



Nippers 2017-2018 Handbook

"Where futures take flight"



Committee

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All Committee members are volunteers as are all our helpers including water safety officers, age managers and most of our coaches. Committee meetings are held once a month in the Ross Bartlett room at the Club. All interested persons are welcome to attend. The Nipper AGM is held each year at the completion of the nipper season.

"Welcome to Nippers at Sunshine Beach"

Thank you for choosing Sunshine as your club. The Nipper Program is the foundation and the future of Sunshine Beach SLSC.

The Sunday Nipper Program is for ALL young lifesavers regardless of their skill level. By season end that skill level will have increased by giving the children skills and knowledge that will last them a life time.

The Nipper Program at Sunshine Beach is very highly respected though out the lifesaving community. Nippers is run by Volunteers.

A very high standard is set by these dedicated and committed volunteers that make Sunshine Beach Nippers a successfully and recognised Junior Sporting Program. PLEASE ask what you can do to contribute

Sunshine Beach Nippers offers "Surf Sports"

Surf Sports is for the nippers who would like to compete in carnivals and do extra Skills Training during the week. When it comes to competition Sunshine Beach punches well above it's weight at Branch and State Level.

I along with the Junior Activity Committee, Welcome you all on board. I sincerely hope that you enjoy being part of our club. I am looking forward to the season ahead and seeing you all on the beach.

Shaun Lees

Director of Junior Activities

History of Nippers

Sunshine Beach Surf Lifesaving Club was formed in 1980 when Marjorie Tripp persuaded 25 local surfers to begin the club in a tin shed. The club now has a large number of active members performing preventative actions and rescues each season and enjoying the wonderful clubhouse facilities.

With the growth of the community and our club, the need for a Junior Activities 'Nippers' program was evident, and our 'Nippers' first hit the beach in the 1993/94 season with 45 members. Our Nipper ranks have steadily increased in number to over 200 last season, along with our program and sport achievements. The great family atmosphere of Club Sundays remains, whilst at the same time our success in competition has reached new heights.

The surf club is the perfect family activity with nipper and cadet programs teaching surf safety and water confidence to our children, and adults finding pleasure in volunteering and mateship through our many family friendly social and lifesaving activities.

Membership Fees

Parents/guardians must join the club for insurance purposes and must obtain a 'Working with Children' BlueCard when taking on a role within the club. Sunshine Beach Nippers has a NO REFUNDS policy, and no new nipper registrations will be accepted after December 1st each year. Extenuating circumstances considered at JAC discretion.

Nipper Fees 2017/2018

| Membership Category | Fee | Conditions | Included |
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| Active Member "PATROLS ONLY" (U/15 – Masters) | \$60 | Applies to all Active, Cadet, Long Service, Roving Patrol Members and Award Holders who " do not " participate in Actives training or competition activities. | SLSQ Insurance Levy Gym Access Club Meal/Drink Discounts Active Club BBQ's Active Xmas Party Patrol Refreshments Ocean Squad Training (Wed) NAC Squad Subsidies (30% capped at \$500 p.a) |
| Active Member "PATROLS & TRAINING" (U/15 – Masters) | \$80 | Applies to all Active, Cadet, Long Service and Roving Patrol Members who participate in designated Actives training. Participants in competitor training also pay this fee and the surf sports levy as below. | SLSQ Insurance Levy Gym Access Club Meal/Drink Discounts Active Club BBQ's Active Xmas Party Patrol Refreshments Actives Training Sessions Ocean Squad Training (Wed) NAC Squad Subsidies (30% capped at \$500 p.a) |
| Active Junior Member (U/7 – 14 Nippers) | \$50 | Applies to all U/7 to U/14 "Nippers" with the age of the member taken as at 1 October. This fee is paid in conjunction with the Nipper Season Levy (as per below). All Junior Members "Nippers" must have one parent join as a member. | SLSQ Insurance Levy Nippers BBQ's Nipper Xmas Party Professional Coaching Junior Training Sessions Ocean Squad Training (Max) NAC Squad Subsidies (30% capped at \$500 p.a) |
| Associate Member (Non-Active Parent) | \$45 | Non-Active Parent/Guardian of a Junior Member | SLSQ Insurance Levy Blue Card Application Reciprocal rights to Supporters Club Listed Nipper Activities |
| Nipper Season Levy | \$80 | Applies to each Nipper Family and must be paid with membership. This compulsory fee is included in the Nipper Family Cap | Listed Nipper Activities |
| Nipper Family Cap | \$295 | Applies to Nipper Families which includes; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑️ Two Adults (Active and/or Associate) ☑️ Two or more Junior Members ☑️ Nipper Season Levy | Listed Nipper Activities |
| Surf Sports Levy (Per Participant) | \$100 | Applies to all proficient Active Members (U/11-Masters) who participate in specialised club approved training and/or competitions. One levy is applied to each participant and must be paid by 1st August to continue training. | Professional Coaching Specialised Training Sessions Carnival Entries Swim Squad Subsidies Gym Training (U/15's over) Nutritional Guidance |
| Nipper Board Hire | \$100 | Applies to hire of club craft and must be paid before use. | Refer to Surf Sports Handbook |
| Nipper Foamie Hire | \$50 | Applies to hire of club craft and must be paid before use. | Refer to Surf Sports Handbook |

