



# **Annual Report 2004**

## **Tuarascáil 2004**

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## **IRISH WATER SAFETY 2004 REPORT**

### **The Chairman's report to Mr Dick Roche TD, Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government**

It is my pleasure as Chairman to inform you that Irish Water Safety has much to celebrate through its many achievements and activities during the year and we share these highlights with you within this report. In commencing, it would be remiss of me not to extend sincere congratulations and thanks to all our volunteers and staff who have worked so hard to further the mission and visions of Irish Water Safety throughout 2004. By their efforts we have sustained progress in achieving our primary goal that is the saving of life from water related accidents in Ireland and abroad.

The annual report contains a comprehensive review of the many activities of Irish Water Safety and it illustrates a commitment "second to none" made by our volunteers - both young and old - who operate through thirty local water safety committees nationwide, including the Garda Síochána and the Defence Forces. The Council, Commissions, Area Water Safety Committees, Staff, Life Governors, Water Safety Examiners, Tutors, Instructors and Organisers at local level all contribute to the success. Their commitment ensures that we are meeting the challenges that are required to remain a force to be reckoned with in a sustained effort to save lives from drowning.

The first half of 2004 saw the Government holding the Presidency of the European Union, and it was decided by the Council of Irish Water Safety to invite International Life Saving (Europe) to hold their yearly board of Directors meeting in Waterford City on the 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> June during the period of Ireland's Presidency. Twenty-eight delegates from all over Europe attended, which entailed a huge logistical operation to ensure that the conference ran smoothly. We as Irish were proud of our achievements in relation to the hosting of that conference, which was a tremendous success both from an international and national point of view. The support given by the Waterford, Cork and Dublin water safety personnel in the organisation of it was tremendous. Special thanks

to the Mayor of Waterford, Councillor Tom Cunningham for hosting a Civic Reception in the City Hall. The special financial support given by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to host the conference is acknowledged with sincere thanks.

Irish Water Safety continues to play a significant role at European and World level within International Life Saving and I am proud to report that we hold many positions of responsibility within International Life Saving. The positions held by members of Irish Water Safety were reaffirmed in September 2004 at the World Conference in Viareggio, Italy. As an island nation it is not possible to live in isolation and this is particularly true in relation to water safety and lifesaving, because of so many new innovative ideas and technological ideas coming on stream to improve methods of saving life from drowning. If we are to offer to the Irish public the best methodologies in lifesaving, included in rescue, resuscitation, swimming and lifesaving sport, it is essential that we are involved with and exchange ideas with kindred organisations from other countries. This policy of being involved at international level which was first realised in 1971, and thankfully, continues today bearing in mind that value for money is a priority at all times. In keeping with the policy of involvement, I am pleased to report that Council decided that Irish Water Safety should become a member of the International Swimming Teachers Federation and sent two delegates to the General Assembly in Hong Kong in November. It is worthy of note that our young members are excelling in international lifesaving sport and it is our intentions to seek "Governing Body" status to further encourage this aspect of our remit in water safety awareness during 2005. Lifesaving Sport is recognised by the Olympic movement and other world sporting organisations, such as the World Games Federation. Ireland has competed for many years at international level and has had its own national championships since 1950, in which teams compete for the "President of Ireland" trophy. This trophy is one of the most prestigious trophies competed for in any sport in Ireland and it is on view at the headquarters of Irish Water Safety.

The accidental drowning statistic for 2004 showed a slight decrease on the previous year and we are satisfied that the water safety awareness message is slowly but surely being heeded by the public. It must be appreciated that Irish Water Safety is not alone in combating accidental drowning and that other state

agencies and voluntary organisations play a leading role in assisting our efforts. Of worthy mention in this regard are the Maritime Safety Division and the Irish Coast Guard who come under the agency of the Minister for the Marine, Mr. Pat the Cope Gallagher, T.D.

Notwithstanding the investment made from state funds towards water safety and rescue we still have a number of incidents happening both on our coastal waters and inland waters that could be avoided with a little effort and responsibility being taken directly by the general public. The public must play a role in relation to their own personal safety and for those for whom they have a duty of care when on, in or near water. Of great concern also is the fact that many Irish go abroad for holidays not being aware that in many countries visited, the provision of lifeguards on beaches or at hotel pools is very often not a priority. Each year, citizens of this country lose their lives when on holidays through drowning accidents and we as the national lifesaving organisation are very concerned at such loss of life.

Within the year, Irish Water Safety launched a major schools program with emphasis on educating primary school children in basic water safety and life-support methods. This initiative was supported and funded by “Birds Eye” frozen food products and incorporated a package of educational material, which through school programmes allowed for education of the very young. The children learn as they progress through the various disciplines within the classroom and receive certification in course. The product produced has won several awards and various international lifesaving organisations have sought permission to produce it in their country. We are proud of the fact that the Education Commission within Irish Water Safety designed it and that it has appeal to the younger generation.

We have an excellent relationship with the media who at national and local level support and carry our concerns within the many press releases issued from time to time throughout the year. This refers to television, radio, newspapers and periodicals that are available within the state and all of whom have given us space “free of charge”. Special thanks, to individual celebrities, who have given freely of their time to be active in promoting water safety. It would not be possible to have an informed public without the help and support of the media and we extend to them sincere

thanks.

Irish Water Safety is financially supported from several sources; Central Government through the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Local Authorities, fundraising by our members and sponsorship through the generosity of many companies and firms throughout Ireland. In total we spend approximately three quarters of a million euros on various programs, activities and salaries in the promotion of water safety. I am sure it will come as no surprise; if I indicate that had we some additional financial resources available to us, particularly from the private sector we could advance our causes even further towards the promotion of water safety. I am pleased to present within this annual report, a comprehensive and detailed summary of our financial expenditures throughout the year 2004, which have been examined by the Controller & Auditor General's Office and found to be in order. The Council Members are compliant with the codes of practice for the Governance of State Bodies and other guidelines demanded of it, in relation to its financial activities and other dealings relating to the business of Irish Water Safety.

I wish to thank our Chief Executive Officer, the Officer Manager, the Marketing Executive and the other members of Staff for their dedication and loyalty throughout the year. They have worked extremely hard supporting the efforts of the voluntary members. However, as the organisation grows so also will additional staffing requirements to meet the demands within a progressive lifesaving organisation and we cannot afford to lose sight of this fact. I wish to thank our Medical Advisor, Dr. Tony Handley for the expert medical advice he has given us throughout the year.

Each year through death, we sadly lose some of our members and 2004 has been no exception, indeed we lost four stalwart members this year. Such a loss of friends certainly leaves a void for us within water safety, especially at local level where they operated on a voluntary basis with colleagues. We extend to their families our sincere and deepest sympathy.

I take this opportunity to welcome the many hundreds of new personnel that have joined Irish Water Safety and I thank them in anticipation of a life long commitment for the future well being of Irish Water Safety.

At our annual awards ceremony we honour our members who have given exceptional voluntary commitment to the public. We also honour certain members of the community with "Life Governorship" who in their own right have given distinguished service to the cause of water safety and rescue at home or abroad. We have had a number conferred as "Life Governors" this year; however, it is worthy of note that Mrs. Eileen Maloney (Cavan) a founding member of the Irish Red Cross in 1939 was honored with Life Governorship in her 100<sup>th</sup> year at a special ceremony in Cavan. The "Just In Time" awards continued to be sponsored by Seiko and we are pleased to be associated with Seiko in honoring those persons who go to the rescue of others in distress in water.

In conclusion, I feel that we can reflect on 2004 with satisfaction, in the knowledge, that we have promoted water safety to the best of our ability. We trust that those who will read this report will feel likewise, in the full and sure knowledge that there is a voluntary organisation working hard to reducing loss of life from drowning.

Finally, I extend the thanks of the members of Irish Water Safety to both Ministers for the Environment, Local Government and Heritage, they are Mr. Martin Cullen, T.D. who during the year took up a new Ministry at Transport and who was replaced by Mr Dick Roche T.D. as Minister at our parent Department, both Ministers were most supportive of our efforts during the year 2004. I also thank the Secretary General of the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government, Mr. Niall Callan and Staff Members within the Department who have been most supportive of our efforts over the years and never fail to assist us when called on to do so.



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Frank J. Nolan.  
G.Kt.Odr. L.S.

Chairman  
Irish Water Safety

## **Irish Water Safety Council**

### **Frank Nolan, Chairman, Co. Waterford**



#### ***Chairman***

Has been involved in Water Safety and Sea Rescue on a voluntary basis for 50 years. He is the Chairman of Irish Water Safety, a Vice President of European Life Saving and a European Director on the World Board of International Life Saving. He holds many National and International Honours including being a "Grand Knight of the Order of Lifesaving". Recognised as an expert in inshore rescue boats and cliff rescue, he holds an "All Ireland" lifesaving medal with Waterford. He serves as the present Vice Chairman of Waterford Area Water Safety Committee.

### **Kathryn Byrne, Co. Dublin**



#### ***Occupation:*** ***MD of Limelight Communications***

Appointed to the Council in 2000, Kathryn is Managing Director of a Public Relations consultancy based in Dublin. Kathryn brings her background in PR to the Promotion and Development Committee of which she is Chairperson.

### **Breda Collins, Co. Kilkenny**



Joined Water Safety in 1986 and is an active Instructor, Examiner and Risk Assessor. She is an International Surf Lifesaving referee and an ILSE Risk Assessor Tutor.

Appointed to the Rescue Commission in 1998, which she chaired for 2 years. She is currently serving as Chairman of the WSAC and Swimming Commission.

### **Michael Cuddihy, Co. Waterford**



Michael Cuddihy has been a member of the board since 1987. During this time he has served on many national and international committees and is currently the Chairman of the Sports Commission. He has a special interest in promoting sport within international lifesaving and has brought teams to South Africa, Australia, the USA and mainland Europe to compete successfully in international events.

### **Jim Lawlor, Co. Sligo**



Jim is a Company Director, former President of the Irish Basketball Association and two times former President of Sligo Chamber Of Commerce And Industry (96/97,2000/2001). He is also a current Member of the National Board of the Chambers of Commerce of Ireland and Vice President with special responsibility for the BMW region of Ireland. He is also a former Director of Sligo Regional Airport. He is a member of Sligo Mental Health Association and the Acquired Brain Injury Association. He is a member of the Promotion Commission, which he chaired for three years.

### **Brendan McGrath, Co. Clare**



Brendan is current Chairman of Clare Water Safety Area Committee and serves on the Lifesaving Commission. Involved with water safety since 1970, Brendan is an active instructor, examiner and risk assessor.





**Michael Murphy, Co. Dublin**

***Occupation: Principal of National School***

Michael's involvement in water safety goes back to 1963 when he took his Red Cross examinations. He became more involved with the administration of the organisation's instructors and examiners and is current Chairman of the Education Commission. He led the development of a Code of Ethics for the organisation.



**Martin O'Sullivan, Co. Cork**

Martin has been involved with water safety since 1971, when he did his lifesaving tests with the Red Cross. Martin has served as Chairman of Cork Water Safety Area Committee at various times since 1973 and is the current Chairman of the Rescue Commission. He has been involved internationally since 1990 as Chairman of World Lifesaving's Membership Committee and Chairman of the Rescue Committee of the European Region of ILS (Europe). Martin is the IWS representative on the Blue Flag jury.



**Kevin Ring**

***Occupation: Principal Officer-Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.***

Kevin has served in the Department since 1971 and has worked in most of its Divisions. He is currently in charge of the Roads and Local Services. Section where one of his responsibilities is Water Safety.

### **Brian Farrell**



Brian M Farrell Lt Cdr (Retd.). Cadetship with Irish Shipping and entered Naval Service in 1972 where he served in command of naval vessels and other naval appointments over a twenty year period. Now working as Harbour Master Dingle, he is involved in running the Dingle Sailing Club and his main interests are sailing and boating.

### **Martina Moloney**



A Ministerial appointment to the Council, Martina is County Manager at Louth County Council and former Director of Services with Galway City Council. She has had experience in working for numerous Local Authorities in her career to date, including Clare County Council, Limerick City Council, Donegal County Council, North Tipperary County Council and Galway City Council.

## **Secretary to Council**

Joan Harte

## **Auditors**

Comptroller & Auditor General  
4-5 Harcourt Road  
Dublin 2

## **Bankers**

Ulster Bank  
33 Eyre Square  
Galway

## **Solicitors**

Lewis C Doyle & Co.  
Augustine Court  
Augustine Street  
Galway

## **National Office**

Irish Water Safety  
The Long Walk  
Galway

## **Accountants**

Robert J Kidney & Co  
11 Adelaide Road  
Dublin 2

## **Water Safety Area Committees**

The organisation has thirty Area Committees, arranged almost on a county basis plus the Defence Forces and the Garda Síochána Special Water Safety Committees.

Each Local Authority has a Water Safety Development Officer who is on the Water Safety Area Committee. Much recognition must be afforded these committees who devise a programme of events and courses to cover their areas for the year. Most programmes consist of pool sessions in the winter and water safety weeks at beaches, lakes and rivers in the summer.

The official membership structure is of a voluntary nature with over one thousand three hundred members nationwide. It operates on a number of different levels: Examiners, Trainee Examiners, Instructors, Trainee Instructors and Non-Technical Volunteer Organisers. Thanks to their efforts to promote water safety we have seen a significant increase in the development of water safety awareness in local communities.

## **Staff**

Lt. Cdr. John F.M. Leech, CEO

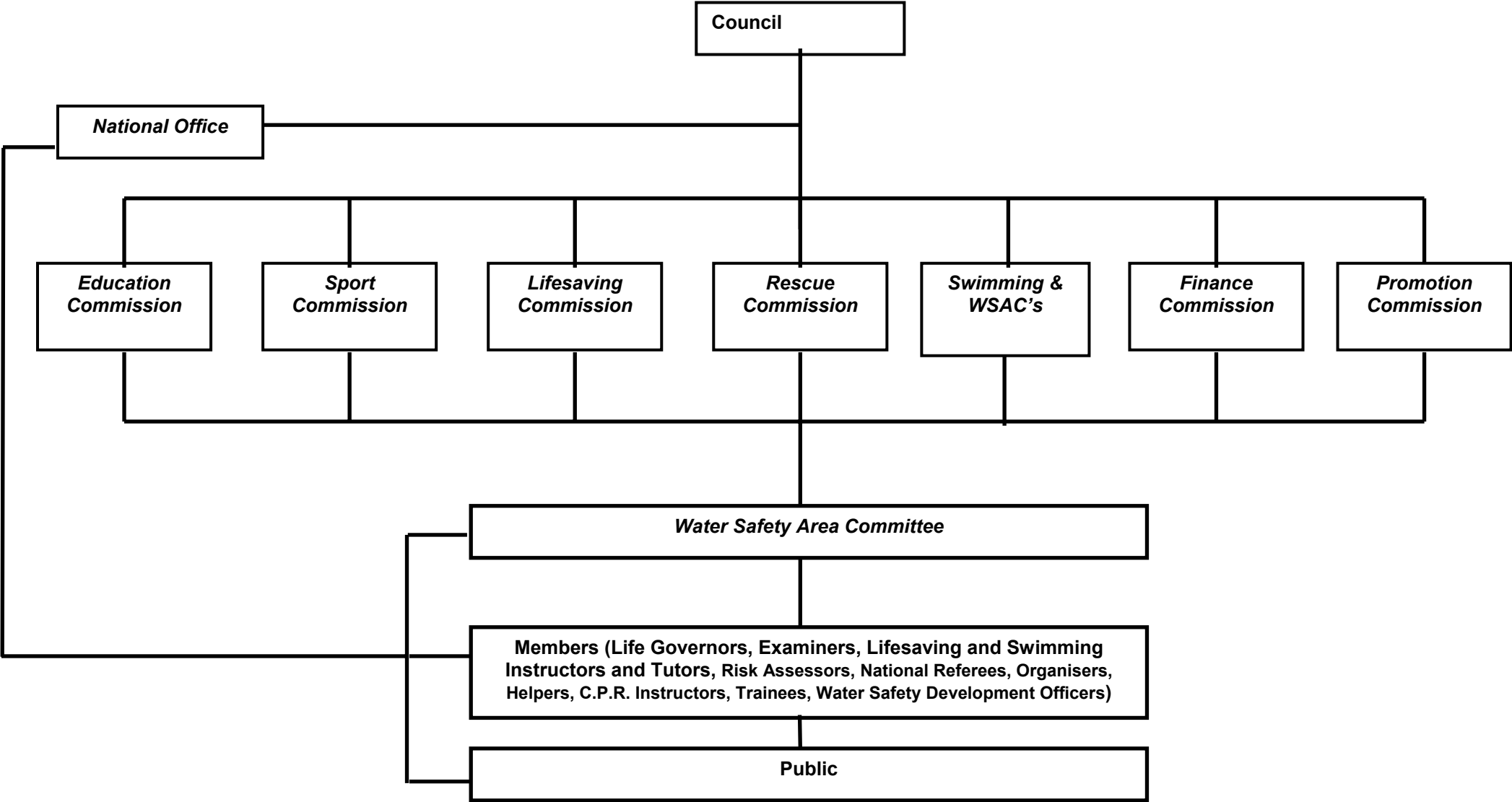
Roger Sweeney, Marketing Executive

Joan Harte, Office Manager

Jocelyn Cunningham, Clerical Administrator

Caitriona Hanley, Clerical Administrator

# Organisation Structure of Irish Water Safety



# **The Finance Commission**

## **Commission Members:**

Mr. Frank Nolan, Chairperson  
Ms. Joan Harte, Secretary  
Mr. Kevin Ring  
Mr. Sean Murphy  
Ms. Martina Moloney  
Mr. John Leech

## **Duties assigned:**

Financial matters  
Staff  
International matters and confirm appointments

# **The Water Safety Area and Swimming Commission**

## **Commission Members:**

Ms. Breda Collins, Chairperson  
Mr. Seamus O'Neill, Vice Chairperson  
Mr. Paul Murphy, Secretary

## **Duties assigned:**

Matters dealing with Area Water Safety Committees  
Improving membership, communication and profile  
Organise Chairpersons seminar  
Examine reports from Annual General Meetings  
Promotion of swimming courses  
Examine swimming syllabus  
Liaison with Swim Ireland and Swimming Teachers Association  
Fast Flowing Water and flooding

# **The Rescue Commission**

## **Commission Members:**

Martin O'Sullivan, Chairman  
Aine Stafford, Secretary  
Dave Kenneally  
Chris Reynolds, IRCG  
Frank Nolan, Ex officio

## **Duties assigned**

All matters dealing with IWS Examiners  
Blue Flag  
VAT Inspections on Community Inshore Rescue Station (CIRS)  
Facilities  
CIRS Training Programme  
Rescue in Inland Waterways  
Risk Assessment/Courses  
Review Rescue and Just in Time Awards

# **The Lifesaving Commission**

## **Commission Members:**

Brendan Mc Grath, Chairman  
Paul Burke, Secretary  
Ber O Connor

## **Duties assigned**

All matters dealing with Lifesaving and resuscitation including hypothermia  
Development aid - assisting other life saving organisations  
Review syllabus for lifesaving and resuscitation  
Complete the resuscitation handbook and prepare for printing  
Pool lifeguard standards  
Development of AED - with the recommendation of Medical Officer

# **The Sports and Lifeguarding Commission**

## **Commission Members:**

Mr. Michael Cuddihy, Chairman  
Ms. Joan Morton, Secretary  
Mr. Jack Mason

## **Duties assigned**

Prepare submission on sport within water safety for Sports Council  
Beach Lifeguard syllabus  
Liaison with the Sports Council and the RLSS  
International and home competitions  
Seek venues for competitions

# **The Education Commission**

## **Commission Members:**

Michael Murphy, Chairman  
Ita Richardson, Vice Chairperson  
Joe Molloy, Secretary  
Anna Byrne, Kildare  
Eamonn Murtagh, Department of Education Appointee

## **Duties assigned**

All matters dealing with water safety awareness within the Irish education system  
Teachers courses  
Arrange seminar for Child Protection Officers  
Ensure that standards in relation to ethical matters are maintained  
Liaison with the Dept of Education



# **The Promotion Commission**

## **Commission Members:**

Kathryn Byrne, Chair  
Jim Lawlor, Vice Chair  
Ronnie Horan, Member  
Donal O'Sullivan, Member  
Roger Sweeney, Secretary

## **Duties assigned**

The Promotion Commission is responsible for guiding the efforts to promote the Association through corporate partnerships, marketing and public relations. During the year, the Promotion Commission expedited the following duties:

Seek sponsorship and recruit new partners to assist the promotion of water safety messages  
Market the organisation  
Establish and standardise a range of branded products and certificates  
Standardise and publish books, manuals, leaflets, posters from technical sources  
Press releases  
Exhibitions  
Develop a distinct brand identity  
Increase awareness of the IWS brand  
Identify at-risk groups and develop suitable promotional campaigns  
Deliver the water safety message through a wide range of media partners  
Improvement of internal communications

## **Press Releases**

Irish Water Safety thanks all media channels for bringing the water safety message to the public throughout the year.

