



Titahi Bay Surf Lifesaving Club Inc

“Preserving lives at our beach and developing our people”

85<sup>th</sup>

# ANNUAL REPORT

and

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

2022 – 2023 Season

To be presented at the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING to be held in the  
Clubhouse at 4:30 pm on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2023

## Chair's Report 2022/2023 Season

It was fantastic to be back at Senior Nationals after a break since Gisborne in 2020 and New Brighton certainly put on the surf! Our Boaties dominated the Boat arena, it was great to see so much green and white on the podium (more later in the Boat Captains report). I would like to acknowledge our U23 Men's team who dominated this year not only at Nationals but when representing New Zealand and taking out the Trans-Tasman Surf Boat Challenge.

It was also a privilege to be able to acknowledge Todd Grace's 30<sup>th</sup> year competing at Nationals, what an achievement and what a great person and clubbie.

Our Oceans crew travelled to Mt Maunganui and those of us watching from home were so proud to see our future lifeguards being so successful, not only did they achieve personally there were many medals to show for their hard work and commitment.

When we reflect on the year it is also time to acknowledge those who have passed during the year who had an impact on our club and surf lifesaving in our community and New Zealand. A special acknowledgment of the passing of Norman Bowers our clubs first life member who played an important role in developing the club we are today.

Our Nippers programme continues to be a strength with around 80 kids on the beach for each session, thanks to everyone who makes it happen. I know there is a lot of work behind the scenes. A special acknowledgement to Michelle who is one of those people who glue it all together and play an important role in developing the conditions for our future lifeguards to learn, have fun, and grow.

Whilst it has been a challenging year within the committee, despite differences we have achieved a range of things for the club, as the club is the one thing that unites us all. We are forever grateful for the government funding that keeps the club running, whilst we have a healthy bank balance we need to invest that into the future of our club.

We purchased a brand new boat using a mix of club and grant funding; set up role definitions and position descriptions for the committee roles; developed our Vision "Preserving lives at our beach and developing our people" – which obviously need further work by the next committee to bring it to life in the club. Our vision is supported by our club pillars of – One Club, Excellence, Service, and Our Future. We have taken steps to address behaviour and set our standards to ensure we have a safe club environment for everyone.

We have engaged with Porirua City Council re the future of our club. The club is situated in the coastal erosion zone so it is unlikely our lease will be extended much beyond the 9 years we have left. For this reason we have entered into the Resource Management Act process and have submitted to PCC to consider tagging land for a new club at the north end of the beach when they begin long term planning for the north end in December 2023. As part of this process we have been clear we are open to shared spaces with the council. We have made verbal submissions on the resource management act process, attended consultation meetings, and met with Councillors. A good step forward but still more work to do.

Our committee has closed out 145 action points and only 8 are either in progress or open to hand to the next committee, I thank those who took ownership of actions and continuously worked to improve our club.

Our last action is an updated Constitution for voting today, largely the changes are to ensure we are compliant with the updated Charities Act with the key change being the inclusion of a complaints process and some minor cosmetic changes.

Finally I would like to thank all of you who have helped out this year to make our club the success it is. Our parents, helpers, coaches, drivers, gear holders, officials, and most importantly our lifeguards for the mahi you do for our club and community.

In it for life!

Kaye Ryan - Chair

## Financial Report 2022/2023 Season

Refer to the Annual Performance Report as prepared by Munro Bengé.

## Treasurers Report 2022/2023 Season

This past season we returned from a 15-month reporting year to a 12-month completing our alignment with the SLSNZ financial year.

Overall, the club performed well on paper however this could have been better.

The club spent and claimed the majority of the \$41,200.00 excl GST in government funding from 2021/22 season leaving money on the table in the "Repairs and Maintenance" category.

The club has currently claimed \$113,148.00 excl GST in government funding for the current season. A decision from SLSNZ is currently pending.

The club also increased its insurance cover to better reflect the market however could still be considered slightly undervalued.

Term deposits currently sit at \$350K give or take.

The club has also commenced its Club management provider changeover from ClubHub to Sporty giving better services and better integration with accounting portals, SLSNZ and centralised internal communication for the Club. Keep an eye out for the new website coming soon.

