



Royal Life Saving Society

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THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY, NEW ZEALAND

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT for the season 2011-2012.

To be presented at the 99th Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Branch of the Society to be held at Wellington Airport, on Saturday 28 October 2012.

Officers of The Royal Life Saving Society, New Zealand (Incorporated by Royal Charter)

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Her Majesty the Queen

Commonwealth President

HRH Prince Michael of Kent, GCVO

Deputy Commonwealth President

John C Barwick MBE

Commonwealth Secretary

Francene Leaversuch

Vice Patron

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Chairman

Marie Baker

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Andrew Fleming

Terry Glenister

Judi Jessop (Immediate Past President)

Neil Lanyon

Cynthia Redwood

Sydney Wright

Joanne Beckett – co-opted

Award Secretary

Deidre Hitchcock

Honorary Officers

Solicitor G B Saunders, LLB

Trustees J A Lee (deceased), Greg Crawford, Russell Parry

Auditor

Delegate to Water Safety New Zealand

Marie Baker

COMMONWEALTH MESSAGE

2011 has been a challenging year for countries across the Commonwealth and for no one more so than New Zealand. The global financial crisis and natural disasters have challenged charities and countries alike and it is an indication of the commitment of the membership that RLSS, New Zealand has been able to survive these challenges. This is a credit to the organisation and will be your strength going forward.

This challenging economic and political climate has highlighted, both at a national and international level, the importance of partnerships and aligning with broader shared agendas. At a Commonwealth level, RLSS has been working to strengthen its Commonwealth and international partnerships. We have been successful in gaining Commonwealth Civil Society recognition, and are working with Commonwealth partners to align our activities with other health, education and climate priorities. It is critical for RLSS, New Zealand to harness partnership opportunities and align its activities to the broader New Zealand Water Safety and Injury Prevention agendas to guarantee that RLSS, New Zealand continues to be a key stakeholder in drowning prevention and lifesaving activities within New Zealand and the region.

2011 also saw a change in leadership for RLSS, New Zealand. RLSS, Commonwealth wishes to thank George Clearwater for his service as RLSS, NZ President and for his passion and commitment to lifesaving in New Zealand and at a Commonwealth level. We welcome the new leadership with Marie Baker at the helm and look forward to working in partnership with the New Zealand Member Branch to strength RLSS and Drowning Prevention in New Zealand.

Francene Leaversuch

Chief Executive Office
RLSS Commonwealth

Commonwealth Vice Presidents

B Archer, QSM

A S Fleming

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F Amon

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A Geddes

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V Lassen

J Maguire

R McIntosh

C Redwood

S Storey

S Wright

R Hitchcock

PRESIDENT'S REVIEW

Early in 2011 our Headquarters was demolished as a result of the devastating earthquakes in Christchurch. Although we lost all the financial records and historical documents we were able to salvage some stock and trophies.

Our organisation was in disarray, with the continuing shakes and personnel moving out of Christchurch. With no Head Office, contact was lost with our Branches and other organizations crucial to our ongoing survival, and with no Annual General Meeting last year (2010–2011), we were in dire straits. In October 2011, as a Board Member I undertook the challenge to try and resurrect RLSS,NZ and “put us back on the map”.

A Special General Meeting was held via Skype on 22 October 2011 and a Board was formed from willing people scattered throughout the country – (a lot of old faces with RLSS,NZ experience) with meetings conducted monthly since via Skype.

Neil Lanyon has worked with both our Trustees and auditing firm to get Financial Reports for both the 2009-10 and 2010-11 years. Deidre Hitchcock from the Hawkes Bay Branch has taken on the role as Award Secretary, ordering and distributing award stock as requested. This is working well and is keeping an eye on stock levels.

The Senior Award Scheme has been printed, thanks to Hawkes Bay Branch, and all Branches have received a copy. With the initial run almost sold out, the Scheme is currently being updated prior to another print run being made.

I have renewed contacts with Water Safety NZ, Swimming,NZ and Surf,NZ to name a few and attended “Strategic Thinking”, educational and risk management forums hosted by WSNZ, as we all need to be on the same page and seen to be working together. We have also renewed contact with the RLSS,Commonwealth and RLSS,Australia so I am confident we are starting to move forward.

It is with sadness I note the passing of Allen Lee, a truly great man who worked so hard for RLSS,NZ over many years, and Neville Bayfield, Commonwealth Deputy and RLSS,A Vice Patron. Both these men have put a lifetime into the Royal Life Saving Society.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Board for the work achieved over the past twelve months. It hasn't been easy but I do feel everyone has worked well together for one purpose - to get RLSS,NZ back on the New Zealand aquatic map.

Marie Baker

Chair

RLSS,NZ

AWARDS

Resuscitation	585
Senior Resuscitation	54
AquaSafe	1221*
Bronze Star	260
Bronze Star Bar	4
Bronze Medallion	288
Bronze Medallion Bar	3
Bronze Cross	49
Bronze Cross Bar	1
Award of Merit	72
Distinction	23
Instructors award	79
Examiners	8
Adult/Caregiver Award	21
Swimming Pool Staff	10
TOTAL	2678

As with many activities an element of competition serves to add spice to everyday activities. The Society is fortunate to have a number of shields and trophies to award nationally to schools, our Branches or groups/clubs. It is with pleasure we announce the winners of 2011-2012.

BAMFORD TROPHY

The Bamford Trophy is awarded annually to the school with the highest number of awards (participants) excluding Resuscitation and AquaSafe.

- 1st Napier Girls High School, Hawkes Bay**
- 2nd Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Whanganui**
- 3rd Epsom Girls Grammar, Auckland**

ALLAN GARDENR TROPHY

The Allan Gardner Trophy goes to the school issuing the highest number of resuscitation awards, including basic and senior resuscitation.

- 1st Hasting Girls High, Hawkes Bay**
- 2nd Woodford House, Hawkes Bay**
- 3rd Sacred Heart College, Hawkes Bay**

WIGRAM SHIELD

The Wigram Shield is competed for by RLSS,NZ Branches. Placings are calculated on points gained during the current year, relative to the average of the totals for the previous two years. Consistency of activity and increase in activity therefore play a big part in a Branch's ability to win and retain this shield. Unfortunately we have only been able to use figures from last year as records before that were destroyed along with the National Head Office, as were many other financial and historical records. The first three were the only Branches showing an increase in activity this year.

1st Auckland

2nd Nelson/Marlborough

3rd Otago

JUBILEE CUP

The Jubilee Cup is awarded to a club or group gaining the most points for RLSS,NZ awards accumulated over the current and previous year.

1st RNZAF Woodbourne

2nd GirlGuiding New Zealand

3rd Global Lateral

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RLSS,Whanganui

RLSS,Nelson/Marlborough

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