

COLLAROY SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC.

The COLLAROY CRAB

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COLLAROY GIANTS SELECTED TO REPRESENT AUSTRALIA !!



Australia Life Saving Team selected for the 2026 Trans-Tasman Surf Boat Test Series

Surf Life Saving Australia is proud to announce the Australian Surf Boat Team and the Australian Development Surf Boat Team, selected to represent Australia in the upcoming Trans-Tasman Surf Boat Test Series.

Seventy surf boat crews braved trying conditions at the National Team Selection Event (NTSE) at Swansea-Belmont, NSW, with the top crews earning the great privilege of representing their country.

The Australian Surf Boat Team will be represented by the Currumbin Barbarians in the Open Males and the Collaroy Giants in the Open Females.

The Open Male competition went right down to the wire, with the Barbarians and last year's Australian team representatives, Bulli Gold, finishing the final round on even points and thus requiring a row off to decide the victorious crew.

The Australian Development Surf Boat Team will be represented by the South Curl Curl Burley (Male U23) and the Palm Beach Pina Coladas (U23 Female).

The Australian Surf Boat Team will now prepare for the Trans-Tasman Surf Boat Test Series, which will be held on Saturday 14 February, 2026 at Wanda Beach, NSW.

<https://sls.com.au/australia-life-saving-team-selected-for-the-2026-trans-tasman-surf-boat-test-series/>

Australian blazers and numbered caps will be handed out at Wanda. It is likely that the event will be Live streamed so keep an eye out.

TRAINING WEEK 3 TO 9 JANUARY 2026



New Bronze and SRC Recipients

Collaroy held another successful training week in January. Congratulations to our new patrolling members:

SRC: Campbell Ward and Mischa Woodley

Bronze: James Popovski, Jackson White, Fergus Macqueen, Oscar O'Shea, Leo Shacklock, Ryan Sinclair, Brooke Bosland, Zak Szyszka and Christian Mascari.

PATROL ROSTER

Jan-26		Day	Date	AM	PM
Thursday			1-1	7	2
Saturday			3-1	1	8
Sunday			4-1	12	11
Saturday			10-1	LS 1	4
Sunday			11-1	1	5
Saturday			17-1	12	9
Sunday			18-1	LS 1	2
Saturday			24-1	LS 2	4
Sunday			25-1	7	5
Monday			26-1	9	8
Saturday			31-1	11	1

Feb-26		Day	Date	AM	PM
Sunday			1-2	4	12
Saturday			7-2	5	7
Sunday			8-2	9	11
Saturday			14-2	2	1
Sunday			15-2	LS 2	4
Saturday			21-2	LS 1	2
Sunday			22-2	LS 1	5
Saturday			28-2	8	7

CLUB DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 from 4.30pm) Nipper End of Season Function (approx. 5.30pm)
15 March 2026	Nipper AGM and Presentation Day Surf Club vs Swimming Club – 20 Person Relay
30 May 2026	Club Ball /Presentation Night – Long Reef Golf Club – save the date

HELP NEEDED – WEEKEND @ THE ROY

Collaroy Surf Lifesaving Club is gearing up for our premier event, **Weekend @ 'The Roy'**, taking place on **23–24 January 2026**. To make this event a success, we're putting out a **general call to arms** for volunteers to join our Work Party across the weekend. We're seeking assistance for the following shifts:

- **Shift 1:** Friday 3:00pm – 4:30pm — Carnival Preparation (5 volunteers)
- **Shift 2:** Saturday 5:30am – 7:30am — Carnival Set Up (15 volunteers)
- **Shift 3:** Saturday 7:30am – 12:00pm — Carnival Operations (5 volunteers)
- **Shift 4:** Saturday 12:00pm – 4:00pm — Carnival Operations (5 volunteers)
- **Shift 5:** Sunday 7:30am – 12:00pm — Carnival Operations (5 volunteers)
- **Shift 6:** Sunday 12:00pm – 3:00pm — Carnival Operations (5 volunteers)
- **Shift 7:** Sunday 3:00pm – 4:30pm — Carnival Pack Up (10 volunteers)

If you're able to help with any of the above shifts, please email events@collaroysurfclub.com.au with your availability.

COLLAROY 'CADETS' PROGRAM – THE COLLAROY BREAKERS

Collaroy Breakers Cadets Program has been running on Sundays and numbers are increasing. It provides a custom program of activities and skills development structured towards providing a much-needed pathway beyond Nippers for youth development of all abilities and ambitions. Many coaches and mentors are lining up to provide their experience and guidance.

If you are interested, please contact Janelle Kenna at black_janelle@hotmail.com.

