CLOVELLY SLSC

Official newsletter of Clovelly Surf Lifesaving Club

Membership Renewals

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Dates to Remember

Gear Inspection - 12 September

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OFFICE HOURS:
Wednesday: 11.00am to 3.00pm
Thursday: 11.00am to 3.00pm
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The office can also be contacted via email Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm
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PRESIDENT

MATT SCOTT

Dear members, families and friends of Clovelly,

With the weather warming up and finally starting to feel like summer is coming, the patrol season is almost upon us. Before we get into gear inspections and the season ahead, I need to take a moment to talk about what has been a genuinely extraordinary few weeks for our club.

A Historic Night at the NSW Awards of Excellence

On Saturday 22 August, our own Dominic Winkle was named NSW Surf Life Saver of the Year at the 2026 SLSNSW Awards of Excellence. This is the highest and most prestigious individual honour in NSW surf lifesaving.

Anyone who spends time around this club knows exactly the amount of work Dom puts in — the patrols, the training, the mentoring of younger members, the quiet hours nobody sees. He is, simply, one of the most generous and dedicated people you could hope to have in a surf club. The award is thoroughly deserved and the whole club is immensely proud of him. Congratulations Dom — you've done Clovelly proud.

Dom's NSW win came on the back of a remarkable night at the SLS Sydney Branch Awards of Excellence where Clovelly took home three Branch winners:

- Dominic Winkle — Surf Lifesaver of the Year
- Stewart Wells — Assessor of the Year
- Roslyn Manuel and the Giant Steps program — Community Engagement of the Year

PRESIDENT Cont.

Ros and Stew were both then selected as NSW finalists in their categories after winning their Sydney Branch awards. Their achievements are impressive, and they both deserve congratulations.

A special word on Ros Manuel and Bianca and the Giant Steps program — what they have built is genuinely one of the most special things happening on our beach. Giving young people with autism the chance to experience the ocean safely, and the way our members have wrapped around the program, is Clovelly at its absolute best. Ros and Bianca, thank you both — you're amazing, and this is a program that will keep changing lives long after any of us are around.

Stew — congratulations on Assessor of the Year at Branch and on being a NSW finalist. Your patience with candidates and the standard you hold assessments to is a big part of why the training we do at Clovelly is as good as it is. Thank you.

The other big thing on the horizon is gear inspection and the start of the patrol season. Enormous thanks to Dom, Fiona, Sarah, Ros and the wider lifesaving team who have been putting in the hard yards behind the scenes — checking every piece of kit, servicing IRBs, sorting first aid, running through radios, updating patrol rosters, and generally making sure that when the season kicks off we are ready. It's a huge amount of unglamorous work and the club is very lucky to have people who care enough to do it properly.

A big shout out too to Topper (Chris Thompson) and the education team, who are about to hit the ground running with new Bronze squads and SRC courses starting in the next few weeks. If you know a friend or family member who wants to get involved, now is the time — keep an eye on club comms for start dates and get your name down early. Enormous thanks to Topper, our trainers, assessors and facilitators for the work that goes in behind every award — without them we don't have patrols.

Also, now that the weather is turning, it would be great to see more members drifting into the Tom Caddy Room on a Sunday afternoon for a cold shandy or two and a catch-up. It's open to everyone — patrolling members, Nippers parents, life members, guests, and anyone who's just passing by. Bring the kids, bring a friend. This club has always been at its best when the clubhouse is full and the deck is buzzing, and there is no better way to kick off the season.

Looking forward to a huge summer. Congratulations again to Dom, Stew, Ros, Bianca and everyone across the club who made the last few weeks so special.

Matt

VICE PRESIDENT

PAUL RUSHTON-CLARKE (VP1)

Hi everyone

It's a BIG welcome from me to all members, as your newly elected VP.

As this is my first newsletter I wanted to share more about myself and how everyone can get involved.

