

Kirra Nippers



Helping kids “be the best at being me!”

Information Handbook 2017/18

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Welcome to Kirra Nippers

On behalf of the committee I welcome last years members back to the club and extend a warm welcome to all the new members for the 17/18 Nippers Season. Please take your time and read through this brochure as it has loads of information for you.

Kirra is a club that prides itself on its fun family environment where all the kids get a fair go. Our goal is to encourage our Juniors to have fun and learn how to stay safe on our beautiful beaches and to provide the opportunity to train and compete in surf sports.

We believe we provide some of the best training for nippers on the Gold Coast with our nipper Sunday rotation system which has the Juniors rotating through 4 training and education stations during the nipper Sunday session. The nipper Sunday program begins at 08:30 with sign on ready for a 08:45 start on the beach. We finish at 11:30 with a barbecue on the lawns at the front of the club house. U6-U7 age group finish at 11:00 depending on conditions and levels of enthusiasm.

Kirra SLSC has won many patrol awards in recent years which is testament to the level of education our club provides. We also have various training sessions available to those who want to do more than our Sunday sessions and we encourage all to come along to these sessions to further enhance their surf skills.

Again, a warm welcome to all nippers and parents, I look forward to a happy and fun filled season with you all.

Cody Byrnes

Junior Activities Chairperson



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Check website for most up-to-date position contacts and information

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U9		
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U6 & U7	Kylie Costanzo	0400 889 877

Check website for most up-to-date position contacts and information
www.kirrasurfclub.com.au

What is Nippers?

Junior Activities of Surf Life Saving has been operating in Queensland since 1965 and now boast one of the largest membership totals. The Junior Activities (Nippers) has become one of the most successful children's development and sporting programs within Australia. Nippers start learning about Surf Life Saving and Surf Awareness through the Surf Education Program.

Nippers is designed to provide an educational experience in a wide range of subjects and skills within the aquatic/marine environment and to prepare junior members for eventual transition to the marine/aquatic patrol environment of the senior movement. The Program aims to promote the spirit of camaraderie and citizenship within the community.

Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) has a set of competency based awards for each age group. The nipper program aims to teach all the competencies to the Juniors over the season so that each Nipper receives the award (certificate) applicable to their age group. Our goals are aligned with SLSA Junior development objectives which are;

- To provide the best possible lifesaving experience for all Juniors with the view to encouraging long-term active participation.
- To provide opportunities for Juniors to participate in and enjoy lifesaving and competition in an aquatic environment by offering a wide variety of activities suited to the skill and maturation levels of all Juniors.
- To ensure the Juniors are safe on Australia's beaches through the provision of Surf Safety Education Programs.
- To develop a team based philosophy encompassing leadership, camaraderie, teamwork, and fun.
- To promote social, emotional and physical growth and development in a healthy and safe environment.

About Kirra Surf Lifesaving Club

Kirra Surf Life Saving Club owes its beginnings to a tragedy that occurred on January 6th, 1916. On that day two friends went swimming on the unpatrolled beach and immediately got into trouble. Sadly one of the friends drowned. The local community acted swiftly and a public meeting was called on January 7th 1916 where it was decided that the Kirra Surf Life Saving Club be formed. The Mission statement for the Kirra SLSC is; "to serve the bathing public of Kirra beach and its surrounding areas by protecting life, preserving safety and preventing incidents by proactive and contemporary lifesaving practices through vigilance and service." The club has a long and proud history and celebrated it's 100th Anniversary in 2016. You can read more information about the club on our website at www.kirrasurfclub.com.au



Point Danger Branch

Kirra SLSC is in the Port Danger Branch along with the following clubs:

Tallebudgera	North Kirra	Pacific
Kirra	Palm Beach	Coolangatta
Currumbin	Rainbow Bay	Bilinga
Tweed Heads/ Coolangatta (TH&C)		

Point Danger Branch was established in 1924. The clubs of Point Danger Branch patrol the surf beaches of the southern Gold Coast, in environments from open surf beaches to rocky river mouths. The Point Danger Branch supports the Clubs with the necessary administration to maintain the highest standards of Surf Life Saving.

