

## **Surf Life Saving New Zealand Volunteer of the Year 2020**

The purpose of the DHL Volunteer of the Year is to recognise an outstanding member who has made a significant volunteer contribution to enhancing surf lifesaving within their local area during their season.

### **2020 - MIKE SMITH, TAYLORS MISTAKE SLSC**

It is almost impossible to briefly sum up Mike's contribution to Surf Life Saving as he is active at a club, regional and national level across a range of topics - but in particular health and safety. He's been on the Taylors Mistake committee for 15 years and is the club's vice president, and for the past two seasons he's been the club's Health & Safety Officer - a huge asset to the club and how we approach training, beach set ups and event management.

Mike also continues to patrol in a support role. At a regional and national level, he runs, among many other things, instructor and patrol captains' courses and he is heavily involved in surf events as a referee, guard, official and selector - to name just a few of his hats. If there is a job to be done Mike is one of those people who is always first to volunteer. It's fair to say Mike's influence within surf can be seen from the junior to senior levels, and from club through to national. He's an impressive bloke.

