

3. Welcome & Interest Register

Audrey Sonerson opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees. It was noted that Michael Bassett-Foss will come off the Water Safety Board at the end of September.

4. Minutes of meeting on Thursday, 1 June 2023

Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record.

5. Summary of actions from previous meetings

#	Item	Actions	Responsibility	Actions taken/ Status
6.	Directors Report	Decision Considered the Director's Report	Council	Nil
6.a	SLA and MOU Investment Report Q3 2022/23	Action The Investment Report is to be reviewed and flag any projects that need assistance. Decision Noted the 2022-23 Quarter Three SLA and MOU Investment Report.	Bridget Hesketh Council	See updated report Nil
6.b	SAR Sector Update	Action Check to see what Audrey needs to do to further progress the issue of the Aero Medical Commissioning programme.	Andrew Greig	Aero Medical Commissioning programme paused as Health reorganises
6.c	SAR Operational Activity Reports	Decision Noted the level of SAR operational activities for the second quarter, 1 January to 31 March 2023.	Council	Nil
7.	Risk discussions –	Action	Duncan Ferner	See updated risk register

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	Operational Capability	Duncan to work with SOG members and update the operational capability risks and bring back to Council.		
8.	SAR NGOs in Civil Emergencies	<p>Action</p> <p>NZSAR will facilitate meeting and establish what a framework may look like</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>Noted the work being undertaken.</p>	<p>NZSAR Secretariat</p> <p>Council</p>	<p>Discussion held with FENZ</p> <p>Nil</p>
10.	Rapid technological change impacting SAR	<p>Action</p> <p>Matt will give the Council an update at the next meeting.</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>The Council noted the risks and opportunities raised by the Consultative Committee and the Innovation in Technology Forum regarding satellite connectivity for cellular systems and the impact it will have on the New Zealand SAR sector.</p> <p>The Council discussed the impacts satellite connectivity for cellular will have on the New Zealand SAR sector.</p>	<p>Matt Wheble</p> <p>Council</p> <p>Council</p>	<p>See Directors report in part</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>Nil</p>
11.	NZSAR Budgets and workplan	<p>Decision</p> <p>The Council approved the NZSAR Secretariat budget for the 2023/24 financial year totalling \$5,026,000.</p>	Council	Approved budgets adopted by Secretariat & passed to MOT

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		<p>The Council approved the NZSAR Secretariat forecast budget for the 2024/25 financial year totalling \$4,046,000</p> <p>The Council noted the previously approved NZSAR training budget for 2023.</p>	<p>Council</p> <p>Council</p>	
12.	Secretariat Annual Questionnaire	<p>Action</p> <p>Council members to fill out questionnaires and return by the end of the week.</p>	Council	Completed

5. Matters Arising

Action 6b. SAR Sector Update – a Health newsletter advised that NASO is now known as the Ambulance Team. They continue to work on the Aero Medical Commissioning Programme (ACP) and appear to have recognised that search and rescue has interests in the ACP, especially RCCNZ and NZ Police.

6. Directors Report

Duncan highlighted key points from the Director's Report.

Whakarauora Tangata (Nationally Significant SAREX) – the first major exercise of the series was held in July based in Tauranga. The Exercise went very well with a wide range of agencies in attendance.

SAR and Civil Emergencies – Duncan had the opportunity to talk with NZ Police and FENZ and is seeking an appointment with NEMA and the NI Severe weather Events Inquiry. Duncan is focussing on SAR responsibilities declared or undeclared civil emergencies.

Justin advised that NEMA and FENZ have visited regarding the use of aviation in national emergencies and Maritime NZ are also looking to talk to the NI severe weather event inquiry. Mike Hill would also like to be connected.

Cell phone Location process – This has been refreshed. The next challenge is to embed into SAR systems so everyone understands it.

The Recreational Safety and SAR Review – Bronwyn advised that the review is running behind time but should be considered by the Associate Minister of Transport this week. Some of the proposals will require a Cabinet decision which would not

happen until March next year at the earliest. In the meantime, the report makes some recommendations that either are under action or are within the remit of existing arrangements to consider actioning. Some are also reflected in the current Council papers. Michael Bassett-Foss urged that periodic communications to the Advisory Group and NGOs be sent to keep momentum going.

