



Yamba Surf Life Saving Club

NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2016

"Vigilance and Service"

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from the CHAIRMAN....

I'd like to start by wishing all members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It is our busiest time of year in terms of numbers on the beach and when you add in the Yamba Ocean Swims and regular opening of the surf club bar it requires a lot of effort from a lot of members to fulfil our commitments. If you are able to assist with these activities in any way over the holiday break please don't hesitate to come forward, as any assistance will be most welcomed.

The last month was tinged with sadness at the passing of our oldest living Life Member and the Clarence Valley's last surviving POW, Cliff Lowien, aged 93years. Cliffy got his Bronze at Yamba in 1940 before enlisting in the Army during World War II. He was captured by the Japanese and spent time in the infamous Changi prison before returning to Australia at the end of the war. After settling in the west, Cliffy then retired to Yamba and was the club Treasurer for some 10 years in the 1990's. He was awarded Life Membership for services to the club in 2004. He will be sadly missed by the many people who had the pleasure of knowing him.

With Christmas holidays now upon us, I would remind everyone to be extra vigilant when on patrol. Rescues can happen in any conditions, as they did last Sunday in small surf. Be proactive, and remember that when you are on patrol and engaging with the general public, you are representing Yamba Surf Club.

The Yamba Ocean Swims will be held on Monday January 2nd. We will need help with setting up arenas, water safety, catering and packing up. If you are able to assist please come forward and contact the club office or Jim Dougherty (0428664701).

After last year's success we have decided to open the club bar again from 3:30-6:30pm each day between Boxing Day and 6th January. I encourage members to come down and bring any visiting family or friends with you to enjoy the views.

I'd like to acknowledge the volunteer efforts of Associate club member John Barnier who recently retired from the Golf Club raffle roster. John has been a tireless contributor selling raffle tickets for the past 16 years and his service and dedication is greatly appreciated. To this end, we are in desperate need of more people to assist with the raffles at the Golf Club on a Saturday night. It is a commitment of roughly 1 Saturday every 2 months and we would like to see that load reduced even further. We have many Associate members not involved with patrolling the beach – maybe you can assist in this important area. Please contact the office ASAP if you can help out.

Congratulations to nipper member Kalani Ives who achieved a 1st in the u/12 Ironwoman and a 3rd in the Surf Race representing Far North Coast Branch at the NSW Inter-Branch Titles on the Central Coast last weekend. This is an outstanding effort against the best competitors in the State. Well done to fellow nipper Malik Elabbasi who also performed well helping Far North Coast to win the Country pointscore.

Don't forget to stay up-to-date with everything going on in the club between newsletters via our Facebook pages and Instagram.

Stay safe over the break and I look forward to seeing you all on the beach in the coming weeks.

Joe Dougherty

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*...from the LIFE SAVING Director*

With the start of the busy holiday period here, I can't stress enough how important it is to have a very visible and pro-active patrol team on Main Beach. Recently there was an incident after nippers where a young child was assisted to safety by a member of the public before the patrol got there. This just reinforces the need for us to be **vigilant** on patrol and not to just sit on the steps and watch the clock (or mobile phone)! Remember as a patrol member you must be mindful that a lot of visitors to our beach have no idea what a rip is, or where it is, on a beach. Please get down onto the beach and the water's edge and talk to these people before they get into trouble.

Congratulations and a big thank you to Matt Saunders, Kirsten O'Conner and Simon Worboys who made the trek down to Sydney to represent our club and Branch as part of the ALBERT team / IRB training , to introduce our winter training program to the Sydney clubs. From all reports a good time was had in some rather large surf, capped off with a nice cup of cocoa at the end of the day!

January 2nd is Ocean Swims Day - the club's major fundraiser. Patrols 6 & 7 are both rostered on patrol during the morning to help with the extra people on the beach and to help with water safety during the swims. **Please** - if you are not rostered on for patrol but can help out with water safety, come down and put your hand up on the day - 9.00am report to me at the boat shed.

So far, for the Christmas Day patrol we have a small group (out of our 87 patrolling members and long list of active reserves) who have put their hand up to do some patrol hours on Christmas Day. Again, I do realise it is a big ask to come down Christmas Day but it is part of our patrol agreement with SLSA that the beach is opened. **PLEASE** if you can help out, particularly in the afternoon, put your name down on the sheet in the patrol room or call , text or email me so I can sort the patrol out for the day. This is URGENT.

Congratulations to those new and current members who have just passed their Bronze Medallion or Surf Rescue Certificate awards - looking forward to seeing you on patrol. We are in great need of patrolling members and this will help a little in this regard.

Merry Christmas to all and a very happy and safe New Year.

