



# Yamba Surf Life Saving Club

## NEWSLETTER - JULY/AUGUST 2016

*"Vigilance and Service"*

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### *...from the CHAIRMAN*

Welcome back to the start of a new season. It was good to see so many members attending the AGM on July 31<sup>st</sup> to have a say in the future of the club. Welcome to new Board members Andrew Morris (vice-Chairman) and Kim McFarlane (Clubhouse Director), we look forward to a strong season. I'd like to personally acknowledge the tireless efforts of outgoing Board members Alan Schofield and Brian Badgery. Both have made enormous contributions to the club over many years, much of which goes unnoticed. Their knowledge and experience will be missed at Board level though I am sure they will continue to assist on many levels.

As you will see in the Lifesaving report, the club is going through a difficult period with regards to patrolling members. We will be looking at ways to drive new members to the club in order to ensure that the workload is not placed on the shoulders of a dedicated few doing patrols. With this in mind, I would ask all members, be they active or associate, to think about people you know who may be interested in joining the surf club, or who have been members of a surf club in the past, and encourage them to get involved again. I'd also encourage members to look at adding new awards this season. There are minimum award requirements to meet in regard to patrols and so the more members we have with multiple awards, the easier it becomes to increase the number of patrols and thereby reduce the demands on everyone. Refer to the Education Report for more details or get in contact with Education Director Kim Morgans if you want to undertake some further training.

We have recently appointed new kiosk managers, Liz and Ben Sumner who will be opening shortly. Good luck to Liz and Ben and thank you to John and Stella McWilliam for their services over recent seasons.

Last month the Club signed a temporary 12 month lease with the Clarence Coast Reserve Trust (Clarence Valley Council) whilst we wait for the new 20 year lease for the land on which the club buildings stand to be finalised. We had hoped to be in a position to sign a long term lease in July but unfortunately this has been delayed.

Finally I would ask all members to take advantage of the opportunities that exist to have your opinions heard. As Board members, we tend to get very little feedback from members on what may be frustrating you or what you think needs improving. It is not enough to voice concerns to friends, you need to speak with a Board member/s, come along to a General Meeting or read the minutes of Board meetings. Identify ways to make a positive contribution and bring them to the Board. We all want to see the club grow and prosper into the future.

I look forward to seeing you all back on the beach when patrols start in a month's time and look forward to a positive and successful season.

*Joe Dougherty*

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### **SENIORS PROFICIENCY DAY**

for all patrolling members - **SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> September** 9am report @ Clubhouse

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Mon 9.30am-12.30pm  
Tues 9.30-12.30pm  
Fri 9.30am-12.30pm

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### **...from the LIFE SAVING Director**

With the start of the patrol season only a few weeks away I hope everyone has received their draft copy of this season's patrol roster. Please note a few changes to the roster from previous years.

This season we are starting patrols with Patrol Number 9 and working backwards through the numbers. Also, you will notice a few 'active reserves' attached to each patrol. **PLEASE** - if you are unable to make your rostered patrol give these 'reserves' a call first. (Make sure you give them as much notice as possible)

The club has lost a lot of experienced patrolling members from last season and we really do need the support and co-operation of all our patrolling members to keep our beach open and safe. Patrols are the life blood of the club – without them, we don't have a surf club.

ALBERT training for IRBs continued over the winter and I thank all members who have supported this program. The last ALBERT training day on the 11<sup>th</sup> September will be held at Salt SLSC. This will coincide with the opening of their new surf club.

Please take note of the other training courses listed in this newsletter – we are always looking for patrol members with higher awards to cover all the lifesaving needs on the beach.

Remember **club membership is now due**. This is very important for all members to keep you covered in case of injury whilst on patrol. Membership must be paid before your Proficiency Day.

The first Proficiency Day at Yamba SLSC will be held on Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup>. I urge as many members as possible to attend this day and get it out of the way. We hope to have a lunchtime BBQ following this Proficiency to kick off the patrol season. See you there!

*James Ryan*

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### **...from the EDUCATION Director**

#### **Some important Education/Training dates:**

- **Sat. August 20<sup>th</sup> 9.30am – 12.30pm @ Ballina SLSC**

Branch Education meeting - It is important for all Yamba SLSC trainers and assessors to attend this pre-season meeting for re-endorsement and changes to awards. (Those concerned should have already received details re program from Geoff Horsey).

- **Sun. August 28<sup>th</sup> – 10am @ Yamba SLSC**

Club Education Meeting to plan for the season – any Yamba club member welcome (and encouraged) to attend.

