

BRONTE

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2026 NSW State Champs newsletter – go Team Bronte!

Need-to-knows:

- Read this [SLS Final Event Information](#), together with the embedded links.
- Ensure you have your team's contact details and mobile numbers in your phone.
- Keep [this page open](#) on your phone. It has all planning information you need to know. It is updated regularly.
- [Check the programs](#). Note these will be updated so [check for the latest here](#).
- Pack the essentials: Liveheats band, Bronte competition cap (blue on right hand side), swimmers, Bronte uniform, board, goggles, towels, sunscreen, permanent marker, water, all weather gear, an umbrella (for rain and for sun) a chair, a list of your child's LiveHeats position numbers, endless cheer and patience!
- If you're qualified, pack full water safety and officials kit, whether or not you are rostered. We need parents at-the-ready to plug gaps. Team Bronte will be stood down until no-shows are resolved.
- Make a note of your LiveHeats position numbers for each of your events. These numbers are used for marshalling, instead of names: go to [2026 SLSNSW State Championships – Age on LiveHeats](#). Enter your nipper's name in the search bar. Check with your Age Managers which team your child is in (A or B). Write these numbers on your nipper's upper arm in permanent marker for the day's events (for eg: U9 Surf Team A / Board Team B).
- Familiarise yourselves with the [event rules](#). The kids will be briefed prior to each race. Once the race begins, they cannot be directed by water safety or officials, so they need to know the rules.
- Competitors are responsible for ensuring they are correctly recorded by the LiveHeats recorders.
- Parking is available in surrounding streets. There is a paid option (\$25) on the grassed area north of Swansea Belmont SLSC.
- Arrive early. Be in time to find the relevant tent, collect your compulsory 2026 lycra vest from your Age Manager, participate in warm ups, and attend the briefings if you are a volunteer. If you are an Age Manager or acting Age Manager, please arrange to collect the lycra vests from our Team Managers first thing on the first day of your age group's competition.

Pink rashies: each competitor is issued a compulsory 2026 pink lycra vest which they must wear to compete. These must be collected by Team Managers who will then distribute to Age Managers or their parent delegate only. If your size is incorrect, it is up to you to switch it at the admin centre behind/adjacent to the Surf Club. If in doubt, go smaller.

Liveheats: replacement bands can be purchased at the Event Administration Centre for \$7.

Communication: [join the 'Carnivals' chat](#) within the Bronte Nippers WhatsApp for intra club comms. All communication from SLS will be via Stack TeamApp and over loud-hailers in each area. Make sure you:

- download Stack TeamApp and join this team: '2026 NSW State Championships' (managed by SLS NSW);
- Have your notifications switched on;
- Keep an ear out for loud speaker announcements. These may override TeamApp alerts if last minute marshalling changes are required.

Contingency Locations: Redhead and Caves Beach. Any decision to relocate will be communicated via Team Managers and the SLS TeamApp.

Age Managers / Acting Age Managers:

- Listen out for pre-event meetings or any in-area meetings.
- Water warm ups are strictly: 7am-7.15am – swim (NO BOARDS); 7.20am-7.35am – board (NO SWIMMING). A 'bell' tone will sound over the PA to signal the end of each warm up period. Hi vis and water safety required. No competitors within 50m of course set up.
- Note the LiveHeats position numbers for your kids.
- Team substitutions: These need to be done *in advance of marshalling*. There are 2 options:
 - By a Team Manager; or
 - In person at the Admin Centre adjacent to/behind the SLSC.
- Adding events: this can be done for a fee by 7.30am each morning at the admin centre.
- Protest form is [here](#). Verbal protest must be made to the referee immediately and written protest submitted within 15 minutes. You must alert the Team Manager for the day. A fee will be charged (\$150). Protests need to be linked to the [SLSA Surf Sports Manual, 37th edition](#). Remember that protests are rarely successful. We will only proceed if it's a final.
- For races that allow 'handling': one handler only; must wear a Club comp cap and hi vis.

Volunteers: thank you to the superstars who have put their hands up to help! Remember that the entire carnival is volunteer run: please be gracious in all your interactions.

- The officials roster is [here](#). Officials sign on (& shirt collection) is from 3pm-4.3pm on Wednesday and 6am-7am each other day, upstairs at Swansea-Belmont SLSC with briefings in area at 7am or 30 minutes prior to the reporting time in that area. Limited Officials parking is in the car park along Ungala St (entrance opposite Boikon St). You must be on that day's roster to access.
- The water safety roster is [here](#). Water safety sign on (& rashie collection) at the Gear Shed of Swansea-Belmont SLSC 30 minutes prior to the shift. You must bring a Bronte tube (collect this weekend), an orange rashie (although some event rashies will be available) fins and a patrol/orange cap. Wetsuit strongly recommended. Allocations to particular water areas are generally first come, first served.

All officials and water safety **must attend on time and sign on**. If volunteers cannot attend on the day for any reason, you need to let the following people know as Bronte kids will not be permitted to compete without the role fulfilled: statechampionships@surflifesaving.com.au; nippers@brontesurfclub.com.au and directorofnippers@brontesurfclub.com.au.

All those qualified, even if not rostered, should bring their gear, listen for alerts and be ready to step in.

Look after children of volunteers: Bronte cannot compete without parents volunteering as officials, water safety, IRB and Age Managers. **These parents are relying on you** to look after their child as you would look after your own. Make sure EVERY child gets to their events, is accompanied to the toilets, has sunscreen applied, is fed and watered, and has a handle on all their possessions.

Tents: We are still seeking tent volunteers! Ideally, Bronte has up to 3 tents along the competition area (behind pink/black & white area; behind the beach/yellow & green area; behind the beach/red area).

- Those bringing the tents should post a picture on the 'Carnivals' chat of location.
- At the end of each competition day, please lower the large tents and consider removing or tying the canopy to reduce any damage due to weather overnight. Ensure the sand bags are in place on each leg and return the sand to the beach at pack down. Do not leave anything in the tents.
- Help your tent transporters out! They are heavy and require more than one person.

Event clashes: U11-U14 kids will generally need to choose between sand and water events. Any issues regarding event clashes will need to be raised via the Team Manager to the Competition Liaison Officer in your area.

Scrutineering of boards: if your fibreglass board (private or club) does **not** have a manufacturers compliance decal or an SLSA endorsed sticker, please let us know this weekend. The Club will lend you a board which does have this sticker. Boards can be spot-checked, in particular for finals. Non-stickered boards may be disallowed.

Thank you: a massive thank you to our age managers, coaches, officials, water safety, tent transporters and every other parent who has pitched in so far. Our kids can't compete without you.

Good luck to the kids, have a heap of fun and represent the Club with pride and integrity.

Go Bronte!!!