



# Yamba Surf Life Saving Club

December 2015

"Vigilance and Service"

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## **...from the CHAIRMAN**

I'd like to start by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Stay safe if you are travelling. For those of you staying around Yamba I hope to see you on the beach.

Be sure to check out the other reports for more detail on what is going on around the club. It has been a very busy month.

Well done and welcome to all the new members who recently passed their Surf Rescue Certificate and Bronze Medallion. It's great to see so many new faces on the beach. A special thanks to trainers Al Schofield, Rhys Comerford, Kim Morgans and Bill Onslow for their efforts in getting everyone through.

On the competition side, congratulations to Jordan Elabbasi on his efforts representing Far North Coast Branch at the NSW Inter-Branch titles at Cape Hawke recently. Jordan was the first Yamba nipper to make this team since 2007.

The Yamba u/23 boat crew have also been performing well recently. Keep up the good work boys.

The Yamba Ocean Swims are fast approaching. Anyone who can lend a hand on Monday the 28th will be greatly appreciated. This is one of the club's biggest fundraisers for the year so come along and get behind what is a great community event.

The handicapped surf race continues every Sunday as well as public holidays (except Christmas Day).

On the social side, the surf club bar will be open every day from Sunday 27th December to Sunday 3rd January between 4 and 6pm. If you have family or friends visiting be sure to bring them down for a drink.

Details of a New Year's Eve function at the surf club for members will be sent soon. Keep an eye out for this.

As always, this is a very busy time of year for us on the beach so please be vigilant on patrol and if you are going to be away or can't make a patrol, be sure to find a substitute.

Merry Christmas,  
Joe Dougherty.

## **OFFICE HOURS**

Mon 9.30am-12.30pm  
Tues 9.30-12.30pm  
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### **...from the DIRECTOR of LIFE SAVING**

With the start of the busy holiday period I can't stress enough how important it is to have a very visible and pro-active patrol team on Main Beach. As a patrol member you must be mindful that a lot of these swimmers and backpackers on hired surfboards really have no idea what a rip is or where it is on a beach. Please get down onto the beach and talk to these people before they get into trouble.

28<sup>th</sup> December is Ocean Swims Day - the club's major fundraiser. Patrols 8 & 9 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 and can help out with water safety come down and put your hand up on the day. 9.00am report to boatshed.

After a very slow start and a bit of encouragement a big thank you to all the people that put their hand up to do a patrol 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.

Congratulations to those new and current members who passed there Bronze medallion and SRC awards, looking forward to seeing you on patrol.

Merry Christmas to all and a very happy and safe 2016.

**James Ryan**

### **Our Newest Patrol members!**



Back row left to right: Gracie Pitkin, Mia McAvoy, Alanna Colwell, Zoe King, Lachlan Clark, Jarrad Richards, Joshua Morris, Joshua Pugsley, Finn O'Neill, Patrick O'Mahony.

Front Row left to right: Nicola Upson, Jack Earle, Jack Brighton, Reece Dobbin, Brianna McFarlane, Dylan Greeff, Sam Bloomer.

***We look forward to having you on patrol.***

**...from the DIRECTOR of EDUCATION and TRAINING**

I would also like to congratulate all the candidates who have worked so well for two months to develop the fitness and skills required to be surf-lifesavers, as well as my gratitude to the trainers and assessors for their expertise and for giving up their valuable time to train these two squads.

Well done to cadet members Gracie Pitkin, Mia McAvoy, Alanna Colwell, Zoe King, Lachlan Clark, Jarrad Richards, Joshua Morris, Joshua Pugsley, Finn O'Neill, Sam Bloomer, Patrick O'Mahony and Jordan Elabbasi who successfully gained their Surf Rescue Certificate on Sunday, whilst new members Reece Dobbin and Dylan Greeff obtained their Bronze Medallion. Current cadet patrol members Brianna McFarlane and Jack Brighton upgraded their qualifications to obtain their Bronze Medallion.

Future branch First Aid courses are to be held at Ballina on 20/2/2016 and 16/4/2016. Enrolment can be made through our office 2 weeks prior to the start date, as there is an on-line component to be completed before the course.

Future club course include a proposed Bronze/SRC to start on 31/1/2016 with enrolment, including a 400m swim time of less than 9 minutes by 22/1/2016. Also, if enough interest is shown, we could try to have a spinal management course held at Yamba. If you are interested complete an enrolment form in the office or let me know soon.

Merry Christmas to all,

**Kim Morgans**

**Phone: 66 462823**

**...from the DIRECTOR of ADMINISTRATION.....**

New permanent Office hours are Monday Tuesday and Friday 9.30am to 12.30pm.

A big thank you to Nicole Don, for all her hard work, as she finished up in the Surf Club Office this month. Nicole has worked behind the scene for many years, ensuring the Administrative side of the club was running smoothly.

We welcome Narelle Kemp to the Administration role.



“Hi, I’m a busy mum of 3 daughters, our 2 eldest daughters are in Nippers and they really enjoy it!

