Nipper Handbook

Clifton Beach SLSC

2026-2027 Season

Clifton Beach Surf Life Saving Club Nippers

As a Clifton Beach Nipper your child will be able to participate in a summer sport that provides excitement, challenges and hours of endless fun.

But Nippers is much more than a sport!
Through involvement in Nippers your child will undertake a surf education and surf skills development program which will not only equip them with skills useful in a range of water related activities but will also enable them to help with the safety of their friends, family and community members.

Nippers begins in November with a pool session. It then moves to Cremorne Beach for one week, finally arriving at Clifton Beach. Please see the calendar for dates.

Code of Conduct:

Clifton Beach Surf Life Saving Club wants the Nippers experience to be enjoyable for everyone. As such, we have the following codes of behaviour which we expect all involved with the club to adhere to.

Parents, Caregivers and Spectators:
•Encourage children to participate.
•Encourage team spirt
•Encourage children to play by the rules.
•Show appreciation for coaches, age manager and teammates.
•Respect others

Junior Members:
•Be a good sport
•Have fun
•Play by the rules.
•Cooperate and respect with your coach, age-manager and teammates.
•Respect the equipment you use.

How can I be involved?

Parent help is always needed and very much valued at our club. Each year we call on Nipper parents and guardians to get on board as we cannot run the program without you. On the beach we need age managers, assistants and people to help out with water safety. If the beach isn't your thing, we always need volunteers to help with the BBQ and canteen, people with an RSA to help out in the bar, volunteers to assist with set up and pack up etc.

Useful Contact Info Facebook:
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Nipper Sessions

Please arrive 15 minutes early for each session. Nippers should wear a club cap and fluro vest; club bathers are optional. Children will gather in their age group lines and then move to roll call by their age manager in a designated area. U6 & U7 parents need to accompany their kids; others stay on the beach, potentially assisting with various tasks. Inform the manager of your location. Sessions include diverse beach and water activities, tailored to age and ability, encouraging everyone to participate.

What to bring:
•High Visibility Rash Vest
•Clifton Nipper Cap
•Goggles
•Sunscreen
•Wetsuit

What age group will my child be in? *
Polar Bears:
U6 – 1 Oct 2020 – 31 Dec 2021
U7 – 1 Oct 2019 – 31 Dec 2020

U8 – 1 Oct 2018 - 31 Dec 2019
U9 – 1 Oct 2017 - 30 Sept 2018
U10 – 1 Oct 2016 - 30 Sept 2017
U11 – 1 Oct 2015 - 30 Sept 2016
U12 – 1 Oct 2014 - 30 Sept 2015
U13 – 1 Oct 2013 - 30 Sept 2014
U14 – 1 Oct 2012 - 30 Sept 2013

*Once your child turns 5 they can become a member and join in at Nippers

Season Overview

Start Date: Sunday 15th November 2026
End Date: Thursday 5th March 2026

Wednesday Morning Board Sessions
U10+: 6am – 7am

Friday Night Board Sessions
U10+: 5:00pm - 6:00pm – Please see the social media posts for any food trucks/dinner options.

Saturday Mal Board Sessions
U14+: 8:30am – 9:30am

Sunday Morning Sessions
U14s – 8.30am – 9.30am TBC
U6/U7 : 9:00am – 10:00am
U8+: 9:00am – 11:00am

Due to long weekends and carnivals during our season some Sunday Morning Sessions may be rescheduled to a Thursday Night Twilight Session.

*Please note that due to weather conditions all sessions are subject to change.

