



*Adam Willis, Morton Cook, Bonnie Heather, Gavin Clarke and Bec Capell  
at the JLOTY presentation*

This month Newport SLSC was represented at branch by our fantastic Junior Life Savers of the Year (JLOTY's). Both Bonnie Heather and Morton Cook did the club proud through sharing their fondest memories at Nippers, moments when they put their skills into practice and aspirations for the future.

Morton's proudest and possible most memorable moment so far was spotting a surfer at Newport reef in serious trouble whilst he was doing CPR training at the clubhouse. Morton instantly informed his Age Manager, and through his quick actions the patrol was able to get the IRB to the surfer and save their life.

Bonnie's aspirations for the future include creating a mentorship program in patrols for recently graduated SRCs. The program will help SRCs build their confidence in patrol, develop strong bonds with their fellow life savers and serve as a platform to build upon their skills.

Newport SLSC congratulate Bonnie and Morton and their SRC team.



*A special thank you to David Barbour and  
the team at North Side Cabling who  
generously donated and installed two new  
televisions in the hall.*

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

The last month has gone past in a blur with so much going on around the club. Our 2 weekends of hosting the Branch Championships, pushed into a third weekend when the Nippers Water events were postponed due to conditions. This was a truly "One Club" effort with all areas of the club chipping in to make things happen. I need to express a huge amount of gratitude and pride in seeing so many members come together to make this event happen. We had people baking muffins, BBQ duty, First Aid, IRBs, Water Safety, work parties, lunch deliveries and car park attendants. Thank you to everyone that made it happen, We delivered a series of great carnivals for all.

The surf sports season has continued to build toward the State and Aussie champs. I would like to congratulate all the members that represented us throughout the Iron Series, which culminated with Conner Maggs winning the Men's and Lizzie Welborn coming third in the Womens. There was some confused looks on Newport beach with the screaming coming from under the patrol tent during the final of the men's race as Conner put everyone on edge.

The World Ocean Series also wrapped up with too many amazing results to mention. Again well done to all! Later on in the newsletter, there is an article about our women rowers continuing with their amazing season. Good luck to everyone at the State Champs and in training towards Aussies.

Patrols continue rolling along and a new Bronze course is starting up. There will also be an IRB course starting soon. If you want to undertake a further award, reach out to your patrol captain or to Jess, our Chief Trainer.

With regards to the building update, we continue to work on funding opportunities to make the plan a reality and later in this newsletter there is a callout to members that are able to help us setup a fundraising committee.

See you on the beach!

***Guyren Smith***  
***President***

## WELL DONE SASHA !

On a recent fishing trip with friends and family, one of Newport's U11 Nippers, Sasha Golovachenko, noticed a friend's grandmother was showing signs of heatstroke. Despite the fish biting and the children having fun, he immediately put down his fishing gear and took action. He delegated tasks to the other children, instructing them to stop fishing, help, and alert the adults, while he focused on getting his patient to safety.

His ability to recognise the signs of heatstroke, prioritise safety over personal enjoyment, delegate tasks, and focus on getting the patient to safety demonstrates lifesaving skills, leadership, and the situational awareness of a junior lifesaver.

Newport Nippers commend Sasha's actions and recognise the hard work of all our Age Managers to pass on these key skills to our Nippers.





## The last three weeks has seen a solid run of results for our surfboat crews.

The Reserve grade women 'Swordfish' kicked it off with a silver medal in the Metropolitan Championships at Ocean Beach. The crew; Claire Ford, Kate Wilson, Chloe Butler and Jenna Powell just keep getting better at the right end of the season.

The U23 'Stingers' headed to NZ and Waihi Beach, a beautiful holiday village surrounded by national park on the Bay of Plenty. The Kiwi hospitality was wonderful, the competition was red-hot and the memories and friendships formed will last a lifetime. Australia maintained hold of the Trans-Tasman Cup despite the Stingers coming off second best to an outstanding Piha SLSC NZ crew.

Only home for two days and then the Stingers drove to Coffs Harbour for the Australian Surf Rowers' League Open, representing NSW and aiming to end Queensland's two years as Interstate Champions. There were excellent results from the NSW crews, and an outstanding row from the Stingers in the last leg of the eight boat relay made for an emphatic win for the Blues.

A few days off to recover, and then the focus for the Stingers; (Zoe Ellis, April McCarney, Alani Barros and Ella Gale) and the Swordfish is the SNB championship at Palm Beach on March 1st.



**Swordfish**



**Stingers**



**Ella Gale showing the benefit of her nipper sprint training.**



## RAINBOW PATROL

Diverse ocean environments & communities are strong & resilient. Making everyone welcome gets the best out of our diversity and our community. Newport Surf Club supported the rainbow patrol movement on February 8<sup>th</sup>, along with many other clubs across Australia.

Diversity is what makes each of us different, it is the key to strong vibrant communities and environments. Thank you to Patrol 2 and Patrol 1 for your efforts in decorating the beach for rainbow patrol.



## FOR SALE: SURF CLUB RIGID HULL INFLATABLE BOAT



The Club is selling a Cobia Boats RH375 rigid hull inflatable boat, purchased in 2015, and well-maintained for surf club use.

Model: RH375  
Length: 3.75m  
Beam: 1.6m  
Max Payload: 700kg  
Max Engine HP: 30HP (engine not included)  
Capacity: 5 persons  
Condition: Good, surf club maintained.

**\$3,500**

**Contact Nick Singh  
0458 500 519**

Perfect for surf rescue, training, or recreational use. Located in Newport Surf Club.




# AWARDS CEREMONY

*Save the date*

*24 May 2025 @ the RMYC*

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Anything you want to share? Contact us at [sequoia@newportsurfclub.com.au](mailto:sequoia@newportsurfclub.com.au)



*Thank you to the wonderful Baking Team that supplied delicious goodies for the Officials at the Branch Carnivals. Such an awesome community event.*



## VISIT THE SHOP BEFORE END OF SEASON

Pop down to the shop on Sunday mornings before the end of the Nippers season for a browse and try on some Club merch.



Back by popular demand, we have new supplies of our bucket hats and NP caps. Sunscreen is on sale, smart new polo shirts are in stock, along with a range of clothing and accessories.

Visit us downstairs at the club for the full range of NP goodies or you can purchase online <https://newportsurfclub.com.au/shop/>



## SEEKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

With our DA having now been given the green light, we are now in the process of seeking funding for the project.

We are hoping to get a committee together of 4 to 5 people who have the drive and enthusiasm to come up with some new ideas to help us fund the build. Please contact [president@newportsurfclub.com.au](mailto:president@newportsurfclub.com.au) if you would be interested in joining this committee.





# Newport BINGO Night

Hosted by the Newport Boaties

Raising money to compete at the Australian SLS Open Championships

**22 MARCH, 2025**  
**@ NEWPORT SLSC**

6PM DOOR OPEN, 7PM START

**\$45 PP**

INCLUDES BUFFET DINNER,  
AND 1 BINGO BOOK

\*MORE BINGO BOOKS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ON THE NIGHT

RAFFLE PRIZES | BAR OPEN ALL NIGHT | LIVE MUSIC | BUFFET DINNER INCLUDED

**\*\*\*[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS](#)\*\*\***

## BRONZE MEDALLION COURSE

We have a Bronze Course currently under way (just completed Week 1). There is still an opportunity to join. Training is Thursday nights 7pm - 9pm and Sunday 11am - 1pm.

Please email Jess if interested -  
[Jessica.Menzies@newportsurfclub.com.au](mailto:Jessica.Menzies@newportsurfclub.com.au)



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