

COLLARROY SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC.

The COLLARROY CRAB

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COLLARROY 'CADETS' PROGRAM – THE COLLARROY BREAKERS

The committee is pleased to announce the launch of the new Collaroy Breakers Cadets Program. A custom program of activities and skills development is being structured towards providing a much-needed pathway beyond Nippers for youth development of all abilities and ambitions. A major sponsor has been secured to support and promote the program, and many coaches and mentors are lining up to provide their experience and guidance.

Janelle Kenna will be our new Junior Liaison Officer for the coming season and will lead this exciting new program. If you are interested, you can contact Janelle at black_janelle@hotmail.com

The Sponsorship Agreement with Kisters for our new Collaroy Breakers 'Cadets' Program has been signed off and the sponsorship payment has been received. It's just the beginning with lot's more to be done, as the season unfolds.

Kisters released this initial message.

The Collaroy Breakers Cadets Program – Powered by KISTERS: nurturing tomorrow's lifesavers

KISTERS is a global leader in environmental data and water monitoring solutions. With a presence across APAC and worldwide, we empower governments, communities, and organisations to make informed decisions about climate resilience, water security, and environmental protection.

This sponsorship reflects our purpose: supporting communities, the environment, and future generations. That's why we're proud to partner with Collaroy Surf Life Saving Club to launch **The Collaroy Breakers Cadets Program – Powered by KISTERS**, empowering youth, strengthening coastal safety, and nurturing tomorrow's environmental guardians.



COLLAROY SLSC SKILLS UPDATES

Bronze and SRC Skills Maintenance Practical Sunday November 16 at 8.30am

Boaties Special

Saturday November 29 at 9am

This document covers the online and practical requirements for this seasons Skills Updates and dates. The online has to be completed before attending the practical.

If you haven't completed online you will not be allowed to do the practical.

If you are a teacher, trainer or instructor and you are required to complete your resuscitation award every 12 months we can assist you. If you have to complete the HLTAID009 we can complete this as part of your Skills Update at no cost for obtaining the new award.

Please let Greg MacMahon know by the Monday prior to your attending the update and he will arrange the forms that will need to be completed on the day.

BRONZE & SRC

As usual there is an online component log into the Members Portal using your own login and not a family login. If you use a family login the system will not record the results against your name.

A Bronze Medallion member will need to:

- Watch the video update
- Complete two Lifesaving CPR online learning branching scenarios
- Answer the questions related to any of the above content in BM Theory Assessment

A Surf Rescue Certificate member will need to:

- Watch a video update
- Complete two Lifesaving CPR online learning branching scenarios
- Answer the questions related to any of the above content in SRC Theory Assessment

To access the online go to the members portal and then go to eLearning. Below is a brief explanation on how to get there.



This is the menu you should see when you are transferred to eLearning. This season the PSAR 35 Bronze/SRC manual is not in the publications app it is available on the portal.

You will find it under Training Resources

To access the Skills Update go to Training Library you will then see the below Shot

LMS LEVEL

Member

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USERNAME

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Log out

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Course Categories



SLSNSW - Skills Maintenance 2025/26

VIEW COURSES



SLSNSW - Emergency Care

VIEW COURSES





Click on 2025 Skills Maintenance using the View Courses button
 You will then see the below options and it is pretty clear red for Bronze and yellow for SRC

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Courses in SLSNSW - Skills Maintenance 2025/26



Skills Maintenance 2025/26 - Bronze Medallion (BM) Theory

Surf Life Saving

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Skills Maintenance 2025/26 - Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) Theory

Surf Life Saving

ENROL



Skills Maintenance 2025/26 - Age Manager Award

Surf Life Saving

ENROL



Skills Maintenance 2025/26 - ART Theory

Surf Life Saving



Skills Maintenance 2025/26 - Resuscitation (Theory)

Surf Life Saving



SLSNSW Skills Maintenance 2025/26 - IRB Crew

Surf Life Saving

Powered by etrainu

You then hit the enrol button and you will see the following screens. Bronze you will have six tiles to complete and you must complete all six. It does not take long.
 SRC you will also find five tiles and you must complete all of them.

If you start the update and then have a break and need to re-enter you will find the course under My Training.

