



Dear Adults

We would like to Welcome you to Tathra Surf Life Saving Club for Season 2017-2018

Many thanks for registering for the season, and we look forward to having you and/or child at the beach commencing 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

Tathra Nippers is the Junior Surf Life Saving Division of our Surf Lifesaving Club. Our Nipper program for U6's - U14' has been running for many years with hundreds of children enjoying the benefits of the program.

At our club the aim of our Nippers program is first and foremost to train our "Young Lifesavers of the Future". Training to become a surf lifesaver from the young ages is a wonderful way to learn many new skills and meet so many great friends.

While your child is with us they will learn many skills, and these will deliver a mind set of being safe in the water, physical skills to allow them to enjoy the ocean; and also an understanding of serving the community via Surf Lifesaving

Over the years your child will be taught a wide range of skills, all associated with being a Surf Lifesaver when they get older and graduate in the U14's in the SLS Surf Rescue Certificate.

Through the age groups skills such as surf awareness, board paddling, surf swimming, rescues with tubes and boards, CPR, First Aid, leadership and teamwork will all work hand in hand to develop your child.

Obviously for us all, fun and friendship is a major component of our training for the Nippers and this is one of our main focuses during our training and activities at the beach. Many of the Nippers also develop their skill level to a point where they can compete for the club in outside competition and proudly wear our club colours.

As with all volunteer programs involving young people, it's the parents that make it work. Being involved at Nippers in a practical way is a great way to involve yourself in the community, while supporting your child. You don't need to be a swimmer or a runner to assist at Nippers, you just need a positive and encouraging attitude, and some time to roll the sleeves up.

We do have specific training for all the parents, grand parents and guardians who want to get involved. This ensures we have a safe and quality training program for our kids, and the activities are all run effectively, efficiently and all with a fun element.

Over the seasons our Junior Lifesaving division has trained over 500 young boys and girls to become lifesavers, and many of these young men and women have gone onto very responsible and important roles within the club.

Your child's Age Manager will be with them as they progress through the seasons, so please make yourself known to them in the first few weeks of the season.

Don't forget our first Nipper Parents Dinner (No Kids) - is to be arranged at the Surf Club - a great opportunity to enjoy a good night out, meet some new friends - especially those that you may be with for the next few years as you all graduate through the age groups..

Kind regards and looking forward to seeing you on the beach

*Maree Boulton Junior Activities Coordinator*