



# Yamba Surf Life Saving Club

September 2015

"Vigilance and Service"

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## *...from the CHAIRMAN (President)*

The season is upon us already with patrols having kicked off on the weekend. Thanks to all those members putting their hand up to do patrols.

The club golf day was a success last month with a good roll up of both members and non-members helping to raise significant funds for the club. A big thank you to Roley Green and Al Schofield for organising the day, and to all of the sponsors for their generous contributions.

This coming Saturday 26th sees the running of the Jacob Lollback Memorial Board Race. This event as well as being a wonderful tribute to Jacob is one of the surf clubs biggest fundraising events for the season. More details appear in the surf sports report but if you can be of assistance in any way please get in touch with Jim Dougherty. I'd encourage all members to come down and see some of the best surf sport athletes in the country compete in what is always a great spectacle as well as a fun social day.

The club has been fortunate to receive donations of lifesaving equipment to the order of \$5,000 from the federal government and almost \$10,000 from an anonymous donor. Some of this new equipment will find its way onto the beach in the coming weeks. The club is very grateful for these significant contributions.

Finally, if you wish to have a say in the shark management issues that exist currently on the Far North Coast I'd refer you to the information provided in this newsletter.

I look forward to catching up with you all now that the season is up and running

Joe Dougherty  
President

**OFFICE HOURS**  
Mon 9am-12 noon  
Tues 9am-12 noon  
Fri 2pm-5pm



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

Welcome back to all members and here's to a safe season ahead.

Everyone should have received their roster by now and as usual just a few reminders about patrols.

– The beach should be set up and ready to go at 9am. This means that you need to be at the beach 10 to 15 minutes before patrol start to set up. The same applies to the afternoon patrol so that the morning patrol is not required to hang around and wait “we can't afford to pay the overtime to the morning patrol.”

– If you cannot make your patrol you must arrange a substitute. The substitute must hold the same or higher award status than yourself.

– If for some reason you cannot arrange a swap, there is a list of active reserves who you can also call upon. 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 will arrange one for you.

– If you accidentally damage club equipment or see something in need of repair 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.

Thank you to all the members that turned up for the first proficiency. The next and final proficiency test or as it is known now “skills maintenance” will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 8.30am for a 9.00 am start. There is some online work to do with this, please read the Education report for more information on how this is done. **Please remember this is compulsory for all patrolling, active reserves and water safety personnel.**

See you on the beach,

James Ryan

Life Saving Director / Club Captain

Ph. 0400353792

**Club Membership**

Thanks to all who have renewed memberships for the 2015/16 season which began on July 1st. Members who have not yet signed up for this season are encouraged to RENEW and MAKE PAYMENT online by going to portal.sls.com.au . You will be directed to **create a 'login'** and then just follow the directions to **renew AND make your payment**. Club fees remain the same as they have been for the last 3 years and are as follows:

**Active Patrol – Senior \$50**

**Active Patrol – U/19yrs \$40; Active Patrol/Cadet13-15yrs \$40**

**Reserve Active-(need to be proficient and complete 12 hours patrol)- \$50**

**Long Service - (approved by Club) -\$50**

**Associate - (Min. age 25) -\$65**

**Family - (children U/19) - \$175**

**Nipper - \$60 (1 parent to join as well)**

For those who prefer to fill in paper forms - these are available from the club website [www.yambaslsc.com.au](http://www.yambaslsc.com.au) or from the club office.

(\*All **nippers** must also have one parent per family as a member.)



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

After a very busy August the training team can relax a little in September. The only event for this month was the first Proficiency (Skills Maintenance) held on Fathers' Day. We had some problems with this as it now involves members completing some theory papers.

These should be completed by the members through Lifesaving Online, with them bringing certificates to the day, indicating they have been successful.

This is wonderful in theory but very few of our members are adept with Lifesaving Online so hard copies had to be provided and confusion reigned ... well almost!

To avoid this next time (second proficiency is on 1<sup>st</sup> November) I would like initially to guide members to the members' portal so they can follow the steps below and complete the papers online:

1. *Log in to Surf Life Saving Australia Members Portal*
2. *Select "Lifesaving Online"*
3. *Select "courses"*
4. *Select "Online Learning Now"*
5. *"Search" for "Skills Maintenance"*
6. *Select the modules you need to be proficient in, depending on which awards you hold*
7. *When finished, select "Help" which will guide you to print your certificates*
8. *Please hand these to Nicole in the office or to the CTO, Kim Morgans.*

In case some members do not do this before the next proficiency we will have to organise them into sections - IRB, Resus, Signals, Radio – where they can complete the theory papers and discuss the answers before going on to the practical demonstrations required. This process will take more time and need more assessors, so I hope more can attend on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Also a reminder to all trainers and assessors to complete their Working with Children Check before the SRC and Bronze course begin on October 11. If anyone needs help with this I can provide the steps to follow.

