

2026 NSW Country Championships

Vendor Opportunities



One of Australia's largest surf carnivals is coming to the Kempsey Shire Council region in early 2026 and with it brings exciting opportunities for businesses to take part and get involved!

An action-packed sporting spectacle, the carnival showcases incredible talent and lifesaving skills from all participants involved, as well as featuring a strong supporter and event volunteer presence.

The 2026 NSW Country Championships is open to regional clubs located outside the Newcastle-to-Illawarra corridor. Within the state, it is second only to the NSW Surf Life Saving Championships in size, with an expected 4,000 people in attendance including approximately 1,200 competitors, 150 officials and thousands of spectators.

Next year's Country Championships is as follows:

- **Dates:** Friday 23 January – Sunday 25 January 2026
- **Location:** South West Rocks Surf Life Saving Club.

We are pleased to invite businesses to be a part of the action by setting up a retail and/or food & beverage stall at the 2026 NSW Country Championships. The Stallholder area will be in a prominent location, strategically positioned to achieve high interaction with event attendees and the general public.

Costs

The following fees will apply to vendors wishing to be granted space at the 2026 NSW Country Championships.

- \$25 Application Fee
- \$745 (3m x 3m site) or \$1075 (6m x 3m site) (Excl GST)

*Note: Tents will need to be provided by vendors as they will not be supplied by SLSNSW. **No power will be supplied to the stallholder's area.***

Timeline

Application Form Live	Friday 3 October 2025
\$25 Application Fee Due	At time of application (see "Payment Details" below)
Applications Close	11pm, Sunday 30 November 2025
SLSNSW Notify Applicants	5pm, Friday 5 December 2025
Full Balance Due	5pm, Friday 18 January 2026
Carnival Bump in	10pm – 3pm, Thursday 22 January 2026
Carnival Bump Out	From 3pm, Sunday 25 January 2026

Application Process

Applications are to be submitted via Microsoft Forms link below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/4k7KyVbANz>

Please ensure all appropriate documents are emailed as listed below and application fee is paid at the time of application.

Payment Details

Application Fees are to be paid directly into the Surf Life Saving NSW bank account at the time of application as per the details below:

Amount:	\$25.00
Description:	App Fee CC – [business name] e.g., "App Fee CC – SLS Sunscreen"
Account Name:	Surf Life Saving NSW
Bank:	Westpac
BSB:	032 123
Account:	353 638

Please note Surf Life Saving NSW will invoice successful applicants for the site hire fee as per the timeline above.

Required Documents

The following documents must be emailed to countrychampionships@surflifesaving.com.au when submitting the application online:

- \$20 million Public and Products Liability Insurance.
- NSW Food Authority License (food vendors ONLY).
- Business Reference - Council or Government reference is desirable.
- Photographic plan of your proposed site set-up.
- Evidence of payment of application fee.

Please refer to the Disclaimer below and the Terms and Conditions on the following pages for more information.

Contact Us

If you have any enquiries, please contact Vicki Cuthbert at countrychampionships@surflifesaving.com.au

Disclaimer

By submitting an application, you agree that you would like to put forward your business to be a vendor at the 2026 NSW Country Championships. Should your application be successful, you will be required to adhere to all stallholder regulations.

Please note:

- *\$25 Application Fee will apply to all applicants, those successful will have this discounted from their deposit. Unsuccessful applicants will NOT be refunded this fee.*
- *SLSNSW will assess all applications and advise applicants if they have been successful.*

SLSNSW will endeavour to maintain regular communications throughout the application process and be transparent in the selection of vendors for the 2026 NSW Country Championships.

Terms and Conditions

This agreement is made and entered into by and between Surf Life Saving New South Wales (referred to as "SLSNSW") and the person, persons, or company as identified above (referred to as "Stallholder").

1. Applications

1.1 Stallholder applications are assessed on the ability to best fulfil the requirements of SLSNSW.

1.2 SLSNSW reserves the right to refuse or cancel Stallholder applications and is not obliged to disclose reasons for such refusal.

