



YAMBA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC
FOUNDED 1908

One-Hundred & Eighth Annual Report

FOR SEASON 2015-2016



VIGILANCE AND SERVICE

Yamba Surf Life Saving Club Inc

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Yamba Surf Life Saving Club is a not-for-profit charitable organisation whose main purpose is to;

- Provide a safe aquatic environment at Main Beach Yamba
- Educate members on surf rescue and resuscitation techniques
- Educate the community on water safety
- Provide programs for members that encourage education and skills enhancement

Monies raised by the club are primarily for charitable purposes such as lifesaving activities and community education and also include the intangible benefits derived from members joining a Surf Life Saving Club.

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 108th Annual General Meeting of Yamba Surf Life Saving Club Inc will be held at the Clubhouse, Main Beach Yamba on Sunday, July 31st, 2016 commencing at 2.00pm.

(Only financial Active, Reserve Active, Long Service, Award, Life Members and Office Bearers are eligible to vote.)

AGENDA

- Opening of the meeting by the Chairperson
- Apologies
- Adoption of Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting
- Presentation of Annual Report
- Presentation of Income and Expenditure Statement and Balance Sheet
- Notice of Motion
 - i. That affiliation be sought for the 2016/17 season with Surf Life Saving Far North Coast Branch. Further that the Articles, Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations and Resolutions, together with the awards and equipment of Surf Life Saving Australia and affiliated States and Branches, be accepted without reservation.
- Election of Office Bearers for season 2016-17
- General Business as may be transacted according to the rules

Leah Essex

Director of Administration



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IRBs converge on Main Beach for an Australian Life Boat Emergency Rescue Training (ALBERT) day run by Far North Coast Branch.



Newly inducted Life Member, Kim Morgans (left) is congratulated by Don Lee (Life Member) following his award presentation at the 2015 AGM.



Life Member, Jim Saunders (right) receives his SLSA 60 years Service award from Don Lee at the 2015 AGM.

Yamba Surf Life Saving Club Inc.

Affiliated with the Far North Coast Branch of Surf Life Saving NSW

Patron: W.M.(Bill) Dougherty OAM

Vice Patrons:

Kevin Hogan, Chris Gulaptis, Richie Williamson, Trevor Phillips OAM,
Cliff Lowien, Mike Dougherty, Ray BurrIDGE.

OFFICE BEARERS FOR SEASON 2015-16

Board of Directors

Chairman	Joe Dougherty	Deputy Chairman	Alan Schofield
Administration	Leah Essex	Finance	Tim Small
Life Saving	James Ryan	Surf Sports	Jim Dougherty OAM
Education	Kim Morgans	Clubhouse	Brian Badgery
Junior Activities	Danielle Connolly		

Assistant Secretary

Nicole Don (res Nov)/Narelle Kemp (app Dec)

Registrar

Cathy Dougherty

Club Vice Captain

Matt Saunders

Under 19 Captain

Will Brighton

Boat Captain

Rodney McSkimming

Boat Vice Captain

Ray Wiblen

IRB Captain

Matt Saunders

IRB Vice Captain

Ray Wiblen

Youth Development Officer

Kim McFarlane

Patrol Gear Steward

Mitch Imeson

Competition Gear Steward

Jim Dougherty

Radio Officer

Peter Sweetman

WH&S Officer

Andrew Cumberland

First Aid Officer

Kevin Hassey

Assistant First Aid Officer

Brian Jones

Publicity Officer

Kerry Lee

House Committee

Greg Zietsch, Cathy Dougherty, Andrew Cumberland, Alan Lawrence

Social Committee

Kerry Lee, Jo Lee, Lyn Brighton, Nicole Don, Andrew Cumberland, Jane Sahlqvist

Board Appointments

Branch Delegates: Joe Dougherty, Jim Dougherty

Public Officer: Leah Essex

Sponsorship Committee

Roley Green, Alan Schofield, Brian Badgery, Helen Morris, Leah Essex, Danielle Connolly

Member Protection Officer: Chris Moran

Medical Officers: Drs Hope, McCarthy and Jones

Trauma Officers: Linda Horton, Jo King, Bill Onslow

Hon. Solicitor: Joe Fahey

Auditor: Kennedy Saunders

Licensee: Yamba SLSC

Bar Supervisor: Robert Darby

Administration Officers: (Nicole Don/Kerry Lee), Narelle Kemp (Employees)

Caretaker: Erik Pitsi

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It is an honour and a privilege to be able to present the Annual Report to members of Yamba SLSC for the 2015-16 season. Thank you to all of our patrolling members for your vigilance and service. The club can again proudly say that 'no lives were lost during patrol hours'.

I'd first like to acknowledge the efforts of my predecessor, Alan Schofield, who has provided outstanding service over many years. His decision to stay on as Deputy Chairman has been of significant benefit in a year which saw substantial change on the Board. Welcome also to new Board members Leah Essex, as Secretary, and Danielle Connolly, Nippers Chairperson.



The club's strong financial position has continued this season and special thanks must go to our sponsors and donors, as well as to all of the members who contributed to fundraising throughout the year.

There were 2 General meetings held during the season. Numbers at these meetings, which are open to all members, were a little disappointing and it is hoped that more members will take the opportunity to have a say in the club next season.

Congratulations to Kim Morgans on being awarded Life Membership at the AGM last July, deserving recognition for many years of work. A Life Members' lunch was held in January which saw a great turn out. Well done to Don and Jo Lee for organising this.

Congratulations also to Club Person of the Year, Alan Schofield, and the Col Goddard Memorial Lifesaver of the Year, Matt Saunders, who were presented with their awards at the Club presentation – your efforts have been outstanding.

The club signed a temporary 6 month lease with the Clarence Coast Reserve Trust for the lease of the Clubhouse and kiosk through to June 30th this year. At time of writing, the State Government and SLSNSW had agreed on new long-term leases for surf clubs in NSW. It is expected that the club will agree to a new 20 year lease shortly that will help with future planning and development.

The 6th annual Jacob Lollback Memorial Board Race was held on September 26th and was again a success. Major winners included Luke Cuff in the Open Men and Jordan Mercer in the Open Women. The tough decision has been made by the Board not to run this event again in 2016. Difficulty with available dates and the large workload in organising the event were factors in this decision. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Jim & Cathy Dougherty and also the Lollback Family for ensuring the success of this event in recognition of Jacob. I would also like to thank all of the sponsors, supporters and work force who contributed to the success of the day over those 6 years.

The Yamba Ocean Swims were held on Monday 28th December and again proved a financial success for the club. Ky Kinsela took out both the 700m and 2km Male events whilst Melissa Gorman won the 700m and Mette Klinkers the 2km in the female division.

Well done to Under 14 member Jorden Elabbasi who was selected in the Far North Coast team for the Inter-Branch Championships at Cape Hawke in December. Jorden

was the first Yamba junior to be selected in many years and performed admirably.

Congratulations also to Kalani Ives who was the standout competitor for the club at the NSW State Titles winning a bronze medal in the Under 11 Girls Board.

