



# Yamba Surf Life Saving Club

## NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2017

*"Vigilance and Service"*

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### *from the CHAIRMAN...*

The past month has continued to be very busy around the club. The highlight of the month, and I think probably the highlight of the season so far, was the successful staging of the Far North Coast Branch Nippers Titles on Saturday and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> January. Hot weather and calm seas helped to ensure a great weekend. I wish to acknowledge everybody who made a contribution to the success of the event. It takes an enormous amount of work to pull off a carnival of this size and the feedback from visiting clubs and Branch officials was overwhelmingly positive. You should all be proud of the outcome.

The competition side of things has really started to heat up as we head into the big carnivals. Congratulations to everyone who achieved success at both Branch and Country Titles and good luck to those headed to State and Aussie Titles in the coming month. Results from Branch and Country Titles can be found in the Surf Sports and Nippers Reports.

Thank you to everyone who sold tickets in the annual 200 Club. This event raises \$5,000 for the club and I thank everyone who bought tickets for their contribution. Congratulations to the winners who appear at the end of the newsletter and thanks to our sellers – many of whom have been assisting with this fundraiser for over 20 years.

Our planned upgrade of the Club kitchen is slowly moving forward. Preliminary plans have been done and quotes obtained. We have applied for a grant to help with the cost of this project and if successful, will be looking to finalise details for Board approval very soon so that work can commence quickly. The purpose of the upgrade is to make the kitchen more functional and user friendly for caterers using the facility for weddings and other events. It is hoped that this will result in an increased benefit to the Club over time from function revenues.

Finally a reminder that patrol uniforms should not be worn outside of patrol hours and away from the beach. This is SLSA policy and I ask that everyone please observe this.

*Hope to see you on the beach soon.*

*Joe Dougherty (Mob: 0431710007)*

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### GENERAL MEETING

The club holds 2 General Meetings for members during the year – the first was held in November, the next one will take place on

**Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm at the clubhouse.**

Any member with items for discussion should contact club secretary Leah Essex to have the item put on the agenda. All welcome.

### COPETON DAM SWIM

Yamba SLSC is committed to providing water safety for the annual Copeton Dam Swim to be held (near Inverell) on Sat April 8<sup>th</sup>. Bronze medallion/ SRC holders and IRB drivers and crew will be required.

If you can assist please advise Leah Essex – [secretary@yambaslsc.com.au](mailto:secretary@yambaslsc.com.au) or 0405209593

It's a great weekend away for the entire family – free accommodation is provided in the bunkhouse at the dam.

### OFFICE HOURS

Mon 9.30am-12.30pm

Wed 9.30am-12.30pm

Fri 9.30am-12.30pm

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Caretaker Erik Pitsi 0417685667

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

The first sizeable swell of the season arrived at the start of February with not too much damage to the beach and from all reports some fun was had in the IRB's!

The rip in the centre of the beach continues to be of concern. All patrols are asked to please be mindful of this.

With large crowds over the last few weeks with the sweltering conditions only a couple of rescues were reported with a good outcome overall.

Patrol members are reminded that the Surf Life Saving patrol uniform issued to members is for use while on patrol only. Please be mindful of this and make sure you have it on when you are patrolling, but don't go wearing it around when you aren't on duty.

Our thoughts, prayers and condolences go out to the family and members of Brunswick SLSC with the recent passing of Gavin Arthur. Gav was a very keen and long term IRBer, a big supporter of IRB training, IRB racing and an IRB captain as well as a life member of Brunswick SLSC. Gav will be sadly missed by the SLSC community and the ALBERT community as a whole. RIP Gav.

