
St Clair Surf Lifesaving Club

Annual Report

2020/2021 Season



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Life Members	P Haslemore, S McLauchlan, G Newton, M Wilson, B Smaill, B Andrews, R Murray, A Mason, C Johns

Chairman's Report

The 2020/2021 Surf Lifesaving season is certainly one that will not be replicated, with the impacts of COVID 19 still being felt in 2021, with the Sand Nationals cancelled alongside the final day of Oceans, showing our movement still has a long way to go when it comes to being flexible and adaptable.

The 2020/2021 Season also saw the arrival of Government funding to clubs which has directly resulted in a long overdue increase in spending on our Volunteer Lifeguards and our club, which we will continue to do as the funding is made available.

We continue to be well serviced by our hardworking dedicated Volunteer Lifeguards who turn up each week regardless of the conditions and weather forecasts. We do an excellent job of keeping our community safe and it's been excellent to see a large number of our Lifeguards continue to upskill through a number of courses offered.

The club continues to be served by some very dedicated members, who continue to put in an enormous amount of effort to make sure the club can continue to provide everything we do for our members and serve the community who love St Clair beach.

Finally, I want to thank all our members for making St Clair Surf Lifesaving Club what it is and continuing to drive our successes. I look forward to seeing you all in the 2021/2022 season and bringing a friend along to join in the fun

Cam Burrow

Chairman



Skills and Lifeguarding Report

This season, the weather was not on our side and it was not until late in the season that the temperatures started to pick up. The loss of sand from the beach was very noticeable but access to the beach was adequate with the ramp down at the eastern end of the Esplanade able to be used over most of the season. On most patrols the patrol flags had to be placed on the east side of the poles as there was not enough beach to place them on the west side.



Statistics were slightly down on last year with 609 preventative actions involving 2515 people. When combined with Regional Guard these numbers were 1453 PAs involving 2627 people. There were less people visiting the beach this season which could be attributed to the cooler-than-usual temperatures and the lack of foreign visitors to New Zealand this year.

Many thanks to all the lifeguards who volunteered their time during the season. We had good numbers with 8 patrol teams made up of 93 lifeguards covering twenty weekends of volunteer patrols.



The volunteer patrols ran from 1st Nov until 14th March. The patrols operated from 12pm until 5pm with many days finishing at 4pm because of bad weather and no one on the beach.

The club opted-in to perform the theory part of the lifeguard refresher online. Part of the IRB drivers' refresher was also done online. We had 90 lifeguards complete their lifeguard refresher and 37 complete their IRB drivers' refresher.

The volunteer lifeguards completed a total of 1491 volunteer hours. This was very good and shows that the lifeguards were still turning up on bad weather days. Well done to the Patrol Captains in getting their patrols engaged and active, especially on the slow days.



We had 14 new lifeguards complete their Surf Lifeguard Award this season and our existing lifeguards continued to upskill themselves in these courses:

VHF Marine Radio – 8

Patrol Captains course – 4

First Aid Level 1 (or refresher) – 13

First Aid Level 2 (or refresher) – 6

Rock Rescue – 4

IRB Crewpersons – 12

IRB Drivers – 7

IRB Instructors – 2



There will be further changes to the First Aid courses coming up soon moving away from the previous 3 Levels towards the options of doing additional online modules.

We have several people signed up for the Become-A-Lifeguard course with some already well underway. We are looking at getting them through before the next patrols start.

Looking forward to seeing you all again down at the beach next season.

Chris Haig

Lifeguard Coordinator

Senior Sport

It is that time of year again where we can look back and reflect on the past sports season. Obviously the decision by SLSNZ to cancel Nationals at Ohope beach was a huge disappointment for all of our athletes who had been training hard in preparation for this event.



So in terms of results Rosie Falcous in the girls under 15 age grade gained an excellent first place at Eastern Regions in late January. Rosie backed this up at Southern Regions and Otago Champs where she took out first place along with the Open Women's events. Hannah Williams also performed extremely well taking 3rd place in the Open Women's Iron Person at the Piha Big Wave Classic. Congratulations ladies on outstanding performances.



