

Mackay Surf Lifesaving Club Nippers Handbook



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WELCOME

On behalf of the Mackay Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC) and the Junior Activities Committee (JAC), welcome to the 2020-2021 season. Junior Activities (Nippers) is a rewarding experience for the whole family teaching both children and parents beach and water skills. Members learn the fundamentals of surf safety, how to master the challenge of surf craft and to have fun and make new friends. The Club's goals are to promote: Surf Skills, Surf Awareness, Confidence, Self Esteem, Friendship and Enjoyment. This Handbook contains information that will assist you and your child to understand the Mackay Surf Life Saving Club movement and provides details of the steps the Club takes to ensure members' safety both in and out of the water; how Sunday beach days are organized and; provide a general overview of the competitive segment of Nipper involvement. This Handbook contains much of the information you will need to make this a successful season, please keep it as a handy reference guide. If at any time you have a question your Age Manager or Committee Members will be happy to help you. Nippers offers a safe, friendly and welcoming environment for you and your child. Our focus is on having fun, teaching and enhancing skills.

We hope you and your family enjoy being members of Mackay SLSC!



About Mackay SLSC

As far back as 1928, the club was situated at Illawong (Far beach), Cremorne and Seaforth beaches. These bodies operated, being a combination of both Surf Life Saving and Royal Life Saving movements. Both clubs have for many years now operated under the Surf Life Saving Queensland umbrella.

Mackay Surf Life Saving Club has a continuous history dating back to November 1949 starting at Cremorne and then a break- away group formed a club at Bucasia, but it only had a very short life span and the dedicated members eventually joined the newly titled Mackay Surf Life Saving Club at the Harbour Beach as it became the most popular venue for bathing in the region. The current club also commenced patrolling Eimeo Beach in January 1950 as the Mackay & District Surf Life Saving Club.

In December 1958, it was decided to transfer patrolling activities to the Mackay Harbour beach (where the marina is now situated) with the junior movement a very healthy and independent body from the senior movement. The first clubhouse was opened in February 1962 and improvements were carried out in 1967/8, and again in 1974/5. A major expansion of the building was completed in April 1984.

A junior (nipper) club was formed in 1968 and rapidly expanded in the early to mid-1970's. A need for a separate clubhouse and facilities became obvious and a very energetic committee opened a new clubhouse next to the existing clubhouse in October 1980. Extensions quickly became necessary and these were carried out in October 1983.

The Marina development necessitated a move south along the Harbour Beach to the current position of the surf club. This impressive structure was opened in 2000, incorporating a clubhouse with restaurant / function facilities and is a testimony to the community and governments support the Club enjoys.



Screening Policy

Surf Life Saving at all levels is committed to the health, safety and wellbeing of all members and is dedicated to providing a safe and enjoyable environment for participants in surf lifesaving activities.

All Nipper parents and guardians are required to obtain a Suitability Card (Blue Card). The purpose of the blue card system is to contribute to the creation of safe and supportive environments for children and young people when receiving services and participating in activities which are essential to their development and wellbeing.

In compliance with the Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998, the Club, for the 2020 – 2021 season, requires that each member, parent or guardian complete and sign a “Volunteer Blue Card Application Form”. It is an offence for prohibited persons to sign this declaration or to apply for or attempt to obtain, undertake or remain in child-related employment in any capacity, whether paid, volunteering or self-employed. This means that if a member/potential member will not complete and sign the form their application for membership or renewal will be rejected.

Forms are available at the Club website or Club office, please feel free to email your request for a copy or call into the office during opening hours.



Statement of Commitment



MACKAY SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC.

Statement of Commitment

Every person and organisation bound by this statement of commitment must always place the safety and welfare of children and young people above all other considerations.

