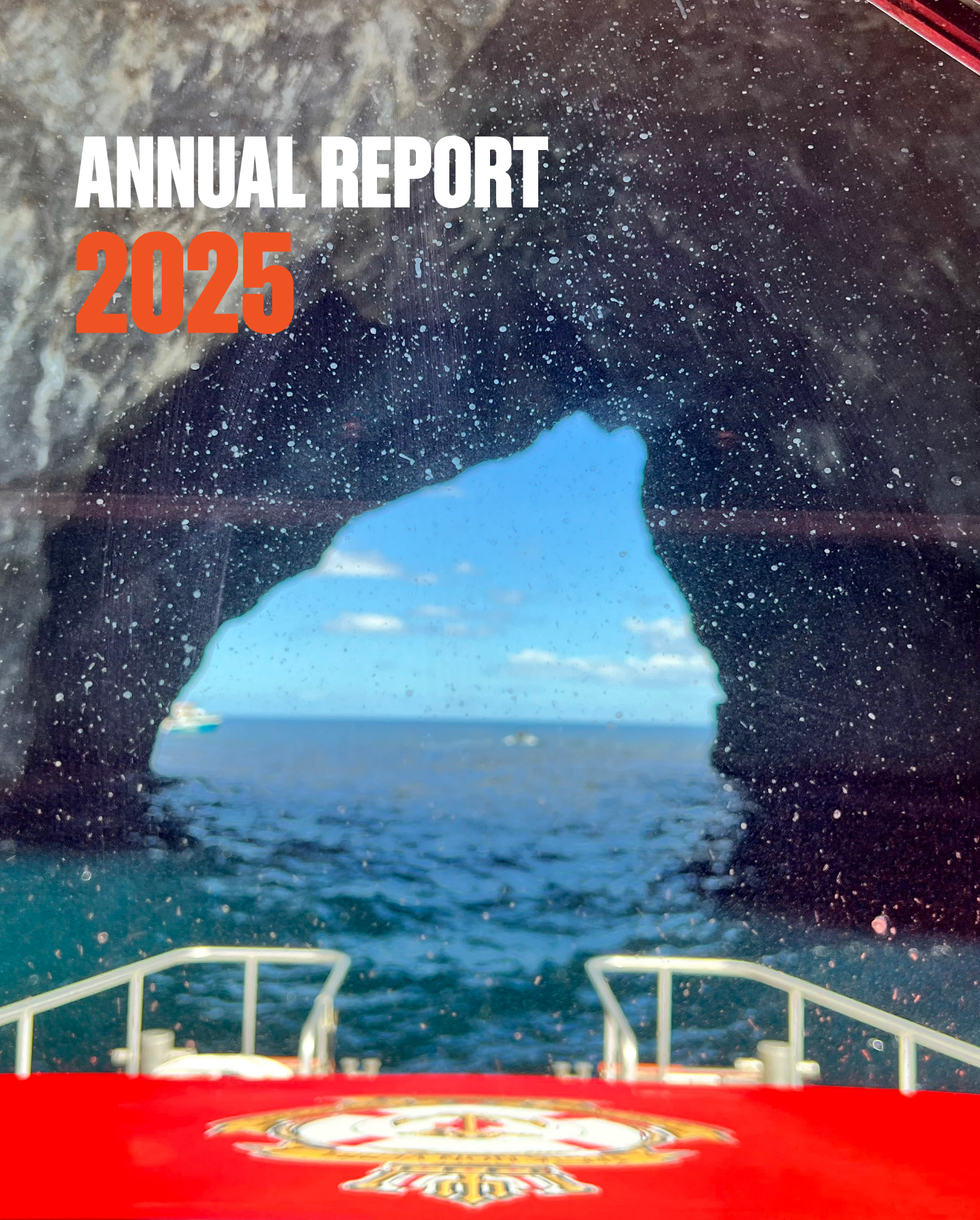


ANNUAL REPORT 2025



THE CHARITY SAVING LIVES ON THE WATER

WORDS FROM OUR PATRON

Kevin O'Sullivan



I first joined Coastguard in 1967 because I had a 16ft plywood runabout and thought I might need assistance one day. I sincerely hope that people are still joining for the same reason.

