

Birubi Point Surf Life Saving Club

2026-2027 Nippers Program

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Venue	Comments
Sunday September 13 th	Surf Club Open Day	Birubi Point Surf Club	For new members/families to find out more information regarding Nippers and Club Overall. 10am-1pm – follow Facebook Page for more information
Sunday September 20 th	Age Manager & Water Safety Pre-Season Catch Up	Birubi Point Surf Club	10-11am For Age Managers and Water Safety Age Manager Mentoring Session
Friday September 24 th	Monthly Members Draw	Duff Bar Birubi Point Surf Club	Monthly Members Night where all financial members can win prizes. Meat Raffles, Sponsor Prizes and Kids Prizes
Thursday October 15 th	Registration	Online	Online Registration must be completed. You cannot participate in the water skills test without being registered.
Friday October 16 th	Nippers Social Night	Duff Bar Birubi Point Surf Club	Social Night for all Nippers Families to come down, catch up with other families, speak to Age Managers and Committee Members
Sunday October 18 th	Water Skills Test & Rashie collection	Tomaree Pool Salamander Bay	10am-11am: U6's, U7's, U8's 10.30am-11.30am: U9's, U10's, U11's 11am-12pm: U12's, U13's, U14's
Sunday October 25 th	Nippers Week 1	Birubi Point Beach	Beach Set Up: U9's Beach Pack Up: U10's
Friday October 30 th	Monthly Members Draw	Duff Bar Birubi Point Surf Club	Monthly Members Night where all financial members can win prizes. Meat Raffles, Sponsor Prizes and Kids Prizes
Sunday November 1 st	Nippers Week 2	Birubi Point Beach	Beach Set Up: U8's Beach Pack Up: U11's
Sunday November 8 th	Nippers Week 3	Birubi Point Beach	Beach Set Up: U7's Beach Pack Up: U12's

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Sunday November 15 th	Nippers Week 4	Birubi Point Beach	Beach Set Up: U6's Beach Pack Up: U13/14's
Sunday November 22 nd	Nippers Week 5	Birubi Point Beach	Beach Set Up: U9's Beach Pack Up: U10's
Friday November 27 th	Monthly Members Draw & Nippers Parents Social night	Duff Bar Birubi Point Surf Club	Monthly Members Night where all financial members can win prizes. Meat Raffles, Sponsor Prizes and Kids Prizes
Sunday November 29 th	Nippers Week 6 Points Day #1	Birubi Point Beach	Beach Set Up: U8's Beach Pack Up: U11's
Sunday December 6 th	Nippers Week 7	Birubi Point Beach	Beach Set Up: U7's Beach Pack Up: U12's
Saturday December 12 th	Nippers Week 8/Christmas Party	Birubi Point Surf Club	330pm all age groups. Treasure Hunt. Games. Santa Clause. BBQ.
Friday December 18 th	Monthly Members Draw & Nippers Social Night	Duff Bar Birubi Point Surf Club	Monthly Members Night where all financial members can win prizes. Meat Raffles, Sponsor Prizes and Kids Prizes

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Sunday December 20 th	Christmas Break		
Sunday December 27 th	Christmas Break		
Sunday January 3 rd	Christmas Break		
Sunday January 10 th	Christmas Break		
Sunday January 17 th	Nippers Week 9	Birubi Point Beach	Beach Set Up: U6's Beach Pack Up: U10's
Sunday January 24 th	Nippers Week 10	Birubi Point Beach	Beach Set Up: U7's Beach Pack Up: U11's
Friday 29 th January	Monthly Members Draw & Nippers Social night	Duff Bar Birubi Point Surf Club	Monthly Members Night where all financial members can win prizes. Meat Raffles, Sponsor Prizes and Kids Prizes
Sunday January 31 st	Nippers Week 11	Birubi Point Beach	Beach Set Up: U8's Beach Pack Up: U12's
Sunday February 7 th	Nippers Week 12 Points Day # 2	Birubi Point Beach	Beach Set Up: U9's Beach Pack Up: U13/14's
Sunday February 14 th	Nippers Week 13	Birubi Point Beach	Beach Set Up: U6's Beach Pack Up: U10's

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Sunday February 21 st	Nippers Week 14 Points Day # 3	Birubi Point Beach	Beach Set Up: U7's Beach Pack Up: U11's
Friday February 26 th	Monthly Members Draw & Nippers Social Night	Duff Bar Birubi Point Surf Club	Monthly Members Night where all financial members can win prizes. Meat Raffles, Sponsor Prizes and Kids Prizes
Sunday February 28 th	Nippers Week 15	Birubi Point Beach	Beach Set Up: U9's Beach Pack Up: U13/14's Sausage Sizzle at the Club House
Sunday March 7 th	Nippers Week 16	Birubi Point Beach	Beach Set Up: U8's Beach Pack Up: U12's
Saturday March 13 th	Presentation	Birubi Point Surf Club	4pm- 9pm

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Via the Facebook Group Birubi SLSC Nippers

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/575652527738301>

Visit our website for the latest News and Calendar(See under "What's On" in the Menu.)

