

TH&C NIPPER NEWSLETTER



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THE FINAL SIX WEEKS!

Hi Nipper and Surf Club families

With summer all but gone our Nipper season is quickly drawing to an end for 2019/20 season. We have the three Sundays in early March and then the 11's to 15's head to the Sunshine Coast for the Junior State Championships on the weekend of 20-22 March. Our last nipper Sunday will be March 15. Obviously this is an important time for all of our families.

For our competitors going to State titles, it is never too late and working hard at training for the next 4 weeks will help your results. That solid effort on your skills entering or exiting the water can be the difference of being 8th or 9th place in a heat or semi and being taken through to the next round. In every race some nipper will just miss the cut – I tell you now it won't be the one that has perfected their exit from the water into a full-blown sprint! Nipper Sundays are essentially for all competitors because these are the main sessions we have with our really important Brisbane families. You need to let your coaches and age managers know when you can't make it.

For the rest of the nippers we will be working hard at training and nipper Sunday's to help you hone the skills you hoped to get this season. Be it body surfing, swimming to a can or catching a wave on the boards, we want you to be excited about what you achieved this season.

For our committee and parents, it's an important time when we are all still together to plan for next season. I am 100% sure that the incoming committee will endorse the rule that every family needs to have a role for their nippers to compete in carnivals or train with our coaches. Obviously that's not the only reason to step up as there are many wonderful and fulfilling reasons to help run nippers that does so much for so many.

It's no secret that this is my last season as nipper president. I have been the weirdo this season that has done the role without even having a nipper. I'm 100% not disappearing and hope to land on the beach with the new taddies again next season until the next wave of age managers emerge. Our parents who only have a under 14, and myself, will create a really big void that will need everyone to step up and fill a more involved role. Please talk to me to get an understanding of what roles will suit you and nominate for roles. If you are moving on from a role make sure you recruit a replacement.

The last important day in our calendar is 5th April. Starting at 9am we are going to fill the concrete area in the surf club with waterslides and BBQ's and have a nipper break up party that is not to be missed. We then have our presentation where we recognise all the great things the nippers have done this season. Please bring a change of clothes and shoes or thongs this year because we may need to move upstairs because of our size of our nipper group. The nipper dad's will be disappointed about the access to beer to help them through.

Please book for lunch and get yourself a 200-club ticket because we will spend the afternoon working our way through to the point where someone will win. See Lara Hickling or myself to get yourself or your group a ticket. All the details are in the grapevine.

See you on the beach in my pink shirt. Make sure you come see me about anything, especially roles for next season.

Thanks for being part of our great TH&C club.

Vaughn

POINT DANGER BRANCH U11-15 TITLES – NORTH KIRRA

TH&C u11-14's finished a super close 4th place (176 points) behind Tallebudgera 3rd (192 points), with Tugun 2nd (496 points) and Currumbin 1st (563 points) being the dominant clubs this time. There were tough weather conditions, resulting in the carnival being split over two weekends – Saturday 8th Feb for the sand events and Sunday 23rd Feb for the water events. This was a blessing and a curse at the same time! Some parents enjoyed the chance to watch all the individual sprints and team beach relays one after the other on the first Saturday, which is an unusual opportunity. The TH&C relay teams were ever present in most age groups in the top 1-4, with our all-age A and B teams achieving the remarkable by placing 1st and 2nd respectively, following a detailed official review! Out of 8 beach relays for u11-14 male and female, TH&C placed 1st in 6 of these races. Congratulations to all the nippers who were able to execute well with the baton!

A memorable flag finals for the u12 girls saw Indi Crawford, Addie Free AND Leah Herangi go 1,2,3 – which was really something to cheer about in the pouring rain! We are used to watching the u13 girls smother the finals field in flags, and to now see u12 girls do the same thing was really special.

Our under 11's performed really well with some help from our friends from the under 10's Nippers - Nicholas Pearce, Jesse Wellman, Sooke Paley, Molly Rogers and Lily-Anne Gould, who embraced the opportunity to the race, with the encouragement and support of their families. The kids put their full effort and abilities into both days with some commendable results. Congratulations to all of our Nippers for their persistence, comradery and sportsmanship.

