

Nipper Handbook



KINGSTON BEACH
SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

Welcome to Kingston Beach Surf Life Saving Club!

Dear Families,

As president, I want to invite you into the Kingston Beach SLSC world.

We are obviously in the business of water safety, prevention and saving lives. However, our most treasured skill is creating an energetic and safe environment where amazing people, young and old, can learn and share skills. Where people can stretch themselves. As we do, we are creating the community we want to live in. Creating confident, humble, skilled and brave young people during some of the most significant times of their development. This is what drives us to volunteer and keep volunteering.

Nippers feels like the beating heart of our club. A lot of our volunteering energy replenishment occurs at nippers, to be honest. Personally, it only takes just a few minutes standing at the shoreline loudly encouraging the seahorses as they come in on boards, catching a wave, sometimes for the first time. Their faces of glee... and they say "I really didn't think I could do that. That was awesome!" or I ask them if their tummy felt funny with excitement when they were on the wave. They look at you as if to say, 'how did you know that?' and the quintessential joy of being a child is captured in that moment. To watch each and every one of our nippers set, go for and reach their own goals is such a privilege. A word of warning, we celebrate really loudly and enthusiastically at these moments.

Surf life saving and nippers is one of the only opportunities where I can see families truly participating together. It might start with the kids, but many realise that they are missing out on the sidelines and find a way to be involved. Ask most of our volunteers and this is often the way their lifelong involvement began. I was a surf mum here with my son, he has grown up, become a paramedic and moved away. I am still here. I am surrounded by so many positive kids, young people and adults, amazing opportunities, and lifelong friends. To be honest it's my surf family and I promise you that it gives me more than I give to it.

I strongly encourage you to join up your kids for this amazing experience but stay open minded as it just might be the place that the whole family can blossom.

Let the fun begin!

Warmly Danielle

Danielle Campbell
President of Kingston Beach SLSC



Welcome to Nippers!

Hello to all our new and returning members – we're so excited to kick off another season at Kingston Beach! There's nothing better than seeing the beach filled with happy, sandy-toed Nippers, and we can't wait to get started. My two kids have been part of KBSLSC for the past three seasons, and this year I am thrilled to be volunteering as the Junior Activities Coordinator for 2025/26.

Nippers is a fantastic way for children to build surf awareness, confidence, and community spirit – all while having loads of fun. Our goal is to help every child develop lifesaving skills in a safe and supportive environment, and to create memories that last well beyond the beach.

Our surf club and the Nippers program is 100% powered by volunteers. From our amazing Junior Activities Committee to Water Safety, Age Managers, and BBQ legends, thank you to everyone who gives their time to make Sundays so special.

We love seeing families get involved, whether it's setting up flags, flipping sausages, or cheering from the sidelines. Surf lifesaving is truly so much fun for the entire family.

Thank you for bringing your club spirit, positivity, and willingness to lend a hand. Here's to a fantastic season ahead – let's make it fun, safe, and unforgettable!

See you at the beach!

Marley Fitchett

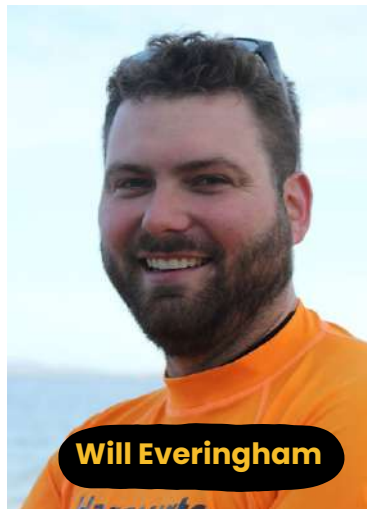
Junior Activities Coordinator



KBSLSC Junior Activity Committee

Our Junior Activities Committee works together to plan and deliver a safe, fun, and well-organised Nippers program each week. From coordinating water safety volunteers and submitting carnival entries, to setting out cans for board paddlers, preparing education sessions, and making sure there are enough sausages to go around—it's a big team effort!

Here are the legends behind the scenes for the 2025/26 season. Be sure to say hello and feel free to ask us how we can help—we're here to support you & your families!



Junior Club Captains 2025/6

Kate and Lily have been part of the Kingston Beach SLSC Nippers program for several years and are shining examples of what it means to be confident, capable, and community-minded young leaders. Whether they're helping younger Nippers with their boards, cheering on teammates at carnivals, or lending a hand at Sunday sessions, these two lead with kindness, enthusiasm, and a whole lot of club spirit.





