



Yamba Surf Life Saving Club

NEWSLETTER – March 2015

"Vigilance and Service"

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...from the CHAIRMAN (President)

200 Club

Thank you to all club members and supporters for participating in our annual 200 club. Special thanks to all our ticket sellers for once again ensuring all tickets were sold on time. Results of the draw are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Surf Life Saving NSW Quality Club Program

Yamba SLSC has achieved Bronze Level Status in the Quality Club Program. This award recognises the quality of service provided to club members and the local community by all hard working volunteers in the club. This award recognises best practice within all areas of Surf Life Saving including lifesaving and patrols, training and education, surf sports, member services and club management.

Thank you and congratulations to all members for your commitment and teamwork.

Copeton Dam Swim-Water Safety

Yamba SLSC is again providing the water safety for the annual swim at Copeton Dam Inverell. The swim will be held on Saturday 11th April 2015 and if you are interested in attending this year please let James Ryan (0400353792) or myself (0429669257) know.

New Caretaker

Erik Pitsi has commenced his role as Caretaker this week. Erik is a new member to the club and I ask all members to welcome Erik to the club.

Gallipoli 100 team

The Yamba SLSC Gallipoli 100 team leave for Turkey on Saturday 18th April. A farewell function will be held at the clubhouse on Sunday 12th April, from 3pm. All members are welcome to attend.

Club Presentation and AGM dates

The Club Presentation will be held on Saturday 13th June 2015. It will be a late afternoon start to accommodate participants in other sports. Time and other details will be advised closer to the event. The club AGM will be held on Sunday 26th July, commencing at 2pm.

State-wide raffle and Guardians of the Surf fundraising program

This week the club received a cheque from Surf Life Saving NSW for \$7,973.00 for our share of proceeds from the above fundraising. These funds are to be used for the purchase of rescue gear and equipment, first aid and medical supplies, recruitment and training of surf lifesavers and community safety and education programs. Thank you to SLS NSW

Al Schofield
President

General Meeting

The next general meeting for club members will be held this Sunday, 22nd March 2015, commencing at 2pm.

We look forward to seeing you there.

OFFICE HOURS

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

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Caretaker Erik Pitsi 0417685667

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

It is very important to have patrol members on both the water's edge and upstairs to keep an eye out for those swimmers that think a rip is a great place to swim, or for those that are getting swept off the sand bank into the rip. Although patrols have been fairly well attended, numbers have been dropping off.

Again **PLEASE** if you can't make patrol or have no intention of turning up, it only takes a few minutes to make a couple of phone calls to find a sub. A number of active reserves have mentioned to me that they haven't received a call all year.

Thank you to those members that are turning up. It makes my life a lot easier and keeps the people that come to swim at a patrolled beach safe.

With Easter only being a couple of weeks away, on Good Friday we revert back to morning and afternoon patrols 9-4 through to the end of the season.

A friendly reminder to those members going to Gallipoli and Copeton Dam, that both these trips are during the Easter break, so please find a substitute if you are rostered on patrol.

Only a couple of months to go till the end of the season let's make it a good one.

Stay safe

James Ryan – Club Captain

Ph. 0400353792

Annual 200 Club.

Once again the Annual 200 Club has proven to be a very successful fundraiser for our club. Tickets were sold over the Christmas holiday period and the draw took place at the Surf Club on Sunday 25th January.

Thank you to this year's ticket sellers: Brian Badgery, James Ryan, Jim Dougherty, Ray Burrige, Steve McKimm, Terry Sahqvist, Joe Dougherty, Mike Dougherty, Jim Baird, Belinda Sanders, Peter Rheinberger, Gary Parker, Bobbie Winger, Joe Fahey, Alan Schofield and Mick Smith.

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets. Congratulations to the winners:

1st Prize \$3000 was generously donated back to Yamba Surf Club. The winners wish to remain anonymous.

5 x 2nd Prizes of \$300- Andrea Miltiadou, Spar Yamba, Johnno Johnson, A. Hayes & S. Scofield and Dale Pigram.

