

COLLARROY SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC.

# The COLLARROY CRAB

March 2026 Edition 19

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## TRANS-TASMAN SURFBOAT CHALLENGE

### Representing Australia - in the words of Kelly Trim.....

To represent our country - an absolute life goal!  
To do it as a Collaroy Giant, so good for the soul.  
Green blazer & Aus kit, what a great fit.  
Capped at # 530, the words were spoken.  
In great company in a legacy of athletes, battling the ocean.  
Opening ceremony & welcome to country. Seriously - how lucky are we?  
Emotions were heightened, we wear our hearts on our sleeve.  
Guns up, jump in, time to give it a good squeeze.  
Surf boats is such a wild sport. Sometimes we all wonder - what the fork.  
The hope of the clean sweep didn't prevail, NZ were always chasing our tail.  
Alas our Aus boys were champs all around, retaining the Trans-Tasman Crown!  
Friends & family you know who you are, watching on & supporting from near and far.  
The highs & lows you've all rallied, how many times have we said we've had a bad alley?  
But this was a big one - with Team Aus on our bum.  
Giants not by stature, but by heart.  
Friends on the sideline but fierce rivals when we start.  
Collaroy our club - what a privilege it is.  
The pressure & emotions, you kept us all at ease.  
An experience to treasure, not to be outdone.  
Thank you ALL - we got the job done.



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*The Giants representing Australia*

The Giants have also been selected to represent Sydney Northern Beaches Rays at the Surfboat Interseries at Ocean Beach on 14 March 2026.



## 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

Mar-26				Apr-26			
Day	Date			Day	Date	AM	PM
Sunday	1-3	2	9	Friday	3-4	8	11
Saturday	7-3	11	12	Saturday	4-4	12	9
Sunday	8-3	8	5	Sunday	5-4	1	4
Saturday	14-3	4	1	Monday	6-4	5	2
Sunday	15-3	7	8	Saturday	11-4	7	8
Saturday	21-3	9	11	Sunday	12-4	9	12
Sunday	22-3	5	12	Saturday	18-4	11	1
Saturday	28-3	2	4	Sunday	19-4	4	5
Sunday	29-3	1	7	Saturday	25-4	12	9
				Sunday	26-4	8	7

## CLUB DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

15 March 2026	Nipper AGM and Presentation Day Surf Club vs Swimming Club – 20 Person Relay - 10am
30 May 2026	Club Ball /Presentation Night – Long Reef Golf Club - details to follow

## **UPDATE ON SOUTH COLLAROY FORESHORE AND STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS**

Northern Beaches Council have advised the following:

The contractor is scheduled to commence site establishment on Monday 16 March 2026.

During this first week the main walkway down to the pool will be closed and access will only be available via the stairs at the southern end of the pool – access via Beach Road and the headland park.

General access to the pool should be reinstated by 25 March via a restricted 1200mm wide accessway, which will remain in place throughout the duration of the works.

On the 7 April the pool and surrounding area will be closed to the public to allow construction of a coffer dam within the north west corner of the pool.

The pool will reopen on the 15 April for ongoing use throughout the duration of the works.

The coffer dam and associated construction works will remove the vehicle ramp from public use, however the pedestrian ramp with handrails will remain in full use.

The above works, whilst inconvenient for pool users, are necessary to enable the pool to remain open during the construction works which are scheduled to be completed in early November 2026.

## **AUSTRALIAN TITLES NORTH KIRRA & TUGAN, QLD**

Good luck to all of our competitors heading to the Australian Championships, we have a great team competing in the Juniors, Open and Masters events.

Our Touring Team Managers are :

- Richard Trim – 0419 417 057
- Mark Anderson – 0419 148 853

On behalf of our competitors - A big thanks to all of our Officials, without them we can't compete.

Please download the 'Stack Team App' and join the "Aussies 2026" page to stay up to date with the event.