Surf Life Saving Queensland has 59 affiliated clubs in 6 branches.

Sign On/Off Requirements

Sign-on

- When arriving for Nippers, please ensure your child goes to the sign-on desk where they will be signed for the day.
- Nippers should then line up behind their correct bucket where the Age Managers will meet their groups.

Sign-off

- It is just as important to 'Sign off' at the completion of Nipper activities.
- Once signed off, Nipper caps must be removed.

We have no problem with children leaving early for any reason but please ensure their Age Manager is notified and your child signs-off.

What to bring

It is the parents' responsibility to make sure your child/children have the following items in order to commence Nippers each week:

- Water bottle
- Age colour Nipper cap on and tied up is compulsory
- Pink High Vis rashie is compulsory
- Sunscreen applied
- Towel



Age Groups

The minimum age for Junior Activities is 5 years (U/6) up to a maximum age of 13 years (U/14) on a seasonal basis (age for a season is determined as at midnight on 30 September at the commencement of that season). For example - a member turns 10 years on 26 April 2017; he/she will be registered as an 10 year old (U/11) for the 2017/2018 season. A member turns 12 years on 4 October 2017 he/she would be registered as a 11 year old (U/12) for the 2017/2018 season.

AGE GROUP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
U6	2010	2010	2010	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011	2011
U7	2009	2009	2009	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010
U8	2008	2008	2008	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009	2009
U9	2007	2007	2007	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008	2008
U10	2006	2006	2006	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007
U11	2005	2005	2005	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006	2006
U12	2004	2004	2004	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005
U13	2003	2003	2003	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004
U14	2002	2002	2002	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003
U15	2001	2001	2001	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002

Proficiency & Surf Education Awards

Pool Evaluation and Competency Beach Evaluation

All children must pass the Pool Evaluation and a Competency Beach Evaluation before they may participate in water based activities.

Competition Evaluation

All children must satisfy the competency test before they may compete in Carnivals

All members are required to gain their respective Surf Education Award for their age group during the season. Those wishing to compete must complete their award and Competition Evaluation prior to the close of entries of their respective Branch Championships.

All children must complete their award for their age group during the season. A certificate is awarded upon completion of the award.

Each age group must complete difference distances

	Preliminary Evaluations		Competition Evaluation	Age Award
	Pool Evaluation	Competency Beach Evaluation (Run-Swim-Run)		
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	Run - Wade - Run (25m x 25m x 25m)	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)	Resuscitation Award is a pre-requisite to 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

Surf Education Awards

Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) has a set of competency based awards for each age group. The Nipper Program aims to teach all the competencies to the Juniors over the season so that each nipper receives the award (certificate) applicable to their age group. There is also a Preliminary Assessment (Pool Swim) that must be completed prior to participation in water based activities. See table on subsequent pages for more detail. To be eligible for a Surf Education Awards, 50% attendance is required.

Surf Play 1 & 2 (Under 6 & Under 7)

Surf Play is the program designed for the most junior members. There is no award for Surf Play – the focus is on play, participation and fun. Activities and games will be the focus of the sessions with a number of simple beach safety and awareness lessons available such as: basic safety practices during activities, what makes up a beach environment, sunsmart guidelines, the importance of having an adult with them at the beach, what a lifesaver is and what they do, wading, beach sprinting and beach flags.

Surf Aware 1 (Under 8)

Surf Aware 1 is the first of the Junior Development awards. The focus is on understanding, identifying and demonstrating sunsmart guidelines and dangers that relate to themselves, as well as what it means to feel safe. They learn to recognize whether they are, or someone else is, in an emergency situation and how to get help. Ecosurf discusses the beach environment and communities Surf Lifesavers operate in. Surf sports skills focus on; body boarding, wading, dolphin-diving, beach sprint starts and beach flags starts.

Surf Aware 2 (Under 9)

Surf Aware 2 builds on Surf Aware 1. Personal Safety Networks are introduced so participants are comfortable asking for help; Ecosurf talks about the impact Surf Lifesavers can have on the beach. Safety of self steps up a gear by introducing safety tips and the ability to identify hazardous surf conditions. As an U9, participants can begin to use a nipper board, so basic board positioning and paddling is introduced. Other surf sports skills focus on; body surfing, sand running technique and diving for a beach flag.

