



# Yamba Surf Life Saving Club

## NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2017

*"Vigilance and Service"*

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### *from the CHAIRMAN....*

A recent run of wet weather and rough seas has slowed things up a little at Main Beach. There have even been some concerns around the stability of the road down to the beach and some road closures in recent days. Please ensure that you are observing the signs regarding road conditions around the Club. Despite the beach having been closed it is important that we are still vigilant on the beach. A good example was last Sunday when a serious first aid event tested the skills of our members despite the beach being closed.

There were some great results at the NSW State Titles this month, the highlights being Kalani Ives winning a silver medal in the u/12 Ironwoman and Peter Rheinberger a silver in the 55-59 Surf Race. Congratulations to both on an outstanding effort. Good luck to the small contingent of Masters, Boaties and Open competitors who will be representing the club at the Australian Titles kicking off this Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> and running through until Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at North Kirra beach.

A reminder of the General Meeting this Sunday at 3pm open to all members. Come along and have a say in what happens in the club. Free BBQ to follow.

Whilst the end of the patrol season is only a month away, there is still a lot going on:

- The Copeton Dam swim is on the 8<sup>th</sup> April and we will be providing water safety. See below for more detail.
- Senior Club Championships will be held on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April at Main Beach.
- The Easter holiday period is always a very hectic time on the beach so please ensure you are turning up to patrols and supporting your fellow club members.
- There are still IRB, Bronze and SRC squads in training who will be examined prior to the end of patrol season. Good luck to all those members and thank you to those who have volunteered their time to train the squads.
- The rescheduled Nippers presentation is this Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March – well done to everyone on a great season.
- The Yamba triathlon will be held on the weekend of 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> April – first aid and water safety will be required.

A reminder that the club bar is open every Sunday from 3:30pm with the footy on the TV to enjoy.

Finally, we say farewell to Life Member Trevor Phillips OAM who passed away last weekend at the age of 89. Trevor lived in Yamba all his life and was a dedicated member of the club over many years and a tireless community worker. His funeral will be held on Friday March 31<sup>st</sup> at St James Catholic Church Yamba at 9.30am. Members are asked to wear club ties/shirts.

*See you on the beach.*

**Joe Dougherty (Mob: 0431710007)**

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### **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 - 0405209593 or Bill Onslow-0431209484

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

The adverse weather conditions experienced last weekend meant that Main Beach was closed on both Saturday and Sunday due to dangerous surf conditions. This forced the postponement of the IRB crew assessment until April 23<sup>rd</sup> as well as the cancellation of the weekly handicap surf race. Hopefully the minor flooding experienced won't leave too much debris on the beach or remove too much more sand.

With the NSW school holidays commencing on the weekend of the 8<sup>th</sup> of April, patrols revert back to morning AND afternoon patrols on BOTH Saturdays and Sundays. Generally, patrols have been reasonably well attended, but with the extra patrols rostered over the Easter break PLEASE take the time to make a couple of phone calls and find a sub if you can't make your rostered patrol. We have a commitment to SLSNSW to fulfil all our rostered duties so don't let the club down!

Yamba SLSC will again be providing water safety for the Copeton Dam swim on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wishing to help out please give Bill Onslow a call – Mobile 0431209484 or Leah Essex. Please note that due to the number of patrolling members attending this swim, it is important that all rostered members attend duties on Main Beach on that weekend. We appeal to any other patrolling/active reserve members to help out if available. This is a good opportunity for those active reserve members who have not completed their required 12 hours of patrol to make up some hours before this season's patrols finish on Anzac Day.

We hope to hold an end of season BBQ for patrol members on April 23<sup>rd</sup> in appreciation of the season's efforts – patrol members will be advised of details closer to the date.

*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 STATE TITLES:**

Congratulations to the members who competed at the State Titles at Swansea Belmont in big surf with some great results: Kalani Ives – 2nd U12 Iron Woman, 5th 1km beach run, 6th board race, 10th surf race

Peter Rheinberger – 2nd 55/59 years surf race

Reserve boat crew were eliminated after the second round.

Swansea Belmont will again be the venue for next season's State Titles.

