

1. Carnivals

Junior Surf Carnivals take place on Saturday mornings at various beaches in the Illawarra (refer to calendar for carnival dates). Illawarra Junior Branch Titles will be held in February, and the Junior State Championships over the weekend of 2, 3, 4th March at Kingscliff. All children aged from U8s 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.

Members who wish to attend carnivals and wish to be considered for team events must have their name listed on the carnival sheet at registration, or at least two weeks prior to the carnival date. Please refer to the noticeboard for the Team Selection Policy.

There are six carnivals being held in the Illawarra throughout the season, which will incur a subsidised entry fee of \$70 (a saving of \$15), payable on registration, which entitles you to a Wollongong City carnival shirt and is required to be worn at all carnivals.

The following prices are charged if entered separately:

- Sydney Water Series (4 carnivals before Christmas) - \$55
- Illawarra Carnival - \$10
- Branch Carnival - \$10

The Wollongong City Carnival Shirt is also available to purchase in a range of sizes, at a subsidised price of \$10.

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. This season's carnivals will be:

1. Round 1 - Sat 22 October at Corrimal
2. Round 2 - Sat 12 November at Shellharbour
3. Round 3 - Sun 26 November at North Wollongong
4. Round 4 - Sat 3 December at Warilla-Barrack Point



The carnival series incur an entry fee (\$55 for the four carnivals), which must be paid by participants at registration (or by 9 October) prior to the series commencing. Payment must be made on registration days where your name will be recorded on the club entry form and a receipt given. A special Sydney Water competitor singlet will be issued at the first carnival. Competitors who wish to enter at a later date will have to pay their fee directly to the carnival organisers, and will incur a late fee (usually an additional \$10).

These are great events for the club and for our team to enjoy the true club spirit.

Illawarra Carnival

Illawarra have been in partnership with Surf Life Saving Illawarra for 30 years and sponsor a number of prizes for the event. This year's Illawarra Carnival will be held on Sunday 29 January, 2012 at Corrimal Beach.



Branch Championships

Teams from Stanwell Park to Windang compete at this event to find the Branch Champions of our Illawarra Branch. This year's competition for Juniors will be held on Saturday, 18 February at Thirroul Beach.

Please ensure you nominate for team events two weeks prior to the carnival on the noticeboard.



Wollongong City Team at the Branch Carnival

State Championships

The State Championships will be held at Kingscliff beach (on the far Northcoast of NSW) from Friday 2 March to Sunday 4 March 2012.

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 T-shirts for the State Competitors.

Interbranch Team

An interbranch competition takes place annually. This involves the selection by the Illawarra branch of children from the Under 12 to Under 14 years age groups at the first two surf carnivals of each season. The next level of competition for this category is selection in the State Team to participate in the National Development Camp which takes place during the Christmas holiday period.