With a focus on fine tuning the board rescue technique at training, we had some great results in this event with combinations making finals, including Lily Alford and Kaelani Sherwood (team C) in u13 girls placing 7th, Brock Osborne and Blaise Telford (team C) in u12 placing 6th, Molly Rogers and Sooke Paley (as u10's) (team B) in u11 placing 6th and Nick Pearce and Jesse Wellman (team B) in u11 placing 7th.

Another outstanding result in the water was the u12 boys win in the surf teams.

Thank you to our officials – including Rod Jones our club Vice President (water sectional referee), Vaughn Thomas (Chief Judge), Steph Osborne (Chief Marshall), Shane Bisgrove (ARRO) and Brad Holdway, Amanda McClure, Anne Larard, Benn Pinkerton, Craig Sherwood and Rae Lohse (Judges). Without their help we could not enter the kids.



BEING AN OFFICIAL

Here's a couple of comments on the experience of being an official at a carnival. The off-season is an ideal time to undertake a course to help the club be prepared for the beginning of season 2020-21. We can plan with confidence knowing there is a pool of volunteers ready to assist, and it helps alleviate burn-out of some of our existing officials, some of whom have multiple roles in the club. Remember, the first team's carnival of next season is the u8-10's teams at Pacific SLSC, and this creeps up on us faster than you think!

"I performed my first official duty on Sunday 23rd Feb at branch. As a nipper mum, it was a great experience to see how much effort our volunteers do behind the scenes to make it all happen. Also seeing up close the excitement of many nippers who compete for each of their clubs. I encourage anyone to take a role in something, to continue to make our nippers sport even more amazing." **Steph Osborne** – mum of Brock u12's and Shelby u11's.

"I was somewhat reluctant to take on a role with Nippers, I usually end up being on most committees for the activities my kids are involved in, but sometimes you just need to be a parent. Then of course Vaughn stands up at the meeting and tells everyone that the Club needs everyone to pitch in. Honestly, I looked for the least time consuming role I could find. Officials. Do a short course, turn up to 3-4 events a season my daughter was going to be at anyway. Perfect job to be involved, but not too involved."

It has been a really enjoyable role, I have done three carnivals, moved from probation to being an official and I felt like I was helping the Club without having to commit to something every weekend, like being an age manager (thank you to Sharon, my daughter's age manager) or being on the wider Committee."

I have felt really supported in learning the role from both the Club and Branch and I expect it will be something I will continue when my daughter decides she has had enough of Nippers. A couple of weekends a summer to help your club, get a few beers and a feed afterwards. It is not a bad way to support Surf Life Saving". – **Simon McKinley**, dad of Ivy u9's.

"I've found supporting the club and my daughter by becoming an official is a great way to get involved. You don't need any specific skill, there are many ways an official can contribute. Your preferences for beach or water areas are always considered. Over the years I have been many roles. As the name suggests, a recorder records results - It does require some attention to detail and can be quite fast paced. It is also a great way to interact with all the kids and some of them are so excited about their results and accomplishments. It's lovely to be a part of that."

Judging can vary between events but there are some things all events have in common. You will have other judges to support you and often iPads record races for verification. All you have to do is pay close attention to the important things such as competitor change overs in relay events and the order competitors finish. If marshalling is your thing, don't be shy, a loud voice helps and give the kids clear direction. Whatever official role you choose, you're supporting your kids, your club and surf lifesaving. You'll find you get a greater understanding of carnival competition. All officials are keen to support you and share their knowledge and you get to know other club members a little better". – **Leonie Eriksen**, mum of Caillie u13's.



NIPPER TRAINER OF THE MONTH - JANUARY

Trainer of the month recognises consistency, effort, enthusiasm, respect for coaches and encouragement of peers, combined with an overall positive attitude towards training and around the club. These are important qualities all nippers can aspire to. The recipients for January are: Hamish Nockolds (u9), Brock Osborne (u12), Lily Alford (u13) and Caillie Eriksen (u13). Congratulations!

TRAINING REMINDER

The junior surf group still have three weeks left of training on Tuesday 3:45pm, Thursday 3.45pm and Saturday 7:30am. With record numbers to these sessions in the first two-thirds of the season, numbers have subsided, so let's make the most of great conditions and warm water for the next three weeks to build on the fantastic confidence and progression achieved so far. Hoping to see as many of our wonderful little nippers as possible over the coming weeks.

