

BRONTE

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NIPPERS NEWSLETTER WEEK 7



What an amazing morning at Bronte! It was so great to see so many nippers out in the water and to welcome the water police back to Bronte Nippers!

Congratulations to Emily Snow who competed at the North Narrabeen Beach Carnival and won the U12 flags event, and came 6th in the sprint – Go Em!

Merchandise: be sure to sort out your Christmas shopping this Sunday - our Merchandise stall will be open for the last time this year this Sunday 15 December.

BBQ –8G & U8B this week: What a great way to help out our Club – no experience required- BBQ roster is [here](#).

Santa visit: Rumour has it that Santa will be visiting the beach this weekend! We hear that he plans to appear around **8.55am** to visit the 8am and 9am groups, and will return at around **10.45am** to see the 10am groups. Ho ho ho....

Holiday planning

Nippers holiday dates: this Sunday is the last Nippers for 2024. Nippers will resume on Sunday 12 January.

Nippers training holiday dates:

- Beginners board squad: last session Tuesday 17 December; training resumes Tuesday 21 January.
- Development and Competition squads: last session Saturday 17 December; training resumes Saturday 18 January.
- For those nippers who wish to continue training during the holidays, we recommend that you attend Jo Mermaid's fantastic nippers holiday camps: <https://www.mermaidswim.com.au/session-category/surf-sports/>
- Sand training: last session was Tuesday 10 December; training resumes on Tuesday 29 January.

Office Closure: the Bronte office will close on 20 December 2024 and reopen on 6 January 2025. Please sort everything required prior! (ie. carnival entries etc)

Additional Christmas patrol cover needed: with many heading away at a time when our beaches are especially busy, we have a few patrols short on patrollers! If you are in town over Christmas and can help cover a half patrol or a full patrol or even more than one patrol, please let us know [via this short survey](#) as soon as you can. Thank you in advance. *Current Bronze Medallion holders only (orange rashie).

Dippers: Dippers is returning! Dippers is a modified Nippers program for neuro-diverse kids and is run in conjunction with Autism Swim at Bronte on Saturday mornings at 8am in Term 1. Dippers is led by a specialist from Autism Swim, and is staffed by Bronte volunteers. It's an incredible program – just as fun for volunteers as participants! Please see [here](#) for information regarding Dippers and [here](#) to sign up to volunteer. Bronze Medallion holders preferred.

Upcoming Nipper carnivals: ****Check list of entrants to date at end of this newsletter.** All entries due as per below to nippers@brontesurfclub.com.au or via form where relevant. Please see the latest calendar [here](#) as well as our Competitor Guidelines for Nipper Carnival Participation [here](#):

- Saturday 4 January: Wamberal - Race One Junior Iron 2025. All welcome. **Due by 15 December.**
- Sunday 12 January: Manly Nipper Nats. All welcome. **Due by 15 December** (entries close over break)
- Sunday 26 January: North Cronulla Junior Iron Carnival (not yet open but let nippers@brontesurfclub.com.au know if keen)
- Friday 7 February: Sydney Branch Carnival – Beach Runs U11-U14, North Cronulla. Discuss with your Age Manager. Sign up [via this form](#) **due by 15 December.**
- Sunday 9 February: Sydney Branch Carnival. U9-U10, Cronulla; U11-U14, Wanda. Discuss with your Age Manager. Sign up [via this form](#) **due by 15 December.**
- Thursday 6 March – Friday 7 March: NSW State Age Championships (U9 & U10 championship carnival –Queenscliff). See info below. Sign up [via this form](#) **due by 15 December.**
- Friday 7 March– Sunday 9 March: NSW State Age Championships (U11-U14 – championships carnival – Queenscliff). Sign up [via this form](#) **due by 15 December.**
- Note that as Carnivals are volunteer-run, the parents of any child who enters are **expected to volunteer** at the event - water safety and officials quotas apply to **all** carnivals.

*Note for State Champs, the [officials nomination form](#) closes this Sunday.

