



MIDWAY JANUARY 2022

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Welcome to 2022!

The much anticipated Gisborne/Tairāwhiti Junior Champs are on this weekend starting 5.30pm, Friday 4th. The entry fee of \$10 per child is being covered by Midway out of our Sponsorship fund. Thank you sponsors!

Over the month of January our crack team of Lifeguards have carried out 3 rescues.

The first was a pair of 10 year old girls by Sam Gavin on a rescue board. This happened at end of patrol, all packed up. Noticed the girls were in trouble. Quickly unlocked the containers, and Sam made a not so graceful entry into the water and rescued the girls returning them to their grateful grandma.

The second was a 7 year old girl, swimming outside flags, spotted by Matt Pickering. He swam out and secured the girl with the tube, then Jacob Corrin and Charlie McIntyre supported by the IRB picked the girl up and returned her safely to her parents on the beach.



Straight after that, Waikanae IRB broke down and radioed us for help. We immediately offered to rescue them and tow them to shore. You owe us Waikanae 😊

Lastly, on Sunday the 30th. A swimmer was spotted swimming out at the 1 mile buoy. Rama had also spotted through the binoculars. Waikanae launched IRB and reached patient to find that he was a large man of approx. 180kgs, this is by his own admission. We sent Jacob Corrin and Jack Lepper on our IRB out to assist Waikanae, it took 3 boys to pull him into the IRB. He was then transported on our Kubota Side by Side back to his gear at Waikanae.



Thank you so much to all our lifeguards and patrol captains, who have been awesome over the summer so far. The Juniors are really stepping up, and the Seniors are providing that depth of knowledge and experience, we are grateful for all the time and effort you all put in.



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The senior surf squad kicked off their competition season in style with a strong team heading through to Waimarama for the Central Regional Championships(CRC's). The entire team did our club proud walking away with several age group titles and many top placings. Since this event the team have had several events cancelled due to the recent change in COVID settings. A huge thank you to Matt and the coaching team who have improvised through these tough times and attended other events outside of our region.

Over to Australia, our very own surf superstars Olivia Corrin and Cory Taylor have begun their campaigns in the Kelloggs Nutrigrain Ironman Series in Australia. After rounds 1 and 2 Olivia is sitting pretty in very respectable 6th place while Cory sits pretty in a solid 7th place. This is the top 20 Ironmen and women in the world so it is very impressive to see not one, but two of our Midway legends in the series mixing it with the best! Rounds 3 to 6 is set to go down on Kurrawa Beach next weekend. The racing is being broadcast live on SKY Sport so tune in from 2pm next Friday and watch these two rip in.

Kelloggs Nutrigrain Ironman Series airs on the 4th, 5th and 6th of February 2022, Kurrawa Beach, Australia (live on SKY Sport 9)

Sadly the ongoing Covid situation has caused many cancellations to the summer sporting calendar, which is extremely disappointing because our athletes and coaches train so hard. At this stage still on is:

GISBORNE/TAIRAWHITI JUNIOR CHAMPS – 4-5 FEB, MIDWAY/WAIKANAE BEACHES

Highly anticipated local derby. Come down and support our local kids. Entry fee covered by Midway Sponsorship fund.

SLSNZ NATIONALS – 10-13 MARCH, NEW BRIGHTON BEACH, CHRISTCHURCH

Midway is also pleased to be able to offer a \$200 per Senior Athlete subsidy towards the significant cost of attending the Nationals in Christchurch. Its because of our sponsor support that we can do this.

OCEANS 22, THU 24 FEB - SUN 27 FEB - MT MAUNGANUI

"word on the grapevine is that Nationals and Oceans will be cancelled but we are waiting on an official announcement from SLSNZ. As soon as we get clarification we will let everyone know" Our team is working really hard with accommodation providers to keep accommodation secured.



MIDWAY HEALTH AND SAFETY TEAM

Fiona Dawson, (Midway H&S Advisor), Rachael Matthews and Rama Robertson will head up a Midway H&S sub committee along with Ross Merrett from SLSNZ (O.R.A) and will be working together to roll out the updated Online Risk Assessment programme to all members who lead or support Coaches and groups. This will be a great tool to provide further education around the increased expectations of the Health and Safety in the Workplace Act 2016 and related legislation for Midway as a growing Club. An overall Club Health and Well-being Assessment has been completed by Fiona and this will provide a platform for improvement as we head into 2022. This year we will hopefully see more clarity in the management of the Traffic Light System for Midway events and hopefully things will be able to run a little smoother from now on 😊

If you have any Health and Safety questions or queries, please feel free to contact Fiona on 0272441608 or email fiona@gisborne.net.nz.



New Gear Trailer recently purchased. Just awaiting sign writing.

MIDWAY KEY SUMMER EVENTS – Dates and venues subject to change

JUNIORS

Tairawhiti Local Champs, Midway Beach

FRI 4 FEB - SAT 5 FEB

ERC Junior Champs, Waihi Beach

CANCELLED

Eastern Region Junior Day of Surf, Mt Maunganui

SAT 12 FEB

Junior Sunset Series - Ocean Athletes, 5pm, Waikanae

THU 17 FEB

Oceans 22, Main Beach, Mt Maunganui

THU 24 FEB - SUN 27 FEB

Eastern Region Rookie Champs, Venue TBC

SAT 2 APR

SENIORS

ERC Seniors, Mt Maunganui

CANCELLED

TSB Surf Life Saving National Championships, Christchurch

THU 10 MAR - SUN 13 MAR