



Yamba Surf Life Saving Club

APRIL 2015

"Vigilance and Service"

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...from the CHAIRMAN (President)

Copeton Dam Swim-Water Safety

Thank you to all members who made the trek to Copeton Dam for the annual freshwater 'Swim with Altitude' on 11th April 2015. This was the third year for the swim and the male winner of the 5km swim was Trent Grimsey, winner of the Yamba Ocean swims last December.

The organisers have donated \$700 to Yamba SLSC for providing the water safety and first aid for the event.

Gallipoli 100 team

The Yamba SLSC Gallipoli 100 team headed to Turkey on Saturday 18th April. Thank you to all members, family and friends for attending the farewell function held at the clubhouse on Sunday 12th April.

If you'd like to keep track of the Yamba G100 Team, they will be posting updates on the dedicated blog <https://yambag100.wordpress.com/>

If you're on Facebook you can also 'like' the Yamba SLSC G100 Tour for further updates

<https://m.facebook.com/yambaslscG100?tsid=0.7603024577256292&source=typeahead>

Nippers Presentation

Congratulations to all Nippers for being part of another successful season. Well deserved awards were presented on 28th March 2015 and a big thank you must go to JAC Kerry Lee, JAC Committee, Age Managers and parents for your organisation and support during the season. A list of award winners is listed in the Newsletter.

Sunday Bar

The Club Bar will continue to open each Sunday during the off season. Come along between 3pm and 6pm and appreciate the view, watch the footy, or just tell lies, while you enjoy a quiet drink with friends.

End of Patrol Season

As the patrolling season draws to a close I would like to thank Club Captain, James Ryan, and all patrolling members for ensuring Main Beach patrols were maintained successfully again this season.

To celebrate the closure of the season all patrol members are invited to a BBQ to be held at the clubhouse on Sunday 26th April, commencing at 4pm.

Al Schofield
President

OFFICE HOURS
Mon 9am-12 noon
Tues 2.30-5.30pm
Fri 10am-2pm



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ANZAC Day Services

Each year, Yamba Surf Club, is proud to be a part of the Yamba ANZAC Day ceremonies.

Our Boaties will be participating in the dawn service, with a pre-dawn row out and raising of the oars to the sounds of the Last Post.



All club members are invited to participate in the march to the Cenotaph for the 10am service. If you would like to be part of the march, please meet opposite the Star of the Sea at 9:15am.

Director of Administration....

Website

After long delays, we will finally be launching the new website in early May. Look out for an email with the exact date in a week or two.

The new website will have a cleaner, more modern look, and all of the information that was accessible on the old one. Although not available immediately, by the start of next season we will have secure areas of the site that will be available to members through a login. This will allow us to publish meeting minutes on the website (for members only) as well as being able to put information such a phone numbers on patrol and raffle rosters (also for members only) to make it easier to organize a swap.

Member Protection Officer:

The Club is also in need of a volunteer Member Protection Officer to administer the new “Working with Children Check” program. A job description appears below:

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Ensure the safety and welfare for Club members
- Assist in grievance and complaints resolution
- Act as an impartial body, offering a sounding board to bounce ideas off
- Identify options for resolution of conflicts and grievances
- Refer complaints and grievances to other bodies in conjunction with the complaints and grievance flow chart
- Awareness of Child Protection, Anti-Harassment and Discrimination, Codes of Conduct, Member Protection and other relevant policies
- Liaise with members of the Club, President and other bodies
- Ensure completion of Prohibited Employment Declaration form by all members

Knowledge and Skills Required:

- Possess good interpersonal and communication skills
- Possess a good understanding of Club, State and National Surf Life Saving Policies and Procedures
- Good organisational skills

Anyone who is interested in this job or needs more information, please contact: office@yambaslsc.com.au or phone 6646 2463

Bobbie Winger
Secretary



End of Patrol Season BBQ and Debrief

To celebrate the end of another successful season, all patrol members are invited to a BBQ on the Surf Club's balcony on Sunday 26th April 4-6pm.

