



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 2025

Age Group	Age as of 30 September* 2025	DOB Date range	Award Name
U6	5	1/10/2019–30/09/2020	Surf Play One – U6
U7	6	1/10/2018–30/09/2019	Surf Play Two – U7
U8	7	1/10/2017–30/09/2018	Surf Aware One – U8
U9	8	1/10/2016–30/09/2017	Surf Aware Two – U9
U10	9	1/10/2015–30/09/2016	Surf Safe One – U10
U11	10	1/10/2014–30/09/2015	Surf Safe Two – U11
U12	11	1/10/2013–30/09/2014	Surf Smart One – U12
U13	12	1/10/2012 – 30/09/2013	Surf Smart Two – U13
U14	13	1/10/2011 – 30/09/2012	Surf Rescue Certificate

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.

New Members



Renewing Members





SEASON CALENDAR

October				
Sun	19	10am-12pm	Nippers Sign on Day & Come Try Day	Narooma SLSC
Sun	19	12-2pm	Preliminary Swim Evaluation	Narooma Pool
November				
Sun	9	10am-11:30am	Nippers wk 1	Narooma SLSC
Sun	16	10am - 11:30am	Nipper wk 2	Narooma SLSC
Sat & Sun	22-23 Nov	Senior Carnival 22 nd Junior Carnival 23 rd	Branch Carnival	Senior Batemans Bay Junior Moruya
Sat & Sun	29-30 Nov		Interbranch Carnival (by selection only)	Avoca Beach, NSW
Sun	30	10am – 11:30am	Nippers wk 3	Narooma Bar Beach
December				
Sun	7 th	10am - 11:30am	Nippers wk 4 CHRISTMAS PARTY	Narooma SLSC
Sat & Sun	13-14 Dec	Junior Carnival 13 th Senior Carnival 14 th	Branch Carnival	Tathra
School Holidays Break- 14/12/25- 30/01/2026				
January				
Fri, Sat & Sun	23-25 Jan		2026 NSW COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS	South West Rocks, NSW
Sat & Sun	31 st Jan – 1 st Feb	Junior Carnival 31 st Senior Carnival 1 st Presentation to follow	Branch Championship Carnival	Broulee
February				
Sun	8	10am - 11:30am	Nippers wk 5	Narooma SLSC
Sun	15	10am – 11:30am	Nippers wk 6	Narooma SLSC
Sun	22	10am - 11:30am	Nippers wk 7	Narooma Bar Beach
March				
Sat & Sun	28 th Feb – 1 st Mar		NSW State Championships	Swansea Belmont, NSW
Sun	1	10am-11:30am	Nippers wk 8	Narooma SLSC
Sun	8	10am-11:30am	Nippers wk 9	Narooma SLSC



Sun	15	10am - 11:30am	Nippers wk 10	Narooma SLSC
Sun	22	10am - 11:30am	Nippers wk 11 FINAL SESSION PARTY DAY	Narooma SLSC
Fri	27	5:00pm-7:00pm	Nippers Presentation Night	Narooma SLSC
Sat-Sun	21 st – 29 th March		Aussie Titles (Nationals)	North Kirra, Gold Coast QLD

Board training sessions will be held on a Friday at 4:30pm with Bucko throughout the season. 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.

Beach sprints/flag training sessions will be held at 9:30am before Nippers commences on a Sunday for those that are interested in developing competition skills. There will be further information posted on the Narooma SLSC Facebook page.

SWIM EVALUATION / PROFICIENCY

Compulsory for all Nippers before they hit the beach.

This swim evaluation/proficiency will be held at Narooma Swimming Centre, LOT 7011 Bluewater Dr, Narooma NSW 2546. This will be held following the Introduction Day:

Sunday 19th October 12-2pm.

Nothing to be nervous about. Most age groups are untimed. The proficiency is an evaluation to ensure we are aware of your child's abilities in a safe, flat-water environment - before we hit the beach. **Your child must be proficient before Nippers commences.**

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

A second session may be run before season commencing to cover off anyone who isn't proficient, however the majority will need to attend this scheduled session as we are all volunteers and run on tight time schedules.

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

Club clothing will be available to purchase most Sundays during Nippers - downstairs in the clubhouse and on our Come and Try Day Sunday October 19th.

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. On the weekends of Branch Carnivals, Nippers will not be on (as per calendar).

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 Nina Bragg 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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