

Circular 21-25



STARFISH NIPPERS

Proudly Supported by Variety – the Children’s Charity of Tasmania
Start-up equipment kits available

Attention: Presidents, Secretaries, Club Development Officers, Interested Members

Actioned by: Interested clubs wishing to apply for a Starfish Nippers Start-up equipment kit funded by Variety Tasmania

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Summary	This circular announces a new 3-year Community Partnership with Variety Tasmania, to be able to provide a number of clubs via an application process with the equipment to set up and run their own Starfish Nippers program this summer.
Strategic Goals	6 – Involving All Australians <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make it easier for members of the community to give, get involved and be safe 7 – Learning for Life <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide high quality education and accredited training to our members and the community
Key Strategies	6.1 Promote inclusiveness and engagement of all members of the community to be involved in Surf Life Saving 6.4 Deliver targeted water safety education programs specifically to high-risk communities 6.8 Promote healthy lifestyles and fitness for life
Action	Complete and submit the Starfish Nippers Start-up equipment kit application by clicking the link - https://slst.wufoo.com/forms/startup-equipment-kit-application-form/ Applications close - 9am, Monday 9th August 2021.

Background

SLST’s programs, such as Starfish Nippers, aims to increase social inclusion and participation levels in beach activities for children (from ages 5) and young people with an intellectual impairment who find themselves capable but challenged by the requirements of mainstream junior Surf Life Saving programs. Recently, increased accessibility to purpose-built facilities and beach access wheelchairs has seen more Tasmanians participate in aquatic activities. In Hobart, there has been a noticeable growth of interest in the SLST facilitated programs, but in some areas of the state there are currently no aquatic based recreational programs available to people with a disability and their families and or carers.

Through utilising the growing network of beach access wheelchairs and club facilities becoming more accessible than ever, SLST have accessed funding and understand the importance of collaboration with like-minded organisations, service providers and organisations striving to achieving the same in terms of inclusion and accessibility for all Tasmanians. Surf Life Saving Tasmania is therefore extremely thrilled to announce a new 3-year Community Partnership with Variety Tasmania, to be able to provide a number of clubs with the equipment to set up and run their own Starfish Nippers program this summer.



Starfish Nippers Start-up Kits funded by Variety Tasmania

SLST, as a Community Partner Major Grant Recipient, will work with clubs to roll out a pilot Starfish Nippers Program in 4 different regions across the state. Clubs are invited to submit an application to be provided one of four Starfish Nippers Start-up equipment Kits fully funded by Variety Tasmania and supported by SLST to set up their own program. An example of some of the items included in a Start-up kit includes (but not limited to); witches hats, beach flags, swirl parachute, hula hoops, sea thru play tunnel, mini foam hurdles, rashies and more.

Program Objectives and measuring the impact

The objective of supplying the equipment is for clubs to be able to offer a minimum of 100 children living with a disability and their siblings' access to a Starfish Nippers this summer. This is to be offered at no cost to the individual or their families.

SLST will work with successful clubs to report regularly to Variety Tasmania on the following;

1. Number of children living with disability who have participated in the program per club and per age group;
2. Number of siblings per club and per age group;
3. Number of parents/ carers who participated in the program;
4. How did they hear about the program?

Testimonial, stories, and photos, including what can be used to promote the program and communicate with the wider community will also be requested from clubs. An Evaluation Report will also be required at the completion of the 3-year project.

How to apply

Complete and submit the Starfish Nippers Start-up equipment kit application by clicking on the link below;

<https://slst.wufoo.com/forms/startup-equipment-kit-application-form/>

As a club, you will be asked to clearly describe your need for support to set up your own Starfish Nippers program and benefit to the club and to the community as a whole.

As just 4 Start-up equipment kits are available, applications will be assessed against the benefit to the community and meeting the objective to be able to offer a minimum of 100 children living with a disability and their siblings' access to a Starfish Nippers this summer. Therefore, SLST is seeking applications from clubs that must have a plan to or have demonstrated, one or more of the following points;

- Response to demonstrated community needs
- Embrace the principles of belonging, inclusion, access, sustainability, partnership and diversity
- Encourage partnerships between community organisations and/or associations and the business sector to work towards a shared vision
- Clear understanding of project planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation
- Demonstrate consideration of project sustainability beyond one year

The success of an application and the allocation of Start-up equipment kits will be determined by how the applications score against the above points.

Applications close - 9am, Monday 9th August 2021.

Terms and Conditions

Start-up equipment kit recipients will be required to provide written/ verbal reports to SLST against terms set out in a basic Service Agreement to share with Variety Tasmania regularly, to measure the impact and progress of the program. If it is deemed that the club is not using the Start-up equipment kit for the purpose it has been supplied or the program does not eventuate, the club will be obliged to return to SLST for reallocation to another club.

For more information

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