- **Sun. September 11<sup>th</sup> - all day @ Salt SLSC**

Silver Medallion Basic Beach Management Course for patrol captains and aspiring lifeguards. Nominations for those holding required pre-requisites to Yamba SLSC office by 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

- **First Aid Course** will be held at Yamba – hopefully in September – date to be advised after club Education Meeting. Other Branch First Aid courses will be held in Ballina on the following dates:

Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> Sept 2016 – nominations close 4<sup>th</sup> Sept ; Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 2016 – nominations close 6<sup>th</sup> Nov.

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017 – nominations close 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017; Sat 25<sup>th</sup> March 2017 – nominations close 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**All nominations for Branch facilitated courses must be submitted to Yamba club office or to Kim Morgans for verification of current club membership and satisfaction of pre requisites.**

*Kim Morgans*

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**...from the SURF SPORTS Director**

\* **LENNOX HEAD ENDURO** Ironperson event for U/11s to U17s will be held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September. Any members wishing to enter please note entries close on 16<sup>th</sup> September. Race details are available on the Lennox Head Enduro Facebook page.

\***Can You Help??** The bag of coloured tie down straps used for tying boards onto the craft trailer has gone missing from the clubhouse. If you know its whereabouts, please return to club office ASAP or contact me – 0428664701 – thanks.

*Jim Dougherty*

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**...from the JUNIOR ACTIVITIES Director**

The first Nippers Meeting of the season will be held on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at the clubhouse at 4.30pm .

Some of the items on the agenda will be:

- Junior sign on days- organising dates for markets and the Yamba Community Heated pool in September. Notices to be posted in the local newspapers, radio, Facebook page, school newsletters and on the Yamba SLSC web page.
- Junior Carnival - Organisation for upcoming carnival on 5<sup>th</sup> November to be coordinated.
- Education Meeting- 10am - 28<sup>th</sup> August at the clubhouse. JAC representatives to attend as training for the under 13s group (resus and radio ) needs to be sorted for this year.

*Danielle Connolly*

*Email: dannilou62@hotmail.com*

**Club/Gym Membership****Memberships are now due.**

All members are encouraged to use the ONLINE system for renewals this season where possible. Many have already done this and it seems to be working well for most. If problems do occur, let us know so we can check your details against those in the system.

Go to **portal.sls.com.au** – ‘create an account’ (or login) – complete the online form AND make payment with Visa or Mastercard. For those not renewing online, personalised membership forms were emailed recently. These forms should be checked, signed and returned to the club with payment.

Club gym users are reminded that a new gym form is also required each season and these are available in the gym and should be returned to the club office ASAP. The minimum gym membership period for paying members this season is **6 months for \$120**. Patrolling members over the age of 14, as usual, get free use of the gym if patrol requirements are satisfied.

Your early attention to club and gym membership renewals will be greatly appreciated.

**\*\*Please Note Date Change\*\***

**The Annual Surf Club Golf Day is now on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November.**

**YAMBA OCEAN SWIMS DAY**

**Monday January 2nd, 2017**

A great club event.....start training now to be part of the swim!  
700m and 2km swims ....all abilities – have a go!



**AGM ELECTION of OFFICE BEARERS for 2016-17**

**Patron**

W.(Bill) Dougherty OAM

**Vice Patrons**

Janelle Saffin, Chris Gulaptis, Richie Williamson, Trevor Phillips OAM, Cliff Lowien, Mike Dougherty, Ray Burridge

**BOARD of DIRECTORS**

**Chairman**

Joe Dougherty

**Deputy Chairman**

Andrew Morris

**Administration Director**

Leah Essex

**Finance Director**

Tim Small

**Lifesaving Director**

James Ryan

**Education Director**

Kim Morgans

**Surf Sports Director**

Jim Dougherty

**Clubhouse Director**

Kim McFarlane

**JAC Director**

Danielle Connolly

**ELECTED OFFICE BEARERS**

**Assistant Secretary**

Narelle Kemp

**Registrar**

Cathy Dougherty

**Vice-Captain**

Matt Saunders

**U/19 Captain**

Rhys Commerford

**IRB Captain**

Matt Saunders

**IRB Vice-Captain**

Roger Varcoe

**Patrol Gear Steward**

Vacant

**Radio Officer**

Peter Sweetman

**First Aid Officer**

Kevin Hassey

**Assistant First Aid Officer**

Brian Jones

**Youth Development Officer**

Will Brighton

**Boat Captain:**

Rod McSkimming

**Boat Vice-Captain**

Ray Wiblen

**Competition Gear Steward**

Jim Dougherty

**Work Health & Safety Officer**

Andrew Cumberland

**House Committee:**

Greg Zietsch, Tony McFarlane, Andrew Cumberland, Alan Lawrence, Ray Wiblen, Bill Onslow

