



ER Pool Rescue Champs 2024 - Match Report

Over the weekend, Kaiaponi Waikanae took 13 kids aged 10 to 15 years to the Eastern Pool Rescue Champs at the Kiwa Pools. "This was the largest team we've fielded for many years and the whole team absolutely swam their socks off all weekend! Clubs from Hawke's Bay to Auckland attended and the standard of swimming was very high so it was really pleasing to see our kids up there battling with the best for medals. They've worked really hard over the last 15 weeks building up to the event and it showed on the day, I was really proud of them all!" coach Edan Wilson commented.

The youngest team members, Nila Green, Emmie Fitzharris Stevens, Emma Webb and Tylar Dear were the first on the podium with a bronze in the u12 obstacle relay, followed by another bronze in the u12 Brick Relay. Tylar then had an outstanding second day bagging gold in the u11 Brick Carry and Rescue Medley Races, a silver in the 50m swim with fins and then claimed gold for the top overall u11 female swimmer. Emmie Fitzharris Stevens swam an awesome 50m with fins to grab the silver in a really fast finish. Blake Thompson was a total rockstar in the u12 boys races, battling it out to make some great improvements from the last comp.

In the u14 age group, the composite team with Josie Keast and Jade Hopper came away with two bronze medals in the obstacle relay and the Brick Relay races and the u14 mixed team of Tessa Webb, Pippa Holden, Aengus Bettridge and Lucas Thompson showed fantastic improvement and swam some gutsy races in what was arguably the hottest age group!

The u17 girls composite team with Claire Hopper took bronze medals in the Obstacle Relay and the Manikin Relay then went one better in the Medley Relay to take the silver.

Bradley Douglas showed outstanding form over the whole event claiming bronze in the 100m manikin tow and the manikin carry, silver in the Rescue Medley and then being awarded the 3rd overall swimmer for his age group.

Big thanks to all our parent helpers for the support over winter and at th event and to organiser Sonia Keepa and her team of helpers for putting on such a well organised, high calibre event for our region!

Josie Keast and Jade Hopper



Emma Webb, Nila Green, Tylar Dear, Emmie Fitzharris Stevens





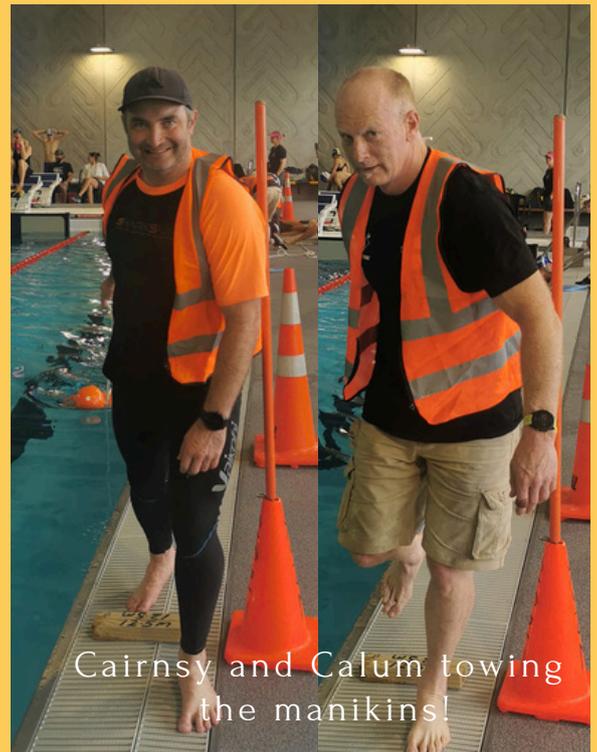
Nila Green



Bradley Douglas



3rd U17 obs relay,
Claire with the Wainui
OBK, Waimarama
ladies 🏊‍♀️



Cairnsy and Calum towing
the manikins!



Coach getting excited!



Webby and Boots on the tools



**Tessa rescuing Pippa
in a gutsy patient tow
race 🦵 🦵**

Aengus Bettridge



Tessa Webb



Webby showing off ;)

