

## WELCOME, BY CLUB PRESIDENT SIR BOB HARVEY

Presidents report for Cauldron Decemeber 2019

ON Sunday I was proud as your president to welcome to the first nippers of the 2019-20 season at Karekare. What a fantastic group we had with their parents. I'm proud to see families from all over West Auckland coming out and supporting our club and introduction their children to Karekare.

The club is on a roll, the funding for our new clubhouse has gone exceptionally well in the past month. We have added nearly \$400K to our target, so we are getting very close. The Auckland Council has been a magnificent supporter for our access way and I would like to thank sincerely council officers Mace Ward of Parks and Leigh Redshaw of Planning. The access road has been a really difficult and challenging item for the last 5 years with a number of different concepts being looked at, rejected or simply too expensive for funding. We believe we have finally found a suitable solution and negotiated accordingly.

A number of family trusts from local families have been very generous and supportive with donations for our current season. A huge thank you to the Williams Family, the Simpson Family, The Burt Family and also The Gill Family who contacted the club after the theft of our vehicle and made a very generous donation of \$10,000. We thank them all sincerely.

The buy bunk project has taken off with many club and local families buying a bunk or part of one. If you haven't bought a bunk yet, it is time to give the club a Xmas present, anything from \$100 will see your family name recognized and shining on a bunk in the new surf club. If this isn't your thing we happily take donations for any items you would like to see in the new clubhouse – receipts can be provided for all donations which are tax deductible.

Some breaking and exciting news we are close to having our new website up and running. It is still a work in progress but it will be our online flagship with our history, photographs and fundraising details. I would like to thank Matt Wade for taking over this project and pushing it along. We will have the ability to update this information at all times so send us your news and views. It is part of our exciting future.

For the last year the club has wrestled with a Code of Conduct for our members on and off the beach. personally I feel it is long overdue, I would like to thank the working party – Kubi and Jeremy who kindly gave me their thoughts and wisdom to craft what I consider one of the finest Code of Conducts which represents the spirit and essence of our club. It combines pride, trust and respect for the beach and each other.

The new Code of Conduct is listed below.

I hope you agree that it is a fine document and we can be proud living up to it in the years ahead.

Like all members I've been patrolling this year and what a new positive spirit in the club when we head into this summer of excellence and towards the start of our new building project which will commence March 2020. There is a great feeling of leadership and commitment that I am delighted to be a part of.

Finally congratulations to Shay Scott and Jess Wanden-Hannay who achieved their IRB drivers this past month. A special thanks to Michael Lockie and Eric Davis who has supported our club for the past season in qualifying now 4 new IRB drivers.

May I wish you all a happy and safe summer on the beach and everywhere.

See you between the flags, after all we are in it for life.

Sir Bob Harvey  
PRESIDENT

## CODE OF CONDUCT

*Karekare surf lifesaving club, Founded 1935*

### **He waka eke noa**

*A canoe which we are all in with no exception*

### **Te Warena Taua**

- I am Karekare, I belong to this beach
- I am a proud volunteer lifeguard, my skill is valued
- This is my beach, this is my place
- I will do my duty as a lifeguard and club member with pride
- I will be the best I can be
- My rights and privileges are no greater or less than any other member of the club
- I will respect those that have come before and will continue to do the same for those afterwards
- I will treat others with dignity and respect
- I will protect my fellow lifeguards, we are a team
- I will celebrate diversity and difference
- I will speak up against destructive behaviour
- I will not condone disrespectful behaviour

I am the spirit of Karekare.... Alone we can do but together we can do more

We are a proud social responsible club, if you wish to make a complaint please contact one of our Social Responsibility Officers

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS....

Junior Surf Members:

Welcome Remy and Nova Smythe who have joined Junior Surf along with their Mum Xanthe and Dad  
 Isabel McFarlane who has joined with her son Luca  
 Anna and Matt Atkinson and their children Harry and Pippa  
 Pam and Jeff with their children Kaia and Aria  
 Nicky Pacey and her daughter Lizzie  
 Sam Duncan with Hayley and Cole  
 And thank you to all those other parents who came and gave the Junior Surf a trial

Welcome Ashley Goodspeed - Ashley is Shay Scott's partner and is a qualified lifeguard in Australia. After Shay's enthusiasm this past summer Ashley is keen to be on patrol between the flags now also. Ashley has been a busy Mum this past year just completing her teachers training - well done Ashley.

