



Royal Life Saving Society New Zealand

**107th ANNUAL REPORT
2019-2020**

THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT for the year 2019-2020

To be presented at the 107th Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Branch of the Society to be held by Skype, on Sunday 18 October 2020.

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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.

PRESIDENT'S REVIEW

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

It certainly has been a very strange year with the outbreak of the Coronavirus 19 causing a worldwide pandemic and lockdowns everywhere. We have never in our lifetime had to deal with anything like this, quite an eyeopener for all. We have been lucky in New Zealand that we have managed to move to a Level one event, unlike some areas that still have very high numbers of infections and deaths. Due to this outbreak and lockdown RLSSNZ has been unable to conduct courses and awards as aquatic facilities have been closed and people isolated. Our numbers are down quite considerably but we have managed to continue to communicate throughout by on-line methods, very new to a lot of us but we have learnt new skills which has enable us to continue moving forward.

We have continued working hard on developing our relationships with other National Bodies and Contractors in different areas, to promote, teach and examine our awards and programmes which are really valuable in the Drowning Prevention strategy, and much sort after.

Judi and Susan have been working on updating the Senior Award Scheme, now getting close to completion. I must say a very big thank you to you both, also to others who have contributed. When this is done we will have completed a very big task of updating and renewing resources that really needed to be done.

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 lot, although this hasn't always been easy. 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 Vision:

“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.



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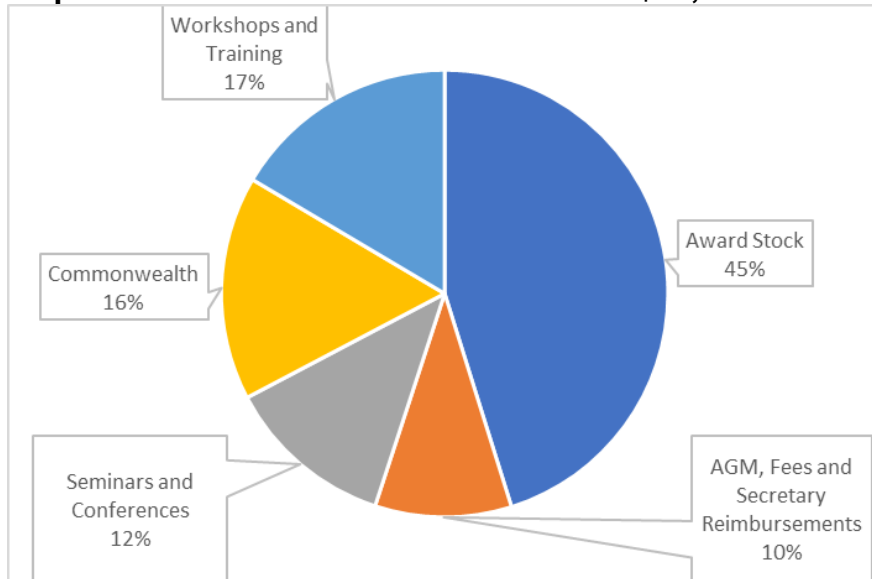
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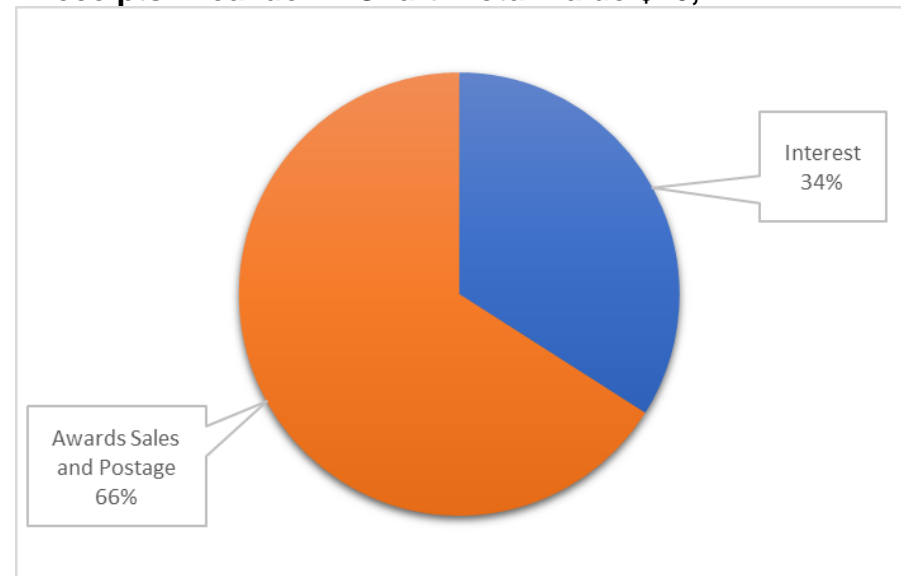
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FINANCIAL REPORT – YEAR ENDING 30TH JULY 2020

