



Yamba Surf Life Saving Club

NEWSLETTER – February 2015

"Vigilance and Service"

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...from the CHAIRMAN (President)

General Meeting

The next general meeting for club members will be held on Sunday 22nd March 2015, commencing at 2pm. If you have any agenda items that you wish to submit please forward them to the Secretary secretary@yambaslsc.com.au by Monday 16th March 2015.

Club Training

Training is continuing under the direction of Kim Morgans, with a new bronze/SRC squad underway. We are keen to have more club members assist with training and if you are interested in assisting in this important area please let Kim know (6646 2823).

Use of Clubhouse

Members are reminded of club policy regarding the use of the clubhouse outside of normal surf club activity. All bookings are to be made in advance with the office staff, to ensure there is no conflict with other hirers. Casual groups of members may use the clubhouse after patrol or training etc, without prior booking, provided the club is not being used by a paying customer. The clubhouse is to be left in a clean and tidy manner.

In accordance with the club's constitution no alcohol is to be brought onto the premises unless prior Board approval has been obtained.

Resignation of Caretaker

Club Caretaker, Mark Gillespie, has tendered his resignation from the position and an advertisement for a replacement will be posted shortly.

Thank you to Mark for his role as caretaker over recent years.

Good Sports Program

The club has recently registered with the Good Sports Program, an initiative of the Australian Drug Foundation (ADF). This Program is aimed at helping the club promote a responsible attitude towards alcohol management and best practice, and to provide a safe environment for members, families and visitors.

More details about the Program and potential benefits for members will be provided in the near future.

Vale Margaret Burridge

Members were saddened to learn of the passing of Margaret last week. She will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with past President Ray and his family at this sad time.

Al Schofield
President

OFFICE HOURS

Mon 9am-12 noon, Tues 2.30-5.30pm (Winter 2-5pm)
Fri 10am-2pm

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Caretaker Mark Gillespie – 0468 911 614

**...from the LIFE SAVING DIRECTOR (Club Captain)**

Comparing conditions from this time last year things could not be more different. Favourable seas have been replaced by horrid sea conditions at Main Beach. Out of control rips and fast moving sweeps seem to be the norm most weekends. With still a rather large amount of people coming down to take advantage of the patrolled beach we need to keep a close eye on the swimmers.

A number of patrols have been left well short in the past few weeks to the extent where we were only just able to fulfil the required numbers to open the beach. **PLEASE** if you can't make patrol or have no intention of turning up arrange a sub or call me.

A big congratulations must go out to Patrol 7 for the successful rescue of a small boat stranded on the bar and towed to safety. Also to Patrol 9 for a very large and well-handled search for a swimmer reported missing at the end of patrol by a member of the public. It should be noted that there has been training exercises for this kind of scenario and on the day with the help of the duty officer things seemed to go fairly smoothly.

A special thank you to the members that came down to the surf club and helped prepare the club for the large surf and high tide combination. Let's hope it's not a repeat of last time.

Stay safe

James Ryan – Club Captain

Ph. 0400353792

...from the EDUCATION DIRECTOR (Chief Training Officer)

The combined Bronze Medallion and Surf Rescue Certificate squads continue their training on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. Assessment will be held on 22nd March.

Well done to the trainee Trainers who are assisting with these squads.

We are in need of more Trainers to assist with all areas of training and education within our club. If you are interested in becoming a trainer or would like some more information on what is required please contact me.

With the training program drawing to an end for this season, congratulation to everyone who gained awards this season and thank you to everyone who assisted with training and assessment throughout the season.

Kim Morgans-Chief Training Officer

Phone: 66 462823

Copeton Dam

Yamba SLSC provides water safety and first aid for the annual Copeton Dam Freshwater Swim. This year it is being held on Saturday 11th April. Anyone interested in assisting needs to contact the office or James Ryan.

Accommodation is provided in the bunk house or you can arrange your own camping accommodation. This has become a great social event for our club members and their families. For more information about Copeton Dam or the swim, go to the website: <http://www.copeton.com.au>



Director of Surf Sports.....

Branch Titles

Unfortunately the senior and masters branch titles that were to be held at Salt beach this Sunday have been called off because of Cyclone Marcia. As there are no other spare dates available they will not be held this season. The postponed nipper's branch titles are due to be held at Salt on Feb 28 & March 1.

North Coast Surf Boat Series

The Yamba boat crews were prominent in the last round of the North Coast Boat Series at Woolgoolga on Saturday 7th February. A good swell made for some entertaining boat racing with two rounds being held on the day to make up for the postponed round at Pacific Palms. The Yamba Over 160 years Masters crew swept by Ray Wiblen continued their good form with a 3rd and 4th place in their two rounds. With only one round left at Coffs Harbour on March 7 the Yamba boys are hot favourites to win their division as they are now sitting on 54 points well ahead of 2nd placed Coffs Harbour on 46 points.

