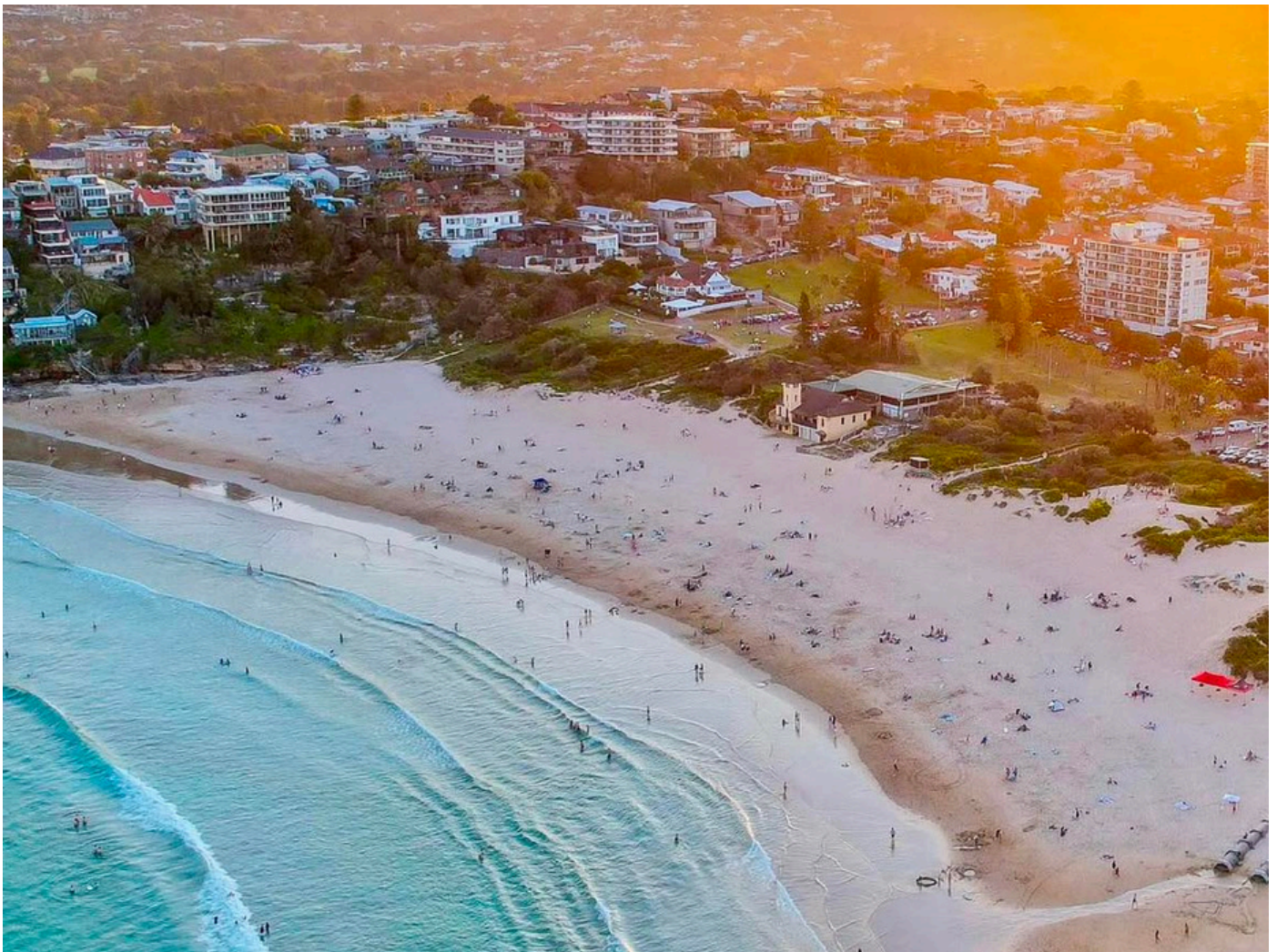




JANUARY 2025

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# WHAT'S ON IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY



