



MARCOOLA WYWWW. HANDBOOK

SEASON 2025-26



Welcome to Marcoola SLSC and the Junior Activities Program. Thank you for trusting us with your child's lifesaving education and experience. We hope it is an enjoyable one for you all. The goal of the Marcoola SLSC Junior Activities Program remains quite simple:

"To deliver a quality lifesaving program for all members, with a focus on surf awareness, surf safety and improved surf stills, with an emphasis on FUN."

The Surf Life Saving Junior Activities Program has been operating in Queensland since 1968. Currently in Queensland our junior members make up over one third of our total membership, boasting the largest membership total of all membership categories. To ensure that Junior Activities thrive within Surf Life Saving, the following objectives have been designed to encourage and support our young members:

- Provide the best possible lifesaving experience for all Junior Activities members with the overarching aim being to encourage long-term active participation.
- Provide opportunities for Junior Activities members to participate in enjoyable lifesaving activities and competition in an aquatic environment by offering a wide variety of activities suited to the skill and maturity levels of all juniors.
- Ensure the juniors are safe on Australian's beaches through the provision of beach safety education programs.
- Develop a team-based philosophy encompassing leadership, camaraderie, teamwork and fun.
- Promote social, emotional and physical growth and development in a healthy and safe environment.

Surf Life Saving activities should be coordinated to ensure Junior Activities members have positive experiences regardless of their development status and should be focused on FUN and learning. These learning opportunities should focus on personal improvement in both surf sports and lifesaving skills.

Young people have differing learning needs and these needs should be catered for throughout all Junior Activities programs.

Again, welcome to Marcoola SLSC. We hope you and your Nipper enjoys their experience on the beach, in the surf and around our Club.



Marcoola Surf Life Saving Club - Child Safety Commitment Statement

At Marcoola SLSC, we are committed to ensuring the safety, wellbeing, and empowerment of all children and young people involved in our movement. We uphold a zero-tolerance approach to harm, misconduct & abuse and recognise our shared responsibility to create safe, inclusive, and supportive environments for every child.

Marcoola SLSC has a legal and moral responsibility to ensure the safety of all members—particularly children and youth. We are bound by the Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000 and the Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Regulation 2001. Every person within Marcoola SLSC is bound by this Statement of Commitment and must always place the safety and welfare of children and young people above all other considerations.

Marcoola SLSC acknowledges the valuable contribution made by our staff and volunteers to the positive experiences of our Junior Activities and youth members. We are committed to ensuring these experiences continue in a safe, nurturing, and respectful environment.

As part of our committee to Children and young people safety, Marcoola SLSC implements the following measures:

Prohibit Misconduct and Promote Safe Conduct

- Strictly prohibit any form of misconduct or abuse against children.
- Promote, enforce, and regularly review Codes of Conduct, particularly in roles related to Junior Activities and Youth Sport.

Screen, Select, and Support the Right People

- Screen and select all individuals who work or volunteer with children and young people.
- Ensure that all staff and volunteers are suitably supported and understand their child safety responsibilities.

Educate and Equip Our People

- Deliver regular training and resources to educate staff and volunteers about child abuse prevention, child protection, and safe practices.
- Foster a culture of continuous learning to ensure our people remain informed and capable.

Create Inclusive and Safe Environments

- Uphold equity and respect the diverse needs of all children in our policies and practices.
- Actively manage physical and online environments to minimise risks to children and young people.

Empower Children and Involve Families

- Empower children and young people to participate, be heard, and contribute feedback on programs and decisions that affect them.
- Actively involve families and communities in promoting child safety and wellbeing.

Strengthen Leadership and Governance

- Embed child safety into our organisational leadership, governance frameworks, and culture.
- Decisions and operations are guided by a child-focused lens and a commitment to protecting young members.

Maintain Clear Procedures and Continuous Improvement

- Provide clear, accessible procedures for raising concerns or complaints, which are child-focused and free from reprisal.
- Regularly review, monitor, and improve our policies, procedures, and practices to ensure the highest standards of child safety are maintained.

Marcoola SLSC takes all breaches of this Child Safety Commitment seriously. Any failure to comply with our policies, Codes of Conduct, or child safety expectations will be addressed through a fair and confidential process. This may involve internal investigation, disciplinary action, or referral to external authorities where necessary.

All breaches are reviewed to support ongoing improvement in our child safety practices.

No person will be victimised for reporting concerns, and the privacy of all parties will be respected.

If any person bound by this commitment reasonably suspects that a child is being harmed by a parent or carer, they are advised to contact the Queensland Police.

We reaffirm that the safety of children and young people is the foundation of our culture and is at the heart of everything we do.

BEN ALLSOPP
CLUB PRESIDENT
MARCOOLA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

SURF LIFE SAVING

Surf Life Saving exists to save lives, create great Australians and build better communities

Despite significant advancements in technology, techniques and knowledge, people still drown on the coast in unacceptable numbers. Surf Life Saving exists to save lives, and we are committed to reducing the coastal drowning rate by 2025.

With 181,572 members and 314 affiliated Surf Life Saving clubs, Surf Life Saving Australia represents the largest volunteer movement of its kind in the world.

SLSA has a proud heritage with over 110 years of history and tradition. Since 1907, the organisation has grown significantly, and knowledge gained has been passed on from one generation to the next. This growth has been fundamental to SLSA's success in managing some of the most dangerous and unpredictable beaches in the world. Over the years, more than 685,000 people have been rescued by a surf lifesaver.

Surf Life Saving Queensland (SLSQ) is the Queensland state body and is situated at Surf Rescue House in South Brisbane. Queensland has 58 clubs and 6 branches servicing the coastal areas from Port Douglas in the north, to Rainbow Bay on the NSW border. Marcoola Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC) is affiliated to SLSQ and the Sunshine Coast Branch and is one of 15 clubs on the Sunshine Coast.

