

An aerial photograph of a coastal town, likely Palmerston North, showing a mix of residential buildings, a river winding through the landscape, and surrounding forested hills.

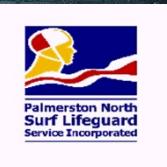
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17th December 2025

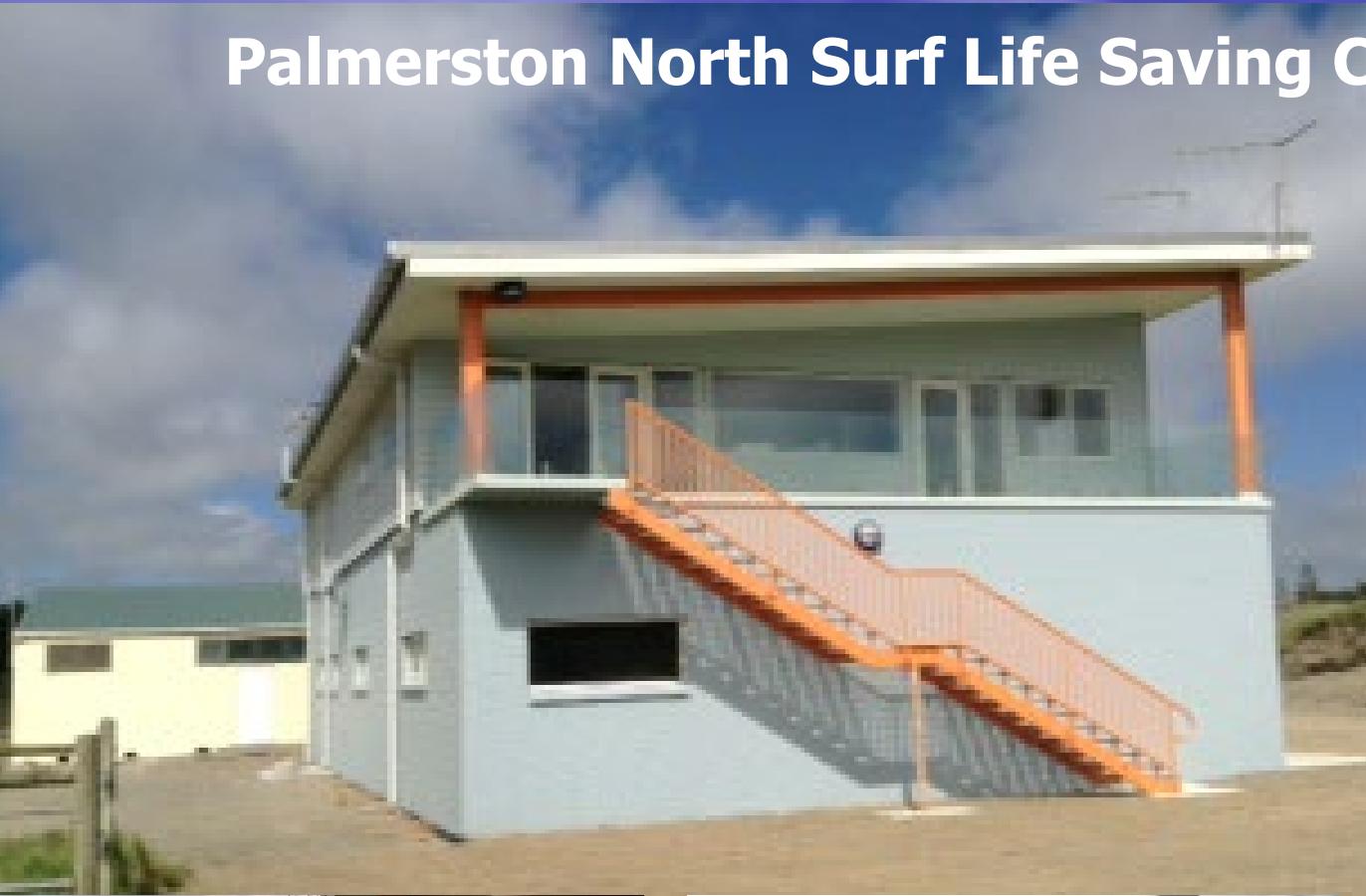


Palmerston North
Surf Lifeguard
Service Incorporated

Provide voluntary lifeguard service
to Palmerston North and surrounding
communities
at
Himatangi Beach since 1947