KBSLSC Board of Management & Key Contacts

| Position | Name |
|---|------------------------------------|
| President | Danielle Campbell |
| Vice Presidents | Philippa Lohrey & Mark Cubit |
| Treasurer | Jason Hendy |
| Secretary | Olivia Smith |
| General Board Members and other Key Roles | |
| Ula Dalton, Makayla Atherton, Katarina Cubit, Marley Fitchett, Janelle Kingston | |
| Junior Activities Coordinator | Marley Fitchett |
| Registrar | Nina Hendy |
| Member Protection Officer & Child Safety Officer | Maureen Fasnacht & Ula Dalton |
| Lifesaving Managers | Makayla Atherton & Philippa Lohrey |



NIPPERS & THE SURF LIFE SAVING COMMUNITY

Nippers is a surf education program for children aged 5-14 years, incorporating surf skills, surf and beach hazard awareness as well as modified first aid, CPR and aquatic rescue training in a fantastic, supportive team environment. Our goal is to provide our young members with the skills to be safe in and around the water, build confidence, and to become **future life savers** and leaders in our community. Throughout a Nipper's journey, they will continue to build on their skills and knowledge through the learnings, of the Surf Education Framework, all while working towards the highest junior surf life saving award, the Surf Rescue Certificate.

Surf Life Saving is one of Australia's most iconic volunteer movements. It's built on values of community service, safety, respect, and inclusion. Our members, young and old, work together to keep beaches safe, educate the public, and support one another.

By joining Nippers, your family becomes part of a wider community that:

- Promotes healthy, active lifestyles
- Encourages volunteering and giving back
- Celebrates teamwork and achievement
- Builds lifelong friendships and skills

Kingston Beach SLSC is a vibrant and fast-growing club, with our Nipper Program expanding each year. We're proud to welcome over 170 enthusiastic Nippers to the beach each season, creating a lively and supportive community.

Like many Surf Life Saving Clubs, we're deeply family-oriented. Our Nipper Program is designed to be **fun, engaging, and educational**—not just for the kids, but also for the parents and caregivers who join us on the sand. Whether your child is keen to build beach safety awareness and become a future patrolling member, or is passionate about surf sports and competition, there's a place for everyone at Kingston Beach SLSC.

We hope this handbook helps you navigate the season ahead, and we look forward to welcoming your family to our club!



Nippers Season Calendar 2025 – 2026

| Day | Date | Activity/Carnival/Event | Location |
|---|---------|--|----------------|
| Sunday | 28 Sept | Preliminary Skills Evaluation U8–U14 11:00am–1:00pm | Clarence Pool |
| Sunday | 19 Oct | Preliminary Skills Evaluation U8–U14 12:00–2:00pm | Clarence Pool |
| Sunday | 2 Nov | Preliminary Skills Evaluation – Seahorses ONLY 5:00pm | Kingston Pool |
| Sunday | 9 Nov | Nippers Starts! BBQ: U11 | Kingston Beach |
| Sunday | 16 Nov | Sunday Nippers BBQ: U12 | Kingston Beach |
| Saturday | 22 Nov | Carlton Park Surf Festival | Carlton Park |
| Sunday | 23 Nov | Sunday Nippers BBQ: U13 | Kingston Beach |
| Sunday | 30 Nov | Sunday Nippers BBQ: U14 | Kingston Beach |
| Sunday | 7 Dec | Sunday Nippers BBQ: U8 | Kingston Beach |
| Saturday | 13 Dec | Junior Statewide Carnival #1 | Bridport |
| Sunday | 14 Dec | Senior Statewide Carnival #2 | Bridport |
| Sunday | 14 Dec | Sunday Nippers BBQ: U9 | Kingston Beach |
| Sunday | 21 Dec | Sunday Nippers BBQ: U10 | Kingston Beach |
| Sunday 28 Dec & 4 Jan – No Nippers – enjoy your holidays! | | | |
| Saturday | 10 Jan | Senior Statewide Carnival #2 | TBC |
| Sunday | 11 Jan | Junior Statewide Carnival #2 | TBC |
| Sunday | 11 Jan | Sunday Nippers BBQ: U11 | Kingston Beach |



Nippers Season Calendar 2025 – 2026

| Day | Date | Activity/Carnival/Event | Location |
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| Saturday | 17 Jan | Lifesaving Champs | Kingston Beach |
| Sunday | 18 Jan | Lifesaving Champs | Kingston Beach |
| Sun | 18 Jan | No Nippers due to Life Saving Champs | |
| Sunday | 25 Jan | Sunday Nippers BBQ: U12 | Kingston Beach |
| Monday | 26 Jan | Raine & Horne Kingborough Rentals Ocean Swim | Kingston Beach |
| Saturday | 31 Jan | Junior Statewide Carnival #3 | Ulverstone |
| Sunday | 1 Feb | Senior Statewide Carnival #3 | Ulverstone |
| Sunday | 1 Feb | Sunday Nippers BBQ: U13 | Kingston Beach |
| Sunday | 8 Feb | Sunday Nippers BBQ: U14 | Kingston Beach |
| Saturday | 14 Feb | Junior Statewide Carnival #4 | Clifton Beach |
| Sunday | 15 Feb | Senior Statewide Carnival #3 | Clifton Beach |
| Sunday | 15 Feb | Sunday Nippers BBQ: U8 | Kingston Beach |
| Saturday | 21 Feb | Masters Championships | Carlton Park |
| Sunday | 22 Feb | Sunday Nippers BBQ: U9 | Kingston Beach |
| Saturday | 28 Feb | Junior State Champs – Day 1 | Burnie |
| Sunday | 1 Mar | Junior State Champs – Day 2 | Burnie |
| Sunday | 8 Mar | Sunday Nippers BBQ: U10 | Kinston Beach |
| Saturday | 28 Feb | Senior State Champs – Day 1 | Carlton Park |
| Sunday | 1 Mar | Senior State Champs – Day 2 | Carlton Park |
| Sunday | 15 Mar | Sunday Nippers BBQ: U11 | Kingston Beach |
| Sunday | 22 Mar | Last Sunday Nippers BBQ: U12 | Kinston Beach |
| Friday | 27 Mar | Nippers Presentation & Celebration Night | TBC |

