



The Directors of The National Sea Rescue Institute have pleasure in awarding the

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to

Andrew Ingram NSRI Drowning Prevention Manager

Andrew Ingram has been a member of The National Sea Rescue Institute (NSRI) since 1981 when he joined Station 2 Bakoven as a Trainee Crewman.

Andrew and his family were no strangers to NSRI and Bakoven and indeed lived in a bungalow that bordered the steps leading down to Bakoven Beach and the Station. And as a 16 year old, Andrew was involved in assisting in his first NSRI rescue. So, inevitably, he and his brother spent a good deal of their youth right next to the Station and became avid helpers at the Base.

Andrew, literally living on the sea when not at home, and being well versed in the sea, seamanship and the activities of the Station, achieved his Crew qualification during 1981. Due to his hard work, dedication and ability, became a Cox'n Class III in May 1988. Andrew went on to serve continuously at Station 2 Bakoven, participating in many SAR Operations in command of his Crew until joining NSRI in July 2010 as a manager in the Marketing Department, where his extensive skills learned during his many years as a senior photographer and journalist at The Cape Times (where he met Sandy, his wife to be) were put to good use.

Andrew was awarded Honorary Life Membership in NSRI in 2006 after serving NSRI as a volunteer for 25 years and was presented his 40-year Long Service Award in 2021.

Both before and during his service as an employee of NSRI, Andrew contributed to various projects in NSRI, including the photographic journey through NSRI's history in the book "For Those in Peril" for NSRI's 40th Anniversary and co-writing the book "Into a Raging Sea" with Tony Weaver to celebrate NSRI's 50th Anniversary.

From 2017 onwards, Andrew was tasked with focusing on Drowning Prevention in SA as part of NSRI's dedicated mission to achieve this challenging goal, resulting in the IMRF recognising the department's achievements

as Hero Award Runner Up for the Team Contribution to a Maritime SAR Operation for the NSRI's School Water Safety Programme in 2018 and the IMRF Innovation and Technology Award for the Pink Rescue Buoy initiative in the same year.

Andrew's work in accumulating drowning data in South Africa revealed the seriousness of the situation which ultimately enabled the publishing of these findings resulting in a much higher degree of awareness in SA and abroad, entrenching NSRI's Drowning Prevention Department as a national leader in the field of drowning prevention.

His peers at NSRI recognise his extensive contributions to the NSRI Magazine, his innovative ideas submitted to the teams conducting the Water Safety Programmes, Survival Swimming and Survival Swimming Centres, which culminated in another IMRF Award. He was also instrumental in pioneering NSRI's Life Guarding initiative. His empathy for his fellow South Africans in working ceaselessly in terms of finding solutions to the scourge of Drowning in SA is a visible driving force, for us all to do better.

Andrew is also known for his quiet but confident approach to his contribution to the NSRI Awards Committee, always balancing the consideration of awards with his clear, concise and firm recommendations based on facts and reason. His wisdom and experience are acknowledged by fellow Committee members when they ask "what would Andrew think?"

In recognition of his exemplary leadership and unwavering support of NSRI we are delighted this year to present Andrew Ingram with the Marmion Marsh Trophy, which is awarded annually to a person who has rendered distinguished service to the NSRI.

Dave Macready
Chairman of the Board of Directors



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Date