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# Oh buoy, a buzz on the beach

**N**OT since the glory days of the 1980s has there been as much anticipation about a summer of surf sports as the upcoming 2009 season heats up on the northern beaches.

There is a real buzz around the beaches after the branch team triumphed at the weekend's NSW Inter-Branch Championships at Catherine Hill Bay.

Sydney Northern Beaches Surf Sports, events and business development manager Marcial Numara said the squad has tremendous depth.

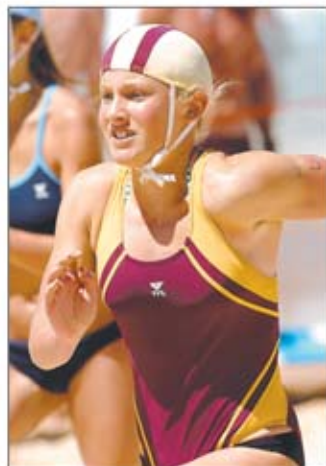
"To spend last weekend with the branch team was just amazing," Numara said.

"We have an abundance of great talent from the 12-year-olds to the open competitors and there is no doubt we are heading for a bumper season."

And while many of the SNBS's leading competitors will contest the third round of the NSW Premiership at Redhead on January 3, it's the big three local carnivals that will attract plenty of attention in the build-up to the Branch Championships at Palm Beach on February 1 (Lifesaving and Boats), February 7 (Open) and February 8 (Juniors).

First cab off the rank is the Queenscliff Open carnival on January 10, followed by the traditional Manly-Freshwater double-header.

Mainly, last season's NSW State Championship winning club, will host its two-day carnival on January 24 (Open) and January 25 (Boats) with Freshwater's Australia Day Carnival also over two days on January 25 (under



Action from the Freshwater Carnival last Australia Day.



Queenscliff members prepare for the start of a new season.



The march past at Manly Beach.



The sand flies – and so do the bodies – in a desperately tight finish at Manly.

Picture: BRADEN FASTER and ANAKA ENCKEBERG

12s Open) and January 26 (Boats) certain to attract the state's leading competitors.

This season's NSW State Championships will again be held at Blacksmiths Beach with the sky clue caps out to hold off Crocua.

The season will again culminate with the 2009 U18D

Australian Surf Life Saving Championships at Scarborough Beach, Western Australia, from March 17-22.

But while the biggest names in surf sports will capture most of the attention it's the rising stars who have already featured strongly prior to the Christmas break with nipper duo Max

Brooks (Newport) and Joey Lassick (Freshwater) taking out the Bennett Junior Ironman and Board Classic last month.

Junior carnivals already this season have also showcased a number of emerging talents including the likes of Georgia Miller (Freshwater), Jade Parsons (North Curl Curl) and Brivella Brown (Queenscliff).

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