**Younger Nippers are welcome to join the board trainings however they must ALWAYS be accompanied by an adult in the water who holds an award. (Nipper Water Safety Assistant/SRC/Bronze)

Nippers Team

Junior Activities Coordinators:
Kate and Clare

Polar Bears
U6 - **Liam** and Evie (Junior Age Assistant)
U7 – **Elsa, Mayo, Scotty** and Kate (Junior Age Assistant)

U8 – **Kellie, Millie** and Halle (Junior Age Assistant)
U9 – **Michael** and Finn (Junior Age Assistant)
U10 – **Leanna, Lou** and Camilla (Junior Age Assistant)
U11 – **Clare, Kate** and Kira (Junior Age Assistant)
U12 – **Ewan, Dave** and Lily (Junior Age Assistant)
U13 – **Robbie and Adrian**
U14 – **Phil and Saj**

Board Coaches:
Adrian, Pilk, Wazza, Ewan, Nicko

Coaching Mentor:
Shayne

Carnival Manager:
Jacqui

Officials Manager:
Jenna

Administration:
Victoria

Committe Representivie:
Emily

Carnivals

Carnivals are for Nipper U8 and above who have completed their proficiencies. At a carnival your child will have the opportunity to compete individually and in team events. Events include beach flags, running events, swimming, iron person and board races. It is a wonderful opportunity for your child to be part of a statewide competition. The emphasis is on having fun and participating. Parents/guardians must be present at the carnivals at all times.

Entries:
Entries for carnivals will be advertised through the News Channel on the Stack Teams App, as well as the Surf Sports Tasmania and Surf Life Saving Tasmania Facebook pages. Your child will need a LiveHeats login, and you will be responsible for entering them into their events. We encourage you to enter your child into all events available for their age group, as they may decide on the day which events they would like to participate in. Please note that if your child is not entered into an event, they will not be able to compete. We ask that all entries are submitted at least one week before each carnival. This allows our Age Managers enough time to organise team events. Late entries may result in your child missing out on participating in team events.

How can you help at a carnival:
•Tow the gear trailer
•Help load and unload the trailer
•Volunteers as an official , this can be as simple as filming the end of a race with an ipad.

What to bring to a carnival:
•SLSA red wrist band
•Clifton Beach SLSC cap
•Swim cap and googles
•High vis vest
•Food and water
•Two towels at least
•Warm long jacket

Date:	What:	Location/Time:	Who:
2026			
Sun 1 November	Come and Try	Clifton Beach 9am-11am	New Families
Sat 7 November	Surf Safari	Sandy Bay	U11 and above
Sun 15 November	Nippers Pool Session	Clarence Pool	**Everyone - Paid members for all future**
Sun 22 November	Cremorne Nippers Session	Cremorne Beach 9-11am	Everyone
Sun 29 November	Nippers	Clifton Beach 9am-11am	Everyone
Sun 6 December	Nippers	Clifton Beach 9am-11am	Everyone
Thurs 10 December	Twilight Nippers	Clifton Beach 5-6pm	Everyone
Sat 12 December	**Junior Statewide Carnival #1** * No Nippers at Clifton	Bridport	U8 and up
Sun 20 December	Clifton Mini Christmas Carnival	Clifton Beach 9am-11am	Everyone
Sun 27 December	No Nippers but come down and borrow a board. Check in with the patrol first.	Clifton Beach	Everyone
2027			
Sun 10 January	Carnival TBC. Nipper will depend on the carnival going ahead.	Clifton Beach 9am-11am	Everyone
Sun 17 January	Nippers	Clifton Beach 9am-11am	Everyone
Thurs 21 January	Twilight Nippers	Clifton Beach 9am-11am	Everyone
Sun 24 January	**Junior Statewide Carnival #2** *No Nippers but come down and borrow a board. Check in with the patrol first.	Ulverstone SLSC	U8 and up
Sun 31 January	Nippers First Aid & Rescue focus	Clifton Beach 9am-11am	Everyone
7 or 6 February	**Carnival TBC** Nipper will depend on the carnival going ahead		Everyone
Sun 14 February	Nippers	Clifton Beach 9am-11am	Everyone
Thurs 18 February	Twilight Nippers	Clifton Beach 9am-11am	Everyone
Sat 20 February	**Junior Statewide Carnival #3**	Clifton Beach SLSC	U8 and up
Sun 28 February	Nippers	Clifton Beach 9am-11am	Everyone
Thurs 4 March	Twilight Nippers and Celebration BBQ to follow.	Clifton Beach 5pm-6..30pm	Everyone
Sat 13/Sun 14 March	**Junior State Championships**	Burnie SLSC	U8 and up