As in past seasons, an official Club dinner will be convened. The date is Sunday 29th March and will be held at the Tugun Bowling Club– Kaleena Street, Tugun QLD 4224

Non-competing members and supports are very welcome to join us at dinner to celebrate the season, please let Richard Trim know so we can save you spot!

Please complete the following 2 forms and email to [events@collaroyurfclub.com.au](mailto:events@collaroyurfclub.com.au).

"Go the Roy"

## Collaroy SLSC Questionnaire - Australian Titles

North Kirra & Tugan, QLD

21 to 29 March 2026

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### Personal Information

Name	
Age	
D.O.B: (If under 18yrs)	
Mobile *	
Email *	

### Intention to Tour

If you are intending to tour, please advise us of those Family Members or Supporters (NOT TEAMMATES) who will be travelling with you.

Name	Age	Mobile Ph #

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### Touring Levy

We have a Compulsory \$50 touring team levy (payable for ALL Competitors) due by Sunday March 22nd.

- **Direct Deposit:**  
**Bank Details:** BSB: 032 192  
**Account:** 260208  
**Important:** Please put down 'Surname and Aussies' in comments

Please sign and scan this document plus the 'Code of Conduct' and email to the following address  
– [events@collaroyurfclub.com.au](mailto:events@collaroyurfclub.com.au)

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### Sunday Night Dinner

As in past seasons, an official Club dinner will be convened. The date is Sunday 29th March and will be held at the Tugun Bowling Club– Kaleena Street, Tugun QLD 4224. The cost of the dinner is included in your compulsory \$50 touring levy, with any extra non-club members attending - charged \$50 per head. To assist in catering please indicate whether you and your touring party will be attending the dinner, and if so please indicate the number attending. Please cross (x) NO if not attending.

- **Direct Deposit:**  
**Bank Details:** BSB: 032 192  
**Account:** 260208  
**Important:** Please put down 'Surname and Aussies' in comments
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### Attendance Confirmation

YES  No

No completed forms and or No Levy paid means NO Aussies.

Please complete forms and payments ASAP.

**COLLARROY S.L.S.C.**

**Touring Team Code of Conduct Form**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Hereafter referred to as “the member”) being a financial member of Collaroy S.L.S.C for the 2025/2026 Season, agree to abide by the following terms and conditions as a member of the Collaroy S.L.S.C. Touring Team for the 2025/2026 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships, North Kirra & Tugan Beach, QLD (hereafter referred to as “the championships”).

I acknowledge that the Club, Committee, employees, agents, members, voluntary workers, and their successors (hereafter referred to as “the Club”) do not accept responsibility for damage or loss of property of any member for the travel to and from and whilst attending the championships.

I indemnify and agree to hold the Club free from all loss, damages, costs, or other claims whatsoever arising from any personal injury, damage, or loss of property suffered or incurred by me for the travel to and from and whilst attending the championships.

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**CODE OF CONDUCT**

- Alcohol consumption by members under the age of 18 will not be tolerated.
- Any damage to property at your accommodation is to be reported to the Team Manager - Martin Bowyer - immediately.
- Any curfew applied by the Team Manager must be strictly adhered to.
- Any group of two or more wishing to depart the main body of the team must have authorization from the Team Manager. Any member under the age of 18 wishing to depart the main body of the team must be accompanied by a senior member of the team, to be determined by the Team Manager.
- No Touring Team garments are to be exchanged with persons outside the Collaroy SLSC Touring Team.
- The club's Social Media policy is to be strictly adhered to by all members.
- Any person found by the Disciplinary Committee to be in contradiction of the code may be suspended from the championships and returned home at their own expense.

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**RULE 12 (Taken from the club Statement of Objects & Rules 2004 Revision)**

The office bearers of the Club from time to time referred to in Rule 15.2 hereof or a majority of them may then (if they are of the opinion as referred to in Rule 12.2 hereof in respect of a member of the Club) forthwith and without notice suspend such member from membership of the Club for a period not exceeding seven days pending the operation of the following conditions of this rule:

Where the committee is of the opinion that a member of the Club:

- Has refused or neglected to comply with a provision or provisions of these rules; or
- Has wilfully acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the Club or SLSA, the Committee may, by resolution;
- Expel the member from the Club; or
- Suspend the member from membership of the Club for a specified period.

