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NIPPERS NEWSLETTER WEEK 14



Well done to every single Nipper who gave it their all at Club Champs last weekend, and thank you to all the amazing parents who helped out. It was such a smooth and efficient morning – we appreciate all your energy, enthusiasm and generosity!

Rainbow Day returns this Sunday, and the State Champs meeting is on at 11am for team members and parents. See below for more details.

WHY DO WE DO NIPPERS? A huge shout out to: Jack Burrows, Sam Burrows, Joe O'Reilly, Isabelle Chia and Oscar Mac Domhnaill! This crew from the U12 girls and boys were free paddling last Sunday and noticed two young body-boarders well out to sea, struggling in the southern rip. Applying their local beach knowledge, the nippers calmed the two kids down and towed them on their boards, out of the rip and into the white water to safely return them to the beach.

So, why do we do Nippers? To produce lifesavers of the future, or in the case of these 5 brave nippers, lifesavers of today!

GENERAL REMINDERS

The Roll: All nippers must be SIGNED IN AND SIGNED OUT.

BBQ – U6B, 8am-11am: Let your age managers know if you can assist on the BBQ this week. Help is required between 8am-11am. What a great way to help out our Club – no experience required!! BBQ roster is [here](#).

Pack up: Our Sunday Patrols have asked us to please pack up ALL nippers equipment. Lately, it has been on the beach for hours after Nippers has finished. It is not up to patrollers to bring in boards, flags nor the BBQ tent; once your session is finished, please pitch in to assist. All nipper boards need to be packed in the nipper room by 11am.

Water Safety: all water safety must sign in via their age group's paper roll each week to accrue hours.

RAINBOW DAY @ Bronte this Sunday 19 February

In celebration of inclusion, diversity and fun, Rainbow Day returns to Bronte this Sunday morning 19 February! Make everyone welcome at the beach by adding a touch of colour to your beach kit. We will be supplying some bright zinc for any kids and parents to apply, and rainbow sidewalk chalk for our creative Nippers. There are similar celebrations taking place at surf clubs along Sydney's beaches and a rainbow paddle-out is scheduled after 10am with our friends from Tamarama (subject to conditions). All patrollers, water safety and U11-U14 nippers (water-safety-pending) are welcome to join.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – Queenscliff and North Steyne – Thursday 23 and Friday 24 February (U9, U10) Friday 24 February - Sunday 26 February (U11-U14)

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

Team meeting this Sunday @11am, upstairs: at the meeting, we will distribute uniforms and answer any questions. Please be sure to pick up / purchase ANY equipment you may need this week – boards, competition caps. We are **not** taking a trailer/boards to State. Each competitor and volunteer must bring everything they need with them.

Water Safety need to bring (& then return) a tube, clearly marked with 'Bronte' and wear a high vis orange cap.

Age Groups are responsible for working out who will bring the tents (set up on Wednesday 22 Feb) and who will bring them back to the Club on Sunday 26 Feb. There are 4 water areas: we need 1 tent set up behind each water area.

Communication at and about State: all communication will be conducted via TeamApp. Make sure you download TeamApp and join the following pages:

- Bronte Nippers TeamApp: join the access group named 'State Team 2023' within our Bronte Nippers TeamApp. If you joined last year's group (State Team 2022), nothing required – we have rolled it over to this year.
- 2023 NSW State Championships: this TeamApp team is managed by SLS NSW

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

Liveheats: all competitors must bring their Liveheats wristband. Replacement bands are available for purchase at the Event Administration Centre (North Steyne SLSC) for \$5.

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 etc.

Event programs: see [here](#) for the latest draft of the programs. Programs are always subject to change.

Note that the All Age Beach Relay is the first event on Saturday 25 February so U9-U10 competitors in that event will need to attend outside their regular program.

Event clashes: all competitors have been entered into all possible events to give kids flexibility on the day. Note, however, that U11-U14 kids will generally need to choose between sand and water events. No events will be held up to wait for kids competing elsewhere.