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



BOARD AND SKI SHED CLEANOUT

Following our gear shed cleanout, several items have been identified as unclaimed or unwanted. These items are currently for sale:

- 1 FENN Elite Ocean Kayak \$1500
- 1 Racing Ski (Yellow) with paddle \$300
- 1 CHRISTO Wave Ski with seat belt and paddle \$200
- 1 Weeniewave Ski for kids. Needs screw cap which are available. FREE.

All can be viewed at club compound.

Contact Greg Broome 0416 20 4000



SATURDAY 24TH JAN



SUNDAY 25TH JAN



WEEKEND @ THE ROY 2026

The Collaroy club boasts a rich tradition in team events and we look forward to hosting and welcoming entries on Saturday 24th from:

- Open and Junior March Past teams
- Open and Reserve Boats
- Open Male and Female Surf Belt Race
- Open Male and Female Modified Tube Race
- Open and Junior R&R teams

On Sunday 25th January Collaroy will host the annual Young Guns carnival for U23 and U19 Surf Boat crews along with an R&R clinic for all teams and ages.

Entries via liveheats

For more information visit

<https://www.surflifesaving.net.au/surf-sports/carnivals/programs/>

R & R TEAMS
7.30AM
SATURDAY



OPEN SURF BELT RACE
11:00AM
SATURDAY



MARCH PAST
3:00PM
SATURDAY



SURF BOATS
FROM 7.30AM
SAT & SUN





Saxon Lysaght -Wheeler - Collaroy SLSC

Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) congratulates the 212 Surf Lifesavers recognised with National Medals in SLSA National Medal Batch 54.

National Medals are a prestigious part of the Australian honours system, recognising long and diligent service by individuals who risk their lives or safety to protect or assist the community in times of emergency or national disaster.

Saxon Lysaght-Wheeler Collaroy SLSC, NSW

The National Medal was established by the Commonwealth of Australia in 1975 as one of the original elements of the distinctive Australian system of honours and awards. The medal recognises long service in organisations that protect life and property at some risk to their members.

The National Medal is available to eligible Surf Life Saving Australia members who have completed a **minimum of 30 patrol hours each season, for a minimum period of 15 full years (5,480 days)** * from 18th September 1986. The National Medal criteria is determined by Government regulation, not SLSA and therefore cannot be relaxed or altered.

CARNIVAL DATES

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
24 & 25 Jan 2026	Weekend @ The Roy (No Nippers) Boats, R&R, March Past, Belt Swims
26 Jan 2026	Beach Stormers Rd 4 Wanda (Distance Runs only)
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 and Water Queenscliff, U8s and Inclusive TBA
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

FOOTY TIPPING

The NRL kicks off in Las Vegas on 1 March 2026, and we've fired up one of the best footy tipping comps in the land (totally unbiased opinion, obviously).

RETURNING TIPSTERS: Easy as. Just open the app or go to <https://www.itipfooty.com.au> "Rejoin Collaroy Bar Tipping Comp". Done.

FIRST-TIMERS & GLORY-SEEKERS:

1. Head to <https://www.itipfooty.com.au>
2. Click Register and fill in your details
3. Click JOIN COMP
4. Enter Comp number **112827**
5. Password is **Collaroy**

Entry fee is **\$25** - pay at the bar or bank transfer (which will be supplied later)

THE LOOT:

- 1st prize: 40% of the prize pool
- 2nd prize: 20% of the prize pool
- 3rd prize: 10% of the prize pool
- Weekly perfect round Jackpot: 20% of the pool divided by 27 weeks (jackpots if not won - can get JUICY)
- Club Donation: 10% goes back to Collaroy SLSC

Questions? Hit up the Bar staff or email Luke at venue@collaroysurfclub.com.au



CHRISTMAS TOY DONATIONS

Thanks to all the Nipper families who donated children's toys at our Nipper Christmas Party. The toys were delivered to the Sydney Children's Hospital at Randwick.



CARNIVAL RESULTS

National Team Selection Event (Surfboats) Swansea Belmont 12 December 2025

Open Female Surfboat	Collaroy Giants – reached the top 3 and finished 1 st in the Pointscore
Open Male Surfboat	Collaroy Black – 17 th in the pointscore
U23 Female Surfboat	Collaroy Cannons - reached the top 8 crews
U23 Male Surfboat	Collaroy Long Necks - 13 th in the pointscore



Collaroy Long Necks and Collaroy Black (Open Men)



ASRL Short Course Championships Swansea Belmont 13 and 14 December 2025

U23 Male Short Course	Collaroy Long Necks – 6 th in Elimination Final
U23 Female Short Course	Collaroy Cannons – 4 th in semi finals
Reserve Mixed Short Course	Collaroy Canbabs – 6 th in the final
U19 Mixed Short Course	Collaroy Red – 6 th in the final
U23 Mixed Short Course	Event cancelled due to timing



U23 Collaroy Cannons and Reserve Mixed Crew The Canbabs with Course Judge, John Fahey (after they won their heat)