The Mackay SLSC acknowledges that our volunteers and staff provide a valuable contribution to the positive experiences of our junior members. The Mackay SLSC aims to ensure this continues and to protect the safety and welfare of its junior members. Several measures will be used to achieve this such as:

- Prohibiting any form of abuse against children;
- Providing opportunities for our juniors to contribute to and provide feedback on our program development;
- Carefully selecting and screening people whose role requires them to have regular contact with children.
- Ensuring our codes of conduct, particularly for roles associated with junior sport, are promoted, enforced and reviewed;
- Providing procedures for raising concerns or complaints; and
- Providing education and/or information to those involved in lifesaving on child abuse and child protection.

The Mackay SLSC requires that any child who is abused or anyone who reasonably suspects that a child has been or is being abused by someone within our organisation, to report it immediately to the police or Department of Communities Child Safety and Disability Services, and the club's nominated *Grievance Officer*, Colin Coles.

All allegations of child abuse will be dealt with promptly, seriously, sensitively and confidentially. A person will not be victimised for reporting an allegation of child abuse and the privacy of all persons concerned will be respected.

If anyone bound by this statement of commitment reasonably suspects that a child is being abused by his or her parent/s, they are advised to contact the Department of Communities Child Safety and Disability Services.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B.S.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brendan Smith
President
Mackay Surf Life Saving Club

Sunday Mornings

- Nippers assemble at 8:45am (sharp). Children should assemble in their age groups on the grassed area at the rear of the Surf Club building where Age Managers will mark the roll.
- Nipper Sunday sessions run from 8.45am-11.30am. Our green caps go from 9am-10:30am.
- It is mandatory for all nippers to wear a high vis pink singlet or pink rashie, stinger suit and club cap for nippers or club training. Nippers is almost always on: If the weather is unsuitable Members will be advised via Surf Guard or Facebook as to whether the morning's activities are either to be cancelled or relocated to an alternate venue. On most occasions an alternate nippers program will be operated
- Announcements and important information for Nippers and parents/guardians is communicated at the start of the day. Please be on time and listen to these announcements so that you are aware and up to-date with all matters concerning your child.
- It is important to label all clothing with your child's full name.
- Children should have sunscreen applied prior to the commencement, and throughout the morning of Nippers
- Children should bring a named water bottle to Nippers. These will be placed in a "cool" bag and located close to your child whilst they are participating in Nipper activities.
- Under the guidance and supervision of their Age Manager, children will then take part in fun on the beach and in the water. PLEASE NOTE: If your child is not a competent swimmer it is highly recommended that they are placed into a swimming squad at their local pool. The focus of Nippers is to introduce surf skills and awareness not to provide "how to swim" lessons.
- If your child has to leave the designated area at any time during the Nippers session they are required to obtain permission from their Age Manager and may only leave with a designated parent or guardian. This procedure is to ensure the safety of your child at all times.
- In addition to Age Managers, there are senior members and coaches who will assist in the training of disciplines or events. All children are encouraged and supported to participate fully in all activities.
- During Nippers a parent or guardian is required to be on the beach at all times. Nippers is not a childminding service. • At the end of the day's events, parents must mark their child off the roll. Once a Nipper is with their parent, they must remove their Nipper cap so that we know children are under parental supervision.

Nipper Behavior

It is important that Nippers follow the instructions of their Age Managers, Team Managers, Instructors, Coaches, Water Safety volunteers, Parents, Coordinators and any other volunteers at all times and listen to what is being said. If required a parent may be asked to remove their child from the group to ensure the safety of others and minimise disruptions.

Attendance

Children must have their name marked ON and OFF the roll with their respective Age Manager each week.

Photography

For the safety and security of all our children, parents are asked to refrain from taking photos of Nippers activities. The Club Photographer may be able to assist you with specific photos of Nippers Activities. If you should notice any suspicious behavior by individuals with or without cameras please report to your Age Manager or Committee Members so it can be dealt with appropriately.

Beach and Water Set Up/ Pack Up

Help is needed every week, from about 8.30am onwards, to set up the beach and to ensure that everything is packed up at the end of the morning. If you see that assistance is required, please help if you can.