Also welcome to Estelle Chatanoud who is married to local Sam Clark and has a young son at Lone Kauri school. Estelle qualified in France and is keen to join patrol 1 - lucky they serve Kiri's delicious scones there. Please make Estelle welcome and help her to learn about the interesting characteristics of conditions at Karekare beach.

Welcome Aroha Chinchawala who is a friend of Lilian Pye and is joining patrol 4 and keen to complete her bronze training this coming summer.

Also welcome local Quinn Menton who has moved to Karekare with his Mum local cook extraordinaire Claire Inwood. Quinn will be down on the beach most Sunday's joining patrols as he is keen to get his bronze this summer.

## Karekare Surf Lifesaving AGM update

August seems a million miles away now that the birds are chirping and the sun is shining, but once again Karekare held our Annual General Meeting and prize giving on Sunday 25 August at Swanson RSA.

A huge thank you to Swanson RSA who once again donated the meeting space to our club for the night.

We were fortunate to have Matt Williams CEO of Northern Region, Leigh Redshaw - Auckland Council representative and Pia Harpour NR representative attend our meeting. Leigh came to reassure our membership the Council are fully supportive of our new building project and want to see it happen. They will work with our Funding Development Group to make the project a reality.

New Officers for the club were elected:

Chair: Andy Shaw

President: Sir Bob Harvey

Lifesaving Chair: Shay Scott

Finance Chair: Charles Lawson

Junior Surf Chair: Mark Chaafe

Sports Chair: Vacant

Committee: Fraser Harvey, Jeremy Gershen, Karl Law, Kubi Witten-Hannah

Club Captain: Matt Wade

Junior Club Captain: Ben Fischer

Equipment Officer: Karl Law

Treasurer: Mareta Pye

Clubhouse Director: Eric Davis

Powercraft Officer: Sam Turbott

It was great to see a range of club members stepping into new leadership roles and some "older hands" being there to support. This season Matt Wade and Karel Witten-Hannah will support Shay Scott in the lifesaving Chair role also.

The highlight of the night though was when we honoured our new Life Member Ray Baillie. Many of you would have met Ray over the years - he has been in the club for over 40. Ray joined in 1973, received service certificate and medallion in 1975. In 1976 he was awarded for one of the great rescues in NZ history. He was a young man staying in the club when someone came running up - there are 3 people in the Cauldron in the dawn. Without hesitating Ray Baillie jumped out of bed, grabbed some fins and saved their lives.

Ray gained Auckland Rescue of the Year and NZ Rescue of the Year and the Royal Humane Medal of Bravery. Ray has been patrolling ever since and continues to still patrol. Ray in his speech said "This club has been a huge part of my life - nearly 50 years. We are out there saving lives, but all I can say is this club probably saved my life. I am so proud, it is a special place".

Ray we are all really proud of you every day that you give up your weekends to ensure the safety of our beach. Well Done!!

The night concluded with our club prize giving from the 2018-19 season. Congratulations to all our members who received recognition for all their efforts and hard work over the course of the season.

LIFEGUARD OF THE YEAR Ben Fischer

McLarin Family Trophy, sports points: Eti Eves, Mike Mulcahy and Clint Bishop (Mangawhai Long Board Comps)

RA Harvey Trophy Best contributor to patrols and competition Eti Eves

Frank Currilli Trophy Best lady member Jess Wanden-Hannay

J Clementson Cup Best junior member Felix La Roche

Most Improved Member Riley Francis

Betty Hanson Cup Most improved junior or rookie male Horace Oliver and Ben Wanden-Hannay

Hanson Cup Most improved junior or rookie female

Mia Hepburn and Brooke Lane

Lifesaving Officers Cup For contribution as a member of the  
Lifesaving Committee Fraser Harvey

Red Knight Challenge IRB driver of the year Brent Lane

Rae Simpson Cup Best Patrol Captain Shay Scott

Witten-Hannah Cup Services to Junior Surf Julie Mercer

Eddie Millar Trophy Best supporter outside the club ie sponsor or donor Bunnings Mt Wellington

LJ Golding Cup Best supporter inside the club

Jane Hepburn for her work with the Million Dollar Mission fundraiser

Reed Cup Best contributor to all round club activity Mark Chaafe

Les Golding Cup Rescue of the year Patrol 3

Wooden Spoon Stirring- Chester

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW IRB DRIVERS

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CONGRATULATIONS TO JESS WANDEN-HANNAY AND SHAY SCOTT WHO SAT THEIR IRB DRIVERS AT PIHA ON SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER. BOTH SUCCESSFULLY PASSED.