Sydney Water Round 4 Bulli 13 December 2025

U11 Male Ironperson	Hudson White 1 st , Hudson Miles 5th
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Narrabeen Junior Beach Carnival 14 December 2025

Elki Aitken	6 th U9 Female Sprint, 16 th U9 Female Flags
Zac Cooke	4 th U10 Male Beach Sprint, 17 th U10 Male Flags
Henry McCormick	2 nd U11 Male 1km Beach Run

North Cronulla Christmas Carnival 20 December 2026

Open Female Surfboat	Collaroy Crusaders – 3rd
Reserve Male Surfboat	Collaroy Black – 18 th place
U23 Female Surfboat	Collaroy Cannons - 4 th , Collaroy Cobras - Finalists
U23 Male Surfboat	Collaroy Long Necks - Semi Finalists
U19 Female Surfboat	Collaroy Cutters - 9 th
U19 Male Surfboat	Collaroy Cowboys – 3rd



Shoulder to Shoulder - 8am 20 December 2025 at North Cronulla Christmas Carnival.

Wamberal Junior Ironperson 3 January 2026

Hudson Miles

8th U11 Male Ironperson

North Steyne Boat Carnival 10 and 11 January 2026

Saturday - big surf and 38 degrees heat. Sunday – more carnage and events cancelled after two races

Open Male Surfboat	Collaroy Black 11 th place after broken oar in the first heat
Open Female Surfboat	Collaroy Crusaders 4th



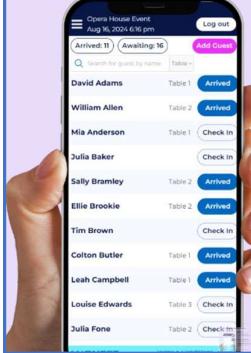
Nipper Nats Manly 11 January 2026

U9 Female Board	Chilli Armstrong 2 nd , Mackenzie Ford 11 th , Sophie Gittoes 18 th
U9 Female Surf	Chilli Armstrong 3 rd
U9 Female Beach Relay	5 th place (Gittoes, Armstrong, Ford, Bosward)
U9 Female Board Relay	2 nd (Chilli Armstrong, Sophie Gittoes, Mackenzie Ford)
U9 Female 1km Run	Georgie Edwards 3 rd
U9 Male Surf	Archie Thompson 17 th
U9 Male Beach Flags	Zion Collier Ribeiro 11 th
U10 Female Surf	Mila Ward 3 rd
U10 Female 1km Run	Mila Ward 1 st
U10 Male 1km Run	Zac Cooke 1 st
U10 Male Sprint	Will Petersen 4 th
U10 Male Beach Flags	Will Petersen 10 th
U11 Female Flags	Frankie Edwards 14 th
U11 Female 1km run	Frankie Edwards 8 th
U11 Male Board	Hudson White 2 nd
U11 Male Surf	Hudson White 9 th , Hudson Miles 20 th
U11 Male 1km Run	Henry McCormick 12 th
U12 Male 1km Run	Reef Bridges 15 th
U12 Male Beach Flags	Reef Bridges 13 th , Finlay Hess 17 th
U13 Male Ironperson	Dash Armstrong 2 nd
U13 Male Board	Dash Armstrong 4 th
U13 Male Surf	Dash Armstrong 3 rd



BEACH CLUB RAFFLES

Reminder that on the 4th Saturday of every month, our Surf Club members sell raffle tickets at the Beach Club. Prizes are seafood and Beach Club vouchers and all monies raised from these ticket sales goes directly to support the Surf Club. Come along and support our members and the raffle. Drawn at 5.30pm.



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Collaroy Nippers are using new software as a digital check-in platform. The software is designed for use in event management and has been kindly donated by AnQuest for the rest of the season. It's great for managing attendance at events and might streamline your next event. Further information on the software can be found at <https://anquest.com/> or contact Stephanie Fuller at stephanie@anquest.com.

COLLAROY SLSC GOLF DAY 9 JANUARY 2026

A successful golf day was held last Friday. Further details in the next edition of the Crab.

REMINDER - SWIMMING TRAINING — Thursday nights 6.30 to 7.30pm

Swimming resumed on January 8, 2026. Thanks to Anne Jenkins, who has made this venture possible for CSLSC, the committee for approving the weekly event, the coaches involved and most of all, the swimmers who have dedicated themselves to improving skills.

There has been an amazing improvement across all the lanes, but particularly in the nipper lanes, which is most encouraging. Encouragement awards were presented.



Tricia Hamilton

FROM THE HISTORY BOOKS.....