OUR VISION: ZERO PREVENTABLE DEATHS IN QUEENSLAND WATERS



SLSQ MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT



Members and all people involved in any way with SLS will:

- a) Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others treat others as you would like to be treated yourself
- b) Be ethical, considerate, fair, courteous, and honest in all dealings with other people and organisations
- c) Be professional in, and accept responsibility for your actions
- d) Be aware of and always follow Marcoola SLSC' standards, rules, policies and procedures and promote those standards, rules, policies and procedures to others
- e) Operate within the rules and spirit of the sport, including the national and international guidelines that govern SLS
- f) Understand the possible consequences of breaching the codes and/or this policy
- g) Report any breaches of the codes or this policy to the appropriate PPA
- h) Refrain from any form of abuse, harassment, discrimination, and victimisation towards others
- i) Raise concerns regarding decisions of PPA through the appropriate channels and in a timely manner
- j) Provide a safe environment for the conduct of activities in accordance with any relevant SLSA policy
- k) Show concern, empathy and caution towards others that may be sick or injured
- I) Be a positive role model to all
- m) Respect and protect confidential information obtained through SLS activities or services; whether individuals and/or organisational information
- n) Maintain the required standard of accreditation and/or licensing of professional competencies, as applicable to the role(s)
- o) Ensure that any physical contact with others is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development
- p) Refrain from intimate relations with persons over whom you have a position of authority
- q) Agree to abide by the codes
- r) Maintain a duty of care towards others
- s) Be impartial and accept the responsibility for all actions taken

Person in Position of Authority (PPA):

PPA includes everyone who holds a position of authority in SLS, whether paid or unpaid, and includes, but is not limited to, all SLS Entity Individual Members. For the avoidance of doubt, PPA also includes Child or Young Person (CYP) who may hold a position of authority in SLS over other CYP.

OUR CLUB HISTORY

On a sunny Sunday morning on the 26th January 1969, Marcoola Beach Surf Life Saving Club was formed outside the Marcoola Beach kiosk. Interestingly, the Nipper Club was in operation before the seniors began their first patrol.

In its first season, the Club had only twenty-two members, but that year they placed third in the March Past competition at Branch Titles and won 11 pennants across three surf sports carnivals. This team were known as the Marcoola Dolphins, and because of this, the Club's emblem has since been a dolphin.

In 1979, Marcoola formed the first Nipperette Club (females) on the Sunshine Coast. This was before women were officially allowed to join the movement. Branch officials were not impressed, and the Club was severely reprimanded. Just one year later, in 1980, females were permitted to become full members of the Surf Life Saving movement and join their male counterparts in patrolling the beach.



The first clubhouse at Marcoola was completed in 1970, and it was a simple one- story fibro structure. The population of both the Marcoola community and the membership of the Club grew rapidly, and a larger facility was soon needed, so the old clubhouse was demolished, and a new two-storey building was completed in 1984. A number of extensions have since been added.

In 2019, Marcoola SLSC celebrated its 50th anniversary with a number of special events throughout the year. From its humble beginnings to the iconic club, it has become today, it's been a wonderful journey.

Take the time to inspect our honour and photo boards that are proudly on display in the Supporters' Club. You will see just a small number of the people who have made Marcoola SLSC what it is today.



PARENTS & CAREGIVERS INVOLVEMENT

As a small club, the active involvement of our Nipper Parents and Caregivers has been the key to the ongoing success of our Nipper Program.

It is run solely by volunteers and relies on parents and caregivers getting involved and helping out.

Our wonderful group of parents and caregivers have as much fun as our Nippers and is a true testament to the family environment we enjoy here at Marcoola.

Did you know....

It takes a dedicated army of volunteers each week to safely conduct our Sunday Nipper Program. Last season we had 250 registered Nipper's and needed the support of 70 volunteers each week.

The Club cannot function without people volunteering their precious time and there are a number of ways you can assist our club.

All Nipper Families are required to assist the Club during the Season & especially on Sundays with a range of activities.

How can you help?

You don't have to be the fastest swimmer or the best board paddler to offer value (although more of them are always welcome!). If you are happy to volunteer, we will find a role for you. There are so many ways you can support our Nipper Program.

WE ARE CURRENTLY SEEKING PARENTS/CAREGIVERS TO FILL THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

- Age Managers All Age Groups
- Coaches Sprint, Flag and Surf Education
- Water Safety
- Raffle Ticket Sellers (in the Supporters Club, Wednesday 6pm-7pm) Your commitment on the raffle roster is approx. 4 times per year only ie. 4 hours per year volunteer
- Gear & Equipment Set Up & Pack Up Team
- Uniform Shop Coordinator
- Fundraising & Social Activities
- Surf Sports Team Managers
- Carnival Official

Please note: All volunteers participating in Nipper Activities must be a current Club Member, hold or obtain a Working with Children's Check (Blue Card) & complete SLS Child Safety online courses.

Help Us Put
The Fun into
Sundays for
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Lifesavers!













SAFEGUARDING OUR NIPPERS

Marcoola SLSC is committed to promoting and protecting the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people who participate in Lifesaving at any level, through activities, programs, services and/or use of facilities by fostering a culture where children and young people feel safe and welcome.

Every member of Marcoola SLSC has the right to Be Safe, Feel Safe and Play Safe

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (BLUE CARD)

Marcoola SLSC, like all other Queensland Surf Lifesaving Clubs, must follow the policy as outlined by SLSQ. SLSQ is in turn following the guidelines of the "Queensland Family and Child Commission". For more detail, please refer to SLSQ's policy on 'Blue Card Screening'.

All Marcoola SLSC members and volunteers aged 18 years and over must hold a current Blue Card. There are no costs involved in obtaining your Blue Card if you are volunteer with Marcoola SLSC.

