

# BRONTE

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## NIPPERS NEWSLETTER WEEK 12



After a holiday hiatus....the newsletter returns – so much coming up! We hope you all had a terrific school holiday break, and that you have all been enjoying the summer Nippers sessions with blue sky and warm surf.

### UPCOMING FEBRUARY DATES

Mark your diaries with these ones (and find further detail below if relevant to you):

- Saturday 4 February: Dippers commences.
- Sunday 5 February: U11-U14 Branch Champs– 1km and 2km beach runs only (entries closed)
- Sunday 12 February: Club Champs Round 2
- Friday 10-Sunday 12 February: U11 Development Camp Sydney Branch (applications closed)
- Sunday 19 February: Rainbow Day at Bronte; State Champs team meeting at 11am
- Thursday 23-Sunday 26 February: State Championships (entries closed)
- For more, see the calendar here: [https://brontesurfclub.com.au/downloads/Nipper-Calendar-2022\\_23-v3.pdf](https://brontesurfclub.com.au/downloads/Nipper-Calendar-2022_23-v3.pdf)

### SYDNEY BRANCH CARNIVAL WRAP UP

Well done to all our competitors who did Bronte proud at the Sydney Branch Carnival last weekend at North Bondi! It was so great to see our kids competing. We applaud your amazing athleticism, positivity, patience (!) and team spirit.

The Branch Carnival used the Live Heats system for the first time which will ultimately lead to efficiencies in managing Carnivals (some teething issues as everyone masters it!). It means that you can track your results in real time and find them here: <https://liveheats.com/events/94408> Keep the band that you collected – that's yours to wear at every carnival going forward (next one: State).

There were other 'firsts' this Branch: new venue, new host Club etc. Branch has sought feedback (anonymous) via this form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WWQRQJL>

**Thank you** to all our volunteers – age managers, water safety, officials - whose contribution allowed our kids to compete. We thank especially the parents who volunteered on Sunday through delays and the U11s and U12s who so disappointingly, had their program cut. You are one special bunch of families.

**Good luck** to our 1km and 2km beach runner competitors who take to the sand at Maroubra on Saturday. Go Bronte!!

**Sydney Branch Junior Life Saver Of the Year (JLOTY) Awards:** A huge congratulations to Charlie James and Henry Baxter who were finalists in the Sydney Branch Junior Lifesaver of the Year awards announced at Branch on Sunday. The application and selection process was rigorous. We could not be prouder of these two fine ambassadors of the Club!

### **DIPPERS, Bronte, Saturday 4 Feb – 11 March 8am-9am**

Our Bronte Dippers program commences this Saturday! Dippers is an inclusive Nippers program, run in conjunction with Autism Swim. Bronte Dippers will run for 8 weeks on Saturday mornings from 8am-9am. We have an incredible bunch of volunteers signed up but will always welcome more. Please let [dippers@brontesurfclub.com.au](mailto:dippers@brontesurfclub.com.au) know if you are keen, and sign up via [this link](#). Read more about the program [here](#) and see a terrific article written by Bronte patroller and SMH journalist, Andrew Taylor, [here](#).

**CLUB CHAMPS, Sunday 12 February, U8-U14 from 7am- approximately 10am if full program** See **timetable [here](#)**. Set up from 6am.

Sunday nippers is designed to be non-competitive, where kids learn and practice surf lifesaving skills as a group. The exception to this is Club Championships which are normally held on 2 mornings over the season for U8-U14. At Club Championships, the kids compete in a range of races (both in the water and on the sand) using the skills they have learned during Nipper sessions. The child with the most points over both rounds will become that age group's Club Champion at the end of the season. All U8-U14 Nippers are encouraged to compete in these friendly races:

- Sand events for all are: beach sprint and flags.
- Water events are:
  - U8: wade race
  - U9 and U10: swim race and board race
  - U11-U14: swim race, board race and ironperson

Wetsuits are not permitted for Club Champs (except U8 wade).

We need plenty of help to run Club Champs! Please could all qualified officials assume they are needed as finish judges. All parents encouraged to assist with set up.

