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About Trust Waikato Whangamata SLSC

Trust Waikato Whangamata SLSC was officially formed on the 1st of December 1949; at that time we had only six volunteer life guards to patrol the beach.

We have come a long way since our inception and now boast a strong membership base and have some of the best club facilities within Surf Life Saving New Zealand, and we offer full time professional patrols during the peak summer period.

Trust Waikato Whangamata SLSC has a strong Junior Surf programme where children aged from 6 – 13 learn fundamental ocean and beach skills, including surf sport disciplines, first aid, and water safety. For children interested in competing there is also a strong High Performance squad where competitors are coached by our professional surf coach.

A message from our club captain...

Hi all,

It seems like only a few days ago that we were kicking off the season and already we are almost at Christmas and the busy season is just around the corner. I hope that all of our members have been making the most of the various courses and events that we have offered in the build up to summer. On that note, a few notices from the Board:

SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS

We are extremely lucky to have a fantastic group of sponsors and supporters of the Trust Waikato Whangamata SLSC. During the off season we have secured a number of grants and sponsorships and we would like to encourage all of our members to support our sponsors.

Our major naming rights sponsor continues to be Trust Waikato. Trust Waikato have been a long term supporter of the Trust Waikato Whangamata SLSC and of Surf Life Saving in the Coromandel. Trust Waikato have also come on board again this year for funding towards our junior surf programme. If you are seeking funding for another community group in the Waikato region then follow the link from our new website to the Trust Waikato site.

The Southern Trust and Lion Foundation have also contributed hugely this year and have allowed us to purchase a huge number of new paddle boards, a new ski, new double hull canoe and have contributed towards employing our coach.

After a massive contribution to our new club vehicle last year Winger Isuzu are back on board this year contributing a loan vehicle for our club coach. This vehicle will ensure that Dan can attend and take more equipment to events and training sessions.

NZCT have contributed towards the cost of our brand new ATV bikes, and Gallagher Trust, the PwC Foundation and the First Sovereign Trust have also made valuable contributions in the off season.

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WHANGA WEEK HELPERS NEEDED

Once again we will need helpers for Whanga Week events between December 27th and January 1st. If you can help with any of the events please contact Jan Findlay on: wslsc@xtra.co.nz

FUNDING OF COURSES AND EVENTS

As most of you will know Trust Waikato Whangamata SLSC pays for all lifeguard courses (first aid courses, IRB schools, coaching courses etc) and most event entries. Some of our Board members have organised courses specifically for our members which we also pay for. This off season we have had a particularly bad rate of people registering for courses and not turning up.

When you do not turn up we still get charged full price for the course or event (these costs range from \$40 - \$200 per person!) and it is extremely frustrating for the people who spend their free time registering you. It has always been club policy to charge members for courses that they do not show up to. This newsletter notice is to reaffirm the club position and inform the membership that if you register for a course or event and do not show up you will be charged. If you register for a course and provide reasonable notice that you cannot attend (one week or more) then you will not be charged.



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PROFESSIONAL LIFEGUARDS

Congratulations to those Whangamata guards who secured jobs as professional lifeguards over the peak summer period. All of the Trust Waikato Whangamata SLSC members who applied for positions were offered some time as professional guards for this season. Great work team!

A message from our committee's...

Communications Committee

The communications committee has been working hard designing and constructing the new website. The new website is where you can see up to date information on everything to do with the surf club, and the latest news and events coming up.

The new website is located at the same web address as the current page:
www.whangamatasurf.co.nz

Lifeguard Services Committee

Hi Team,
It was great to see a lot of our members down at Whangamata over Labour weekend participating in the refresher and then on patrol especially with the RWC on.
If you haven't refreshed yet (this means Rachelle has ticked you off) then you need to do so ASAP to be able to patrol. Rachelle will be at the beach most weekends apart from 26th November-6th December; during that time please see the PC as they will have all the refresher information.

PATROL ROSTER

So far we are extremely disappointed with the lack of members putting their name on the patrol roster. Our season runs from labour weekend to Easter, we put a patrol on the beach every weekend, no matter what the numbers are. Please do your bit for the club and put your name on the roster.

