

COLLARROY SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC.

The COLLARROY CRAB

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IRB CREW AND DRIVER TRAINING

Collaroy SLSC will be running an IRB Crew and Driver course in the coming months. To help with planning, if you would like to be considered for training please reply to training@collarroysurfclub.com.au by Friday February 13 indicating crew or driver course.

The are prerequisites for training - Crew must be proficient Bronze Medallion holders and be 15 years of age by March 31. Driver candidates must hold a proficient Crew Certificate and Bronze Medallion, be 17 years of age by March 31 and have a minimum of 8 verifiable operational hours as a qualified crew person.

Training will commence in early April and be held weekly at Collaroy.

It is expected there will be a large number of potential candidates and numbers are limited for safety reasons.

ADVANCED IRB SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Surf Life Saving NSW is hosting an Advanced IRB Skills Development Program at **Mona Vale SLSC** on the **14th and 15th of March 2026**.

The Advanced IRB Skills Development Program is open to financial & proficient members who hold an IRB Crew and/or Silver Medallion IRB Driver Award. The Program aims to enhance the skills and experiences of surf lifesavers in powercraft operations through collaborative and consistent training, utilizing a mix of drill-based activities, dedicated coaching, and scenario-based training. Training may include swimming & mounting rock shelves depending on location.

Please consider registering for this weekend's program using the link below:

Registration Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/2UmCqMZwNe>

PATROL ROSTER

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

Mar-26			
Day	Date		
Sunday	1-3	2	9
Saturday	7-3	11	12
Sunday	8-3	8	5
Saturday	14-3	4	1
Sunday	15-3	7	8
Saturday	21-3	9	11
Sunday	22-3	5	12
Saturday	28-3	2	4
Sunday	29-3	1	7

Apr-26			
Day	Date	AM	PM
Friday	3-4	8	11
Saturday	4-4	12	9
Sunday	5-4	1	4
Monday	6-4	5	2
Saturday	11-4	7	8
Sunday	12-4	9	12
Saturday	18-4	11	1
Sunday	19-4	4	5
Saturday	25-4	12	9
Sunday	26-4	8	7

CLUB DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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)
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

COLLARROY 'CADETS' PROGRAM – THE COLLARROY 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

CARNIVAL DATES

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



Nippers
AGM & PRESENTATION DAY

*Sunday 15th March
at 10.30am*

U9-U14 Presentation starts @ 11.00am

BBQ lunch FOR THE KIDS

INTERESTED IN GETTING MORE INVOLVED WITH NIPPERS NEXT SEASON?
collaroynipperchairman@gmail.com
No later than 30th March to find out more.

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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@collaroyclub.com.au



COLLARROY SLSC BAR WHAT'S ON



Sun 01 February live music Heath n Rob
Sun 08 February live music East West
Sun 15 February live music Heath n Rob
Sun 22 February live music East West

Sun 01 March NRL kickoff:
Knights V Cowboys
Bulldogs V Dragons
Leeds Rhinos V Hull Kingston Rovers

Sunday 08 March Dolphins V Rabbitohs 4pm
Sunday 15 March Manly V Knights 4pm
Sunday 22 March Eels V Dragons 4pm
Sunday 29 March Raiders V Sharks 4pm

Check out our socials....  @CollaroySLSCBar  @collaroy_slsc_bar

CARNIVAL RESULTS

North Cronulla Australia Day Ironperson Classic 26 January 2026

U9 Female Ironperson	Chilli Armstrong 2 nd
U10 Female Ironperson	Mila Ward 5 th
U11 Male Ironperson	Hudson Miles 8 th
U13 Female Ironperson	Harlem White 14 th
U13 Male Ironperson	Dash Armstrong 2 nd



Weekend @ The Roy Results 24 and 25 January 2026

Open Male Surf Belt	Leo Hill and his belt crew – 1st
Open Male Tube Rescue	Leo Hill 1 st
Open Mixed March Past	Collaroy Bears 4 th , Collaroy Comebacks 5 th
Open Male Surfboat	Collaroy Black 14 th after the rounds
Open Female Surfboat	Collaroy Giants 2 nd and Collaroy Crusaders 6 th
Reserve Male Surfboat	Collaroy Kehbabs 5 th in the Elimination Final
U23 Male Surfboat	Collaroy Long Necks 5 th in the Elimination Final
U23 Female Surfboat	Collaroy Cobras 3 rd and Collaroy Cannons 5 th
U19 Male Surfboat	Collaroy Cowboys 5 th
U19 Female Surfboat	Collaroy Cutters – Quarter Finalists



