



Yamba Surf Life Saving Club

NEWSLETTER – September NEWSLETTER

"Vigilance and Service"

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...from the CHAIRMAN

The new patrol season is now upon us and I'd like to welcome everyone back. A special welcome to all our new members, and to those returning after a period away. With COVID-19 there have been some changes required, and I ask that everyone please pay attention to the signage and advice. We are receiving regular updates from SLSNSW and will continue to update our policies and procedures as and when required.

With travel restricted it is expected that our beaches will be busier than ever so it is very important that we are on our toes at all times when patrolling.

The first skills assessment was held on Sunday Sept 13th with a good roll up. The Education Director will have more detail on further dates and how this will work but it will be different from previous seasons so please take the time to get informed.

The club bar is now opening on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month from 5pm -7pm. Please support this where possible as we would love to see this become a permanent fixture on the calendar. Food will be available and families and non-members are most welcome. Please observe the Covid regulations explained later in this newsletter.

On the competition front, there are currently restrictions in place preventing competition outside of our Branch. What this looks like in a few months' time is anyone's guess but we have a Branch Nippers carnival scheduled for Sunday 8th November, which should be able to proceed and will require assistance from as many people as possible. The weekly Handicap Surf Race will kick off this Sunday 27th September at 11:30 for those wanting to maintain fitness and get more involved.

Our AGM was held on Sunday August 30 with a large turnout of members. The Board remains the same with the exception of the Treasurer's role, Tim Small having stepped down after 4 years in the role. Thanks to Tim for his valued contribution. Unfortunately, we were not able to fill the position at the AGM and so we are on the lookout for a Treasurer. A job description is included in this newsletter. Anyone who may have an interest, or questions about the role, please get in touch with me. It is not an overly onerous role, nor does it necessarily require a financial background so please give it some thought.

If you know of people who have drifted away from the club or have been members of other clubs in the past, encourage them to come back and get involved as we can always use a few more people to share the load.

I look forward to another successful season and hope to see you all on the beach soon.

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**...from the LIFE SAVING Director****PATROL ROSTERS**

With the first patrol and the school holiday period commencing this Saturday - 26 September - I would like to ask all our patrolling members to check that they have received and checked the patrol roster, which was sent out to all members last week. If you haven't received or don't have access to a copy, please contact me, or Sue-Ellen in the office and we will sort you out.

If you won't be available for a scheduled patrol, now is the time to organise a substitute. It is not an option to leave your patrol short-handed. Our Facebook page – Yamba SLSC Patrol Members – is a great resource for checking patrol dates and organising swaps / substitutes from other patrols and from our Active Reserve members.

LUNCH FOR PATROL MEMBERS

With the assistance of funding from Surf Life Saving NSW, we have arranged for patrol members to get a delicious lunch provided from the kiosk during your patrol. See your patrol captain for details, and enjoy lunch in the best office in Australia – Main Beach. And also, thanks to Andre, who has generously agreed to provide a drink to go with your lunch.

SKILLS MAINTENANCE (PROFICIENCY)

We had a great turn out for our first skills maintenance session last week. We are working on the best way to roll out the assessment tasks – basically the run-swim-run and a board or tube rescue – for all our other patrolling members. It is likely that this will be assessed during patrols for active patrolling members, with other arrangements to be made as necessary for our active reserves and long service members. In the meantime, if you have not yet done so, please get online and complete the skills maintenance training sessions through the SLS website. If you have any problems with accessing or completing this, please contact Sue-Ellen in the office. **Please remember this is compulsory for all patrolling members, active reserves and water safety personnel.**

Keep an eye on the Facebook “Yamba SLSC Patrol Members” group for the latest information. For all other enquiries regarding Patrol, please contact me.

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...from the SURF SPORTS Director

COUNTRY TITLES - SLSNSW has decided to CANCEL this season's Country Titles that were to be held at Kingscliff on Jan 30/31. With Nippers, Seniors and Masters all on the beach together this carnival normally attracts up to 1,500 competitors plus officials and supporters. This would have been well in excess of the current COVID limit of 500 people.

YAMBA OCEAN SWIMS – Sunday Jan 3rd. We have our fingers crossed that the Qld border restrictions will be lifted by Christmas so that all the Qld swimmers can once again join us for the Yamba Ocean Swim Day. More significantly, the company that provides and operates our electronic timing system is based in Brisbane and they need to be able to freely cross the border to run the timing on the day!

The Far North Coast Branch will be finalising all **carnival dates** in the next week – keep an eye out for the FNC Branch newsletter when it comes out shortly.

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...from the EDUCATION Director

CURRENTLY AVAILABLE COURSES:

- **Bronze Medallion** – commencing Saturday 10 October – spaces available
- **Surf Rescue Certificate to Bronze Medallion** – course full.

If you are interested, or know someone who may be interested in the Bronze Medallion course, please contact Sue-Ellen in the club office for a Training Enrolment form and further details.

SKILLS MAINTENANCE (PROFICIENCY TEST)

As mentioned in the Surf Life-saving report, we had a very successful skills maintenance session last week, with 46 patrolling members attending and being assessed as proficient. Thank you to Jill Ennever, Matt Saunders, Jim and Cathy Dougherty, James Ryan, Linda Horton, Al Schofield and Bill Onslow for assistance on the day.

