

# St Clair Surf Lifesaving Club Newsletter



## Message from the Chair

There is never a dull week in Surf Lifesaving! Over the past 7 days we have had a rock rescue course, 2x Patrols, a Junior Surf Competition and a Vaccine Mandate from SLSNZ (more on that below).

With plenty going on it's important people stay up to date with the information - we don't want people to be left behind! We will keep producing a weekly newsletter with key information alongside posting regularly on our internal club Facebook group. Events are on the team up calendar (link below). We are always here to help so feel free to reach out to me or any of our committee members to ask questions or suggest improvements.

If you haven't yet renewed your 2021/2022 membership you can do this on the website now.

## SLSNZ Vaccine Mandate

You may have received this email on Friday the same time the club and SLSNZ staff received it: [SLSNZ Mandaite .pdf](#)

Since the email we have been working with SLSNZ about what this actually means for our lifeguards at St Clair and in the Otago/Southland area. Complicating things we have the shift to the traffic light system next week which will again throw up more challenges to us as a club. [COVID-19-Protection-Framework-22-October-2021.pdf](#)

Addressing the mandate from SLSNZ we ask that all Lifeguards send evidence of their vaccination record to Chris Haig <mailto:Chris@arl.co.nz>. Chris will then pass this information on to SLSNZ to ensure the club can comply with the mandate. It's important to note the following key points:

- Chris will be the only person in our club who will have access to these records and once passed on to SLSNZ they will be deleted. Chris will not share anyone's personal information with the committee

- There will only be two SLSNZ Staff (Jo Baker and her assistant) that will handle peoples COVID information. A tick box in the CRM will be put on each lifeguards profile (like the refresher) to note if someone is vaccinated or not. SLSNZ staff will not be able to run reports to see who is individually vaccinated or not

- If people are going to want to compete, attend events, attend course, Event Guard, official etc that are run by SLSNZ post 1 January SLSNZ will need to hold this information anyway

- It's highly likely SLSNZ will not make any other mandates in regards to COVID and restrictions and the mandate will likely cease at the end of the 2021/2022 patrolling season

The clubs committee is continually monitoring the COVID situation and how this impacts the entire club being our Juniors, Seniors, Parents and supporters. Any constructive help is greatly appreciated and can be offered to Cam.

If you have any concerns around the vaccine mandate from SLSNZ or the clubs approach to it then please reach out to Cam or a committee member you are comfortable talking to

## **Junior Surf**

We had an awesome weekend in the Junior space with about 50 competitors taking on the first interclub of the season. It was great to see our new members giving it a crack and hopefully learning what competition is all about. A parallel Junior Session was run at St Clair Beach so thanks to our team of volunteers for making it all happen. From being a team manager, loading trailers, coaching and running sessions it takes a hand from everyone!

This weekend it will be business as usual with our Junior Surf Session at St Clair from 9am. We look forward to seeing you there

## **Powercraft**

We are having an information night on Thursday for our Patrol Captains and our IRB operators to familiarise our members with our new equipment. We have a brand new hull and motor on every patrol so it's important we look after it. This is kicking off at 6pm and there will be some hot chips afterwards

We also have IRB legend Dave Hickey down on Friday for his regular Motor Maintenance workshop. This is kicking off at 3pm and many hands make light work so if you can help or keen to learn something new head down to the club on Friday.

## **Patrols**

This weekend we have Cam and Olivia Andrews Patrolling on Saturday and Crom on Sunday.

With a sport training day at Kaka Point on Saturday and a competition on Sunday there may be a few people needing to swap patrols so if you can help do keep an eye out.

## Sport

As noted above this weekend we have plenty on again! There is a sport training day and Rock Rescue Course at Kaka Point on Saturday. The Sport training day is open to Junior and Seniors so keep an eye out of Facebook for gear loading times.

We have the Senior Competition at KP on Sunday which includes the Bone of Contention. Contact Brent if you are keen to get amongst.

## Training this week

Thursday, Saturday and Sunday suitable for Juniors..

Wednesday: 5:30pm Senior board, St Clair

6pm IRB race training

Thursday: 4:30pm Junior board, St Clair

Friday: 5:30am Fitness/running, St Clair

4:30pm Ski, St Clair. Brent

Saturday 9am Otago sports training day. Kaka Point.

Gear loading time TBC

Sunday 9am Junior club day. St Clair (In wetsuits up stairs for 9am)

Senior Competition Kaka Point <https://www.surflifesaving.org.nz/media/995329/otago-interclub-2.pdf>

## Useful links

We know there is a lot to keep on top of when it comes to Surf so here are some useful links:

Surf Life Saving Otago Calendar: <https://teamup.com/kskxsqzb5sqxg3jwfh>

St Clair Patrol Roster: [St Clair Patrol Roster.pdf](#)

If you are not yet on the patrol roster and you want to be or you are interested in becoming a Lifeguard get in touch with us today at [stclairslsc@xtra.co.nz](mailto:stclairslsc@xtra.co.nz)







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