



# Yamba Surf Life Saving Club

MAY 2015

"Vigilance and Service"

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*...from the CHAIRMAN (President)*

## Presentation of Awards

The annual Presentation of Awards for Senior Club members is to be held at the clubhouse on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015, commencing at 5.30pm. Please join with fellow club members and guests, including our sponsors, to celebrate achievements of club members during the past season.

**Please note the change of time to evening this year.**

## New Club Website

The new club website should be up and running soon. There are a number of changes and improvements which will provide access to more information for all users. An area restricted just to club members will be available prior to the start of the new surfing season.

Special thanks to the team led by Bobbie Winger and also the staff at TNN for their efforts in the development and launch of the new website.

## Nipper AGM

The Nipper AGM is to be held at the Yamba Shores Tavern on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May, commencing at 4.30pm. If you have an interest in assisting our Nippers for next season please come along to the meeting. You will be most welcome.

## Training Courses

A number of training courses are being conducted during the off season and club members are invited to participate. If you are interested in attending any of the courses please contact the office for details (6646 2463 or [office@yambaslsc.com.au](mailto:office@yambaslsc.com.au)) and register your interest.

## Club AGM

The Club AGM is to be held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2015, commencing at 2pm. The annual report and other details will be forwarded to members in July.

At our most recent General Meeting members were informed of a number of areas within the club where extra assistance is required in order to share the workload. We currently need members to assist in a number of areas within the club and if you are able to assist in any way please contact me, or any of the Board members to discuss the options. Some of the areas where assistance is required include education and training, sports coaching, grant applications, member protection, social activities, bar duties and gear and equipment stewardship.

If you have an interest in any of these, or other areas within the club, and are able to assist in any way please let us know.

**Al Schofield**  
**President**

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



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### Vale

Our condolences go out the Sanders, Ryan and Perry families on the recent passing of Betty Sanders, Helen Ryan and Kae Perry.

### Member Protection Officer

The Club is also in need of a volunteer Member Protection Officer to administer the new "Working with Children Check" program.

#### **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**

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

In preparation for the Presentation Dinner on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June, it is noted that we had a total of 69 awards completed this season! Well done to everyone who undertook training courses this season.

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.

**Spinal Management** at Lennox Head SLSC on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May or Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August.

**Advance Resuscitation Techniques** at Ballina on 12<sup>th</sup> July

**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.

Our training calendar will be finalised over the next couple of months. Any members interested in specific courses should register their interest with the office.

**Kim Morgans-Chief Training Officer**

**Phone: 66 462823**

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

Now that the patrol season is finally over I would like to thank all our members who gave their valuable time patrolling the beach. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by the club and the surfing public at Main Beach. Patrol attendance awards will be handed out at the Presentation Dinner on Saturday 13th June to those who turned up for all their rostered patrols. See you all there.

Congratulations to the following long serving patrolling members who have qualified for SLSA National Patrol Service Awards:

20 Years - Ray O'Brien

15 Years - Andrew Cumberland

10 Years - Pat Ridgway

These Certificates will be presented at the presentation Dinner. Great effort guys!

IRB captain Matt Saunders and I attended the first branch ALBERT training day at Cudgen on 3rd May which was for experienced drivers only. It was well worth the trip with a very large sea running. ALBERT stands for Australian Lifesaving Boat Emergency Rescue Training. Further training days will be held throughout the branch during the off season - June 21 - Salt; **July 19 - Yamba**; August 16 - Fingal; Sept 13 - Brunswick. All the Club IRB Drivers are encouraged to attend these training sessions. IRB Proficiencies for next season will be carried out at these training days. Plus trainee IRB Drivers and Crewies can complete their awards at these days. See me for further details.

**James Ryan – Club Captain**

**Ph. 0400353792**

### **Club and Gym Membership**

Members are reminded that all club and gym memberships **expire on June 30th**. New forms need to be completed and fees paid for the upcoming 2015/16 season which begins on July 1st. Fees remain the same as last year and are available from the club website [www.yambaslsc.com.au](http://www.yambaslsc.com.au)

Current gym users and those using club gear for IRB and other training are particularly encouraged to renew your membership and complete new forms by July 1st for insurance purposes.