*James Ryan – (Mob: 0400353792)*

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***Do YOU know how many patrol hours YOU have done this season, or what your awards are, or when they expire????***

***All this information, and more, is available to you if you login to the 'SLSA Members Portal'.***

***Go to portal.sls.com.au and 'Create an Account'. Once your portal account is created and activated, login and select 'Lifesaving Online' to see all your membership details, awards, patrol information etc.***

***Give it a go - you may be surprised what you find out about yourself!!***

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

**NSW COUNTRY TITLES** were held at South West Rocks on Feb 4/5. Senior medallists were as follows:

**Gold:**

Reserve Boat crew- Zac Brotherson, Dylan Greef, Ray Wiblen, Andrew Bell, Rod McSkimming

**Silver:**

Peter Rheinberger – 50/59yrs board and surf races; Jim Dougherty – Over 60yrs surf race; Brendan Wall – 30/39yrs 2km run; Mikey Gilliman – Open beach flags; Will Brighton – Open 2km run; Jordan Elabbasi – U/15 board race

**Bronze:**

Ben Plunkett – 40/49 yrs 2km run; Brendan Wall/Pete Rheinberger - 30/39 yrs board rescue

**FAR NORTH COAST BRANCH TITLES** results at Byron Bay on Feb 19<sup>th</sup> were :

Will Brighton – 1<sup>st</sup> - 2km run, 3<sup>rd</sup> open board

Mikey Gilliman – 1<sup>st</sup> – open beach flags

Brendan Wall – 1<sup>st</sup> – 30/39 surf, board and rescue tube races and 2km run

Peter Rheinberger – 1<sup>st</sup> - 50/59 surf race, 2<sup>nd</sup> board and rescue tube races

Jordan Elabbasi – 2<sup>nd</sup> – U/15 ironman, 3<sup>rd</sup> U/15 surf race

Harry Fahey – 2<sup>nd</sup> open ironman, 2<sup>nd</sup> open beach sprint

Open beach relay – 1<sup>st</sup> (Will, Mikey, Brendan, Harry)

**Australian Titles:** Any members wishing to be entered for the Australian Titles at North Kirra/Tugun from March 25-April 2, please contact Jim Dougherty by the end of February. Nominations will need to be in on time otherwise late entry fees will have to be met by the individual members concerned.

**Board Training:** Board training will continue on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 4.30pm through until the end of March. **Ironman training** continues at 7am on Saturday mornings.

**Good luck** to those members competing at the Brunswick Masters Carnival, North Coast Boat Series at Woolgoolga and NSW State Titles at Swansea over the next few weeks.

*Jim Dougherty (Mob: 0428664701)*

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**...from the EDUCATION Director**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Course in Ballina on 25/3/17 is now FULL.
- The Branch run 'Advanced Resuscitation Techniques' course on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March @ Shelley Beach, Ballina is still open – nominations to the club office ASAP by phone 66462463 or email [office@yambaslsc.com.au](mailto:office@yambaslsc.com.au)
- Bill Onslow will be doing Radio Operators with U/14 nippers and Resuscitation with U/13s on Sunday mornings, 9.30am at the clubhouse. Assessment dates yet to be set.
- The Bronze/SRC squad will continue training on Sunday mornings, 9 am upstairs in the surf club. Candidates please ensure you bring your 200m or 400m swim times, your manual and your Learner guides with the answers for Chapters 1 – 3 completed.

*See you at training*

**Kim Morgans - 66462823**

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

Lots of activity has taken place on both Main Beach and Pippi Beach in the last month with our enthusiastic nippers, parents and helpers. Some have even ventured further afield!

The Far North Coast Junior Branch Titles were held on 28<sup>th</sup>/ 29th January at Main Beach. Yamba nippers placed 5th overall with some good results from the our competitors. Top placegetters on the day were:

1<sup>st</sup> - Kalani Ives-swim, flags, ironperson; Ben Morris- flags; Tyler Essex-surfing

2<sup>nd</sup> - Carissa Miltiadou- sprint; Kalani Ives/Yasmin Elabbasi-board rescue; Malik Elabbasi- swim; James Forbes- surfing; junior Cameron Relay team

3<sup>rd</sup> - Carissa Miltiadou- flags; Kalani Ives- board; Olana Plunkett-sprint; Josh Morris- surfing; U12 surf team

