



## NIPPER NEWS

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### COMMUNICATING WITH OUR MEMBERS

In addition to the hardcopy newsletter which we circulate at the beach on a Sunday, via e-mail and on our website ([www.redheadslsc.com](http://www.redheadslsc.com)), we also attempt to disseminate relevant information to members via text message and also the whiteboard on Sundays. However, the website will be used as the primary point of information flow.

### NEW TO NIPPERS?

Your child will require swimmers, a Redhead skull cap, sun protection (applied before you arrive), a towel and a water bottle. If your child prefers to swim with goggles and a cap bring those along also. For safety reasons, all Nippers must wear the Redhead blue and gold skull cap at all times during Sunday activities. Your child's name will be marked on and off at the start and finish of each beach day by their age supervisors. A parent must collect their child at the conclusion of the activities.

At Nippers, we will teach your child surf awareness, surf education and surf skills. We are however, unable to teach your child to swim and encourage you to maintain swimming lessons/training to complement what we offer. A full copy of our handbook is available on the website and outlines our program. Should you have any questions please contact your Age Supervisor or one of the Committee members.

### REDHEAD CARNIVAL 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

We will be hosting the seasons first surf carnival on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October. This will require a massive logistical effort from the club and as such we are calling on all parents to help out, especially if your child is intending to compete. We will need a workforce to set up the beach and competition areas on the Friday evening beforehand as well as on the day, food and beverage dispensers, IRB drivers and crew, water safety, crowd control, parking officers, and numerous other jobs. Please see your age supervisors and committee members to offer your help. Many hands make light work.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CARNIVAL ENTRIES

Hunter Branch requires pre-registration for all local carnivals. Fees are \$11 per competitor and must be paid on the Sunday **BEFORE** the carnival. Unfortunately, if the competitor does not attend the carnival there is **NO REFUND**. Late entries cost \$16.50 and can be paid on the day. This **must** have the approval of a club committee member (not age manager) before Branch will accept it. All competitors must be financial and proficient.

### INTERBRANCH TEAM

Hunter Branch is calling **now** for expressions of interest from competitors under 12 and above who wish to be considered for selection in the Interbranch team. The Interbranch Championships will be held at Redhead on December 10 & 11. Further information can be found on Hunter branch's website

### 2011 YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Hunter Branch and Surf Life Saving Central Coast are calling for nominations to participate in the 2011 Youth Leadership Development Program. The Youth Leadership Development Program is aimed at Youth members within the U13 and U14 age groups with potential to become a leader and have an interest in improving their surf club. Each club will be allocated four positions in the program to be run over the weekend of 19th & 20th November at Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre. Applications close at Branch on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Please contact the JAC if you are interested.

## **MORE AGE MANAGERS REQUIRED**

A big thankyou to those new parents who have volunteered their time to assist as Age Managers. The recent explosion in the number of children participating in nippers has continued with record numbers registered for the Under 7 & 8 age groups. It is apparent that there are many parents willing to help out but feeling unsure due to a lack of experience in surf life saving. Remember we were all new starters once! All it takes is enthusiasm, a sense of fun, and a desire to help our kids learn more about the surf. The more parent helpers we have the better. Please consider what you can offer to support and help our children have fun and learn essential lifesaving surf skills.

## **BOARD RAFFLE**

Redhead SLSC Nippers are conducting a fundraising raffle for a Brand New Fibreglass Kracka Board. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10, available from the Nippers room each Sunday. You gotta be in it to win it!

## **BODY GLIDE RASH CREAM**

For all our board paddlers and even board riders we now have in stock for sale Body glide Rash cream at the superb price of \$19.95 per tube. See the ladies in the Nippers room to get your tube now.

<b>DIARY DATES</b>
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### **Proficiencies Dates:**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 23rd October 2011 - 8.00am for 8.30am start at Charlestown Pool.**

**Saturday 5th November 2011 - 8.00am for 8.30am start at Charlestown Pool.**

### **Important Season Dates:**

**Christmas Break 18th December 2011 – 8<sup>th</sup> January 2012.**

**Presentation Day U/6-U/7 12th February 2012.**

**Presentation Day U/8 – U/14 18th March 2012.**

**Carnival Dates:** *(These dates are correct at the time of publication, but may change).*

**29/10/11 - Round 1 Junior Surf Series U11-U14 – Redhead.**

**12/11/11 - Kracka Ironperson Event U9-U15 - Blacksmiths Beach.**

**13/11/11 - Lake Macquarie Games U8 – U14 - Blacksmiths Beach.**

**26/11/11 - Round 2 Junior Surf Series U8 - U14 - Stockton.**

**29/01/12 – Round 3 Junior Surf Series U8 – U14 – Caves Beach.**

**Hunter Branch Championships 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> February 2012 – Catherine Hill Bay.**

**NSW State Age Championships 2nd, 3rd & 4th March 2012 - Kingscliff.**