Beach Events

Beach events include:

- Beach Races- running over a set distance on the sand
- Flags- lying flat on the sand, then getting up and running a short distance to grasp lengths of hose standing in the sand. The event is run over a number of rounds with a child eliminated each round until there is an eventual winner.
- Beach Relays- teams of four run a relay over a similar distance to the beach races.
- Surf Wade- running through shallow water around a heavily supervised course (usually for younger age groups)

Water Events Include

- Boards- paddling a board suited to their age group around a series of cans
- Surf Swim- Swimming a certain distance around either a series of cans or water safety personnel
- Board Relay- Teams of 3 paddle a board over a similar distance similar to a board race

- Board Rescue- Consists of a team of 2- swimmer and board paddler where a swimmer swims out to a swim can and the board paddler will paddle out simulating a rescue
- Cameron Relay- a team of 4 (1 swimmer, 1 board paddler and 2 runners) – in turns the swimmer and board paddler will circulate the course tagging the runner

Boards

Nippers has a range of boards suitable for all levels of expertise.

- Boogie boards are for Under 6 and Under 7
- Foam boards are for Under 8, Under 9 and Under 10's
- Fibreglass boards are for Under 11, Under 12 and Under 13's
- Mals are for Under 14's and over only

Under 8's do not compete at external carnivals on boards; all other age groups must use the boards as specified above.

Care of Equipment

Training and competitions equipment is expensive both to purchase and to repair. It is important that these items and all other gear and equipment is handled and cared for correctly.

- Boards should be carried, not dragged, and should be laid fin up on the sand. They should not be sat on and it is not wise to leave them lying in direct sunlight for a long time as this can cause them to bubble.
- Nippers must not stand on foam boards whilst riding them. They are not designed for that kind of treatment.
- All damages and losses must be reported to the Gear Steward, Age Manager or Team Manager.
- If you notice boards are damaged (fibre glass is cracked, handles broken etc.) please notify the Gear Steward or Age Manager so an out of order tag can be placed. **DO NOT TAKE INTO THE WATER** as this fills the board up with water and can be further damaged. If you would like to learn how to repair boards please see your JAC's and they can assist with training etc.

Under 6 & Under 7 Policy

- Minimum age of joining is 5 years as at midnight 30th September 2020
- Must wear a fluorescent green cap and a pink or green rashie

One parent /guardian of an Under 6 & Under 7 MUST be with their child (ren) at all times on Sunday mornings

- Parents/Guardians of Under 6 & Under 7 must be a registered member of the Club
- Under 6 & Under 7 DO NOT take part in any external competitions (apart from Tri Series)

Skills Evaluation

Pool Evaluation

Many activities that will be completed by children as part of the Nippers activities will be conducted in the water. To ensure that all children have a suitable swimming ability to allow them to participate in these activities, SLSQ has developed a Junior Preliminary Skills Evaluation for each age group.

Every nipper is required to participate in the Pool Evaluation, PRIOR to any Nippers being undertaken. It includes a pool swim, and timed survival float.

The pool proficiency MUST be completed before your child can participate in ANY nipper's activities. The table following outlines the mandatory minimum requirements.

Any child who does not meet the required Pool Evaluation level cannot participate in any Nippers activities until the child can successfully complete the Pool Evaluation.

Beach Evaluation

A Run, Swim, Run is defined as a continuous beach run, open water swim completed by using a continuous arm stroke and another continuous beach run measured to the specified distance relevant to each Nipper age group.

The beach proficiency (Run Swim Run) must be completed and signed off by the Director of Surf Sports, Training Officer, Club Coach or nominated JA00 before your child can nominate or be eligible for an award.

All children must complete the Beach Evaluation successfully to continue participating in all learning outcomes for their respective Surf Education Award and progress to age group appropriate water based activities noting the SLSA Water Safety Policy Requirements.

