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Bronze Medallion 2023-24

Dear Members

We are pleased to provide details and enrolment forms for our Bronze Camp. We are also excited to announce a separate Bronze course for Adult members.

The dates and registration details of Bronze programs follow. As always numbers are capped due to our beach size, equipment/accommodation availability, and volunteer supervision ratios. Accordingly, we request that you register in the relevant program at your earliest convenience, and we will confirm your place as soon as we can.

We are now unfortunately at the point where the number of children wanting to participate exceeds the number of places available, particularly in some age groups, accordingly, we offer existing members/past participants with a priority booking window, before opening to new members on our waitlist. Please don't delay your registration as we don't like to see people missing out.

Registration Dates for **ALL** junior programs are as follows:

Existing Family members during the 2022/23 season or those who have previously participated in Wye River Nippers/SRC have a priority enrolment window as follows:

Registration Opens: **3 October 2023**

Priority Registration Ends (admissions from waitlist begin): 10 October 2023

Final Registrations Close: 30 October 2023 (or before if full)

New Members

Waitlist opens: 3 October

Final Registrations Close: 30 October (or before if full)

Please note that once the priority registration period ends, we will commence admitting new members from the waitlist, if you do not get the enrolment process completed within the priority window, we cannot guarantee places.

For your child to participate in Bronze you must complete **ALL** the following items by the due date:

1. Renew your individual memberships (Bronze candidates can either pay the cadet membership fee or they can be included under the family membership fee in which case the cadet fee is not payable)
2. Complete the relevant Bronze Expression of Interest form below. Links to these registration forms are on the last page of this document.
3. Pay all necessary membership fees (family or cadet membership fee, any additional uniform/swimwear items purchased, bronze camp fee)

Your child cannot be enrolled until **ALL** three of these steps are complete.

Purchase of Uniform Items/Swimwear

If you wish to order swimwear, please submit your enrolment form by 15 October so that we can order sufficient stock.

If, on your registration form you elect to purchase swimwear, please pay for it online by logging into your account, selecting the \$ sign at the top right and selecting "merchandise" as your transaction type. We will arrange a collection time for any uniform/swimwear items purchased at the beginning of the program.

Volunteering

All of our programs are run by a large team of volunteers and we are always on the lookout for new parents/older siblings to join in. Please consider volunteering to assist and indicate your interest on the registration forms. Some of the volunteer positions require qualifications (First Aid, Water Safety), but most do not. Training is provided prior to the program where required.

If you are volunteering, it is essential that your club membership is up to date, you have a current Working with Children Check, and that Wye River SLSC is listed as an organisation on your WWC.

Queries & Contact Details

If you have any queries in relation to the Bronze program, please contact Alicia, Chief Instructor via email: Alicia.brooker123@gmail.com

If you have any queries in relation to Bronze registration/enrolment, please contact Melissa, junior program administrator via email: wyerivernippers@gmail.com

If you have any problems with renewing your memberships, please contact our registrar, Melissa on WRSLSCmembership@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the beach again this summer.

Bronze Medallion Camp 2023/24

The Bronze Medallion course provides participants with the skills and knowledge of patrolling and surf awareness to be able to participate in lifesaving operations.

The **Junior Bronze Medallion** course is conducted as a full-time live-in camp. The Bronze camp commences at **10:00am** on **Monday 11th December** concluding on **Saturday 16th December** with overnight accommodation provided at the Bunk House. Candidates are welcome to stay at the Bunkhouse on the Sunday night prior to the commencement of the program if required. The cost will be \$300 including all meals and tuition.

Additionally, all active members who have not already done so are required to purchase the online subscription of the Public Safety & Aquatic Rescue textbook, see below for instructions for purchase and access.

Bronze Pre-Requisites:

- Candidates must have attained the age of 15 as at the final assessment on 16th December
- Candidates must be able to confidently swim freestyle 400m in open water (please complete the following preliminary skills form to provide us with your current time).

It is in the club's best interest that candidates who participate in this course are committed to patrolling.

We are requesting assistance from parents with catering for the Bronze camp, if you are willing to assist, please indicate your availability on the registration form.

Due to accommodation availability and supervision ratios, registration for Bronze is LIMITED and places will be allocated in line with our criteria considering previous patrol hours, age of candidate, and registration date. **It is preferred that members stick with their training cohort when progressing so priority for this year's Bronze intake is those who completed their SRC in the 2021/22 season.**

Public Safety & Aquatic Rescue Training Manual

All SRC & Bronze candidates need to purchase the E-book subscription through shop.sls.com.au/publications (The Bronze Candidate will need to log in to the SLS Members area to be able to purchase this book), the cost is \$10 per person for lifetime access. The publication is delivered via the SLSA Publications app, the same logins can't be used between different people as it won't allow more than 1 device. It would be helpful if all candidates have purchased this manual and downloaded the app prior to commencing the course.

Adult Bronze 2023

In conjunction with Altona Life Saving Club, we are pleased to be able to provide an Adult Bronze Medallion Course this year which will be run over a series of weekends. This course is for any Adult Associate Members of the club who would like to be able to assist with Nippers Water Safety & Patrols.

The course will run at Altona on the following dates:

Friday 6 October	5pm to 9pm
Saturday 7 October	8am to 5pm
Friday 13 October	5pm to 9pm
Saturday 14 October	8am to 5pm
Friday 20 October	5pm to 9:30pm
Saturday 21 October	8am to 6pm
Friday 27 October	5pm to 9:30pm

If you are interested in enrolling in this course or have any questions, please contact Alicia Brooker.

Enrolment details are still being finalised and will be provided to those interested in due course. Before you can enrol, you will need to make sure the following are undertaken:

1. Your Wye River Membership has been renewed
2. You have a current Working with Children Check and Wye River SLSC is listed on your WWC.
3. Complete the attached Preliminary Swim form.

Preliminary Skills Form

We are requesting that all candidates complete this preliminary skills form prior to commencing the relevant Bronze course (Adult or Camp) to provide our trainers with an understanding of everyone's swimming level.

Name	Minimum Swim Requirements	Best Time
	400 metres	

Swim Teacher/Pool Lifeguard Name:

Place of Employment/Swim Club Affiliation:

Contact Number:

Signature: Date:

When complete, scan or take a clear photo of this form and email it to Alicia.brooker123@gmail.com **prior to your course commencing.**

Registration Links (Existing Members):

ALL REGISTRATION LINKS OPEN ON 3rd OCTOBER

Please click on each of the relevant links to enrol your children as required. If the links do not work copy and paste to your web browser. Remember this is just one of the three steps required to enrol, so please ensure you also renew your memberships fully as detailed above.

Register for **Bronze Camp** <https://forms.gle/J4a6zgk5ygnbVbNt9>
(must be 15 as at 16th December 2023)

Register for **Adult Bronze** contact Alicia by email to express interest.

Waitlist Registration Links (New Members)

Waitlist for **Bronze Medallion** <https://forms.gle/3AExSVX4kr52qJr6A>
(must be 15 as at 18th December 2022)