Surf Education Awards

Surf Safe 1 (Under 10)

The first of the Surf Safe awards Surf Safe 1 begins to get a little more specific in its lessons introducing a number of new topics. Participants will identify adults at the Surf Clubs they can ask to help them. In Ecosurf they focus on water conservation and in sun safety the spotlight is on the consequences of skin damage. Participants learn about rips, recognizing unsafe behaviors and relating these areas to preventative actions. Resuscitation is introduced for the first time with an opportunity to experience CPR on a manikin. Rescue techniques are also introduced for the first time as participants learn to use body boards to assist distressed swimmers and experience rescue tubes. Surf sports skills focus on; entering and negotiating the surf on a board and beach relay baton changes.

Surf Safe 2 (Under 11)

Surf Safe 2 takes a significant step up in the level of content. As U11's they have the ability to learn more technical aspects of lifesaving and are able to be more physical in surf sports skills. Participants are encouraged to persist when needing help and Ecosurf gets into energy conservation. There is a strong focus on recognizing 'at risk' people and recognizing and managing patients suffering from a range of basic First Aid cases. As a 10 year old participants can learn how to perform CPR and there is an opportunity to work towards a Resuscitation Certificate. There is also a strong section on communication both interpersonal and through beach signage. There is a significant percentage of surf sports skills which focus on; board dismounts, catching waves on a board, board relay, surf swimming techniques, crouching beach sprint starts and iron man / iron woman and Cameron relay transitions.

Surf Smart 1 (Under 12)

Surf Smart 1 continues similar to Surf Safe 2. Participants begin to learn about their rights and responsibilities as a member of SLSA. The Ecosurf lesson looks at how weather impacts on the beach environment. Personal health & wellbeing and sun safety is focused on skin cancer and staying fit and healthy respectively. The role of patrols is first introduced to this award as is the managing rips and using them to assist in rescues. As an 11 year old, participants can work towards a Basic Emergency Care Certificate (as well as a Resuscitation Certificate). This certificate comprises of lessons in the human body, complete basic First Aid and Resuscitation. Some more signals are introduced that compliment the first set previously learnt. Previous board skills come into play as participants learn how to conduct a board rescue. The focus of surf sports skills is to complete all the skills in each skill set and includes; rolling under a wave on a board, diving under large waves, beach sprint arm and leg drive and beach flags race strategies..

Surf Smart 2 (Under 13)

The last of the Junior Development Awards, Surf Smart 2 looks to wrap up the skills and knowledge learnt in all the previous awards. Participants learn about what the SLSA Member Safety and Wellbeing Policy is, and in Ecosurf they tackle the issues of Global Warming and Climate Change and how they will impact on surf life saving. Surf Safety is wrapped up into the 10 Surf Safety Tips, Communication focuses on the importance of communicating with beach users, Patrols identifies other professional emergency services and participants will experience performing a tube rescue. Participants can work towards a Basic Emergency Care Certificate (as well as a Resuscitation Certificate). This certificate comprises of lessons in the human body, complete basic First Aid and Resuscitation. The focus of surf sports skills is on bringing all the skills learnt in previous awards together to participate in an event for each of the disciplines: board race, board rescue, surf race, run-swim-run, beach sprint, beach relay, beach flags, ironman/ironwoman and cameron relay.

Surf Rescue Certificate (Under 14)

WHAT IS REQUIRED OF ME AS A PARENT?

At least one parent for each Junior member must remain on the beach each Sunday while the child/children are participating in Junior Activities (even in the older age groups, in case of an emergency). Children participating in the under 6's and under 7's age group must have a parent / guardian accompanying them at all times.

Parents should introduce themselves to the child's Age Manager. Feel free to approach your Age Manager to obtain their contact details so that you can more easily communicate with them on issues relevant to your child's age group. Like any voluntary Associate the club relies heavily on the active involvement of parents. The club cannot function without people volunteering their precious time.

There are a number of ways you can assist our club. We require all families to assist in activities on Sundays, around the club during the season and at Carnivals as part of registration.

What Job can I do to help?