As a Committee we are finding it very hard to plan because we simply do not know who will turn up to patrol – we have gone with the system of allowing members to sign up to patrols that suit them after receiving feedback from members stating that the patrols they are assigned often do not suit. If we continue to have low numbers signing up then we will look to go back to the old system of assigning people to patrols and you will not have a choice as to the weekends you are signed up for.

Remember if you can't make it for your patrol then it is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement. Simply taking your name off the roster is dangerous because we might not have enough patrollers. There are always people driving from Auckland and Hamilton so if you are having transport problems please let me know.

For future patrols we have put into place a reward for those that do give up their time to patrol. Your PC will be given the choice for you to receive petrol vouchers or New World vouchers to put on a BBQ.

We would like to thank those that have put their name on the roster and have shown some commitment to the club.
If you would like to sign up for a patrol follow this link
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AahA2gPHQ8SVodG9VR1V6aTdLSHEyQ1EwNHdKSW43Nnc&hl=en_GB#gid=0

RECRUITMENT

Well-done to those that attended the camp the other month; we are hoping to get you qualified soon, ready for the summer season. If you know of anyone wanting to qualify please contact Kenji –
wslscnewguards@gmail.com.

COURSES

Anyone interested in the following courses please contact Libby asap
libby.gudmundsson@gmail.com
First Aid Level Two Dec 10 Omanu
Intro to Surf Coaching Dec 10 Mt Maunganui
First Aid Refresher Dec 11 Mt Maunganui

If you would like you contact us about anything regarding lifesaving please do so,

Rachelle – rachelle.bright@hotmail.com
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Libby – libby.gudmundsson@gmail.com
Kenji – killermanjiro@hotmail.com
Hannah – h.gill@hotmail.com

Cheers,
Lifesaving Committee

Sport Committee

Surf Sport is now in full swing with carnivals and training and/or carnivals happening every weekend. Dan is keeping his athletes well informed of these through Teamer and email. If you think you may like to try Surf Sport and train for some local events then contact the Surf Sport Development Officer Dan Grant dangrant@ihug.co.nz
Surf sport, while fun, will also compliment your life guard skills and at the same time keep you fit for the summer. We have received some Grant money this year and towards Christmas some new gear will be arriving so if you fancy yourself as board rider or canoe paddler get training now.

CARNIVALS AT WHANGAMATA

The Trust Waikato Whangamata SLSC will be hosting the Round 2 of the BP IRB series on the 10th and 11th of December and a Senior Carnival on the 17th December followed by a Junior Carnival on Sunday the 18th December.

This will be great exposure for our club however we need help to effectively run these. We still require helpers for all of these days even if it's only for a few hours in the morning or evening to help set up and pack up gear. If you can help then please contact Taylor by email at tk.macdonald@hotmail.com indicating which day(s) you can do and for how long. There are some great incentive packages (free stuff!) for anyone who can help for more than 1 day or both weekends. Junior Surf parents we need lots of help on the 18th also so please indicate to Rachelle or Taylor if you are available.



SONIC RACE SERIES 17th DECEMBER

New Zealand's top surf lifesaving talent will get a major boost this summer with the launch of the Sonic Race Series. The series, which starts at the Eastern Surf Sport carnival in Whangamata on December 17, will feature five rounds of racing in iron, board, ski, swim, sprint and flags. The top-10 ironmen and women will also have a bonus grand final round during the Oceans 12 event in Mount Maunganui in late February.

WHANGAMATA SUBWAY DISCOUNT

Our new membership bands have arrived and this year they were kindly sponsored by Subway in Whangamata. Once you have paid your subs you can pick up your band during the registration and uniform sales times at the bar after the 10th December. On the inside of the band you will also see a message. All members with a current band will receive 25% off sandwiches and smoothies at Subway Whangamata. A great healthy choice for lunch.

Coaching Notices

CANOE PADDLERS

The club has received funding for a new canoe and is looking for crews to paddle it this season. If you are interested please get in touch with the Sport Development Officer so some crews can be made up.

