



Yamba Surf Life Saving Club

NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2016

"Vigilance and Service"

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...from the CHAIRMAN

It's been a busy start to the patrol season with fortunately very flat conditions for the school holiday period which saw good crowds on the beach most days. We had a great turnout for the first skills assessment (proficiency) day in late September which was pleasing to see. The final skills assessment will be run on Saturday November 5th starting at 9am.

There were some great results for members competing in the Coolangatta Gold at the Gold Coast last weekend with details in the Surf Sports report. Thanks to those members who volunteered for water safety at both the Coolangatta Gold event and at Evans Head on the same weekend for the North Coast Boat Series. Your attendance at these events has been appreciated by the organisers. Still on competition - Yamba Club will be hosting a nipper carnival on Sunday November 6th. Refer to other reports for more detail but if you can lend a hand it will be greatly appreciated. This is a great opportunity for all members within our club to work together towards a successful outcome.

On the education front there have been First Aid and Bronze Medallion courses completed recently. Congratulations to all those successful members and thanks to the trainers and assessors without whom these courses don't happen.

Sunday mornings are now a hive of activity on Main Beach with 'Nippers' having kicked off as well as Sunday surf races at 11:30am. On the clubhouse and social side of things, we had a good evening for the NRL grand final. Thanks to everyone who helped with this event. Still to come is the Annual Charity Golf Day on Sunday 13th November. Anyone available to assist on the day please contact Alan Schofield or Roley Green or leave your name at the office. Plans continue to move forward for a kitchen refurbishment and we hope to be in a position soon to be able to seek grants for the work to be done. There are also some minor repair and maintenance works going on over the coming months including repolishing of the timber floorboards upstairs.

The club has recently received a \$3,000 cheque from Yamba Bowling Club as part of the NSW ClubGRANTS program – we thank the Bowling Club for this great support which will assist in the purchase of a new IRB motor. Special thanks also to those at Yulgilbar Station for their ongoing financial support of the club which has enabled us to provide pink hi-vis singlets again to all seniors and nippers involved in water activities as recommended by SLSA for safety purposes.

Finally, a General Meeting will be held at the club on Sunday November 20th at 2:30pm. I would encourage everyone, both new members and old, to come along and contribute ideas and suggestions on how we can continue to improve the club. It's your Club to make of it what you want. The bar will open following the meeting.

See you on the beach soon

Joe Dougherty

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The Annual Surf Club Golf Day is on Sunday 13th November.

SENIORS 2nd (and final) PROFICIENCY DAY
for all patrolling members – **SATURDAY 5th November** 9am report @ Clubhouse

OFFICE HOURS

Mon 9.30am-12.30pm
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**...from the LIFE SAVING Director**

With the first couple of rounds of patrol out of the way over the busy school holiday period I would like to thank all those members who again have turned up to patrol our beach - and welcome all new members to the ranks.

Please remember - if you can't make your patrol **PLEASE** make an effort to get a substitute, use the active reserve lists - don't just think 'she'll be right' because in most cases it **WON'T** and you **WILL** leave your patrol short. Worst case - we won't be able to meet our patrol requirements and will not be able to open the beach. Not a good look. You are part of a team, don't let it down!

Well done and congratulations must go to Matt Saunders, Kirsten O'Conner, Jim Wheeler and Simon Worboys who went up to the Coolangatta Gold event last weekend and helped out with water safety with the ALBERT crew in the IRB. Congratulations to Kirsten performing her first rescue as an IRB driver at the event.

Well done also to Will, Jorden, Kalani who competed at the event and did the club proud.

The next and final proficiency test or as it is known now "skills maintenance" will be held on the 5th of November 8.30am for a 9.00 am start. **Please remember this is compulsory for ALL patrolling members, Active Reserves and Water Safety personnel....as is club membership. Please complete memberships ASAP if not yet done.**

James Ryan

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...from the EDUCATION Director

Congratulations to the 5 former club nippers who qualified as fully fledged lifesavers by getting their Bronze Medallion during the recent school holidays. They were – Max Gilbert, Billy Holloway, Darby Essex, Lizzy Hyne and Bronte Beresford. Another Bronze Medallion course is due to get underway on Sunday 30th October – minimum age is 15 years and you must be able to swim 400 metres in 9 minutes. Anyone interested contact Narelle in the club office.

A Surf Rescue Certificate course for 13/14 year olds commenced last Sunday and will run each Sunday through until their assessment in early December.

