



**NEWPORT NIPPERS  
EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT**

**2010 - 11 SEASON**

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The eighteenth ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of NEWPORT NIPPERS will be held at the Newport Clubhouse on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

## A G E N D A

1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the seventeenth ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2010.
3. Chairman's welcome and summary of the past season.
4. Adoption of the 2010/11 Annual Report and Financial Statements.
5. Election of Officials for the 2011/12 season.
6. General Business.

## NEWPORT NIPPERS JUNIOR ACTIVITIES OFFICE BEARERS – 2009/10 SEASON

<b>Chairman</b> Peter Finn	<b>Age Managers Coordinator</b> Position not filled
<b>Vice Chairman</b> Tim Francis	<b>Water Safety Coordinator</b> Ben Cummins
<b>Treasurer</b> Mark Tyler	<b>Clothing Coordinator</b> Lisa Brooks
<b>Secretary</b> Christine Borg	<b>Competition Development Manager - Water</b> James Brooks
<b>Registrar</b> David Supierz	<b>Competition Development Manager - Beach</b> Katie Edwards
<b>Senior Club Delegate</b> Peter Finn	<b>BBQ Coordinator</b> Denis Fitzgerald
<b>Competition Director</b> Ted Bruce	<b>Social Secretary</b> Position not filled
<b>Gear Steward</b> Geoff England	

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I am pleased to present the Annual Report for the Newport Nippers for the 2010/2011 season.

This has been an outstanding season for Newport Nippers, with 452 registered Nippers, including 14 Special needs youngsters. We had our best ever results in competition at Branch, State and National championships and 36 under fourteen year olds gaining their SRC and graduating to patrols and the community service of Surf Life Saving.

The season started with what must be the coldest water temperature on record for Sydney coastal waters which continued almost to Xmas, but with mostly warm if not always fine Sundays. This allowed for lots of water skills development and increased confidence for the younger Nippers albeit once they warmed up. The latter part of the season was not of the same standard (ranging from unpredictable to miserable!) and a few Sundays were actually washed out.

The Nippers had fun on the beach, and I like to stress this, because unless the youngsters enjoy their time at the beach and want to return next Sunday, there is no motivation for parents to bring them back next week. If they don't return next Sunday we lose the chance to lift their skills and make them safer at the beach and in the surf.

This year 40 U14's gained their SRC's and have already spent time on the beach as patrol members. We hope that for many this will be the start of a lifetime of community service in Surf Life Saving, with the friendships and rewards that SLS brings. A special thank you to Caroline Hayes & Simon Euers for their efforts over several years that has kept this great group of youngsters together, enthused, committed and now qualified.

Our competitive team continued to train hard and grow in numbers with some great results at local Carnivals, at Branch

and State and National Championships. Well done to all those Nippers who competed, and special congratulations to all those who reached their finals or won medals.

At the State Nippers Lifesaving championships we fielded one of the biggest beach teams Newport has seen in many years. All nippers performed outstandingly and the results for both **Beach** and **Water** are listed in the Competition Development Managers Report.

Congratulations to the entire team who proudly represented Newport at Branch, State and National Carnivals!

Thank you to those folk who have dedicated their time and considerable skills to coaching and organizing the youngsters in their sports and competition. James Brooks, Katie Edwards, Glen Borg, Matt Edwards, Greg Howard, Simon Euers, Peter Tullett, Nick Carroll and Marty Cowper, together with a bunch of patient chauffeurs and supporters called parents. We will continue to coach and challenge those competitive youngsters next year as their skills and performances improve.

Competition that is so much value and fun for the youngsters is only possible with our club contributing Officials for carnivals and Championships. Thank you to our Officials (Gary Cook, Mark Stanton, Greg Howard, Ian Storey, Bernie Howard, Doug Menzies, Carolyn Hayes and Wendy Taurins), those who have taken the time to qualify and spend that time on the beaches helping our youngsters improve. We will need more parents to assist next season. Please step up and volunteer.

The success of our Special Needs program run by Scott McAlpine, with assistance from Doug and Sandy Menzies, for children in need of special care and assistance continues. The

group has been successfully integrated with Nippers, and the Marlins and Dolphins are on the beach and in the water with all of us each Sunday. This year our Marlins & Dolphins represented Newport at the Collaroy Surf Carnival against the newly formed South Curl Curl special needs group. To say that we were proud of their performance would be a significant understatement; they were outstanding & had a wonderful time. Thank you to the helpers & particularly the new helpers who have become involved this season. We do need some more help with this group, so any time you need a little extra sunshine in your life, go and watch the enjoyment these youngsters get from the program – and then volunteer.

The weekly activity of the club is of course centered on the beach and water activities and skills training. This is delivered week in week out due to the efforts of our wonderful 32 Age Managers and all those parents who assist. To each and every one of these committed folk, on behalf of the Committee and all the other Nipper parents, our thanks and gratitude. You make it happen for our youngsters and your community.

We have this season improved the standard of the training and activities delivered; we invested over \$20,000 on new water equipment. 8 x new Rescue boards for SRC, 4 x long boards for 12 – 14 year old training, 8 x Excel Racing boards, 10 x Rescue tubes and 20 x Boogie boards used by all ages.

We also introduced the Water Activity Centre. This 5.5 meter Water Trampoline can be anchored outside the break and the kids swim out and bounce & jump and generally have fun in the surf. Attached to that is a 7 meter inflatable runway that will support over 20 children, sitting, standing or running. And when the surf is too rough, we put the trampoline on the sand & allow the junior Nippers to also bounce & jump & have fun on the Sand. And we plan to continue this improvement next season; we have also purchased a 2 meter high

Jungle Jim that will attach to the other end of the floating runway, creating an enormous water park anchored outside the break as an incentive for the weaker swimmers to make the effort get out the back. Feedback from parents is that the children love it, and for those who were afraid of going past the break, now they can't get out there fast enough. It's a great incentive.