**SUN 12 JAN**  
Return to  
Nippers from  
Christmas Break



**SUN 19 JAN**  
Freshwater  
Opens  
Carnival



**FRI 31ST JAN**  
FRESHIE ON  
FRIDAYS



**SUN 9TH FEB**  
BARNEY  
MULLINS SWIM



**SAT 22 FEB**  
SENIOR CLUB  
CHAMPS 8AM

## — CLUB NEWS



### *HAPPY NEW YEAR*

The Club President and the Freshwater Executive Committee would like to wish all the membership, family and friends a Happy New Year. We hope that 2025 is both rewarding and prosperous for you all. Thank you to the over 120 members and friends that turned up for the Annual Freshwater Christmas swim.

Congratulations to Sharon Johnson who won this year's surf race, (well her race number was selected first) and a massive thanks to Ross Parry who for as long as the club can remember organised the Christmas Swim prizes. Thanks also to Scott Carpenter who recorded the swim on GoPro and some of the footage maybe used as evidence against some members that were seen holding the President under water for long periods... Great stuff... He deserved a decent dunking.

### *CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR PATROLS*

A massive thank you to the members that gave up their family and friends time to ensure that the Freshwater Club had adequate coverage for all our rostered Patrols over the Christmas and New Year period. For many members, it's a time of the year where they say thank you to the community by doubling up their hours and assist with volunteer patrol hours so that we have coverage during what is traditionally a very busy period.

This seasons unusually hot summer weekends has increased visitation to the Freshwater Basin and therefore those club members that made up the patrol numbers and covered for the busy weekends have done the club a great service.

Thank you for the contribution that you have made to the club over the busy holiday period.





# — VALE – COLIN MACLEAN

Long time member Colin Maclean sadly passed away last week after a long illness at the age of 81. A member for 67 years, Colin joined the club as a cadet in the 1958/59 season and gained his qualifying certificate. He subsequently obtained his Bronze Medallion in the 59/60 season and Instructor's Certificate in 1962.

A highly competitive board rider, Colin won the Branch long board championship 6 times, including 5 consecutive titles between 1962 and 1966. He also a branch medallist in surf ski and board relay events. His last competitive success was in 1999 when he won a Branch Master's silver medal in the 150yrs Taplin Relay. He was also club champion in board events on a number of occasions.

Beyond competition Colin was also actively involved in club administration. He undertook a range of duties during his time including General Committee member, board captain, Gear Steward and Social Organiser.

Vale Colin





# — *NIPPERS NEWS*

## *FRESHWATER FAST & FURIOUS*

We were again blessed with perfect conditions for our own special Junior Board Carnival – the Bennett Fast & Furious in November. We were joined by 350 competitors from across 12 clubs for a fun morning of competition featuring our highly anticipated Ironperson events.

We were again supported and sponsored once more by Tom and Greg at Bennett Surf, who have been supporting this event since its founding. This year, we were lucky to have 4 boards to give away to competitors.

Our competitors performed strongly:

- Harry Ayers 1st in U14
- Brad Nitz 2nd in U14
- Piper Brenchley 2nd U13
- Harrison Burrough 5th U13
- Maggie Meagher 5th U11
- Alessia Eerenstein 6th U14



Thanks to the Officials, Water Safety, BBQ Crew, Work Crew, Commentators and especially thanks to Kimberley Dales for organising fantastic sponsorship and prizes!





# — *NIPPERS NEWS*

## *NIPPER CAMP JANUARY 2025*

On 6th and 7th January we had over 40 U8-U13 Nippers take part in the January Challenge Camp. Participants spent time working on their surf skills and competed in a range of all age team challenges to win some fabulous prize packs. A huge thanks to our coaches, Bree, Elyse, Harry and Ewan, 10 U14 SRC's helping with activities and water safety and an army of parents ensuring kids were fed, shaded, sun-screened and supervised in the water.





# — EDUCATION

Over the last few months our Freshwater trainers have been busy running Bronze courses (for new members), Nipper to SRC courses and upskilling our existing SRC members to gain their Bronze medallion.

