



# Yamba Surf Life Saving Club

January 2016

"Vigilance and Service"

## *...from the CHAIRMAN*

It has certainly been a very busy time on Main Beach over the last month. Big crowds on the beach and plenty of events have meant a lot of volunteer work from many of you.

Thank you to those members who fronted up on Christmas Day for patrol. We are grateful for your efforts. Also well done to all our regular patrols. Incidents have been few and far between which is testament to everyone's vigilance.

The Yamba Ocean Swims were held on Monday 28th December. This was a very successful day for the club, both in terms of the swim, and from a financial point of view. It is our largest fundraising event of the year and would not be so successful if it wasn't for the dedication and work of a large number of members. I would like to personally thank everyone who assisted in any way both in the lead up to the event and on the day. I'm sure all those who were there would agree it was a great day.

The Board decided to trial opening the surf club bar every afternoon from Sunday the 27th December through until Sunday 3rd January. This has proven to be a very successful initiative with good crowds in attendance almost every day. If you happened to be down on the beach on any of those days you would have noticed a big crowd on the verandah enjoying the views. Whilst successful financially, it did require a very large amount of work. I would like to thank all those who assisted. In particular our caretaker Erik Pitsi deserves singling out for his enormous contribution during this period. Not only was he assisting in the bar but he was also cleaning up each night so the club was well presented the next day.

It was great to see 15 of our Life Members gathered for lunch on Wednesday January 6<sup>th</sup>. I'm sure they all enjoyed the opportunity to catch up and reminisce about the good old days. A special thanks to Don and Jo Lee for organising and catering for the event.

Looking forward, there is plenty still going on.

Nippers are back on the beach Sunday the 17th and off to Cudgen for their Branch Titles on the 30th and 31st of January.

Australia Day sees the drawing of the 200 Club and also a Triple J Hottest 100 event in the club bar. Details of this event are further on in this newsletter.

Good luck to all those competitors heading to South West Rocks for the Country Titles on 6th and 7th of February and the senior Branch titles the following weekend at Brunswick Heads.

Also best of luck to the U/23 boat crew who are off to Sydney to row against top level competition on the 23rd and 24th January.

Thanks again to everyone who has gone above and beyond over the last month. I and the rest of the Board appreciates all of your efforts.

See you on the beach soon,  
Joe Dougherty.

## **OFFICE HOURS**

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

Thanks to all over the busy Christmas period for their hard work on the beach keeping an eye on all swimmers and keeping them safe. A special mention to those club members that took time out to do a patrol on Christmas day. Thank you heaps it's a big ask and very much appreciated.

The rips on the beach again this season especially the one in front of the club continue to be a problem and a very keen eye MUST be kept on this.

Patrols have been well attended so far this season, but please remember if you can't make patrol PLEASE make an effort to find a sub. If you can't find one give me a call.

Well done to all the club members who helped out on ocean swim day. It was great to see all the extra water safety assets there. Thanks to the guys from Yamba support ski for their assistance on the day.

An IRB drivers and crew course will start on the 24th of January, anyone interested please be down the club at 10.00 am.

A reminder as of the 30th of January we revert back to one patrol on Saturday and the usual two on Sunday and please at the end of patrol pick up a broom and keep our patrol room clean and tidy.

STAY SAFE

James Ryan

**Best wishes to club patrol captain Harry Fahey who is recovering in hospital after fracturing his C5 vertebrae in a surfing accident. We wish you a speedy recovery Harry, and look forward to seeing you back at the beach**

**...from the DIRECTOR of EDUCATION and TRAINING**

The U/13 and U/14 nippers groups - who did the SRC before Christmas – are beginning to do a Radio Operators certificate during nippers on Sunday mornings. It is hoped to begin this course this Sunday, 24/1/2016 if Nippers are on.

A second Bronze Medallion squad is due to start on Sunday 31/1/2016, 9.30 am at the surf club. Candidates are asked to enrol at the surf club office at least a week in advance and to bring a 400 m pool swim time, signed by the timer, when they come to this first session. This squad will be trained by probationary trainer Andrew Cumberland who will be assisted by other qualified trainers.

