



January 2023

January 2024 update

A very sad start to the year. As I'm sure you've heard by now, Alistair Thorpe, an absolute legend and cornerstone of our club, passed away suddenly on the 31st December 2023. A member here since 1971, Alistair remained a loyal and proud Waikanae man until the day he departed. He was a dedicated clubbie, a committed SLSNZ Official and staunchly advocated for all members, he was a mentor to me here and he will be sorely missed by all. Ali's wake took place here and, last week, we held a paddle out here in tribute to the great man he was and the amazing legacy of quiet commitment and passion he left us with. Rest in peace Alistair.



Snippets:

- JUNIORS - last call for all Gisborne Juniors entries! This is a really cool event for ages u8 up to u14. Contact me straight away if you haven't already..
- SENIORS - last call for your Gisborne Senior Champs too! Make sure you have refreshed and sent me your entries.
- Your senior team are off to The Mount this coming weekend, racing at the Eastern Region Champs, the second biggest event on the calendar. Keep an eye on the Facebook page for results and updates.
- There are a number of messenger group chats within the club's communication structure; there's an Ocean's group, Senior Training group, Lifeguards 23/24, Social group to name but a few. While Facebook page is your first point of contact for club info, all members are welcome to join these more specific comms groups, if you're interested in a particular area of club life just give me a shout for more info!

**DIG OUT YOUR SUPPORTERS GEAR AND COME CHEER ON THE TEAM AT
JUNIOR + SENIOR LOCALS, FEB 1 - 3!**



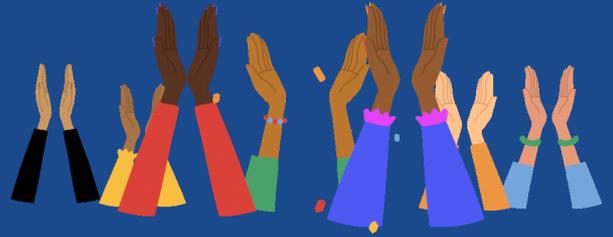
LEGENDS OF THE MONTH!

ALISTAIR THORPE
1954 - 2023

- CHLOE KAPENE AND LYDIA BAXENDALE WHO, ALONG WITH THEIR CAPTAIN KRISTINA WILLIAMS, PERFORMED A RESCUE IN A SITUATION THAT WAS SO CLOSE TO GOING VERY WRONG VERY FAST. WELL DONE LADIES AND PATROL D.
- THE GISBORNE REGIONAL GUARD TEAM OF 2023/24 - THANK YOU FOR YOUR SHARP EYES AND MAHI OVER THE SUMMER WEEKS! THE TEAM HAVE FINISHED WEEKDAY PATROLS NOW, PLEASE BE VIGILANT WHEN SWIMMING OUTSIDE OF WEEKEND PATROL HOURS, IF IN DOUBT STAY OUT AND, IF YOU DO SPOT SOMEONE IN TROUBLE, CALL 111 AND ASK FOR POLICE.

Ocean Athletes had a blast at their camp!

The junior Ocean Athletes group attended a 2 night camp at the end of last week and wow did they have fun!! There were 6am swims, team challenges, boot camp training sessions, race video analysis, even an ice block race and all culminating in their junior carnival out at Wainui on Saturday morning. The groms were absolutely fabulous, so well behaved and the improvement in their skills was amazing to see! Thank you to the parents for supporting the camp so well and for providing the most impressive kai I've ever seen on a camp!



Don't forget to get your club uniform in time for Oceans/Nationals.

Show your support!
Shop [HERE](#)

