

## Coromandel Local Lifesaving Committee - **APPROVED MINUTES**

Thursday 12th February 2026 – 7.00pm  
(Microsoft Teams Online)

Attending (Staff & Independents)	Attending (Club Delegates)
Chaz Gibbons-Campbell – LM (CGC)	<b>Online</b>
	Gabriella Hughes – Tairua (GH)
	Lauren Young - Whiritoa (AW)
	Danielle Ellery - Whangamata (DE)
	Maddie Schnackenberg – Waihi Beach (MS)
	Charlie Toumadj – Onemana (CT)
	Jack Sewell – Onemana (JS)

Apologies (Staff & Independents)	Apologies (Club Delegates)
Hiria Kayes - CSL (HK)	Stella Reid - Pauanui - (SR)
Nick Wagstaff – CE IRB (NW)	Macayla Lock - Pauanui - (ML)
Maddie Scown – CE SLA (MS)	Grace Westenberg – Whangamata (BN)
Brianna Norris - NLC (BN)	Taimania Hinds – Hot Water Beach (TH)
David Cooper – LSO (DC)	

Time	Discussion	Who
19:00	<p><b>Welcome &amp; Apologies</b></p> <p>Apologies from Hiria Kayes, Stella Reid, Macayla Lock and Brianna Norris, Nick Wagstaff and Maddie Scown.</p> <p>Welcome to Danielle who is stepping in for Grace from Whangamatā</p>	CGC/GH
19:05	<p><b>Previous Minutes</b></p> <p><a href="#">12 December 2025</a></p> <p>Motion to accept the previous minutes. Moved: MS      Seconded: LY</p>	GH

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19:20	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>No correspondence submitted.</p>	
19:21	<p><b>Lifesaving Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 11,000+ volunteer patrol hours</li> <li>● 10,500 paid lifeguard hours (most beaches wrapped up except Hot Water Beach)</li> <li>● 93 rescues</li> <li>● 171 assists</li> <li>● 4,000+ preventative actions</li> <li>● 116,000 people engaged (almost triple previous years)</li> <li>● 34 major first aids (including oxygen cases &amp; hospital transports)</li> </ul> <p>Notable activity areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hot Water Beach (very busy season)</li> <li>● Hahei patrols (extra funded patrols, stats being separated)</li> <li>● Whangamatā &amp; Waihi active</li> <li>● Pauanui South patrol introduced (positive community feedback)</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Patrol Attendance Challenges</b></p> <p>Clubs reporting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Struggles with low attendance on some weekends.</li> <li>● Sports commitments, camps, uni students away.</li> <li>● Younger guards (15–17) reluctant to patrol or progress.</li> <li>● Communication issues (guards not replying to Patrol Captains).</li> <li>● Heavy reliance on a few committed local guards (unsustainable).</li> <li>● Some clubs operating opt-in patrol rosters.</li> </ul> <p>Strategies Discussed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fixed patrol teams set early in season (working well at Tairua).</li> </ul>	CGC

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● WhatsApp group chats (whole club + patrol groups). Minimum volunteer hours (e.g., 32 hours at Tairua).</li> <li>● Incentives (e.g., 50% subs discount for 50+ hours).</li> <li>● Strong patrol culture &amp; pre/post patrol activities.</li> <li>● Buddy/mentorship system for new guards.</li> <li>● Engaging parents (for younger guards).</li> <li>● Investing more in keen members where numbers are limited.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Keep this topic on agenda and gather ideas from other regions.</p> <p><b>Paid Lifeguard Season</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Exit surveys underway (40+ responses so far).</li> <li>● Feedback: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Site inductions valued.</li> <li>○ Some preference for returning to Coromandel-only induction.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Plan to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Identify and develop next wave of paid guards (15–16 yrs).</li> <li>○ Run off-season engagement (training, newsletters, skills workshops).</li> <li>○ Target university centres as well.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Equipment Audits (Starting March)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hiria to book cluster visits by area.</li> <li>● Digital reporting with instant summary.</li> <li>● Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Equipment condition</li> <li>○ OPEX funding advice</li> <li>○ Minor gear needs (flags, binos etc.)</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Gear amnesty – misplaced equipment to be returned.</li> </ul>	
20:00	<p><b>CSL Update</b></p> <p><b>SLA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Exam 17 January at Whangamata - 27 new LGs qualified (4 from Mount Maunganui). Majority from Pauanui (13)</li> </ul>	HK

