

National Lifeguard Championships

Five teams battled it out at the National Lifeguard Championships at Freyberg Pool in Wellington on 17 August. A total of six teams had been entered but unfortunately the team from Tauranga was unable to make the event due to the terrible weather conditions across the country.

The five teams were; Auckland, CLM, Wellington, Stadium 2000 and Waimakariri. Each member of the four person team had to be a qualified lifeguard and currently employed at the facility they were representing.

The competition included a dry land scenario, quiz and pool based events. The quiz and scenario ensured the competition wasn't just about being good swimmers but about being good lifeguards as well.

After a closely fought battle, Auckland was the victorious team with Stadium 2000 a very close second and Waimakariri third. The Auckland team consisted of North Shore Leisure's Craig Hustler, Community Leisure Management's Casey Coyle, Manukau Leisure's Ngereteina Teaukura and Simon Mittermeier from The Leisure Centre in Rodney.

This event is a unique opportunity to showcase lifeguard skills at a national level and raise the profile of our industry. It was great to see the many supporters there cheering on their teams.

We look forward to the 2012 Lifeguard Championships in Auckland!



Craig Hustler competing in the Manikin Tow (credit Auckland Council)