Bronze

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My Training > Skills Maintenance 2025/26 - Bronze Medallion (BM) Theory

Skills Maintenance 2025/26 - Bronze Medallion (BM) Theory

Video Update
Type: Course
Accessible Since: August 04, 2025
STATUS: COMPLETE
Author: Surf Life Saving

REVIEW

Lifesaving CPR 5M25/26 Part 1
Type: Course
Accessible Since: August 04, 2025
STATUS: COMPLETE
Author: Surf Life Saving

REVIEW

Lifesaving CPR 5M25/26 Part 2
Type: Course
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REVIEW

SRC

Is similar to the Bronze screenshot above only titled SRC Theory

The practical component will be completed at the club on the below dates.

ADVANCED RESUSCITATION

Complete the online. The practical update will be part of the SRC/Bronze update.

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My Training > Skills Maintenance 2025/26 - ART Theory

Skills Maintenance 2025/26 - ART Theory

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Lifesaving CPR 5M25/26 Part 2
Type: Course
Accessible Since: August 04, 2025
STATUS: COMPLETE
Author: Surf Life Saving

REVIEW

Lifesaving CPR Update for ART
Type: Course
Accessible Since: August 28, 2025
STATUS: COMPLETE
Author: Surf Life Saving

REVIEW

CLUB DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16 Nov 2025	Nipper Club Championships Rd 2
13 Dec 2025	Club Christmas Pary
14 Dec 25	Xmas Nippers 9am (all ages)- last Nippers for 2025. Bar closed
	Beach Club Carols on the Beach
3 to 9 Jan 2026	Bronze and SRC Course
11 Jan 2026	Nippers return after Xmas break
24 to 25 Jan 2026	Weekend @ The Roy (No Nippers)
15 Feb 2026	Nipper Club Championships Rd 3
7 Mar 2026	Twilight & Final Nippers (incl U6 - 8 Presentation rom 4.30pm) Nipper End of Season Function (approx. 5.30pm)

BUDGIE SMUGGLER ORDER

We currently have a run of Budgie Smugglers for Nippers and Parents but open to anyone in the club. Refer email and link below and pass on to anyone else that may be interested. Note 10% of total sales will be returned back to the club.

We're excited to share our new alternate costume design for nippers (and parents)! Order online by November 20th for Christmas delivery.

<https://budgysmuggler.com.au/collections/collaroy-slsc>.

REMINDER - SWIMMING TRAINING — Thursday nights 6.30 to 7.30pm

Swimming at the NSA is buzzing along. In the past few weeks, we have had 25 members working on their fitness and stroke style and efficiency. Welcome to our newcomers: Lily, Indianna, Coco, Darcy, Mitchell, Tommy, Karen and Nicole. It is so exciting watching the program build. We have many regulars who show their commitment to the program and to themselves.

Please remember to sign on at the desk, when you arrive at the pool. It is important that the club knows who is attending. If an injury occurs and you are not signed on, insurance will not cover you.

Please register on this link, and mention that you are a Collaroy Surf Club member in the notes section.

<https://b1101551.family-portal.com.au/public/enquiry>

The club would like to thank Terrey Hills Swim School for allowing us to use the Narrabeen facilities.

A reminder that everyone needs to have their pool buoy and flippers. DMC flippers are the best brand. They were developed on the Northern Beaches and have recently been sold to Speedo. Terrey Hills Swim School bought all the leftover fins and they can be purchased at the Terrey Hill's pool. They are enclosed fins and strap fins. Give them a call, please if you are looking for fins.

Keep coming, keep moving, keep healthy!

NB: Swimmers must be able to swim 25 m.

Tricia Hamilton

SYDNEY NORTHERN BEACHES' INTERBRANCH TEAM

Congratulations to **Dash Armstrong** for being selected in the Sydney Northern Beaches Interbranch Team. The Interbranch Championships will be held at Avoca Beach on 29 and 30 November 2025. Good luck to our team !!

BOARD AND SKI SHED CLEANOUT - 15 NOVEMBER 2025

If you have gear in the Board and Ski Shed, please make sure that it is labelled or come and take it home asap. A cleanout is planned for 15 November and any unused and unclaimed gear will be removed to make way for new equipment.

