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NIPPERS NEWSLETTER WEEK 18



THANK YOU ANT BURROWS!

Thank you, Ant for your extraordinary leadership over the past 5 years! How lucky we have been to have you at the helm. Leading by example, Ant has upskilled a generation of Bronte nippers in the waves and out the back at Bronte. He has a rare ability to calmly balance risk with 'you can do it' encouragement, making everyone feel safe while having bucket loads of fun. Nothing makes Ant happier than seeing Bronte awash with pink rashies - Nippers on boards, on swimming safaris and catching waves.

Ant's contribution goes well beyond Sundays – as the Director of Nippers, Ant also serves on Bronte's Board of Management and has dedicated countless hours to steering the Club through a time of enormous change and growth. Ant isn't going far – as an uber-volunteer, he's indefatigable! He's on patrol, runs adult board training, volunteers on the IRB, helps train the SRC and Bronze Medallion courses, is Water Safety Director for the Bondi to Bronte Ocean Swim and will still be around to support team Burrows at Nippers and Cadets on Sundays. Thank you Ant – we are so grateful!

THANK YOU TO THESE EXTRAORDINARY VOLUNTEERS

Behind the scenes of Bronte Nippers, there are more than a few legends who turbo charge their volunteering to ensure our program runs smoothly and caters to everyone. Thank you to these amazing Nippers Committee members who are stepping back after many years of leadership.

Al Visch our board training coordinator for the past 5 years! As water sports coordinator, Ant has worn all the hats - age manager, board coach, competition team manager, and behind-the-scenes organiser of the Bronte Board training program. He's our go-to for all things water at Nippers, is an amazing sounding board and has contributed enormously to all aspects of Nippers planning.

Amy & Zac Sharma our sand training dream team! Fierce advocates for the 'sandies', Zac and Amy have grown our cohort, coached the crew, run the flags and track at Club Champs, jumped in as officials, set in place an excellent training program, and nurtured the considerable talents amongst our Nippers.

Neil Hayward as Neil's daughters have graduated from Nippers into the Cadets program, so has Neil! Thank you Neil for volunteering for every aspect of our program, in particular leading Bronte's 'hosting' of the Waverley Shield, overseeing Club Champs and helping to train and coordinate our officials.

Finn Crotty one of our amazing Sunday water safety leads. Resplendent in orange - week in, week out- he is on the beach at sparrows, liaising with the lifeguards, setting up the water areas, and taking on a hefty responsibility with a smile to ensure our kids can get in the water safely each Sunday.

TO EVERYONE!!

- a massive thank you for joining us and making this season a great one!
- a huge congratulations to our SRC graduates and Club Champs and special awardees – what an epic bunch! Well done to all the kids and to the parents and volunteers who supported them.
- Sunday 29 March, 9am @ Bronte Public School: end-of-season awards morning for U8+ Club Champs and special award winners and State Champs medallists. We invite all our recipients and their families to attend. Our 2026/27 Nippers Captains and Vice Captains will also be announced. All welcome;
- if your U6, U7 or U8 child missed receiving their medal, they are welcome to collect them from the office;
- **number 1 tip: *keep up the swimming lessons and squads over winter*** – it's the best thing you can do to encourage a positive and safer experience at Nippers. This applies to all age groups;
- we'd love to hear from you! We'd be grateful if you could complete this survey to assist us to improve our program: [Bronte Nippers end of season survey 2025_26](#)
- diarise June 2026: registrations for next season will open sometime mid-year (check website near the time for exact dates). As we did this year, re-enrolling Nipper families will have an exclusive enrolment period, after which registration opens to all; and
- **Enjoy your Sunday sleep-ins!**



BOARD RETURN ASAP

If you have any Bronte boards at home *for any reason whatsoever*, please return them to the Club ASAP.

Secondhand boards: now is a good time to buy! Search Facebook for this group: 'Second Hand Surf Lifesaving Craft, Surf Lifesaving Only', or try Gumtree, Facebook Marketplace and Geartrade.

