



Yamba Surf Life Saving Club

NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2016

"Vigilance and Service"

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...from the CHAIRMAN

The 2016/17 patrol season is now upon us with patrols kicking off this Saturday at 9am. Let's hope that the new season is a safe and enjoyable one for all. To all those members who volunteer and will do patrols throughout the season, I say thank you. We don't exist without your efforts.

The start of the patrol season is always a very busy time at the club with the first proficiency test being held this Sunday, Sept 25th. There have already been nipper sign-on days with more coming up, as well as several training and education courses for seniors about to take place. Sunday handicap surf swims also start this weekend and continue right through the season and are a great avenue for maintaining your skills and meeting more members. Check the details of all this elsewhere in the newsletter.

The beach kiosk is now operational again and has already been very busy since opening at the start of September under new management. If you haven't been down for breakfast or lunch be sure to get there soon.

Thanks to all those who assisted with First Aid for Yamba Rotary's Tim the Bream Fishing Festival. Your contribution to the event was appreciated.

Be sure to keep a close eye on the calendar for upcoming events including the Annual Golf Day and a Nippers Carnival in November. We will also be participating in the annual 'Surf Clubs Open Day' to be held on Sunday October 16th. This is a good opportunity to show the public what our volunteer organisation does. The support of our members at these events is always appreciated.

Congratulations to Yamba Nipper Kalani Ives on her selection in the 2016 Junior Development Academy. Kalani will be off to Sydney in early October to train alongside some of the state's best 12 to 14 year old nippers which is a fantastic achievement. Meanwhile U/15 member Jordan Elabbasi has just completed his second camp with the North Coast Academy of Sport squad at Port Macquarie.

Finally, the last month has been one tinged with sadness at the loss of 3 former club members and supporters. Margaret Muggleton (wife of Bruce), Pauline Baird (wife of Jim) and Liam Sluyters all passed away recently. The Muggleton family were heavily involved in Yamba Nippers in the 1970's and 80's, with the Baird family being involved across the club for over 30 years. Liam Sluyters was a Yamba nipper in the 1990's along with his sisters, whilst his father was an active member for many years. Our deepest sympathies and condolences go out to the Muggleton, Baird and Sluyters families.

I look forward to seeing you all back on the beach in the coming weeks. Don't forget – if you have any concerns about the club, please talk to one of the Board members.

Joe Dougherty

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SENIORS PROFICIENCY DAY

for all patrolling members - **SUNDAY 25th September** 8.30am report @ Clubhouse
BBQ to follow

OFFICE HOURS

Mon 9.30am-12.30pm
Wed 9.30am-12.30pm
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...from the LIFE SAVING Director

Welcome back to all members for the 2016/17 patrol season and here's to a safe season ahead. Patrolling members should've all received patrol rosters by now via email. A hard copy will be provided on your first rostered patrol. As usual just a few reminders about patrol:

- The beach should be set up and ready to go by 9am. This means that **you need to be at the beach 10 to 15 minutes before patrol** starts to set up. The **same applies to the afternoon patrol** so that the morning patrol is not required to hang around and wait – take note as we can't afford to pay the overtime to the morning patrol!!
- If you can't make your patrol you must arrange a substitute. The substitute must hold the same or higher award status than yourself. Don't let your team down!
- If for some reason you can't arrange a swap, this season you have a list of Active Reserves attached to your patrol who you can call upon. Contact these people first - if all else fails give me a call **0400353792**.
- When on patrol you are required to be in **full uniform**. This includes patrol shirt, shorts, hat and skull cap. If you don't have a uniform or are in need of a new one let me know and I'll arrange one for you. These uniforms must only be worn while **on patrol**.
- If you accidentally damage club equipment or see something in need of repair please let your patrol captain know so we can get it repaired and back in action as soon as possible.
- With an increase in shark activity on our coast I would advise a couple of patrol members if possible, to be on watch upstairs on the balcony- not to 'escape' duty but to be vigilant!

The first proficiency test, or as it is known now "skills maintenance" will be held **this Sunday Sept. 25th** - 8.30am report for a 9.00 am start. There is some online work to do with this, please read the relevant information in the following Education Report for information on HOW this is done. **Please remember this is compulsory for all patrolling members, Active Reserves and water safety personnel.** A lunchtime BBQ will follow.

See you all on the beach.

James Ryan

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Yamba SLSC is proud to be a **Good Sports Club** – "working together to build stronger communities" We are now at level 2 of the Good Sports program. It is Australia's largest health initiative in community clubs. 'Good sports' works with clubs to create a safe inclusive environment, where everyone can get involved. The aim is to encourage clubs to adopt healthy attitudes by looking at nutrition, drugs and alcohol, sun safety, smoking etc.