A resolution of the Committee under rule 12.2 is of no effect unless the Committee, at a meeting held not earlier than 14 days and not later than 28 days after service on the member of a notice under rule 12.4 confirms the resolution in accordance with this rule.

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I acknowledge having read and agree to be bound by Club Rule 12 and the Code of Conduct

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**ORDINARY MEMBERS**

**MEMBERS UNDER 18**

**Signed:**

**Parent/Guardian Signature**

**Name:**

**Parent/Guardian Name**

**Date:**

**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](mailto:black_janelle@hotmail.com).

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



## CARNIVAL DATES

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?  
[collaroyniperschairman@gmail.com](mailto:collaroyniperschairman@gmail.com)  
No later than 30th March to find out more.

# COLLARROY SLSC BAR WHAT'S ON



**Sunday 22 March Eels V Dragons 4pm**

**Sunday 29 March Raiders V Sharks 4pm  
if Aussie Boats live stream has finished**

**Easter Sunday 5 April Sharks V Warriors 2pm  
Knights V Raiders 4pm**

**Sunday 12 April Eels V Titans 2pm  
Tigers V Knights 4pm**

**Sunday 19 April Roosters V Knights 2pm  
Eels V Bulldogs 4pm**

**Sunday 26 April ANZAC Round  
Bar closed until 3pm - Life Members lunch  
Sea Eagles V Eels 4pm**

Check out our socials....



@CollaroySLSCBar



@collaroy\_slsc\_bar

## **CARNIVAL RESULTS**

### **Trans-Tasman Challenge**

The Giants won the first race but were unlucky in the next two. Australia won the Trans-Tasman Challenge.

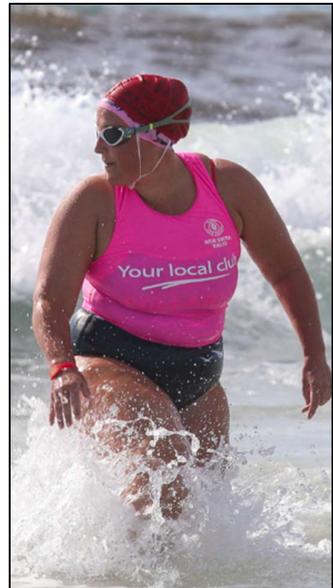
### **ASRL – Wanda Beach 12 to 15 February 2026**

8<sup>th</sup> place on 15 points

Open Female Surfboat	Collaroy Giants – 5 <sup>th</sup> place
Reserve Male Surfboat	Collaroy Kehbabs - Quarter Finalists
U23 Male Surfboat	Collaroy Long Necks – Quarter Finalists
U23 Female Surfboat	Collaroy Cannons – 5 <sup>th</sup> , Collaroy Cobras – Semi Finalists
U19 Female Surfboat	Collaroy Cutters – Semi Finalists
U17 Female Surfboat	Collaroy Cutters – 3 <sup>rd</sup> place

