



Yamba Surf Life Saving Club

Newsletter – January/February 2020

"Vigilance and Service"

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from the CHAIRMAN....

After a busy, but safe, holiday period we have seen conditions at Main Beach change dramatically with the recent large swells and flooding. Late on the afternoon of Friday February 7th a French tourist got into difficulty whilst swimming at Main Beach and was pulled from the water unconscious by friends and other members of the public – the beach was not patrolled at the time. He was worked on by members of the club who happened to be passing by, and whilst he was breathing when he left the beach via the ambulance and rescue helicopter, he passed away in hospital at the Gold Coast about a week later. I'd like to acknowledge the efforts of our club members past and present Mitch Imeson, Clement Sarazzin, Jacob Don and Martin Dougherty for their brave efforts in reviving the patient. From all reports, they did an outstanding job. This is a good reminder to all members that whilst it may seem like a very safe beach most of the time, always be prepared and ready for any possible scenario, don't think it won't happen on your patrol or in your presence.

The rough seas and accompanying foam made its way into the boat sheds and around the clubhouse late last week making quite a mess. Thank you to all those members who chipped in at short notice last Saturday to help clean the place up to remove the sediment left behind. The club is now looking quite a bit cleaner.

With all the recent rainfall, we were advised by Clarence Valley Council late last week that they'd issued a 'RED ALERT' for the Pilot Hill and Main Beach areas due to the risk of instability and possible landslides. The access road and pedestrian access to the beach was closed, with access in emergency only. While access has now been restored, there is still a possibility of closure again given more rainfall. The conditions also meant that patrols were cancelled last weekend. Thanks everyone for your understanding whilst we dealt with a situation that was/is beyond our control.

Looking back at January - we had another extremely successful running of the Yamba Ocean Swims on Sunday January 5th. Thankyou to all those members who helped out in many varying ways to ensure such success. It is a great event and showcases the great spirit that exists within the club. The final result saw in the order of \$12,000 raised.

Well done to Paula and the bar staff who chipped in to open the club bar over the Christmas – New Year period. Some great crowds were in attendance and ensured these days were very successful, socially for some, and financially for the club.

Congratulations to our competitors who participated in the NSW Country Titles at Kingscliff at the start of February. Some fantastic results across the age groups from Nippers to Masters saw the club finish in 9th position overall which is a great achievement. Special thanks to our officials and water safety personnel without whom carnivals can't happen.

Looking ahead – the FNC Branch Titles due to be held this weekend at Byron Bay have been postponed to March due to adverse conditions on beaches after last weekend's flooding rains. The State Titles are at Swansea Belmont in March and finally the Australian Titles on the Gold Coast in late April. Best of luck to all those competing at these upcoming carnivals.

Hope to see you all back on the beach soon.

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...from the SURF SPORTS Director

- **NSW Country Championships – Kingscliff – February 1 & 2**

A 40 strong team of club members competed at the NSW Country Titles earlier this month and finished 9th of the 32 competing clubs in the carnival pointscore. Club members won 9 gold medals, 13 silver medals and 9 bronze medals. There were medal winners right across the age groups from Under 9s to Over 60s with club President Joe Dougherty winning 4 of the gold medals in the 40-49 years age group. A big thank you is due to the club members who worked as officials and carried out water safety in the IRBs to ensure that the club met its commitments.

Gold Medallists:

Open 2km Male Beach Run – Clement Sarrazin
Under 9 years Male Board Race – Felix Forbes
Under 15 Female 2km Beach Run – Kalani Ives
40/49 years Male Surf Race – Joe Dougherty
40/49 years Male Board Race – Joe Dougherty
40/49 years Iron Man – Joe Dougherty
40/49 years Male Board Rescue – J. Dougherty/P. Rheinberger
Over 60 years Female Surf Race – Jane Lawrence
Over 60 years Female Beach Flags – Bobbie Winger

Silver medallists:

Under 15 Female Surf Race – Kalani Ives
Under 15 Female Board Race – Kalani Ives
Under 15 Iron Woman – Kalani Ives
Under 15 Female Rescue Tube – Kalani Ives
Male Reserve Grade Boat Race – Dylan Greeff, Tyler Essex, Josh Bridges, Warren Whitten, Rod Mcskimming (sweep)
30-39 Male Surf Race – Dylan Greeff
30-39 Male Rescue Tube – Dylan Greeff
Over 60 years Female Board Race – Bobbie Winger
Over 60 years Female Beach Flags – Jane Lawrence
Over 60 years Female Beach Sprint – Bobbie Winger
Over 60 years Female 1km Beach Run – Bobbie Winger
Over 60 years Female Rescue Tube – Jane Lawrence
Over 60 years Male Rescue Tube – Jim Dougherty

Bronze Medallists:

Under 9 years Male Beach Sprint – Zac Todhunter
Under 9 years Female Board Race – Shyla O'Halloran
50/59 years Male Board Race – Peter Rheinberger
Over 60 years Male Surf Race – Matt Eke
Over 60 years Male Rescue Tube – Matt Eke
Over 60 years Male Beach Sprint – Alan Lawrence
Over 60 years Male Beach Flags – Alan Lawrence
Over 60 years Female Beach Sprint – Jane Lawrence
Over 60 years Female Rescue Tube – Bobbie Winger

- **FNC Branch Titles** – the first ever combined junior/seniors/masters Branch Titles due to be held at Byron Bay on February 22/23 have been postponed to a date and venue to be advised.. Let's hope the current weather conditions settle down and the Titles go ahead.
- **NSW State Titles** – these are on at Swansea Belmont starting with the Nippers on Feb 28/29 and March 1; Masters on March 4/5 and seniors on March 6/7/8. Nominations have now closed for this event. Good luck to the small group of club members taking part.
- **Australian Titles** are on at the Gold Coast in April. Youth Titles at North Burleigh – April 18/19; Masters at Broadbeach – April 20/21; and Seniors at Broadbeach on April 22/26. If any club members wish to nominate please contact Jim Dougherty before March 10.
- **Brunswick Masters Carnival** has been postponed to Saturday 14th March because of Cyclone Uesi.

