



Papamoa

SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

PSLSC MEMBER NEWSLETTER

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HELLO WINTER!

The cold weather has finally arrived, but things don't slow down at the Surf Club during winter. Our lifeguards are busy training and upskilling for the summer season ahead, our surf sports athletes have changed their focus to Pool Rescue and the Junior Surf committee are ready to start planning the next exciting season for our kids.

If you are interested in hearing about how the last 12 months have gone for the club and our plans for the future, then come along to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) which will be held at the club at **2pm on 30th July**. In the run up to the AGM there is also an opportunity to put yourself forward to get more involved in the club at a Board level. More information will be released in the coming weeks. [CLICK HERE](#) for the AGM page on our website.

NEW SPONSOR JUMPS ONBOARD

We'd like to give a very warm welcome to Pāpāmoa Surf Life Saving Club's newest sponsor Jarden.

Jarden is a leading full service investment banking firm. They opened the Tauranga office in June 2022 and are proud to be bringing Jarden to the Pāpāmoa community.



Wealth Management Advisor Simon Bradley has recently returned to NZ from 18 years abroad and said they were looking for opportunities to support clubs with values aligned to their own.

"We appreciate the role that surf life savers play patrolling our beaches and keeping us all safe, as well as the drive for excellence with the surf sport teams and their development and success to date," says Simon.



We look forward to seeing the Jarden team at the club and welcoming them to the Pāpāmoa Surf Club family. For more information on Jarden visit their website www.jarden.co.nz

LIFEGUARDING

Inflatable Rescue Boats or IRBs play a vital role in surf lifesaving, not only for the part they play in rescue call outs but also for supporting our lifeguards to patrol our beaches. During the winter months our clubbies take the opportunity to train and upskill in this important rescue watercraft.



16 New Crew

Congratulations to the 16 lifeguards who recently qualified as IRB Crewpersons. The crew members play a vital role in launching the boats from the beach and balancing the boat while in the surf. We look forward to seeing you all patrolling our beaches in the summer!



Wāhine on Water

Wāhine on Water is back for the 2023/2024 season and we have nine wāhine attending from Pāpāmoa. Taking place this Sunday 11th June at Waihi Beach, the course is an IRB development day for females to learn tips from some of the best female IRB drivers in the region.

The aim is to promote a fun, supportive and non-intimidating environment to give it a go, sharpen up skills or simply make some new friends in surf. We look forward to hearing more about it in our next newsletter.



IRB Long Haul

A big congratulations to our team who entered the recent IRB Long Haul - Jamie Cabusao, Poppy Crouch and James Kerr-Kerr. You did Pāpāmoa proud in what was an epic 10 year anniversary special. 25 teams took on the stage race from Whakatane to Mount Main Beach and were faced with physical and mental challenges combining lifesaving and surf sports skills. We had a number of clubbies put their hands up to help run the Pāpāmoa stage so a huge thank you to everyone involved.

Junior Guard School

Calling all lifeguards aged 14 – 16! The Eastern Region Junior Guard School is back for it's third year from Friday 7th – Sunday 9th July in Whangamata, and registrations are **now open**.



Some of our young lifeguards attended last year and would highly recommend it:

"The best part was being with a group of guys (and girls) who all are keen and have the same interests. It was a great weekend and we made some really good friends," said Sam Clark.

Ryan Teixeira said the best part was *"being with qualified junior lifeguards, making lifelong friends and taking away new knowledge and at the same time having fun."*

"It was a great opportunity to have some fun, make new friends from other clubs, and gain additional skills that help us be better lifeguards," said Logan Gillbanks.

For more information about the weekend, contact Dominic Sutton on 021 190 1727 or via email to dominic.sutton@surflifesaving.org.nz To register **CLICK HERE** to fill out the form. Registrations close 5pm Thursday 22nd June unless filled prior.

Winter Development Opportunities

A number of development opportunities have now been published on the SLSNZ Calendar, these include Instructor Training Courses, Patrol Captains Courses, Intro to Junior Surf Coaching, Surf Officials Level 1 and much more. Plan ahead and lock in your off-season development now!

See a full list of courses and register via the **SLSNZ Calendar** or the **SLSNZ Eastern Region Facebook Page**.

POOL RESCUE



Our Pool Rescue programme starts this weekend but there is still time to join the team. If you've not registered yet, please [CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to register through our website.

Overall we have a big team of juniors, seniors and masters who are excited to get started, but we are short in the U11/12 boys group to make up teams. If you know of anyone who is keen or would like to trial a session, please speak to Jack or email oceans@papamoalifeguards.co.nz.



A big thank you to Fulton Swim School who are generously letting us train in their pool throughout the season.

SENIOR SURF SPORTS



Our seniors kicked off their fundraising journey last month with a Casino Night that saw “millions” won and lost through the night.