Membership renewal forms and payments are encouraged to be done online through [www.lifesavingonline.com.au](http://www.lifesavingonline.com.au)

### **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](http://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

**...from the Director of FINANCE**

To make life a little easier, we are implementing Electronic Funds Transfer, which will become the preferred method of payment for invoices, subsidies, reimbursements and payment of wages. Please ensure you include bank details when putting in a request for payment.

Tim Small  
Treasurer

**Director of Surf Sports.....****HANDICAP SURF RACE**

Pointscore results for the season in the Sunday morning Carl Schaeffer Memorial Handicap Surf Race:

1. Jane Lawrence 98 points
2. Joe Dougherty 77
2. James Wheeler 77 (last season's winner)
4. Todd Ives 72
5. Jess Humphries 70
5. Lindsay Wall 70

The monthly pointscore winners were:

September/October - Matt Eke  
November- Will Pitkin  
December- Todd Ives  
January- James Wheeler  
February/March- Jane Lawrence  
April- Mark Eaves.

Prizes supplied by life member Geoff Schaeffer in memory of his father will be presented to all of the above at the club Presentation Dinner on Saturday 13th June.

Participation prizes will also be presented to those who took part in 12 or more swims:

Will Brighton, Belinda Bock, Joe Dougherty, Jim Dougherty, Jorden Elabbasi, Malik Elabbasi, Yasmin Elabbasi, Mark Eaves, Harry Fahey, Roley Green, Kalani Ives, Todd Ives, Helmut Klein, Alan Lawrence, Jane Lawrence, Kim Morgans, Joe McGrath, Peter Rheinberger, Geoff Sanders, Alan Schofield, and James Wheeler.

The handicap swims were exceptionally well supported this season thanks to a run of better weather and the large contingent of Masters Swim Club members led by their President Jane Lawrence who turned up each week to have a swim. And finally a big thank you to handicapper Belinda Sanders and her offsideer Joe Dougherty for organising the swims all season and also to James Ryan and the water safety crews.

**POOL RESCUE COMPETITION**

Congratulations to Gracie Pitkin who placed second in the U12 female, Jorden Elabbasi who placed second in the U12 male and Will Pitkin who placed third in the U17 male categories at the Far North Coast Branch Pool Rescue Competition held in Lismore on Sunday.

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



Surf Life Saving Australia has announced new Personal Protective Equipment rules to apply from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016. Lifejackets will become compulsory for surfboat, surf ski and surfboard races in heavy surf conditions. Surf ski paddlers will also be required to wear helmets in heavy surf conditions – boat rowers have been wearing helmets in heavy surf conditions since 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014. These new rules do not apply to nipper board paddlers as their events are normally called off in heavy surf conditions. Below is the statement from SLSA.

**Jim Dougherty**

**Director of Surf Sports**

*“The Surf Life Saving Australia Board has accepted a Report into the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in surf sports under conditions of heightened risk.*

*SLSA will commence a trial period where the lifejackets it has developed will be tested under competition conditions, using experienced surf sports athletes. These trials will be conducted in heavier surf conditions where heightened risk exists.*

*The lifejacket trials will be held for Surf Boat, Surf Ski and Malibu Board disciplines. Surf helmets will also be trialed in Surf Ski discipline. This follows the successful introduction of helmets into surf boat rowing in 2014.*

*During the 18 month trial and consultation period SLSA will, in collaboration with Bond University, continue to develop a surf hazard rating system aligned to these specific disciplines. The rating system will be used in any decision to deploy lifejackets. This development process is SLSA’s response to a key recommendation of the coronial inquest into the death of Saxon Bird in 2010. The new lifejacket rules will come into effect on October 1, 2016, which allows for 18 months of trialing and consultation with our surf sport competitors.*

*This is consistent with the process adopted for the introduction of helmets in surf boat rowing which took place throughout 2014/2015.*