Season Overview

Nippers Start Times – Sunday Mornings

- U8–U14: Arrive by 9:30am → Briefing 9:45am → Program 10am–12pm
- Seahorses: Arrive by 9:30am → Briefing 9:45am → Program 10am–11am

Check-in/out is required with your child's Age Manager for safety.

Nippers is a family orientated sport – we ask parents to stay and help with setup, games, sunscreen, toilet trips, and pack-up and BBQ when rostered on. It is not a drop & go activity.

Parent / Guardian Volunteering

Nippers runs entirely on volunteers! Keen to help?

- Email the Junior Activities Committee: kingstonbeachslsc@gmail.com
- Or chat to an Age Manager (blue vest) or Committee Member (yellow vest) at the beach.

Surf Sports Training –Nippers & Seniors

- Board & Swim Training: Tues & Thurs, 4:30–5:30pm (Nov–Mar)
- RSVP via Stack Team App (for water safety planning)
- Masters (30+ year olds) Training: Fridays 5pm – come join the fun!
- Winter Sessions: Sundays (when coaches available) – contact kingstonbeachslsc@gmail.com to join the winter training group.

Carnivals & Competitions

- Open to all U8+ Nippers – all abilities welcome!
- A great way to build confidence, team spirit, and lifelong friendships.
- Families often camp together and make a weekend of it!
- Entry: \$16 per child, closes 1 week before each carnival (no late entries).
- Info shared via newsletters, Facebook & email.
- Check the calendar for key dates.

End-of-Season Presentation Night – Friday March 27th, location TBC – stay tuned!



Preliminary Skills Evaluation

Before the season begins, all Nippers must complete a **Preliminary Skills Evaluation**, a compulsory part of our program. These assessments are held in a pool environment and are designed to measure each child's aquatic ability against the minimum standards set by Surf Life Saving Australia.

This evaluation is a key part of our club's risk management plan and reflects our duty of care – ensuring every child has the appropriate level of aquatic skill for their age before participating in open water activities at the beach.

You can find the minimum requirements for each age group by visiting this [link](#).

What Skills Are Assessed?

The evaluation covers three core areas: Floatation, Submersion and Propulsion. If you're unsure whether your child can confidently demonstrate these skills, we recommend speaking with their swimming instructor for guidance.

What If My Child Isn't Proficient?

Safety is our top priority. Children who meet the age-appropriate competency standards require a **1:5 ratio of water safety** personnel. Those who do not meet the standards require one-on-one supervision in the water.

As a volunteer-run organisation—largely supported by Nipper parents—we may not always have the capacity to provide this level of supervision. In such cases, your child may be limited or excluded from water-based activities until they can demonstrate the required competency.

We typically offer multiple pool sessions at the start of the season. If your child doesn't meet the standard on their first attempt, they're welcome to attend another session and try again.

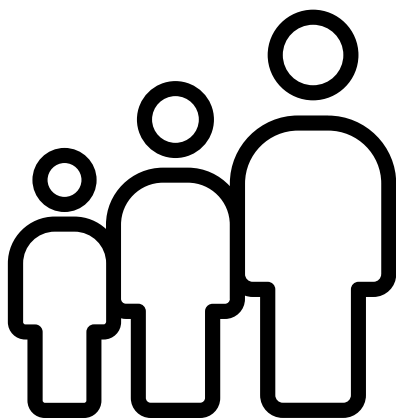
Please note: **Surf Life Saving is not a learn-to-swim program**. It is expected that children are already enrolled in regular swimming lessons. Our Nipper Program builds on these foundational skills.



Age Groups Explained

Age groups are determined by the age of the participant as of 30 September each year.

| Child's Age on 30 September | Nipper Age Category | Board Type |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| 5 | U6 – Seahorses | Foamie |
| 6 | U7 – Seahorses | Foamie |
| 7 | Under 8 | Foamie |
| 8 | Under 9 | Foamie |
| 9 | Under 10 | Foamie |
| 10 | Under 11 | Fibreglass |
| 11 | Under 12 | Fibreglass |
| 12 | Under 13 | Fibreglass |
| 13 | Under 14 | Malibu |



Age Groups Explained

Nippers are grouped according to the age categories set by Surf Life Saving Australia. These groupings may differ from school grades or other sports, which means friends might end up in different groups. While this can be disappointing at first, it's also a great opportunity to make new friends and build confidence in a fresh environment.

We understand that some families may wish for children from different age groups to stay together. While we aim to be flexible, any requests to move between age groups will only be considered under the following conditions:

Moving Up (U8 and U9 only):

Children may move to the next age group if there is space available and they can demonstrate the required aquatic skills for the higher age group.

