



Titahi Bay Surf Lifesaving Club Inc

“Preserving lives at our beach and developing our people”

86th

ANNUAL REPORT

and

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

2023 – 2024 Season

To be presented at the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING to be held in the
Clubhouse at 5:00 pm on Saturday 17 August 2024

Chair's Report 2023/2024 Season

It was awesome to make it to the Mount this year for Oceans to see our kids competing, it was a great few days and we were so proud to see their many successes both personally and for those who got medals to recognise their hard work and commitment. Our Boaties again dominated at Nationals with plenty of medals to show for their commitment and our Craft Crew continued to build on their performances. I'll leave the details to the Nippers Coordinator's, Boat Captain's and Craft Coordinator's reports. Thank you to our coaches who put in the hours and expertise to support and develop our athletes, it is really appreciated.

It was good to connect with our Life Members this year and we have used their wise counsel to navigate some key issues for us to consider as a club, one of those was the development of Life Member Guidelines, we look forward to continuing to work with them and use their vast knowledge to strengthen the club.

It has been a busy year for the committee with over 180 action points completed, 38 decisions and 31 resolutions. We have spent time and invested in improving the club rooms for everyone's use and have further work that will happen prior to the start of the season. We now have two Bar Managers qualified in the club. There has been a particular focus in the Craft and Nippers spaces to renew equipment we have managed to secure funding through grants; we have also purchased a new defibrillator and other important lifesaving equipment. Our committee members have attended meetings and spoken on behalf of the club and our community and were successful in lobbying for the sewerage plant upgrade, a really important issue for the club and community. We continue to engage with Porirua City Council re the future of our club, last year we 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 which was due to begin in December 2023 but has been delayed.

Thanks to Marie Wright who always advocates for the bay and continues to look after the club, we really appreciate her support and commitment.

We are grateful for the increase government funding for surf lifesaving, this year we have secured over \$85,000 in funding to support administration, insurance and lifeguarding - including a new IRB hull.

This year SLSNZ have provided all clubs with a templated constitution for implementation by 2026, a great piece of work by Marilyn Moffatt and SLSNZ. We have used the template to develop the constitution that is before you today.

A big thank you to the committee who have put in the time and effort this year, it has been great working with you.

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

Chairperson

Financial Report 2023/2024 Season

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

Treasurers Report 2023/2024 Season

As you will see from the Annual Performance Report the club is in a strong financial position which sets us up well as we enter our next and future financial years. Like all of us the club has faced rising costs across all of our suppliers and has taken this into account when setting the membership fees for the 24/25 season.

You may have noticed a very easy approach to membership renewal as we use Sporty for the second year, including the two payment options Poli and Stripe.

You may have also noticed little change in membership costs, and we have simplified the membership structure and better accommodate athletes who have their own equipment. Note, if you are a competing athlete there is an equipment fee which will need to be paid, but this combined with your membership fee is less than previous years fees.

I took over from Jodie Hickey-Smith in Feb 24, as the co-opted Treasurer and present this report noting that as an ex bank manager and business owner I have identified a number of improvements and have worked with Munro Benge to implement these. I have created more line item detail in the financial reports to show better transparency of costs and income, this will be refined in the next financial report. For example, a more defined split between bar, kitchen and merchandise income and expenses and more detail on general expenses.

The club claimed the maximum government funding approved by SLSNZ \$32,150.00.

Please note that SLSNZ has significantly changed the funding model for all Surf Clubs for 24/24 onwards based on two drivers:

1. moving towards a needs-based model, and
2. reducing the admin burden and manage the funding boost from the Government.

For the 24/25 season Titahi Bay SLSC will receive \$ 85,048 in funding, less \$23,804 for insurance costs leaving \$61,243 of which \$28,538 is for Admin and Direct lifesaving cost and a further \$ 32,794 for lifeguard education and gear (new IRB hull) so a good financial uplift.

