



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

WHANGAMATA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB - Head Coach Life Saving Sport

Whangamatā Surf Life Saving Club (WSLSC) invites expressions of interest for the position of **Head Coach** – Life Saving Sport for the upcoming season.

This is an exciting leadership opportunity to guide a dynamic and highly successful surf sports programme, supporting athletes from junior levels through to national and high-performance pathways.

While the role is based in Whangamatā, our membership extends beyond the Coromandel, with athletes and families from across the Bay of Plenty, Waikato, and Auckland regions.

About the Role

The position will be responsible for leading and delivering a structured, progressive coaching programme across multiple athlete levels. Key responsibilities include:

- Developing and implementing coaching programmes for Oceans, U16, U19, Open, and Masters athletes
- Preparing athletes for key competitions, including Pool Rescue Championships and National Surf Lifesaving Championships
- Identifying and supporting athletes progressing toward high-performance pathways and national representation
- Supporting skill development across the wider club, including mentoring and capability-building within junior programmes
- Assisting with injury prevention strategies, athlete monitoring, and return-to-performance planning
- Working collaboratively with team managers, selectors, and committees on competition planning and logistics

What We Offer

- Flexible working arrangements (hours and structure to be agreed)

- Accommodation in Whangamatā available during peak season
- A strong, supportive network of coaches, managers, and volunteers
- Access to a multidisciplinary approach to support athlete performance and wellbeing
- A fixed-term engagement for the 2026/2027 season, with the intention of continuity across future seasons, subject to review and mutual agreement

About You

We are seeking an individual who brings:

- Demonstrated surf lifesaving coaching experience (or equivalent)
- Strong leadership, organisational, and communication skills
- A commitment to athlete development and positive team culture
- An interest in performance development, injury prevention, and athlete wellbeing

Employment & Engagement Details (NZ Compliance)


- The nature of the engagement (employee vs independent contractor) will be confirmed prior to appointment, with a written agreement provided in accordance with New Zealand employment law.
- If the role is offered on a **fixed-term basis**, the agreement will clearly outline the genuine reason for the fixed term and how/when the role will end, as required under the Employment Relations Act 2000.
- Remuneration, hours of work, and any key performance expectations will be discussed and agreed with the preferred candidate before appointment.
- The successful applicant may be required to undergo appropriate checks (e.g., police vetting and/or safeguarding requirements) in line with Surf Life Saving New Zealand policies.

How to Apply / Request Information

For further information, including a draft position description or to discuss the role in confidence, please contact:

Club Manager

 manager@whangamatasurf.co.nz

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To submit an Expression of Interest, please provide a summary of your experience and availability.

Applications will be reviewed as they are received.

WSLSC is committed to fair and transparent recruitment processes and encourages expressions of interest from all suitably qualified candidates.