



Royal Life Saving Society
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THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY, NEW ZEALAND

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT for the season 2012-2013.

To be presented at the 100th Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Branch of the Society to be held at Wellington Airport, on Sunday 13 October 2013.

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PRESIDENT'S REVIEW

As we celebrate our Centennial year I reflect on the work that has been done over the last 100 years of the Royal Life Saving Society in New Zealand. This has been done by a great number of passionate volunteers over the years. There have been many great steps forward in knowledge, equipment and technology during this time but we still continue to learn new skills. We however, in the Royal Life Saving Society, New Zealand continue with the basics – “Everyone can be a Lifesaver” - and it is our Mission ‘to prevent drownings in our communities through education’. This has and never will change.

We have had a year of re-establishing ourselves and our contacts with other National bodies, who themselves have been going through changes. We need to continue with forward planning and liaising with the other organisations which will enable us to also continue to grow by working together.

Our awards are highly valued, both here in New Zealand and overseas. As a qualification they, especially the Bronze Medallion, are well sought after. We have been working with Girl Guides New Zealand, Latitude Global and CCUSA, the later two are involved with recruiting camp personnel for USA, Canada and the UK and Europe, all stipulating Bronze Medallion as a recognised qualification. Through the hard work of Wanganui Collegiate School teachers years ago in setting up NCEA, and more recently work by RLSS, Hawkes Bay personnel, we are now able to offer New Zealand schools' Bronze Medallion NCEA credits. This is being advertised through Physical Education New Zealand (PENZ) newsletters.

I do feel it is only by working with others that we can continue, as we are small in numbers and have to rely on volunteers to carry on the work of the Society. It is a sign of the times that less and less are doing voluntary work. Over the past year the Board has worked really hard, it hasn't always been easy but I do feel everyone has worked well together for the one purpose to get RLSS, NZ back onto the 'New Zealand map'.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Board and Branches throughout New Zealand for all the work done, very much appreciated, thank you.

Marie Baker
President
RLSS, NZ

AWARDS

Resuscitation	665
Senior Resuscitation	122
AquaSafe	2369
Bronze Star	183
Bronze Medallion	274
Bronze Cross	27
Award of Merit	58
Distinction	41
Instructors award	63
Examiners	6
TOTAL	3808

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 2012-2013.

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, Wanganui**
- 3rd Wanganui Collegiate, Wanganui**

ALLAN GARDNER 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 Napier Girls High, Hawkes Bay**
- 3rd Woodford House, 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.

- 1st Hawkes Bay**
- 2nd Wanganui**
- 3rd Nelson/Marlborough**

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**



BRANCH REPORTS

RLSS,AUCKLAND

The Auckland Branch continues to function as an operating Branch despite interest from the wider community being at an all time low. We have, this season, recorded our second lowest award total in 10 years, in spite of our small increase in awards from Diocesan School. Sadly this was offset with depleted numbers from Epsom Girls, Gap students and Girl Guides New Zealand.

As a Branch we bend over backwards to accommodate and fit into the schools' schedules but are finding more and more problems relating to each school. It is now almost impossible to have students released from normal lessons to attend their final assessments and conducting assessments after school hours is out of the question as school pools in Auckland are hired and used by Community groups. This also means that only lunch time is available for instructors to teach, thus the programme becomes protracted, interest wanes, sickness and other commitments can claim as much as 30 % of the initial candidates. At the start of this school year the Branch has given considerable advice and help to schools in planning and executing a better programme. Hopefully we will see a greater number of candidates completing all awards in the new season.

The Branch is indebted to the few stalwart Instructors, Teachers and Examiners and also to the National Executive who have worked tirelessly in difficult circumstances to rise from the rubble of Head Office after the earthquake.

FRANCES AMON

RLSS, WAIKATO/BAY OF PLENTY

Enquiries in regard to Bronze Medallion are handled mainly at weekends, being predominantly from parents and students interested in employment opportunities and those heading overseas to America for summer jobs.