Any child who does not meet the required beach evaluation level, and have it recorded on Surf Guard, will require a higher level of supervision when involved in water based activities at the discretion of the club. It is a requirement that these children must be supervised with a 1:1 ratio until the child can successfully complete the Beach Evaluation. Those nippers who do not complete the Beach Evaluation and have it recorded on Surf Guard are ineligible to partake in Intra Club water based competitions and cannot gain their relevant age awards.

Surf Education Awards

Each child is encouraged to gain his or her Award (theory and practical) in accordance with their age group. These awards need to be gained by the end of the season and are achieved through Nipper day attendance

UNDER 6	Surf Play 1
UNDER 7	Surf Play 2
UNDER 8	Surf Aware One
UNDER 9	Surf Award Two
UNDER 10	Surf Safe One
UNDER 11	Surf Safe Two
UNDER 12	Surf Smart One
UNDER 13	Surf Smart Two (includes Resuscitation Certificate)
UNDER 14	Surf Rescue Certificate (Become a Patrolling Member)



PLEASE NOTE: We do NOT teach children to swim. Parents and / or guardians are requested to enroll their child in a local swimming squad.

Mackay SLSC will conduct Two Pool Proficiency dates at the commencement of the season.

If Nippers are unable to attend then a qualified swim coach can mark nippers off (please contact the office for the relevant paper work) or you can contact the JAC and they MAY be able to organize an alternate time with the qualified members to have you signed off.

	Preliminary Evaluations		Competition Evaluation	Age Award
	Pool Evaluation	Competency Beach Evaluation (Run-Swim-Run)		
Water Safety	1:5	1:5	1:5	1:5
Under 6	Kick on wall with face in water 30 second float	Nil (shallow water activities only)	NA (No Competition)	Surf Play 1
Under 7	Torpedo (push off wall) with face in the water 30 second float	Nil (shallow water activities only)	NA (No Competition)	Surf Play 2
Under 8	25 metre swim (freestyle) 1 minute survival float	25m-25m-25m Run-Wade-Run	25m-25m-25m Run-Wade-Run	Surf Aware 1
Under 9	50 metre swim (freestyle) 1 minute survival float	50m-50m-50m Run-Swim-Run	Minimum 150m open water swim (competition course distance as per competition manual)	Surf Aware 2
Under 10	50 metre swim (freestyle) 1.5 minute survival float	50m-50m-50m Run-Swim-Run	Minimum 150m open water swim (competition course distance as per competition manual)	Surf Safe 1
Under 11	100 metre swim (freestyle) 2 minute survival float	50m-100m-50m Run-Swim-Run	Minimum 288m open water swim (competition course distance as per competition manual)	Surf Safe 2
Under 12	100 metre swim (freestyle) 2 minute survival float	50m-100m-50m Run-Swim-Run	Minimum 288m open water swim (competition course distance as per competition manual)	Surf Smart 1
Under 13	150 metre swim (freestyle) 3 minute survival float	100m-100m-100m Run-Swim-Run	Minimum 288m open water swim (competition course distance as per competition manual)	Surf Smart 2
Under 14	200 metre swim (freestyle, in less than 5 minutes) 3 minute survival float	100m-100m-100m Run-Swim-Run	Minimum 288m open water swim (competition course distance as per competition manual)	Surf Rescue Certificate (MUST be assessed by SRC/Bronze Assessor)
Assessor	Bronze Accredited Swim Coach; OR SLSA Level 1 Surf Coach; OR AUSTSWIM Instructor; OR Junior Activities Accreditation Officer; OR Assessor (SRC/Bronze).		Assessor (SRC/Bronze) Junior Activities Accreditation Officer	
Notes	<i>Every junior member must successfully complete the pool evaluation prior to undertaking competency beach evaluation. This is a standard water proficiency requirement.</i>	<i>Every junior member must successfully complete the beach evaluation prior to undertaking the competition evaluation. Any child that does not meet the required evaluation level will require a higher level of supervision when involved in water based activities.</i>	<i>The competition evaluation must be achieved before being eligible to compete in inter-club competition. This is a standard open water proficiency requirement. Distances may be adjusted by the Chief Assessor dependent on risk assessment.</i>	<i>If a child wishes to compete in a Branch and/or State Championship event, their respective age award must be completed prior to close of nominations.</i>

