



Hi Members,

Well as you know I am now the Programmes and Services Manager for the Eastern Region. Matt Williams started yesterday as the CDO for the Coromandel Area and has already been to the first Junior Twilight Event which was held at Mt Maunganui last night.

Scott Bicknell will be starting as the CDO for the Bay of Plenty on the 5th December. Scott comes from the Hawkes Bay and is a current member of Ocean Beach Kiwi (formally Waimarama). Scott is currently based in Auckland working as Sport Development Coordinator for Canoe Racing NZ working with clubs to develop athletes, coaches and officials. He has been a competitor in the Hawkes Bay Surf League teams and been a member of various NZ Kayak teams.

I am sure you will all welcome Scott and Matt in to their roles.

Lately I have been working through National Lifeguard Service and Beach Education trials and employment for the positions available over the summer within the Coromandel, Bay of Plenty and Gisborne. Beach Education has started this week with Mt Maunganui, Waihi and Midway being the first clubs booked in as hosts. The National Lifeguard Service starts on the 19 December at a number of clubs across the Eastern Region and all Surf Clubs will be running by the 26 December.

Mike Lord

December-January Development Opportunities

- 10 December – First Aid Level 2 at Omanu Beach (Registrations close 18 Nov)
- 11 December – First Aid Level 1 & 2 at Mt Maunganui (Registrations close 18 Nov)
- 14 January – First Aid Level 1 at Whangamata SLSC, (Registrations close 24 Dec)
- 15 January – First Aid Level 2 at Whangamata SLSC, (Registrations Close 25 Dec)
- 21 January – First Aid Level 1 & 2 at Pukehina (Registrations close 30 Dec)
- 22 January – First Aid Level 1 & 2 at Whangamata (Registrations Close 31 Dec)

To register for any of these course please contact your club administrator.

Surf Life Saving Refreshers

Thank you to those clubs who has started sending your refreshers into me so far. Please keep sending these in to me via email or post so we can tick them off on the database.

Bennett Paddles Board Specials

Check out the attached document outlining the specials available.

BP Fuel Giftcards

You should all be receiving or have received your \$300 BP fuel giftcards. It is really important to contact Elyse Robert, Sponsorship Coordinator, SLSNZ once they've received your card so that I can activate it. **It will not be valid/active until I activate it with BP here in Wellington.**

National Jandal Day

Surf Life Saving relies 100% on donations and fundraising to pay for the vital equipment our clubs need to patrol New Zealand's beaches.

That's why our annual Jandal Day fundraising event is so important. Coming up on December 2, we need your support if we are to reach the \$500k goal we have set. State's 'Cash for your club' promotion is an excellent way for you to earn much-needed funds for your club, plus you're supporting a company that does so much to support Surf Life Saving. For further details please visit www.state.co.nz/cashforclub.

Resource for clubs will hopefully be here next week for distribution.

Harraways

SLSNZ has been approached by New Zealand based oat mill Harraways (think porridge) about providing some samples and marketing opportunities to clubs who do Polar Plunge events throughout the year. I recognise it isn't really very 'polar' at the moment, but Harraways are keen to get things planned early on.

Harraways want to have signage up at these events and are also willing to provide marketing support through media exposure. Here is a link to the Harraways website: <http://www.harraways.co.nz/>

Additionally; MORE FM are showing some interest in doing lead-up promotion with Harraways and a possible live-cross from these types of events.

We need to know:

- Which clubs run Polar Plunge events during the year?
- Would these clubs be interested in having Harraways support their Polar Plunge events in terms of giveaways on the day and marketing support?

Could you please ask clubs who do Polar Plunges (perhaps in your next CDO newsletter) if they would be interested in working with Harraways, and get back to me with a list of those who are interested so that I can get in touch with Harraways about making something happen.

Surf Sports

We have created a new sport website hub for the 2011-12 season. – sport.surflifesaving.org.nz. The website will be the one-stop shop for all SLSNZ events this summer. The site links to the Facebook and Twitter sites for quick updates throughout events and also has a functional gallery and news section which will host all the sport related news and photos throughout the season.

Entries for the below national events are now open. Please click on the event to view the event web page with entry memo for each event.