1.3 Applicants must hold Public and Products Liability Insurance (\$20 million) to cover the duration of the event, including bump in and bump out. A certificate of currency is required to be submitted with the application.

2. Payment

2.1 A non – refundable \$25.00 application fee is required to be paid at the time of application. The application fee will be included in total fees payable to SLSNSW upon a successful application.

2.2 SLSNSW will require full payment from successful applicants by 5pm, Friday 18 January 2026.

2.3 SLSNSW reserves the right to offer the opportunity to other Stallholders, should payment not be received.

2.4 Payment will not guarantee the Stallholder to be the exclusive supplier of its product / or product type.

2.5 If the Stallholder fails to attend the event, the amount paid will be forfeited to SLSNSW.

2.6 Payment is subject to change at the discretion of SLSNSW.

2.7 Refunds or part refunds due to event cancellations or disruptions to the event will be at the discretion of SLSNSW.

3. Set Up & Signage

3.1 All display equipment and material must be located within the confines of the Stallholder's marquee.

3.2 It is the Stallholder's responsibility to ensure that all equipment brought to or utilised at the event by the Stallholder has been erected securely and is operated in a safe manner.

3.3 SLSNSW may direct the Stallholder where to place certain equipment or signage, and require the Stallholder to remove dangerous, faulty, or unsightly equipment.

4. Power

4.1 It is solely the Stallholder's responsibility to arrange a portable generator prior to the event, at the Stallholder's expense.

4.2 SLSNSW reserves the right to request that a Stallholder turn off any generator, where in the opinion of SLSNSW, the generator is causing nuisance.

5. Security

5.1 The Stallholder must leave its stall as secure as possible over night and on non-competition days to avoid any losses. SLSNSW recommends the complete removal of all equipment, stock, and tent walls.

5.2 SLSNSW will employ security for the entire event site, however, will not be responsible for the replacement of any stock if theft occurs or the rectification of any damage if vandalism occurs.

6. Retail Location

6.1 The positioning of stalls is wholly at the discretion of SLSNSW, with exact stall location to be advised closer to the Championship date.

6.2 SLSNSW makes no representations as to the suitability or otherwise of the stall or its location for Stallholder's products or purposes.

7. Event Relocation

7.1 If the event is re-located (e.g., due to weather conditions or unfavourable surf conditions), the Stallholder, in consultation with SLSNSW, will be responsible for the relocation of its stall to the alternate venue.

7.2 SLSNSW will not be responsible for any loss of revenue if the event is relocated. There is no guarantee that contingency locations will be able to accommodate stallholders. SLSNSW will ensure communication to stallholders is done at the earliest possible time.

7.3 Refunds or part refunds due to event cancellations or disruptions to the event will be at the discretion of SLSNSW.

8. Behaviour

8.1 Stallholders are required to act in a professional manner, and be polite to other Stallholders, staff, and the general public at all times.

8.2 Bringing SLSNSW, the event and/or its affiliates into disrepute, negatively influencing the public, customers, or fellow stallholders, and/or not listening to instruction given by appropriate representatives of SLSNSW is not acceptable.

8.3 Any behaviour deemed unacceptable will result in Stallholder removal from the event and banning from any future attendance, with no refund and at the cost of the Stallholder.

9. Release

9.1 SLSNSW will not be responsible for any unsuccessful business goals that the Stallholder may set to achieve.

9.2 The Stallholder will release, indemnify, and save SLSNSW from and against any and all obligations, damages, penalties, claims, costs, charges and expenses (including legal fees on a solicitor client basis), expenses and court costs that may arise to, by or from any person as

a consequence (whether direct or indirect) of Stallholder's act or omission (including negligence) in operating its stall.

10. Authorisation

10.1 By accepting to be a Stallholder you agree and adhere to everything that is stated in this document and that the risk is solely on the Stallholder.