If you already hold a current Blue Card (Volunteer or Paid), please submit your the Marcoola SLSC Lifesaving Administrator your existing Blue Card Number and Expiry Date, so that your registration can be linked as a volunteer with Marcoola SLSC.

Blue Card exemption forms are available for those members holding current registration with Queensland Education or Qld Police.

Blue Card Applications

- Create a Blue Card Services Member Account through Blue Card Services Online Application portal.
- Once completed, wait for your confirmation email from BCS with your Online BCS Member Account Number (note: this is NOT your Blue Card number).
- Submit your BCS Member Account Number details to Marcoola SLSC Lifesaving Administrator (administrator@marcoolasurfclub.com.au)
- Await confirmation email from Blue Card Services and follow the steps in the email to complete your application *Note: This may take 4-8 weeks to process.*

Blue Card Renewals

Blue Cards are current for a 3 year period. Existing "Blue Card" holders will be notified by SLSQ and also Blue Card Services when your card is due for renewal, 8 weeks in advance.
Renew your card online via the Blue Card Services Account Member portal





FOR NEW NIPPERS & THEIR FAMILIES

★ New Nippers Welcome at Marcoola SLSC!
Join us for the 2025/26 season – our Nipper Program is open to kids aged 7 to 13 (age as of midnight, 30 September).

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WHAT TO BRING ON SIGN ON DAY

Joining Marcoola SLSC as a new family? Please bring:

✓ Birth certificate for each child joining

✓ Photo ID for all parents and caregivers

✓ Play On! voucher (if applicable) – Marcoola SLSC is a registered Play On! Activity Provider

> We're excited to welcome new Nippers for the 2025/26 season!

NEW FAMILIES: ALL NIPPERS, ONE PRICE - \$250



EXISTING NIPPER FAMILIES

- Online Membership Renewals Open Monday 4 August! If you were part of our 2024/25 Nippers program, we'd love to welcome you back!
 - Your spot is guaranteed until Wednesday 27 August
 renew early to secure your place.
 - Renew before then so we can plan for Sign-On Day and know how many new families we can welcome.

RENEWING MEMBERS: JUST \$200 PER FAMILY

A big thank you for riding the waves with us through a challenging 2024/25 season. We appreciate your loyalty and can't wait to welcome you back!

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



This section outlines the membership application process for the 2025/2026 season. This season all members are encouraged to complete their membership application using the SLS Member's Portal.

Application Steps

- 1. Head to the members portal and login: https://hub.sls.com.au
- 2. Click 'not a member of a surf club'
- 3. Select 'Surf Life Saving Club'
- 4. Select 'Marcoola SLSC' from the Club's List

For Nipper Families:

- Select 'My Family' Name your Family (surname is ideal)
- Complete all personal details of all family members joining.
- On 'Join' screen select: 'New Nipper Family Joining Fee'
- Create a Members Area account
- Read and tick the declaration agreement boxes at the bottom of the page and submit
- Then click Submit. Fill in your credit card details.
- Confirm everything and then press Submit

IMPORTANT: New Nippers must supply proof of identification, so date of birth can be verified. These can be emailed to nippers@marcoolasurfclub.com.au Membership will NOT be processed until this has been sighted

Membership Fees

New Junior Activities Family: \$250.00

Cadets & Juniors: No Charge

Seniors (18+): \$55.00

Award Members: \$55.00

Associate Members: \$75.00 New Patrol Members \$100.00 Marcoola SLSC is a Play On! Queensland Activity Provider

IMPORTANT: As part of the membership application, all new Nipper parents are kindly asked to complete a Parent Involvement Form and apply for a Blue Card.

Please note that we're unable to finalise membership until both of these steps are completed. Thank you for your understanding and support!

ONLINE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

This section outlines the membership renewal process for the 2025/2026 season. This season all members are encouraged to complete their membership renewal using the Member's Portal. If you already have a Member's Portal account.

Renewal

Steps

- 1. Head to the SLS Members Portal and login http://portal.sls.com.au
- 2. Under the Membership tab, select Renewals, Payments & Transfers
- 3. Click Renew
- 4. Check details carefully and make any changes
- 5. Read and tick the declaration agreement boxes at the bottom of the page and click Submit
- 6. Make payment relevant to your Membership, using the fee table below.
- 7. Click Submit
- 8. Fill in Credit Card Details
- 9. Confirm everything, press Submit

Membership Fees

Renewing JA Family: \$200.00

Cadets & Juniors: No Charge

Seniors (18+): \$55.00

Award Members: \$55.00

Associate Members: \$75.00

New Patrol Members \$100.00

REDUCED FEES FOR RENEWING FAMILIES...

A big thank you for riding the waves with us through a challenging 2024/25. We appreciate your loyalty.

Cadet & Junior Members
(13-17 years) need to
follow the above
instructions to renew
their membership fee,
however there is NO
Membership Fee
attached for returning
members

PLAY ON! QUEENSLAND VOUCHERS



Marcoola SLSC are proud to be a Play On! Queensland Activity Provider!

The Queensland Government is delivering cost of living relief for Queensland families and helping keep kids active, with \$200 Play On! sport vouchers.

From Monday 4 August, Queensland families can claim a \$200 Play On! voucher **per child** aged between five and seventeen years of age.

Here's what you need to know:

- each voucher is worth \$200
- the vouchers will be provided over two rounds, for summer or winter sports
- there is a dedicated allocation for kids in regional and country Queensland
- there will be more accessible sports to give children of all abilities the chance play sport.

A copy of your Play On!
Voucher must be
presented upon joining
and the membership
fee balance is to be
paid to secure your
child's place in our
Nipper Program.

Parents, carers or guardians can apply for Play On! Queensland vouchers valued up to \$200 for their eligible child to use for sport and active recreation membership, registration or participation fees with us!