A huge thank you to Michael Lockie Piha Club Captain who worked with our members to train them up over the winter months in preparation for their exam.

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### Karekare New Life Member

At our recent AGM on Sunday 25 August Ray Baillie a member and lifeguard for over 40 years was honoured with a club life membership.

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## THE BIG PRE-SEASON CLEANUP

As we have done for the past few years we once again held our annual working bee to get the club surroundings and gear all setup and ready to go for the season.

Unfortunately a big storm had rolled through Karekare the week before so the basement was full of black silty sand once again - nothing that a few good brooms and some teenage strength didn't fix. It was great to see some of our young guards Riley, Ben, Gully, Sam and Felix at the club lending a hand and the more mature gang were on hand with the weed eaters and brute strength.

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## BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

The club are very pleased to advise we have welcome the following members and friends of Karekare to the Club Funding Committee.

### *Mr Ross Clow*

A great friend of the club as former Chairman of Portage Trust and former Chairman of Auckland Council Funding Committee. Ross brings a huge amount of support and mana to the club.

### *Mr Denis Black*

A great friend of Surf Lifesaving in Auckland, New Zealand and involvement with Piha Surf Lifesaving Club. Denis has been involved with the rebuilding of the Piha Surf Club over the decades and the Auckland Rescue Centre. Denis is helping to advise us on our funding strategy and we welcome him sincerely.

### *Mr David Munro*

Welcome back former Chair of our Club and life long lifeguard and local of Karekare. David has a wealth of knowledge as a negotiator and facilitator in his business life but is also extremely fine strategist. The President Sir Bob welcomes David back working again with the club.

The club has had a number of successful meetings in recent time with the Council, Mace Ward and Leigh Redshaw who are very supportive of our project and are trying to help us push the project across the line.

We are however still a little short on the funds for a start date, but are anticipating if things can fall into place in the next month or two that we will start in March 2020. This is in part to avoid the busy summer period when the walking track will need to be prepared for vehicles to access the site for demolition and building and will mean as little inconvenience to beach goers as possible.

We have a number of submissions sitting with organisations such as NZ Racing Board, One Foundation, Four Winds, David Levene Foundation, Ted Manson Foundation and Akaranga Foundation that we are waiting on responses from. Please support the club by sponsoring a bunk, as this potentially could be a \$64,000 fundraiser and could make the difference between us starting - remember every cent counts.

Our preferred Contractor is still available till March and very keen to be involved in our project, and as the building industry is slowing down a little this may go in our favour as prices for materials have stabilized of late.

An update on the Funding Team has meant Stephen Pye has stepped down from his position, however the project is still very much on track with Andy Shaw and Bob Harvey stepping up to work with our paid Project Management Team, Auckland Council and with the support of local Duncan Stuart.

So that means the club will remain in our current premises for this very last season. Please be mindful the building whilst safe requires TLC to get us through the next season.

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# LIFESAVING NEWS

## LIFESAVING REPORT CAULDRON

The season has now been underway for a month and all patrols have had a few days on the beach. Special thanks to Sam and Patrol 5 who opened the season on Labour weekend and did the 3 days, hence why they have been enjoying a bit of a break from patrolling while the rest of the patrols do a few days.

By now most patrols should have completed their refreshers, if not please head out to the beach any weekend. The Patrol Captain on duty can sign off any member once they have completed the necessary questions and scenarios. IRB drivers can be refreshed by an experienced IRB driver.

We are underway with the planning for the Splore Team for 2020, thanks to those that have expressed an interest in attending. One of the conditions is you need to have your membership subs paid up and refreshed for the season so please make sure these are done. Thank you to Shalema who will be co-ordinating the event again on behalf of the club.

Last month I was fortunate enough to achieve my IRB drivers along with Jess Wanden-Hannay so congratulations to Jess. Special thanks to Michael Lockie from Piha who has helped train many of our drivers in the past 2 seasons. Remember to support our new drivers and Patrol Captains as they come to terms with their new roles and responsibilities. Jess and Charles will also be completing Patrol Captains courses in December.

