



The Maranui Current

Maranui Surf Life Saving Club

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HIGHLIGHTS FOR OUR 2ND NEWSLETTER

* Nippers first day was an outstanding success with 200 nippers attending—see below

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Our Lifeline to our life guards, life members, members and families

PETER'S PIECE FROM THE CHAIR

Well, it's only a few more sleeps until the jolly, big guy in the red arrives!

It's been a busy, successful year for the club and its members and I thank everyone for their support and commitment throughout 2012.

The Maranui Surf Life Saving Club continues to provide a very valuable service to the community. We can be justly proud of our contribution towards ensuring youngsters learn the importance of safety around water and with having

our mature members fully trained, primed and ready for any emergency.

The fun and laughter we also engender with all our activities certainly helps to reinforce our commitment.

I take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas with family and friends.

All the very best for a prosperous and exciting 2013 and remember if you are on the beach this summer—swim between the flags, cover up with



lotion and top it off with a hat. See you in 2013.

Peter

MARANUI NIPPER PROGRAMME

The Maranui Nipper programme has been in development over the past six years. Over the past two years, it has gained recognition through winning local and regional community awards. The popularity of this programme has now attracted over 200 Nippers.

Some of the attractive features of this programme is its' emphasis on beach safety using a family focused approach and that it is short, sharp and sweet in method that stresses fun.

Lyall Bay beach environment can not be described as tropical and even though this environment poses the harshness of Antarctica, it is the love for the water and its attraction to surf that draws

Nippers and their families. One person who has been largely behind the success of Maranui's Nipper programme is **Chris Mark (Vice Club Captain, Head Coach) -**

Chris is a second-generation Maranui man, ex- New Zealand Ironman, ex-New Zealand representative for Water polo and surfer for 30 years. Chris has returned to his roots and come back to a Club his family has been a part of for generations.

We interview him while he was fixing new racks for paddleboards in the boat shed.

What is it that you see Maranui accomplishing in the near future?

Not much more than what Maranui has already achieved in the past, maybe a return to regional and national stage in Surf sports

What do you think has been the reason for the Nipper programme success?

A group of core people who think alike, attracting more people who think alike, that believe and share in the vision of what Maranui is trying to achieve

What do you see for Maranui Surf sports in the future?

Winning National medals at Oceans (U14 competition); Returning to former glory of being one of the strongest Club in Wellington; Taking a competing team from Maranui to Australia in three years

The Maranui Nipper programme he describes as a culmination of an activity for all the family to do, a love for the water and a high from the invigoration that surf brings.



Enthusiastic Nippers and Coaches on Day 1 of the 2012 / 2013 Nippers Season



MANANUI SWIM SQUAD 2012

This pre-season squad consisted of 2 separate groups with a total of 35 children aged from 7 to 11 years.

Maranui brought on board Lynn from Aquazone Swimming with her coaches to upskill their swimming techniques & improve their ability.

The first groups objective was to work towards & achieve their 200 metre swim badge with great results, as well as build confidence in the water.

Group two consisted of stronger swimmers with the group more focused on endurance which will help towards this seasons ocean swimming.

Many thanks to Lynn & her team for their weekly commitment & also to all the parents & children who participated this year.

Looking forward to seeing these skills put to use over the coming Nipper season.

Wayne Wickens
Junior Head Coach

BUY, SELL OR EXCHANGE

- A boys size 14 polo shirt—\$5
- Speedo's for Maranui Water Polo—\$5

Both near new.

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Thanks to those who have provided the stories for this edition—some were unsolicited which is very welcomed! And thanks for the feedback from our 1st edition.—Ed

EXCEPTIONAL TIME FOR IRB CREWS

It's been an exceptional time for IRB Crews

- Wellington Harbour Rescue
- Three new IRB Crewman
- Guy Fawkes Wellington Harbour
- Freyberg Development Squad
- Dirty Hands in Paekakariki

Jack Malin gets his bird!