To find out more, visit: www.sport.qld.gov.au/sport/funding-programs/play-on

KEEPING UP TO DATE

This season we will be using the **Stack Team App** for communicating important messages about the Nipper Program.

Loads of information already appears on the App and lots to follow during the season.

Please ensure you follow these instructions below to register.

Once you have joined the **Marcoola Surf Life Saving Club** Team, please join the **Marcoola Nippers** Access Group.



If you are wanting to learn more about Surf Life Saving and the Junior Activities Program, please feel free to visit the SLSQ Junior Activities Centre:

NIPPER INFORMATION



NIPPERS RUNS FROM 7.30AM UNTIL 10.30AM EVERY SUNDAY MORNING, FROM OCTOBER THROUGH TO MARCH, COMMENCING ON THE SAND DUNE NEAR THE CLUBHOUSE (SUBJECT TO WEATHER CONDITIONS)

Age Award

Each season our Nippers are working towards achieving their Surf Life Saving Age Award relative to their age group. These components are completed each week with the assistance of age managers and patrol members in the program rotations. All competencies and age award requirements **need to be completed by 31 December** to receive Age Award Certificate and Medal.

Program Cancellations

In the event of inclement surf conditions, parents will be notified of Nipper program cancellations through multiple channels. A **Surfguard text message** will be sent by 7:00am on the day of the event. Updates will also be posted on the **Stack Team App** and shared via our official Facebook page to ensure everyone is informed in a timely manner. Please check these platforms before heading to the beach.

Nipper Muster

Each Sunday we hold a Nipper Muster on the grassed area near the club, commencing at 7.30am. Important information regarding the program, conditions and information will be shared here. Please note that we are not a drop and run organisation; one parent must remain on the beach for the duration of the program.

Sign In and Sign Out Procedure

Each Sunday your Nipper should arrive at the beach in time for the 7.30am Nipper Muster. They should be in their **chosen swimwear**, have a **Nipper Hi-Vis Rash Vest** and their **sunscreen on**, have their **towel**, **water bottle** and **Nipper Cap** with them. Parents should meet their child's Age Manager at the Muster Point and sign their Nipper into the program for the morning. Once the Nipper is signed in with the Age Manager, their Nipper Cap can be placed on and secured. Responsibility is then assumed by the Age Manager. On conclusion of the program, a parent must be present to sign their Nipper out. Once signed out, the colored Nipper Cap must come off and parents are to assume responsibility for their Nipper once again.

Points Days

Points days are held throughout the season for Under 11's - Under 13's. These days will be held during the year when conditions are suitable. They are run in a carnival format, with water and beach events. Points allocated on these days will be added to attendance points gained by attending training days. The aim of the points system is to develop and foster Surf Life Saving skills and reward active participation. Points are accumulated throughout the season to determine trophy winners for End of Season Presentation.

Points days are held at the discretion of the Junior Activities Chairman and Patrol Captain and may be rescheduled if conditions require.



End of Season Presentation

Our End of Season Nipper Presentation heralds the end of the season for our Nippers. This occasion recognises the efforts the children have put in during the season. Each child will receive a medal and a certificate that recognises the completion of the Junior Surf Education Program. All competencies and age award requirements need to be completed by 31 December to receive Age Award Certificate and medal.

Additional trophies are awarded per age group for the best performances on points days and attendance at training.

Nipper Photos

Throughout the season we will take Nipper Individual & Team photos. Dates will be set and circulated in advance. Each Nipper will be presented with their photos at the End of Season Presentation.

Behaviour Management

Marcoola Nippers recognises that every person involved in surf lifesaving needs to be treated with respect and dignity, in a safe and supportive environment. The Marcoola Nipper Program has a number of guidelines, policies and resources to assist members in maintaining a safe and nurturing environment:

Behaviour Management Guidelines

Marcoola Nippers has a 'duty of care' to all children who attend and volunteers who assist with the running of Nippers. Behavioural guidelines have been implemented and each child is asked to adhere to these guidelines. Any inappropriate behaviour will be dealt with within our Behavioural Management Guidelines (available from the Age Managers or Registrar)

All-Inclusive Club Marcoola SLSC is an all-inclusive club, we have an appointed Inclusions Officer, who has the role of working with parents to determine how we can best support your nipper confidently and safely on the beach during the program.

Our question to each Nipper parent is: **Does your child have any specific needs that our JAC Team need to know about?** Examples of this may include disability, medical conditions, phobia, trauma, behavioural issues or physical limitations in the surf.

If you have answered **YES** to any of the above, please email more details to **inclusionsofficer@marcoolasurfclub.com.au** and we will make contact. Please know our aim is to offer a supportive, positive environment in which all our Nippers can thrive.

NIPPER INFORMATION

Gear & Equipment

Club gear and equipment is there for members to use, however everything is very expensive to repair and replace, so members are expected to have a certain level of **duty of care** when using any equipment or utilising club facilities.

Any use of Junior Activities gear must be arranged through the JAC Chairperson. This means **ALL GEAR**, from tent pegs to rescue boards.

Boards should be carried, not dragged and should be laid "fin up" on the sand gently. They should not be sat on. Foam boards are for U8, U9 and U10s only. Fiberglass boards are for U11, U12, U13 and U14s and senior club members.

When you have finished using a board, wash off all sand and put it away. **All damages must be reported immediately to the gear & equipment officer or age manager.**Members who mistreat boards will not be allowed to use them until they can demonstrate appropriate conduct and may be asked to contribute towards the cost of repairs.

Nipper Uniform & Swimwear

Each Nipper is required to wear a Pink Hi-Vis Rash Vest & Nipper Cap (relevant to their Age Group) while participating in Nipper Sundays and any Nipper training. There are no exceptions to this rule: we take the safety of our Nippers very seriously. Please ensure your Nipper arrives with these two items every week.