Thank you to Mr. Ben Cummings for all his help with water safety this year, especially because of the added need for water safety around the new WAC, and to all the parents with their bronze medallion who assisted Ben with the right ratio of water safety to nipper participant ratio's. He did an outstanding job supporting our Nippers – it was very much appreciated.

A special thank you to 2 members of the management team, Chris Borg – Secretary & Mark Tyler – last year Treasurer, who are both retiring after more than 5 years on the Nippers Executive Committee. Their ongoing assistance and enthusiasm, their efforts & contribution will be sorely missed.

Also, thanks to Tim Francis for your support and back up through the entire season.

I have to acknowledge Denis Fitzgerald for his assistance with the BBQ over the past season. He and the efforts of all those parents who helped with the BBQ each Sunday have delivered in excess of 5000 bacon & egg and sausage sandwiches. This continues to be a substantial revenue stream for Nippers and we will now need new hands to help manage this effort. So parents, we do need your assistance each week if your age group is rostered.

The improved Nipper's room has given us more effective access to the beach and Geoff England with assistance from Glen Borg has done a great job in setting up our new racking & improved storage without encroaching on the clothing lockers. To Doff McAlpine and Lisa Brooks – our thanks, you have once again done a sterling effort with our clothing supply store.

All our equipment needs are a continually growing expense and I would encourage any parent who is in a position to influence the provision of commercial sponsorship (from employer or friend) to please come and talk to me about how we can use some help.

We must recognize the efforts of our existing Sponsors. Scott McAlpine's - Exclusive Tiles was again one of our major benefactors through last season. Two new sponsors also joined this year; Gordon Spring - LJ Hooker Newport and Karen & Guyren Smith – Compu Data, both with generous contributions. Coles Newport also provided all of our BBQ needs at discounted pricing. Because of these generous sponsors we are in a financially good position and well placed to maintain the equipment and resources that we need to deliver the training to all of our Nippers.

As we lose the parents and nippers of the Under14's to the serious teenage world of Cadets we do need new parents to step forward to assist on the Committee and act as Age Managers. While several Committee members have agreed to stand for the upcoming year we do need the new 'generation' of parents to step forward.

To this end we will be looking for several Age Managers within each age group.

Enthusiasm required; skills, knowledge and guidance will be provided if needed. Please do not be bashful in stepping up to help support our youngsters.

Each of the Committee members has contributed enormously to another successful season for Newport Nippers. Our thanks to each of them: Chris Borg, Tim Francis Mark Tyler; Geoff England; Dennis Fitzgerald; David Supierz; Katie Edwards; Matt Edwards; Ben Cummings; Ian Crutch; Lisa Brooks; Doff McAlpine; Ted Bruce; and James Brooks. While once again I have had the privilege to be the spokesperson for the team, it's their ongoing contributions and outstanding efforts that make it all happen. Thank you, you have been great to work with.

Finally, my thanks to the parents who make it all possible. I trust you have enjoyed the year and that your Nippers have learnt lots and enjoyed themselves more. I look forward to seeing you and your Nippers back here on the beach next season. Remember, you can add some magic into your life – get involved.

**Peter Finn  
Chairman**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Firstly I would like to say thank you to all the mum's and dad's that help us make Sunday mornings such a success in such a fun and enjoyable way.

The outputs of all our weekly efforts are lots of waterproof kids! Congratulations and well done.

2010/11 has been a year where the Nipper committee has focused on the improvement of both our everyday and competition boards and equipment to assist the SRC program. In such in the past season we have purchased:

20 x Boogie boards

6 x Soft Pro Lightweight Bennett boards

10 x Soft nipper boards

6 x Soft surf rescue boards

8 x Excel Fibreglass Nipper boards

At the closing off the year the Nippers now have over 160 Nipper surf boards ranging from Boogie boards, soft rescue boards to a range of competition boards. In addition to these surf craft we also purchased 10 new Rescue Tubes for use with our Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) kids. I would also like to thank our board repairer Fletcher Davies. Fletcher assists

us with affordable board repairs and over the 2010/11 year he has assisted the nippers with over 28 board repairs and helped us maintain our fleet in good order.

2011 saw the deployment of the incredible Water Activity Centre Aqua glide trampoline and runway which so many kids (and some not so young kids) had so much fun on, and yes we are still awaiting the arrival of the Jungle Jim so look forward to more fun on the high seas next season.

In the season there was \$29,379 of Nipper funds spent of the purchase of water craft and water safety equipment.

Also I cannot write a report without calling out to the whole Nipper community the efforts of some very hard working individuals that assist us every week and do a most wonderful job. Lisa Brooks and Doff McAlpine and their team of mums again must dominate my thankyou list. Every week they are open and every year they are hard at work offering our club and the Nippers beach clothing and training gear that is not just great looking but safe. Thanks you Lisa and Doff and the team from all the mums and dads and all the committee.

This year our BBQ was a seamless and well managed weekly event and this is all due to the great work by Dennis Fitzgerald. Each week the BBQ generates a profit that goes direct to the Nippers, a big thank you to Dennis from the committee, me and all the mums and dads. We would also like to recognise and thank the support of Coles Newport for their weekly and ongoing support for the Nippers with their weekly discounts and supply of BBQ materials.

I know Peter has called this out in his report but I would also like to call out our main Nipper sponsors and thank them for such wonderful support, they are: Exclusive Tiles, LJ Hooker Newport and Compu Data. Their generous support has

made the Water Activity Centre a reality and one that will stay with the club for many years to come. Thank You.

The clubs treasurer's reports are slightly different this year as the club is now reporting as a consolidated entity, but I have endeavoured in this report to give all a view of the Nippers financial status.