We expect parents to assist their children and the Age Managers by supporting any of the following activities:

On the Beach:

- Water Safety (SRC or Bronze Medallion qualifications – dates for new courses are available at the office)
- Official [Officials Course available, please enquire on course dates and cost]
- Beach Set-up for Activities
- Beach Tidy up after Activities
- BBQ duties on nominated Sundays
- Assist Age Managers in beach only activities
- Special duties as designated by the Age Manager

Other:

Fundraising Initiatives:

It is an expectation that families assist with fundraising

- Assist and support the Nipper BBQ (all profits go back to Nippers)
- Selling Raffle Tickets in the Supporters Club
- Assisting with major fundraising

Working With Children Check

Surf Life Saving at all levels is committed to health, safety of its Members and is dedicated to providing a safe and enjoyable environment for participants in Surf Life Saving activities.

The Child Protection Act now makes it mandatory for organisations to screen people working with children/youth.

The 'Working with Children Check' is a detailed assessment of a person's suitability to work with children under the age of 18 and is designed to ensure that only suitable people are employed, operate businesses or volunteer where they have regular contact with children.

Kirra Surf Lifesaving Club requires all members over the age of 18 to complete a Blue Card form.

Communication

Your E-Mail and your Age Manager are your primary points of contact for information.



It is vital that you have provided the Club with a designated e-mail address for Nipper communication throughout the season.

We are now posting information on a Facebook Page. This is a closed page so you will be required to search for "Kirra Nippers" and then request to be added.

The Club will also produce and e-mail regular Newsletters throughout the season.

If you have any questions or have any changes to your details during the season, please email nippers@kirraslsc.com

If bad weather or surf conditions force the cancellation of Nippers, we will endeavour to send an SMS to all parents the night before or early on the morning of Nippers.

Code of Conduct

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
- Be fair, equitable, considerate and honest in all dealings with others;
- Be professional in, and accept responsibility for actions;
- Use facilities and equipment for their proper purposes, and care for and maintain such facilities and equipment correctly;
- Refrain from anything which may abuse, intimidate or harass others;
- Remember that the child is participating in surf lifesaving for their own enjoyment.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning and losing.
- Show appreciation for good performance by all participants.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake.
- Respect officials decisions and teach the children to do likewise.
- Never physically or verbally abuse or harass anyone associated with Nipper activities (eg. coach, official, age manager, etc.).
- Be a positive role model for others.

This code of conduct applies to everyone involved with Nippers.

Breaches of this Code of Conduct will be referred to the Nipper Management Committee and may be referred to the Kirra SLSC Grievance Officer where disciplinary action may be taken.

Carnivals Information

There are several Carnivals that Kirra attends each year. Carnival participation is available to Nippers of all levels of ability. Carnivals are generally either U8-U10 and U11-U14. Participation is not mandatory, normal Nipper Sunday program still operates during Carnivals, except when they are held at Kirra.

How to enter your child in a Carnival

If you would like your child to compete in a Carnival, please complete the nomination form for the Carnival which can be found at the sign-on desk. Before completing the Carnival Nomination Form, please ensure that your child has completed Pool Evaluation, Competency Beach Evaluation and Competition Evaluation. If you are unsure if they have, please speak to your age managers. Carnival Nomination Forms must be returned by the due date along with a \$5 fee for each Carnival. Forms and fees must be paid to the registrars at the sign-on desk.

Team Selection Policy

Kirra competes in a number of team events at Carnivals during the season and at the State Titles. Selection into teams is made by the Age Managers, Team Manager, Coaches and the Junior Activities Chairperson. Selection is based on performance, reliability, attitude, commitment, team spirit and loyalty

Carnival Day

- Competitors are to wear Kirra club cap and a Pink High-Vis Singlet
- Please ensure you bring healthy food, water and plenty of sunscreen
- Assistance of all parents before and after Carnivals, pitching and taking down tents and setting up equipment will be required
- No jewellery to be worn during competition
- All competitors must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the Carnival

Carnivals Information Con't

- Parents must let the Age Managers know as soon as possible if their child has decided not to attend a carnival or participate in an event once nominated. Nippers who nominate for competition and do not attend will be required to reimburse the club for the entry costs.
- No child will be forced to compete if they do not want to or the Age Manager thinks they are not capable. Their decision is final and we ask all parents to support this.
- No drinking of alcohol or smoking within the Carnival area
- No photography or videoing is permitted in the Official competition areas without a permit
- Most of all enjoy, have fun and support each other at the carnival and be proud to wear your club colours.

