



Papāmoa

SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

PSLSC MEMBER NEWSLETTER

28th February 2025

IT'S NOT OVER YET!

We're coming towards the end of another epic season here at the club, but don't worry, it's not over yet! This weekend is going to be one of our busiest yet, packed with action and events you won't want to miss!

Friday Night

We're kicking off the weekend with Trade Me Property's Backyard Bash – proving that Papāmoa is the choicest suburb in New Zealand (something we've known all along!).

Saturday & Sunday

The North Island IRB Championships will be taking place at the club – two days of fast-paced, thrilling racing that you won't want to miss. Come down and watch the action unfold!

Sunday

The Junior Surf Club Championships will be an epic highlight for our juniors, marking an exciting milestone in their season on the beach.

This is the place to be this weekend – don't miss out!

Looking Ahead

Next week, our Senior and Master surf sports athletes will compete in the New Zealand Surf Life Saving Championships – aka Nationals! We wish them all the best as they go for gold!

Read on for more details about all these exciting events...



Pāpāmoa has been crowned Trade Me Property's People's Choicest Suburb for 2025!

After more than 130,000 votes and a tight race, Pāpāmoa has come out on top. To celebrate, there's a community party at the Pāpāmoa Surf Club today - Friday 28th February - from 5:30pm to 7:30pm, and everyone's invited!

-  **Live entertainment**
-  **Face painting for the kids**
-  **Burgers, donuts & more**
-  **Games for all ages**

It's a **FREE** event for the whole community - come along and join the celebration!



NORTH ISLAND IRB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Speed and skill will be on display at the BP North Island IRB Championships this weekend, as racers push themselves to the limit in the quest for victory.

Taking place between 9am - 4pm on Saturday and Sunday, 72 crews from 24 Surf Life Saving NZ clubs across both islands will compete. Demonstrating the top-tier technical abilities that make Surf Life Saving NZ IRB drivers renowned in the sport. Spectators can expect an action-packed event with thrilling competition on the water.

CONGRATULATIONS TO AQUAHOLOGICS!

A huge congratulations to our esteemed Gold Sponsor, [Aquaholics Limited](#), who were recently named Business of the Year at the prestigious Farmer Autovillage Tauranga Business Awards 2025.



The judges were truly impressed by Aquaholics' exponential growth and the incredible way they've not only achieved business success, but also their unwavering commitment to both their team and the wider community. Their dedication to excellence and service truly sets them apart.

We couldn't be prouder to be associated with such an outstanding company. We'd like to say thank you to Aquaholics for their continued support and love for our wonderful community. We're lucky to have them on board as a key partner. See below for a message from Aquaholics...



We're Honored to Be Named Business of the Year!



We are incredibly proud to share that Aquaholics has been named the Tauranga Business of the Year for 2025! This award is a testament to the dedication, hard work, and passion that drive our team every day—but more importantly, it reflects the support and trust of valued partners like you.

As we celebrate this achievement, we want to take a moment to express our sincere gratitude. Your partnership, loyalty, and collaboration over the past 10 years have been instrumental in our success, and we truly appreciate the role you've played in our journey.

Winning this award is not just a milestone for our company but a shared accomplishment with our clients and contractors who have been with us along the way. We look forward to continuing to grow, innovate, and succeed together in the years to come.

Thank you for being a part of our story—we couldn't have done it without you!



VOLUNTEER DINNER



SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY 30 MARCH 2025
4.30PM START

LIFEGUARDING

Welcoming Our Newest Lifeguards

We're excited to welcome eight new volunteer surf lifeguards and patrol support members to the Pāpāmoa Surf Club whānau! Congratulations to Ryan Proctor, Steven Anderson, Anthony Wright, Rich Henderson,

Brooke Cowdrey, Kristian Baccus, Angie Wall, and Sian Kirkbride on successfully completing our intensive 3.5-day lifeguard training course.



This dedicated group trained under the expert guidance of instructors Marama Mateparae, Karyn Leach, Mason Bollee, and Sandra Boubee, with assistance from Billie Niamh. Many of the new lifeguards are Junior Surf parents who stepped up to help provide vital patrol coverage on Sunday mornings. It's fantastic to see more families getting involved - not just watching from the sidelines but actively contributing to beach safety.

The intensive course blended independent study with hands-on training, allowing candidates to complete theory work beforehand and focus on practical skills during the sessions. From mastering rescues and first aid to perfecting their run-swim-run, this group impressed examiners with their speed and skill.

Sian Kirkbride, one of our newest lifeguards, praised the intensive format:

"As a mum to three young kids, this course structure was ideal. It allowed me to manage family commitments while completing my training in a focused, practical way. I'd highly recommend it to anyone considering lifeguard training but unable to commit to a longer course."

Following the success of this course, we're running another intensive lifeguard training in March, with the final exam on April 5th. Sessions will take place over 2-3 evenings and 2-3 weekend days. Interested? Register now under [Become a Lifeguard](#) on our website.

For those keen to train over winter, workbooks and manuals are available - get a head start for next season! Pop into the club or email lifeguards@papamoalifeguards.co.nz for more information.

Celebrating Our New IRB Drivers

A huge congratulations to Jamie Parker, who achieved his IRB Drivers Award earlier this month! Jamie is one of seven new IRB drivers for our club this season - a fantastic boost for our team and a big step forward in ensuring we have strong patrol coverage across our expansive stretch of beach.



IRB drivers play a crucial role in surf lifesaving, providing rapid response in emergencies and supporting rescues, patrols, and training. Growing our team of skilled drivers strengthens our ability to keep beachgoers safe.

Well done to Jamie and all our new drivers - your dedication makes a real difference!