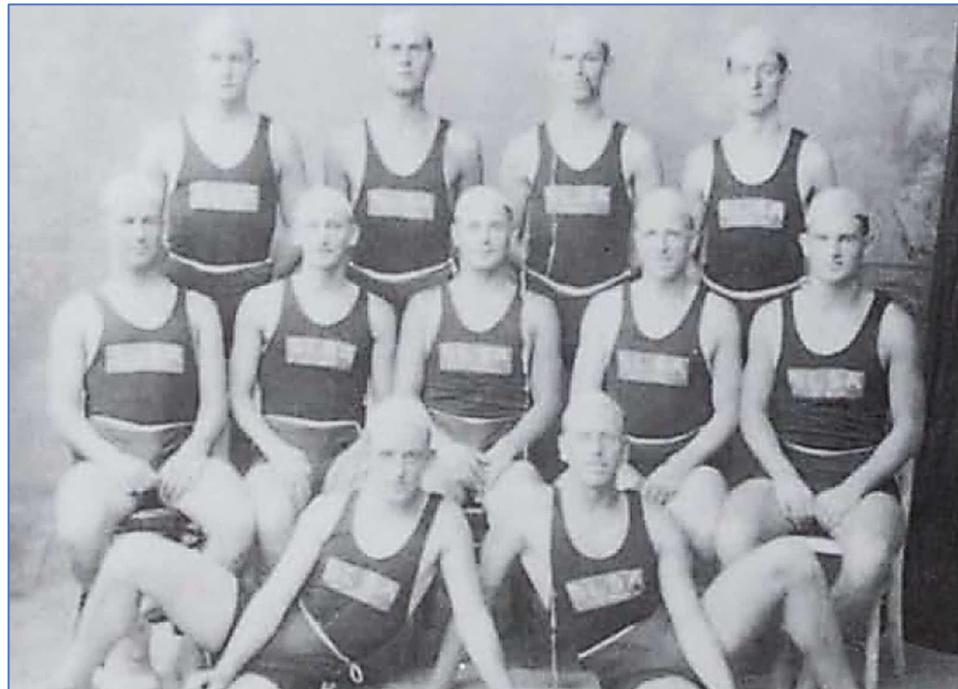
AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVES

The Open Female Boat crew, the Collaroy Giants are our first ever Australian Representative team. This month, the focus is on previous Australian representatives.

1921 – Bon Abbott was Vice Captain of an Instructional Tour of the Far North Coast

1923 – Ron Harris and Bon Abbott were selected for an Instructional Tour of the North Coast. Bon Abbott was elected Captain. Harris did not attend due to the death of his father.

1925 - Max Evans and Ralph Chequer were selected in the Association Instructional Team which toured the South Coast of New South Wales.



1925 Instructional Tour. Max Evans back row far right

1927 – Ralph Chequer

Following his Australian belt title win, Ralph Chequer was selected in the Australian Representative Team which was sent on an Instructional Tour of WA. The team carried some public exhibitions on the beaches of Perth and Fremantle, as well as competing in a Christmas carnival held by the North Cottesloe Life Saving and Athletic Club.



Ralph Chequer en-route to WA encourages locals to dance during a refuelling stop.

1949 – Bill Abbott and Dick Twight (Instructor)

Bill Abbott and Dick Twight were selected for an Instructional Team tour of Tasmania

1954 - Dick Twight - Captain of the Australian Team to Durban, South Africa.

The team also competed in the South African Championships which were held at South Beach as well as individual events. Their strength in skis, boards and swimming was immediately apparent with Dick Twight winning the South African board title. The highlight of the day was an R&R demonstration by the Australians and another exhibition of their surf boat in 'very heavy conditions'. The team found widespread support amongst the South African lifesavers for Australian methods.

After the championships, the team visited some of South Africa's other surf clubs, giving demonstrations at Amanzimtoti, Warner Doone, and Winkle Spruit Surf Life Saving Clubs.



Dick Twight oversees the drill by the Australians in front of a large crowd at South Beach, Durban.

The team then moved on to the First Test between the two nations which was held on South Beach, Durban and won the series three tests to two. In the final three days of the tour the Australians ventured south to Margate for another demonstration before heading back to Durban and Scottsburg beach for a final demonstration in a large rolling surf before 6,000 interested spectators.



1954 Australian Representative Team to South Africa. Dick Twilight (Captain) third from the left.



Members of the Australian Team to South Africa were even captured in cartoon form. Here they help sell Bond's singlets.

1967 - Doug Newman and Chris Bradford – Australian Tour to New Zealand



1967 Australian Representative Team to New Zealand. Doug Newman standing far left, Chris Bradford seated far right.

1969 - Chris Bradford was selected in the Australian Surf Team to tour South Africa.



Chris Bradford is kneeling second from the right

1970 - Hector McDonald - Coach of the Australian Team



Hector McDonald



Graham Windeatt

1980 - Graham Windeatt was selected to represent Australia in the Trans-Tasman Carnival against New Zealand at North Bondi.

1994/95 – Peter MacMahon - Manager Instructional IRB Tour to Hong Kong





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