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NIPPERS NEWSLETTER WEEK 12



What a week we have had!

Nippers at Bronte brought all the colours of the rainbow to the beach for Mardi Gras, while a team of competitors, age managers and volunteers ventured to the northern beaches for a truly adventurous version of State Champs. Thank you to everyone who was involved. There are some awesome photos of each event at the end of the newsletter.

Massive congratulations to the Nippers pictured above who won medals at State!

- **Evan Rowbotham, U12B: Gold Medal 1km beach run**
- **Siena Flick, Leila Hetherington, Ashleigh Innes, Anouk Lafferty, U13G: Bronze Medal Beach Relay**

An epic effort at an unforgettable carnival!

UPCOMING DATES

- **Friday 11 March, 5pm:** end-of-season nipper disco! (hosted by U8) from 5pm. Sign up [here](#) if you would like to attend.
- **Sunday 13 March:** Final day at Nippers, medals for U6 and U7; SRC graduation tunnel; Club Captain interviews at 11am for U13. As awards day on 27 March is only for U8-U14 award recipients, Sunday 13 March is a great day for groups to thank their age managers and celebrate together.
- **Sunday 20 March:** the Bondi-to-Bronte, including the Junior Ocean Swim. This is the Club's major event of the year and all information is [here](#). We ask that anyone who is available, pitches in to help in some way. All volunteers must officially sign up [here](#).
- **Sunday 27 March:** presentation day for U8-U14 award winners only. Awards include 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each age group, as well as a Junior Lifesaver and a Club Spirit award. There are also overall Sand and Water Champions. Winners will be notified in advance.

STATE CHAMPS WRAP-UP

Congratulations to all our competitors and families - Surf Lifesaving can be a truly character building sport – you can't control the weather....

Particular congratulations to **Evan Rowbotham (Gold Medal 1km Beach Run U12B) and Siena Flick, Leila Hetherington, Ashleigh Innes and Anouk Lafferty (Bronze Medal Beach Relay, U13G)**. We are so proud of you!

Commiserations to other medal contenders who unfortunately had their events or finals cancelled.

There were highs: friendships, bonding, resilience, medals! And there were lows: cancellations, dashed hopes, blue bottles, pollution, gastro and the utterly relentless rain. Unfortunately many of the scheduled events were cancelled and U13-U15 completed very few races.

Kudos to our kids who were so great at making the most of things, developing friendships, making their own fun and managing their disappointments with their heads held high.

Notable performances:

All Age	Beach Relay	Willow Sharma, Eloise Oranje, Morgan Sharma, Evan Rowbotham, Will Singer, Lily Rowbotham, Edan Angus 7 th
U9G	Surf race	Angie Visch 16 th , Rosie Rugendyke 18 th , Beatrice Emanuel 19 th
U9B	Surf race	Beau Clark 11 th ; Ruben Lopez Crestani 15 th
	Board race	Beau Clark 14 th
	Beach Relay	Arki Foletta, Micah Hoare, Rafferty Mulligan, Cameron Romans, 5 th
U10G	Flags	Giselle Yamani top 30
	Beach Sprint	Matilda Mills, semi final
	Surf Swim	Alexa Wilson-Smith, Georgina Ward, semi-final
U10B	Surf Race	George Nixon 4 th ; Nicholas Fasol 6 th
	Board Race	George Nixon 8 th ; Oscar Barrow 14 th
	Beach Sprint	Edison Whalan 5 th
	Beach Relay	Edison Whalan, Maximus Austin, Freddie Fearon and Angus Brickell 6 th
U11G	Surf Team	Jade Visch, Rosa Hayward, Lexi Smith, Lauren Rogers 9 th place
	Surf Race	Jade Visch 4 th ; Rosa Hayward 22 nd
	Iron	Jade Visch 8 th
	Flags	Sadie Eisenhower 14 th , Marley Johnson 32 nd
U11B	Flags	Morgan Sharma 4 th , Finley Mulligan 8 th
U12B	1km run	Evan Rowbotham 1 st
	Beach Sprint	Evan Rowbotham 5 th
	Mixed Beach Relay	Ashleigh Aboud, Lillian Oranje, Geoffrey Gibbons, Evan Rowbotham 7 th
U12	Mixed beach relay	Geoffrey Gibbons, Ashleigh Aboud, Lillian Oranje, Evan Rowbotham 7 th

U13	Beach relay	Siena Flick, Leila Hetherington, Ashleigh Innes and Anouk Lafferty 3rd
	Iron	Harrison Nixon made Iron finals which were cancelled

Huge thanks to all the parents who helped in so many different ways – team managers, age managers, officials, water safety, IRB transporters, drivers and crew, tent experts, nipper minders, pep-talkers. State Champs is volunteer-run and it takes a combined effort for our kids to compete. Your efforts are much appreciated.