OCEAN SWIM - 9 NOVEMBER 2026

It was a fabulous day attended by approximately 280 swimmers across the 3 races. Our major event sponsor was Bathers Collaroy. Event partners were The Collaroy, Zoggs Swimwear and Collaroy IGA Express.

Many thanks to all sections of the club for contributing as volunteers in every aspect of the day.

Lots of great feedback from happy swimmers and visitors to Collaroy Beach.



An **OFFICIALS' COURSE** was run on Sunday 2 November with 15 attendees (11 Nipper parents and 4 boaties). There may be another mid-week course if there is enough interest. Contact Gregg Armstrong on collaroynipperchairman@gmail.com.

CARNIVAL RESULTS

25 October 2025 Wanda Tradies One Club Carnival

Hudson Miles	6 th U11 Boys' Board
	6 th U11 Boys' Surf
	5 th U11 Ironman
Collaroy Ladies	1 st Open March Past

8 November 2025 Freshwater Surfboat Carnival

Open Female	Collaroy Crusaders - 3rd
Open Male	Collaroy Black – 7 th
U23 Male	Collaroy Long Necks - 8 th
U23 Female	Collaroy Cobras 4 th and Collaroy Cannons 6 th

8 November 2025 Bennett Board Carnival Dee Why

U9 Male Board	Archie Thompson - 15 th
U9 Female Board	Mackenzie Ford - 9 th and Hazel White - 14 th
U9 Mixed Board Relay	Collaroy Team A - 6 th
U10 Female Board	Milla Leeson and Clementine Eagle 14 th
U10 Male Board	Phoenix Ingber - 13 th
U11 Male Board	Hudson White - 2 nd
U11 Mixed Board Relay	Collaroy/Newport Composite Team - 4 th
U12 Female Board	Remy Eagle - 7 th
U12 Male Board	Finlay Hess - 13 th
U12 Mixed Board Relay	Collaroy Team A - 4 th
U13 Male Board	Dash Armstrong - 1 st , Mitchell Kew - 12 th , Sam Kenna - 14 th
U13 Female Board	Harlem White - 7 th , Issey Eagle - 11 th
U13 Mixed Board Relay	Collaroy Team A - 2 nd , Collaroy Team B - 7 th
All Age Board Relay	Collaroy Team A – 4 th



9 November 2025 North Narrabeen Junior Beach Carnival

U9 Female 1 km Beach Run	Elki Aitken 2 nd
U9 Female Beach Sprint	Mackenzie Ford 7 th
U9 Female Beach Flags	Mackenzie Ford 2 nd , Elki Aitken 8 th , Sophie Gittoes 11 th
U10 Male 1 km Beach Run	Zac Cooke 1 st
U10 Male Beach Sprint	Will Petersen 1 st and Zac Cooke 3 rd
U10 Male Beach Flags	Will Petersen 2 nd and Lucas Stark 3 rd
U10 Female Beach Flags	Clementine Eagle 11 th , Chloe Markillie 19 th
U11 Male 1 km Beach Run	Henry McCormick 3 rd
U11 Male Beach Sprint	Henry McCormick 7 th
U11 Male Beach Flags	Henry McCormick 11 th
U12 Female Beach Flags	Remy Eagle 9 th
U13 Female Beach Flags	Issy Eagle 10 th
U13 Male Beach Flags	Sam Kenna 5 th
U13 Male 2 km Beach Run	Sam Kenna 5 th



9 November 2025 Swansea Belmont Kracka Challenge

U9 Female	Chilli Armstrong 2 nd
U11 Male	Hudson White 6 th and Hudson Miles 24 th
U13 Male	Dash Armstrong 5 th
U13 Female	Harlem White 13 th

NIPPERS STATE TEAM FUNDRAISER

This Raffle being organised by some of the U12 and 13 girls and all money raised will go towards the Nippers' State Team. It will be drawn on 14 December at Xmas Nippers.



NIPPERS RAFFLE

Support our local Nippers Club and enter the draw to win incredible prizes!