Thank you to the Yamba Lions Club for once again supporting our annual Golf Day, and to Alan Schofield and Roley Green for organising the day – over \$2000 was raised.

The club trialled the opening of the bar between Christmas and New Year in an attempt to attract visitors. This was a success thanks in large part to the volunteer efforts of Brian Badgery and caretaker, Eric Pitsi.

Membership for the 2015/16 season reached 457 compared with 504 last year... down about 10% .

Kim Morgans has continued to lead the club's training and education with some great results. Awards gained during the season totalled 98 - across all courses.

There was only a small group of competitors at carnivals throughout the season with the standout performances already mentioned. Hopefully the club can start to rebuild and grow this aspect in the coming season.

In addition to our own events, we provided support for the Yamba Triathlon in February and for the Copeton Dam swims in April. Well done to all those who assisted with water safety and first aid for these events.

On 27th February the Branch Jet Ski Support Operations facility was officially opened on Hickey Island by Chris Gulaptis MP. Whilst not an official asset of the club, this will be an extremely valuable support service to the club, and is the result of a lot of hard work on behalf of several members.

The club is grateful for the support of the anonymous donor through the Surf Lifesaving Foundation, as well as the significant contribution from SLSNSW through their fundraising efforts and statewide raffles. Our lifesaving gear and equipment is in excellent condition due in large part to these donations.

Thank you to my fellow Board Members for their support and efforts throughout the season and also to Wilson Cregan and the FNC Executive for their advice and support as well as to SLSNSW and SLISA.

Well done and thank you to all our volunteers, both on patrol and in other areas. Without you Yamba SLSC does not exist.

Finally, thank you to my wife, Belinda, for her support

Joe Dougherty

Chairman of the Board

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Once a Yamba nipper back in the 80's I've come full circle and find myself in the role as Administration Director. It's an absolute privilege to be involved with the club in this manner. I have over the past 11 years been involved with the Nippers as both an Age Manager and on the committee. I have also represented the club as a surf boat rower for the past 6 years.



I would like to thank the Board and other members who have shown me plenty of help and support over the past few months, as I ease my way into this position. I hope to keep up the good work Bobbie Winger has done over the previous years. Bobbie was methodical and has left behind an extremely well organised position, which has made the transition for me much easier. Thank you Bobbie for your continued support.

One of the major changes to have occurred in the admin department would be our change in office staff. Nicole Don and Kerry Lee who held the position have moved on to new projects, they were very much an integral part of our team and although they do not fill the role as our office administrator they are both still involved with the club in other volunteer roles. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them very much for their commitment over the years, and wish them all the best in the future.

Narelle Kemp is our new office staff member. I thank her for joining our team, and making the lives of the Board members much easier. Cathy Dougherty deserves special mention for always being available to cover any shifts, and provide a wealth of knowledge for Narelle and myself whilst we are finding our way.

This season has been a learning curve, as I navigate my way through the many policies and procedures that seem to surround every aspect of the job. I'm looking forward to it all becoming easier in the future.

Looking ahead to the 2016-17 season I encourage my fellow members to become involved as much as they can in the social aspect of the club, come and enjoy a cold drink in the bar on a Sunday, use the gym, attend the social gatherings and the General meetings. This is what can help make our club stronger in the future and provide a great culture that we can all be proud of.

Thanks to everyone who has helped me this year, it is an honor to be a part of Yamba SLSC.

Leah Essex

Administration

MEETINGS

There have been a total of 11 Board and General meetings held since the AGM in July 2015.

Meeting attendance by Board members was as follows:

Joe Dougherty 11, Jim Dougherty 11, Leah Essex 10, Kim Morgans 10, Danielle Connolly 10, James Ryan 9, Brian Badgery 9, Tim Small 6, Alan Schofield 5

MEMBERSHIP 2015-16

Category	Male Members	Female Members	Total Members
Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	73	43	116
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	14	8	22
Active (15-18 yrs)	9	4	13
Active (18yrs and over)	47	16	63
Award	2	5	7
Reserve Active	8	2	10
Long Service	15	2	17
Life Member	21	1	22
Associate	103	84	187
Total	292	165	457

‘Vigilance and Service’

The core function of surf lifesaving is to minimise loss of life by providing surf lifesaving patrols – this was borne out in January this year when Yamba SLSC patrol members rescued a very grateful member of the public from near drowning. See his letter of thanks below.

Dear Yamba SLSC,

I wish to express my appreciation for my recent near drowning rescue on 26.1.16. I wish to congratulate your whole crew on their prompt and professional response to save my life, for which I am forever grateful. I hate to think what would have happened if your crew weren't on duty. I don't think you are appreciated enough for what you do and for putting your lives on the line in protecting the community, as you don't get paid for it. I have made a donation and hope it helps.

Thanks again – James O'Connor

LIFE SAVING REPORT

As another season rolls by at Yamba Main Beach we can again be proud that no lives were lost whilst the beach was patrolled by club members. A big thank you to all our patrolling members for keeping our beach a safe place for the public to swim.

According to Surfcom statistics 29,335 people visited our beach (although club stats may vary slightly). There were only 2 first aids requiring an ambulance, 3907 preventative action and 41 rescues.



The season got off to a great start with a good number of members turning up to our first proficiency test of the season or, as it is now known, the “skills maintenance test”. With all members needing to be proficient by December each season, I do urge people to make an effort and try to get to the first proficiency and not put it off until a later date.

With no Nippers or Branch carnival this season at Yamba we had a well earned rest from carnivals for this year, but we still provided a very well run annual Jacob Lollback Memorial Paddle and Ocean Swim Day. Thank you to all involved in the running of these two days.

Early on in the season with our involvement in the Branch run ALBERT (Australian Life Boat Emergency Rescue Training), a group of members attended the Coolangatta Gold and provided water safety in one of our IRB's.

In November we provided water safety at short notice for the Grafton Dragon Boat Club, thanks to Andrew Cumberland and Brad Collis.

Our club continues to have a good partnership with the Inverell East Rotary club in the running of the Copeton Dam Freshwater Swim by providing water safety and first aid for the event and the setup of the course. We provided the same assistance for the Elite Energy Yamba Triathlon.

During the season, due to a shortage of patrolling members at Evans Head SLSC, a group of members went up to Evans for the day and after helping out with their proficiency, provided a patrol for the day. We were also called upon to help with the running of a round of the North Coast Boat Series held at Evans Head beach. This group of members were invited to the Evans Head SLSC end of year presentation as a thank you.

The core function of our club is patrolling the beach. On Australia Day this year, under very trying conditions, Matt Saunders and his patrol made a number of rescues. The main one being of a young man caught in Craigmores rip. On the previous page of this Annual Report is a letter of appreciation from this very grateful man. I would like to commend Matt and his patrol crew for their efforts on this day.

Our patrol equipment and first aid room continue to be well maintained thanks to the efforts of Matt Saunders and Kevin Hassey.

This season also saw the official opening of the Yamba Support Services Shed ‘jet ski shed’. Although not directly a part of Yamba SLSC, it is run by club members and will be an invaluable asset to the Yamba area.