I again remind all members that all spending needs to be approved by the committee.

I again remind all members that any sponsorship agreements need to be approved by the committee.

I again remind all members that the TBSLSC is a registered charity and as such receives funding from Government, Grant organisations, Private sponsorship, and club fundraising. This been said it is imperative to retain this status and income streams that all financial matters are handled by the treasurer and committee and accounted for in a timely manner and distributed in the best interests of the club.

A big thank you to Marie Wright who is always keeping a watchful eye over the club as she has done since the early 70's and continues to campaign for better water quality on Titahi Bay beach.

A big thank you to this year's sponsors. NZCT, Calico Fudge and Sub5 security.

Lastly a massive thank you to Georgia and Graham for all their work on the Sporty changeover, you are both true soldiers!

Cheers

Brett Hamer – Treasurer

## Club Captain's Report 2022/2023 Season

Kia Ora Whanau,

A big thanks to every person that has given time over the past season to make this club a better place.

To those who attend meetings, or sit behind a computer screens doing admin, or get groceries, or fix gear, or tow trailers, or train & compete, or fundraise, or do the gardens, or pick up after others, or lock doors that were left open, or train our lifeguards, or coach, or run kids to training, or do the things that just happen around the club that people never know... this club wouldn't happen without you.

Without stealing the thunder of the Reports that follow I want to acknowledge a few people especially:

- Thank you to every person who Lifeguarded this season. You freely gave your time willing to protect others. Congrats to all our new guards this season and all that gained qualifications over the season and thanks to all that trained them too. A special mention to Warren Neal for stepping up with the IRB's and for your work done with the SAR's squad following Cyclone Gabrielle.

In the Sporting Area of the club. Some highlights but definitely not limited to:

- The Champion Boat Crew's/Club, Under 23 Boats crew's that represented NZ as the development crews at the Trans-Tasman Challenge, Christian Donkin (and the crews around you) for the threepeat, Todd Grace for 30 consecutive Nationals, and all athletes that braved the New Brighton waves.
- You Nippers who continue to thrive. Great to see so many happy kids each week and how hard you push yourselves. Capital Coast Champs four years running. Thanks to Darryl Carneige for training the Oceans Squad to our most successful Oceans ever. A huge thanks to all the parents that stepped up over the season to overcome its challenges.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to every member, coach, parent, and supporter who has contributed. Your passion continues to define the spirit of the Titahi Bay Surf Life Saving Club.

Big Love

Carl Jones – Club Captain

## Lifesaving Coordinator's Report 2022/2023 Season

Titahi Bay SLSC recorded another successful season patrolling the beach and keeping the areas marked by our red and yellow flags safe. Volunteer lifeguards patrolled from Sunday 27 November 2022 through to Sunday 6 March 2023, which gave us 30 instances to cover, including some stat holidays yet again.

Unfortunately we did have a number of patrol occurrences that were affected by weather and subsequent sewerage issues which are part of ongoing discussions in the community.

### Patrol Statistics

Total Volunteer Lifeguard Hours – 1244.5

Rescues – 5

Assists – 6

Major First Aids – 2

Minor First Aids – 5

Searches – 2

Preventative Actions – 299

Public Affected by Preventatives – 3245

### Patrol Teams

This season, we had nine formalised patrol teams which showed what an incredible spread of experience, ages/genders and leaders we have in our lifesaving ranks. With nine teams we were able to schedule each of the teams three volunteer patrols across the season – **THANK YOU** to all the lifeguards who picked up extra shifts on public holidays and covered lifeguards who couldn't make their patrols.

The following lifeguards held leadership positions this season:

Team 1 – Georgia McLaren, Tracey Mills, Paul McVicar and Christian Donkin,

Team 2 - Tim Marsden, Robert Van Asch, Liam McVicar and Brett Hamer,

Team 3 - Satine Donkin and Tim Gibb,

Team 4 - Eli Jones, John Wesley-Smith and Lochie Wesley-Smith,

Team 5 - Sam Findlater, Brett Richardson and Liam Neal,

Team 6 - Warren Neal and Emma Morrison,

Team 7 - Chloe Crowe and Ethan Jones,

Team 8 - Carl Jones, Joe Mahoney and Steve Donkin,

Team 9 - Tayne McMahon and Mac Van Den Heuvel.