 1st prize: Sydney Kings Box Experience, fully catered, Feb 15 (valued \$3,000)

2nd prize: Luxury Beauty Hamper (valued \$1000) 

 3rd prize: 2 Night's Accommodation in Mudgee and \$200 dinner voucher at The Oriental

 4th prize: \$200 voucher for The Beach Club Collaroy

All funds raised goes back to the Collaroy Nippers Club

\$5 EACH
3 FOR \$10

CASH AND CARD ACCEPTED

WEEKEND @ THE ROY – Save the date

SATURDAY 24TH AND SUNDAY 25TH JANUARY 2026



CARNIVAL DATES

15 Nov 2025	Fast Fives (U14s to Open) Rd 3 Whale Beach
22 Nov 2025	Freshwater Masters (Water Teams event)
	SNB Boat Series Rd 2 Palm Beach
	Beach Stormers Rd 2 Avoca Beach
23 Nov 2025	Junior Fast and Furious Freshwater
30 Nov 2025	U8 Carnival Bilgola
6 Dec 2025	Fast Fives (U14s to Open) Rd 4 tba
7 Dec 2025	Junior Beach and Water Long Reef
12 Dec 2025	Australian Surfboat Selection Trial at Swansea Belmont
13 & 14 Dec 2025	Aust. Surfboat Short Course Swansea Belmont (Sat R & 19, Sun O & 23s)
13 Dec 2025	Beach Stormers Rd 3 South Maroubra
	Mona Vale Masters (Water Teams event)
14 Dec 2025	Junior Beach Carnival Narrabeen Beach
20 Dec 2025	North Cronulla Boat Carnival (State Selection)
27 Dec 2025	Long Distance Runs North Curl Curl
2 Jan 2026	Palm Beach Masters (Water Teams event)
9 Jan 2026	Long Distance Runs North Curl Curl
10 & 11 Jan 2026	SNB Boat Series Rd 3 North Steyne (Sat O & R, Sun U19 & 23)
11 Jan 2025	Nipper Nats Manly
16 & 17 Jan 2026	Manly Open / Beach Stormers Rd 4 (Sprints and Flags only)
17 Jan 2026	R&R North Steyne
18 Jan 2026	Freshwater Open
23 Jan 2026	Long Distance Runs North Curl Curl
24 & 25 Jan 2026	Weekend @ The Roy (No Nippers) Boats, R&R, M, Belt Swims
26 Jan 2026	Beach Stormers Rd 4 Wanda (Distance Runs only)
31 Jan 2026	Branch Open & Masters Beach, R&R, March Past Queenscliff
1 Feb 2026	Branch Junior Water Queenscliff
6 Feb 2026	Branch Distance Runs 5pm Queenscliff
7 Feb 2026	Branch Open/Masters Water & Beach, Surfboats, MP, R&R Queenscliff
8 Feb 2026	Branch Junior Beach, U8s & Inclusive Queenscliff
12 to 15 Feb 2026	ASRL Open & Interstate at Wanda
19 to 22 Feb 26	State Age Championships Swansea Belmont
25 & 26 Feb 2026	State Masters Championships Swansea Belmont
27 Feb to 1 Mar 26	State Open and Surfboats Championships
14 & 15 Mar 2026	Metropolitan & Interseries Boat Championships Ocean Beach
21 & 22 Mar 2026	Australian Youth Championships North Kirra
23 & 24 Mar 2026	Australian Masters Championships North Kirra
25 to 29 Mar 2026	Australian Open Championships North Kirra/ Boats at Tugun
18 & 19 Apr 2026	State Board Riding Championships Merewether tbc

FROM THE HISTORY BOOKS.....

Many of you would have seen the below board in the Goodman Lounge at the Club. It lists surfboats donated by McWilliams Wines, an association that started in 1946 with a rescue.