*“We have experienced three tragic deaths at the Australian Championships over a 17-year period, which is unacceptable to Surf Life Saving Australia. Surf Life Saving Australia has made a commitment to introduce lifejackets into surf sports across all craft events in conditions of heightened risk. The period of trialing and consultation is an important part of this journey” Surf Life Saving Australia Deputy President Ralph Devlin said.*

*“This has been a rigorous process. Safety is paramount for Surf Life Saving Australia. We are committed to balancing safety considerations with enjoyment of our sport. Our sport is a key element in making our lifesavers rescue ready across Australia.”*

*The new lifejackets have been designed to minimise secondary risk, for example by allowing athletes to dive under broken waves and perform their activities unhindered. Crucially, the lifejackets will also ensure an incapacitated athlete will float to the surface in salt water and enhance any rescue efforts that are necessary.*

*“Trial and consultation for an 18-month period is designed to confirm that athlete safety is enhanced in conditions of heightened surf risk. We are talking about the combination of our risk assessment tool and the deployment of lifejackets for the improvement of athlete safety” said Mr Devlin*

*Surf helmets, for periods of heightened risk, will also be trialed in surf ski and IRB competition during the 18 month period.”*

*Surf Life Saving Australia has also recommended all members use the approved safety devices during craft training sessions.*



**2014-15 Season Annual Presentation Dinner**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June starting at 5:30pm at the Clubhouse.**

We look forward to great evening recognising and celebrating the efforts of our members for patrol, education and competition.

Delicious food, cold drinks and great company...we hope to see you there!

To assist with catering please RSVP the office by Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

*...from the Director of JUNIOR ACTIVITIES*

# **Yamba Nippers AGM**

**is being held at Yamba Shores Tavern**

**on SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MAY starting at 4:30pm.**

There will be plenty of room for the kids to have a run around and a catch up.

The deck is heated, so even if the weather is not ideal, we will be warm and dry!

Drinks and snacks will be available.

If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to take on a role next season or have something you would like added to the agenda please email me ([yambanippers@gmail.com](mailto:yambanippers@gmail.com)) or Kerri Wunderlich ([yambanippers@live.com.au](mailto:yambanippers@live.com.au))

Nippers can't run itself...we need you!

See you there,

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## Gallipoli 100

What an absolutely amazing event to be a part of!

It's hard to highlight on what has been such a remarkable event, over 5 years in the making, countless fundraisers, meetings and of course training.

The 2 day surf boat event, though not a race as we were constantly being reminded of, was extraordinary. The course ended up being shortened as the Gallipoli Peninsula was getting ready for shut down prior to the dawn service. Both days started out cold, windy and drizzling rain, but soon turned into blue skies and sunshine. The scenery was magnificent and the colour and clarity of the water indescribable. 26 boats took part, 5 from Turkey. The starts were staggered into 5 waves, with the hope of everyone finishing at roughly the same time. Day 2 ended at Brighton Beach, just south of Anzac Cove. All boaties were then able to walk along the beach to Anzac Cove, while the boats were rowed across. We were all given the opportunity to row out from Anzac Cove and reflect on what those who had come before us were about to embark upon. Oars were raised in tribute to all who served.



At 4am on the morning of April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 26 surf boats slipped silently into the water off Gelibou Village. We were re-enacting the ANZAC landing. On the beach were over 4000 people. As we sat silently in the surf boat, waiting for our wave to row onto the beach, a light fog rolled in, a lone piper in the Cottesloe boat began piping, followed by the softly sung words of Waltzing Matilda; I still get goose bumps remembering it. We slowly rowed ashore, the phosphorous in the water leaving a green glow from every stroke, and collectively raised our oars in a minute's silence, a very proud and stirring moment. We sat on the beach for a full and all inclusive Dawn Service.