Whilst on a training run from the Club House to Oriental Bay a couple of Sundays ago, two sea Kayakers waved down our crew to alert them to a developing situation involving a distressed bird hanging off Point Jerningham light. On closer inspection it was found that a Heron had got itself tangled up in fishing line which in turn had snagged on the railing and hanging off the edge of the light. With dead-eye-dick precision, Henry manoeuvred the IRB into position to allow Jack to jump onto the light. With boat knife in hand Jack was able to first secure the Heron and then free it from its snare. The operation was over in less than 10 minutes resulting in a grateful Heron and a hen-pecked Jack. Well done fellas.

Riversdale—a beach not to be toyed with

The weather was beautifully clear and there was little by way of wind. But sure as eggs the sea was pumping and waiting expectantly for 40 hopefuls intending to qualify as Drivers and Crewmen and doing their best to beat the elements and qualify in 3-4m swells. Not to be disappointed there were flips and roll-overs to keep the locals entertained and the recovery crews busy. This two day course combines all testing phases both written and practical under the watchful eye of many of the region's top IRB Instructors. This definitely is not for the feint-hearted with broken bones, sprains and concussion among the injuries sustained. Mia and Claudia Morris and Jack Malin successfully passed their Crewman's qualification under the watchful eye of Luke McGuinness who travelled from Hamilton to be there.

POWER CRAFT OFFICER APPOINTED

The Club Committee confirmed the appointment of **Dave Wells** as Power Craft Officer.

The Club had Power Craft Officers throughout the 1980's, 1990's and early 2000's. Murray Haxton was first PCO and Jim Warwick had stint in late 1990's early 2000's.



Guy Fawkes _Oriental Bay Monday 4 November.

A cold southerly greeted our crew on Freyberg Beach at 6:30pm as they set-up their IRB for the Event Guard along Frank Kitts Park and around to the Chaffers Marina. This was a great opportunity to confirm the club's IRB Crews competence when working in darkness. With driving rain, cold wind and boats jostling for a good spot to watch from, there was no room for complacency. So much so that a club not far from ours was ordered out of the water by the Harbour Master & Police for failing to operate their boats in accordance with maritime law. Maranui was left to patrol the area by themselves with the support of the Police Interceptor craft. Maranui's professionalism in carrying out their Guard did not go unnoticed by either the Harbour Master or Police.

Event Guard of Development Squad

Maranui has been asked to carry out an event guard for this new squad which will be based at Freyberg Beach. It will (at this stage) be a small group of 30-40 participants but that they will require the presence of trained life Guards on boards to operate the safety programme of the swim. More to follow on this as the plan develops.

Engine Maintenance Course

This highly popular course provides drivers and crewmen the opportunity to get a better appreciation of the workings of the Mercury Engine. The one day course provides Clubs with the facilities to do those jobs that make our engines run as well as they do over the next year. From replacing the pull chord to changing the oil and dismantling the gearbox are all covered in this introductory session. The National Rescue Asset Manager, Dave Hickey travels the country to take these courses which are very popular with all clubs. It also gives us an opportunity to source the odd little bit of kit from his endless supply of spares.

Go The Mighty Maranui!
Dave



UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY 16 December:

OTAKI NIPPERS CARNIVAL

Junior Surf #2 where Maranui will be competing for Gold.

Hours: 8.00 am—3.00 pm

Location: Otaki SLSC

SUNDAY 27 January 2013

Capital Classic Ocean Swim

FRIDAY 1 February 2013

Maranui Surf Brigade Min Season Meet

Visit our Website for other dates of interest

www.maranui.co.nz

SURF CLASS 101

Maranui Surf Class 101st has started with eleven candidates on the course looking to add their names to the long list of Maranui Lifeguards.

Marc Pulepule (Head Surf Instructor) and Tabitha Ross (trainee) are the Surf Instructors for this season with Wayne Wickens helping as our Rescue Board Instructor.

