

2019 SISA

President's report

The last 12 months have been busy for the clubs and competitors around the South Island. What a fantastic year we have had!

Listed below are some of our achievements –

- We are in the black financially for the second year in a row thanks to the work by Lewis and Roxanne – Lewis's report makes for much better reading than it did several years ago.
- All our SISA comps are pretty much over-subscribed and are becoming very popular with the North Island competitors
- Again we have 2 junior reps in the NZ team to travel to the ISA world junior champs
- Mark O'Malley has done a great job with the management of the SISA Grom series. This coming season we have the Kahuna Boardriders taking over from the Southland Boardriders. It will be nice to be back in Greymouth. The sponsorship deal Mark has coordinated with YOU travel will help things to run a little easier this season. A huge thanks to all the volunteers from Buller, South Coast, Southland, The Duke crew (SISA Management), KBR and Kaikoura Surf Groms for their work on the Grom series
- South Coast Boardriders have for the 2nd year in a row taking out the Top club title with North Wai taking the Top Junior club trophy.
- The SISA circuit has had some recognition from Surfing NZ with the inclusion of the top Open male and top Open female from the 2018-19 SISA circuit getting an entry into the trials event for the Piha Pro next year so it's a big congratulations to Elliot Brown and Anna Hawes. There are still likely to be one or two more South Islanders that will qualify through other avenues.
- The SISA junior development trip to the Surfing Australia HPC was a new initiative that was well received and I believe next year we could do at least 2 trips if not more. A huge thanks to Nolan Hungerford and Lew McKenzie for their work on this trip.

The work done by Ben Kennings and Lee Ryan from Surfing NZ has again been well received by those of us at the sharp end of the SISA admin team and we thank them for their commitment to the sport.

As the South Island rep on the SNZ board I have had a differing of opinion with some of the board members and the direction that some of them would like to take things. If re-elected to this role I promise to keep fighting for the best outcomes for our surfers. It has been an

honour for me to have held a role as National selector for the last few years (one of three) and hope to carry on if possible.

Surfer, coach and judge development is something I'm passionate about so watch this space there could be things in the pipeline over the next 6 to 9 months.