I urge all patrolling members to keep in mind that 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.

We have a great club with an array of members putting in a great effort , including the Yamba Support Services crew

Stay safe and see you all next season.

James Ryan
Club Captain

Patrol Attendance Awards

Tim Berry, Jack Brighton, Lyn Brighton, William Brighton, Lachlan Clark, Alanna Colwell, Shannon Colwell, Rhys Comerford, Andrew Cumberland, Pierre de Billot, Jack Earle, Jill Ennever, Leah Essex, Michael Gillman, Billy Holloway, Morgan Holloway, Linda Horton, Justin Hyde, Sue-Ellen Hyne, Todd Ives, Phil Kelly, Jo King, Helmut Klein, Kerry Lee, Jack Leonard, Mia McAvoy, Lachlan McFarlane, Tony McFarlane, Chris Moran, Stephen Morfett, Andrew Morris, Ray O'Brien, William Onslow, Lloyd Palmer, Luke Patricks, Wayne Ringland, James Ryan, Brent Sahlqvist, Matt Saunders, Alan Schofield, Warren Tucker, Roger Varcoe, Brendan Watkins, James Wheeler.

Individual Patrol Hours

Adamson	Marc	29.5	Ennever	Jill	55.5	Klein	Helmut	44	Pitkin	Wil	37.5
Becker	Katie	20.25	Essex	Darby	4	Lawrence	Alan	27	Plunkett	Benjamin	17
Bell	Andrew	39	Essex	Leah	46.5	Lawrence	Jane	22.5	Pugsley	Joshua	26.5
Berry	Tim	76	Fahey	Darby	22.5	Lee	Donald	22.5	Rheinberger	Peter	15
Bloomer	Sam	26.5	Fahey	Harrison	21.5	Lee	Kerry	69	Richards	Jarrad	32.25
Bock	Belinda	23	Fahey	Joseph	4	Leonard	Jack	44	Ridgway	Patrick	14
Bolton	Vincent	37	Fahey	Rachel	26	Leonard	Sean	29.5	Ringland	Wayne	43.5
Bonner	Christopher	30.5	Felmingham	Cathy	17.5	Maria	Cassie	25.5	Robinson	Joshua	26
Bridges	Chelsea	0	Fisher	Danielle	18.5	McAvoy	Mia	34.5	Robison	Zachary	0
Brighton	Jack	53	Frazer	Rory	18	McFarlane	Brianna	36	Rose	Martyn	0
Brighton	Lynette	40.5	Gilbert	Isabella	11	McFarlane	Lachlan	41.5	Ryan	James	207
Brighton	William	49.5	Gilbert	Max	29.5	McFarlane	Teagan	2	Sahlqvist	Brenton	46.75
Brotherson	Isaac	36	Gilbert	Sally	26	McFarlane	Tony	56.5	Sanders	Geoff	11.5
Browne	James	7	Gillman	Michael	45.5	Mitiadou	Andrea	7.5	Sanders	Molly	36
Bruggy	Yasmin	5.75	Greeff	Dylan	26	Moran	Chris	59	Saunders	Matthew	108.5
Clark	Lachlan	38	Hage	Colleen	17.5	Morfett	Deborah	37	Schofield	Alan	35.5
Clout	Rebecca	0	Hitchings	Luke	7	Morfett	Stephen	42.5	Smith	Michael	3
Colwell	Alanna	39.5	Holloway	Billy	43.25	Morgans	Kim	18	Smith	Michael A.	7.5
Colwell	Shannon	40.5	Holloway	Morgan	39.75	Morris	Andrew	56.5	Sutherland	Taylah	26
Comerford	Rhys	79.5	Horton	Linda	43.5	Morris	Joshua	26.5	Tucker	Warren F.	50.5
Cormick	Elaina	3.5	Hyde	Justin	33.5	Morrissey	Jack	4	Varcoe	Roger	56
Cumberland	Alicia	14.5	Hyne	Elizabeth	0	Normand	Max	15.5	Watkins	Brendan	54
Cumberland	Andrew	45	Hyne	Sue-Ellen	40	O'Brien	Raymond	39.5	Watkins	Jaydan	25.5
Day	Kealy	23	Imeson	Mitchell	21	O'Connor	Kirsten	32.5	Wheeler	James	77.5
de Billot	Patrick	14	Ives	Jasmin	33.5	O'Keeffe	Joseph	14	Willemsen	Chloe	31
de Billot	Pierre	53.5	Ives	Todd	46	O'Mahony	Caitlin	7.5	Winger	Bobbie	23
Dobbin	Reece	18.5	Johns	Mitchell	0	O'Mahony	Patrick	19.5	Woods	Tom	2.5
Dougherty	James	10	Kapeen	Samuel	28.5	O'Neill	Finn	14.25	Worboys	Joanne	29
Dougherty	Joseph	3	Kelly	Philip	41	Onslow	William	118.5	Worboys	Simon	55
Dougherty	Martin	11.5	Killen	Raymond	15.5	Palmer	Lloyd	85.5	Wyllie	Gregory	11.5
Earle	Jack	58	King	Jo	38.5	Patricks	Luke	47.5			
Elabbasi	Jorden	19	King	Zoe	21.5	Pitkin	Gracie	26			

Patrol Statistics

First Aid		Rescues		Preventative Actions	
Type Performed				Type	
Fractures/Dislocations	1	No Gear	1	Preventions	3905
Major Marine Stings	0	IRB	17	Searches	0
Major Wounds	0	Rescue Tube	6	Lost Children	2
Minor Cuts/Abrasions	25	Rescue Board	8	Total Preventative Actions	3907
Minor Marine Stings	7	RWC	8		
Other	2	Other	1		
Total First Aid	35	Total Rescues	41		

EDUCATION REPORT

The 2015-16 season saw a variety of courses being attended by our members: in all 15 different types of awards were gained, with nearly 100 certificates to be handed out at Presentation Night.

Our Bronze Medallion and Surf Rescue numbers have remained steady while big increases in Advanced Resuscitation and Spinal Management were noted. Importantly, there has been a significant increase in IRB awards, with 10 being gained and another squad being trained at present. This was a focus for this season as each patrol has to have at least one Driver and one Crew person. It is hoped that this trend continues next season.



The Junior Activity members continue to show their willingness to become life-savers by doing SRC and Radio courses. Due to an oversight the Resuscitation course was not offered this year; it will be next season. In order to help our members see what courses are available to them three flow charts showing different education pathways were placed on the inside noticeboard, along with a Qualifications Chart, which shows the pre-requisites needed for each award. It is advised that you check these before registering for a course.

At the recent FNC Branch education meeting it was noted that in future all registrations for Branch courses have to go via the club's CTO so we can check pre-requisites, email addresses, phone numbers, etc. If you change your email or your mobile phone number please advise the office as these are our main forms of communication.

Computer skills are becoming more important in education. The season started with chaos during the Skills Maintenance days (proficiencies) because SLSNSW expected all members to complete new, mandatory questions online through the Members Portal / Online Learning and many could not do so. Before this happens again next season could you please access your members portal and try to work your way through it. (I can provide some guidance via email if you need it.) SLSNSW have been asked to make the site more user-friendly.

