



Nippers Information Pack

WHO CAN JOIN?

A child may join the club as soon as he/she turns 5 years of age, but not before.

Age Group = Age as at midnight 30 September 2023

Birthdate between these dates	AGE GROUP
1 st October 2017 to 30 th September 2018	U6 (Surf Play One)
1 st October 2016 to 30 th September 2017	U7 (Surf Play Two)
1 st October 2015 to 30 th September 2016	U8 (Surf Aware One)
1 st October 2014 to 30 th September 2015	U9 (Surf Aware Two)
1 st October 2013 to 30 th September 2014	U10 (Surf Safe One)
1 st October 2012 to 30 th September 2013	U11 (Surf Safe Two)
1 st October 2011 to 30 th September 2012	U12 (Surf Smart One)
1 st October 2010 to 30 th September 2011	U13 (Surf Smart Two)
1 st October 2009 to 30 th September 2010	U14 (SRC)

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

- \$60 per member or \$150 per family of 3
- \$30 per each additional family member e.g. 2 adults, 2 kids = \$180

Junior membership must be accompanied by the membership of at least one adult.

Family discount pricing applies to members who share the same Medicare card.

Yes, we are an Active Kids Provider, have your voucher details ready when registering.

Please note; Active Kids Vouchers cannot be used in conjunction with a Family Membership package.

**New
Members**



**Renewing
Members**





SEASON CALENDAR

October				
Sun	15	12noon - 4pm	Nippers Sign on Day & Come Try Day	Narooma SLSC
Sat	28	12noon-1:30pm	Preliminary Swim Evaluation	Narooma Pool
November				
Sun	5	10am - 11:30am	Nippers wk 1	Narooma SLSC
Sun	12	10am - 11:30am	Nippers wk 2	Narooma SLSC
Sun	19	10am - 11:30am	Nippers wk 3	Narooma SLSC
Sun	26	10am - 11:30am	Nippers wk 4	Narooma SLSC
December				
Sun	3	10am - 11:30am	Nippers wk 5	Narooma SLSC
Sat & Sun	2-3 Dec		interbranch	Flingal Beach
Sat & Sun	9-10 Dec		Branch Carnival	Tarthra
Sun	17	10am - 11:30am	Nippers wk 6 - Nippers Christmas Party	Narooma SLSC
School Holidays Break- 18/12/23- 04/02/2024				
January				
Fri, Sat & Sun	26		2024 OAKBERRY ACAI NSW COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS	Warilla Barrack Point SLSC
February				
Sun	4	10am - 11:30am	Nippers wk 7	Narooma SLSC
Sat & Sun	10-11 Feb		Branch Carnival	Narooma
Sun	18	10am - 11:30am	Nippers wk 8	Narooma SLSC
Sun	25	10am - 11:30am	Nippers wk 9	Narooma SLSC
March				
Sun	3	10am - 11:30am	Nippers wk 10	Narooma SLSC
Thur-Sun	7-10 Mar		NSW Aged Championships	Freshwater SLSC
Sun	10	10am - 11:30am	Nippers wk 11	Narooma SLSC
Sun	17	10am - 11:30am	Nippers wk 12- Final Session	Narooma SLSC
Sat & Sun	23-24 Mar		Branch Carnival	Broulee
Sat & Sun	6-7 Apr		Wambiri	Pambula



Mid-week sessions will be held throughout the year. The focus of these sessions will be individual skill development for those nippers that would like to become more proficient in open water swimming and the board.

SWIM EVALUATION / PROFICIENCY

Compulsory for all Nippers before they hit the beach.

This year's swim evaluation/proficiency will be held at Narooma Swimming Centre, LOT 7011 Bluewater Dr, Narooma NSW 2546, on **Saturday the 28th of October at 12 pm.**

Nothing to be nervous about. Most age groups are untimed. This day is an evaluation to ensure we are aware of your child's abilities in a safe, flat-water environment - before we hit the beach.

You will have to pay entry to the pool for your child of **\$4.80**, unless you have a season pass. Bring your towel & goggles. Locate your age group over by the tiered seating when you arrive.

WHAT DO NIPPERS WEAR?

- Sunscreen
- Nipper's red, white & black cap Hi visibility pink vest (**see below**)
- Swimmers (club colours available but not essential)
- Bring a water bottle & towel with your name on it
- Wetsuits if required

CLUB CLOTHING

Fleur Constable is our Clothing Coordinator. Club clothing will be available to purchase most Sundays during Nippers - downstairs in the clubhouse.

Besides the essentials, there are a range of additional items. Further information is available at <https://www.naroomasurfclub.org.au/merchandise>

COMPETITION

Competition is optional but we encourage all our proficient Nippers from U8 - U14's to use the skills they have learnt on our beach and have some fun with other kids on the far south coast.

There are three Branch Carnivals each season, with other opportunities such as NSW Country Champs, State and Australian Titles.



PARENTS RUN NIPPERS!

We are all volunteers! The club operates entirely on volunteer help. There are many jobs, most of which do not require lifesaving experience. The more you are involved, the more your child will enjoy Nippers.

We require the following:

- **Age Managers:** They assist in the delivery of the Nipper Program. The goal of an Age Manager is to create a fun, safe learning environment while developing future surf lifesavers through the building of knowledge, skills and confidence.
- **Water Safety Personnel:** They must be qualified and proficient in a SLSA aquatic rescue qualification: Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) or Bronze Medallion (BM)/Certificate II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue).
- **BBQ operators**

If you are interested in any of the above roles, please contact Adam Walsh at nippers@naroomasurfclub.org.au

For ALL helpers who work on the beach with the children:

1. Each person must be a current financial member (insurance coverage)
2. Complete a Working with Children Check.

Nippers is NOT a child-minding program.

Parents and Guardians are REQUIRED to be on the beach at all times.

Your child remains your responsibility. Medication, trips to the toilet and the individual general welfare of each child is the responsibility of the parent or guardian.

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