Today, Auckland Coastguard continues to grow — not just in the scale of what we do, but in how often we're needed. The unit is busier than ever, with more callouts, more rescues, and more opportunities to serve our community. And yet, the spirit that has always drawn people to Coastguard remains unchanged: a shared love of the water, a desire to help others, and the simple satisfaction of doing good, practical work with good people.

We've been fortunate this year to welcome many new volunteers — energetic, capable people who are helping futureproof our unit and ensure that we can keep doing the important work we do. Their commitment to learning, training, and turning up when it counts is what makes this organisation strong.

We've also celebrated milestones. One particularly meaningful moment was recognising the retirement of Campbell Hope as a Master — a dedicated contributor to ACI over many years. His presence, experience, and leadership have shaped the unit and left a lasting mark. His retirement is well-earned, and we thank him deeply.

Coastguard continues to be a place where people come together to do interesting, challenging, and deeply worthwhile things. Whether it's navigating through tough conditions, jumping into a rescue, or simply being ready when the pager goes off — it all matters. And it's okay to enjoy it too. There is no guilt in getting a sense of pride or fulfilment from this work — that sense of reward is often what keeps people coming back.

So, let's never forget: Coastguard is people. People who care. People who contribute. And people who find purpose and enjoyment in what we do. To every skipper, crew member, tutor and supporter — thank you for making this place what it is.



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Kevin O’Sullivan, QSM

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Charlotte Robson, President

This past year has been one of transformation, growth, and continued resilience for ACI. While the challenges of recent years are still fresh in our minds, I am proud to report that ACI has not only weathered the storm but has grown stronger than ever.

Our ability to operate and deliver world-class rescue services is only possible through the support of our funders and partners. In particular, I want to acknowledge and thank:

- **The Lion Foundation**, who have continued to support us with significant contributions to critical rescue vessel projects. Their funding has enabled us to carry out essential repairs and maintenance, keeping our fleet current and at a world-class standard.
- **Trillian Trust**, who remain a significant supporter of ACI, ensuring the smooth running of administration, as well as supporting critical repairs and maintenance across Trillian Trust Rescue and Trillian Rescue Alpha.
- **Pub Charity**, who this year funded a complete uniform refresh – the first in many years. This has had a huge impact on our volunteers, ensuring they feel well equipped and professional when out on the water.

- **Coastguard New Zealand**, who remain our largest single support partner. Their assistance goes beyond funding, with day-to-day engagement, resources, and direction that have a direct impact on our ability to save lives.

This year, growth across ACI has been exceptional. All of our metrics – from hours on the water, training completed, and new recruits joining our unit – have trended strongly upwards. What really stands out to me, though, is how much our culture has strengthened over the past few years. ACI now feels like a more supportive, collaborative, and positive place to be, and that shift is showing through in everything we do. Our focus on strengthening training and building an inclusive, encouraging environment has paid off in real and visible ways. Our latest recruitment cohort has exceeded expectations, training results are higher than ever, and morale across the unit is strong. It's been a real privilege to see this change take shape, and I'm excited to carry this momentum and confidence with us into the new financial year.



I also want to highlight the ongoing contribution of women in search and rescue within ACI. We have had several ACI members participate in the recent Women in SAR courses, both as participants and as trainers. Their leadership, skill, and dedication are helping to shape the future of our unit, and it is fantastic to see increasing diversity across our crews. ACI is committed to continuing to foster an inclusive and supportive environment where everyone can thrive.

Following changes in our Board at last year's AGM, we have been fortunate to welcome several new members. They have already brought fresh perspectives and a strong commitment to the role, and their support as they settle in has been greatly appreciated. The combination of this new energy with the experience and continuity of our longer-serving members has strengthened our governance and contributed to the positive culture and momentum we now enjoy as a Board.

