



Pāpāmoa

SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

PSLSC MEMBER NEWSLETTER

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ANOTHER ACTION-PACKED SUMMER!

With summer in full swing, the club is thriving with energy, dedication, and achievements. Our lifeguards have been working tirelessly to keep our beaches safe, our athletes are making waves in surf sports, and our volunteers continue to be the heart and soul of everything we do.

As we move through the peak of the season, the momentum shows no signs of slowing. Whether it's our Junior Surf kids gaining confidence in the waves, our IRB teams training hard, or our surf sport athletes pushing their limits in competition, there's a buzz of excitement in every part of the club. We'd like to ask all Junior Surf families to make sure you read (or scroll!) to the end of the newsletter for some important updates!

A huge thank you to everyone contributing to this incredible season - your commitment and passion are what make our club special. Let's keep the energy high and make the most of the rest of summer 2025.

TECT'S GENEROSITY KEEP OUR BEACHES SAFE



We are incredibly grateful to **TECT** for their generous funding support for the 2024/2025 season. Their ongoing commitment to the community has a far-reaching impact, not only on our club but across Pāpāmoa and the wider Bay of Plenty region.

This vital funding allows us to continue providing lifesaving services in a sustainable way, ensuring our lifeguards have the training and equipment needed to keep beachgoers safe. Thanks to TECT's support, we have been able to invest in key areas such as:

- **Lifeguard Swim Training** – keeping our team fit, skilled, and ready to respond at a moment's notice.
- **Essential Lifeguard Gear** – supplying crucial equipment for trauma packs and radios to ensure we're always prepared.
- **Major Equipment** – helping fund critical lifesaving vehicles which play a key role in swift water rescues.

TECT's generosity truly saves lives, and we are deeply appreciative of their continued support. On behalf of the entire club, we extend a massive thank you to TECT for helping us make a difference in our community.



Investing with a view

An evening with **JARDEN WEALTH**

27 February 2025
6pm - 8.30pm
Pāpāmoa Surf Club

What is wealth management
Why invest for your future
Who should consider investing

Q&A with expert advisors
Club bar open
Fingerfood provided



Join us for an exclusive [Jarden Wealth](#) Seminar at Pāpāmoa Surf Club. As a Gold Sponsor of our club, Jarden Wealth is hosting this special event for our club members, covering key topics like:

- What is wealth management
- Why investing for your future is important
- Who needs to be considering investing and why

This will be a casual and friendly event, with plenty of open conversation and an opportunity for questions. Whether you're new to financial planning or have questions about investing, this seminar is for everyone - it's never too early to start thinking about your financial future.

Please check your emails for an invitation and RSVP for catering purposes.

Don't miss this chance to learn, connect, and support a valued sponsor. We look forward to seeing you there.

LIFEGUARDING

As one of the largest surf life saving clubs in the country, it's fantastic to see our membership continuing to grow - now edging closer to the 1,000-member milestone. This growth is especially exciting when it comes to our lifeguarding team, with more dedicated individuals stepping up to help keep our beaches safe.

This weekend, nine new candidates will be taking their lifeguard award exams, marking the final step in their journey to becoming fully qualified surf lifeguards. Their commitment and training over the past months have been outstanding, and we wish them the very best of luck as they put their skills to the test.

A huge thank you to our trainers, mentors, and experienced lifeguards who continue to support and inspire the next generation. Your dedication is what makes our club strong and ensures that we can provide top-class lifesaving services to our community.

Good luck to our lifeguard candidates - we look forward to welcoming you to the team!



Keeping Our Beaches Safe

Last weekend, our dedicated Bravo Patrol stepped up to remove a significant fire hazard from the beach. They safely cleared smouldering logs, removed numerous nails, and buried remaining debris, ensuring the area was safe for the public. A huge well done to the team for their mahi in keeping our community protected.



Beach bonfires can be a great way to enjoy summer evenings, but it's important to remember the potential dangers they can leave behind.

