



# Pāpāmoa

SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

## PSLSC MEMBER NEWSLETTER

30th May 2025

### CELEBRATING OUR CLUB CHAMPIONS

Last Friday night, we came together to celebrate the incredible achievements and unwavering dedication of our club members at the annual PSLSC Club Awards Evening. A heartfelt congratulations to all our nominees and award recipients - your commitment and passion are the backbone of our club's success.

It's always tough for our committees to choose the award recipients because we have an abundance of amazing people among us - it's a great problem to have. So many of you contribute to the club in meaningful ways and we are truly grateful for the dedication of all our club members.

Join us in congratulating all these wonderful recipients...



**Sian Kirkbride** - Junior Surf New Coach of the Year



**Matt Park** - Junior Surf Coach of the Year



**Steph Mardon** - Junior Surf Official of the Year & Emerging Surf Official of the Year



**Emily Mardon** - Commitment to Junior Surf, U19 Female Lifeguard & U19 Female Leadership



**Jenna Waite-Leonard** - Junior Surf Person of the Year



**Sophia Maltai-Spence** - U15 Female Surf Sports



**William Chugg** - U15 Male Surf Sports



**Amelie Pearson** - U17 Female Surf Sports



**Oliver Pepers** - U17 Male Surf Sports & Head Coach Trophy



**Trelise Chote** - U19 Female Surf Sports



**Zac Cairns** - U19 Male Surf Sports



**Naomi Davoren** - Masters Female



**Owen Miller** - Masters Male



**Jo Miller** - Surf Official of the Year



**Sophie Bowling** - Fun and Positive Attitude





**William Magill** - Rookie of the Year



**Zac Abbott** - Best Emerging Junior Lifeguard



**Niamh Clark** - U16 Female Junior Lifeguard



**William Eames** - U16 Male Junior Lifeguard



**Mason Bollee** - U19 Male Lifeguard & U19 Male Leadership



**Malcolm Emeny** - Best Emerging Senior Lifeguard



**Ryan Hohneck** - Best Senior Lifeguard



**Karyn Leach** - Best All-Round Lifeguard



**Jamie Mardon** - Top Leadership Performance, Patrol Captain of the Year, Club Service Award & Club Member of the Year



**Blair Jackson** - Patrol Support Person of the Year



**Marama Mateparae** - Examiner of the Year



**Radleigh Cairns** - Club Distinguished Service Award





**Matt Davoren** - Outstanding Leadership



**Danielle Petricevich** - Outstanding Contribution  
Chairperson's Cup



**ECHO** - Best Patrol

## EXPLORE UPCOMING COURSES

As we navigate through winter and set our sights on the upcoming summer season, it's the perfect time to enhance your skills and prepare for the adventures ahead. Whether you're involved in Junior Surf, lifeguarding, officiating, or other areas, there are numerous courses available to help you grow and contribute more effectively to our surf lifesaving community.

## Why Participate?

**Skill Enhancement:** Gain new competencies or refresh existing ones to stay sharp and ready.

**Community Contribution:** Equip yourself to take on more responsibilities and support our club's activities.

**Personal Growth:** Challenge yourself and achieve new milestones in your surf lifesaving journey.



## Stay Informed

To keep up-to-date with the latest course offerings and schedules:

**SLSNZ Eastern Region Facebook Page:** Regular updates on upcoming courses and events.

**SLSNZ Regional Activity Calendars:** Comprehensive listings of courses across various regions.

## Take the Next Step

Don't miss out on these opportunities to grow and contribute. Explore the courses that interest you and register early to secure your spot. Simply email the office to register [info@papamoalifeguards.co.nz](mailto:info@papamoalifeguards.co.nz)

Let's make the most of this winter by preparing for a successful and fulfilling summer season ahead!

## IMPORTANT SAFETY UPDATE

To ensure Pāpāmoa Surf Life Saving Club remains compliant with WorkSafe regulations, two new fire extinguishers have been installed outside the fuel bunker room.

### Please note

- In the event of a fire in the fuel bunker, do not attempt to fight the fire.
- All club members must immediately evacuate to the Domain and call 111.
- These extinguishers are positioned for use by the fire brigade only. Your safety is the priority – never put yourself at risk.





## SPREAD THE WORD

Did you know that our surf club isn't just for lifesaving and Junior Surf? It's also a stunning venue available for hire - perfect for weddings, corporate functions, and Christmas staff parties.

# Pāpāmoa Surf Club

*The Perfect Wedding Venue*

We already know that the club offers breathtaking views of Pāpāmoa Beach from the Mount to Maketū, but did you know it also features:

**Flexible Spaces:** Book the entire venue or just half to suit guest list and needs.

**Modern Amenities:** A spacious kitchen for caterers to craft a tailored menu.

**Bar Service:** Keep the festivities flowing with our fully licensed bar service.

We're now taking bookings for this Christmas and the 2025/26 summer season. If you work for an organisation planning their next function or have friends seeking a unique beachfront location for their wedding, check out our website for more details: [papamoalifeguards.co.nz/venue-hire](https://papamoalifeguards.co.nz/venue-hire) or email [events@papamoalifeguards.co.nz](mailto:events@papamoalifeguards.co.nz)

# LIFEGUARDING

## Intermediate Lifeguard School: Building Skills and Friendships

Earlier this month, the Eastern Region Intermediate Lifeguard School (ILGS) was held at Mount Maunganui Lifeguard Service. This program is designed to equip junior lifeguards with the skills, knowledge, and leadership qualities necessary for effective surf lifesaving.