119 Media Interviews on TV and radio

28 Press Releases

178 articles in National and local press and specialist periodicals

## **Press releases 2004:**

Angling Ireland Exhibition  
August Bank Holiday  
August Flood Alert  
Awards Ceremony 19 November  
Changes to Weather Forecasts 26th March  
Charles Thomson Award Winner  
Christmas  
Christmas Holidays Water Safety Campaign  
Easter Press Release  
Flood Safety Alert Oct 26  
Ice Safety January  
ILSE Conference National press release  
Junior Lifesaving Championships - Waterford  
May Bank Holiday Weekend  
Minister Ahern to receive an Appreciation Award from IWS  
Minister Dempsey Honoured for saving lives  
October Bank Holiday Weekend  
Senior Lifesaving Championships - Clare  
Spring Tide and Stranding warning 6 February  
Vodafone Mobile Phones  
Water Heritage Day  
Welsh Championships  
World Lifesaving Championships Norma Cahill  
World Lifesaving Championships Surf Ski team win bronze  
World Water Day 22 March  
Water Safety Awareness Week  
Safe Boating Initiative Launched.doc  
Birds Eye Press Release

## **Promotions**

### **National TV campaign with BSKYB**

Our thanks are extended to Rosanna Davison (Miss World) for appearing in the campaign promoting water safety on Sky One and Sky News TV channels.

### **National TV campaign with TG4**

### **National radio campaign**

For National Water Safety Awareness Week and sponsored by Captain Birds Eye.

## **Radio campaign**

On RTE1, 2FM and Lyric FM featuring RTE Broadcaster Gerry Ryan promoting water safety for the summer season.

## **Sponsorship**

Irish Water Safety has been fortunate to have so many of its events and activities sponsored. The contributions of sponsors have played a key role in the breadth of promotional campaigns that we have been able to provide. We value each and every sponsor who partnered with us to raise water safety awareness throughout the year and express our great appreciation to them all.

BSKYB (Sky One and Sky News) – TV advertising  
One Productions Ltd – TV campaign productions  
Rosanna Davison (Miss World) – TV campaign  
ESB – National Water Safety Awards Ceremony  
Marine Safety Working Group – various publications  
Oceansport - photography  
Galway Crystal – promotional awards  
Vodafone – call credit and phones for Lifeguards  
TG4 –TV campaign in Irish  
Birds Eye – CD-Rom and teacher’s resource pack, produced and distributed to primary schools nationwide  
Terry Willers - Cartoonist for water safety messages  
RTE – radio campaign  
2FM – radio campaign  
Lyric FM – radio campaign  
Gerry Ryan - broadcaster  
Seiko – “Just-In-Time” Awards – watch and clock presented to JIT Rescue Award recipients  
Medtronic – Automatic External Defibrillators  
National Aquatics Centre – providers of the venue for the IWS/Coca Cola National Water Safety Awareness Activities Day  
Coca Cola – fun day in aid of Water Safety Awareness Week98  
FM – Water Safety Awareness Week competition coverage, broadcast live from the event.  
CH Marine – Safe Boating Leaflet  
Club Telco – discounted telephone calls for IWS members  
Irish League of Credit Unions – TV campaign at branches nationwide

## **Sponsorship continued**

Údarás na Gaeltachta –Bilingual safe swimming and safe boating posters

Primary Times Magazine – water safety promotion to schools nationwide

The many national and provincial newspapers, magazines and periodicals for allocating editorial space for water safety features.

The many national and local radio stations for allocating broadcast time to water safety interviews.

The many sponsors of the IWS Annual Diary and wall planner.

Events

## **National Water Safety Awareness Week**

Monday 31st May to the 7th June

National radio campaign featuring Captain Birds Eye

## **National Junior Lifesaving Championships**

Friday 20th August: Waterford Crystal Pool.

Saturday 21st August: Tramore Beach.

## **National Lifesaving Championships**

Friday 3rd August: Ennis Pool

Saturday 4th: Lahinch Beach

## **Water Safety Weeks**

In a welcome repeat to the previous year, a series of radio and TV campaigns resulted in an unprecedented number of enrolments at classes nationwide

## **Charles Thomson Award 2004**

Winner – Wexford County Council

## **Membership**

The Association had 1,309 members nationwide as of 31st December 2004.

## **Certification**

There are two broad categories of certification – Swimming and Lifesaving. Our Swim certificates are issued directly to and accounted for by Area Committees. The overall number of Swim certificates is significant and continues to grow reflecting the efforts of our voluntary members who instil water confidence and deep-water swimming ability in thousands of people every year. In recent years, these are accounted for at local level.

In addition to the 27,567 Swim certificates issued to Water Safety Area Committees, a further 32,960 Lifesaving certificates were processed through the online system in 2004 (see table below).

## **Certificates processed online through the National Office in 2004:**

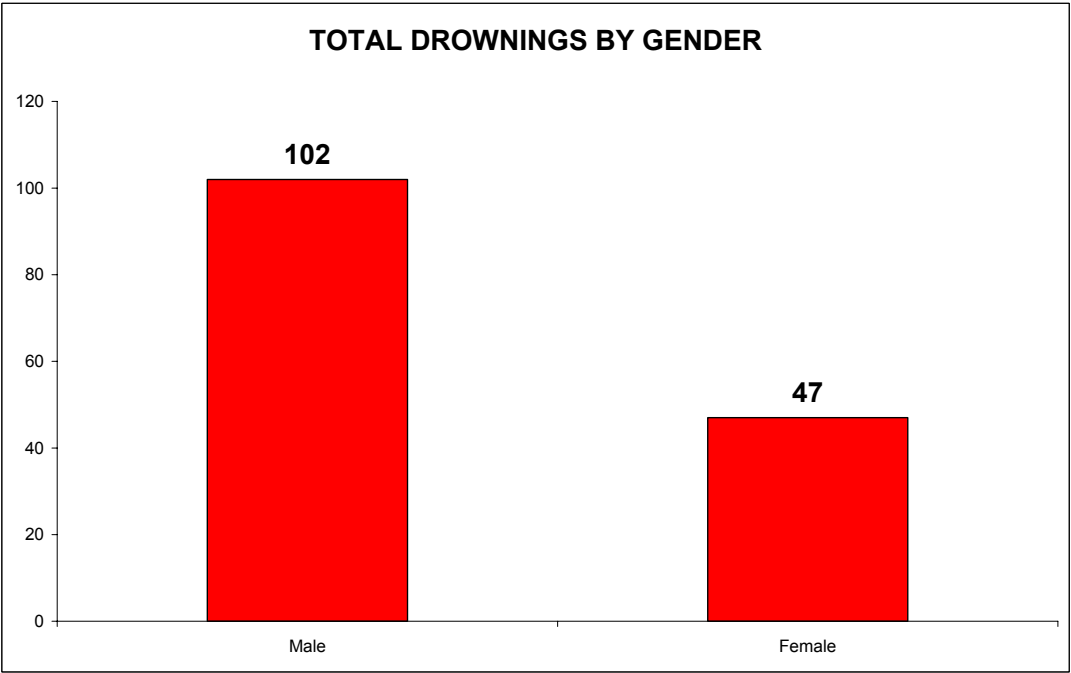
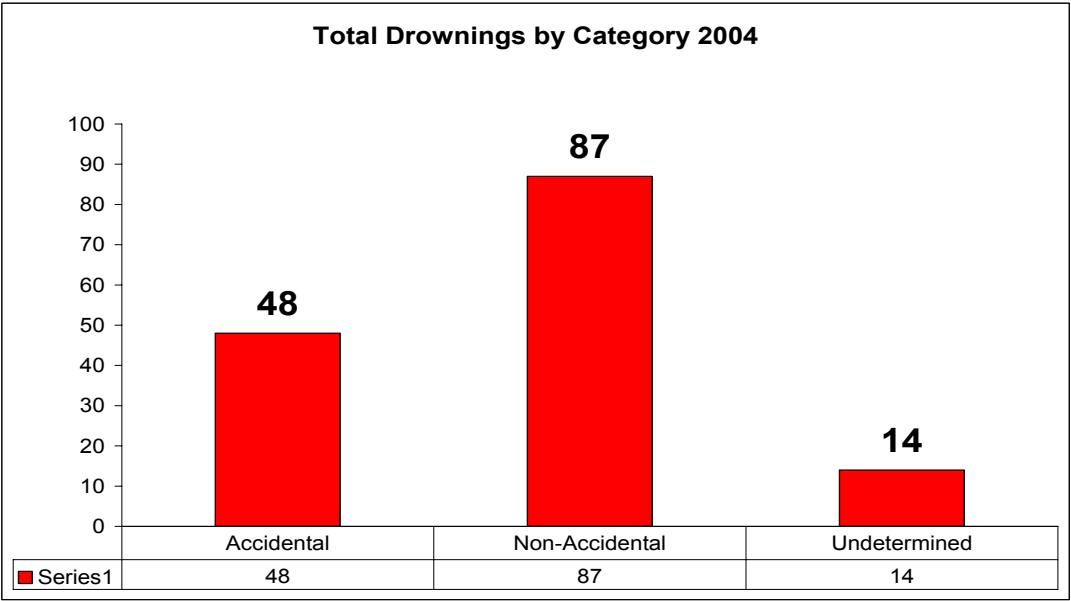
50	AED Examiner
23	AED Instructor
334	Aquatics Organiser
5	Aquatics Pool Assistant
68	Assistant Swimming Teacher
66	Beach Lifeguard
2693	BLS 1
1973	BLS 2
1371	BLS 3
10	BLS 4
1077	Challenge 1
533	Challenge 2
523	Endurance 1
661	Endurance 2
6	Examiner
75	Instructor
13	Junior Aquatics Water Safety
970	Pool Lifeguard
1329	Rescue 1
1150	Rescue 2
1028	Rescue 3
431	Rescue 4
2073	Safety 1
2251	Safety 2
1894	Safety 3
2014	Safety 4
487	Splash
220	Survival 1
391	Survival 2
25	Survival 3
2010	Swim 1
2050	Swim 2
2070	Swim 3
1462	Swim 4
1620	Swim 5
4	Swimming Teacher

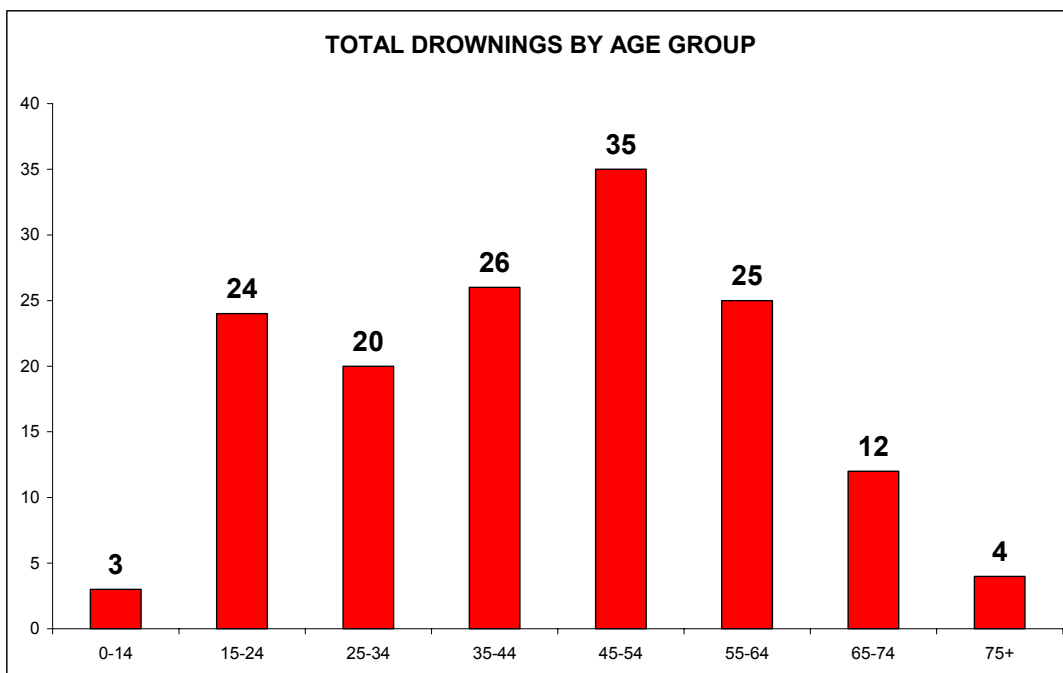
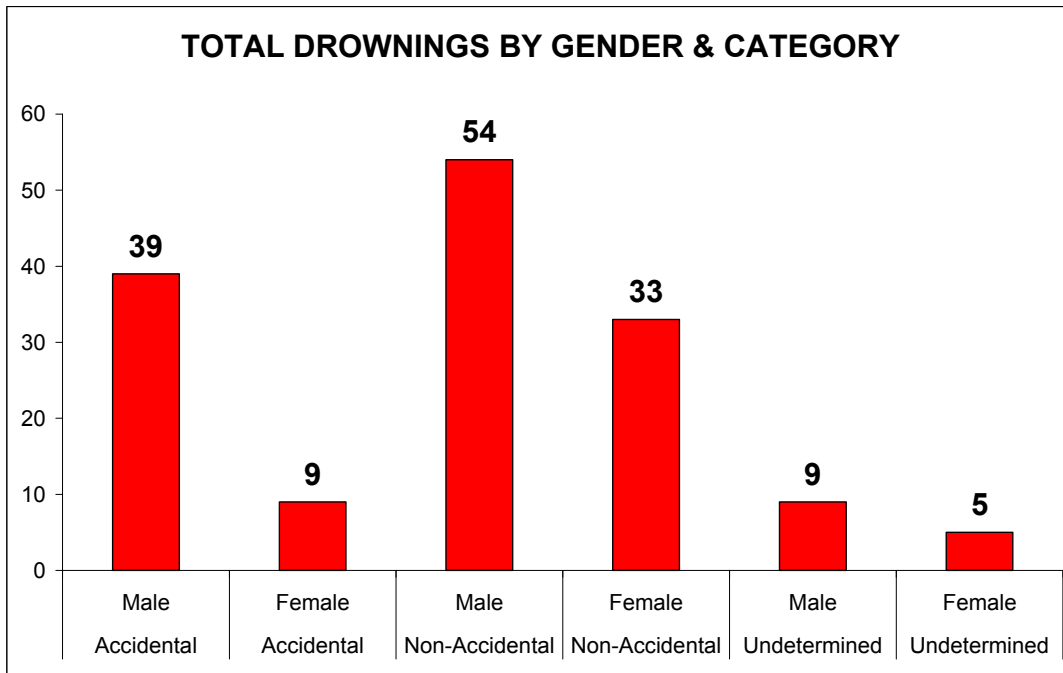
# Statistical Analysis

IWS maintains a comprehensive database of drowning incidents in Ireland. This database is constantly updated using information provided by the Central Statistics Office, An Garda Síochána and extracts from the national and local press.