For the advanced group, especially those who have now qualified to compete against some of the best nippers in Queensland, it is important to attend training over the next three weeks, get good rest and great nutrition. We are very proud of the collective effort last Sunday at Branch and are very excited about upcoming State titles. Come down and enjoy the best conditions of the season with super warm water and great waves to hone our competition and surf skills. Board rescue and board technique training is on for the next 3 weeks at 7am Sunday's prior to nippers.

– Kane and Jason

KEIRAN YOUNG MEMORIAL RELAY

Started in 1999, the annual Cameron relay is a celebration of the life of a great Club man – Keiran Young. Liam Young (former club President), son of Kieran Young and Barry Young, Kieran's brother, were there to watch the race on Sunday 26th January. This year, the title was claimed by Izzy Boucher – swim (u13), Isaac Rogers – board (u14), Ava Georgiou – run (u12) and Finn Manahan – run (u11).



IMPORTANT DATES

1st MARCH Nipper Sunday (1 pt)

8th MARCH Nipper Sunday (1 pt)

15th MARCH Last Nipper Sunday (1 pt)

18th MARCH Last board training session prior to State titles, pack board trailer

19th MARCH Travel to Sunshine Coast, set up

20th- 22nd MARCH QLD Youth Champs @ Alexandra Headlands

5th APRIL @ 9am Nipper presentation, AGM and 200 club

POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR NEXT SEASON 2020-21

At our AGM on Sunday 5th April, existing positions within the club will be vacated and YOU get the very special opportunity to demonstrate a collectivism attitude, being a powerful role model to your kids on how to help a group thrive!

What does this mean... well there's many and varied ways any interested person can assist the smooth operation of every aspect of nippers. You may have a particular skill set or interest that you'll naturally gravitate to. Here's a summary of the positions available – some are on the committee, where you'll be responsible for making decisions on policies and procedures and contributing to good governance, others are operational roles where you'll be creating positive club culture and helping to organise people and equipment. A more detailed description of each role will be posted to team app.

If you have any questions, obligation free (of course!), please call Vaughn Thomas 0413 594 411, Kate Rogers 0424 779 452 or Glenn Turner 0403 388 366.

Action jobs:

- **Official** – help at carnivals, club championships.
- **Water safety** (Bronze Medallion) – help at Nipper Sundays, carnivals, club championships.
- **IRB driver or crew** – help set cans at Nipper Sundays and carnivals.
- **Water Safety coordinator** – (must have BM or SRC) – risk assessment on conditions with Patrol Captain, liaise with all age managers to ensure correct ratios, help organise water safety personnel for carnivals, liaise with TH&C team manager to ensure carnival success.
- **Beach set-up coordinator** (must have ATV and tractor licence) - set up the beach (flags, sprints, board and swim area) for the Nipper program at 7am Sundays. Runs trailers down with all boards, gets cans ready for water safety coordinator to place.
- **BBQ set up/pack up coordinators** - attends the club at 7am to set up the BBQ area for the BBQ convenor, works with the team of parents to make sure that all is washed up and packed away.

Paperwork jobs:

- **Officials coordinator** – help organise the right number for carnivals, check who is available and distribute the workload, complete all necessary carnival paperwork and submit to Point Danger Branch office
- **Carnival registrar** – Two-three weeks before carnivals (6-8 per year), liaise with the age managers/coaches to get carnival nominations.
- **Presentation day manager** – coordinate the end of season presentation day (same day as AGM) – big party! Liaise with President, Club Points Coordinator and Club photographers, finalise the awards, place trophy and medallion order (with names for engraving).
- **Attendance sheet / Club points coordinator** - update (weekly) and distribute attendance sheet for all AM's (prior to Sunday's) in coordination with TH&C office admin, produce and distribute carnival attendance and Club Championship race sheet (2 per season) for AM's to record placing of top 6 competitors in all events. Liaise with President and Presentation Day Manager after final Nipper Sunday to allocate trophies.
- **Education officer** – ensure lesson plans are delivered in a timely manner by AM's to enable nippers to be signed off to compete in carnivals (if desired). Take lessons for nippers who have fallen behind, if not regular attendees. Check pool/ comp/swims are valid. Liaise with JAAO's.
- **Raffle coordinator** – raises \$15-20k/year. Arrange families and help them understand the process for each weekend raffle. Arrange raffle prizes and coordinate our yearly monster Christmas raffle, arrange a raffle to run in conjunction with club's Coolie Rocks BBQ.
- **200 Club coordinators** (an understudy to Lara and Craig Hickling) – promote, sell tickets, allocate numbers, check payments and manage the 200 Club day running. Last day of Nippers.
- **Facebook and Insta coordinators** – upload record of events, carnival results, photos, create posts deemed appropriate, moderate the site, promote sponsors, liaise with club photographers, coordinate with Secretary, Presentation day and raffle coordinators.