A big thank you to this year's sponsors: Mana Lions, Bunnings, Grassroots Trust Central, Four Winds Foundation, Trust House, Pelorus Trust, Resene Paints, Surf Lifesaving Charitable Trust, Plimmerton Auto Services, and C D Butt.

Lastly thank you to the other committee members for their help and support in running the club, we are all volunteers and it takes a significant amount of time and effort to do what needs to be done.

Steve Donkin

Treasurer

Club Captain's Report 2023/2024 Season

I am writing this report as the club captain for the 2023/2024 season at the Surf club, a season I have really enjoyed and have been impressed with the people involved in the club.

The club has had many successes during the season, mostly in the sporting arena, boats, seniors, oceans and nippers. All the competitors that have represented the club have done so professionally and with pride. I will not go into any more detail on the sporting achievements of the club members, I will leave that to the boat, craft and nippers captains to cover off.

Most of this season for me has been taken up with maintenance at club and planning further maintenance preparing for the 2024/2025 season.

As you will have noticed we have had new lino put on the patrol room floor and obviously had the clubroom fixed externally and painted. I would like to thank MC Flooring, King Kong Scaffolding, Thomas POKI Painting and McNamara & Sprott Precision Builders Ltd for the work they have done in contributions to this work.

Further work planned for the club, installation of an outdoor shower, security lights around the building, the building of a dedicated first aid room (off the patrol room), new club signage, and the installation of new board/ski racking in the basement. Please note we will be looking for volunteers to help with some of this work.

During the year I have spoken to several businesses re sponsorship, in the way of resources etc for the club and have had great success with P&Z Decorators, Porirua (Resene Paints) and Bunnings Porirua. Resene supplied all the required paint for the clubrooms and Bunnings supplied tables, a new BBQ and other equipment. I would like to thank all our sponsors, but especially this season both of these businesses for their generous contributions. Please support all our club sponsors.

I want to give a huge thanks to all of you, our club members. Without you, whether you are a Lifeguard, Competitor, Coach, Parent, Parent helper or any other volunteer, we would not be able to be as effective and efficient as we are without you, and the achievements of the club are a credit to all of you. Thanks.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their hard dedicated work and support of myself during the past season.

Kirk McPherson

Club Captain

Lifesaving Coordinator's Report 2023/2024 Season

It has been another cracker of a season on the beach, with a lot of exciting and exceptional work undertaken by TBSLSC lifeguards. Our team of 99 volunteers patrolled the weekends of November through February, making sure the public was safe between the red and yellow flags in the middle of paradise.

Patrol Teams:

We had nine patrol teams this year. It was awesome to see a variety of well-experienced patrol captains mix with a new generation of leaders moving into PC and VPC roles. Each patrol team was rostered on to 3 patrols over our patrolling window, with many lifeguards exceeding their commitments and lending a hand wherever needed. The following lifeguards held leadership positions on patrol this season.

Patrol Team	Patrol Captain, Vice Patrol Captain
Patrol team 1	Warren Neal, Jayden Upston
Patrol team 2	Lochie Wesley-Smith, Tommy Wesley-Smith
Patrol team 3	Carl Jones, Abby Van Den Heuvel
Patrol team 4	Liam Neal, Andy Marshall
Patrol team 5	Joe Mahoney, Brett Richardson
Patrol team 6	Satine Donkin, Kirk McPherson
Patrol team 7	Tim Marsden, Emma Morrison
Patrol team 8	Sam Findlater, Tracey Mills
Patrol team 9	Deborah Donkin, Steve Donkin

A massive thank you to the patrol captains and vice-patrol captains and our patrolling IRB drivers for your mahi this season. Without you, we would not be able to run a patrol. To the rest of our volunteer team – you guys need probably the biggest thank you. It was awesome to see the depth of talent and commitment to service displayed in your hard work this season and I look forward to seeing our future years grow your talents on the beach.