Moving Down (U8, U9, and U10 only):

Children may move to a lower age group if there is space available and they meet the minimum aquatic skill requirements for that group.

Seahorses (U6 and U7):

These age groups are combined for sessions. Seahorses cannot move up to U8, due to water safety and proficiency requirements.

U10 to U11:

Movement from U10 to U11 is not permitted. U11s use different equipment (fiberglass boards instead of foam) and follow a more advanced education program.

U11 and Above:

Once a Nipper reaches U11, they are expected to remain in their correct age group. The program becomes more structured and aligned with formal qualifications.

If a child has previously moved up an age group, they may need to repeat a year to ensure they are correctly placed before entering U11.

Competition and Carnivals

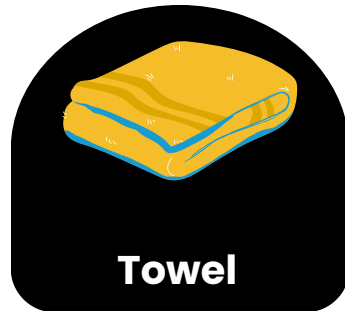
For all carnivals and competitions, Nippers must participate in their correct age group as per Surf Life Saving Australia regulations.

Nippers Session Overview

To help each session run smoothly, we ask families to begin arriving at 9:30am. This allows time to; Sign in and confirm attendance, assist with setting up beach and water activity areas and prepare children for the day ahead.

A briefing will be held at 9:45am, and activities will begin promptly at 10:00am.

Before reporting to their Age Manager, Nippers should have:



Supervision Requirements

Please note: A responsible adult (parent or guardian) must remain on site for the duration of the session.

This is not a drop-and-go program. You are responsible for your child's general welfare at all times.

Once signed in and gathered with their Age Manager, Nippers will rotate through three activity stations during the session. Each activity runs for approximately 35 minutes, with time allocated for transitions between stations.

Equipment Use

During Sunday sessions and mid-week training, Nippers use a variety of surf lifesaving equipment to support their skill development. Much of this gear—especially boards—is costly to purchase and maintain, so we ask families to help reinforce the importance of treating all equipment with care and respect.

Please be mindful of common damage-prone areas when carrying boards to and from the beach:

- The steps and railings leading down to the sand
- The retaining wall near the Club facility

These spots are known for accidental knocks and scrapes, so a little extra caution goes a long way!

Carnivals and Off-Site Training

Club boards are usually transported to carnivals using the Club's gear trailer. If the trailer isn't in use, equipment may be signed out by members for off-site training or events.

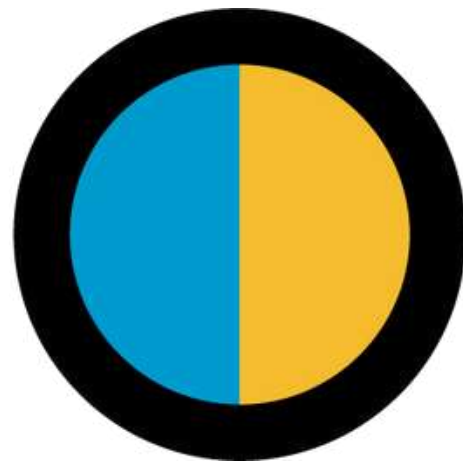
If you need to borrow equipment:

- Please get approval from the Junior Activities Coordinator
- Complete a condition report before signing out and again upon return

Thanks for helping us keep our gear in great shape so all Nippers can enjoy it throughout the season!



Uniform & Merchandise



To help keep our Nippers safe and easily identifiable on the beach, all participants are required to wear specific gear during sessions:

- U8–U14 Nippers must wear the club **yellow and blue skull cap**
- Seahorses (U5–U7) wear a **plain blue skull cap**
- All Nippers must wear a **hi-vis pink vest** during water activities

These items are essential for safety, allowing our team to clearly distinguish Nippers from members of the public and to easily spot them in the water.

Where to Buy

Skull caps and pink vests are available for purchase at our club merchandise stand every Sunday. You'll also find a great range of club apparel, including: swimwear, hoodies, polos, training singlets, beanies, swim and sun caps.

Additional items such as jackets, track pants, and hooded towels are available by special order. These make fantastic gifts and help our Nippers look and feel part of the team—especially when representing Kingston Beach SLSC at carnivals.

Second hand hoodies, shirts, vests, boards and wetsuits are often sold on our members Facebook page.



Nipper Sunday Rotations



Beach Activities

- Runs, Sprints and Relays
 - Beach Flags
- Obstacle/agility courses
 - Beach games

Water Activities

- Wading and swimming
 - Board paddling
- Swim and board relays
- Modified aquatic rescue techniques

Surf Education – age appropriate learnings to achieve awards include:

- Beach and environment hazard identification
 - Identifying risky behaviours
 - Emergency, CPR and first aid skills
 - Health, wellbeing and personal safety
- Environment and Conservation awareness

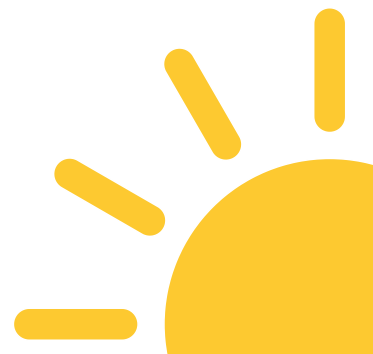
Lessons are based on the Surf Life Saving Australia learning guides and are split into stages:

Stage 1 – U6 – U8

Stage 2 – U9 – U11

Stage 3 – U12 – U13

Surf Rescue Certificate – U14 (and age eligible U13 participants)



BBQ's



After Sunday Nippers, we fire up the BBQ for a Sausage Sizzle at the club. It's a great way to bring families together, celebrate the morning's efforts, and raise essential funds to keep our club thriving.