Thank you to all those who have recently refreshed their first aid courses, having up to date first aiders is vital to our patrols.

Jess Courtney is off to Intermediate Guard in December and we look forward to hearing her experiences. We have many different opportunities for guards to attend courses such as Intermediate Guard, Senior Guard and Youth Development – please look out for these when Teresa sends them out. They are great opportunities to not only develop your skills as a lifeguard but also in leadership roles and to personally challenge yourself and meet other club members from different beaches around the country.

Matt Wade has completed a drone course at Massey last week and will be working on a programme for the club and some funding to purchase a couple of drones. This will be an exciting addition to our lifesaving tools and Matt will fill you in on more details of the course later in the newsletter.

Looking forward to a great season ahead, enjoy the summer break – I'll be heading to the cold with my family for Christmas so will be missing some good beach action.

Cheers  
Shay

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Those of you who have made it out to the beach this season so far would have spotted the flash new covers on the sides of the equipment trailer.

Thanks to Fraser for organising these and also for a donation from a past member to pay for them.

Here is Patrol 5 enjoying Labour weekend in a cozy shelter from the ever ferocious westerlies.

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Heres a couple of photos of Patrol 4 with Riley and Dylan practicing some patient pickups in some good sized shore breaks. As you can see it took a while before Riley remembered that the point was to stay in the boat when doing a rescue...

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## CLUB CAPTAIN UPDATE....

Hi all, great to see everyone come out of winter hibernation and get down on the beach over the past few weeks- thanks heaps to everyone who got involved at the pre season working bee and/or lent a hand to the club reestablishment led by Eric- moving back in to get the old club up and ticking over just in time for the season.

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A warm welcome to our new and prospective members, I've met a few of you down on the beach and its great to hear and see your enthusiasm around joining Karekare lifesaving club. The seasons shaping up to be a busy one with many Waitakere walking tracks closed and potentially hotter weather courtesy of climate change sending more people than ever to the beach. Already there has been a bit of activity with our call out squad getting involved in a number of incidents- and thanks goes to the guys and gals who give up even more of their precious time to help those in need after the rest of us have headed home. I was proud of fellow clubbies Bog and Brent from Patrol 4 who hung back at the car park at the end of a days patrolling to help out a distressed Chilean couple who had had their car broken into and passports stolen- hopefully the kind actions of our guys went at least some way to offsetting that of the scumbag/s involved. I guess a timely reminder for us all not to leave valuables in your car while patrolling. Pleasing to see the patrol captains coordinating refreshers of their respective patrols and getting the paperwork completed- remember this all goes towards our funding so please make the effort to ensure you have been refreshed and the forms filled in. If you are out on the beach remember to keep an eye out for each other and stay safe. Identify anything or any activity that has the potential to cause harm to lifeguards or beach goers and take some action to eliminate or reduce the risk of an injury happening- if you see someone doing or about to do something unsafe then call it out before it becomes a problem. Look after your team and look after the gear. As we head towards the crazy part of year, if you are on patrol- don't forget to make the most of it, bring some or all the family out, have a laugh with your mates, catch some rays, a wave or 2 (or a fish). Challenge yourself to get out of your comfort zone, get involved, ask some questions or share some knowledge, engage with the public and most importantly have some fun- make patrolling enjoyable and something to look forward to!

In a case of get your rotors running and head out on the flyway- I was privileged to completed a RPAS (Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems) course at Massey University. I will give you all run through what the purpose for doing this was and what we covered in the next cauldron as I have literally completed the exam this week and am waiting on results so don't want to pre-empt anything, needless to say we will be in a good position to take advantage of the evolution of this technology that benefit lifeguarding over the next few years, whilst operating safely and within the Civil Aviation Authorities constraints- more to come on this soon.

Merry Christmas all and see you on the beach! – Matt

## THE KAREKARE LIFESAVING VEHICLE STOLEN

For those that missed the Lifesaving headlines at Labour weekend our new Toyota Hilux Lifesaving Vehicle was at the forefront of the media.

