

# BRONTE

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## 2025 NSW State Champs newsletter – go Team Bronte!

### Weather related updates (more to come).

- Organisers are continuously monitoring the weather and the swell.
- Be prepared to be super flexible and open minded!
- Be well informed: changes to be communicated via TeamApp: Download TeamApp, join the '2025 NSW State Championships' (managed by SLS NSW) and have notifications switched on;
- Program will be amended on a rolling basis. Major changes to date:
  - All age groups: no surf team events; no board rescue events.
  - [New Thursday program now released](#) on TeamApp. U10 water @ Shelly Beach; boys from 7.45am; girls from 11.45am. No surf teams event.
  - Friday: U9 water at Shelly Beach (likely similar program). Older age groups @ Manly TBC.
  - Saturday TBC. Possible: U11/U12 @ Shelly / U13/14 @ Manly.
- No tents @ Shelly Beach as this beach is a marine park. SLS will provide shade for marshalling.
- 3 Bronte tents are already in position between Queenscliff & Manly.
- Water Safety sign in: this may move to Manly SLSC. TBC.

### Need-to-knows:

- Read this [SLS Final Event Information](#), together with the embedded links.
- Ensure you have your team's contact details and mobile numbers in your phone.
- Keep [this page open](#) on your phone. It has all planning information you need to know. It is updated regularly.
- [Check the programs](#). Note these will be updated so [check for the latest here](#).
- Pack the essentials the night before: Liveheats band, Bronte competition cap (blue on right hand side), swimmers, Bronte uniform, board, goggles, towels, sunscreen, permanent marker, water, snacks (no single-use plastics), all weather gear, an umbrella (for rain and for sun) a chair, a list of your child's LiveHeats position numbers, endless cheer and patience!
- If you're qualified, pack full water safety and officials kit, whether or not you are rostered. We need parents at-the-ready to plug gaps. Team Bronte will be stood down until no-shows are resolved.
- Read [the information on this page](#) to understand how Liveheats and marshalling will work.
- Make a note of your LiveHeats position numbers for each of your events. These numbers are used for marshalling, instead of names: go to the [SLS NSW page on LiveHeats](#), click on the 2025 NSW State Age Championships and enter your nipper's name in the search bar. Check with your Age Managers which Team your child is in (A, B or C). Write these numbers on your nipper's upper arm in permanent marker for the day's events.
- Familiarise yourselves with the [event rules](#). The kids will be briefed prior to each race. Once the race begins, they cannot be directed by water safety or officials, so they need to know the rules.

- Competitors are responsible for ensuring they are correctly recorded by the LiveHeats recorders.
- Book your parking [here](#). There is a drop-off zone in Pacific St.
- Arrive early. There is a reasonable walk from the parking areas to the event. Be in time to find the relevant tent, collect your compulsory 2025 lycra vest from your Age Manager, participate in warm ups, and attend the briefings if you are a volunteer. If you are an Age Manager or acting Age Manager, please arrange to collect the lycra vests from our Team Managers first thing on the first day of your age group's competition (Thursday: Clare/Ant Burrows / Friday: Thomas Whalan).

**Pink rashies:** each competitor is issued a compulsory 2025 pink lycra vest which they must wear to compete. These must be collected by Team Managers who will then distribute to Age Managers or their parent delegate only. If your size is incorrect, it is up to you to switch it at the admin centre (North Steyne SLSC). If in doubt, go smaller.

**Liveheats:** all competitors must bring their Liveheats wristband. Replacement bands can be purchased at the Event Administration Centre (North Steyne SLSC) for \$5.

**Communication:** [Join the new Bronte WhatsApp group](#) – 'State 2025' for intra club comms. All communication from SLS will be via TeamApp and over loud-hailers in each area. Make sure you:

- download TeamApp and join this team: '2025 NSW State Championships' (managed by SLS NSW);
- Have your notifications switched on;
- Keep an ear out for loud speaker announcements. These may override TeamApp alerts if last minute marshalling changes are required.

**Contingency Locations:** this year, there are a number of contingency locations listed should conditions warrant a move. Any decision to relocate will be communicated via Team Managers and the SLS TeamApp.

