



January 2025

## JANUARY CATCH UP!

Well, after one of the dreariest 'summers' for a long time, the sun has FINALLY turned up and the beach is busy with swimmers again! Not gonna lie, the end of December into early January was difficult to navigate with closed beaches, observational only patrols, cancelled nippers and holiday programs and having very limited places to train. The gear trailer made a lot of trips out to Wainui to keep the athletes going and the Patrol Captains did a great job of keeping their teams engaged whilst having eyes on the beach.

Our regional guard team are doing their final day of patrol today after 5 weeks of weekday patrols. Special thank you to our own Waikanae members of Clayden Hope and Sean Gray (Head Guards) as well as Edan Wilson, Matti Richards and Freya Wilson who have all had a great season as employees in the red and yellow uniform. It's definitely been a quiet season for the most part but, along with the international guards and the crew from BoP, we've loved having them around and hope to see them back again next summer.

A nod of thanks to all our awesome coaches, both paid and volunteer, for being so adaptable and flexible over the last few weeks. Keeping the kids training and junior surf going has been tricky but with your imaginative thinking and can-do attitudes, we've kept the wheels turning as much as possible!

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**ERCs SENIORS -  
Mount Maunganui, starts today!**

**ERCs MASTERS -  
Mount Maunganui, on right now!**

**OCEAN'S CAMP - today till Sunday**

**JUNIOR ERCs -  
Ohope, 1st/2nd Feb**

**CHAMPION OF THE BAYS -  
(doubles as senior local champs)  
Gisborne 7th/8th Feb**

**NORTHERN REGION IRB CHAMPS -  
Whangamata 15th/16th Feb**

**OCEAN'S '25 - Junior Festival of Surf  
Mount Maunganui 20th to 23rd Feb**

**BP NORTH ISLAND IRB CHAMPS -  
Papamoa 1st/2nd March**

**AON SLSNZ SENIOR NATIONALS -  
Gisborne! 6th - 9th March**

**BP SLSNZ IRB NATIONAL CHAMPS -  
Waipu Cove 28th to 30th March**



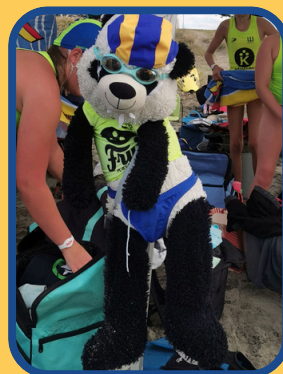
## GIZZY JUNIORS WAS SO MUCH FUN!

A very excited junior team of 33 met for the Gizzy Junior Champs, held at Midway last weekend. The sun finally came out and the waves were pumping for our younger clubbies.

Coach's comment: "The whole crew brought an awesome attitude to the carnival and I was pleased with how the team as a whole raced and supported each other. There were definitely some nerves with it being their first run of the summer but they got stuck in really well. The rescue teams kicked it off on Friday night with Jade Hopper and Tessa Webb winning their Tube Rescue. On Saturday, Clancy Ryan brought massive energy and grit, getting in the top three for many of his races, Jade Hopper and Tylar Dear swam super well all weekend. Pippa Holden and Aurelia Ryan showed massive improvement after a winter of hard work and Jacob Swann Finau took the double win on the sand again! Our younger u11 and 12s had to put their brave pants on as the surf conditions picked up but they put out some really solid races. It was great to see Jade, Tylar and Aurelia Ryan earning overall medals. All in all I was very pleased with how they went. We now have Oceans 'Boot Camp' this weekend before heading away to Ohope for the Eastern Region event in a couple of weeks." Edan Wilson



Our littlest clubbies were outstanding when they joined their team mates on Saturday. The blue and yellow zinc painted faces were everywhere, smashing their sand races first before racing their socks off in the u8,9,10 water arena. This age group races for fun, and experience, not results and medals. Their day is all about participation and building confidence so results aren't recorded but the smiles and enthusiasm spoke volumes, these guys had a blast!



# STOP THE PRESS!!...

The Eastern Region Champs began this morning and I'm stoked to report we're on the medal table already!! Our awesome Masters ladies got things started with a Gold to Arna Majstrovic (below left) and a Silver to Emily Gillies (below right) in the Board race. Ems then backed that up with a Gold in the Iron and ski races and a Silver in the Surf race...BOOM!! Arna will be hitting the sprint track shortly before the Seniors kick their campaign off this afternoon!

## The Team

Max Phillips  
Bradley Douglas  
Briana Irving  
Oska Smith  
Christy Tate  
David Gray

Zach Ferkins  
Seven Mapu  
Georgie Beaufoy  
Emily Gillies  
Arna Majstrovic

**Keep an eye on the club FB page for results over the weekend...**