**AUSTRALIAN TITLES**

The Aussies at North Kirra/Tugun on the Gold Coast commence this Saturday 25th March and run through to Sunday 2nd April. Good luck to the following club members who will be competing – Jordan Elabbasi in the Youth Championships on Saturday 25th; Peter Rheinberger & Jim Dougherty in the Masters events on Monday 27th; the boat crew of Andrew Bell, Zac Brotherson, Dylan Greeff, Ray Wiblen and sweep Rod McSkimming in the reserve boat race on Thursday 30th; and Mikey Gilliman in the open beach flags on Saturday 1st April.

Next season the Aussies will be held at Scarborough Beach in Perth from 14th to 22nd April, 2018.

**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The senior club championships will be held on the weekend the school holidays start – Sunday 9th April commencing at 11am with a lunch time BBQ to follow.

**BRANCH POOL RESCUE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

This year's Branch pool rescue championships will be held on Sunday 4th June at the University Pool in Lismore. Age groups are U12s to Masters. Anyone interested should contact Jim Dougherty for further details.

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**...from the EDUCATION Director**

- Congratulations to the U/14 radio operators group (Tyler Essex, James Forbes, Paris Brailsford) and the U/13 resuscitation squad (Zahri Berry, William Earle, Carissa Miltiadou, Georgia Salvestro, Keilani Scurr) which were both successful in their assessments recently. Thank you to all involved, especially to the hard-working age managers, Leah Essex and Andrea Miltiadou.
- Kirsten O'Connor was successful in completing her Silver Medallion Beach Management course held at Fingal on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations!
- The Bronze Medallion and SRC training continues under the tutelage of Jill Ennever, assisted by Bill Onslow. The assessment date for this group has been set for 23/4/'17.
- All of the current Branch courses are now full, including the 1<sup>st</sup> Aid course being held in Ballina on 22/4/'17. (Remember that we hold a 1<sup>st</sup> Aid course at Yamba each year, probably in late August or early September, if we have enough candidates.)
- For trainers and assessors, our post-season education meeting will be held in Ballina on Saturday 6th May at 1 pm. Our club education meeting will be held at a later date, yet to be determined. The Branch pre-season education meeting is set for August 19<sup>th</sup> at Ballina.

*See you at training*

**Kim Morgans - 66462823**

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**DEVELOPMENT CAMP** – The FNC Branch Development Camp for U/15s and U/17s will be held on the weekend of May 6/7at Fingal Surf Club. Any members in this age group who are interested in attending the camp should contact Leah Essex – 0405209593 - by April 7<sup>th</sup> .

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

This weekend sees the final day of Nippers activities for the 2016/17 season. The end of season Presentation has been re-scheduled from last weekend due to the bad weather and will take place at the clubhouse on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> at 10am – rain, hail or shine! There will be a free family BBQ to follow with a celebration cake and ice blocks. Look forward to seeing everyone there!

A final wrap-up of the season will appear in next month's newsletter.

**Danielle Connolly (Mob: 0497276805 )**

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**VALE - TREVOR PHILLIPS OAM**

Yamba Surf Club lost another of our Life Members on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March with the death of Mr Trevor Phillips OAM at the age of 89. Trevor was a lifelong resident of Yamba who made an enormous contribution to the Yamba community over many years.

Trevor joined Yamba Surf Club in 1942 and was one of the very few active members left to patrol Main Beach during the years of World War II.

He served the club in many capacities in the 1940s and 50s including as patrol captain, bronze instructor, boat captain and gear steward.

In 1964, Trevor was awarded Life membership for his dedication and commitment to Yamba Surf Club.

Before IRBs were introduced to the surf lifesaving movement in the 1970s, an 'oared' surf boat was used to lay the buoys at surf carnivals and would sit behind the buoys as 'duty boat' throughout the day. For almost 20 years, Trevor was the sweep of this duty boat at the annual Yamba surf carnival.

