

Second NZ title for Christie

THE FORMER surfing Championship Tour competitor and Mahia surfer Ricardo Christie took the national open surf title on Saturday in Gisborne's Makorori Beach.

Christie defeated Elliot Paerata-Reid (Piha), Levi Stewart (Waihi Beach) and Paul Moretti (Northland) in the final posting a 17.96 point heat total.

It is Christie's second title having won his first in 2005 as a 16-year-old.

The surfer now based on the Gold Coast returned to New Zealand waters to clinch the open men's title at the Health 2000 National Surfing Championships completed on Saturday.

Christie was joined by Mount Maunganui's Raha Ensor who claimed the open women's title, both surfers winning in dramatic fashion at Makorori Beach.

Christie's win helped local Gisborne Boardriders Club claim the top boardrider club in New Zealand taking the title from Raglan.

The final day of the event was contested in 1.0m waves with early offshore making way for sea breeze winds by mid-morning. However, the waves remained good throughout the day with New Zealand's best surfers putting on a phenomenal show for the packed-out beach.

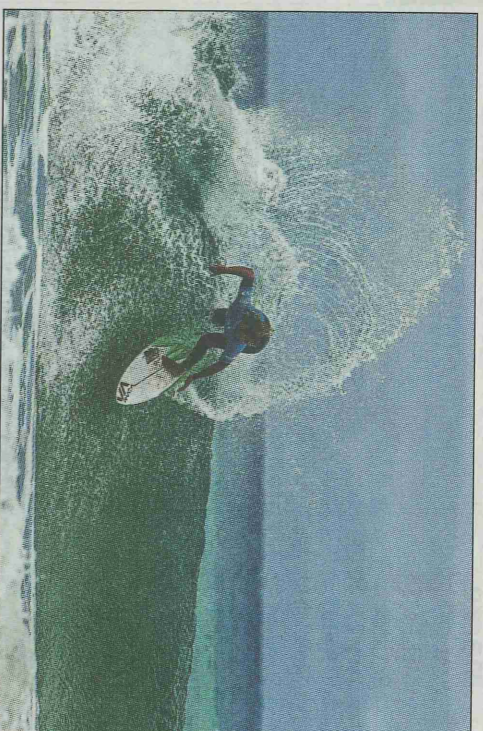
It is thirteen years since Christie claimed his first title as a 16-year-old and on Saturday he had to come



□ National surfing title holder Ricardo Christie wins the title for the second time at Makorori Beach, Gisborne, 13 years since he last held the title as a 16-year-old.

from behind in the last minute to clinch the win with a near perfect 9.93 ride topping Piha surfer Elliot Paerata-Reid.

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□ In winning form at Makorori, Ricardo Christie was determined to take the best wave in the last seconds of the final.

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□ Katherine Bulloch with her 11kg snapper pictured with her grandfather Willie Bulloch and brother Fintan.

Teen lands 11kg snapper

A 15-YEAR-OLD girl had a fishing experience she will never forget when she landed a whopping 11kg snapper.

Katherine Bulloch was holidaying at Mahia with her grandparents Willie and Terri Bulloch. She was fishing just a couple of hundred metres offshore in just three metres of water with a very light rod and reel.

At first she thought she had caught the bottom and after struggling for about quarter of an hour wound in the whopping catch. "The saying "fish your feet first" certainly came true.

Katherine's grandfather Willie Bulloch, is a well known diver and a colleague of the late Kelly Tarlton, who dived on the SS Tasmania which sunk off the coast of Mahia.

Public Notices

Ngāti Ruapani mai Waikaremoana Negotiations Trust

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST REQUIRED

Ngāti Ruapani mai Waikaremoana Negotiations Trust will be the body seeking the mandate for all claims for Ngāti Ruapani mai Waikaremoana.

Ngāti Hinokura is seeking expressions of interest from two (2) uri who whakapapa to Hinokura and/or Tuwai.

An election process will follow where voting will take place and the two highest polling candidates will be convened onto the **Ngāti Ruapani mai Waikaremoana Negotiations Trust**.

Elections and Voting will take place at Te Kuha Marea at 10:00 AM on the **27th of January 2018**. There will be no proxies. Uri must be over 18 and present to vote for two delegates.

- Agenda:
- Mihimihi
 - Apologies
 - Koroero from Nominees
 - Election
 - Confirmation of successful candidates
 - Karakia whakamutunga