A one day Advanced Resuscitation Techniques course is being held at the clubhouse on Saturday 29th October. Names for this course need to be in at the club office by Friday 21st October.

First Aid Course – Congratulation to the following who successfully completed the First Aid course at the clubhouse on Saturday 1st October – Will Brighton, Tash Hancock, Alan Lawrence, Jane Lawrence, Helen Morris, Josh Robinson, Alan Schofield, Kerri Wunderlich and Lynne Johnston.

IRB Drivers and Crewies – we still need more qualified IRB personnel to fill our patrols. If interested contact James Ryan 0400 353792 or Matt Saunders 0401 764649

Kim Morgans

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SPONSORSHIP WELCOME

**Thanks to 'Happy Smiles Dental' who have come on board as new nipper sponsors for this season – your contribution to the club, along with that of all our other sponsors listed at the end of the newsletter is greatly appreciated.
Please support our sponsors wherever possible.**

...from the SURF SPORTS Director**Coolangatta Gold**

Congratulations to those members who competed in the Coolangatta Gold last weekend.

- Will Brighton 2nd in 19/29 years short course division in 4hrs 10 mins.
- Kalani Ives 2nd in 12 years girls Youth Challenge
- Jordan Elabbasi 4th in 15 years boys Youth Challenge
- Peter Rheinberger & Don Marsh 4th in Masters Mixed Teams division.

Thanks to our club IRB personnel who helped out with water safety at the Coolangatta Gold.

Boat Crews – training is now under way for our boat crews but there are still a few vacant spots to be filled. Wanted another lady for the Womens Crew; another U19 member for the U19 crew; another over 30 yrs rower for the Masters crew. If you are interested contact Boat Captain Rod McSkimming 0427 275742. Thanks to those IRB personnel and officials who helped out at the Evans Head boat carnival last Saturday.

Coming Events

Oct 23 – U/12s to Opens Surf Carnival @ Lennox Head

Oct 29 – Cudgen Classic – Ironman Event

Oct 30 – Burleigh Board Battle – Burleigh Heads

Nov 6 – Nippers Carnival @ Yamba

Nov 13 – Ballina Craft Carnival

Nov 26/27 – Coffs Harbour Craft Carnival

Nov 27 – Nippers Teams Carnival – Byron Bay

Dec 4 – Senior Carnival – Cudgen

Footnote: The bag of coloured tie-down straps that were reported missing in last month's newsletter have been found!

Jim Dougherty

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...from the JUNIOR ACTIVITIES Director

Main Beach has been busy with nipper activities in recent weeks. Lots of new families have been welcomed to the ranks and our committee members, age managers and helpers have been busy getting things organised and underway. Proficiency swims – pool and surf – have been taking place to ensure our nippers are safe in the water – special thanks to the team of water safety volunteers whose time and patience is much appreciated. You help settle the nerves of the mums and dads as well as the kids!

It's gearing up to be a great season with many carnivals on the calendar. We really would like to have as many Yamba kids representing as possible. Lennox Head carnival is on this weekend and then we are hosting a carnival here at Main Beach on Sunday 6th November with clubs from Cudgen to Yamba involved. This is a great opportunity for kids to get a feel for what carnivals are all about. It's on our home sand & surf so make sure you invite your family to come and watch.

The carnival will require a lot of assistance from parents and we will need all hands on deck to get the beach ready on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. We also require parking attendants, officials, raffle ticket sellers, and assistants to help take down tents and pack up after the carnival. Please contact me ASAP to let me know how you can help.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO normal Nippers activities on the 6th November due to our Carnival.

A 'Level 1 Officials Course' is being run in Ballina on Sat. 5th November. This is for those parents willing to assist as officials at carnivals. It would be great if we could get some new parents to attend as we sometimes have to limit the number of children we can enter into carnivals due to the Official/Competitor ratios. If you would like to attend please contact Danielle or the club office ASAP.

Don't forget to keep track of all nipper information and updates on our Yamba Nippers Facebook page – this is the quickest way for us to get information out to you and let you know what is happening.

