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**Taree Old Bar Surf Life Saving Club (Official)**



**Taree Old Bar Surf Club Nippers**



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## WHAT IS NIPPERS?

Nippers is the Junior Activities of Surf Life Saving. At Taree Old Bar we aim;

- To teach and develop basic surf safety skills
- To provide competition for children at various levels, i.e. Club, Branch, State.
- To have fun and encourage junior members and their families to become active members of the club

*PLEASE NOTE: It is not an aim of the Club to teach children to swim. All children from U/8's onwards must complete the preliminary evaluation before participating in any water activities. Swimming lessons are recommended for those who do not meet this proficiency.*

## WHAT HAPPENS WEEKLY AT NIPPERS?

- Nippers begins at 9:30am every Sunday. Activities begin with a weekly briefing to all parents and Nippers. Nippers are asked to assemble in their age groups on the club house lawn by 9:15 am.
- As part of our COVID safe requirements, all Nippers will be required to have their attendance documented. We will also note the attendance of the accompanying parent.
- Nippers will, dependent on the conditions, participate in a range of activities such as Flags, Sprints, Board Paddle, Wades and Ocean Swims. They will also gain education regarding surf hazards and dangers, surf awareness and First Aid activities as part of the requirements of SLSA.
- All of this is provided by Volunteers Age Managers.
- One parent/guardian must remain on the beach with their child at all times. Children CANNOT be left supervised. If a child is left unsupervised, your membership could be cancelled.
- Nippers must remove their caps at the completion of activities. This is to signify that the nipper is no longer under the care of the age coach/manager.
- At the completion of Nippers, a BBQ will be held. All proceeds go the Taree Old Bar Surf Club. Please advise if you are able to contribute to the running of the BBQ.

# HOW DO I REGISTER?

Registrations open 23 Oct and close 24 Nov 2021. No registrations will be accepted after this date. Registrations will only be accepted along with the payment.

If you are unable to register/pay by this date due to circumstances out of your control, please contact us to discuss.

All registrations are to be done online.

If you are unable to sign up online, or would like assistance, please email [nippers@tareeoldbarsurfclub.com.au](mailto:nippers@tareeoldbarsurfclub.com.au) or contact us on messenger via our facebook page and we will be in touch to assist with the process.

Registration for Nippers is \$70. This is a one-off fee and no weekly fees are payable.

As well as the child registering, one parent per family must also register as a club member.

This is a Surf lifesaving Australia requirement and allows insurance coverage.

The parent's membership will be a Community/Junior Activities Parent membership for \$30.

Please note that if a parent is already a club member, you do not have to sign up again.

Nippers must be wearing a club cap (\$20) and Fluro Rash Shirt (\$20) whilst participating. You can pick these up at one of the Gear Days listed on the calendar below.

These can be paid for with cash or card or the gear day, however we prefer that you pay for them by adding them to the total payable when registering online.

If you have them from last year, there is no need to purchase new ones if they still fit and are in good condition.

We can accept Active Kids Vouchers for the child's costs, but the voucher will not cover the \$30 parent membership.

If you do pay the \$70 fee with an active Kids Voucher, you can put the remaining \$30 of the voucher's value towards the gear. Just be sure to add the full \$100 when redeeming the voucher.

Note that Active Kids Vouchers are not refundable.

STEP 1 - To register yourself and your child, please go to

<https://tareeoldbarsurfclub.com.au/nippers> for sign up instructions.

Please enter all details and make your payment (either credit card or bank deposit).

STEP 2 - Once registered and paid online, please email [nippers@tareeoldbarsurfclub.com.au](mailto:nippers@tareeoldbarsurfclub.com.au)

On this email please list:

- a. the parent member and all associated child members (family groups)
- b. indicate which payments were made by credit card, by active kids voucher, or by direct bank deposit. Indicate total paid and whether your payment included the extra cost for cap and rashie.
- c. Once this email has been received by us, we can approve your memberships.

## COVID SAFETY

- Please note that Nippers will be run in a Covid Safe manner.
- The surf club will be compliant with all requirements.
- We are hoping for an uninterrupted season. However, the safety of our community and club members is paramount and we will adapt to changes as they occur.

## SURF LIFESAVING NSW REQUIREMENTS

- We are required to provide 2 age managers for every 20 children in Nippers.
- To be an age manager, you need to complete an online course and practical assessment. We are actively encouraging each age group to have at least one qualified age manager. Please let us know if you are willing to gain this qualification.
- Before each activity day, a water safety risk assessment is conducted. For all water activities, age group managers will ensure that a minimum ratio of 1 qualified lifesaver to 5 children is in the water during activities. This is in addition to regular patrols.
- At times, due to member shortages, some water activities will not run if there are not enough volunteers. If you wish to help in this area, please let us know so we can begin your Bronze or SRC training.

## COMPETITION

- We also encourage all TOBSLSC members to attend competitions and carnivals at other beaches and for surf sports events.
- When carnivals arise though, we need lots of help. Each carnival entry requires a specific amount of water safety and officials to also take part. We are also required to provide our own equipment. Please keep this in mind and consider completing an official's course.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

- If the committee decides to cancel a scheduled Nippers event, it will be communicated to all members via our website, facebook, email and sms.
- We ask all members to ensure they provide correct contact details when registering to ensure you are kept up to date.

# AGE GROUPS

Listed below are the age groups for the 2021/2022 season.

