



STINGRAYS NIPPERS CALENDAR 2020/21

OCTOBER 2020

- Saturday 3rd October **Sign-on** @ SWR Surf Club 11am to 12pm
- Wednesday 7th October **Pool Swim** Under 6's and up @ SWR Pool 4pm to 4:30pm
- Saturday 10th October **Pool Swim** Under 6's and up @ SWR Pool 10am to 11am
- Saturday 10th October **Sign-on** @ SWR Surf Club 11am to 12pm
- Sunday 11th October **Nippers Day 1** 8:30am *Come and Try Free Session*
- Sunday 18th October **Nippers Day 2** 8:30am
- Sunday 25th October **Nippers Day 3** 8:30am
- Saturday 31st October Branch Carnival Port Macquarie SLSC

NOVEMBER 2020

- Sunday 1st November Branch Carnival Port Macquarie SLSC **NO NIPPERS**
- Sunday 8th November **Nippers Day 4** 8:30am
- Sunday 15th **Macleay Nippers SWR** 8:30am
- Sunday 22nd November **Nippers Day 5** 8:30am
- Saturday 28th November Branch Carnival SWR SLSC
- Sunday 29th November Branch Carnival SWR SLSC **NO NIPPERS**

DECEMBER 2020

- Sunday 6th December **Macleay Nippers Crescent Head**
- Sunday 13th December **Nippers Day 6** & Christmas Celebration 8:30am

Country Championships – Cancelled this season due to COVID-19 restrictions

FEBRUARY 2021

- Saturday 13th February Branch Championships Tacking Point SLSC
- Sunday 14th February Branch Championships Tacking Point SLSC **NO NIPPERS**
- Sunday 21st February **Nippers Day 7** 8:30am
- Sunday 28th February **Nippers Day 8** 8:30am

MARCH 2021

- Sunday 7th March **Nippers Day 9** 8:30am
- Sunday 14th March **Nippers Day 10** 8:30am
- Sunday 21st March **Nippers Presentation** @ SWR Surf Club Time TBA.

All cancellations will be notified by email, SMS Text message and Facebook.



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INFO 2020/21

The South West Rocks SLSC Board of Directors would like to welcome all our Nippers and their families, both returning and new, to the 2020/2021 Nippers Season.

NIPPER MORNINGS – Nippers starts at 9am sharp on the nominated Sundays throughout the season. Please arrive at 8:30am to ensure that you have your child's attendance marked off with their Age Manager. This season we also need to abide by COVID-19 restrictions so all family members who are in attendance need to also sign the register or log in via the QR code. After registering, family members are encouraged to assist with setting up of the beach activities. At the conclusion of Nippers please assist in packing away as well.

FAMILY HELP – The Nippers program can only run efficiently if families assist. It is important that each family participating offers some support to the Nippers Program, this can be as an age Manager, point scorer, BBQ helper, setting up, packing up the beach, entering data into the portal for carnivals, fundraising, water safety, officiating at carnivals, first aid officer. There are many roles that need support if we want to ensure an efficient and exciting Nippers program.

LOOKING THE PART – It is always compulsory for PINK HIGH VISIBILITY VEST to be worn. Coloured Age Caps are to worn while participating in Nippers and SWRSLSC Competition Caps are worn at carnivals. Other merchandise is limited this year but we are planning to revamp the range this season ready for the 2021/2022.

GET IN THE KNOW – All information regarding Nippers will be posted on our Facebook page, this is our preferred contact method, but bulk emails and SMS texts will also be sent out to members for important information. Please reach out to myself or any member of the Board of Directors if you have any ideas or need any information as we encourage open communication.

WATER SAFETY - SWRSLSC is required to provide water safety whilst water events are being conducted (training, Nippers, and carnivals). Water safety must hold a proficient Bronze or SRC and be dressed in either an orange vest or cap or red and yellow patrol uniform. Assistance in this area is vital in giving our kids the necessary water time to improve their surf skills.

OFFICIALS – SWRSLSC needs families that are willing to obtain accreditation that will allow them to become an official at competitions. Each club is required to supply officials on a ratio of 1 official to 10 competitors. If we are unable to provide officials we may be withdrawn from carnivals or the number of competitors restricted. Please see a member of the Board if you are interested in becoming an official.

PROFICIENCY - This season has seen changes to the requirements for proficiencies, all ages from Under 6's up are now required to complete a preliminary evaluation in still water before any junior water activities can be undertaken. These will be held at the SWR Pool and the dates are outlined in the calendar. Please note that the club does not teach swimming, however it is a major component of surf lifesaving so it is STRONGLY recommended that your child takes part in a regular learn-to-

swim or squad program at their appropriate level. It is also STRONGLY recommended that Nippers are provided with regular exposure to the surf on top of their Nippers Sunday Activities.

MACLEAY NIPPERS - Macleay Nippers is an amazing program that allows for all of our 3 small Macleay clubs to come together to learn from each other and provide our Nippers with additional competition, skills and comradery that they can take to Branch Carnivals to be more competitive with the other larger clubs. It also allows the Nippers to put their education skills into practice at other beaches which improves their overall safety and surf awareness. This program won the Branch Innovation Award in 2019/2020 season.

CARNIVALS – Carnivals are a fantastic chance for Nippers to practice their skills and engage with other Nippers from across the Branch. The dates are listed in the calendar and these days are always lots of fun and build comradery within the Nippers. The Country Championships are the highlight of the carnival season and those who have attended the past few years at Kingscliff have thoroughly enjoyed the weekend away and made new Surf Club friends across the weekend.

SUNDAY MORNING BBQ'S - Our beloved Old Farts Committee or OFC's are a valuable part of our club. They will be providing a BBQ and soft drinks every Sunday of Nippers. All money raised goes back into our club, please support the BBQ so we can continue to upgrade equipment and resources for the Nippers.

There is further information in the Nippers Handbook as well which will be on the new Club website soon!! Keep an eye out!

COVID – 19 REQUIREMENTS

- Please stay home if you or anyone in your family is unwell, displaying any signs or symptoms of a cold or flu or have visited a hot spot area defined by NSW Health
- Please register all those attending Nippers each week via the sign in sheet or QR code
- All adults are to social distance unless you are from the same household (Nippers are exempt while participating in activities)
- Please do not congregate inside the club house or around the BBQ, find space outside wherever possible
- Please use the Hygiene Stations and sanitise your hands on arrival and departure
- Drink bottles and clothing are to be left with a family member not put into the create this season
- Remember these are unprecedented times are we are all volunteers trying to do our best so that Nippers can still go ahead, there may be further requirements added depending on the wider community restrictions

Thank you for your support and I look forward to a fun, family orientated Nippers season!

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