Officials and Water Safety for carnivals

Without qualified Officials and accredited Water Safety personnel, the Nippers are unable to compete in Carnivals. The club is required to supply a minimum of one Official and 1 Water Safety per 10 competitors. This means that we need to have a significant number of parents, guardians or friends who are willing to participate as Carnival Officials and Water Safety..

The Club also supports and encourages adults to achieve First Aid, Resuscitation, Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC), Bronze medallion and other qualifications. The Club will pay the fees for most accredited courses. Point Danger Branch runs several Officials Courses throughout the year, these only take approx 4 hours. The club runs several SRC and Bronze courses, please contact your Age Manager, Committee Member or club website calendar for further information. Please consider getting involved and helping the children in this way- you'll find it is very fulfilling and lots of fun.

If your child is competing in Carnivals, the club has an expectation that you will support the nippers/club in some form as part of the Good Member Policy.

Good Member Policy

The club's Good Member Policy ensures that each club member is fulfilling both their patrolling and fundraising obligations on behalf of the club. In return for fulfilling the Good Member Policy criteria the club will provide coaching support and pay for carnival entries. It is YOUR responsibility to ensure that you meet the club's Good Member Policy.

The conditions of the policy are outlined below:

1. Entries to sanctioned carnivals which include Point Danger Branch, Queensland State, Ocean Roar Series and the Aussie Title Carnivals only.
2. You must endeavour to make 100% of your rostered patrols. Records will be kept at the club and updated weekly. If you miss a patrol you will be required to do a makeup patrol. Any dispensation from this can only be given by the Club Captain for extenuating circumstances.
3. All members and particularly members who plan to compete must attend the H2H collection or may contribute a cash donation of \$250 per Active member over 15 years of age per season or raise the amount through other means, or \$150 per Active member under 15 years of age and if more than one in the family a total payment or funds raised of \$250 per family per season.
4. In the case of Nippers they must have attended 75% of Sunday Nippers.
5. In the case of Senior Competitors the Surf Sports Officer and respective Coaches are required to confirm competitors training attendance for their discipline.
6. Assist at, at least two club sanctioned events/activities for a minimum of 3 hours at each event/activity prior to the Queensland State Titles each season.

A register of fundraisers will be kept in the Surf Club office. Any competitor who hasn't completed their club fundraising obligations will not have their entry fees paid for by the club for any of the remaining Carnivals in the respective surf season.

Club Championships

The club holds its own internal Championships each year. There is a male and female Champion trophy in each age group and there is also an Age Manager Award that is awarded to the 'most deserving Nipper in each age group by their Age Manager. In 2017/18, the club age Champion will be determined using the top 2 total point results from the 3 Championship rounds. Having 3 rounds provides increased competition experience and results in an individual NOT being disadvantaged through missing a single Championship round through sickness, holidays, other family commitments, etc. Water events may need to be cancelled due to adverse conditions. Where possible, the round may be rescheduled.

Points are allocation as follows:

- 1st—6 points
- 2nd—5 points
- 3rd—4 points
- 4th—3 points
- 5th—2 points
- 6th—1 point



Care of Boards

Boards are very expensive both to purchase and to repair. Please look after boards by:

- Always carry - Do not drag
- Lay with fin up (like a shark)
- Wash with tap water after use
- Return to board rack when finished
- Check for damage before and after use
- Do not use damaged boards
- Report damage for repairs to Gear Steward/Age Manager
- Treating it like it was your own!

It is understood that accidents do happen so please report the damage immediately so repairs can be undertaken.

Assigned Board

Members with assigned boards are responsible for the care and safety of these boards. If repairs are required they must be done professionally to ensure the life of the board.



Training Sessions

Kirra Nippers is not just a Sunday event. The club offers mid-week training and coaching sessions to all Nippers at no cost to Nipper families. **All Nippers attending these sessions must wear a pink high visibility vest and club caps.**

No vest = no training.