James Ryan – (Mob: 0400353792)

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...from the SURF SPORTS Director

Ocean Swims Day – Monday January 2nd - The Yamba SLSC Ocean Swims will be held on Monday 2nd January. The first swim at 9.30am is the 700m swim from Convent Beach to Main Beach followed by the 2km swim at 10.30am over a rectangular course off Main and Convent beaches. The final event at 11.30am is the 150 metre Dash for Cash. It is not necessary to be a surf club member to compete and we normally have around 300 swimmers participating on the day. Early entries for participants are now open through the oceanswims.com website.

This event is one of the club's biggest events of the year and a large workforce is needed for the jobs that are required to be done on the day to cater for such a large numbers of participants and spectators.

We need helpers for registrations, judging, recording, BBQ, bar, car park attendants, beach work party for setting up start/finish areas and tents, as well as IRB crews and board/ski paddlers for water safety. If you can help in any of these areas, please get in touch with the office or Jim Dougherty. 'Many hands make light work'. The club BBQ and bar will be in operation throughout the day until early evening – any additional helpers in this area should contact Kim McFarlane - 0400369796

Carl Schaeffer Handicap Surf Race - *Congratulations* to Jill Ennever on winning the first monthly pointscore of the season. The handicap surf races will continue over the school holiday period on all Sundays and Public Holidays.

Country Titles South West Rocks Feb 4th/5th – reminder that names must be in by 13th Jan.

Jim Dougherty

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EDUCATION NEWS

Bronze Medallion and **Surf Rescue Certificate** assessments were held on Sunday Dec 18th. *Congratulations* to our new Bronze awardees – Sam Bloomer, Lily Ellis, Kate Kingston, Jarrad Richards, Trent Stainlay and Thore Kemp. The squad was well trained by past President Alan Schofield and Jill Ennever. The Surf Rescue Certificate squad trained by Leah Essex and Andrea Miltiadou were all U/14 nippers who now graduate to become patrolling members. *Congratulations* to Paris Brailsford, James Forbes and Tyler Essex. We look forward to seeing you on patrol.

Thanks to Geoff Horsey (FNC Branch Education Officer) and Yamba's club assessors for their time in assessing all candidates.

...from the JUNIOR ACTIVITIES Director

'Nippers' is undergoing a short recess now following the Christmas party held last week. Thanks to all families who attended the Christmas party and special thank you to Santa, parent Age Managers, Water Safety and the Junior Activities Committee for their hard work in making it a successful event for our Nippers.

'Nippers' will resume for existing members on Jan 8th, which is also the Rotary Fun Day. There will be lots of fun activities and a sandcastle competition on this day- so hone in your skills over the Christmas break!

Congratulations to our nippers Kalani Ives and Malik Elabassi for their superb effort at the Interbranch Titles recently. Kalani was able to bring home a win in the Iron person event establishing herself as one of the best in the state!!!

Country Titles nominations need to be in to Andrea Miltiadou by January 13th. This is a 2 day carnival at South West Rocks on Feb 4th/5th. Please let us know if you're keen to attend.

Don't forget Yamba will be hosting the Branch Titles on January 28/29 at Yamba – another big weekend which will require lots of assistance in all areas.

Nipper registrations for the 2016/17 season have now closed – any interested NEW members will be able to start when the new season begins in October.

Merry Christmas everyone!

Danielle Connolly

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SURF CLUB BAR OPEN

The club bar will be open each day from Boxing Day, Dec 26th until Fri. Dec 30th from 3.30pm – 6.30pm and from Mon. Jan 1st until Fri. Jan 6th from 3.30pm – 6.30pm. (See poster at back of newsletter)

Any members who hold a **Responsible Service of Alcohol Certificate** and who would like to be considered for bar work should contact the club office or House Director Kim McFarlane - 0400369796. We are very short of bar workers, so any help would be appreciated particularly over Christmas/New Year and on Ocean Swims Day – Jan 2nd. Bar workers must be financial club members.

GOLF CLUB RAFFLE ROSTER**REMINDER:**

We are looking for new volunteers to sell raffle tickets at Yamba Golf Club on Saturday evenings. It is a great fundraising event for our club. You can work in groups of 2-3 and you can expect to be rostered on approximately every 8 weeks.

Call Narelle in the office to register your interest 66462463

Merry Christmas to all our members and families

Enjoy the festive season....