The Yamba Open women's crew were the best performed club crew at Woolgoolga with 2nd and 3rd placing's in their two rounds. They are running second in the point score 6 points behind leaders Crescent Heads who look to have struck form in the latter part of the season. It will take a mighty effort from the Yamba girls to peg them back in the last round. The Reserve crew also performed well at Woolgoolga with a 2nd in one of their rounds. They are now in 5th place with 41 points in a hotly contested division behind Scott's Head 58, Woolgoolga 45, Coffs Harbour 43 and Evans Head 42. All five Yamba crews are looking forward to the season finale of the series at Coffs Harbour in a few weeks.

Handicap Surf Race

The January Handicap Surf Race point score was taken out by Thirroul SLSC member Jake Beaumont with 21 points. Jake, who is an honorary member of the club, comes to Yamba every school holidays and does a terrific job filling in for absent members on patrol. Jane Lawrence, with her win in the handicap surf race on 8th February, has now taken the lead in the season's point score for the Carl Schaeffer Trophy with 62 points, just ahead of Todd Ives on 58 points.

Club Championships

Members are advised that the club championships for seniors and masters will be held on Sunday 15th March with an 11am start. There will not be a handicap surf race on that Sunday but all members are eligible to compete in the club championship surf race.

Australian Titles

Jim Dougherty is still taking names of anyone who wishes to enter for the Australian Titles at North Kirra from April 13 to 19 - cut-off date is March 5.

Jim Dougherty,

Director of Surf Sports

Ph. 0428664701

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We look forward to seeing you there.



...from the Director of JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

We are not having much luck with the weather and surf conditions of late!

Branch Championships had to be postponed until Saturday 28th February and Sunday 1st March due to surf conditions and shark sightings. Anyone interested in attending this rescheduled carnival will need to let me know by Tuesday 24th February.

Good luck to Kalani Ives, Yasmin, Malik and Jordan Elabassi who are heading off to Umina to compete in the State Age Championships. Fingers crossed the weather improves greatly from previous years!

Our Club Championships was held on Sunday 1st February. It was a great morning with some serious and not so serious competition between club mates.

Congratulations to our “Nipper of the Week” for this past month. Ryan Anderson (U8’s) and Sienna Clifton (U9’s) took home a voucher from Sassafras Pasta and Pizza Restaurant for their great efforts during weekly Nippers.

All Yamba Nippers will be showcasing their life saving skills on Sunday 15th March. Everyone is invited to come down and join us as our “Life Savers of the Future” demonstrate rescue techniques, resuscitation and first aid and talk to you about beach safety.

The end of Nippers season presentation and celebration is on Sunday 29th March starting at 10:30am in the upstairs of the Clubhouse. This is a celebration of ALL Nippers achievements, so bring the whole family!

See you on Sundays,

Kerry Lee

Nippers Coordinator

Ph.: 0413536944

Beach Safety Equipment Fund supporting Yamba SLSC

Surf Life Saving Australia’s pledge to keep our beaches safe has been given an \$8 million boost through the Federal Government’s Beach Safety Equipment Fund.

The initiative will provide Australian surf lifesaving clubs with an additional \$1.6 million per year over the next five years to purchase vital safety equipment. It means each of the nation’s 310 surf lifesaving clubs will be entitled to \$5000 per year across the terms of the agreement.

The funding is part of the Federal Government’s commitment to reduce drowning deaths, in alignment with the Australian Water Safety Council, by 50% by 2020.

Beach Safety Equipment Funding will be directed towards the purchase of vital rescue equipment, first aid and medical supplies and in its first year Yamba SLSC was able to purchase 2 new rescue boards and a defibrillator.

“Surf Life Savers have been patrolling Australia’s coastline for more than 100 years but there have been significant improvements to the way we facilitate our primary goal of keeping our beaches safe,” Surf Life Saving Australia President Graham Ford said.

“Technology has improved and the availability of equipment to patrolling members and clubs is the best it has ever been. The Beach Safety Equipment Fund enables our clubs to have the best possible tools available to them to help save lives when the need arises.”

Thank you to Federal Member for Page, Mr Kevin Hogan for his support of Surf Life Saving. “This is a fantastic initiative from the Federal Government and they should be applauded for their foresight in recognising the basic need to keep our coastline safe.

In 2013/14, Surf Life Saving volunteers performed more than one million preventative actions, almost 12,000 rescues and 32,000 first aid treatments across 1.2 million volunteer patrol hours.

