

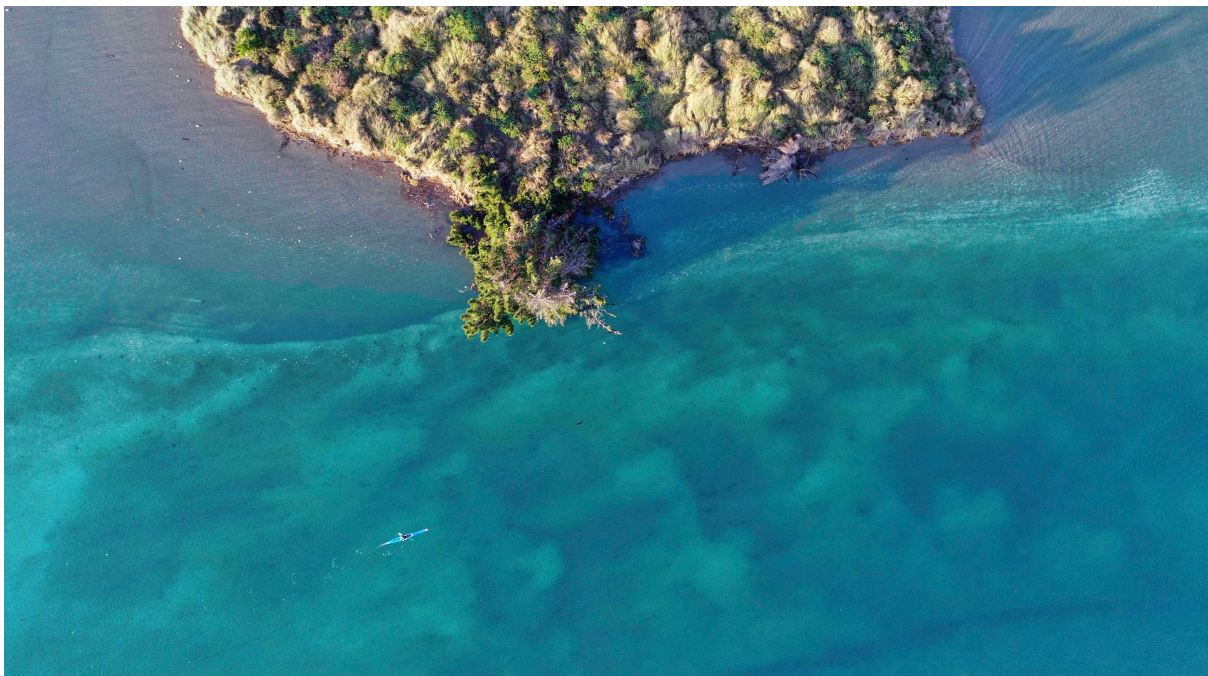
Warrington SLSC Chair's Report

2021 – 2022 Season

It was great to see so much involvement throughout the season in every part of the club, from lifeguarding to sport to social events. Our social events in particular have been going from strength to strength, and I think this is a space we will continue to see improvements in!

The building project is coming along nicely, with the club securing \$50,000 of funding from the government's SLSNZ Capital Expenditure fund to help bring the project to the build stage over the next year. Building is estimated to begin July next year.

On a strategic level, we completed many of our goals for this season, although there are still a fair number which did not get actioned. It is difficult to get a clear picture of the club's position due to lack of accessibility to our patrols and membership data. Due to this we are partnering with SLSNZ, St Clair SLSC, and Brighton SLSC to fund a project which will provide us with an automated monthly dashboard of our key metrics. This will give us a much better understanding of how we are tracking throughout the season and help us meet more of our strategic goals.



Lifeguarding

This season we welcomed 5 new lifeguards to our patrols which was awesome! I look forward to seeing everyone grow their skills over the coming seasons and continue to get involved in training and patrols. We also saw many of our lifeguards upskill this season with great participation in IRB training and other courses such as first aid, instructors, and patrol captains. I would particularly like to congratulate Rebecca McNaughton for becoming Warrington's first RWC driver!

This season our lifeguards completed 1834 hours, with 896 members of the public being involved in preventative actions. 10 rescues and 15 assists were recorded, alongside 3 major first aid incidents and 7 minor ones. We worked on improving our operational capacity as well, running training scenarios during patrols to help give our guards more real life context to their training courses. I would also like to extend a big thank you to Dani Gager for patrolling 83 volunteer hours this season – the highest in the club.

We also had great results come through in the Otago/Southland Awards of Excellence earlier this year. Warrington SLSC won both Patrol Club of the Year and Innovation of the Year which just shows how much effort our awesome volunteers are putting in on the beach.



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 5 placings recorded. The number of nippers we now have who are stepping up to these bigger competitions is fantastic, congratulations to everyone for a great season. Many of our nippers are spending time in the pool at the moment gearing up towards pool champs. It's great to see training continuing throughout winter.

A big congratulations goes to those who were recognised at the Otago/Southland awards of excellence as well! These results were as follows:

- Jane Schofield: Service to Junior Coaching Award
- Zara Owen: Richard Murray Award



Senior Sport

Once again we had fantastic participation and results in senior sport, as well as another cancellation of nationals. Hopefully this won't become a pattern as it would be great to get to nationals again at some point! Warrington dominated the canoe arena again this season, winning all Otago Champs titles and all female titles at Southern Champs. There were great levels of participation across the board in Otago Champs as well, despite the freezing conditions on the day. There was a wonderful focus on participation and getting involved, and I would like to acknowledge how amazing the officials were at fostering that spirit.

Aside from the standard competition results, we also saw some success in the Otago/Southland Awards of Excellence. Congratulations to everyone that was recognised:

- Mark Familton: Official of the Year
- Eli Familton: Top U19 Male Competitor
- Mark Hastie: Top Open Male Competitor, Top Open Ironman
- Mark, Ken, Gerard, Kayle: Top Open Male Canoe Team
- Warrington SLSC: Top U19 Male Club

We also saw our oldest canoe go on the trip of her lifetime with our open women's team! A multiday paddle around Abel Tasman National Park (with a few cyclone remnants getting in the way) was an amazing experience and one we hope to build on in future years as an epic training camp for our canoe teams.