BOARDS AND EQUIPMENT PACK UP – ASSISTANCE REQUIRED EACH WEEK

Thank you to everyone who assists packing up the beach each week. This is a collective responsibility, but often falls to a few. After Nippers ends, please help to bring in ALL boards (including Redbacks), flags, bollards, signs etc after Nippers. Boards are expensive and need to be put away by 11am.

END OF SEASON NIPPERS DISCO, Bronte SLSC Friday 11 March from 5pm: the Nippers disco returns after a 2 season Covid absence! For catering purposes, please let us know [here](#) if your family would like to come along. 'Bop-til-you-drop' will be playing tunes and leading the dancing, the bar will be open from 5pm and fish and chips will be served over the hour from 5.30pm-6.30pm. \$5 per kid (includes fish & chips and an iceblock).

INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY CELEBRATIONS WITH TAMARAMA SLSC

Did you know that only 40 years ago, women were not allowed to join Surf Lifesaving as active members? What a different place Bronte SLSC would be today without women! In celebration of International Women's Day and our amazing women lifesavers, Bronte members are invited to join two events planned by our neighbours at Tamarama:

- Saturday 12 March, Bronte SLSC 11am-12.30: 'Owning your Personal Trademark' workshop by Ellie Pietsch from Leading Teams. Find out more & RSVP [here](#).
- Sunday 13 March, Tamarama Beach:
 - 9am-6pm: guest volunteer on an all-female patrol
 - 11am or 3pm: women's social swim and/or board paddle
 - 12.30pm: BBQ

Please register your interest for the above via cfo@brontesurfclub.com.au

THIS WEEK'S REMINDERS

BBQ – U7B this week: this year, each Nipper group will be rostered on to assist with the BBQ for a full morning. BUT: each group will only be rostered on once for the whole season. BBQ roster is [here](#).

Lost property: there are 2 large tubs of Nipper lost property just inside the front doors. Please check them and retrieve your gear!

Covid: PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND IF: you or anyone in your household feels unwell, has tested positive to Covid-19, or has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive to Covid-19. Please take a cautious approach – if in doubt, opt out. All Nipper adult volunteers must be double vaccinated.

Age Assistants: thank you to all the parents who have completed the theory portion of their Age Assistant qualification! For those who did the course online, please print and complete this '[SLSA Age Managers Competency](#)' document by assisting at 2 Nippers sessions, arranging for your Age Manager to sign it off, and submitting it to the office for final signatures from the 'Age Manager Mentor' (3rd party) and submission to SLS Sydney Branch. All Age Assistants who have done the above and who have submitted

their WWCC number and had their Covid-19 vaccination sighted can exchange their paperwork for a yellow 'Age Assistants' cap to wear at Nippers.

Water safety: must sign in via the paper roll in their child's area to have hours recorded. If you assist in more than one area, you must sign-in each time.

Nipper board training and sand training: Training for Development, Competition and Sand squads for this season has now come to an end. Thank you to all our terrific coaches, water safety and participants. We had such a great bunch of kids training this season and we look forward to seeing you all back!! Keep up your swimming and keep an eye on TeamApp for future sessions.

Beginners Board squads will conclude on Tuesday 8 March.

SUNDAY SIPS & SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The Club has a terrific range of social and training events for adult members:

- Sunday Sips is held upstairs at the Club every Sunday afternoon. Due to Covid, you'll need to book a table. Email: functions@brontesurfclub.com.au to arrange.
- Pilates with Harries at 6am on Monday and Friday mornings (\$20 card-only payment). Bring your own mat. Spots are limited so don't be late!
- Swim group with Garry Luscombe, Wednesdays 6am at Bondi (meet in front of North Bondi SLSC) and Thursdays 12.15pm at Bronte (meet in front of Club).
- Sunday Surf Race at 11am on Sundays with Barry Brignell. Handicapped swim race around the cans, and available to all proficient Bronze Medallion holders, SRC, and Competition Squad.
- Paddle groups (beginners and intermediate) for proficient Bronze Medallion holders (generally Tuesday mornings) - check the website and join the relevant Club WhatsApp groups for details.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ON SUNDAY!



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