Yamba SLSC is thankful to all patrolling members for their vigilance and services to our club. We look forward to having a cold drink and chat about the season.

...from the LIFE SAVING DIRECTOR (Club Captain)

As the patrol season draws to an end I would like to thank all members who signed up at the start of the season to keep our beach safe and who have regularly turned up to rostered patrols. Without you we would not have a club and would not be able to fulfil our duties as part of the wider surf life saving community.

I look forward to seeing you at our end of patrol season BBQ this Sunday, following the final patrol of the 2014/15 season.

Before the start of next season, some food for thought.....

When you sign up as a patrolling member of Yamba SLSC you do make a commitment to the club, although voluntary, to turn up for your rostered patrols.

Stay safe over the winter months and I look forward to seeing you next season on patrol.

James Ryan – Club Captain

Ph. 0400353792

ONLINE MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

Members are reminded of the opportunity to access all your own membership, current award and patrol details by logging on to the **SLSA Members Portal** used by all clubs in Australia (as detailed in our March newsletter).

To use this system:

1. Go to portal.sls.com.au
2. 'Create an Account' giving date of birth, email etc.
3. You will be directed to the Members Portal where you can click on the Lifesaving Online link to see all your own details and alter where necessary

SWIMWEAR SALE...LAST DAYS

Final reminder that all of our FINZ girls' and ladies' swimwear is available at the club for the greatly reduced price of \$30. Get in quick and put your swimmers away for next season. Most sizes are still available. Too good to miss at this price!

...from the EDUCATION DIRECTOR (Chief Training Officer)

Congratulations to our last group of trainees for this season, who successfully completed their Bronze Medallion and SRC courses at the end of March. We look forward to seeing you on patrol!



Back row left to right: Tim Berry, Chris Moran, Bella Gilbert, Morgan Holloway, Rory Frazer, Alan Schofield
Front Row Left to right: Kirsten O'Connor, Taylah Sutherland, Lachlan McFarlane, Max Gilbert, Rhys Comerford

Members wishing to be included in any of the following branch courses need to let the Surf Club office know so they can be enrolled.

First Aid (AID) which is now being held on Sunday 31st May in the Branch Training Rooms at Shelley Beach, Ballina is full, so a second course is being held on Saturday 6th June

Spinal Management at Lennox Head SLSC on Saturday 30th May or Saturday 8th August.

Training Officers Certificate – names are required so the date and venue can be set.

As these courses are not run every season those interested should jump at this chance to do them. For active members of Yamba SLSC the course fees are paid for by the club.

Kim Morgans-Chief Training Officer

Phone: 66 462823

Bar Staff

Do you have your RSA, or are you thinking of getting it?

RSA qualified members are needed for both volunteer and paid bar work.

Please contact the office if you would like to put your name down for paid function work or can help out with club events such as presentation day, Jacob Lollback memorial day and ocean swim day.

Director of Surf Sports.....

Queensland State Titles: Congratulations to Will Brighton on winning the gold medal in the 2km beach run event at the Queensland State Titles held at Maroochydore beach on 28th March.

Australian Titles - North Kirra: The club was represented by 9 members at the Australia Surf Lifesaving Titles held at North Kirra from April 11 to 19. Best result was Jim Dougherty taking the bronze medal in the 60/64 years rescue tube race. In the same race former Yamba member John Ellice-Flint, now competing for South Australian club Henley, finished 4th and current Yamba associate member Mark Eaves competing for North Burleigh club was 5th. Jim also finished 4th in the surf race which was won by Don Marsh, another Yamba associate member, who competes for Tasmanian club Carlton Park. Will Brighton was unable to repeat his Qld State Titles success and finished 12th in the Under 19 years 2km beach run.

Handicap Surf Races: This coming weekend will see the final rounds of the Carl Schaeffer Memorial Pointscore trophy with handicap surf races on both Saturday (Anzac Day) and Sunday. The weekly swims have been well supported all season and Jane Lawrence will be out to maintain her pointscore lead in these final two swims.

