Eastern Region Update – May 2017

Hi Eastern Region Clubbies,

Summer is well and truly behind us with most clubs already recognising their volunteers efforts through club based awards ceremonies, it's really awesome to see more alignment from club to area through to national awards. It's also great that more clubs have made recognising volunteer efforts an important part of their season, interest is defiantly up across the board and we are looking forward to see who the clubs put forward towards their specific Area Awards of Excellence.

The months of May, June and July are a real period of change for all of the area specific Lifesaving, Sport and Junior Surf Advisory Committees, generally we get around about 25% turnover. These are also volunteer based committees and I would just like to take the opportunity to thank any outgoing committee members for their input and engagement over the past year.

Look forward to seeing you all at the Zespri Bay of Plenty/Coromandel or Gisborne/Tairawhiti Awards of Excellence in July.

Yours in Surf….

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Upcoming courses and events

IRB Long Haul – Saturday 6th May 2017

Whangamata SLSC – Lifeguard Development Weekend 27th & 28th May 2017

Gisborne/Tairāwhiti Awards of Excellence – Saturday 8th July 2017

Coromandel IRB Development Camp – 15th & 16th July 2017

Coromandel & Bay of Plenty Awards of Excellence – Saturday 22nd July 2017

Bay of Plenty IRB Development Camp – 5th & 6th August 2017

Administrator Workshop – Coromandel – Tuesday 8th August 2017

Administrator Workshop – Bay of Plenty – Wednesday 9th August 2017

Gisborne/Tairāwhiti – IRB Development Camp – 12th & 13th August 2017

Bay of Plenty Winter Series #1 – 9th September 2017

ER Pool Champs 23rd & 24th September

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News Feed

Surf Life Saving season draws to an end
Surf Life Saving New Zealand is praising its volunteer lifeguards for a job well done as another season draws to an end with no drownings between the flags.
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New medical director appointed
Surf Life Saving New Zealand has appointed Dr Gary Payinda as its new Medical Director.
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New BP Leaders for Life structure introduced for 2017
BP Leaders for Life was created in 2012 as part of a national strategy to support a wide range of development activity for members right across the Surf Life Saving community.
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BP Rescue of the Month winners - March 2017
It is with great pleasure that we congratulate the following clubs on winning the BP Rescue of the Month Awards for March 2017.
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Club and Membership Development

Rookie Champs

It was a fantastic day at Waihi Beach for the 2017 Eastern Region Rookie Championships, 8 Teams from across the region battled it out for the top spot with Papamoa Lifeguards taking out the win. The individual competition was also hotly contested with the girls scoring more points than their male counter parts – great stuff!

Top Female Individuals
1. Chanelle West (Papamoa SLSC) – 65 Points
2. Terri Warner (Tairua SLSC) – 63 Points
3. Lucy Mano (Papamoa SLSC) – 58 Points

Top Male Individuals
1. Jack Hitchfield (Papamoa SLSC) – 60 Points
2. Kian Grey (Papamoa SLSC) – 56 Points
3. Liam Davoren (Papamoa SLSC) – 54 Points

Overall Team Points
1. Papamoa Lifeguards – 82.4 Points
2. Papamoa Blue – 79.4 Points
3. Tairua A – 76.7 Points
4. Waihi Beach A – 72.8 Points
5. Whakatane A – 68.6 Points
6. Whangamata A – 67 Points
7. Papamoa Yellow – 63.6 Points
8. Hot Water Beach A – 53.8 Points

Next year's event will be held around the same time, highly recommended clubs include this into their Rookie Programs and work towards putting a team into the competition. For Information on the Rookie Program please get in touch with either Chaz or Renee.

Venue Bids – Rookie Championships showcases the region's top rookies, for the last few years its been held at Waihi Beach. To change it up a bit a new location is being sought for the 2018 Championships. If your club would be interested in hosting next year's event please get in touch with Chaz Gibbons-Campbell at the Eastern Region Office.

Patrol Statistics

Just a reminder to clubs to ensure that all your patrol and incident data is entered into the data base, most data has been inputted and its looking good, just a few outstanding forms to go. if you are having trouble with any forms don't hesitate to get in touch with Chaz, Sue or Renee.

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Awards of Excellence

Congratulations to those members who have picked up awards at their club's prize giving, it's been awesome seeing some of the photos from the various events. There are a few still to hold their awards so best of luck to those clubs.

