

Moving Nippers to an Alternate Location Factsheet

Where possible, nippers should be delivered during the scheduled patrol season, and during the hours of a scheduled club patrol.

Should a patrolled area be closed due to dangerous conditions, or for other reasons, no in-water nippers can take place at this location. You may choose to temporarily move your nippers to an alternative location if the conditions are deemed unsuitable at your local beach after a risk assessment is conducted.

The Patrol Operations Manual will need to be updated if an alternate nipper location is permanently utilised.

To safely move your nippers the Junior Activity Chair and Water Safety Supervisor (in conjunction with the patrol captain) must contact SurfCom to advise of the new location prior to any activities taking place. The patrol captain can also log this via the Patrol Ops App.

To facilitate any in-water nipper activities in a new location the following equipment must be available (as the minimum standard): rescue tube/s and/or rescue board/s, radio, and first aid kit. Oxygen and defibrillation equipment is to be readily available. Based on water conditions an operational IRB (and qualified driver and crew) may also be required. A risk assessment must be completed at the new location and water safety ratios must be met. It is recommended the club Junior Activity Search Rescue (JASR) kit be taken to the new location.