Spinal Management Course - the branch are running a one day Spinal Management Course at Yamba clubhouse on Saturday 5th March 9am to 2pm. Anyone interested in doing the course must hold either the bronze medallion or their First Aid certificate. This course is only run once every 3 or 4 years at Yamba so if you are interested don't miss this opportunity. Intending course participants should give their name, phone number and email address to the club office ([office@yambaslsc.com.au](mailto:office@yambaslsc.com.au)) or myself ([kmorgans5@bigpond.com](mailto:kmorgans5@bigpond.com))

**Kim Morgans**

**Phone: 66 462823**



**...from the DIRECTOR of SURF SPORTS**

**Yamba Ocean Swims**

The Yamba Ocean Swims Day on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December was a great financial success for the club. A big thank you is due to over 60 club members and supporters who turned up on the day to help with the running of the event. Fortunately the rain stayed away this year and although we had a strong southerly wind we still were able to hold all the events in the Main Beach/Convent Beach precinct. We had 180 swimmers participate in the 700 metre swim and 87 swimmers in the tougher 2,000 metre swim.

Overall winners were:

2000 Metres Swim: Men- 1<sup>st</sup> Ky Kinsella, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lindsay Wall 3<sup>rd</sup> Trent Grimsey. Women- 1<sup>st</sup> Mette Klinkers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Melissa Gorman, 3<sup>rd</sup> Gabriella Grieves.

700 Metres Swim: Men- 1<sup>st</sup> Ky Kinsella, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ben Jimmison, 3<sup>rd</sup> Trent Grimsey. Women- 1<sup>st</sup> Melissa Gorman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Megan Hoare, 3<sup>rd</sup> Gabriella Grieves.

Dash for Cash: Men- Ky Kinsella; Women- Olivia Heaton.

Club members to win their age groups were:

2000 Metres Swim - Lindsay Wall (20-29 years), Joe Dougherty (30-39) Jim Schafer (60-69) Helmut Klein (70-79)

700 Metres Swim - Jan Klein (Over 70), Geoff Schaeffer (Over 70)

Congratulations to all those who had a go and completed the course.

Thanks to our generous sponsors for this years event - Pacific Hotel, Clarence Valley Council, Westlawn Finance, The Cove, Belinda's Store, Elders Real Estate, Fandango, Annie's Bed & Breakfast, and Yamba Community Pool.

**NSW Country Titles**

The combined junior/senior/masters Country Titles are on at South West Rocks on February 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. There are 25 club members nominated for the titles. We wish them the best of luck.

**Senior/Masters Branch Titles**

The branch titles will be held at Brunswick Heads on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February. The club is looking at the possibility of taking a mini bus to Brunswick - anyone interested should contact Jim Dougherty.

**Under 23 yrs Boat Crew**

The Yamba U/23 boat crew of Andrew Bell, Marc Adamson, Vince Bolton, Zac Brotherson and sweep Rod McSkimming are off to Sydney on January 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> to compete in two boat carnivals at Manly. The crew have been rowing well so far this season and this will be a big test for them against the best crews in NSW.

**Handicap Surf Race**

There have been very good numbers in the Sunday handicap surf race over the holiday period with a record 75 swimmers participating on Sunday 10th January. The December pointscore winner was backmarker Lindsay Wall with 17 points. At the halfway mark of the season Matthew Eke and Jess Humphries are equal leaders on 46 points ahead of club president Joe Dougherty in 3rd place on 41 points. The swim continues every Sunday morning with an 11am report for an 11.30 start. Members are reminded that it is recommended that they swim in their pink high visibility singlets.

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**...from the DIRECTOR of SURF SPORTS continued**

**Entries for State & Australian Titles**

Competitors are reminded that entries for the NSW Age Titles close on February 15<sup>th</sup>, Masters Titles entries close on February 17<sup>th</sup>, and Open Titles entries close on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Australian Titles entries close on March 17<sup>th</sup>

**Yamba Triathlon**

The Elite Energy Yamba Triathlon is on again on Saturday 27th February. Once again the surf club will be doing water safety for the swim legs of all the different triathlons at Whiting Beach. There are 6 different events on the days program commencing with the Standard Triathlon at 7am through to the Miniman events at 1pm. If you can help out with IRB crewing or board/ski paddling (stand up paddlers welcome) please advise Jim Dougherty or James Ryan.