#### **Upcoming Courses**

- 26/9 ARTC in Byron, enrol before 19/9
- 11/10 SRC and Bronze courses at Yamba, enrol before 4/10
- 31/10 Basic Beach Management course, enrol before 18/10
- 1/11 Gold Medallion at Cudgen
- 21/11 Gold Medallion at Ballina

Also 4 First Aid courses (AID) are being run at Shelley Beach in Ballina on: 7/11; 19/12; 20/2; 16/4. Closing dates are 2 weeks before course begins but you would be wise to enrol (through the Yamba office) asap.

***Kim Morgans-Chief Training Officer***

***Phone: 66 462823***

### **...from the Director of Surf Sports**

#### **Jacob Lollback Memorial Board Race Day**

This Saturday 26th September the club will be staging the 6th Annual Jacob Lollback Memorial Board Race Day at Main Beach in memory of our club member who was tragically drowned on 22nd September 2009 at the age of 20 years. The races start at 10am with the U/17 years 2km board race followed by the U/19s, Masters, U/15s and then the Open 4km board race at 11.15am. There will be a short tribute to Jacob before the start of the open men's event.

Once again we have strong entries from the Gold Coast clubs with last year's open men's and women's winners Wes Berg (Burleigh Heads) and Jordie Mercer (Noosa) returning to defend their titles. A new face this year will be Kellogg's Nutri Grain Iron Man champion Ali Day competing for his new club Surfers Paradise. Online entries for the event close on Tuesday 22nd September but late entries will be taken up to 9.30am on race day.

The 200 metre Dash for Cash board races will start at 12 noon and competition will wind up with the new novelty event - the snake race - at 1pm. Yamba snake race club champion Will Brighton will be out to show the visitors how it's done!

All competitors will be eligible to win one of three new racing boards in our random draws thanks to surfcraft manufacturers Kracka, Dolphin and Infront. These draws will take place around 2pm at the conclusion of the presentations. Competitors must be present to claim their prize if their name is drawn out. (take note Max Normand!).

This event is one of the clubs major fund raisers and is always well supported by club members. There are many jobs to be done on the day such as beach set up, competitor registrations, traffic control, water safety, first aid, BBQ, bar, beach pack up. etc. If you can help on the day please contact Jim Dougherty (0428664701) or the club office.

Thanks to our many sponsors for the day - Clarence Valley Council, Pacific Hotel, FINZ swimwear, Ray White Real Estate, Pickering Law, Belindas Store, Ken Casson Mazda, Yamba's Fisho, Caperberry Cafe, Kerry Pidcock, Alan Schofield, Roley Green, Courtney & Bonnie Hancock, Brett Dowker. Thanks also to the Westlawn Soccer Club who man the BBQ on the day.

Jim Dougherty OAM  
Director of Surf Sports



#### **For Sale**

**Retro style, cordless phone with  
answering machine**

**Easy to use, in near new condition.**

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information.**

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**...from the Junior Activities Committee**

Nippers is a fantastic opportunity for children to learn the skills necessary to become junior lifesavers. The program is designed to educate and train the kids in a supportive, safe and very fun environment. The confidence they gain from being involved in Nippers is invaluable. Lifelong friendships are formed every summer and the comradery that comes with being part of Yamba Surf Club will hopefully stay with our kids for life.

Yamba Nippers is a great club. We have a wonderful committee ran entirely by volunteers but we need your help. A big thank you to those that have put their hand up to again take on roles, your time is always appreciated. Unfortunately this year we have a number of vacant positions which unless they are filled may jeopardize some age groups from participating. Nippers cannot survive without volunteers be they parents, guardians or friends. We need you! Maybe you are retired and have a couple of hours spare on Sunday mornings and could assist. Becoming a volunteer is extremely rewarding. Watching the kids grow and develop skills, overcoming fears and laughing can do wonders for the soul. We need you!

**We need to fill the following vacant positions to function correctly. Age Managers and Age Manager Assistants for Under 6's, Under 8's and Under 10's. We urgently need someone to join the committee and take on the role of Registrar. No prior experience is necessary as you will be supported by a friendly and helpful committee.**

We are gearing up for an exciting season full of activities and carnivals for the Nippers. Our last "Sign on Day" will be held at Yamba Surf Club this Sunday 27th September between 10am-11am. Swimwear, caps and merchandise will also be available to purchase on the day.

All children will need to complete a Proficiency Swim this Sunday 27th September at Yamba Community Pool from 10am-11:30am. It does not take long and kids can not start nippers until they have been signed off.

Please like our "Yamba Nippers" Facebook page to keep up to date with future news and events. Nippers will be starting on Sunday 11th October from 9:30am- 11:30am.