A special **THANK YOU** to the Patrol Captains, Vice-Patrol Captains & IRB Drivers listed above – without you we can't run a patrol. We are fortunate when it comes to numbers of lifeguards, especially compared to other clubs in our area. **THANK YOU** to the lifeguards who helped out other clubs this season.

### Training & Qualifications

This season we gained 15 Surf Lifeguards and two Patrol Support. A big **THANK YOU** to the team who helped the group gain these awards by the way of weekly training sessions and attending the exams with them.

Surf Lifeguard Awards and Patrol Support are entry-level awards and our members are fortunate to be guided through the pathways that are available to them by Deborah Donkin, **THANK YOU** for the continued work in this space.

The Rookie Programme was successful again this season – **THANK YOU** to Tayne for introducing the U14 Nippers to some basic lifeguarding skills that they'll be learning next season. We had great feedback from the Nippers who took part and are looking forward to seeing them come through next season as Lifeguards/Patrol Support.

Well done to Eli Jones, Mac Van Den Heuvel and Ethan Jones who represented Titahi Bay SLSC at National Lifeguard School at Waihi Beach.

### **Awards**

Newly Qualified Lifeguard of the Year – Kirk McPherson

U19 Lifeguard of the Year – Liam Neal (WINNER at Capital Coast Awards of Excellence)

Patrol Team of the Year – Patrol Team 5 (Sam's Patrol)

Patrol Support of the Year – Lani Mclsaac

Lifeguard of the Year – Warren Neal

**NEW** - Patrol Captains Choice Awards (each Patrol Captain was asked to submit their stand-out patroller for the season to help acknowledge even more of our amazing lifeguards than just those listed above)

Patrol Team 1: Christian Donkin

Patrol Team 2: Robert Van Asch

Patrol Team 4: John Wesley-Smith

Patrol Team 5: Liam Neal

Patrol Team 6: Emma Morrison

Patrol Team 7: Ethan Jones

Patrol Team 8: Steve Donkin

### **Powercraft**

A huge **THANK YOU** to Warren Neal who oversaw all things power-craft as our IRB Officer this season.

We saw a big group gain their IRB Crewperson Module this season – **THANK YOU** to our drivers who took the time to see them through the training required to sit this. We had members attend Capital Coast IRB Development Days as well as the Riversdale IRB Development Camp.

### **Beach Education**

We hosted Beach Education again this season and had a number of our lifeguards employed as Beach Education instructors. As always it was great to see youth learning about surf safety and having the opportunity to experience the coast through this programme.

### **THANK YOU**

Reflecting on the past season is a good way to get excited about the upcoming summer!

This season, we had 96 lifeguards on the books and a total club membership of 391, meaning our lifeguards make up nearly one quarter of our membership. To me this shows how key a healthy, thriving lifeguard service is for our club, as well the importance of this space for our junior surf members moving up from Nippers.

I want to extend a massive thanks to all of our members who willingly gave up their time to help achieve what we did this season. I personally wish to thank any member who supported me in my role this season, and/or played a part in ensuring that we adhered to our patrolling agreements with SLSNZ.

Yours in Lifesaving,

Georgia McLaren - Lifesaving Coordinator

## Nipper's Coordinator's Report 2022/2023 Season

I would first like to thank the Team that has stepped up again this year to run the Nippers programme.

Behind the scene magic from Michael Sutton, Jodie Smith, Tracey Priest, Sooz Carnegie, Joanna Lee, Deborah Donkin, Murry Smith, Carl Jones, Kaye Ryan, Andy Marshall and Haidee Hemsley. Sorry if I have missed anyone. Thank you for stepping up and taking on all the hard work and making our surf life so much easier.

To all the group coaches, coaching assistants, lifeguards, and parents that work in and out of the water, we couldn't have the nipper's programme that we have at the moment without your fantastic effort and enthusiasm that you give to the children in your groups.

