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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 do I need to know about Nippers ?

How to Register:

Registration for Nippers is \$60. This is a one-off fee and no weekly fees are payable

A parent must also register as a club member for \$60 (if you are already an active member, you do not need to re-join). The parent memberships allow insurance coverage and go towards supporting the club.

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

If you pay with an active Kids Voucher, these will be included in the cost.

If you need to purchase them, add them to the total payable when registering online.

To register yourself and your child, please go to <https://sls.com.au/join/> to sign up. Please enter all details and make your payment (either credit card or bank deposit).

Once registered and paid, please email 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.

Any questions at all, please email nippers@tareeoldbarsurfclub.com.au

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 and phone number of the accompanying parent. Please note that due to COVID safe requirements, only one parent is to accompany each Nipper.
- 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.

Surflifesaving 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:

Regular Pointscore days will be held at Nippers. 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 facebook, through 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 members will be in for the 2020/21 season. These age groups are determined as at midnight on 30 September 2020.

BIRTHDATE BETWEEN THESE DATES	AGE GROUP
1st October 2014 to 30th September 2015	U6 (Surf Play One)
1st October 2013 to 30th September 2014	U7 (Surf Play Two)
1st October 2012 to 30th September 2013	U8 (Surf Aware One)
1st October 2011 to 30th September 2012	U9 (Surf Aware Two)
1st October 2010 to 30th September 2011	U10 (Surf Safe One)
1st October 2009 to 30th September 2010	U11 (Surf Safe Two)
1st October 2008 to 30th September 2009	U12 (Surf Smart One)
1st October 2007 to 30th September 2008	U13 (Surf Smart Two)
1st October 2006 to 30th September 2007	U14 (SRC)

Note: 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 30th 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. It is the SLSC's responsibility to explain this to the parents of the child.

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. 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 take place on the first day of Nippers.

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)

2020/2021 Calendar

Day	Date	Activity	Where	Time
OPEN NOW		Online Registrations Open	sls.com.au/join/	-
Friday	9-Oct	Online Registrations Close	sls.com.au/join/	-
Sunday	18-Oct	Gear Day	TOB Surf Club	9.30-11.30
Wednesday	21-Oct	Gear Day	TOB Surf Club	17.30-18.30
Sunday	25-Oct	First Week of Nippers - Swim Evaluations	Old Bar Beach	9.30-11.30
Sunday	1-Nov	Regular Nippers Activities	Old Bar Beach	9.30-11.30
Sunday	8-Nov	Regular Nippers Activities	Old Bar Beach	9.30-11.30
Sunday	15-Nov	Regular Nippers Activities	Old Bar Beach	9.30-11.30
Sunday	22-Nov	Regular Nippers Activities	Old Bar Beach	9.30-11.30
Sunday	29-Nov	Regular Nippers Activities	Old Bar Beach	9.30-11.30
Sunday	6-Dec	Regular Nippers Activities	Old Bar Beach	9.30-11.30
Sunday	13-Dec	Nippers Christmas Activities	Old Bar Beach	9.30-11.30
Summer Holiday Break				
Sunday	17-Jan	Regular Nippers Activities	Old Bar Beach	9.30-11.30
Sunday	31-Jan	Regular Nippers Activities	Old Bar Beach	9.30-11.30
Sunday	7-Feb	Regular Nippers Activities	Old Bar Beach	9.30-11.30
Sunday	14-Feb	Regular Nippers Activities	Old Bar Beach	9.30-11.30
Sunday	21-Feb	Regular Nippers Activities	Old Bar Beach	9.30-11.30
Sunday	28-Feb	Regular Nippers Activities	Old Bar Beach	9.30-11.30
Sunday	7-Mar	Final Week of Nippers	Old Bar Beach	9.30-11.30
Presentation Date TBC				

** Carnival dates will be advised when they have been confirmed*

Who do I contact about all things Nippers ?

Junior Activities Coordinator & Director of Member Services	Kristy Franc	nippers@tareeoldbarsurfclub.com.au
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President TOBSLSC	Jane Lynch	president@tareeoldbarsurfclub.com.au

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