Sadly on Friday 25 October the vehicle was stolen during several burglaries of local properties in Karekare. It was spotted heading up Lone Kauri Road with the flashing lights and with thanks to Social Media word quickly spread about our loss. We had sightings in West Auckland and Kopu. But Saturday brought good and bad news, the vehicle had been recovered but it was not in a good state. The perpetrator had run from the Police when they had come across him and after damaging several Police cars he was road spiked and continued to drive on the rims. Between Friday and Saturday he had taken the vehicle and stripped it of all the racks, seat covers, radio and hand painted it with primer and covered all the sponsors. Needless to say the perpetrator was arrested.

Naturally our club members, Toyota Financial Services and Northern Region are incredibly disappointed to have one of their vehicles disfigured and abused in such a manner.

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## huge thanks

Out of adversity comes some good though, when the Gill Family of Karekare heard about our vehicle being stolen they contacted the club and kindly donated \$10,000 to our lifesaving operation for the season.

A huge thank you to you all, we really appreciate your generosity.

## Watch out for thieves!

We have word there have been a number of break ins to vehicles at Karekare recently so please do not leave valuables in your vehicle that are visible and surfies, don't leave the keys in usual suspect places as there has been cars stolen this way also

## CALLOUT SQUAD

Many of you may not realise that at Karekare we have a 24/7 team available to respond to any callouts at Karekare and the surrounding area.

The Team is lead by Karel Witten-Hannah and includes locals Shawn and Shalema Wanden-Hannay, Charles Lawson, Sam Turbott, David Munro, Rob Hammond, Gregor Hoheisel.

This season despite the beach only being open for 4 weeks they have already responded to 3 different incidents.

The first being a missing person in the Paharaha vicinity

The second- despite being all setup and ready to respond after a Police task they were stood down. And finally as many of you would have read in the paper and online about a missing fisherman in Whatipu. The team have been supporting the Police and Coastguard in the search.

Thank you team for your efforts! often their quick response at all hours of the day and night can be difference between life and death for many.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A LIFEGUARD - OR PATROL SUPPORT PERSON, HERE IS HOW...

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A LIFEGUARD?

WORRIED YOU WON'T HAVE THE FITNESS OR MIGHT FEEL TOO OLD....

FEAR NOT, WE HAVE TRAINING FOR THOSE THAT WANT TO IMPROVE THEIR SWIMMING FITNESS FOR FREE EVERY TUESDAY AT WESTWAVE SWIMMING POOL WITH A COACH TO HELP IMPROVE YOUR SWIM TIMES.

HOWEVER, IF YOU JUST THINK THE WATER IS NOT ME.. WE ALSO HAVE PATROL SUPPORT ROLE ON THE BEACH. THEY WEAR A UNIFORM LIKE THE LIFEGUARDS WITH THE ONLY DIFFERENCE BEING IT IS BLUE AND THEY ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ENTER THE WATER OR PERFORM RESCUES, HOWEVER THERE ARE PLENTY OF OTHER IMPORTANT TASKS STILL BE DONE WITH FIRST AID, RADIO COMMUNICATION, PAPERWORK AND WORKING AS PART OF THE TEAM.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE DETAILS ABOUT THIS PLEASE CONTACT SECRETARY.

## JUNIOR SURF NEWS...

Junior Surf got under way again for the 2019-20 season on Sunday 17 November. We welcomed many new families from the wider West Auckland community to our beach for the day, and welcomed many familiar faces back returning year after year for the experience. We've now had two great sessions on the beach and it is great to have the kids back in the water after the long winter months.

The weather gods were pretty kind to us all things considered with a comfortable early 20's temperature and the well known ferocious west coast wind was just a gentle breeze.

We commenced the day with a welcome and history lesson on Karekare by Sir Bob Harvey our new President. Bob explained to the families about the history of the club and how a surf club was founded on this very beach after Hazel Bentham was rescued by what is believed to be the first sea to air rescue in 1935.

Junior Surf instructors Mark Chaafe, Steve Hart, Karel Witten-Hannah and Riley Francis also introduced themselves and gave some background on how long they've been patrolling and how they came to be involved with the club - many as Junior surf participants themselves.

Beach activities got under way with some beach training before heading for the water. For many it was the first dip of the new season and some even braved it without wetsuits. There were some good waves to catch but a strong undertow with an incoming tide kept us all on our feet (some not!). The kids of course had a ball but some had lost their confidence of the past summer - it won't be long though before they are all pushing it out the back of the wave sets. Thanks to members of Patrol 2 who helped support the Junior Surf Instructors in the water. Looking forward to a couple more good sessions before the programme takes a break over the holidays.