The Eastern Region Awards of Excellence is just around the corner and nominations for award categories are now open,

Surf Life Saving New Zealand's (SLSNZ) local Awards of Excellence programme recognises the contribution of our members from the grass roots of Surf Life Saving during the 2016/2017 season.

The winners of nationally linked categories of the local awards will automatically become finalists for the prestigious SLSNZ Awards of Excellence to be held in September 2016. Finalists will be judged by one of the following; National Sport Committee, National Lifesaving Committee or SLSNZ Board depending on the award.

The awards clubs are able to nominate for include:

- Top Rookie Lifeguard Award
- Lifeguard of the Year
- Patrol Captain of the Year
- Instructor of the Year
- Examiner of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Innovation Award
- Rescue of the Year
- Official of the Year
- Emerging Coach of the Year
- Coach of the Year
- Sportsperson of the Year
- International Sports Performance of the Year
- Sports Team of the Year

In addition, other awards that are judged without a specific nomination include:

- Beach Education Instructor of the Season - Coromandel/Bay of Plenty/Gisborne-Tairāwhiti
- Regional Lifeguard of the Season - Coromandel/Bay of Plenty/Gisborne-Tairāwhiti
- Pacific Medicare Patrol Club of the Year – Coromandel/Bay of Plenty/Gisborne-Tairāwhiti
- Zespri Club of the Year – Coromandel/Bay of Plenty/Gisborne-Tairāwhiti

If you have any questions or queries about how to complete a nomination, please contact either the Club Support Manager in the Gisborne/Tairawhiti area or Club & Membership Development Officer in the Coromandel/BOP area for advice/guidance.

Timelines for Coromandel/Bay of Plenty/Gisborne-Tairāwhiti nominations

- Thursday 13th April 2017 - Awards booklet and information available
- Monday 17th April 2017 – Award nominations open
- Friday 19th May 2017 - Award nominations close
- Friday 23rd June 2017 - Finalists announced

All nominations must be forwarded to either the Club Support Manager in the Gisborne/Tairawhiti area or the Club & Membership Development Officer in the Coromandel/BOP area.

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Awards of Excellence - Ticket Sales

IMPORTANT- PLEASE RETURN ALL TROPHIES TO THE ER AND THE GISBORNE OFFICE BEFORE 5TH JUNE

Make sure you come and join us for classic stories, good laughs and great celebrations, this year's theme takes a look back in time to those serving between the flags.

Members and Clubs can purchase tickets to the awards evening by contacting either the Club Support Manager for the Gisborne/Tairawhiti Awards evening or the Eastern Region Administrator for the Coromandel & Bay of Plenty evening.

Coromandel & Bay of Plenty - $40.00 per person, includes Buffett Dinner | Guest Speaker | Cash Bar

Gisborne/Tairāwhiti – price TBC, includes Buffet Dinner | Guest Speaker | Cash Bar | spot prize draw entry

Admin Workshops

Following on from the workshops which were run locally around Coromandel, Bay of Plenty and Gisborne areas last year, Eastern Region Staff want to help facilitate further admin workshops for clubs. This will be an opportunity for Admins to get together, meet one another and share ideas/best practise when it comes to using and navigating the data base.

Venues are still to be confirmed but suggested dates are as follows,

Coromandel – Tuesday 8th August 2017

Bay of Plenty – Wednesday 9th August 2017

Administrators who are keen to come along please get in touch with Sue and let her know if you are able to make the suggested date.

2017 / 2018 Season Calendar

Dates for the upcoming season have been published online! We have done our best to ensure that there are no conflicts with Sport and Lifesaving Events as well as provided information about events well in advance to assist with planning and logistics. Be sure to keep checking regularly as this is updated on a daily basis.

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Lifesaving Update

IRB Development Camps

Weekend #1 - Coromandel **15th/16th July 2017** @ Whangamata SLSC

Weekend #2 - Bay of Plenty **5th/6th August 2017** – Whakatane SLSC

Weekend #3 – Gisborne **12th/13th August 2017 –** Wainui SLSC

Registration Process; Complete course registration form and return to Chaz Gibbons before the close off date. Click here for registration form

Lifesaving Committee's - (Coromandel, BOP and Gisborne/Tairawhiti)

All three Lifesaving Committees are due to roll-over at the end of June 2017. These dedicated members undertake a raft of functions to assist their local clubs and SLSNZ staff. Some of their tasks include; setting season dates and area minimums for club patrols, assisting with the development and checking of club Patrol Operations Manuals, setting SLA and IRB Exam dates, selecting Chief Examiners for SLA and IRB exams, planning and running all Patrol Audits, planning and assisting with the Intermediate Lifeguard School and representing the Eastern Region on the National Lifeguard Committee. There is always a need for new members for these committees, and I encourage clubs to make sure the most appropriate person is representing your club to ensure a transparent flow of information is achieved. Expressions of Interest for the three committees will be coming out within the next month, so keep a look out through your committee members, club newsletters or this update.

