



*Gear Inspection 2026*

## WELCOME TO THE 2026 -2027 SEASON

We look forward to welcoming our returning and new Members  
as we kick into the new season.

### **PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIPS NOW**

All new returning and new memberships are to be processed online via the SLS Hub.  
Any questions about registrations can be directed to our Registrar - [Kathy.Middleton@newportsurfclub.com](mailto:Kathy.Middleton@newportsurfclub.com)

[CLICK HERE TO RENEW](#)

## **SAVE THE DATE: BACK TO THE BEACH DINNER**

**Sunday 27 September @ The Club**

All Patrolling members and family are invited to  
join us at this year's Back to the Beach Dinner.  
Tickets will be available soon for purchase.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sorry, this is going to be a bit of a long newsletter ... there is lots to tell!

Thank you to all the members that came to the 117th AGM which was held on Sunday 26th July. We welcome the new board for the 2026 / 2027 season.

- President - Bec Capell
- Deputy President - Jeremy Paul
- Director of Finance - Nigel Playle
- Members Service - Janet Dunn
- Director of Sports - Rosie Burton
- Director of Lifesaving - Matthew James
- Director of Education - Nick Singh
- Junior Activity Co Ordinator - Adam Gaffney

We farewell Matt Edwards, Jess Menzies, Guyren Smith and Darren Warrener. Thank you for many years of dedication and service to the club.

Our new board look forward to representing you all this season.

### House Keeping

For those that may have missed the email, we are holding a Special General Meeting on Wednesday 9th September, 7.30 pm at the Surf Club. This is to vote for an additional Director role on the board. The new role is Director of Sponsorship & Grants Officer. This role is responsible for securing financial support to advance Newport SLSC programs and strategic goals. The role oversees sponsorship opportunities, manages sponsor relationships, identifies and prepares grant applications, ensures compliance with funding requirements, tracks outcomes, and provides regular reporting to the Board.

### Gear Inspection

Thank you to our small team that has assisted with getting ready for gear inspection. This means the season is just around the corner. Thank you to Carolyn Hayes who has stepped into the First Aid Officer role.

### Patrol Season

Our Back to the Beach Dinner will be hosted on Sunday 27th September at 6.00 pm. Stayed tuned for tickets and menu.

The patrol roster will be published over the next week. Until then, please take the opportunity to log into the portal and complete your online theory. This needs to be done prior to your physical, which this year will be a run, swim rescue, and a board rescue.



Congratulations to Jess Menzies, Pipi Te Pania and Jemma Smith who were nominated for awards at the SLSNSW Awards of Excellence, held in August. A special congratulations to Jemma Smith who was awarded NSW Athlete of the year.

Jemma is a three-time NSW Youth Athlete of the Year and this is her second NSW Athlete of the Year title!

Jemma has delivered an extraordinary season, cementing her place as one of the country's leading surf athletes. At the 2026 Australian Championships, she claimed an incredible five national titles – Open Champion Lifesaver, Patrol Competition, Single Ski, Ski Relay, Board Relay AND was named Female Athlete of the Carnival. She also secured five NSW titles and three Branch titles.

Jemma's impact extends far beyond her own results. A respected leader, coach and mentor, she generously invests in the success of others – supporting junior athletes and coaches across multiple clubs. Jemma combines elite performance with humility, generosity and leadership, making her an outstanding role model and a truly deserving Athlete of the Year.

# FROM THE PRESIDENT (continued)

## IRB Season comes to an end

Well done to the IRB team finishing strong at Aussies that was held at South West Rocks from 16th to 19th July 2026, finishing off one of Newport's best seasons yet.

## Interstate

To kick things off at Aussies, Newport had seven athletes compete for NSW in the Interstate Championship, contributing to NSW winning the overall point score and ending Queensland's 17-year reign since the Interstate Championship was first introduced.

This was a huge win for NSW and also contributed to SLSNSW winning the Alan B Whelpton AO Perpetual Shield, which is a culmination of all Interstate Championships put together. This was won by NSW for the first time in more than a decade.

Newport is very proud to have athletes contribute to such a prestigious achievement. Congratulations to all those involved.

## Interclub

Newport delivered one of its best Aussies performances this year, winning medals in every age category.

