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TRUE BLUE WEEKLY

The official newsletter of Coogee Surf Life Saving Club

Coogee SLSC respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of Koojay, the Bidjigal and Gadigal people of the Eora Nations. We pay respect to the Elders, past and present.



We have launched a new 'Member Series' across our social media platforms this week, celebrating the many ways our Members connect, contribute, and participate across the Club. From sport and social events to volunteering and leadership, the series is designed to highlight the strength of the Members and showcase a new aspect of the Club you may not have considered participating in before. Thank you to our social media team (made up of volunteer Members) for leading the initiative!

With just one week to go until our Annual Dinner, excitement is building, and the final stages of preparation are taking place. Final tickets are now available; purchase them as soon as possible to assist in planning and to make sure you don't miss out.

Have a good weekend
Emily Miers
Honorary Secretary



What's on around the Club?

- Friday 29 May: Annual Dinner
- Sunday 31 May: Biggest Morning Tea
- Monday 8 June: King's Birthday Public Holiday
- Sunday 21 June: Winter Solstice
- Wednesday 1 July: New Season Starts 2026/2027

VALE
Sheryl Sporle-Fahey



23 July 1960 - 17 May 2026

Sheryl Sporle-Fahey

On 17 May 2026, Club Member Sheryl Sporle-Fahey passed away. Sheryl was an inaugural member of the first all-female bronze squad in 1981, which included Felicity Breene, Julie Andrews, and Marita Campbell. This was momentous in Coogee SLSC's history with it opening to female membership on 26 July 1981.

As a child Sheryl witnessed a rescue on her home beach Fitzroy in New Zealand. From that day all she wanted to do was surf lifesaving, and when given the opportunity, she did.

When she joined, there were no female competition events, so the opportunities lay in lifesaving and education. During her time in the Club, Sheryl contributed through obtaining a vast array of awards that

demonstrated a clear pathway for females wishing to join the Club to emulate.

In 1983, Sheryl became Assistant Chief Instructor, then Chief Instructor for 1984/1985 season. She joined Sydney Branch Board of Control and was an instructor, assessor, and examiner. In 1985, Sheryl was elected as a Club Council Member, which was her greatest highlight as "I felt recognised and valued for my contribution, commitment and results".

Sheryl moved back to New Zealand in 1987 but always remained close to Coogee through friends like Gary Daly, Matt Scanlon, Peter Carney and reading the Club's True Blue Weekly newsletter. She flew over for the 40 Years of Women in Surf Life Saving lunch in 2022 and was interviewed regarding those early years: "The future of the Club is in opportunity and inclusivity – providing a safe environment for people of all backgrounds to learn and grow skills to save lives on the beach".

Her impact on Coogee SLSC will be felt forever and she will be missed. RIP Sheryl.



Congratulations to the following Members:

ANONYMOUS DONORS

Open: Ronan Sheppard
U15: Carter Codd
U17/U19: Ari Swan
Masters (M): Matt Larkin
Masters (F): Kate Richman
Team: Alex Duncan & Rebecca Waugh

PRESIDENT'S CUP & ROSE SHIELD

Ashton Habler (C)
Nick Giannicouris
Olli Hartcher
Luca Holdcroft
Joe Macassey
Talin Opai
Roman Szabo

CLUB CHAMPIONS - JUNIOR

Female: Courtney Codd
Male: Roman Szabo

Male: Roman Szabo

CLUB CHAMPIONS - MASTERS

Female: Nicola Logan

Male: Matt Larkin

CLUB CHAMPIONS

Female: Ava Szabo

Male: Kai Stuetz

SURF SPORTS WATER SAFETY OF THE YEAR

Raul Flores Veloz

COACH OF THE YEAR

David Smith

OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

Andrew Bloxsom



Newest SMAR Graduates

Congratulations to the following Members for completing the **Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue** course: Alain Balaguer, Devan Bloch, Arne Geschke, Haydon Illingworth, and Adrian White.



To help with the Club's preparation for the upcoming downstairs renovation, can Members:

- Empty their lockers by 1 June
- Remove their personal ski/board from the Board & Ski shed by 1 June

OFFICE OPENING TIMES

The Coogee SLSC office is open at the following times (subject to change if additional room bookings are received). Members are reminded that access to the Ocean Room is not permitted during an event. Members are also reminded that the office is staffed by youth Members from 9am to 12pm every Sunday.

- Sunday 24 May 2026: OPEN 9am - 12pm
- Monday 25 May 2026: OPEN 8am - 12pm
- Friday 29 May 2026: OPEN 9am - 10am
- Sunday 31 May 2026: OPEN 9am - 12pm
- Monday 1 June 2026: OPEN 8am - 12pm
- Friday 5 June 2026: OPEN 9am - 10am
- Sunday 7 June 2026: CLOSED

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