

Wandatrak Auckland

The people behind Wandatrak

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Liz Sampson another hard worker behind the scenes, Liz has been involved in Search and Rescue for about 20 years (some say longer) and was involved in the initial testing of Wandatrak in Auckland. She works as a maintenance planner for Opus and has built, and maintains our database. Liz also does a lot of secretarial work for Wandatrak.

August was a very busy month for Wandatrak with a large amount of pendants issued and a record number of successful searches.

No of Pendants issued

Currently: 31

No of Searches using Wandatrak

August : 6

Total: 10

Funding

New Zealand LSAR have generously assisted in the funding of this programme by \$10, 000. This will assist in the development of the training packages, a technical manual and purchase of additional equipment.

The Searches

As previously seen we had 6 successful searches using Wandatrak in August. All searches we located the missing party's in less than 1 hour, the quickest being 15 minutes. The obvious advantage of Wandatrak is that we are finding the missing person a lot quicker and at the same time using a lot less resources doing it.

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