Surf Education Activities

U/6's: Instruction in Surf Discovery, plus Non-competitive events, Emphasis on enjoying surf club, developing team work, and establishing friendships

U/7's: Instruction in Surf Confidence, plus non competitive events. Emphasis on enjoying surf club, developing teamwork, and establishing friendships

U/8'S: Surf Aware 1- an understanding of aquatic sense; an awareness of SLSA; introduction to swimming and paddling a board in a surf or aquatic environment as well as beach sprinting, plus competitive events (sprints, flags and wade).

U/9's: Surf Aware 2- basic beach, ocean and aquatic sense; an awareness of hazards in beach or aquatic environments; development of swimming, paddling and surf skills in a surf or aquatic environment and beach sprinting plus competitive events (sprints, flags, surf swim and board paddling).

U/10'S: Surf Safe 1 usage trends and activities at local aquatic venues; knowledge of safety service in the local area; knowledge of surf zone and other aquatic characteristics plus competitive events sprints, flags, surf swim and board paddling and to develop/introduce running, wading, dolphining, swimming, paddling and surf skills in a stable to moderate surf or aquatic environment.

U/11'S: Surf Safe 2 an awareness of self-survival in surf or aquatic environment, basic airway management and introduction to first aid; expand running, wadding, dolphining, swimming, paddling and surf skills in a stable to moderate surf/aquatic environment. Competitive events (sprints, flags, surf swim, board and iron-person)

U/12'S: Competitive Events sprint, flags, surf swim, board and iron person and Surf Smart 1 enhanced understanding of surf lifesavers and lifesaving services; enhanced knowledge of surf zones and other aquatic zones; awareness of basic rescue skills and activities; and enhance running, wading, dolphining, swimming, paddling and surfing skills in a stable to moderate surf or aquatic environment.

U/13'S: Competitive Events sprints, flags, surf swim, board and iron person and Surf Smart 2 develop principles of First Aid and basic knowledge of resuscitation skills; introductory skills in aided or unaided approaches and further enhance running, wading, dolphining, swimming, paddling and surf skills in a stable to moderate surf or aquatic environment.

U/14'S: Competitive Events sprints, flags, surf swim, board and iron person and Surf Lifesaving Certificate award training and qualification. Under 14's are also eligible to become a probationary patrol member upon satisfying certain criteria. Please contact the Lifesaving Coordinator for further information. Surf Rescue Certificates (SRC) courses and camps are conducted with the Branch/Club each year.

For Parents/Guardians

Welcome to Mackay Nippers. We are sure you will have an enjoyable season. To assist you with this we have set out a few guidelines below. If you have any problems or questions please do not hesitate to speak to your JAC's (Junior Activities Coordinators) or Age Managers. If we don't know about it we can't help you.

Please sign up to Lifesaving online- with this you can update all your personal information, access any awards for your family, pay your membership, carnival nomination or other fees.

Important information will be sent out via Surf Guard or posted on our Registered Members Page (Mackay Surf Lifesaving Registered Members)

- Please ensure your child has completed their pool swim proficiency prior to participation in Nippers ocean/ beach activities
- Please remember you are to remain at Nippers the entire time your child is here
- Nippers must sign on with their Age Manager at the start of Nippers and must be signed out by you before leaving the group. Please remind your child to remove their cap once they have been signed out
- We can NOT have any water based activities if there are insufficient Water Safety personnel
- Carnival nominations must be made by you and not your child. Your child must have completed their Beach and Competition evaluation by club personnel before nominating. Carnival fees are to be paid at the time of nomination.

Important Note to Parents

Volunteer parental/guardian assistance plays an integral role in conducting this program, with many parents becoming qualified Lifesavers thus, becoming role models for their own children.

Mackay SLSC conducts a Parent Participation Program which will provide opportunities for parents to be involved by gaining Observers Awards, Age Managers Awards and Officials Awards.