SURF SPORT

Countdown to Nationals



Excitement is building as we head towards the New Zealand Surf Life Saving Championships, set to take place at Midway Beach, Gisborne, from March 6 to 9 2025. With the season reaching its big finale, our Seniors and Masters teams have been keeping up their momentum, competing in multiple events throughout the summer to prepare for this pinnacle competition.

We're incredibly proud to be sending one of the largest teams of Seniors and Masters that we've had at a National Championships in recent years - a testament to their dedication, training, and passion for the sport.

A huge thank you to our coaches, volunteers, and officials who make it all possible. Your support is invaluable, and we appreciate all the time and effort you put in behind the scenes.

As always, if you're not able to attend the event, you can follow the action on [Liveheats](#).

Good luck to our entire team - we know you'll give it your all and represent the club with pride!

JUNIOR SURF SPORT

Oceans '25: A Spectacular Finish to the Season!

Oceans '25 at Mount Main Beach was nothing short of spectacular! 51 incredible kids from our club joined more than 700 juniors from across the country, racing their hearts out in four days of sun, surf, and competition at the 2025 Oceans Festival of Junior Surf Lifesaving.

Our team put on a phenomenal display, picking up more medals than any other club, including 14 golds across all age groups - both in individual and team events. The atmosphere was electric, with music pumping, commentators hyping up the action, and supporters from all clubs cheering on every competitor. Whether it was standing on the podium, making quarters, semis, and finals, or simply giving it their all alongside friends, every one of our juniors had huge moments to be proud of. What an amazing way to wrap up the surf carnival season!

A massive congratulations to our entire team, as well as our dedicated coaches Jack Bullock and Jake Cowdrey, and all our assistant coaches for their tireless work throughout the season. A special thank you to the many volunteers who helped Oceans run so smoothly - officials, water safety crews, work crews, age group managers, parent supporters, and our incredible clubbies, many of whom didn't even have family competing!

Big thanks to Pāpāmoa clubbie Kate Magill for capturing so many unforgettable moments of our athletes! You can also check out the [SLSNZ Sport Facebook page](#) for heaps of amazing photos by Jamie Troughton.

Medal Results – Pāpāmoa's Champions!

GOLD

- U14 M Flags - [Tristan Lim-Yock](#)
- U14 F Surf Race - [Mila Kennedy](#)
- U13 M Diamond Race - [Kobe Kelly](#)
- U13 F Sprints - [Caitlyn Strange](#)
- U12 F Board Race - [Miela Murphy](#)
- U12 M Flags - [Sam Wing](#)
- U12 M Sprints - [Maxwell Cocker](#)
- U12 F Flags - [Miela Murphy](#)
- U11 M Flags - [Louie Park](#)
- U11 F Sprints - [Leah Botha](#)

TEAM GOLDS

- U14 Mixed Beach Relay – Drew Heatley, Tristan Lim-Yock, Caitlyn Strange & Brayden Lim-Yock
- U12 F Board Relay – Willow Ropati, Summer Jackson & Miela Murphy
- U12 Mixed Beach Relay – Leah Botha, Sam Wing, Maxwell Cocker & Miela Murphy
- U12 Mixed Grand Cameron Relay – Maxwell Cocker, Ricky Broadley, Summer Jackson, Willow Ropati, Miela Murphy & Sam Wing

SILVER

- U13 M Board Race - Kobe Kelly
- U12 F Board Race - Willow Ropati
- U11 F Flags - Leah Botha
- U12 F Run Swim Run - Summer Jackson
- U12 M Sprints - Sam Wing
- U12 M Surf Race - Ricky Broadley
- U12 F Diamond Race - Miela Murphy
- U12 M Diamond Race - Ricky Broadley

TEAM SILVER

- U14 Mixed 2km Beach Relay – Max McNeil, Noah Miyamura-Brown, Sophie Reid & Leah Botha

BRONZE

- U14 M Sprints - Tristan Lim-Yock
- U13 F Surf Race - Beth Metcalfe
- U13 F Flags - Drew Heatley
- U13 F Run Swim Run - Beth Metcalfe
- U13 M Flags - Kobe Kelly
- U12 F Flags - Ava Mae Kennedy
- U12 M Run Swim Run - Ricky Broadley
- U12 F Sprints - Miela Murphy

TEAM BRONZE

- U14 M Board Rescue – Brayden & Tristan Lim-Yock



What a season, what a team!

A massive **SHOUT OUT** to all our sponsors who have stood by us throughout the season and made it all possible [Mitre 10 Pāpāmoa](#), [Pak N Save Pāpāmoa](#), [CMT Excavations Ltd](#), [EVES Realty Bay of Plenty](#), and [Body In Motion Health](#).



JUNIOR SURF

We can't wait for the Junior Surf Club Championships this Sunday March 2nd. It's going to be an action-packed day where our juniors can come together, have a blast, and show off the awesome skills they've learned throughout the season.

Please make sure you **RSVP to the email invitation** to help us plan the day. As you will have read, we are also hosting the North Island IRB Championships this weekend so it will be very busy at the club and parking will be at a premium so please plan for that.

More Fun Still To Come!

The Junior Surf season isn't wrapping up just yet! After the Club Champs this Sunday, we still have two key events to round off an incredible season, so make sure these dates are in your diaries:



Final Race Night

Friday March 7

4.30pm - 6.30pm

One last chance for our under 8s and above to hit the water and showcase their skills. All families are welcome, with Club Night kicking off at 5pm.



Twilight Session & Prizegiving

Friday March 14

4.30pm start

Our season finale, celebrating all the fun, progress, and achievements of our amazing juniors.



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.

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