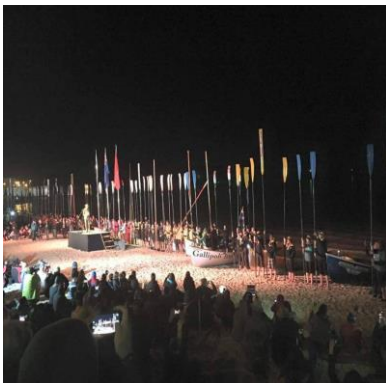
The experience of our time in Turkey, rowing the Dardanelles, touring the battlefields, re-enacting the ANZAC landing and participating in the dawn service is very difficult to put into words. This was a once in a life time event, and these memories will last forever.

Thank you to the Yamba G100 team, a great bunch of people who shared the journey with me, we will always have that bond.

Thanks to the Community who helped us fulfil the dream.

We remember them and we honour those who served before us.

Jo King





**MAY**

- 30 Sat Branch Board of Surf Sports Meeting
- 30 Sat Spinal Management Course- Lennox
- 30 Sat Branch JAC meeting - Ballina

**30 Sat Club JAC AGM 4.30pm - Yamba Shores Tavern**

**JUNE**

- 5-7 Fri-Sun **U15-U17's Branch Development Camp- Yamba**
- 6 June First Aid Course- Ballina
- 13 Sat Club Presentation Day**
- 15 Mon Club Board Meeting**
- 20 Sat Branch AGM & Awards Dinner Twin Towns RSL
- 21 Sun IRB ALBERT Training Day - Salt SLSC

**JULY**

- 12 July ARTC course- Ballina
- 19 Sun IRB ALBERT Training Day - Yamba**
- 26 Sun Club Annual General Meeting**

**AUGUST**

- 8 Sat Spinal Management Course- Lennox
- 16 Sun IRB ALBERT Training Day - Fingal
- 22 Sat Branch Pre Season Education Meeting- Ballina

**23 Sun Yamba SLSC Golf Day**

**SEPTEMBER**

- 13 Sun IRB ALBERT Training Day - Brunswick
- 19 Sat Patrols Start for 2015/16 season**
- 26 Sat Jacob Lollback Board Race Day**

**OCTOBER**

- 10/11 Sat-Sun Coolangatta Gold
- 17 Sat Lennox Head Enduro
- 18 Sun Surf Club Open Day**
- 31 Sat Cudgen Classic

**DECEMBER**

**28 Mon Yamba Ocean Swim**

**2016**

**JANUARY**

30-31 Sat/Sun JAC Branch Titles

**FEBRUARY 2016**

7 Sun Senior Branch Titles - Cabarita  
 12-14 Fri/Sun NSW Country Titles

**MARCH 2016**

4-6 Fri/Sun NSW Age Titles - Umina  
 9-10 Wed/Thu NSW Masters Titles - Umina  
 11-13 Fri/Sun NSW Open Titles - Umina  
 18-20 Fri/Sun Qld State Titles - North Kirra

**APRIL 2016**

16-24 Australian Titles- Maroochydore

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.*

**23<sup>rd</sup> May Group 8:** Heather and Brian Badgery, Roger McLean, Scott Greensill

**30<sup>th</sup> May Group 9:** Greg Wylie, James Ryan, Mark Gillespie, Mitch Imeson

**6<sup>th</sup> June Group 1:** John Barnier, Sachie Ardrey, Keith Bradley

**13<sup>th</sup> June Group 2:** Jan & John Snelling, Alan Schofield, Warwick Mawhinney

**20<sup>th</sup> June Group 3:** Jane & Alan Lawrence, Ken Ryan, Jill Ennever

**27<sup>th</sup> June Group 4:** Anne & Brian Jones, William Onslow.

**4<sup>th</sup> July Group 5:** Nicole & Greg Don, Trish & Kerry Pidcock.

**11<sup>th</sup> July Group 6:** Ray O'Brien, Pat Ridgway, Steve Pettet, Rob Foster

**18<sup>th</sup> July Group 7:** Bob Darby, Greg Zietsch, Jo and Grant Bennett, Rick Harris

**25<sup>th</sup> July Group 8:** Heather and Brian Badgery, Roger McLean, Scott Greensill

**1<sup>st</sup> August Group 9:** Greg Wylie, James Ryan, Mark Gillespie, Mitch Imeson



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