The ILGS brought together 29 candidates from across the region, supported by a dedicated team of instructors and mentors. Over three intensive days, participants engaged in practical modules such as board and rock rescues, and collaborated with local emergency services including Fire & Emergency, St John, WBOP SAR, and Police.



Pāpāmoa Junior Lifeguard Sean Leach shared his experience:

“It was a great chance to catch up with other clubbies like Liam and Max from Waihi while doing cool stuff with my Pāpāmoa mates like jumping off the rocks around Mauao. This was part of the rock module, which is all about learning how to rescue people from difficult places.”

When asked about key takeaways from the programme, Sean emphasized the importance of collaboration: “Teamwork. You don’t have to think of every role. I learnt you can and should share the roles required to make a successful rescue.”

The ILGS not only enhances practical lifesaving skills but also fosters a sense of camaraderie and shared purpose among young lifeguards. Such experiences are invaluable as they prepare to keep our beaches safe.

For more information on upcoming lifeguard training programmes, visit the [Surf Life Saving New Zealand Eastern Region Facebook page](#).



## **POOL RESCUE FINAL CALL: TRAINING STARTS NEXT WEEK!**

Our Winter Pool Rescue Programme kicks off next week, and there's still time to join!

### **What's New?**

Based on your feedback, we've added weekday training sessions for each age group to provide more flexibility. Training begins on Tuesday 3rd June, with sessions tailored for Juniors, Seniors, and Masters.

### **How to Register:**

Visit the [Pool Rescue](#) page on our website for all the details, including training times, costs, and the registration process. Don't miss out - secure your spot today and make the most of the winter season!



# **REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

*Pool  
Rescue  
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## JUNIOR SURF



# HELP US IMPROVE!

A huge thank you to all who participated in our end-of-season survey. Your insights are invaluable as we strive to enhance our Junior Surf programme.

We received 35 responses from parents and caregivers. Considering we had over 400 children enrolled in Junior Surf last season, the response rate was lower than anticipated. However, we're taking this as a positive sign - no news is good news! The limited feedback suggests that, overall, families are satisfied with the programme.



## Highlights

**Positive Experiences:** 91% of children and 88% of parents/volunteers rated their experience 4 or 5 out of 5.

**Programme Organisation:** 94% satisfaction with how the programme was run.

**Community Feel:** 91% felt welcomed and supported by our Junior Surf community.

**Top Moments:** Fun water activities, making friends & building confidence, carnivals, prizegiving, special events like Santa's visit and Friday sessions, and enthusiastic coaches were frequently mentioned.

We heard that there are some potential areas for improvement, including:

**Event Scheduling:** Avoiding clashes with other events at the club.

**Communication:** Enhancing clarity around events such as carnivals, club days, and clean-ups.

**Inclusivity:** Better support for new or less confident participants.

**Event Logistics:** Addressing concerns about prizegiving being too cramped and lengthy.

**New Initiatives:** Implementing "Star of the Day" awards for younger groups, house points or reward systems, providing shade and seating at prizegiving events, better-fitting vests for parents, and consistent recognition of participation.

## Looking Ahead:

We're excited to share that:

**80%** of respondents plan to return next season.

**100%** would recommend Junior Surf to others.

The Junior Surf Committee is committed to considering and implementing changes based on your feedback. We appreciate your ongoing support and look forward to another exciting season ahead!

## Congratulations to Our Prize Winner!

We're thrilled to announce that Renee Walsh is the winner of the BP fuel voucher. Congratulations, Renee, and thank you for taking part in the survey.



## Help Shape Our 2025/26 Junior Surf Season

Following the valuable feedback from our recent survey, we're excited to look ahead to the 2025/26 season with fresh energy and ideas. Our Junior Surf programme thrives thanks to the incredible mahi of our volunteers, and we're asking parents and caregivers to join the Junior Surf Committee for the 2025/26 season.

### Why Join?

**Flexible Involvement:** You don't have to do everything. Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference.

**Shared Workload:** The more people who join, the more we can spread out tasks. Consider joining with a friend!

**Community Connection:** It's a great way to meet others, stay connected, and be part of a fun, community-focused team.

### Roles You Could Help With:

- Event planning, such as our annual disco or weekly BBQs
- Organising age group helpers or uniforms
- General input and sharing ideas



You don't need to be an expert in surf lifesaving - just someone who cares about our young lifesavers and wants to contribute in a way that suits your time and strengths.

### Interested?

Email us at [juniorsurf@papamoalifeguards.co.nz](mailto:juniorsurf@papamoalifeguards.co.nz) or visit the [Join Us](#) page on our website to find out more about the roles available at the club.

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