We averaged over 100 nippers each session, we wouldn't have this if it wasn't for all the work that you put into planning and running the groups.

Because of the fantastic programme we had an excellent turn out for the carnivals, (largest teams at all of them). We had the majority of new Nippers trying out the carnival experience with excellent results in all age groups winning 15 Medals at Central regionals in Fitzroy, convincingly winning Capital Coast Junior Championships held at Lyall Bay by almost 100 points. The Second year in a row. And most importantly, it was watching the kids as they pushed themselves and tried new things. Conditions can be challenging (read scary) sometimes, and kids push through and come out amazed at what they tried and achieved.

Under 14s – we have a group of high performing under 14s moving on to the seniors now, gaining their lifesaving awards, continuing to take part in the sport side of Surf Life Saving and working on the beach over the summers to come. Best of luck to you all.

Oceans – this was the best performance the club has ever had at Oceans. This a result of the fantastic effort put in by Darrel Carnegie (Coach,) Glen Jones, Lizzy Bunckenburg and thier band of helpers.

There was an outstanding performance from the athletes with the numbers of quarters, semis and finals made, and again, seeing kids try some challenging conditions, knowing they had the support of a huge team when they did it.

Titahi Bay took away 7 medals and finished as the top Wellington Club. Thanks to the parents, who all know who you are, who put all the organisational effort in to make this a success. Thanks to Piri for towing the trailer all that way, and to Candice and Nick for some amazing photos.

Going forward, we must keep Nippers a fun and enjoyable sport where the kids are encouraged to push themselves to learn and do things outside of their comfort zone, build confidence in and out of the water, and continue down the pathway to becoming lifeguards.

Thank you again for everyone's support this year.

Scott – Nippers Coordinator

## Boat Captain's Report 2022/2023 Season

We had a fantastic season filled with amazing results, international travel, competitions and finally a New Zealand Nationals! We had a very strong contingent of surf boat crews over the season, with six competitive crews in total. Not only did we have good numbers of crews, all were of a high quality thanks to the support and hours of work put in by sweeps and coaches. I was not surprised at all to once again win the overall surf boat trophy for best surf boat club. And we didn't just win, we won by a very large margin, showing why we are New Zealand's premier surf boat club.

Another amazing achievement was Titahi Bay finishing 6th overall in total points at Nationals in all events with a total of 45 points. I believe this to be one of our best ever Nationals finishes.

Below are some of our results from the season.

### Wellington Surf Boat Event

- U19 Women won Gold
- U23 Women won Silver
- U23 Men won gold
- U23 Men B won Silver
- Open Women won Gold

### Whangamata Surf Boat Event

- U23 Men won Silver
- U23 Women won Silver

### Central Regionals

- Open Women won double Gold
- U23 Men won double Gold
- U19 Women won Gold and Silver

### North Island Surf Boat Champs – Waihi February

- U19 Women won Gold
- U23 Men won Gold

### Trans-Tasman Surf Boat Challenge

- Both the U23 Men and Women represented New Zealand and raced against Australian crews South Curl Curl and Glenelg representing Australia respectively.
- We were honoured to have Paul McVicar selected as the New Zealand Team Captain for the event and flag bearer for the team.
- Racing on the day was close with our New Zealand crews from Titahi Bay winning the U23 Series Trophy in a deciding relay!

### Australian Surf Rowers League – Bulli Beach February

- Our Open Women and U23 Men and Women fundraised hard and raised money to travel and compete at one of Australia's biggest surf boat events.
- This was an absolutely amazing trip and we had a heap of fun with some fantastic results and great experiences for all involved!
- Our U23 Ladies raced 29 other crews and made the top six final and ended up fifth overall in close racing.
- The U23 Men also made the final and ended up fifth overall against 28 crews.
- Open Women had some tough racing against seasoned fast crews and made it through to the quarter finals.

- We also got the first use of our new boat which has been built for speed!