Jim Dougherty

**...from the DIRECTOR of JUNIOR ACTIVITIES**

- Lennox Head carnival was cancelled due to marine life incidences.
- Board straps are to be placed in the office for safe keeping.
- Nippers started back on the 17th of Jan with the Rotary fun day. A regular nippers session was followed by a sand modelling competition. A huge amount of participants both members and non-members were in attendance. Rotary and Kevin Hassey were responsible for the success on the day.
- Permission to organise a training day with some fun competition with Tugun and a bus in lieu of all cancelled competitions is to be organised for a convenient time. Expression of interest will be taken then JAC to approach Tugun.
- Nippers are encouraged to use boards on the weekend but must notify patrol as a courtesy and for safety purposes. Please hose boards and return safely. Any damage needs to be reported so we can have it fixed.
- The gear room is being trashed. We need members to be more responsible for equipment please. Nippers gear is for nippers not for any other purpose.
- Branch Titles at Cudgen on January 30/31. Please see Simone Bradley or Andrea Miltiadou for information.
- Latest information is updated to our Yamba Nippers Facebook page.

Danielle Connolly



### Life Members Lunch.

There was much laughter, sharing of stories and trips down memory lane as 15 Yamba SLSC Life Members got together at the clubhouse for lunch.

Special thanks to Jo and Don Lee for organising and catering the event, and the many helpers on the day.

Everyone is looking forward to the next one!



Back Row Left to Right: Terry Sahlqvist, Geoff Sanders, Clete McGrath, Don Lee, Geoff Schaeffer, Ken Ryan  
Middle Row Left to Right: Greg Zietsch, Jim Dougherty, Kim Morgans, Brad Collis, John Patricks, Jim Saunders  
Front Row Left to Right: Bill Dougherty, Cliff Lowien, Ray Burrige



Brad Collis & Cliff Lowien



Don Lee & Terry Sahlqvist



Ken Ryan, Ray Burrige and Jan Saunders



## Yamba SLSC U23's Boaties



invites you to

### Australia Day Celebrations at Yamba SLSC

1pm to 7pm at the Clubhouse

**A great selection of cold drinks, fresh Yamba prawns, the BBQ will be on and Triple J's Hottest 100 will be playing in the background.**

The U23's boat crew of Zac Brotherson, Vince Bolton, Andrew Bell, Marc Adamson, with sweep Rodney McSkimming have continued to train hard and compete well this season.

They are hosting this great Aussie afternoon to raise funds to assist them with travel and accommodation expenses as they represent Yamba SLSC at the upcoming Manly Navy carnival and the Australian Surf Rowers League Open at Shellharbour.



**Come along and support our boaties as they host a great family friendly afternoon at the best beach front location in Yamba!**



# Calendars

## JANUARY

- 26 Tue Celebrate Australia Day Yamba SLSC 1pm-7pm
- 31 Sun North Coast Boat Series- Evans Head
- 30-31 Sat/Sun JAC Branch Titles- Cudgen

## FEBRUARY

- 6/7 Sat-Sun NSW Country Titles- South West Rocks
- 8 Mon Club Board Meeting
- 13 Sat Brunswick Masters Carnival
- 14 Sun Senior Branch Titles – Brunswick
- 16 Tue Branch meeting Ballina
- 27 Sat Yamba Triathlon

## MARCH

- 4-6 Fri/Sun NSW Age Titles – Umina
- 5 Sat Spinal Management Course- Yamba
- 9-10 Wed/Thu NSW Masters Titles – Umina
- 14 Mon Club Board Meeting
- 11-13 Fri/Sun NSW Open Titles - Umina
- 18-20 Fri/Sun Qld State Titles - North Burleigh
- 25-28 Easter Long Weekend