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...from the LIFE SAVING Director

Dangerous conditions in recent weeks have highlighted the need for patrol members to be on high alert both on and off duty.

The recent rescue by off duty patrol members/lifeguards/passers-by, highlighted the importance of making sure your skills are up to date so that you know what to do in an emergency.

If you are on patrol and need some practice with resuscitation work or first aid, then make the most of the opportunity of being in a team, and ask someone in your team to do some practice with you. Similarly, if you are confident in your knowledge, then share your skills and knowledge with other team members. You never know when this simple exercise may help save someone's life. These activities whilst on patrol are much more beneficial than spending the time on your mobile phone!!

Stay safe and make sure you find a patrol replacement if you aren't available.

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...from the ADMINISTRATION Director**GENERAL MEETING**

The next General Meeting for Yamba SLSC will be held on **Sunday, March 22nd @ 3pm**. All members are welcome to attend – if you have any items for the agenda, please email the secretary to add to the agenda.

EVENTS

Congratulations to Paula Watts, our Event Manager, for all the hard work she has done over the past 12 months co-ordinating all weddings and events at the club. Her efforts have helped streamline the logistics involved in organising a wedding/party or function at Yamba Surf Club.

The club recently earned a Highly Commended in the Brides Choice Awards in the category of Wedding Venue. The functions we hold at the Surf Club are a major fundraising avenue for our club, well done again Paula!

SPONSORSHIP

Our sponsors and donors are an important part of our club throughout the year. Contributions from them, in terms of funding, expertise and knowledge sharing, are invaluable and enable our club to continue the crucial work we do in keeping our beach safe.

We encourage you, as members of our club, to show your appreciation to our sponsors whenever you can. Take a look at our back page of the newsletter for a full list of our current sponsors.

Thanks once again to our valued sponsors!

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NIPPERS NEWS

Great improvement has been shown in nippers during the season and this was clearly evident at the Country Titles held recently. Many Yamba nippers reached finals across all events and age groups.

- 22 nippers competed at the NSW Country Titles at Kingscliff Beach in tough conditions - placegetters are all listed in the Surf Sports Report earlier in this newsletter.
- March past video of the nippers team from the Country Titles can be viewed on the SLS Facebook page from their live feed on the Sunday. Well done kids!
- Far North Coast Branch carnival that was to be held this weekend – has been postponed due to beach conditions at Byron Bay.
- The club Championship day scheduled for last Sunday had to be called off due to the conditions of the surf and weather – Council had closed Main Beach for patrols and other activities. These will be re-scheduled.
- Nippers activities for this Sunday Feb 23rd will be at Yamba pool commencing 8.45am. See Yamba Nippers Facebook page and Team App.



..from the EDUCATION team

- Next Bronze Medallion training course will take place at the start of next season – there are insufficient numbers for a course at present
- Resuscitation Certificate for Under 12/13 nippers has concluded with 14 of our juniors completing their training and assessment last weekend. Well done to Chase Corcoran, Max Earle, Milly & Ollie Godfrey, Isabella & Lily Kemp, Kelan Koen, Ky Kratzmann, Logan Miltiadou, Angus Ogilvie, Olana Plunkett, Liam Salvestro and Ben Stainlay who all gained their award last weekend.
- Thanks to Resuscitation Certificate trainers Jill Ennever, Jim Dougherty and Ben Plunkett for their time over many weeks and to the assessors last Sunday – Alan Schofield, Linda Horton, Kim Morgans and Bill Onslow.
- Training course for new IRB crew and/or drivers will be starting in May – if interested give your name to James Ryan or the club office.



Boards Abroad Project

Yamba SLSC has donated 3 old Rescue Boards to ASEAN lifesavers to assist in their lifesaving endeavours in Vietnam and other Asian countries. The project is co-ordinated by Dave Field from Cudgen SLSC

This donation has been made possible due to Yamba receiving 3 new rescue boards this season from the SLS Foundation.

Jim Dougherty is pictured handing over the boards to one of the visiting ASEAN lifesavers at Kingscliff prior to the Country Titles. Looking on is Project co-ordinator Dave Field.

CLUB CALENDAR

2020

FEBRUARY

28/1 Fri/Sun NSW Age Titles Swansea Belmont

MARCH

4/5 Wed/Thu NSW Masters Titles
6/8 Fri/Sun NSW Open Titles
9 Mon Club Board Meeting
14 Sat Brunswick Masters Carnival
15 Sun Nippers end of Season Presentation Day
17 Tues Branch Meeting – Ballina
22 Sun Club General Meeting 3pm @clubhouse
28/29 Sat/Sun Qld State titles – Alexandra Headlands

APRIL

12 Sun EASTER SUNDAY
18/26 Sat/Sun Australian Titles Broadbeach
25 Sat Anzac Day
26 Sun Patrols Finish

MAY

13 Mon Club Board Meeting

JUNE

6-8 Sat-Mon ALBERT training @ Yamba



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