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Patrolling Season Dates

Patrolling sessions start on Saturday 26th September 2025 and finishes on Monday 26th April 2026

Enrolments

We can only offer online enrolments via the Surf Lifesaving Member Hub. Link:

<https://hub.slsc.com.au>

For those returning, memberships can be renewed via the SLS Members Hub.

For new members, please register an account on SLS Members Hub.

Age Groups

Age Group	Birthdate Between
U6's	1 st October 2020 to 30 th September 2021
U7's	1 st October 2019 to 30 th September 2020
U8's	1 st October 2018 to 30 th September 2019
U9's	1 st October 2017 to 30 th September 2018
U10's	1 st October 2016 to 30 th September 2017
U11's	1 st October 2015 to 30 th September 2016
U12's	1 st October 2014 to 30 th September 2015
U13's	1 st October 2013 to 30 th September 2014
U14's	1 st October 2012 to 30 th September 2013

- A child may join a SLSC as soon as they turn five years of age.

Fees for the 2026-2027 Season

New & Returning Nippers (u7s-u13s)- \$120 – fees inclusive of the below:

- Registration including insurance
- 2 x Social Function – Xmas Party & End of Season Presentation

Parent General Memberships (minimum 1 Parent per family) - \$50

For parents undertaking the SRC or Bronze Medallion course. Please register as a new active member \$50 and add the first award course \$20.

Sessions Times

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It is the intention to allow a short changeover time between the first & second session.

Please note this could be subject to change based on enrolment numbers, availability of Age Managers & Water Safety.

8.30am – 9.30am: U6's, U7's, U8's, U9's

9.45am – 10.45am: U10's, U11's, U12's, U13's, U14's

Nippers Location

The first two sessions will be held at on the beach in front of the playground (Robinson Reserve) so Nippers can build their confidence in the water. All other sessions will be at Birubi Beach. If weather or tide conditions are not in our favour at Birubi we have the option to move Nippers to Boat Harbour. Notification will be around 4pm on the Saturday evening before Nippers and will be communicated via Facebook and Email/SMS.

Nipper Canteen

Regular Nipper Canteen to be run by Cadet Group

Beach Set Up Duty

Parent assistance is required.

- On your age group's nominated date this involves packing the trailer with all the required equipment from the club house.
- Once the equipment is on the beach it involves lying out the boards, setting up flag races and running tracks etc. Please arrive at 8.10am for the beach set up duty.

Beach Pack Up Duty

Parent assistance is required.

- On your age group's nominated date this involves packing up all our equipment on the beach into the trailer.
- When the trailer returns to the club house it involves hosing down all the equipment and packing it away.

Note – on a beach day at Boat Harbour you don't need to go to the Surf Club it will just be done at the beach.

What To Bring Each Week To Nippers

We highly recommend setting up each child with their own flexible tub to keep their belongings in. We suggest the following items.

- Nipper cap – with child's name written or embroidered on each side.
- Nippers pink rashie shirt.
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen

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- Goggles
- Towel
- Wetsuit – Optional for cooler mornings.

Photography

We photograph the nippers each week to share on the Birubi Nippers page. If you would NOT like your child photographed please let us know by emailing publicity@birubipointslsc.org.au .

Please DO NOT share photos of other children from the Birubi Nippers facebook page, you are welcome to share photos of your child only.

What To Expect Each Week

- Please arrive 5-10mins early to sign your child in on the attendance folder. There will be a table and tent set up each week on the beach with a clipboard folder for each age group.
- Once you are signed please add your child's water bottle and swimming goggles (if using) to their age number tub then sit in the marked area for your age group.
- The session starts with a group introduction and then each age group will go with their Age Manager and rotate through the set activities. These include running races and games, flag races and games, swimming or wading in the surf, using boards.
- The older groups will also learn to perform board and tube rescues. Nippers will also be taught beach signals and basic first aid information.

Club Facilities

The club house facilities are there **for everyone to use**. After nippers you can use the bathroom's for changing and warm showers. It's our responsibility to keep our facilities clean and tidy so we please ask you to hose off your sandy feet before coming inside the club house.

Parent Helpers

We love parent helpers. For the more dedicated helpers please consider participating in the Surf Rescue Certificate or Bronze Medallion award being run this year just after nippers every Sunday.

Particularly with the younger age groups, parents might need to be of assistance and go into the water. We suggest you wear appropriate clothing to get wet in.