Data and Information – A new SARdonyx contract is in place with BECA Consulting to continue the software as a service arrangement for another five years. A company called Dot Loves Data has also been contracted to produce a range of analytical products in support of sector decision making. They have also been tasked with developing a rational method to understand recreational participation over time.

SAR Training – The Secretariat is engaging with the TEC as our contract with them needs to be renewed for the 2024-27 period.

Te Ao Māori Advice – item 7 includes advice around Māori representation on the Consultative Committee and Council.

Year End Results – the carry forwards for the Secretariat from 2022/23 to 2023/24 totalled \$1.2 million; \$1.0 million of which reflects the timing of the Whakarauora Tangata – the Nationally Significant Exercise Series. For the Estimates, the concern is around the courses delivered so are working to make sure that delivery improves this year.

Secretariat Activities and Engagement – there has been a small reorganisation of the Secretariat. Recruiting is proving difficult, but I am pleased to advise that Aimee Flanagan, Senior Advisor Learning & Development, started in July and Matthew Mintrom, Senior Advisor – Policy, will start next week on a two-year contract.

Decision

- *The Council **considered** the Director's Report.*

a. SLA and MOU Investment Report Q4 2022/23

Duncan advised, excluding AREC, agencies have delivered 94% of the milestones and 97% of the WSS milestones. AREC are struggling to implement their initiatives; they had minimal paid staff who are now coming to grips with running a more professional organisation.

Both Coastguard and Surf have engaged additional resources to accelerate delivery of capital projects.

Progress on Memorandum of Understanding investment - the LSF is progressing well and overcoming difficulties. The DSARACs are coming into their own now and are supporting Police engagement across the sector. The sector and NZSAR Secretariat are benefitting from their experience.

Decision

- *The Council **noted** the Q4 2022-23 SLA and MOU Investment Report.*

b. SAR Sector Update

This paper is a summary of the SAR sector summary reports provided to the Consultative Committee on 15 August 2023. It was noted that Police have implemented their training. RCCNZ, NZ Police and the NZSAR Secretariat are working on issues with Aviation. Justin advised that RCCNZ have conducted a benchmarking exercise with AMSA with Maritime NZ and AMSA looking to support each other as part of a reciprocal continuous improvement process.

Coastguard are having success with their recruitment campaign and have received over 800 applications.

Mountain Safety Council indicated that unpredictable weather challenged avalanche forecasting, they are aware some people got caught.

Surf Lifesaving NZ has a new Chief Executive Officer, Steve Fisher, and Northern Region has agreed to merge with the main organisation from 1 October 2023. They were heavily involved with the North Island events and have undertaken an internal review.

Water Safety NZ – the Wai Ora strategy has been reprioritised.

YSAR – enrolments are underway for 2024.

Justin advised that the link to the COSPAS has been approved. This is now fully networked with the Australian network terminal.

c. SAR Operational Activity Reports

There were two papers presented to Council, the first provided a summary of SAR activity during the fourth quarter: 1 April to 30 June 2023 and the second provided a summary of SAR operational activity for the 2022-2023 year (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023).

There has been a sustained increase in SAR operations over the past year and an upward trend over the last four years. At the same time, there has been a reduction in operational SAR hours. More work needs to be completed to understand the drivers behind these observations.

In terms of lives saved, we have seen an increase this past year, but this has been influenced by a few incidents with high person numbers. In terms of lives lost, there is still a substantial number reported as perished. However, search and rescue, for the most part, would not have been able to change that result as often, the subjects had died before SAR was notified. Further analysis will be done to understand fatalities across fishing, swimming, and recreational boating.

Wander search numbers are increasing, we believe largely due to the increasing numbers of elderly people in our communities. LandSAR and Police and proactive but they find it challenging to work with other agencies that are not involved in SAR.

Mike Hill referred to the alerting method where there is a huge reliance on beacons and cell phones and there is more reliance on day-to-day technology, and this is

likely to increase with phone coverage. Triaging will become more critical, and location could be an issue.