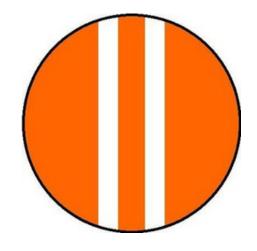
Club clothing, swimwear and merchandise is available as optional extras, There are a wide range of items available and we encourage you to check out the latest gear.

The Uniform Pop-Up Shop is open each Nipper Sunday from 8am - 9am or from the Surf Club's Administration Office weekdays.

Marcoola SLSC competition colours are orange and white. The competition cap is worn at Surf Sports carnivals when representing Marcoola SLSC.

Those that are lucky enough to wear it should do with pride!





MARCOOLA SLSC AGE GROUPS

Below are the age group birth dates ranges associated with those age groups. **Date is calculated as of 30 September.** For further information, refer to the Junior Colour Caps & Age Group for Season documents that can be located in the Nippers section on the Club Website.





NIPPE BY 500 2025/26

New Program Details Coming Soon!

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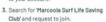
Keeping up to date

Join our App for all the latest Nipper Information!

Follow these steps to join our app:

1. Scan the QR code below & download
Stack Team App or visit
www.teamapp.com.







Social MediaClosed Group Profiles



Marcoola Youth

Send a request to join the groups that apply to you



August

Monday 4 August: Online Membership Renewals Open.

Existing Nippers position in the program guaranteed until midnight on Wednesday 27 August.

Sunday 31 August: Nipper Sign On Day

Welcoming new Nippers and Families. 9:00am - 12:00pm Marcoola Surf Club

September

Sunday 21 September: Pool Swim Evaluation

9.00am - 12.00pm Flying Fish Swim School

Sunday 28 September: Surf Evaluation Day

8.30am - 10.30am Marcoola Beach

November

Sunday 9 November: Nipper Photo Day

Individual & Team Photos Marcoola Surf Club

Sunday 16 November: Nipper Photo Day (Back Up)

Individual Only Marcoola Surf Club

December

Sunday 14 December: Nipper Christmas

Last Nipper Sunday for 2025

Sunday 21 December - 25 January 2026

Nipper Break

October

Sunday 5 October: First Day of Nippers

7.30am - 10.30am Marcoola Beach

Friday 10 October: Nipper Disco

6:00pm - 8:00pm Marcoola Supporters Club

February

Sunday 1 February: Nippers returns for 2026!

Marcoola Beach

March

Sunday 15 March: Last Nippers for 2026

Marcoola Beach

Saturday 22 March: Nipper Presentation, End of Season Party and General Meeting

Note: Surf Sports Calendar & Events will be circulated separately



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Before nippers can participate in ocean activities, they need to complete a pool evaluation and assessment of beach competency.

Pool Evaluation

The pool evaluation is conducted after the child has signed on as a member and prior to the first day of nippers. If your child has not completed the pool evaluation prior to training days they will not be able to participate. The table below shows times and distances that need to be achieved to pass the pool swim. To pass, children must be able to swim continuously and unaided within the times and distances shown below.

Please note that we do not teach children how to swim at Nippers.

Competency Beach Evaluation

The competency test (run-swim-run) is conducted on training days at the beach. It involves a continuous effort of running, swimming and running.

Every junior member must successfully complete the Beach Evaluation prior to any water activities being undertaken, and prior to gaining their age award. Any child that does not meet the required evaluation level will require a higher level of supervision when involved in water based activities. Nippers who have not completed the Run Swim Run will only be able to enter the water if we have sufficient water safety to provide the higher level of supervision required.

For non competitors, the run-swim-run must be completed by **30 November**, prior to Surf Education Awards being processed.

Competition Evaluation

After successfully completing the Competency Beach Evaluation, all children who wish to compete at carnivals, must complete the Competition Evaluation (open water swim as per the distances shown in the following table for that age group).





Junior Preliminary Evaluations - SLSQ

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| Under 6 | Back or front float for a minimum of 5 seconds and recover to stand. | | From standing position in waist deep water, perform a front glide (1-2 metres) & recover to stand. | |
| Under 7 | Back or front float for a minimum of 10 seconds and recover to stand. | Submerge to touch the bottom with hands. | From standing position in waist deep water, perform a front glide (2-3 metres) & recover to stand. | |
| Under 8 | Back or front float for a minimum of 15 seconds, recover to stand. | | Swim on front any stroke (distance 20 metres) followed by a swim underwater (distance 2-3 metres) | |
| Under 9 | Front to back float or back to front float – S seconds each side. Tread water and/or any | Submerge to touch the bottom with | Swim in 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. | |
| Under 10 | stroke sculling for a minimum of 1 minute. | hands. | 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. | |
| Under 11 | Front to back float or back to front float, 5 seconds each side. Tread water and/or any stroke sculling for minimum 2 minutes. | Submerge to perform forward or backward roll/somersault underwater, recover to surface, submerge to touch the bottom with hands. | 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 | Front to back float or back to | Submerge to perform forward or backward roll/somersault underwater, | Swim on front any stroke for 75 metres followed by survival stroke(s) breaststroke and/or sidestroke for minimum 50 metres. | |
| Under 13 | front float – 5 seconds each side. Tread water and/or any stroke sculling for minimum 3 minites. | recover to surface, submerge to touch the bottom with hands. | Swim on front any stroke for 100 metres followed by survival stroke(s) breaststroke and/or sidestroke for minimum 50 metres. | |
| Under 14 | | Submerge to perform forward or backward roll/somersault underwater, do not recover to surface, submerge to touch the bottom with hands. | Swim on front any stroke for 100 metres followed by survival stroke(s) breaststroke and/or sidestroke for minimum 100 metres. | |
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| Date Witnessed: | |
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| JAAO/Surf Coach/ Bronze Assessor Name: | JAAO/Surf Coach/ Bronze Assessor Signature: |



Every Nipper is required to complete an annual pool swim evaluation, along with a surf swim evaluation (Run / Swim / Run) prior to commencing our program, to ensure their safety in the surf evironment.

