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## HUNTER NIPPERS HIT THE SAND FOR NEW SEASON

Hunter beaches have become a sea of pink as thousands of kids throw on their iconic rash vests for the return of the Hunter Surf Life Saving Nippers season.

Nippers kicked off across the region from Sunday 12 October, with the proud support of Newcastle Permanent for another year.

Open to children aged five to 14, the Nippers program is designed to teach essential skills like CPR, rescue techniques, and surf awareness while giving participants the chance to enjoy fun, beach-based activities in a safe environment.

Last season, Newcastle Permanent supported a record number of Nippers, with more than 3,700 Nippers across 13 clubs in the region from Catherine Hill Bay SLSC to Tea Gardens Hawks Nest SLSC.

Newcastle Permanent spokesperson, Greg Hooper said the customer-owned organisation looked forward to supporting Nippers for another season.

"Water and safety skills are extremely important for kids to develop. It is wonderful to see Hunter Surf Life Saving continue to thrive with over 3,500 nippers enrolled so far," Mr Hooper said.

"The pink rashies have become a signature across our beaches and we are honoured that we are able to continue our partnership that helps these programs run along our coastal communities each season."

Hunter Surf Life Saving President Henry Scruton ESM said that the Nippers program is tailored to ensure children grow and get the most out of the program.

"Nippers helps kids to build their skills as well as confidence in and around the ocean. As they get older they begin to start learning skills needed to become a qualified surf lifesaver and help keep the whole beach community safe," Mr Scruton said.

"Hunter Surf Life Saving Club have had a longstanding partnership with Newcastle Permanent for more than 40 years and their support of Nippers ensures that we can continue to deliver these valuable programs to more families across the coast."

Registrations for Hunter Surf Life Saving Nippers are still open. For more information and to find your nearest Nippers program please visit [www.surflifesaving.com.au/nippers/](http://www.surflifesaving.com.au/nippers/).

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