



# **Royal Life Saving Society New Zealand**

**109th ANNUAL REPORT  
2021-2022**

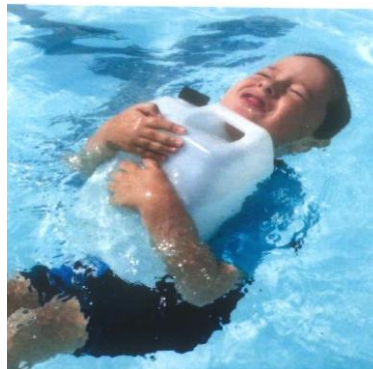
**THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND**

# ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT for the season 2021-2022.

To be presented at the 109th Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Branch of the Society to be held by Skype, on Sunday 09 October 2022.

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**Our vision is to educate every New Zealander to be safe in, on and around water and to be able to render assistance to others who may be in difficulty in an aquatic environment, thus preventing drownings in our community.**

**Everyone can be a lifesaver.**

## PRESIDENT'S REVIEW

With Covid 19 playing havoc again this past year and curtailing a lot of activities nationwide it has been noticeable that our numbers are down. However, we have continued to work hard on developing our relationship with other National bodies and contractors in different areas to promote, the real value in the National Drowning Prevention strategy. We have had to upskill our methods of communication, be it a Skype or Zoom, and we have continued to move forward. Also Sheridan Bruce and Fraser Carson, a web guru, have worked very hard to upgrade/develop a new Website. This project is now completed, looks good.

I am so proud we are part of the Commonwealth Royal Life Saving family. Drowning Prevention is the top priority world-wide and the drowning statistics are horrific in some regions. We all need to work together to address this issue by raising awareness and education.

The Senior Awards Scheme resource has finally been completed and distributed around the country. We extend a very big thank you to Judi and Susan for all the very hard work on updating this first-class resource. They are at the moment working on updating the theory papers to go along with the Senior Award Scheme, but not attached.

It hasn't always been easy but I will take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to my colleagues on the Board for all your hard work. It has been a pleasure working with you all and we have achieved so much. Thank you to all members and others in areas throughout New Zealand who have worked hard in the quest for drowning prevention as stated in our Mission and Vision.

**Our Mission** – *“to prevent drownings in our communities throughout education”*

**Our Vision** – *“to educate every New Zealander to be safe in, on and around water”*



*Marie Baker ONZM, RLSSNZ President*

## **TRUSTEES OF RLSSNZ**

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## AWARDS

Resuscitation	119
Senior Resuscitation	25
AquaSafe	46
Bronze Star	207
Bronze Medallion	84
Bronze Cross	15
Award of Merit	45
Distinction	16
Instructors	13
Examiners	3
Adult/Caregivers	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>582</b>



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, or groups/clubs. It is with pleasure we announce the winners of 2021-2022.

### BAMFORD TROPHY

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

- 1st Rangi Ruru, Canterbury
- 2nd Scots College, Wellington
- 3rd Napier Girls, Napier

### ALLAN GARDNER TROPHY

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

- 1st Sacred Heart, Napier
- 2nd Wanganui Girls, Wanganui
- 3rd Epsom Girls Grammar, Auckland

## **JUBILEE CUP**

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

- 1st RNZAF Woodbourne
- 2nd Linton Military
- 3rd Girls Guides New Zealand

## **CENTENARY TROPHY**

The Centenary Trophy was presented for the first time in the Society's Centenary year by the RLSS Commonwealth and is to be awarded to the Primary School with the greatest AquaSafe candidates in the year.

- 1st Home Schooling, Kaipara



## OBITUARIES

It is with sadness we record the passing of two long-standing RLSSNZ stalwarts – Myra Larcombe and Neil Lanyon. Both have done so much work for RLSSNZ over more than 60 years. These two members were very strong supporters and tireless workers in all aspects of the Society, knowledgeable and generous, always willing to give of their time and skills. They will both be missed greatly.