Pool Rescue Competition: The annual FNC Branch Pool Rescue Competition will be held on Sunday 17th May at the Southern Cross University Pool Complex in Lismore. Age groups catered for are from Under 12's through to Masters. Entries close on Friday 1st May so any members interested in competing should contact Jim Dougherty before that date.

Yamba Ocean Swim: The date set for next season is Monday 28th December - this is the Boxing Day public holiday.

**Jim Dougherty,
Director of Surf Sports
Ph. 0428664701**

Farewell

Long serving club member Brendan O'Mahony is leaving the Clarence Valley next month to take up a new appointment with the police force as Supervising Sergeant at Narooma on the Far South Coast.

Brendan first joined Yamba Surf Club as a 15 year old in the 1984-85 season whilst attending high school in Grafton. He got his bronze medallion on 5/1/1985 and spent 3 seasons as a patrolling member whilst completing his high school years.

Brendan's father Maurie had been a keen club member in the 1960's and was a member of the club's champion march past team of that era.

From his very early days with the club Brendan showed a keen interest in the IRBs and as a 16 year old was involved in a dangerous rescue of a yacht on the Clarence River bar.

Brendan left the area in 1989 to pursue a career in the NSW Police Force. In 1999 he was posted to Yamba and re-joined the surf club. His eldest daughter Maddison joined up as a 5 year old nipper and she was followed in later years by Caitlin, Angus and Patrick.

Over the last 15 years Brendan has carried out patrols for the club and held a number of committee positions such as IRB Captain, Patrol Captain and Club Vice President. In 2013 he was recognised for his volunteering efforts for the club with a 15 Year National Patrol Service Award.

Thanks Brendan for your valued contribution to Yamba SLSC and we wish you well with your new appointment on the South Coast. Hopefully the water won't be too cold for you to find a body surf when the big southerly swells come up the coast from Tasmania!





...from the Director of JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Once again, congratulations and thank you to everyone for on a successful Nippers season.

Our presentation afternoon was a great celebration of all our Nippers achievements. Thank you to Trevor and Michael for cooking the BBQ. Awards were given for encouragement, best and fairest, age champion and runner up in each age group. The major award winners for the 2014/15 season were:

Norma Doulis Memorial Award for Champion Water Person: Kalani Ives.

Des Eamons Memorial Award for Champion Beach Person: Kalani Ives

Junior Club Champion: Kalani Ives

Norm Walters Team Person Award: Malik Elabbasi

Colin Goddard Best and Fairest Award: Raeyah Kapeen

John Muggleton Junior Club Person of the Year: to be awarded at the Seniors Presentation

I still have a few certificates, medallions and trophies, so if your child was not able to come to the presentation day, please contact me to arrange collection.

In the next couple of weeks you will receive some information about the Nipper AGM and committee positions. Nippers has its own committee within Yamba SLSC and the more people that can take on a small position the better it works and the more enjoyable it is for everyone!

The Far North Coast Branch Pool Rescue Championships is being held on Sunday 17th May in Lismore for U12's upwards. Please let me know by Thursday 30th April if you would like to take part in this fun day.

I would like to say a special "well done" to our nippers Alanna Colwell, Josh Morris, Ben Morris, Tyler Essex, Gracie Pitkin and cadets, Brianna McFarlane, Darby Essex, Emmerson Anderson, Lachlan McFarlane and Shannon Colwell who assisted with water safety at the recent Copeton Dam swim by paddling boards around the 600m, 2.5km and 5km courses assisting swimmers and providing encouragement and reassurance. Many swimmers came and thanked the children afterwards and commented on what a fantastic job they had done.

I hope to see lots of Nippers join in the ANAZAC day march. If you require a participation note for school please let me know on the day.

Wishing you all a safe and healthy winter, I'm sure I will see most of you as we follow our kids around winter sports!

Kerry Lee
Nippers Coordinator
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Copeton Capers!