We are working on a process for assessing all remaining patrolling and active reserve members. Proficiency must be done by 31 December. In the meantime, please ensure you have completed the eLearning requirements for skills maintenance through the SLS website PRIOR to proficiency assessment. If you have any issues with accessing or completing this, contact Sue-Ellen in the club office in the first instance.

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.... NIPPERS NEWS

- We have in excess of 50 Nippers already registered for the season, which is terrific to see.
- We had a great first Nippers sign on and proficiency session on Sat 19th of Sept, with 22 Nippers attending, including a number of new members and younger age groups.
- The next sign on is Sunday 27 September at 9am.
- We will be holding a social event to welcome to the new Junior Member families, on 24 October – keep the date free - we will provide more details on our Yamba Nippers Facebook page.
- Also, see our Facebook page for our upcoming holiday programs – one for experienced board paddlers, and one for Nippers who are new to board paddling.
- Please remember to check out our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Yamba-Nippers-108053042570620/?ref=bookmarks>
- Yamba SLSC is hosting the first Branch Nippers carnival of the season on Sunday Nov 8th. A big workforce of nipper parents and senior members will be required on the day.
- Looking forward to a great season ahead - see you on the beach

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COVID GUIDELINES/RESTRICTIONS for BAR OPENINGS

When the bar is opened for club social gatherings, the clubhouse will be set up in accordance with Covid guidelines – please observe procedures and guidelines at all times, as well as social distancing. The club is required to have a 'Covid Marshal' who will assist in keeping everyone safe within the rules! Please respect any requests made of you by our Marshal!

PLEASE NOTE:

- Everyone attending the clubhouse needs to sign in at the front entrance, either scanning the QR code or scratching your name with a quill and ink.
- Patrons must be seated at ALL times except for going to the bar or toilets. No standing!
- We are permitted 12 seats on the verandah only, please do not add to these, or bring them inside.
- The inside capacity is 62 people seated. No standing.
- A maximum of 10 persons are permitted at any table, so please do not extend tables/chairs beyond this number.

REMEMBER – these are **Government regulations** to keep us safe and to keep functions happening, our liquor licence is dependent upon your compliance.

HELP PLEASE!!

As a volunteer organisation, Yamba Surf Club survives due to the generosity of many of its members in giving their time to do some of the many tasks required to run such an organisation. There are several areas within the club NOW that could do with extra assistance – can YOU help??

- **DIRECTOR of FINANCE (Treasurer)** – The Treasurer's role is to oversee the finances of the club, particularly around the payment and approval of bills and the receipt of funds owed to the club. It requires attendance at a monthly Board meeting and probably the equivalent of 1 to 2 hours of volunteer work on a weekly basis, so it is not an onerous task to take on. There are policies and procedures in place around club finances and it is the Treasurer's role to ensure these are maintained and improved where necessary. Whilst a financial background, and the ability to read financial statements is useful, it is not a necessity. There are several people on the Board able to assist in getting someone up to speed and helping them along as well as support from the club office administrator and accountants. If you have further questions or wish to discuss any details please get in touch with Joe Dougherty on 0431710007.
- **BAR STAFF** – The club is trying to increase the social side of club activities but one of the biggest hurdles we face revolves around the availability of volunteer helpers who hold their Responsible Service of Alcohol Certificate. For anyone interested, the RSA course is able to be completed ONLINE for \$126 with no payment required until you pass! It is fast and easy and you can start and stop at your convenience! If you have your RSA and can help, please contact the office. There is also the opportunity for paid bar work at the club for our functions and weddings.
- **WATER SAFETY** helpers – our Nippers group is always in need of people who hold their Bronze Medallion and are 'proficient' to help out on Sunday mornings in the water or at board training sessions of an afternoon. Our younger 'lifesavers of the future' need your help! If you no longer do patrols but have your Bronze, let us know if you are prepared to assist in this regard.
- **NEWSLETTER** – Is there a tech savvy graphic designer or creative type with skills in publishing material on-line? If you feel you have something to contribute in this area, please contact the office.



CLUB CALENDAR

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OCTOBER

- 9 Fri Surf Club bar open 5-7pm
- 10 Sat Bronze Medallion Course commences
- 23 Fri Surf Club bar open 5-7pm
- 24 Sat Come and Try Day – Surf
- 24 Sat Welcome function for junior member’s families

NOVEMBER

- 13 Fri Surf Club bar open 5-7pm
- 8 Sun Branch Nippers Carnival at Yamba
- 27 Fri Surf Club bar open 5-7pm

DECEMBER

- 11 Fri Surf Club bar open 5-7pm
- 12/13 Sat/Sun Branch Titles at Byron Bay
- 25 Fri Christmas Day

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JANUARY

- 1 Fri New Year’s Day
- 3 Sun Yamba Ocean Swim
- 26 Tue Australia Day

YAMBA SLSC

BAR IS OPEN!

**NOW OPEN ON THE 2ND AND 4TH FRIDAY OF
EVERY MONTH FROM 5PM**

BBQ AVAILABLE



Thankyou!

**to
all our valued**

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A full list in next newsletter