



**Our Purpose is to:** Grow people to their potential by providing an inclusive and supportive environment where people enjoy what they do, put in maximum effort through a surf environment that is constantly changing and challenging.

Kia ora e te whānau,

Thank you to ALL our amazing clubbies for another epic season.

Well Done to all our amazing tamariki and rangatahi who have given it a go, learnt new skills, grown in confidence, developed, shown leadership, achieved outstanding results, personal bests and had FUN! Awesome work Maranui athletes.

A HUGE THANKS to everyone who made it happen - We couldn't have done it without you.

**A calendar must! End of Season Celebration**

As the nights draw in and our days on the beach come dwindling to an end, it won't be time to hang up our beach towels and put away our tubs until we've had a proper send off.

Join the rest of your clubbies on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> of May for a couple of hours of laughs, storytelling, prizes, awards and recognition. It will be a great way to celebrating the 2023/2024 season and everything it gave us.

This celebration is for both juniors, seniors and everyone who helps support them - we hope to see as many of you there as possible .

There are more details are at the end of the newsletter to go on the Calendar.

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### History of Maranui SLSC

The Maranui Surf Life Saving Club, founded in 1911 as a breakaway from the Lyall Bay Surf and Lifesaving Club, boasts a distinctive Modernist building with a rich history.

The name Maranui was chosen by the founding members as it described their beach - it translates as 'long sands' in Te Reo.

Despite facing challenges such as an attempted amalgamation and the appropriation of its clubhouse during World War II, the club has thrived and contributed significantly to the community's safety and well-being.

Following a fire in 2009, public support for the building's reconstruction highlighted its importance. The addition of a café to the clubhouse has enhanced its community appeal and revitalized the beachfront.

Today, Maranui stands as both a historic landmark and a vibrant hub, embodying the enduring spirit of surf lifesaving and community engagement.

Here is a link for more information: <https://www.maranui.co.nz/history>

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### **Courage Under Pressure: A Lifeguard's Heroic Response**

At Maranui we offer a Rookie Lifeguard Programme which has been designed to help junior members prepare to be a surf lifeguard.

The Rookie Lifeguard Programme aims to promote "practical lifeguarding" to the younger members and develop strong ties between senior and junior members as a result of involvement. The value of this programme was highlighted recently in a remarkable display of courage and quick thinking, when one of our young Rookies, Rosie recently found herself facing a medical situation.

When Rosie came out onto the street in Kilbirnie, she saw a fellow schoolmate experiencing a seizure, alone and unaided. Without hesitation, she sprang into action, drawing upon her training to assess the situation and help the young girl. She was able to put into practice the First Aid knowledge she had been learning at her Rookie programme. Employing the DRS ABC protocol, she thought quickly to improvise with track pants to cushion her head and maintain an open airway post-seizure. She kept calm and remembered her training, getting assistance from passers-by's, delegating tasks, and alerting emergency services. She remained with her schoolmate, offering support until the girl's mother—a doctor—arrived to take her home.

This story of bravery and compassion highlights the value of lifeguard training and the confidence it gives to our young people to be an active part of helping the community. The character and dedication fostered by SLNZ lifeguard programme is unique and in celebrating Rosie's heroism, we are reminded of the collective strength and spirit of Maranui's lifeguards.

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### SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Capital Coast IRB Champs - Waitangi Day 2024 Impressive outcomes were secured, including a 1st and 3rd place in the U19 men's category.

Everyone had a fantastic day, despite the blustery conditions that challenged our esteemed spectators.

It was really delightful to observe two life members present on the beach as well.



### Junior Capital Coast 2 & WH3

Wellington weather has continued to throw challenges at us but as always our youngsters have adapted.

Cap Coast Champs was held over two weekends, one before and one after Oceans.

Cap Coast champs was a success overall and our team came away second to Titahi Bay. This was

something to be very proud of.

As the season comes to a close and we reflect on what we have achieved this summer, the future is exciting.

As we pack away the boards and beanies the planning for next year starts.

We wish you all a happy winter doing more fun sports while remembering the memories from your summer at Maranui.

Every season we need more coaches, more officials, new energy around the board table or even just an email with something you'd like to see happen or something you'd like to be a part of.

Keep an eye out for Pool Champs information, our winter season fun in the pool and also pre-season paddle.