On Patrol at Copeton Dam

For the third year in a row, Yamba SLSC was pleased to be able to assist the organisers of the Copeton Dam Freshwater Swim. Thanks to everyone who assisted with water safety and first aid. A special mention to the cadet and nipper members who paddled around the 5km course providing much appreciated support and encouragement to swimmers!



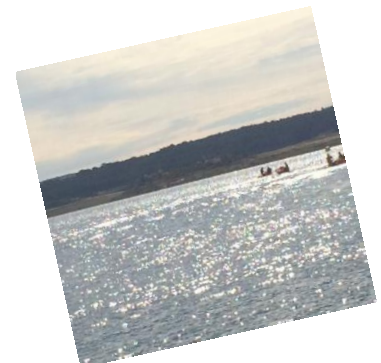
The future Ladies Masters Crew, in training for the 2016 season under the watchful eye of sweep Mick Smith.



Paddling over 5km on a board is exhausting work



All for a good cause: Alan Schofield being presented with a cheque.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL

- 26 Sun Patrol Members End of Season BBQ
- 18-30 Gallipoli 100 Surf Boat Trip
- 20 Mon Club Board Meeting
- 25 Sat Anzac Day 100th Anniversary
- 26 Sun Last Handicap Surf Race of season
- 26 Sun Patrols Finish for 2014/15 season

MAY

- 2 Sat ALBERT IRB training Cudgen
- 3 Sun Byron Bay Ocean Swim
- 9 Sat Branch Post Education Meeting- Ballina
- 17 Sun Branch Pool Rescue Comp. – Lismore
- 30 Sat Branch Board of Surf Sports Meeting
- 30 Sat Spinal Management Course- Lennox

JUNE

- 5-7 Fri-Sun U15-U17's Branch Development Camp- Yamba
- 6 June First Aid Course- Ballina
- 13 Sat Club Presentation Day
- 20 Sat Branch AGM and Awards Dinner Twin Towns RSL

JULY

- 12 July ARTC course- Ballina
- 26 Sun Club Annual General Meeting

AUGUST

- 8 Sat Spinal Management Course- Lennox
- 22 Sat Branch Pre Season Education Meeting- Ballina
- 23 Sun Yamba SLSC Golf Day

SEPTEMBER

- 19 Sat Patrols Start for 2015/16 season
- 26 Sat Jacob Lollback Board Race Day

OCTOBER

- 10/11 Sat-Sun Coolangatta Gold

DECEMBER

- 28 Mon Yamba Ocean Swim

APRIL 2016

- 16-24 Australian Titles- Maroochydore

Patrol Roster

- Saturday 25th April 9-12.30pm Patrol 10
- Saturday 25th April 12.30-4pm Patrol 1
- Sunday 26th April 9-12.30pm Patrol 2
- Sunday 26th April 12.30-4pm Patrol 3

Thank for your time throughout the season. Have a safe off-season. See you all again next season!

The patrol season might be finished, but the Surf Club's bar will still be open every Sunday afternoon 3-6pm.

Cold drinks at great prices, fantastic views, sport on the telly or enjoy the peacefulness of sitting out on the balcony and friendly bar staff!



GOLF CLUB RAFFLE ROSTER

Thanks to all members who assist in this Surf Club fundraising effort by selling raffle tickets at the Golf Club. Please arrange a substitute if you cannot attend you evening.

25th April Group 4: Anne & Brian Jones, William Onslow.

2nd May Group 5: Nicole & Greg Don, Trish & Kerry Pidcock.

9th May Group 6: Ray O'Brien, Pat Ridgway, Steve Pettet, Rob Foster

16th May Group 7: Bob Darby, Greg Zietsch, Jo and Grant Bennett, Rick Harris

23rd May Group 8: Heather and Brian Badgery, Roger McLean, Scott Greensill

30th May Group 9: Greg Wylie, James Ryan, Mark Gillespie, Mitch Imeson

6th June Group 1: John Barnier, Sachie Ardrey, Keith Bradley

13th June Group 2: Jan & John Snelling, Alan Schofield, Warwick Mawhinney

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