Patrol Statistics

Description	Totals
Volunteer hours	1219.75
Paid hours	609
Total number of patrolling volunteers	99
Average volunteer hours per member	12.32

Training and Qualifications

It was a big year for developing and upskilling our people this year. We gained 16 new lifeguards through our lifeguard award program. Our team of instructors worked hard to get everyone ready for the exam and make impactful lifeguards ready for patrol. A huge thank you to the instructing team who put everyone through the program. It is exciting to see such passion in this area and I am excited to see how this develops next season under the leadership of Satine Donkin.

While our new lifeguards have thrived, our 'veterans' have taken the opportunity to upskill and attend a variety of courses. First aid, patrol captains, Instructors, Intermediate guard and IRB development are but a few of the courses the team have taken advantage of this season. Thank you to those of you who attended these courses. Not only do you benefit from learning more, you help enrich our expertise as a club and have a major impact on the lifeguards around you. For coordinating admin on these courses, a huge thank you to our pathways coordinator Deborah Donkin, with recent help from Carryn Poki. Our guards who attend courses as coaches and instructors thank you to you as well! It would also be wrong not to thank the parents and families of some of our guards who help get people and gear where they need to be throughout the capital coast.

Powercraft

Warren Neal has had another great season as the club's Powercraft officer. Thank you for the work you do to make sure our IRBs are up to scratch and ready to respond at a moment's notice. Thank you to our IRB drivers! You make our patrols possible and are always keen to allow our up-and-comers to learn the ropes. Ethan and the team of IRB instructors that help get our candidates prepared for exams, thank you for your work! A special thank you to the volunteers who spent HOURS driving boats and candidates to IRB development days.

Awards

Award	Winner
Patroller of the Year	Liam Neal
Junior Patroller of the Year	Isaac Jones
Patrol Support of the Year	Di Murfitt
Newly Qualified Lifeguards of the Year	Alex Stowell + Ethan Gibson
Patrol Team of the Year	Patrol Team 1 (PC: Warren Neal)

Other programs

We had a great season of the Beach Education Programme this year, providing some of our guards work opportunities throughout the summer to educate local tamariki about how to safely enjoy the beach! Ka pai to all who contributed to this program.

The Rookie Programme has continued to introduce key lifesaving concepts and skills to our oldest nippers cohort. Thank you Satine and your coaching team for your work in this space!

We had a handful of guards contribute to event safety at a variety of competitions this year. Not only a great opportunity to put skills into practice, but it was awesome to see our members going above and beyond serving the wider SLSNZ organisation. Most of these guards (and more) also came to help with event safety for the Coastal Rowing Championships, a great event that reflected well on the club. Thank you team!

General Reflections

This season illustrated the quality and depth of talent our lifeguards have. The area of the club is strong, and I look forward to seeing how developments currently in the pipeline go towards further enhancing our people's service to the community.

Government funding allowed us to make investments in crucial lifesaving equipment, including purchasing a new defibrillator and a rescue board.

It is important to acknowledge a few people who stepped up this season while I was overseas.

- Thank you Liam Neal for the work you did to make sure the patrol operations ran as smooth as possible. I also want to express thanks to Di Murfitt for your help here too, managing the first aid kits is no easy job but you two did this exceptionally.
- Thank you to Robyn Wishart for your work making sure our lifeguards are looking good in their uniforms!
- Thank you to the wider committee for not only allowing me a leave of absence but also assisting in managing the lifeguarding duties to ensure our front-line services were not impacted.

If I missed anyone by name, I owe you a massive hug/fist bump, just know I appreciate you too. It has been a great season and I am looking forward to seeing what the future will bring.

Nāku iti noa, nā

Tayne McMahan

Lifesaving Coordinator

Nipper's Coordinator's Report 2023/2024 Season

We had a wonderful summer in the Nippers space, with plenty of highlights to re-visit. The initial preparation for the 2023-24 season was hectic with 175 registrations to our programme.

New coordinator + new member registration system + credit card payment facility falling over early in the registration process made for an interesting start!