Palmerston North Surf Life Saving Clubhouse

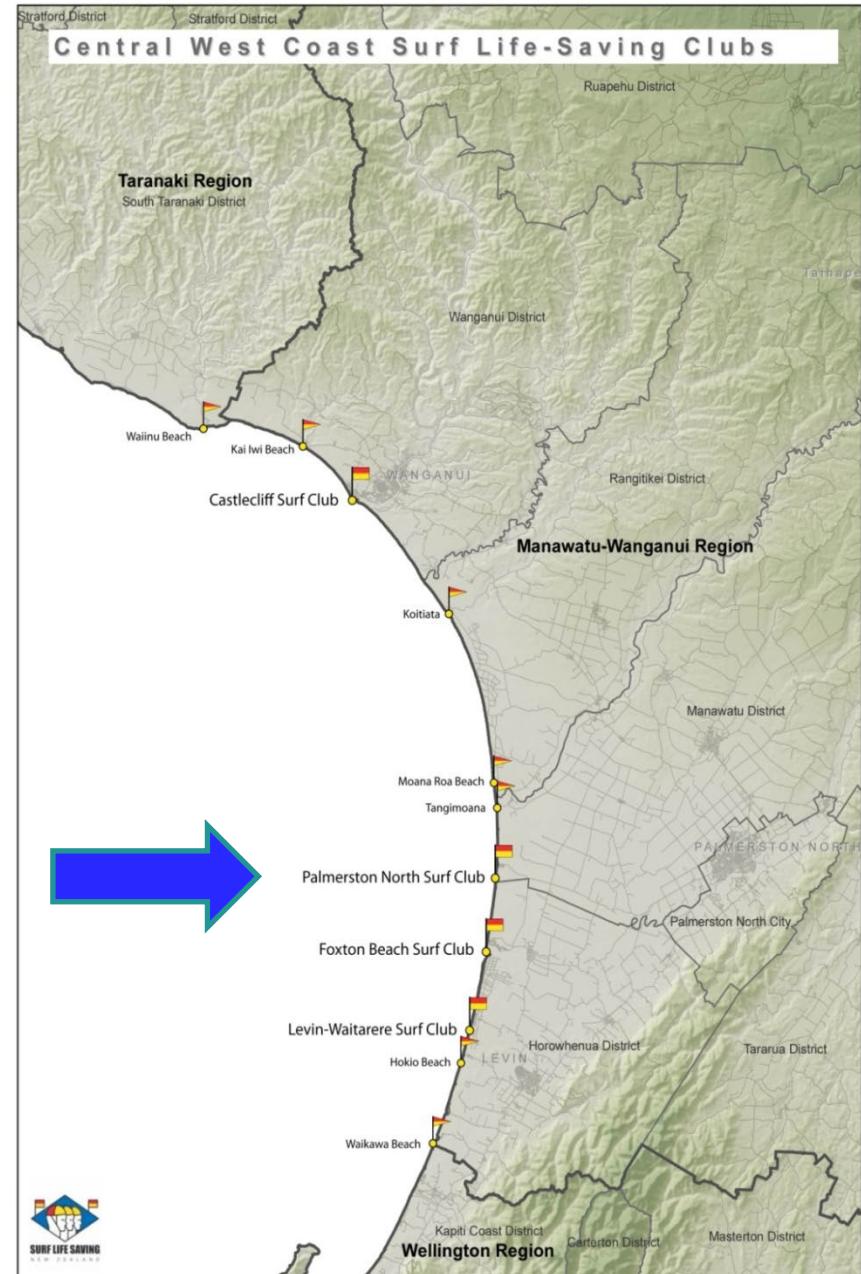




https://www.horizons.govt.nz/HRC/media/Data/WebCam/Himatangi_latest_photo.jpg

PNSLSC

- Volunteer lifeguard service on weekends (Dec. - March).
- Training & qualification of lifeguards
- Beach Education
- Junior surf
- Fundraising for operations, equipment and facilities
- Numbers in the Club are up for the season ahead
- Beach education
- Search and Rescue (SAR)



Training, qualifications, education

Qualifications

National Lifeguard School

First Aid level 1 SLSNZ

First Aid Level 1 Club

First Aid Level 2 and 3

Surf life saving award

Radio Operators*

IRB Driver

IRB crewmen

Surf Coach

Patrol Captain

Instructors





Fund raising



Regional lifeguard service

Six weeks Monday to Friday

December-January



Joint Funding
Manawatu District Council
Palmerston North City Council



Regional Paid Lifeguard

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
2021/2022	1	0	0	192	2606
2022/2023	0	2	0	97	1212
2023/2024	5	2	0	225	4300
2024/2025	2	2	0	401	4471
Totals	66	20	35	6107	33938

Rescues

- Goal is not to have to do rescues

Preventative actions

- Educate community about beach and its environment.
- Engagement with individuals and groups before getting into difficulty.

First Aids

- Increased emphasis in first aid.

Searches

- With better communications less of an issue



Building community capabilities

- Lifeguards

Questions