### **State Age Championships – Swansea Belmont - 19 to 22 February 2026**

U9 Female Board	2 <sup>nd</sup> Chilli Armstrong,
U9 Female Surf	3 <sup>rd</sup> Chilli Armstrong
U9 Female Flags	13 <sup>th</sup> Mackenzie Ford
U9 Female Surf Teams	6 <sup>th</sup> place (Chilli Armstrong, Hazel White, Mackenzie Ford, Sophie Gittoes)
U9 Female Board Relay	5 <sup>th</sup> place (Chilli Armstrong, Mackenzie Ford, Sophie Gittoes)
U10 Female Surf	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mila Ward
U10 Male Beach Flags	11 <sup>th</sup> Lucas Stark, 15 <sup>th</sup> Will Petersen
U10 Female Surf Teams	6 <sup>th</sup> place (Mila Ward, Milla Leeson, Clementine Eagle, Chilli Armstrong)
U10 Male Beach Relay	7 <sup>th</sup> place (Zac Cooke, Will Petersen, Lucas Stark, Phoenix Ingber)
U11 Male Surf	19 <sup>th</sup> Hudson White
U11 Male 1km Run	18 <sup>th</sup> Henry McCormick
U11 Female 2 x 500m Run	6 <sup>th</sup> place (Mila Ward and Isla Oldham)
U11 Male 2 x 500m Run	3 <sup>rd</sup> place (Henry McCormick and Zac Cooke)
U11 Male Beach Relay	7 <sup>th</sup> place (Henry McCormick, Zac Cooke, Tommy Taggart, Will Petersen)
U11 Mixed 2 x 500m Run	4 <sup>th</sup> (Zac Cooke, Mila Ward), 14 <sup>th</sup> (Henry McCormick, Isla Oldham)
U12 Female Beach Sprint	7 <sup>th</sup> Zara Petersen
U13 Male Board	12 <sup>th</sup> Dash Armstrong
U13 Male Surf	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dash Armstrong
U13 Male Ironperson	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dash Armstrong
U13 Male 2km Run	8 <sup>th</sup> Sam Kenna
U13 Male Beach Flags	12 <sup>th</sup> Sam Kenna
U13 Male 2 x 1km Run	4 <sup>th</sup> (Sam Kenna, Dash Armstrong), 15 <sup>th</sup> (William King, Mitchell Kew)
U13 Male Board Rescue	7 <sup>th</sup> (Dash Armstrong and Sam Kenna)
U13 Male Cameron Relay	4 <sup>th</sup> (Dash Armstrong, William King, Mitchell Kew)
U13 Male Board Relay	14 <sup>th</sup> (Dash Armstrong, Mitchell Kew, Sam Kenna)



## State Masters Championships – Swansea Belmont 25 February 2026

35-39 Female Surf Race	Brooke Miller – 8th
35-39 Female Tube Race	Brooke Miller – 6th
45-49 Female Beach Sprint	Amy Ryniker – 6th
60-64 Female Beach Sprint	Miho Kawasaki – 2nd
60-64 Female Beach Flags	Miho Kawasaki – 2nd
60-64 Female 1km Run	Miho Kawasaki – 1st
70-74 Female 1Km Run	Kerry Armstrong – 1st
70-74 Female Beach Sprint	Kerry Armstrong – 3rd
70-74 Female Beach Flags	Kerry Armstrong – 1st
75 plus Male Beach Flags	Mike Tomblin – 2nd
230 years Female Beach Relay	Collaroy Red - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place (Philippa Wight, Kerry Armstrong, Miho Kawasaki, Amy Ryniker)

## State Open Championships – Swansea Belmont 27 February to 1 March 2026

Open March Past	Collaroy Ladies – 1 <sup>st</sup> , Collaroy Bears – 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Open Female Surfboat	Collaroy Giants – 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Collaroy Crusaders – Semi finalists
U23 Female Surfboat	Collaroy Cobras 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Collaroy Cannons 5 <sup>th</sup>
U23 Male Surfboat	Collaroy Long Necks – Semi Finalists
U19 Male Surfboat	Collaroy Cowboys – 6 <sup>th</sup>
U19 Female Surfboat	Collaroy Cutters – Semi Finalists







## BEACH CLUB RAFFLES

Reminder that on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stephanie@anquest.com).

## **NIPPERS' STATE TEAM RAFFLE**

Winners of the Nippers State Team Raffle enjoying their prize. A huge thank you to Cooks Plumbing for the basketball event. They had an absolute blast as you can tell from the photos!