The U23 Men's Team took home an impressive 2nd place in the Teams Rescue, followed by the Open Men's Team grabbing 3rd place in the Tube Rescue, another extraordinary result.

However, Newport made history this year with its first ever female Aussies medal, with the Female Masters Team taking home 3rd place in the Tube Rescue. A huge congratulations to Lauren Budd, Bec Capell and Luke Thornton on this historic achievement.

Another huge effort came from the U23 Men's Team, placing 8th in the Mass Rescue, while the Open Men's Team finished 6th in the Mass Rescue. These are fantastic achievements considering the scale and cutthroat competition that Aussies brings.

Newport would like to thank all of our officials who make it possible for us to race, our Team Manager Jess Menzies for running the show on race day, and our coaches for leading us to such fantastic results.

It is now a well-earned break for everyone involved. Newport is very eager to build on what we achieved this year and come back for another amazing season next year.

## Nippers

Basin Camp is back ! We hope the kids have loads of fun on the weekend of 18th / 19th September .... We look forward to photos and a report in the next newsletter.

Nipper proficiency swims will be on Sunday 18th October 2026 from 1pm - 3 pm at Carlile Swimming pool. Please watch out for comms from Adam for more information. All nippers from U13 down (except Dolphins and Marlins) need to attend the pool proficiency before they are allowed in the water at the beach. Please ensure you have registered before this weekend so we have the correct age group list come proficiency morning.

Competition kids – the sports calendar is out so make sure you fill in your events for the season Surf Sports Calendar - Surf Life Saving - Sydney Northern Beaches

## New Opportunity - Duke of ED

Newport Surf Club has been selected to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh / Surf Life Saving NSW Pilot Program. This is an exciting opportunity were those partaking in Duke of Ed can do all components within the one organisation.

This is a new change to the program and one that works well within Surf life Saving as we provide both the physical fitness, community engagement and many opportunities to learn a new skill. This program endeavors to engage new youth and introduce them into our awesome community.

## Dates for Your dairy

Basin Camp:  
19th – 20th September

Back to Beach Dinner:  
Sunday 27th September

Patrols commence:  
Saturday 26th September

Nipper proficiency Swim:  
October 18th

**Rebecca Capell**  
**President**

**CanToo**

CanToo's Summer Ocean Swim program is back this November, offering you the opportunity to build your ocean swimming skills, fitness and confidence alongside a supportive, like-minded community.

Whether you're taking on your first 1km-2.5km ocean swim or stepping up to the new 5km program, there's a challenge for you. Training takes place weekly in both the pool and ocean, with support from experienced Coaches and trusted water safety partners to ensure you feel safe and comfortable in the water.

As you work towards your swimming goals, you'll also raise vital funds to support life-saving cancer research and help make a difference to the lives of people across Australia.

CanToo's 1km-2.5km Summer Ocean Swim program is back this November, offering you the opportunity to build your ocean swimming skills, fitness and confidence alongside a supportive, like-minded community.

Registrations are now open. To join CanToo's Summer Ocean Swim program [click here](#).



# Join CanToo's Summer Ocean Swim program



**SIGN UP NOW**



**117<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REPORT  
2025 - 2026**

As per previous seasons, we have opted to provide our members with access to a digital annual report. This allows the Club to benefit from significant cost savings, promote environmental sustainability, and meet our need for member accessibility.

If you would like to purchase a printed copy, the cost is \$15 (no charge for Life Members).

You can purchase a printed copy from the Club office or from the Bar (Friday's from 4pm and Sundays from Middy).

**DOWNLOAD ANNUAL REPORT**

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW LIFE MEMBER

## - GUYREN SMITH

Guyren's record of service demonstrates his extraordinary contribution to the club. Guyren supports the club as a trainer, assessor, and facilitator, as well as holding positions on the executive board and subcommittees.

Notably Guyren has been the leading force in chasing grants to support renovations to the club house and has been working closely with council and members of parliament.

He has assisted at our annual Beach to Beach event, Pool to Peak swim and been part of the work force for Branch when Newport hosted it in 2023 and 2024.

Guyren continues to compete in individual events and in teams across both lifesaving and IRB. He has been part of the lifesaving team for over 10 seasons, showing persistence and commitment.