We moved to area from the South Coast in January this year to be near my husband’s family and for our kids to be close to their cousins.

We are settling in well, the warm weather is great. I’m loving the new job and view from the office!”

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Leah Essex



**...from the DIRECTOR of SURF SPORTS**

### **Yamba Ocean Swims**

The Ocean Swims day is Monday 28th December (Boxing Day public holiday). This event is one of the clubs biggest fund raisers of the season and all members are needed on the day to help with the running of the event. Entries can be done online at the [oceanswims.com](http://oceanswims.com) website up till 9am on Sunday 27th. Entries will be taken at the clubhouse on Sunday 27th between 2pm and 4pm.

Race Day program:

7am - IRB crews to lay swim course buoys.

7.30am - Work party to set up finish area plus tents on grass and beach.

8am to 9am - Late entries taken at clubhouse. All swimmers to register in clubhouse, get numbered and get swim cap.

9am - ENTRIES CLOSE

9.15am - 700 metre swimmers make their way to Convent Beach

9.30am - 700 metre swim starts - Convent Beach to Main Beach.

10.30am - 2,000 metre swim starts and finishes at Main Beach (rectangular course)

11.30am - 150 metre Dash for Cash event.

12.30pm - Presentations in clubhouse - cash prizes for placegetters in open male and female. Prizes for winners of each age group.

Thanks to our generous sponsors for this years event - Pacific Hotel, Clarence Valley Council, Westlawn Finance, The Cove, Belinda's Store, Elders Real Estate, Fandango, Annie's Bed & Breakfast, and Yamba Community Pool.

### **NSW Country Titles - South West Rocks February 6 and 7**

Competitors are reminded that entries for the combined Junior/Senior/Masters Country Titles close with SLS NSW on Sunday 17th January. Entry fees are \$29.50 per competitor. Senior and Masters competitors wishing to compete need to advise Jim Dougherty by Monday 11th January. Nippers parents need to have names to Simone Bradley or Andrea Miltiadou by the same date.

### **NSW Interbranch Titles**

Congratulations to U14 yrs member Jordan Elabbasi who was selected in the Far North Coast branch team for the recent Interbranch Titles at Cape Hawke beach Forster. Jordan finished a very creditable 6th in the 14 yrs surf race helping Far North Coast to take out the Country branches pointscore once again.

### **Surf Boat Crews**

The Under 23 mens crew have started the season well with some promising performances at ASRL events at the Gold Coast. The crew comprises Andrew Bell, Marc Adamson, Vince Bolton and Zac Brotherson with sweeps Rod McSkimming and Ray Wiblen. In November they finished 4th in the open division at the Broadbeach carnival. Then last week end at the Tugun sprint carnival they were in equal 2nd place behind Currumbin after 5 round robin races but unfortunately suffered a rollover going through the break in the final race and were disqualified. The boys are now off to Manly on the Australia Day weekend for the next round of the ASRL series. Because of venue and scheduling problems the club boat crews have been unable to compete in the North Coast Boat Series so far this season.

### **Handicap Surf Race Pointscore**

The November mug went to Bobbie Winger on 30 points from Kim Morgans 24 and Jess Humphries 19. Matt Eke leads overall on 42 from Jess Humphries 40 and Kim Morgans 37.

### **Board Training**

Members are reminded that Saturday morning training is now starting at the earlier time of 7am.

Jim Dougherty

### **Beach to Bush Program**

It was a week of patrols with a difference for Yamba SLSC Life Member Jim Saunders, his wife Jan and his son Phil, a member of Macmasters Beach SLSC, headed inland to deliver the Beach to Bush program to school children. The trio visited Primary Schools at Werris Creek, Quirindi, Mullaley, Curlewis, Carinya Christian School, Gunnedah, Spring Ridge and Narrabri, educating students from Kindergarten through to Year 6 about beach safety.

This program has been running for over 20 years and the success of this program is evident as most students knew to swim between the flags, raise an arm when in need of assistance. Phil and Jim found their role became more of role of re-emphasis of these messages and to re-enforce swimming with an adult, look for the signs and remaining calm. Sharks were a popular topic with the kids, and Jim and Phil were able to spend time reassuring the students with tips on how to avoid shark attacks, that whilst there have been numerous attacks that very few are fatal.

Both Phil and Jim are keen to implement an exchange program within their Surf Club's in conjunction with SLS NSW and schools to continue to grow and support this important community education program.

Well done Jim, Jan and Phil it's fantastic to see the Yamba SLSC colours out west!



### ***...from the DIRECTOR of JUNIOR ACTIVITIES***

#### **Nippers Christmas Party**

Nippers finished 2015 with a Christmas Party Day. A great time was had by all the Nippers as they engaged in games and activities all topped off with a visit from Santa in the IRB. Thanks to all who helped on the day.

#### **Bush to Beach**

Jim Saunders and I are to meet to discuss Bush to Beach program of events. The possibility of a visit and some interaction in the Nippers program will be discussed and associated technicalities.