SPORT SURVEY

The club is currently reviewing the current sport program and creating a new sport plan to ensure that the sport programs are aligned to what members want. To ensure everyone has input into this sport plan a short online survey has been created. Please go to the website and click on the link in the sports section to participate in this survey and share your thoughts or type:
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HWPMR3> into your web browser.

SENIOR COMPETITION SQUAD

If anyone is interested in competing in board, ski, swim, beach sprints or beach flags this season please get in touch with the Sport Development Officer for details about the training program.

OCEANS '12

Any junior surf member that is interested in competing in Oceans 12 please get in touch with the Sport Development Officer for details about this event and the associated training squad.

NEW CRAFT POLICY

The club has adopted a new policy concerning the use of boards and skis and over the next two weeks all boards and skis will be placed into new categories. Notices detailed this new policy and who can use what equipment will be placed around the club and gear sheds. Please read these carefully so you use the right equipment and if you have any questions please ask the Gear Steward (Cameron Walker) or the Sport Development Officer.

Dan

Dangrant@ihug.co.nz

Uniforms

To purchase uniforms the "shop" will be open at the same time we take Junior Surf registrations **9.30 - 10.30am on all the Sundays prior to Christmas and 9am - 10.30am Sunday to Friday during the peak holiday period.**

Uniform items can only be purchased from Bee Hamlin, Coirle Bradding, Lisa Marvin, Megan Gordon or Rachelle Bright. We thank you for your understanding and patience in supporting us as we introduce the new uniform and a system to manage stock levels.

For a full price list, hours, contacts and other up to date information see either the Junior Surf notice board or on the wall beside the bar.

For any queries or suggestions please contact Megan Gordon megan@mgendo.co.nz or 0274 595 706 or any of the club members above.

Junior Surf

A big welcome to all our Junior surf members and their families for the 2011/2012 life saving season.

A junior surf committee has been established this year, which is made up of Haley McMahon (director of Junior Surf), Coirle Bradding, Bee Hamlin, Megan Gordon, Lisa Marvin and Aaron Parker. Please contact us during the season if you need any information on the contact info below.

We will be sending out weekly emails over the summer to keep you up to date with activities and news. Please contact Lisa on marvin@xtra.co.nz if you do not wish to receive this weekly newsletter.

We are lucky once again to have Rachelle Bright lead our junior surf programme along with 4 assistants who are Lucy Gill, Oliver Wright, Sam Barclay and Josie Lipscombe Rachelle and at least one of the assistants will be present at every junior surf session. We still however require lots of parent help during the season and a roster will be available to fill in with your name. We ask that every parent participate in at least one junior surf session over the summer holidays.

REGISTRATIONS

The office is open for new registrations every Sunday up until Christmas from 9.30 until 10.30.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

We encourage all adults to join the Surf Club as an Associate member. This will enable you to use the facilities at the club as well as attend social nights, vote in any meetings throughout the year and purchase the new Whangamata branded clothing. The associate membership cost is only \$30 for a full season and you can sign up during office hours.

TIMETABLE

4th December – 18th December = Sunday's only
26th December – 04th February = Daily except Saturday *New Years Day there will be NO junior surf
10 – 11.30am = Nippers (6 – 9yrs)
12pm – 1.30pm = Cadets (10-12yrs)
5th February – 8th April 2012 = Sunday's only
10-11.30am = Nippers and Cadets

DATES TO REMEMBER

18th December – Whanga Carnival 10am
This is our first carnival of the season and we encourage you to come along. There are sprint races, beach flags, board races, diamond races and run-wade/swim-run events for all ages 6 -14 years. There will also be a barbeque at the conclusion of the carnival. We need lots of parent helpers for this event so please contact us if you can help out on coirle@bradding.com.
Early January – Coromandel Cup (More details to come)

OCEANS 12

Oceans 12 is the National Championship for individuals aged between 10 and 13 and is run at the end of February. Whangamata runs an Oceans training squad for any individual that is interested in attending this event. If you would be interested please contact the Surf Sport Development Officer (dangrant@ihug.co.nz) for information

Thank you to our 2011/2012 Supporters

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