10 x Minor Draw of \$50- C. & J Rheinberger, Geoff Sanders, Mick Halvorson, Allan Lawrence, Jane Morrison, Roley Green, Brian Leary, Tom Chozier, Norm Ratjens and Patrick Dougherty.

Patrol Hours / Gym Use

Active reserve members who are gym users are reminded of the club requirements with regard to patrol hours and gym use:

- If you are an **Active Reserve member** using the gym then you must have completed a minimum of **12 hours of patrol duty** this season to be eligible for continuing free gym use.

With the busy Easter / school holiday period and Anzac Day holiday coming up there is still plenty of time before the patrol season ends on April 26th to make up any patrol hours that you may need in order to have continuing free gym use.

See details elsewhere in this newsletter for information on checking your patrol hours and other details ONLINE.

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

Alan Schofield and Rhys Comerford's combined Bronze Medallion/SRC squad is to be assessed this Sunday, 22 March. We wish all candidates good luck.

This is the final course of the season, with the exception of James Ryan's IRB training which will continue into winter. Congratulations to everyone who undertook training this season. I look forward to issuing you your certificates at Presentation Day.

The first course for next season will be the ARTC, probably in August.

Kim Morgans-Chief Training Officer

Phone: 66 462823

Copeton Dam

If you haven't already let James Ryan or Alan Schofield know that you are going to Copeton Dam to assist with water safety or first aid please contact him by the 31st March so arrangements can be finalised.

Director of Surf Sports.....**North Coast Surf Boat Series**

The Yamba Masters Over 160 years boat crew of Chris Bonner, Wayne Ringland, Scott Greensill, Rod McSkimming, and sweep Ray Wiblen won the seasons point score in their division following the final round of the boat series at Coffs Harbour on 7th March. The Yamba open women's crew of Leah Essex, Jo King, Angela Eke, Cassie Maria, Hannah Smith and sweep Rod McSkimming finished a close up second in the point score in their division.

NSW State Titles

Results from State Masters Titles held at Umina:

Jim Schafer - 3rd 65/69 years rescue tube race; 4th surf race.

Jim Dougherty - 4th 60/64 years surf race; 5th iron man; 6th rescue tube race.

Queensland State Titles

Yamba will be represented by two boat crews plus Harry Fahey in paddling events and Will Brighton in board and beach events at the Qld State Titles at Maroochydore on March 28/29.

Club Championships

The senior club championships were held on Sunday 15th March with main results as follows:

Open Male point score - 1st Martin Dougherty 10 points, 2nd Harry Fahey 8 points, 3rd Will Brighton 7 points.

Under 19 Male point score - 1st Harry Fahey 16 points, 2nd Will Brighton 15 points, 3rd Kealy Day 6 points.

Open Women's point score - 1st Jasmin Ives 8 points, 2nd Belinda Bock 6 points, 3rd Anita Salvestro 3 points.

Open Surf Race - Martin Dougherty

Open Iron Man - Joe Dougherty

Open Snake Race - Will Brighton

Jim Dougherty,

Director of Surf Sports

Ph. 0428664701



...from the Director of JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

The Nipper season is all but over for 2014/15! A big thank you to everyone who made this a great season, it has been fantastic to have so many parents and club members helping out at Nippers each week!

This Sunday, 22nd March, our final nippers is at Yamba Community Pool 9:30-11:30. Mums and Dads don't forget to bring your swimmers too!

Everyone is invited to the End of Season Presentation and Celebration on Saturday 28th March at the Clubhouse starting at 4pm. A BBQ will follow the presentation. Please bring a small plate of party food to share.