## **RAINBOW DAY @ Bronte on Sunday 19 February**

In celebration of inclusion, diversity and fun, Rainbow Day returns to Bronte on Sunday morning 19 February! Make everyone welcome at the beach by adding a touch of colour to your beach kit. We will be supplying some bright zinc for any kids and parents to apply. There are similar celebrations taking place at surf clubs along Sydney's beaches and a rainbow paddle-out is scheduled after 10am with our friends from Tamarama (subject to conditions). All patrollers, water safety and U11-U14 nippers (water-safety-pending) are welcome to join.

## **STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – Queenscliff and North Steyne – Thursday 23 and Friday 24 February (U9, U10) Friday 24 February - Sunday 26 February (U11-U14)**

State Champs is almost upon us! To all our competitors – keep up your training and enthusiasm. Entries are closed for State. Please speak to your age managers with any specific queries. Note that as Carnivals are volunteer-run, the parents of any entered child are **expected to volunteer** at the event - water safety and officials quotas apply to **all** carnivals.

**Commitment!** registrations have closed. Age managers have formed teams based on your registrations, volunteer quotas are set, time has been sought off school and work, the Club has ordered uniforms and will shortly pay a significant entry fee bill. **Nippers are expected to attend all their events and any no-shows will be followed up per policy.** If your circumstances have changed, please **email asap your age managers and:** [nippers@brontesurfclub.com.au](mailto:nippers@brontesurfclub.com.au).

**Event information:** Note that the Club does not have any information additional to what is published online by SLS NSW – but there is loads of information! It's all [here](#). Please take some time to read the information posted. It is updated regularly and includes timetables, FAQ's, maps etc. See also our Competitor Guidelines for Nipper Carnival Participation [here](#).

**Event programs:** see [here](#) for the latest draft of the programs. Programs are always subject to change.

**Volunteers required:** we have a large contingent going to State Champs and need 11 officials and 12 water safety. Please email [nippers@brontesurfclub.com.au](mailto:nippers@brontesurfclub.com.au) to volunteer as an official, and [watersafety@brontesurfclub.com.au](mailto:watersafety@brontesurfclub.com.au) to volunteer as water safety. The draft officials roster has been published. **We are very short on our quotas – please sign up ASAP.**

All water safety with kids competing who are not officials should expect to be required to volunteer as water safety.

**Team meeting:** Sunday 19 February, upstairs at 11am. At the meeting, we will distribute uniforms and answer any questions.

**Communication at and about State:** all communication will be conducted via TeamApp. Make sure you download TeamApp and join the following pages:

- Bronte Nippers TeamApp: join the access group named 'State Team 2023' within our Bronte Nippers TeamApp. If you joined last year's group (State Team 2022), nothing required – we have rolled it over to this year.
- 2023 NSW State Championships: this TeamApp team is managed by SLS NSW

Please also ensure you have the phone numbers of your age managers and fellow parents.

**State team post-carnival celebration:** Friday 24 February from 5pm. Fish and chips and drinks at the club for our competitors and their families!

## GENERAL REMINDERS

**The Roll:** All nippers must be SIGNED IN AND SIGNED OUT.

**BBQ – U7G (11 December - 8am-11am):** Let your age managers know if you can assist on the BBQ this week. Help is required between 8am-11am. What a great way to help out our Club – no experience required!! BBQ roster is [here](#).

**Pack up:** Our Sunday Patrols have asked us to please pack up ALL nippers equipment. Lately, it has been on the beach for hours after Nippers has finished. It is not up to patrollers to bring in boards, flags nor the BBQ tent; once your session is finished, please pitch in to assist. All nipper boards must be packed in the nipper room by 11am. If your kids want to play on a board after Nippers, please look into buying a second hand one and bring it down.

**Water Safety:** all water safety must sign in via their age group's paper roll each week to accrue hours.

## WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ON SUNDAY!

**Nippers Committee:** Ant Burrows, Jessica Stewart, Al Visch, Tara O'Reilly, Amy Sharma, Steve Brown, Neil Hayward



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