His contribution to the club over many years is greatly appreciated and our sympathies are extended to his family. His funeral will take place from St James Catholic Church Yamba at 9.30am on Friday March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**CLUB CALENDAR****2017****MARCH**

25	Sat	Australian Titles Start- North Kirra
25	Sat	First Aid Course Ballina
26	Sun	<b>Nippers presentation @10am</b>
26	Sun	<b>Club General meeting @3pm</b>
31	Fri	Qld school holidays start

**APRIL**

2	Sun	Australian Titles End- North Kirra
2	Sun	Coffs Harbour Ocean Swim
7	Fri	NSW school holidays start
8	Sat	Copeton Dam swim
9	Sun	<b>Senior club championships</b>
10	Mon	<b>Club Board Meeting</b>
16	Sun	EASTER SUNDAY
25	Tue	<b>Anzac Day /Patrols Finish</b>
29/30	Sat/Sun	<b>Yamba Triathlon</b>

**MAY**

5-7	Fri/Sun	Branch U15/17 Devpt Camp Fingal
6	Sat	Branch Education meeting - Ballina
7	Sun	Byron Bay Ocean Swim
20	Sat	Branch Surf sports meeting - Ballina

**JUNE**

3	Sat	<b>Club presentation night</b>
4	Sun	Branch Pool Rescue Comp Lismore
24	Sat	Branch AGM and Awards of Excellence @ Ballina RSL

**JULY**

14-16	Fri-Sun	Aust IRB Titles – Cudgen
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**AUGUST**

19	Sat	Branch pre-season Educ. Meeting
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**SEPTEMBER**

23	Sat	<b>Patrols start</b>
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**OCTOBER**

7/8	Sat/Sun	Coolangatta Gold
14	Sat	Evans Head Craft Carnival
21	Sat	Coffs Craft Carnival(boards/skis)
28	Sat	Coffs Craft – boats
28	Sat	Cudgen Classic
29	Sun	U12-Open carnival - Salt

**PATROL ROSTER**

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)
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> April:	9am-1pm Patrol 7 – A. Bell (C)
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> April :	9am – 12.30pm Patrol 6 – R. Varcoe (C)
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> April:	12.30pm–4pm Patrol 5 – A. Cumberland(C)

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> April:	9am-12.30pm Patrol 4 –R. Comerford (C)
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> April:	12.30pm – 4pm Patrol 3 – M.Saunders (C)
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> April :	9am – 12.30pm Patrol 2 – K.O'Connor (C)
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> April:	12.30pm - 4pm Patrol 1 – J.Ryan (C)

**EASTER**

Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> April:	9am – 12.30pm Patrol 9 – T. McFarlane (C)
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> April:	12.30pm – 4pm Patrol 8 – P. de Billot (C)
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> April:	9am – 12.30pm Patrol 7 – A. Bell (C)
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> April:	12.30pm – 4pm Patrol 6 – R. Varcoe (C)
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> April:	9am-12.30pm Patrol 5– A. Cumberland(C)
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> April:	12.30 – 4pm Patrol 4 –R. Comerford (C)
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> April:	9am – 12.30pm Patrol 3 – M.Saunders (C)
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> April:	12.30pm – 4pm Patrol 2 – K. O'Connor (C)

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> April:	9am-12.30pm Patrol 1 – J.Ryan (C)
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> April:	12.30pm–4pm Patrol 9 – T. McFarlane (C)
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> April:	9am – 12.30pm Patrol 8 – P.de Billot(C)
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> April :	12.30pm – 4pm Patrol 7 – A. Bell (C)

**ANZAC DAY**

Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> April:	9am- 12.30pm Patrol 6 – R. Varcoe (C)
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> April:	12.30pm–4pm Patrol 5 – A.Cumberland(C)

**END OF PATROLS****RAFFLE ROSTER @ GOLF CLUB**

25 <sup>th</sup> March-	Group 7: J & G Bennett, R. Harris
1 <sup>st</sup> April –	Group 8: R & J McLean, A & J Foley
8 <sup>th</sup> April –	Group 9: G. Wyllie, J. Ryan, D. Connolly
15 <sup>th</sup> April -	Group 1: S. Ardrey, K. Bradley
22 <sup>nd</sup> April –	Group 2: A & R Schofield, J. King, K. Adams
29 <sup>th</sup> April –	Group 3: A & J Lawrence, K.Ryan



**BAR OPEN**



**Every Sunday**  
**3:30pm to 6:30pm**

Do you hold a

**Responsible Service of Alcohol Certificate ??**

Would you like to be considered for bar work at the surf club?

(Paid work at weddings etc 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 phone 66462463

or

House Director Kim McFarlane - 0400369796.

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