Danielle Connolly

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CLUB CALENDAR

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OCTOBER

- 21-23 Fri-Sun "Clarence 100" ski paddle – Copmanhurst to Yamba
- 22 Sat Board of Surf Sports Meeting Ballina
- 23 Sun U/12 – Open Carnival Lennox Head
- 29 Sat **ART Course - Yamba**
- 29 Sat Cudgen Classic Ironman Event
- 30 Sun Burleigh Board Battle

NOVEMBER

- 5 Sat 2nd Proficiency Day – 9am
- 5 Sat Level 1 Officials Course - Ballina
- 6 Sun **Nippers Carnival - Yamba**
- 13 Sun **Surf Club Charity Golf Day - Yamba**
- 13 Sun Ballina Craft Carnival
- 15 Tues Branch Meeting – Ballina @7pm
- 19/20 Sat/Sun Training Officers Cert. Course Yamba
- 19/20 Sat/Sun North Coast Boat Series – Scotts Hd
- 20 Sun **Club General Meeting @2.30pm**
- 21 Mon **Club Board Meeting @ 7pm**
- 26/27 Sat/Sun Coffs Harbour Craft Carnival
- 27 Sun Nippers Teams Carnival - Byron Bay

DECEMBER

- 4 Sun Senior Carnival – Cudgen
- 10 Sat Branch Education Meeting - Ballina
- 10/11 Sat/Sun NSW Interbranch Titles - The Lakes, Central Coast
- 12 Mon **Club Board Meeting @ 7pm**
- 25 Sun **Volunteers needed for patrol**

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JANUARY

- 2 Mon **Yamba Ocean Swims Day**
- 15 Sun Nippers Carnival - Cabarita
- 28/29 Sat/Sun **Nippers Branch Titles - Yamba**

FEBRUARY

- 4/5 Sat/Sun Country Titles - South West Rocks
- 19 Sun Seniors/Masters Branch Titles - Byron Bay

MARCH

- 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

APRIL

- 2 Sun Australian Titles End- North Kirra
- 8 Sat Copeton Dam swim
- 16 Sun EASTER
- 25 Tue **Anzac Day /Patrols Finish**
- 29/30 Sat/Sun **Yamba Triathlon**

RAFFLE ROSTER @ GOLF CLUB

***New procedure for Golf Club raffles – the club member who hands the money into the office needs to have ‘signed off’ on the purple raffle receipt at the Golf Club. This printout MUST accompany the raffle takings when handed into the club office. Thankyou for your assistance with this fundraiser – any additional members who can help out with this roster should contact the club office – more help is needed.**

- 22nd Oct- Group 3: Alan & Jane Lawrence, Ken Ryan, Jill Ennever
- 29th Oct - Group 4: Bill Onslow, Warren Tucker
- 5th Nov - Group 5: Greg & Nicole Don, Kerry & Trish Pidcock
- 12th Nov – Group 6: Ray O’Brien, Pat Ridgway
- 19th Nov – Group 7: Grant & Jo Bennett, Rick Harris
- 26th Nov – Group 8: Brian & Heather Badgery, Roger McLean
- 3rd Dec – Group 9: Greg Wyllie, James Ryan, Danielle Connolly

PATROL ROSTER

- Sat 22nd Oct: 9am-1pm Patrol 1- J.Ryan (C)
- Sun 23rd Oct: 9am-12.30pm Patrol 9- T.McFarlane(C)
- Sun 23rd Oct: 12.30–4pm Patrol 8- P. de Billot (C)
- Sat 29th Oct: 9am–1pm Patrol 7- A. Bell (C)
- Sun 30th Oct: 9am–12.30pm Patrol 6 – R.Varcoe (C)
- Sun 30th Oct: 12.30–4pm Patrol 5 – A. Cumberland(C)
- Sat 5th Nov: 9am–1pm Patrol 4 – R.Comerford (C)
- Sun 6th Nov: 9am-12.30pm Patrol 3–M.Saunders(C)
- Sun 6th Nov: 12.30pm–4pm Patrol 2 –K.O’Connor(C)
- Sat 12th Nov: 9am-1pm Patrol 1 – J.Ryan (C)
- Sun 13th Nov: 9am –12.30pm Patrol 9–T.McFarlane(C)
- Sun 13th Nov: 12.30pm-4pm Patrol 8 –P.de Billot(C)
- Sat 19th Nov: 9am-1pm Patrol 7 –A.Bell (C)
- Sun 20th Nov: 9am-12.30pm Patrol 6 –R.Varcoe(C)
- Sun 20th Nov: 12.30pm-4pm Patrol 5 A.Cumberland
- Sat 26th Nov: 9am-1pm Patrol 4 –R.Comerford (C)
- Sun 27th Nov: 9am-12.30pm Patrol 3–M. Saunders (C)
- Sun 27th Nov: 12.30-4pm Patrol 2 – K. O’Connor (C)

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