KEITH McWILLIAM MEMORIAL SHIELD		
Year Launched and Named		Donated
1946	Braemar I	Moana SLSC
1949	Braemar II	South Africa SLSC
1954	McWilliams Wines I	Tasmania SLSC
1957	McWilliams Wines II	New Zealand SLSC
1962	McWilliams Wines III	Great Britain SLSC
1965	McWilliams Wines IV	Australian Forces Vietnam
1966	Viscount	Cairns SLSC
1968	McWilliams Wines V	Nth. Palm Beach SLSC
1970	Keith McWilliams	Sawtell SLSC
1971	McWilliams Wines VI	Ocean Beach SLSC
1974	McWilliams Wines VII	McWilliams Hanwood Winery
1976	McWilliams Wines VIII	Chatswood High School
1977	McWilliams Wines Centenary (1877-1977)	Wrecked Collaroy
1980	McWilliams Wines IX	Portreath SLSC (GB.)
1982	McWilliams Wines X	Darling Harbour Sydney
1983	Ruby McWilliams	Yanco Agricultural College
1985	McWilliams Wines XI	Time & Tide Hotel
1988	McWilliams Wines XII	Collaroy Club Bar
1990	McWilliams Wines XIII	Ocean Grove SLSC (Vic)
1991	McWilliams Wines XIV	Warriewood SLSC
1994	McWilliams Wines XVI	Hong Kong
	renamed Aristocrat II	
1996	McWilliams Hanwood-Dick Twilight	Bergerac (Fra)
	renamed Aristocrat III	
1998	Aristocrat I	Urunga SLSC
	- The Don & Louise McWilliam	
2000	Aristocrat IV - The John Brown	Kilcare SLSC
	renamed ILeo	
2002	Aristocrat V - The Paul Booth	Kennett River SLSC
2004	The Rod Macqueen	Torquay SLSC

On the afternoon of Sunday 19 May 1946, the Collaroy Rugby League Football Team were playing against the Dee Why Diggers Team at Griffith Park. The conditions were atrocious with gale force southerlies and driving rain and on the water, an enormous swell was buffeting the coastline.

At 10.30am, six men left Rose Bay in an 18-foot half cabin cruiser for a fishing trip bound for Broken Bay. Around midday and two miles off Curl Curl, the engine stopped and the launch was blown northward. Manly police were alerted but neither the pilot vessel nor the police launch were able to leave the harbour due to the conditions. One of the policemen tracking the stricken launch was Alan Fitzgerald, a member of North Steyne Surf Club who considered that the only boat capable of reaching the launch was a surfboat and the best beach to attempt such a rescue was the sheltered corner at Collaroy.

Meanwhile, Club member, Ian Proctor had spotted the stricken vessel off Long Reef and headed for the Surf Club with his father, Chic Proctor, where the 'Miss Collaroy' was carried onto the beach in preparation for the rescue. The Club had won the 1946 Australian Surfboat Championships so we had a crew capable of such a rescue.

Around 3pm, a police vehicle drove onto Griffith Park and Fitzgerald informed the teams of the situation with the stricken vessel, now about 800 metres off Long Reef. The match was abandoned and the players made their way to Collaroy.

The crew selected for the rescue consisted of Dick and Stan Twight (members of the 1946 Surfboat Champion crew), South Narrabeen club members, Ron Carey and Arthur Le Clerc (the latter a 1946 Australian R&R Gold medallist), Bill Abbott (for his rowing skill and swimming ability) and Chic Proctor (for his invaluable knowledge of the seas off Collaroy).

The surfboat was launched and after what seemed like an eternity cleared the breakers but by then the launch had passed them and was drifting helplessly towards the bombora off Narrabeen. The '*Miss Collaroy*' reached the vessel quickly but there was no response from the crew. Bill Abbott swam to the boat, dragging a line and found the six men lying in the cabin suffering extreme sea sickness and hypothermia. They were unable to be transferred to the surfboat so the only hope was to tow the stricken vessel. Abbott tied the rope to the vessel's bow and swam back to the surfboat.

Slowly the surfboat began towing the launch and both cleared the breakers and began to head southwards towards Collaroy using the pine trees as a guide to their progress. The next dilemma was how to get the men to shore. Proctor thought that the better option would be to attempt it at Fisherman's Beach, which was more sheltered than Collaroy and using the deep channel which ran close to the shore.

News of the rescue spread and a number of spectators gathered, amongst them Keith McWilliam, the Managing Director of McWilliam's Wines, who had been enjoying a drink in Long Reef Golf Club following his game.