MYRA BEATRICE LARCOMBE died 09 April 2022 at the age of 95. Myra was a fountain of knowledge and was highly respected for it, giving so much to all. She was very generous in so many ways throughout the Northland Region where she played a prominent part in both Swimming New Zealand and the Royal Life Saving Society, each benefitted immensely from her commitment to ensure that all under her “umbrella” were introduced at a young age to water safety and survival. As an Instructor and Examiner for the Society, she left her mark in the world of life saving with many candidates throughout the years appreciative of her time and effort, both in preparing them and assessing them for the full range of available awards. She was involved with such a wide range of teaching water safety and swimming to the less fortunate. Nothing was too much for her; the sound advice so readily given; a wonderful achiever for so many years. Myra was a very valued member of RLSSNZ and we hold precious memories of her.

NEIL ALFRED JAMES LANYON died 14 April 2022 after a long illness at the age of 82. He was a dedicated member of the Canterbury and spent more than 60 years doing RLSSNZ work. Neil was a great swimmer himself representing Canterbury in his younger years and was also involved in Water Polo. Many will remember him in his role as a lifeguard at Centennial Pool in Christchurch for many years. He has held various roles on the Board including Treasurer. After the earthquakes destroyed the Headquarters in Christchurch 2010/11 and Head Office was moved to Whanganui Neil became part of the Board that was tasked to revitalize RLSSNZ and played a vital part in sorting things.

Neil did so much for lifesaving in Canterbury. He assessed thousands of students over the years for their lifesaving awards and his energy, enthusiasm and commitment was amazing. He gave so much of his time to lifesaving. He was instrumental in supporting the teaching of lifesaving in schools and spent many years coaching the students at St Margaret's College for both their awards and the many successful wins for the Monica Thacker Competition. He was a key examiner, committee member and was so knowledgeable and generous in so many ways. Neil continued to be passionate about lifesaving throughout his life and examined students for their awards up until the last few years. Neil was still involved in the branch committee until his death. RLSSNZ are proud to pay tribute to Neil for the man he was and all the work he did for RLSSNZ. He will be sorely missed in the Canterbury region especially.



## Judith Anne Jessop – Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit

Judi Jessop has been a member of the Royal Life Saving Society, New Zealand (RLSSNZ) for many years and the Society has benefitted from her membership. She has worked tirelessly teaching and examining young people and has applied the same drive in helping to re-establish the Society in her capacity as Secretary in a voluntary role, following the Christchurch earthquakes 2010/2011.

Judi was a stalwart of the RLSS Nelson/Marlborough Branch with many years' service as an Instructor and Examiner, along with the administrative roles she held for that Branch. She has contributed to lifesaving and water safety in this region and nationally for more than 40 year.

Judi was elected delegate to the Society in 1976 Executive Board of the Royal Life Saving Society. She was Co-convenor of the Social and organising the 6<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Life Saving Christchurch in 1988 and has represented New Zealand at international competitions between 1988 and 2019. She was and has since been Secretary. She has been Examiner and Instructors across the South



Following the 'Spark of Life' conference in New Zealand Standards of Basic Life Support Zealand Resuscitation Council in 1996. She Standards of Life Support and the revision of 'immersion', 'hypothermia' and 'recovery position' which lead to the work being published in the *Basic Resuscitation 2005* and *Emergency Care for First Responders 2004* manuals.

Judi has presented workshops and classes for Physical Education New Zealand, helping the RLSSNZ's Bronze Medallion to become a NCEA qualification.

It is impossible to fairly measure the total amount of effort, energy, enthusiasm, time, general advice and guidance expended by Judi. We, in recognizing the strengths of Judi in lifesaving and water safety, know she has unselfishly given all of these attributes to the Society to ensure its continuance in New Zealand.

Judi's dedication and commitment to the RLSSNZ is an inspiration and example to others. She has been the recipient of a Commonwealth Vice-President award in 2007; His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent Certificate of Merit in 2016 and in view of the outstanding service at Branch, National and International level, the RLSSNZ had no hesitation in supporting this nomination for a Queen's Service Award.

