

## **2011 Australian Pool Rescue Championships**



Six PSLSC athletes attended the 2011 Australian Pool Rescue Championships in Canberra over the weekend of the 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> August.

Our six Papamoa SLSC lifeguards have returned from competing at this event which was held at the Australian Institute of Sport, Canberra – complete with medals.

Natalie Peat, competing for the NZ team bagged GOLD in the U17 100m manikin tow, 3<sup>rd</sup> 200m obstacles and a gold, silver and bronze in team relays.

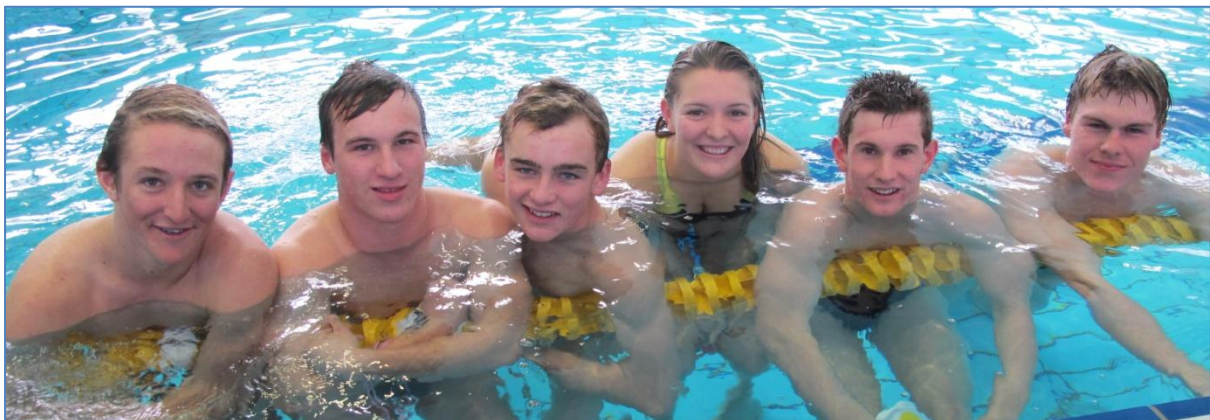
The Papamoa U17 boys of Mason Pickering, Michael Bryant, Seth Merrett and Hamish Smith upset the locals by winning GOLD in the 4 x 25m manikin carry relay.

In the individual events Ben Johnston was 5<sup>th</sup> in the 100m manikin tow with fins and Mason was 5<sup>th</sup> in the 100m rescue medley.

Coach Kurt Wilson believes that “the exposure for the team at this highest level puts these lifeguards and the club in good stead as the wave of our quality home grown talent comes up through the age groups. To compete at this level and to mix it with the best in the world is huge for the growth and development of these lifeguards”.

The team were fortunate enough to also stay at the Australian Institute of Sport in and amongst some of Australian’s top athletes. They also spent the weekend rubbing shoulders with the NZ Team, which proved as a sufficient asset for the boys to gaining great support from their role models.

We look forward to our National Pool Championships in October which will kick start the season of competition ahead of us. Please be sure to follow our progress and results on our website [www.papamoalifeguards.co.nz](http://www.papamoalifeguards.co.nz) and we look forward in your support in our future international competitions.



***Thanks for supporting us! .....Michael, Seth, Ben, Natalie, Hamish and Mason***