Funds raised through the BBQ help support a wide range of club needs—from surf safety gear and training resources to patrol equipment, Nippers program, clubhouse maintenance, and community programs. Every sausage sold helps us stay rescue-ready and community-strong!

Each week, a different age group is rostered to run the BBQ. This includes setting up, cooking and serving sausages, and packing down afterwards. The age group rotation is listed in the season calendar, and reminders will be sent via Stack TeamApp before each Sunday session.

To keep things running smoothly—especially when over 100 hungry Nippers descend at 11:45am—we need at least four volunteers each week. We encourage parents to share the roles (e.g. two for setup/cooking, two for serving/pack-up) so everyone gets a chance to watch their children participate.

Thank you for helping us make the BBQ a fun and successful part of our club community.

Please note: If no volunteers come forward from your age group, unfortunately, there will be no BBQ that week.



Parent / Guardian Involvement

Kingston Beach SLSC is proudly a **family-focused club**, and we rely on the support of every family to help create a safe, fun, and high-quality experience for all our Nippers. A successful club is built on the commitment of volunteers who generously give their time and energy.

While your child is participating in Nippers—whether on Sundays or during mid-week training – a responsible adult must remain on site at all times. This is essential for managing your child's general welfare, administering any required medication, assisting with toilet breaks and providing support when needed.

It is club policy that at least one parent or guardian registers as a member. This allows you to actively participate in beach and water-based activities, including:

- Equipment setup and pack-up
- Age Manager or Assistant Age Manager roles
- Water Safety (Bronze Medallion or SRC required)
- Fundraising and BBQ roster
- Carnival judging or officiating
- Timekeeping during activity rotations



Age Managers

Age Managers are the heart of our Nipper sessions. They lead each age group, guiding children through activities and helping them build confidence, skills, and friendships.

Key responsibilities include:

- Organising and supervising age group activities
- Encouraging participation, teamwork, and fun
- Supporting skill development in surf safety, beach games, and water activities
- Communicating with parents and ensuring all children are accounted for
- Working closely with water safety personnel to maintain a safe environment

You'll recognise Age Managers by their blue vests. Please check in with them at the start of each session to sign your child in & again at the end of a session to check your child out.

If you're interested in becoming an Age Manager, Assistant Age Manager, or would like to be mentored by an experienced volunteer, we'd love to hear from you! Training is simple and support is always available.

Please speak with our Junior Activities Coordinator to get started.



Water Safety

Water safety personnel spend their time monitoring Nippers in the water/shoreline on Nipper days and/or carnivals either on rescue boards or swimming with tubes/fins.

Water safety personnel aim to:

- Minimise Nippers losing their craft
- Minimise Nippers bumping into each other
- Ensuring the Nippers ability can handle the conditions
- Encourage and guide members in the water
- Attend to any incidents if needed

On Nipper Sundays, qualified parents are required to assist with water-based activities. Without water safety personnel, we cannot run aquatic sessions—so **your help is essential!**

At the start and throughout the season, we offer training for active club members interested in gaining their:

- Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC)
- Bronze Medallion (BM)
- Nipper Water Safety Assistant (NWSA)

All water safety (SRC & BM) volunteers wear **orange rash vests** and work closely with Age Managers to ensure a safe and supportive environment.

If your child is in Seahorses or Under 8, the Nipper Water Safety Assistant (NWSA) is a great introductory option. It's perfect for parents or older siblings who want to support our youngest Nippers. NWSA-qualified helpers wear **green rash vests**.

These courses are flexible and designed to fit around busy family schedules. For more information or to express interest in training, please get in touch with the club.



Carnivals



While lifesaving is our core purpose, Surf Sports is a vibrant and exciting part of our club culture and the Nippers program. Each event and discipline helps build the surf skills that shape **confident, capable future lifesavers**.

Carnivals are a chance for Nippers to put their skills into action in both individual and team events. We encourage everyone to come along and **have a go** – it's all about participation, building confidence, and enjoying the beach with your mates. No pressure, just fun!

Hosted by surf clubs across Tasmania, carnivals are a great way to explore new beaches, meet other Nipper families and cheer each other on as a team.

When we travel to carnivals in the north or north west, we often organise **group accommodation / camping**, enjoy **shared BBQs**, and have **social catch-ups** – it's a brilliant way to build community and make lasting memories.

So pack your gear, bring your team spirit, and get ready for some serious fun in the surf!



