

COLLARROY SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC.

The COLLARROY CRAB

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COMMITTEE FOR SEASON 2026/2027

The Club's AGM was held on Sunday 2 August at 11am. The Following were elected:

President: Mark Anderson

Secretary: Andrew Sole

Club Captain: Jesse Bowyer

General Committee:

Neil Armstrong

Claire Bevis

Hannah Bosland

Greg Broome

Gerry Cooney

Ben Crabbe

Bella Dunkin

Brendan Dunkin

Janine Fahey

Tricia Hamilton

Vice President: Liz Green

Treasurer: Anthony Brown

Nipper Chairman: Gregg Armstrong

Sue Hart

Luke Hochkins

Charlie Jormanainen

Tim Loone

Greg MacMahon

Barry Muncke

Geoff Small

Craig Thomas

Aiyla Thomas-Smith

Kelly Trim

The **Life Membership Committee** was also elected and consists of four Life Members and one Distinguished Service Member:

Life Member: Jacqui de Kort

Life Member: Peter MacMahon

Distinguished Service Member: Martin Bowyer

Life Member:

Life Member:

Kenyon McKie

Geoff Small

2025/26 ANNUAL REPORT is available via this link:

https://collaroysurfclub.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/CSLSC_AnnualReport_25-26_online.pdf

2025/26 SERVICE AWARDS:

National Medal: Claire Bevis, Fiona Hall and Saxon Lysaght-Wheeler

5 Years National Patrol Service: Michael Bullivant and Kelly Trim

70 Years Long Service Award: Eddie Diggins

60 Years Long Service Award: Rod Macqueen

50 Years Long Service Award: John Fahey and Mark Reece

40 Years Long Service Award: Brendan Dunkin and Janine Fahey

30 Years Long Service Award: Reece Bosward, Scott Macintosh, Bruce Nicholas, Barry Ritson

25 Years Long Service Award: Kerry Armstrong, Martin Bowyer, Vicki Broome, Anne Bullivant, Alison Ducker, Jessica Layton, Anna Mickan and Ian Wells.

5 Years Officiating Service: Gary Milsted

10 Years Officiating Service: Robert (Mike) Tomblin

25 Years Officiating Service: Janine Fahey

NSW Premier's Flood Emergency Citation: Paul Ducker



National Medal Recipients – Fiona Hall, Saxon Lysaght-Wheeler and Claire Bevis



70 Year Long Service Award – Eddie Diggins



50 Year Long Service Award – John Fahey



50 Year Long Service Award – Mark Reece



50 Year Long Service Award – Gary Milsted



40 Year Long Service Award – Janine Fahey



40 Year Long Service Award – Brendan Dunkin



25 Year Long Service Award – Martin Bowyer



25 Year Long Service Award – Kerry Armstrong



25 Year Long Service Award - Jess Layton



5 Years National Patrol Service – Kelly Trim

CLUB BAR

Reminder that the **Club Bar is open every Sunday afternoon during winter**. Come down and support the Club whilst watching the football. Happy Hour every Sunday !! Children welcome !!



SWIMMING TRAINING

Note: Club sessions recommence in 2 weeks on Thursday 23rd July.

Time: 6.30 to 7.30 pm, every Thursday from 23 July

Cost: Free to financial members.

Requirements: Must be able to swim 25 m.

Equipment: Kickboard and flippers (Silicon flippers are the best), Pool buoy, and swim snorkel if you'd like.

Registration is required: Register on the link below link:

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

NB: If it is your 1st time, please let the coaches know.

Tricia Hamilton

TRAINING WEEK SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2026

The annual start of season Training Week will start Saturday September 26 and the assessment will be on Friday October 2. Full details on the training week will be sent out in late August so please keep an eye out for the all-member email.

SURF SKI TRAINING - IS BACK!

For all those interested in learning how to paddle a surf ski, we are looking for cadet age club members to give it a go! Impending bronze course or bronze certified. No ski or paddle required, just come along with a good attitude and keen to learn a new skill.

Please contact Reece Bosward on 0420 311 171. Progression to then join the ski squad in the upcoming months.