Nominations Open on: 4 January 2018

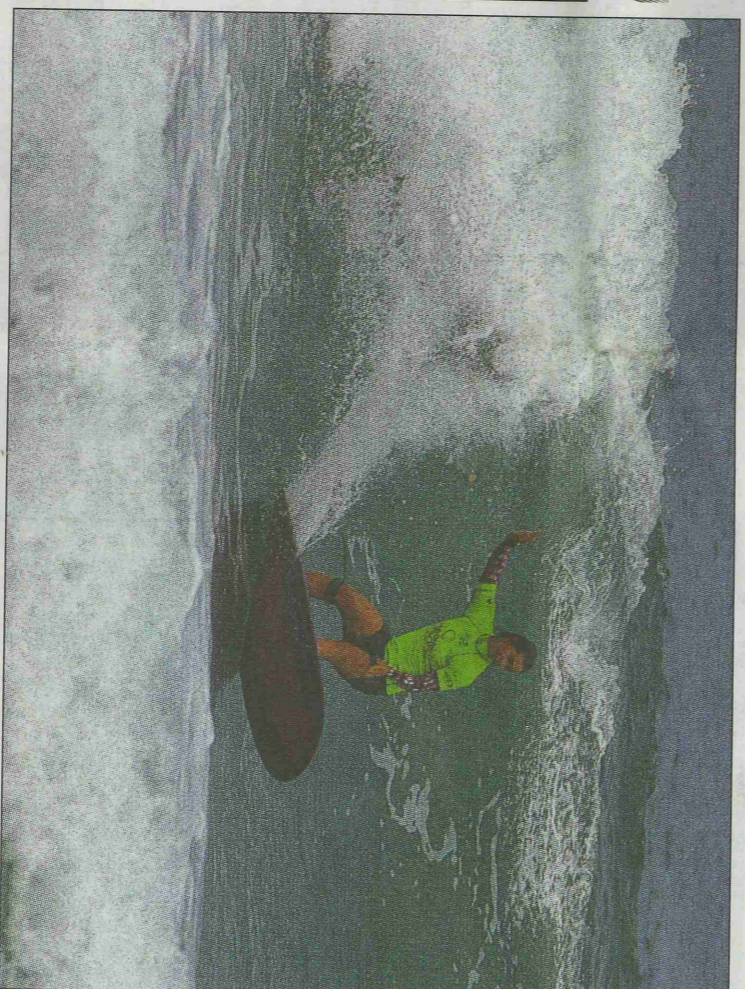
For copies of the nomination forms and further information please contact kara.dentice@gmail.com

ACV outlining your skills and experience must accompany your completed nomination forms.

All nominations must be received at the email above or by mail to Kara Puketapu - Dentice 338 Moores Valley Road, Wainuiomata, Lower Hutt 5373. **By Friday 19 January 2018 at 5:00 PM.**
Kara Puketapu-Dentice, Chair - Ngāti Ruapani mai Waikaremoana Working Group
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SECTION 101, SALE AND SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL ACT 2012.

Full name of the licence holder: Blue Ridge Holdings Ltd. Address: 47 Queen Street, Wairoa. Occupation: Limited Company. Has made application to the District Licensing Committee at Wairoa for the **renewal of a off licence**. In respect of premises situated at: *(or the specify kind of conveyance) known as) Bottle O, Wairoa*. The general nature of the business conducted (or to be conducted) under the licence is: **Bottle Store**. The days on which and the hours during which alcohol (is or is intended to be) sold under the licence are: **Monday to Sunday 8 am - 10 pm**. The application may be inspected during ordinary office hours at the office of the Wairoa District Licensing Committee at 97-103, Queen Street, Wairoa. Any person who is entitled to object and who wishes to object to the issue of the licence may, not later than 15 working days after the date of the publication of this notice, file a notice in writing of the objection with the Secretary of the Wairoa District Licensing Committee at PO Box 54, Wairoa 4160. No objection to the renewal of a licence may be made in relation to a matter other than a matter specified in section 131 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012. This is the first publication of this notice.
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□ **NATIONAL CHAMPION:** Sasha Brownlie, a relative latecomer to surfing, makes the most of a wave in the women's longboard final at the national surfing championships at Makorori on Thursday. She will be in China next week representing New Zealand at the ISA World Longboard Surfing Championship. Brownlie spent much of her formative years in the Gisborne-Wairoa district.
Picture by Collin/Surf2surf.com

Brownlie wins longboard champs

NATIONAL women's longboard champion Sasha Brownlie is firmly connected to Wairoa.

Next week she will be in China, in Wanning, on Hainan Island in the South China Sea, for the ISA World Longboard Surfing Championships.

Auckland-based Brownlie, 38, was a relative latecomer to surfing.

She is the daughter of Nick Brownlie, of Ruakiriuri, and Vicky Hewatson of Gisborne.

Both parents' families have long associations with farming, and their sporting pursuits, too, were land-based.

All Black rugby is in Nick Brownlie's heritage (Cyril, Maurice and Laurie

Brownlie were uncles) and equestrian pursuits are in Vicky Hewatson's.

"Sasha didn't learn to surf from her mother or father, but we're so proud of her," her Mum said.

Sasha was born in Napier, and went to school at Frasertown, Waerenga-o-Kuri, Northland and Gisborne.

It was not until she went into a flat in the surfing hotspot of Piha, in her 20s, that she learned to surf.

With the encouragement and support of friends Sasha took to her new sport with enthusiasm.

She has surfed her way to become the New Zealand women's longboard champion and has a chance to shine on the world stage.



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