It is good to see that more members are becoming Training Officers and Assessors. The efforts of Alan Schofield and Andrew Cumberland in running large SRC and Bronze squads especially need to be recognised. This is a good time to remind all T.O.s that they need to have a "Working With Children" check done and to have a copy handed into the office.

An education meeting, open to all interested members, will be held soon after the AGM. In it we will develop next season's Training Calendar. First Aid and ART courses are usually the first offered - in August. Please enrol for all courses through the office.

Finally, I would like to congratulate all our successful candidates and to thank all the trainers and assessors who helped them achieve this success

Kim Morgans
Education Director

LIFE SAVING AWARDS

Surf Rescue Certificate (12)

Sam Bloomer, Lachlan Clark, Alanna Colwell, Jorden Elabbasi, Zoe King, Mia McAvoy, Josh Morris, Patrick O'Mahony, Finn O'Neill, Gracie Pitkin, Josh Pugsley, Jarrod Richards

Bronze Medallion (13)

Jack Brighton, Yasmin Bruggy, Alicia Cumberland, Josh Cumberland, Shane Dennis, Reece Dobbin, Jack Earle, Dylan Greeff, Koby Hyde, Brianna McFarlane, Clair Morton, Josh Robinson, Nathan Robinson.

Advanced Resuscitation Techniques (14)

Tim Berry, Belinda Bock, Jack Brighton, Lyn Brighton, Jenni Brown, Rhys Comerford, Jack Earle, Natashya Earle, Jill Ennever, Rory Frazer, Jack Leonard, Chris Moran, Helen Morris, Kerri Wunderlich.

IRB Crew (6)

Rhys Comerford, Rachel Fahey, Chris Moran, Kirsten O'Connor, Joanne Worboys, Simon Worboys

Silver Medallion IRB Driver (4)

Rhys Comerford, Kirsten O'Connor, James Wheeler, Simon Worboys

Silver Medallion Basic Beach Management (4)

Pierre de Billot, Belinda Bock, Michael Gilliman, Max Normand

Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue (4)

Belinda Bock, Michael Gilliman, Sean Leonard, Max Normand

Spinal Management (11)

Rhys Comerford, Pierre de Billot, Jill Ennever, Michael Gilliman, Kevin Hassey, Morgan Holloway, Helmut Klein, Chris Moran, Helen Morris, Kirsten O'Connor, Alan Schofield

First Aid [AID] (14)

Shannon Colwell, Alicia Cumberland, Andrew Cumberland, Kealy Day, Jack Earle, Natashya Earle, Noah Hodgson, Morgan Holloway, Sue-Ellen Hyne, Teagan McFarlane, Tony McFarlane, Max Normand, Wayne Ringland, Patricia Verran

Radio Operator (4)

Alanna Colwell, Jorden Elabbasi, Kerry Lee, Josh Morris

Gold Medallion (4)

Belinda Bock, Michael Gilliman, Sean Leonard, Max Normand,

Rescue Water Craft Operator (2)

James Ryan, Matt Saunders

Training Officer (3)

Kim Morgans (Spinal Management)

Matt Saunders (IRB)

Alan Schofield (Bronze)

Assessor (1)

James Ryan (IRB)

Certificate II in Public Safety (2)

Danielle Fisher, Justin Hyde



*First Bronze Squad
of the season with trainers
Bill Onslow and Kim Morgans
(Back l to r): Will Earle,
Jack Brighton
(Front) Reece Dobbin, Brianna
McFarlane, Dylan Greeff*

SURF SPORTS REPORT

On the local Branch scene a small team of club members competed at surf carnivals at Ballina and Cudgen and the Branch Titles at Brunswick Heads in testing surf conditions with limited success. The club was well represented at the Country Titles but work commitments and injuries to a few key competitors limited our numbers at the State and Australian Titles.



It was pleasing to see the NSW Country Titles back in the northern part of the state with South West Rocks the venue. The move away from the school holidays to a February date meant more senior members were able to compete but unfortunately resulted in a very small nippers team attending. The club finished 10th in the combined seniors/masters/nippers pointscore with 8 gold medals, 10 silver medals, and 11 bronze medals. Kalani Ives was the leading medal winner with 3 gold in the Under 11 years events followed by Justin Hyde with 2 gold in board riding events. Other gold medallists were the Under 23 boat crew, Will Brighton in the 2km run, and Peter Rheinberger in the board race.

Congratulations to Under 14 years competitor Jorden Elabbasi who became our first nipper to be selected in the Far North Coast branch team since 2007. Jorden's improved swimming resulted in some good performances at local Branch carnivals during the season and he was unlucky to miss a medal at the Country Titles with three 4th placings in close finishes. Hopefully he will go on next season to compete strongly in Under 15s as the club has had a real drought with Under 15 and 17 competitors in recent seasons.

After a strong season in 2014-15 with as many as five crews rowing in the North Coast Boat Series and the trip to Gallipoli, the boat section had a quiet 2015-16 season. Two crews started the season under the coaching of sweep Rod McSkimming but one of the masters crew members suffered a shoulder injury early on and they didn't get to compete. The under 23 mens crew shaped up well with some promising performances in the Navy Series at the Gold Coast and in Sydney at the big Manly carnival. They then won the gold medal at the Country titles in February. However Marc Adamson suffered a back injury and they were forced to miss the State and Australian Titles. Thanks again are due to boat officials Mick Smith and Jim Saunders who travelled up and down the east coast officiating at carnivals in both NSW and Queensland.

The Sunday morning handicap surf race was well supported by members with good fields each weekend particularly in the first half of the season. Numbers dropped away a little in the second half of the season when swimmers were faced with a run of testing surf conditions. Club President Joe Dougherty used his great surf skills to run away with the Carl Schaeffer handicap pointscore trophy with a succession of top 3 placings in the bigger surf towards the end of the season.

Monthly Pointscore Winners:

September/October-Matt Eke
November-Bobbie Winger
December-Lindsey Wall
January-Jorden Elabbasi
February-Dylan Greef
March-Joe Dougherty
April-Josh Cumberland

Season Pointscore Results:

1. Joe Dougherty- 96
2. Kalani Ives -76
3. Jorden Elabbasi- 75
4. Kim Morgans -71
5. Jim Dougherty -70
6. Geoff Sanders & Jim Wheeler - 68

Thanks are due to handicapper Belinda Sanders, race organiser Joe Dougherty, and water safety officer James Ryan for their work in organising the swim every Sunday. And thanks also to life member Geoff Schaeffer for his continued financial support in providing trophies for the swim in memory of his father.

Club members who competed in 10 Swims or more during the season were:

Will Brighton, Jim Bindon, Belinda Bock, Josh Cumberland, Jim Dougherty, Joe Dougherty, Jorden Elabbasi, Matt Eke, Joe Fahey, Harry Fahey, Roley Green, Jess Humphries, Todd Ives, Kalani Ives, Helmet Klein, Dubbo Lawrence, Jane Lawrence, Kim Morgans, Luke Patricks, Paul Quirk, Peter Rheinberger, Geoff Sanders, Lindsey Wall, Jim Wheeler, Bobbie Winger.