Smouldering logs and burned pallets pose a serious risk, with hidden embers capable of causing severe burns to unsuspecting beachgoers.

Additionally, discarded pallets often leave behind nails and debris, creating further hazards.

Lifeguarding isn't just about water safety and ocean rescues - it's about keeping everyone safe on the beach in every way.

MASTERS SURF SPORT

Beginner Ski – Expressions of Interest



Looking to challenge yourself and develop new surf skills? We're exploring the idea of a Beginner Ski Course for Masters after Nationals and want to gauge interest. This programme would run similarly to the Senior Beginner Ski Programme, starting in Pilot Bay and gradually moving to the ocean as confidence grows. Sessions would run multiple times a week to help with rapid improvement. Due to limited gear, this course will be scheduled separately from the senior sessions.

If you're interested, please contact Radleigh Cairns at surfsport@papamoalifeguards.co.nz to register your interest.

Masters Shine at ERCs 2025!

This year's Senior Eastern Region Championships (ERCs) at Mount Maunganui kicked off the long weekend with our Masters team bringing home a fantastic haul of medals. With perfect conditions and great competition, our athletes put on an outstanding performance, securing 2nd place overall against a strong Omanu crew.

Individual Results:

- 🏆 Owen Miller – GOLD in 30-34 Male Masters
- 🏆 Naomi Davoren – GOLD in 50-54 Female Masters
- 🥈 Richard Williams – SILVER in 35-39 Male Masters
- 🥈 Jenna Waite-Leonard – SILVER in 35-39 Female Masters
- 🥈 Sarah Metcalfe – SILVER in 45-49 Female Masters
- 🥉 Heidi Omundsen – BRONZE in 45-49 Female Masters

Team Highlights:

- 🏆 Naomi, Sarah & Heidi – 1st in the Board Relay, 3rd in the Taplin
- 🏆 Jenna joined them – 2nd in the Beach Relay
- 🏆 Rob Pepers, Richard & Owen – 2nd in the Taplin, 3rd in the Board Relay



Boaties Back in Action!

On the Saturday, Jamie Wilson and Matt Park teamed up with New Brighton to bring Pāpāmoa Boat racing back to the competition scene. They put in a huge effort, making it to the final of the Open Male Surf Boat Long Course - an awesome result for the team!

A massive THANK YOU to our key Masters sponsors, [GJ Gardner Homes NZ](#) and [Guild and Spence Electrical](#). Your support makes all of this possible, and we are so grateful for your belief in our team.

SENIOR SURF SPORT

Keeping the Momentum Going

There's no rest for our senior squad as they head to Whangamata this weekend for the Northern Region Championships - they're truly on a roll! With day after day of intense training and week after week of competing, our athletes are building momentum and preparing for the National Championships in early March.

The Senior Eastern Region Championships brought a bit of everything - changing weather, shifting surf conditions, and a packed programme. But one thing remained constant: our Pāpāmoa Senior squad bringing their A-game!

Highlights from the Weekend:

- 🏆 Isobella Davoren – GOLD in U17 Female Surf Race
- 🏆 Oliver Pepers – GOLD in U17 Male Surf Race
- 🏆 Sophia Maltai-Spence – GOLD in U15 Female Surf Race AND GOLD in U15 2km Beach Run
- 🏆 Trelise Chote – SILVER in U19 Female Surf Race
- 🏆 Lockie Cairns – SILVER in U17 Male 2km Beach Run
- 🏆 Georgia & Isobella Davoren – SILVER in U17 Female Board Rescue
- 🏆 Trelise Chote – BRONZE in U19 Female Ski Race
- 🏆 Amelie Pearson – BRONZE in U17 Female Surf Race
- 🏆 Trelise, Jessica, Niamh & Georgia – BRONZE in U19 Surf Teams Race



As a team, we placed 7th overall and 4th in the Eastern Region Clubs, just behind Omanu, Mount Maunganui, and Midway - an incredible achievement that speaks volumes about the dedication and hard work of our squad.

Our U15s continue to gain valuable experience. With Nationals just three weeks away, we're excited for what's to come for this talented squad.