## **YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AIDERS**

During February, a small group of club members completed Youth Mental Health First Aid training. Changes experienced between 12 and 18 years of age and the stress of being an adolescent, can contribute to the development of mental health problems. Some of the behaviours and changes that occur in adolescence may look like symptoms of mental illness whilst symptoms can also be masked by normal changes that occur during this time. Your Club values positive culture and values and it is hoped that these first aiders will be able to provide better initial support to a young member who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis and ensure that they have the chance to enjoy a happy and productive adolescence. Stay tuned for how you can make contact with these first aiders.

If you feel affected by this, please contact Lifeline on 13 11 14, Beyond Blue on 1300 22 4636 or headspace on 1800 650 890.



# SAVE THE DATE

**COLLARROY SLSC  
A NIGHT OF RECOGNITION**

**30/05/26**

**LONG REEF  
GOLF CLUB**

**TICKET DETAILS COMING SOON**



## FROM THE HISTORY BOOKS.....

At the State Titles, there was another surfboat that looked very similar to our own boats. In fact, it used to be one of our boats. It's been a long tradition for our Club to donate a surfboat to a less fortunate club. Four years ago, we donated a surfboat to Camden Haven, a small surf club on the NSW mid North Coast. It was hoped that the addition of a surfboat would assist to increase their patrolling membership and provide an activity for the area's youth. The boat was called 'The Bruiser' and was named after Life Member, Graeme Bruce. Below is a little background on Graeme Bruce.



Graeme Burnett Bruce was born on 19 March 1923 at Tenterfield to Dr Herbert Burnett Bruce and his wife, Olive Roper. Later that year, the family moved to Collaroy, where his father opened a medical practice on Pittwater Road. In 1925, Herbert accepted the position of the Club's first Honorary Medical Officer. However, in 1939, the family moved from Collaroy to Holbrook, near Wagga.



*Dr Herbert Bruce (right) and his family on the beach at Collaroy in the late 1920s. His son, Graeme sits beside him.*

After finishing school, Graeme returned to Sydney where he worked at the Cockatoo Island Dockyards. He joined the club at the age of 18 and obtained his Bronze Medallion in January 1945. Coming from a school rowing background with Sydney Grammar, it wasn't long before he was rowing in the Junior Boat crew, where, in their first carnival they won the prestigious Junior Boat Race at the Metropolitan Championships at Manly.

Following a row off, he secured a permanent place in the Club's Senior Boat crew. In 1946, this crew went on to win the Australian Open Boat Title in huge seas at Maroubra Beach. This was to be our first and only Australian Open Boat Title.



*Collaroy Senior Boat Crew – Australian Champions 1946. L to R: Dick Twight (Sweep), Graeme Bruce, Frank Hall, Stan Twight and Pat Armstrong.*



*1945/46 March Past Team L to R: Frank Hall, Bob Moore, Ed Playfair, Dick Twight, Don Midgelly, Jack Hurst, Pat Armstrong, Dave Playfair, Alan Leathley, Sandy Couston, Jim Dawson, Dave Moss, JohnAllen, Graeme Bruce, Laurie Walsh, Stan Twight.*

Following a five year stint as Boat Captain (1963 to 1968), Graeme was awarded Life Membership at the 1968 AGM.

In the 2010 - 2011 season, the Club named their new surf boat 'The Bruiser' in honour of Graeme and in recognition of his dedicated service to the club over many decades. At the 2015 AGM, he received his 70 year Long Service Award.



Graeme passed away at the age of 98 on 7 August 2021. At the time, he was our oldest Life Member.



Handing over of the 'Bruiser' from Collaroy to Camden Haven

It was great to see the boat being used in competition this Season, especially at the recent State Titles at Swansea Belmont. At State, 'The Bruiser' featured in the medals, with Camden Haven's Women's Boat crew taking out the Bronze Medal in the 160 years female surf boat. For Camden Haven, it had been 20 plus years since the Club has had a Women's Boat Crew.



*The 'Bruiser' at the State Titles*



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