SURF CARNIVAL RESULTS

FAR NORTH COAST BRANCH TITLES – Brunswick Heads 14th February 2016

Open Male Beach Sprint – 1st Will Brighton

Under 19 years Male Board Race – 1st Will Brighton

Under 19 years 2km Beach Run – 1st Will Brighton

Under 19 years Beach Sprint – 1st Will Brighton

Under 19 years Beach Flags – 1st Will Brighton

30/39 years Male Board Race – 1st Joe Dougherty

50/59 years Male Board Race – 1st Peter Rheinberger

50/59 years Male Surf Race – 1st Peter Rheinberger

Open Surf Teams – 2nd Joe Dougherty, Peter Rheinberger, Will Brighton, Kealy Day.

Open Board Relay – 2nd Joe Dougherty, Will Brighton, Mike Gillman.

Under 19 years Male Board Race – 2nd Mike Gillman

Under 19 years Male 2km Beach Run – 2nd Mike Gillman

30/39 years Male Surf Race – 2nd Joe Dougherty

Open Male Board Race – 3rd Will Brighton

Open Male Surf Race – 3rd Kealy Day

Under 19 years Surf Race – 3rd Will Brighton

Under 15 years Surf Race – 3rd Jorden Elabbasi

NSW COUNTRY TITLES – South West Rocks 6th & 7th February 2016

Open Male Surf Board Riding – 1st Justin Hyde

Under 23 Years Male Surf Boat – 1st Marc Adamson, Andrew Bell, Vincent Bolton, Isaac Brotherson, & sweep Rod McSkimming

Under 19 years Male 2km Beach Run – 1st Will Brighton

40/49 years Male Surf Board Riding – 1st Justin Hyde

50/59 years Male Board Race – 1st Peter Rheinberger

30/39 years Female Board Rescue – 2nd Belinda Bock/Jasmin Ives

30/39 years Female Rescue Tube – 2nd Belinda Bock

40/49 years Male Malibu Long Board Riding – 2nd Justin Hyde

50/59 years Male Surf Race – 2nd Peter Rheinberger

50/59 years Male Board Rescue – 2nd Jim Dougherty/Peter Rheinberger

60/69 years Male Board Race – 2nd Jim Dougherty

60/69 years Male Rescue Tube – 2nd Jim Dougherty

60/69 years Male Surf Race – 2nd Jim Dougherty

Open Male Rescue Tube Rescue – 3rd Will Brighton, Kealy Day, Mike Gillman, Dylan Greeff.

30/39 years 2km Beach Run – 3rd Belinda Bock

30/39 years Female Board Race – 3rd Jasmin Ives

30/39 years Female Rescue Tube – 3rd Jasmin Ives

30/39 years Male Board Race – 3rd Todd Ives

30/39 years Male Surf Race – 3rd Todd Ives

30/39 years Male Board Rescue – 3rd Todd Ives/Justin Hyde

50/59 years Male Rescue Tube Race – 3rd Peter Rheinberger

60/69 years Male Single Ski – 3rd Jim Dougherty

NSW STATE MASTERS TITLES – Umina 9th & 10th March 2016

50/54 years Surf Race – 6th Peter Rheinberger

60/64 years Rescue Tube – 6th Jim Dougherty

60/64 years Surf Race – 4th Jim Dougherty

65/69 years Surf Race – 4th Jim Schafer

60/64 years IronMan – 4th Jim Dougherty

65/69 years Rescue Tube – 4th Jim Schafer

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The club championships were held on Sunday 10th April and a good 1 metre plus surf made for some competitive racing. The results were:

Open Male Champion – Will Brighton
Open Female Champion – Bobbie Winger
Open Iron Man – Joe Dougherty
Open Male Surf Race – Joe Dougherty
Open Female Surf Race – Bobbie Winger
Board Relay – Joe Dougherty, Don Marsh, Brent Sahlqvist
Taplin Relay – Mike Gilliman, Dylan Greeff, Reece Dobbin

Open Board Race – Joe Dougherty
Open Ski Race – Mike Gilliman
Open Beach Sprint – Will Brighton
Open Beach Flags – Mike Gilliman
Snake Race – Will Brighton

JACOB LOLLBACK MEMORIAL BOARD RACE DAY

The 6th annual Jacob Lollback Memorial Board Race Day was held on Saturday 26th September and once again it was a great success with almost 200 board paddlers taking part in the various age divisions. Strong southerly winds on the day resulted in a modification to the normal course so that competitors could take advantage of the down-wind conditions from Lovers Point back to Main Beach.

There was strong representation from Queensland clubs with Burleigh Heads, Surfers Paradise, Tugun, Currumbin, Northcliffe, Palm Beach, Noosa Heads, and Alexandra Headland all bringing big teams. Sydney club Manly were also strongly represented whilst Byron Bay and Cudgen paddlers were included in the age group placings. Yamba's sole representative on the podium was Todd Ives who took out the 30/39 years 2km race.



The Open Mens 4km race was a hotly contested affair with fifty of the top board paddlers in Australia lining up for the event. Nutri Grain Iron Man Series young gun Luke Cuff from Mermaid Beach club won a tight finish with 2014 runner up Jack Moyes of Noosa again in 2nd place and 2014 race winner Wes Berg of Burleigh Heads 3rd. In the Open womens event Nutri Grain Iron Woman champion Jordan Mercer of Noosa made it two in a row with a big win over Currumbin pair Karlee Nurthen and Kirstie Hardstaff.

There were many club members and supporters who contributed to the success of the day from the IRB crews, car park attendants, beach work party, registration team, BBQ workers and others who started early in the day through to the bar staff who closed the day. A big thank you to all involved. The large number of workers who turn up every year certainly adds to the "vibe" around this day.

Also a big thank you to our major sponsors for the day – Kracka Surfcraft, Dolphin Surfcraft and Infront Surfcraft who all donated racing boards for our lucky draw prizes. Other sponsors included Finz Swimwear, Clarence Valley Council, Pacific Hotel, Belinda's Store, Ken Casson Mazda, Ray White Real Estate, Pickering Law, Yamba's Fisho, Kerry Pidcock, Roley Green, Alan Schofield, Courtney & Bonnie Hancock, and Brett Dowker.

One of the highlights of the day was the addition of the Snake Race to end the competition and a win to Yamba's club champion Will Brighton was well received by the big crowd.