Calendar Dates & Club News

The Nipper season begins 1st October 2017 and finishes in March 2018. Club Sundays are not held for 2-3 weeks over the Christmas period. Our Nipper calendar outlines important dates throughout the season and we recommend that you keep this calendar in view. Nipper families receive the Club newsletter 'Sea Eagle' via email each week and important news will also be circulated via email. Our website is updated with Nipper info regularly, go to: www.sunshinebeachslsc.com.au and click on the Nippers page under Lifesaving.



Follow us on **Facebook** at our secure Sunshine Beach Nippers Group Facebook page, only current nipper families are able to access this page. It is a source of information, announcements and also a place to share photos of our Nippers. Request to join 'Sunshine Nippers' on Facebook.

Club Sundays

Club days are the foundation from which we build basic surf skills, competition skills and awards knowledge. The aims of Club day activities are:

- instruction in surf safety & surf awareness
- lifesaving & first aid skill development
- competitive sport activities
- platform to senior beach patrolling duties
- enjoyable social activity for children & parents

Club Sundays are on, rain, hail or shine. If surf conditions are adverse, there are always beach or indoor instructional sessions on offer. Each Sunday begins at **7.45am sharp** outside the roller doors at the Club. Helpers for weekly beach set up are required at 7am. Upcoming events, carnivals, fundraising and other important announcements will be made before nippers starts. Parents rostered on for BBQ duty will also be advised.

All nippers must be signed on by their parents/guardians before being allowed to participate in Club Sunday Activities. Once Nippers is finished, nippers must be signed off before being allowed to leave the beach.

Please bring a water bottle and a towel, we also recommend swim goggles for those nippers doing swims. Pack a warm jumper or jacket during the cooler weather. Club Sundays finish at approximately 10:00-10:30 am.

No child will be able to participate on Club Sundays without a parent/guardian present on the beach at all times. **If your child needs to leave the beach any time during Club Sundays, you must notify their Age Manager.**

Water Safety

Water safety is a great way to become involved with your children and we regularly run courses for parents, so please contact us if you are interested. Water safety personnel need to complete a **Bronze Medallion** or **Surf Rescue Certificate**. **PLEASE NOTE THAT PARENTS CANNOT ACCOMPANY SWIMMERS IN WATER UNLESS QUALIFIED AND PROFICIENT WITH BRONZE MEDALLION (BM) OR SURF RESCUE CERTIFICATE (SRC)**

Sunshine Beach SLSC endorses the **SLSQ Water Safety Policy and Procedures** which can be found on the club website.

Water safety personnel **must** wear orange caps and orange rashies during water activities and they **must** sign on/off with the water safety coordinator. At least 50% of water safety personnel must be in the water and the remaining personnel conducting on-the-beach surveillance. The Water Safety Coordinator liaises with the Patrol Captain each Sunday and decides if the surf conditions are suitable to conduct activities. If conditions become unsafe, water activities will be stopped.

No race, water activity or other club approved nipper training session will commence unless there are sufficient water safety personnel for minimum ratios (generally 1:5). Refer SLSQ water safety procedures for full requirements.



