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The National Sea Rescue Institute (NSRI or the organisation) is a non-profit organisation (No 1967/013618/08) registered with the South African Department of Social Development as a Non-Profit Organisation (002-870 NPO).

OUR CAPITALS



Financial capital



Human capital



Manufactured capital



Social and relationship capital



Intellectual capital



Natural capital

OUR FIVE STRATEGIC PILLARS



Advocacy and prevention



Quality rescue services



Quality corporate governance, management and administration



Marketing and communication



Fundraising

Reporting theme

WAVES OF IMPACT

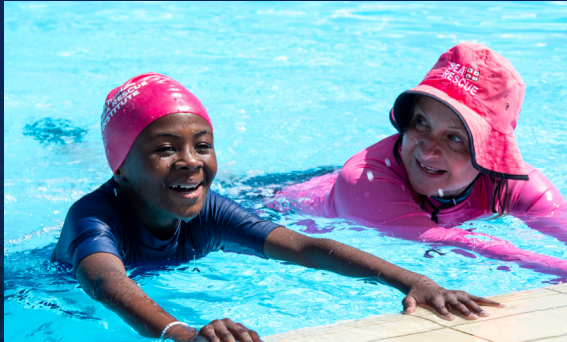


We are proud to present our 2025 Integrated Annual Report, reflecting how the work of the NSRI creates waves of meaningful, lasting impact across South African society.

As the only NPO dedicated to saving lives and protecting livelihoods on and around our waters, we are driven by a simple belief: every rescue, every act of prevention and every moment of education extends far beyond the immediate event. When a life is saved, a future is restored and a family, a livelihood and a community are preserved. When a child learns water safety, that knowledge is carried forward, shared with others, embedded in communities and passed on to future generations. Each of these moments does more than change a single life; it creates a ripple that travels outwards, shaping safer outcomes far beyond the point of impact.



[▶ See how we're creating an impact.](#)



Our impact is delivered through three interconnected service pillars: community programmes, lifeguarding and rescue. Together, these pillars form a complete system of water safety, spanning prevention, preparedness and emergency response. Through our community programmes, we equip individuals with essential survival swimming and water safety skills. Through lifeguarding, we train and deploy professionals who actively prevent incidents before they occur. Through rescue, our highly skilled volunteer crews respond in critical moments with world-class capability and unwavering commitment.

While these acts are part of our daily reality, they are life-defining for those we serve. Their impact extends across all six of our capitals and compounds over time, strengthening individuals, families, communities and, ultimately, the nation. This growing wave of impact is made possible through the support of our stakeholders. We serve all South Africans with more than 97% of our funding coming from private individuals and companies – a powerful expression of ubuntu in action.

With the dedication of our volunteers, the trust of our partners and the generosity of our donors, we continue to extend our reach. In doing so, we ensure that more lives are saved, more communities are empowered and more South Africans return safely to the people and places that matter most, today, tomorrow and for generations to come.

What we report on and why

The Directors of the NSRI present this Integrated Annual Report to provide our stakeholders, primarily donors and sponsors, with a view of our value creation and preservation in 2025. The report transparently outlines progress on our strategic journey towards achieving our vision of a water-safe nation.

Why we report

To enhance transparency and accountability	1	Demonstrates accountability to stakeholders by providing a transparent overview of our financial, operational and social impacts.
To build trust	2	Strengthens stakeholder confidence through consistent, detailed disclosures of outcomes and resource use.
To showcase impact	3	Highlights achievements aligned with our purpose, mission and vision.
To support funding	4	Attracts and retains donors, supporters and partners by demonstrating responsible governance and impactful initiatives.
To encourage reflection and improvement	5	Enables internal evaluation to refine our strategy and improve our performance.
To align with best practice	6	Meets stakeholder expectations to demonstrate integrated thinking in decisions and actions that uphold our credibility and reputation.

Scope and boundary

This report includes quantitative and qualitative data and information about the financial and non-financial performance of the NSRI's core operations, including community programmes, lifeguarding, rescue services and associated activities, from 1 January to 31 December 2025 (the financial year). Case studies illustrate performance outcomes and demonstrate value creation and preservation across the NSRI's activities.



Selecting information to include in this report

We aim to convey the essence of the NSRI, its growth and development. This report provides readers with a broad overview of our operations, insights into our strategy, our funding base, key risks and opportunities, and notable successes and challenges.