ASRLQ Series Round 2 Burleigh Beach 31 January and 1 February 2026

Open Female Surf Boat	Collaroy Cobras 5 th
Open Male Surfboat	Collaroy Black - Quarterfinalists
U23 Male Surfboat	Collaroy Long Necks 10 th

Branch Titles – Distance Runs Queenscliff - Friday 6 February 2026

U10 Female 1km Beach Run	Mila Ward 2 nd
U11 Male 1Km Beach Run	Henry McCormick 4 th , Hudson Miles 9 th
U11 Male 2 x 500m Beach Relay	Collaroy Black (McCormick, Miles) 1 st
U12 Female 1km Beach Run	Olive Thompson 7 th
U13 Male 1Km Beach Run	Sam Kenna 2 nd , Dash Armstrong 4 th
U13 Male 2 x 1km Relay	Collaroy A (Kenna, Armstrong)
U13 Male 2 x 1km Bch Run Relay	Collaroy A (Kenna, Armstrong) 2 nd
65+ Female 1 Km Run	Kerry Armstrong – 1 st
60-64 Female 1Km run	Miho Kawasaki 1 st

Branch Titles – Open and Masters - Queenscliff – Saturday 7 February 2026

Open March Past	Collaroy Ladies 1 st 1pt, Collaroy Bears 2 nd 4 pts
Open Female Surfboat	Collaroy Giants 3 rd , Collaroy Crusaders 6 th
Reserve Male Surfboat	Collaroy Kehbabs 6 th
U23 Male Surfboat	Collaroy Long Necks 4 th
U23 Female Surfboat	Collaroy Cannons 4 th , Collaroy Cobras 6 th
U19 Male Surfboat	Collaroy Cowboys 2 nd
U19 Female Surfboat	Collaroy Cutters 4 th
Open Mixed Surfboat Relay	Collaroy Red 3 rd (Kehbabs, Giants and Cowboys)
230 Mixed Beach Relay	2 nd Collaroy Red (Kawasaki, Light, Wight, Ryniker)
35-39 Female Surf Race	Brooke Miller 1 st
55-59 Female Flags	Miho Kawasaki 2 nd
60-64 Female Sprint	Miho Kawasaki 1 st
65+ Female Sprint	Kerry Armstrong – 4 th
65+ Female Beach Flags	Kerry Armstrong – 2 nd





Branch Titles – Nippers Queenscliff – Sunday 8 February 2026

U13 Female Surf Race	Harlem White 12 th , Issey Eagle 15 th
U13 Male Surf Race	Dash Armstrong 1 st
U13 Female Board Race	Harlem White 8 th , Issey Eagle 13 th
U13 Male Board Race	Dash Armstrong 1 st , Sam Kenna 9 th , Mitchell Kew 11 th
U13 Female Ironperson	Harlem White 8 th
U13 Male Ironperson	Dash Armstrong 1 st , Mitchell Kew 14 th
U13 Male Beach Sprint	Sam Kenna 8 th
U13 Male Beach Flags	Sam Kenna 4 th
U13 Male Cameron Relay	Collaroy A (Kenna, Kew, Armstrong) 1 st
U13 Male Board Rescue	Collaroy A (Kenna, Armstrong) 2 nd , Team B (Kew, King) 9 th
U13 Male Board Relay	Collaroy A (Kenna, Kew, Armstrong) 3 rd
U13 Male Beach Relay	Collaroy A (Bridges, Kew, Kenna, King) 3 rd
U12 Female Surf Race	Anook Dooley 3 rd , Charley Leeson 10 th
U12 Female Board Relay	Collaroy A (Eagle, Dooley, Thompson) 6 th
U12 Female Beach Flags	Aya Ingber 12 th ,
U12 Male Beach Flags	Reef Bridges 6 th , Cruz King 10 th
U11 Male Beach Flags	Henry McCormick 9 th
U11 Male Surf Race	Hudson White 2 nd , Hudson Miles 5 th
U11 Male Board Race	Hudson White 3 rd , Hudson Miles 11 th
U10 Female Surf Race	Milla Leeson 15 th
U10 Female Board Race	Milla Leeson 19 th
U10 Male Beach Flags	Lucas Stark 7 th
U9 Female Surf Race	Chilli Armstrong 4 th , Mackenzie Ford 10 th , Sophie Gittos 17 th , Hazel White 18 th