Decision

- *The Council **noted** the level of SAR operational activities for the fourth quarter, 1 April to 30 June 2023.*
- *The Council **noted** and **discussed** the level of SAR operational activities for the 2022-23 year.*

d. Assurance Report

Following Council direction at their previous meeting, key assurance matters assessed 'moderate' are:

- SAR Aviation assets – work is underway to explore different ways to task and organise SAR aviation.
- SAR Funding – considerable concern around the potential impact of time limited funding.
- Operational Management Category 1 SAR incidents. A discovery project will be undertaken to determine options for appropriate Cat 1 incident management system.
- Operational Processes / Learning management. No independent reviews of SAR operations have been agreed to by Police & RCCNZ in the past 18 months raising serious concerns about our ability to operate as a learning system. A key Council KPI to conduct 4 operational reviews annually is not being met. This concern was discussed at the earlier Senior Officials Group meeting. At the SOG, Police stated they were determined to resolve this concern. CAA also noted that there are other reviews (such as the TAIC inquiry into the Enchanter) that the SAR system can learn from. Justin noted that recent months had seen unprecedented operational activity and that the RCCNZ had limited capacity to service operational review. Justin also mentioned a sophisticated lessons system he had observed during his recent visit to AMSA in Canberra.

Action. *A Police / RCCNZ / NZSAR meeting will be held to support the future conduct of independent operational reviews.*

- Training Framework – this framework has been finished by our consultant. Follow on work is now required to understand implementation and funding implications.
- Operational Currency – a process is underway to address the current gap between lessons identified and lessons learned.
- Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 – guidelines to clarify overlapping PCBU duties have been drafted and agencies are considering them prior to finalisation.

Mike noted that the assurance framework and its reporting dashboard is very good and well ahead of other agencies and system stewards that he had observed.

Michael asked about the data sharing agreements with WSNZ and MSC. WSNZ data sharing agreement is nearing completion with the Ministry's legal team. MSC wanted a different arrangement. The SARdonyx Governance board met and declined their application for the full dataset requested by MSC. Mike Daisley was at this meeting. The Board intends to advise MSC of their decision and inquire of how they want to proceed following its next meeting.

Decision

- The Council **noted**:
 - a) the current level of assurance that operational search and rescue is fit for purpose is 'considerable.'
 - b) that the following areas of focus of the Framework's elements have been assessed at 'moderate' and work is in progress as follows to improve the level:
 - i. *SAR Aviation Assets* - NZ Police, RCCNZ, and the NZSAR Secretariat are working together to consider possible tasking options and implementing standards to address discrepancies and concerns.
 - ii. *Funding* – Given the current level of time-limited FED funding consideration is being given to the implications for the next FED funding round to ensure organisations are robust and sustainable.
 - iii. *Operational Management* – Determination of an appropriate Incident Management Operating system will begin with a Discovery Phase, subject to finance, to address the current inability to develop and sustain a common operating picture across incidents.
 - iv. *Operational Process* - A discussion paper will go out to Police's Director of Capability and the General Manager of RCCNZ to ensure operational or system reviews are conducted in the future to address the current low level of NZSAR Secretariat reviews.
 - v. *National Training Framework* – Advice has been received on the appropriateness and necessity of training and whether the training is making a difference to operational delivery but is yet to be considered.
 - vi. *Operational Currency* – A process will be developed to address the current gap between lessons identified and lessons learnt.
 - vii. *Health and Safety at Work Act 2015* – A set of guidelines to clarify overlapping PCBU duties has been drafted and agencies are considering them prior to finalisation.

7. Te Ao Māori in the Search and Rescue Sector

Dr Chanel Phillips presented on Te Ao Māori and the SAR sector.

The Past:

- Engagement with Māori across multiple organisations in the sector.
- No overarching Māori oversight, strategic alignment or shared vision/Kaupapa with the sector.
- Limited Māori representation at the leadership levels, Board, Consultative Committee, Council.
- Māori want to be engaged, Iwi, hapū have a lot to offer.

The Present:

- Kaihautū Māori (culture advisors) have been employed across the sector to facilitate engagement.
- Despite these there remains little strategic oversight for how to grow Māori competency, capacity, and capability across the sector.
- The Wai Puna model is currently being used in the water safety sector, land safety sector and recently for the Review.
- Māori do not separate water safety, land safety and SAR. They see the importance of people's safety and wellbeing from the mountains to the sea.

