

COLLARROY SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC.

# The COLLARROY CRAB

April 2025 Edition 9

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Welcome to the April Edition of the *Collaroy Crab*.

## REMINDER - SWIMMING TRAINING

Please remember that swimming training is provided for everyone who is a financial member on Thursday nights, 6.30 -7.30pm, at the Narrabeen Sports Academy pool. The Club has paid for these lessons. Three highly qualified coaches provide their time to help you improve your skills, technique and fitness level. All you need to do is come along, write your name on the form at the desk and you're set.

We look forward to seeing you there! Bring goggles and a cap plus flippers and pool buoy, if you have them.

NB: Swimmers must be able to swim 25 m.

**Swimming will resume on 1 May 2025 and then continue throughout winter.**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

21 April 2025	Welcome Back from the Aussies Function from 1pm
27 April 2025	Distinguished Service and Life Members' Lunch
27 April 2025	Scattering of Norm Chaffer's ashes at 3.30pm
24 May 2025	Presentation Night
3 August 2025	AGM 11am
Sept/Oct School Holidays	Next Bronze and SRC Training Week

## ASSISTANCE REQUIRED AT THE BEACH CLUB FOR THEIR ANZAC DAY DUSK SERVICE

- Patrolling members required to assist parade attendees on and off the beach.
- Patrolling members over 18 are required to sell raffle tickets

Contact the Club President – [collaroypresident@gmail.com](mailto:collaroypresident@gmail.com)

## PATROL ROSTER

**Apr-25**

Day	Date	AM	PM
Saturday	5-4	VOL	VOL
Sunday	6-4	VOL	VOL
Saturday	12-4	9	7
Sunday	13-4	8	12
Friday	18-4	2	1
Saturday	19-4	11	4
Sunday	20-4	5	12
Monday	21-4	9	7
Friday	25-4	12	8
Saturday	26-4	1	4
Sunday	27-4	5	11

Dates	AM Patrol Time	PM Patrol Time	Minimum Bronze
24/09 to 26/11	8.45AM - 1PM	12.45PM - 5PM	5
2/12 to 25/02	8.45AM - 1.30PM	1.15PM - 6PM	5
2/03 to 31/03	8.45AM - 1PM	12.45PM - 5PM	5
01/04 to 28/04	8.45AM - 1PM	12.45PM - 5PM	5
<b>Minimum Bronze Members includes:</b> o 1 x proficient ARTC                      o 1 x proficient IRB Crew o 1 x Beach Management                o 1 x proficient IRB Driver			



*Collaroy Boaties dressed as disco balls for the Boaties Mad Monday Bash – theme “Let’s Get Physical”*

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS FROM ROUND 4

Final and double points round

### Open Female

Kelly Trim	64
Chelsea Tattersall	58
CJ Ward	28
Eva Attwood	22
Taya Gardner	4

### Open Male

Leo Hill	68
Connor Ward	60
Ryan O'Shea	44
Campbell Ward	18
Eugene Swanepoel	12

### Masters Male

John Light	76
Barry Muncke	64
Greg Broome	28
John Barraclough	2
Martin Bowyer	2
Richard Trim	2

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS FINAL POINTSCORE

Place	Opens Men	Points
1	Leo Hill	170
2	Connor Ward	152
3	Lachie Davis	44
3	Ryan O'Shea	44
5	Sigi Hill	28
6	Cass Hammond	14

Place	Open Women	Points
1	Chelsea Tattersall	146
2	Kelly Trim	92
3	Aiyla Thomas-smith	70
4	Chelsea Robertson	34
5	CJ Ward	28
6	Bella Dunkin	25
7	Eva Attwood	22
8	Taya Garner	17
9	Frankie Webster	16
10	Lauren Deane	12

Place	Masters Men	Points
1	Barry Muncke	104
2	John Light	76
3	Greg Broome	40
4	John Barraclough	12
5	Martin Bowyer	2
5	Richard Trim	2

Place	Masters Women	Points
1	Miho Kawasaki	20
2	Trish Hamilton	10
3	Jan Lysaght	8
4	Karen McKie	6

**COLLARROY SURF SKI LESSONS RUN BY CHARLIE JORMANAINEN**

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# CARNIVAL RESULTS

## State Boats - North Steyne 14 to 16 March 2025

5<sup>th</sup> place on 23 points

U19 Female Surfboat – 3<sup>rd</sup> place Collaroy Cannons

U19 Male Surfboat – 3<sup>rd</sup> place Collaroy Black

U23 Female Surfboat – 6<sup>th</sup> place Collaroy Crusaders

Reserve Male Surfboat – 2<sup>nd</sup> place Collaroy Red

Open Female Surfboat – 2<sup>nd</sup> place Collaroy Giants

Open Mixed Surfboat Relay – 3<sup>rd</sup> place Collaroy Red (Open Female Giants, U23 Male Long Necks and U19 Male Black)

Reserve Female Collaroy Cobras finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the South Area Round Robin but were eliminated before the combined area Quarter Final.