#### Nationals

- Open Women Silver in Short Course and Gold in Long Course
- U23 Men winning both golds in their age group and Open Men Long Course. I believe this is the first time this has ever been achieved by an age grade crew. Paul McVicar came close in 1996 at Oakura when he got double gold in the then U21 division and a silver in the Open Long Course.
- U23 Ladies – Gold in Long Course and Silver in Short Course
- U19 Men double Gold! Amazing result with them rowing together as a five on the day – whilst Sam Findlater didn't sweep them on the day, he was integral to the success of the crew through hours of coaching. Big well done and thanks to Sam!
- Special mention to Christian Donkin for winning FIVE GOLD MEDALS at one nationals! This has been done by a sweep from our club before, but never a rower.

#### New Zealand Surf Boat Series – points form Titahi Bay, Whangamata, Fitzroy, Mt Maunganui, Waihi

- U23 men won
- U19 Women – won
- Open Women – won
- U23 Titanic's got second

#### Congratulations to our boaties who won awards recently at our club prizegiving and the Capital Coast Awards:

- Club Awards:
  - Best Senior Overall: Tessa Jackson
  - Best Overall Team: U23 Men Surf Boat Crew
  - Most Promising Female: Jaimie Balmer
  - Best Overall Junior: Christian Donkin
  - Best Club Member Overall: Dave Joyce
- Capital Coast Awards:
  - Best Overall Team: U23 Men Surf Boat Crew
  - Coach of the Year: Tim Marsden

I want to say a huge thanks to some key members over the season for providing support to me and our surf boat community. Firstly, I'd like to thank Paul for all the time and help he put in to get us all through the season, he was always there for support and great ideas.

Secondly, Brett for being there to help with sweeping and for taking up the role as Treasurer and supporting me, he made my role much easier.

Thirdly, I'd like to thank Graham for his support in fundraising and helping organise trips and also the role he played to support Brett as Treasurer.

Finally, a huge thankyou to the parents of the boaties that helped over the season! Specifically, I want to thank Dave Joyce for all the work on the boats and trailers, the towing and countless hours filming and photographing so all of our amazing waves could be caught on camera!

Tim Marsden – Boat Captain

## Craft Coordinator's Report 2022/2023 Season

Tēnā koutou

Season on season has our Craft athletes compete against large numbers, there were over 900 individual competitors at Nationals, challenging surf, sharing gear and they represent the club with huge pride! Congratulations to you all, you are an awesome bunch of athletes who give a lot back to Surf, Life Guarding, Nipper coaching and each other.

Thanks to all the parents who helped out, towing trailers, fixing adjusting gear to name a few and being fabulous ambassadors for Titahi Bay Surf Life Saving Club – most of who have moved on or joined other clubs for this season, thank you to you all!

Nationals '23 New Brighton, first nationals after a COVID hiatus, tough conditions massive surf and as the commentators said, some of the biggest surf as long as they can remember. We had so many make finals in more than one event.

**Brooklyn, Phoebe WG, AJ, Todd, James, Emma Phoebe, Briana, Kaya, Matilda, Abby, Paige, Conrad, Rylee, Travis**, all 15 made finals competing against large numbers of competitors, no mean feat! Ka mau te wehi!

Congrats to Brooklyn and Phoebe WG, **Second** against 31 teams in open woman's double ski Nationals!

Congrats to the following who have placed at both Centrals and Capital Champs in same event:

- Emma and Phoebe G **First** board rescue U19s at Centrals and Capital Champs, sadly this event got cancelled at Nationals!
- Kaya, **First** Capital Champs, **Second** centrals U17 Flags
- Emma and Briana **Third** Double Ski Centrals and Capital Champs
- Kaya, Abby, Phoebe and Emma **Second** U19 Sprint Relay Centrals and Capital Champs

Local carnivals saw a regular turn out of crafties, a great vibe and some fabulous racing.

This was my third and final year on the committee, to say we faced some really tough challenges is an understatement but I'm proud of the senior squads, coaches and parents we've had over the years, most of which now have either moved clubs or hung up their competitive cap.

I wish the incoming craft coordinator all the best as they learn and navigate the world of surf lifesaving sport,

Hei konā mai,

Nic Rhodes-Grennell – Craft Coordinator