...from the EDUCATION Director**Steps to follow for Online Skills Maintenance 2016 (Proficiency Test) mentioned in the Lifesaving Report:**

1. **Log in** to Surf Life Saving Australia **Members Portal** (if you haven't created an account yet, do so- portal.sls.com.au)
2. Select "**Lifesaving Online**"
3. Select "**courses**" on the next line down
4. Select "**Online Learning Now**"
5. Scroll down for "**Skills Maintenance**"
6. Select the courses you need to be proficient in, depending on which awards you hold
7. Complete questions then click "print certificate"
8. Close the certificate window and repeat steps 6 and 7 until all courses have been completed.
9. Please hand these certificates in when you come to Proficiency day.

Those who do not complete this process ONLINE will need to complete a number of theory papers at the club on proficiency day.

...from the EDUCATION Director (cont'd)**COURSES:**

- **First Aid** (minimum age 14 years) -one day course on **Saturday 1st October**. Maximum number for course is 25. Note that you need to update this qualification every 3 years. (*No prerequisites – nipper parents can do this course*). Still open but closes this **Fri Sept 23rd at 12 noon** with office.
- **Advanced Resuscitation Techniques** (min. age 15 years) -one day course on **Saturday 29th October**. Maximum number for course is 16. (*Must hold First Aid or Bronze*). Nominations close Oct 15th.
- **Surf Rescue Certificate** (min. age 13 years) -7 week course beginning **Sunday 16th October**; assessment likely in early December. Minimum number for course is 4, maximum 9. (*A 200 metre pool swim time of less than 5 minutes must be completed before the course begins.*) A **Radio Operators Course** will be run in conjunction with the SRC course. A second SRC course will be run early in 2017 if needed.
- **Bronze Medallion** (min. age 15 years.) Two courses are planned:
 1. A 5 day intensive course for SRC holders who are ready to up-grade to the Bronze. It will be held in the September/October School Holidays commencing **Thurs 29th Sept** with assessment on **Fri Oct 7th**. Last nominations by **Fri 23rd Sept**.
 2. A 7 week course beginning **Sunday 23rd October**, assessment in *mid- December*. Minimum number for courses is 4, maximum 10.
Another Bronze course may be held from late January, assessment in March, if there is a need to run it. (A 400 metre pool swim time of less than 9 minutes must be completed before the course begins.)
- **Resuscitation Certificate** (min. age 10) will be run during the Junior Activities program. (No prerequisites)
- **IRB (Crew and Drivers)** will be run during patrols. Please talk to your patrol captain about training for these awards. Both have pre-requisites. **WE DO NEED MORE CREWIES AND DRIVERS TO MEET PATROL REQUIREMENTS.**
- **Training Officers Certificate** (*min. age 16*) This course is run by SLSNSW and is to be held in Yamba on the weekend of **19th and 20th November** for candidates from the North Coast Branch as well as the Far North Coast Branch

Other, **Branch Courses** will be advertised by the Branch. If you wish to do an **Advanced First Aid**, a **Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue**, a **Gold Medallion** or a **Beach Management** course please let the CTO or the office know ASAP so we can let the Branch know. All these courses have pre-requisites, which are shown on the Awards and Qualifications charts on the noticeboard.

PLEASE NOTE: Enrolments for ALL courses need to be completed 2 weeks before the course starts and must be done through me or the Office. Minimum numbers are required for courses to run and prerequisites must be met.

Kim Morgans

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...from the SURF SPORTS Director

With patrols now starting, the competition season also moves into full swing. Over the next month there are a number of events that club members will be competing in:

Sept 24 – Lennox Head Enduro Ironperson event for 11 – 17 year olds

Sept 25 – First Sunday morning handicap surf race of the season @ Main Beach – 11am report for 11.30am start.

Oct 15/16 – Coolangatta Gold

Oct 15/16 – North Coast Boat Series @ Evans Head

Oct 23 – U/12 to Opens Branch Surf Carnival @ Lennox Head

Oct 29 – Cudgen Classic – Ironman Event

Nov 5 – Nippers Carnival @ Yamba

Board training for members has commenced on the following days:

Tuesdays – 4.30pm – 5.30pm @ Main Beach

Thursdays 4.30pm – 5.30pm @ Whiting Beach

Saturdays 7am- 8am @ Main Beach

***Can You Help??** As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the bag of coloured 'tie down' straps used for tying boards onto the craft trailer has gone missing from the clubhouse. Someone must know its whereabouts - please return to club office ASAP or contact me – 0428664701 – thanks.