Carnivals



Our Club has produced and is continuing to produce some amazingly talented athletes and have had many represent our club in state development programs. We want to continue with providing our Nippers with every opportunity possible to grow and develop as athletes.

To ensure safety and readiness for competition, Nippers who wish to participate in carnivals must meet an additional water competency requirement, demonstrating their ability to swim in open water.

- U9–U10: 150m open water swim
- U11–U14: 200m open water swim
- U8: No competition swim required (participate in water wade only), but must have passed their Preliminary Skills Evaluation
- Seahorses (U6–U7): Not eligible to compete in carnivals



Carnivals are a fantastic way to build community, support your child's development, and enjoy the excitement of surf sports. If your child is competing, we may ask for your help with tasks such as officiating, marshalling, or assisting with team coordination.





Officiating @ Carnivals

We need volunteers to help with the running of the carnivals either by judging, marshalling competitors, recording results or starting races. We cannot enter a team at any carnival without 1 official for every 10 Nippers.

The best part of being an official? You are right amongst the action so have the best spot to watch your kids doing what they love!

To volunteer as an official, you will need to complete a Core Official course. This online course is accessible through your members portal, plus practical component at carnivals.

Please contact the junior committee if you'd like to complete this course.



5@5 Comps



5 races at 5pm for \$5!

5@5's are a fun, social competition of 5 different surf sport events; flags, relays, sprints, surf (swim), board relay, board race etc.

Some races will be raced as an individual and some in a team. Winners take home a bit of cash and we usually head to the Salty Dog for a drink & dinner afterwards.

We highly encourage mums, dads and older Nipper kids to come down for some laughs and camaraderie.
U12+ Nippers welcome to join.

Dates will be advertised on Facebook and the Stack Team App.

Thanks to sponsors [Raine & Horne Kingborough Rentals](#) for sponsoring 5@5!

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Communication

Our club uses several forms of communication to stay connected. To stay on top of club news and information please keep an eye on all these helpful sources:

KBSLSC Website

Our website is a useful source of general club information. Add this to your bookmarks <http://www.kingstonbeachslsc.com.au> and check the page every so often to keep yourself informed. There is information on the website that may not be found in Team App.

Facebook Club Page – Kingston Beach Surf Lifesaving Club

- Only publicly viewable information will be posted here

Members Page – Kingston Beach Surf Lifesaving Club – Members

- CLOSED to public
- To be granted access you must be a financial member of the club
- This is where members can ask general questions and get replies from other members and the club/committee – i.e. member forum
- We will occasionally post pictures and information from events, carnivals, etc.

Stack TeamApp is the main method of communication we use for Nippers. This is where you will find newsletters, club news, event details, age group communication and where you can purchase tickets to events and carnivals. It is important families download the App to your smartphone or log in on your PC via <http://www.teamapp.com> and search “**Kingston Beach SLSC Nippers**” to ensure you don’t miss out on any important information.

Instagram

Our club has an Instagram page where we regularly share photos of our Nippers program. Follow us at [kingstonbeach_slsc](#) or by clicking [here](#)

Email

Regular newsletters are emailed from the club database email **no-reply@surfguard.slsa.asn.au** and other email notifications come from **kingstonbeachslsc@gmail.com** during the season.

Please mark both emails as safe senders so you don’t miss out on important information.



Communication

Cancellations & Changes Due to Weather

For weather cancellations, we will:

- Send all members an SMS via mobile phone, either the night before or early on the morning of Nippers
- Post in the Stack Team App
- Post a notice on the Members Facebook page

Feedback & Suggestions

Your questions, feedback and suggestions are encouraged and valued and will be used by the Junior Activities Committee to improve our club and its services.

You can provide your feedback in the following ways:

- Approach your Age Manager with feedback and/or suggestions
- Send an email to our Junior Activities Coordinator at kingstonbeachslsc@gmail.com
- Approach a member of the Junior Activities Committee

General Communication

To assist in ensuring our general communication is effective, please keep your contact details up to date in the SLSCA Members Area Portal. We use this information to send out emails and text messages when required.



Child Safety

At Kingston Beach SLSC, the **safety and wellbeing of children and young people is our highest priority**. We are fully committed to creating a child-safe environment and understand that this requires active participation from every member of our club. With the introduction of the Child and Youth Safe Organisations Act 2023, all members now share a responsibility to ensure the safety of children and young people involved in our programs.

We are working not only towards compliance, but towards best practice in line with the Child and Youth Safe Framework, the Child and Youth Safe Standards, and the Universal Principle.

Our Commitment

Kingston Beach SLSC has adopted Surf Life Saving Australia's Child Safety Commitment Statement, which outlines our shared values and expectations. You can read the full statement [here](#).

What This Means for Members

As part of Surf Life Saving Tasmania's updated policies, all members aged 18 and over must:

- Hold a current Registration to Work with Vulnerable People (RWVP)
- Complete the SLS Child Safe Awareness online module

If you do not currently hold a RWVP registration, you can apply [here](#).

