

# BRONTE

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## NIPPERS NEWSLETTER WEEK 9



**Sydney Branch Junior Life Saver Of the Year (JLOTY) Awards:** A huge congratulations to Cooper Duque and Lily Rowbotham who were finalists in the Sydney Branch Junior Lifesaver of the Year awards announced at Branch on Saturday! Cooper topped off the award ceremony by also receiving the one Highly Commended male award. The application and selection process was rigorous. We could not be prouder of these two fine ambassadors of the Club!

**What is JLOTY?** Each season SLS Sydney Junior Development Committee hold the Junior Lifesaver of the Year competition which is open to any U14 from across the Sydney Clubs who hold their Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) award. As U14, each candidate has completed their time at 'Nippers', and is now graduating to serving on patrol in their SLS red and yellow uniform.

The nominated candidates are interviewed by a panel from Sydney Branch including members of the Branch Junior Development and Lifesaving and Education Committees, plus previous winners.

Each candidate is interviewed and assessed on their knowledge of SLS, their active involvement within their own surf club and extended community, their leadership skills, communication and presentation skills, and their plans for their own future role within Surf Lifesaving.

### SYDNEY BRANCH CARNIVAL WRAP UP

Well done to all our competitors who did Bronte proud at the Sydney Branch Carnival last weekend! It was so great to see some of our kids competing - many for the first time this season. With the surf conditions against us, all water events were moved to Yarra Bay and sand events remained at Maroubra. There was great camaraderie in the tents, and some terrific performances:

- U9G: 3<sup>rd</sup> place Beach Sprint – Beatrice Emanuel
- U9B: 3<sup>rd</sup> place Beach Relay – Rafferty Mulligan, Arki Foletta, Micah Hoore, Carmeron Romans
- U10B: Silver Medal Beach Sprint – Edison Whalan
- U10B: Gold Medal Surf Team- George Nixon, Nicholas Fasol, Tommy Tourle and Luke Haddock
- U10B: Silver Medal Board Relay – George Nixon, Nicholas Fasol, Oscar Barrow
- U10G: 4<sup>th</sup> place Surf Team – Alexa Wilson-Smith, Georgina Ward, Betsan Leary, Eloise Oranje
- U11G: Silver Medal Surf Race – Jade Visch
- U11G: 3<sup>rd</sup> place Board Relay – Jade Visch
- U11B: Gold Medal 1km sand run – Finely Mulligan

- U11B: 3<sup>rd</sup> place Cameron Relay - Jade Visch, Henri Delesclegs, Rosa Hayward, Joe O'Reilly
- U12B: Gold Medal 1km sand run – Evan Rowbotham
- U13B: Gold Medal Surf Race – Flynn Visch
- U13B: 3<sup>rd</sup> place Surf Race – Harrison Nixon
- U13B: Gold Medal Surf Team – Flynn Visch, Harrison Nixon, Joe Hatton and Henry Baxter
- U13B: 3<sup>rd</sup> place Board Race - Harrison Nixon
- U13B: Silver Medal Iron – Harrison Nixon
- U13B: 3<sup>rd</sup> place Iron – Flynn Visch
- U13B: Silver Medal Cameron Relay – Flynn Visch, Harrison Nixon, Beau Clark and Joe O'Reilly
- U13B: 3<sup>rd</sup> place Board Rescue – Flynn Visch, Harrison Nixon
- U13B: Silver Medal 1km Run – Aston Lake
- U14G: Gold Medal 2km beach run – Matilda Emanuel
- U14B: Gold medal Beach Sprint 12+ seniors Inclusion Events– Liam Skeete
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There were so many other great performances, as well as examples of terrific sportsmanship: kids pitching in to fill teams, age groups cheering on other age groups and kids delighting in each others' achievements.

Well done Team Bronte!!

**Thank you** to all our volunteers – age managers, water safety, officials - whose contribution allowed our kids to compete. Thank you to Ray O'Reilly who took [these beautiful photographs](#) of our kids.

A particular thank you to this group of Bronte legends who volunteered to support our kids, despite not having their own child compete at all, or on the day or beach where they helped out: Jackson Raymond, Nick Nairn, Bruce Jones, John Haddock, Bryce Cross, Grant Lyndon, Craig Betts, Tim Brown, Emma Quigley, Oscar Lyndon and Marlow Oakley.

## STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – Queenscliff and North Steyne – Thursday 24 and Friday 25 February (U9, U10, U11, U12) Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 February (U13, U14, U15)

State Champs is almost upon us! To all our competitors – keep up your training and enthusiasm.

**Entries:** entries are now closed for State. Please speak to your age managers with any specific queries.

**Event information:** Note that the Club does not have any information additional to what is published online by SLS NSW – but there is loads of information! It's all [here](#). Please take some time to read the information posted. It is updated regularly and includes timetables, FAQ's, maps etc.

**Event programs:** see [here](#) for the latest draft of the programs. Programs are always subject to change. Note that this year, it is not strictly individual events on day 1 and team events on day 2 – there appears to be some mixing, in particular for U11-U12. Events will generally be block-raced, with finals immediately following heats (rather than held on a separate day as in past years).

**Volunteers required:** we have a large contingent going to State Champs and need 11 officials and 12 water safety. Please email [nippers@brontesurfclub.com.au](mailto:nippers@brontesurfclub.com.au) to volunteer as an official, and [tara.wynne@gmail.com](mailto:tara.wynne@gmail.com) to volunteer as water safety. The draft officials roster has been published. Water safety to follow next week.

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

**Team meeting next Sunday 20 February at 11am on the grass (note covid numbers restrictions apply if we are upstairs):** If it is raining, we will run it as follows:

- U9, U10, and U11 **next Sunday 20 Feb** at 11am upstairs in the Club. 1 parent per competitor only.
- U12, U13, U14 **next Sunday 20 Feb** at 11.30am upstairs in the Club. 1 parent per competitor only.

At the meetings, we will distribute uniforms and answer any questions. Please be sure to pick up / purchase ANY equipment you may need this Sunday or next – boards, competition caps. We are not taking a trailer/boards to State. Each competitor and volunteer must bring what they need with them.

Water Safety need to bring (& then return) a tube, clearly marked with 'Bronte'.

Age Groups are responsible for working out who will bring the tents (set up on Wednesday 23 Feb) and who will bring them back to the Club on Sunday 27 Feb.

**Communication at and about State:** all communication will be conducted via TeamApp. Make sure you download TeamApp and join the following page: Bronte Nippers- access group: State Team 2022

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

**State team post-carnival celebration:** Friday 25 February from 4.30pm. Fish and chips and drinks at the club for our younger competitors and their families! For our U13-U15 competing on the weekend, please join us at Sunday Sips on Sunday 27 February from 4pm to celebrate the Youth Carnival. Please be aware that numbers may be limited due to Covid restrictions.

## THIS WEEK'S REMINDERS

**BBQ – U6B 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](#).

**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' (3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

Nippers Board training will conclude shortly:

- Competition and Development squads: Tuesday 22 February
- Beginners squads: Tuesday 8 March

It's time for all those who attend to pay training fees via the SLS Payment Gateway if you haven't already done so: [https://pnpnet.qvalent.com/OnlinePaymentServlet?cd\\_community=SLSA&cd\\_currency=AUD](https://pnpnet.qvalent.com/OnlinePaymentServlet?cd_community=SLSA&cd_currency=AUD):

Board training fees are \$200 for the season. Children signed up to board training can also participate in sand training sessions. Fees for sand training only are \$100 for the season.

Please use the following:

*Transaction Type:* Other (from drop down list)

*Description:* Nipper training for [full name of nipper]

*Amount:* insert relevant amount

**Nipper disco – postponed:** please note that the Nipper Disco listed on the calendar for Friday 18 February has been postponed. Under current Covid regulations, we can't dance! We will alert you here if another date becomes available once restrictions are lifted.

## MARDI GRAS @ Bronte on Sunday 27 February

In celebration of inclusion, diversity and fun, Rainbow Day will return to Bronte on Sunday morning 27 February! Join in the fun as you wish and make everyone welcome at the beach by adding a touch of rainbow to your usual beach gear and outfits. 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 at 10am from Bronte to join paddlers from Tamarama. All patrollers, water safety and U11-U14 nippers (water-safety-pending) are welcome to join, along with any parents on surfboards if they wish. A drone will be up there, capturing the colourful footage.

## DIPPERS, Bronte, Saturday 8am-9am

Our Bronte Dippers program has commenced! Dippers is an inclusive Nippers program, run in conjunction with Autism Swim. Bronte Dippers will run for 6 more 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](mailto: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](#).

## 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](mailto: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