Volunteers required: we have a large contingent going to State Champs and need to cover 10 officials shifts, 10 water safety shifts and 4 IRB shifts (driver & crew). As you're aware, there is an expectation that **all qualified parents will volunteer**. Those without qualifications will transport tents and look after kids of volunteers, with a view to becoming qualified next season.

The draft officials roster is [here](#). The water safety roster is [here](#). 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 may not be able 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 and be ready to step in.

Pink rashies: each competitor will be issued a pink rashie which they must wear (no 'Bronte' rashie permitted). Each competitor will need to collect their rashie from their competition area:

- U9 & U10: Thursday 23 February, 6.15am-7.15am
- U11-U14: Friday 25 February, 6.15am-7.15am
- Or: from the Event Administration Desk (Nth Steye SLSC) from 6.30am-4pm.

Come early and know your size. If in doubt, go smaller.

Bronte competition cap: must be worn with the blue half on the right hand side. Competitors must start the race with their club caps on.

Remember to bring: your Liveheats wrist band, board (the Bronte trailer is not going to State), Bronte nipper competition cap, Bronte swimmers, swimming cap, goggles, towel, Bronte uniform, sunscreen, black permanent marker (age group must be marked on upper arm), plenty of food & fluid, event program and map, chair, umbrella, rain jacket, competitor numbers, contact lists, endless cheer and patience!

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, as an age group, 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.

Scrutineering of boards: scrutineering rules for fibreglass boards have changed slightly. If your fibreglass board (private or club) does **not** have a manufacturers compliance decal or an SLSA endorsed sticker, it will need to be scrutineered (weighed, measured and compliance 'scrutineering sticker' applied to prove it adheres to minimum standards). If it does have a manufacturers/SLSA endorsed compliance sticker/decal, it doesn't need a separate 'Scrutineering Sticker'.

Please check your board: if you need a scrutineering sticker, please ensure you find the scrutineering tent (generally behind/near the host the Surf Club) and arrange for this to be done (it is a free service). Do this early! There will be queues. Boards are spot-checked, in particular for finals. Non-stickered boards may be disallowed.

Tents: Each age area at State is often some distance from the next. Each age group will need its own Bronte tent to be set up on **Wednesday afternoon (22 Feb) from 12 midday**. There will likely be no spots left by Wednesday evening/Thursday morning. Tents are the responsibility of each age group. Please be sure to make arrangements with your age managers and collect the tents after the Team Meeting this Sunday. Tents can only be secured with sandbags.

Event parking: see information [here](#).

Handlers: any parents 'handling' for Iron / board must be Club members and wear a pink rashie and Club competition cap.

State team post-carnival celebration: Sunday 26 February (*note change of date): an extra special Sunday Sips to celebrate State Champs! Gather with fellow competitors and their families from 4pm with fish and chips from 5pm.

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

Good luck with your planning, good luck to the kids, and Go Bronte!

SUMMERAMA, Sunday 26 February, 9.30am-12.30pm; Bondi and Bronte Parks

Waverley Council invites everyone to participate in Summerama! Activities will take place in Bronte Park from 9.30am – [see full details here](#). As part of our collaboration with Plastic Free Bronte, all are invited to participate in a beach and park clean up from 9.30am. Six other activities + live music are planned– all to

encourage connection with nature and respect of our local environment. Book your free tickets here: [Summerama tickets](#) and be sure to visit the 'Love the Coast Photo Exhibition' upstairs at the Club!

DIPPERS, Bronte, Saturday 4 Feb – 11 March 8am-9am

Our Bronte Dippers program continues this Saturday! 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 an incredible 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](#). 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.
- 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).
- 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. Special rainbow edition this week – wear your brightest swimmers!
- 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, Jessica Stewart, Al Visch, Tara O'Reilly, Amy Sharma, Steve Brown, Neil Hayward

