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**SURF LIFE SAVING**  
NEW ZEALAND

The Trust Waikato Onemana Surf Life Saving Club (previously known as the Onemana Beach Rescue) was started in 1989 with beach patrols in 1990/91 and three guards on the beach, seven days a week over the main Christmas holiday period. It had an IRB, rescue tubes and was based from a little caravan situated at the end of the toilet block.

As the Club membership and equipment grew it required permanent premises and in 1996 an extension was added to the toilet block and this became the Club House. The Club has now outgrown these and is in the planning stages of a building upgrade.

#### **Junior Surf**

Our objective is to promote surf life saving through the education of junior members in all aspects of surf awareness, safety, skill and competition while having fun and enjoyment in a beach environment.

The Nipper programme is for children aged 7 to 12 years and is run on three mornings a week from the end of December to the end of January.

The Rookie Lifeguard programme is for 12 to 14 year olds and sessions run on four mornings a week.

The Rookie programme is designed to further develop the skills learnt in Nippers, while introducing new ones and increasing confidence in the water. Rookie Lifeguards work towards attaining their Surf Lifeguard Award which qualifies them as a Lifeguard. The vast majority of our lifeguards have come through our Junior Surf programme and several have gone on to be Regional Guards.

The beach is patrolled by Regional Guards during the week and each weekend over the summer the beach is patrolled by some of the Club's own qualified volunteer lifeguards.

The Club's membership currently stands at 212 and includes Lifeguards, Junior Surf Members, Associates and Active Associates who assist with the running of the Club.

With a large increase in Club membership over recent years, the existing building is not now fit for purpose. The poster on the following page outlines the issues of the existing building and the key features of the proposed upgraded building.

We are also aware that Council's Reserve Management Plan provides for a building upgrade.



# Building Upgrade Project

The Club is proposing to upgrade the building, creating a modern facility with more room to operate our essential services. We have a new concept design (see images below) and are now seeking feedback from the community.

## The Issues

- There's **not enough space** for surf lifesaving training and emergency equipment
- There's no specialised **first aid** room
- The surge in junior membership has meant the **Club has outgrown the current facility**
- **Limited views for guards** on duty down the beach
- The **roof is leaky**
- The **power switchboard** for Onemana is located inside the storage room

## Key Features

- Reconfiguring the inside of the existing building to **expand storage** and create a new '**rookies room**'
- Create a **purpose-built first aid facility**
- **Removing the existing toilet/changing rooms** - Council is planning a modern **standalone toilet block** elsewhere in the reserve to replace this as a separate project
- **Upgrade and reposition the power switchboard**
- Addition of a **second storey** over the northern half of the existing building that includes:
  - A look-out balcony to give the Life Guard patrols a **far greater view of the entire beach**
  - A **training room** and office
  - A new **outdoor deck**
- Two new wooden ramps will provide access to the upper storey from the grass reserve

In developing this concept design, we were very conscious of **minimising the visual impact**, so have limited the height and bulk of the building and tried to 'hide' it behind the Pōhutukawa trees. It's planned to finish the building in natural colours to blend it with the landscape.

We have confined the horizontal expansion of the building to **minimise ground disturbance**, as we've been advised by an archaeologist that there is potential for artefacts or remains buried around the building.

Bar facilities and accommodation are **not included**.

The Club are very keen to **share this new space with other community groups**, so it is utilised year-round.

## Contact Us

If you have any queries or concerns, or if you'd like to show your support for the upgrade, please feel free to leave us a message at:

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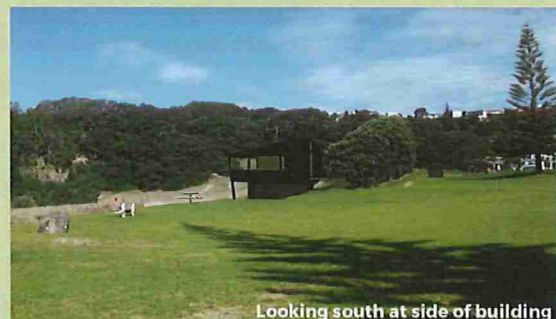
Looking south-west at front of building



Looking north at proposed deck



Looking east at rear of building



Looking south at side of building

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