As at the end of March, 2011

	<b>Last Year</b>	<b>This Year</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash on hand	\$ 45,247.06	\$ 66,244.79
Clothing	\$ 13,530.00	\$ 10,860.00
Inventory		
	<b>\$ 58,777.06</b>	<b>\$ 77,104.79</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Bennett Boards		\$ 12,150.00
Exclusive Tiles		\$ 531.30
Board Training		\$ 2,000.00
<b>Acts Payable</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$14, 663.30</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 58,777.06</b>	<b>\$ 62,441.49</b>

Notes:

- Full financials will be seen in consolidated accounts in Club Finance Report.
- In May 2011 the committee opened an "at call" interest bearing account and transferred \$35,000 into the account so as to make interest on the funds during the winter season.
- Nippers are still awaiting the delivery of the Aquaglide Jungle Jim & continue to chase the supplier for such.
- Nippers are still awaiting the delivery of one Excel fibreglass racing board.

**Mark Tyler**  
**Treasurer**

# AGE MANAGER REPORTS

## UNDER 6

The President of another northern beaches surf club recently commented to me, somewhat enviously, that Newport nippers is powering along at present. It is recognised within, and obviously outside, the club that the Newport nippers program is strong.

The number of first time nippers signed up at Newport for the last season confirms the strength of the program this past season and bodes well for that to continue. We had 75 first time little nippers registered in the U6 age group this past season.



On any one Sunday morning we had as many as 60 nippers in the U6s show up for beach activities. As a first time age manager, having only assisted the previous year in the U7s, the thought of keeping such a large number of chirpy and excited 5 year olds corralled, lined up and understanding of all of their new beach games was certainly a daunting one but one which we managed.

The task was made much easier with the assistance of Susie and Rosie and later Ryan as assistant age managers. It is fantastic to see three teenage members of the club keenly volunteering to mix it with the youngest members of the club. A special thanks needs to go to Rosie who showed up every Sunday of the entire season, developed a great rapport with the kids and did a fabulous job of

taking the attendances and handing out awards.

The season started with what must be the coldest water temperatures on record for Sydney coastal waters which continued almost until Xmas. These cold water temperatures proved to be a deterrent for water activities in the first half of the season as the little nippers were none too keen on getting their feet wet. The temperature warmed up by the New Year which allowed us to get right into the water activities which the kids seemed to really enjoy.

As expected for U6s the focus was on fun and learning a little about the surf and the beach. The learning activities included meeting under the "big red tent" (40 or so nippers plonked themselves unannounced under the patrol tent) for an interview with the patrol captain and other patrol members. This gave the kids an opportunity to learn what the patrol does, see some of the life saving equipment and to find out how friendly and approachable the surf patrol is.

On the fun side, the challenge is to come up with new games or variants on existing games throughout the season to keep the kids interested. Hopefully that was achieved. If the generally high attendance levels throughout the season are an indication then the U6s had a lot of fun and enjoyed their intro to the beach, life saving and the surf. Hopefully they will all be back for more next season.



I for one obtained a great deal of enjoyment out of the season and highly recommend to all parents getting involved as age managers or assistant age managers with their kids.

Whilst there are lots of people who volunteer their assistance to the nippers program a special commendation should go to Peter Finn as Chairman for his

tireless organisational and hands on efforts throughout the season ensuring the smooth running of the program.

**Mark Hickey**  
**Under 6 Age Manager**

## UNDER 7

The 2010-2011 season for the Newport U7s was obviously the best U7s nippers group on the whole planet bar none! If you don't believe me ... just ask me.

We enjoyed a vast migration from last year's U6 group to this year's U7s with the addition of quite a few new faces. This year things seemed to just click, from day one everyone was just into it. The confidence level of the entire group was just astonishing, kids who were gun shy of some of our introductory water events last year, seemed like they were born with fins and gills. I hope someday I will be able to dolphin dive as good as this group. We continued our focus this year on water safety and shallow water confidence. I believe anyone who observed this group will attest to how confident the U7s are. I am sure that I speak for all the age managers when I say it makes us proud to see these nippers develop their skills sets so rapidly.

I also noticed how the nippers (and their parents) seemed to bond with each other ... both during and outside of nippers. I observed many occasions after nippers was over, members of the U7s

continuing to enjoy the beach, park or just hanging out have a snag sandwich. - cooked of course by our gourmet sausages sizzling chef, the sand was added later by the nippers.

We were spoilt this year having so much support from the parents it would be very difficult for us to manage so many nippers without you.

This year I noticed the nippers were getting much faster, or was it the age managers were getting slower ... no no the nippers were definitely faster. I would like to make a special thanks to both Jess and Will for helping us keep pace with our group and also for supporting us with their Bronze Medallion experience.

I look forward to seeing all of the nippers back in the 2011-2012 season. And remember "The older we get the better we were" Life is good...

**Jim Hewlett, Karen Hennessey, Brad Bartlem, Zoran, Jess & Will**  
**Under 7 Age Managers**

## UNDER 8

The U8s group had a great season of fun and skill improvement. With over 60 in the group and a good percentage of them in their 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Nippers it was so good to see their confidence grow in the water and introducing the boards for the first time was a lot of fun for both the kids and

the parents. It was hilarious to listen to them all saying how they "got smashed" on a wave. It was so pleasing to see all the kids so enthusiastic and put in a great effort every week particularly in the early part of the season when the water was so cold.

This year was the first season that some of the group competed for the club at our Branch carnivals. We had a small but competitive group that competed at Manly and the Branch Titles at Collaroy. Congratulations to our Club Championship winners; Tom, Riley, Zach, Matthew, James, Olivia, Jacinta and Marlie. Congratulations to our age award winners Max, Aja and Liam.

We would like to thank the parents that helped with water safety each week and particular thanks to Scott, Preston and Pete who helped Kim lead the group while I was away. We both look forward to seeing you all next season on the beach.

**Tim Francis**  
**Under 8's Age Manager**

## UNDER 9

What a great year we had this year with so many keen nippers turning up each week. This season started with proficiencies that were done in very cold water but as the season progressed thankfully the water temperature rose. Our main focus this year was on fun, beach safety, surf awareness and surf skills. Our board and swim skills improved over the season, due mainly to the introduction of the WAC. We finally got just about every nipper out past the break to the WAC, which was fantastic to see.