Expenses Breakdown Chart: Total Value \$10,308

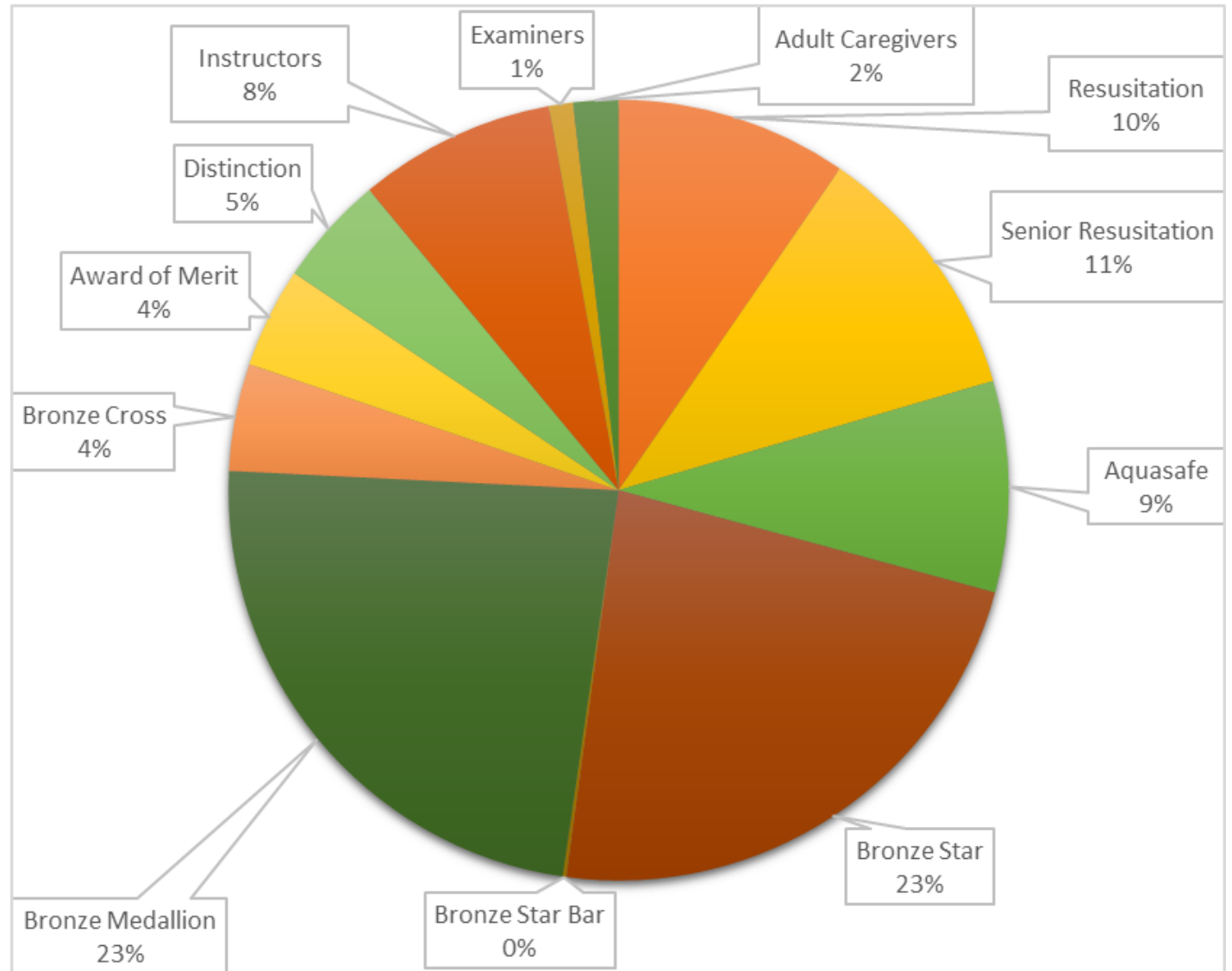


Receipts Breakdown Chart: Total Value \$16,744



AWARDS

Resuscitation	67
Senior Resuscitation	76
AquaSafe	61
Bronze Star	160
Bronze Star Bar	1
Bronze Medallion	164
Bronze Cross	31
Award of Merit	29
Distinction	32
Instructors	57
Examiners	7
Adult Caregiver	13
TOTAL	698



As with many activities an element of competition serves to add spice to everyday activities. The Society is fortunate to have a number of trophies to award nationally to schools or groups/clubs. It is with pleasure we announce the winners of 2019-2020.

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
- 2nd St Margaret's
- 3rd Whanganui Girls College

ALLAN GARDNER TROPHY

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

- 1st Epsom Girls Grammar
- 2nd Whanganui Girls College
- 3rd Whanganui Collegiate

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 Methven Swimming Club
- 3rd GAP

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 Te Kura Kaupapa Maori O Tupoho Whanganui