23 Female Collaroy Chargers made the top 12 but were eliminated in the combined area Quarter Final.

U19 Male Collaroy Rowdies finished 10<sup>th</sup> in the South Area Round Robin – 2 places below the cut off.



*U19 Male Surfboat - Collaroy Black*



*Reserve Male Surfboat – Collaroy Red*



*Open Female Surfboat - Collaroy Giants - 2<sup>nd</sup> at State*



*Surfboat Relay Team – 3<sup>rd</sup> place State*



### Australian Titles - North Kirra Beach

We had a very successful year at the Aussies, bringing home four gold medals. Well done to all our competitors.

Kerry Armstrong – 1<sup>st</sup> place 70-74 years female 1km Run, 4<sup>th</sup> place sprint and 2<sup>nd</sup> place flags

Miho Kawasaki – 1<sup>st</sup> place 60-64 years female 1km Run, 3<sup>rd</sup> place sprint and 4<sup>th</sup> place flags

Brooke Miller – 5<sup>th</sup> place Ocean Swim, 10<sup>th</sup> place 35-39 Female Surf Swim

Open Mixed March Past – 1<sup>st</sup> place Collaroy Ladies - 1 point, 8<sup>th</sup> place Collaroy Bears – 5 points

U19 Female Surfboat – 1<sup>st</sup> place Collaroy Cannons

U19 Male Surfboat – 3<sup>rd</sup> place Collaroy Black



*Collaroy Black -m 3<sup>rd</sup> U19 Male Surfboat*



*Collaroy Cannons– 1<sup>st</sup> U19 Female Surfboat*



*Collaroy Ladies – 1<sup>st</sup> place Open March Past*



*Kerry Armstrong & Miho Kawasaki – 1<sup>st</sup> 1km Run*



**Other results in the Boat Arena were:**

Collaroy Giants – top 8 Open Female Surfboat

Collaroy Cobras – top 12 Reserve Female Surfboat

Collaroy Crusaders – top 12 U23 Female Surfboat

Collaroy Long Necks – top 12 U23 Male Surfboat

Collaroy Rowdies – top 12 U19 Male Surfboat



*Collaroy Ladies, Comebacks and Bears at the State Titles at Queenscliff*

## VALE - DOROTHY MONTGOMERY

Dot Montgomery passed away on Saturday 12 April at the age of 92 years. She and her sister, Evelyn, joined Collaroy Surf Club as teenagers and were both members of the 1947 Ladies March Past Team. In 1952, she married fellow Club member, Neil Montgomery and as their sons grew, was involved with the establishment of Nippers at Collaroy.

Dot was a supporter of the Surf Club for many years, serving on the Ladies Auxiliary and, eventually becoming a carnival official working in the beach area, where she provided encouragement and mentoring to our officials. She continued to be a member until she and Neil relocated to Tea Gardens.



## SCATTERING OF NORM CHAFFER'S ASHES

Sunday 27 April 2025 at 3.30pm



**Norman Francis Chaffer**  
**30 May 1940 to 1 October 2023**

Norm (aka *The Foreman*) Chaffer joined the Club in the 1982/83 Season as an Associate. The following season, at the age of 48, he obtained his bronze along with his mates from the Beach Club: Vince Holdt, Alan Lance, Ritchie Lytham, Dave Williams and Billy Whitnall. This group were responsible for the strengthening of the Club in the mid-1980s. Norm held many positions on the Club's General Committee and was awarded the Most Outstanding Patrol Member in the 1990/91 and 1991/92 Seasons. He was also a member of the Bears' March Past Team from 1994 until 2008, winning numerous medals at the Branch, State and Australian Championships. At the 1997 AGM, Norm was awarded Distinguished Service.

Norm's ashes will be scattered into the sea off Collaroy at 3.30pm on Sunday 27 April 2025.



As we approach Anzac Day 2025, we remember those who served in the various conflicts and those that gave their lives.

**COLLAROY**  
**SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB**  
**FOR KING & COUNTRY**  
1877-1885

• DUCKWORTH A.	• MARSHALL B.	
EADIE W.	MALAPANT W.	
ERICKSON G.	MANIERI A.	
ERICKSON K.	MOANE N.	
EYRE J.	MORGAN K.	
EAGLE R.	MORGAN W.	
FARRANG M.	MOSS D.	
FRAZER S.	MUSGROVE J.	
GARLAND B.	MCCREDIE M.	
GRAHAM D.	NELSON J.	
GIBBONS R.	OSULLIVAN L.	
HALL NORM.	PARKER J.	
HALL NOEL.	PARR K.	
HALL M.	PARSONAGE T.	
HALL R.	• PATERSON G.	
HARDY W.	PATERSON L.	
HELLMICH D.	PATERSON R.	
• JOHNSON E.	PLAYFAIR E.	
JOHNSON J.	POOLE G.	
KAY R.	RHALL D.	
KELYNACK J.	ROBERTS T.	
MALADAY R.	ROBINSON E.	
MARTIN P.	ROME W.	
— DIED IN ACTION —		
ABBOT T. H.		SHELDON J.
ABBOTT W.		SHEPHERD H.
ARMSTRONG J.		STEVENS E.
ARMSTRONG P.		• STEVENS J.
BATHGATE E.		• SOWERBY J.
BATTY S.		STARR W.
BARKER R.		THOMAS F.
BRODIGAN K.		TILBROOK W.
BRODIGAN L.		TROTTER J.
BRODIGAN V.		TUBBENHAUER T.
BROUGH H.		TWIGHT R.
• CAMERON A.		TWIGHT S.
CASSIDY R.		UREN T.
CALDER A.		UNDERWOOD J.
CHEQUER A.		WARE A.
CHEQUER S.		WATERSON R.
COOLAHAN J.		WEST D.
CUNNINGHAM N.		WILDMAN L.
DAWSON T.		WILDMAN W.
DEVERIDGE L.		WALKER J.