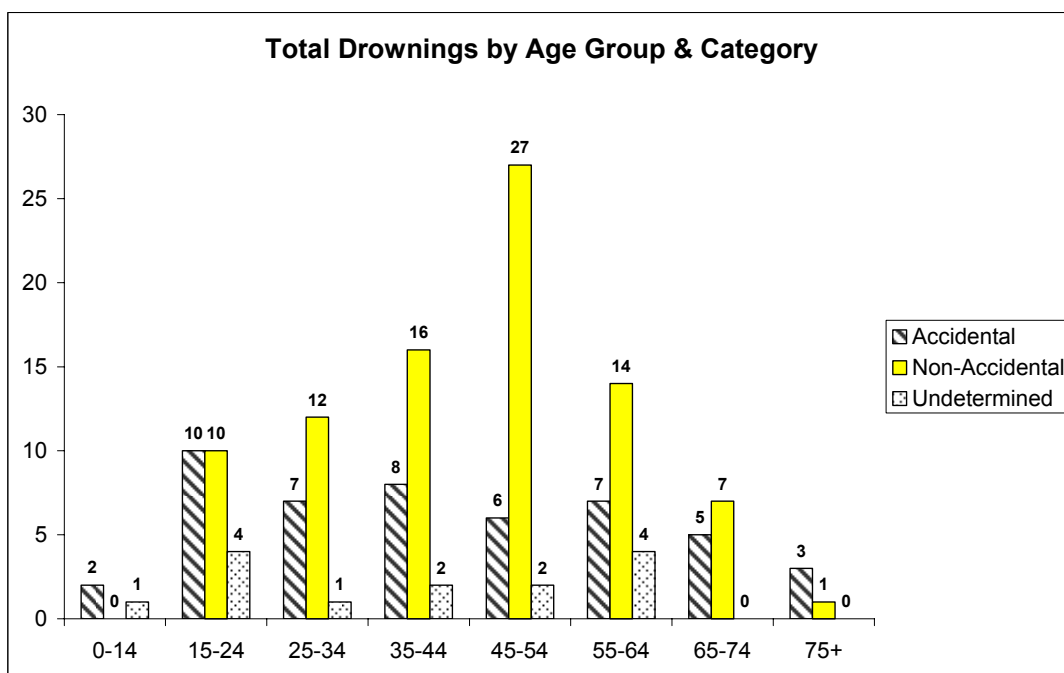
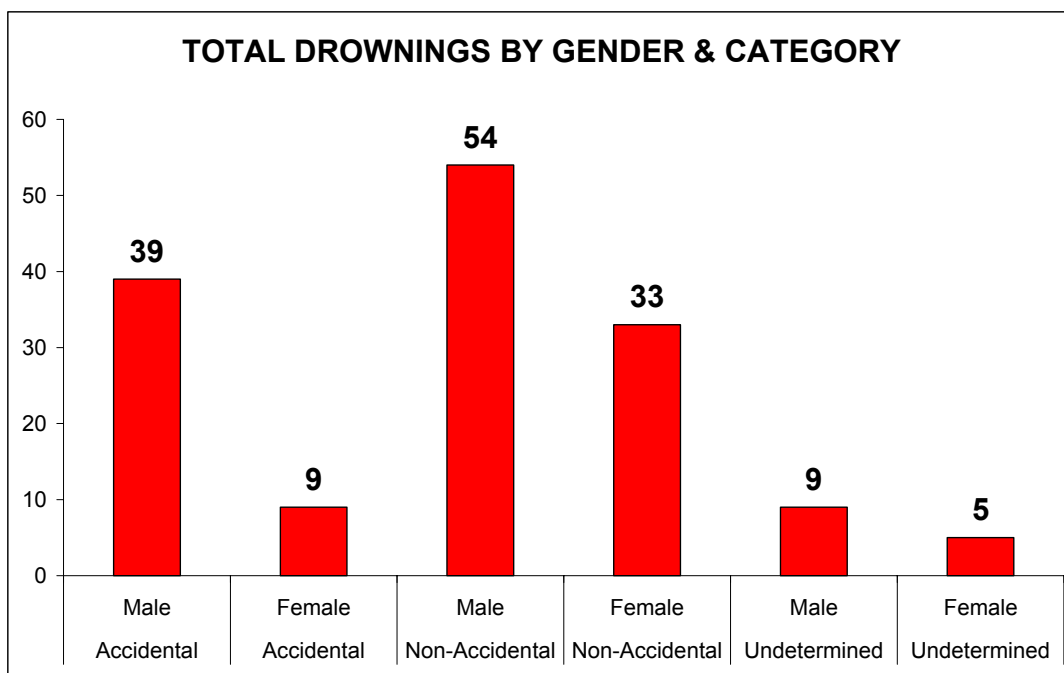
Tragically in 2004 there were a total of 149 drownings:

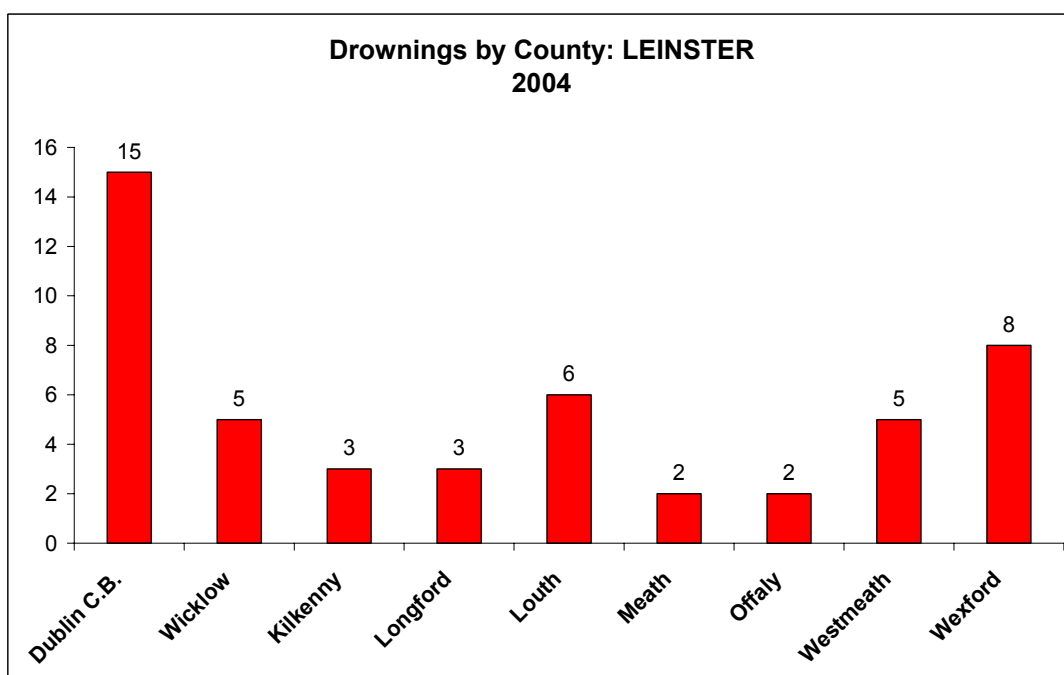
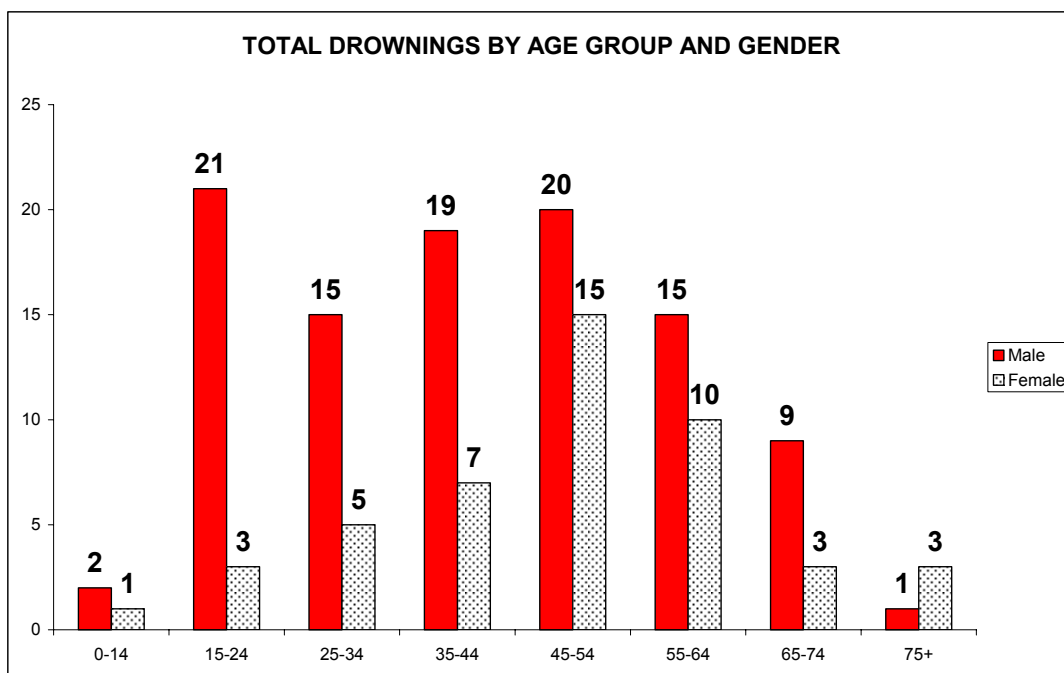
- 48 Accidental
- 87 Non-accidental
- 14 Undetermined



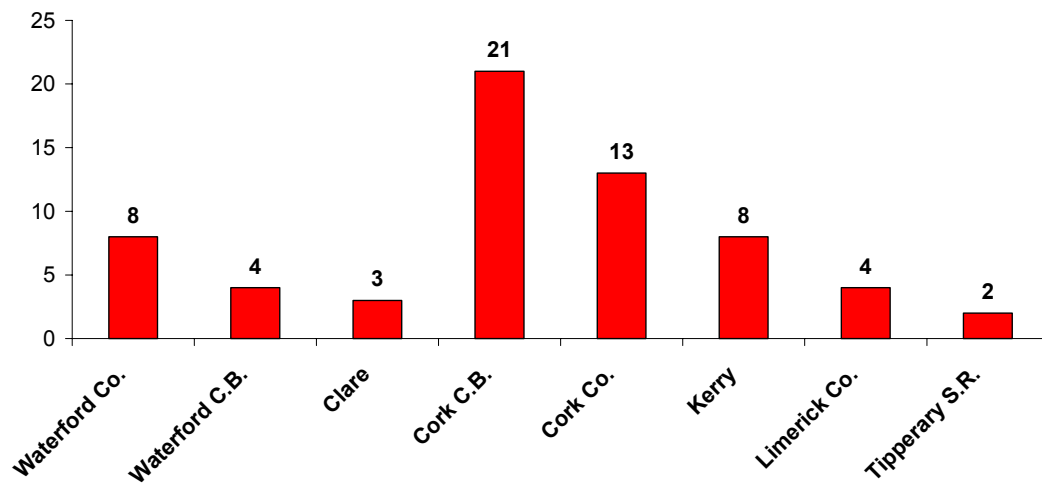




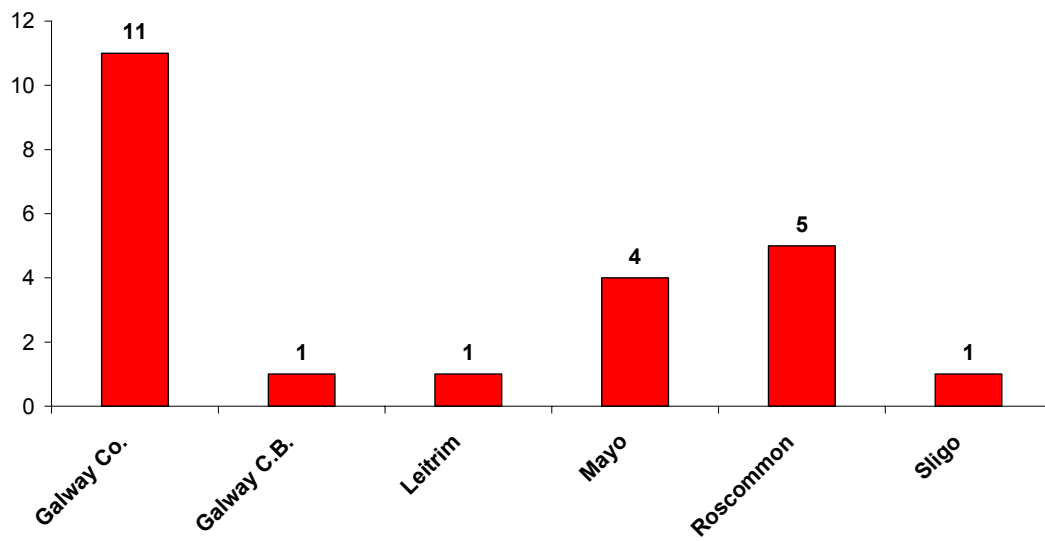


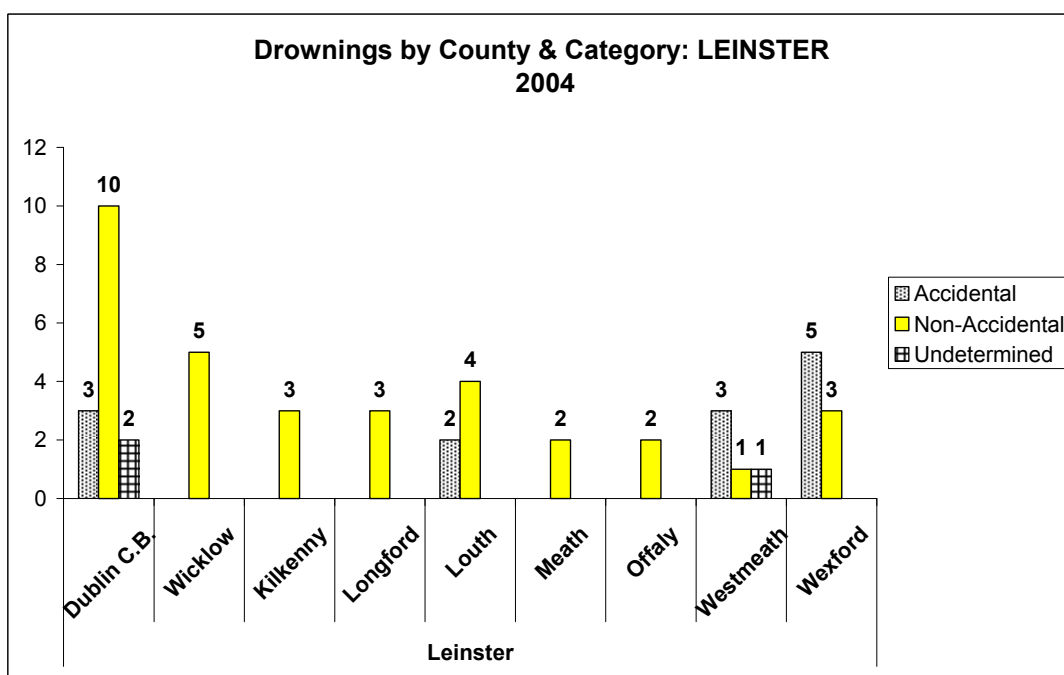
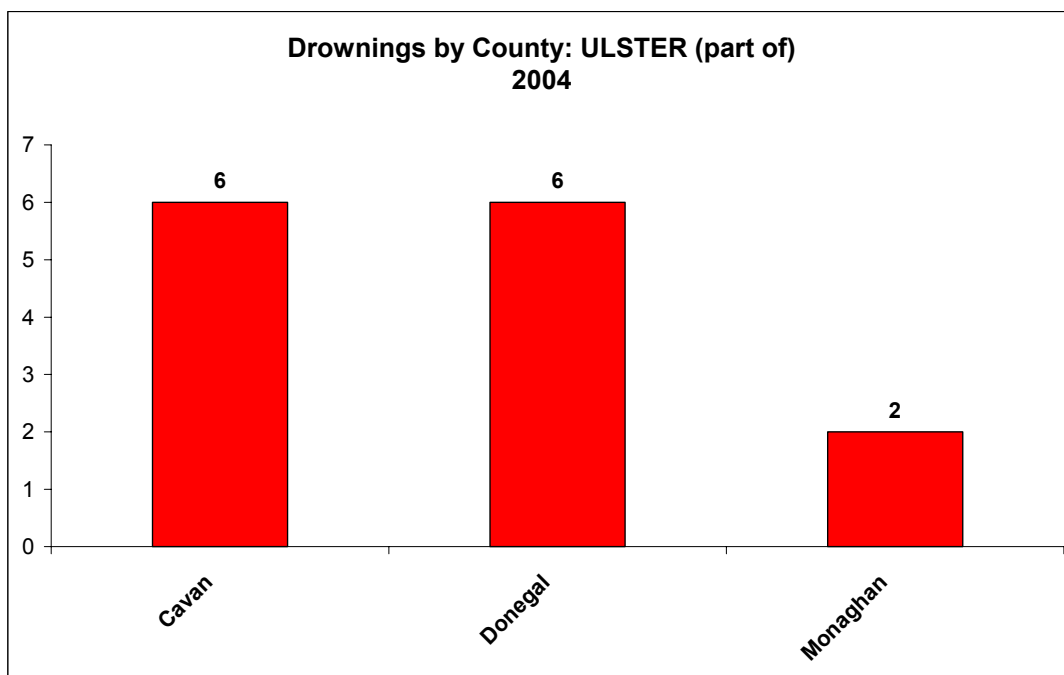


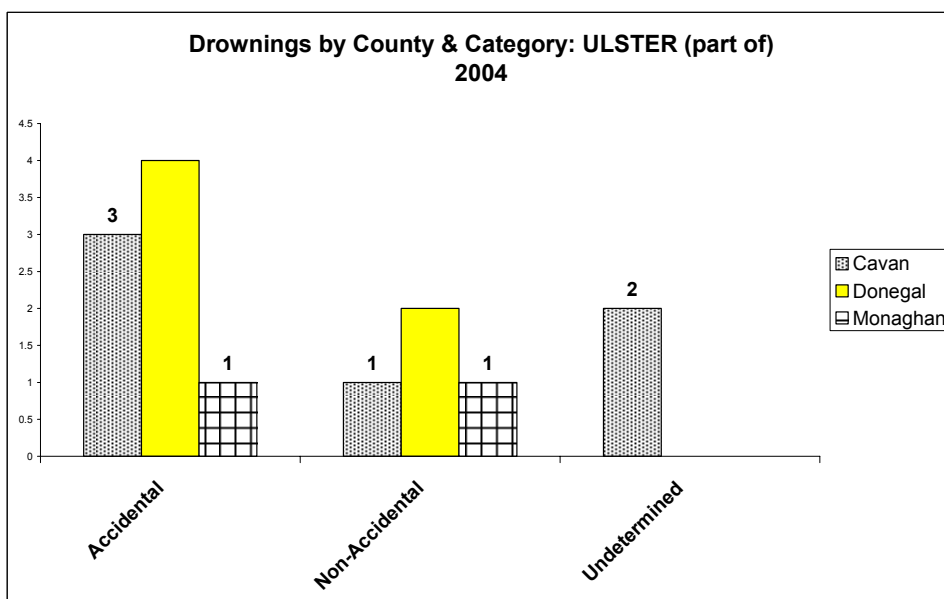
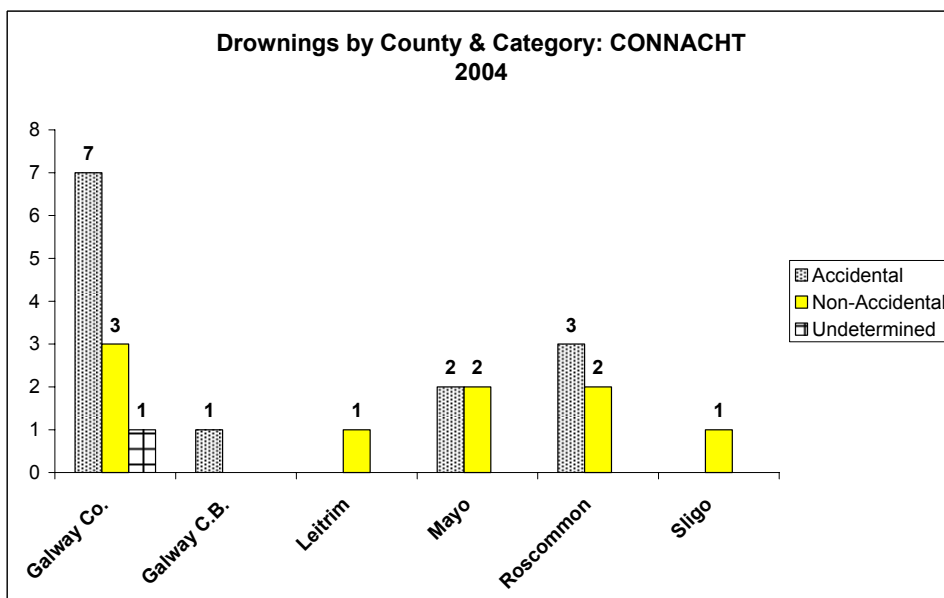
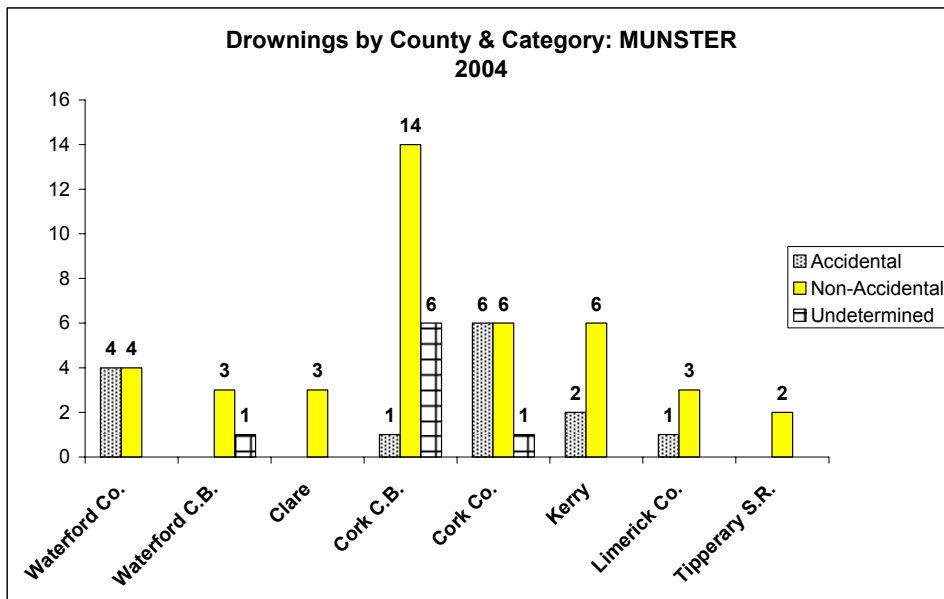
**Drownings by County: MUNSTER  
2004**



**Drownings by County: CONNACHT  
2004**







## **Summer Water Safety Weeks**

The Water Safety Area Committees run an extensive series of swimming and water safety weeks throughout the summer in pools, rivers, lakes and beachfronts. Many of these classes extend beyond the summer in places that have pools and leisure centres.

