



Eastern Region Update – June 2016

Hi Eastern Region Clubbies,

We are now just 4 weeks away from the official roll over from the 2015/2016 season to the 2016/2017 season. Our regional stats will tell us that there were just over 561 Lives Saved (Rescues) and a total of 63,318 lifeguarding hours put in from the 19 Eastern Region Clubs, this has been an outstanding season in terms of what has happened on the beach and as a region we have continued to grow our capability.

Our last round Club Chairs meeting was extremely positive with some good debate around many topics, Health & Safety still seems to dominate as the organisation and clubs come to grips with the changes that are happening. We will see some really interesting propositions put forward around the way we should be going about our business, generally we have a good proportion of what we do already covered however keeping an open mind will be the key. Also H & S initiatives could be a cultural shift for some members, we should be looking for a point where it just becomes part of normal business.

Planning has been well underway for the Zespri Gisborne/Tairāwhiti (8th July 2016) Awards of Excellence and the Zespri Bay of Plenty/Coromandel (23rd July 2016) Awards of Excellence for the last month or so. We are at a stage where nominations have closed and the various committees who decides the finalists and winners are making their decisions. Watch this space for finalist announcements in the coming weeks.

Another SLSNZ partner announcement was made two weeks ago with Wood Group based out of Taranaki coming on-board as a National Partner, they are a training based organisation that specialises in First Aid and Health & Safety, a memo will soon be going out to clubs detailing how this partnership will benefit the clubs.

Yours in Surf....

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Upcoming Courses & Events

2016 Eastern Region Pool Championships

Date: Saturday 13th to Sunday 14th August 2016

Venue: Te Rapa Waterworld Pool

Address: Garnett Ave, Te Rapa, Hamilton

Entries close: Monday 1st August 2016, 10.00am

Entry fees: \$50.00 entry fee per competitor (GST Inclusive)

\$10.00 per substitute (GST inclusive) Please note this entry fee also includes pool entry for both days of the Eastern Regional Pool Championships.

The Zespri Gisborne/Tairāwhiti Awards of Excellence 2016

Date: Friday 8th July 2016

Venue: Gisborne-Tatapouri Sports Fishing Club, 54 Esplanade, Gisborne

Time: 5.30pm mix and mingle, 6.00pm Awards Evening commences

Format: Presentation of Lifesaving, Sports & Supreme Awards

Price: \$10 per person (includes buffet dinner, one complimentary drink, and live music), cash bar available

Dress: Smart Casual

Tickets: Tickets are available through your club from Monday 6th June. For more information please contact Renee Wikaire | reneewikaire@surflifesaving.org.nz or 027 963 9189

Updates: Finalists will be announced Friday 3rd June via the Eastern Region Facebook Page

The Zespri Bay of Plenty & Coromandel Awards of Excellence 2016

Date: Saturday 23rd July 2016

Venue: Trinity Wharf Tauranga, 51 Dive Crescent, Tauranga

Time: 6.00pm mix and mingle, 6.30pm formalities commence

Format: Guest Speaker, Entertainment and Presentation of Lifesaving, Sports & Supreme Awards

Price: \$40 per person (includes 3 course buffet dinner and dessert). Cash bar available.

Dress: Semi Formal

Tickets: Tickets are available through your club or individually. For more information please contact Sue Cochrane. Sue | eastern.region@surflifesaving.org.nz

Updates: Finalists will be announced Wednesday 15th June via the Eastern Region Facebook Page

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News Feed

2015-16 season BP Rescue of the Month winners

Close to \$5,000 worth of BP Gift Cards has been distributed to Surf Life Saving Clubs through this season's BP Rescue of the Month awards.

BP Rescue of the Month Awards are the opportunity for clubs to be recognised for their outstanding contribution to the community and Surf Life Saving's purpose of protecting people in the water.

[\(Read more here\)](#)

Record number of Eastern Region Athletes making New Zealand High Performance Teams:

Congratulations to all the ER athletes who have been selected for the upcoming events representing NZ.

2016 NZ Sanyo Cup team:

New Zealand Sanyo International Lifesaving Cup in Japan July 2016

Ben Cochrane - Omanu (Captain)

Adam Simpson - Mt Maunganui

Casie Fyall - Waikanae

Daniel Hart - Papamoa

Jessica Miller - Mt Maunganui

Matthew Scott - Midway

Olivia Corrin - Midway

Junior Black Fins:

New Zealand Youth team, Junior Black Fins will compete at Rescue 2016 (the Lifesaving World Championships) in the Netherlands this September.