FLYING FISH SWIM SCHOOL 21 Fishermans Road, Maroochydore

SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2025

9.00am - 10.00am - Under 8 & Under 9

10.00am - 11.00am - Under 10 & Under 11

11.00am - 12.00pm - Under 12 & Under 13

\$5 Entry Fee per Nipper, payable to Flying Fish Swim School Bring: Togs, Towel & Googles

NIPPERS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND ONE POOL AND ONE SURF SESSION ONLY!

Times are a guide only, in attempt to ensure these days run smoothly, please understand that it a huge task to get these evaluations completed for each of our Nippers, so your patience on these days is appreciated. We will try and accommodate families with nippers in multiple age groups where possible.

Under 14's are not required to complete a Pool Swim or Surf Evaluation on this day, as it will be completed as part of their SRC Training Week.

Can't make the scheduled date?

We understand that not all Nippers will be able to make our scheduled day. It is mandatory that a Pool Evalutation Swim is completed prior to any Nipper entering the surf. Flying Fish Swim School do conduct Pool Swim Evaluations throughout the week, details as follows: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 3:45-4:00pm.

Bookings are essential and can be organised over the phone 5443 1159 or via email hello@flyingfishswimschool.com.au.

Assessments will cost \$10 per Nipper. Please ensure swim assessment form is forwarded to the JAC Team on successful completion of the swim.

NO POOL SWIM = NO SURF START



Every Nipper is required to complete an annual pool swim evaluation along with a surf swim evaluation (Run / Swim / Run) prior to commencing our program, to ensure their safety in the surf environment.

SURF EVALUATION - MARCOOLA BEACH

SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2025

8:30am - 9:30am - Under 8 & Under 9 9:30am - 10:00am - Under 10 & Under 11 10:00am - 10:30am - Under 12 & Under 13

Head to the Marcoola Marquee on the beach for registration Bring: Togs, Towel, Rash Vest, Nipper Cap & Googles

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We understand that these times and dates may not be suitable for all. Should you be unable to attend this surf evaluation morning please know that the JAC Team will continue to conduct them for the first few Sunday's until all our Nipper's have completed this requirement.



NO POOL & SURF SWIM = NO NIPPER START





BEACH SEASON IS BACK... LET'S PARTY!



Nippers galore on the dancefloor

DJ playing 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Cool prizes up for grabs

Loads of fun to be had for all the family

Be sure to join us!



IF YOU WISH TO DINE WITH US...
TABLE BOOKINGS ARE ESSESNTIAL
PLEASE CONTACT OUR FRIENDLY BISTRO STAFF
ON 5448 8605 AND BOOK A TIME TO DINE!
BISTRO OPEN FROM 5.30PM

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS NOT A DROP AND RUN EVENT!

ALL NIPPERS MUST BE SUPERVISED. PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO STAY FOR A DRINK, SOMETHING TO EAT, A MINGLE OR HIT THE DANCE FLOOR WITH OUR NIPPERS AND SHOW THEM HOW TO PARTY!



Surf Sports Involvement

Surf Sports participation at Marcoola SLSC is optional, we only have a very small but dedicated team representing our club at Branch, State and National competition. One of our goals this season is to encourage more of our Nippers to experience Surf Sports competition. If you think your Nipper would be interested in learning more please let us know. Based on interest received a Surf Sports Information Session may be organised.

Nomination Process

It is your responsibility to nominate for a carnival through the Team Manager. All information pertaining to carnivals, including closing dates and events is located on the notice board. Nominations are made to the Team Manager or Club Administrator prior to the carnival closing date.

Competition events include:

- Swimming (Surf Races, Tube Races, Ironman/Ironwoman, Board Rescue, Taplin Relay and Cameron Relay)
- Craft (Board Races, Board Relay, Ski Races, Ski Relay, Double Ski, Surf Boats and Board Riding)
- Beach (Sprints, Sprint Relay, Flags and March Past)

If you have nominated for a carnival, you must attend. You will be charged any costs incurred by the Club if you fail to attend although exemption from this may be granted in extenuating circumstances.

If you have been nominated in a team event, you will be expected to compete in that event unless exempted by the Team Manager.

Carnival Officials

At all surf lifesaving carnivals clubs must provide Carnival Officials at a ratio of 1 Official per 10 competitors. As a Carnival Official, you can specialise in water events, beach events, Boats and/or Surf Rescue and R&R events. Carnival Official courses are conducted by the Sunshine Coast Branch, normally at least twice during the season – Technical Official is the minimum requirement to officiate at carnivals. Should you require any further information, you should contact Marcoola SLSC Officials Coordinator or the Club Administrator.

Water Safety (IRB's and Crewing)

Carnivals require the support of all clubs to provide IRB Drivers and Crew during carnivals. An additional skill that may be required by some club IRB Drivers is to attend and pass a 'Can Laying Course'. This is required for both Junior and Senior Carnivals.

Water Safety (Junior Carnivals)

Water Safety is a mandatory requirement for all Junior Carnivals – minimum requirement for those providing water safety is either Bronze Medallion or SRC. Water safety shall be supplied for Junior Carnivals at the ratio of 1 water safety officer to 15 competitors. The Club actively encourages all members with Bronze or SRC qualifications to assist with water safety when they have a competitor entered.

SPONSORSHIP & FUNDING

Marcoola Surf Club Junior Activities Program relies heavily on its members throughout the year to optimise its fund-raising opportunities. All funds generated from fund raising events throughout the year, are channeled back to the Club for the purchase of essential nipper equipment. It is highly desirable that all members assist in Club organised fundraising events.

