

**Sydney
Airport**



SLS Sydney Nippers Pre Season Update 10th August 2017

Overview of the Season 2016-2017

Number of Nippers 6,500 across 15 clubs

SRC Awards 409

Education Awards 5,093

Basic Emergency Care 124

Rescue Certificate 509

Radio Operators 87

Age Managers Trained by Branch 2016-17 150 -

Awarded 210

Overview of the Season 2016-2017

Branch Carnival

1,400 Nippers

125 Water Safety

120 Officials

46 IRB

Development Camps

Nippers x 186

Parents x 50

State Carnival

Wanda 2nd

Elouera 3rd

Nth Bondi 7th

Coogee 7th

Cronulla 8th

Sth Maroubra 9th

WHY are WE here - why all the time and effort ..?

How do you describe Nippers to those that don't know??

“Nippers” is the Junior Surf Life Saving Division of a Surf Life Saving Club ...
we are actually a Junior Division of a specific group within the Club.... **Lifesaving...**

So some questions ...

Do ALL the parents know the above..that this is our actual aim

On most Nipper Club websites this is only mentioned in Education, as the final year with their SRC - not as the main aim of the Nipper Program that we are delivering ...??

Do ALL clubs do a **Welcome letter** via email to all returning and new members outlining that this is our aim, and that over the years at Nippers, these skills will increase to a level where the Nipper becomes a Surf Lifesaver.

**Nippers for 2017-2018 -
Expect an increase in Numbers
...because we are on TV**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XokJRT1DwyY>

The SLSA Age Managers Awards and Age Mgr Guide are new for 2017-2018

There is now a greater focus in this course on delivering skills that lead to our Nippers becoming a Lifesaver..

More engagement in this arena, and more skills to be delivered in this area

More focus on Member Protection and ensuring Safe Environment - across all areas of how we run Nippers...Sundays, training, health, weather etc ...
e.g Hi vis rashies made for Water, not spending hrs in the sun ...

All Nipper Clubs should have a Member Protection Officer within their club and engaged with the Nipper team.

Delivering via a Whole of Club Approach:

Does your Club implement the following:

Nipper Chairperson and team meet with the Club Dir of Lifesaving so there is a club approach to what Nippers delivers on behalf of the Club.

Nipper Education Co-ordinator meet with the Club CTO to ensure all awards are compliant, all delivered effectively, and Club Trainers used by the Nipper team where required. CTO is responsible for the Nipper Awards

Nipper Surf Sports Manager meet with Clubs Director of Surf Sports

Nipper Parents engaged in Club Social activities.

The Nipper Calendar... is it just a copy of Last Season's ..?

Surf Ed is not just 20mins here and there...and not just in rain - under this perspective its the “bummer” part of the day according to the nippers - how do you sell it to them..

Do you have specific Skills Days where the focus is on the Skills and getting them better - these can be delivered in a fun and effective way..for all levels - maybe not just in age groups?

On these skills days who is teaching the skill..??? someone who knows and is experienced!

Do your U9's and 10's have a “Technical Director” one person who ensures the water and board skills are taught and implemented effectively.

Does your Calendar include defined Lifesaving days where you do Tube rescue, board rescue training, and do relays races using these skills - swapping out the Nippers so they all become the hero - increase the challenge...

Do you incorporate CRP into the above to make it full rescue and response mode

From U12's up separate the Nippers into “Patrols” and change out the PC of each Patrol each couple of weeks ..

U14'S SRC..

This season should be a review season in real terms

Taking into account that the group has done at least 2-3 years of Lifesaving Training for the Age Groups

Nippers should be doing Lifesaver Training from at least U12's - hopefully U11's ...CPR, Rescues, First Aid, Signals.

All Age Groups should be doing Signals ...

Training should only be done by Proficient BM holders, and Accredited Trainers for the SRC



A NEW Challenge to all SLS Sydney Nipper Clubs for 2017-2018

From Jan 1 the focus of many CLUBS is that we are now preparing for State ...but we ask the question why? - what about the rest of the Nippers.. the other 85% ..what is now their GOAL for the Season..this is not for when State is on, its for ALL the Nippers

The LIFESAVING CHALLENGE FOR 2017 - 2018

That each Nipper Club at end of Season, last or second last day, deliver a Lifesaving Exhibition Day on the beach from the U9's up..

This Exhibition includes Rescues, Rescue Relays, CPR and Basic First Aid response, and is delivered within a Patrol perspective, presenting Leadership, Teamwork and Communications.



The LIFESAVING CHALLENGE FOR 2017- 2018

Includes the Lifesavers of the Club working with the Nippers - so lots of Red and Yellow on the beach - and Invite the Exec ..

The Parents, siblings Aunts, Uncles and Grandparents will see their children saving lives and being a hero.

Invite Local community leaders and local Media to the day to show them what you are doing as a Surf Life Saving Club

Invite your Sponsors so they can see where their investment is going ..

Branch are also considering a Branch Award for each club for best Lifesaving Team



To run an effective Nipper team and program you need the following

A Great Culture of inclusiveness, engagement, active involvement and some great outcomes.

Engaged, effective, and knowledgable Age Managers and Age Assistants

Enthusiastic Parents who have done their SRC or Bronze Medal who then have knowledge to impart and can be active in all areas of Nippers.. and who understand what we are doing ...

Good use of technology to communicate with the team



Dates for 2017-2018

U11's Dev Camp Applications 18th Oct
Minders Mtg 24th Oct Dev Camp is 3-5th Nov

U13's Dev Camp Applications 25th Oct
Minders Mtg 14th Nov Dev Camp is 1st -3rd Dec

Branch Age Manager Training Sessions

East 26th October - Sth M
Bate Bay 25th October - NC -
Nat Park TBC



OUR FUTURE - WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE ..???

is Surfing part of your Nipper Program..??

Is Nippers with a disability part of your future program.

**Have you got a defined pathway with your Club Youth Co-ordinator
SRC Induction session into the club (this is not the SRC
Presentation Day)**

Do you have Lifesavers working with your Nipper teams

**Are you engaging more surf sports opportunities for all levels ...
Champion Lifesaver for the U14's once they have their SRC
March Past and R&R Teams from the Nippers ..**



Leadership qualities that Young Lifesavers in Training want from those that lead them in SLS..these are their words

L LOYALTY - LIKEABLE - LISTEN

E ENGAGING - EQUALITY - ENERGETIC - ENCOURAGING - ENTHUSIASTIC

A ABILITY - ATTITUDE - ATTENTION

D DIRECT - DETERMINED - DECISIVE

E EXEMPLARARY - EFFICIENT - ENERGETIC

R RESPECT - RESPONSIBILITY - RELIABLE - RESILIENT - READY

S SUPPORTIVE - SELFLESS - STRONG - SENSITIVE

H HOPEFUL - HAPPY - HELPFUL -

I INTEGRITY - INSPIRING - INITIATIVE

P PATIENT - PERSONABLE - PEACEFUL

