12 RSR, and for his role in the U12 Board Relay with Max Riordan and Will Robinson completing the trio. Anika Cowley and Alyssa Tapper in the U14 Board Rescue and Alyssa Tapper combining with Izzy Milne in the U14 Tube Rescue. Again, really unfortunate that Senior Nationals was unable to take place this year due to Covid, fingers crossed for next season.

Congratulations also to the Junior Surf team for another outstanding season. Grace Westernberg and her team of coaches ran a really good program which saw 277 participants throughout the season. Grace was well supported by the Junior Surf Committee lead by Lisa Marvin to ensure the coaches were able to deliver a high-quality Junior Surf program to our future lifeguards.

On a personal note, this will be my last report to you as Club Captain, having been in the role since April 2019. I have really enjoyed my time as Club Captain, it has been extremely rewarding and beneficial to help lead such an amazing group of individuals who give so much to the club to serve the community of Whangamata. I have had some amazing opportunities in this role, and look forward to passing the torch onto the next Club Captain.

Yours in Surf,  
Max Jones  
WSLSC Club Captain 2019-2021

Patrol Statistics 2020/2021	
Total Lifeguard Hours	5,402
Number of People Rescued	37
Number of People Assisted to Safety	26
Number of People requiring Major First Aid	8
Number of People requiring Minor First Aid	86
Number of Searches	2
Number of Preventative actions	2,159
Number of People involved in Preventive Actions	18,503
Development Award Statistics 2020/2021	
Surf Lifeguard Award	11
Surf Lifeguard (Refresher)	54
First Aid Level One	10
First Aid Level Two	1
First Aid Level Three (PHEC)	0 (Award discontinued)
SLSNZ First Responder	0
IRB Crewperson's Award	12 (TBC)
VHF Radio Module	2
IRB Driver's Award	7
IRB Driver's (Refreshed)	13
Rescue Water Craft Award	0
Rock Rescue Module	6
Surf Lifeguard Instructor's Award	4
Surf Lifeguard Probationary Examiner	3
Surf Lifeguard Examiner	2
IRB Instructor's Award	0
IRB Examiner	1
Advanced Lifeguard Award	1