## APRIL

- 3 Sun Coffs Harbour Ocean Swim
- 9 Sat Copeton Dam Swim
- 16-24 Australian Titles- Maroochydore
- 25 Mon Patrols Finish for 2015/16 Season

## Patrols

*Thank you to all our patrol members for your time and vigilance.*

### January

- Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> 9am-1pm Patrol 7
- Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> 1pm-5pm Patrol 8
- Sun 24<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm Patrol 9
- Sun 24<sup>th</sup> 1pm-5pm Patrol 1
- Tues 26<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm Patrol 2
- Tue 26<sup>th</sup> 1pm-5pm Patrol 3
- Sat 30<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm Patrol 4
- Sun 31<sup>st</sup> 9am-12.30pm Patrol 5
- Sun 31<sup>st</sup> 12.30pm-4pm Patrol 6

### February

- Sat 6<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm Patrol 7
- Sun 7<sup>th</sup> 9am-12.30pm Patrol 8
- Sun 7<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm-5pm Patrol 9
- Sat 13<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm Patrol 1
- Sun 14<sup>th</sup> 9am-12.30pm Patrol 2
- Sun 14<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm-5pm Patrol 3
- Sat 20<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm Patrol 4
- Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 9am-12.30pm Patrol 5
- Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 12.30pm-5pm Patrol 6
- Sat 27<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm Patrol 7
- Sun 28<sup>th</sup> 9am-12.30pm Patrol 8
- Sun 28<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm-5pm Patrol 9

### March

- Sat 5<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm Patrol 1
- Sun 6<sup>th</sup> 9am-12.30pm Patrol 2
- Sun 6<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm-4pm Patrol 3
- Sat 12<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm Patrol 4
- Sun 13<sup>th</sup> 9am-12.30pm Patrol 5
- Sun 13<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm-4pm Patrol 6
- Sat 19<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm Patrol 7
- Sun 20<sup>th</sup> 9am-12.30pm Patrol 8
- Sun 20<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm-4pm Patrol 9
- Fri 25<sup>th</sup> 9am-12.30pm Patrol 1
- Fri 25<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm-4pm Patrol 2
- Sat 26<sup>th</sup> 9am-12.30pm Patrol 3
- Sat 26<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm-4pm Patrol 4
- Sun 27<sup>th</sup> 9am-12.30pm Patrol 5
- Sun 27<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm-4pm Patrol 6
- Mon 28<sup>th</sup> 9am-12.30pm Patrol 7
- Mon 28<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm-4pm Patrol 8

## GOLF CLUB RAFFLE ROSTER

**More helpers are needed. If you are able to help out, please contact Narelle in the office.**

**23<sup>rd</sup> January-** Group 9: Greg Wyllie, James Ryan, Mark Gillespie, Mitch Imeson, Danielle Connolly

**30<sup>th</sup> January-** Group 1: John Barnier, Sachie Ardrey , Keith Bradley

**6<sup>th</sup> February-** Group 2: Jan & John Snelling, Alan Schofield, Warwick Mawhinney

**13<sup>th</sup> February-** Group 3: Jane & Alan Lawrence, Ken Ryan, Jill Ennever

**20<sup>th</sup> February-** Group 4 Anne & Brian Jones, William Onslow

**27<sup>th</sup> February-** Group 5: Nicole & Greg Don, Trish & Kerry Pidcock

**5<sup>th</sup> March-** Group 6: Ray O'Brien , Pat Ridgway, Jim Saunders

**12<sup>th</sup> March-** Group 7: Jo & Grant Bennett, Rick Harris, Bob Darby

**19<sup>th</sup> March-** Group 8: Heather & Brian Badgery, Roger McLean, Scott Greensill

**26<sup>th</sup> March-** Group 9: Greg Wyllie, James Ryan, Mark Gillespie, Mitch Imeson, Danielle Connolly

**2<sup>nd</sup> April-** Group 1: John Barnier, Sachie Ardrey, Keith Bradley

**9<sup>th</sup> April-** Group 2: Jan & John Snelling, Alan Schofield, Warwick Mawhinney



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