The Future:

- Wai Puna model provides a Te Ao Māori lens on SAR which has people's safety and wellbeing at the centre.
- It is a shared Kaupapa and vision that collectivises not only SAR but recreational safety.
- Māori needs to be at the leadership table.
- National hui will take place in Wellington in November bringing together Māori representatives across SAR including iwi and hapū representatives to discuss SAR from a Te Ao Māori lens.

Justin asked where we take it from here and noted the first step is the hui in November.

Kirstie feels this work is taking forward the discussion in the Recreational Review, work that went into and is useful to start thinking about now. There is work going on within agencies now and she asked if we can pull together some of that work together and include it in the hui. Stephanie agreed with Kirstie as they already do work in this space and are keen to help pull information together.

Rob Hewitt said they have been working with hapū, iwi and organisations involved in the sector and has some understandings of the work agencies have been doing. With the hui in November, Chairs and iwi have been invited to look at issues and how people around the table can help.

Kirstie said that Maritime are doing work with iwi and want to make sure both sides are included.

Tredgar (Director Māori at MoT) was supportive of both approaches. The Council discussed alignment of engagement and capability across agencies and how iwi/hapū include themselves into the operations, and cultural competency around karakia, rāhui etc.

Mike appreciated the work that has been done. Michael noted the many existing local arrangements and the need for national level direction and leadership.

Brendan said that FENZ is very supportive and is keen to be involved. FENZ recognises that Māori have strong interests and considerable capability to offer.

Kirstie said the hui is a good idea but wants to understand how it will be framed. Kirstie asked how do we have an open conversation but one that does not create unwarranted expectations?

Decision / Action

The Council:

- **noted** the Māori engagement progress that has occurred within the search and rescue sector.
- **noted** engagement with Māori must be meaningful, appropriate and transformative to support an overall Māori strategic focus and alignment for the search and rescue sector.
- **considered** Māori representation at the Consultative Committee and Council.
 - **noted** Rob Hewitt will be the Kaihautū Māori for the NZSAR Consultative Committee and Partnership meetings.
 - **made no decision** regarding Māori representation on the NZSAR Council
- **considered** the appropriateness of the Wai Puna model for Search and Rescue as a step towards stronger Te Tiriti o Waitangi alignment and Māori partnership.
 - **Action:** Rob to share the draft recreational safety hui agenda with Council via the Secretariat.
 - **Action:** Post hui notes are to be presented to the next Council meeting.
 - **Action:** Secretariat to provide agency point of contacts to Rob regarding what and how agencies are already engaging with Māori in order to inform the hui.

8. Sector Budget bid prioritisation

Audrey advised that government agencies in the sector have commenced the annual budget process and are gathering information on what people are planning.

SAR agencies shouldn't be expecting any new funding although there may be some possibility in the FED round.

Kirstie spoke about the MoT planned timing for SAR FED funding in 2024-25 and noted that Maritime NZ will need additional s9(1) funding prior to that schedule.

The Council noted that s9(1) bids will continue to be developed. Understanding the pressures and impacts of eventual allocations less than those requested will be important.

Decision

The Council:

- **noted and discussed** the proposed Budget Bids for Budget 24 and the proposed themes and prioritisation for the next FED funding round.
- **agreed** to the development of a Budget 24 Bid covering emergency responses (severe weather events) recovery, resilience, and readiness.
- **agreed** to the development of a Budget 24 bid covering cost pressures related to maintaining critical frontline prevention and rescue services at existing levels.

9. TAIC Report on *Enchanter* Capsize and Rescue

Andrew Greig advised that TAIC had made five recommendations relating to search and rescue and Audrey had written to TAIC them to say she wanted to meet with Council before accepting the recommendations. Work is now underway to address recommendations and are suggesting that the Council advise Audrey to advise TAIC to accept the recommendations.

Justin advised RCCNZ is comfortable with this.

Kirstie appreciated the TAIC report and said the process has been interesting and challenging for Maritime NZ. The *Enchanter* rescue was an RCCNZ led operation and had significant risk and impact on how they chose assets. Kirstie suggested that Maritime NZ should lead the work implementing the recommendations with support from Police and the Secretariat.

Justin said the response feels like a risk he shares with Kirstie and the recommendations suggest they need to lift their game. Maritime NZ ought to be owning their parts of the response to the recommendations rather than outsourcing them.