On a personal note, I owe a particular thanks this year to the General Manager, Paul, and his team, as well as to the Board. My ability to contribute this year was affected by a significant work commitment that limited my availability more than usual. During this period, I relied more heavily than usual on Paul and his team, as well as the guidance and leadership of the Board. I am deeply grateful for the way you all stepped up and ensured that ACI continued to operate at the highest standard.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our volunteers and their families. The sacrifice of time, energy, and commitment you make is extraordinary, and it ensures that ACI can deliver on its mission to save lives at sea. Not every mission is easy, but the professionalism and care you show makes a lasting difference in the lives of those we rescue.





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This year has been one of transformation and growth, and I am confident that ACI is on the right path as we look ahead.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT



Paul Psaila, General Manager

As a member of Auckland Coastguard Incorporated (ACI) for a number of years, it gives me great pleasure to commit my time as General Manager in my current capacity to a team of incredible volunteers and staff out there doing the work we all enjoy so much.

Having spent time supporting the Unit externally, becoming Volunteer Crew, and being on the Board of ACI for the last 3 years in two different roles, I can truly say that this past 12 months have been both exceptional and rewarding. Despite continued economic headwinds, funding challenges and the odd HR issue, our team has delivered a year of extraordinary growth, engagement and culture development – one of the most impactful in recent memory.

This year has been a big year of growth and change, with already a 40% year on year growth in taskings calendar year to date, an exceptional new volunteer cohort joining us and significant personnel changes at Coastguard New Zealand bringing new energy and transformation in to our collective organisation.

This year we responded to 304 callouts – a 25% increase from last year – assisting 871 people in need. Our Rescue Vessels spent a total of 3,824 hours on the water, up 50%, and our Volunteers delivered 16,477 hours of on-water time – a truly commendable increase of 44%. Our Rescue Vessels logged 798 hours specifically on rescue taskings – an impressive 55% rise.

Volunteer training has also continued to grow, with 553 units completed – a 28% increase from last year. These figures speak to the unwavering commitment of our crew and the strength of our operational and training systems, and the effort that Emma and the team continue to put in.

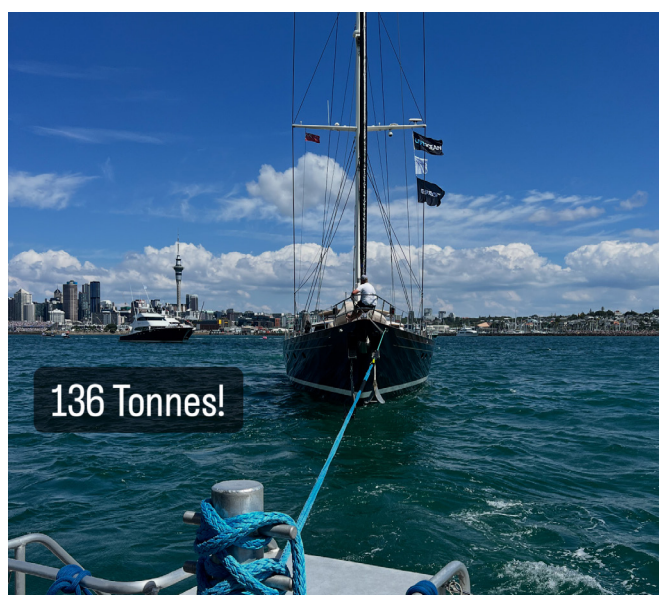
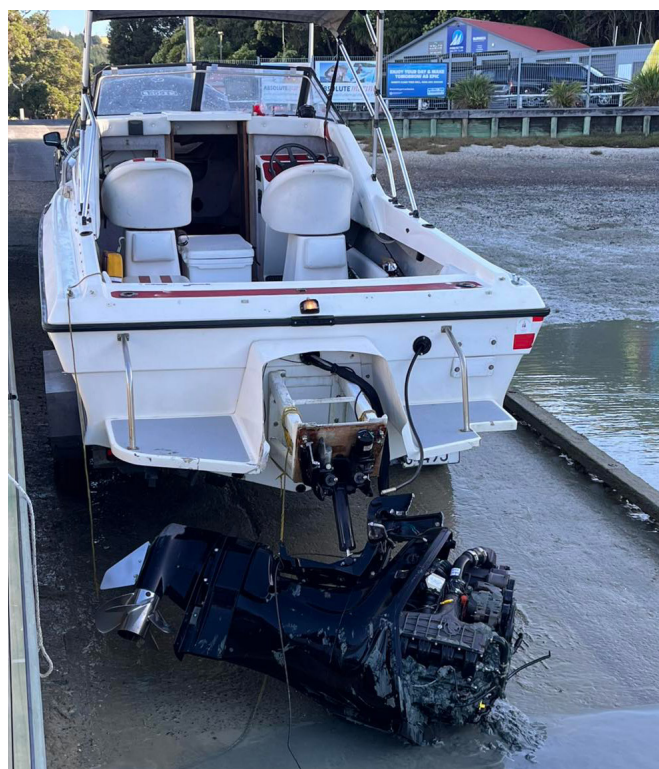
We were proud to play a major role supporting our partner units in Northland during the peak of summer. Lion Foundation Rescue, made operational through tireless effort following a major repair last year under the careful eye of our Operations Manager, Luke McCarthy, was deployed for 27 days in Northland thanks to the support of Jonny Bannister and Coastguard New Zealand. This deployment involved 25 of our Volunteers, contributing 3,033 hours and responding to 10 incidents including a critical person-in-the-water search at Bland Bay.

