



# DSLSC NIPPERS 2022/23

BEACH FUN – SURF AWARENESS – CARNIVALS

## TRAINING SESSIONS

**Thursdays 5:30–6:30pm**

**Sundays 10:00am–12:00pm**

Board training **for competitors:**

Tuesdays 5:30–6:30pm

**Flippers** (5–6 year olds):

Sundays 10:00am–12:00pm

*Check our FB page for session updates*



## JUNIOR ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

**Coordinator:**

Steve Farrow – 0438 799 698

**Assistant Coordinator:**

Allana Bugge – 0423 427 864

**Secretary:**

Lea Farrow – 0402 247 883

**Registrations and BBQ:**

Lesa McConnon – 0438 383 642

## USEFUL LINKS

**Facebook page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/DevonportSurfClub>

**Facebook members group:**

Devonport Surf Life Saving Club | Members

**DSLSC website:**

[www.devonportsurfclub.asn.au](http://www.devonportsurfclub.asn.au)

**Surf Life Saving Tasmania:**

[www.slst.asn.au](http://www.slst.asn.au)

**SLST Members App:**

App Store and Google Play

## DSLSC NIPPER UNIFORMS

Nippers must wear a **club cap** and **neon singlet** for all training sessions and carnivals. Check our FB group for uniform shop days, times, and special order options.

Or contact Shelley: [shelley.tyson@education.tas.gov.au](mailto:shelley.tyson@education.tas.gov.au)



## NIPPER KIT

Bathers/rashie

Wetsuit (if needed)

Club cap

Neon club singlet

Sunscreen

Water/drink bottle

## JUNIOR CARNIVAL DATES

#1 – Saturday 10 December 2022 (Bridport)

#2 – Sunday 8 January 2023 (Burnie)

#3 – Sunday 29 January 2023 (Port Sorell)

#4 – Saturday 11 February 2023 (Clifton Beach)

**State Championships:**

Saturday 25 – Sunday 26 February 2023 (Penguin)

## SUPPORTING OUR CLUB

The DSLSC relies on volunteers for our Nipper program, so we always welcome any extra support!

### Some of the ways you can help:

- Feed your family at our club BBQs
- Be part of our water safety during training sessions (if you hold your SRC or Bronze Medallion)
- Help our Junior Activities team with the BBQ
- Volunteer to be an official at a junior carnival
- Help out as a junior carnival age group manager

**Please note:** Parents/guardians taking on a role must hold a current Working With Vulnerable People card and have it recorded on their club membership profile.

## GOOD TO KNOW

Bring \$1 coins for **hot showers** in the change rooms.

**Park** in either the Bluff playground or the Meercroft carparks (but please not in the Drift carpark).

The **DSLSC bar** is open most Friday nights from 5:30pm to raise money for the club and our Nipper boards.

## CARNIVALS

At every junior carnival, our club **MUST** provide 1 official per every 10 Nipper competitors or our children **cannot compete**.

Being an official doesn't require any training, and it's a fun way to get close to the action. Tasks include: noting down placings, lining up flags in the sand, and counting kids over the line.

**PLEASE help out if you can, so our Nippers can continue to enjoy their carnivals.**

We also require age group managers on each carnival day. As an age group manager, you'll keep track of their water bottles, jackets, and sunscreen, and help get your Nipper group to their events on time.

**We need YOUR help!**

## YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

### Will you teach my child to swim?

No. The Nipper program is about surf awareness and open water skills, so it's a requirement that your child has basic water skills and can swim prior to joining as a Nipper.

### How do I register my child?

Registrations are managed through the SLST website. Your Nipper needs to have at least one parent/guardian registered with the club. Cost-effective family memberships are also available.

### Do I have to stay at the beach during Nipper sessions?

Yes. Every Nipper and Flipper **MUST** have a parent or guardian present during all training sessions. The same applies to any carnivals your Nipper attends.

### What if it's raining when training is on?

Since our Nippers are already dressed for the wet, we usually train in the rain too! But if the weather is particularly nasty, check our FB group for short-notice session cancellations.

### Does my Nipper have to participate in carnivals?

No, carnivals are optional. That said, we're a competitive club and encourage ALL Nippers to have a go at some carnivals, especially the local ones. Junior carnivals offer a fun and safe way for them to put their new Nipper skills into practice and boost their confidence!