These sessions are normally broken down in to Board, Ironperson, Sprints and Flags. These sessions are held after school and on Saturday mornings. Training sessions are for Under 10 to Under 14 Nippers.



Training is held at Kirra Beach. Current schedule is as follows:

Monday	Boards	4:00pm-5:30pm
Wednesday	Sprints & Flags	4:00pm-6:00pm
Thursday	Boards	4:00pm-5:30pm
Saturday	Ironperson	9:00am-10am

(Training times are subject to change - please contact club coaches for further details)

If conditions are unsuitable at Kirra, training may be held at Jack Evans Boat Harbour, but once again contract Club Coaches for details.

After Nippers (Youth Development Program)

A primary objective of the Junior Activities is the introduction to the Senior Club after the age of 14. From here members are asked to perform voluntary beach patrols utilising skills learnt during their Junior years.

The reward for those who continue on to the Senior ranks is considerable. In return for a members patrolling service, the Club offers a range of facilities and services such as comprehensive coaching programs, a large array of life saving skills and awards, and competition opportunities. Juniors initially enter into the Under 15 category and will undergo the Bronze Medallion qualification, at 15 years of age.

Youth members are also invited to get involved in Point Danger Branch activities such as:

- Youth Involvement Program (Recognition and Rewards program)
- PDB Team X-Treme
- Camps (including Emu Gully)
- Inter club challenges (including The Amazing Beach Race)
- Interclub exchanges

Our goal is for Kirra SLSC youth to be a positive role models for our Nippers. You will see them every Sunday morning doing various activities and helping our Water Safety personnel.

Set up / BBQ Roster

As many of you may be aware there is a lot of work that goes into each Nipper day. To help spread the workload, each parent is asked to put their name down on the Roster to help out on a day that suits best.

At the completion of Nippers each Sunday, groups are asked to pack up the last area that they have been in. This also includes ensure all boards etc are off the beach.



Lost Property

Any lost property will be in the lost property basket which is located in the clubhouse. Any items left at the end of the season will be discarded.

Nipper Calendar*

28 Aug 17	Sign on	Club Banora pool
10 Sept 17	Sign on	Club Banora pool
17 Sep 17	Nippers Start	
23 Sept 17	State Endurance	Mermaid
9 & 10 Dec 17	Gold Coast City Titles	
29 Oct 17	U8 –U10 PDB Teams Carnival	Pacific
19 Nov 17	U8-U10 Little Dudes	Coolangatta
27 Nov 17	Club Champs, Round 1	
9 & 10 Dec 17	Gold Coast City Titles	
10 Dec 17	Christmas Break Up	
14 Jan 18	Nippers Re-Start	
28 Jan 18	Club Champs, Round 2	
03 & 04 Feb 18	U11-U14 PDB Champs	NKI
11 Feb 18	U8-U10 PDB Champs	Bilinga
18 Feb 18	Club Champs, Round 3	
02—04 Mar 18	Qld Youth State Champ	Alex
11 Mar 18	Last Day of Nipper on Beach	
11 Mar 18	Nipper AGM	
17 Mar 18	Presentation	

* At time of printing, the calendar is correct but is subject to change. Please check the Nippers events category in the Club calendar on our website (www.kirrasurfclub.com.au) for most up-to-date calendar and keep an eye on notice board and Newsletters.

Officials And Training Courses

6 Sep 17	Officials Course Level 0	Kirra
16 Sept 17	First Aid Course	Tugan
28 Oct 17	Officials Course Level 1	Kirra
25 Nov 17	First Aid Course	Kirra
3 Dec 17	Officials Course Level 0	Pacific
10/24 Jan 18	Officials Course Level 1	Pacific

Other Events

24 Sept 17	Club Proficiency	Kirra
07 & 08 Oct 17	Coolangatta Gold	
10 Dec 17	Club Proficiency	Kirra
17 Dec 17	Club Proficiency	Kirra



Thank you to Kirra Nipper Sponsors





Club Contact Details

Kirra Surf Lifesaving Club

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(*Subject to change*)