Nippers will not run itself. We all know the more people that help, the more enjoyable it is for everyone. It's a great place to spend your Sunday mornings.

If you are interested in any of the above positions please call our Junior Activities Coordinator, Danielle on 0497276805 or email [yambanippers@live.com.au](mailto:yambanippers@live.com.au)

Yamba Nippers- Training the Lifesavers of Tomorrow...

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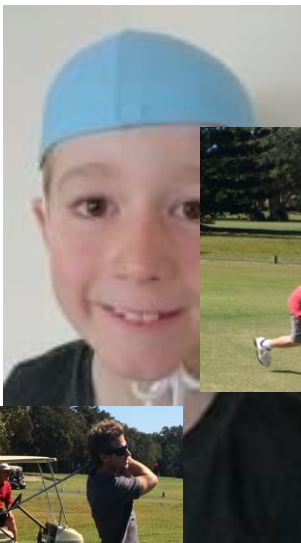
With the nipper season about to begin, Nipper reporter Leaha Corcoran has been busy interviewing some of our future lifesavers



**Name:** Chase  
**Current Age Group:** U8's  
**How long have you been involved in Nippers:** Since U6's.  
**Favourite Food:** Chicken Snitzel.  
**Best Nipper memory:** Playing Tug of War on the beach.  
**My Nipper mates are:** Will & Kurtis  
**Best thing about Nippers:** Running through the water doing wades.



**Name:** Riley  
**Current Age Group:** U'13's  
**How long have you been involved with Nippers:** Since U6's  
**Favourite Food:** Nacho's  
**Best Nipper memory:** When I competed in the State Championships at Kingscliff and made it into the finals for Boards. I was in U'10's.  
**My Nipper mates are:** Jordan, Josh & Tyler  
**Best thing about Nippers:** Learning lifesaving skills and the mateship.



**Name:** Lucas  
**Current Age Group:** U10's  
**How long have you been involved in Nippers:** Since U6's  
**Favourite Food:** A variety. I like pies and the sausage sandwiches after Nippers.  
**Best Nipper memory:** I got the Most Improved medal when I was in U6's.  
**My Nipper mates are:** Zepher, Matilda & Brody.  
**Best thing about Nippers:** I get to learn how to save people, learning to be a real Lifesaver!



**Name:** Yasmin  
**Current Age Group:** U11's  
**How long have you been involved in Nippers:** Since U6's  
**Favourite Food:** Hot chips from the kiosk.  
**Best Nipper memory:** Coming 1st in the swim relay at Country Titles in Mollymook.  
**My Nipper mates are:** Kalani & Malik  
**Best thing about Nippers:** Learning new things. Being in the sun and playing in the water.



**Name:** Will  
**Current Age Group:** U12's  
**How long have you been involved in Nippers:** Since U6's.  
**Favourite Food:** Mexican.  
**Best Nipper memory:** Coming 2nd in my first ocean swim.  
**My Nipper mates are:** Bayden & Cameron.  
**Best thing about Nippers:** My favourite thing about Nippers is learning surf skills.



**Name:** Sam  
**Current Age Group:** U10's  
**How long have you been involved in Nippers:** Since U6's  
**Favourite Food:** Chocolate.  
**Best Nipper memory:** Winning Gold at Country Championships in the U9's Relay team.  
**My Nipper mates are:** Ben, Harry, Kurtis & Alex.  
**Best thing about Nippers:** Doing ocean swims and flags.



## NSW Government Inquiry into management of sharks in NSW waters

The NSW Govt is holding a parliamentary inquiry into the current shark threat in NSW waters. The Inquiry is looking at changes in shark numbers and behaviour; impact on tourism; management strategies; measures to prevent shark attacks; etc.

In our club Constitution one of the primary reasons for our existence as a surf lifesaving club is "*to provide a safe aquatic environment at Main Beach Yamba*".

The club board of directors has therefore resolved to put a submission into this Inquiry calling for North Coast beaches to be given the same level of protection from shark attack as the beaches between Newcastle and Wollongong. These beaches have a Shark Meshing Program that was introduced in 1937 as a public safety measure to reduce the risk of shark attack. No shark attack fatalities have occurred on a meshed beach in the last 60 years, yet there have been 3 shark attack fatalities between Coffs Harbour and Byron Bay in the last 12 months.

The Queensland Government has a similar Shark Safety Program but the big difference is they have shark nets at beaches throughout the State from Coolangatta to Cairns. All the country areas are protected in Queensland, unlike NSW where protection is only given to the metropolitan areas, and swimmers and surfers at North Coast beaches are treated as 2nd class citizens.

The NSW DPI and Queensland Fisheries both say that netting is still the best protective measure against shark attack. They say that there are a number of new technologies being highlighted as potential candidates for replacing shark nets but these have not been scientifically tested in a robust manner either against free ranging sharks nor the large surf frequently encountered off the NSW and Queensland coast.

