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Junior Programs 2022-23

Dear Junior Members and Families,

It's that time of year to start thinking about summer and organising your enrolments. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back on the beach and participating in our full suite of training programs. As we open up our membership renewals for the season, we will again open up online enrolment for the various junior training programs: Nippers, SRC & Bronze.

The dates and registration details of the various Nippers, SRC and Bronze programs follow. As always numbers are capped due to our beach size, equipment/accommodation availability, volunteer supervision ratios, and any necessary Covid protocols that apply. Accordingly, we request that you register your child in the relevant program at your earliest convenience and we will confirm your place as soon as we can.

We are now unfortunately at the point where the number of children wanting to participate exceeds the number of places available, particularly in some age groups, accordingly, we offer existing members/past participants with a priority booking window, before opening to new members on our waitlist. Please don't delay your registration as we don't like to see people missing out.

Registration Dates for **ALL** junior programs are as follows:

Existing Family members during the 2021/22 season or those who have previously participated in Wye River Nippers/SRC have a priority enrolment window as follows:

Registration Opens: **10 October 2022**

Priority Registration Ends (admissions from waitlist begin): 17 October 2022

Final Registrations Close: 30 October 2022 (or before if full)

New Members

Waitlist opens: 10 October

Final Registrations Close: 30 October (or before if full)

Please note that once the priority registration period ends, we will commence admitting new members from the waitlist, if you do not get the enrolment process completed within the priority window, we cannot guarantee places.

For your child to participate in Nippers, SRC or Bronze you must complete **ALL** 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)

Your child cannot be enrolled until **ALL** three of these steps are complete.

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. 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.

If you are volunteering, it is essential that your club membership is up to date, you have a current Working with Children Check, and that Wye River SLSC is listed as an organisation on your WWC.

Queries & Contact Details

If you have any queries in relation to the Bronze/SRC program, please contact Alicia, Chief Instructor via email: Alicia.brooker123@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, Melissa on WRSLSCmembership@gmail.com

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

Bronze Medallion 2022/3

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

The Junior Bronze Medallion course is conducted as a full-time live-in camp. The Bronze camp commences at **10:00am** on **Tuesday 13th December** concluding on **Sunday 18th 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 18th 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 2020/21 season.**

Public Safety & Aquatic Rescue Training Manual

All SRC & Bronze candidates need to purchase the E-book subscription through shop.sls.com.au/publications (The Bronze Candidate 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.

Adult Bronze

Running concurrently to the Junior Bronze, limited places will be available for adults to complete their Bronze. This is great for those parents out there wanting to help with water safety, wanting to patrol with your children or wanting to upgrade lapsed qualifications. Adults participating must obtain their own accommodation and will conduct some of the on-line learning modules independently, they will join the juniors for some of the practical and theory sessions and any assessments. As we can't predict what the conditions will be like, some flexibility will be required in relation to hours attending.

Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) 2022/23

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 program contains a combination of theory and practical elements each day.

The SRC will take place **on Thursday 5th January 2023** to **Sunday 8th January 2023**. Candidates must have attained the age of 13 by the final assessment date of 8th January and should be able to confidently swim 200m freestyle in open water. The SRC program typically runs from 10am to 4pm (at the latest) each day, although some flexibility may be required due to beach conditions and other club activities.

We note that due to the age cut off, some children who would ordinarily participate in Under 13 nippers may meet the age requirement to do SRC, in the event that we have more registrations than places, priority will be given to those who have already completed under 13s. 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.

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All SRC candidates need to purchase the E-book subscription through shop.sls.com.au/publications, the cost is \$10 per person for lifetime access. Candidates will be provided with detailed instructions on how to purchase this book once they are enrolled in the course.

Nippers 2022/23

Nippers is about having fun, making lasting friendships, and teaching an appreciation and enjoyment of the ocean. Whatever the goal, be it simply to improve water safety and confidence, become a surf lifesaver or a champion athlete, the program will teach the foundation skills needed.

Nippers offers a fantastic journey of personal development and not just for the kids. Nippers is run 100% by volunteers and we ask all Nipper parents to help in some way.

