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NIPPERS NEWSLETTER WEEK 13



What a stunning morning we had at Nippers! Warm water, blue skies and everyone enjoying perfect Nippers conditions.

Club Champs Round 2 is scheduled for this weekend for all U8-U14 (**note earlier start time below). Normal nippers for U6 and U7.

Massive congratulations to all our Nippers who competed again at a second weekend of Sydney Branch Championships at Maroubra in 1km and 2km beach runs and relays, and our U14s who competed in surfing. What a great morning – here are a handful of the excellent results:

- U14G short board surfing: Poppy O'Reilly – Gold Medal
- U14B short board surfing: Joe Hatton – Bronze medal
- U11G 1km run: Vera Febo – 6th
- U12G 1km run: Rosa Hayward – Bronze Medal; Grace Humphrey – 4th

- U12G 2 x 500m beach relay: Rosa Hayward and Grace Humphrey – Silver Medal
- U12B 1km run: Alexander Gray – 4th
- U13G 2km run: Sophie Nash – 4th
- U14B 2km run: Aston Lake – 5th

NSW Branch Championships – Feedback: We would like to apologise to our U11s and other Nippers who did not get to compete in all events at the Sydney Branch Championships at North Bondi on 28th and 29th January 2023 due to a range of programming issues. Please rest assured that all Sydney branch clubs are working with the team at Sydney Branch to conduct a thorough review of lessons learned and will make the appropriate changes to future carnivals.

The good news is that it's not too late to provide constructive feedback and suggestions to Branch. To provide feedback click: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WWQRQJL>

GENERAL REMINDERS

The Roll: All nippers must be SIGNED IN AND SIGNED OUT.

BBQ – U6G, 8am-11am: Let your age managers know if you can assist on the BBQ this week. Help is required between 8am-11am. What a great way to help out our Club – no experience required!! BBQ roster is [here](#).

Pack up: Our Sunday Patrols have asked us to please pack up ALL nippers equipment. Lately, it has been on the beach for hours after Nippers has finished. It is not up to patrollers to bring in boards, flags nor the BBQ tent; once your session is finished, please pitch in to assist. All nipper boards must be packed in the nipper room by 11am. If your kids want to play on a board after Nippers, please look into buying a second hand one and bring it down.

Water Safety: all water safety must sign in via their age group's paper roll each week to accrue hours.

CLUB CHAMPS, this Sunday 12 February, U8-U14 from 7am- approximately 10am if full program See timetables [here](#).

At Club Championships, the U8-U14 kids compete in a range of races (both in the water and on the sand) using the skills they have learned during Nipper sessions. The child with the most points over both rounds will become that age group's Club Champion at the end of the season. All U8-U14 Nippers are encouraged to compete in these friendly races. Wetsuits are not permitted for Club Champs (except U8 wade).

- Expect the full program to take at least 2 hours (hence the earlier start time, which also avoids the worst of the crowds and sun).
- Familiarise yourselves with [2 versions of the Club Champs timetable](#):
 - Full program (surf permitting): 6am set up, 7am marshall, 7.15am races start. Please assume this is the program we will run, unless otherwise alerted via TeamApp.

- Sand only program (if swell too large): 7am set up, 7.50am marshall, 8am races start. In this instance, all water races will be postponed to Sunday 19 February (timetable TBC with the possibility of another early start, depending on conditions).
- Check TeamApp alerts – this is how we will communicate a decision to run a sand-only program.

We need plenty of help to run Club Champs! Please could all qualified officials let us know how they can help via this form: [Club Champs Round 2 volunteer sign up](#). If we are short, age assistant parents are welcome to jump in and assist. All parents are encouraged to help with set up.

RAINBOW DAY @ Bronte on Sunday 19 February

In celebration of inclusion, diversity and fun, Rainbow Day returns to Bronte on Sunday morning 19 February! Make everyone welcome at the beach by adding a touch of colour to your beach kit. We will be supplying some bright zinc for any kids and parents to apply. There are similar celebrations taking place at surf clubs along Sydney's beaches and a rainbow paddle-out is scheduled after 10am with our friends from Tamarama (subject to conditions). All patrollers, water safety and U11-U14 nippers (water-safety-pending) are welcome to join.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – Queenscliff and North Steyne – Thursday 23 and Friday 24 February (U9, U10) Friday 24 February - Sunday 26 February (U11-U14)

State Champs is almost upon us! To all our competitors – keep up your training and enthusiasm. Entries are closed for State. Please speak to your age managers with any specific queries. Note that as Carnivals are volunteer-run, the parents of any entered child are **expected to volunteer** at the event - water safety and officials quotas apply to **all** carnivals.

Please could all competitor families:

- Complete this form TODAY: [2023 State Champs Attendance and Volunteer Confirmation](#)
- Diarise Sunday 19 February at 11am for a team meeting upstairs
- Keep checking the information online here (relevant competition: 'Age Championships'):
<https://www.surflifesaving.com.au/event/2023-nsw-surf-life-saving-championships/>
- Check the programs here: [Age Championships Program](#)
- As per all communications, understand that the commitment you made on behalf of your child is important to their fellow team mates and to the Club. Take the relevant time off, blank the diary, tell the school and pitch in for an amazing SLS Carnival experience!

Communication at and about State: all communication will be conducted via TeamApp. Make sure you download TeamApp and join the following pages:

- Bronte Nippers TeamApp: join the access group named 'State Team 2023' within our Bronte Nippers TeamApp. If you joined last year's group (State Team 2022), nothing required – we have rolled it over to this year.
- 2023 NSW State Championships: this TeamApp team is managed by SLS NSW

Please also ensure you have the phone numbers of your age managers and fellow parents.

State team post-carnival celebration: Sunday 26 February (*note change of date): an extra special Sunday Sips to celebrate State Champs! Gather with fellow competitors and their families from 4pm with fish and chips from 5pm.

DIPPERS, Bronte, Saturday 4 Feb – 11 March 8am-9am

Our Bronte Dippers program continues this Saturday! Dippers is an inclusive Nippers program, run in conjunction with Autism Swim. Bronte Dippers will run for 8 weeks on Saturday mornings from 8am-9am. We have an incredible bunch of volunteers signed up but will always welcome more. Please let dippers@brontesurfclub.com.au know if you are keen, and sign up via [this link](#). Read more about the program [here](#) and see a terrific article written by Bronte patroller and SMH journalist, Andrew Taylor, [here](#).

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ON SUNDAY!

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