COLLARROY OCEAN SWIM - SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2026.

Early planning has commenced for this year's Ocean Swims event on November 8th. One aspect of the day we want to improve on is the small craft water safety numbers helping from 8am-11am with our 3 swims.

Bronzes and SRCs we need you!! At least 10 Boards, 10 Skis, 5 Tubes are all necessary, particularly for the 1.5k swim starting at 10am.

Please indicate your availability and preference by responding to events@collaroysurfclub.com.au Our coordinators will be in touch before the event with more information etc. Thanks in advance for your support.

It's a fabulous day to be a part of. Please contact me with any queries.

Barry Muncke.
Ph 0414 549 107
Muncke@bigpond.com



CLUB DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

13 September 2026	Nipper in person registration 9am to 11am
13 and 20 Sep 2026	Nipper Proficiencies at In2Swim Brookvale
26 September 2026	Bronze and SRC Training Week commences
11 October 2026	1 st day of Nippers
8 November 2026	Collaroy Ocean Swim

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.

MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2026/27 SEASON

Renewals are now open for Senior Membership. Due to rising costs paid to Branch and State on behalf of our members we have had to increase our membership fees this season. As carnival entry fees are now \$28 for a Branch Carnival, \$88 for the State Championships and \$220 for the Aussies, we have also increased the competition levy.

Category	Fee Payable
SENIOR FEES	
Life Members (LM)	No fee
Patrolling only members - Non competing members on the full roster who have completed > 25 hours patrols last season	\$0
Distinguished Service Members (renew and pay before 31 October)	\$75
Long Service (renew and pay before 31 October)	\$75
Active Reserve (renew and pay before 31 October)	\$75
Active and Award Members (renew and pay before 31 October)	\$75
Associates (renew and pay before 31 October)	\$75
Any category over 60 years (except patrolling only and Life Members) – (renew and pay before 31 October) - see Note 1	\$50
Competition Levy Seniors – all senior members competing	\$75
Gym Levy – additional levy for non-competing members entitled to use the gym who do not meet the criteria for exemption – Note 2	Additional \$75
NIPPER FEES – See note 3 (minimum membership)	
Nipper	\$110
Nipper Parent (General Members)	\$50
Competition Levy Nippers – U9 - 14 Nippers	\$50

Note 1 – Members (any category) who attain the age of 60 years before 1 October will be eligible to pay the reduced fee.

Note 2 - Gym Levy applies to all members who are **entitled** to use the gym and are not competing or do not meet the criteria for exemption. Patrolling members must have completed 70% of their rostered patrols last season. Only members who are competing, patrolling or contributing to the Club are entitled to use the gym.

Note 3 – Minimum membership for Nippers is 1 Nipper plus 1 parent/guardian. **New Nippers** must provide proof of age prior to membership being accepted.

Note 4 - On 31 October, SLSA will automatically archive every member who has not renewed. **Senior Members who renew after that date will be required to pay an additional \$50 administration fee.** This does not apply to Nipper categories or new members.

The Club accepts Active Kids Vouchers. These will need to be applied manually.

Janine Fahey – Registrar

registrar@collaroyurfclub.com.au

COLLARROY SURF CLUB TRAINING EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT SPACE (GYM) - Standard Operating Procedure

General Rules

Opening hours:

1. The TEDS is open from 5am-8pm 7 days a week.
2. Music must be kept at a low volume before 6am.

Access:

1. The Gym area of the TEDS space is a privilege for surf club members but not a right.
2. To have access to the gym you must meet 1 of the following criteria:
 - a. Be a financial member with a Bronze Medallion on Active or Long Service Patrol. Currently Proficient, with a patrol attendance rate of 70% or higher to maintain gym access.
 - b. A financial competitor who holds a Bronze Medallion, is currently proficient and have a minimum patrol attendance rate of 70% or higher.
 - c. A Financial Distinguished Service Member.
 - d. A Life Member.
 - e. A Financial Active Social Member (above the age of 16) who contributes significantly to the Collaroy Surf Life Saving Club.
 - f. Financial members who hold a SRC may use the gym when accompanied by an adult that meets the criteria mentioned in a, b, c.
 - g. Probationary Member (over 16)
 - h. Probationary Members (under 16) may use the gym when accompanied by an adult that meets the criteria mentioned in a, b, c.
 - i. A Club Sponsor who is also a financial member.
3. To receive a FOB to access the gym you must pay an initial \$20.00 to the Club.
4. Replacement Fob's for any that are lost will cost \$30.00.
5. Replacement Fob's due to technical failure will be at no cost to members.
6. All users must swipe their Fob on the reader at the time of access and egress of the gym.

Gym Levy

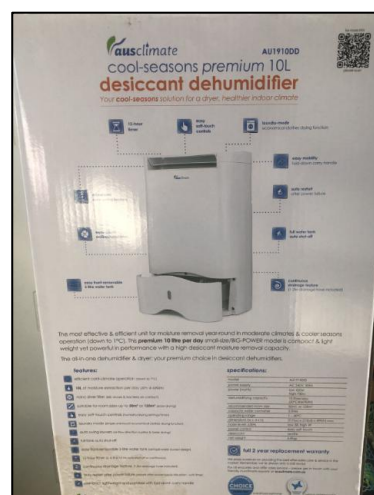
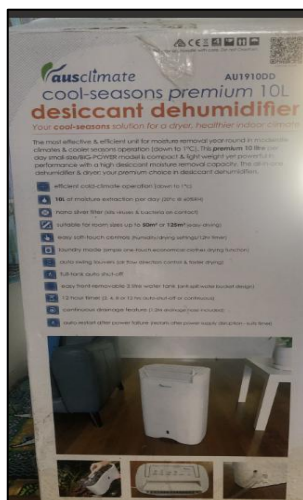
Gym users are required to pay the annual Gym levy as outlined below unless a member meets the requirements for an exemption:

Membership Category	Annual Gym Levy
a. A financial member with a Bronze Medallion on Active or Long Service Patrol with a patrol attendance rate of 70% or higher to maintain gym access.	Exempt
b. A Financial competitor	Exempt under the Competition Levy
c. A Financial Distinguished Service Member	\$75
d. A Life Member	\$75
e. A Financial Active Social Member	\$75
f. Financial members who hold an SRC	\$75
g. Probationary Member (over 16)	Exempt for a 6-month period
h. Probationary Member (under 16)	Exempt for a 6-month period
i. A Club Sponsor who is also a financial member	\$75

FOR SALE — DESSICANT DEHUMIDIFIER

No longer required. Great condition only used sparingly.

New price \$429 Sale Price \$150.



Contact Greg Broome 0416 204 000

OFFICIALS' TRAINING COURSES

Branch will be running three training courses for new officials at the start of the season.

1. **Freshwater** – Sunday 13 September, 8:00am–11:00am
2. **Queenscliff** – Sunday 27 September, 8:00am–11:00am
3. **SNB Branch Office** – Sunday 11 October, 8:00am–11:00am

There is a link on the Branch website under Surf Sports – Officials Courses. Otherwise contact Branch to register for these courses.

To become a technical official, you will need a free volunteer Working With Children Check and complete to on line modules via the SLS Hub:

- SLS – Technical Official (under the *Officiating* section)
- SLS – Child Safe Awareness (under *Safety and Wellbeing*)

2026/2027 SNB SURF SPORTS CALENDAR

<https://www.surflifesaving.net.au/wp-content/uploads/2026-2027-Surf-Sports-Calendar-Planner.pdf>

BEACH 2 BEACH – SUNDAY 23 AUGUST 2026

We will be looking for volunteers in patrol uniforms to assist with this event. Details to follow.

UNCLAIMED AWARDS

The following members/ex-members have unclaimed awards which can be collected upstairs in the Club from 12pm to 4pm on 13 September or by contacting the registrar on registrar@collaroysurfclub.com.au. If you can collect on behalf of anyone else that would be great !

I will also try to distribute any unclaimed awards from Presentation Night.