Fun was had by all at the annual age championships, every nipper gave 100%, even in the rough surf on the day. It was great to see the enthusiasm of the kids to get out and amongst the waves in the swim and the board.

The confidence of the U9's had grown enormously throughout the season which brought a smile to us age managers. (I raised in the pre nipper age manager meeting that the swim and the board distances were way too far for the u9's ...

only to eat my words when the kids were busting to have a crack at it!

Our practice on the beach also paid off with the U9's being lightening fast and competitive in the flags and on the sprint track.

Competitors ready ... Heads Down ... Go!

Age championship results were as follows:

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|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Ashlie Edwards<br>Mac Omm        |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Stella Campbell<br>Kai Van Kool  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Sacha Taurins<br>Vincent Supierz |

Special awards over the season went to:

*Lifesaver of the year:* Geordie Smith

*Most Improved:* Madison Louw

*Encouragement:* Jarrah Sheppard

**Matt Edwards**  
**Under 9 Age Manager**

## UNDER 10

The 2010-11 season has seen the U10s make huge improvements in all areas of surf lifesaving. Each year the appeal of games on the beach wanes in

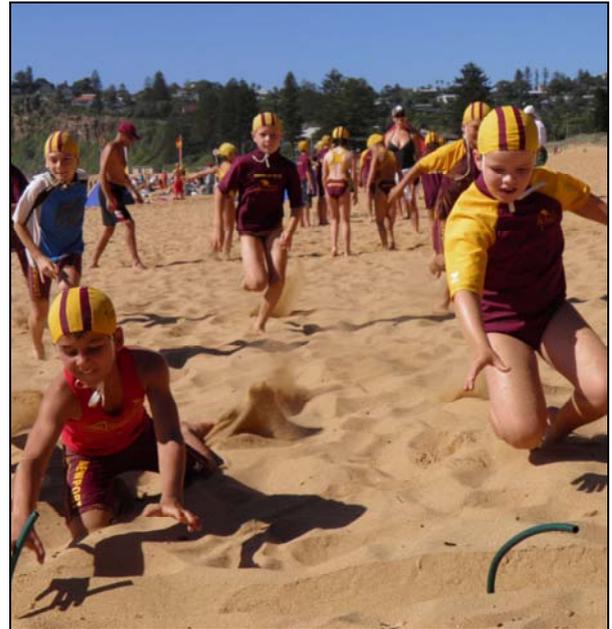
comparison to getting "smashed" in the surf! Their confidence and ability in the water, on both boards and the swim, has increased dramatically.

All of our nippers achieved their water proficiency and the majority also completed the more rigorous competition level proficiency swim. It made all of the age managers, and no doubt their parents, proud to see them taking on various surf conditions to swim around the buoys on numerous occasions this year. The introduction of the Water Activity Centre at nippers saw even the most reticent of our group keen to swim or paddle out for a turn on the trampoline!

This year we showed the U10s the basics of CPR and were impressed not only with their level of interest but with how much they retained. Parents mentioned that their children were still talking about it weeks later and no doubt we have some future patrolling lifesavers among us. As they progress through the age groups these valuable first aid skills will be expanded upon, culminating in the Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) as U14s.



Some of the U10s competed at junior surf carnivals throughout the season at both local, Branch and State levels. Congratulations to Tasman Hale for winning a gold in the beach sprint at the Branch Carnival, and to all competitors that gave it a go. If anyone else thinks their children might like to participate in competitions, either on the beach or in the water, please come and see us and we can give you details of the additional training available through nippers.



All of the U10s performed well at the Club Championships with the resulting winners:

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|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Zane Tullett | Molly Donohoe |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Tommy Hannan | Anna Supierz  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Tasman Hale  | Jasmin Brooks |

The other nippers recognised for their achievements over the season were:

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| <i>Encouragement</i>         | Tiana Lakaev      |
| <i>Most Improved</i>         | Alexandra Nielsen |
| <i>Lifesaver of the Year</i> | Nathan Weiss      |

Thank you our ever enthusiastic and patient assistant age managers Cameron and Cian. Despite having the kids climb all over them and pummel them each week they continue to come back for more - we really appreciate it!

Thanks also to the parents who help out with water safety each week and those that continually volunteer for BBQ duty; we couldn't do it without you.

Hope to see everyone back at nippers next year.

**John Milham, Nigel Leck, Matt Hannan,  
Chris Borg, Cameron Elliott & Cian O'Rielly  
Under 10 Age Managers**

## UNDER 11

What a fantastic year we've had at Nippers with our big group of 50! This season the focus was on development of surf lifesaving skills (board, swim and running skills and surf awareness) and personal skills (confidence, teamwork, leadership and respect). We introduced CPR for the first time and basic first Aid. With the introduction of the WAC, I think this encouraged more of our group to be out in the water swimming and boarding, which was great to see.

We started off the season with just about everyone achieving their proficiencies in the first week and by the end, we had Ironmen and Ironwomen champions. We can see many of them becoming great lifesavers for Newport one day. We were so pleased to see so many of the U11s improving over the season in skill, confidence and knowledge.



In the end of season Age Championships the results were as follows:

1. Kristie Edwards Jack Mills
2. Kasey Campbell Hugh McAlpine
3. Indy Halligan Patrick Gilliland

Special mention to our nippers who received special awards:

Most improved: Griffin Kirwan  
 Encouragement: Jasmine Omm  
 Lifesaver of the Year: Charlie Einspinner

We had many U11s who competed this year and probably one of the biggest age group in Newport Nippers. Fourteen of the U11s competed at State. We have many

that compete up and down but are with us every week at nippers.