The Carnival received good feedback from the Branch clubs and ran very well thanks to the Yamba club members who assisted in the many roles required. I would like to acknowledge the assistance and expertise of Jim Dougherty in the organisation and co-ordination of the carnival; James Ryan for the coordination of patrols and IRB crews; Kim McFarlane for the management of catering to officials and co-ordination of house matters; the work parties and First Aid; and the car parking crew who ensured no parking issues occurred as well as our volunteers who provided refreshments over the 2 days. The JAC would also like to acknowledge the work and time volunteered by the Rotary members in providing the BBQ and special thanks also go to the Maclean Pipe Band for ensuring the march past was both musical and memorable.

A small group of nippers also competed at the NSW Country Titles at South West Rocks. Our medallists were Kalani Ives- 4 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze; Ben Morris-1 gold; Tyler Essex, Malik Elabbasi, Yasmin Elabbasi, Lilli Young - 1 bronze. Thanks to our parents, water safety and officials who were in attendance to make it all possible.

This weekend our nipper activities will be held on Sunday afternoon rather than Sunday morning due to the 9.30am high tide. The program will begin at Main Beach at 3pm for all nippers. The U9 and U10 nipper parents are rostered on for setup and packup duties this week and are asked to be at the beach by 2.15pm on Sunday to assist with the organisation for the afternoon. The BBQ will be in operation so everyone can enjoy an early dinner by the beach following activities. The date for the nipper club championships for beach events has been changed. These events will now take place on Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup> commencing at 9.30am at Main Beach.

For information updates regarding nipper activities, don't forget to check out the **Yamba Nippers** Facebook page.

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**VALE Jack Giddy**

The Club's last remaining World War II veteran Jack Giddy died in Sydney on January 22 at the age of 92. Jack was a prominent member of Yamba Surf Club in the 1940's and 50's. He held the position of club chief instructor for 5 seasons and was a prominent beach competitor and coach. He later moved to Sydney where he continued with his athletics coaching and worked as sprint coach for Jack Gibson's premiership winning Eastern Suburbs Roosters teams in the 1970s. He was also on the staff of the Sydney Swans when they first relocated from Melbourne in the 1980s. We offer our condolences to Jack's family and friends.



# CLUB CALENDAR

## 2017

### FEBRUARY

- 25 Sat Brunswick Masters Carnival
- 26 Sun **Twilight Nippers 3pm @Main Beach**
- 26 Sun **Club bar open 3.30pm – 6.30pm**

### MARCH

- 3-5 Fri-Sun Nippers State Titles – Swansea Belmont
- 4 Sat North Coast Boat Series Woolgoolga
- 5 Sun **Nippers club champs–beach events @ Main Beach – 9.30am**
- 8-9 Wed/Thu Masters State Titles - Swansea Belmont
- 10-12 Fri-Sun Senior State Titles – Swansea Belmont
- 11 Sat Branch ART Course - Ballina
- 12 Sun **Nippers – Main Beach – 9.30am**
- 13 Mon **Club Board Meeting**
- 19 Sun **Nippers Presentation – 9.30am**
- 21 Tues Branch meeting - Ballina
- 25 Sat Australian Titles Start- North Kirra
- 25 Sat First Aid Course Ballina
- 26 Sun **Club General meeting @3pm**

### APRIL

- 2 Sun Australian Titles End- North Kirra
- 2 Sun Coffs Harbour Ocean Swim
- 8 Sat Copeton Dam swim
- 10 Mon **Club Board Meeting**
- 16 Sun EASTER SUNDAY
- 25 Tue **Anzac Day /Patrols Finish**
- 29/30 Sat/Sun **Yamba Triathlon**

### MAY

- 5-7 Fri/Sun Branch U15/17 Devpt Camp Fingal
- 7 Sun Byron Bay Ocean Swim
- 14 Sun Branch Pool Rescue Comp Lismore
- 27 Sat Branch Surf Sports meeting Ballina

### JUNE

- 24 Sat Branch AGM and Awards of Excellence @ Ballina RSL

### JULY

- 14-16 Fri-Sun Aust IRB Titles - Cudgen

## RAFFLE ROSTER @ GOLF CLUB

Thankyou for your assistance with this fundraiser, it is greatly appreciated – any additional members who can help out with this roster should contact the club office – more help is always needed.

