



Awards Night 2024

Gisborne Regional Awards Night News!

Congratulations to all our award finalists and winners from the regional awards night held recently!! These awards not only acknowledge the incredible skills, commitment, and effort by surf lifeguards to ensure the safety of beachgoers, but also those who have educated others, managed administration, and participated in lifesaving sport throughout the 2023/2024 season.

DHL Surf Lifeguard of the Year

WINNER - Ana Naden

NZ Lottery Grants Board Volunteer of Year

WINNER - Ana Naden

Junior Surf Contribution of the Year

WINNER - Edan Wilson

DHL U19 Surf Lifeguard of the Year

FINALIST - Ashar McKnight

(over 87 patrol hours by Ashar!!)

DHL Patrol Support Person of the Year

FINALIST - Sarah McAlister

bp Powercraft Contribution of the Year

WINNER - Nigel Hope

Coach of the Year

FINALIST - Arna Majstrovic



top: Ana Naden, winner of the Lifeguard of the year award AND the Volunteer of the year award!
middle: Edan Wilson, winner of the Junior Surf Contribution award
bottom: Nigel Hope winning the Powercraft Contribution of the year award.

Coach of the Year

FINALIST - Arna Majstrovic

Surf Sports Official of the Year

FINALIST - Eric Clearwater

Surf Sports person of the Year

FINALIST - Oska Smith

Surf Sports Team of the Year

FINALIST - Waikanae Open IRB Team

Connor Mitchell, Oliver Shivanan, Matti Richards, Harry Allan

Event Safety Contribution of the Year

WINNER - Connor Mitchell

Instructor of the Year

WINNER - Rodney Richards

Patrol Captain of the Year

WINNER - Kristina Williams

Emerging Surf Official of the Year

WINNER - Rodney Richards

Volunteer Coach of the Year

WINNER - Connor Mitchell

Emerging Coach of the Year

FINALIST - Max Neustroski

Coaches Commitment Award

WINNER - Max Phillips

Paid Lifeguard of the Year

FINALIST - Bella Fitzharris-Stevens

Beach Education Instructor of the Year

FINALIST - Emily Gillies



top to bottom:

Connor Mitchell, Event Water Safety and Volunteer Coach award winner

Rodney Richards, Emerging Official winner, in action at IRB nationals

Kristina Williams, Patrol Captain of the year winner!

left: Max Phillips, recipient of the Coach's Award for Commitment

Athletes of the Year...

U14 Male

FINALIST - Bradley Douglas

U15 Female

WINNER - Georgie Beaufoy

U17 Male

FINALIST - Max Phillips

U19 Male

FINALIST - Oska Smith

Open Male

WINNER - Oska Smith

Open Female

FINALIST - Briana Irving

FINALIST - Christy Tate

Masters Male

WINNER - Adam Tate

Masters Female

FINALIST - Emily Gillies

top: Georgie Beaufoy,
winning u15 athlete of
the year
below left: Oska Smith,
Open Athlete winner
below right: Adam Tate,
Masters Athlete winner

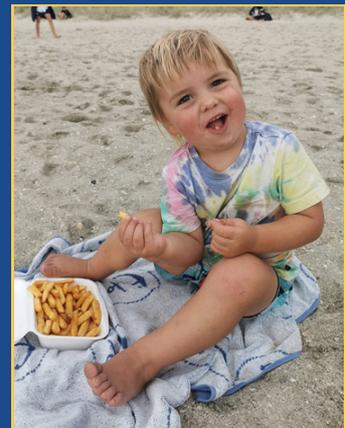


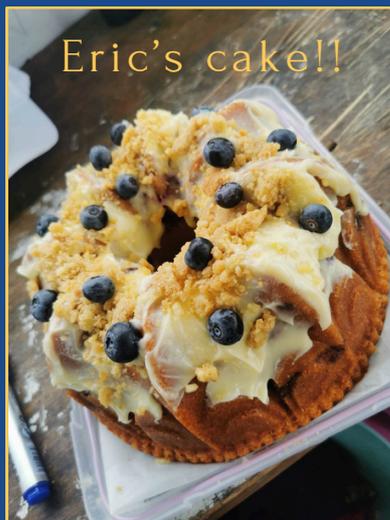
Thank you all for your incredible mahi over the season and to the whole Kaiaponi Waikanae whanau...guards, athletes, coaches, committees, parents, grandparents, helpers and of course our wonderful sponsors who have our backs so we can have the communities back!



In other news...a big well done to the 12 athletes who raced at the local Pool Rescue day recently, Bradley Douglas, Maxwell Latu, Claire Hopper, Jade Hopper, Tessa Webb, Pippa Holden, Emma Webb, Josie Keast, Aengus Bettridge, Lucas Thompson, Annabelle Douglas and Nila Green were fantastic, raced hard all day and learned so much! For most it was their first time and their coach was really proud of them! Also congratulations to two new IRB drivers, Jack McNaught and Edan Wilson, who joined the driving ranks last weekend. Sam Williams and Sierra Blumfield also passed their theory exam and will take their practical soon to become fully qualified drivers . . . WELL DONE GUYS!!

2023/24







See you soon
2024/25
Season!!