Originally from the UK, I moved to Australia twenty years ago and always have been fortunate to live in the East. Clovelly specifically has been my home for the past ten years, and I became involved with the Surf Club initially through my kids at nippers. From manning the BBQ to organising socials, I then completed my bronze in 2021 – after learning how to swim (long story!)

Five years on, with my partner in crime, Rebecca Cocks, I organise the Sunday Fundays as well as the lucky PC for the Mighty Patrol 8, and am even more lucky to call my patrolies, friends. We support each other and with many of us not from Australia have become family.

It's that family and community spirit that I hope to build on as your VP for 26-27. In addition, I'll be learning more about the Club and supporting the lifesaving, nippers and sponsorship teams.

Finally, if you don't know me, I'm always up for a chat, so if you see me around, please stop me, share your ideas and let's continue to make sure Clovelly is the best Club in the East!

Paul

VICE PRESIDENT

SUSIE PETERSON (VP2)

The Management Committee has made a number of changes to the By-Laws.

Below is an explanation of the changes to the By-Laws which were considered and approved at the Management Committee meeting 8th July 2026.

Several of these changes had been recommended and agreed by the Management Committee over the last 2 years. Some changes were required to align to the new Constitution adopted in 2025, where items removed from the Constitution needed to be added to the By-Laws, as these were considered more procedural. These are now added incorporated into the new By-Laws. The revision also modernises the language and removes duplication of information that is part of SLSA or SLSNSW policy, thereby reducing possible conflicts between our By-Laws and the broader SLS policies.

- By-Laws adopted 8 July 2026.pdf
- By-Laws adopted 8Jul2026 Explanatory Memorandum to members.pdf

Please direct any questions to Matt president@clovellysurfclub.com.au or Susie vp2@clovellysurfclub.com.au.

Susie

CLUB CAPTAIN

DOMINIC WINKLE

Welcome to the 2026/2027 season!!! Planning is well underway for the upcoming patrolling season, with the first patrols now less than a month away.

Please keep an eye out next week for the official Welcome to Season email, which contains important information for the season ahead, including your patrol roster and key dates. All members should now be able to access and view their patrol allocations through the new SLS Hub. If you haven't logged in yet, please take a few minutes to familiarise yourself with the platform and check that your roster is showing correctly. If you notice any issues with your patrol allocations or are unable to access your roster, please don't hesitate to get in touch so we can help resolve the issue before the season gets underway.

It's been a busy month for the lifesaving team as we continue preparing for the 2026/2027 season. A major focus has been getting everything ready for Gear Inspection on the 12th of September, and a huge thank you to everyone who has already given up their time to clean, organise, maintain, and prepare our equipment. The work done behind the scenes has put the club in a strong position heading into the new season and ensures our lifesavers have the equipment and resources they need to operate safely and effectively. If you're around on the morning of Gear Inspection, please feel free to come down and lend a hand with getting the equipment out and supporting the team. The more hands we have, the easier the morning will be. We've also continued to invest in our lifesaving capabilities, with a number of new resources being added to our equipment inventory. This includes new rescue tubes, new rescue boards, and a new IRB motor, which is due to arrive shortly. These investments will help ensure our equipment remains reliable, fit for purpose, and ready to support our patrol teams throughout the season.

The 2026/2027 season is shaping up to be another big one, with plenty of opportunities for our patrolling members to get involved both on and off the beach. Throughout the season, we will have several opportunities to participate in away patrols at other beaches, including Garie Beach in the Royal National Park. These trips are a great way to gain experience in different environments, strengthen teamwork and operational skills, support other clubs, and enjoy a day out with fellow members. Dates for our away patrols will be available on the patrol calendar on the club website and will also be included in the Welcome to Season email, so keep an eye out and get involved where you can. We are also looking forward to another busy year for our Junior Team, who are planning a range of activities and events for our younger members. These events provide a great opportunity for juniors to build friendships, develop their lifesaving skills, become more involved in club life, and take their first steps towards future leadership. There will be plenty happening throughout the season, so make sure you keep an eye out for upcoming opportunities and get involved wherever you can. Lastly, we'd love to hear from you. If you have any questions, ideas, or suggestions for the 2026/2027 season, please reach out to us at lifesaving@clovellysurfclub.com.au your input helps us make the season the best it can be.

