



Manawatu District Council

29<sup>th</sup> April 2022



Palmerston North  
Surf Lifeguard  
Service Incorporated

# Provide community service Manawatu Region



## Himatangi Beach since 1947

### 75<sup>th</sup> year.











# Regional lifeguard service 2021-2022

Six weeks

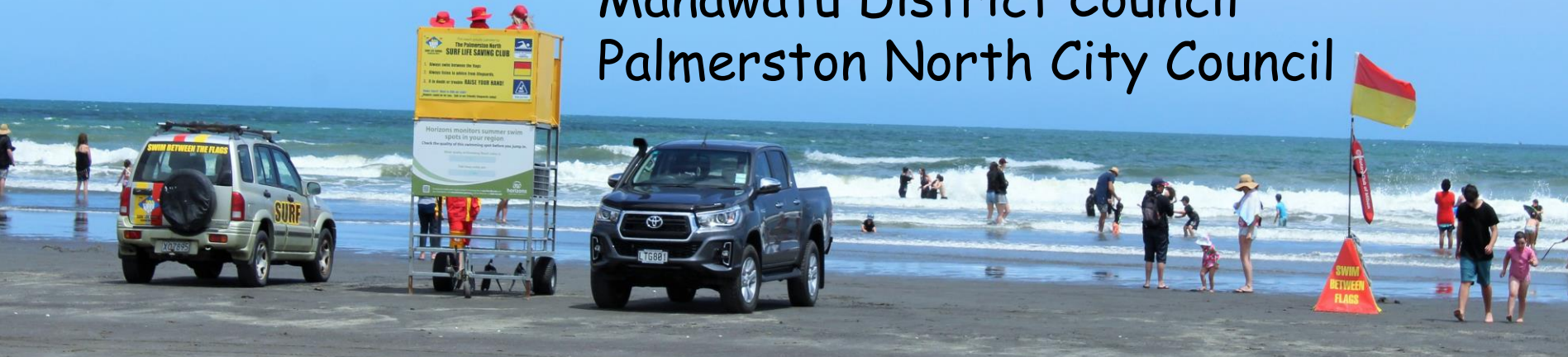
Monday to Friday

December-January

## Funding

Manawatu District Council

Palmerston North City Council



# Interim results

The first two weeks of the regional lifeguard service (July-Dec 2020) was delivered at Himatangi Beach.

| Performance Measures  | 01 Jul-31 Dec |
|---|---------------|
| How much: Quantity of effort  |               |
| Surf Lifeguards   | 3             |
| Surf patrol hours   | 211           |
| Rescues (surf life saving operation)                                | 1             |
| Incidents (non-rescue related incidents that required intervention) | 105           |
| Involving   | 1221          |

# Summary

- One rescue, 105 preventative actions involving 1221 people. No first aids on the beach.
- Weather certainly improved over the first two weeks with great conditions between Xmas and New Year bring large numbers to the beach.
- The lifeguards had some challenging days with seas conditions and people getting in difficulty away from the flags.
- The lifeguards with the rescue and large number of preventative actions certainly provided a safer environment at the beach for members of the community.



Access to the beach was an issue throughout the summer, making headlines in the Manawatu Evening standard. The difficult access limited numbers on the beach and is negative for the village. We are aware of planning underway to address this issue.

The beach was closed because of poor water quality with high enterococci bacteria counts prior to Xmas following the flooding

This summer the beach was closed on five occasions because of poor water quality.

Encouraging community to come down to the beach and enjoy the outdoors has never been more important to the health and wellbeing of community, given current pressures like COVID 19.



# Regional Guard

| Year      | Rescues | First Aids | Searches | Preventatives | Preventatives (No.s) |
|-----------|---------|------------|----------|---------------|----------------------|
| 2010/2011 | 2       | 3          | 10       | 399           | 1516                 |
| 2011/2012 | 1       | 0          | 6        | 2263          | 3764                 |
| 2012/2013 | 26      | 0          | 15       | 200           | 579                  |
| 2013/2014 | 0       | 3          | 1        | 106           | 189                  |
| 2014/2015 | 12      | 4          | 0        | 240           | 474                  |
| 2015/2016 | 4       | 2          | 1        | 401           | 1442                 |
| 2016/2017 | 2       | 2          | 0        | 107           | 401                  |
| 2017/2018 | 2       | 1          | 1        | 879           | 9785                 |
| 2018/2019 | 7       | 1          | 1        | 266           | 845                  |
| 2019/2020 | 0       | 0          | 0        | 195           | 647                  |
| 2020/2021 | 2       | 0          | 0        | 136           | 1707                 |

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# Questions

