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TO: Clubs, Presidents, and Secretaries, Junior Activity Chairperson **FROM: Doug Hawkins**
Director of Junior Development and Youth
CC: SLSS Management

SUBJECT: SLSA Junior Activity Chairperson Training Course – Trial Version

Please find below information regarding the new SLSA Junior Activity Chairpersons Training Course - Trial Version planned for Sydney Branch on March 29th 2014.

This SLSA Trial Course has been successfully presented across five NSW Branches and is now scheduled for Sydney Branch.

The course is directed at current and future Junior Activity Chairpersons, their management teams, Age Mgr Co-ordinators and Age Mgrs.

From the presentations delivered across the State the response has also been that this is a course that is also beneficial for Club and Vice Club Captains, and other Snr Club Mgt members, as the presentation is delivered from a "Whole of Club" approach - not just from a Nippers perspective.

As we are all aware a successful, efficient, effective and planned Nipper program can deliver long term benefits to our clubs in many ways, covering retention, patrolling members and new member engagement, while being one of the major community events seen by the local community each week at your beach.

We would encourage all clubs to send a contingent of members from both Snr and Jnrs to the course, as we do believe it will assist all aspects of your club, now and in the future.

The course is being presented across the NSW Branches by Doug Hawkins - SLS Sydney BJD Director

Please RSVP to Branch office of the team your club will be sending by Tuesday 25 March 2014 by completing the below table.

Club:

Name attending:	Position in club

We hope to see you there..

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Wanda Elouera North Cronulla Cronulla
Clovelly Coogee Maroubra South Maroubra
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**SLSA Junior Activity Chairperson Training Course - Trial Version:
Sydney Branch Presentation March 29th 2014**

Location TBC - (we are seeking a location at a halfway point within the Branch to make easy
for all to attend)

The aim of this training course is to provide Junior Activity Chairs, and their management teams, with the skills, knowledge, experience and understanding to manage the successful and efficient running of Junior Activities at a Surf Life Saving Club.

As SLS Nippers continues to grow across Australia there are greater expectations and greater responsibilities on those who manage and lead their clubs Nipper Teams. Nippers accounts for nearly 50% of our membership nationally.

At present, and in most club situations, the person who leads the Nippers may only need to be a club member, to be in **one of their clubs most responsible positions** - (In some clubs they are required to have their BM as a minimum and be a previous Age Mgr)

To ensure we have the best trained people looking after our largest group of members, and our future lifesavers, this course sets out the information required to deliver an extended and future proof program, supported by solid engagement practices and practical tools to ensure your Nippers is provided by a "Whole of Club Approach"

Nippers is NOT just board, run, swim and flags session each Sunday for 22+ weeks over six seasons (9-14's) - It is however, one of the most important areas of every SLS club, and has major impacts on club culture, future and current membership, patrolling and how many see your club as part of the local community

For some people the entry into Nipper Mgt is a quick ask, A quick yes or maybe, and then you are in ..and maybe not fully aware of the level of responsibility, and also what needs to be achieved and what can be achieved with your young nippers as they move through the ranks of "Junior Lifesavers in Training".

During season 2013-2014 this Trial version was delivered to five SLSNSW Branches, with great responses and enthusiasm for the course from those who attended.

This course is for all current and future Junior Activity Chairpersons's, and their management teams, and Age Mgr Co-ordinators. Age Mgrs are also welcome to attend.

Upon successful completion of this course, participants will receive the Junior Activity Chair Training Award which will be recognised in member award lists in SurfGuard.

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Course Overview:

9.00am	Welcome – WHS – Overview of the day
9.10am	Role of the Junior Activity Chairperson
9.40am	The Role of Junior Activities
10.00am	Surf Education
10.30am	Morning Tea
10.45am	Responsibilities and duties of a JAC (and their team) and the Club <i>(including regulations at your beach)</i>
11.45am	Providing a Safe Environment for all -
1.00pm	Lunch
1.30pm	People Management - Parental Engagement
2.30pm	Building and growing your Nippers - Delivering future patrolling members
3.00pm	Questions and Answers session

Some of the topics covered on the day are the following

- Presenting Surf Life Saving to a wide spectrum of the local Community
- Professional approach – remember you are on display to all!
- Deliver a safe environment including aquatic and extended areas.
- Need to implement SLSA Rules and Regulations
- Develop a positive culture of participation and fun
- Enriching, educational and community focused
- Develop a well-balanced program with a broad range of activities to engage your members
- Your Nipper team (especially Age Managers) need to demonstrate a one club approach
- Include and engage your greatest resource – your parents!

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