In competition news, surf conditions were tough for nippers competing at the Junior Branch Championships at Salt on Saturday 28th February and Sunday 1st March. Despite the tough conditions, our Nippers made some outstanding achievements. In team events, the U10's surf race team (Kalani Ives, Malik & Yasmin Elabbasi and Sam Earle) won silver. The Buchanan Team (Cooper Olsen, Logan Miltiadou, Taliga Laverty, Max Earle, Kalani Ives and Carissa Miltiadou) won bronze. Carissa Miltiadou (U11's) went on to win gold in the ironwoman, silver in the surf race, and bronze in the flags. Sam Earle (U9's) brought home a bronze medal in the surf race. Kalani Ives (U10's) won gold in the flags, board and surf race and bronze in the beach sprints. Jordan Elabbasi (U13's) won silver in the surf race and just missed the medals placing 4th in the ironman and board events. Malik Elabbasi (U10's) won gold in the surf race. The unfavourable conditions followed Kalani Ives, Yasmin, Malik and Jordan Elabbasi to Umina the following week when they competed at State Titles. Well done to Kalani Ives placing 6th in the final of the U10's Female Board Race. Congratulations to all Yamba Nippers who braved the tough conditions and represented our club so well!

Swim Subsidy applications for Nippers in the U9's-14's need to be returned to me by Sunday 12th April. If you didn't receive an email regarding the swim subsidy please contact me ASAP.

FNC Pool championships will be held on Sunday 17th May in Lismore. More information will be sent out next month.

See you at the Nippers Presentation

Kerry Lee

Nippers Coordinator

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Surf Lifesaving ONLINE – YOUR DETAILS

All members are being strongly encouraged by Surf Life Saving Australia to register with the online computer database system via the **SLSA Members Portal** that all surf clubs in Australia now use.

Each member simply **creates their own log-in details** and is then able to check, and alter where necessary, all personal details such as address, phone numbers, email addresses etc. that are kept on record by their club. It is also possible for patrolling members to check out all their individual patrol details for the season such as hours patrolled and rostered. A record of each individual's lifesaving awards and expiry dates also appears on this site for easy reference.

It is a good opportunity now to check out this site and set-up your log-in details as Yamba SLSC will be encouraging members to use this site to **renew memberships** when they all become due again on July 1st. It is hoped to eliminate much of the paper membership forms for the coming season.

If you have any difficulties with the log-in process then you may need to contact the club office to check the email address or mobile that we already have recorded for you on the system.

To use this system:

1. Go to **portal.sls.com.au**
2. **'Create an Account'** giving date of birth, email etc.
3. You will be directed to the **Members Portal** where you can click on the **Lifesaving Online** link to see all your own details and alter where necessary.

Any problems – let us know!

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER****MARCH**

22	Sun	Branch RWC Course – Ballina
22	Sun	Nippers at Yamba Community Pool
22	Sun	Club General Meeting 2pm
27-29	Fri-Sun	Qld State Titles – Maroochydhore
28	Sat	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)
12	Sun	Gallipoli team farewell drinks
13-14	Mon-Tu	Aust Masters Titles – Kirra
15-19	Wed-Su	Aust Titles – Kirra (Open – U17)
18-30		Gallipoli 100 Surf Boat Trip
20	Mon	Club Board Meeting
25	Sat	Anzac Day 100 th Anniversary
26	Sun	Last Handicap Surf Race of season
26	Sun	Patrols Finish for 2014/15 season

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

JUNE

13	Sat	Club Presentation Day
20	Sat	Branch AGM and Awards Dinner Twin Towns RSL

JULY

26	Sun	Club Annual General Meeting
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SEPTEMBER

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

Patrol Roster

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

Thank for your time throughout the season.
Have a safe off-season. See you all again next season!

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 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

11th April Group 2: Jan & John Snelling, Alan Schofield, Warwick Mawhinney.

18th April Group 3: Jane & Alan Lawrence, Ken Ryan, Jill Ennever.

25th April Group 4: Anne & Brian Jones, William Onslow.

2nd May Group 5: Nicole & Greg Don, Trish & Kerry Pidcock.

9th May Group 6: Ray O'Brien, Pat Ridgway, Steve Pettet, Rob Foster

16th May Group 7: Bob Darby, Greg Zietsch, Jo and Grant Bennett, Rick Harris

23rd May Group 8: Heather and Brian Badgery, Roger McLean, Scott Greensill

30th May Group 9: Greg Wylie, James Ryan, Mark Gillespie, Mitch Imeson

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