Remember any parents interested in getting involved as instructors please let us know, we welcome all skills sets for the beach activities

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2nd Junior Surf Session on first day of Summer working on boogie board training before getting in the surf and giving it a go for real!

## some new found historical images...

The Murphy family had a bach at Karekare in the 1930's and a box brownie camera. They recorded the famous axeman carnival on the parking area and some seriously beautiful walks at Karekare and the tracks. The photographs are simply stunning and here is a selection. Here they are:

- 1: Mechanical trouble in the KK stream
- 2: D.Hoey at the Axemans carnival
3. image of Karekare at Axemans Carnival
4. Old logging tunnel at Pararaha

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## ANOTHER BLAST FROM THE PAST....

*This little story popped up on facebook, many locals would have seen it but others living further a field might be interested to see how the beach used to look - and not so long ago. Slowly the beach is receding and new dunes are forming so little is left of the old clubhouse. Like all things the environment of Karekare is constantly changing...*

Karekare is Auckland's second oldest SLSC club and has been serving the community since 1935. It celebrated 80 years in 2015. Karekare Beach (south of the larger Piha Beach) is located 35 kilometres (22 miles) west of Auckland City centre.

In 1960, the Karekare SLSC clubrooms and/or equipment shed (refer photo) sat atop a rock formation which overlooked the black iron-sand beach and rolling surf breakers, which at high tide would wash around the base of the clubroom's 'island.' (Note the standing water to the left).

A photograph taken circa 2008 reveals that the rock and now abandoned clubrooms (The SLSC had relocated) had become derelict and roofless, and was now almost covered over by the ever-shifting sands of time. Sand had accumulated to about halfway up the windowed wall, and the only part of the rock that the structure stood on that remained visible was the highest part, seen rising above the roof (refer photo again). All would soon become buried until such time when nature may reverse the process.

The remains of a steam locomotive are seen in the left background against the bushline. It is a relic of the historic Piha tramway which transported logs along the coast to the mill and ships in the early 20th century (1906-1921). It too was lost under the sand.

This locomotive had the distinction of being the very first to be built in New Zealand. Being the work of Messrs Fraser & Tinne of Onehunga in 1872. The engine appears to have been built around a Hornsby, under-frame, traction engine. It was a geared engine with two vertical cylinders mounted on the front of the smoke box, driving a cross-frame crankshaft, thence by gearing to the front wheels. The rear wheels of the 0-4-0 were driven by a coupling rod from the front set.

Some attempts were made during the early 21st century to find and save this historical piece of NZ engineering.

Credit Denis Wilford

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## KIRI MANN FROM PATROL 1 MAKES AN INTERESTING TRIP....

### Along Australia in 30 days

What else is there to do with extended leave but to go on an adventure?

With a pre-paid flight to Melbourne, I jumped ship and escaped the end-of-winter storms in NZ. Hiring a 650cc motorbike in Melb was easy thanks to Garners Motorcycles so I was away.

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Heading along the Great Ocean Highway was a highlight despite the one day of rain, stopping at wee seaside towns, staying at motels or back packers. It was easy riding, not busy but the locals warned me to be wary of drivers not paying attention and looking at the scenery

I went back to Melbourne via Grampians National Park and Ballarat. The Park was such a contrast to the coast and Ballarat has an extensive history including housing the Eureka flag.

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North from Melbourne had me travelling to Canberra for their spring festival – Floriade. If you have green thumbs or wish to, you should go. Amazing variety of spring plants all beautifully displayed, and Canberra is pretty interesting too. National buildings of significance – Parliament, war memorials, museums and the like

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Up to Sydney then on to Queensland via Nambucca Heads. hopping up the coast Got sunburnt through the mesh of my armour. The Navman failing to work in the tunnels around Brisbane meant looping around until I could come above ground, so my GPS could find me. Thank goodness I paid for a multi-toll pass with the bike hire so it didn't matter how many times I passed through.

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Leaving the bike in Brisbane, I flew to Hamilton Island for a week to celebrate a friends 50th. Sun, sea and sunsets sum up Hamilton Island. And gin and tonic in the deck. And a small gift of an earring to the Great Barrier Reef

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That left 4 days to get back to Melbourne to return the bike before flying home. Brisbane to Coffs Harbour, then to Sydney, then Albury finally arriving in Melbourne. Melbourne had the hottest October day in the last five years on my last day, meanwhile it's hailing in Auckland. You can understand why I didn't want to come back to NZ that day!