Other athletes to perform well were, at Southern Regions, Charlotte Underwood-Nicol in the Women's under 19 age group. Charlotte also backed up in numerous open women events. In the under 17 age group Emma Christophers had strong performances, as did Mereana Martin and Grace Creighton. These ladies gained numerous top 3 finishes and also dominated in the team events. In the under 17 boys grade Isaac Robertson and Sam Stedman performed well with Isaac being 3rd overall in the U17 Grade. While in the under 15 age group Rosie Falcous and Sophie Matehaere were the dominant female athletes, with Sophie taking out first place in all but one water event and Rosie in the beach events. Aidan Blair gained a very good 2nd place in the under 15 boys Surf Race.



Otago Champs was held over two weekends in February, with the team events being held at Warrington and the individual events at Kaka Point. St Clair came away with the spoils of the top Otago club. However, we cannot rest on our laurels and more work is needed to maintain our position.



I would like to thank Isaac Davies for his time, effort, commitment and enthusiasm in coaching. These results along with the improvement of all St Clair athletes is down to you. Also, to Mary Andrew, thanks for doing all of the pub charity applications, it is very much appreciated. Another thanks must go to the committee for their continued support and finally to the parents. Thank you for your time and effort in getting everyone everywhere and on time and also for your support and great chat on the beach.

Brent Wolf.



Junior Surf Report

In the previous off season the Junior Committee has mostly focused on improving communication with our members. This has definitely improved with the new website giving us the ability to send emails, event invites, post news articles etc. This can be better but it needs input from more people across the whole club.



We've also focussed on delivering a solid program at our Saturday Beach Club sessions working towards delivering a broad and inclusive programme of training sessions - this is still a work in progress. We will be working hard in the build-up to next season to get more parents trained and involved in Coaching and the Surf Officials roles.



One of the biggest changes was the training sessions now being run and managed by Isaac & Brent. There seems to be a lot more sessions available for the experienced kids. We need to work hard to get the young ones on the 6ft foamies and start working on their paddling skills. It has not been easy to do this at St Clair so some junior sessions at the Marina or the Warrington Lagoon might be helpful.



My main area of concern about the Junior Club currently and into the future is recruitment of new members. Retention of existing members and encouraging existing members to participate in the sport programme and local carnivals. With a team of only 5 athletes for Oceans this year it feels like we are in a really dangerous place with the Junior Club. Congratulations to Toby Hill for making some finals at his first Oceans. Sadly due to a change in Covid alert levels, finals day was cancelled.

I have been thinking about recruitment and how the club has traditionally attracted new members. I think it's overly simplistic to say that we need to put a notice in the school newsletters and that's job done. Some people have told me that getting kids from the swim squads has been a successful approach in the past.



To promote the Junior Club, we'd like to produce a DLE card/flyer that we can give to people at the pool or leave in their car window. Kids could hand them out to friends at school. We could leave some on the counter at local businesses, the 4 Square, BP, Torpedo7, Rebel Sport, Moana Pool etc. Being more active on Social media with active recruiting campaigns at certain times of the year and paying to push them hard locally should help with bringing in new members. Other ideas we've had are 'Bring a Buddy to the Beach' day where existing members are encouraged to bring a friend. The Junior's equipment stocks are good, we are only lacking in the 8ft6 foam boards. Ideally we will get 8 new ones for next season.

Hamish McCaul

St Clair IRB Report

Congratulations to all in regards to getting it done this season. COVID is still creating havoc around the world but at least we were able to get our core roles done, kept upskilling and in the end became fitter, faster, and more skilled lifeguards.



This year, with the help of a few new instructors, we were able to get 8 people through their IRB drivers and 12 people through their crew persons award. Isaac Davies was the head instructor, supported by myself, Hannah Williams, Jackson Aluesi and Mikayla Garforth.



Congratulations to Isaac and Jackson who completed their IRB instructors award.