Looking forward to seeing you all down on the beach.

Dom

CHIEF TRAINING OFFICER

CHRISTOPHER THOMPSON

Welcome to the 2026/27 season everyone!!!

Work in the education space has already kicked off with all our trainers and assessors completing their dry skills maintenance in the off-season. We have also already held the first of our dry skills maintenance sessions for members.

Skills Maintenance

I am pleased to let you all know that all the skills maintenance dates for Bronze, SRC, ART, IRB Driver, IRB Crew, and SMAR are all in the hub already waiting for members to enrol in. For all the information on skills maintenance please head to the skills maintenance page on our website. All Bronze, SRC, and ART sessions are capped at a maximum number, so to ensure you can get to a session please register as soon as you can. There will be no additional sessions added.

This season we are also looking at bringing back the radio operators' skills maintenance to ensure members feel comfortable using this key piece of equipment. The education team will reach out to those members eligible to complete their skills maintenance.

Bronze squads

Like the past few seasons, we are hoping to have a Spring and a Summer Bronze squad. Our Spring course is starting on Saturday October 17, so if you know of anyone who wants to come join our amazing club, please make sure they know about our expression of interest form. It is also linked in the bio of our Instagram page @clovelly_slsc.

IRB Crew training

We are hoping to kick off an IRB Crew squad on Friday 9 October. If you would like to take part you must hold your Bronze Medallion, have renewed for season 2026/27, and have registered for you skills maintenance.Please let Sam know you are interested in this course by filling out a quick expression of interest form. It too is linked in the bio of our Instagram page @clovelly_slsc.

Upskilling

We would love to have members continuing to build their skillset across a range of areas. However, we can't train you if we don't know what you're wanting to be trained in.The best way to let us know is right here. If you would like further information about any of the courses listed please contact education@clovellysurfclub.com.au

Have a great season and I look forward to seeing you all at skills maintenance.

Chris

NIPPERS

JACKSON HEWETT

Hello,

I am delighted to introduce myself as the new president of Nippers this season.

I have two girls in Nippers (U9 and U7) and have been an active age manager since we first joined the club three years ago. I can genuinely say that Sunday morning on the beach watching our young Nippers grow in confidence and skill is the highlight of the week.

I love being part of Clovelly, and am also a patrolling member having completed two seasons as a Bronze.

I have big shoes to fill taking over from Blake Briggs, who has done a wonderful job as a leader, and in setting up a strong executive committee to ensure the smooth running of Nippers. He will be staying on the committee to help with the handover.

Thank you Blake for all the great work over the past two years.

2026/27 is already shaping up to be a big season with lots of Expressions of Interest pouring in from potential new members! It is a sign of the high regard the club is held in and we should have a great pipeline of Nippers, and hopefully parents, who will one day become patrolling members.

For Nippers hoping to join the club, we expect all offers for places to be sent by early-September.

For all current Nippers, please make sure you get your renewals in via the SLS Hub. Renewals are due by August 31.

We have mandatory swim proficiency for children in under 8 and above on September 6, so please mark your calendars. Sorry that it is on Father's Day but think of it as a great bonding exercise at Des Renford! For those who can't make it, there is a cold-water proficiency on October 17.

