

MINNOWS MAIL



Friday 20 March 2026

And just like that, the 2025/26 season is wrapping up! Fingers crossed the weather plays nice so we can celebrate together. But no matter what, awards are happening—it's just a matter of where and when (so keep an eye on Team App for any last-minute updates).

This Sunday, we'll also be officially announcing our new Junior Captains and Vice Captains! It was a fiercely competitive process this year, and we're so proud of all who put their hands up. A massive THANK YOU to our interview panel for all the prep work behind the scenes. You deserve a medal... or at least a strong coffee.

On behalf of everyone at Minnows, we also want to extend our deepest gratitude to the Minnows Management Committee. There are so many moving parts that go unseen behind the visible work each week, and every happy little smile on the beach is a testament to your dedication. We are forever grateful for the time, effort, and heart you pour into this. What you do is above and beyond what most people ever do for their communities, and your selflessness is truly valued. You are the magic behind the Minnows. Thank you! ❤️🐟

We can't wait to see everyone back for the 2026/27 season! If you can make it to the AGM, please come along and have your say—because Minnows is for all of us, and your input helps shape the future. And hey—have a chat to your kids too! We want to hear their voices. Sometimes the best (and most fun) ideas come from them, and we'd love to include their thoughts in shaping what comes next.

The Minnows Management Team

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Join us for the end-of-season awards

LAST DAY ON THE BEACH & END OF NIPPERS PRESENTATION DAY!

Sunday, 22nd March | Coogee Beach

Let's finish the season with a bang! Here's how the big day will roll:

First Session

7:20am – Nippers start arriving & Water Safety Briefing

7:30am – First Session Nippers hit the beach!

8:40am – Everyone from First Session heads to Area 5 (near the gold flags) for end-of-season awards!

Look for the signs and join your age group there – kids will be facing north. (Map Attached!)

9:00am (ish) – 2026 Junior Captains and give a big THANK YOU to our Outgoing Leaders (Junior Captain and Vice Captains) and Announcement of the incoming Captains for 26/27 Season

9:15am It's a wrap- Thank you to all



Second Session

9:00am – Second Session Nippers start arriving (Areas 1-4)

9:10am – Water Safety Briefing

9:15am – Second Session Nippers hit the beach!

10:20am – Nippers out of the water, towels on, and seated.

Parents – you're invited to join your kids on the beach inside their areas! (We'll confirm this on the day, depending on water conditions.) Enter via the northern stairs.

Children will keep Caps on and remain seated until they are signed out in their area (It will not be necessary to walk them down the south end on this day as the child protection area will finish at 1020.

ALL parents and guardians are expected to be in the area for the presentation of their child's awards.

10:25am – Time for the Second Session awards!

10:45am – Time to pack up – we'd love some extra hands!

Media Wall will be available for photos with you and your child. At the south end of the minnows Zone.
11:00am – Its a wrap!!

Important Bits

We'll be using 5 areas on the beach instead of the usual 4!

First Session presentations will be at Area 5 (near the boat shed). Family & friends welcome!

All guests can join Second Session kids at the end of their activities.

Please arrive early – traffic can be busy!

Normal exit rules apply – leave via the southern end.

Caps off before leaving Minnows areas (so we can spot any sneaky escapees).

Second Session kids will stay safe in their areas until a parent arrives or the beach clears.

Wet Weather Contingency

Keep an eye on the Minnows TeamApp for wet weather updates.

MINNOWS PACK DOWN: 22 MARCH

Team work makes the dream work!!

Everyone can lend a hand this Sunday to tidy the beach like bosses!


All Age Groups are assigned pack up duties

Session 1 Pack-Up Instructions – Let's Keep it Fun & Efficient!

1 All About the Boards:

Round up all the 3/4 Mals and Fiberglass boards off the beach.

Give them a rinse (they've worked hard too!).

Rack them up like pros—black to back fin (if you're scratching your head, check the diagram in the shed ).

2 Gear Galore:

Wash down and return any other equipment your group used to either the Minnows cage or the back of the shed. Before you stash it, check with the age managers of the next session to see if they need to keep anything handy.

3 Rescue Ready Areas:

Ensure every area is stocked with at least 2 surf rescue boards and 4 tubes. If older age groups were training with extra tubes, double-check with them. If they're done, rinse the tubes, tie up the cords like a boss, and hang them at the back of the shed.