Water events require Water Safety Officers for the safety and wellbeing of the Nippers. For this we need a number of parents to gain their Bronze Medallion or Surf Rescue Certificate. Your son or daughter will be thrilled to know Mum or Dad will be with them helping them out during the session.

As a parent you are invited to become qualified to assist your children and others in the water. Mackay SLSC will put you through your Bronze Medallion or SRC for free. A blue card is essential for all parents.

Parent / Guardian Code of Conduct

Nippers are not the only ones with a Code of Conduct- if you have a problem at any time, the correct procedure to follow is to address the issue through the JAC's, Age Managers or Committee member.

Complaints are to be made in writing and delivered to the Junior Activities Committee. The complaint will be addressed in the next scheduled meeting.

There are a number of important items below which need to be clearly defined; lack of adherence to these policies will be forwarded to the Senior Club for disciplinary action.

- Remember that children play sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing
- Encourage children to always participate according to the rules
- Support all efforts to remove verbal abuse from activities
- Respect officials decisions and teach children to do likewise
- Show appreciation of volunteers, coaches, officials and administrators, Without them, your child could not participate
- Remember young people compete for enjoyment and learn the best from example. Don't let your behavior detract from their enjoyment. Applaud good efforts by all members and other clubs
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a race. Follow appropriate procedures in order to question an official's or Team Managers Decision.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.



Age Managers

Age Managers are generally volunteer parents of Nippers children. Age Managers are assigned to a particular age group for the year. They are responsible to organizing children in the age groups for each Sunday morning

If you are volunteering to be an Age Manager for the 2020-2021 season- thank you for your assistance. We are sure you will have an enjoyable season as an Age Manager. To assist you with this we have set out a few guidelines below. If you have any problems or questions, please do not hesitate to speak to one of the committee members.

Please let the club know your email address at the start of the season and check your emails regularly for any updates or information.

- Please ensure only children who have completed pool swim are to participate in Nippers (this will be on the age managers sheets). If you have a child who is not on your list OR marked as not having done their Pool Proficiency, please send them to the JAC.
- Please remind parents and or guardians of children in your age group that they are to remain at Nippers the entire time their child is there.
- Nippers must sign on at the start of Nippers and must be signed out by their parents, and remove their caps before leaving the group.
- We can NOT have any water based activities if there are insufficient water safety personnel.
- Carnival nominations must be made by the parent not the child. Those children nominate MUST have completed their beach proficiency and have paid their carnival fees

**THE MAIN OBJECTIVE FOR PARENTS AND AGE MANAGERS IS TO
ENSURE THE CHILDREN HAVE
FUN, WHILST LEARNING ABOUT THE OCEAN**

Water Safety Policy

Our environment is ever changing and requires respect, skill and common sense when managing and participating in water activities. On some Sundays the conditions will be challenging and may require decision on what activities can take place and who can participate.

The safety of our children and water safety personnel is paramount. The JA committee is responsible and must be assured that all involved are confident and competent to manage the conditions of the day.

Water activity participation for each Sunday will be determined:

- Through consultation and consensus of Age Managers, Water Safety Officers, JA Committee and On Duty Patrol Captain
- By the availability of water safety personnel
- SLSA current water safety policies must be strictly adhered to

Change of venue may be required when the beach is closed or better conditions for particular activities at another venue

ALTERNATE LOCATIONS FOR NIPPERS ACTIVITIES & TRAINING

- Mackay Marina
- Balnagowan (on the Pioneer River near Pleystowe Mill)
- Local Pool

If the venue is to be changed you will be notified by Surf Guard Text Message / Members Facebook Page



Surf Sports Information

Carnivals

Throughout the year our club attends carnivals at various locations. This is a fun, learning experience whilst children are encouraged to participate, attendance is optional.

We also participate at Tri-Series with Eimeo SLSC and Sarina SLSC with each of the 3 clubs hosting one event in the series each.