Outstanding season results include:

### Branch:

U11	Eve Parker	Beach Sprint	1 <sup>st</sup>
		Flags	3 <sup>rd</sup>
	Isabella Alvarez	Beach Sprint	6 <sup>th</sup>
		Beach Sprint relay	1 <sup>st</sup>
		(Kasey Campbell, Charlotte Lerpiniere, Eve Parker, Isabella Alvarez)	
U11	Jack Mills	Flags	4 <sup>th</sup>
	Hugh McAlpine	Board	5 <sup>th</sup>
		Ironman	3 <sup>rd</sup>
	Patrick Gilliland	Beach Sprint	4 <sup>th</sup>
		Beach Sprint relay	2 <sup>nd</sup>
		(Jack Mills, Patrick Gilliland, Leo Norman, James McCoy)	
U12	Cody Adam	Ironman	6 <sup>th</sup>
U10	Jasmin Brooks	Board	2 <sup>nd</sup>
		Swim	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Molly Donohoe	Beach Sprint	6 <sup>th</sup>
		Flags	6 <sup>th</sup>
	Anna Supierz	Flags	1 <sup>st</sup>

### State Results:

Gold	Kristie Edwards	U11 beach sprint
Bronze	Eve Parker	U11 beach sprint
Silver	U11 girls beach sprint relay	
	Eve Parker, Isabella Alvarez, Charlotte Lerpiniere, Kristie Edwards	

Many 4ths so just missing out on a medal

Jasmin Brooks      4th      U10 swim

Kristie Edwards      4th      U11 flags

U/11 boys beach sprint relay      4th

Jack Mills, James McCoy, Leo Norman, Patrick Gilliland

U/12 Cameron relay      4th

Cody Adam, Hugh McAlpine, Kristie Edwards, Jack Mills

Probably the highlight of the competition season for us was **Hugh McAlpine**. Hugh made every water final at the State Championships - an amazing achievement, well done!



Thank you to all the parents who helped each week, we cannot do it without you. Looking forward to another great season next year.

**Katie Edwards, Ed Ambrosius  
& Darren Parker  
Under 11 Age Managers**

## UNDER 12

It's hard to believe that it the end of another great season (the 7<sup>th</sup>) for the U12s and its time to pack up the beach gear and think about winter sports again!

Our 7<sup>th</sup> season has seen a growing level of proficiency and life saving skills knowledge and a marked improvement in water and beach skills of the U12s team. The core competences of flags, boards and 'run/swim/run' for the whole U12s team have improved steadily and consistently. We have also built this year on the foundations of rescue scenarios and CPR skills training introduced last season with all U12s team members now demonstrating a good knowledge and skills base in these very important Life Saving activities. The U12s team now have a sound basis for aiming to complete their SRC examination in the next couple of years and then continuing on to become senior active Club members in future years. Attendance this season has been solid with the group naturally reducing in size. The 'regulars' have put in excellent attendance but some of the group have been affected

by other sporting, school or social commitments which has impacted their attendance. Despite this a great time has been had by all during our Sunday morning drills with lots of welcomed parent participation.

This year our U12s Competition Carnival team posted some outstanding results whilst representing the Club with the highlight being Ryley's gold medal in the flags and Keelan, Jonah and Ryley's combined silver in the relay. It is great to see that all the training and experience being gained by those that compete in open competition against some of the other Northern Beaches Clubs is paying such good dividends and we look forward to a continued level of participation and success in Carnival events from the U13s team next season. **A BIG thank you again to Karen and Guyren Smith** who continued to do a sterling job as the U12s carnival coordinators this year.

Congratulations also go to the following award winners: Keelan – Lifesaver of the Year, Veronica – Encouragement Award,

Elizabeth – Most Improved, Olivia W. - 2<sup>nd</sup> place Club Champs, Lauren & Ryley – 3<sup>rd</sup> place Club Champs. A special mention goes to Lucy who blitzed the Club Champs despite missing a lot of Nippers due to swim training commitments and who demonstrated great sportsmanship throughout the season.

A **BIG thank you** to my co-age managers **Jessica, Amy and Gary** for all the time, effort and enthusiasm they have put in during the season which has made this a very successful and enjoyable season.

A **BIG thank you** also to **Hayden, Carla, Melody and Jeff** for their excellent water safety efforts and general assistance and enthusiasm during the season. We are looking forward to you guys taking a more senior role in the U12s team next season.

Also a **BIG thank you** to all those **parents** and other club members who regularly assisted throughout the year with Nippers training, on the BBQ and at various Club events. I am sure I speak for everyone in

saying it has been a great year with fun had by all.

Finally and most importantly **Congratulations** to all the **Under 12s team** for continuing to display excellent manners and sportsmanship at all times and for all having a go at all the different Nippers activities undertaken this year. Next season we are going to concentrate on SRC requirements in preparation of the teams SRC exams in 2012. We also look forward to a continued level of success at Carnivals so we need plenty of off-season swimming and board training to make sure the team gets through its U12s proficiency test at the start of next season and be competitive at the various Carnivals we will be attending next season.

We look forward to seeing everyone back next season for another great year of Nippers activities.

**Jessica Menzies, Amy Bruce,  
Gary Dixon & Rudi Valla  
Under 12 Age Managers**

## UNDER 13

The 2010-11 Season was another great year for the Newport U13s with over 40 nippers hitting the beach each Sunday. Whilst we had many familiar faces we also saw a number of new nippers who showed a lot of courage and determination in the surf and on the sand.

The season started off well with many of our nippers completing their proficiency early on showing there's no holding back our Newport nippers. Once again Newport Beach provided us with a range of conditions from almost lake like settings to pounding surf. This provided the perfect opportunity to develop our swimming and board skills. We saw some great improvement from all of our nippers as their skills improved all-round.

We were also very lucky to have three great age managers help us out in Illa, Neesha and Sam. Aside from passing on

some great skills in the water and on the beach the guys also introduced the nippers to resuscitation techniques, and some new games. These guys also provided great assistance in prepping our Nippers for the demands of next year's SRC course.