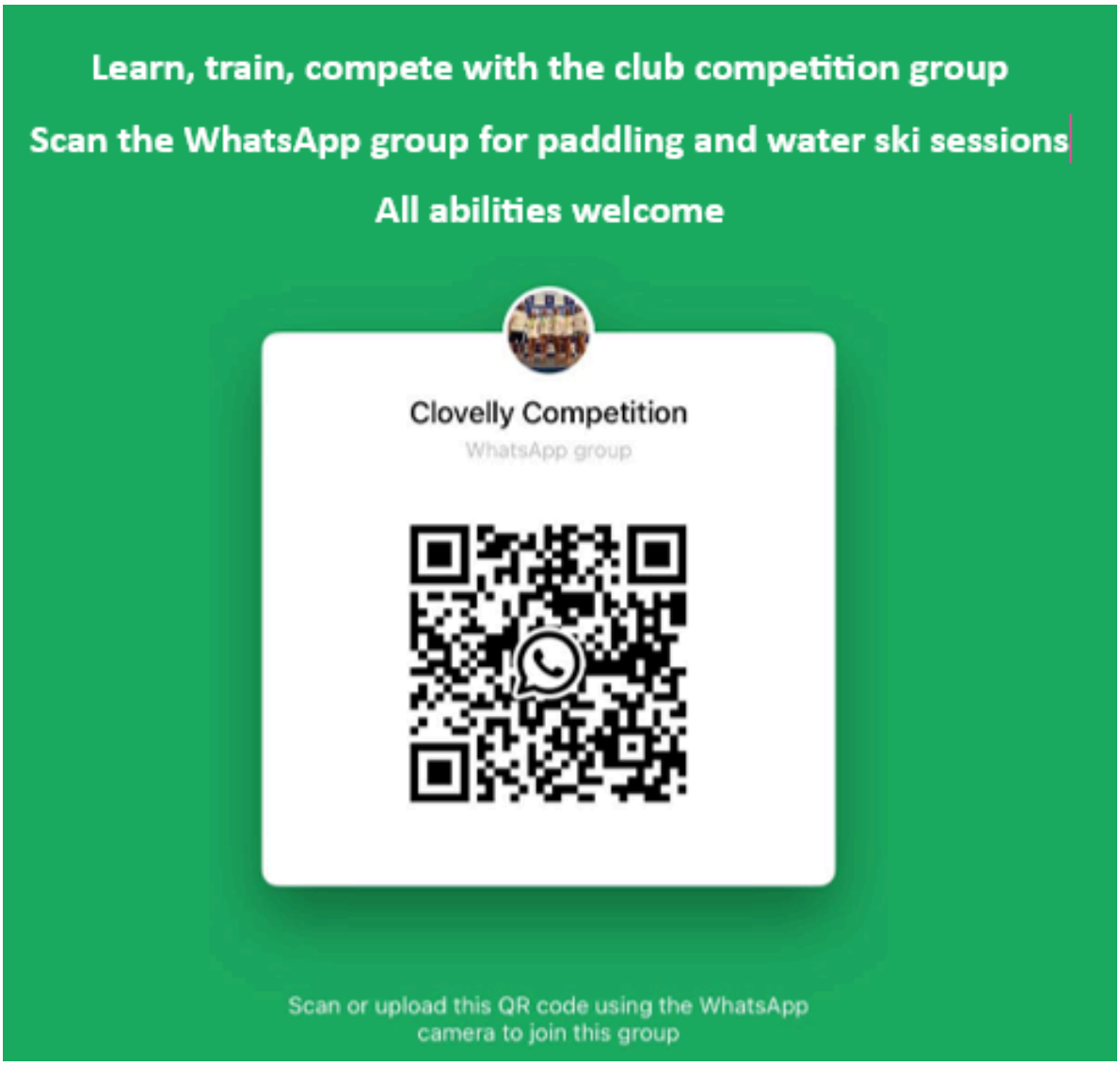
We are super excited about kicking off the new season on 18 October, and look forward to seeing new faces and old friends for another year of fun, learning new skills, and making the most of our wonderful beach.

Go to this LINK for more information. including the swim proficiency times and season calendar.

Jackson

SURF SPORTS CAPTAIN

WENDY PEPPER



Training will commence in daylight savings. More information to come.

CLUB REQUESTS AND SUGGESTIONS

To report any maintenance issues around the Clubhouse or to share suggestions for enhancing your club, please scan this QR code with your phone camera or CLICK HERE.

For example, you can report if gym equipment requires repairs, suggest new equipment, or request a restock of supplies in the First Aid Room.

You will find these QR codes around the club.

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