RESULTS

Open Men 4km

- 1) Luke Cuff, Mermaid Beach
- 2) Jack Moyes, Noosa
- 3) Wes Berg, Burleigh Heads

U/19 Men 2km

- 1) Alex Wright, Alexandra Headland
- 2) Rhyam Pankhurst, Tugun
- 3) Kody Innes, Burleigh Heads

U/17 Men 2km

- 1) Luke Chaffer, Cudgen
- 2) Harrison Stone, Manly
- 3) Jy Timperley, Byron Bay

U/15 Men 2km

- 1) Ryan Carroll, Northcliffe
- 2) Cooper Williams, Noosa
- 3) Alex Wilson, Palm Beach Qld

30 - 39yrs Men 2km

- 1) Todd Ives, Yamba
- 2) Zayne Hamill, Surfers Paradise
- 3) Daniel Bannerman, Urunga

Over 40 Men

- 1) Michael Di Betta, Currumbin
- 2) Darren Mercer, Noosa
- 3) Paul Davis, Brunswick

Dash for Cash Winners

Open Men

Hayden White, Currumbin

U/19 Men

Corey Hartland, Alexandra Headland

U/17 Men

Harrison Murphy, Byron Bay

U/15 Men

Ryan Carroll, Northcliffe

30 -39 Men

Zayne Hamill, Surfers Paradise

Over 40 Men

Paul Davis, Brunswick

Snake Race: Will Brighton, Yamba

Lucky Draw Board Winners

Kracka: Bailey Williams, Noosa

Dolphin: Ethan Coates, Cooks Hill

Infront: Max Milligan, Tacking Point

Open Women 4km

- 1) Jordan Mercer, Noosa
- 2) Karlee Nurthen, Currumbin
- 3) Kirstie Hardstaff, Currumbin

U/19 Women 2km

- 1) Ela Heiniger, Byron Bay
- 2) Amy Annabel, BHMP
- 3) Jayden Morgan, Byron Bay

U/17 Women 2km

- 1) Hannah Sculley, Northcliffe
- 2) Zoe Lundarelli, Northcliffe
- 3) Tahlia Kollen, Sawtell

U/15 Women 2km

- 1) Naomi Scott, Manly
- 2) Nicola Owen, Merewether
- 3) Emily Doyle, Manly

Over 40 Women 2km

- 1) Helen Murray, Byron Bay
- 2) Christine Dennis, Northcliffe

Open Women

Jordan Mercer, Noosa

U/19 Women

Ela Heiniger, Byron Bay

U/17 Women

Hannah Sculley, Northcliffe

U/15 Women

Naomi Scott, Manly

Over 40 Women

Helen Murray, Byron Bay

Hancock Family Award:

Kai Onley, Cudgen; Zoe Hughes, Byron Bay

Dowker Family Award:

Ethan Coates, Cooks Hill; Zara Glifos, Burleigh

*The Schaeffer Family participating in the
Carl Schaeffer Memorial Surf Race.
Life Member Geoff Schaeffer (back right)
with son Andrew (back left)
and grandsons Zac, Alec and Luke
who were visiting from England.*



YAMBA OCEAN SWIMS

The Ocean Swims Day was held on Monday 28th December 2015 and once again proved to be a big financial success for the club. The rain stayed away this year but we did have a strong southerly wind to contend with that forced an alteration to the 2,000 metre course. The number of swimmers – 180 in the 700 metre race and 87 in the 2,000 metre race – was on a par with 2014 despite the shark sightings along the North Coast over the past 12 months.

The club had an impressive array of water safety craft on the water with the Ballina jet boat and Branch jet skis supporting the 4 club IRBs. A big thank you to all those who did water safety in the windy conditions plus thanks also to all the other club members who carried out the many jobs

Ky Kinsella from Coffs Harbour carried off the treble in the mens events winning the 2,000 metres, 700 metres and the Dash for Cash, and relegating last years champion and English Channel record holder Trent Grimsey to the minor placings. In the womens events Olympian Melissa Gorman won the 700 metres race and was leading the 2,000 metres only to see 14 year old Mette Klinkers from Sawtell surf past her on a nice wave and claim victory.

Finally thank you to our very generous sponsors led by major sponsors Pacific Hotel and Clarence Valley Council – a full list of sponsors is included at the back of this report.

RESULTS SUMMARY

2,000 metre Swim:

Open Male: 1. Ky Kinsella, 2. Ben Jimmison, 3. Trent Grimsey

Open Female: 1. Mette Klinkers, 2. Melissa Gorman, 3. Gabriella Grieves

Age Groups:

12-14 years: Male – Liam Mach

15-19 years: Male – Jake Beaumont

20-29 years: Male – Lindsay Wall; Female – Megan Hoare

39-39 years: Male – Joe Dougherty; Female – Samantha Judge

40-49 years: Male – Michael Fredericks; Female – Jen Graham

50-59 years: Male – David O'Brien; Female – Kate Stoddart

60-69 years: Male – Jim Schafer; Female – Alexandra Evans

Over 70 years: Male – Helmut Klein

700 metre Swim:

Open Male: 1. Ky Kinsella, 2. Lindsay Wall, 3. Trent Grimsey

Open Female: 1. Melissa Gorman, 2. Megan Hoare, 3. Gabriella Grieves

Age Groups:

10-14 years: Male – Jordan Gallagher; Female – Mette Klinkers

15-19 years: Male – Mikael Bisby; Female – Olivia Heaton

20-29 years: Male – Richie Goddard; Female – Jesse-Clare Beresford

30-39 years: Male – Daniel Bannerman; Female – Jade Gargoyra

40-49 years: Male – Dave Fleming; Female – Kate Armstrong

50-59 years: Male – David O'Brien; Female – Kim Elvery

60-69 years: Male – Ian Hanson; Female – Alexandra Evans

Over 70 years: Male – Geoff Schaeffer; Female – Jan Klein

150 metre Dash for Cash: Male – Ky Kinsella; Female – Olivia Heaton

Jim Dougherty

Director of Surf Sports

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES (NIPPERS') REPORT

This year saw me return to the role of Junior Activities Co-ordinator at Yamba Surf Club – a role which I had undertaken from 2005 until 2008 when my 3 children were involved in 'nippers'. While some things have changed considerably since that time, much is still the same. Unfortunately, some of our positions were not filled at the start of this season which meant some people had to double up on positions. The important job of nippers registrar was not filled and was done in the main by Club Registrar Cathy Dougherty with the assistance of Jim and myself. 116 children were registered and processed with the majority being in the 6/7/8 years age groups. Hopefully the season ahead will see more parents keen to take on roles within the nipper section of what is a great surf club.



A tricky season weather-wise affected the numbers of nippers attending each week and the activities and carnivals that were planned. However, we soldiered on and with the help of a dedicated water safety crew we were able to reorganize and run activities. Whiting Beach proved a very successful alternative venue in otherwise trying conditions and most nippers enjoyed gaining skills and newly found confidence on boards in calmer waters.

This season the Junior Activities Committee hosted a sleep over in the clubhouse. Under 8's and up were invited to have dinner, watch a movie, participate in beach cricket, create friendships, build team spirit and put their stamp on the surf club - fun for those involved.

A Rotary fun day in January, followed by a sand modelling competition witnessed a huge number of participants, both members and non-members were in attendance. Yamba Rotary and Kevin Hassey were responsible for the success of the day.

