



Congratulations to Lisa Derz, Bronte Kippax, Ashleigh Pegrum, and Ella Pegrum for making it into the 2026/27 NSW Pathways Academy Program.

Selection into the NSW Pathways Academy reflects a strong endorsement of each athlete's surf sports capability, development potential, and commitment, as well as the support of the Branch and the quality of the training environment provided by their respective clubs.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

So apparently, we are in the off season, but we are as busy as ever. There is a buzz around with the upcoming Awards of Excellence night fast approaching.

Our nominees have all been notified and we are looking forward to hosting this night in our own club house on the 23rd May.

We congratulate our nominees – see over page for the full list.

House Keeping

Shark kits have been installed at the peak, pool and Club house. Drones are still operating from 9am to 4pm from Bilgola headland until the end of June. But please remember the following:

- Avoid swimming in dirty water or after heavy rain
- Avoid swimming at dawn or dusk
- Avoid swimming around schools of fish
- Avoid swimming alone.



Sports News

As per our front page, we congratulate Lisa Derz, Bronte Kippax, Ashleigh Pegrum, and Ella Pegrum for making it into the NSW Pathways Academy program.

For our Surf Sport competitors, the dates have been confirmed for next season's NSW State Championships - [Events from May 9 – February 26, 2027 – Surf Life Saving NSW](#)

Pool to Peak News

The committee is aware of the financial strain so many of us are currently experiencing. For this reason, we are pleased to confirm that Pool to Peak registration fees will remain the same for 2027. We are also excited to announce that we will be introducing a 70 year age group in the 2 km swim.

Lastly, thank you to Matt Edwards for hosting our end of season lunch on the last day of patrol. It was a busy weekend with an extended patrol. We thank all those who were able to make it down to see that last patrol pack up for the season.

It has been an honor to lead the club through this last season. I thank all those who have supported me along the way, and I look forward to celebrating the season at our Awards of Excellence night. Good luck to all our nominees.

Rebecca Capell
President



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 117th Annual General Meeting for Newport Surf Life Saving Club Inc. will be held at 3 pm on Sunday, 26 July 2025, in the Robin Cale Room at Newport Surf Club, Barrenjoey Road, Newport.

NEWPORT SLSC

THE BERNIES

AWARDS
of
EXCELLENCE

SHORTLISTED NOMINEES 25/26 SEASON

NIPPER CHAIRMAN'S AWARD

Flynn Bath
Lelah Dean
Sadie Whitaker

NIPPER AGE MANAGER OF THE YEAR

Anna Holmes
Jen Walker
Matt Smith

TOM GUTHRIE - ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Morton Cook
Bonnie Heather

PETER DAWSON OAM - BEST NEW MEMBER

Penelope Knox
Elizaveta Marchenko

MENZIES' EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Lauren Budd
Emma Carroll
Nick Singh

**JOHN HOLLAND SENIOR -
COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

Nicole Fasseau
John Guthrie
Nick Rogers

**HANS TRUMM OAM - AWARD
FOR PATROLLING EXCELLENCE**

Richard Eastwood
Marcus Fasseau
Antony Hayes
Carolyn Hayes
Matthew James

**GARY COOK SURF SPORTS
OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR**

Darren King
Jan Proudfoot
Carla Thornton

COMPETITOR OF THE YEAR

Olivia Clues
Jemma Smith
Charlie Verco

**MICHAEL KING -
SURF SPORTS TEAM OF THE YEAR**

OPEN BOARD RELAY

Analise Kibble / Jemma Smith /
Lizzie Welborn

OPEN FIRST AID

Phoebe Savage / Luke Thornton

U19 SURF BOAT

Nightmare - Milla Bonasera /
Ava Cran / Macy Pickering /
Elise Shanahan / Michael King

OPEN CHAMPION PATROL

Guyren Smith / Phoebe Savage /
Rebecca Capell / Jemma Smith /
Luke Thornton / Sam Capell

**PAUL STEVENS - JUNIOR CLUB
MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

Ben Carroll
Bella Fleming
Harry Jackson
Luke Thornton

**CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR -
MICHAEL HILL
MEMORIAL TROPHY**

Stephen Middleton
Nick Rogers

SEEKING VOLUNTEER : NEWPORT SLSC SHOP

We are looking for a volunteer (or two) to run the Newport SLSC Merchandise Shop.

The amazing Nicole Fasseau (pictured right) will be stepping down from her role but available for training and handover to a new Shop Manager.

This would ideally be a Nipper parent or Member who is at the Club on Sunday mornings while the Nipper program is running.

A brief overview of the tasks involved in the role are listed below.

If interested, please reach out to Stewart Dean – Director of Youth.
(stewart.dean@newportsurfclub.com.au)



Summary of Tasks

- 🔧 Sourcing and ordering of Newport SLSC Nipper, Competitor and supporter merchandise.
- 🔧 Open and run the shop on Sunday mornings throughout the Nippers season (suggest with the help of a buddy).
- 🔧 Monitor stock levels and manage on-line store listings and inventory.
- 🔧 Manage delivery of online orders
- 🔧 Stock take and revenue reporting
- 🔧 Organising Pop-Up events (eg Christmas Shop)
- 🔧 Reporting to Junior Activity Committee and Club Treasurer

HELP NEEDED

Patsy Clayton-Fry, a friend of the Club is seeking assistance to install 3 tree stumps as planters in the park. If anyone has some free time and is able to assist, please contact Patsy directly.

Patsy Clayton-Fry.
Phone: 0403-817-341
E: frypatsy2@gmail.com



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