Mike asked are we agile enough to think and prepare for the immediacy of something big and bad on how we respond.

Rob suggested learning with those immediately involved and then move to other family members.

Kirstie said they have been talking to TAIC for a long time but now looked at the sector and where the issues lie. Looking at a working party to fix the issues even though we have family to support it.

Craig said the aviation futures work is a good example. If we have ultimate responsibility, we should be more heavily involved in developing the work.

Decisions and Actions

The Council:

- **Noted** the TAIC report and recommendations for the Secretary for Transport.

- **Noted** actions already underway to address some of the recommendations.
- **Agreed** the Secretary of Transport will write to TAIC to accept all the SAR recommendations.
- **Agreed** Maritime NZ will lead the work to address the SAR recommendations with the close cooperation of NZ Police and the NZSAR Secretariat. The Secretary of Transport will write to Maritime NZ, NZ Police, and the Secretariat to document that decision.

10. Aviation Futures

A project to explore changed arrangements for SAR aviation has been established. It has three sponsoring agencies – NZ Police, Maritime NZ and the NZSAR Secretariat. Two workstreams are proposed – one to develop aviation standards and the other is looking at enhancing the SAR aviation tasking system.

A steering group has been established to govern the project. The initial project phases will scope options and their viability, which will include drafting SAR aviation standards. Once these are explored, we will provide further advice.

Justin reflected on the TAIC recommendations and feels there is a bit of time pressure around this following the aviation workshop. The Secretariat is constrained and RCCNZ are looking at how they can step up as the owning agency of the risk. The other component is how we can work across the two coordinating authorities. There are going to be resourcing implications.

Craig said that NZ Police and RCCNZ have a mature relationship and approach SAR more collaboratively than previously. This is good timing to move forward and is an opportunity on how we can do better.

Decision

The Council:

- **Noted** various issues and opportunities with aviation in search and rescue.
- **Noted** Maritime NZ, NZ Police, and the NZSAR Secretariat are working together to develop SAR aviation standards.
- **Endorsed** work to scope the viability of an enhanced SAR aviation tasking system.
- **Requested** Maritime NZ, NZ Police, and the NZSAR Secretariat provide a joint report to the Council with specific recommendations on an enhanced SAR aviation tasking system.

11. Risk Discussion: Operational Capability

The Council discussed the Operational Capability risk. It has been reworded in consultation with the Senior Officials Group.

- Kirstie noted that Maritime NZ is providing advice to Ministers on emergency towage options.
- Mike asked for improved wording around air traffic control.
- Brendan noted the common operating picture (COP) risk is common across many agencies. Craig also noted similar discussion regarding COP at them EM national leadership group meeting with NEMA expressing similar concerns.
- Bronwyn said there was no need for the sentence regarding dedicated SAR assets and asked for it to be removed.
- Craig will provide advice around the Category 1 SAR appropriate incident management system risk .

Actions

- Duncan is to update the risk register in line with Council commentary.
- Craig will provide advice around the Category 1 SAR appropriate incident management system risk.

12. Independent Council Member

The current incumbent is due to be replaced at the end of the year with Michael Bassett-Foss's last Council meeting being December 2023.

The Council was asked to confirm the selection process and ensure the methodology and criteria is appropriate. Previous independent members have had backgrounds in Land SAR, Coastguard, SLSNZ and WSNZ.

Previous processes saw Duncan provide a shortlist with the Council selecting the independent member.

Mike asked is it now appropriate that a small Council subgroup select the next Council member. There are a range of experiences that could be brought to the table. Audrey said that a panel comprised of Council members should do the shortlisting for consideration by the full Council.

Audrey, Mike, and Kirstie agreed to undertake the shortlisting, Duncan will seek applicants from the SAR Sector

All members to consider who could be included in the shortlisting and encourage applications when the invite to apply is sent. Will want to go for the right person so an open the invitation to the wider community.

Decision and Actions

- The Council **confirmed** independent Council member person specification.
- Duncan is to **seek** applicants for the independent Council member from the SAR NGO's

- **Shortlisting** will be undertaken by Audrey, Mike and Kirstie and presented to the next Council meeting.

