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**Cover photo:** KNG Series Winners Ali Day and Harriett Brown.

**Photo:** Kate Czerny.

**This page:** Finn Askew leads the pack.

**Photo:** Kate Czerny.



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Above: Great athletes and great friends. Love this pic of our elite girls.  
Photo: Harv.

**CRAZY TIMES ...** Now it's the weather! And who would have thought Kellogg's could be postponed because of a Tsunami warning. Welcome to the **"AUSSIES"** edition of Surf Sports Mag and coverage of a great seasons racing.

Aussies this year sees us on the iconic Gold Coast at the fabulous Kurrawa Beach with the youth event to be held at Kirra.

Sure to be some great conditions and the beach events at Kurrawa will certainly be a drawcard.

The KNG series is back on the beach and it was great to enjoy all our top Iron athletes racing again, and I really enjoyed the Next Gen racing, with so many fantastic young athletes the future certainly looks exciting!

SLSA Ocean Thunder Professional Surf Boat Racing was again hosted at the perfect arena Dee Why Beach, however

big seas and poor weather caused some disruption to the schedule.

Again, we will not have magazines for sale at the event this year so all Surf Sports fans please make sure you download your FREE digital version of Surf Sports Mag and the Official Program from [www.harvpix.com](http://www.harvpix.com).

Special thanks as always to my assistant editor Allie Lyndon for her help.

Stay safe and enjoy gang ... can't wait to catch you all at "THE AUSSIES" and when you see the HARVPIX team don't forget to smile!

**Harvie Allison**, Editor/Publisher

# 2021/22 Nutri Grain Series Overview

“ It felt so good to cross the line in 1st and start the series off like that ”

Story by Allie Britton  
Photos by Harv pix

On Australia’s most iconic beach, with a small wave, blue skies and an electric crowd, the 2021/22 Nutri Grain Ironman and Ironwoman Series had Bondi heating up!

Bringing back the glory days, the country’s best Ironmen and Ironwomen hit the surf as they kicked off round 1 on the infamous sand.

Testing their endurance, mental strength, and composure around an M Shape Enduro course, the winners were crowned, and the sport felt alive once more.

Overcoming foot surgery, self-doubt and months of rehab, Harriet Brown proved that with goal setting, perseverance and a great support

team, anything is possible as she claimed victory in the women’s event.

“There were so many moments in my rehab when I doubted myself and my ability to race well again,” Brown said.

“I tried to do little things each day to look after my body and mind, I made small goals each day and each week and slowly started moving again.”

Brown secured her win ahead of 2020/21 series champion Lana Rogers who made an impressive



# ROUND 1

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comeback after adding an extra buoy into the first leg of the ski. Hannah Sculley rounded out the women’s podium.

In the men’s event, Surfers Paradise pair Ali Day and Finn Askew went head-to-head throughout the M Shape with Day proving to dominate for the up-and-coming young gun.

Showcasing his skills and surf knowledge, Day finished the final ski leg with Askew making a small mistake costing him the podium with a fifth-place finish.

For Day, it was another triumphant win, back on Bondi, surrounded by family and friends.

“It felt so good to cross the line in 1st and start the series off like that,” he said.

Jy Timperley secured himself runner-up ahead of Kendrick Louis.





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# ROUND 2



Round 2 delivered swift, short, and sharp racing with the athletes welcoming a new format into their series.

'Wavecross' saw athletes compete for a position in the top 16 before progressing into quarters, semis and a final. Each race offered just 4 spots with the top 2 progressing through.

Fighting their way to the podium, Day secured another back-to-back victory ahead of Matt Bevilacqua, with Corey Fletcher sprinting home to claim his first podium appearance.

Standing tall alongside Day and Bevilacqua, Fletcher savoured the moment.

"I couldn't wipe the smile off my face. To stand with two people that I have looked up to for many years, who



**Top:** Bella Williams and Courtney Hancock

**Middle:** Kendrick Louis and Max Beattie

**Left:** Lizzie Welborn, Danielle McKenzie, Maddie Spencer and Lily O'Sullivan

have both helped me get to where I am today, I don't think I could have asked for more."

In the women's, Rogers secured a win with an impressive body wave leading into the board leg to claim her first victory of the series.