Sponsors play a massive role in our little club, not only with their monetary donations, but their time, manpower and in-kind donations which we couldn't do without. We love the relationships we build with our sponsors, and each year they get better and better.

We have a range of different sponsorship packages available, and our team would love to talk with you or someone you could refer to us, to see how we could work together to best suit everyone's needs.

Contact the Nipper Team to see how we can help each other and the community! E: <u>nippers@marcoolasurfclub.com.au</u> or phone us on (07) 5448 7311





Thank you to the our Tunior Actuaties Sponsors for helping to make Sunday's FUM-days!



Sunshine Coast Airport



Greenspace



mcgregor WEALTH MANAGEMENT







We always welcome new sponsors!

If you know a business that is interested in supporting our program please make contact





nippers@marcoolasurfclub.com.au (07) 5448 7311



64-76 Marcoola Esplanade, Marcoola Q 4564 www.marcoolasurfclub.com.au

WANT TO BECOME A LIFESAVER?

We have Bronze Medallion and Surf Rescue Certificate training courses to get you ready to join our team of trained volunteers patrolling the beach

CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING COURSE DATES:



INTENSIVE - 20 SEPTEMBER TO 27 SEPTEMBER 2025



7 WEEK - 15 OCTOBER TO 29 NOVEMBER 2025
One Night Theory & One Day Practical on the Weekends



INTENSIVE - 17 JANUARY TO 24 JANUARY 2026

PREREQUISITES

- All participants must be a current financial member of Marcoola SLSC
- If 18+ must hold a current Blue Card
- SRC: At least 13 years of age on the date of final assessment Complete 200m swim in 5 minutes or less (freestyle)
- BRONZE: At least 15 years of age on the date of final assessment Complete 400m swim in 9 minutes or less (freestyle)

REGISTRATION

REGISTER IN YOUR SLSA MEMBER'S PORTAL / eLEARNING OR CREATE A MEMBERS AREAS ACCOUNT







Contact training@marcoolasurfclub.com.au or phone (07) 5448 7311



INVIGR8 24/7 HEALTH CLUB

TIER ONE

HIGH CONTRIBUTING VOLUNTEERS

OFFER: \$434 annual PIF membership (+ free 24/7 tag)
PROOF FOR DISCOUNT: requires a letter from
Marcoola SLSC GM (Capped at 15 SLS members)

TIER TWO

PATROLLING MEMBER

OFFER: \$16.95 PW direct debit (15% off) (+ free 24/7 tag)
PROOF FOR DISCOUNT: requires valid "Active Patrol,
Award Member or Life Member" membership card

TIER THREE

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

OFFER: \$17.95 PW direct debit (10% off)

PROOF FOR DISCOUNT: requires

"Associate Member" membership card

OUR SUPPORTERS CLUB

The Marcoola SLSC Supporters Club is your club, and it's the perfect place to relax with family and friends, enjoy a mouth-watering meal or ice-cold drink and take in the spectacular scenery. The Courtesy Bus will pick you up and drop you home, anywhere between Coolum and Bli Bli. Kids are even catered for, with our Beach Shack Kids Zone, fully equipped with PlayStation gaming consoles and plasma TVs.

Every Active, Award and Associate member of the Lifesaving Club receives a **Membership Card** to use upstairs in the Supporters Club Bar & Bistro. ALL Active patrolling members will receive \$55 onto their membership card once they've paid their club membership, which you can use in the bar or bistro. Members receive discounts on food and beverages.

The Club is open daily and has daily specials and promotions. We invite you to enjoy the facilities and activities we have on offer. Unwind on our stunning outdoor deck and watch the waves roll in or enjoy your favorite sporting events on our big-screens. You can even have a punt on your favorite team or horse with TAB. There is something for everyone!

Thinking about your next social function? Perhaps you're looking for the perfect wedding venue. With a stunning backdrop of golden sands and clear-blue ocean, Marcoola SLSC is the ideal location for your next event.

Contact our Functions Coordinator to see how we can help make your next event the most memorable! Contact functions@marcoolasurfclub.com.au or (07) 5448 8605









MARCOOLA SLSC NIPPERS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



DID YOU KNOW....

It takes a dedicated army of volunteers each week to safely conduct our Sunday Nipper Program. Last season our program had 250 registered Nipper's and needed the support of 70 volunteers each week.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

You don't have be fastest swimmer or best board paddler to offer value (although more of them are always welcome). If you are happy to volunteer, we will find a role for you. There are many ways you can support the Nipper Program. Roles we are currently seeking assistance with include:

- Age Managers All Age Groups
- Coaches Sprint, Flags & Education
- Water Safety
- Gear & Equipment (Set Up & Pack Up Team)
- Uniform Shop Coordinator
- Assistant Register (Membership enquires)
- Fundraising & Social Activities
- Surf Sports Team Manager
- Carnival Official

VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED TO BE CLUB MEMBER, OBTAIN A WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK & COMPLETE SLS CHILD SAFETY ONLINE COURSES.

HELP US... PUT THE FUN IN SUNDAY'S FOR OUR LITTLE LIFESAVERS

Contact Marcoola Surf Club on 5448 7311 or email nippers@marcoolasurfclub.com.au for more information on how you can contribute.



MONDAY - FRIDAY 9.30AM - 4.30PM EFTPOS AVAILABLE

ALL ITEMS NOW IN STOCK

IF THE LIFESAVING ADMIN OFFICE IS OPEN, THE UNIFORM SHOP IS OPERATING

THE UNIFORM SHOP WILL ALSO BE OPEN ON NIPPER SUNDAYS 8AM - 9AM EACH WEEK





Parent Involvement Form 2025/26

Welcome to Marcoola SLSCNippers, our Junior Activities Programispowered entirely by volunteers – it takes around 70 helpers every week to run our surf education sessions safely and smoothly. Whether you're a seasoned surf lifesaver or have never touched a board, there's a role for you!