We have also run several First Aid courses and provided First Aid for the Masters carnival in November.

Kelly Dobrow





# — SURF SPORTS NEWS

## FRESHWATER MASTERS CARNIVAL

Well Done to the organisers of the Annual Freshwater Master Carnival, Gaven Needham and Simon Phin and their 'Master Committee' for delivering yet another successful FW Masters Carnival, one of the longest and continuous Masters carnivals in the country. It seems that the FW Masters always attract a great group of clubs from as far as the Illawarra to the Central Coast each year.

Why? The teams' format and efficient running of the event means that everyone is off the beach by 11.30am and everyone loves the T-shirts.. Well that's Simons view.

The overall results for the FW Masters Event were... Next seasons event already locked in..

FRESHWATER MASTERS	Points	Place
Manly	184	1
Freshwater	110	2
Bronte	70	3
Bondi	68	4
Narrabeen	36	5
Palm Beach	33	6
Dee Why	21	7
Mona Vale	20	8
Newport	16	9
North Steyne	15	10
Queenscliff	15	10





## ***PALM BEACH MASTERS CARNIVAL***

The first Friday of the year heralded in the first hit out of the year for our crack Freshwater Masters team at the Sir Adrian Curlewis Twilight carnival held at Palm Beach.

The early start to the year hampered availability of some of our key athletes but we were still able to enter two teams Bev's Bandits and Murphy Megastars.

This event is unique in that it is a teams only event with a very questionable handicap system applied to the teams depending on the make up of the teams. Despite some great results in the water the handicappers got us resulting in Bev's Bandits finishing in 3rd spot.

We were off the beach in just in 2 hours and sampling the great hospitality put on by the Palm Beach club post event.

Special thanks to Gordon Lang and the Palm Beach team for putting on another great event.



# — INFORMATION

## *THE 2025 AUSSIES*

The Australian Surf Life Saving Championships will be held at North Kirra Beach from 29 March to the 6 April 2025. Competitors should be liaising with their Sports Captains and a reminder that Early Bird Entries close on 1 February 2025.

Competitive members that don't meet this closing date will be responsible for their own entry costs.

Don't ignore this date please.

Speak with your sports captain today..

Link to the Aussies Information is...

[The Aussies - Surf Life Saving Australia Event Page](#)

## *FRESHWATER OPEN CARNIVAL*

Freshwater Open Carnival.

The annual Freshwater open Carnival will to held on Sunday 19 January.

The programme for the event is online at

[www.surflifesaving.net.au/surf-sports/carnivals/programs/](http://www.surflifesaving.net.au/surf-sports/carnivals/programs/)

All members are asked to set aside some time to assist in the running of this event.

The annual carnival is also a round of the World Open Series / Summer of Surf and large competitor numbers are expected.

[www.worldoceanseries.com/freshwater-shaw-and-partners-world-ocean-series-5000](http://www.worldoceanseries.com/freshwater-shaw-and-partners-world-ocean-series-5000)

need more information ...email admin at

Freshwater.

All Freshie competitors, volunteers, officials and members welcome to the post Carnival Function.





## ***THE BARNEY***

One of the countries longest running Ocean Swims the Barney Mullins Ocean Swim will be held on Sunday 9 February 2025. The organisers have been working with the clubs sponsorship and marketing teams to make this years swim another success.

Entries are already open and flowing in on the following LINK... [Barney Mullins Swim Classic \(Freshwater\) 2025 - Freshwater, NSW](#)

Send the LINK to all your friends and ask them to join the club at one of the best community Swim events on the Beaches...



## ***WELCOME TO DUKE'S DAY 2025***

### **9-12 January 2025**

For long-standing club members, you will remember the event running for five years building to the week-long centenary spectacular.

For newer members, Duke's Day this is a community-based surfing and sustainability event based here at Freshwater early January. The event celebrates the ongoing connection between Freshwater and Hawaii that was brought to life by the friendship between Cecil Healey and Duke Kahanamoku. In honour of Duke's inspirational surfing display held at Freshwater Beach during the summer of 1914-15 that popularised surfing in Australia and ignited the northern beaches surf industry.