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER****FEBRUARY**

22	Sun	Seniors Branch Titles – Salt
28	Sat	Nippers Branch Titles - Salt

MARCH

1	Sun	Nippers Branch Titles - Salt
1	Sun	Evans Head Ocean Swim
6-8	Fri-Sun	Nippers State Titles – Umina
7	Sat	Boat Series Final – Coffs Harbour
11-12	Wed-Th	Masters State Titles – Umina
13-15	Fri-Sun	Open State Titles – Umina
15	Sun	Nippers Lifesaving Extravaganza
15	Sun	Seniors Club Championships
16	Mon	Club Board Meeting
17	Tues	Branch Meeting – Ballina
22	Sun	Branch RWC Course – Ballina
22	Sun	Nippers at Yamba Community Pool
22	Sun	Club General Meeting 2.30pm
27-29	Fri-Sun	Qld State Titles – Maroochydore
29	Sun	Nippers End of season presentation
29	Sun	Coffs Harbour Ocean Swim

APRIL

3-6	Fri-Sun	Easter Weekend
11	Sat	Copeton Dam Swim
11-12	Sat-Sun	Aust Youth Titles – Kirra (U14 & U15)
13-14	Mon-Tu	Aust Masters Titles – Kirra
15-19	Wed-Su	Aust Titles – Kirra (Open – U17)
18-30		Gallipoli 100 Surf Boat Trip
25	Sat	Anzac Day 100 th Anniversary
26	Sun	Last Handicap Surf Race of season
26	Sun	Patrols Finish for 2014/15 season

MAY

3	Sun	Byron Bay Ocean Swim
17	Sun	Branch Pool Rescue Comp. – Lismore
30	Sat	Branch Board of Surf Sports Meeting

JUNE

20	Sat	Branch AGM and Awards Dinner
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SEPTEMBER

19	Sat	Patrols Start for 2015/16 season
26	Sat	Jacob Lollback Board Race Day

Patrol Roster

Sunday 22 nd Feb	9-12:30pm	Patrol 7
Sunday 22 nd Feb	12.30-4pm	Patrol 8
Saturday 28 th Feb	9-1pm	Patrol 9
Sunday 1 st March	9-12.30pm	Patrol 10
Sunday 1 st March	12.30-4pm	Patrol 1
Saturday 7 th March	9-1pm	Patrol 2
Sunday 8 th March	9-12.30pm	Patrol 3
Sunday 8 th March	12.30-4pm	Patrol 4
Saturday 14 th March	9-1pm	Patrol 5
Sunday 15 th March	9-12.30pm	Patrol 6
Sunday 15 th March	12.30-4pm	Patrol 7
Saturday 21 st March	9-1pm	Patrol 8
Sunday 22 nd March	9-12.30pm	Patrol 9
Sunday 22 nd March	12.30-4pm	Patrol 10
Saturday 28 th March	9-1pm	Patrol 1
Sunday 29 th March	9-12.30pm	Patrol 2
Sunday 29 th March	12.30-4pm	Patrol 3
Friday 3 rd April	9-12.30pm	Patrol 4
Friday 3 rd April	12.30-4pm	Patrol 5
Saturday 4 th April	9-12.30pm	Patrol 6
Saturday 4 th April	12.30-4pm	Patrol 7
Sunday 5 th April	9-12.30pm	Patrol 8
Sunday 5 th April	12.30-4pm	Patrol 9
Monday 6 th April	9-12.30pm	Patrol 10
Monday 6 th April	12.30-4pm	Patrol 1
Saturday 11 th April	9-12.30pm	Patrol 2
Saturday 11 th April	12.30-4pm	Patrol 3
Sunday 12 th April	9-12.30pm	Patrol 4
Sunday 12 th April	12.30-4pm	Patrol 5
Saturday 18 th April	9-12.30pm	Patrol 6
Saturday 18 th April	12.30-4pm	Patrol 7
Sunday 19 th April	9-12.30pm	Patrol 8
Sunday 19 th April	12.30-4pm	Patrol 9
Saturday 25 th April	9-12.30pm	Patrol 10
Saturday 25 th April	12.30-4pm	Patrol 1
Sunday 26 th April	9-12.30pm	Patrol 2
Sunday 26 th April	12.30-4pm	Patrol 3

GOLF CLUB RAFFLE ROSTER

Thanks to all members who assist in this Surf Club fundraising effort by selling raffle tickets at the Golf Club. Please arrange a substitute if you cannot attend you evening.

21st February Group 4: Anne & Brian Jones, William Onslow.

28th February Group 5: Nicole & Greg Don, Trish & Kerry Pidcock.

7th March Group 6: Ray O'Brien, Pat Ridgway, Steve Pettet, Rob Foster

14th March Group 7: Bob Darby, Greg Zietsch, Jo and Grant Bennett, Rick Harris

21st March Group 8: Heather and Brian Badgery, Roger McLean, Scott Greensill

28th March Group 9: Greg Wylie, James Ryan, Mark Gillespie, Mitch Imeson

4th April Group 1: John Barnier, Sachie Ardrey, Keith Bradley

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