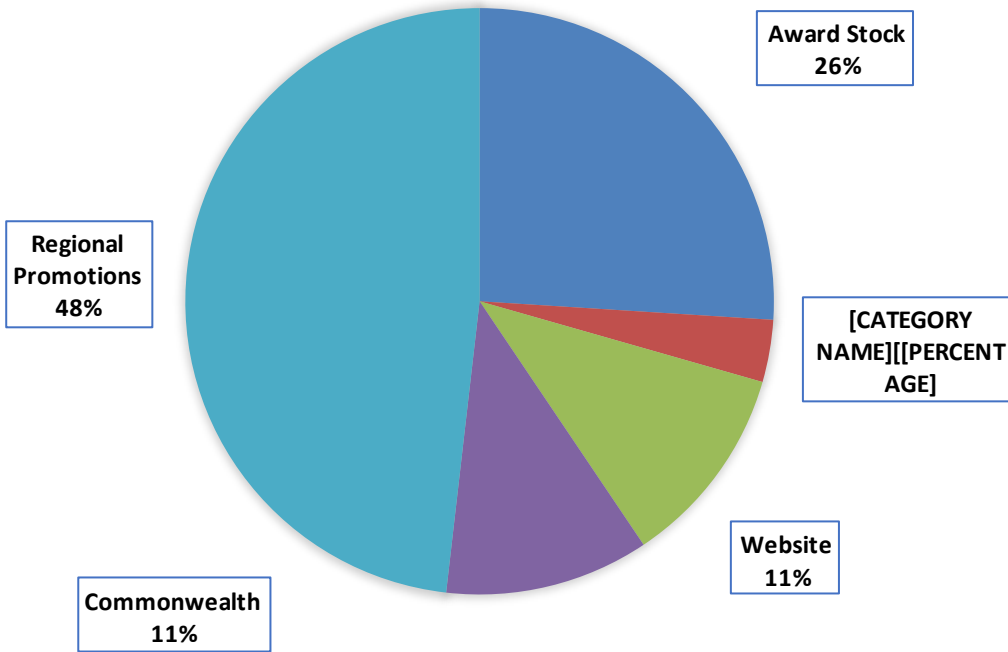
and appointed as New Councilor on the Society, New Zealand (RLSSNZ) in 1988. Alternative Programme subcommittee, Council Conference and Competition in Zealand at international conferences and President of RLSSNZ from 2005 to 2009, the main overseer for the training of Island.

Melbourne in 1993, she helped review the that lead to the formation of the New was heavily involved in the adoption of the

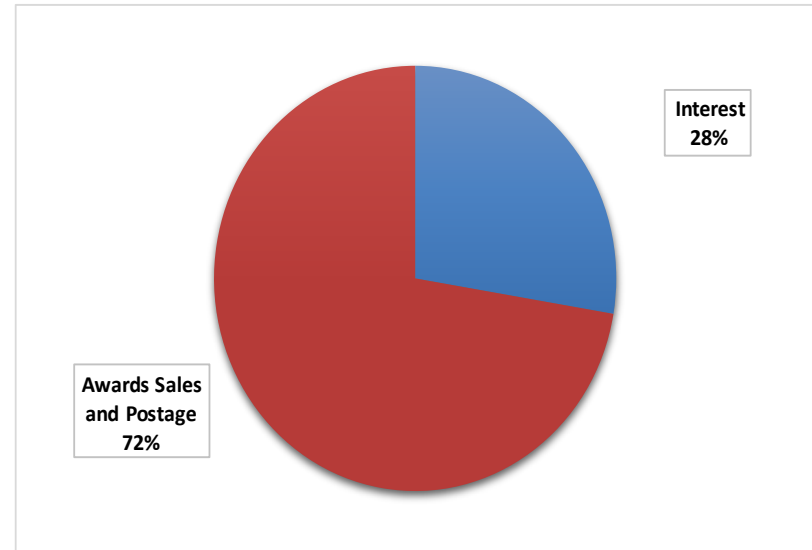


## Pie Chart of Financial Result for Year ended 30<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Expenses Breakdown as Follows: Total Value \$8.947



Receipts Breakdown as Follows: Total Value \$8,052



# AWARDS 2021 - 2022

## AWARDS SOLD

Bronze Star	50
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**TOTAL 210**

## AWARD %