With a quiet return last year the event was warmly welcomed back and now once again a fixture in the January calendar!

So what is in store this weekend?

The Aloha spirit returns to Freshie bringing a lively long weekend for all ocean lovers.

All of the events can be seen on the events page but some highlights below

<https://www.dukesday.com/2025-events.html>

- Thursday 9th is the Opening Aloha night at Freshwater Brewery sponsored by Hawaiian Tourism, with live music and hula dancers to reignite our Aloha spirit
- Friday 10th features the Official Lei Draping Ceremony at the statue

It is also a day for anyone interested in the marine environment; with a Blue Groper creative workshop at the Club (open to all ages and with special discount offered to FSLSC members), and a movie evening at Diggers where you will see some epic surf footage and interesting ideas on protecting our beautiful oceans, with Gamay Rangers and Surfers for Climate among the line up.

- Saturday 11th Dawn photoshoot! There are a very few who have made it to all six dawn lineups.
- The day continues with market stalls on the grass, and in the water a dedicated surf zone with times for each surfing discipline, so bring your boards!
- The feature event this evening is at the new Bennetts Brooky 'museum' with long-term Duke's Day friend and centenary committee member, surf cinematographer Jack McCoy, having curated an evening of legends to share their footage and a few stories.
- Sunday 12th back at Diggers we have Aussie short film Ocean Is She a fictional story of teen surfers, followed by conversation with the director / producer, a great afternoon for curious creatives. The film includes a cameo by junior high-performance local surfer, Jaggar Philips, and is again great for all ages.
- Have you seen Waterman the Movie? An award-winning documentary about Duke Kahanmoku's trailblazing lifetime achievements. Come along to the films and enjoy a wind-down drink afterwards.

FSLSC members have been central to this celebration from its inception, and we look forward to seeing many 'old' and new members join in the festivities next weekend.

Some events are ticketed, others need an RSVP to secure your place. All of the details are on the website, or you can talk with the 2x SurfNomes, club members Naomi Donohue or Naomi Wilson to get more information.





*etched into the heart of Freshwater*

## Events

**Thursday 09 Jan 2025**

6pm: Aloha Opening Party

**Friday 10 Jan 2025**

10am: Lei Draping Ceremony

12pm-3pm: Waterwomens Beach Picnic

10am-3pm: Creative Workshops

7pm-late: Film & Yarning Session

- *Belinda* - a short film about Belinda Baggs, cofounder Surfers for Climate & a Patagonia Global Sport Activist
- *Southern Blast* - a film about the Southern Sea & how we save it, by Surfrider Foundation
- Yarning Session with guest speakers

**Saturday 11 Jan 2025**

5am: Sunrise photo

9am-3pm: Water events

9am-3pm: Market place

7pm-late: Surf Cinematography - curated by Jack McCoy

**Sunday 12 Jan 2025**

10am-12pm: Creative Workshops

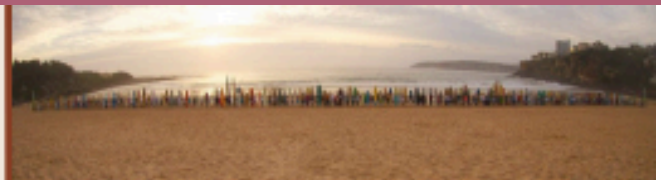
12pm: Movie Matinee

- *Waterman the Movie* - a documentary about the life of Duke Kahanamoku
  - *Ocean is She* - a short film by Gabriella Maselli McGrail
- 2pm: Wrap up celebration

For details, tickets and events, please visit our website;

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Views per listing	1,532	<b>2,419</b>	1,971	1,892
Enquiries per listing	10.55	<b>24</b>	19	16.92
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Wednesday 22 January | 7pm

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### TRIPLE J'S HOTTEST 100

Saturday 25 January | 12pm

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