

We look forward to welcoming you all back to Southport Surf Club in the 2016/17 season!

GUARANTEE YOUR PLACE FOR NEXT SEASON BY RENEWING BY 31 JULY 2016

We understand that many of you are probably right in the middle of your winter sports at the moment, and heading back to the beach may feel like a long way off, but the season will be here before we know it!

Because Southport has a very popular Nipper program, we ask that you consider your plans for the coming summer, and renew your membership by the 31st of July if you intend to be part of our program for another year.

At the beginning of August, we need to start offering places to new members so that all registrations can be finalised before the start of the Nipper season. As you are aware, for safety and operational reasons, our age groups are capped and many groups fill up fast.

RENEWAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

Lifesaving Online is the most convenient and preferred method of renewal – for this you will need a Member's Portal account: <https://portal.sls.com.au> Members are now able to set up a family group which makes the process even easier!

We have put together a step-by-step document to help you through the process once you have set up your account – please visit our website <http://www.sslsc.com.au/nippers.html> for all information including current fees. For any specific queries, please contact Dannielle in the Lifesaving Office.

PRELIMINARY POOL EVALUATION

A Preliminary Pool Evaluation has been sent with this letter – please note if your child wishes to compete, they must complete the longer timed swim distance. Bonita is back on the pool deck at Gold Coast Aquatic Centre from Tuesday 12 July @4pm, these sessions can be used to have your swim signed off.

Nipper memberships cannot be processed until a completed Pool Evaluation form has been submitted.

BLUE CARDS FOR PARENTS

Please note that ALL Club members over the age of 18 MUST hold a current Blue Card – an application must be submitted with membership if you do not hold a valid card. Forms are also available on the Club website.

CLUB WEBSITE AND NIPPERS FACEBOOK PAGE

We are aware you probably dislike a full inbox as much as we do. This season, the Club is going to focus on keeping our website up to date with ALL the information you require and use the Nippers Facebook page to communicate. If there is information that isn't available, please bring this to our attention so we can rectify.

MEMBERSHIP FEE ASSISTANCE FROM 'GET STARTED QGRANTS'

The grant provides vouchers of up to \$150 per child (under 18) in their chosen sport for participation costs.

If you would like to apply and use the voucher for the 2016/17 season membership fees please click on the link: <http://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegame/getstarted/>

Southport SLSC is a registered organisation and can accept vouchers as payment for the applicable child's participation fees. For Nippers this is up to \$80 each (\$30 membership fees and \$50 operational levy) and \$40 for Juniors. The vouchers cannot be used for uniforms or any other merchandise – only participation fees.

**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT ALL COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLUB WILL CEASE AFTER
31 JULY 2016 IF YOU DO NOT RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP BY THAT DATE**