

Sept 2021 IRG – New Brighton Surf Life Saving Club

IRG Funding: \$1.6m | Total Project Spend: \$3.5m



New Brighton Beach is one of the more popular beaches in the South Island, but it is also a beach that has claimed more than one-third of the 35 drownings at Canterbury surf club patrolled beaches since 1980. This highlights the need for New Brighton Surf Life Saving Club to patrol the beach and take preventative action to avoid further incidents.

This project has involved the demolition and rebuild of the Community Surf Life Saving Infrastructure that is the New Brighton Surf Life Saving Club, Christchurch. A rebuild of the existing building was required after the Christchurch earthquakes, with the goal of delivering a fit for purpose facility that can provide surf lifesaving and other saving support services to the local community.

The building will principally serve as the base for its rescue and emergency services for both professional (paid) and volunteer lifeguards patrolling New Brighton Beach. It will be able to facilitate lifeguard training and development, as well as public education on water safety. It will also be able to host key national surf lifesaving events, attracting visitors to the area and provide an opportunity to profile/promote the community to the rest of the country.