That incident saw our crew locate a missing diver and provide sustained CPR for over an hour in extremely difficult conditions, surrounded by family and bystanders. Despite the tragic outcome, the crew's professionalism and compassion were an absolute credit to ACI and the entire Coastguard family.



Incidents this year have shifted a gear compared to past years with a number of high profile, high stakes rescues that have included:

- ✓ A medical emergency at Woody Bay involving a swimmer in medical distress. Our crew responded swiftly, providing oxygen and first aid, and worked with Howick Coastguard and the Westpac Rescue Helicopter to stabilise and transfer the patient for urgent care. Their calm and decisive actions made a real difference.
- ✓ A storm event night time call-out tasking that required simultaneous multi-vessel responses in high winds and low visibility. Our crews conducted complex night-time tows and groundings, with outstanding coordination alongside the Coastguard Operations Centre ensuring everyone got home safely.
- ✓ During a high-profile international sailing event, a 34m superyacht experienced complete hydraulic failure in a congested area. Auckland Coastguard coordinated with Police, Harbourmaster, and other Coastguard units to prevent collision and guide the vessel to safe mooring. The situation required expert seamanship and fast communication across agencies.
- ✓ Two boats collided near Okahu Bay, resulting in one sinking and two passengers suffering injuries. Auckland Coastguard volunteers were first on scene, extracting both individuals from the water, administering first aid, and transporting them back to base for ambulance transfer. The rapid, calm response likely prevented further harm. "Their ability to manage trauma and triage injuries on the water shows how vital they are to maritime safety in Auckland." – St John paramedic
- ✓ A vessel taking on water near Crowles Bay required emergency repairs. Coastguard crew arrived with a bilge pump, stabilised the vessel, and performed a complex 6-hour tow to safe harbour. The rescue was made more difficult by distance, fading light, and deteriorating weather. "One of our longest and most technical tows of the year – a great display of calm under pressure." – Unit Master



In addition to Rescue Operations, we've had a busy year in the community. We hosted over 350 hours of visits and outreach with groups including Scouts, Youth SAR, Probus, and others. We again returned as Charity of Choice to the Auckland On Water Boat Show, where Lion Foundation Rescue was on display, and our presence included a strong focus on water safety and boating education. We hosted over 2000 visitors through our stand and Lion.