Dates

Our nipper's program will consist of 8 sessions, including the Apollo Bay Friendly Carnival.

Nippers Uniform collection and group confirmation will as usual be on 27th December, with the first session and Summer Fling on 28th December. The rest of the dates are still to be confirmed but will include at least 1 rest day.

Age Groups

Wye River's Nippers program commences at "Under 7s" through to "Under 13s". Children need to be born between 1 October 2009 to 30 September 2016 to participate.

Nipper Date of Birth Range	Age Group	Certificate
1 Oct 2015 – 30 Sept 2016	Under 7	Surf Play 2
1 Oct 2014 – 30 Sept 2015	Under 8	Surf Aware 1
1 Oct 2013 – 30 Sept 2014	Under 9	Surf Aware 2
1 Oct 2012 – 30 Sept 2013	Under 10	Surf Safe 1
1 Oct 2011 – 30 Sept 2012	Under 11	Surf Safe 2
1 Oct 2010 – 30 Sept 2011	Under 12	Surf Smart 1
1 Oct 2009 – 30 Sept 2010	Under 13	Surf Smart 2

Nippers Uniform Requirements

At each nipper's session, nippers must wear their nippers 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 uniforms have been outgrown/lost.

Cost

A \$35 fee per nipper applies in addition to the family membership fee.

Nippers Preliminary Swim Requirement

Nippers is not a learn to swim program and we strongly advise that all children are enrolled in swimming lessons all year. The preliminary swim assessment has strict minimum requirements that each child must be able to complete prior to commencing nippers.

We are attaching the preliminary swimming assessment form for Nippers; this needs to be completed by a qualified swimming teacher or life guard. It is a requirement for all nippers to attend their local swimming pool to have the swimming assessment signed off for their relevant age group prior to commencing nippers. You can complete all your children on the same form.

Please scan or send a clear photograph of it to wyerivernippers@gmail.com by **21 December 2022**. If your child is unable to meet the swimming requirements on the form, please contact us so that we can ensure the necessary water safety ratios.

Nipper Social Events

In addition to the nippers beach sessions, we are planning social events including a movie night and a junior ipod shuffle. The dates of these events will be included in the nippers program to be emailed when finalised.

Registration Links (Existing Members):

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/Qvp2qMEWSPqZigkz7>
(must be 15 as at 18th December 2022)

Register for **Adult Bronze** Medallion <https://forms.gle/FWKXifkPXABX7dEJA>

Register for **SRC** <https://forms.gle/Yu1ekD36rosy93Eu9>
(must be 13 at 8th January 2023)

Nippers

Register for **Under 7s** <https://forms.gle/Lfp88i1Y2ELXRD6Z8>
(born between 1 October 2015 - 30 September 2016)

Register for **Under 8s** <https://forms.gle/GVV5jAuaHhoxvwxwB8>
(born between 1 October 2014 – 30 September 2015)

Register for **Under 9s** <https://forms.gle/PdHQrwf87Uh7GYCx7>
(born between 1 October 2013 – 30 September 2014)

Register for **Under 10s** <https://forms.gle/Zq4AAatsqzdprHMTMA>
(born between 1 October 2012 – 30 September 2013)

Register for **Under 11s** <https://forms.gle/RrwjFKCVhrsaJ5dz5>
(born between 1 October 2011 – 30 September 2012)

Register for **Under 12s** <https://forms.gle/JS2bywnLm8LWWEhH7>
(born between 1 October 2010 – 30 September 2011)

Register for **Under 13s** <https://forms.gle/PBHb87Qo82aH5M4R8>
(born between 1 October 2009 – 30 September 2010)

Waitlist Registration Links (New Members)

Waitlist for **Bronze** Medallion <https://forms.gle/YSKAHempmScX6oVY8>
(must be 15 as at 18th December 2022)

Waitlist for **SRC** <https://forms.gle/NKaoS6wrHRF6NhBA6>
(must be 13 at 8th January 2023)

Waitlist for **Nippers** <https://forms.gle/vGa6P6sehR9mUGA79>