



February 2024

ERCs '24 Wrap

The senior team travelled to The Mount recently for the Eastern Region Champs, the second biggest event in the senior calendar. With a few key people missing we were short on teams but the individual results were impressive.

Briana Irving - gold in sprints and silver in flags

Oska Smith - 2 golds in sprints, gold and bronze in flags.

Christy Tate - gold in ski
Georgie Beaufoy - silver in sprints

Max Phillips, Sam Ferkins and Kendra Tate also attended and put in some fantastic racing in the tricky Mount shore dump conditions. Both coaches, Arna Majstrovic and Max Neustroski were happy with their athletes and where they were at amongst the top athletes in the country and continue their build up to Nationals.

Gisborne Champs '24

LOCALS ROUND UP - Both junior and senior teams had a great weekend of racing at the local champs recently. The new format of having both groups racing at the same event proved to be good fun and provided a unique opportunity to be able to watch and support the full span of ages race, from the u8s through to the big dogs in Opens! Our youngest clubbies were on fire in the u8,9,10 arena! We had almost 40 kids put their foot on the start line and they raced with great spirit and big smiles all day long, it was great to see the future of our club out there going hard! Our Oceans and seniors raced together in one arena and showed so much support for each other. They raced well over the 2 days and showed some really big improvements as they continue to build towards their final big events in a few weeks.

Congratulations to these people who made the overall standings podium. Maihi Swann Ferris u11, Jade Hopper u13, Brad Douglas u14, Georgie Beaufoy u15 AND open women, Oska Smith u19. Well done everybody, you represented your club so well!

North Island IRBs '24

With just 4 teams racing, our crew finished in overall 3rd position in this top class event, outstanding! Coach Connor Mitchell was stoked with his athletes and reckoned the team did "pretty bloody well!"

u19 driver Hamish Swann, crewman Taran Wilson and patient Matti Richards - 2 golds, 1 silver.

u19 driver Elle Williams, crewman Bella Fitzharris-Stevens and patient Michaela Clearwater made finals and improved heaps over the weekend.

u23 driver Harry Allan, crewman Travis Mitchell and patient Michaela Clearwater - 2 golds, 1 silver, 1 bronze! Outstanding!

Open Male driver Connor Mitchell, crewman Oliver Shivnan and patient Matti Richards - 2 silver, 2 bronze. Well done everyone and thank you to parents and Ana Naden for all the support and making the very long trek up to Waipu Cove, bring on Nationals in a few weeks!

Athletes . . . don't forget to sort out your patrol hours!



Legends of the Month

We've got a really cool and active messenger group with all of our Lifeguards linked in to it. When somebody cannot make their patrol they post on the group asking for cover. Some of our guards have been outstanding at stepping up to help out and have literally saved the day as we would not have been able to put on a patrol without them.

In particular, Ashar McKnight, Ana Naden, Emily Gillies, Rodney Richards, Eric Clearwater, Lydia Baxendale have done many extra hours on top of their own.

Thanks guys, you've been rockstars!

The Sport Committee wanted to put forward some special prizes at Locals this year, celebrating the less conventional wins and the attributes that make our sport so much fun! These clubbies were all spotted being awesome over the weekend...

Team 'Hype-men' - Clayden Hope, Claire Hopper, Sofia Damiris

Waves of the Day - Jade Hopper (surf race) Max Phillips (board race)

Magic Moment - Max Phillips beating his coach Max Neustroski in the ski race after a lot of 'trash talk' lol!

Blake Thompson's epic 'Flag Drop' after winning a threepart run-off with the same kid!

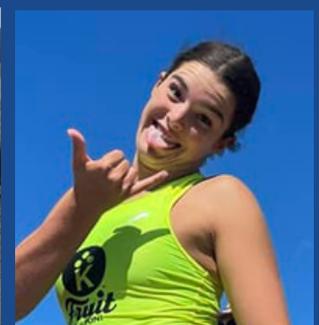
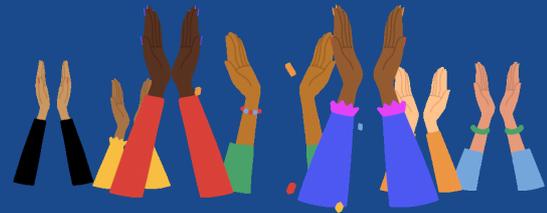
Pippa Holden and Jade Hopper's tube rescue, gave dad the goosebumps!

Super starter - Quaid Thompson's ski race, he took off like a scalded cat! Maihi Swann Ferri's - flag starts, sooo slick!

The Diesel Engines (go all day) - Wyatt Ryan, Annabelle Douglas

Most times putting their toes on the line - Bosh Majstrovic, Georgie Beaufoy

WELL DONE EVERYONE, come and claim your prize from me in the office :)



OCEANS STARTS 22 FEB NATS STARTS 14 MARCH
IRB NATS STARTS 23 MARCH

