

1. Carnivals

Junior Surf Carnivals take place on Saturday mornings at various beaches in the Illawarra (refer next page for carnival dates).

Illawarra Junior Branch Titles will be held on 13 February, and the Junior State Championships over the weekend of 4 to 6 March 2016 at Ocean Beach/Umina. All children aged U8s and over are encouraged to participate in carnivals as it further develops their skills, encourages teamwork and is a great way to make new friends within our club and other clubs. It is important that the children can experience the friendliness and rewards that competition can bring.

Children must have gained their competition proficiency to be able to compete at carnivals. Refer to the info book or "Training & Competition" page

<http://www.wollongongcityslsc.com.au/Juniors/Training-Competition>

for more information on Proficiency Tests.

Members who wish to attend carnivals and wish to be considered for team events should mention it to their age manager and also have their name listed on the carnival sheet at registration, or at least two weeks prior to the carnival date. Please refer to the calendar for cutoff dates and the noticeboard for the Team Selection Policy.

There are 6 carnivals being held in the Illawarra throughout the season, which will incur a subsidised entry fee of \$70 payable on registration (prior to the cutoff date for the first carnival).

The following prices are charged if entered separately:

- Sydney Water Series (4 carnivals before Christmas) - \$60
- Illawarra Junior Carnival (6 Feb 16) - \$15
- Illawarra Junior Branch Championships (13 Feb 16) - \$20

Sydney Water Premiership Series Carnivals

Over the past few seasons Sydney Water have generously sponsored a series of four carnivals in the Illawarra that are popular with both local clubs and those outside our branch. A website has been set up with all the information you need at:

<http://www.surfpremiership.com.au/>

This season's carnivals will be:

1. Round 1 - Sat 7 November 2015
2. Round 2 - Sat 14 November 2015
3. Round 3 - Sat 28 November 2015
4. Round 4 - Sat 5 December 2015

The entry fee for the carnival series is \$60 (whether you do 1 or the 4 carnivals) which must be paid by participants at registration to enable entries to be submitted by the cutoff date (all Club entries must be submitted by 9 October). A special Sydney Water competitor singlet will be issued at the first carnival. Alternatively, Members can elect to pay a subsidised Carnival Fee of \$70 up front at registration which covers the fees for all local carnivals. Your name will be recorded on the club entry form and a receipt given.

Late entries will be accepted at each round of the series. Competitors will need to pay the \$60 fee directly to the carnival organisers, and will also incur a late admin fee of \$20.

This series of events attracts strong competitors from the Illawarra and Sydney clubs, and Wollongong City has always had a high level of members participate.



Those who wish to be considered for the Illawarra Interbranch team should register as the first 2 rounds of this series will also serve as selection trials for places in the Illawarra Interbranch team (refer next page for more details).

Illawarra SLA Interbranch Team

The NSW Interbranch Championships involving the 11 SLS Branches in NSW takes place annually, this year on the weekend of **Saturday 13 December to Sunday 14 December at Catherine Hill Bay** on the Central Coast. SLA Illawarra will send out a notification to clubs calling for any members interested in trialling for the team to apply, and be asked to attend weekly training squads. The 1st and 2nd round of the Sydney Water Series will be used as selection for the team. Three boys and 3 girls from each of the U12, U13s and U14 are selected based on their results at the Sydney Water Series carnivals, Branch Championships and the training squads.

Any children in the U12s to U14s who are interested in nominating for selection should send through an email with their results from last season. Wollongong City members successful in making the team will have their fees paid by the Club.



Wollongong City's 2014 Interbranch Representatives: Jason Vugrek (14s) and Matisse Sailor (12s).



Illawarra Junior Carnival

This is another great carnival for first timers, generally the competitors are made up of participants from local clubs, and is also a great lead up for our State Team Members to gain valuable competition experience. This year's carnival will be held on Saturday 6 February 2015.

Wollongong City also encourages as many participants as possible to enable relay teams to be entered.

Nominations and the entry fee of \$15 must be paid by participants by Sunday 31st January to enable entries to be submitted by the cutoff date. Your name will be recorded on the club entry form and a receipt given.

Competitors who paid the upfront \$70 carnival fee at registration will automatically qualify for this carnival and not have to pay the entry fee.



Wollongong City Team - 2nd overall at the 2014 Illawarra Junior Carnival

Illawarra Branch Championships

This carnival is restricted to Clubs within the Illawarra Branch only, ie teams from Stanwell Park to Windang, who compete to find the Champions of the Illawarra. This year's carnival will be held on Saturday 13 February 2016 at North Wollongong Beach.

This is a fun carnival to experience and is great for members who have not competed in carnivals before. Wollongong City also encourages as many participants as possible to enable relay teams to be entered.

Nominations and the entry fee of \$20 must be paid by participants by Sunday 31 January to enable entries to be submitted by the cutoff date. Your name will be recorded on the club entry form and a receipt given.



Wollongong City Team - 4th overall at the 2015 Illawarra Branch Championships

NSW SLS State Championships



The State Championships will be held at Ocean Beach/Umina (on the Central Coast of NSW) from Friday 4 March to Sunday 6 March 2016.

These Championships are open to all interested competitors and are an exciting event in which to participate, as over 5000 junior club members join for three great days of competition. Generally entries need to be lodged before Christmas, as the club orders special Wollongong City apparel for the State Competitors. Being closer to Sydney (and Wollongong) accommodation will be hard to find and we expect a large team from Wollongong City to attend again this year, so if you are interested in competing, please email or let the Committee know by 17 January 2016.

It's a great weekend to enjoy away with your team mates, the club comes together on the Saturday night for dinner and drinks, and some great fun and games, away from the competition.



Wollongong City State Team 2015