About the Child Safe Awareness Module

This online course is designed to build awareness and understanding across the Surf Life Saving community. It covers:

- Recognising signs of child abuse and understanding child protection
- An overview of Surf Life Saving Australia's Member Protection Policy
- How to take appropriate action if you have concerns for a child's safety

The module is available through the SLS Members Area – simply log in to get started – [SLS Members Area – Login](#)



Membership Fees

| CATEGORY | EARLY BIRD RATE Valid until 31 st October 2025 | NORMAL SEASON FEES |
|---------------------------|---|--------------------|
| Family | \$330 | \$360 |
| Active (18 years & older) | \$125 | \$140 |
| Cadet (14 to 17 years) | \$125 | \$140 |
| Nipper (U8 - U14) | \$135 | \$150 |
| Seahorse (U6 - U7) | \$90 | \$100 |
| Associate | \$50 | \$60 |
| Nipper Parent | \$50 | \$60 |

* Family is assumed to be up to 2 adults and their children who are Under 18 or full-time students. Early Bird Membership Renewal is open until 31/10/2025. Renewals and payments can be made through your SLS Hub account. If you have any questions or require assistance with the registration or payment process, please contact our Club Registrar via the club email → kingstonbeachslsc@gmail.com.

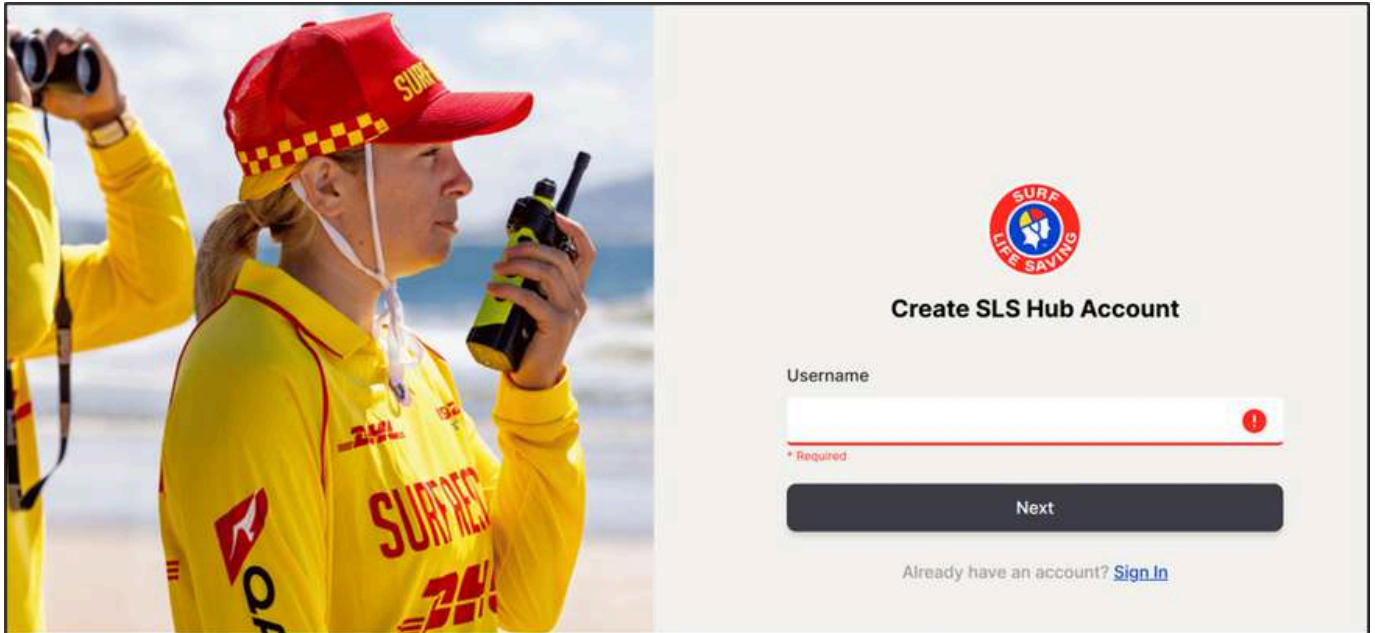


Ticket to Play – Ticket to Play is a Tasmanian Government program designed to reduce the cost of participating in club sport for young Tasmanians. Eligible participants can receive a voucher to use towards the cost of membership of approved clubs. Kingston Beach SLSC are a registered sporting club and members who qualify can use this voucher to offset their membership fee.

Find out more about Ticket to Play by visiting [Ticket To Play](#).

Registration

Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) requires all Nippers and at least one parent to be current financial members of a club as per our Nipper Membership Policy. Non-financial members will not be able to participate until their membership is renewed and paid online.



NEW MEMBERS:

To join Kingston Beach Surf Life Saving Club, please start [here](#) by creating a Surf Life Saving account for you as the parent.

Select that you have not been a member of a Surf Club before – select that you want to join a Surf Life Saving Club – select Kingston Beach SLSC – select join a family. It is important to select Family so parents/guardians can process their own registration alongside their child/children. Please pay the membership fees inside the SLS Hub portal and send your RWVP details to the club via the form. Your request will then go to the club to be processed by the club registrar.