Joining her on the podium for a second time Brown and Sculley rounding out the minor placings. ▶



“ I couldn't wipe the smile off my face ”



*Top Right: Corey Fletcher*

*Right: Adam Palmer and Jackson Borg*

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Postponed due to a Tsunami warning, round 3 added an extra day of anticipation, racing and much needed recovery for athletes as it joined round 4, 5 & 6 in the testing conditions of Gold Coast's Kurrawa beach.

The Survival format accelerated from the sound of the gun with athletes charging

for the top positions early, eager to avoid the elimination zone at all costs.

Ali Day claimed his third-round victory with Bevilacqua and Timperley joining in second and third respectively.

In the women's event Brown secured her second victory ahead of Rogers, with Danielle Mackenzie claiming third. ▶

**Top Left:** Matt Bevilacqua

**Top:** Danielle McKenzie and Harriet Brown

**Middle:** Jy Timperley

**Below:** Womens start

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In a howling southerly wind, building swell and changing conditions, there was a buzz in the air as athletes hit the surf for round 4.

With an application of a 3-second handicap between each athlete from their previous race result, the Supersprint final served up another level of eagerness as each Ironman and Ironwoman stood ready to hold off those chasing, and hungry to chase down those in front.

In the women's event it was a Northcliffe trio dominance!

Brown stood at the top of the podium once more, with Georgia Miller back in action claiming runner-up. Mackenzie took third.

In the men's and setting himself up with a 3-second lead off the start with a win from race 1, Day held his consistency and claimed another victory ahead of Bevilacqua and Timperley.



**Top:** Lily Finati

**Right Top:** Georgia Miller, Harriet Brown and Danielle McKenzie

**Middle:** Georgia Miller

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“ He (Day) has been my idol for so long and to train alongside him and call him a friend is amazing ”

Providing big surf, an enormous sweep and 4 individual races, round 5 delivered everything the athletes love about racing in the Nutri Grain Ironman and Ironwoman Series.

The Specialist format had the athletes contesting an individual board, swim, and ski race to then be seeded for a handicapped iron.

Breaking Days incredible 10 round victory streak, Finn Askew had the crowd in an uproar as he claimed his first-round win in the battering surf of Kurrawa beach.

“I wanted to turn up and give it my all,” Askew said.

“The surf was up from the previous day, so I knew I had to be smart with how I raced.”

In a bittersweet moment in breaking Days winning streak, Askew believes that if it was going to be anyone, Day would be happy it was him. ▶



