

BRONTE

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We're excited for Team Bronte this season! Here's some early information to help us get ready.

 **Competition Policy:** Please [read this document first](#) to ensure you understand the Club's policy in relation to competing for Bronte at Nipper Carnivals.

 **Dates:** Carnivals are listed on our Nipper Calendar [here](#). These can change. Double check:

- [Sydney Branch Surfsports Carnivals Page](#)
- [Sydney Northern Beaches Branch Surfsports Calendar](#)

 **Comms:** in addition to training communication streams, please join the:

- 'Carnivals' chat within the Bronte Nippers WhatsApp Community
- 'Surf Sports Sydney' team in Slack TeamApp (run by SLS Sydney Branch)

 **Liveheats:** this season, LiveHeats will be used to enter all Carnivals (no longer SEMS) and at all Carnivals. Individuals will be able to process their own entries. More to come as info rolled out.

 **Carnival entry fees:** the Club will pay Carnival entry fees for Nippers enrolled in Club training, excluding NSW State Championships, where nippers@brontesurfclub.com.au has received a request to enter prior to date cut off (via form for major Carnivals).

- State Champs entry will be covered by individual entrants this season. In recent years, entries have been paid for by the Club's non-Nippers income streams (kiosk / functions) which are not operational during the build.
- The Club will continue to cover Carnival entry fees other than State Champs.
- Nippers can also choose to enter themselves and pay for themselves (no refunding by Club)

 **Ironperson:** if your U11+ Nipper is keen to compete in Ironperson at the Sydney Branch Carnival, they must have competed in Ironperson at 3 Carnivals over the preceding calendar year. This will be checked by Sydney Branch via Liveheats records.

 **Officials sign up:** [sign up here](#) to officiate for Carnivals hosted by Sydney Branch Clubs. The earlier you nominate, the more likely you are to be placed per your request! State Champs sign up will be uploaded on the NSW State Champs website shortly. Keep checking!

 **Interbranch Team:** if your child is interested in representing Sydney Branch at the Inter-Branch Carnival, [see all information here](#). Nominations are due [via this form](#) by 10 October 2025.

🏆 **NSW State Championships:** after a few years in Sydney, State is heading back to Swansea!

Pop the following in your diary, arrange the relevant leave, and book your accommodation.

A trip away for State is a heap of fun – life memories for kids and parents!

- [All information here](#) (keep checking - will be regularly updated)
- Host Club: Swansea-Belmont SLSC
- Dates: 19-22 February 2026. Timetable TBC but expect:
 - 19-20 Feb: U9-U10
 - 20-22 Feb: U11+
- Entry fees: expect approx. \$80 per person (last year's fee) **payable by the entrant.**
- Accommodation:
 - Jump online to pre-book accommodation early. Places will book out.
 - the Club has arranged a discounted rate at the [Apollo Hotel Charlestown](#) and plans are afoot to host a State Team dinner there over the weekend dates.
 - [Please book via this link asap](#). Note from the hotel:
 - Reserve a room for 2 and email/ring them to add a single extra bed at \$30 or a double sofa bed at \$45 for the room. Rooms cannot accommodate 4 adults (need to book 2 rooms).



Parent volunteering: with very limited exceptions*, no nipper can compete for Bronte at a Carnival unless they have a family member who holds a relevant qualification and who is prepared to volunteer at that Carnival. A 'relevant qualification' includes the following:

- Bronze Medallion (water safety)
- Technical Officials Course (carnival official)
- First Aider (qualified medical professional) – only at Waverley Shield and Branch Champs
- IRB Driver/Crew – only at Waverley Shield, Branch and State Champs
- White Shirt age manager – only at Waverley Shield, Branch and State Champs

*Limited exceptions may mean: your family is new to SLS competing and this is your Nipper's first Carnival. If they enjoy it and wish to continue.....get qualified!



Officials Course: in 2 parts: 'theory' online and 'practical' at a Carnival.

- Theory options:
 - at home in your own time ([details here](#)); or
 - In person, guided by an experienced official: [see dates and sign up here](#).
- Practical options: must be at a Participation Carnival (not a Championship Carnival), ideally at the Waverley Shield.