**Social Committee:**

Jo King, Helen Morris, Andrea Nikas, Andrew Cumberland, Bill Onslow, Natashya Earle

**Publicity Officer**

Cathy Dougherty

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

**Branch Delegates:** Joe Dougherty, Jim Dougherty

**Public Officer:** Leah Essex

**Sponsorship Committee:**

Roley Green, Alan Schofield, Helen Morris, Leah Essex, Danielle Connolly

**Member Protection Officer:** Chris Moran

**Merchandise Officer:** Cathy Dougherty

**Medical Officers:** Drs Hope, McCarthy and Jones

**Trauma Officers:** Linda Horton, Jo King, Bill Onslow

**Hon. Solicitor:** Joe Fahey

**Auditor:** Kennedy Saunders

**Licensee:** Yamba SLSC

**Bar Supervisor:** Andrew Cumberland

**Administration Officer:** Narelle Kemp (Employee)

**Caretaker:** Erik Pitsi



**Under New Management  
OPENING  
Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>.  
7am – 3pm  
(weather permitting)**



# CALENDAR

<b>2016</b>		
<b>AUGUST</b>		
20	Sat	Branch Education Meeting - Ballina
20	Sat	<b>Nippers Meeting 4.30pm - Clubhouse</b>
28	Sun	<b>Club Education Meeting - Clubhouse 10am</b>
28	Sun	<b>Patrol Gear Inspection @1pm - Clubhouse</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
12	Mon	<b>Club Board Meeting @ 7pm</b>
20	Tues	Branch Meeting - Ballina
24	Sat	<b>Patrols Start</b>
24	Sat	Lennox Head Enduro
25	Sun	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Proficiency Day for Patrolling Members</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
10	Mon	<b>Club Board Meeting @ 7pm</b>
15-16	Sat/Sun	North Coast Boat Series – Evans Head
15-16	Sat/Sun	Coolangatta Gold
16	Sun	NSW Surf Clubs Open Day
18	Tues	Branch Meeting - Ballina
21-23	Fri-Sun	“Clarence 100” ski paddle Copmanhurst to Yamba.
22	Sat	Board of Surf Sports Meeting - Ballina
23	Sun	U/12 – Open Surf Carnival – Lennox Head
29	Sat	Cudgen Classic Ironman Event
29	Sat	North Coast Boat Series – South West Rocks
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
6	Sun	<b>Nippers Carnival - Yamba</b>
13	Sun	<b>Surf Club Charity Golf Day - Yamba</b>
13	Sun	Ballina Craft Carnival
26/27	Sat/Sun	Coffs Harbour Craft Carnival
27	Sun	Nippers Teams Carnival - Byron Bay
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
10/11	Sat/Sun	NSW Interbranch Titles - The Lakes, Central Coast
<b>2017</b>		
<b>JANUARY</b>		
2	Mon	<b>Yamba Ocean Swims Day</b>
28/29	Sat/Sun	<b>Nippers Branch Titles - Yamba</b>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
4/5	Sat/Sun	Country Titles - South West Rocks
19	Sun	Seniors/Masters Branch Titles - Byron Bay
<b>MARCH</b>		
3-5	Fri-Sun	Nippers State Titles - Swansea Belmont
8-9	Wed/Thu	Masters State Titles - Swansea Belmont
10-12	Fri-Sun	Senior State Titles – Swansea Belmont
25	Sat	Australian Titles Start- North Kirra
<b>APRIL</b>		
2	Sun	Australian Titles End- North Kirra
25	Tue	<b>Patrols Finish</b>

<b><u>RAFFLE ROSTER @ GOLF CLUB</u></b>	
20 <sup>th</sup> Aug	-Group 2: Jan & John Snelling, Alan Schofield, Warwick Mawhinney
27 <sup>th</sup> Aug	- Group 3: Jane & Alan Lawrence, Ken Ryan, Jill Ennever
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	- Group 4: William Onslow, Warren Tucker
10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	- Group 5: Nicole & Greg Don, Trish & Kerry Pidcock
17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	- Group 6: Ray O’Brien , Pat Ridgway
24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	- Group 7: Jo & Grant Bennett, Rick Harris, Bob Darby

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