



# NIPPERS MAIL

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[www.portmacquariesurfclub.com.au](http://www.portmacquariesurfclub.com.au)

Our website is available to view all club news, training courses, events, membership queries and contact details. Please take note of the new NIPPER HANDBOOK available to read or print which explains everything you need to know about junior activities. As the club is rebuilding the website we would be happy to hear any constructive feedback.

Email: [info@portmacquariesurfclub.com.au](mailto:info@portmacquariesurfclub.com.au)

## Last Weekend

A **BIG thank you** to club cadets, Amber Carew, Blake Polverino, Martin Roods and Kye Polverino who assisted the Nippers in specific skills and techniques on the sprint track and in the water last weekend. Nippers really appreciate it and look forward to an ongoing relationship with Cadets during the season to help build a strong Port Macquarie Club.

## This Weekend Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup>.

This weekend Nippers will not be held at Flynn's Beach. Instead we will be having a combined twilight training day with Tacking Point Surf Lifesaving Club. Please refer to our calendar (located on the website) for all these important dates.

**Starts:** 2.30pm

**Place:** Tacking Point Surf Lifesaving Club, Matthew Flinders Drive

**Who:** All nippers

**Bring:** Plenty of water, food (cafe available), Nippers cap, sunblock

**Meet:** Beachside of the TPSLSC club house find your age manager to have your name marked off.

## Nipper Training

Phil Davidson & Dylan Carew has commenced board training on Tuesday's at 5pm at the Surf Club, for anyone interested under 9's & above and MUST be pool and ocean proficient.

Board training is on every Saturday at 7am. Meet at the boat shed "between sea rescue and rear of Country Comfort".

## Registration/Memberships

As a reminder also, if you completed a paper registration form instead of going online to register, you will still need to go online to [www.lifesavingonline.com.au](http://www.lifesavingonline.com.au) to update your email address and other details in future. This will ensure you continue to receive updates from the club and you can also see what awards you have received.

## March Past

The march past event involves 12 club members marching in formation to music, carrying a reel, line & belt and the club's standard. This is an event steeped in tradition. Initially designed to enable clubs to parade in their colours, it has become a very competitive contest. Teams of 12 are judged on their ability to correctly march to a pre-determined drill around the main carnival arena. Any member wishing to try out for the March Past teams please contact Janine Sim at [janine.sim@tafensw.edu.au](mailto:janine.sim@tafensw.edu.au)

## Age Groups

There have been a few enquiries on moving children from their particular age group to a higher age group. Unfortunately due to SLSA policy we are not permitted to do this.

## Pool & Ocean Proficiencies

If you are still not pool proficient, these can be done at the Swimming Academy on Jindalee Road. Please ring Derrick Todd to book this in at a minimal cost. Forms will be completed by Derrick which needs to be passed on to your Age Manager.

Pool proficiencies can also be done at the town pool if witnessed by a SLSC assessor. Our club SLSC assessors are Anne Walsh, Tony Wright, Rob McCue, Hugh Mackay, Ken Wilson, Kim Rayner, Paul Rayner, Sarah Rayner.

An Ocean Proficiency swim will be available to nippers, who have not done this as yet at the South West Rocks 7.30am sharp. Please email Chalkie Bob Smith - Branch Director of Surf Sports at [chalkiebobwbhslsc@bigpond.com.au](mailto:chalkiebobwbhslsc@bigpond.com.au) if interested.

## South West Rocks Nipper Skills Camp (please refer to the flyer on the website)

This camp will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> November. Camp sites are still available. If you would like one, please email bev at [Beverleigh.towle@tafensw.edu.au](mailto:Beverleigh.towle@tafensw.edu.au)

The skill session will commence at 10am on Saturday.

The South West Rocks carnival is on Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup> and open to all pool and ocean swim proficient nippers. Please advise your age manager of your attendance so they can finalise teams for the event.

## Uniform Update

- Uniforms will be available for purchase on Nipper Sundays from 8.30 - 9.30am. If you require any uniforms urgently, please contact Noni Collins at [nneak@bigpond.net.au](mailto:nneak@bigpond.net.au) to organise collection.
- All members competing at carnivals require a club cap. We currently have plenty in stock at \$10 each.

- Uniform items will be displayed on the website with prices shortly. The online ordering process will be finalised shortly and advertised when it becomes active.
- Board shorts for Adults and size 6 Nippers have been ordered and should arrive by end of November.
- Club Visors will also be available by end of November.

### **U/11 Age Manager**

Unfortunately John Findlay is unable to continue in his role as U/11 Age Manager due to family reasons so we welcome Duncan Kirkland who will now join Claudia New . John will continue as Age Manager Co-ordinator.