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NIPPERS NEWSLETTER WEEK 5



We are so proud of every single Bronte club member who contributed to the Waverley Shield on Sunday! Congratulations to the amazing team of Nippers who competed, and to their wonderful parents for their volunteer efforts. Particular congratulations to our U8 groups who competed for the first time and to all our Nippers who raced, who tried something new, and who achieved their personal best.

An enormous thank you to our parents who volunteered, in particular the legends who came along to set up, without their own kids competing – wow - thank you everyone!

This is the first time that the LiveHeats system has been used at a Waverley Shield and you can find all the results online here: <https://liveheats.com/events/305231>

****Remember: no Nippers on Sunday 1 December (Bondi to Bronte Ocean Swim: see below). All U9+ nippers are encouraged to sign up for the Carroten Junior Ocean Swim, which is part of this iconic event!**

GENERAL REMINDERS

- **The Roll:** All nippers must be SIGNED IN AND SIGNED OUT.
- **Newly updated calendar:** [see here](#)
- **BBQ – U11B** this Sunday (7.45am-11.30am) Sign up to volunteer [here](#).
- **Water Safety (including bronzie age managers):** all water safety must sign in each week via the form outside the office to accrue hours.
- **Board and sand training (U9-U14):** this is now in full swing. Please see all information [here](#).
- **Upcoming carnivals (U9-U14):** See the [SLS Sydney Branch Surf Sports Calendar](#) for details of upcoming local Carnivals and let nippers@brontesurfclub.com.au know if you're keen to enter!

BONDI TO BRONTE AND JUNIOR OCEAN SWIM, Sunday 1 December at Bondi Beach: **No nippers for any age group on 1 December.** U9-U14 encouraged to enter!**

The Bondi-to-Bronte and Junior Ocean Swim is Bronte SLSC's major event of the season. It's an incredible day, proudly run by the volunteers of our Club. Please:

- chat with your kids and enter them (U9-U13) in the Junior Ocean Swim at **Bondi** ([see all information here](#)). All Junior Ocean Swim entrants must be registered Nippers (from any SLSC) and pink rashies are compulsory.
- U14 and above can enter the main 2.4km swim ([see all information here](#)).
- The B2B is volunteer run and we encourage everyone to support it. Please [see here to volunteer](#).

CHAMPIONSHIP CARNIVALS - BRANCH AND STATE - RSVP'S REQUIRED [VIA THIS FORM](#)

Each season there are 2 Championship Carnivals where our top competitors compete against similar from Sydney Branch Clubs, and then NSW Clubs, for Nippers titles. Unlike 'participation' carnivals such as the Waverley Shield and regular [local carnivals listed here](#), these are **only** for our top, committed competitors who are enrolled in regular swimming, board paddling and/ or sand or running training. With limited exceptions, we're looking for a **maximum** of top 8 competitors per group, all of whom should have a LiveHeats band and prior Carnival experience.

- Entries for these carnivals open and close early (during the school holidays) and there are no late entries for either carnival.
- Only those who [complete this form](#) (1 per child) will be entered into either Carnival.
- Speak to your Age Managers this weekend if you are unsure.
- As with all carnivals, all families who send a nipper **are required to** volunteer in some way (water safety, officials, first aid, white shirt age manager, IRB, IRB transport, tent transport, set up and pack up).
- Volunteer quotas are determined based on entries not on who turns up on the day. If your child commits, you commit!

Read on if this sounds like you!

SYDNEY BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS (U9-U14) 7 and 9 February at Bate Bay (Cronulla & Wanda). RSVPs required by 15 Dec

If your child is keen to compete at Branch, please [complete this form](#) (1 per child) by Sunday 15 December.

Branch Champs will be held for Nippers and senior competitors at Bate Bay over one weekend. Beach Runs for U11-U14 will be on Friday 7 February (from 5pm) at Cronulla. Remaining events for nippers will be on Sunday 9 February at Cronulla (U9, U10) and at Wanda (U11-U14).

- All information published in relation to the Carnival to date is [on this page](#), in particular [in this bulletin](#). This is where the Club gets all info, so please check here if you have a query.
- The draft timetables are here:

- [Distance Runs U11+](#)
- [U9, U10 & Inclusive](#)
- [U11-U14](#)
- Please read [Bronte's competition policy](#) for Nipper Carnivals.
- There are **no late entries** to Branch Champs; entries close during the holidays.
- Remember that this is a championship (not a participation) Carnival so **only strong competitors** who are enrolled in regular training should enter. Nippers should have some Carnival experience and a LiveHeats band.
- Qualifying events for State Champs for U11+ will be held at Branch Champs. These include iron, board rescue and all age relays.
- There is a new requirement that Iron competitors must have competed at 3 Carnivals this season. We are in discussions with Branch re this – stay tuned.
- Sign up links for parent volunteer purposes will follow. See [nipper sign up form](#) and the following for Branch volunteering forms links: [Officials](#) and [First Aid](#)

NSW NIPPER STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (U9-U14), 6-9 March 2025 @Queenscliff. RSVPs required by 15 Dec

If your child is keen to compete at State, please [complete this form](#) by Sunday 15 December (note this is the same form as the above - 1 form per child).

State champs (U9-U14) will be held at Queenscliff SLSC from 6-9 March 2025:

- EVERY SINGLE detail will be posted [to this page](#) (the Club gets all its information [from this page](#) and is not sent anything additional (the relevant Championships is the 'Age Championship').
- LiveHeats will be used. Competitors must have a band (replacement bands can be purchased).
- The timetable has not yet been published but, in particular for U9 and U10, be mindful of the need to take time of school and work. The timetable will be published [to this page](#).
- Please read [Bronte's competition policy](#) for Nipper Carnivals.
- There are **no late entries** to State Champs.
- Remember that this is a championship (not a participation) Carnival so **only strong competitors** who are enrolled in regular swimming, board paddling and/or sand / running training should enter. Competitors should have prior Carnival experience and a LiveHeats band. For most events there are no pre-qualifications required (excepting some U11+ events, which are determined at the Sydney Branch Carnival).
- During the Carnival, SLS NSW communicates via Stack TeamApp: download Stack TeamApp, search for "2025 NSW State Championships" and click 'Become a member of this Stack Team App'.
- Sign up links for parent volunteer purposes will follow.

SUNDAY SIPS & SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The Club has a terrific range of social and training events for adult members:

- Sunday Sips is held upstairs at the Club every Sunday afternoon.

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- Pilates with Harries at 6am on Monday and Friday mornings (\$22 card-only payment). Bring your own mat. Spots are limited so don't be late!
- Sunday Surf Race at 11am on Sundays with Barry Brignell. Handicapped swim race around the cans, and available to all proficient Bronze Medallion holders, SRC, and Competition Squad members (comp squad participants subject to the approval of Al Visch).
- Swim group with Garry Luscombe, Wednesdays 6am at Bondi (meet in front of North Bondi SLSC).
- Running group with DK, Thursdays 6am at Bondi (meet in front of Bondi SBSLC).
- Paddle groups (beginners and intermediate) for proficient Bronze Medallion holders (Tuesday mornings) - check the website and join the relevant Club WhatsApp groups for details.

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

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



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