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MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Junior Activities (Junior Lifesavers Program - Nippers)

Junior Activities have been operating in Queensland since 1965 and now boasts one of the largest membership totals. The Junior Program has become one of the most successful children's development and sporting programs in Australia.

The age group for the junior lifesavers is a minimum age of 7 years and up to a maximum age of 13 years (age for a season is calculated as of midnight 30 September).

The program is focused on participation and fun and includes activities such as surf safety, surfing, board paddling, board rescue, beach activities, basic resuscitation and first aid. Each age group progresses through a Surf Education Certificate and the program also encompasses skills in leadership, teamwork and recreation.

The program is designed to provide an educational experience in a wide range of subjects and skills within the aquatic/marine environment and prepares the junior lifesavers for their eventual transition to the marine/aquatic patrol environment of the senior movement. The program aims to promote the spirit of camaraderie and citizenship within the community.

Most clubs conduct their activities on a Sunday morning from 8.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. during the months of October to March. Contact your local club for specific details.

As the children progress through to the older age groups there are also opportunities for them to participate in competitions through to a National Level as well as Youth Development Programs to increase their lifesaving and rescue skills.

Active Cadets (13-15 years)

Cadets shall be a minimum age of 13 years and up to 15 years of age on a seasonal basis. Cadet members begin with the training of the Surf Rescue Certificate. The Surf Rescue Certificate is the minimum requirement to become a surf lifesaver. Active Cadets are the first line of being an active patrol member and are provided with on the job training with beach patrol duties.

Upon gaining this award, cadets will be placed on a beach patrol roster to perform community service (beach patrols) under supervision.

Active Juniors (15 – 18 years)

Active juniors are those members between the age of 15 and 18 years who hold the Bronze Medallion Award. Active Juniors are involved in all areas of lifesaving and are also required to perform beach patrol duties in accordance with their membership and qualifications. Members in this membership category are also able to gain further lifesaving awards to increase their knowledge and skills including Advanced Resuscitation, Inflatable Rescue Boat Drivers and Crewman's, Silver Medallion Life Support, Senior First Aid, Training Officers Certificate to name a few.



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Active Seniors

Active seniors are those members over the age of 18 years who hold the minimum requirement of the Bronze Medallion. Active members are also strongly encouraged to gain additional lifesaving awards to improve their lifesaving skills and knowledge e.g. Inflatable Rescue Boat Drivers, Patrol Captains Award, and other specialist awards.

Active Reserve

Active Reserve members are those members who have completed eight years of voluntary service. Members at this level perform a minimum number of patrol hours.

Long Service

A long service member is one who has completed ten years of active service or eight years of active service plus four years of reserve active service. Members in this category shall be exempt from all patrol obligations.

Award Member

Award members are those members who are proficient holders of one of the following awards: Radio Operators, Resuscitation Certificate, Advanced Resuscitation, First Aid or Surf Rescue Certificate. Members who have these qualifications can also assist with patrol operations. This category is perfect for members who are keen to help out but do not have the ability to perform the full active requirements.

Associate

An Associate member may or may not hold an Association award. Associate members shall not have affiliated club voting rights unless elected to office or position and shall have a membership fee substantially higher than that of other membership categories.

Life Membership

Life Membership may be granted by Clubs and /or Branches to members that have rendered distinguished or special services over a period of time. Each club differs in their level of service.

For further information on membership categories please contact your local Surf Life Saving Club or Surf Life Saving Queensland.