Following are some of the stories of the servicemen that appear on the King and Country Board recognising their service in World War I.

**Sir Granville de Laune Ryrie KCMG, CB, VD (1 July 1865 – 2 October 1937)**

Club Patron Granville de Laune Ryrie was born on 7 January 1865 at Michelago, NSW. He managed a grazing property and was a good horseman and an excellent shot. He served in the Boer War with the 6<sup>th</sup> NSW Imperial Bushmen. In 1911, he entered federal parliament as the Member for North Sydney and eventually served in the new Division of Warringah until 1922.

At the outbreak of war, he took command of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Light Horse Brigade as brigadier general in the Suez Canal area and joined the Gallipoli Campaign on 19 May 1915. He led his men during battles in Egypt, Gaza, Beersheba, Sinai and Palestine Campaigns. He was made Commander of the Australian Mounted Division in December 1918 and became Commander of the AIF in April 1919.



*Brigadier General Ryrie*



*Dr E.M. Brissenden in France 1917*

**Dr Edwin Mayhew Brissenden, K.C, M.B.E. (November 1862 – 31 October 1930)**

Brissenden was a Club member and a barrister who put his age down by 10 years to enlist at the age of 53 with the intention of serving as a soldier on the front line. He became a Sapper in the Third Divisional Cyclist Company.

However, his legal skills and the ability to speak French were noticed by General Monash and he was moved to the Third Divisions Claims Unit in France, where he criss-crossed the countryside often on a bicycle as loss assessor, mediator and diplomat. He was awarded the *Order of Merite Agricole* by the French in 1917.

He returned to Australia in June 1919 but not before he was responsible for drafting pardons for court martialled officers so they could avoid imprisonment on their return to Australia. He was appointed a Member (in the Military Division) in the Order of the British Empire for valuable service rendered in connexion with military operations in France.

**(Henry Thomas) Hilton Borig** – Hilton obtained his bronze medallion in the 1914/15 Season at Collaroy Surf Life Saving Club. He enlisted on 5 October 1915 as a Private in the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Battalion AIF (Service No. 3258). Hilton was killed in action in France on 22 July 1916 and was buried at Villers-Brettonneux, France.

**Thomas Christopher Connell** – He enlisted on 23 February 1915 and became a Lance Corporal in the 18<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion (Service No. 190). He died on 5 August 1916 at the 44<sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Station from wounds received to the abdomen and thigh during the Battle of Pozieres. He was buried in Puchevilliers British Cemetery in France.

**Herbert William Abbott** – “Bon” Abbott was born on 6 November 1894. He enlisted on 19 August 1914 as a private in the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Battalion and was discharged on 28 January 1915, following service in New Guinea. He re-enlisted on 16 March 1915 and became a driver in the 4<sup>th</sup> Light Horse Brigade HQ where he served until his discharge on 11 September 1918. He returned home having lost a toe to “trench foot” on the Western Front.

**Norman Edgar Casey** – Norm Casey obtained his bronze in the 1914/15 Season and enlisted on 5 June 1916 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Pioneer Battalion (Service No. 2833). At the age of 22, he succumbed to pneumonia in the Tidworth Military Hospital in England on 27 February 1917 not long after his arrival in England.

**Percival Albert Blakeman** - Percival was born in North Sydney on 28 March 1887 and initially enlisted on 11 August 1914 to be part of the Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Forces in New Guinea. After being discharged in March 1915, he re-enlisted on 9 August 1915 in the 18th Infantry Battalion (Service No. 3009), rising to the rank of Sergeant. Between December 1915 and October 1917, he fought in the Third Battle of Ypres as a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion. He was killed in action at Passchendaele in Belgium on 25 October 1917 and was buried in the Belgian Battery Corner Military Cemetery.

**Lionel Alfred Sheldon** – Lionel was born in Kansas City c. 1882 and arrived in Australia in 1885. In the 1914/15 Season, he obtained his bronze medallion and enlisted on 26 August 1915. As a Private in the 13<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade. (Service No. 4319) he received a gunshot wound to his left leg and was discharged medically unfit on 2 August 1918. He returned from the war, totally and permanently incapacitated.



*Private Hilton Borig*



*Percival Albert Blakeman*





*Coopers*

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