- **Team App coordinator** - Upload details of future events, receive texts from Nipper president, coaches and age managers and make posts as required, moderate the site (manage appropriate usage from Nipper families), be the primary source of instant information.
- **Newsletter coordinator** – assist the President and Secretary, collaborate with club photographers, gather short reports from AM's after carnivals, prepare sponsors pages.

Action + paperwork jobs – THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS!!:

- **Age manager** - deliver the set lesson plans outlined in training manual (age appropriate prepared by SLSA), liaise with water safety coordinator, complete attendance sheets, mark-off what lesson plans delivered and hand sheet into Admin, organise carnival entries (u8's and up) and teams with the Carnival Registrar, take nippers to marshalling area at carnivals and help them have positive experiences. *NOTE: Ideal if a parent of a boy and parent of a girl get involved with each age group, especially important at carnivals so one AM person is not overloaded.*
- **Assistant Age Managers** - provide support to AM (give them flexibility to miss a Sunday!), help deliver the lesson plans outlined in training manual (age appropriate prepared by SLSA), at carnivals take responsibility for marshalling either boys or girls (dependent on your Nipper).
- **BBQ coordinator** – be responsible for one of our biggest fundraisers (\$4000-6000/yr). Organise nominated age group parents to set up tents, prep, cook, serve, clean up, weekly check supplies and purchase food, count money with Treasurer.
- **Photographers** (need Blue card and authorisation from Branch) - administrator of Facebook and Instagram, regularly takes and posts photos and/or forwards to social media coordinator, provides photographs for newsletters, annual reports and presentation day video.

Committee positions

- **Team manager/s u11-14 and u8-10** (prerequisites: AM, carnival experience and a calm head) – liaise with carnival registrar (entries), water safety/Officials coordinator in their team, motivate and coordinate the workforce for 3 carnivals from the first bulletin to the tents returning to the shed, resolve protests, liaise with AM's at carnivals.
- **Treasurer** – responsible for managing the finances and budget, coordinates with President and BBQ coordinator.
- **Sponsorship/Marketing/Fundraising coordinator** – help attract and seek out potential sponsors, organise regular promotion, coordinate with newsletters/social media, prepare certificates of appreciation at end of season.
- **Gear steward** – Responsible for board fleet/equipment (tents/flags/surf reels etc), lease agreements, assess damage and arrange repair (if required), seek prices for new gear, help Sunday set up, educate nippers on care and maintenance of all club equipment.
- **Uniform convenor** – check stock supplies (during off-season), estimate and coordinate order swimwear, caps and rashies for pre-season and other merchandise (sponsored), liaise with Treasurer on budget, seek prices, help sell uniform on Sundays, State team kit coordination.
- **Secretary** – support to President and VP, meeting minutes, field enquiries, liaise with newsletter coordinator, Social media coordinator and raffle coordinator.
- **Vice-President** – A strong support position and decision maker, responsible for family participation, creates a data base of families, communicates with them on possible / required club roles, coordinates and organises branch visits, handles complaints pre and post nipper Sunday's, or emails sent to club administrators, takes lead with beach set-up team.
- **President** - responsible for the coordination and success of all Nipper activities, represent members at the Club board of management (BOM), surf sports committee, at all general and special meetings and at monthly Point Danger Branch JAC meetings, run nipper AGM.

Or BE A SPONSOR!!

See you on the beach! – Vaughn and the Nipper committee

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