U9 Male Surf Race	Archie Thompson 11 th
U9 Female Board Relay	Collaroy A (Ford, Armstrong, Gittoes) 2 nd
U9 Female Surf Teams	Collaroy A (White, Armstrong, Ford, Gittoes) 2 nd
U9 Female Beach Relay	Collaroy A (Armstrong, Aitken, Ford, Gittoes) 4 th
U9 Female Beach Sprint	Chilli Armstrong 6 th
U9 Male Beach Sprint	Reef Clugston 6 th
U9 Female Beach Flags	Mackenzie Ford 11 th , Elki Aitken 15 th , Cullen Bosward 23 rd
U9 Male Beach Flags	Reef Clugston 18 th , Archie Thompson 24 th



SATURDAY 24TH JAN



COLLARROY
YOUNG GUNS
SUREBOAT



SUNDAY 25TH JAN



WEEKEND @ THE ROY 2026



	U10/11 Mixed 2 Person R&R
1	Wanda Team A
2	Redcliffe Peninsula Team A
	U13/14 Mixed 2 Person R&R
1	Redcliffe Peninsula Team A
2	Wanda Team A
3	Umina Team A
	U14/15 Mixed 2 Person R&
1	Umina Team A
2	Redcliffe Peninsula Team A
	U17 Mixed 5 Person R&R
1	North Cronulla Blue
2	Coogee Blue Crew
	U19 Mixed 2 Person R&R
1	North Cronulla Axylotis
2	Coogee Team A
3	Wanda Team A
4	Coogee Team B
	U23 Mixed 5 Person R&R
1	Coogee Team A
2	Coogee Jays
	Open Mixed 5 Person R&R
1	Coogee Premium Mixed
2	Wanda

	Under 12 Mixed 2 Person R&R
1	South Maroubra A
	U13-15 Mixed 5 Person R&R
1	Redcliffe Peninsula Team A
2	Coogee Team A
3	North Cronulla Positive Pickles
	U17 Mixed 2 Person R&R
1	North Cronulla Axylotis
2	Wanda Team A
	U19 Mixed 5 Person R&R
1	North Cronulla Blue
2	Coogee Team A
3	Coogee Team B
4	North Cronulla Gold
	Open Mixed 2 Person R&R
1	Coogee Team B
2	Coogee Gold
3	Coogee Team C
	Open Male 5 Person R&R
1	Coogee 5 Opens
	Open Female 5 Person R&R
1	Coogee Drew's Crew
2	North Cronulla Blue



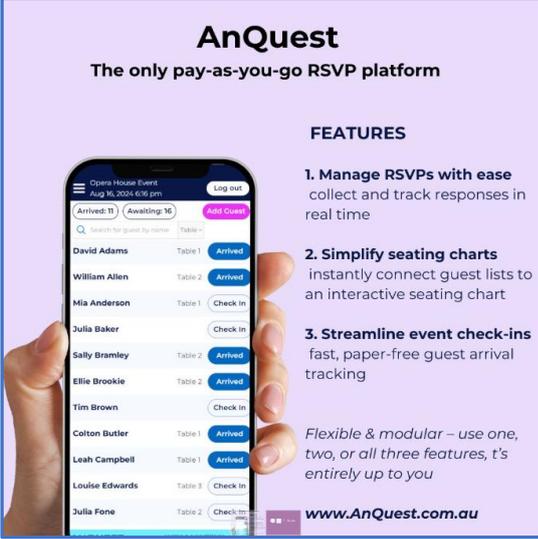


Link to the Weekend @ The Roy video on YouTube <https://youtu.be/W5k8ZaWjbf>

Alternatively it, and other videos are available on The Collaroy Surf Life Saving Club YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/@CollaroySurfLifeSavingClub>

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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David Adams	Table 1	Arrived
William Allen	Table 2	Arrived
Mia Anderson	Table 1	Check in
Julia Baker		Check in
Sally Bramley	Table 2	Arrived
Ellie Brookie	Table 2	Arrived
Tim Brown		Check in
Colton Butler	Table 1	Arrived
Leah Campbell	Table 1	Arrived
Louise Edwards	Table 3	Check in
Julia Fone	Table 2	Check in

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.