### **Age Managers / Acting Age Managers:**

- 7.30am team managers meetings in area each morning. Listen out for additional meetings – these will likely be called to communicated changes.
- Water warm ups are strictly: 7.10am-7.25am – swim (NO BOARDS); 7.30am-7.45am – board (NO SWIMMING). Hi vis and water safety required. No competitors within 50m of course set up.
- Note the LiveHeats position numbers for your kids.
- Team substitutions: These need to be done *in advance of marshalling*. There are 2 options:
  - By a Team Manager; or
  - In person at the Admin Centre at North Steyne SLSC.
- Adding events: this can be done for a fee by 8am each morning at the admin centre.
- Protest form is [here](#). Verbal protest must be made to the referee immediately and written protest submitted within 15 minutes. You must alert Ant Burrows (Thursday Team Manager: 0402991881) or Thomas Whalan (Friday – Sunday Team manager: 0438328647). A fee will be charged (\$110). Protests need to be linked to the [SLSA Surf Sports Manual, 37<sup>th</sup> edition](#). Remember that protests are rarely successful. We will only proceed if it's a final.
- For races that allow 'handling': one handler only; must wear a Club comp cap and hi vis.

**Volunteers:** thank you to the superstars who have put their hands up to help, in particular the legends who have taken time off work to attend and volunteer without their own child competing! Remember that the entire carnival is volunteer run: please be gracious in all your interactions.

- The officials roster is [here](#). The information briefing is [here](#). Officials sign on (& shirt collection) is from 6am-7am each day, upstairs at Queenscliff SLSC with briefings in area at 7am or 30 minutes prior to the reporting time in that area. Officials can present their badge to secure parking within Lagoon Reserve.
- The water safety roster is [here](#). Water safety sign on (& rashie collection) is downstairs at Queenscliff SLSC (for Shelly Beach volunteers, this may move to Manly SLSC – TBC), 45 minutes prior to the shift. They must bring a Bronte tube (collect this weekend), fins and a patrol/orange cap. Wetsuit strongly recommended. \*Update for Sat/Sun shifts: attend the briefing early to greatest chance of allocation to your child's area. Allocations are first come, first served.
- The IRB roster is [here](#). IRB sign on is 1hr prior to shift.

All officials and water safety **must attend on time and sign on at Queenscliff SLSC**. This venue may be updated with changes to the program. If volunteers cannot attend on the day for any reason, you need to let the following people know as Bronte kids will not be permitted to compete without the role fulfilled: [statechampionships@surflifesaving.com.au](mailto:statechampionships@surflifesaving.com.au); [nippers@brontesurfclub.com.au](mailto:nippers@brontesurfclub.com.au) and [directorofnippers@brontesurfclub.com.au](mailto:directorofnippers@brontesurfclub.com.au).

All those qualified, even if not rostered, should bring their gear, listen for alerts and be ready to step in.

**Look after children of volunteers:** Bronte cannot compete without parents volunteering as officials, water safety, IRB and Age Managers. **These parents are relying on you**, as an age group, to look after their child as you would look after your own. Make sure EVERY child gets to their events, is accompanied to the toilets, has sunscreen applied, is fed and watered, and has a handle on all their possessions.

**Tents:** Thank you to our tent volunteers!

- There are 3 Bronte tents and all are branded either Bronte or Bondi-to-Bronte so you can find them with ease. They have been placed:
  - Tent 1: at the far north end, next to Queenscliff SLSC, in front of the Beach 1 sand track.
  - Tent 2: at the south end, between North Steyne SLSC and the BBQ.
  - Tent 3: also at the south end, with a view to this tent being taken to Shelly by relevant age groups if needed.
- At the end of each competition day, please lower the large tents and consider removing or tying the canopy to reduce any damage due to weather overnight. Ensure the sand bags are in place on each leg and return the sand to the beach at pack down. Do not leave anything in the tents.
- Help your tent transporters out! They are heavy and require more than one person.

**Event clashes:** all competitors have been entered into all possible events to give kids flexibility on the day. Note, however, that U11-U14 kids will generally need to choose between sand and water events. Any

issues regarding event clashes will need to be raised via the Team Manager to the Competition Liaison Officer in your area.

**Scrutineering of boards:** if your fibreglass board (private or club) does **not** have a manufacturers compliance decal or an SLSA endorsed sticker, it will need to be scrutineered (weighed, measured and compliance 'scrutineering sticker' applied to prove it adheres to minimum standards). Please check: if you need a scrutineering sticker, find the scrutineering tent (generally behind/near the host the Surf Club) and arrange for this to be done (it is a free service). Do this early! There will be queues. Boards can be spot-checked, in particular for finals. Non-stickered boards may be disallowed.

**State team post-carnival celebration:** Sunday 9 March: an extra special Sunday Sips to celebrate State Champs! Gather with fellow competitors and their families from 4pm with food from 5pm.

**Thank you:** a massive thank you to our age managers, coaches, officials, water safety, IRB transporters, IRB drivers and crew, tent transporters and every other parent who has pitched in so far. Our kids can't compete without you.

**Good luck to the kids, have a heap of fun and represent the Club with pride and integrity.**

**Go Bronte!!!**