This year we also proudly supported Coastguard New Zealand's WomenInSAR programme. A number of our volunteers contributed to the creation and delivery of the training program, participated in events, and helped ensure its success – all while continuing their regular duties. The programme's take-up has been exceptional with both events this year being oversubscribed. We continue to support this initiative, recognising diversity in our Coastguard community and the differing approaches to learning and collaboration that we can all continue to benefit from. From a unit perspective, we've already reaped the benefits of a number of our ladies who completed the programme and went on with renewed energy to achieve Senior Crew qualifications.

Our year also included a successful round of fundraising initiatives, allowing us to achieve some long-needed upgrades:

- ✓ A full crew uniform refresh; the first in many years
- ✓ Modernisation of our onboard medical kits and training equipment
- ✓ Significant electronics upgrades across the fleet
- ✓ Continued maintenance that's kept our vessels ready and operational

We must also take a moment to acknowledge significant milestones and people:

- The retirement of long-serving Master, Campbell Hope, whose experience, leadership and years of service leave a lasting legacy. We thank him sincerely for everything he's given to ACI as he continues to crew with Rangitoto Crew.
- Our Patron, Kevin O'Sullivan, whose enduring support and service over many years continues to inspire. From his early involvement helping to establish the NowCasting service to his many other contributions, Kevin remains a cherished part of our organisation.

Finally, we remember Gordon "Mole" Cattermole, Honorary Life Member, whose passing left a gap in the unit. His spirit and dedication continue to resonate throughout our Unit and the Rescue Centre, especially at the time of year that we need to polish our awards ready to be newly awarded. With a generous bequest from his estate Mole's legacy continues to remain part of ACI.

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TREASURER'S REPORT



Andrew Robertson, Treasurer

The year ended with a loss of \$111,310 much improved over the previous year's loss of \$253.485.

It is also pleasing to report a net profit before depreciation and revaluation of investments of \$96,989, compared to a loss last year of \$18,757. The large previous year's loss was substantially due to very high repair bills whereas in the year ended 30 June 2025 the repairs were reduced by \$360K.

It was an interesting year end procedure this year adapting to the many changes required by the new Tier3 Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting.

The budget for year end 2026 is based on continuing savings in operating costs, and as usual a good result will depend on the cost of repairs and maintenance incurred.

New Boat Fund: The positive cash surplus allowed ACI to start a new boat fund with \$30K set aside. This is only a start but the more it grows over the years the less we need to find when it comes time to replace the various vessels in the fleet.

Reserves

Operating Reserve Fund: The ORF remains at \$775,000, Keeping most of these funds in bank deposits is now giving diminishing returns. Based on a conservative approach the Board has made a decision to invest up to 30% of the funds in shares and bonds.



THIS YEAR'S ACHIEVEMENT

Here's what we achieved for the year

OUR MAIN FOCUS WAS ON

Recruiting, training and leading a team of volunteers to perform marine rescues to world's best standards.

Promoting positive leadership and culture within ACI and across Coastguard nationally.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2025

More people rescued

A significant growth in volunteer engagement

A well maintained and highly available fleet

A large reduction in Administration hours.

KEY METRICS:

871 people assisted (up from **735** last year)

3824 rescue boat hours on the water (up from **2,543** last year)

16477 volunteer crew hours on water (up from **11,448** last year)

553 theory practical training units achieved (up from **431** last year)



BUDGET SUMMARY FOR NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR

Auckland Coastguard incorporated
Budget Summary
For 12 months ending 30 June 2026

Revenue	
Donations,koha,bequests,fundraising and other similar revenue	84,000.00
General grants	612,450
Membership fees and subscriptions	243,723
Revenue from commercial activities	400
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	23,690
Other Revenue	139,465
Total Revenue	1,103,728

Expenses	
Promotional	12,000
Employee remuneration and other related expenses	459,150
Volunteer related expenses	23,400
Expenses relating to commercial activities	20,000
Other expenses related to service delivery	554,260
Other Expenses	21,200
Total Expenses (excluding depreciation)	1,090,010

Surplus before Depreciation	13,718
Depreciation expense	220,283

Net Surplus / (Deficit)	(206,565)
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