SYDNEY WRIGHT



RLSS, HAWKES BAY

We started the 2012-13 year with no Education Officer, advertised on SEEK and received four local and two overseas applications. We were able to complete a very successful Swim and Survive programme from September through to March with Maxine Hooper. Unfortunately, Maxine resigned and we were lucky to have Shona Brown step in to start the CPR programme for March 2013.

Heretaunga Swim staff trained to provide the Swim and Survive skills several years ago and they incorporate this in their school programme. This year they have provided the service for many Hastings schools, so our solution for providers in Hawkes Bay may be the Pool staff around the area.

In March, Maxine Hooker's liaison with the Taradale Scout clubs allowed us to network in a new area to provide life jackets for their rafting expedition while at camp. Their water safety plans were a perfect model.

Three National trophies have been displayed in the Hastings and Napier Libraries along with DVD screenings of the Bronze Medallion training video.

We are very fortunate to have examiners in all participating schools. Thanks to all the volunteers and to our committee of six who work well together to keep everything flowing.

CYNTHIA REDWOOD

RLSS,WANGANUI

This past year we have continued to achieve results, our awards are up slightly from last year. We seem to be reasonably consistent, Branch members and schools; it would be great to increase numbers in both areas.

The AquaSafe programmes have continued in some schools, thanks to Tracy for the great work done. The basic personal survival and swimming skills when in and around water are so important. We would love to extend the number of schools involved. A big thank you must also go to Caroline MacKay at Wanganui High, Michelle Green at Nga Tawa, Glenys Gilberd at Girls College and Craig Ritani at Collegiate, all teachers who have continued to do really good work with good numbers of RLSS,NZ awards and with Bronze Medallion as NCEA for students doing PE.

We are very proud and give special thanks to Wanganui Collegiate who initiated and moderated the NCEA credits for Bronze Medallion that is now being used in other regions of New Zealand.

Again our annual Interschool Life Saving competitions were successful. Competition was really fierce and results close. The standards and skills of the teams participating were excellent. The Secondary school competition was held again during the Secondary Interschool Swimming Sports, seems to suit the schools.

MARIE BAKER (NZCST Dip)

RLSS,NELSON/MARLBOROUGH

Nelson/Marlborough, as a Branch, continues to oversee the examinations at Base Woodbourne, Blenheim, with key personnel at the Base trained as both Instructors and Examiners, enabling RLSS,NZ to maintain the programme at the RNZAF Joint Services PE & PT School which has been prominent for a number of years now. Unfortunately the panel of qualified personnel is always changing but it is hoped that these service people will continue with the interest and knowledge obtained when they return to their home towns.

The lack of lifesaving activity in the Nelson area continues to be of concern but has received a boost with the introduction of keen personnel, based in Nelson, to carry on with the Society's aims and objectives, and to service any inquiries in the region. Meanwhile responsibility for the Branch administration continues to be maintained from Christchurch.

JUDI JESSOP

RLSS,CANTERBURY

2012-2013 has seen the return of a number of schools to lifesaving programmes. Small groups had been going through awards as pool space allowed but Rangi Ruru had their pool repaired at the end of Term 1, just in time for the year 9's to go through their Bronze Star. Huge thanks to Lesley Joyce whose massive commitment and organisation enabled assessment day for all these girls to run smoothly.

It's great to see some new coaches take on the Rangiora High lifesaving under the guidance of Deidre McCracken, producing some strong candidates for all the awards. Girl Guiding Lincoln and Banks Peninsula again participated in a very successful Rookie evening at the new Rolleston Pool. This new facility is a fantastic asset for the Canterbury Region and will enable more pool space for lifesaving work. The Rookie programme is a fantastic way to get younger children involved in lifesaving and links in brilliantly to the Guiding Water Safety unit.

PENNY RATCLIFF

RLSS,OTAGO

This period has been fairly quiet with not a lot of interest in lifesaving. We are still qualifying pool staff and caregivers annually at the Physiotherapy Pool with the Swimming Pool Staff award. The donation of boats to Moana Pool has proved very regarding and we know that they are being used regularly to acquaint children with safety rules around boats.

We very much appreciate the continuing interest in life saving education at Dunstan High.

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