It was really encouraging to welcome 46 new Junior members to the club, not counting our 20 Papis. We look forward to seeing all these amazing children and their families back at the club this upcoming season!

We are incredibly grateful to the 35 coaches who offered up their time, knowledge and skills. They led our Nippers with patience and kindness, and were not perturbed by any challenges thrown their way - from large group sizes and new faces, many of the coaches were juggling their own lifesaving sporting commitments, keeping their smiles on when the conditions weren't ideal and even the odd shark sighting! As a club we should be heartened to see so many ex-Nippers returning to support the Junior programme as coaches. It was nice to be able to celebrate their contribution with a Hell Pizza sponsored lunch at the end of the season.

We also see a healthy number of graduating Nippers committing to undertaking the Surf Lifeguard Award each year. This is pleasing given it is one of the indicators for a successful programme and necessary to ensure the growth and sustainability of, not only Titahi Bay SLSC but surf lifesaving as a movement in NZ.

Our Oceans squad of 29 courageous athletes worked very hard under the guidance of the coaching team: Glen Jones and Phoebe Grennell, with support throughout the season from Matilda Grennell and Abby van der Heuvel. I can't thank our coaches enough, as well as all the lifeguard support we had at all our trainings. It was an epic six months of dedication and pushing the limits for these Nippers; which culminated to four days of challenging competition at Mount Maunganui against the best Junior athletes in NZ. Oceans '24 brought with it - three golds, one silver and three bronze medals. What can only be described as an incredible effort from Tofamamao (Mamao) Leti - to come home with three gold medals, one of which was achieved with the U12 Beach Relay team of Zane Hamer, Maria Rountree and Peyton Weepu.

Lilah Eagar also deserves a mention with a second and two third place finishes - remarkably, across the surf and beach arenas! Peyton Weepu also had an outstanding first Oceans - two medals! What a star.

What is harder to quantify but is ultimately the best story out of Oceans - are all the personal achievements of our athletes. It was wonderful to see the camaraderie that developed and the great time had by all. We know that this experience will impact these kids for years to come.

Of course none of this would have been possible without the support of our amazing whanau group. It was all hands on deck - managing/transporting gear, getting kids to trainings and carnivals, the huge task of fundraising and running the Nippers kitchen, setting up/packing down, encouraging and cheerleading the kids (and each other!). We are so excited to welcome more Nippers to the Oceans squad next season and to share in this terrific experience. We also cannot wait to unveil our new NZ Junior Titleholders board soon!

The 2023-24 season also saw us retain the Capital Coast Junior Champs trophy. 12 of our Nippers from the Under-9 up to Under-14 age groups placed in the top three for highest overall points. Many brave Nippers tried out carnivals for the first time too. We hope to get more Nippers along to the carnivals next season. It is much more than the competition. It's exposing the Nippers to different beach/surf environments and challenging themselves, building friendships within the team and getting to know Nippers from other clubs, growing their

resilience, having a heap of fun while they apply what they've been learning each Sunday.

This season we have worked hard to build up our gear and put in place processes to keep our gear well-maintained. We purchased a significant stock of new bodyboards, foamies, fibreglass boards and are soon to get some Nippers play equipment. This was made possible with grants from Grassroots Trust Central and Four Winds Foundations. Mana Lions Club also assisted us with fundraising. The Oceans whanau fundraised their hearts out, leaving the squad with a healthy balance to obtain more good quality used gear. We will keep up the efforts to rotate out older gear and seek funding on a regular basis to maintain a good level of quality equipment.

Promoting the different pathways within Surf Lifesaving has also been a priority this season. We aim to keep the communication coming on all the exciting opportunities our club has to offer our Nippers as they grow, as well as parents! We have plenty of wonderful clubbies to look to for inspiration.

Finally, thank you all for your support. The Club Committee, the Nippers Leadership Group, coaches, parents, supporters, lifeguards, and Nippers - you have all been so generous with your time, resources, friendship and encouragement.