Session 2 Pack-Up Instructions – The Big Finale!

Here's what's involved for Session 2 pack-up (spoiler: it's a team effort)*:

1 Boards & Tubes Galore:

Collect all surf rescue boards, foam boards, and tubes from the beach.

Rinse them like the pros we are and store them properly:

- Surf rescue boards: on the portable racks.
- Tubes: at the back right of the shed (make sure cords are tied up neatly – no spaghetti mess).

2 Tent Takedown & Flags:

All tents, age group flags, perimeter flags, and metal poles need to come in.

- The big tent? That's a 6-person job, so grab some mates and make it happen. 🙌
- Large age group flags are stored on the 3/4 Mals at the back of the shed.
- The small metal poles that hold them up go in the white bucket on the bottom shelf of the Minnows cage.

3 Tables & Poles:

- Long Metal poles go in the 3rd small cage (you'll spot it next to the tables).
- Tables belong in there too—don't just lean them on the side.

4 Minnows Gear:

- JSARK (blue box): stored on the right side, inside the Minnows cage.
- Tents: neatly placed in the middle row of the Minnows cage (you'll spot the others already there).
- Everything else marked for Minnows goes in the Minnows cage (middle cage).

5 Other Gear:

Any extra equipment your group used? Wash it, check with the next session (if relevant), and return it where it belongs.

Why Do We Need Everyone?

Second session pack-up is no small feat—this isn't a solo act. More hands = faster pack-up = happy Minnows crew. 🎉 Let's smash it out together and leave the beach looking as perfect as it did when we arrived. 🌊

Big team effort = big beach vibes. We got this! 👍

🌴 Teamwork Makes the Dream Work! 🌴

Minnows AGM: Save the Date 3 May 2026

The Coogee Minnows AGM will be held on the 3rd May 2026 - Time and Venue to be confirmed

If you would like to become more involved in the running of Coogee Minnows, there are several Executive and Management committee roles available. Please complete the Google form (Link below) to express your interest in becoming a member of this dynamic team before 30th April 2026. If you would like more information on the roles available, please reach out to the [Secretary via email](#).

[Coogee Minnows Executive and Management Committee Elections Season 2026/27](#)

If you have any questions you wish to have addressed by the Minnows Committee at the AGM, please complete the Google form (link below) before 30th April 2026.

[Members Questions to the Committee](#)

The AGM meeting pack will be released closer to the Date of the AGM and will include the -

- Previous Season 2024/25 AGM Minutes
- Minnows AGM Agenda 2025/26
- Minnows Captains Report 2025/26
- Minnows Treasurer's Report 2025/26

Virtual Link to the meeting will also be released closer to time.



Winter IRB Drivers Course

Are you ready to take the helm and be at the forefront of surf lifesaving action? If you've already earned your IRB Crew Certificate, this is your chance to level up and become an IRB Driver - one of the most dynamic and essential roles on patrol! The course starts on 30 April.

[Sign up here for the Winter IRB Drivers Course](#)



Looking for your next challenge? Why not sign up for the **Coogee Island Challenge**, 12th April, 2026?

Choose your distance: **800m Junior Dash** for those under 13 years of age. The **1km in the Bay** is for novices or those new to ocean swimming. Swim the **2.4km around Wedding Cake Island!**
Or take the ultimate challenge - sign up for the **Works**, swim the bay 1km, then swim the 2.4km!

Prizes for winners of each race and age category! What are you waiting for?

Sign up [here](#) and use the Club Member discount code: **CSLSCAPR2026CIC**

Want some extra Patrol hours?...

Volunteer

at the

Coogee Island Challenge

Sunday April 12th 2026



The Coogee Island Challenge couldn't happen without the support of our Club Members.

[Sign up here to volunteer.](#)

2025-2026

INNER REEF CLUB

WIN \$2500

FINAL DRAW 4PM | SUNDAY 19 APRIL 2026
\$25 PER TICKET | 1 IN 400 CHANCE TO WIN



SCAN HERE TO PURCHASE



A stalwart of the Club, the **Inner Reef Club** has reopened for the 2025/26 season. Purchasing a ticket not only supports the Club with vital equipment, but each ticket has a 1-in-400 chance of winning \$2,500 cash!

FINAL DRAW: 4pm, 19 April 2026

Join the Inner Reef Club [here](#).

Regularly Used Links

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