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Welcome to Season 2021-22

Dear Junior Members and Families,

We are looking forward to getting back to the beach and running our fantastic training programs again this summer. Whilst the current situation with regards to the pandemic still provides some uncertainty to numbers and restrictions within our program, we are nonetheless planning to undertake our normal activities as much as possible within any government/LSV guidelines.

As we open up our membership renewals for the season we will again open up registration for the various junior training programs so that we can be ready to proceed once we know the relevant restrictions. The dates and registration details of the various Nippers, SRC and Bronze programs are detailed below. As always numbers are capped due to our beach size, equipment availability, volunteer supervision ratios, and any necessary covid protocols that will apply. Accordingly, we request that you register your child in the relevant program at your earliest convenience and we will confirm your place once we have clarity over numbers.

Registration Dates for all junior programs are as follows:

Existing Family members during the 2020/21 season or those who have previously participated in Wye River Nippers/SRC

Registration Opens: **6 October 2021**

Registration Closes: 17 October 2021 (or before if full)

Should any places remain available after 17 October, these will be open for new/transferring members:

Registration Opens: **20 October 2021**

Registration Closes: 31 October 2021 (or below if full)

All children must pre-register to participate in our junior programs, we are not able to accept walk up enrolments on the day.

For your child to participate in Nippers, SRC or Bronze you must complete ALL of the following items by the due date:

1. Renew your individual memberships (All junior members and at least one parent must be members)
2. Complete the relevant Nippers/SRC/Bronze Registration form below for each child based on their correct date of birth. Links to these registration forms follow.
3. Pay all necessary membership fees (family membership fee, any additional uniform/swimwear items purchased, nipper/bronze fee)

Purchase of Uniform Items/Swimwear

If, on your registration form you elect to purchase swimwear or additional uniform items, please pay for it in the Gateway when paying your membership fees. We will arrange a collection time for any uniform/swimwear items purchased at the beginning of each program.

Volunteering

All of our programs are run by a large team of volunteers and we are always on the lookout for new parents/older siblings to join in. Given the current challenges posed by the COVID 19 pandemic your volunteering contribution is now more important than ever. Please consider volunteering to assist and indicate your interest on the registration forms. Some of the volunteer positions require qualifications (First Aid, Water Safety), but most do not. Training is provided prior to the program where required.

Queries & Contact Details

If you have any queries in relation to the Bronze/SRC program, please contact Ethan & Mia, Co-Chief Instructors via email: wyeslscchief@gmail.com

If you have any queries in relation to the Nippers program please contact Roger, Nippers Co-ordinator via email: wyerivernippers@gmail.com

If you have any queries in relation to registration/enrolment in any of the junior programs, please contact Melissa, junior program administrator via email: wyerivernippers@gmail.com

If you have any problems with renewing your memberships, please contact our registrar, Zoe Daniel on zoe@zoedaniel.com

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the beach again this summer.

Wye River Surf Life Saving Club

Bronze Medallion

The Bronze Medallion course provides participants with the skills and knowledge of patrolling and surf awareness in order to be able to participate in lifesaving operations.

This year we are returning to a live-in camp for the Bronze Medallion. The Bronze camp commences at **10:00am on Tuesday 14th December** concluding on **Sunday 19th December** with overnight accommodation provided at the Bunk House. Candidates are welcome to stay at the Bunkhouse on the Monday night prior to the commencement of the program if required. The cost will be \$300 including all meals and tuition.

Additionally, all active members are required to purchase the online subscription of the Public Safety & Aquatic Rescue textbook, see below for instructions for purchase and access.

Bronze Pre-Requisites:

- Candidates must have attained the age of 15 as at the final assessment on 19th December
- Candidates must be able to confidently swim freestyle 400m in open water

It is in the club's best interest that candidates who participate in this course are committed to patrolling.

We are requesting assistance from parents with catering for the Bronze camp, if you are willing to assist, please indicate your availability on the registration form.

Due to likely COVID guidelines and accommodation availability, registration for Bronze is LIMITED and places will be allocated in line with our criteria considering previous patrol hours, age of candidate, and registration date. **It is preferred that members stick with their training cohort when progressing so priority for this year's Bronze intake is to those who completed their SRC in the 2019/20 season.**

Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC)

The Surf Rescue Certificate provides participants with the skills and knowledge of basic patrolling and surf awareness in order to be able to participate in lifesaving operations and act in the role of Water Safety Personnel.