REMINDER - SWIMMING TRAINING — Thursday nights 6.30 to 7.30pm

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



YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID COURSE

Several club members recently completed Youth Mental Health First Aid Training run by Anchor Health and sponsored by Head Above Water. The Club intends to continue with this important program by arranging teen MHFA sessions. With the foundations now in place, we are ready to provide valuable insights and support for the younger members of our club.

FROM THE HISTORY BOOKS.....

The 1919 Meritorious Rescue by Charles Bristow

Charles Bristow, aged 18 was a member of the Club's second bronze squad. On Saturday 18 January 1919 around 6.30pm, James West and Queenie Butler went for a swim in heavy seas at Collaroy. The patrol had finished for the day and they were alone in the surf. The pair became caught in the undertow near the rock pool and were dragged out to sea. A passing fisherman raised the alarm and alerted Mr Greenwood, a local storekeeper. Charles Bristow who was at the beach, donned the belt and entered the water.

When he reached the pair, it was agreed between the two men that Bristow should rescue Queenie first. Bristow secured her and returned her to the shore but by this time, West had been dragged further out to sea and had disappeared altogether. It was thought that he may have been taken by a shark.

Four or five Club members led by Austin Dellit launched a boat to look for West and spent over an hour searching without success. When the boat was heading back to shore, it was swamped in the heavy seas. Bristow again swam out in the belt to try to fix it to the boat whilst another Club member swam out with another rope. The boat was eventually pulled ashore. James West's body was not recovered.



THE SUN

No. 2669. (Registered at the General Post Office, Sydney, as a newspaper.)SYDNEY: MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 1919.(Phone, City 9800) ONE PENNY

GIRL'S NARROW ESCAPE

A GALLANT RESCUE

In one of the heaviest seas seen for many years at Collaroy, seven miles from Manly, on Saturday evening, two surfers were carried out in the undertow. One of them, James Frederick West, was drowned. The other, Miss Queenie Butler, was gallantly rescued by one of the members of the surf club, Charles Bristow.

It was about 6.30 o'clock on Saturday evening when James Frederick West, who was a bricklayer, living in Lane Cove-road, North Ryde, entered the surf at Collaroy Beach with Miss Butler, who lives at Gladesville. At that time the waves were exceedingly high and dangerous, and a heavy north-easter was blowing.

They had no sooner gone into the water than they were caught in a strong undertow and rendered helpless.

They were the only bathers in the surf.

THE ALARM RAISED

A fisherman, who saw their plight, sent a message to Mr. Greenwood, storekeeper.

The beach life-savers had left for their homes; but Mr. Greenwood prepared a life-line on the rocks near the bathing section.

As the district is of a small area, the news of the danger travelled quickly. In a few minutes several members of the Surf Club reached the beach, and one of these, Charles Bristow, who is only 18, put on the belt, and went out.

ONE SAVED

He succeeded in reaching Miss Butler, and brought her ashore. She had been badly battered about by the waves, but was not exhausted.

West by this time had been carried far out, and had disappeared altogether.

Four or five of the Surf Club, led by A. Gellit, manned their boat and went out to search for him. They spent over an hour, but saw no trace of him, and were at last obliged to abandon the task.

BRISTOW AGAIN TO THE RESCUE

When the boat was being turned, however, to be brought ashore, it was filled up, and the men were thrown into the sea. All of them clinging to the sides of the boat.

Young Bristow, seeing their mishap from the beach, put on the life belt again, and swam out with a heavy line in order to fix it to the boat. Another man soon afterwards went out with another rope, and these, after a great deal of difficulty, were fastened to the boat, and it was pulled ashore.

The search for West was continued yesterday and this morning, but in vain.

Charles Bristow was awarded the Bronze Medal from the Royal Humane Society for attempting to rescue two swimmers in difficult conditions. He was the Club's first recipient of a commendation for bravery.

	<p>THE SYDNEY MAIL WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1919.</p>	
<h2>Deeds Of Bravery : Royal Humane Society.</h2>		
<p>CHARLES BRISTOW.—On January 18, 1919, Miss Queenie Butler, while bathing, got into difficulties at Collaroy Beach. Bristow with great promptitude plunged into the heavy sea from a rock, and was successful in bringing the lady to shallow water, both being assisted on to the beach.</p>		
		
<p>CHARLES BRISTOW, Bronze Medal.</p>		

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