On the competition front we had 16 competitors from the U13s. We saw the season kick off early at Dee Why with 10

carnivals culminating in the State Titles at the end of February. At branch we had 12 competitors all up competing across all water and beach events. We also took 10 competitors to State with Jackson Borg, Guy Rees, Max Newey, Tennyson James, Callum Hargreaves, Tayla Tullett, Sam Keldie, Saxon Witton, Lucy Flanagan and Charlie Brooks representing the U13s.



Some fantastic efforts on the boards, in the swim and on the sand. Every competitor did us proud with our 2010-11 competition season being topped off with a great effort by our three male board relay teams making the finals, then the team of Charlie Brooks, Guys Rees and Saxon Witton went on to win the gold. If that wasn't enough Charlie Brooks went one better on last year's effort to bring home the gold medal

at the State ironman. Just a couple of the inspiring efforts which did our Newport Nippers proud.

Again we've seen all our nippers grow in confidence in the water and on the sand. This really came home to me when, with the help of Marty Cowper, we ran a session between Christmas and New Year to introduce 18 of our U13s to the SRC program. To watch our kids, many I've known since before they started nippers, do an unconscious patient board rescue was a real inspiration.

So thanks to all of the Nippers, their parents, and a special thank you to some key helpers this year in Peter, Dave, Jill, Brendan, Bob, Gary, Steve and Rob who stepped in when I was away for carnivals and helped with water safety. Also special thanks to Dave and all those who help out with BBQ duty, this is a real important part of the clubs fund raising activities.

Hope to see all Nippers back again next year.

**Glen Borg**  
**Under 13 Age Manager**

### **UNDER 14 - Surf Rescue Certificate**

The year started early for our water competitors who joined in with the Bronze squad for their training for the Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC). This enabled them to compete in senior carnivals in the U15s age group for the season. Well done to David Euers, Darcy Marr, Liam Taurins and Jamie Hough for their commitment to training and competing for our club at many carnivals.

The start of the Nippers season saw another 36 candidates enrol to do their SRC. They spent the next 10 weeks training and studying the units on Safety and Wellbeing, Surf Awareness and skills, Anatomy and Physiology, Basic First Aid, Resuscitation, Communications, Rescue

Techniques and Patrols. These 8 units are common to the 12 units studied in The Bronze Medallion and are very content heavy. Every Sunday it was an 8am start to fit in all the units of work as well as the practical requirements involved. Each week candidates were tested with a 100m run/100m swim/100m run and board and tube rescues when the surf conditions permitted. We are pleased to say that all our candidates successfully completed their wet and dry assessments to be awarded their Surf Rescue Certificate. This has added a total of 40 members to our patrolling ranks. We could not have done this without the help of the many parent

trainers including Marty Cowper, Sally Chockman, Tina Leck and Jane Steinert.



The second half of the season was a little more relaxed and many of the U14s helped out with water safety, Age Managing or undertook fun sessions like paddling to the reef, novelty events or playing on the WAC.

Club Championship conditions were good and the professional photos taken on the day show lots of smiling happy faces.

The results for 2011 were:

BOYS	1st	Darcy Marr
	2nd	Tyler Adam
	3rd	Cody Chockman
GIRLS	1st	Jamie Hough
	2nd	Maddy Hayes
	3rd	Darienne Ansiewicz

MOST IMPROVED Max Crittenden

ENCOURAGEMENT Jett Van Der Wallen

LIFE SAVER OF THE YEAR Jamie Hough

CHAIRMANS AWARD Cody Chockman

Jamie Hough and Cody Chockman were selected as our representatives in the Junior Lifesaver of the Year held by the Sydney Northern Beaches Branch. Both of them were impressive and enjoyed the experience.

We had a good team of competitors who competed at the State Age Championships at Kingscliff including Tyler Adam, David Euers, Harry Gilliland, Maddy Hayes, Jamie Hough, Darcy Marr, Nathan McCoy, Hudson Parker and Liam Taurins.

After devoting many hours to educating our Nippers over the last few years we will be hanging up our Age Manager shirts. We have enjoyed seeing kids overcome their fears in the surf, become competent on a boards, swim out past the break and back, enjoyed the highs and lows of carnivals and competing. However one of the most rewarding experiences has been to see many of our U14s don the patrol uniform and to see them actively patrol our great beach. We are proud of them all.

Signing off for the last time

**Carolyn Hayes & Simon Euers**  
**Under 14 Age Manager**

## DOLPHINS AND MARLINS

Our Marlins and Dolphins program has now been running for the past 9 summers with up to 23 participants between the ages of 5 and 23 years. As usual we have spent this summer participating in a variety of modified nipper activities, being competitive (but not too competitive!!) and making sure everyone

had lots of fun while learning surf awareness and safety.

This year was a kinder surf for us so we enjoyed plenty of time on the boards and body boards. Many of us had first time experiences – joined nippers for the first time, got wet for the first time, caught

waves for the first time and won sprint races for the first time. A lot of firsts!



We had the opportunity this year to share our program with South Curl Curl SLSC and help them to set up their own program in collaboration with the Cerebral Palsy Alliance. They have successfully started a group for around nine young members which will continue next season.

For the first time on the Sydney Northern Beaches surf sports calendar we were included in the Branch Junior Carnival, and ably competed against South Curl Curl in a variety of events, and they couldn't have been more excited. Lining up for the beach sprint the group could barely stand still waiting for the starter's gun, and we also took on the challenges of extreme buckets, flags and wade

races and loved every minute of it. The proud looks on their parents faces, and the smiles on others watching was wonderful to see.



We couldn't run this program without the assistance of all our wonderful helpers – so many, many thanks to Brendan, Georgia, Leanne, Steve and Sue – without you this task would be a lot harder and we look forward to seeing you again next year. If you need to add some joy to your Sunday morning, we are always looking for more help – the only qualification needed is the ability to have fun!