All nippers who participate in training must have their own board. No exceptions.

QUINN DARRAGH'S 24 HOUR SWIM ACROSS BONDI, TODAY! GO QUINN! Quinn Darragh (life-long Bronte member from Nippers to now, current Age Manager, Waverley Lifeguard and all-round legend) is attempting a record-breaking 24-hour continuous swim across Bondi Beach. This comes less than a year after he underwent a life-saving liver transplant following an autoimmune disease diagnosis. His mission is to raise awareness for organ donation and transplant recovery as well as to raise money for Oceanheroes, which helps neurodivergent kids experience surfing. To support his efforts, click here: <https://www.givenow.com.au/quinnos-24hr-swim-across-bondi>

DONATION BRICKS

Don't miss the chance to secure your named brick! Your named bricks within the new Clubhouse walls will literally help build the new home of Bronte Nippers. To purchase a brick, to contribute, and to keep up to date with progress, [click here](#).

BOARD TRAINING CONTINUES - EXTENDED TRAINING – MERMAID SWIM ACADEMY

As Club training has concluded, Jo Mermaid is offering extended board training via Mermaid Swim. [Please see here](#) for all the details! This is an awesome opportunity to keep training, especially while the water is warm. Suitable for intermediate paddlers (those moving from beginners to development) and above. Limited board hire also available from Mermaid Swim.

ALL-CLUB-CARNIVAL, Sunday 19 April

An epic, all Club, teams clash for SRC & Bronze Medallion holders: Patrollers vs Water Safety vs Cadets vs New Bronzies. Lock it in!

WINTER BRONZE (the 'Arctic' Bronze!)

See [this page](#) for all information about any upcoming Bronze Medallion courses, [including an EOJ form](#). We anticipate our 'Arctic Bronze' will take place during school Term 3 (July – September).

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT SEASON!



Nipper Age Group Awards 2025-2026

Age Group	1 st Place Club Champs	2 nd Place Club Champs	3 rd Place Club Champs	Club Spirit	Junior Life Saver
U8G	Winnie Semmler	Annabelle Migliorini Tied with: Sienna Burton		Fleur Haddad	Tillie Mintorn
U8B	Balthazar Metayer	Sebastian Werner-Gibbings	Dylan Dawson	Ruari Murphy	Max Dargue
U9G	Chloe Stalley	Annika Andersen	Evita Whalan	Matilda R Rendic	Sylvie Mulligan
U9B	Ned Piggin	Maverick Gavin	Max McCallion	Rufus Hough	Darcy Fitzpatrick
U10G	Ruby Rutherford	Arabella Goulter	Harriet Towill	Alessia Horder	Georgia Cruikshank
U10B	Lucas Recio Tied with: Roque R Rendic	Hugh Brennan		Angus Marr	Thomas Lang
U11G	Eleanor Mackenzie	Alessandra Haddad	Clementine Green	Parker McRae	Isla Ward
U11B	Teddy Heritage	Javier Lopez-Crestani	Milo Cook Tied with: Sullivan Oranje	Otto Majas	Max Dyer
U12G	Charlotte Brickell	Lucy Delesclefs	Frankie Towill	Isla Lastro	Matilda Kuppe
U12B	Reggie Gillespie	Parker Recio	Max Hart	Xavier Khalessi-Rad	Fred Singleton
U13G	Angie Visch	Tilly Smith	Rosie Rugendyke	Analise Haddad	Abigael Macartney
U13B	Ruben Lopez-Crestani	William Kelliher	Boyd Green	Ben Anderson	William Kelliher
U14G	Eve Croft	Eloise Oranje	Georgina Ward	Colette Disney	Lily Richards
U14B	Thomas Penny	Luke Haddock	Flynn Gilmore	Luke Haddock	Finley Norman-Nott
Special Age Group Awards	U8 Col McDermid Encouragement Award Noah Shabad	U8 Col McDermid Encouragement Award Prudence Nanquette	SRC Between the Flags Award Archie Marr	SRC Between the Flags Award Frankie Hack	

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