We also helped out with a couple of clubbies from other clubs to get their qualifications as well. We currently have another group going through which are hoping to sit their exam in the next couple of weeks. Congratulations to the following from St Clair that gained their IRB Drivers award:

- + Ben Hayward
- + Nathan Wolf
- + Brent Wolf
- + Max Wolf
- + Anja Waugh
- + Joel Tyndal
- + Conrad Stedman
- + Aidan MacRae



This year we had 5 crews racing locally and took 4 crews away to Nationals. At Nationals, our points were gained by the following crews:

- + Mikayla and Jamie - Open Women Silver Mass, making Assembly final
- + Isaac and Scott - Open Men making Assembly final

These are outstanding results due to gale force winds, raining heavily and the messy surf on the first day of racing and then taking into account injuries and sickness that ripped through the team as well. The crews made good progress throughout the year and know where the room for improvement is, as we look to keep improving.



As per usual, it takes a community to run a surf club and the IRB team so there are a lot of people to say thank you to for their support. Cristy Watkins and Michael Crombie for being our team managers at local competitions. Ken Woodhouse and the team at Palmers for taking care of our prop guards and giving our IRB road trailer a new lease on life. Brighton IRB team for transporting our gear whilst the trailer was being fixed. Hamish McCaul for loaning us his trailer to get the gear to and from Nationals. The IRB team for their help to keep the gear up a great standard to push for results. Pierre from Dunedin Marine for his support throughout the year and help in keeping our motors going. Our sponsors and community grants boards that allow us to have all this gear to race and patrol with. The officials and event guards that meant we could race. And finally to all those that I have missed, thank you for helping us to keep the high standards on patrol and giving our team the ability to race and work on our skills. It is greatly appreciated!

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Otago/Southland Awards

Regional Service Awards

- Brent Wolf
- Isaac Davies
- Jeff Foster
- Tom Garforth
- Michael Crombie
- Matthew Bradley

Regional Distinguished Service Award

Carla Laughton

Highlights from the Awards evening

Sportsperson of the Year – Charlotte Underwood- Nicol

Instructor of the Year – Jackson Aluesi

Regional Lifeguard of the Year – Nathan Wolf

Most Promising Junior Lifeguard – Harrison Stout

Top U10 Athlete – Pera Richardson

Top U15 Athletes – Sophie Matehaere & Aiden Blair

Top U17 Athletes – Emma Christophers & Sam Stedman

Top U19 Athlete – Charlotte Underwood-Nicol

Top Open Athlete – Hannah Williams



Club Trophy List 2020/2021

Cameron Cup	Best All-round Surfer	Hannah Williams
Owen Dolan Cup	Best Patroller	Isaac Robertson
Jubilee Cup	Most Industrious	Brent Wolf
Opie Mason Cup	Outstanding Young Leader	Meriana Martin
Centenary Cup	Outstanding Achievement	Aiden Blair
Lion Trophy	Open Overall Men	Nathan Wolf
Lion Trophy	U19 Overall Men	Sam Stedman
Presidents Cup	Open Women Overall	Hannah Williams
St Clair Cup	Under 16 Men Overall	Aiden Blair
St Clair Cup	Under 19 Women Overall	Charlotte Underwood Nicol
St Clair Cup	Under 16 Women Overall	Sophie Matahaere
Moffat Memorial	Most Promising U19	Rosie Falcous
Darryl Fairbairn Cup	Top Overall Power craft Crew	Mikayla Garforth and Jamie Vuglar
Carla & Stephanie Laughton Cup	Top Female IRB Crew	Mikayla Garforth and Jamie Vuglar
Anthony Mason Cup	Top Male IRB Crew	Isaac Davies and Scott Fraser
Adams Cup	Open Board Race	Hannah Williams
U19 Board Cup	Under 19 Board Race	Emma Christophers
Bart Smaill Cup	Under 16 Board Race	Aiden Blair/Sophie Matahaere
Peter Laing Cup	Open Men's Surf Race	Kale Twist
Totem Trophy	Under 19 Men's Surf Race	Kale Twist
Women's Surf Race Cup	Open Women's Surf Race	Sophie Matahaere
McAlpine Cup	Under 19 Women's Surf Race	Charlotte Underwood Nicol
Stuart McLauchlan Cup	Under 16 Surf Race	Sophie Matahaere
St Clair Cup	Open Ski Race	Nathan Wolf
U19 Ski Cup /	Under 19 Ski Race	Charlotte Underwood Nicol
Graeme Newton Cup	Under 16 Ski Race	Aiden Blair