**Scott McAlpine, Doug & Sandy Menzies**  
**Program Coordinators**

## AWARD WINNERS 2010/11

### UNDER 14s

#### Girls

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jamie Hough
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Maddy Hayes
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Darienne Answiewicz

#### Boys

1 <sup>st</sup>	Darcy Marr
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tyler Adam
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cody Chockman

<b>Encouragement</b>	Jett Van Der Wallen
<b>Most Improved</b>	Max Crittenden
<b>Lifesaver of the year</b>	Jamie Hough

### UNDER 13s

#### Girls

1 <sup>st</sup>	Tayla Tullett
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kate Farrugia
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tara Doyle

#### Boys

1 <sup>st</sup>	Charlie Brooks
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Guy Rees
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Callum Hargreaves

<b>Encouragement</b>	Nicola Riebolge
<b>Most Improved</b>	Dane Lakaev
<b>Lifesaver of the year</b>	Tayla Tullett

### UNDER 12s

#### Girls

1 <sup>st</sup>	Amelia King
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Olivia Worthington
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lauren McQueen

#### Boys

1 <sup>st</sup>	Tom King
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cody Adam
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ryley Hayes

<b>Encouragement</b>	Veronica Horrocks
<b>Most Improved</b>	Elizabeth Dixon
<b>Lifesaver of the year</b>	Keelan Smith

### UNDER 11s

#### Girls

1 <sup>st</sup>	Kristie Edwards
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kasey Campbell
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Inde Halligan

#### Boys

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jack Mills
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hugh McAlpine
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Patrick Gilliland

<b>Encouragement</b>	Jasmine Omm
<b>Most Improved</b>	Griffin Kirwan
<b>Lifesaver of the year</b>	Charlie Einspinner

### UNDER 10s

#### Girls

1 <sup>st</sup>	Molly Donohoe
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Anna Louise Supierz
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jasmin Brooks

#### Boys

1 <sup>st</sup>	Zane Tullett
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tommy Hannan
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tasman Hale

<b>Encouragement</b>	Tiana Lakaev
<b>Most Improved</b>	Alexandra Nielsen
<b>Lifesaver of the Year</b>	Nathan Weiss

### UNDER 9s

#### Girls

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ashlie Edwards
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Stella Campbell
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sacha Taurins

#### Boys

1 <sup>st</sup>	Mac Omm
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kai van kool
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Vincent Supierz

<b>Encouragement</b>	Jarrah Sheppard
<b>Most Improved</b>	Madison Louw
<b>Lifesaver of the year.</b>	Geordie Smith

## UNDER 8

### Girls

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jacinta Rogers
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Olivia Alvarez
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Marlie Smith

### Boys

1 <sup>st</sup>	Tom Donohoe
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Riley Lutton
3 <sup>rd</sup> Equal	Matthew Francis
3 <sup>rd</sup> Equal	Zach Van Dam
3 <sup>rd</sup> Equal	James Hannan

Encouragement	Aja Phelps
Most Improved	Liam Brennan
Lifesaver of the year	Max Donohoe

**Chairman's Award:** Cody Chockman

**Competitor of the Year:** Charlie Brooks



## REGISTRAR'S REPORT

The 2010/2011 season kicked off with our registration days on 12th and 19th of September 2010. I would like to extend a big thank-you to those people who volunteered their time to help with the registration days.

Registration of members, transfers and updating member records continued throughout the season, and I would like to thank Bev Barnes, Chris Borg and Sandy Menzies for their assistance.

We ended the season with a total of 452 Newport Nippers, slightly higher than last year's

total of 440. Once again this year our Nippers were drawn from a wide area. Our total club membership for the 2010/11 season was 1200 members.

I hope every single one of our 2010/11 Nippers enjoyed themselves during the season and look forward to seeing everyone back on the beach next season.

**David Supierz**  
**Registrar**

## CLOTHING CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Hi Everyone. Well another season over and another successful year for the shop!

Thank you to Dorothea for helping each week and for running the shop whenever I am away or at carnivals. A big thank you also to Sheridan, who has proved to be an excellent stock controller!!

However, I would mostly like to thank all our parents, nippers and competitors who have supported the shop and worn the

Newport Nipper gear with pride. Without your support we would not be able to return much needed profits back to the club.

Enjoy your winter season and look forward to seeing you on the beach!

**Lisa Brooks**  
**Clothing Co-ordinator**

## BEACH COMPETITION DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

What an amazing year we have had on the sand this year. Each week a group of between 20 – 30 would turn up to beach training at the track on Tuesdays (with Greg) and the beach on Thursday (with Greg and Katie). The group was so big at times we had to bring in extra help from elsewhere to cope with the numbers. All nippers trained hard and had fun along the way. We had a special visit from Jake and Marty Lynch (both of them Age National and World Champions) showing the nippers how they sprint and do flags and their handy tricks.



All the training paid off because it was our best year ever at a Branch and State level.

### Results at Branch

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tasman Hale U10 beach sprint
- 1<sup>st</sup> Anna Supierz U10 beach flags
- 1<sup>st</sup> Eve Parker U11 beach sprint & 3<sup>rd</sup> beach flags
- 1<sup>st</sup> Ryley Hayes U12 beach flags
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Keelan Smith U12 beach flags
- 6<sup>th</sup> Isabella Alvarez U11 beach sprint
- 6<sup>th</sup> Molly Donohoe U10 beach sprint & 10yrs beach flags
- 4<sup>th</sup> Patrick Gilliland U11 beach sprint
- 4<sup>th</sup> Jack Mills U11 beach flags
- 4<sup>th</sup> U14 beach relay - Harry Gilliland, Hudson Parker, Nathan McCoy, Liam Taurins
- 3<sup>rd</sup> U9 beach relay – Ashlie Edwards,

Geordie Smith, Sacha Taurins, Jacinta Medcalf

- 2<sup>nd</sup> U11 beach relay – Jack Mills, James McCoy, Patrick Gilliland, Leo Norman
- 1<sup>st</sup> U11 beach relay – Eve Parker, Isabella Alvarez, Charlotte Lerpiniere, Kasey Campbell
- 3<sup>rd</sup> U12 beach relay – Jonah Vidius– Poole, Ryley Hayes, Keelan Smith, Cody Adam
- 3<sup>rd</sup> U13 beach relay – Max Newey, Jack Donohoe, Callum Hargreaves, Saxon Witton