RETURNING MEMBERS:

Our returning members need to log into their SLS Hub account (previously Members Area) to renew memberships. Please note that some members will need to create a SLS Hub account to access this area. Please use the Parent/Guardian details to log in (ensuring the parent/guardian is a club member as per the Nipper Membership Policy). Once logged into the SLS Hub, you can renew your family.

Pathways after Nippers

Wondering what comes next after your child finishes Under 14s? Or curious about how you, as a parent, can get more involved in the club? We're lucky to have a wide range of exciting opportunities for members of all ages and skill levels. Here are some of the fantastic pathways available:

For 13–15 Year Olds

Once Nippers complete Under 14s, they become Cadets and can begin exploring new roles and responsibilities within the club. Here are some great ways they can stay involved:

Surf Rescue Certificate (Orange Vest)

After earning their Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC), Cadets can support Nippers by providing water safety during Sunday sessions, training, carnivals, and community events like Ocean Swims and the Starfish Nipper Program. These hours also count toward their patrol requirements.

Age Manager Assistant

A fun and rewarding role where youth members help guide younger Nippers through surf safety and education, while being mentored by experienced Age Managers. It's a great way to build leadership skills and give back to the program.

Nipper Safety Assistant (Green Vest)

For those not ready for the SRC, this entry-level role requires a 50m open water swim, 2-minute tread water, a tube rescue, and basic signal knowledge. It allows members to assist with water safety for Seahorses and Under 8s.

First Aid Certificate (Minimum age: 14)

SLST offers free First Aid courses to members. With this qualification, you can join patrols without needing aquatic rescue awards. It's a valuable life skill and looks great on a resume.



Pathways after Nippers



For 13–15 Year Olds

Advanced Resuscitation Techniques (Minimum age: 15, must hold First Aid Certificate)

This course teaches advanced first aid skills including airway management, oxygen therapy, and bleeding control.

Radio Operators Certificate

Learn how to operate communication systems used in lifesaving. Ideal for those working toward aquatic rescue awards or wanting to support patrols in a non-water-based role.

For Members Aged 15+

At 15, members can earn their **Bronze Medallion**, unlocking a wide range of opportunities in aquatic rescue, leadership, and club involvement:

Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) Crew & Driver

Start training as an IRB Crew member at 15, and progress to IRB Driver training from 16. These roles are vital for patrols and can lead to joining the Emergency Response Team. Bronze Medallion required.

Silver Medallion Patrol Captain (Minimum age: 17, with 2 years patrolling experience)

Gain the skills to lead a patrol team and manage beach safety operations. Bronze Medallion required.



Pathways after Nippers



For Members Aged 15+

Age Manager

One of the most fulfilling roles in the club—teaching and mentoring the next generation of lifesavers in a safe, supportive, and fun environment.

Carnival Official

Love the buzz of carnivals but not keen to compete? Become a Core or Technical Official and support our athletes from the front row. This can even lead to national opportunities.

Coaching Pathways

Passionate about surf sports? Whether you're a beach sprinter or a water specialist, coaching is a great way to help develop our athletes. Opportunities include Foundation, Development, and Performance Coaching.

Club Administration & Operations

There are many behind-the-scenes roles that help keep the club running smoothly—from event coordination to communications and governance. Your skills could make a big impact!



Senior Surf Sports



Once you've completed your final season as a Nipper, a whole new world of surf sports opens up! Whether you're keen to compete, stay fit, or just be part of the action, Senior Surf Sports offers something for everyone.

Senior Surf Sports includes a wide range of competitive and recreational activities for members aged 14 and up. These events build on the skills learned in Nippers and introduce more advanced techniques, teamwork, and strategy. You'll find opportunities to compete at club, regional, state, and even national levels.

Here's what you can get involved in:

Individual Events

Swim, Board, Ski, Beach Sprint, Flags, 2km Run

Test your speed, endurance, and surf skills in a variety of disciplines.

Team Events

Board Relay, Taplin Relay, Rescue Tube Rescue, Cameron Relay

Work together with your clubmates to compete in exciting multi-leg races.



Senior Surf Sports



Lifesaving Events

Combine your patrol skills with competition in events like First Aid, Patrol Competition, and Champion Lifesaver.

Why Get Involved?

- Stay active and connected with your club
- Build confidence and leadership skills
- Travel and compete with friends
- Open doors to coaching, officiating, and mentoring roles
- Be part of a supportive and fun community

Masters Surf Sports

Surf Sports isn't just for youth—parents and older members can join in too! Masters events are open to members aged 30 and over, with age categories in 5-year brackets. Whether you're a former competitor or just want to give it a go, Masters Surf Sports is a great way to stay fit, have fun, and be part of the action.

If you're interested in joining our Senior or Masters training groups, please reach out and we can pass on all information.



Additional Information

Nipper Education
[SLST – Nippers Resources](#)

SLST Training Pathways
<https://www.slst.asn.au/training-education/>

SLST Child Safe Information
<https://www.slst.asn.au/be-safe/child-safe/>

Surf Sports Manual
[Surf Sports Manual SLSC](#)

Surf Life Saving Tasmania website
<https://www.slst.asn.au/>

Starfish Nippers Program
<https://www.starfishNippers.com.au/>

SLS Members Hub
Log In to the portal [here](#)