Uniforms

Club Uniform Shop

Nipper Season Opening Hours:- Sunday 7:30am – 9am with Tara Lees and Michelle O'Connor

The Club Uniform Shop caters for all Sunshine Beach Club Members, ranging from Nippers through to Masters. Selected items for club supporters are also available. This season we look forward to our partnership with "ENGINE Australia".

Information from the Club Uniform Shop will be regularly posted on the Sunshine Beach Facebook site.

Club Uniform Policy

Club Sunday Nippers Uniform – Under 7's –U13's

- Age appropriate coloured cap
- Sunshine Beach Club *swimwear
- High Visibility Pink rash shirt/ rash singlet

Club Competition Uniform – Nippers/Cadets/Masters

- **Engine** Sunshine Beach Club *swimwear
- **Engine** High Visibility Pink rash singlet club logo
- **Sunshine Beach** club competition cap

*Our swimwear is made for **beach wear only**. We strongly advise that club togs **not** be worn in pools as they will perish quickly*

We are now able to accept Cash and Eftpos / Visa / Mastercard (No Amex accepted)

Age Groups

Each age group can be identified by the colour of the cap that they wear on Club Sundays. This helps Age Managers, water safety officers, patrol members and parents keep track of your children in and out of the water. Age groups are determined by your child's age as at 30 September. (ie if they are aged 9 on 30 Sept, they will be in the U10 group)

| Age Group | Cap Colour | Age Managers |
|-----------|------------|---------------------------------------|
| U7 | Blue | TBA |
| U8 | Pink | John Gooderham |
| U9 | Purple | Guy Jones, Justin Wyatt |
| U10 | Green | Michael Tarrant, John Lewis |
| U11 | Red | Steve Wilson, Jim Selby |
| U12 | Yellow | Steven Boyd, Jacqui Otto |
| U13 | Club Cap | Natasha (Tash) Fabulic, Brad Harrison |
| U14 | Club Cap | Clare Derrington, Jason Hooper |

Age Managers are responsible for the care of your child from the moment you sign your child on each week until you sign them off. Please introduce yourself to your Age Manager and remember to advise them of any special needs your child may have.

Age Managers meet @ 7.30am on Club Sundays while the Gear Steward and helpers set up equipment. At 7.45am you should be outside the roller doors with the Nippers in their Age Groups, cap & sunscreen applied, ready to be signed on. Activities begin at 8.00am.

Age managers often require assistance so please offer to help if you can.



Under 14 Nippers

As the senior Nippers of the club, the Under 14's have a more flexible program on Club Sundays. They are role models to the younger age groups and often help with leadership tasks, coaching and water safety. U14's may have specialist coaches and may also participate in a variety of different activities throughout the season.

Under 14's are expected to lead by example, be it in competition, while providing water safety or when simply participating and mentoring fellow Nippers on Sunday mornings.

Competency Assessments

Each season all children must complete a SLSA preliminary pool swim before they are able to join the club. They must also complete a run-swim-run before they can participate in water activities on the beach and a surf competition proficiency before they can compete at carnivals. Times and requirements are set out below.

| Age Group @ 1st OCT | Pool Swim Competency | Beach Run Swim Run Assessment | Competition Evaluation | Surf Education Award |
|---------------------|--|-------------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| U7 | Torpedo (push off wall) with face in water 30 sec float | Nil | Nil | Surf Play 2 |
| U8 | 25m freestyle & 1 min float | 25m run, 25m wade, 25m run | 25m run, 25m wade, 25m run | Surf Aware 1 |
| U9 | 50m freestyle & 1 min float | 50m run, 50m swim, 50m run | 150m swim as per Competition manual | Surf Aware 2 |
| U10 | 50m freestyle & 90sec float | 50m run, 50m swim, 50m run | 150m swim as per Competition manual | Surf Safe 1 |
| U11 | 100m freestyle & 2 min float | 50m run, 100m swim, 50m run | 288m swim as per Competition manual | Surf Safe 2 |
| U12 | 100m freestyle & 3 min float | 50m run, 100m swim, 50m run | 288m swim as per Competition manual | Surf Smart 1 |
| U13 | 150m freestyle & 3 min float | 100m run, 100m swim, 100m run | 288m swim as per Competition manual | Surf Smart 2 Resus Cert |
| U14 | 200m freestyle swim in less than 5 mins 3 min float | 100m run, 100m swim, 100m run | 288m swim as per SLSQ Competition manual | Surf Rescue Certificate |

- Age group is determined by age on 30 September; U7 Nippers must be 6 years by this date to participate.
- U8's must complete lessons 6 & 7 from Surf Aware One Certificate prior to completing their Competency Test.
- Competency assessments must be achieved to be eligible to compete at carnivals. Please see your Age Manager or pick up a copy of the Surf Sports handbook for more information.
- ***Pool swims must be completed satisfactorily before children can be registered.***

We do not teach children to swim, our aim is to develop their surf skills and confidence in the ocean and beach environment. If your child cannot swim competently they are a risk to themselves and others. Please consider this before registering your child in any nippers program.