Swim weeks consist of instruction in swimming and water safety weeks develop skills in rescue, water survival and basic life support. Details of these programmes are regularly updated on the Association's website, [www.iws.ie](http://www.iws.ie). Many counties experienced an exceptional interest in classes following a series of successful radio, press and TV campaigns.

## International Activities

Chairman, Mr Frank Nolan:

Egypt	ILS Meetings
Croatia	ILSE Commission Meetings
London	Annual presentation of RNLI Awards
Italy	World Lifesaving Championships
Germany	Nivea Cup
Belguim	As ILS Auditor

CEO, Lt CDR John Leech:

Croatia	ILSE Commission Meetings
England	ROSPA Nat Water Safety Congress
Italy	ISO/TC145/SC2 – International Standard for Water Safety Signage

Mr Brendan McGrath and Mr Jim Lawlor:

Hong Kong	IFSTA Conference (International Federation of Swimming Teachers Association)
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Mr Martin O' Sullivan

Croatia	ILSE Commission Meetings
Italy	World Lifesaving Championships

Mr Michael Cuddihy

Germany	Nivea Cup
Croatia	ILSE Commission Meetings

Mr Michael Murphy

Croatia	ILSE Commission Meetings
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IWS Lifesaving Team

Italy	World Lifesaving Championships, Viarragio, Italy
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A total of 59 competitors and officials travelled to compete from the 11th to the 27th of September in thirty pool and surf events.

Norma Cahill from Clare coasted home to victory to win two Gold medals in the Masters event.

Led by Cork veteran Billy Horgan, the Irish Men's Masters team won the first ever team bronze at World level.

## Conferences

National Awards Ceremony, Wednesday 24th November 2004

Kindly sponsored by the ESB and held at the ESB Headquarters,  
Dublin.

Mr Dick Roche T.D., Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local  
Government, presented the Awards.

IWS Seminar and Public Relations Officers Conference

Saturday 27th March 2004

Water Safety Development Officer's Conference

Wednesday 21st to Friday 23rd April 2004

IWS Examiners Conference 2004

Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th November 2004  
Boyne Valley Hotel, Drogheda, Co. Louth

## Competitions

National Junior Lifesaving Championships

Friday 20th August 2004: Waterford Crystal Pool, Waterford

Saturday 21st August 2004: Tramore Beach, Co. Waterford

Overall Supreme Champions: Waterford Boys & Clare Girls

Boys Pool Champions: Waterford

Girls Pool Champions: Clare

Boys Surf (Open water): Waterford

Girls Surf (Open water): Clare

National Lifesaving Championships 2004

Friday 3rd September 2004: Ennis Pool, Co. Clare

Saturday 4th September 2004: Lahinch Beach, Co. Clare

President's Trophy	Clare Men (Highest overall points)
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Pool Champions	Men Clare
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Pool Champions	Women Mayo
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Surf (Open water)	Men Clare
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Surf (Open water)	Women Donegal
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Best inland county	Kilkenny
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Best novice county	Leitrim
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## Risk Assessments

IWS volunteers carry out Risk Assessments on bathing areas nationwide and waterways that may pose a particular risk to the public, in order to make them safer by the erection of lifesaving appliances, signage and other necessary action.

We also advise and assist Local Authorities and Councils on matters relating to water safety.

Irish Water Safety volunteers conducted a total of 43 Risk Assessments in 2004.

<b>Castlecomer Demesne Co.</b>	Castlecomer Lake, Co. Kilkenny
<b>Defence Forces Pool</b>	Curragh Training Camp Swimming
<b>Dublin City Council</b>	Árus an Uachtarán Fish Pond Citadel Pond Glen Lake Dollymount Strand, Dublin Phoenix Park
<b>Dublin Zoo</b>	Dublin Zoo, Dublin
<b>ESB</b>	Castleconnell Fishery Pollaphuca Reservoir Turlough Hill, Wicklow
<b>Fingal Town Council</b>	Balbriggan Burrow Beach Sutton Claremont Beach Donabate Beach Loughshinny Malahide Beach North Beach Rush Portmarnock Portrane Beach Rush South Beach Skerries North Skerries South Tower Beach Portrane

<b>Galway City Council</b>	Ballyloughane Beach Grattan Beach
<b>Galway County Council</b>	Kilmurvy Beach, Inishmore Loughrea Lake Tra na Doilin, Carraroe Tra na mBan, Spiddal Tra Mhor, Inverin
<b>Jennings O'Donovan &amp; Partners</b>	Garavogue River, Sligo Town
<b>Laois County Council</b>	Clogrennane
<b>Louth County Council</b>	Clogherhead Greenore Harbour Port Oriel Templetown Beach
<b>Murray O'Laoire Architects</b>	Kingsley Hotel Walkway, Cork
<b>OPW</b>	River Nore, Kilkenny
<b>Wexford County Council</b>	Courtown Beach Curraclloe Beach Duncannon Beach Rosslare Strand

## **National Awards Ceremony Recipients:**

### **10 Year Service Award / Duais Seirbhíse 10 mBliana**

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>County</b>
Maureen	McQuaid	Roscommon
Ann	Allen	Roscommon
Jeremy	Cullen	Roscommon
Gerard	McGonigle	Donegal
Anne	Slevin	Offaly
Alan	Morrissey	Offaly
Barbara	Farrell	Tipperary North
Lauire	Brereton	Tipperary
Noel	Gaynor	Tipperary North
Peter	Hennelly	Tipperary
Aine	Stafford	Wexford
Helen	Creagh	Waterford
Brid	O Hehir	Waterford
Martina	Cardiff	Wexford
Concepta	Furlong	Wexford
Bridget	Healy	Wexford
John	Reilly	Longford
Elizabeth	McCaul	Cavan
Bridie	Smyth	Cavan
Tara	Hickson	Limerick
Leo	Mahon	Kildare
Rosemary	Finn	Kildare
Joe	Conway	Waterford
Aoife	Flynn	Waterford
Patrick	Kearney	Kildare
Deirdre	Walsh Webster	Kildare

### **15 Year Service Award / Bonn Onóra 15 Bliana Seirbhíse**

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>County</b>
Peter	Kane	Donegal
Alan	Pim	Waterford
Elizabeth	Hayes	Waterford
Bridget	Quealy	Waterford
Margaret	Cassidy	Limerick
Kitty	O Sullivan	Limerick
Cait	Bonar	Kildare
Maureen	Creagh	Waterford

## 20 Year Bronze Bar / Barra Cré-Umhaí 20 Bliain

First Name	Last Name	County
Brid	Verker	Waterford
Betty	Walsh	Waterford
Kathleen	O Connor	Wexford
Laurence	O Connor	Wexford
Eleanor	Browne	Wexford
Paddy	O Neill	Limerick
John	Considine	Limerick
Michael	Trinder	Limerick
Nikki	Dowdall	Wexford

## 30 Year Silver Bar / Barra Airgid 30 Bliain

First Name	Last Name	County
William	Halligan	Westmeath
Oliver	Slevin	Offaly
Jack	Barry	Wexford
Michael	Roche	Wexford
Michael	O Sullivan	Limerick
Frank	McCormack	Kildare

## 40 Year Gold Bar / Barra Óir 40 Bliain

First Name	Last Name	County
Jimmy	O Leary	Wexford
Mae	Leonard	Kildare

## International Life Saving Europe Awards

First Name	Last Name
Eamon	Owens
Michael	Guilfoyle
Terence	Johnson
Ian	Keating
Hugh	Byrne
Gene	Sullivan
Riona	Ni Fhlaghaille
Capt Shay	Hickey

## Life Governor / Gobharnóir Beatha

First Name	Last Name	County
James	McGoldrick	Sligo
David	Kenneally	Waterford
Clayton	Love	Cork
Pat	Costello	Dublin
Michael	Dalton	Donegal
Pat	Aylward	Tipperary South
Seamus	Finnan	Monaghan

## Certificate of Appreciation / Deimhniúchán Buíochais

In due recognition of a voluntary commitment to promoting a public awareness of water safety and so help toward the goal of reducing drownings.

First Name	Last Name		Company	
Mr	Nick	Bendon	CH MARINE	For sponsoring the publication of a very popular leaflet that delivers safe boating advice to enthusiasts nationwide.
Miss	Rosanna	Davidson	Miss World	For appearing in IWS TV Commercials aimed at encouraging people to learn lifesaving skills. The commercials resulted in many courses being oversubscribed.
Mr	Derek	Davis	RTE	For voicing a national radio campaign on RTE that resulted in hundreds of enquiries for Lifesaving classes nationwide.
Ms	Aoife	Delaney	Birds Eye	For sponsoring the IWS/Captain Birds Eye water safety CD Rom and Resource Pack that mailed to every primary school nationwide. Additional sponsorship included water safety posters, leaflets and certificates and a number of

				campaigns in print media. Captain Birds Eye also sponsored IWS's National Water Safety Awareness Week with radio campaigns on national and most local radio stations around the country.
Mr	Dave	Fanning	RTE	For voicing a national radio campaign that resulted in hundreds of enquiries for Lifesaving classes nationwide.
Ms	Gillian	Grant	BSKYB	For successive year's sponsorship of IWS TV Commercials on Sky One and Sky News.
Mr	Mickey Joe	Harte	Eurovision Singer	For voicing a national TV campaign on SKY TV encouraging children and adults to take up swimming and lifesaving classes.
Mr	Tom	Hopkins	One Productions	For designing the Birds Eye CD Rom and for the filming and creative design of IWS TV campaigns for SKY One, SKY News and TG4.
Mr	Ian	Lambkin	Picture Works	For sponsoring 50,000 water safety themed postcards that issued to cinemas, coffee shops and other lifestyle venues nationwide.
Mr	Kevin	MacDermott	ESB	For sponsoring prizes and advertising of a national children's colouring competition and the National Awards Ceremony 2004.

Mr	Matthew	McGrory	Yachtsman Marine Brokers	For supporting the publication of a Safe Boating poster for sailing and boating clubs nationwide.
Mr	Pádhraic	Ó Ciardha	TG4	For sponsoring IWS TV Commercials on TG4 throughout the summer.
Ms	Niamh	O Kennedy	Creative Solutions	For working on a number of IWS promotional campaigns, most notably the Captain Birds Eye CD Rom and Resource Pack and a number of Radio and Print media advertising campaigns.
Mr	Pat	O'Halloran	HSA	For supporting the publication of a Cold Shock/ Hypothermia leaflet that has received international recognition.
Mr	Frank	Quinn	River Rock	Has supported The Wicklow Water Safety Area Committee activities by sponsoring water safety events.
Mr	Gavin	Ralston	Wicklow Sailing Club	The Club helps run IWS Community Inshore Rescue Station courses, provides a venue for WSAC meetings, and supports IWS promotions by distributing promotional material to members.
Mr	Gerry	Ryan	RTE	For voicing a national radio campaign on RTE that resulted in hundreds of enquiries for Lifesaving classes nationwide.
Mr	Noel	Wall	SEIKO	For successive year's sponsorship of the SEIKO Just In Time Rescue Award

## **SEIKO “Just – In – Time” Rescue Award**

For coming to the assistance of a person or persons in distress in water.

<b>Title</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>
Mr	Colm	Miller
Mr	David	McCarthy
Mr	Joe	Moran
Ms	Vicky	Lyons
Mr	Noel	Curtis
Mr	Aidan	Moloney
Mr	Dermott	Spillane
Ms	Sine	Donnellan
Mr	Brian	McCann
Garda	Michael	O Keeffe
Ms	Edel	Harrington
Mr	Ernie	Braytenbrack
Garda	Joseph	Rowlely
Garda	Sean	McCarthy
Ms	Susan	Synnott
Ms	Fiona	Donnovan
Detective Sergeant		O Brien
Mr	Patrick	O Colaghan
Mr	Morgan	O Colaghan
Mr	John	Rickard
Mr	Stephen	Haugh
Mr	Joe	Kirwan
Mr	Peter	Reilly
Mr	Ronan	McMorrow
Mr	Patrick	McAweeney
Mr	Kevin	Morrin
Mr	Martni	Cooney



# IRISH WATER SAFETY ASSOCIATION

Comptroller & Auditor General,  
Office of the Comptroller & Auditor General,  
Dublin Castle,  
Dublin 2.


## Irish Water Safety Association

We confirm to the best of our knowledge and belief, and having made the appropriate enquiries of other Council Members and Officials of the Association, the following representations given to you in connection with your audit of the Association's financial statements of the Council for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2004.

1. We acknowledge as Council Members our statutory responsibility for the financial statements. All of the accounting records have been made available to you for the purpose of your audit and all the transactions undertaken by the Association have been properly reflected and recorded in the accounting records. All other records and related information, including minutes of all Council meetings, have been made available to you.
2. There are no financial commitments of a revenue or capital nature other than those as disclosed in the financial statements.
3. Annual lease commitments at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2004 amounted to €27,640 in respect of leased offices occupied by the Association at The Long Walk, Galway.
4. Full disclosure and provision has been made for all liabilities at the Balance Sheet date. Contingencies have been appropriately disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.
5. There are no legal actions, which were instigated against the Council.
6. The Association has satisfactory title to all assets and there are no liens or encumbrances on the Association's assets, except as disclosed in the financial statements.
7. At the Balance Sheet date cash on hand and at bank amounted to €83,296.
8. The Council Members are of the opinion that the Association will have sufficient working capital to meet its foreseeable requirements for at least the next twelve months.
9. No transactions were entered into shortly before the accounting date with the intention that they should be reversed shortly after that date, so as not to present a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association.
10. There were no third party guarantees or letters of comfort issued by the Association.
11. No irregularities or frauds have occurred or are being investigated as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2004.
12. The Association has not exceeded the borrowing limits approved by the Department of Environment and Local Government.
13. No circumstances have arisen or events occurred between the Balance Sheet date and the date of this letter, which would require adjustment or disclosure in the financial statements.

14. Payments and transactions in respect of any grants, loans and investments made during the year conformed with legislation and with Government and Department directives and were authorised, approved and processed in accordance with the Association's internal procedures and controls.
15. The Council Members do not have an interest in any grant or other contract entered into by the Association during the year other than as disclosed in the financial statements.
16. All transactions with subsidiary and related parties have been properly recorded and adequately disclosed in the financial statements.
17. The Association complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that could have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of non-compliance. There have been no communications concerning non-compliance with requirements of regulatory or tax authorities with respect to any matter.
18. The Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies has been adopted and is being complied with, and in particular:
  - All appropriate procedures for financial reporting, internal audit, procurement and assets disposals are being carried out;
  - Codes of Business Conduct for Council Members and Employees have been put in place and adhered to;
  - Government policy on the pay of the Chief Executive and all employees is being complied with;
  - The Guidelines for the Appraisal and Management of Capital Expenditure Proposals are being complied with.
19. The Statement on the System of Internal Financial Control reflects our compliance with the requirements of the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies.
20. We have no subsidiaries, joint ventures or shareholdings acquired other than those disclosed in the financial statements.

For and on behalf of the Council.

  
CHAIRMAN

  
Chief Executive

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> December 2005

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
IRISH WATER SAFETY ASSOCIATION**

**Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for presentation to the Houses of the Oireachtas**

I have audited the financial statements on pages 50 to 57 under Section 5 of the Comptroller and Auditor General (Amendment) Act, 1993.

**Respective Responsibilities of the Council and the Comptroller and Auditor General**

The accounting responsibilities of the Council of the Association are set out on page 2. It is my responsibility, based on my audit, to form an independent opinion on the financial statements presented to me and to report on them.

I review whether the statement on the system of internal financial control on pages 3 and 4 reflects the Association's compliance with applicable guidance on corporate governance and report any material instance where it does not do so, or if the statement is misleading or inconsistent with other information of which I am aware from my audit of the financial statements.

**Basis of Audit Opinion**

In the exercise of my function as Comptroller and Auditor General, I conducted my audit of the financial statements in accordance with auditing standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board and by reference to the special considerations which attach to State bodies in relation to their management and operation.

An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Association's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

I planned and performed my audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations that I considered necessary to provide me with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming my opinion I also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

**Opinion**

In my opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the Association and the financial statements, which are in agreement with them, give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Irish Water Safety Association at 31 December 2004 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended.



**Gerard Smyth  
For and on behalf of the  
Comptroller and Auditor General  
20<sup>th</sup> December 2005**

**Irish Water Safety Association**  
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<b>Accountants</b>	Robert J. Kidney & Co. Chartered Accountants 11 Adelaide Road Dublin 2
<b>Business Address</b>	The Long Walk Galway
<b>Auditor</b>	The Comptroller & Auditor General

## **Statement of Responsibilities of the Council of the Irish Water Safety Association**

The Irish Water Safety Association was established on 26<sup>th</sup> November 1999 by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government under the Irish Water Safety Association Establishment Order 1999 (S.I. 361 of 1999).

S.I. 361 required that the Association prepare financial statements in the form approved by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, with the consent of the Minister for Finance. In preparing the financial statements, the Association is required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
3. State whether any applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
4. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Association will continue in operation.