#### **Carnivals**

Simone Bradley and Andrea Miltiadou are coordinating entries for the JAC Lennox Head Carnival and the Country Titles Nominations. These are to be addressed prior to the 17<sup>th</sup> of January. Gardner Surfboard entry details were circulated to the Carnival Team also.

#### **Branch Magazine**

Yamba branch article, Sponsors and photos were submitted to branch for print. Thank you to the JAC for submitting their contributions.

Danielle Connolly



### BBQ HELPERS URGENTLY NEEDED!



Kerry Lee is in need of some BBQ Helpers for Ocean Swim Day, Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December from 9am to 1pm.

Please call Kerry on 0413536944 if you can spare some time, even if it is an hour or two.

All help will be greatly appreciated!

# Yamba SLSC New Years Eve Celebration

The YSLSC social committee invites all members and their guests to the surf club on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> Dec to celebrate New Year's Eve from the best location in Yamba.

- BYO all drinks, the bar will not be open.
  - BYO nibblies/salads to share
- BBQ will be available for personal use

Email Leah or the office to rsvp or if you have any questions

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We would like to get an indication of numbers attending



# Calendars

## DECEMBER 2015

- 25 Fri Christmas Day- Volunteers are needed for patrols
- 28 Mon Yamba Ocean Swim
- 31 Thu New Years Eve Get Together at the Clubhouse

## JANUARY 2016

- 6 Wed Yamba SLSC Life Members Luncheon
- 6-8 Wed-Fri 13/14's Branch Development Camp- Tallebudgera
- 11 Mon Club Board Meeting
- 17 Sun JAC Carnival Lennox Head
- 19 Tue Branch meeting Ballina
- 26 Tue Australia Day
- 30-31 Sat/Sun North Coast Boat Series- Evans Head
- 30-31 Sat/Sun JAC Branch Titles- Cudgen

## FEBRUARY 2016

- 6/7 Sat-Sun NSW Country Titles- South West Rocks
- 8 Mon Club Board Meeting
- 13 Sat Brunswick Masters Carnival
- 14 Sun Senior Branch Titles – Brunswick
- 16 Tue Branch meeting Ballina
- 27 Sat Yamba Triathlon

## MARCH 2016

- 4-6 Fri/Sun NSW Age Titles - Umina
- 9-10 Wed/Thu NSW Masters Titles – Umina
- 14 Mon Club Board Meeting
- 11-13 Fri/Sun NSW Open Titles - Umina
- 18-20 Fri/Sun Qld State Titles - North Burleigh
- 25-28 Easter Long Weekend

## APRIL 2016

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

## Patrols

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

### December

#### Christmas Day- Volunteers Patrols

- Sat 26<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm Patrol 4
- Sat 26<sup>th</sup> 1pm-5pm Patrol 5
- Sun 27<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm Patrol 6
- Sun 27<sup>th</sup> 1pm-5pm Patrol 7
- Mon 28<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm Patrols 8 and 9**
- Mon 28<sup>th</sup> 1pm-5pm Patrol 1

### January

- Fri 1<sup>st</sup> 9am-1pm Patrol 2
- Fri 1<sup>st</sup> 1pm-5pm Patrol 3
- Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> 9am-1pm Patrol 4
- Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> 1pm-5pm Patrol 5
- Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> 9am-1pm Patrol 6
- Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> 1pm-5pm Patrol 7
- Sat 9<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm Patrol 8
- Sat 9<sup>th</sup> 1pm-5pm Patrol 9
- Sun 10<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm Patrol 1
- Sun 10<sup>th</sup> 1pm-5pm Patrol 2
- Sat 16<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm Patrol 3
- Sat 16<sup>th</sup> 1pm-5pm Patrol 4
- Sun 17<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm Patrol 5
- Sun 17<sup>th</sup> 1pm-5pm Patrol 6
- Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> 9am-1pm Patrol 7
- Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> 1pm-5pm Patrol 8
- Sun 24<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm Patrol 9
- Sun 24<sup>th</sup> 1pm-5pm Patrol 1
- Tues 26<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm Patrol 2
- Tue 26<sup>th</sup> 1pm-5pm Patrol 3

## GOLF CLUB RAFFLE ROSTER

- 26<sup>th</sup> December Group 3:** Jane and Alan Lawrence, Ken Ryan, Jill Ennever
- 2<sup>nd</sup> January Group 4:** Anne and Brian Jones, William Onslow
- 9<sup>th</sup> January Group 5:** Nicole and Greg Don, Trish and Kerry Pidcock
- 16<sup>th</sup> January Group 6:** Ray O'Brien, Pat Ridgway, Steve Pettet
- 23<sup>rd</sup> January Group 7:** Jo and Grant Bennett, Bob Darby, Rick Harris, Greg Zietsch
- 30<sup>th</sup> January Group 8:** Heather and Brian Badgery, Roger McLean, Scott Greensill

*Thank you to our many members who run the weekly meat raffles at the Golf Club every Saturday night.*

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