We are required to fulfil ratios for carnival officials and water safety officers depending on the number of children competing across the various age groups. For this reason, it is a requirement that each family of a competing child that at least 1 member must have an Officials Accreditation approved by SLSQ. Courses shall be run throughout the season to allow parents to gain their accreditation.

OFFICIALS- we must provide 1 Official for every 7 competitors nominated

WATER SAFETY- we must provide 1 water safety for every 5 competitors nominated

Fundraising

To maintain a high standard we encourage support from all parents and Nippers in ongoing fundraising efforts. Fundraising goes towards providing equipment and facilities for all to enjoy and benefit from. You will be advised throughout the season of fundraising ventures, including BBQ's, raffles, SOS Week and Social Events.



2020/2021 Calendar of Events



August

18th – (TUE) Secondary School Surf League (Mackay Harbour)

30th (SUN) - Open / Registration Day – **ALL WELCOME** (all nippers + parents)

September

2nd (WED) - Pool Proficiency (4pm – 5pm) - ARC (all nippers + parents)

5th (SAT) - Nippers Beach & Competition Evaluation (for Alma Bay Carnival Competitors)

6th (SUN) - **First Nippers Day** (all nippers + parents)

9th (WED) - Pool Proficiency (4pm – 5pm) – ARC (all nippers + parents)

13th (SUN) – Nippers + Beach evaluation (all nippers) + [Family Participation Information Session](#) (All parents)

[School Holidays START {19th Sept}](#)

19th/20th (SAT/SUN) - U8's - Masters (Alma Bay, Magnetic Island) + 20th (SUN) Nippers (for all others)

27th (SUN) – Nippers + Competition Evaluation (all nippers) + Observers Course (Parents course)

21st – 26th (MON – SAT) – SRC / Bronze Course (Alva Beach, Ayr)

October

4th (SUN) - Pool Tri-series (Mackay / Eimeo / Sarina) & training day, ARC (U6 – U9 Swim skills / training / U10 – U16 Pool Rescue Competition training) + Age Managers Course (Parents course – ALL CLUBS)

[School Holidays FINISH {5th October}](#)

10th / 11th (SAT / SUN) - U 8's – Masters- Forrest Beach

18th (SUN) Nippers / Juniors Awards (Beach evaluation / Competition Evaluation – **FINAL day**) (all nippers) + Officials Course - Training Room (Parents course)

24th (SAT ONLY) - U8 - U17's Carnival- Picnic Bay, The Strand

30th (FRI) - North Aussies Pool Comp- ARC

31st (SAT) - North Aussies (U11's – Masters) Mackay Harbour

Nippers	Green
Parents	Yellow
Carnivals	Red
Training / Awards	Blue
School Holidays	Purple

November

1st (SUN) - North Aussies (U11's - Masters) Mackay Harbour- NO NIPPERS

8th (SUN) – Nippers: surf safety, fitness & skills training (*all nippers + parents*)

14th (SAT) – Tri-series (Mackay / Eimeo / Sarina) **SARINA SLSC carnival** + drinks / BBQ {2pm – onwards} (*all nippers + parents*)

22nd (SUN) - Nippers: surf safety, fitness & skills training (*all nippers + parents*)

22nd (SUN) – U8 – U15's Carnival – Emu Park {optional attendance}

29th (SUN) – Tri-series (Mackay / Eimeo / Sarina) **Eimeo SLSC carnival** + drinks / BBQ {9am - onwards} (*all nippers + parents*)

December

6th (SUN) - Nippers: surf safety, fitness & skills training (*all nippers + parents*)

6th (SUN) – U8 – U15's Carnival – Tannum Sands {optional attendance}

School Holidays START ☺ {12th Dec}

12th (SAT) / 13th (SUN) - Branch Championships U8's-Masters - Sarina Beach NO NIPPERS

20th (SUN) – **Nippers Family XMAS Break-up** (*all nippers + parents*)

An update for January to March will be published once dates are confirmed