Our nipper program's success relies on a commitment towards the service of saving lives. This season witnessed that commitment from those families who assisted week in and week out with various roles from age managers, parent helpers, bbq assistants and of course the committee position holders. These people were not only helpful and knowledgeable but were very friendly and a whole lot of fun to work with:- Katie Becker (vice chairperson), Kerri Wunderlich (secretary), Natashya Earle (pointscore), Helen Morris (sponsorship), Leah Corcoran (publicity); age managers – Todd McLelland, Andrea Nikas, Anita Sylvestro, Natashya Earle, Kerri Wunderlich, Todd and Jasmin Ives, Roger Varcoe, Andrea Miltiadou, Simone Bradley, Leah Essex; water safety – Simon and Jo Worboys and club captain James Ryan; BBQ – Larry Griffin, Greg Bell and Trevor Kapeen.

Educational Direction - A meeting was held early in the season with the club's Chief Training Officer Kim Morgans and the Youth Activities Officer Kim McFarlane to discuss our educational direction. A draft plan of direction for swimmers and non-swimmers was generated and it was decided that this be circulated to members to promote more interest in Bronze Medallion training with the goal that, ideally, qualified surf lifesavers are educating our Nippers. It was discussed that Bronze holders who devote their Sundays to positions such as Age manager, be able to negotiate patrolling hours with the Club Captain.

Carnivals - Yamba Nippers braved the toughest conditions this season with king

tides, rough seas and bad weather, marine life also had a huge impact on the season. This season three carnivals were impacted upon by shark sightings in the Ballina / Lennox Head area. Branch office and Fisheries NSW worked hand in hand to ensure that water safety was paramount and standard operating procedures included extra safety measures. A small but brave and focussed group of competitors displayed tenacity and many qualities that ensure that they are an asset to the surf lifesaving community by attending carnivals and achieving outstanding results. Thanks to our coaching team of Todd and Jasmine Ives, Jim Dougherty and the parents who supported this group. Thanks also to Simone Bradley and Andrea Miltiadou for coordinating the carnival responsibilities and reports. Next season we look forward to hosting two carnivals on our home beach – a junior Branch carnival on November 6th and the Branch Titles on January 28/29th. We will need lots of support from club members and sponsors to ensure we have a great time.

Interbranch Team - Jorden Elabassi (U14s) was selected to join other elite athletes in representing the Far North Coast Branch at the Interbranch titles held at Cape Hawke in December. Jorden was selected from a very tough field and he has put in the hard work all season achieving very good results. Congratulations Jorden and good luck as you leave Nippers and enter into the Cadets section of the club.

Boards - This year, under the advice of our gear steward, Simone Bradley, we purchased a fleet of new boards from Kracka. Boards were available for use on patrolled weekends providing nippers with the extra opportunity to become familiar with riding these in the surf.

Sponsors -Thank you to our sponsors this season – Lone Rock provided our new age managers' shirts; Sassafras Pizza and Pasta provided a voucher for our Nipper of the week award which was always well received; our other valuable sponsors are listed in our sponsors section. Thankyou one and all – we need and value your support!

Finally, thanks to all who have helped continue and build on the traditions of Yamba Surf Life Saving Club – we are helping to train the lifesavers of the future!

Danielle Connolly

Director of Junior Activities

*Nippers competitors at the
NSW Country Championships
at South West Rocks
(Back l to r) Kalani Ives,
Lily Young
(Front) Carissa Miltiadou,
Yasmin Elabassi,
Malik Elabassi*



Nippers Major Award Winners

Norma Doulis Memorial Award – Carnival Water Points – Jorden Elabbasi

Des Eamens Memorial Award – Carnival Beach Points- Kalani Ives

Norm Walters Memorial Award – Carnival Team Person – Lilli Young

Junior Club Champion – Kalani Ives

Jack Goddard Memorial Award – Best and Fairest – Jorden Elabbasi

John Muggleton Award - Junior Club Person - Alanna Colwell

NIPPERS POINTSCORE

1st

U8 Male Sasha Worboys
U8 Female Hannah Hazell
U9 Male Kyden Kennedy
U9 Female Lily Kemp
U10 Male Sam Earle
U10 Female Alani Berry
U11 Male Malik Elabbasi
U11 Female Kalani Ives
U12 Male Cameron Varcoe
U12 Female Carissa Miltiadou
U13 Male Elijah Kapeen
U14 Male Jorden Elabbasi

2nd

Ben Stainlay
Isabella Kemp
Logan Miltiadou
Taliya Lavery
Ben Morris
Ava Young
Harry Close
Yasmin Elabbasi
William Earle
Zahri Berry
Joshua Morris

Best and Fairest

U8 Reef Spiers, Rachel Kennedy
U9 Jett Nikas, Max Earle
U10 Jack Warner, Kurtis Corcoran
U11 Lilli Young, Harry Close
U12 Hogan Holloway, Keilani Scurr

CARNIVAL RESULTS

Branch Titles - Cudgen

Gold Medallists

U11 Female Beach Flags – Kalani Ives
U11 Ironwoman – Kalani Ives
U11 Female Surf Race – Kalani Ives
U11 Board – Kalani Ives
U11 Surf Teams – Malik Elabbasi, Yasmin Elabbasi, Kalani Ives
U14 Male Surf Race – Jorden Elabbasi

Silver Medallists

U10 Male Beach Sprint – Ben Morris
U11 Male Surf Race – Malik Elabbasi

Bronze Medallists

U11 Surf Race – Yasmin Elabbasi
U11 Board Relay – Kalani Ives, Malik Elabbasi, Yasmin Elabbasi
U12 Ironwoman –Carissa Miltiadou
U14 Male Board – Jorden Elabbasi
U14 Ironman – Jorden Elabbasi

NSW COUNTRY TITLES – South West Rocks

Gold Medallists

U11 Ironwoman – Kalani Ives
U11 Female Board – Kalani Ives
U11 Female Flags – Kalani Ives

Silver Medallists

U11 Female Surf Race v Kalani Ives

NSW STATE TITLES

Bronze Medallist

U11 Female Board – Kalani Ives



*Nippers BBQ co-ordinator Larry Griffin
hard at work on the regular Sunday morning BBQs*

CLUBHOUSE REPORT

The location of our clubhouse is the envy of many, but it does bring with it a great many challenges in terms of upkeep. This past season has seen many of the ongoing maintenance jobs undertaken by myself and the necessary tradesmen as required. Our club caretaker, Eric Pitsi, has assisted with some of these tasks and his co-operation and willingness in this regard is always greatly appreciated. The House Committee, while not meeting regularly this season has provided, and will continue to provide, where necessary, an avenue to discuss the management of the building into the future for the benefit of our members.



Recently, we have sought, and received, a number of quotes for painting some interior areas of the clubhouse, as well as polishing the upstairs timber floor area.

Also, designs for the refurbishment of the kitchen and bar area are currently being considered. We have engaged a specialist in this field to assist in the design process and will be looking towards obtaining a major grant in order for this project to proceed.

The gym continues to be used daily by our patrolling and associate members. During the season, Valley Custom Metalwork made up a rack for our new set of dumbbells. This has been a big help in keeping things tidy in the gym. Thanks to Jeremy Andrews who donated the rack as part of his club sponsorship. The Gym is also one of the areas in need of painting.