To support the success of our program, we kindly ask that at least one parent or guardian from each family gets involved in some way. Helping out is a great way to connect with other families, support your child's learning, and contribute to our vibrant beach community.

Please complete the form below and indicate the role you would like to play:

| Name: | Contact Number: |
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| Email: | Age Group of Nipper/s: |

Why Get Involved?

- Meet other local families and make lifelong friends
- Learn more about surf safety and community leadership
- Watch your child grow and thrive with your active support
- Be part of a fun, supportive team atmosphere

Minimum Requirement:

One parent from each family will be required as a **Raffle Ticket Seller**, if not committing to one of the roles listed below. Nippers are welcome to attend with parents/guardians. Every raffle ticket seller receives a free drink during their rostered session

| Raffle Ticket Seller |
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| Help raise vital funds to support our Nipper program! |
| You will be rostered on once per quarter for 1 hour on a Wednesday = only 4 hours per year! |

Nipper Sunday's - Get Involved!

We're filling the following roles for the upcoming season. Please tick any you're interested in:

| LEA | LEADERSHIP ROLES | | |
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| | JAC Minutes Secretary: Prepares and shares meeting agendas & minutes | | |
| | Little Nipper Coordinator: Leads a fun program for our Under 8 siblings (ages 5–7) | | |
| | Age Managers (2-3 per Age Group): Lead activity sessions for your child's age group Under 8 's - Green Caps Under 10's - Yellow Caps Under 13/14's - Orange Caps | | |
| | Sprint Coach: Run beach sprint rotation on Sundays | | |
| | Flags Coach: Run beach flags rotation on Sundays | | |
| | Surf Skills Coach: Run surf skills rotation on Sundays (Bronze Medallion essential) | | |
| | Swim Coach: Run swim rotation on Sundays (Bronze Medallion essential) | | |
| | Surf Awareness Coach: Teach surf awareness and surf skills (Bronze Medallion desirable, not essential) | | |

| SUP | SUPPORT ROLES | |
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| | Officials Coordinator: Help recruit and coordinate carnival officials Apparels Officer | |
| | (Clothing Coordinator): Oversee uniform shop and merchandise sales | |
| | Nipper Photographer: Capture the energy of Sunday Nippers! | |
| | Under 8 – Under 10 Team Manager: Manage carnival entries, fees, and duties | |
| | Under 11 – Under 14 Team Manager: Same as above, for older age groups | |
| | Water Safety: Help supervise water activities (training essential & provided) | |
| | BBQ / Canteen Assistant: Cook, serve, and tidy up on a rostered Sunday | |
| | Gear & Equipment Set Up & Pack Up: Direct helpers to set up/pack away gear | |
| | Fundraising & Social Activities: Plan events and raise funds with a smile | |

Surf Sports Competition:

We'd love to see more of our Nippers give surf sports a go!

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Can you help support our carnival teams?

| Carnival Official – Must complete accreditation | |
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| Gear & Equipment – Help load, unload, and set up | |
| Photographer – Snap our athletes in action (SLSQ pass required) | |
| Age Manager – Ensure competitors are organized and ready | |

Learn More – No Pressure!

Want to find out more before committing? Tick any roles you're curious about – we'll invite you to a relaxed, no-obligation info session.

| JAC Chairman | Gear Steward |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| JAC Deputy Chairman | Chief Water Safety Officer |
| JAC Minutes Secretary | Water Safety Officer |
| JAC Registrar | Board Coach |
| Team Manager: Under 11 – Under 15 | Swim Coach |
| Team Manager: Under 8 – Under 10 | Flags Coach |
| BBQ Coordinator | Sprint Coach |
| Clothing Coordinator | Age Manager |
| Officials Coordinator | Assistant Age Manger |

Not sure where you fit?

I'd love to help but not sure how - please contact me to chat about options!

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Thank you...

Your support means the world to us and our Nippers. One of our JAC team members will be in touch soon to confirm your involvement or answer any questions.





Inclusion Form 2025/26

At Marcoola SLSC, we value inclusion and aim to ensure that every child feels welcome, supported, and safe while participating in Nippers - both on the beach and in the water.

To help us create the best possible experience for your child, please let us know if there's anything we should be aware of that may assist us in supporting them. This might include (but is not limited to):

Access or support needs
Health or medical considerations
Sensory sensitivities or phobias
Previous experiences that may impact confidence or participation
Communication or behavioural preferences
Physical considerations related to beach or water activities

Sharing this information will be handled respectfully and confidentially.

| Nipper's Name: | | | |
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| Nipper Age Group: | | | |
| Description of Specific Needs: | | | |
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| Parent / Guardian Contact Details: | | | |
| Name: | | | |
| Email: | | | |
| Phone: | | | |

If you'd like to share more detailed information or speak confidentially, please contact our Inclusion Officer, Lisa Rosevear, at inclusionsofficer@marcoolasurfclub.com.au

Lisa will be in touch to discuss strategies and supports tailored for your child.

Thank you for helping us make Nippers a safe and inclusive space for everyone.



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Club Contact Information



07 5448 7311 - Lifesaving Administration



07 5448 8605 - Supporters Club Lifesaving



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Nipper Contact Information

Junior Activities Chairperson: Alanna Patterson



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Junior Activities Administration: Amanda Janssen



nippers@marcoolasurfclub.com.au



SOCIAL MEDIA

Send a request to join the private group/s that apply to you and our admin will accept



FACEBOOK PRIVATE GROUPS

Marcoola SLSC (for patrolling members)
Marcoola Youth (youth and parents)
Marcoola Nippers (parents of Nippers)

Marcoola Nippers (parents of Nippers)



FACEBOOK PUBLIC GROUPS

Friends of Marcoola SLSC Marcoola Surf Club



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Marcoola Surf Club