Integrated thinking in determining materiality

We apply integrated thinking to determine the relevant information to include in our reports each year. Our annual materiality determination process identifies matters likely to substantially impact the NSRI's capacity to fulfil our mandate to save lives. These matters are also deemed material for their impact over time:

Short term	Medium term	Long term
One year	Three to five years	Six to 10 years


Read more about our **material matters**.

Guidelines and frameworks

In preparing this report, we are guided by:

- The Companies Act, 71 of 2008, as amended (Companies Act).
- International Financial Reporting Standards guidelines for small and medium-sized enterprises.
- The Integrated Reporting Framework.
- King IV Report on Corporate Governance™ for South Africa, 2016 (King IV)*.
- The supplement for non-profit companies (NPCs) included in King IV.
- Broad-based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) Act, 53 of 2003.

During 2026, we will adopt the principles of the King V Report on Corporate Governance™ for South Africa, 2025 (King V).

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Ensuring the integrity of our reporting

Management prepared and verified the information in this report with oversight by the Board of Directors of the NSRI (the Board) and its relevant subcommittees including the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee (ARCC), the Human Capital Committee (HCC), the Operations Support Committee (OSC) and the Investment Committee (IC). To enhance accuracy, integrity and comparability, some data from previous years was revised as updated information became available or as improvements in data collection methodologies facilitated more precise reporting.

Our business practices, governance and financial information are assured through compliance with audits and oversight by various regulatory authorities.

Assurance

Cecil Kilpin & Co. conducted an independent audit of our financial information in accordance with the required standards.

Balancing cost efficiency with transparency, we did not seek further independent verification of this report. However, the report and internal metrics were thoroughly verified internally.

Executive management, our ARCC and our Board assured themselves that all material aspects of the NSRI were covered comprehensively.

Oversight by various regulatory authorities provided further assurance of our business practices.

Board responsibility

The Board acknowledges its responsibility to ensure the integrity of this report.

The Board is confident that the 2025 report was prepared in accordance with the Integrated Reporting Framework, addresses all material matters and provides an accurate and balanced overview of the NSRI and our prospects.

All financial information was extracted from the audited financial statements.

The Board approved the 2025 Integrated Annual Report for publication on 15 May 2026.

Message from our Chairperson

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– Jonathan Velloza



Once again, it is time to reflect on another remarkable year for the NSRI. 2025 was a year of continued growth, resilience and purpose, and I am proud of what our organisation has achieved together.

The year marked Mike Vonk's first full year as Chief Executive Officer (CEO), and I am pleased to report that his leadership brought fresh energy and clarity of purpose to the organisation. Mike has built strongly on the foundation laid by his predecessors while charting a confident course for the years ahead. I thank him and the entire executive team for their dedication and hard work throughout the year.

2025 was once again a busy year for our organisation. Our community programmes continued to grow, with 924 799 young South Africans trained in water safety education and survival swimming, an increase of 2.4% compared to 2024. The Pink Rescue Buoy (PRB) programme demonstrated its lifesaving value, with a cumulative total of 239 lives now attributed to these iconic buoys. In addition, our teams undertook 1 069 rescue operations, rescuing 1 548 people from potentially life-threatening situations. Our volunteers also assisted 70 animals in distress.

We continued to invest meaningfully in our future. During the past year we made the decision to accelerate the completion of the Offshore Rescue Craft (ORC) programme. We have made great progress in achieving this, with the construction of new bases at Station 4 Mykonos and Station 8 Hout Bay well underway. Both bases will receive their new rescue craft in 2026, marking the end of the ORC build programme and making a material difference to the safety of people at sea. Our investments into our operations speak to our long-term commitment to protecting South African lives, both at sea and in our inland waterways.

At the heart of everything we do are our volunteers: ordinary South Africans who give extraordinary amounts of their time, skill and energy in the service of others. I remain in awe of their commitment and sacrifice, and it is an honour to serve alongside them. To every volunteer across our network of rescue stations, as always, thank you.

None of what we achieve would be possible without the generosity of our donors. The trust our supporters place in us is something we do not take lightly. To each and every one of you, whether you contribute regularly, occasionally or for the first time, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Your generosity saves lives.

As we look ahead, I do so with confidence and optimism. The NSRI is an organisation in good health: operationally strong, financially sound and guided by a clear sense of purpose. I wish all in our community a safe, healthy and prosperous 2026.

Jonathan Velloza
Chairperson



Volunteers from Station 16 Strandfontein participate in a fitness training session.