The Council is responsible for keeping proper books of account, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Association, and which enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Irish Water Safety Association Establishment Order 1999. The Council is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Association, and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



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**Chairman**



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**Chief Executive**

**7<sup>th</sup> December 2005**

## **Statement on the System of Internal Financial Control**

### **Responsibility for the system of Internal Financial Control**

On behalf of the Council of the Irish Water Safety Association, I acknowledge our responsibility for ensuring that an effective system of internal financial control is maintained and operated.

The system can only provide reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions authorised and properly recorded, and that material errors or irregularities are either prevented or would be detected in a timely period.

### **Key Control Procedures**

The Council has taken steps to ensure an appropriate control environment by;

- Clearly defining management responsibilities;
- Establishing formal procedures for reporting significant control failures and ensuring appropriate corrective action.

The Council has established processes to identify and evaluate business risks by;

- Identifying the nature, extent and financial implication of risks facing the body including the extent and categories which it regards as acceptable;
- Assessing the likelihood of identified risks occurring;
- Assessing the body's ability to manage and mitigate the risks that do occur;
- Assessing the costs of operating particular controls relative to the benefit obtained.

The system of internal financial control is based on a framework of regular management information, administrative procedures including segregation of duties, and a system of delegation and accountability. In particular it includes:

- Comprehensive budgeting system with an annual budget which is reviewed and agreed by the Council;
- Regular reviews by the Council of periodic and annual financial reports which indicate financial performance against forecast;
- Setting targets to measure financial and other performance;
- Clearly defined capital investment control guidelines;
- Formal project management disciplines.

In December of 2001, the Council established a Financial Commission consisting of three non-executive and two executive members and that Commission reviews internal control matters and issues raised by the Comptroller & Auditor General. At present the Irish Water Safety Association does not have an internal audit function. A sub-committee of the Council, i.e. the Financial Commission carries out the analysis of risk.

The Council's monitoring and review of the effectiveness of the system of internal financial control had in the past been based on the work of the Financial Officer and CEO who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of an appropriate financial control framework. The Council will continue to seek the input of the Financial Officer and CEO on this matter and will also rely upon reports and comments made by the Financial Commission and the Comptroller and Auditor General in his management letter or other reports.



### Annual Review of Controls

The Council and Finance Commission headed by me as Chairman, with the full cooperation of the Chief Executive Officer and the Financial Officer, both of whom have been designated by the Council to ensure that the necessary controls are in place, review these controls on a continual basis in line with any directions received. One of the non-executive members of the Finance Commission has been appointed as an independent reviewer/examiner of Internal Financial Controls. His function is to report back to the Finance Commission and the Council of the Association on the appropriateness and correctness of the standards of internal financial control to date in place. We confirm that in the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2004 the Council has conducted a review of the effectiveness of the systems in internal financial controls.

Signed on behalf of the Council of the Irish Water Safety Association.



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Frank Nolan  
Chairman



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John Leech  
Chief Executive

7<sup>th</sup> December 2005

## **Statement of Accounting Policies**

### **Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, under the accruals method of accounting except as stated below and in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice. The statements are in a form approved by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, with the consent of the Minister of Finance, under the Irish Water Safety Association Establishment Order 1999 (S.I. 361 of 1999).

### **Period of Accounts**

The financial statements cover the 12 month period to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2004.

### **Income**

Oireachtas Grants represent the actual cash receipts in the year.

### **Fixed Assets and Depreciation**

Fixed Assets are shown at cost. Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis as follows:

Leasehold Improvements	21 years
Office Equipment	5 years
Computer Equipment	3 years

### **Capital Account**

The capital account represents the unamortised value of income used for capital purposes.

### **Superannuation**

Under the Irish Water Safety Association Establishment Order 1999, schemes and regulations made under the Local Government (Superannuation) Act 1980 (No. 8 of 1980) apply to the Association as if it were a Local Authority.

Benefits under those schemes are met from current revenues, and contributions are netted against the salaries charge.

### **Water Safety Committees**

Committees, which are responsible for the organisation of water safety activities at local level, undertake local fundraising activities for which the Association sets targets. The fundraising income is retained by the Water Safety Committees to finance local activities. Financial transactions of these Committees are not incorporated into these accounts.

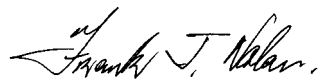
In previous years the policy was that the fundraising by the Water Safety Committees was taken in as income and repaid back to them as part of grant expenditure. Due to the significant administrative workload in the operation of this policy it was decided to allow the Water Safety Committees to retain the proceeds of fundraising with effect from 2003.

**Income & Expenditure Account**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2004**

	Note	2004 €	2003 €
<b>Income:</b>			
Oireachtas Grants		<b>505,000</b>	447,000
Contributions from Local Authorities		<b>137,250</b>	131,635
Miscellaneous	<b>1</b>	<b>76,451</b>	87,041
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		<b>718,701</b>	665,676
Transfer (to)/from Capital Account	<b>8</b>	<b>(9,026)</b>	18,816
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		<b>709,675</b>	684,492
<b>Expenditure:</b>			
Administration Expenses	<b>2</b>	<b>400,118</b>	360,416
Travel and Subsistence Expenses	<b>3</b>	<b>106,041</b>	94,325
Promotions, Publicity and Training	<b>4</b>	<b>126,702</b>	114,672
Grants to Water Safety Commissions		<b>67,283</b>	63,586
Special Projects	<b>5</b>	<b>30,833</b>	22,768
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<b>Total Operating Costs</b>		<b>730,977</b>	655,767
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<b>(Deficit)/Surplus for the Year</b>		<b>(21,302)</b>	28,725
<b>Accumulated Surplus at 1st January</b>		<b>106,766</b>	78,041
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<b>Accumulated Surplus at 31st December</b>		<b>85,464</b>	106,766

All gains and losses arise from continuing activities and are dealt with through the Income and Expenditure Account.

The statement of Accounting Policies, notes 1 to 12 form part of these Accounts.



**Chairman**



**Chief Executive**

**7th December 2005**

**Balance Sheet**  
**As at 31 December 2004**

	Note	2004 €	2003 €
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible Assets	6	<u>233,204</u>	<u>224,178</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	7	30,822	21,524
Cash at Bank and in Hand		83,296	134,589
		<u>114,118</u>	<u>156,113</u>
<b>CREDITORS - Amounts falling due within one year</b>			
Creditors and Accruals		<u>(28,654)</u>	<u>(49,347)</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>85,464</u>	<u>106,766</u>
		<u>318,668</u>	<u>330,944</u>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>			
Capital Account	8	233,204	224,178
Income & Expenditure Account		85,464	106,766
		<u>318,668</u>	<u>330,944</u>

The statement of accounting policies and notes 1 to 12 form part of these financial statements.



Chairman



Chief Executive

7<sup>th</sup> December 2005

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2004

	2004 €	2003 €
<b>Note 1. Miscellaneous Income</b>		
Sales	14,954	9,461
Membership	7,120	-
Ring Buoy Contribution	21,000	19,047
In Service Teacher Course Grant	15,200	8,505
Sponsorship	15,860	40,650
RI Royalties	1,786	156
Other Income	531	9,222
	<u>76,451</u>	<u>87,041</u>
<b>Note 2. Administration Expenses</b>	€	€
Salaries, Pension and Temporary Staff	236,691	215,171
Staff Training	85	1,308
Rent, Rates, Light and Heat	30,327	30,438
Insurance	24,568	24,231
Stationery	9,317	7,751
Postage and Telephone	23,945	20,896
Maintenance and Cleaning	24,297	14,227
Audit Fee	6,150	5,500
Accountancy	3,768	6,150
Consultants	-	4,840
Bank Charges	323	496
Miscellaneous Administration Expenses	8,935	6,951
Depreciation	31,712	22,457
	<u>400,118</u>	<u>360,416</u>
<b>Note 3. Travel and Subsistence Expenses</b>	€	€
Council	39,122	36,797
Committees and Commissions	15,888	12,925
Office	15,590	14,118
Ring Buoy Inspectors	18,634	16,934
International Travel	5,268	3,817
Other Travel	11,539	9,734
	<u>106,041</u>	<u>94,325</u>

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2004

<b>Note 4. Promotion, Publicity and Printing Expenses</b>	<b>2004</b> €	<b>2003</b> €
Advertising and Press Cuttings	17,755	41,107
Sponsored Projects	4,028	10,545
Conferences and Courses	55,033	31,627
Non Saleable Books and Manuals	30,887	28,210
Purchase of Saleable Items	17,655	1,387
Memberships	1,344	1,796
	<u>126,702</u>	<u>114,672</u>

<b>Note 5. Special Projects</b>	€	€
Senior Surf and Pool Competition	5,830	6,866
Junior Surf and Pool Competition	5,536	4,415
International Competition	19,467	11,487
	<u>30,833</u>	<u>22,768</u>

### **Note 6. Tangible Fixed Assets**

	<b>Leasehold Interest €</b>	<b>Computer Equipment €</b>	<b>Other Office Equipment €</b>	<b>Total €</b>
<b>Cost</b>				
Opening Balance 1 January 2004	260,458	64,716	34,509	359,683
Additions	-	26,433	14,306	40,739
Disposals	-	(55,210)	-	(55,210)
Closing Balance 31 December 2004	<u>260,458</u>	<u>35,939</u>	<u>48,815</u>	<u>345,212</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
Opening Balance 1 January 2004	49,601	63,288	22,616	135,505
Disposals	-	(55,209)	-	(55,209)
Charge For Period	12,397	9,552	9,763	31,712
Closing Balance 31 December 2004	<u>61,998</u>	<u>17,631</u>	<u>32,379</u>	<u>112,008</u>
<b>Net Book Values</b>				
At 31 December 2004	<u>198,460</u>	<u>18,308</u>	<u>16,436</u>	<u>233,204</u>
At 31 December 2003	<u>210,857</u>	<u>1,428</u>	<u>11,893</u>	<u>224,178</u>

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2004

<b>Note 7. Debtors</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
Trade Debtors	<b>2,012</b>	1,524
Other Debtors	<b>28,810</b>	20,000
	<u><b>30,822</b></u>	<u>21,524</u>

<b>Note 8. Capital Account</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2004</b>
	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
Balance as at 1 January 2004		<b>224,178</b>
Income Allocated for Capital Purposes	<b>40,739</b>	
Expenditure Allocated on Disposals	<b>(1)</b>	
Amortisation in Line with Depreciation	<u><b>(31,712)</b></u>	
Transfer to Income & Expenditure Account		<b>9,026</b>
Balance as at 31 December 2004		<u><b>233,204</b></u>

### Note 9. Superannuation

A new accounting standard, **Financial Reporting Standard No. 17 – Retirement Benefits** (FRS 17), was issued by the Accountancy Standards Board in November 2000. Compliance with the new standard does not become mandatory until the financial year 2005. However in accordance with the transitional arrangement set down by the standard, the Irish Water Safety (IWS) is required to disclose the liabilities related to the pension scheme for its employees by way of a note to the accounts. The results set out below are based on an actuarial valuation of the liabilities in respect of the IWS staff as at 30 December 2004. This valuation was carried out using the projected unit method.

The financial assumptions used to calculate scheme liabilities for the purpose of FRS 17 were as follows:

<b>Assumption</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
<b>Discount rate</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Salary increase assumption</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Pension increase assumption</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Price inflation</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>2%</b>

On the basis of these assumptions, and using the projected unit method prescribed in FRS17, the value of the accrued liabilities in respect of the Irish Water Safety staff at 31 December 2004 was estimated at € 184,000 (€95,000 as of December 2003).

There are no assets held in respect of the accrued pension liabilities of the IWS staff.

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2004

### Note 9. Superannuation (Continued)

If the requirements of FRS 17 were fully adopted in 2004 the following would have been reflected in the financial statements:

#### Analysis of the amount that would have been charged to operating profit under FRS 17

	€
Current service cost	36,000
Past service cost:	<u>-</u>
Total operating charge	<u>36,000</u>

#### Analysis of the amount that would have been credited to other finance income

Interest on pension scheme liabilities	<u>(6,000)</u>
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#### Analysis of the amount that would have been recognised in the statement of total recognised gains and losses (STRGL)

	€
Experience gains and losses arising on the scheme liabilities:	(26,000)
Changes in assumptions underlying the present value of the scheme liabilities:	<u>(21,000)</u>
Actuarial gain recognised in STRGL:	<u>(47,000)</u>

#### Movement in deficit during the year

	€
Deficit at beginning of year:	(95,000)
Current service cost:	(36,000)
Interest on scheme liabilities	(6,000)
Benefits payable	-
Actuarial gain recognised in STRGL	<u>(47,000)</u>
Deficit in scheme at end of year	<u>(184,000)</u>



## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2004

### Note

#### 10. Lease Commitments

As at the 31 December 2004, the Association has annual commitments in respect of operating leases as follows:

	2004 €
Building	27,640
Represented by leases which expired: -	
- Within one year	-
- In the second to fifth year	-
- Thereafter	27,640

The Association occupies premises at Long Walk, Galway, under a lease for 21 years, which commenced in July 2000. The current rental is €27,640 per annum. The lease has break options after ten and fifteen years.

### Note

#### 11. Chairman's Stipend

The Chairman has waived fees due under the terms of his appointment by the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government in order to support the Association and in recognition of the voluntary support received.

### Note

#### 12. Approval of Financial Statements

The financial statements were approved by the Council on 07<sup>th</sup> December, 2005



Swim Awards at Hollywood Lake Monaghan in August 2004



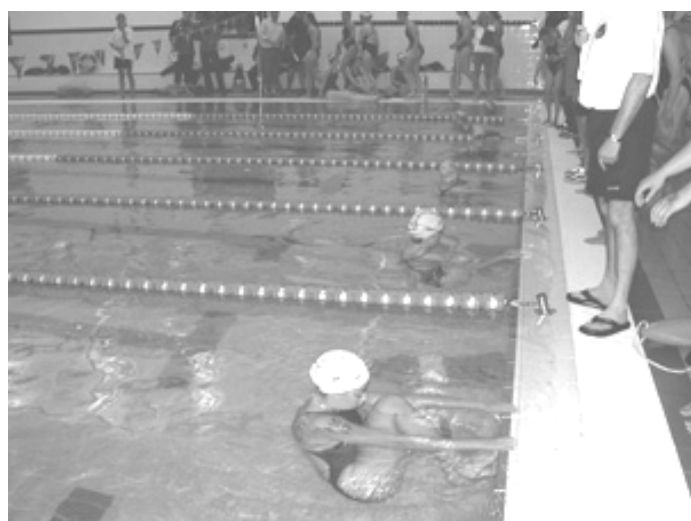
Tipperary Town Civic Offices L-R Gerry Cronin, Lord Mayor Tipperary Town, Paula O'Dwyer, Instructors Certificate recipient, Peter McCarthy, Chair Tipp South



World Lifesaving Championships, Italy



National Lifesaving Championships, Clare



National Pool Lifesaving Championships 2004



Minister Roche presents Aoife Delaney, Birds Eye with an Appreciation Award. Also present are Niamh O'Kennedy Creative Solutions and Frank Nolan IWS



A stolen ringbuoy – a stolen life



Mr Frank Nolan confers Mr Noel Dempsey, TD with Life Governorship of IWS. Also in the picture is IWS CEO, Mr John Leech.



Mr Frank Nolan confers Mr Patrick Costello, with Life Governorship of IWS.



Mr Frank Nolan confers Mr Michael D'Alton, with Life Governorship of IWS



Mr Frank Nolan confers Mr Clayton Love, with Life Governorship of IWS



Mr Frank Nolan confers Mr David Kenneally, with Life Governorship of IWS.



Mr Frank Nolan confers Mr James McGolderick, with Life Governorship of IWS



Mr Frank Nolan confers Mr Patrick Aylward with Life Governorship of IWS.



Mr Frank Nolan confers Mr Seamus Finnan with Life Governorship of IWS.



Mr Shay Hickey receives an International Lifesaving Federation Certificate of Merit from IWS Chairman Mr Frank Nolan



Mr Ian Keating receives an International Lifesaving Federation Certificate of Merit from IWS Chairman Mr Frank Nolan



Ms Riona Ni Fhlanghaile receives an International Lifesaving Federation Certificate of Merit from IWS Chairman Mr Frank Nolan



Mr Michael Guilfoyle receives an International Lifesaving Federation Certificate of Merit from IWS Chairman Mr Frank Nolan



Mr Jimmy O'Leary receives a 40-year Service Award from IWS Chairman Mr Frank Nolan



Mr Michael Guilfoyle receives an International Lifesaving Federation Certificate of Merit from IWS Chairman Mr Frank Nolan

**Tuarascáil 2004**  
**Cumann Sábháilteacht Uisce**

## **Ráiteas an Chathaoirligh CUMANN SÁBHÁILTEACHT UISCE NA hÉIREANN TUARASCÁIL 2004**

Is breá liom mar Chathaoirleach a rá libh go bhfuil neart le ceiliúradh ag Sábháilteacht Uisce de bharr a cuid éachtaí agus imeachtaí i rith na bliana – beidh sibh páirteach liom leis na buaicphointí á dtabhairt agam sa tuarascáil seo. Ar an gcéad dul síos, ba mhór an neamart dom gan comhghairdeas a dhéanamh agus buíochas a ghabháil lenár gcuid deonaithe agus lenár bhfoireann a d'oibrigh chomh crua chun misean Sábháilteacht Uisce a achtáil i gcaitheamh na bliana, 2004. De thoradh a n-iarrachtaí, tá ag éirí linn sa chaoi go bhfuilimid ag baint amach ár bpríomhsprice, sin le rá, tarrtháil daoine ó huiscethaismí in Éirinn agus i gcoigríoch.

Istigh sa tuarascáil is ea athbhreithniú cuimsitheach de na hilimeachtaí de Shábháilteacht Uisce. Léiríonn sé tiomantas 'domhúchta' déanta ag ár gcuid deonaithe – idir óg agus shean – a oibríonn le tríocha coiste sábháilteacht uisce ar fud an náisiúin, an Garda Síochána agus na Fórsaí Cosanta san áireamh. Is iad an Comhairle, na Coimisiúin, na Coistí Limistéar Sábháilteacht Uisce, na Gobharnóirí Beatha, na Scrúdaitheoirí Sábháilteacht Uisce, na hOidí, na Teagascóirí, agus na hEagraitheoirí sa cheantar áitiúil a dhéanann cinnte de go n-éiríonn lenár n-eagraíocht.

Ó bhí Rialtas na hÉireann i bhfeidhmeannas na hUachtaránachta an chéad leath de 2004, chinn Comhairle Sábháilteacht Uisce na hÉireann cuireadh a thabhairt do Shábháilteacht Uisce Idirnáisiúnta (An Eoraip). Thionóil SUÉ a cruinniú bhliantúil leis an mbord Stiúrthóirí i bPort Láirge ar an 11, 12, & 13 Meitheamh. Chuireamar gach plean i bhfeidhm chun dearbhú go mbeadh cúram tugtha do na dealagáidithe i gceart.