Joanna Lee

Nippers Coordinator

Boat Captain's Report 2023/2024 Season

It was another hugely successful season for the surf boat crews with several National Surf Boat Series competition wins and National Titles, not to mention a huge number of patrolling hours from the group!

The total number of boaties is about 25 people, quite a sizable chunk of our patrolling membership, yet one of the medium sized club boat groups compared to some other clubs. Even with the numbers being as they are we were still able to win the overall boat trophy by a large margin, with several athletes rowing in multiple divisions. This was a massive effort by the team and is a testament to our boat philosophy of quality people and teams striving for excellence, rather than being there just for fun.

I'm not going to list all the achievements, they are numerous and well deserved, however some people and teams deserve a mention. Firstly, Dave Joyce for always being there and ready to help, some days we'd struggle to make the start line without your time, expertise and number eight wire grand master skill set. Also, to Paul McVicar for being there to help when I needed for absolutely anything I needed.

To the U23 NZ Development Team... Thanks to Liam for providing leadership of some of the younger folk and helping with absolutely everything and anything I asked for to keep the machine wheels turning. To Alex for organising fundraising and making sure Dave was supported. To Conor for being the most laid-back person in the world and keeping everything in perspective and Christian for peanut butter. Big congratulations to them for their results and cheers for letting me back in the boat as a rower even though I'm old.

Well done to the U19 Guys, Tommy, Tobias, Hunter and Pacey for sticking around and Sam Findlater for supporting them and keeping them involved all season.

To the U19 Ladies, Petro, Paige, Eleanor, Kate, Helena and Maia! it was a pleasure to sweep you and congratulations for all the fantastic results. You all have a very bright future in the sport!

The club Surf Boat Relay team also won the inaugural Nationals Surf Boat Relay, while it has been raced at a couple of previous Nationals, this was the first time medals were presented and we are the first team to win the brand new trophy.

To Jacob and Joel, it was great to see you continue to be solid performers and row with you in the Surf Boat Relay for our gold medal (you too Tommy and Paul)!

Tim Marsden

Boat Captain

Craft Coordinator's Report 2023/2024 Season

Craft started the season with an almost entirely new team of under 15s. We also had some more experienced athletes, most of whom are based out of Wellington. Altogether we had 15 athletes.

The Craft team was led by Jacinta Kelleher, with assistance from Brett Hamer and Phil Wright. These coaches brought a significant amount of experience with all of them having competed and coached at national level competition.

The team was exceptionally committed:

- Representing the club well at each of the White Horse and Central regional competitions,
- Three athletes competed at other regional and Australasian competitions
- Ryan Hemsley was selected for the Wellington region representative team to compete at the Whangamata Classic
- 11 of the 15 competed at Nationals in Mount Maunganui.

The team performed exceptionally well. Most notable was Ashton Hamer who placed first in the U15 boys at the Capital Coast Championships and Ayla Hamer who placed third in the U15 girls. Many of our athletes who competed at Nationals made at least one final across a spread of beach and water events.

Keeping the gear up to date and in good working order is critical for our athletes. Phil Wright, Brett Hamer and Paul McVicar provided invaluable assistance in maintaining the gear. Some of the gear is at, or nearing, end of life. In 2023/24 we were able to replace:

- one ski, and two boards with funding from the club
- two boards from the Surf Lifesaving Charitable Trust
- four skis with funding from the Trust House Foundation.

This coming year we are seeking grant funding to replace a further four skis, and aim to replace another two the year after.

The team could not have functioned without the help of parents, particularly Yury who did the bulk of towing the trailer with all the gear to events, and Carryn Poki who organised uniform for Nationals.

Craft are looking forward to a new season, and anticipate growth in the team with new team members coming through.

Due to other commitments Jacinta Kelleher (along with the coaching team) have advised the committee that they will be unavailable to coach the team this season. Craft initiated a call for expressions of interest in coaching the team for the coming season and are excited to announce that Liam Neal will be filling this role. Thank you Liam!

Andy Marshall

Craft Coordinator