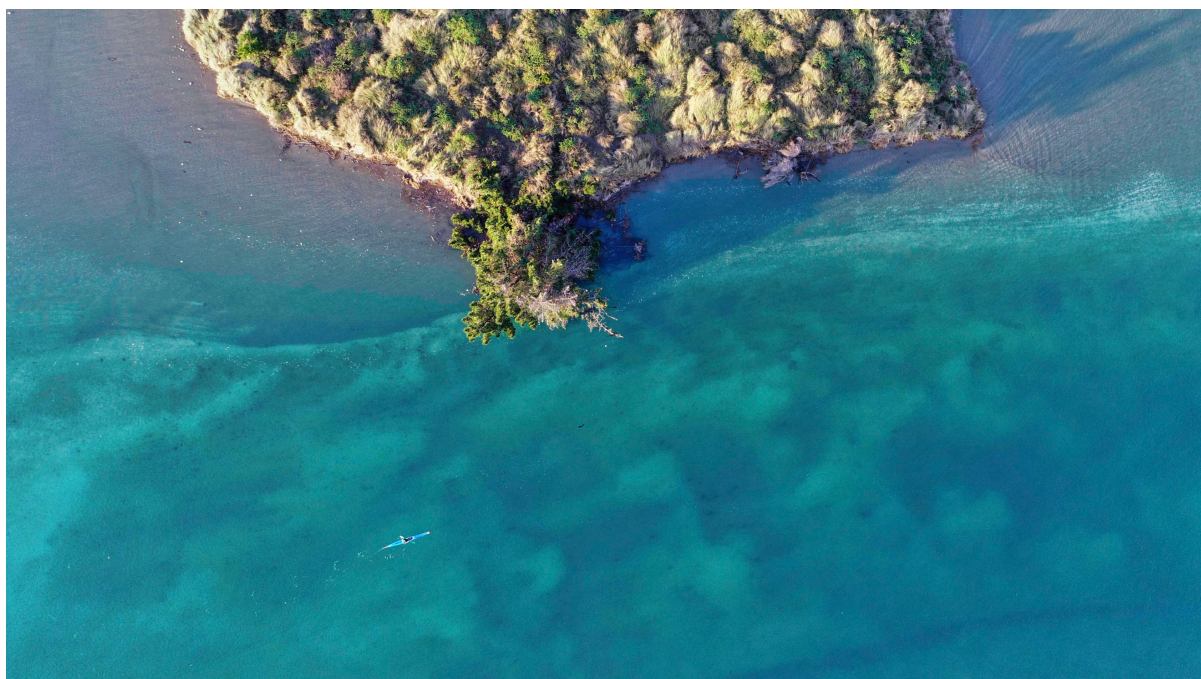


Warrington SLSC Chair's Report

2020 – 2021 Season

As always, the past season has been a busy one! Our lifeguards and athletes have represented the club spectacularly and our social events were also a great success. It is great to see club membership growing and so many people enjoying themselves while involved in club activities. Of course, it wasn't all smooth sailing, with COVID-19 once again causing the cancellation of some of our national sporting events. Despite this, we achieved some fantastic results throughout the season and are proud of all the hard work our athletes have put in. We also had a busier than usual lifeguarding season, with several rescues providing a good opportunity for us to make sure we are providing a high standard of drowning prevention to the community.

There have been a few key highlights for me over the past season, the first of which being the 40th anniversary party that was held earlier this year. It was great to have so many current and past members come together, and even better that we were able to celebrate both our club's history and our new life member, Glenys Clements. Other season highlights for me were getting the new website up and running (www.warringtonslsc.org) and finalising the details of our 5-year strategic plan.

