



Congratulations to our IRB Racing Team who finished third in the Under 23, Open, and Overall Club point scores at the recent State Championships.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

We have passed the shortest day of the year which means we are that little bit closer to Summer and hence the beginning of the season.

What has been happening?

You may have seen we have a new employee at the club. SLSNSW has employed several drone pilots, one of which will be operating from Newport Beach.

These pilots provide eyes on the water via the drone and they communicate with Surfcom and their Supervisors.

Currently they are using our first aid room as a base and we will try to find a new home within the club for them before the season starts. Thank you to those that have already introduced yourselves to the pilots, and we thank you all for sharing the club with them.

While the drone pilots are trained to operate in a variety of conditions, there are some conditions that make flights unsafe or less effective.

Strong wind, rain, lightning, and poor visibility can impact the flight's effectiveness and safety. Hence, why operations may be delayed or cancelled.

The pilot's safety and effective reliable surveillance is always paramount.

The hours of UAV operation are as follows;

July/August: 6.45am to 4.15pm

September: 6.15am to 5.00pm

October : 6.15am to 6.30pm

November: 6.00am to 6.30pm

December to February: 6am to 7.30pm

March: 6.30am to 7.00pm

Please note that the pilots are not there to provide water safety or rescues. If something untoward happens, they can contact Surfcom for assistance and follow normal procedures enabling an emergency response team to be deployed.

FROM THE PRESIDENT (CONTINUED)

AGM – 26 July at 3pm

Next on the agenda is the Club's AGM on the 26th July at 3pm. Emails have been sent to all members with the AGM Notice and invitation to vote for Board positions. Our elected Board for the 2026/2027 will be voted in, with the inclusion of a proposed additional Board position. Please take the time to read this email and join us at the 117th AGM.

IRB Racing Success

While we are in the depths of winter and many of us huddled over a hot chocolate, we have had a small but very talented group of athletes competing at the State IRB Championships.

After a strong start that saw the team sitting fourth overall in the NSW Premiership point score, Newport continued to build momentum throughout the season. Through countless hours of training, dedication and hard work both on and off the water, the team capped off the NSW season with an outstanding performance at the NSW State Championships, finishing 3rd in the Under 23, Open, and Overall Club point scores.

Adding to the success, seven Newport members have been selected to represent New South Wales at the upcoming Australian IRB Championships as part of the NSW State Team:

- Keelan Smith
- Nicolas Singh
- Melisse Cooper
- Monty Pate
- Zach Van Dam
- Jacob Curcio
- Luke Thornton

A special congratulations goes to Keelan Smith, who has been appointed Captain of the NSW State Team. A fantastic achievement and a testament to his leadership and commitment to the sport.

The team now turns its focus to the Australian Championships at South West Rocks on the weekend of 18 July, where they will look to continue the momentum from an incredible NSW season and proudly represent Newport on the national stage.

Up the Port!

Branch Awards of Excellence

Congratulations to our Newport members nominated for awards at the SLSSNB Awards of Excellence. Special note to the winners:

- Jemma Smith - Athlete of the Year
- Pipi Te Pania - Youth Athlete of the year
- Jess Menzies - Assessor of the Year

These talented ladies will go on to the State awards night held in August. We wish them the best of luck.

Surf Sports

For our competitors, the surf sports calendar is out so start planning your summer!

Long Service

If you wish to apply for long service, please remember this needs to be done in writing to the Director of Lifesaving, ready to present to the Board prior to October. Please email director-lifesaving@newportsurfclub.com.au

Rebecca Capell
President



Jess Menzies accepting Assessor of the Year Award at the SLSSNB Awards of Excellence

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS NOW OPEN

2026/2027 Season Membership renewals are now open to all members. Please log into the [SLS Hub](#) to renew.

Any questions about registrations can be directed to our Registrar -
Kathy.Middleton@newportsurfclub.com

CLUB ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED 22 JULY – 19 AUGUST

The Admin office at the Club will be closed from 22 July until 19th August as Admin staff take leave prior to the new season starting.

The Bar will be open as per normal.

Our Newsletter will also take a break for the month of August and we will be back with more news in September.



BRANCH DUTY OFFICER EXPRESSION OF INTEREST 2026/27 SEASON

Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches (SLSSNB) is calling for Expressions of Interest to join the SLSSNB Duty Officer Team. The Branch Duty Officers are responsible for the provision of support to lifesaving services at major incidents during patrol hours, and as an incident control entity for after-hours incidents.

Because of the nature of the service, applicants will need to be able to demonstrate a high level of lifesaving skills, surf awareness, experience, dedication and be calm under pressure.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

The minimum qualifications and experience required to become a Duty Officer include:

- Financial Member of a Surf Club in Sydney Northern Beaches
- Minimum age 18 years
- Proficient in SLSA Bronze Medallion / Cert II
- Proficient in SLSA First Aid (HLTAID011)
- Proficient in SLSA Advanced Resuscitation Techniques (HLTAID015)
- Hold the SLSA Silver Medallion Patrol Captain (v2022) award OR the SLSA Silver Medallion Beach Management award and SLSNSW Online Supplementary Learning for Patrol Captains
- Minimum of 3 years' experience as a Patrol Captain or in an equivalent operational leadership role
- Hold a valid NSW Class C driver's license (minimum green Ps)

In addition, the following are preferred:

- Hold the Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue award
- Silver Medallion Patrol Captain award is preferred over the older SM Beach Management award

Applicants must have the capacity to undertake Duty Officer patrols as rostered, in addition to any existing Club commitments. Patrols are a full day in length and once appointed, new Duty Officers should expect to do 6-7 full day patrols per season.

A full position description for Branch Duty Officers can be found in the [SLSNSW Public Safety Standard Operating Procedure LS 9.3](#).

Expressions of Interest should be submitted online at Branch Duty Officer EOI. A copy of your resume must be uploaded with your EOI. Applications for the 2026/27 season will close on 16th August 2026.

Contact Belinda on Belinda@surflifesaving.net.au if you have any queries.



Surf Life Saving NSW have proudly been chosen as this year's spotlight organisation to acknowledge the dedication and selflessness shown by our volunteers over the last 12 months. Therefore, the Sydney Roosters have kindly offered complimentary tickets for SLSNSW members and volunteers.

SLSNSW members and volunteers can claim up to four (4) complimentary tickets for yourself, family and friends by visiting [This Link](#), selecting your seat(s) in the designated seating area, selecting 'Unlock' and then entering the code **SURFNSW26**. Everyone is please encouraged to wear your patrol uniform to the match to give our organisation the biggest presence in the crowd and turn the stands red and yellow! ❤️💛

Event Details:

Date: Sunday 23 August 2026
Location: Allianz Stadium
Times:
11:45am - Gates Open
12:00pm - NSW Police v Australian Firefighters
1:45pm - NRLW - Roosters v Warriors
4:05pm - NRL - Roosters v Tigers

As this year's spotlight organisation, SLSNSW will also be performing a large scale on-field show at half time of the Roosters v Tigers NRL match showcasing the past, present and future of Surf Life Saving NSW. As part of this half time showcase, we have the opportunity for 100x volunteers in patrol uniform and 50x nippers in nipper uniforms to be a part of the on-field presentation!

Please [submit your details here](#) if you are interested in being a part of this showcase, and the SLSNSW Partnerships team will reach out to you with more info.

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