If your child has really enjoyed Sunday Surf this year and wants to do more and is U10-U14 (with 200m badge) then consider joining us more often next season and jump in on the Tuesday/Thursday sessions. Have a great off season & we will see you (and any friends you want to bring along) next year.



### **Information Session for juniors moving in to Lifeguard Sport**

Every year Head Coach Rhys Speirs runs an information/presentation session for juniors moving up to lifeguarding for the coming season.

It seems early but the idea is to give newbies an understanding of what's involved, pathways available, how things work and what people can expect and maybe plan for.

A good way to make informed decisions.

You may be "on the fence" about next year and/or just enjoying your down time at the moment but it would be great if athletes/"lifeguards to be", and parents come along, listen and ask heaps of questions.

It is a great opportunity to know what's on offer and how it could benefit you.

Details below:

**Date:** Sunday 7th April

**Time:** 3:30pm

**Duration:** Approx 45mins

**Venue:** Maranui Surf Lifesaving Club, Lyall Bay Wellington

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#### **Oceans' 24.**

We are so proud of our Juniors, We want to congratulate and celebrate the First times, Best times, and Last times, and bid farewell to the u14's as they finish up their Junior SLS Sport journey.

Thank you to our hosts @mountlifeguards, the officials, our helpful parents, managers, coordinators organisers and coaches.

It takes a village, so I'm glad we have one.

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#### **Pool Rescue Information Session**

Pool Rescue is a fun and engaging way to stay connected to lifesaving over Winter. Maranui has a strong successful history with Pool Rescue events. The last two years has been about rebuilding the fun after Covid so now this year Head Coach Rhys Speirs has a strong desire to get Maranui back to the National stage

An information session is planned for **Sunday May 19th at 3:30pm** at Maranui SLSC. Come along and see what it's all about and where we are heading. Fun fun fun!

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Maranui is a club that is kept alive and driven forward by volunteers giving their time to help the club succeed.

One goal for next year is to spread the load and be purposeful about getting more people involved in helping to keep the club to moving forward.

There are lots of jobs that need some dedicated love from September to March – some are small, some are very small and some are a bit more involved. None of them really require any specialist skills that can't be easily picked up as you go or taught by someone handing over the baton.

All of them though will benefit from having someone with a different way of thinking, approach things with a new set of eye's.

We need people to help with Gear maintenance and repairs, accommodation, First Aid supplies, even the IRB motors could do with some love.

It might even be an idea to have a BBQ Officer, a Spade captain or a Boat Shed Controller - the list goes on .

We can pretty much guarantee there will be some little thing to suit everyone who has a bit of time they can put into supporting the Club.

So give it some thought and if you would like to get some more insight or are ready to put your hand up please speak to any of our directors (see contact list at end of newsletters) or contact Sue Tuia for a korero - [chair@maranui.co.nz](mailto:chair@maranui.co.nz)

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## **Job Vacancy – Building Manager**

Now the season is over most of you will have realised that running Maranui takes a significant amount of time, and a lot of people.

The roles are many and varied and some do not require any surf lifesaving skills. This job is one.

Maranui requires someone to take responsibility for its clubhouse.

This person will be tasked with ensuring the building is in good repair, both inside and out, ensuring it is

fit for purpose and preserved for the future.

It's an important role that will suit anyone who understand home ownership.

The incumbent will not need to be a tradie as all work required can, and currently is, carried out by contractors.

If you would like to join the team that governs the Club, then this is a great position as it is not too challenging but very rewarding.

To ensure a seamless handover, mentoring will be available for as long as necessary.

Please make contact with Francie Russell, Director of Business – [business@maranui.co.nz](mailto:business@maranui.co.nz) – or phone 0274 503443.



### **Maranui End of Season Celebration & Prize Giving 2024**

**Date: Sunday 5th May**

**Time: 3.00pm - 5.00pm**

**Venue: TBC**

This is held annually to celebrate the seasons achievements and recognise our club members. It's a full Maranui Celebration overing lifeguarding, junior surf, senior sports, instructors, coaches and service to Maranui SLSC.

The bar will be open, there will be soft drinks and party food and it would be great to see a big Maranui turn out so we can make some real noise!!

**PLEASE RSVP USING THE ONLINE FORM:** [Prize giving 2024](#) so we know how much onion dip to make!

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