

# Nipper Parent Engagement A Sense of Belonging

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# Parent Engagement

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Lifesaving Club delivering skills  
to the Community

Community Club delivering  
Lifesaving Services

Part of the whole local community



# Parent Engagement

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This approach needs to be a  
One Club approach  
..not Nippers or Seniors only

Coogee SLSC has now trained over  
250 Nipper Parents to attain their  
SLS Bronze Medallion and  
ongoing SLS Awards



# Parent Engagement

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Engagement



Training - Understanding



A Sense of Belonging



Involvement



Increased Active Role



# Baseline

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- Everyone who works on the beach at Nippers on behalf of your Surf Club should be an SLS financial member..
- ...if not No Insurance - lack of Duty of Care..
- In today's world, no-one should be working with kids within a Surf Club, without some form of defined training... common sense...
- How can you guarantee the above...and deliver a more efficient and effective Nippers and more involved Club overall



# Baseline

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# Starting Point

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All Parents who work on the beach  
attend a Club Training Session  
(Generic version available)

Attend the Session  
Join the Club (Defined Role)  
Get the Shirt (Sponsored)  
Sign the Child Protection form  
More confidence on the beach



# Outcome on the day

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All Parents now feel informed  
They are all now part of the Club  
They identify as part of a “tribe”  
....Others now want to join them

They now have an understanding of  
what SLS Nippers is really all about...

- Training Young Lifesavers -





# Form an Identity

## Coogee Minnows DADS/*Mums* ARMY





# Next Stage

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## Parent Engagement

- Work as a team - they are informed
- Opportunity to learn new skills or use current ones - Nurse, teacher, Mgt etc
- They see others having even more fun on a Sunday... on boards, in IRB's... those in the water in the flouro rashie -
- NEXT: Bronze Medal Package specifically made for Nipper Parents



# Our Approach BM for Parents



- Do the course with like minded people
- Same issues of family, time, skills and fitness
- Now presented by those who have gone before
- 7-8 week course





# Our Approach BM for Parents



- Fitness Program to support the Course
- Fitness incl's Surf Skills
- Delivered as a support session - not compulsory
- 2 x 45min sessions per weeks commencing three weeks prior to course and for duration
- Activities:
  - Runs - wades - porpoise - swims- In's and Outs
- This activity builds great camaraderie...



# Our Approach BM for Parents



6.15 am Coogee Beach - they are enjoying





# Outcomes for the Club



- Ensuring all on the beach are SLS Members
- Ensuring all on the Beach are trained
- Ensuring all in the water are Bronze Medal holders
- Effective and Efficient Nipper Training
- New Membership with new skills



# Outcomes for the Club



- Increase in Retention and Engagement with the Youth of the Club -
- Parents understand the role of lifesaving so keen for kids to stay....
- Parents and kids patrolling together
- Strong focus on Family involvement
- Parents on patrol bring responsibility, focus, “third eye”, maturity



# Personal Outcomes

- Parents show their kids( Nippers) what they can achieve - Heroes in their kids eyes
- Giving the Parents a purpose
- Becoming part of an Iconic Movement
- Becoming fitter and skilled...
- Husbands encourage wives - wives encourage husbands - whole family in the club....







# Questions

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- ★Parents must attend training session to be on the beach working with Nippers
- ★Formal program of Development.
- ★Identities created on the beach and within the club.
- ★Support programs in place - fitness and skills training - achievement driven
- ★We are training people to be Lifesavers... not just for WS
- ★Pathway created and enjoyed.



# Personal



I am now a proud member of Patrol 12 on Coogee Beach and performed my first patrol on Christmas Day.

At my side was my 13 year old daughter who earned her Surf Rescue Certificate the week before I passed my Bronze Medallion. The enjoyment and pride every time I am on the beach with her and my other daughters is the difference between commitment...and involvement. AJ

Now that my dad is a green shirt he gets up with me every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 5.00am so we can both train together at Coogee beach 32km away.

Every week rather than watching and encouraging from the beach, he is in the water helping not only my sisters and I but other kids as well.

Other kids that used to be like my younger sister, scared of the water. Dad is more enthusiastic about nippers and most importantly the difference in my sister is truly amazing!!! My sister is now more confident has tried new things and all together a much better person!!!

My dad went from the Dad eating his croissant and drinking coffee to the Dad in the water. I am so happy because now my family jump out of bed with energy and enthusiasm always looking forward to Sunday on the beach!

I am extremely proud of my dad and in my eyes he is a hero! I think that any daughter would be proud of their dad if they did what my dad did - Emma Johnson