Chuir sé bród orainn mar Éireannaigh go rabhamar in ann caoi a chur ar an gcomhdháil agus sinne inár n-óstaigh. Ba mhór an tacaíocht a thug an pearsanra Sábháilteacht Uisce ó Phort Láirge, Chorcaigh agus Bhaile Átha Cliath. An-bhuíochas go háirithe a thugaim do Mhéara Phort Láirge, Chomhairleoir Tom Cunningham as a chabhair ag déanamh an Fháiltithe Shibhialta i Halla na Cathrach. Gabhaimid buíochas go háirithe le Roinn Chomhshaoil, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreacht as a tacaíocht airgeadais don Chomhdháil.

Is tábhachtach an síor-ról ag Sábháilteacht Uisce in amharc na hÉireann agus an domhain. Tá bród orm go bhfuil páirt mhór le déanamh againn i saol idirnáisiúnta Sábháilteachta Uisce. Athdhearbhaíodh na poist ag Sábháilteacht Uisce na hÉireann Meán Fómhair, 2004 ag Comhdháil an Domhain i Viareggio, an Iodáil. Mar oileán-náisiún ní féidir maireachtáil san iargúlacht. Is fíor go leor go gcaithimid bheith páirteach sa saol mór de bharr an méid caíonna nua teicneolaíocha a chabhraíonn linn beathaí daoine a shábháil. Mura mbeimis páirteach ní fhéadfaimis bheith ar thús cadhnaíochta ó thaobh cúrsaí sábháilteachta uisce agus gach rud bainte léi. Ó 1971

choinníomar súil ar luach an airgid agus sinne ag imirt páirte i saol idirnáisiúnta na Sábháilteachta Uisce. Agus an comhpháirteachas mar shíorsprioc againn, tá áthas orm a rá gur chinn an Comhairle go mbeadh Sábháilteacht Uisce na hÉireann ina ball i gCumann na Múinteoirí Snámha Idirnáisiúnta. Dá dheasca sin, cuireadh beirt thoscairí chuig an Tionól Ginearálta i Hong Kong faoi Shamhain. Is fiú a lua go bhfuil ag éirí lenár mbaill óga sa spórt tarrthála idirnáisiúnta. Mar sin tá fúinn staid 'Údarás' a chur air chun níos mó airde a tharraingt ar Shábháilteacht Uisce i rith 2005. Aithníonn lucht na n-oilimpeach agus Cumann na gCluichí Domhanda an Spórt Tarrthála. Tá Éire ag iomaíocht le blianta fada ag leibhéal idirnáisiúnta agus tá a cluichí craibhe féin acu ó 1950, cluichí ina dtéann imritheoirí in iomaíocht don chomhramh 'Uachtarán na hÉireann'. Is ceann de na

comhraithe is mórchlúití le buachan d'aon spórt in Éirinn. Tá sé siúd le feiceáil ag Ceannáras Chumann Sábháilteacht Uisce.

Thaispeáin na staitisticí faoi líon na ndaoine a bád de thaisme i 2004 laghdaithe go beag ó 2003. Táimid sásta go bhfuil teachtaireacht Sábháilteacht Uisce ag rétheacht chuig an bpobal. Tá gníomhaireachtaí eile nach sinne ag obair ar son laghdú na bá taismí; tá gníomhaireachtaí eile agus eagraíochtaí deonacha ag cabhrú chomh maith. Maidir leis seo, is fiú go mór an Roinn do Shábháilteacht Mhuirí agus an Garda Cóstá atá faoi scáth Aire Muirí, an tUasal Pat an Chóip Gallagher, T.D.

Bíodh go bhfuil airgead ón stát faoi choinne Sábháilteachta Uisce agus Tarrthála, tharlaíonn timpistí sna huiscí ar an gcósta agus intíre. Bheadh siad le seachtaint dá mbeadh níos mó freagraíochta agus airde tugtha ón bpobal. Is ar an bpobal iad féin bheith freagrach as a sábháilteacht agus as cúram daoine eile atá ag plé le huisce. Taistealaíonn go leor Éireannach thar lear ar saoire gan fhios dóibh nach bhfuil an caighdeán céanna iontu ó thaobh sábháilteachta. Mar shampla ní bhíonn i gcónaí garda tarrthála cois trá nó ag linnte snámha óstán. Báitear neart saoránach gach bliain i gcoigríoch. Is é an líon daoine a chailltear gach bliain a dhéanann inné dúinn.

I mbliana, lainseáil Sábháilteacht Uisce clár scoileanna le béim ar oideachas daltaí bunscoile faoi bhunshábháilteacht uisce agus ar mhodhanna beath-iompartha. Fuair an tionscnamh seo tacaíocht ó 'Bird's Eye' (comhlacht bianna reoite). Rinne an comhlacht seo pacáiste d'ábhar oideachais a d'oideachasaigh an t-aos óg trí chlár scoile. Foghlaimíonn na leanaí trí chlár éagsúla sa rang agus faigheann siad deimhniúchán mar thoradh. Bhuaigh an táirge seo duaiseanna agus dá bharr sin tá eagraíochtaí idirnáisiúnta éagsúla ag iarraidh cead a fháil é atáirgeadh ina dtír féin. Táimid mórálach as an táirge seo agus as an gcomhbair a rinne an Coimisiún Oideachais le Sábháilteacht Uisce agus a tharraingthí atá sé don aos óg.

Is sármhaith an caidreamh atá againn leis na meáin chumarsáide idir náisiúnta agus áitiúil. Tugann siad tacaíocht agus cuireann siad ár scéal amach tríd an iomad preasráiteas curtha chucu i rith na bliana. Tugann lucht na teilifíse, an raidió, na nuachtán, agus na dtréimhsiúchán spás 'saor in aisce' in Éirinn. Táimid buíoch ar fad de na daoine cáiliúla a thug a gcuid ama go flaithiúil le Sábháilteacht Uisce a chur chun cinn. Ní bheadh sé indéanta pobal oilte a bheith againn gan an cabhrú ó na meáin chumarsáide, mar sin, gabhaimid buíochas ó chroí leo.

Tugann An Roinn Chomhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil agus na hÚdaráis Áitiúla tacaíocht airgeadais dúinn. Faighimid airgead chomh maith ó na hiarrachtaí a dhéanann ár mbaill airgead a thiomsú agus ó chomhlachtaí ar fud na hÉireann. San iomlán caithimid trí cheathrú milliúin euro ar chlár éagsúla, imeachtaí agus thuarastáil chun Sábháilteacht Uisce a chothú. Dá mbeadh airgead breise ón roinn phríobháideach d'fhéadfaimis ár gcúis níos faide a chur chun cinn. Is aoibhinn liom achoimre cuimsitheach, faoin airgead a caitheadh i 2004, a chur i láthair sa tuarascáil seo. Scrúdaigh Oifig an Ard-Reachtair agus Iniúcháir Ghinearálta agus fuarthas amach go raibh sé in ord. Géilleann go docht Baill an Chomhairle: don chód cleachtaidh, don Rialachas de Chomhlachtaí Stáit, agus do threoirlínte éigeantacha.

Ba mhaith liom an Príomhoifigeach Feidhmiúcháin, Bainisteoir na hOifige, Feidhmeannach na Margaíochta agus na baill eile den fhoireann a bhuíochasú as a bhfiordhílseacht agus dianobair a rinne siad i rith na bliana ar fad. Chabhraigh siad go mór leis na baill dheonacha. Ná ligimis i ndearmad go bhfuil an eagraíocht againn ag fás agus dá bharr sin



beidh foireann níos mó de dhíth orainn thar na blianta. Fresin, go raibh maith ag an gComhairleoir Leighis, an Dochtúir Tony Handley as an tsainchomhairle a thugann sé dúinn i gcaitheamh na bliana.

Gach bliain caillimid cuid dár mball de bharr an bháis. I 2004 chailleamar ceathrar chalmánta. Fágann a leithéid poll dolíonta inár gcroí go háirithe ó d'oibrigh siad gan airgead uainn sna ceantair áitiúla. Déanamid comhbhrón domhain lena muintir go léir.

Ba mhaith liom freisin fáilte a fhearadh roimh na céadta de bhaill nua atá linne anois agus deirim, 'Go maire sibh i bhfad ag obair linn!'

Ag an gceiliúradh bliantúil tugaimid onóracha dár mbaill a rinne an tiomantas oibriú ar son an phobail. Tugaimid onóir ar leith dóibh i bhfoirm 'Gobharnóireacht don Saol'. Faigheann siad an duais seo de bharr na seirbhíse ar leith a thug siad ag sábháil daoine ón mbás i gcéin is i gcóngar. I measc an líon daoine a fuair an onóir úd rinneadh 'Gobharnóir don Saol' den Bhanuasal Eileen Maloney (Cabhánach) a bhí ina ball bunaithe nuair a cuireadh Cros Dhearg na hÉireann ar bun i 1939. Bean 100 bliain d'aois is ea í a onóradh ag ceiliúradh speisialta sa Chabhán.

Mar chonchlúid, agus mé ag machnamh ar an mbliain atá thart, ceapaim go ndearnamar ár seacht ndícheall Sábháilteacht Uisce a chur chun cinn. Tá muinín againn go rachadh léitheoir na tuarascála seo ar aon intinn linn faoi luach ár gcuid oibre agus gurb é laghdú timpistí uisce uimhir a haon ar an liosta againn.

Mar fhocal scoir, gabhann gach ball de Shábháilteacht Uisce buíochas leis an mbeirt Airí don Roinn Chomhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil, an tUasal Martin Cullen T.D. (a fuair post nua mar Aire an Iompair) agus an tUasal Dick Roche T.D. (a thóg post an Uasail Martin). Thug siad araon an-thacaíocht dúinn i 2004. Tugaim buíochas chomh maith don Rúnaí Ginearálta den Roinn Chomhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil, an tUasal Niall Callan agus do bhaill foirne sa Roinn. Bhí siad go léir tacúil thar na blianta mar ní theipeann orthu gach cabhrú a thabhairt dúinn in am an ghátair.



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## Comhairle Sábháilteacht Uisce agus Eolas eile

### Frank Nolan, Cathaoirleach, Contae Phort Láirge



#### **Cathaoirleach**

Tá sé ag plé le hUisceshábháilteacht agus Muirtharrtháil ar chaoi dheonach ar feadh leathchéad bliain. Tá sé ina Chathaoirleach ag Uisceshábháilteacht, Leas-Uachtarán Tarrthála Eorpach agus Stiúrthóir Eorpach ar Bhord Domhanda Tarrthála Idirnáisiúnta. Shaothraigh sé go leor Gradam idir Náisiúnta agus Idirnáisiúnta, Mór-Ridire den Ord Tarrthála san áireamh. Aithnítear é mar shaineolaí ar bháid tarrthála garchladaigh agus tarrtháil aille. Tá bonn tarrthála 'Uile-Éireann' le Port Láirge aige. Tá sé ina Leas-Chathaoirleach leis an gCoiste Tarrthála Cheantar Port Láirge faoina chúram.

### Kathryn Byrne, Contae Bhaile Átha Cliath



#### **Slí Bheatha: Dochtúir Leighis de chuid Limelight Communications**

Is í Kathryn Stiúrthóir Bainistíochta de Chomhlacht Comhairleach Caidrimh Phoiblí, Limelight Communications, bunaithe sa Nás, Contae Chill Dara. Tugann Kathryn a taithí i gcaidreamh poiblí chuig an gCoimisiún Tionscnaimh dá bhfuil sí ina Cathaoirleach.

### Breda Collins, Contae Chill Chainnigh



Tháinig Breda chuig Uisceshábháilteacht i 1986 mar Theagascóir gníomhach, Scrúdaitheoir, agus Measúnóir Priacail. Is Réiteoir Tonntarrthála Idirnáisiúnta agus Oide ILSE de Mheasúnacht Phriacail. Ceapadh don Choimisiún Tarrthála i 1998, a reachtáil sí ar feadh dhá bhliain. Faoi láthair tá sí ina Cathaoirleach do WSAC agus don Choimisiún Snámha.

### Michael Cuddihy, Contae Phort Láirge



Tá Michael Cuddihy ina bhall ar an mbord ó 1987. I rith an ama seo bhí sé páirteach ar go leor coistí idir náisiúnta agus idirnáisiúnta. Tá sé faoi láthair ina Chathaoirleach den Choimisiún Spóirt. Tá suim ar leith i Spórt faoi scáth Tarrthála Idirnáisiúnta a chur chun cinn. Thug sé foirne chuig an Afraic Theas, an Astráil, na Stáit Aontaithe, agus ar an mórhír san Eoraip chun an deis a thabhairt dóibh imirt sna himeachtaí idirnáisiúnta.

### **Jim Lawlor, Contae Shligigh**



Is Stiúrthóir Comhlachta é, ath-Uachtarán Chumann Cispheile na hÉireann agus ath-Uachtarán Chomhairle Tráchtála agus Tionscail Shligigh (96/97, 2000/01). Freisin, tá sé faoi láthair ina bhall ar Bhord Náisiúnta de Chomhairlí Tráchtála na hÉireann agus Leas-Uachtarán a bhfuil freagracht ar leith aige as ceantar BMW in Éirinn. Ar a mhuin sin, tá sé ina ath-Stiúrthóir ar Aerfort cheantar Shligigh. Is ball é i gCumann Sláinte Meabhraí Shligigh agus i gCumann Díobháil Inchinne Fhaighte. Tá sé ina bhall sa

Choimisiún Tionscnaimh, a raibh faoina chúram ar feadh trí bliana.

### **Breandan McGrath, Contae an Chláir**



Tá Breandan ina Chathaoirleach reatha de Uisceshábháilteacht Coimisiún Ceantair an Chláir agus ar Choimisiún Tarrthála. Tá sé ag plé le huisceshábháilteacht ó 1970. Teagascóir gníomhach, scrúdaitheoir agus measúnaí priacail is ea Breandan.

### **Michael Murphy, Contae Bhaile Átha Cliath**



#### ***Slí Bheatha: Príomhoide Scoile Náisiúnta***

Téann stair Micheal le huisceshábháilteacht siar go 1963 nuair a chuaigh sé faoi scrúduithe Croise Deirge. D'éirigh sé níos gníomhaí leis an riarachán ar na teagascóirí agus scrúdaitheoirí agus is Cathaoirleach reatha é don Choimisiún Oideachais. Bhí sé ina cheannaire nuair a d'fhorbair sé Cód Eitice don eagraíocht.

### **Martin O'Sullivan, Contae Chorcaí**



Tá Martin ag plé le huisceshábháilteacht ó 1971, nuair a rinne sé a scrúduithe tarrthála leis an gCros Dhearg. Tá post Cathaoirligh ag Martin de Cheantar Coiste Uisceshábháilteacht Chorcaí tréimhsí éagsúla ó 1973. Tá sé ina Chathaoirleach reatha den Choimisiún Tarrthála. Tá sé ag plé go hidirnáisiúnta ó 1990 mar Chathaoirleach ar Choiste Ballraíochta Tarrthála Domhanda agus mar Chathaoirleach den Choiste Tarrthála an Cheantair Eorpaigh ILS (na hEorpa). Is ionadaí CU ar ghiuiré Brataigh Ghoirm.

**Kevin Ring, Slí Bheatha: Príomh-Oifigeach, Roinn an Chomhshaoil, Oidhreacht, agus Rialtais Áitiúil -**



D'oibrigh Kevin sa Roinn ó 1971 agus sa chuid is mó dá Ranna. Tá sé faoi láthair i mbun Roinn na mBóithre agus Seirbhísí Áitiúla, ait a mbíonn sé, i measc eile, freagrach as Sábháilteacht Uisce.

**Brian Farrell**



Is ath-Leifteanantcheannasaí Brian Farrell. Bhí a dhaltas le Muiriompar Éireann agus chuaigh sé leis an gCabhlach i 1972 mar a raibh arthaí agus saighdeoirí cabhlaigh faoina cheannas ar feadh scór blianta. Faoi láthair, tá sé ag obair mar Mháistir Chaladh an Daingin. Ritheann sé Club Sheoladh an Daingin. Tá a phríomhspéiseanna i seoltaireacht agus i mbadóireacht.



**Martina Moloney**

Ceapadh ón Ministir eile don Chomhairle is ea Martina. Tá sí ina Bainisteoir Contae ag Comhairle Chontae Lú agus ath-Stiúthóir Seirbhísí ag Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe. Tá taithí aici ag obair ag go leor Údarás ina réim chun dáta, na cinn san áireamh a leanas: Comhairle Chontae an Chláir; Comhairle Chathair Luimnigh; Comhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall; agus Comhairle Chontae Thiobraid Árann Thuaidh.

**Rúnaí don Chomhairle**

Joan Harte

**Iniúcháirí**

Rialtóir agus Iniúcháir Ginearálta

4-5 Sráid Fhearchair

Baile Átha Cliath 2

**Bancéirí**

Banc Uladh

33, Cearnóg na Faiche

Gaillimh

**Aturnaetha**

Lewis Doyle agus a Chomhlacht

Cúirt Agaistín

Sráid Agaistín

Gaillimh

**Oifig Náisiúnta**

Cumann Sábháilteacht Uisce na hÉireann

An Bóthar Fada

Gaillimh

## **Coistí Ceantair Chumann Sábháilteacht Uisce**

Tá ocht is scór de Choistí Ceantair Sábháilteacht Uisce ag an an eagraíocht. Go garbh, comhfhreagraíonn na coistí le gach contae, na Fórsaí Cosanta agus na Coistí Sábháilteacht Uisce Speisialta ag an nGarda Síochána.

Tá Oifigeach Sábháilteacht Uisce d'Fhorbhairt atá ar an gCoiste Ceantair Sábháilteacht Uisce. Tá aitheantas mór le dul ar na coistí úd a dhéanann clár imeachtaí agus cúrsaí dá gceantair don bhliain. Comhdhéanann na cláir de sheisiúin linne sa gheimhreadh agus uisceshábháilteacht cois trá, lochanna, agus aibhneacha sa samhradh.

Tá córas deonach i struchtúr na ballraíochta oifigiúla le huimhir thar míle is trí chéad ball ar fud an náisiúin. Tá feidhmeannas éagsuil ag gach ball cuir i gcás: Scrúdaitheoirí, Scrúdaitheoirí Oiliúnaithe, Teagascóirí, Teagascóirí Oiliúnaithe agus Eagarthóirí Deonacha Neamhtheicniciúla. A bhuíochas ar a gcuid iarrachtaí uisceshábháilteacht a chur ar a súile don phobal, feicimid gur oscail siad a súile do níos mó daoine ná riamh faoi uisceshábháilteacht i gcomhphobail áitiúla.