Club members are encouraged to write to the Inquiry. The closing date for submissions is 23 October 2015. Further information can be obtained by visiting the Committee' website at <http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/investmentinindustryandregionaldev>

Thank you to our many members who run the weekly meat raffles at the Golf Club every Saturday night. These raffles run all year round, and have been a long term fundraiser for our club for many years now.

### **GOLF CLUB RAFFLE ROSTER**

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> October Group 9:** Greg Wylie, James Ryan, Mark Gillespie, Mitch Imeson

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

**17<sup>th</sup> October Group 2:** Jan and John Snelling, Alan Schofield, Warwick Mawhinney

**24<sup>th</sup> October Group 3:** Jane and Alan Lawrence, Ken Ryan, Jill Ennever

**31<sup>st</sup> October Group 4:** Anne and Brian Jones, William Onslow

**7<sup>th</sup> November Group 5:** Nicole and Greg Don, Trish and Kerry Pidcock

**14<sup>th</sup> November Group 6:** Ray O'Brien, Pat Ridgway, Steve Pettet



# Calendars

## SEPTEMBER 2015

- 26 Sat Jacob Lollback Board Race Day
- 27 Sun Nipper Sign On 10am- Yamba SLSC
- 27 Sun Nipper Proficiency Swim- Yamba Pool

## OCTOBER 2015

- 3 Sat Wave Warriors- Currumbin
- 10 Sat Age Managers Course- Ballina
- 10/11 Sat/Sun SLS NSW Regional Conference- Port Macquarie
- 10/11 Sat-Sun Coolangatta Gold
- 12 Mon Club Board Meeting 7pm
- 17 Sat Lennox Head Enduro
- 20 Tue Branch Meeting- Ballina
- 24 Sat Level 1 Officials Course-Ballina
- 25 Sun U12 to Open Carnival- Cabarita
- 25 Sun JAC Branch Meeting- Cabarita
- 31 Sat Cudgen Classic

## NOVEMBER 2015

- 1 Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Proficiency Test for Patrol Members
- 8 Sun JAC Carnival- Salt
- 9 Mon Club Board Meeting 7pm
- 15 Sun Evans Head Ocean Swim
- 15 Sun Ballina Craft Carnival
- 17 Tue Branch Meeting- Ballina
- 22 Sun JAC Carnival- Lennox Head
- 28/29 Sat-Sun Coffs Harbour Craft Carnival
- 29 Sun JAC Teams Carnival- Byron Bay

## DECEMBER 2015

- 6 Sun Senior Carnival- Cudgen
- 12/13 Sat/Sun Interbranch Titles- Cape Hawke
- 14 Mon Club Board Meeting
- 28 Mon Yamba Ocean Swim

## JANUARY 2016

- 6 Wed Yamba SLSC Life Members Luncheon
- 6-8 Wed-Fri 13/14's Branch Development Camp- Tallebudgera
- 30-31 Sat/Sun JAC Branch Titles- Cudgen

## FEBRUARY 2016

- 6/7 Sat-Sun NSW Country Titles- South West Rocks
- 13 Sat Brunswick Masters Carnival
- 14 Sun Senior Branch Titles – Brunswick
- 27 Sat Yamba Triathlon

## 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 Burleigh

## APRIL 2016

- 3 Sun Coffs Harbour Ocean Swim
- 9 Sat Copeton Dam Swim
- 16-24 Australian Titles- Maroochydore
- 25 Mon Patrols Finish for 2015/16 Season

## Patrol Roster

*Thank you to all our patrol members for your time and vigilance.*

### September

- Sat 26<sup>th</sup> 9am-12.30pm Patrol 5
- Sat 26<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm-4pm Patrol 6
- Sun 27<sup>th</sup> 9am-12.30pm Patrol 7
- Sun 27<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm-4pm Patrol 8

### October

- Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> 9am-12.30pm Patrol 9
- Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> 12.30pm-4pm Patrol 1
- Sun 4<sup>th</sup> 9am- 12.30pm Patrol 2
- Sun 4<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm-4pm Patrol 3
- Mon 5<sup>th</sup> 9-12.30pm Patrol 4
- Mon 5<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm-4pm Patrol 5
- Sat 10<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm Patrol 6
- Sun 11<sup>th</sup> 9-12.30pm Patrol 7
- Sun 11<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm-4pm Patrol 8
- Sat 17<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm Patrol 9
- Sun 18<sup>th</sup> 9am-12.30pm Patrol 1
- Sun 18<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm-4pm Patrol 2
- Sat 24<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm Patrol 3
- Sun 25<sup>th</sup> 9am-12.30pm Patrol 4
- Sun 25<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm-4pm Patrol 5



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