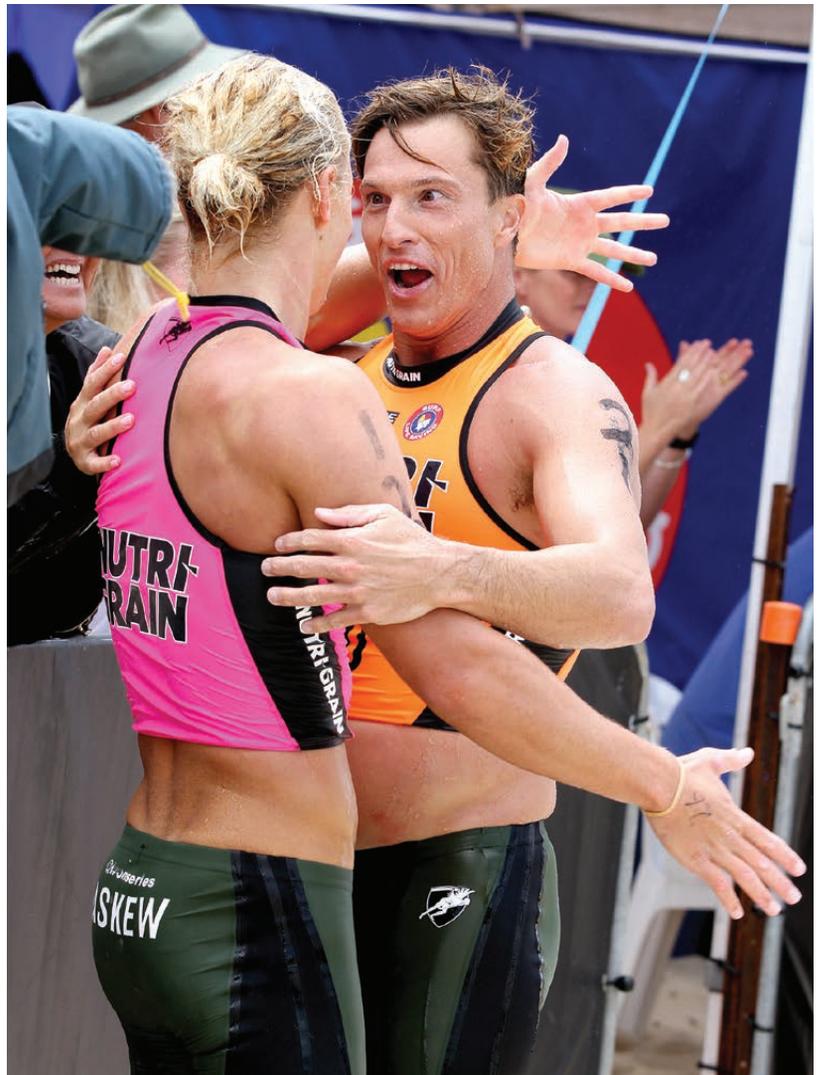


“He (Day) has been my idol for so long and to train alongside him and call him a friend is amazing.

“10 in a row is such an incredible feat, but I feel that if there was a person he’d want to beat him, it’d be me.”

In the women’s event Miller stamped her name back at the top with a triumphant round win ahead of Brown and Brielle Cooper.

Big swell rolled in, the wind kicked on and the athletes stepped it up in what was one of the most exciting surf sports racing experienced in recent times! ▷



**Top:** Brielle Cooper

**Above:** Brielle Cooper

**Right:** Harriet Brown and Tiarne Massie



# ROUND 6



Battling the conditions of the ocean, the round 6 Survival format caused triumph, upsets and delivered an incredible performance of skill, determination, and bravery for the crowded beach.

Claiming her second round victory and third podium appearance from just 4 rounds, Miller was all smiles as she took the honours ahead of Jemma Smith and wildcard athlete Aly Bull. ▶

*Top: Aly Bull  
Left: Ben Carberry and Ali Day,  
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In the men's event Matt Poole and Ben Carberry had the beach alive as they sprinted for the finish line in what was Poole's final professional race with his retirement announcement.

Carberry was too quick for Poole, securing himself a career first round win with Day's consistency and incredible skill cementing him with a third-place finish. ■



**Right:** Max Beattie

**Below:** Ben Carberry and Matt Poole sprint to the line



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# 2021/22 Nutri Grain *Finals Overview*

Performing across all formats, in changing and challenging conditions, securing himself 4 round wins, 5 podium appearances and a fourth place, Ali Day claimed his third series title ahead of Matt Bevilacqua and Jy Timperley.

“ I really can't believe I have won; it is the pinnacle of our sport, and it means so much ... ”



## Ali and Harriet

Fighting right until the end, Day secured himself the win with composure and past experience.

“Every series I have won has come down to holding it together on that final day,” he said.

“I've lost a series before in this way and have learnt so much from that experience that I carry with me, it's all self-belief and taking things moment by moment.”

With conditions changing constantly, racing back-to-back days, with rest and recovery key, Day knew he had to keep his mind at ease, focusing on one day at a time.

“I just knew rest and recovery was going to be the biggest part in getting through the weekend, so I prioritised that.

“I work hard on my mental space and keeping it in focus for one day at a time was a big part of getting through smoothly,” he said.

Having been able to share round wins and the series victory in front of his family and friends, standing on the podium beside Poole in round 6 was icing on the cake for Day.

“We've had so many memories together and to be on the podium with him was a really special way to end.”

In the women's overall point score, Harriet Brown secured her series win with Danielle Mackenzie and Courtney Hancock rounding out the minor placings. ▶



After a major setback having to undergo foot surgery, Brown was simply happy to have her toes on the line.

"I am so happy, 6 months ago I had doubts on my ability to be fit enough and stable enough running on the sand to compete in the series!

"I really can't believe I have won; it is the pinnacle of our sport, and it means so much, it really is a wonderful feeling when everything comes together, and all the hard work pays off!"

Brown's commitment to her sport is second to none, although many may see it as a sacrifice, she believes it's simply a choice to be better.

"I knew I had to make choices if I wanted to put myself in the best position possible of staying well and being at my peak, it was also hard to miss out as they are things I love too.

"However, I don't see them as sacrifices. I see it as choosing training and choosing to do all I can to be my best."