## **An Fhoireann**

John F.M. Leech, An Príomh-Oifigeach Feidhmeannach

Roger Sweeney, An Feidhmeannach Margaíochta

Joan Harte, An Bainisteoir Oifige

Jocelyn Cunningham, An Riarthóir Cléireach

Caitríona Hanley, An Riarthóir Cléireach

## **An Coimisiún Ceantair Sábháilteacht Uisce agus Snámha**

### **Baill an Choimisiúin:**

An Banuasal Breda Collins, Cathaoirleach  
An tUasal Séamus O'Neill, Leas-Chathaoirleach  
An tUasal Paul Murphy, Rúnaí

#### **– Dualgais a tugadh:**

Cúrsaí ábhartha do na Coistí Ceantair Sábháilteacht Uisce  
Ag méadú ballraíochta; ag feabhsú cumarsáide agus phróifíl Chumann  
Sábháilteacht Uisce  
Eagrú chruinniú an Chathaoirligh  
Scrúdú tuairiscí ó na Cruinnithe Ginearálta Bliantúla den Choiste Cheantair Sábháilteacht  
Uisce  
Tionscnamh ar na cúrsaí snámha a bhíonn ar fáil ar fud an náisiúin  
Scrúdú ar an Siollabas Snámha do Chumann Sábháilteacht Uisce  
Ceangal le Snámh-Éireann agus Cumann na Múinteoirí Snámha  
Tréanuiscí agus tuilte

## **An Coimisiún Tarrthála**

### **Baill an Choimisiúin:**

Martin O'Sullivan, Cathaoirleach  
Áine Stafford, Rúnaí  
David Kenneally  
Chris Reynolds, Ball de Gharda Cósta na hÉireann  
Frank Nolan, (As oifig)

#### **– Dualgais a tugadh:**

Chuile rud ábhartha le Scrúdaitheoirí Sábháilteacht Uisce  
Bratach ghorm do na tránna  
Cigireachtaí Cáin Bhreisluacha ar Áiseanna den Stáisiún Tarrthála Comhphobal cois  
Cladaigh  
Sábháil sna huiscebhealaigh intíre  
Cúrsaí faoin gcéim Priacail  
Athbhreithniú ar an tSábháil agus Duaiseanna Dea-Thráthúla

## **An Coimisiún Tarrthála**

### **Baill den Choimisiún:**

Breandan McGrath, Cathaoirleach  
Paul Burke (Rúnaí)  
Ber O'Connor

#### **– Dualgais a tugadh:**

Gach ábhar ag plé le Tarrtháil agus athbheochan, fuarshuaitheadh san áireamh  
Cúnamh don fhorbairt – ag cabhrú le heagraíochtaí tarrthála eile  
Athbhreithniú ar an siollabas don tarrtháil agus athbheochan  
Críochnú lámhleabhair athbheochain agus ullmhú don chlóbhualadh  
Scrúdú den chaighdeán garda tarrthála  
Forbairt cúrsaí AED – le moladh ón Oifigeach Leighis

## **An Coimisiún Spóirt agus Tarrthála**

### **Baill an Choimisiúin:**

An tUasal Michael Cuddihy, Cathaoirleach  
An Banuasal Joan Morton, Rúnaí  
An tUasal Jack Mason, Contae Bhaile Átha Cliath

#### **– Dualgais a tugadh:**

Aighneas a ullmhú ar an spórt faoi scáth Sábháilteacht Uisce don Chomhairle Spóirt  
Siollabas do Ghardaí Tarrthála  
Ceangal leis an gComhairle Spóirt agus an RLSS  
Comórtais náisiúnta agus idirnáisiúnta  
Áiteanna comórtais a lorg

## **An Coimisiún Oideachais**

### **Baill an Choimisiúin:**

Michael Murphy (Cathaoirleach) – Baile Átha Cliath  
Ita Richardson (Leas-Chathaoirleach) – Luimneach  
Joe Molloy (Rúnaí) – Cill Mhantáin  
Anna Byrne – Cill Dara  
Éamonn Murtagh (ceapaí na Roinne Oideachais)

#### **– Dualgais a tugadh:**

Chuille rud bainte le Poiblíocht Sábháilteacht Uisce taobh istigh chóras oideachais na hÉireann  
Cúrsaí do mhúinteoirí  
Seimineár Oifigeach do Chosaint Pháistí a chur ar fáil  
Dearbhú go gcoinnítear ardchaighdeán ar chúrsaí eitice  
Ceangal a dhéanamh leis an Roinn Oideachais



## **An Coimisiún Tionscnaimh**

### **Baill an Choimisiúin:**

Kathryn Byrne, an Cathaoirleach  
Jim Lawlor, an Leas-Chathaoirleach  
Roger Sweeney, an Rúnaí  
Ronnie Horan, Ball  
Dónal O'Sullivan, Ball

Tá an Coimisiún Tionscnaimh freagrach as treoir a thabhairt chun an Cumann a chur chun cinn trí chomhpháirteachas corparáideach, margaíocht agus caidreamh poiblí. I rith na bliana, chuir an Coimisiún Tionscnaimh na dualgais a leanas i gcrích:

Urraíocht agus earcaíocht páirtithe chun teachtaireacht Sábháilteacht Uisce a chur chun cinn  
Margaíocht na heagraíochta  
Bunadh agus caighdeánú réimse táirgí agus teastais brandáilte  
Caighdeánú agus foilsiú leabhar, lámhleabhar, bileog, póstaer ó fhoinsí teicniúla  
Eisiúint Preasráiteas  
Taispeántais  
Forbairt suaitheantais ar leith  
Cinnteacht a dhéanamh go n-aithneodh níos mó daoine an suaitheantas úd  
Aithint grúpaí faoin bpriacal agus forbairt feachtais tionscnaimh oiriúnacha  
Le cumas agus éifeachtacht, cur amach an teachtaireacht faoi uisceshábháilteacht trí réimse fairsing páirtithe meánchumarsáide  
Feabhsú cumarsáide inmheánaí

### **Preasráitis**

Tugann Uisceshábháilteacht buíochas do na lucht na meánchumarsáide as a dtabhairt teachtaireachta Sábháilteacht Uisce os comhair an phobail i rith na bliana.

- 119 Mheán-agallaimh ar teilifís agus ar raidió
- 28 Preasráiteas
- 171 Alt sa phreas áitiúil agus náisiúnta agus i dtréimhseacháin saineolaithe

### **Preasráitis 2004**

- Taispeántas Dhuantacht Éireann
- Saoire Bainc Lúnasa
- Foláireamh Tuile Lúnasa
- Bronnadh Duaiseanna, 19 Samhain
- Athraithe do Réamhaisnéisí na haimsire, 26 Márta
- Buaiteoir Dhuais Charles Thomson
- An Nollaig
- Feachtas Sábháilteacht Uisce de Laethanta Saoire na Nollaig
- Preasráiteas na Cásca
- Foláireamh Tuile, 26 Deireadh Fómhair

- Sábháilteacht Oighir, Eanáir
- Comhdháil ILSE, Preasráiteas Náisiúnta
- Cluichí Craoibhe Tarrthála Sóiseareacha – Port Láirge
- Deireadh Seachtaine Saoire Bhainc na Bealtaine
- Duais Bhuíochais le tabhairt don Aire Ahern ó SUÉ
- Onóraíodh an Aire Dempsey as a chabhair le beathaí a shábháil
- Deireadh Seachtaine Saoire Bhainc Dheireadh Fómhair
- Cluichí Craoibhe Tarrthála Sinsearacha – An Clár
- Foláireamh faoi Rabharta mór an Earraigh, 6 Feabhra
- Gutháin Póca Vodafone
- Lá Uisce-Oidhreacht
- Craobhchluichí na Breataine Bige
- Cluichí Craoibhe Tarrthála an Domhain Norma Cahill
- Cluichí Craoibhe Tarrthála an Domhain – Bhuaigh Foireann Tonnsíála an Cré-Umha
- Lá Uisce an Domhain, 22 Márta
- Seachtain Sábháilteacht Uisce
- Tionscnamh de Bhádóireacht Shlán Iainseáilte
- Preasráiteas ó Bird's Eye

### Cothaithe:

- Feachtas Náisiúnta Teilifíse le BSKYB. Gabhaimid buíochas le Rosanna Davison (Bábuasal an Domhain) as a láithreacht san fheachtas ag cothú sábhailteacht uisce ar Spéir a hAon agus ar bhealaigh Spéirnuachta.
- Feachtas Náisiúnta Teilifíse le TG4
- Feachtas Náisiúnta Raidió don tSeachtain Sábháilteacht Uisce urraithe ag Bird's Eye
- Feachtas Raidió ar RTÉ, 2 FM agus Lyric FM a chuir DJ mórchluíteach Gerry Ryan i láthair ag cothú sábhailteacht uisce don samhradh.

### Urraíocht

A ámharaí a bhí sé ag Cumann Sábháilteacht Uisce go raibh an méid sin imeachtaí agus gníomhachtaí urraithe. Is mór an pháirt a d'imir lucht urraithe inár bhfeachtais ar féidir linn a chur le fáil. Is mór againn gach urraíocht i gcomhpháirt linn a chabhraigh linn tábhacht Sábháilteacht Uisce a phoibliú i rith na bliana. Táimid faoi chomaoín acu agus thar a bheith buíoch díobh go léir.

**BSKYB** (Spéir a hAon agus Spéirnuacht) – Fograíocht Teilifíse

**Léiriú a hAon Teoranta** – Léiriú feachtais Teilifíse

**Rosanna Davison** (Banuasal an Domhain) – Feachtas Teilifíse

**ESB** – Ceiliúradh de Dhuaisianna ó Chumann Sábháilteacht Uisce

**Meitheal Sábháilteachta Muirí** – foilseacháin éagsúla

**Oceansport** – fótagrafaíocht

**Criostal na Gaillimhe** – Duaisianna Cothaithe

**Vodafone** – a sholáthair gutháin phóca le cairde orthu le haghaidh Gardaí Tarrthála

**TG4** – Feachtas Teilifíse as Gaeilge

**Birds Eye** – CD-Rom agus beart acmhainne do mhúinteoirí, déanta agus imdháilte do bhunscoileanna ar fud an oileán.

**Terry Willers** – Cartúnaí a dhéanann teachtaireachtaí faoin sábhailteacht uisce

**RTÉ** - Feachtas Raidió

**2FM** – Feachtas Raidió

**Lyric FM** – Feachtas Raidió

**Gerry Ryan** – Craobhscaoilteoir

**Seiko** – Duaiseanna ‘Dea-thráthúla’ – uaireadóir agus clog tugtha do fhaighteoirí dhuais JIT

**Medtronic** – Eisdefibrillators uathobrithe

**Lár Uisceaclaíochta Náisiúnta** – a sholáthair na háiseanna do Lá Mór Náisiúnta na nImeachtaí faoin Sábháilteacht Uisce faoi scáth CSU/Cóca Cóta

**Cóca Cóta** – Lá spraoi chun airgead a sholáthar do Sheachtain Sábháilteacht Uisce

**98 FM** – a chlúdaigh comórtais Seachtain Sábháilteacht Uisce trí chraobhscaoileadh beo ón áit imeachtaí í féin

**CH Muirí** – Billeog faoi Bhádóireacht Shlán

**Club Telco** – glaonna ar lascaine le haghaidh na mball ag Sábháilteacht Uisce

**Conradh Éireannach na nAontas Cairde** – Feachtas teilifíse ag craobhanna ar fud an náisiúin

**Údarás na Gaeltachta** – Postaeir dhátheangacha faoin sábháilteacht don snámh agus don bhádóireacht

**Iris Príomhamanna** – a chuir béim ar Shábháilteacht Uisce do scoileanna ar fud na tíre

Na hilnuachtáin, irisí, agus tréimhseacháin, idir náisiúnta agus chúigeacha, a chuir spás eagarthóireachta ar fáil do hait speisialta faoi Shábháilteacht Uisce

An iliomad stáisiún, idir náisiúnta agus áitiúil, a sholáthair am dúinn chun agallaimh a dhéanamh faoin Sábháilteacht Uisce

An líon daoine agus comhlachtaí a thug urraíocht dúinn ón Dialann Bhliantúil agus Balla-Phleanálaí CSU

## Imeachtaí

- **Seachtain Sábháilteacht Uisce Náisiúnta**
  - An Luan, 31 Bealtaine – 7 Meitheamh
  - Feachtas náisiúnta raidió á chur Birds Eye i láthair
- **Cluichí Craoibhe Tarrthála Sóiseareacha Náisiúnta**
  - An Aoine, 20 Lúnasa: Linn Snámha Chriostal Phort Láirge
  - An Satharn, 21 Lúnasa: cois Trá Mhór
- **Cluichí Craoibhe Tarrthála Náisiúnta**
  - An Aoine, 3 Lúnasa: Linn Snámha na hInise
  - An Satharn, 4 Lúnasa: Trá Lahinch
- **Seachtainí Sábháilteacht Uisce**
  - Mar dhea-scéal ón mbliain anuraidh, tháinig líon daoine cláraithe ag ranganna ar fud an náisiúin. Is de thairbhe sraithe fheachtas an raidió agus na teilifíse a d’éirigh linn.
- **Duais Charles Thomson 2004**
  - Buaitheoir – Comhairle Bhuirg Craigavon

## **Ballraíocht**

Tá 1,309 mball sa Chumann in Éirinn chuig an dáta, 31 Nollaig, 2004

## **Deimhniú**

Tá dhá rangú leathana deimhniúcháin – An Snámh agus An Tarrtháil. Eisítear ár dteastais go díreach chuig Coistí Ceantair agus curtha i bhfáth acu. Tá an líon na teastas tríd is tríd suntasach go leor. Tá líon úd ag fás trí iarrachtaí ball deonach. Gach bliain, cuireann siad uiscemhuinín agus ábaltacht snámha sna mílte daoine agus iad ag snámh in uiscí doimhne. Ar na blianta seo, cuirtear i bhfáth iad ar an leibhéal áitiúil.

Le cois 27,567 dteastas Snámh eisithe ag Coistí Ceantair Sábháilteacht Uisce, bhí 32,960 teastas Tarrthála proiseáilte tríd an gcóras ar líne i 2004 (féach an tábla thíos):

## TEASTAIS EISITHE AR LÍNE TRÍD AN OIFIG NÁISIÚNTA I 2004:

50	Scrúdaitheoir AED
23	Teagascóir AED
334	Eagraitheoir Uisce-Aclaíochta
5	Cúntóir Linne Uisce-Aclaíochta
68	Fomhúinteoir Snámha
66	Garda Tarrthála Trá
2693	BLS 1
1973	BLS 2
1371	BLS 3
10	BLS 4
1077	Dúshlán 1
533	Dúshlán 2
523	Seasamh 1
661	Seasamh 2
6	Scrúdaitheoir
75	Teagascóir
13	Uisceshábhailteacht Shóis. uisce-aclaíochta
970	Garda tarrthála na linne
1329	Tarrtháil 1
1150	Tarrtháil 2
1028	Tarrtháil 3
431	Tarrtháil 4
2073	Sábháilteacht 1
2251	Sábháilteacht 2
1894	Sábháilteacht 3
2014	Sábháilteacht 4
487	Steall
220	Maireachtáil 1
391	Maireachtáil 2
25	Maireachtáil 3
2010	Snámh 1
2050	Snámh 2
2070	Snámh 3
1462	Snámh 4
1620	Snámh 5
4	Múinteoir Snámha

## **Anailís staitistiúil**

Coinníonn CU bunachar sonraí cuimsitheach ar eachtraí bá in Éirinn. Coinnítear de shíor an bunachar seo chun dáta ó fhoinsí eolais soláthartha ag an Oifig Lárnach Staitisticí, an Garda Síochána, agus sleachta ón bpreas náisiúnta agus áitiúil.

Go tragóideach, bhí 149 duine báite san iomlán i 2004.

48 taismeach

87 neamhthaismeach

14 gan chonclúid

## **Seachtainí Samhraidh Sábháilteacht Uisce**

Ritheann Coistí Ceantair Sábháilteacht Uisce sraith fhairsing de sheachtainí snámha agus Sábháilteacht Uisce i rith an tsamhraidh i linnte, aibhneacha, lochanna agus cois trá.

Bíonn go leor de na ranganna úd ag leanúint ar aghaidh tar éis an tsamhraidh in áiteanna a bhfuil linnte agus ionaid fóillíochta.

Comhdhéanann seachtainí snámha teagasc i snámha. Comhdhéanann seachtainí Sábháilteacht Uisce teagasc i bhforbairt scileanna i dtarrtháil, maireachtáil san uisce, agus bunchothú beatha. Nuashonraítear na cláir seo go rialta ar shuíomh idirlín an Chumainn, [www.iws.ie](http://www.iws.ie). Chuir go leor contaetha spéis ar leith sna ranganna i ndiaidh sraith feachtas raidió, preasa agus teilifíse rathúla.

## **Comhdhálacha**

### **Bronnadh na nDuaiseanna Náisiúnta**

An Chéadaoin, 24 Samhain, 2004

Dea-urraithe ag ESB agus tionólta ag Ceannáras ESB, Baile Átha Cliath

Ba é an tUasal Dick Roche T.D., An Aire Comhshaoil agus Rialtais Áitiúil, a thug amach na duaiseanna.

### **Seimineár SUÉ agus Comhdháil PRO 2004**

17 Bealtaine, Óstán Abbey Court, an tAonach

## **Comórtais**

### **Cluichí Craoibhe Tarrthála Sóisearacha Náisiúnta 2004**

### **Cluichí Craoibhe Tarrthála Náisiúnta 2004**

## **Measúnú Priacail**

Déanann deonaithe CU Measúnaithe Priacail ar áiteanna ar fud na tíre agus sna huiscebhealaí a bhféadfadh a bheith ina bpriacal ar leith don phoiblíocht. Is chun iad a dhéanamh níos sábháilte, tógann siad fearais tarrthála, comharthaí agus aon rud eile a bheadh riachtanach. Comhairlímíd agus cabhraímíd leis na hÚdaráis Áitiúla agus le Comhairlí faoi chúrsaí sabhailteachta uisce.

Rinne deonaithe Chumann Sábhailteacht Uisce 43 Measúnú Priacail san iomlán i 2004.

## **AN COMHLACHAS SNÁMHA AGUS TARRTHÁLA**

### **Tuarascáil an Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste le cur i láthair Thithe an Oireachtais**

Tá na ráitis airgeadais ar leathanaigh 89 go dtí 96 iniúchta agam faoi Alt 5 d'Acht an Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste (Leasú), 1993.

Freagrachtaí na Comhairle agus an Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste faoi seach

Tá freagrachtaí cuntasáíochta Chomhairle an Chomhlachais leagtha amach ar leathanach 2. Tá sé de fhreagracht ormsa tuairim neamhspleách a dhéanamh, bunaithe ar m'iniúchadh, i leith na ráiteas airgeadais a cuireadh i mo láthair agus tuarascáil a fhoilsiú orthu.

Scrúdaím an ráiteas ar leathanaigh 3 agus 4 ar an gcóras um rialú inmheánach airgeadais le féachaint an léirítear ann gur chomhlíon an Comhlachas treoir infheidhmithe maidir le rialachas corparáideach agus tuairiscím ar aon chás ábhartha nach ndéanann an Comhlachas amhlaidh, nó más rud é go bhfuil an ráiteas míthreorach nó nach dtagann sé le faisnéis eile atá ar eolas agam de bharr na ráitis airgeadais a bheith iniúchta agam.