Surf Class 101 comprises of a higher number of females than last season; an age range from 14 to 40+, with two candidates, Josh Wood and Tekaha Solomon-Muich, graduates from our Surf Lifesaving Certificate. 80% of this Surf Class are new to Surf and this is their first experience of Surf Lifesaving.

Surf Class 101 have already been introduced to the harsh and cold waters of the South coast, something that they will learn not to dread...

They will be in Surf Class for nine weeks; our hopefuls will then look to sit their Surf exam in early December.

This season, the emphasis will be on developing and concentrating on the water based skills. Head Surf Instructor, Marc Pulepule, has decided to add IRB theory to the LGA course as he believes that the IRB is an essential tool to lifeguarding and is becoming more the Lifeguard choice of equipment. The introduction of IRB theory early allows the candidates more options once they graduate without spending more time in the classroom. This will in no way detract graduates from the set pathway to IRB but rather help them to attain IRB qualifications easier.

SURF PATROLS THIS SEASON

Well team, we are rapidly approaching summer and duty is calling. Once again our community needs us.

This year Maranui will be patrolling Oriental Bay starting December 1st. This provides our greater life guarding team with some great opportunities. Firstly our teams will be smaller, more focussed and more numerous. A higher number of teams means the frequency of patrol will be less and work load spread. We hope that we will only need to commit to patrol once a month. Patrols will be starting at 1pm on patrol days which is different from previous years where we started at 12pm. A later start is great for those of us who are involved in nippers on Sunday. It is anticipated that patrols will be a training opportunity. Oriental Bay provides opportunities to practice different aspects of life guarding, in particular board rescue, es-

pecially as it is first response to any situation that arises at this busy beach.

Maranui Patrol Captains have already met and agreed our POM for the season, and along with this we have also allocated all guards to patrol teams based on experience and skills outlined in the POM. You should expect a call from your PC over the coming weeks introducing themselves, outlining what is required and ensuring that you are fully refreshed, so you better get swimming. As always Maranui is going to put its best foot forward and provide a fantastic life guard service to the community at Wellington's busiest beach. It is going to be an exciting busy season with new opportunities and fun!

by Rhys Speirs

OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS

Members:

The screen in the foyer could work for you for **FREE!**



It is available to members—FREE—and friends of Maranui to promote their business or event. We will help with wording and layout.

Be in first and talk to us to **promote your business**

Enquiries welcomed at accounts@maranui.co.nz

OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS



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THOUGHTS FROM A TRAINEE SURF INSTRUCTOR

During the past few weeks I have had the privilege to be able to help instruct the surf course for the 2012/2013 season.

It has been a fantastic experience for me, and has been an opportunity for me to give back to the club that has given me so much of the time I have been part of it. It means I can help the rookies gain the skills and confidence they need to be good lifeguards as well as helping to expand to our ever growing Maranui family.

Doing this has shown me how far we have come as a club and shows how much effort is put into this program to ensure the best and most enjoyable experience is had by all. When I did my surf course there were around 8 of us crammed into the little house next door with no showers so these guys have it better than us!

By doing this course I have also learnt about the huge amount of support the Maranui team gives you during the unnerving times standing in front of the class and it's actually up to you to teach everyone what they need to know. You are never pushed into the deep end or made to do anything you don't want to. I think this is a real attribute to our club. The best part of the course so far for me has been teaching them first aid. It's very rewarding seeing them work hard and getting it right, pushing them out of their comfort zone and adjusting to the challenges that come with being a lifeguard.

I would recommend this experience to anyone and would hope they got the same enjoyment that I have received out of it. Here's to a good 2012/2013 season!

by Tabitha Ross



MARANUI MEANS.....

Maranui means big garden, refers to the abundance of seafood that was easily gathered in the area.

Mara - garden
Nui- big

from Todd Russell