I would like to congratulate Dani Shepherd (Mt Maunganui Lifeguard Service) on her confirmation as the ER Representative on the National Lifesaving Committee. Dani brings a wealth of experience to this position.

Emergency Call-Out Squads (ECOS/SAR Squads)

All club SAR squads are required to be updated shortly along with the completion of Section B of this years POM. Documents will be sent out to clubs shortly with further instructions.

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Jet Ski programme (Rescue Water Craft)

The commencement of this programme is due to kick off shortly.
I will be calling for Expressions of interest from suitable persons to be on the squad.
More information will be sent out to all clubs shortly.
All enquiries to Leigh Sefton on email or mobile - 021975565

Zespri Raglan IRB Development Weekend (Sat & Sun 2nd/3rd September 2017)

Location - Raglan SLSC
(Ngarunui Beach Rd, Raglan)

Cost - Thanks to our friends at Zespri, there is no direct cost for candidates who attend this development camp. However should a registered candidate fail to turn up or notify the Event Manager - a "no show fee" of $100 will be invoiced to the registered club.

Candidate Numbers - Limited to 60 candiates

Examiners – Ideally we need 12 x IRB Examiners, plus probationary Examiners. If you would like to assist please contact Leigh Sefton on email

Pre requisites;

- 16 years of age
- Current member of a SLS club
- IRB Crewperson Module
- Marine VHF Radio Operators Certificate
- Surf Lifeguard Award (held for at least six months and be currently refreshed)
- Completed Senior Lifeguard IRB Driver Theory Paper
  (there will be an opportunity to complete theory exams at the above development weekends)
- Completed Senior Lifeguard IRB Driver Workbook
  (Workbooks are to be handed in to SLSNZ prior to the Raglan weekend

Registration Process – Click here for the registration form and return to Leigh Sefton – leigh.sefton@surflifesaving.org.nz before the close off date of Monday 21st August 2017 (10am).

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Sports Update

As the days get shorter, and the water temperature cooler, we are about to hold the last Sport event for the 2016/17 season. On Saturday the 6th of May, the fifth running of the BOP IRB Long Haul will be held. This event calls upon the best IRB crews in the country to battle it out along the magnificent Bay of Plenty coastline, as they race from Ohope Beach to Mount Maunganui Main Beach.

The 2017 event will again be a Stage Race, set over 5 stages, where all teams will all start together in a Mass start, and then race side by side to the next destination, where only seconds will separate first to last when they hit the beach to start each of the physically demanding stage challenges. Crews will have 10 minutes to recover before the next mass start setting them on their way to the next stage challenge.

Depending on conditions, Crews will race for approximately 3 – 4 hours. At each of the 5 stages, Crews may be required to assemble and break down their equipment, perform rescues and carry out a number of other challenging exercises. If you are interested in some entertaining watching, the following are estimated arrival times at the respective beaches;

Start 10:00 at Ohope Beach SLSC
10:30 Matata Beach
11:00 Pukehina SLSC
12:00 Papamoa SLSC
12:30 Omanu Beach
Finish 1pm Mount Maunganui Main Beach

2017 Eastern Regional Masters Championship
ER Masters athletes raced on Sunday the 9th April at the beautiful Mt Maunganui Main Beach in perfect competition conditions. Thank you to everyone who attended and made it such an enjoyable day.
A special thanks to MMLS for hosting the event, our Officials for the day, Greg, Ross, PT, Lois and Donal, and the water safety who have volunteered so many hours on the water this season to ensure that our athletes can compete safely, Ra, Aubrey, Gilley, Ian.
Congratulations to Omanu Beach SLSC in taking out the 2017 ER Masters title in a very close fought battle with Mt Maunganui 2nd, Whakatane 3rd, and Papamoa 4th. Full results here.

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