



Aims & Objectives of Nippers

1. To improve the surf awareness and skills of children and young adults in our community.
2. To develop the fitness and sportsmanship of members through training and competition within the club and with other clubs.
3. To encourage and recognise achievement in competitive events, skills development and participation.
4. To develop new members to progress to cadet and senior ranks to carry on the club's surf patrol and rescue obligations. This requires the development of rescue and resuscitation, teamwork and leadership skills.

Parent Roster – Age Group of the Day

The roster column of this calendar is to notify then parents of the age groups indicated on the days that they are responsible for duties to assist with the smooth running of Nippers.

The duties for each week include:

1. Beach Setup – This starts at 8:30am and requires helpers to set out the running track, flag competition areas and put other equipment on the beach. Four parents required.
2. Beach Pack up – This begins at the end of the Nipper activities and involves returning all of the equipment back to the Club, washing down and returning all equipment to storage. Four parents required.
3. BBQ – The BBQ is the major fund raising activity conducted by the Nippers. This task involves the cooking, selling and clean up of the BBQ each week. Four parents are required each week.

As the old saying goes, many hands make light work. Nippers functions best when everyone works together towards the common goal of making the entire experience enjoyable for all.

Parent Involvement

Parents could also consider gaining Surf Life Saving qualifications. These include the Bronze Medallion and carnival official qualifications.

The Bronze Medallion assists both Nippers and the Club. It makes you a qualified lifesaver, enabling you to assist with water safety at Nippers and at carnivals. We have to have a ratio of 1 water safety person to every 5 nippers. Without water safety, there cannot be any water events. You can also help the Club by becoming an active patrol member and join a patrol team.

Black Head SLSC has a history of strong performances at surf carnivals, with the nippers consistently winning the inter-club point scores. As a condition of entry to all carnivals, the Club must provide carnival officials at the ratio of 1 official for every 7 competitors. Our growing competitor base means we also need to increase the number of officials provided.

Bronze medallion and officials courses will be run at various times this season and will be advertised in the newsletter.



2017-18 Nipper Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>What's On</u>		<u>Parent Roster</u>
15-Oct-17	First Day of Nippers	Normal Nippers	U 14's & U13's
22-Oct-17		Normal Nippers	U12's & U11's
29-Oct-17		Normal Nippers	U10's & U9's
05-Nov-17		Normal Nippers	U8's, U7's & U6's
12-Nov-17		Normal Nippers	U 14's & U13's
19-Nov-17		Normal Nippers	U12's & U11's
26-Nov-17		Normal Nippers	U10's & U9's
03-Dec-17		Normal Nippers	U8's, U7's & U6's
10-Dec-17	Interbranch Champs - Stockton	Normal Nippers	U 14's & U13's
17-Dec-17	Christmas Party	Fun & Games	All Ages/Volunteers
24-Dec-17		No Nippers at Black Head	
31-Dec-17		No Nippers at Black Head	
07-Jan-18		No Nippers at Black Head	
14-Jan-18	Head 2 Head Swim - Black Head	No Nippers at Black Head	
21-Jan-18		No Nippers at Black Head	
28-Jan-18		Normal Nippers	U12's & U11's
04-Feb-18	Country Championships - S W Rocks	Normal Nippers	U10's & U9's
11-Feb-18	Branch Championships - Forster	No Nippers at Black Head	
18-Feb-18		Normal Nippers	U8's, U7's & U6's
25-Feb-18		Normal Nippers	U 14's & U13's
04-Mar-18	State Age - Swansea Belmont	Normal Nippers	U12's & U11's
11-Mar-18	State Open - Swansea Belmont	Last Day/AGM/Presentation	All Ages/Volunteers