Jim Dougherty

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...from the JUNIOR ACTIVITIES Director

Information, Sign on Sessions & Pool Proficiencies as follows:

- **Sunday 25th September** @ Yamba Markets 7:30am (new and online registrations, caps)
- **Saturday 8th October** @ Yamba Community Pool 2pm (new and online registrations, caps and proficiency swims).
- **Sunday 9th October** @Yamba Main Beach- **season start**, ocean proficiency swim, parent information session.

Please remember that all new registrations require a birth certificate. Age guidelines will be strictly adhered to. No memberships can be accepted for children who are not five by October 1st, 2016.

Nippers Restructure

To alleviate some of the demands of the Age Manager's role, our Age managers will now guide nippers to 'Specialist Arenas', sign nippers in and out and ensure the safety of the group. . Specialist arenas are as follows-

- Surf Education, Water/ Swim, Beach, Board

Age managers are still needed and training in the role will be available closer to the season start. Please contact Danielle (JAC Director 0497276805) if you are interested.

Nippers information booklets and program calendars are now available from the club. Please follow our Facebook page and read emails and newsletters to keep updated on coming events – particularly the upcoming nippers **Branch surf carnival to be hosted by Yamba SLSC on Nov 6th** . This will require a large workforce of parents.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the beach soon.

Danielle Connolly

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CLUB CALENDAR

2016

SEPTEMBER

24 Sat Patrols Start
 24 Sat Lennox Head Enduro
 25 Sun 1st Proficiency Day for patrolling members

OCTOBER

1 Sat First Aid Course - Yamba
 9 Sun Nippers commences
 10 Mon Club Board Meeting @ 7pm
 15-16 Sat/Sun North Coast Boat Series – Evans Hd
 15-16 Sat/Sun Coolangatta Gold
 16 Sun NSW Surf Clubs Open Day
 18 Tues Branch Meeting - Ballina
 21-23 Fri-Sun "Clarence 100" ski paddle – Copmanhurst to Yamba
 22 Sat Board of Surf Sports Meeting Ballina
 23 Sun U/12 – Open Carnival Lennox Head
 29 Sat ART Course - Yamba
 29 Sat Cudgen Classic Ironman Event
 29 Sat North Coast Boat Series – South West Rocks

NOVEMBER

5 Sat Level 1 Officials Course - Ballina
 6 Sun Nippers Carnival - Yamba
 13 Sun Surf Club Charity Golf Day - Yamba
 13 Sun Ballina Craft Carnival
 14 Mon Club Board Meeting @ 7pm
 15 Tues Branch Meeting – Ballina @7pm
 19/20 Sat/Sun Training Officers Cert. Course Yamba
 19/20 Sat/Sun North Coast Boat Series – Scotts Hd
 26/27 Sat/Sun Coffs Harbour Craft Carnival
 27 Sun Nippers Teams Carnival - Byron Bay

DECEMBER

4 Sun Senior Carnival – Cudgen
 10 Sat Branch Education Meeting - Ballina
 10/11 Sat/Sun NSW Interbranch Titles - The Lakes, Central Coast
 12 Mon Club Board Meeting @ 7pm

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JANUARY

2 Mon Yamba Ocean Swims Day
 28/29 Sat/Sun Nippers Branch Titles - Yamba

FEBRUARY

4/5 Sat/Sun Country Titles - South West Rocks
 19 Sun Seniors/Masters Branch Titles – Byron Bay

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
 25 Sat Australian Titles Start- North Kirra

APRIL

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

CLUB OFFICE HOURS

Please note a **change** to club office hours:
 We are now open every
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
 from **9.30am to 12.30pm**
 Narelle will assist with any enquiries you may have concerning the club

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 purple 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.

- 1st Oct - Group 9: Greg Wyllie, James Ryan, Danielle Connolly, Mitch Imeson
- 8th Oct - Group 1: John Barnier, Sachie Ardrey, Keith Bradley
- 15th Oct - Group 2: John & Jan Snelling, Alan Schofield, Warwick Mawhinney
- 22nd Oct- Group 3: Alan & Jane Lawrence, Ken ryan, Jill Ennever
- 29th Oct - Group 4: Bill Onslow, Warren Tucker
- 5th Nov - Group 5: Greg & Nicole Don, Kerry & Trish Pidcock
- 12th Nov – Group 6: Ray O’Brien, Pat Ridgway

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