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Junior Programs 2023-24

Dear Junior Members and Families,

We are pleased to provide enrolment information for Nippers and Surf Rescue Certificate.

The dates and registration details of the various Nippers, and SRC programs follow. As always numbers are capped due to our beach size, equipment availability, and volunteer supervision ratios. 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 2022/23 season or those who have previously participated in Wye River Nippers have a priority enrolment window as follows:

Registration Opens: **3 October 2023**

Priority Registration Ends (admissions from waitlist begin): 10 October 2023

Final Registrations Close: 30 October 2023 (or before if full)

New Members

Waitlist opens: 3 October 2023 (Admission from 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, or SRC you must complete **ALL** the following items by the due date

STEP 1 – Obtain your Working with Children Check (WWCC)

All members over the age of 18 are required to have a WWCC. Many people already hold a WWCC with other organisations. If this is the case you must update your WWCC to add Wye River SLSC to your list of organisations.

If you do not hold a WWCC you must apply for one. You can do this online at <https://service.vic.gov.au/services/working-with-children>. A Volunteer WWCC is free to apply for.

STEP 2 – Renew/Apply for Membership

Please ensure that you have renewed/applied for membership for EACH family member who wants to be involved.

All junior members under the age of 15 must be part of a family group and at least one parent/guardian must also be members of the club. The family membership fee is payable and this includes membership of both parents and any dependent children from the same household.

Instructions on how to renew/join can be found on our website under the membership tab.

STEP 3 – Fee Payments

We cannot process your membership renewal /application until we have received your membership fees. These can be paid online as part of the renewal process, or after the event by logging into your account at <https://members.sls.com.au>

You must pay for both your membership fee and any Junior Activity fees that apply as follows:

Family Membership Fee	\$210
Nipper Fee	\$35 per child
SRC Fee	\$50 per child

STEP 4 – Online Enrolment

Complete the relevant online enrolment form for each child based on the correct age group. The online enrolment forms will not be accessible until the registration open date above. If you can't access the online enrolment for the desired age group, it may be because the age group is full. Please complete the waitlist enrolment instead.

Links for the relevant age groups are on page 7

Once you have completed steps 1 – 4 your enrolment will be processed. After receiving acceptance into the program, step 5 should then be completed:

STEP 5 – Preliminary Skills Form **ESSENTIAL**

Please see page 6 for information regarding this. *Please note that Preliminary Skills forms are not due until 20 December 2023*

Note the Preliminary skills requirements have been updated this year – **Both pages** need to be signed and returned.

Purchase of Uniform Items/Swimwear

For those wishing to order bathers, we request that enrolments with bather orders be completed by **15 October** to ensure we are able to obtain sufficient stock.

If, on your registration form you elect to purchase swimwear or additional uniform items, please pay for it in the members Gateway by logging into <https://members.sls.com.au/> and selecting the \$ sign in the top right menu and “merchandise” as your transaction type. 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 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 Phil, 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.

Nippers 2023/24

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 7 sessions, the draft program is as follows but is subject to change.

Date	Nippers Details	Social Functions
27 December 2023	Uniform Collection & Group Allocation	
28 December 2023	Nippers Session 1	Summer Fling
29 December 2023	Nippers Session 2	
30 December 2023	Nippers Session 3	Nippers Movie Night
31 December 2023	Nippers Session 4	
1 January 2024	Rest Day	
2 January 2024	Nippers Session 5	Nippers Ipod Shuffle
3 January 2024	Rest Day (CFA Fete TBC)	
4 January 2024	Nippers Session 6	
5 January 2024	Nippers Session 7	
6 January 2024	March Out & Presentation	

Age Groups

Wye River's Nippers program commences at "Under 7s" through to "Under 13s". Children need to be born between 1 October 2010 to 30 September 2017 to participate.

Nipper Date of Birth Range	Age Group	Certificate
1 Oct 2016 – 30 Sept 2017	Under 7	Surf Play 2
1 Oct 2015 – 30 Sept 2016	Under 8	Surf Aware 1
1 Oct 2014 – 30 Sept 2015	Under 9	Surf Aware 2
1 Oct 2013 – 30 Sept 2014	Under 10	Surf Safe 1
1 Oct 2012 – 30 Sept 2013	Under 11	Surf Safe 2
1 Oct 2011 – 30 Sept 2012	Under 12	Surf Smart 1
1 Oct 2010 – 30 Sept 2011	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 (\$20). 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.

Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC) 2023/24

Nippers in the Under 14 Age group will complete their SRC. The SRC 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 4th January 2024 to Sunday 7th January 2024**. Candidates must have attained the age of 13 by the final assessment date of 7th 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. We ask our patrolling members to complete at least 16 hours of patrol/water safety each season.

Cost

A \$50 fee applies to all SRC Candidates.

Additionally, 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 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.

Swimming Requirements

We recommend candidates get some swimming practice in the pool in the lead up to SRC. Candidates are also **required to complete the Preliminary Swim Form** prior to commencing the program. Please see page 6 for details on this. Please ensure the attached preliminary skills form is completed by a qualified swimming instructor.

What to Wear/Bring

The SRC course consists of both theory and practical sessions, with most days starting with theory at either the club house or the bunk house. Students should wear their bathers and comfortable clothing on top. They should bring a towel, goggles and wetsuit.

Part of the course assessment will be conducted online (often outside of course hours) so students will need access to a device with internet access in order to complete this.

LSV Preliminary Swim Requirement

Being able to swim competently is an integral part of making children safe at the beach as well as allowing them to actively participate and enjoy lifesaving activities. We do recognise that swimming in the ocean is a new experience for many children and even competent pool swimmers can find this challenging at first. Our aim is to encourage children and to help develop their confidence and skills swimming in the ocean, as well as provide surf and inland waterway education.

Preliminary swim evaluations are a risk management procedure that is in place to ensure nippers are fit and able to meet the minimum requirements for safety of the nipper program. The evaluations consist of floatation, submersion and propulsion. NOTE new requirements have been introduced this year.

The preliminary swim assessment has strict minimum requirements that each child must be able to complete prior to commencing nippers. Should you not get this form completed prior to the commencement of nippers or should your child not meet the minimum requirements, then they must wear a wrist band and one-on-one water safety will be provided (if there is a sufficient number of water safety available), otherwise your child can participate in land-based activities only.

Please note Nippers is not a learn to swim program and we strongly advise that all children are enrolled in swimming lessons all year.

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.

Please scan or send a clear photograph of it to wyerivernippers@gmail.com by **20 December 2023**. 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.

Optional Swim Sign off Day at MSAC 28th October

If your child is not currently undertaking swimming lessons, LSV will be holding a Preliminary Assessment Day at MSAC to provide opportunities for any children who may be requiring assistance to complete their assessments prior to the season start.

Details are as follows:

Date: Saturday 28th October 2023

Time: U7 - 9.30am -10.30am

U 8 & U9 - 10.30am -11.30am

U10 & U11 - 11.30am – 12.30pm

U12, U13 & U14 (SRC) – 12.30pm – 1.30pm

Bookings are essential – to book, complete the form using the following link:

<https://lifesavingvictoria.wufoo.com/forms/medpc450e0np9r/>

ALL REGISTRATION LINKS OPEN ON 3rd OCTOBER

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.

Registration Links (Existing Members):

Nippers

Register for **Under 7s** <https://forms.gle/Ca85Pr53f8AYmo8z8>
(born between 1 October 2016 - 30 September 2017)

Register for **Under 8s** <https://forms.gle/ACqwxrpqQPYcA3U2A>
(born between 1 October 2015 – 30 September 2016)

Register for **Under 9s** <https://forms.gle/K1e8NTM5U3xEUyF68>
(born between 1 October 2014 – 30 September 2015)

Register for **Under 10s** <https://forms.gle/8zyzGs3C6StCNgkK9>
(born between 1 October 2013 – 30 September 2014)

Register for **Under 11s** <https://forms.gle/f54w1WktbJg33zvJ8>
(born between 1 October 2012 – 30 September 2013)

Register for **Under 12s** <https://forms.gle/tb1gfgBbqXu2kGgc9>
(born between 1 October 2011 – 30 September 2012)

Register for **Under 13s** <https://forms.gle/kasWojcBdze17BTG8>
(born between 1 October 2010 – 30 September 2011)

Register for **SRC** <https://forms.gle/o411uHrsoGJQsJmU6>
(must be 13 at 7th January 2024)

Waitlist Registration Links (New Members)

Waitlist for **Nippers** <https://forms.gle/AxhpUYRAM6HvJ9oF6>
(born between 1 October 2010 and 30 September 2017)

Waitlist for **SRC** <https://forms.gle/Lf5kxrUs8MgpScpj9>
(must be 13 at 7th January 2024)