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Next exam - 28 February at Waihi College/Pool and Waihi Beach LS Club. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Very low numbers, only 5 Coromandel members so far signed up. Have about 5 from BOP that are wanting to do the course with us and Robynne will come along as an examiner.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>IRB Exams and Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Exam on 24 January was cancelled due to surf and closure of roads</li> <li>- We currently have approx 11-12 candidates waiting to sit their exam. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 4 Pauanui - reinstatement &amp; theory completed</li> <li>- 2 Tairua - reinstatement &amp; theory completed</li> <li>- 3 Waihi Beach - theory completed</li> <li>- 2-3 Whangamata - need to do whole exam day</li> <li>- Carter Hodge from HWB is available this weekend to do the Pauanui and Tairua candidates.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Next exam due on 4 April 2026.</li> </ul> <p><b>IRB Crew Modules</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- These have been ad-hoc from clubs and we have Whangamata looking for an examiner for this weekend.</li> </ul> <p><b>First Aid Courses</b></p> <p>ASFA, Full, Refresher &amp; PMM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Scheduled: <b>13–15 March</b></li> <li>● Must meet minimum numbers by <b>13 February</b></li> <li>● Course will be <b>cancelled if minimum not met</b></li> </ul> <p>SFA (Auckland)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Scheduled: <b>11–12 April</b> at MRC</li> <li>● For Coromandel members based in Auckland</li> <li>● 7 registered from Pauanui so far</li> </ul> <p>Hosting a First Aid Course</p> <p>If your club can guarantee <b>4–6 members</b> for an ASFA course:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A course can be arranged via Hiria</li> <li>○ Other clubs can be invited to fill remaining spaces</li> </ul> <p><b>Patrol Captain Course</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Likely need at least one course (possibly two).</li> <li>● Historically hard to fill.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18+ age requirement confirmed.</li> </ul> <p><b>IRB Development – Raglan Camp</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 28–29 August 2026</li> <li>• Development Saturday, exam Sunday.</li> <li>• Fully catered &amp; accommodated.</li> <li>• 30 candidate spaces across Eastern Region.</li> <li>• Small user-pays component likely.</li> </ul> <p><b>Guard Schools</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intermediate &amp; Junior Guard Schools moved later (landslide impact).</li> <li>• Suggestion: Run a Coromandel-based Intermediate Guard School.</li> <li>• Proposed small user-pays fee to candidates (\$50–\$70, not more than \$100) - LLC were asked if this would be supported by clubs and general consensus was. This could be applied through OPEX.</li> <li>• Preferred timing: July school holidays (discussion ongoing).</li> </ul> <p><b>Rookies Challenge</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Saturday 21 March at</li> </ul> <p><b>Intermediate Lifeguard School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5 June to 7 June</li> </ul> <p><b>Junior Guard School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 31 July to 2 August</li> </ul> <p><b>Wahine on Water</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 20th June</li> </ul> <p><b>Adult Guard School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 17 October</li> </ul> <p><b>Courses/Exam/Lifeguard School Planning for 2026/2027 season</b></p> <p>Intermediate Lifeguard School  Junior Guard School - (already set 31 July to 2 August)  Adult Lifeguard School - (already set for 17 October)  Wahine on Water  IRB Development Weekend (set for 28/29 August in Raglan)  IRB Introduction Weekends  IRB Exams  RWC Introduction Weekends (14/15 March) (9/10 May)  RWC Exams (12 Apr) (6 Jun)</p>	

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	SLA & PS Exams ITC - IRB ITC - SLA Patrol Captain Course Rock Instructors	
19:45	<p><b>General Business</b></p> <p><b>Awards of Excellence 2026</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Regional Awards: 25 July 2026 at Papamoa</li> <li>● Nominations opening soon (closing likely end of March).</li> <li>● Clubs encouraged to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Start early</li> <li>○ Provide detailed nominations</li> <li>○ Nominations with little judging info are very difficult to judge</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Active Guard Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Encouraged clubs to review reports.</li> <li>● Use to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Identify future leaders</li> <li>○ Track expiring qualifications</li> <li>○ Plan course enrolments</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Raglan - IRB Weekend</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- date 28th &amp; 29th August - planning underway</li> <li>- Will be fully catered for and staying at local backpackers as club maybe under reno</li> <li>- Saturday practice and Sunday exam day.</li> </ul> <p><b>Next LLC meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 12 March 2026</li> </ul>	All
20:30	<b>Meeting Closed</b>	All



<b>Action Point</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>When by</b>
Chaz - to prepare and provide discussion paper to LLC  Review LS capability matrices	CGC	
Decide course priorities at the next meeting based on need and available budget	LLC	
<b>Development Pathways</b>  Locate and recirculate a visual pathway/flowchart outlining required awards and courses.	HK	