Liam Alexander	Lex Corcoran	Scott Helman	Thomas Oliver	Barry Ritson
L & T Alford	M&J Creighton	Connor Hickman	William Oliver	Ned Ritchie
Kate Allison	Cameron Currie	Sigi Hill	Joshua Oates	Sarah Roebuck
A Archer	Andrew Davies	Isaac Holder	Mia Pacey	Jack Rowntree
N & J Arico	Georgia Dirkis	David Hopper	Nicholas Parker	Daniel Samus
Michael Aungle	Kelly Dober	Eleanor Howell	Chloe Payne	Angus Schmidt
Danielle Austin	Eoin Doyle	Tyra Hugill	C Pembroke-Birss	Z & M Schmidt
Shaun Austin	Mark Duncan	Jessica Hughan	Brad Perkis	Oliver Scherer
Alexandra Aves	Jordan Earl	Jessie Ingram	Nathan Perks	J & D Scott
Kate Barkle	M Easterbrook	Danielle Irish	Emily Pollett	Gavin Scott
L Barton	Katalin Eglesz	Ella Johnstone	Jackson Prior	Ella Sheppard
Tom Barwick	Laura Elliott	D&N Jones	Heidi Rabbitts	Ben Sheppard
R Beasley	Michael Euvrard	Stephanie Kennewell	Nicholas Ranzetta	Michelle Shimakage
Doug Bone	Liam Farrell	Taylor Keyes	Leon Marshall	Dana Simonsen
James Boon	Daniel Ferreira	R Kirby	Victoria Mastroianni	Tom Skelly
Paul Booth	James Ferris	Max Kocass	Matt Maydo	Ryan Smith
Jacob Boyd	Alex Fiedler	Samuel Korchinski	Patrick McDonnell	Jason Smyth
Tess Bradford	Ben Foulkes	Jelle Kroon	M Meadows	Katrina Sparkes
Chris Burchell	Abbey Gardiner	Therese Lagois	Ben Mitchell	Nicholas Spencer
J & J Burns	Tierney Gibbons	Ross Lamb	S & N Mitchell	Craig Stephens
Matthew Burns	Graeme Gibson	Holly Langford	Lorraine Mizzi	Grant Taylor
Justin Burt	Daryl Gilmartin	Glen Langley	Luke Modra	Justine Taylor
Andrew Busch	Ken Gittoes	Abbey Lakajev	Alexander Morris	Nicholas Tisch
Ruth Butcher	Alex Glanville	Elissa Law	Karlle Morton	Henry Thorn
Jennifer Byrne	P & J Gledhill	William Law	Sam Mozaffari	Robert Tomblin
Gemma Caldarola	K&K Glennie	Ron Levy	Manon Muller	William Wallace
Madeline Canham	A & T Gordon	John Lewis	Brittany Munro	Maria Wang
Alicia Carlill	Kai Graham	Barry Ling	Hannah Naylor	Hayden Washington
Brooke Carlson	Hannah Grant	Jacob Lloyd	Cadeyrn Neville	Ian Wells
Scott Catlin	Emily Hadzipasic	Christian Loone	J Newman	Joshua Windsor
B & L Chad Holmes	Fiona Hall	Sandra Lowe	Bruce Nicholas	Nicholas Wolley
Charlotte Cliff	Cass Hammond	Meaghan Maclean	Alex Nicolson	Matthew Woolven
Laura Connell	Samantha Harmer	Scott Macqueen	Daniel Noonan	Justin Worthington
Steven Cork		Rob Maloney	Jake Norris	Hannah Yeates

FROM THE HISTORY BOOKS.....

In 1964, Collaroy hosted the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships. Sadly, the lead up to the Championships was marred by a fatality that occurred at lunchtime on Wednesday 11 February 1964. The conditions were treacherous and beach was relatively deserted. At the Clubhouse were members, George Reid and Peter McCurtayne. Dick Twilight with his wife Betty (our Club Patron) arrived at the beach and Dick entered the water north of the pipe with his surfboard to examine the area to be used for the Championships. Shortly after midday, Eddie Diggins arrived, hoping to have a swim but realising the conditions were too treacherous. (Eddie received his 70 Year Long Service Award at this month's AGM.)