To improve and enhance your nippers experience in our surf skills program, we encourage you to book them into swimming lessons/squad training on a regular basis. See *Subsidies* in Surf Sports Handbook (conditions apply).

Surf Education Awards

An important part of our nipper program is the gaining of a yearly award. Every child must satisfy all the criteria of their relevant award and achieve a 60% attendance on Club Sundays to receive this qualification.

Training for these awards commences as soon as the season starts so **attendance from the beginning of Nippers is essential**. Our Age Managers program and review all the appropriate skills necessary to pass the award during the first 3 months of Club Sundays even though the Nippers may not be aware they are doing it!

- Surf Play - For U7's introduces beach safety, patrols, where to find help etc.
- Surf Aware - For U8's & U9's begins the development of surf awareness and skills, & develops knowledge of recreational safety in an aquatic environment.
- Surf Safe - For U10's & U11's builds & enhances the ideas, knowledge & skills learnt in surf awareness & introduces hazards and issues of self-survival.
- Surf Smart - For U12's & U13's introduces children to surf lifesaving patrol activities and focuses on the basics of lifesaving practices such as resuscitation and first aid.
- Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) - For U14's. At 13 years of age members are eligible to train for their first Surf Lifesaving award, the Surf Rescue Certificate. The SRC is a traineeship for the Bronze Medallion which can be gained at 15 years. The SRC is also the minimum requirement for water safety duties. Nippers must gain their SRC before they can compete in Branch or State carnivals.

Parental Involvement

Like all volunteer organisations we need help in many ways:

- Water Safety – In keeping with SLSQ policy we must have one Water Safety personnel for every 5 children in the water (every 10 at carnivals). If you would like to join our water safety team please let our Water Safety Coordinator know so that you can be booked into the first available course. See *Water Safety p5*.

An SRC (Surf Rescue Certificate) course requires a qualifying swim of 200m in less than 5 minutes. Training involves approx. 36 hours of contact time with a qualified trainer and includes basic First Aid, CPR techniques, surf skills, rescue techniques and patrol practices. Courses are usually run over a 6 week period requiring one evening and one weekend morning of your time each week.

- Officials – Similarly we must provide 1 official for every 10 competitors at carnivals. Again parents are asked to register for the next available official's course. This is run by Branch HQ at Mooloolaba and generally takes a few hours. Participants have to be minimum 18 years old, approximately 3 to 4 carnivals and be judged competent to gain
- BBQ – Will be run on Club Sundays. Our BBQ Coordinator needs a crew to help so age groups will be rostered on each week to assist.
- Workforce - Getting all the equipment set up prior to the commencement of Club Sundays and ensuring the gear is washed off, packed up and put away afterwards is the task of the workforce. The workforce is guided by our Gear Steward who is responsible for ensuring all equipment is in good working order.



The unique nature of this organisation is that it caters for a diversity of interests and skill levels. Sunshine takes pride in being a family oriented Club and encourages parents to be involved. It's a great way to meet everyone it's your club, the more you contribute, the more you will gain!

Please tell the Committee of any service, sponsorship or abilities you have that could help our club.

Fundraising

Junior activities rely heavily on fundraising for all aspects of Nippers. Equipment purchases and maintenance, BBQ's, the end of season activity, Presentation Day and swim and board subsidies (see p10), all cost money. All families are expected to support our fundraising efforts and need to be actively involved in fundraising events.

In order to be eligible to receive club subsidies there is a requirement that you will contribute to the fundraising activities of the Club by supporting the majority of fundraising opportunities. In line with this policy a register of fundraising events attended will be maintained.