We wish you all a safe and happy 2017



**CLUB CALENDAR****2016****DECEMBER**

- 18 Sun Club bar open 3.30-6.30pm
25 XMAS DAY PATROL **VOLUNTEERS** needed

2017**JANUARY**

- 2 Mon Yamba Ocean Swims Day
8 Sun Rotary Fun Day – Main Beach
9 Mon Club Board Meeting
15 Sun Nippers Carnival – Cabarita
17 Tues Branch Meeting Ballina
28/29 Sat/Sun Nippers Branch Titles - Yamba

FEBRUARY

- 4/5 Sat/Sun Country Titles - South West Rocks
13 Mon Club Board meeting
18 Sat First Aid Course Ballina
19 Sun Seniors/Masters Branch Titles - Byron Bay
21 Tues Branch Meeting Ballina

MARCH

- 3-5 Fri-Sun Nippers State Titles – Swansea Belmont
8-9 Wed/Thu Masters State Titles - Swansea Belmont
10-12 Fri-Sun Senior State Titles – Swansea Belmont
13 Mon Club Board Meeting
25 Sat Australian Titles Start- North Kirra
25 Sat First Aid Course Ballina

APRIL

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

**RAFFLE ROSTER @ GOLF CLUB**

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

- 17th Dec – Group 2: Alan Schofield, Warwick Mawhinney
24th Dec – Group 3: A & J Lawrence, Ken Ryan, Jill Ennever
31st Dec – Group 4: Bill Onslow, Warren Tucker
7th Jan – Group 5: G & N Don, K & T Pidcock
14th Jan – Group 6: Ray O’Brien, Pat Ridgway
21st Jan – Group 7: G & J Bennett, R. Harris

PATROL ROSTER

- Sat 17th Dec: 9am-1pm Patrol 3 –M. Saunders(C)
Sat 17th Dec: 1pm – 5pm Patrol 2- K. O’Connor (C)
Sun 18th Dec: 9am-1pm Patrol 1–J.Ryan (C)
Sun 18th Dec: 1pm – 5pm Patrol 9 – T.McFarlane (C)
Sat 24th Dec: 9am-1pm Patrol 8- P.de Billot(C)
Sat 24th Dec: 1pm – 5pm Patrol 7- A.Bell (C)
Sun 25th Dec: **CHRISTMAS DAY VOLUNTEERS needed**
Mon 26th Dec: 9am – 1pm Patrol 6- R.Varcoe (C)
Mon 26th Dec: 1pm – 5pm Patrol 5 – A. Cumberland(C)
Tues 27th Dec: 9am – 1pm Patrol 4 - R. Comerford (C)
Tues 27th Dec: 1pm – 5pm Patrol 3 - M. Saunders(C)
Sat 31st Dec: 9am–1pm Patrol 2- K. O’Connor(C)
Sat 31st Dec: 1pm – 5pm Patrol 1 – J.Ryan (C)
Sun 1st Jan: 9am–1pm Patrol 9 – A. Cumberland (C)
Sun 1st Jan: 1pm–5pm Patrol 8 – R. Comerford(C)
Mon 2nd Jan: 9am-1pm Patrol 7 – A. Bell (C)
Mon 2nd Jan: 1pm – 5pm Patrol 6 – R. Varcoe(C)
Sat 7th Jan: 9am–1pm Patrol 3 – M. Saunders (C)
Sat 7th Jan: 1pm – 5pm Patrol 2 – K.O’Connor (C)
Sun 8th Jan: 9am-1pm Patrol 1– J. Ryan(C)
Sun 8th Jan: 1pm–5pm Patrol 9 –T. McFarlane(C)
Sat 14th Jan: 9am-1pm Patrol 8 – P.de Billot (C)
Sat 14th Jan: 1pm – 5pm Patrol 7 – A. Bell (C)
Sun 15th Jan: 9am – 1pm Patrol 6 – R. Varcoe(C)
Sun 15th Jan: 1pm – 5pm Patrol 5 – A. Cumberland(C)
Sat 21st Jan: 9am-1pm Patrol 4 –R. Comerford (C)
Sat 21st Jan: 1pm – 5pm Patrol 3 – M.Saunders (C)
Sun 22nd Jan: 9am-1pm Patrol 2 – K.O’Connor(C)
Sun 22nd Jan: 1pm-5pm Patrol 1 – J.Ryan (C)

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

YSLSC BAR XMAS TRADING HOURS

Sun 18 Dec 3.30 - 6.30 **Clubbies Xmas Drinks**

Mon 26 Dec 3.30 - 6.30

Tues 27 Dec 3.30 - 6.30

Wed 28 Dec 3.30 - 6.30

Thur 29 Dec 3.30 - 6.30

Fri 30 Dec 3.30 - 6.30

Sun 1 Jan 3.30 - 6.30

Mon 2 Jan 12.00 - 6.30 **Ocean Swim Day**

Tues 3 Jan 3.30 - 6.30

Wed 4 Jan 3.30 - 6.30

Thur 5 Jan 3.30 - 6.30


Fri 6 Jan 3.30 - 6.30

members and guests welcome



YAMBA OCEAN SWIM

Monday 2 January 2017



700m swim \$20
2km swim \$30
both \$40
Dash for cash \$10

GO ONLINE @ OCEANSWIMS.COM FOR FULL DETAILS AND TO REGISTER

visit the website to see all terms, fees and conditions or contact the YSLSC 66462463

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