Pink Rash Shirts/Singlets

Pink rash shirts and singlets from last year can be used again this year.

If you have outgrown your singlet, we are happy to have it returned so we can gift this to another nipper or keep it in our spare's kit.

This year we will be recording children's sizes at the water skills test and handing out rashies to new families at the pool on the water skills test day. This is to help us ensure we have enough sizes to go around.

Colour Nipper Caps

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Coloured Caps are mandatory. For all returning kids, the coloured cap you wore last season will be the coloured cap you will wear this season.

For any new members, fees apply to purchase the cap for the respective age group.

Please ensure that once every child has finished their activities on each weekend, their cap is removed should they wish to go for a swim.

Cap Colour Coding:

Age Group	Colour
U6's	Purple
U7's	Light Blue
U8's	Lime
U9's	Maroon
U10's	Royal Blue
U11's	Red
U12's	Pink
U13's	Yellow
U14's	Birubi Club Cap

Club Championship

There are three competition rounds for all age groups. These are marked on the calendar as Points Days. The top scoring person in each group will be awarded Age Champion and the second highest scoring person will be awarded Age Runner-up. Events will include a running race, flags race, swim, and board race for older age groups. There are both Male and Female awards. Points are awarded as 1st 6 points, 2nd 5 points, 3rd 4 points, 4th 3 points, 5th 2 points, 6th 1 point. These awards will be presented on the presentation evening.

The dates may change if beach conditions are not suitable on the planned date. If there is any change to the Club Championships Day, notification will be via Facebook and Email/SMS. To be eligible for Age Champion/Runner Up, each Nipper must attend at least 12 sessions. 1 point for attendance will be awarded this season per week, so don't miss a session.

Other Awards

Each year Age Managers will also assign other awards that will be determined throughout the season. These awards are also presented on the presentation evening. Examples of these awards are most improved, encouragement award, most consistent, club spirit, team player etc.

Carnivals

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Any parent wishing to enter their child in a Branch Carnival please see Rohan Fisher/Paul Whittaker. The proposed carnival dates for the Hunter Branch will be posted onto the Facebook page when they become available.

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Water Skills Test

The water skills test will be conducted at the Tomaree Pool. Preliminary Evaluations are required to be completed prior to starting nippers each year. This is not a proficiency process, but a skills evaluation to enable clubs to determine the level of water safety to provide for participants.

The below is a guideline of the skills requirement for each age group.

	Under 6	Under 7	Under 8
Flotation	Back or front float for a minimum of 5 seconds, recover to stand.	Back or front float for a minimum of 10 seconds, recover to stand.	Back or front float for a minimum of 15 seconds, recover to stand.
Submersion	Submerge to touch the bottom with hands.		
Propulsion	From standing position in waist deep water, perform a front glide (1-2 metres) & recover to stand.	From standing position in waist deep water, perform a front glide (2-3 metres) & recover to stand.	Swim on front any stroke (distance 20 metres) followed by swim underwater (distance 2-3 metres).

	Under 9	Under 10	Under 11
Flotation	Front to back float or back to front float – 5 seconds each side. Tread water and/or any stroke sculling for a minimum of 1 minute.		Front to back float or back to front float – 5 seconds each side. Tread water and/or any stroke sculling for minimum of 2 minutes.
Submersion	Submerge to touch the bottom with hands.		Submerge to perform forward or backward roll/somersault underwater, recover to surface, submerge to touch the bottom with hands.
Propulsion	Swim on front through water any stroke for 25 metres followed by survival stroke(s) breaststroke and/or sidestroke and/or back sculling for minimum 10 metres.	Swim on front through water any stroke for 25 metres followed by survival stroke(s) breaststroke and/or sidestroke and/or back sculling for minimum 25 metres.	Swim on front through water any stroke for 25 metres followed by survival stroke(s) breaststroke and/or sidestroke and/or back sculling for minimum 50 metres.

	Under 12	Under 13	Under 14
Flotation	Front to back float or back to front float – 5 seconds each side. Tread water and/or any stroke sculling for minimum 3 minutes.		
Submersion	Submerge to perform forward or backward roll/somersault underwater, recover to surface, submerge to touch the bottom with hands.		Submerge to perform forward or backward roll/somersault underwater, do not recover to surface, submerge to touch the bottom with hands.
Propulsion	Swim on front any stroke for 75 metres followed by survival stroke(s) breaststroke and/or sidestroke for minimum 50 metres.	Swim on front any stroke for 100 metres followed by survival stroke(s) breaststroke and/or sidestroke for minimum 50 metres.	Swim on front any stroke for 100 metres followed by survival stroke(s) breaststroke and/or sidestroke for minimum 100 metres.