Jamie Gedye - Waikanae

Libby Bradley - Mt Maunganui

Olivia Corrin - Midway

Hamish Miller - Mt Maunganui (Captain)

Kane Sefton - Mt Maunganui

Matt Sutton - Assistant Coach

Ange Johnston - Manager

Black Fins:

The team, known as the Black Fins, will compete at Rescue 2016 (the Lifesaving World Championships) in the Netherlands this September.

Chris Dawson - Midway

Cory Taylor - Midway

Max Beattie - Omanu

Devon Halligan - Omanu

Laura Quilte r- Wainui

Natalie Peat - Papamoa

Olivia Eaton - Mount Maunganui

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Club and Membership Development

The Zespri Awards of Excellence Nominations have now closed, thanks to all those clubs who got their nominations in on time. The Local Lifesaving and Sport Committees are now going through the process of selecting the finalists and winners for this years awards.

Member Discussion Workshops regarding an Advanced IRB Driver Qualification are taking place around the country, input from members is needed.

A working group has been established by the National Lifesaving Committee to look into the possibility of having a higher IRB driver qualification.

Kicking off in the Coromandel, Whangamata SLSC is set to host the first of these workshops on the 25th of June at 11am, so come along and discuss what this qualification should look like and who should be able to attend. All information and feedback gathered from these workshops will be taken back to the working group.

Back in April, the 2016 Rookie Championships concluded at Waihi Beach with some outstanding competition. There were a total of 42 individual competitors which formed 8 teams. 7 different surf clubs throughout the region were represented. The Papamoa B Team took out top Rookie Team with a total of 85 points, but that wasn't the end of Papamoas' success - Max Millington and Emily Pol both from Papamoa SLSC also took out the top male and top female individual awards. A full list of results is available on the SLSNZ [website](#).

Rookie Teams Results:

1st place - Papamoa Surf Lifesaving Club - B

2nd place - Papamoa Surf Lifesaving Club - A

3rd place - Trust Waikato Tairua Surf Lifesaving Club

Top Individual Rookie:

Male

1st place - Max Millington - Papamoa Surf Lifesaving Club

2nd place - Finn Anderson - Papamoa Surf Lifesaving Club

3rd place - Jack Hitchfield - Papamoa Surf Lifesaving Club

Female

1st place - Emily Pol - Papamoa Surf Lifesaving Club

2nd place - Ella Higgins - Trust Waikato Waihi Lifeguard Service Inc

3rd place - Jenna Stephenson - Papamoa Surf Lifesaving Club

Sportsmanship - Best Team Attitude and Spirit:

Pukehina Surf Rescue

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Rookies set off on the Surf Race component of the competition.

Pukehina can be seen bolting out of the gates during the Tube/Board rescue Relay



Top Rookie Team – Papamoa B
(Jack Hitchfield, Kian Grey, Conor McCarthy, Lucy Mano, Chanelle West)

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Lifesaving & Education Update

IRB Development/Examinations

We will be running IRB Development weekends in Coromandel, Bay of Plenty and Gisborne over July/August leading up to the Raglan Examination weekend. Keep a look out for the confirmed dates of the development weekends as they will be announced very soon. It is our intention to cover off on IRB Crew Award examinations at these weekends if the candidates are ready, the swell is suitable and the Examiners wish to hold an exam.

Raglan IRB Examination Weekend

This year's Raglan weekend will be for IRB Driver candidates ONLY.

The date has been set for the 3rd & 4th September 2016.
Registration forms will be available on the SLSNZ website in mid-July.

Regional Lifeguard Service (RLS) 2016/17 season

This is another reminder to all aspiring and current Regional Lifeguards (RLG's). Job applications for the 2016/17 RLS will be on the SLSNZ website in early August. We will advise all clubs once the applications are on the website. Remember it is up to you to check the website for the job notification. Late applications will only be accepted in exceptional circumstances.

Upskilling is the key to securing the job and beach of your choice. So check out all the available winter courses, get training and present ready to go in the best possible way.

SLSNZ have adjusted pay rates for several positions to reflect minimum requirements as well as the experience of seasoned Head Guards.



Gisborne - RLS Team 2015/16



Coromandel - RLS team 2015/16



BOP - RLS team 2015/16

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Sports Update

I hope that winter is treating everyone well. This is the time of year we review our past season's surf sport events and look to improve them as we move forward into a new season. The four local area Sport Committees have been working through the process of setting Dates and Venues for the 2016/17 Surf Sport Season. There have been several issues come up that we feel it is important for some discussion and feedback from the membership. Anyone who may be interested in providing feedback on any of the issues below, could you please contact your representative on the respective Sport Committees.

