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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 see the below link for FAQ's
  - <https://www.surflifesaving.com.au/nippers>

**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 safety 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 Volunteer Age Managers.
- One parent/guardian must remain on the beach with their child at all times. Children CANNOT be left unsupervised. 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 are now open and will close midnight Monday 9 October 2023.

No registrations will be accepted after this date. Registrations will only be accepted along with the payment at the time of online registration.

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 completed online. If you are unable to sign up online, or would like assistance, please email [nippers@tareeoldbarsurfclub.com.au](mailto:nippers@tareeoldbarsurfclub.com.au) 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 \$40.

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 and Hi-Vis Pink Rash Shirt whilst participating.

**For returning Nippers**, you are encouraged to use your Club Cap and Hi-Vis Pink Rash Shirt from last season. There is no need to purchase new ones if they still fit and are in good condition. If you have any older gear that is no longer needed,

**For new Nippers** please confirm when you email [nippers@tareeoldbarsurfclub.com.au](mailto:nippers@tareeoldbarsurfclub.com.au) as your final step of registration, the singlet/shirt size your child will require.

The combined cost of the Cap and Rash is \$30 and can be paid for and collected on either of the two gear collection afternoons. The cost can be paid for with preferably cash or card on the day at the gear collection afternoons.

If you have them from last year, there is no need to purchase new ones if they still fit and are in good condition. If you have any gear that you would like to donate back to the club for new members to use, please do so on the gear collection afternoons, thank you.

We can accept Active Kids Vouchers for the child's costs, but the voucher will not cover the \$40 parent membership. 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 and links.

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:

- The parent member and all associated child members (family groups)
- 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.
- Once this email has been received by us, we can approve your memberships.

## 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. 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.
- This Season the Branch Carnival is being hosted by Old Bar – We encourage as many Nippers as possible to attend and support and for those permitted to compete. Please contact [nippers@tareeoldbarsurfclub.com.au](mailto:nippers@tareeoldbarsurfclub.com.au) for more information
- The Branch Carnival this year is the weekend of 11 & 12 November 2023.

# INCLEMENT WEATHER

- If the committee decides to cancel a scheduled Nippers event, it will be communicated to all members via our website, facebook, 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 2023/2024 season.

These age groups are determined as at midnight on 30 September 2023

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Birthdate Between these Dates</b>
Under 6	Surf Play One	1 October 2017 to 30 September 2018
Under 7	Surf Play Two	1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017
Under 8	Surf Aware One	1 October 2015 to 30 September 2016
Under 9	Surf Aware Two	1 October 2014 to 30 September 2015
Under 10	Surf Safe One	1 October 2013 to 30 September 2014
Under 11	Surf Safe Two	1 October 2012 to 30 September 2013
Under 12	Surf Smart One	1 October 2011 to 30 September 2012
Under 13	Surf Smart Two	1 October 2010 to 30 September 2011
Under 14	SRC	1 October 2009 to 30 September 2010

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

This can be provided at the Gear Collection afternoons as per the Nippers Schedule.

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 September may join Nippers at that time for the remainder of the season (if the club permits late enrolments) however this child will be required to stay in the U6 Nippers age group again the following season.

# NIPPERS POOL PROFICIENCY

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.

The Pool Proficiency session is scheduled for Sunday 15 October 2023, between 10am and 12pm. It is a requirement that you are in attendance for the duration of the period. However on the lead up and on the day we'll do our best to conduct the age groups as best as possible. Thank you.

Please note that 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. It is simply so that we can be aware of those Nippers needing extra support to ensure their safety in the ocean.

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.

## 2023/2024 CALENDAR

Day	Date	Activity	Where	Time
Sunday	24-Sep	Nippers Registration Open	<a href="https://tareeoldbarsurfclub.com.au/nippers">https://tareeoldbarsurfclub.com.au/nippers</a>	
Monday	9-Oct	Nippers Registration Close		
Thursday	12-Oct	Gear Collect Afternoon	Taree Old Bar Surf Club Up Stairs	3:30pm-6:00pm
Sunday	15-Oct	Pool Proficiency / Swim	Manning Aquatic Centre - Taree Pool	10:00-12:00
Wednesday	18-Oct	Gear Collection Afternoon	Taree Old Bar Surf Club Up Stairs	3:30pm-6:00pm
Sunday	22-Oct	FIRST OFFICIAL Week of Nippers	Old Bar Beach	9.30-11.30
Sunday	29-Oct	Regular Nippers Activities	Old Bar Beach	9.30-11.30
Sunday	5-Nov	Regular Nippers Activities	Old Bar Beach	9.30-11.30
<b>Saturday &amp; Sunday</b>	<b>11-Nov &amp; 12-Nov</b>	<b>BRANCH CARNIVAL</b> Competition Age Nippers invited to attend Under Comp Nippers invited to attend to support	<b>Old Bar Beach</b>	<b>Branch Carnival is at Old Bar this year.</b>
Sunday	19-Nov	Regular Nippers Activities	Old Bar Beach	9.30-11.30
Sunday	26-Nov	Regular Nippers Activities	Old Bar Beach	9.30-11.30
Sunday	3-Dec	Regular Nippers Activities	Old Bar Beach	9.30-11.30
Sunday	10-Dec	Nippers Christmas Activities	Old Bar Beach	9.30-11.30
<b>School Holidays - Wednesday 20 December Return Monday 5 February 2024</b>				
FYI, We hope to offer a few skills coaching sessions over holidays. Lots of fun practicing, these session will however only be for competition assessed Nippers. We'll keep you informed should you be available to attend.				
Sunday	4-Feb	Regular Nippers Activities	Old Bar Beach	9.30-11.30
Sunday	11-Feb	Regular Nippers Activities	Old Bar Beach	9.30-11.30
Sunday	18-Feb	Regular Nippers Activities	Old Bar Beach	9.30-11.30
Sunday	25-Feb	Regular Nippers Activities	Old Bar Beach	9.30-11.30
Sunday	3-Mar	FINAL Week of Nippers - Fun Activities	Old Bar Beach	9.30-11.30
<b>Presentation Date TBC - April 2024</b>				

# CONTACTS

For all enquiries, please contact the Junior Activities Coordinator by email  
[nippers@tareeoldbarsurfclub.com.au](mailto:nippers@tareeoldbarsurfclub.com.au)

If you'd like to contact any members of the Executive, please visit our website to review.

We're looking forward to a GREAT season of Nippers this year at Taree, Old Bar Surf Life Saving Club.