

BRONTE

SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB • 1903

NIPPERS NEWSLETTER WEEKS 6 & 7



Welcome back to Nippers! We hope you all had a great break. It was terrific to see so many Nippers after our scheduled return was derailed by the tsunami warning.

Well done to all kids who competed at Manly Nipper Nats and the North Cronulla Australia Day Iron Carnival, and happy travels to those heading to the U11 Branch Development Camp this week.

We have a busy couple of weeks coming up: Club Champs for U8-U14 this coming Sunday and the Sydney Branch Carnival for U9-U12 and for U13-U15 the following weekend.

This Sunday: normal nippers (and normal times) for U6 and U7. Club Champs replaces normal Nippers for U8-U14.

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.

CLUB CHAMPS ROUND 2 THIS SUNDAY- U8-U14 from 7am- approximately 10am. See timetable [here](#)

Sunday nippers is designed to be non-competitive, where kids learn and practice surf lifesaving skills as a group. The exception to this is 2 rounds of Club Championships which are held on 2 mornings over the season for U8-U14. The child with the most points over the 2 rounds will be their group's club champion. Awards are also given for 2nd and 3rd as well as a Junior Lifesaver and Club Spirit award.

As we did for Round 1, Club Champs **will be starting early for all participants except U14**. We have a lot of races to run – please allow at least 2 hours. At this stage the swell forecast looks good and we expect to run the full program. If it changes, we will run the 'sand only' program' and send an alert via TeamApp. Wetsuits are not permitted for Club Champs (except U8 wade).

U14 races will commence at 9am (not 7am as listed). Please arrive by 8.45am.

Club Champs assistance required: We need plenty of help to run Club Champs! Please could all qualified officials assume they are needed as finish judges. This is particularly important for officials assisting at Branch and State – time to revise those skills! Where there are gaps, we will need Age Assistant parents to assist.

We set up Club Champs as a formal carnival (70m sprint track, 2 flags areas and 2 water areas). Many hands make light work – we will be setting up from 6am. Please could anyone available pitch in.

THIS WEEK'S REMINDERS

BBQ – U9G 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](#).

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: Nipper training is in full swing! Please see [here](#) for full details and timetable.

Branch and State Nipper Carnivals: entries are now closed for Branch and State. Please speak to your age managers with any specific queries. Note that the Club does not have any information additional to what is published on the below pages by SLS Sydney Branch and SLS NSW – but there is loads of information!

1. All event information regarding the Branch Carnival is posted [here](#).
2. All event information regarding State Carnival is published [here](#).

See also our Competitor Guidelines for Nipper Carnival Participation [here](#).

Officials and Water Safety required for Branch and State: we have a large contingent going to both Carnivals and need 12 officials and 12 water safety for each Carnival. Please sign up to assist below:

- Officials sign up for Branch [here](#)
- Officials sign up for State [here](#)

All water safety with kids competing who are not age managers or officials should expect to be required to volunteer as water safety.

Dippers at Bronte: Our Bronte Dippers program commences this weekend! 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 a wonderful 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](#).

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).
- 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!!

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