Calendar of Dates and Venues for the BOP/Coro / Gisborne / Eastern Region Sport Events

A printable activity planner of the latest Event Dates and Venues can be found [here](#), and we will try to keep this as up to date as possible. There are still certain dates and venues to be confirmed: Please double check all event dates & venues by visiting the [SLSNZ Calendar](#) for the most accurate information.

Expressions of Interest for the ER Sport/Officials Committees

Expressions of Interest are sought from members who are keen to be a part of the Sport Committees for the coming 2016/17 Season in the Coromandel, Bay of Plenty and Gisborne/Tairāwhiti areas. These committees need new members who are keen to get involved in all aspects of either Junior or Senior Surf Sports in their respective area. Committee members should have the ability to think strategically and philosophically while contributing to the future development/direction of Surf Sport and related Events within their local area and wider region.

Terms of Reference and Expression of Interest forms are available on the SLSNZ website: [Click Here](#).

Expressions of interest close on Friday 3rd of June.

Formation of a BOP/CORO Junior Surf Sport Committee

The benefits of a Local Area Junior Surf Committee have been evidenced in the Gisborne/Tairāwhiti area, specifically around the collaborative approach to setting junior surf event dates, Competition Safety, Junior Surf Programme enhancement, all of which have been of the greatest benefit to the Junior Surf participants. As above, we are calling for expressions of interest for this new committee to help progress Junior Surf programmes in the Region.

ER Pool Champs:

Initiatives to stop excessive Scratchings and No Shows:

There were concerns raised from the organisation we contract to run the Meet Manager results programme, due to the excessive number of individual Scratchings and Team Change Forms, they were not able to keep up with the reformatting of the event programme/scheduling of heats. To compound this problem there were an extremely large amount of 'No Shows' in the Marshalling area

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which impacted on the time spent Marshalling competitors and rearranging heats, the details of which then had to be processed and entered by an already overworked Meet Manager Results team, before the heat/timed final could be run. Looking back at the 2015 results we found the following:

- 8 Athlete (all events) scratchings
- 47 team change forms
- 105 Individual Event Scratchings (where athletes names were removed from the heat draws, and heat draws were reformatted)
- 178 Heat/Timed finals 'No Shows' (where athletes failed to show at marshalling)

The competitor numbers alone for the Scratchings and No Shows could fill 38 heats, and could potentially save hours in an event like this.

The Officials Leadership Group would like to see some accountability for those clubs/competitors that enter athletes in every single event, allowing them to scratch or worse still just 'No Show' at the marshalling arena.

At the next Sport Committee meetings committee members will discuss the possible implementation of variations of the following:

- a \$50 'All Events' Scratching fee within 7 days of the event (excepting Doctors certificates/unanticipated circumstances)
- Individual event scratching: a \$5 scratching charge per event
- 'No Show at Marshalling' : a ruling that if an athlete does not scratch and is a 'No Show' in any one event they are withdrawn from all further competition, in either that session, that day, or the entire event?

If you have any feedback on this, can you please contact your representative on your area's Sport Committee, which they will bring to the table when we hold this discussion.

NZ Representative Challenge Event 2017 (From The NSC)

The National Sport Committee met a few weeks back and discussed the rotation order for the New Zealand Representative Events. The order will be: Central Region 2017, Northern Region 2018, Southern Region 2019, Eastern Region 2020....and so on and this is based around that the events can't clash with another major SLS Event (Regional Championships or area championships).

The 2017 New Zealand Representative Event will be held at Waimarama Beach, 15th January 2017 which is the day after the CRC's.

Currently the event involves Crafts, Swim, Beach events as well as the Regional Surf Boat event.

The National Sport Committee is seeking feedback on if we should now include IRB's and Surf Canoes in the Representative Event and what representation would be best (Regional or Area). The IRB's and Canoes can be delivered either as a Region Team (e.g. Eastern Region similar to the Boats) or as Areas Teams (e.g. BOP, Gisborne) but we need to check what our numbers are like and not wanting to stretch ourselves to early with reintroducing too much into a 1 day programme. The surf boats this year were a Regional Team as it was felt that numbers are too slim in most area's to warrant Area Teams which was evident with drafts for Central and Eastern being supplied and Southern Region not attending.

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Whangamata Classic: (evolving to a two day event) From Northern Region

Here is a post from SLSNR office: This year's Whangamata Classic will see the inclusion of more team events and the competition extending into the Sunday morning. This is a really exciting prospect providing greater opportunities for our athletes to race. Stay posted for more information! The Whangamata Classic is being held on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th of December 2016.

If you have any feedback on any of these matters, can you please contact your representative on your area's Sport Committee, they will bring your feedback to the table when we hold this discussion.

BOP/Coro Sport Committee

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