CHAMPIONSHIP CARNIVALS - BRANCH AND STATE - RSVP'S REQUIRED [VIA THIS FORM](#) ****Check list of entrants to date at end of this newsletter.**

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 ****Check list of entrants to date at end of this newsletter.**

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.
- 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
****Check list of entrants to date at end of this newsletter.**

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 is now published: [State Champs Timetable](#)
 - U9 and U10: Thursday 6 and Friday 7 March.
 - U11-U14: Friday 7 March – Sunday 9 March.
 - All parents of all competitors competing on Thursday and Friday must expect to take time off work, and arrange for their children to take time off school. Blank the necessary parts of your diary now! Volunteer quotas do not budge for work meetings 😊
- 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.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ON SUNDAY – HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!!

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

BRANCH CHAMPS ENTRANTS	
Angus	Brickell
Bowie	Whittle
Frankie	Hack
Hugo	Luna
Lachlan	Coulson
Thea	Hayward
Aidan	Kelly
Angie	Visch
Angje	Dormia
Arabella	Boyle
Arabella	Goulter
Boyd	Green
Charlotte	Brickell
Charlotte	Kelly
Clementine	Green
Edison	Whalan
Ella	O'Brien
Eloise	Oranje
Emily	Snow
Flynn	Gilmore
Francesca	Rugendyke
Frankie	Towill
Fred	Singleton
Georgina	Ward
Harriet	Towill
Henri	Delesclegs
Jade	Visch
Javier	Lopez Crestani
Lexi	Smith
Lilly Rose	Kivader
Lottie	Sharma
Lucas	Kelly
Lucas	Recio
Lucy	Delesclegs
Luke	Haddock
Max	Hart
Michael	Rugendyke
Milo	Cook
Morgan	Penny
Morgan	Sharma

STATE CHAMPS ENTRANTS	
Aidan	Kelly
Angie	Visch
Angje	Dormia
Arabella	Boyle
Arabella	Goulter
Boyd	Green
Charlotte	Brickell
Charlotte	Kelly
Clementine	Green
Edison	Whalan
Ella	O'Brien
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Lucas	Kelly
Lucas	Recio
Lucy	Delesclegs
Luke	Haddock
Max	Hart
Milo	Cook
Morgan	Penny
Morgan	Sharma
Nicholas	Fasol
Noah	Timewell
Olivia	Dargue
Parker	Recio
Presley	Whalan
Rafferty	Mulligan
Roque	R Rendic

RACE ONE IRON WAMBERAL	
Frankie	Rugendyke
Luke	Haddock
Lexi	Smith
Rosie	Rugendyke
Tilly	Smith
NIPPER NATS ENTRANTS	
Charlotte	Brickell
Edison	Whalan
Emily	Snow
Lexi	Smith
Luke	Haddock
Max	Hart
Presley	Whalan
Tilly	Smith
NORTH CRONULLA JUNIOR IRON	
*not yet open;	the following
intend to enter	
Charlotte	Brickell
Luke	Haddock
Max	Hart
Parker	Recio
Lucas	Recio
Noah	Timewell

BRANCH CHAMPS ENTRANTS	
Nicholas	Fasol
Noah	Timewell
Olivia	Dargue
Parker	Recio
Presley	Whalan
Rafferty	Mulligan
Roque	R Rendic
Rosa	Hayward
Rosie	Rugendyke
Ruben	Lopez Crestani
Ruby	Rutherford
Sam	Kelliher
Sofiya	Taylor
Sullivan	Oranje
Teddy	Heritage
Thomas	Penny
Tilly	Smith
Will	Kelliher
William	Oranje
Willow	Sharma

STATE CHAMPS ENTRANTS	
Rosa	Hayward
Rosie	Rugendyke
Ruben	Lopez Crestani
Ruby	Rutherford
Sam	Kelliher
Sofiya	Taylor
Sullivan	Oranje
Teddy	Heritage
Thomas	Penny
Tilly	Smith
Will	Kelliher
William	Oranje
Willow	Sharma