Also on the beach were Robert Smith, 47 and his wife, Noreen who were holidaying from Melbourne. Robert was the chief sub-editor of the '*Melbourne Sun Pictorial*'. Smith was not a strong swimmer and within minutes of entering the water, lost his footing and was washed from a sandbar. He signalled for assistance and his wife walked to the Clubhouse and alerted Reid, McCurtayne and Diggins.

The three men grabbed a reel and proceeded to the water's edge with Diggins in the belt. However, in addition to the strong current that dragged him away from his patient, Diggins had to contend with seaweed that was gathering on his line. It wasn't long before the seaweed began to drag him under and realising the futility of such resistance, decided to slip the belt. To his horror, the pin had become bent and would not move. Underwater and frantically trying to slip the belt, Diggins managed to remove the neck strap and slide the belt down his body and over his feet. Gasping for air, Reid and McCurtayne hauled him into the beach.

With Smith still visible from the beach, McCurtayne and Reid proceeded to enter the surf. When they were just ten yards from Smith, they were struck by a huge set of waves which separated them. By the time they recovered, Smith had disappeared. They scoured the water for ten minutes and finally found him face down in the water.

McCurtayne reached the unconscious Smith first, only to find his extremities were blue and his jaw was locked, making it impossible to perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Upon Reid's arrival, McCurtayne supported Smith while Reid attempted mouth-to-nose resuscitation. In the meantime, Betty Twilight had run along the beach to alert her husband. Twilight arrived on the scene and the three men were able to place Smith on the board so that resuscitation could continue. Unfortunately, another large set of waves forced the lifesavers to abandon the board and return to shore with the still unconscious Smith.

Back on the beach, waiting ambulance officers continued treatment with oxygen and transported Smith to Manly Hospital. Sadly, he never regained consciousness and was pronounced dead on arrival. An autopsy found that he had not drowned but had died of a heart attack. The four Collaroy members were awarded Certificates of Merit for their efforts in attempting to rescue Smith.

Below is a short article that appeared in the '*Canberra Times*', following the inquest, praising the efforts of the four lifesavers.

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THOUGHT FOR TODAY

If you want to know what a man is really like, take notice how he acts when he loses money.

—New England Proverb

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Lifesavers Praised By Coroner

SYDNEY, Wednesday. — A debt was owed to voluntary lifesavers, the City Coroner, Mr. J. J. Loomes, said today.

Unfortunately, it was not recognised sufficiently, he said.

Mr. Loomes was conducting an inquest on Robert James Smith, 47, journalist and former sub-editor of the Melbourne Sun-Pictorial.

Smith, while on holidays in Sydney, drowned in treacherous surf at Collaroy on February 11.

Mr. Loomes said, "I find myself again paying tribute to members of a surf life-saving club — in this instance members of the Collaroy Club.

"Mrs. Norcen Smith, the widow, has expressed to me her very sincere appreciation of the efforts of the men who went to the assistance of her husband."

75 Rescues

A lifesaver said that two weeks after Mr. Smith's death 75 rescues were made.

Collaroy surfers who helped Smith ashore were: Richard Norman Dwight, 37, of Collaroy; Edward David Diggins, 26, formerly of Beacon Hill, Sydney; George Irwin Read, 29, of Collaroy; and Peter John McCurtain, formerly of Collaroy.



Australian March Past Champions 1962/63 L to R Back: Dick Twight, Col Newman, Rob Senior, Peter McCurtayne, Norm Twight; Middle: John Vincent, Graham Carlisle (coach), Doug Newman, Barry McConville; Front: Norm Headford, John Ison, Clem Noble, Alan Wright.



Sunday Night Sippers L to R: Darryl Ford, Gordon Johnson, Neville Hynds, John Dolman, John Stutsel, Bruce Bartlett, Tony Haworth, John Adam, Eddie Diggins, Gary O'Connell.

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