The SRC will take place **on Sunday 2nd January 2022 to Thursday 6th January 2022**. Candidates must have attained the age of 13 by the final assessment date of 6th January and should be able to confidently swim 200m freestyle in open water.

It is in the club's best interest that candidates who participate in this course are committed to patrolling.

There is no cost to participate in SRC, however all active members are required to purchase the online subscription of the Public Safety & Aquatic Rescue textbook which will then be automatically updated for them forever with their login for no extra charge.

Public Safety & Aquatic Rescue Training Manual

All SRC & Bronze candidates need to purchase the E-book subscription through shop.sls.com.au/publications (you will need to log in to the SLS Members area to be able to purchase this book), the cost is \$10 per person for lifetime access. The publication is delivered via the SLSA Publications app, the same logins can't be used between different people as it won't allow more than 1 device. It would be helpful if all candidates have purchased this manual and downloaded the app prior to commencing the course.

Nippers

The 2021/2 nippers program dates are as follows:

Monday 27 th December	Uniform Collection & Group Confirmation
Tuesday 28 th December	Session 1
Wednesday 29 th December	Session 2
Thursday 30 th December	Session 3
Friday 31 st December	Session 4
Saturday 1 st January	Rest Day
Sunday 2 nd January	Session 5
Monday 3 rd January	Session 6 – Junior Club Champs
Tuesday 4 th January	Session 7 – Presentation
Wednesday 5 th January	Session 8 / Back Up Day
Thursday 6 th January	Back up Day

Wye River's Nippers program commences at "Under 7s" through to "Under 13s". Children need to be born between between 1 October 2009 to 30 September 2015 to participate. **A \$35 fee per nipper applies in addition to the family membership fee.**

Nippers Preliminary Swim Requirement

We are attaching the preliminary swimming assessment form for Nippers, this needs to be completed by a qualified swimming teacher or life guard. If swimming pools open up in term 4, it will be a requirement for all nippers to attend their local swimming pool to have the swimming assessment signed off for their relevant age group. You can complete all of your children on the same form.

Should restrictions allow for this to be completed, please do so and scan or send a clear photograph of it to wyerivernippers@gmail.com by **21 December 2021**. Should restrictions not allow for this we will provide details of a backup plan.

Nippers Uniform Requirements

At each nippers session, nippers must wear their rash vest, competition cap and broad brimmed hat. First Time nippers are provided with a rash vest and broad brimmed hat and must purchase a competition cap from the club(\$10). Return nippers should use their old uniform, new uniforms are available for purchase on the form if their uniforms have been outgrown/lost.

Registration Links:

Please click on each of the relevant links to enrol your children as required. If the links do not work copy and paste to your web browser. Remember this is just one of the three steps required to enrol, so please ensure you also renew your memberships fully as detailed above.

Register for **Bronze** Medallion <https://forms.gle/4npxkQxPw8hAxfCH7>
(must be 15 as at 19th December 2021)

Register for **SRC** <https://forms.gle/HjowrrEiNjNdzkf96>
(must be 13 at 6th January 2022)

Nippers

Register for **Under 7s** <https://forms.gle/VPkWsLJamrVGwmsn9>
(born between 1 October 2014 - 30 September 2015)

Register for **Under 8s** <https://forms.gle/LFzZvoXoEbr3spE29>
(born between 1 October 2013 – 30 September 2014)

Register for **Under 9s** <https://forms.gle/EkJwxUSPRmEak79i9>
(born between 1 October 2012 – 30 September 2013)

Register for **Under 10s** <https://forms.gle/7zXPgnJ4sWdFw4ks5>
(born between 1 October 2011 – 30 September 2012)

Register for **Under 11s** <https://forms.gle/uHQbqd47Fx5ePWgD9>
(born between 1 October 2010 – 30 September 2011)

Register for **Under 12s** <https://forms.gle/348BkeN8bEXJ5tgd8>
(born between 1 October 2009 – 30 September 2010)

Register for **Under 13s** <https://forms.gle/6rtLG7sg2Gpu9yez7>
(born between 1 October 2008 – 30 September 2009)