The journey to the Basin was slow and it was almost dark by the time the two vessels negotiated the shore break and reached the deep water of the channel. At this point the rope snapped and the cruiser was once more at the mercy of the waves. Upon reaching the shallows, the crew of the '*Miss Collaroy*' abandoned her and swam to the launch and were able to guide it to the beach. The six unconscious fishermen were transported by ambulance to Manly Hospital.

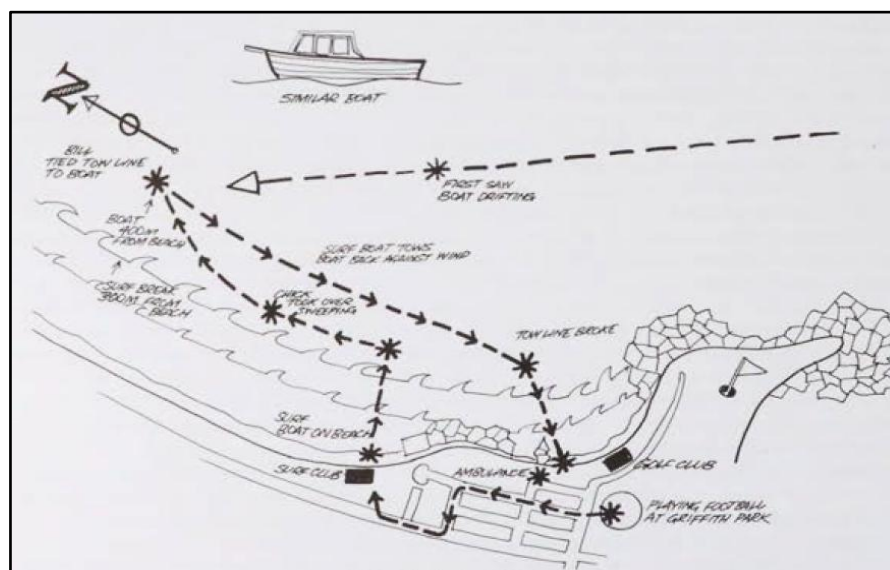


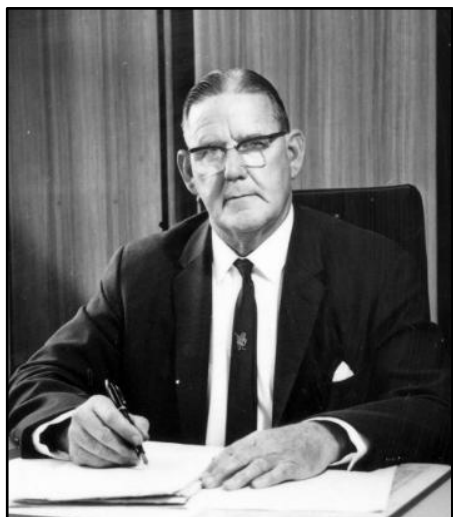
Diagram showing the rescue

Chic Proctor, Bill Abbott, Arthur Le Clerc, Ron Carey and Dick and Stan Twight received Certificates of Merit from the Royal Shipwreck, Relief and Humane Society.



Following the rescue, a committee of local residents was formed to raise funds for the Club with the ultimate aim to purchase a new surfboat to replace the 'Miss Collaroy'. The committee approached Keith McWilliam for a donation but he decided that he would buy a new surfboat outright for the club. And so began the Club's association with McWilliam's Wines.

McWilliam's Wines sponsored Collaroy Surf Club from 1946 to 1996 and over the years have donated 23 surfboats. Keith McWilliam was patron of the Club from 1955 until his death in 1977; his son Don McWilliam took over from 1977 to 1996. Their iconic "Friar Tuck" also graced our Surfboats for many years. The 50-year relationship was re-established by Keith's grandson, Jeff McWilliam in 2016 with the donation of another surfboat.



Keith McWilliam Club Patron 1955 to 1977 and his son, Don McWilliam, Club Patron 1977 to 1996



McWilliams Wines IV on the beach in Vung Tua and McWilliams Wines Centenary – wrecked off Collaroy



McWilliams Wines XIII was hung in the Surf Club Bar following our renovations in 2003



2017 Christening of the 'Peter Bott' by Jeff McWilliam



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