Guyren has been a Patrol Captain since 2012 and has gained over 172 awards. His career hours exceed 1000 hours and he has done the Christmas morning patrol with his family for many years. Guyren endeavors to keep his team engaged and encourage them to grow and try new avenues within Surf Lifesaving.

Guyren has been instrumental in launching our Police Youth Program that has won numerous and prestigious awards, but more importantly it has engaged the youth from less privileged environments to learn and gain skills in the surf.

Guyren also gives time to branch, assisting with support operations, along with being part of the Education Panel at Branch as the Gold Award Advisor.

He also assists with the Bush to Beach Program run by SLSNSW.



## UPCOMING COURSES

If you're interested in gaining additional awards through the surf club and want to be considered for upcoming courses, fill out the [Newport SLSC Training Course Expression of Interest – Fill out form](#)

### Bronze Medallion

#### Session Dates & Times

Thursdays starting from 15 October 2026  
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Sundays starting from 18 October 2026  
11 am to 1 pm

Compulsory first aid training:  
12 November 2026

Course will run until assessment in early December.

### ART

#### Course Dates:

8, 15 and 22 October 2026  
6pm to 8pm

### Surf Rescue Certificate

#### Session Dates & Times

Sundays starting from 18 October 2026  
8:30 am to 10:30 am

Course will run until assessment in early December.

### IRB Crew/Driver

#### Session Dates & Times

Sundays starting from  
4 October 2026  
7am – 9am

Course will run 4-6 weeks for crews  
and 6-8 weeks for drivers

## DIGITAL PARKING PERMITS

Reminder that last season's parking stickers expire on 31 August.

**This season the permits are digital and linked to your vehicle registration number.**

If you completed the jot form application, and have paid your membership fees for the 26/27 season, your registration number has been submitted to council and your digital permit is now active.

**If you have not paid your membership fees, your permit IS NOT active.**

Please check your email for confirmation of the registration numbers that have been submitted to council as of 31 August. Don't forget to email [admin@newportsurfclub.com.au](mailto:admin@newportsurfclub.com.au) if your registration number changes.

Permit applications have now closed.



## AWARD COLLECTION

Do you have an Education or Service Award to collect? Awards will be placed in Black Folders and located in the First Aid Room.

**Please check the folders next time you are on Patrol.**

# IRB TRIVIA FUNDRAISER

## PAELLA



## RAFFLES

**\$55**

**SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER  
5:30PM**

**TICKETS INCLUDE:  
DINNER & 1 RAFFLE TICKET**

**NEWPORT SLSC**

FRIDAY  
25TH SEPTEMBER

# SLSSNB Surf Sports Golf Day

**BAYVIEW Golf Club**

Join us for our Annual Charity Golf Day on Friday, 25 September 2026 at Bayview Golf Club. Enjoy 18 holes of 4-person ambrose, lunch, charity auction, raffles and games. Tickets are \$170 per player or \$650 per team. All proceeds support SNB Surf Sports and the development and training of our future lifesavers.

7AM BREAKFAST & REGISTRATION  
8AM SHOTGUN START.  
1pm LUNCH, RAFFLES, GAMES,  
SILENT AUCTIONS AND PRIZE PRESENTATIONS

\$170\* single player

\$650\* 4 players

\$80 LUNCH ONLY

\$60 PER CART

\*INCLUDES, BREAKFAST, LUNCH  
GREEN FEES, PLAYER PACK,

**\$1,200**

## Hole Sponsorship

PROVIDES PRIME SIGNAGE ON THE COURSE, PROMINENT LOGO PLACEMENT ON ALL PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS, EXTENSIVE SOCIAL MEDIA EXPOSURE, ON-COURSE DRINKS, AND DELICIOUS BREAKFAST AND LUNCH. DON'T MISS THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO ALIGN YOUR BRAND WITH AN ICONIC ORGANISATION!



## HOLE IN ONE PRIZES

**\$20,000 CASH**



Courtesy of  
**BARRENJOEY**  
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2026 SEA-DOO GTI 130,  
TRAILER, LIFE JACKETS  
WORTH \$22,000

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Contact Max or Liam for more info [surfsportsadmin@surflifesaving.net.au](mailto:surfsportsadmin@surflifesaving.net.au)  
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