### Results from State

#### Medal Winners

- Gold Kristie Edwards- U11 beach sprint
- Bronze Eve Parker- U11 beach sprint
- Silver U11 girls beach - Eve Parker, Isabella Alvarez, Charlotte Lerpiniere, Kristie Edwards

#### Finalists

- U11 flags - 4<sup>th</sup> Kristie Edwards
- U11 boys beach relay - 4<sup>th</sup> Jack Mills, James McCoy, Leo Norman, Patrick Gilliland
- U12 cameron relay - 4<sup>th</sup> Cody Adam, Hugh McAlpine, Kristie Edwards, Jack Mills.
- U13 cameron final - Saxon Witton, Charlie Brooks, Callum Hargreaves, Max Newey
- U14 cameron final - David Euers, Liam Taurins, Hudson Parker & Harry Gilliland





**Results from National Junior Lifesaving Carnival**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kristie Edwards U11 beach sprint
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Eve Parker U11 beach sprint
- 4<sup>th</sup> Patrick Gilliland U11 beach flags and beach sprint
- 5<sup>th</sup> Charlotte Lerpiniere U11 beach flags
- 1<sup>st</sup> U11 beach relay – Kristie Edwards,

Eve Parker, Isabella Alvarez, Charlotte Lerpiniere

1<sup>st</sup> All Age Relay

At the end of the season all nippers who were at State had a fun day out at Wet and Wild, which was a great way to finish off the year.

Both Greg and myself would like to thanks all the kids who tried so hard, enjoyed the training, showed enthusiasm and most of all, had fun.

Looking forward to another successful year next year.

**Katie Edwards  
Beach Competition  
Development Manager**

**WATER COMPETITION DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S REPORT**

What an awesome season for the Newport Nippers water competition team. To say that I'm proud of the team would be a significant understatement. We were very lucky to have such a wonderful group of nippers, with a fantastic commitment to training and competition. Our numbers were again stronger than last season, we competed in a record 11 carnivals, and we took our largest team ever to this season's State carnival at Kingscliff.

We really ramped up our training sessions this year, we had sessions Tuesday on Pittwater where we got to torture the kids on the flat water, Thursday was a board set at the beach, Saturday was 2 hours of iron person pain and Sunday was another board set at the beach. We managed to get just about the right balance of pleasure and pain. I reckon a few of them regretted some of the early season sledging that the session was "soft"! The crew particularly loved the introduction of more running into our sessions, I took delight in the loving smiles as they picked

themselves up off the sand for another sprint before the next board race around Kylie.

Our results at the branch carnival were extremely pleasing, it was very rewarding to see Newport represented in so many of the team's events, board relays, board rescues and swim teams.



For the first time ever we had a team in the all age board relay and managed a respectable 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our medalists were – under 10's Jasmin Brooks 1<sup>st</sup> surf race, 2<sup>nd</sup> Board, Under 11's Hugh McAlpine 3<sup>rd</sup>

Ironman, Under 13's Swim Teams 3<sup>rd</sup>, Board relay 2<sup>nd</sup>, Board rescue 1<sup>st</sup> Charlie Brooks and Tennyson James, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jackson Borg and Guy Rees, Charlie Brooks 2<sup>nd</sup> Ironman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Board, Under 14's David Euers 3<sup>rd</sup> Ironman, Jamie Hough 3<sup>rd</sup> swim, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ironwoman, 3<sup>rd</sup> Board

We headed up to Kingscliff with plenty of confidence and we needed it – the conditions were very challenging, at different times the swell was 3 or 4 feet and banging down on the outside bank. Our many sessions at Newport working through our wicked shore break had prepared us well for these conditions. There were many highlights over the 3 day carnival, Borgy's crew in the under 13's were outstanding, – THREE teams in the board relay final. The team of Saxon Witton, Charlie Brooks and Guy Rees won the gold medal. Charlie also won our first state ironman title and made the final of the board. Jackson Borg made the surf race final and Saxon, Charlie, Callum and Max Newey made the Cameron final. Charlie and Tennyson James got a 4<sup>th</sup> in the board rescue final. Other highlights included; Hugh McAlpine making every individual final in the under 12's, our under 12 Cameron team of Cody Adam, Hugh, Kristie Edwards and Jack Mills coming a close 4<sup>th</sup> in the final. Jasmin Brooks was 4<sup>th</sup> in the under 10's surf race and Simon Euers under 14's were very competitive in all races. David Euers made the swim final, David, Harry Gilliland, Hudson Parker and Liam Taurins made the Cameron final. Dave, Darcy Marr and Liam were close to the money in the board relay final and the swim team of Dave, Darcy, Tyler Adam and Nathan McCoy also made the state final. Special mention goes to Cody Adam who missed his semi final of the surf race, his strongest individual event, because he

was competing up in the under 13's board relay final.



More important than our results, the commitment to give 100 per cent effort and the sportsmanship that all our team members demonstrated at the state carnival was inspirational.

I would like to thank all the Nippers water team, for their attitude, commitment and for the many laughs we shared together over our best ever season.

I would also like to thank all the coaches who gave up so much time to help the program – Glen Borg, Peter Tullet, Simon Euers and water safety – Dave Keldie, Bob Allo and David Rees and minster for transport Scott McAlpine for towing most of our gear up and back to the State Carnival at Kingscliff – THANKS GUYS.

Finally – winning happens in winter, if you want to improve your results for next season I have one simple tip – DO MORE SESSIONS IN THE POOL, at least 3 per week.

If anyone has any questions regarding swimming or off season training please contact me – 0408199771 or [james.brooks@nuance.com](mailto:james.brooks@nuance.com)

**James Brooks**  
**Water Competition Manager**