13. Proposed Changes to NZSAR Awards Policy

Tania Seward advised this was last reviewed a couple of years ago and there were some administrative tidy up of the Policy that needs to be approved by the Council.

The proposed changes are:

1. **Add** that additional Awards can be granted at the discretion of the NZSAR Council.
2. **Amend** the wording of the policy of previous nominees not being able to be nominated a second time – as information on unsuccessful nominees is not shared on the NZSAR website.
3. **Add** that nominations can only be withdrawn by the original nominator and/or their agency. Concerns about a nomination from another agency or an individual should be directed to the NZSAR Secretariat in writing and will be passed to the Awards panel for their consideration.
4. **Remove** ‘personal risk’ as a selection criterion for the Operational Activity Awards. All other criteria remain unchanged.

Brendan asked if someone has a Royal Honour, why can't they be nominated for a SAR Award. The Royal Honour is seen to be more appropriate if it relates to a SAR Award.

Decision

- The Council **approved** the proposed changes to the NZSAR Awards Policy

14. Challenges in reducing carbon emissions.

The Council was advised that a letter had been sent to Ministers from Maritime NZ regarding the concerns around Maritime NZ's ability to manage carbon emissions from search and rescue operations.

Kirstie noted she has had positive conversations around SAR related emissions not being counted in intensity targets. Further work needs to be done regarding carbon reporting.

The Council noted that Lumen had prepared a baseline SAR sector Carbon Emissions Report. Duncan advised European SAR authorities are looking at alternative fuels. Justin expressed concerns that inherent efficiency is not traded off against carbon cost of locating people.

Audrey noted increased SAR carbon efficiency can occur through better locating technologies and the importance of SAR prevention. She also advised that it was an all of government approach, not agency specific. The Council need to move to a

programme methodology of counting and a sensible approach carbon versus life saving.

Decision

- The Council **discussed** the challenges in reducing SAR carbon emissions.

15. Exercise Whakarauora Tangata

The first exercise was held in July. There were several agencies involved and some lessons learned, for example, a more integrated IMT and improve familiarity with CIMS.

RCCNZ will hold an exercise in October and the next exercise will be held in Southland at the end of 2023.

In February there will be a workshop to bring together key stakeholders who are likely to respond to a nationally significant incident.

Decision

The Council:

- **Noted** that one Incident Management Team (IMT) exercise has been successfully conducted and consultations are underway for three further IMT exercises and a stakeholder/lead agency focused workshop in February 2024.
- **Noted** the significant interest and engagement of SAR and SAR adjacent agencies in observing and participating in the exercises.
- **Endorsed** participation by appropriate senior level management from Council organisations at the key stakeholder workshop in February 2024.

16. Noting paper – SAR Training update

Land Search and Rescue are currently managing the Land Search and Rescue training contract and the multi-agency training contract throughout 2023.

65 out of 73 courses have been delivered for Land Search and Rescue and other SAR agencies from January to 20 August 2023. At this stage, we look to be on track for training courses for the calendar year, and we will closely monitor course progress for the last quarter of 2023.

17. Noting paper – NZSAR 2023/24 Workplan Update

The Workplan continues with workshops and projects. The 2023-24 Secretariat work programme is currently proving challenging due to resource constraints. Potential restrictions on the use of contractors and consultants may further impact the work programme. Further work is needed to prioritise this.

18. SAR Reviews Register

Approximately nine SAR reviews have been suggested by the Secretariat to the Coordinating Authorities over the past year.

None have been agreed on by one or both Coordinating authorities. As a result, there have been no NZSAR Secretariat sponsored operational, or system reviews conducted in the past 18 months.

Reviews lead by other organisations have occurred (for example, the TAIC report into the *Enchanter* incident).

The agreed recommendations from SAR reviews already completed are assessed as being in progress or have been completed.

19. Noting paper – Planned SAR Exercises

An Investment Agreement has been signed by MOT and NZ Police for SAR exercises for the 2023-24 financial year.

For the 2022-23 financial year, all 12 planned SAREXs were delivered.

20. Noting paper – RCCNZ becomes a recognised “Iridium associated” RCCNZ

In December 2019, the Iridium global satellite communications company became the second satellite company, in addition to Inmarsat, to be recognized by the IMO as an approved provider of satellite distress, urgency and safety alerting and communications for the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS).

