



# Papamoa

SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

## PSLSC MEMBER NEWSLETTER

1st March 2024

### MOUNT EVEREST CHALLENGE



There's still time to sign up for the Mount Everest Challenge which is running NOW until 1st April 2024.

This year is the 10th Anniversary of the challenge, and all the money raised will be split between the three Surf Life Saving Clubs along our coastline – The Mount, Omanu and Pāpāmoa.

It might sound quite daunting to climb the Mount 38 times so get your mates together and do it as a team. The more of you, the less times you have to do it!!

If you can't complete the challenge yourself, why not head to the Give a Little page and make a donation.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

### CAPTURING ACTION

A massive **THANK YOU** to Jamie Troughton from [Dscribe Media Services](#) for taking some stunning photos of our lifeguards recently like the ones below. You will see more of these pop up on our Facebook pages and website soon. Jamie can also be seen at most local surf sport events on the beach and in the water taking amazing photos of our athletes.



## LIFEGUARDING

Hey lifeguards, a few friendly reminders from the Lifeguard Committee...

If you're off to the dairy, grab a trusty radio and phone - you never know when you might need backup, like the lifeguards did during a recent car crash nearby. And don't forget to programme 0800 SURFCOM and the club's number (075422122) into your phone for quick access in emergencies (and don't forget to press 2 to reach the patrol tower).

Please remember the tower is reserved for those on tower duty - so if it's not your time, give the tower a break and focus on scanning the beach. A makeshift bar leaner set up along the window might just be the perfect solution for catching up with mates, but still being able to keep an eye on those waves!

Oh, and about those snazzy patrol uniforms - please only wear them when you're on duty. The public expects superheroes in uniform to be 'patrol ready' with radios and rescue gear, so pop on a tee when you're walking or driving to the club.

As the season winds down, lifeguards might be spread thin. If you can't make a patrol, give your captain a heads-up. If you're free on another day, lending a hand would be a lifesaver! Coming up to the Nationals it'll be all hands on deck, so if you have a couple of hours spare, you'd be welcome on any day.



## Congratulations...

... to our newly qualified Lifeguards and Patrol Support. We look forward to welcoming them onto patrol:

**Alpha** – Malcolm and Ben Emeny

**Delta** - Andrew Taylor

**Bravo** - Ben Sedgewick

**Echo** - Sophia Maltai-Spence

Along with a huge **CONGRATULATIONS** to Marama Mateparae on achieving her Examiners Award.

*Photo from left: Andrew Taylor, Ben Sedgewick, Sandy Boubee, Sophia Maltai-Spence, Marama Mateparae, Malcom Emeny and Ben Emeny.*

## SENIOR SURF SPORTS



**NATIONALS** 20  
**SURF LIFESAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS** 24  
MARCH 14-17 | MOUNT MAUNGANUI



The countdown to Nationals is on! With just two weeks until the National Surf Life Saving Championships kick off at the Mount, the team are excited to be putting together their final preparations for what will surely be a fantastic four days of racing. Come down and support the team as they race the best surf sport athletes in the country. Follow the results LIVE on the Waves app – [CLICK HERE](#).

The team had an epic weekend in Whangamata for the Northern Region Championships with some fantastic performances in great conditions. Our teams did especially well with wins for the U17 females in the Board, Ski and Taplin Relays along with a 1st and 2nd in the U17 Female and Male Tube Rescue races. Well done team!

*Photo credit: Clare Pepers*



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# THE AUSSIES

AUSTRALIAN SURF LIFE SAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

**13-21 APRIL 2024**  
SUNSHINE COAST, QLD

## ENTRIES OPEN

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There are only six weeks left until the team head offshore for the Australian National Championships on the Sunshine Coast. Everyone has put in a lot of effort over the last year with fundraising and wish to thank all those who have supported them from buying cheese rolls and raffle tickets, to attending the quiz and casino nights.

Final preparations are underway with the team confirming the logistics of shipping a container of equipment over to Australia. A massive thank you to [Scales Logistics](#) for providing and transporting the container, and to [NutriKiwi](#) for their logistical support and for providing the team with a pop-up tent for shelter during the event.

## JUNIOR SURF SPORTS



Our Junior Surf Sports team, also known as Ocean Athletes, have had an awesome end to an epic season.

They have been crowned Bay of Plenty, Eastern Region and now National Champions! A massive **CONGRATULATIONS** to the 2024 Pāpāmoa Oceans Team and their coach Jack Bullock for a successful season.

“It’s thanks to the commitment and resilience of everyone who bought into the dream over the last five years, that we have achieved our 6th Oceans win,” says Jack.

In 2007, 55 athletes contributed to our first Oceans success, claiming the top spot with a stunning 96 points. Up until 2016 we had four more wins and remained in the top three. Despite this very successful start, the late twenty-tens saw the team trip and stumble from the top down the scoreboard as far as 13th, with a team size that was only a third of our peak.

“With the squad disintegrating, our clubhouse literally falling apart, and with the loss of several role models from the team, we lost sight of what we could achieve as a team,” says Jack.

When Jack came on board as coach in 2019, the hunger to be the best and claim back the top spot hadn’t died. With such a strong history of success, winning this event became an obsession of the Pāpāmoa Oceans Team.

“Those remaining members never forgot the pride we felt in the team, the friendships we made, the sense of accomplishment and the strength we felt hearing “PAP POWER” roar from the grandstand,” says Jack.

*Photo credit: Jamie Troughton at [Dscribe Media Services](#) and Kate Magill*





A huge **THANK YOU** to the parents, managers, supporters, coaches, committee members, officials, lifeguards, volunteers and our sponsors – this would not have been possible without the collective effort of everyone involved.

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## **2 MORE SLEEPS!**

We are super excited for the big finale to the season taking place on Sunday – our Junior Surf Club Championships. This is the time that our nippers get to showcase all the skills they've learnt during the season, and of course have lots of fun!

**PLEASE NOTE that Club Champs will start at the earlier time of 8.30am.** We're really looking forward to seeing all the kids take part in a Competitors March down to the beach at the start of the session so don't be late! We encourage all families to stay behind at the end for your age group prize giving and a free sausage sizzle and ice block.

Everyone should have received an email outlining all the finer details. If you've not got that please get in touch [juniorsurf@papamoalifeguards.co.nz](mailto:juniorsurf@papamoalifeguards.co.nz)

## **Games, Prize Giving & Pizza**

We're pleased to announce that after Club Champs we will have one more opportunity for all of our Junior Surf families to get together at the club and enjoy our wonderful facilities. This includes all Junior Surf age groups, Ocean Athletes and Rookies.





# JUNIOR SURF TWILIGHT SESSION & PRIZE GIVING

4PM - BEACH & WATER GAMES  
5.30PM - PRIZE GIVING & PIZZA

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FRIDAY 22ND MARCH 2024

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