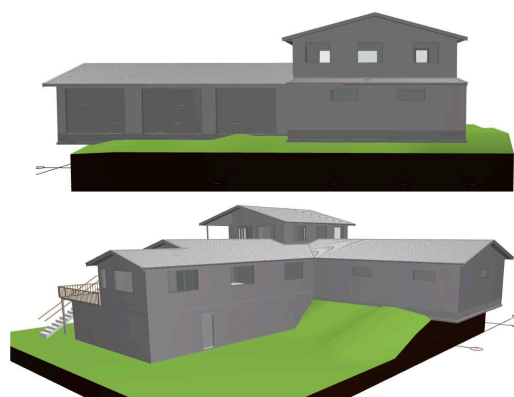


Lifeguarding

We welcomed another two lifeguards to our cohort this year and it was great to see them patrolling the beach and getting involved with senior sport throughout the season. Congratulations to Briar and Rachel for achieving your lifeguard awards! We have also had a great number of lifeguards complete their rock rescue module and IRB crew award, which gives us improved capacity to service difficult to reach areas. Warrington SLSC also contributed some funds towards a regional Rescue Water Craft (jet ski), which is great news for any keen lifeguard as our members will be prioritised for training courses. As always, we love seeing our members grow their skills and take advantage of the great courses that SLSNZ has to offer.

Our volunteer lifeguards completed 1011.25 hours over the season, and it was great to have Warrington club members doing the vast majority of our regional guard hours as well. 10 rescues and 6 first aid responses were completed over the season, earning Warrington SLSC both second and third place in Rescue of the Month for March 2021.

Looking ahead, preparations for a renovation of our lifeguard facilities are in full swing! Key maintenance is being completed prior to the start of summer, and plans are being drawn up for a new lifeguard space and further gear storage. This will replace the A-frame building and Skyline garage. Building is likely to commence late 2022. We have also been working on a drowning prevention project which uses drones and artificial intelligence to spot rips, and aim to run the first live trials next season.



Junior Sport

Club days and swimming sessions were well attended and enjoyed by all over the past season, and it was great to see our nippers achieving great results at competitions as well! Otago Junior Champs saw Warrington competitors achieve a great number of placings across both beach and water events, pushing the club into third place overall. Southern Junior Champs showed similar success, with great results achieved by all competitors. The number of nippers we now have who are stepping up to these bigger competitions is fantastic, congratulations to you all for a great season. Over the winter season, our junior competitors were a force to be reckoned with at pool champs, earning 11 placings in the Otago/Southland competition, and Zara Owen claiming first in both her events at Southern Region Pool Champs

Southern Region Junior Champs Results

Competitor	Event	Placing
Jake Harkness	U10 Male Beach Sprint	1 st
Ruby Harkness	U8 Female Beach Sprint	2 nd
Annabelle Scott Evie Peddie Molly Gilbert Zara Owen	U9 Female Cameron Relay	1 st
Evie Peddie Molly Gilbert Zara Owen	U9 Female Board Relay	1 st
Zara Owen	U9 Female Diamond	1 st
Zara Owen	U9 Female Board Race	1 st
Fergus Laws	U10 Male Board Race	3 rd
Julien Sterk	U8 Male Run-Wade-Run	3 rd
Zara Owen	U9 Female Beach Flags	3 rd
Fergus Laws	U10 Male Beach Flags	3 rd



Senior Sport

Senior sport at Warrington went from strength to strength this season, with fantastic levels of commitment shown by the athletes. Unfortunately the National Championships had to be cancelled due to the return of our old friend covid, which was incredibly disappointing for everyone involved. Prior to this, Warrington dominated the canoe arena, winning all Otago Champs titles and six out of eight titles at Southern Champs. There were great levels of participation across the board in Otago Champs as well, with our athletes gaining 32 placings, putting the club in second. It is fantastic to see senior sport so strong at the club, and we look forward to seeing it continue to grow.

Warrington teams also competed in IRB Racing events and unlike last season, Southern Champs and Nationals were able to go ahead. It was great to see the successes of the team at both events, with a notable 8 placings earned at Southern Champs. It was the first time that Nationals has been live streamed as well, which was well enjoyed by supporters!