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A giant Albatross that was discovered at Karekare recently, it will be donated to the local Iwi.

## FAMILY NEWS....

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### MARETA PYE, CLUB TREASURER AND HAL WELCOME NEW BABY BOY MILES

Mareta and her husband Hal along with their 3 boys joined the club recently and Mareta has already stepped up to support the club as Treasurer. Mareta is a busy Mum of 3 and just added a new baby boy on Monday 25 November

Miles Timothy Pye arrived at 1.45pm on Monday weighing 3.78kg's. He is doing well & settling in at home

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### New addition to the Munro/McKenzie Clan

Many of you will know David and Susie Munro from patrol 2 and living right across the road from the beach. Many of you might not realise

they have children that all grew up at Karekare and whilst they all now live far and wide in New Zealand and overseas Karekare is still their home and in their hearts forever.

Frida Mckenzie Patterson was born on Saturday 24th August and was 9 lbs 2 oz. She is the spitting image of Maddie as a baby with a very similar calm nature. Her big brother Archie loved introducing her to Karekare Beach when they stayed with Susie and David last week.

Maddie and her husband Benje are happily living in Shotover Country, Queenstown but visit Karekare regularly.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO DAYLE AND MIKE

Dayle and Mike were married on 23rd November at Twin Lakes in Coatsville. It was a wonderful day shared with family and friends.

Dayle and her family have had a bach at Karekare for generations and are all members of the club. All her children and their cousins have grown up at Karekare. Mike has been a great supporter of the Sports Team over the years helping John McLarin at Carnivals in the Officials role.

Pictured left to right are Mike, Fraser, Elly, Olivia, Josh and Dayle.

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### UPDATE ON LIFE MEMBER IAN SMITH

Ian Smith has been in the surf club for as long as I can remember which is over 50 years of lifeguarding. A fantastic fitness guru, Ian was the first person to cross Cook Straight on a surf ski but of late Ian has not been that flash after a serious fall at his holiday house in Nelson. He broke his hip severely, he has returned to Auckland but is wheelchair bound. Many of us will remember Ian was a hit at our 80th birthday celebrations in his top hat. Ian will soon have surgery on his hip and whilst he won't make it out to the beach this summer Karel and Bob will bring him down to the beach for a patrol review in February. We wish him a speedy recovery and more jokes. A great guy and one of our great Life members.

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Our own President Sir Bob had the privilege of meeting Prince Charles again recently when he was visiting Auckland. He was viewing the work that Sea Cleaners do in keeping our waters clean in Auckland and surrounding districts. For those familiar with Sea Cleaners, Hayden Smith is a local from Glen Eden and clubbie at Piha who has often bought groups to Karekare beach with Corporates and volunteers to do sweeps of our own beach to clean up any waste that the tide has swept in.

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY SIR BOB

Our esteemed President who has been patrolling for 65 years had a big birthday - well not that big that is next year at the end of November.

His granddaughter Sabine made him a lifeguard shirt birthday cake and he celebrated with a small group of family and friends with a lunch at Karekare (where else!!)

## Thanks....

Big thanks to all our members and supporters who have donated to the Buy a Bunk fundraiser or donated funds to the new building project. We have had some very generous members over the past few months.

A nice message from a Film Company that hires the club ATV as follows:

Such a pleasure meeting Karel yesterday we all relied heavily on his experience and knowledge.  
Lovely man to work with.

Thank you for your support! We couldn't have achieved our shoot without you and the Karekare Surf Club, look forward to working with you in the future.

Special thanks to Eric, Bob, and Karel who recently began the packing up of all the surf club memorabilia. Also thanks to Eric for sorting out the removal of the shelving and putting up temporary ones to get us through the season until the build starts.

Best wishes to the Turbott family who were storing the Lifesaving Vehicle at their property and had the agony of having their home broken into.

Thanks to John McLarin for doing ATV driving for a film crew at Karekare on Thursday 28 November. This helps the club raise funds for our operational running which is very important. Thanks again for volunteering.

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Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year to all our members and supporters. We look forward to seeing you on the beach over the summer months, and remember wherever you are always swim between the flags.

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