From 16 August, following an extensive test and evaluation process, seafarers can be safe in the knowledge that, should they activate a distress alert on their Iridium terminal, within either the NZ or Fiji SRR, these alerts will be delivered directly to RCCNZ for coordination by the closest, most appropriate RCCNZ.

21. General Business

There was no general business.

22. Next meeting

12 December 2023

23. Actions, decisions and noting

#	Item	Actions, decisions and noting	Responsibility	Action Taken/ Status
6.	Directors Report	Considered the Director’s Report	Council	N/A

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	Rescue Sector	<p>the search and rescue sector.</p> <p>Noted engagement with Māori must be meaningful, appropriate and transformative to support an overall Māori strategic focus and alignment for the search and rescue sector.</p> <p>Considered Māori representation at the Consultative Committee and Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • noted Rob Hewitt will be the Kaihautū Māori for the NZSAR Consultative Committee and Partnership meetings. • made no decision regarding Māori representation on the NZSAR Council <p>Considered the appropriateness of the Wai Puna model for Search and Rescue as a step towards stronger Te Tiriti o Waitangi alignment and Māori partnership.</p> <p>Action: Rob to share the draft recreational safety hui agenda with Council via the Secretariat.</p> <p>Action: Post hui notes are to be presented to the next Council meeting.</p>	<p>Rob Hewitt</p> <p>Secretariat</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>See item 15</p>

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		Action: Secretariat to provide agency point of contacts to Rob regarding what and how agencies are already engaging with Māori in order to inform the hui.	Secretariat	Completed
8.	Sector Budget bid prioritisation	<p>Noted and discussed the proposed Budget Bids for Budget 24 and the proposed themes and prioritisation for the next FED funding round.</p> <p>Agreed to the development of a Budget 24 Bid covering emergency responses (severe weather events) recovery, resilience and readiness</p> <p>The Council agreed to the development of a Budget 24 bid covering cost pressures related to maintaining critical frontline prevention and rescue services at existing levels.</p>	<p>Council</p> <p>Secretariat + Sector</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>Drafted and sent to MoT. Awaiting guidance.</p> <p>Drafted and sent to MoT. Awaiting guidance.</p>
9.	TAIC Report on Enchanter Capsize and Rescue	<p>Noted the TAIC report and recommendations for the Secretary for Transport.</p> <p>Noted actions already underway to address some of the recommendations.</p> <p>Agreed the Secretary of Transport will write to TAIC to accept all the SAR recommendations.</p>	<p>Council</p> <p>Audrey Sonerson</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>Completed</p>

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11.	Risk Discussion: Operational Capability	<p>Action:</p> <p>Update the risk register in line with Council commentary.</p> <p>Provide advice around the Category 1 SAR appropriate incident management system risk.</p>	<p>Duncan</p> <p>Craig Rendel</p>	<p>Updated</p> <p>Under discussion</p>
12.	Independent Council Member	<p>Confirmed independent Council member person specification.</p> <p>Seek applicants for the independent Council member from the SAR NGO's</p> <p>Shortlisting will be undertaken and presented to the next Council meeting.</p>	<p>Council</p> <p>Duncan Ferner</p> <p>Audrey, Mike and Kirstie</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>Completed. 7 nominations received</p> <p>See item 9</p>
13.	Proposed Changes to NZSAR Awards Policy	<p>Approved the proposed changes to the NZSAR Awards Policy</p>	<p>Council</p>	<p>Awards Policy updated</p>
14.	Challenges in reducing carbon emissions	<p>Discussed the challenges in reducing SAR emissions.</p>	<p>Council</p>	<p>N/A</p>
15.	Exercise Whakarauor a Tangata	<p>Noted that one Incident Management Team (IMT) exercise has been successfully conducted and consultations are underway for three further IMT exercises and a stakeholder/lead</p>	<p>Council</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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		<p>agency focused workshop in February 2024.</p> <p>Noted the significant interest and engagement of SAR and SAR adjacent agencies in observing and participating in the exercises.</p> <p>Endorsed participation by appropriate senior level management from Council organisations at the key stakeholder workshop in February 2024.</p>		<p>N/A</p> <p>N/A</p>