With 3 round wins, 2 runner up placings and a top 10 finish, Brown exceeded her own expectations, with each result nothing but a bonus.

"This year I was just grateful to be racing and any good result was just a bonus!" ■



# 2022 Nutri Grain *Next Gen Competition*

The 2022 Nutri Grain Next Gen competition saw these amazing athletes rising to the task as they battled through three huge days of racing in some of the most testing conditions seen at the home of this year's Aussies, Kurrawa Beach. ▸



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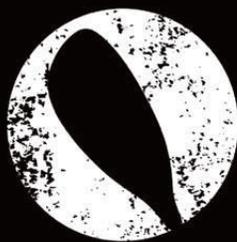


With just 1 male and 1 female qualifying spot up for grabs in 2022/23 Nutri Grain Ironman and Ironwoman Series, the emerging stars left nothing on the sand and



*Above: Bella Williams  
Left: So many sprint finishes*



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the racing was down to the wire in every round.

WINNERS Northcliffe young gun Auden Parish and Burleigh Heads Mowbray Parks Grace Otto claimed overall victory, securing themselves a place in the 2022/23 Series and we all can't wait to see how well they do next season. ■

# Auden and Grace



*Above: Charlotte Cross punches the lip*

*Middle: Another tight finish*

*Left: Winners Auden Parish and Grace Otto*



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## Surf Boat Series



Story by Harvie Allison  
Photos by Malcolm Trees

## Covid, Tsunamis, Wild weather and floods ... couple of hiccups but nothing stops the SLSA Ocean Thunder Surf Boat Series.

Another great season of professional surf boat racing hosted as always by the amazing Dee Why SLSC and hosted by major sponsor Surf Lifesaving Australia.

While the poor weather forced some rescheduling with a first ever double round to complete the series, and with very testing conditions there sure was plenty of action. >





“ **With Aussies only two weeks away this was a great final hit out before the action starts at Kurrawa Beach on the Goldie.** ”



Big congratulations to this years series winners. In the Men's division champions Kennards Hire - Mermaid Beach & Women's champions - VMD Packaging - North Cronulla.

With Aussies only two weeks away this was a great final hit out before the action starts at Kurrawa Beach on the Goldie.



Malcolm Trees has supplied us with some of his sensational images from the final days racing & they sure do tell the story. Safe travels everyone and see you at THE AUSSIES. ■



**Left Middle:** Men's division champions Kennards Hire - Mermaid Beach  
**Left:** Women's champions VMD Packaging - North Cronulla



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## Surf Life Saving Australia Launches **SPORTS HUB**

Surf Life Saving Australia has recently launched “**Sports Hub**” an online resource centre designed to provide centralised access to resources, workshops, and ongoing development opportunities to support all aspects of Surf Sports.

Sports Hub comprises of three key products and areas of expertise, noting that the latter two are yet to officially launch, but are something to keep any eye out for:

- **Coach Connect**
- **Athlete Connect**  
(coming soon in 2022)
- **Officials Connect**  
(coming soon)

**Coach Connect** - The foundation product launched in February and is designed to support accredited Surf Life Saving coaches, across all disciplines, by providing coaching resources, information and the opportunity to attend regular online workshops.

The opening online workshop featured experienced coach, Wayne Goldsmith

who has been at the forefront of sports innovation, education and development for over 25 years having worked across a number of sports including USA Swimming, Rugby Australia, Triathlon Australia.

Goldsmith delivered an insightful keynote presentation titled “Holistic Coaching” which focused on the importance of coaching athletes as individuals first and athletes second. He also highlighted the need for coaches to consider what experiences clubs are providing to competitors. All workshops are recorded, this session is saved in the online portal so that coaches have the opportunity to watch the content at a time most suitable.

A recording of the March expert panel discussing “coaching during

uncertain times” is also available with a full content calendar created for the coaches to view and plan around.

**Athlete Connect** and **Officials Connect** will launch later this year and will house targeted content and resources to assist with the development of athletes and officials.

Sports Hub can be accessed by accredited Surf Life Saving coaches through the Members Portal by selecting Sports Hub.

“Sports Hub will continue to build over time and we are very confident that you will find it a very valuable resource and we look forward to you benefiting from that into the future,” said Andrew Buhk, Surf Life Saving Australia Director of Surf Sports. ■



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