

BRONTE

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NIPPERS NEWSLETTER WEEK 13-14



What a wonderful season we have had! From a delayed and inauspicious beginning post-lockdown, our Nippers have thrived in the water and on the sand. So many skills learned, friendships forged and a wonderful community spirit on display.

We hope that everyone has kept safe and dry this past week - our very best wishes to anyone affected by the flooding. Bronte IRB crews (including our Director of Nippers, Ant and Club Captain, James – see photos above) have been out on the Bronte rubber duck in flood affected areas, assisting with rescues.

NIPPER DISCO, Bronte SLSC this 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 for the adults 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).

LAST DAY OF NIPPERS, this Sunday 13 March

On Sunday we will celebrate a great season, and in particular the U14 SRC group as they graduate from Nippers to Cadets. Please keep in mind the following:

- U6 and U7 to receive their medals during normal Nippers.
- U13: please arrive at 9am to set up and arrange breakfast on the grass for the SRC.
- SRC to arrive around 9am in patrol uniform. Breakfast and speeches at 9.30am.
- SRC graduation tunnel around 10am. All nippers to form a human tunnel on the beach for the SRC to run through!
- U13 Club Captain interviews around 11am.

BONDI-TO-BRONTE, JUNIOR OCEAN SWIM AT BRONTE for U9-U13. Sunday 20 March, Bronte, 8.30am

The iconic Bondi-to-Bronte is almost upon us! All U9-U13 nippers have an opportunity to compete in the Junior Ocean Swim at Bronte. We strongly encourage all families to get involved.

There are 2 ocean swims at Bronte for our nippers:

- **400m** for U9, U10 and U11-U13
- **800m** for U11, U12 and U13

Register [here](#) for \$10 online, or \$15 on the day.

On the day: race registration upstairs at Bronte, 7am -7.50am (mark name and collect coloured cap); Race briefing: 8.15am; Swim starts at 8.30am sharp.

For more information see: <https://www.bonditobronte.com.au/junior-ocean-swim-event-sydney>

It's a terrific morning. What's more, there's plenty of prizes to be won, and all Junior Ocean Swim entrants go in the running to win an Engine bag full of goodies!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: BONDI-TO-BRONTE / JUNIOR OCEAN SWIM, Sunday 20 March

The Bondi-to-Bronte is entirely dependent on volunteer power. It's an amazing event, lots of fun and a great community effort. Here is all the information you need: <https://www.bonditobronte.com.au/b2b-ocean-swim-volunteers-2022>

Please sign up this week to assist in any way you can. It's important to fill out the above form as relevant communications will go only to those who have signed up.

PRESENTATION MORNING, Sunday 27 March at 9am. U8-U14 award winners only.

If you have placed in Club Champs, or are receiving an award (Club Spirit, Junior Lifesaver), please diarise Sunday 27 March for awards morning. We will also be presenting awards to State Medallists, announcing the new Club Captains, and thanking some of the key volunteers. If you are unsure as to whether you should attend, please contact your Age Manager.

BOARDS

If you borrowed a Club board for State and haven't yet returned it, please return it to Nippers or to the Office.

To everyone: please help pack up this weekend by bringing in ALL boards (including Redbacks), flags, bollards, signs etc after Nippers. If your child is keen to catch waves after Nippers or during the off-season, please consider buying a board - there are plenty of second hand ones advertised online!

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 – U8G 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 through them this Sunday 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: last chance to get your forms in this weekend!

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.

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.

THANK YOU FOR A GREAT SEASON!

Ant Burrows, Jess Stewart, Al Visch, Tara O'Reilly, Amy Sharma, Grant Lovett, Steve Brown, Kylie von Muenster