Well done to those who won some great prizes after a tense roulette play off and a huge thank you to everyone who made the night happen.



All funds raised will go towards the logistics of getting the senior teams equipment over to the Sunshine Coast and back for the Australian National Championships in April 2024.

We also really appreciate the support from locals [DMS Progrowers](#), [Eves](#), [RV Mega](#), and [Sunnys Te Puke](#) who sponsored the night – we hope you had as much fun as we did! And lastly thank you to our athletes and parents who put in all the effort organising, prepping and helping on the night. Don't worry if you missed out – keep an eye out for more fundraisers to come on our “Road to the Aussies”!



Masters take on the Skis

Over the last few weeks our Masters have been learning new skills on the surf skis at Pilot Bay. These sessions will run each weekend through the winter and move to the ocean side at the Mount as skills and conditions allow. This is very much a casual training session with a big emphasis on fun. As the group grows, we hope to transition into a summer programme including board, canoe and even some surf swims!

There are likely to be a few local opportunities to race Masters this summer, so now's a perfect time to start learning some new skills. If you are interested in coming along, hop onto the [Pāpāmoa Masters Facebook Page](#) or contact Radleigh on surfsport@papamoalifeguards.co.nz.

Surf Sports Events Staying Local



The surf sports event calendar for the 2023/24 season has now been released and with so many local events this year we're expecting to reach record highs of entries from Pāpāmoa.

For full details of events throughout the year and into next season, [CLICK HERE](#) to visit the SLSNZ website.

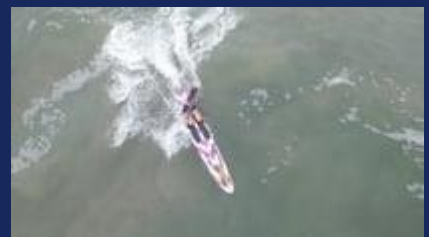
Events do not happen without our members and clubbies putting their hand up to support them. There are a couple of opportunities coming up for officials and event water safety. If you are interested in either opportunity please contact Radleigh on surfsport@papamoa.lifeguards.co.nz

JUNIOR SURF SPORTS



Come Along to Sunday Funday

Sunday Funday continues throughout the winter for those keen to keep up their ocean skills. We would encourage all those looking to take part in Ocean Athletes or Ocean Development next season to come to the Sunday sessions. It's a great opportunity to have a play around in the waves in a casual environment and test out new skills. Just head on down to the club between 2-3pm. You don't need to come every week.



Save The Dates!

As mentioned earlier most surf sports events for the upcoming season are local to us. Below are some key dates for your calendars. You can also visit the [SLSNZ website](https://www.slsnz.org.nz/) for full details of events taking place throughout the year and into next season.



2023/2024



JUNIOR SURF CARNIVALS & EVENTS

FOR UNDER 6 – UNDER 14 ATHLETES

Mini Mount Monster Mount Maunganui	Saturday 16 th December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An awesome event to kick start the summer season Includes a 600m swim, 1200m board & a 600m run For under 13 & under 14s only
Coastal Challenge Mount Maunganui	Sunday 17 th December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A fun day of alternative individual races For under 11-14 Oceans members
BOP Junior Surf Carnival Pāpāmoa	Sunday 7 th January 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traditional style of racing featuring team and individual events For under 11-14 Oceans members
Pāpāmoa Junior Surf Carnival Pāpāmoa	Sunday 21 st January 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our opportunity to host a local carnival Team events only For under 8s and above
Eastern Region Junior Carnival Whangamata	Saturday 10 th & Sunday 11 th February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A big regional event for our junior athletes For under 11s and above
Oceans Festival of Surf Mount Maunganui	Thursday 22 nd – Sunday 25 th February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The largest Junior Surf Life Saving event in New Zealand for junior athletes For under 11s and above
Pāpāmoa Junior Surf Club Champs Pāpāmoa	Sunday 3 rd March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A highlight of the season for our nippers to earn medals and showcase what they've learnt throughout the season For all athletes, under 6 and above

JUNIOR SURF

Have Your Say



Thank you to those of who have already completed the recent Junior Surf Questionnaire. We really value your feedback and we make changes and adapt the programme based on your comments. If you've not had the time to complete it yet, please [CLICK HERE](#) and have your say. The deadline is **5pm Monday 12th June** and everyone who fills out the survey goes in the draw to win one child Junior Surf 2023/2024 Membership for free!

Planning for the Summer Season



Following the completion of the questionnaire, our Junior Surf committee spend time planning the season ahead. The committee are always looking for new members, especially in the younger age groups as the older kid's parents move on to be seniors and lifeguards. The committee is meeting at **6pm on Thursday 22nd June 2023** at the clubhouse, so if you are keen to join please email juniorsurf@papamoalifeguards.co.nz or you can just come along and listen to what is involved and see if it's something you'd like to join.

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