- BP Surf Rescue Series - sport.surflifesaving.org.nz/surfrescueseries
- NZ Surf Boat Series - sport.surflifesaving.org.nz/surfboatseries
- Oceans'12 – U14 NZ Surf Life Saving Championships - sport.surflifesaving.org.nz/oceans12
- State New Zealand Surf Life Saving Championships - sport.surflifesaving.org.nz/nats
- BP Surf Rescue New Zealand Championships - sport.surflifesaving.org.nz/irbnats
- Lion Foundation Surf League – sport.surflifesaving.org.nz/surfleague

Safety of our members is paramount and SLSNZ are very aware of the unfortunate tragedy that unfolded last year at the 2010 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships. SLSNZ have taken on board the learning's and recommendations that have come as a result of the Saxon Bird Coroner's Enquiry released this year. An addition has been made to our Health and Safety plan for up and coming seasons; athletes will now be required to wear high visibility Competition Vests to compete in Regional and National events. Please click to view the information circular and sizing chart.

sport.surflifesaving.org.nz/vests

Any questions about the events, entry memos or the vests please direct these to me and if you have any feedback on the site please contact Jamie Nilsson jamie.nilsson@surflifesaving.org.nz

Rena

Before people head back down on the beaches this weekend, they are reminded that there are still clean up operations in place and weathered oil is still present on our shores, Maritime New Zealand (MNZ) says.

On Wednesday this week, MNZ lifted access restrictions from Tay Street to Maketū Estuary. Clean up restrictions remain in place on a stretch of Pāpāmoa beach east of Harrison's Cut to Alexander Place, and at Maketū Spit.

The National On Scene Commander restricted public access to the beach to allow oil spill response teams, some with heavy machinery, to work unimpeded on the most affected areas of beach.

"There is still some weathered oil in the water and on the beach, which may continue to resurface for some time," National On Scene Commander Mick Courtneil said. "It is important for the public to understand that – if they choose to head down to the beach this weekend – things are not the same as they were, and they will need to take care."

Beach users and swimmers are advised to exercise caution, and avoid oil if they see it on the beach or in the water. The oil presents a minor health risk and children should be supervised. MNZ and local councils are supporting the community 'Adopt-a-beach' initiative. This programme aims to mobilise Operation Beach Clean volunteers to maintain and monitor high-use areas of beach.

"This is a brilliant opportunity for the community to take ownership of the beach and make a huge contribution to its recovery. I encourage locals to get in touch and be part of the amazing volunteer effort we have seen so far," Mr Courtneil said.

- If you get oil on your skin, wash it off with soapy water. Contact your health professional if you have any concerns.
- Toi Te Ora Public Health Service advise the public not to collect shellfish, crabs, kina and seaweed. Further health information is available at www.toiteorapublichealth.govt.nz.
- The rahui put in place by iwi remains in place. This prohibits the collection of kaimoana between Bowen Town Beach and Maketū.
- Oil sightings should be reported to 0800 OIL SPILL.
- To join the volunteer programme and help keep a patch of beach clean near where you live call 0800 884 881 ext RENA (7362). For full details on the Adopt-a-beach programme visit the volunteer hub quick link at www.boprc.govt.nz.
- The navigational safety exclusion zone remains in place and boat ramps within the exclusion boundaries – Pāpāmoa East, Bell Road and Maketū – remain closed.

Rescue of the Month Programme

Check out www.surflifesaving.org.nz/rescueofthemoth for the new look Rescue of the Month programme.

There is a change to programme the process is:

- All nominations are to be sent from clubs to their CDO
- CDO checks that the nomination form is complete (both pages)
- CDO sends to Lifesaving Services & Education Manager
- National Lifesaving Committee judges the winners (one from each region & the overall)

Nominations with supporting documents (PC Forms, Incident Forms, links to media stories) can promote the rescue and may help the judges!

Local Surf Sports Events

Next events for the BOP/Coromandel Area are:

26 November – Senior Carnival #2, Mt Maunganui LGS, 9am start

27 November – Junior Carnival #1, Mt Maunganui LGS, 9am start

1 December – IRB Twilight Event #2, tbc (was papamoa), 6pm start

7 December – Junior Twilight #2, Omanu Beach SLSC, 5.30pm start

10/11 December – BP IRB Surf Rescue Series

10/11 December – Gisborne Junior/Senior Carnival, Midway SLSC

17 December – National Selection Senior Carnival, Whangamata SLSC, 9.30am start

18 December – Whangamata Junior Carnival, Whangamata SLSC, 9am start

31 December – Omanu Classic, Omanu Beach SLSC

For full details for events please check out the calendar www.surflifesaving.org.nz