As always Pāpāmoa showed up in full force, with officials, first aiders, and water crew ensuring the event ran smoothly. A big thank you to everyone involved, and a special shoutout to **Joanne Miller** for her outstanding work as Event Referee.

A heartfelt thank you also to **Clare Pepers** and **Jamie Troughton (Dscribe Media)** for capturing all the action. Be sure to check out all the epic photos and videos of our clubbies on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)!

JUNIOR SURF SPORT

Oceans Festival of Surf 2025

The big one is just around the corner - the Oceans Festival of Surf 2025 will be held at Mount Maunganui Main Beach from February 20 - 23. This iconic event brings together surf life saving clubs from all around the country for a grand finale to the junior surf sport season. It's an incredible opportunity for our athletes to showcase everything they've learned throughout the season, reconnect with fellow clubbies from across the region and the country, and most importantly - have some fun!



Last year's event saw over 700 competitors from 46 clubs across New Zealand, and this year is expected to be just as spectacular.

We are proud to be one of the largest teams, which makes it even more exciting for us. We encourage any clubbies who aren't directly involved to come down, watch some of the exciting races, and cheer on your Pāpāmoa mates. Let's show our support for all our athletes - **Pāpāmoa Proud!**

Good luck to everyone competing - put your foot on the line and give it your all for yourselves and your club. We can't wait to see you shine at the Oceans Festival!

But it doesn't end there – make sure you keep an eye on the [Oceans Facebook page](#) for Jack's weekly updates where he outlines what's to come for our junior athletes including more fun in the waves with extended training, beginner ski for our older juniors and of course the popular Sunday Funday will back for everyone throughout the winter.

JUNIOR SURF



We hope you're all enjoying the Junior Surf season so far. The sun has been shining, the ocean has warmed up, and it's been fantastic to see so many keen future lifeguards making the most of it.

As we approach the end of the season, there's still plenty to look forward to! Here's a quick recap of what's coming up and some key messages:

Sunday February 16	Omanu Junior Carnival	Under 8s and above
	Normal Junior Surf session @ Pāpāmoa	Under 6s & 7s
Sunday February 23	Normal Junior Surf session @ Pāpāmoa	All age groups
Sunday March 2	CLUB CHAMPS!	All age groups
Friday March 7 4.30pm-6.30pm	Race Night	Under 8s and above
Friday March 14 4.30pm start	Twilight Session and Prize Giving	All age groups



Omanu Junior Carnival

This Sunday February 16 is the Omanu Junior Carnival at Omanu Surf Club for our under 8s, 9s and 10s. We wish the best of luck to those who have entered. Junior Surf will be running as normal at Pāpāmoa for everyone in the under 6 and 7 age groups. Please note there will be **NO Junior Surf** session running at Pāpāmoa for those in the under 8s, 9s and 10s not competing at Omanu.



Trophy Return

With prize giving coming up, we kindly ask that all trophies be returned to the surf club office. The office is open Monday – Friday 8.30am – 2.30pm.



Share with Care

With this amazing weather, the beach is busier than ever. Just a gentle reminder that while we love seeing our nippers out there having fun, we don't have exclusive rights to the beach or the ocean - we share it with swimmers, surfers, and fellow beach lovers. So let's all be mindful and respectful of others while we enjoy the waves.



Stay Safe & Lead by Example

After Junior Surf sessions, if your kids are heading back into the ocean, please remind them to **SWIM BETWEEN THE FLAGS**. This is the safest place to swim, and as members of the surf club, it sets a great example - especially if they're still wearing their Junior Surf rash tops.



Parking Reminder

Parking can be a bit of a challenge on these beautiful summer Sundays. We appreciate your patience - please be considerate when parking, avoid blocking others in, and if you need a closer spot, arriving early is your best bet.



Stay Connected

As always, please keep a close eye on the Junior Surf Facebook page for any updates or changes and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact juniorsurf@papamoalifeguards.co.nz

See you on the sand!

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