### **An Bunús atá le mo Thuairim ar na Ráitis**

I mbun m'fheidhme mar Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste, rinne mé m'iniúchadh ar na ráitis airgeadais de réir na gcaighdeán iniúcháireachta arna n-eisiúint ag an mBord um Chleachtais Iniúcháireachta agus trí thagairt a dhéanamh do na nithe ar leith is gá a chur san áireamh agus a ghabhann le comhlachtaí Stáit i ndáil leis an mbealach a bhainistítear agus a oibrítear na comhlachtaí sin.

Déantar scrudú mar chuid den iniúchadh, ar bhonn tástála, ar fhianaise a bhaineann leis na suimeanna agus leis an méid a fhoilsítear sna ráitis airgeadais. Chomh maith leis sin, cuimsíonn an t-iniúchadh measúnacht ar na meastacháin agus ar na breitheanna suntasacha a rinneadh agus na ráitis airgeadais á n-ullmhú, agus measúnacht le féachaint an oireann na beartais chuntasaíochta don bhail atá ar chúrsaí an Chomhlachais, ar feidhmíodh na beartais sin ar bhealach leanúnach agus ar foilsíodh iad ar bhealach sásúil.

Phleanáil mé agus rinne mé m'iniúchadh sa chaoi is go bhfaighinn an fhaisnéis agus na mínithe ar fad a mheas mé a bheith riachtanach ionas go mbeadh leordhóthain fianaise agam a d'fhágfadh cinnteacht réasúnach ann go bhfuil na ráitis airgeadais saor ó mhíráiteas ábhartha, cibé acu calaois nó neamhrialtacht eile nó earráid is cúis leis sin. I dteacht ar mo thuairim, rinne mé meastóireacht ar a shásúla is a cuireadh faisnéis i láthair sna ráitis airgeadais san iomlán freisin.

### **Tuairim**

Is é mo thuairim go raibh leabhair chuntais chuí coinnithe ag an gComhlachas agus go dtugann na ráitis airgeadais, a chomhaontaíonn leo, léargas fíorcheart ar staid chúrsaí an Chomhlachais Snámha agus Tarrthála ar an 31 Nollaig 2004 agus ar a ioncam agus ar a chaiteachas don bhliain dar críoch sin.



**Gerard Smyth**  
**Le haghaidh agus thar cheann an**  
**Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste**  
**20th Nollaig 2005**



# IRISH WATER SAFETY ASSOCIATION

Comptroller & Auditor General,  
Office of the Comptroller & Auditor General,  
Dublin Castle,  
Dublin 2.


## Irish Water Safety Association

We confirm to the best of our knowledge and belief, and having made the appropriate enquiries of other Council Members and Officials of the Association, the following representations given to you in connection with your audit of the Association's financial statements of the Council for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2004.

5. We acknowledge as Council Members our statutory responsibility for the financial statements. All of the accounting records have been made available to you for the purpose of your audit and all the transactions undertaken by the Association have been properly reflected and recorded in the accounting records. All other records and related information, including minutes of all Council meetings, have been made available to you.
6. There are no financial commitments of a revenue or capital nature other than those as disclosed in the financial statements.
7. Annual lease commitments at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2004 amounted to €27,640 in respect of leased offices occupied by the Association at The Long Walk, Galway.
8. Full disclosure and provision has been made for all liabilities at the Balance Sheet date. Contingencies have been appropriately disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.
5. There are no legal actions, which were instigated against the Council.
7. The Association has satisfactory title to all assets and there are no liens or encumbrances on the Association's assets, except as disclosed in the financial statements.
7. At the Balance Sheet date cash on hand and at bank amounted to €83,296.
8. The Council Members are of the opinion that the Association will have sufficient working capital to meet its foreseeable requirements for at least the next twelve months.
18. No transactions were entered into shortly before the accounting date with the intention that they should be reversed shortly after that date, so as not to present a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association.
19. There were no third party guarantees or letters of comfort issued by the Association.
20. No irregularities or frauds have occurred or are being investigated as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2004.
21. The Association has not exceeded the borrowing limits approved by the Department of Environment and Local Government.
22. No circumstances have arisen or events occurred between the Balance Sheet date and the date of this letter, which would require adjustment or disclosure in the financial statements.

23. Payments and transactions in respect of any grants, loans and investments made during the year conformed with legislation and with Government and Department directives and were authorised, approved and processed in accordance with the Association's internal procedures and controls.
24. The Council Members do not have an interest in any grant or other contract entered into by the Association during the year other than as disclosed in the financial statements.
25. All transactions with subsidiary and related parties have been properly recorded and adequately disclosed in the financial statements.
26. The Association complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that could have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of non-compliance. There have been no communications concerning non-compliance with requirements of regulatory or tax authorities with respect to any matter.
18. The Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies has been adopted and is being complied with, and in particular:
- All appropriate procedures for financial reporting, internal audit, procurement and assets disposals are being carried out;
  - Codes of Business Conduct for Council Members and Employees have been put in place and adhered to;
  - Government policy on the pay of the Chief Executive and all employees is being complied with;
  - The Guidelines for the Appraisal and Management of Capital Expenditure Proposals are being complied with.
19. The Statement on the System of Internal Financial Control reflects our compliance with the requirements of the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies.
20. We have no subsidiaries, joint ventures or shareholdings acquired other than those disclosed in the financial statements.

For and on behalf of the Council.

  
CHAIRMAN

  
Chief Executive

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> December 2005

**Irish Water Safety Association**  
**Financial Statements**  
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### **Accountants**

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### **Auditor**

The Comptroller & Auditor General

## Statement of Responsibilities of the Council of the Irish Water Safety Association

The Irish Water Safety Association was established on 26<sup>th</sup> November 1999 by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government under the Irish Water Safety Association Establishment Order 1999 (S.I. 361 of 1999).

S.I. 361 required that the Association prepare financial statements in the form approved by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, with the consent of the Minister for Finance. In preparing the financial statements, the Association is required to:

5. Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
6. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
7. State whether any applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
8. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Association will continue in operation.

The Council is responsible for keeping proper books of account, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Association, and which enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Irish Water Safety Association Establishment Order 1999. The Council is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Association, and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



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Chairman



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Chief Executive

7<sup>th</sup> December 2005

## **Statement on the System of Internal Financial Control**

### **Responsibility for the system of Internal Financial Control**

On behalf of the Council of the Irish Water Safety Association, I acknowledge our responsibility for ensuring that an effective system of internal financial control is maintained and operated.

The system can only provide reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions authorised and properly recorded, and that material errors or irregularities are either prevented or would be detected in a timely period.

### **Key Control Procedures**

The Council has taken steps to ensure an appropriate control environment by;

- Clearly defining management responsibilities;
- Establishing formal procedures for reporting significant control failures and ensuring appropriate corrective action.

The Council has established processes to identify and evaluate business risks by;

- Identifying the nature, extent and financial implication of risks facing the body including the extent and categories which it regards as acceptable;
- Assessing the likelihood of identified risks occurring;
- Assessing the body's ability to manage and mitigate the risks that do occur;
- Assessing the costs of operating particular controls relative to the benefit obtained.

The system of internal financial control is based on a framework of regular management information, administrative procedures including segregation of duties, and a system of delegation and accountability. In particular it includes:

- Comprehensive budgeting system with an annual budget which is reviewed and agreed by the Council;
- Regular reviews by the Council of periodic and annual financial reports which indicate financial performance against forecast;
- Setting targets to measure financial and other performance;
- Clearly defined capital investment control guidelines;
- Formal project management disciplines.

In December of 2001, the Council established a Financial Commission consisting of three non-executive and two executive members and that Commission reviews internal control matters and issues raised by the Comptroller & Auditor General. At present the Irish Water Safety Association does not have an internal audit function. A sub-committee of the Council, i.e. the Financial Commission carries out the analysis of risk.

The Council's monitoring and review of the effectiveness of the system of internal financial control had in the past been based on the work of the Financial Officer and CEO who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of an appropriate financial control framework. The Council will continue to seek the input of the Financial Officer and CEO on this matter and will also rely upon reports and comments made by the Financial Commission and the Comptroller and Auditor General in his management letter or other reports.

### Annual Review of Controls

The Council and Finance Commission headed by me as Chairman, with the full cooperation of the Chief Executive Officer and the Financial Officer, both of whom have been designated by the Council to ensure that the necessary controls are in place, review these controls on a continual basis in line with any directions received. One of the non-executive members of the Finance Commission has been appointed as an independent reviewer/examiner of Internal Financial Controls. His function is to report back to the Finance Commission and the Council of the Association on the appropriateness and correctness of the standards of internal financial control to date in place. We confirm that in the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2004 the Council has conducted a review of the effectiveness of the systems in internal financial controls.

Signed on behalf of the Council of the Irish Water Safety Association.



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Frank Nolan  
Chairman



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John Leech  
Chief Executive

7<sup>th</sup> December 2005



## **Statement of Accounting Policies**

### **Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, under the accruals method of accounting except as stated below and in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice. The statements are in a form approved by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, with the consent of the Minister of Finance, under the Irish Water Safety Association Establishment Order 1999 (S.I. 361 of 1999).

### **Period of Accounts**

The financial statements cover the 12 month period to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2004.

### **Income**

Oireachtas Grants represent the actual cash receipts in the year.

### **Fixed Assets and Depreciation**

Fixed Assets are shown at cost. Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis as follows:

Leasehold Improvements	21 years
Office Equipment	5 years
Computer Equipment	3 years

### **Capital Account**

The capital account represents the unamortised value of income used for capital purposes.

### **Superannuation**

Under the Irish Water Safety Association Establishment Order 1999, schemes and regulations made under the Local Government (Superannuation) Act 1980 (No. 8 of 1980) apply to the Association as if it were a Local Authority.

Benefits under those schemes are met from current revenues, and contributions are netted against the salaries charge.

### **Water Safety Committees**

Committees, which are responsible for the organisation of water safety activities at local level, undertake local fundraising activities for which the Association sets targets. The fundraising income is retained by the Water Safety Committees to finance local activities. Financial transactions of these Committees are not incorporated into these accounts.

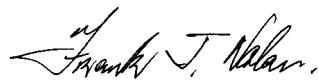
In previous years the policy was that the fundraising by the Water Safety Committees was taken in as income and repaid back to them as part of grant expenditure. Due to the significant administrative workload in the operation of this policy it was decided to allow the Water Safety Committees to retain the proceeds of fundraising with effect from 2003.

**Income & Expenditure Account**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2004**

	Note	2004 €	2003 €
<b>Income:</b>			
Oireachtas Grants		<b>505,000</b>	447,000
Contributions from Local Authorities		<b>137,250</b>	131,635
Miscellaneous	<b>1</b>	<b>76,451</b>	87,041
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		<b>718,701</b>	665,676
Transfer (to)/from Capital Account	<b>8</b>	<b>(9,026)</b>	18,816
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		<b>709,675</b>	684,492
<b>Expenditure:</b>			
Administration Expenses	<b>2</b>	<b>400,118</b>	360,416
Travel and Subsistence Expenses	<b>3</b>	<b>106,041</b>	94,325
Promotions, Publicity and Training	<b>4</b>	<b>126,702</b>	114,672
Grants to Water Safety Commissions		<b>67,283</b>	63,586
Special Projects	<b>5</b>	<b>30,833</b>	22,768
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Total Operating Costs</b>		<b>730,977</b>	655,767
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>(Deficit)/Surplus for the Year</b>		<b>(21,302)</b>	28,725
<b>Accumulated Surplus at 1st January</b>		<b>106,766</b>	78,041
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Accumulated Surplus at 31st December</b>		<b>85,464</b>	106,766

All gains and losses arise from continuing activities and are dealt with through the Income and Expenditure Account.

The statement of Accounting Policies, notes 1 to 12 form part of these Accounts.



Chairman



Chief Executive

7th December 2005

**Balance Sheet**  
**As at 31 December 2004**

	Note	2004 €	2003 €
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible Assets	6	<u>233,204</u>	<u>224,178</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	7	30,822	21,524
Cash at Bank and in Hand		83,296	134,589
		<u>114,118</u>	<u>156,113</u>
<b>CREDITORS - Amounts falling due within one year</b>			
Creditors and Accruals		<u>(28,654)</u>	<u>(49,347)</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>85,464</u>	<u>106,766</u>
		<u>318,668</u>	<u>330,944</u>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>			
Capital Account	8	233,204	224,178
Income & Expenditure Account		85,464	106,766
		<u>318,668</u>	<u>330,944</u>

The statement of accounting policies and notes 1 to 12 form part of these financial statements.



Chairman



Chief Executive

7<sup>th</sup> December 2005

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2004

	2004	2003
	€	€
<b>Note 1. Miscellaneous Income</b>		
Sales	14,954	9,461
Membership	7,120	-
Ring Buoy Contribution	21,000	19,047
In Service Teacher Course Grant	15,200	8,505
Sponsorship	15,860	40,650
RI Royalties	1,786	156
Other Income	531	9,222
	<u>76,451</u>	<u>87,041</u>
<b>Note 2. Administration Expenses</b>	€	€
Salaries, Pension and Temporary Staff	236,691	215,171
Staff Training	85	1,308
Rent, Rates, Light and Heat	30,327	30,438
Insurance	24,568	24,231
Stationery	9,317	7,751
Postage and Telephone	23,945	20,896
Maintenance and Cleaning	24,297	14,227
Audit Fee	6,150	5,500
Accountancy	3,768	6,150
Consultants	-	4,840
Bank Charges	323	496
Miscellaneous Administration Expenses	8,935	6,951
Depreciation	31,712	22,457
	<u>400,118</u>	<u>360,416</u>
<b>Note 3. Travel and Subsistence Expenses</b>	€	€
Council	39,122	36,797
Committees and Commissions	15,888	12,925
Office	15,590	14,118
Ring Buoy Inspectors	18,634	16,934
International Travel	5,268	3,817
Other Travel	11,539	9,734
	<u>106,041</u>	<u>94,325</u>

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2004

<b>Note 4. Promotion, Publicity and Printing Expenses</b>	<b>2004</b> €	<b>2003</b> €
Advertising and Press Cuttings	17,755	41,107
Sponsored Projects	4,028	10,545
Conferences and Courses	55,033	31,627
Non Saleable Books and Manuals	30,887	28,210
Purchase of Saleable Items	17,655	1,387
Memberships	1,344	1,796
	<u>126,702</u>	<u>114,672</u>

<b>Note 5. Special Projects</b>	€	€
Senior Surf and Pool Competition	5,830	6,866
Junior Surf and Pool Competition	5,536	4,415
International Competition	19,467	11,487
	<u>30,833</u>	<u>22,768</u>

### **Note 6. Tangible Fixed Assets**

	<b>Leasehold Interest €</b>	<b>Computer Equipment €</b>	<b>Other Office Equipment €</b>	<b>Total €</b>
<b>Cost</b>				
Opening Balance 1 January 2004	260,458	64,716	34,509	359,683
Additions	-	26,433	14,306	40,739
Disposals	-	(55,210)	-	(55,210)
Closing Balance 31 December 2004	<u>260,458</u>	<u>35,939</u>	<u>48,815</u>	<u>345,212</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
Opening Balance 1 January 2004	49,601	63,288	22,616	135,505
Disposals	-	(55,209)	-	(55,209)
Charge For Period	12,397	9,552	9,763	31,712
Closing Balance 31 December 2004	<u>61,998</u>	<u>17,631</u>	<u>32,379</u>	<u>112,008</u>
<b>Net Book Values</b>				
At 31 December 2004	<u>198,460</u>	<u>18,308</u>	<u>16,436</u>	<u>233,204</u>
At 31 December 2003	<u>210,857</u>	<u>1,428</u>	<u>11,893</u>	<u>224,178</u>

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2004

<b>Note 7. Debtors</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
Trade Debtors	<b>2,012</b>	1,524
Other Debtors	<b>28,810</b>	20,000
	<b><u>30,822</u></b>	<b><u>21,524</u></b>

<b>Note 8. Capital Account</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2004</b>
	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
Balance as at 1 January 2004		<b>224,178</b>
Income Allocated for Capital Purposes	<b>40,739</b>	
Expenditure Allocated on Disposals	<b>(1)</b>	
Amortisation in Line with Depreciation	<b><u>(31,712)</u></b>	
Transfer to Income & Expenditure Account		<b>9,026</b>
Balance as at 31 December 2004		<b><u>233,204</u></b>

### Note 9. Superannuation

A new accounting standard, **Financial Reporting Standard No. 17 – Retirement Benefits** (FRS 17), was issued by the Accountancy Standards Board in November 2000. Compliance with the new standard does not become mandatory until the financial year 2005. However in accordance with the transitional arrangement set down by the standard, the Irish Water Safety (IWS) is required to disclose the liabilities related to the pension scheme for its employees by way of a note to the accounts. The results set out below are based on an actuarial valuation of the liabilities in respect of the IWS staff as at 30 December 2004. This valuation was carried out using the projected unit method.

The financial assumptions used to calculate scheme liabilities for the purpose of FRS 17 were as follows:

<b>Assumption</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
<b>Discount rate</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Salary increase assumption</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Pension increase assumption</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Price inflation</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>2%</b>

On the basis of these assumptions, and using the projected unit method prescribed in FRS17, the value of the accrued liabilities in respect of the Irish Water Safety staff at 31 December 2004 was estimated at € 184,000 (€95,000 as of December 2003).

There are no assets held in respect of the accrued pension liabilities of the IWS staff.

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2004

### Note 9. Superannuation (Continued)

If the requirements of FRS 17 were fully adopted in 2004 the following would have been reflected in the financial statements:

#### Analysis of the amount that would have been charged to operating profit under FRS 17

	€
Current service cost	36,000
Past service cost:	<u>-</u>
Total operating charge	<u>36,000</u>

#### Analysis of the amount that would have been credited to other finance income

Interest on pension scheme liabilities	<u>(6,000)</u>
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#### Analysis of the amount that would have been recognised in the statement of total recognised gains and losses (STRGL)

	€
Experience gains and losses arising on the scheme liabilities:	(26,000)
Changes in assumptions underlying the present value of the scheme liabilities:	<u>(21,000)</u>
Actuarial gain recognised in STRGL:	<u>(47,000)</u>

#### Movement in deficit during the year

	€
Deficit at beginning of year:	(95,000)
Current service cost:	(36,000)
Interest on scheme liabilities	(6,000)
Benefits payable	-
Actuarial gain recognised in STRGL	<u>(47,000)</u>
Deficit in scheme at end of year	<u>(184,000)</u>

## **Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2004**

### **Note**

#### **10. Lease Commitments**

As at the 31 December 2004, the Association has annual commitments in respect of operating leases as follows:

	<b>2004</b>
	<b>€</b>
Building	
	27,640
Represented by leases which expired: -	
- Within one year	-
- In the second to fifth year	-
- Thereafter	27,640

The Association occupies premises at Long Walk, Galway, under a lease for 21 years, which commenced in July 2000. The current rental is €27,640 per annum. The lease has break options after ten and fifteen years.

### **Note**

#### **11. Chairman's Stipend**

The Chairman has waived fees due under the terms of his appointment by the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government in order to support the Association and in recognition of the voluntary support received.

### **Note**

#### **12. Approval of Financial Statements**

The financial statements were approved by the Council on 07th December, 2005.