Our major fundraisers are:

- Surf Rescue Appeal (Tin Shake)- This is a statewide fundraiser. Nippers are set up (under parental supervision) at selected shopping centres to collect money in tins.
- Weekly BBQ - Our Sunday BBQ raises much needed funds every week to help fund and update our gear and equipment. An age group roster is created for the season and highlighted on the Nipper Calendar. It is expected that at least 3 adults from the age group help on the nominated Sunday(s). This is also a great way to meet other parents of kids in your own age group
- 10 Grand in the Hand– This event is the Sunshine Beach Surf Lifesaving Clubs' biggest FUNdraiser of the year and requires the help of all Nipper families to sell 400 tickets at \$100 each. 10 Grand culminates in a fun, entertaining and exciting event held on an afternoon at the Club during the Nipper season with one lucky winner walking away with \$10,000 cash! Each nipper family is expected to sell at least 2 tickets. Competitive nippers and their families are also expected to help out on the day.
- Raffles - Our Competitive U11-U14 Nippers are allocated Sunday afternoons to sell raffle tickets at the club from 3.00pm. Allow 2-3 hours to sell the tickets as sales depend on the amount of patrons in the club at the time as well as the persuasiveness of the sellers. Nippers are expected to wear Sunshine Beach Nipper shirts and/or caps to sell raffle tickets. **Parents must accompany children whilst selling raffle tickets in the club** as it is a licensed venue. It generally isn't difficult to sell the tickets as people love hearing stories from the kids about Nippers. Please help by nominating the Sundays that you are available.

Coaching Programs

Sunshine Beach SLSC Nipper Training Program offers members from U8-U14 weekly training sessions that include both skill and fitness development. Not only does this help prepare many of the younger members to enjoy both the ocean and competition it also creates great friendships and instils a greater level of confidence in all surf conditions.

NIPPERS MUST WEAR PINK RASHY AND CLUB CAP TO ALL WATER BASED TRAINING

Through the Surf Sports area of the Surf Club, the Nipper Program is provided with both paid and volunteer coaches to help create a training environment, with ample water safety on hand to make sure all our young charges can take on the challenges of the ocean and develop their own abilities safely.

The U8-10 program is very much about gaining confidence and enjoying the ocean, and usually begins in September and concludes near the end of March, with club coach Brock Redwood, taking charge this summer. (Board sessions U9-U10)

The U11-U14 are guided by the club's senior coaching staff, with training running from August to the end of the season in March.

Training sessions are run at either Sunshine Beach, Noosa Beach or in Noosa River, depending on the focus for the session and the ocean conditions.

The sessions involve flat water technique, ocean education plus general cross-training is available for better strength and basic fitness.



Coaches certainly encourage each Nippers to swim 2-3 times per week, so a general level of confidence in the water and the ability to swim comfortably allows each individual to enjoy their time in the ocean with the other Nippers.

Beach events are another fantastic part of Nipper activities, with the Club offering weekly beach training sessions with the beach coach (sprints, flags, baton training and running transitions for water events).

The details of these sessions along with the other Club training, is released through the Club's social media outlets and via email.

Like many physical activities we try when we're children, it allows us a base level of skill that stays with us for a large portion of our lives – it is this principle, we believe, is vitally important in creating great future lifesavers with high levels of understanding and competency in the ocean.

Please read the Sea Eagle and Facebook for dates, times and position of sessions.

Sunshine Beach Coaching Staff:

Head Coach: Josh Minogue

Assistant Coach (u9 – u10s): Brock Redwood and Zion Pettigrove

Beach Coach: Pauline Gleeson

Subsidies / Rebates

Sunshine Beach Nippers endeavours to provide the best nippers experience that we can for all our members. We understand that the cost of participating in everything that Nippers has to offer can be prohibitive so we do our best to raise the funds needed to subsidise many of our activities. All subsidies depend on our fundraising efforts; the more we raise the more we can offer. Funds are used on a priority basis and activities which directly support lifesaving always have priority, however with the support of ALL our members we are usually able to raise enough to assist with the following: (JAC retains the right to alter subsidies / rebates for individual circumstances)

- **Training Programs** - The Surf Rescue Certificate for water safety personnel, Officials courses and coaching courses that supply our qualified personnel all come at a cost. In fact even the surf education programs that our nippers train for have a financial component. All these programs are paid from our fundraising efforts.
- **Swim Rebates** - Sunshine Beach Nippers are encouraged to participate in swim squads to enhance their surf skill acquisition. They may swim with any coach but they must be in mini squad level or higher (no LTS programs). A rebate is provided to nippers who participate in Club Sundays, attend training and **help fundraise** during the Nipper season. Our intention is for this program to continue for years to come. See surf sports for more details.
- **Board Rebates** – See Surf sports handbook

Carnivals- See the Surf Sports Handbook on the Web page

Competition takes place several times during the season within our Branch, at mini local carnivals and occasionally in other Branches.