**\*New procedure for Golf Club raffles – the club member who hands the money into the office needs to have ‘signed off’ on the raffle receipt from the Golf Club. This printout MUST accompany the raffle takings when handed into the club office.**

- 25<sup>th</sup> Feb – Group 3: A & J Lawrence, K. Ryan
- 4<sup>th</sup> March – Group 4: W. Onslow, W. Tucker
- 11<sup>th</sup> March – Group 5: G & N Don, K & T Pidcock
- 18<sup>th</sup> March – Group 6: R. O’Brien, P. Ridgway
- 25<sup>th</sup> March – Group 7: A & J Lawrence, K. Ryan

## PATROL ROSTER

- Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Feb: 9am-1pm Patrol 4 – R.Comerford (C)
- Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Feb: 9am – 12.30pm Patrol 3 – M. Saunders (C)
- Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Feb: 12.30pm – 4pm Patrol 2 – K.O’Connor (C)
- Sat 4<sup>th</sup> March: 9am-1pm Patrol 1 – J. Ryan (C)
- Sun 5<sup>th</sup> March:9am – 12.30pm Patrol 9 – T. McFarlane(C)
- Sun 5<sup>th</sup> March:12.30pm - 4pm Patrol 8 – P. de Billot (C)
- Sat 11<sup>th</sup> March:9am – 1pm Patrol 7 – A. Bell (C)
- Sun 12<sup>th</sup> March: 9am-12.30pm Patrol 6– R.Varcoe(C)
- Sun 12<sup>th</sup> March: 12.30 – 4pm Patrol 5 –A. Cumberland (C)
- Sat 18<sup>th</sup> March: 9am-1pm Patrol 4 – R.Comerford (C)
- Sun 19<sup>th</sup> March:9am – 12.30pm Patrol 3 – M. Saunders(C)
- Sun 19<sup>th</sup> March: 12.30pm – 4pm Patrol 2 – K.O’Connor(C)
- Sat 25<sup>th</sup> March: 9am- 1pm Patrol 1 – J. Ryan (C)
- Sun 26<sup>th</sup> March:9am- 12.30pm Patrol 9 – T. McFarlane (C)
- Sun 26<sup>th</sup> March: 12.30pm – 4pm Patrol 8 – P. de Billot (C)

***PLEASE arrange your own substitute (ACTIVE RESERVE) when you are unavailable for patrol.***





Do you hold a  
**Responsible Service of Alcohol  
 Certificate ??**

Would you like to be considered  
 for bar work at the surf club?  
 (Occasional paid work as well as  
 voluntary work required)

Are you a financial club  
 member?

If so, please contact  
 the surf club office

Email: [office@yambaslsc.com.au](mailto:office@yambaslsc.com.au)  
 or  
 House Director Kim McFarlane -  
 0400369796.

**200 Club**

Thanks to our club members responsible for the sale of tickets in the recent 200 club competition. This successful fundraiser raised \$5,000 for the club and was drawn on Australia Day.

**First prize** of \$3,000 went to S. Burton.

The **5 major draw winners** of \$300 were P. McCallum, J. Ryan, M. O'Loughlin, J. Webb & B. Collis.

The **10 minor draw winners** of \$50 were A. Carlton, D. Wiseman, R. Wiblen, J. Vile, B. McCarron, N. Wright, F. Johnson, J. Green, J. Trollor, & C. Moran.

Special thanks to the following club members responsible for selling books of tickets to the 200 buyers:

Jim Baird, Brian Badgery, Joe Dougherty, Joe Fahey, Ray BurrIDGE, Belinda Sanders, Alan Schofield, Mick Smith, Mike Dougherty, Kim McFarlane, James Ryan, Jim Dougherty & Greg Zietsch.

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