These age groups are determined as at midnight on 30 September 2021.

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Birthdate Between these Dates</b>
Under 6	Surf Play One	1 October 2015 to 30 September 2016
Under 7	Surf Play Two	1 October 2014 to 30 September 2015
Under 8	Surf Aware One	1 October 2013 to 30 September 2014
Under 9	Surf Aware Two	1 October 2012 to 30 September 2013
Under 10	Surf Safe One	1 October 2011 to 30 September 2012
Under 11	Surf Safe Two	1 October 2010 to 30 September 2011
Under 12	Surf Smart One	1 October 2009 to 30 September 2010
Under 13	Surf Smart Two	1 October 2008 to 30 September 2009
Under 14	SRC	1 October 2007 to 30 September 2008

A proof of age/birth certificate must be sighted for all new children joining a SLSC

A child may join a SLSC as soon as he/she turns five years of age. No SLSC is to accept membership of a child until they have reached the age of five years to comply with insurance requirements. A child who reaches five years of age after 30<sup>th</sup> September may join Nippers at that time for the remainder of the season, however this child will be required to stay in the U6 Nippers age group again the following season.

# JUNIOR PRELIMINARY SKILLS ASSESSMENT

Many activities that will be completed by children as part of Junior Activities will be conducted in the water.

To ensure that all children have a suitable swimming ability to allow them to participate in these activities, SLSA has developed a Junior Preliminary Evaluation for each age group.

Every junior member is required to participate in this evaluation prior to any water-based activities being undertaken. Please see the calendar for details.

Note: It is not an assessment which if not completed competently precludes the child from becoming a member or continuing with junior surf education or training activities. Any child that does not meet the required evaluation level will require a higher level of supervision when involved in water-based activities at the discretion of the club.

These evaluations will likely take place at the YMCA Manning Aquatic Leisure Centre TBC.

AGE GROUP	PRELIMINARY EVALUATION	COMPETITION EVALUATION	AGE GROUP
Under 6	From a standing position in waist-deep water, perform a front glide and recover to a secure position. Perform a back or front float holding a buoyant aid and recover to a secure position.		Surf Play 1
Under 7	From a standing position in waist-deep water, perform a front glide, kick for 3m and recover to a secure position. Perform a back or front float for a few seconds and recover to a secure position.		Surf Play 2
Under 8	25m swim (any recognised stroke) 1-minute survival float	Nil (no water competition, except for wade which takes place in waist-deep water)	Surf Aware 1
Under 9	25m swim (any recognised stroke) 1 minute survival float	Minimum 150m open water swim (any recognised stroke)	Surf Aware 2
Under 10	25m swim (any recognised stroke) 1.5 minute survival float	Minimum 150m open water swim (any recognised stroke)	Surf Safe 1
Under 11	50m swim (any recognised stroke) 2 minute survival float	Minimum 200m open water swim (any recognised stroke)	Surf Safe 2
Under 12	100m swim (any recognised stroke) 2 minute survival float	Minimum 200m open water swim (any recognised stroke)	Surf Smart 1
Under 13	150m swim (any recognised stroke) 3 minute survival float	Minimum 200m open water swim (any recognised stroke)	Surf Smart 2
Under 14	200m swim (any recognised stroke, in less than 5 minutes) 3 minute survival float	Minimum 200m open water swim (any recognised stroke)	Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC)



# 2021/2022 CALENDAR

Day	Date	Activity	Where	Time
Thursday	2-Dec	Swim Evaluations and Gear Pick-Up	TBC	TBC
Saturday	4-Dec	Swim Evaluations and Gear Pick-Up	TBC	TBC
Sunday	5-Dec	Regular Nippers Activities	Old Bar Beach	9.30-11.30
Sunday	12-Dec	Regular Nippers Activities	Old Bar Beach	9.30-11.30
Sunday	19-Dec	Nippers Christmas Activities	Old Bar Beach	9.30-11.30
Summer Holiday Break				
Sunday	16-Jan	Regular Nippers Activities	Old Bar Beach	9.30-11.30
Sunday	23-Jan	Regular Nippers Activities	Old Bar Beach	9.30-11.30
Sunday	30-Jan	Regular Nippers Activities	Old Bar Beach	9.30-11.30
Sunday	6-Feb	Regular Nippers Activities	Old Bar Beach	9.30-11.30
Sunday	13-Feb	Regular Nippers Activities	Old Bar Beach	9.30-11.30
Sunday	20-Feb	Regular Nippers Activities	Old Bar Beach	9.30-11.30
Sunday	27-Feb	Regular Nippers Activities	Old Bar Beach	9.30-11.30
Sunday	6-Mar	Final Week of Nippers	Old Bar Beach	9.30-11.30
Presentation Date TBC				

*\* Carnival and additional training dates will be advised when they have been confirmed*

# CONTACTS

- For all enquiries, please contact the Junior Activities Coordinator at :  
nippers@tareeoldbarsurfclub.com.au
- Or you can contact us on messenger via our Facebook page  
– Taree Old Bar Surf Club Nippers

## TOBSLSC EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Club President	Vice President	Director of Finance	Director of Lifesaving	Director of Education	Director of Member Services	Director of Administration	Director of Surf Sports
Jane Lynch	Jay Steele	Michael Cameron	Dean Donovan	Darren Moses	Kristy Franc	Kurt Schirmer	Kasey Brown