All Nippers are encouraged to participate in our Club Championship Day. If your child is interested in a higher level of competition, you should obtain a copy of the Competitors Handbook from the Club website. Sunshine Coast Branch runs non-competitive carnivals for U8-10 nippers.

Club Championships

Club championship competition will be held on a Club Sunday during the season and all Nippers are encouraged to participate in this fun day. Medals will be awarded on the day for the result on that day only.

Events are:

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| U 8 | Shallow Wade | Deep Wade | Sprints | Flags | |
| U 9 | Wade | Swim | Board | Sprints | Flags |
| U 10 | Wade | Swim | Board | Sprints | Flags |
| U 11 | Swim | Board | Ironperson | Sprints | Flags |
| U 12 | Swim | Board | Ironperson | Sprints | Flags |
| U 13 | Swim | Board | Ironperson | Sprints | Flags |
| U 14 | Swim | Board | Ironperson | Sprints | Flags |

Point system:

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|-----------------|----------|
| 1 st | 6 points |
| 2 nd | 5 points |
| 3 rd | 4 points |
| 4 th | 3 points |
| 5 th | 2 points |
| 6 th | 1 point |

NB: U7's do not compete for points or places.



Presentation Day / Annual Awards

Nippers are recognised for their efforts throughout the year on Presentation Day held at the end of the season. The date for this will be announced during the season. The Surf Sports Program will present awards based on carnival performances. See the Surf Sports Handbook for these details.

Some special Nipper awards include:

- Ken Brown Encouragement Award - acknowledges the Nipper who always tries hard, attends regularly on Club Sundays and perhaps does not achieve much recognition. This award is presented to a Nipper in each age group from Under 8's to Under 14's with one of these recipients to receive the overall perpetual trophy, that being voted on by committee and age managers.
- Sunshine Spirit Award - presented to the junior nipper who epitomises the culture of Surf Life Saving.
- Most Improved Junior - awarded to a nipper from the U9-10 age groups who has shown development in surf skills and in their understanding of Surf Life Saving.
- Most Improved Senior - awarded to a nipper in the U11-14 group who displayed increased development in surf skills and improved understanding of Surf Life Saving.

DETAILS OF LAST SEASONS AWARDS ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN THE ANNUAL REPORT

Working with Children Screening Policy

Surf Life Saving at all levels is committed to the health, safety and well-being of all of its members and is dedicated to providing a safe and enjoyable environment for them.

In order to protect our members 18 years and under from all forms of physical and mental abuse, injury exploitations and violence, and also to protect the adults who work with children, SLSA has adopted the policy of the National Council related to the screening of all people who work with children.

Sunshine Beach SLSC provides this screening FREE of charge and all parents/guardians MUST comply when taking on a role within the club. New members will have completed an application at sign-on and renewing members may have been sent an application in their renewal pack.

Bluecards, as the proof of screening has come to be known because of the colour of the card you receive on approval, last for 3 years or for Teachers and Police Officers, for the term of their employment. Please be sure to keep your bluecard up to date and carry it with you whenever you are helping out with Nipper activities. It can take up to six weeks to have it renewed and if it expires you will not be permitted to help with any club activities until you receive your updated card.

Bluecard application and renewal forms are available from Club Reception and renewal applications must be returned via the Club to allow registration on Surfmate, the Surf Life Saving database - please do not forward directly to the National Council. If you hold a bluecard that was not issued through Surf Lifesaving you can complete an authorization form (also available from Reception) which will allow Surf Lifesaving to have access to your details.

ALL parents of nippers performing any role MUST obtain this card. Please see Reception for details.

Code of Conduct -See Resources and Forms Page on website

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Nippers on Facebook – Search for ' Sunshine Nippers' and request to join