This season, the bar was opened each afternoon over the Christmas/ New Year period as an experiment. This proved to be of financial benefit to the Club due to the large number of patrons, but only because we were able to man it on a voluntary basis. A special thanks goes to those who worked as volunteers over that period. The weekly Sunday afternoon opening of the bar has been put on hold for the time being due to the low numbers patronising it. We appreciate those who volunteered their time to open it during the past season.

The Social Committee continues to provide the substance for our major social days. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

As the House, Social, Bar and Gym Committees come under the umbrella of the Clubhouse Director, I say 'thank you' to all involved

Brian Badgery
Clubhouse Director



FINANCE REPORT

In following another successful 2016 season, I present the audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30 April 2016.

The Profit and Loss statement shows a profit of approximately \$20,000 which is an improvement on financial results from last year.

The Jacob Lollback Day and Ocean Swims Day again were well managed and enjoyable days that made positive financial contributions and I thank all those involved in driving these events.

The members involved in all the various fundraising activities have as always worked hard to ensure success in the financial space along with the support of all the sponsors, benefactors and notably Yamba Golf and Country Club, Clarence Valley Council and Surf Live Saving Australia affiliates which is greatly appreciated in achieving the positive financial outcome.

The Club is well positioned to undertake some clubhouse renovations surrounding the kitchen and bar facilities in the coming financial period. This will secure the income derived from the clubhouse hire and bar activities into the future and improve the member facilities and experience.

The club Balance Sheet reflects a net asset position of approximately \$680,000 of which approximately \$207,000 is held in current assets.

In conclusion the club is financially well positioned going into the next season



Tim Small

Finance Director



John McLean and Michelle Speck present a cheque for \$2,500 to Joe Dougherty following a fundraising event in memory of Ken McLean who tragically drowned while surfing at Turners Beach in January.



Club President Joe Dougherty accepts a \$7,155 cheque from SLSNSW President Tony Haven.

Yamba Surf Life Saving Club

Life Membership for Services Rendered

Baird, James	Eades, S.J.*	Lowien, Clifford	Sahlqvist, Terry
Burridge, Raymond	Godbee, N.M OAM	McGrath, Cletus	Sanders, Geoff
Carmont, O.J.*	Goddard, C*	Morgans, Kim	Saunders, James
Collis, Bradley	Goddard, J.C*	Morris, R.C*	Schaeffer, C.W*
Cox, H*	Hall, F.J BEM*	O'Grady, F.R*	Schaeffer, Geoff
Donovan, E.E*	Hockey, AA*	O'Loughlin, F*	Smith, Michael
Donovan, H.G*	Horton, Linda	Patrick's, John	Stevens, A.V*
Dougherty, James OAM	Lee, Donald	Phillips, Trevor OAM	Tarrant, Andrew
Dougherty, W.M OAM	Lovell, K*	Ryan, Kenneth	Tiernan, L*
			Zietsch, Gregory

Associate Life Members

Bradley, Keith	Howe, Ted*	Morgan, Aub*	Smith, R R*
Chalmers, W G*	Kelly, Jack*	Page, M*	Zietsch, W J*
Cousens, Marjorie*	Kelly, J F*	Robinson, W T*	

Life Members Surf Life Saving Far North Coast

Baird, James	Godbee, N M OAM	Hall, F J BEM*	Onslow, William
Dougherty, James OAM	Goddard, Colin*	Lee, Donald	

Life Members Surf Life Saving Far North Coast Board of Control

Godbee, N M OAM	Goddard, Colin*
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Life Member Surf Life Saving Far North Coast Branch Board of Junior Activities

Muggleton, Bruce

Life Member Surf Life Saving New South Wales

Godbee, N M OAM

Life Member Surf Life Saving Australia

Godbee, N M OAM

SLSA 60 Year Service

Saunders, James

SLSA 50 Year Service

Cribb, Barrie	Lee, Donald	McKeon, Ronald	Sahlqvist, Terry
Dougherty, W.M. OAM	Lowien, Clifford	Moran, Raymond	Sanders, Geoffrey
Godbee, N.M. OAM	McGrath, Cletus	Onslow, William	

SLSA 40 Year Service

Burridge, Raymond	Marsh, Don	Ryan, Ken	Tarrant, Andrew
Collis, Bradley	Morgans, Kim	Smith, Michael	Zietsch, Gregory
Dougherty, James OAM			

SLSA 30 Year Service

Baird, James	Killen, Raymond	Schofield, Alan	Sweetman, Peter
Herbert, Stephen	McSkimming, Rodney		

SLSA 25 Year Service

Fahey, Joseph	Julian, Paul	O'Brien, Raymond	Wheeler, James
Horton, Linda			

FINANCIAL MEMBERS 2015-16 SEASON

Long Service Members

Cribb, Barrie	Herbert, Stephen	Moran, Raymond	Sullivan, Benjamin
Dougherty, Joseph	Lolback, Eric	Muldoon, Peter	Sweetman, Peter
Douglas, Chris	Lolback, Kaylene	Perry, Gregory	Wiblen, Raymond
Fahey, Daniel	McSkimming, Rodney	Schafer, Allan(Jim)	Winger, Bobbie
Felton, John			

Active Reserve Members

Brighton, Lynette	Lawrence, Alan	Plunkett, Benjamin	Wyllie, Gregory
Dougherty, Martin	Lawrence, Jane	Rheinberger, Peter	
Killen, Raymond	Onslow, William	Schofield, Alan	

* Denotes deceased member

Active Members Over 18 years (68)

Adamson, Marc	Dougherty, Thomas	Kapeen, Samuel	O'Mahony, Caitlin
Becker, Katie	Ennever, Jill	Kelly, Philip	Palmer, Lloyd
Bell, Andrew	Essex, Leah	Kemp, Thore	Patrick, Luke
Berry, Tim	Fahey, Darby	King, Jo	Ridgway, Patrick
Bock, Belinda	Fahey, Harrison	Klein, Helmut	Ringland, Wayne
Bolton, Vincent	Fisher, Danielle	Leonard, Sean	Robinson, Nathan
Bonner, Christopher	Gilbert, Sally	Maria, Cassie	Ryan, James
Brighton, William	Gillman, Michael	McFarlane, Teagan	Sahlqvist, Brenton
Brotherson, Isaac	Greeff, Dylan	McFarlane, Tony	Saunders, Matthew
Browne, James	Hage, Colleen	Moran, Chris	Smith, Michael A.
Connolly, Danielle	Hitchings, Luke	Morfett, Deborah (Deb)	Tucker, Warren F.
Cumberland, Andrew	Hodgson, Noah	Morfett, Stephen	Varcoe, Roger
Day, Kealy	Hyde, Justin	Morris, Andrew	Wall, David
de Billot, Patrick	Hyne, Sue-Ellen	Morton, Clair	Watkins, Brendan
de Billot, Pierre	Imeson, Mitchell	Normand, Max	Watkins, Jaydan
Dobbin, Reece	Ives, Jasmin	O'Connor, Kirsten	Wheeler, James
Dougherty, Joseph	Ives, Todd	O'Keeffe, Joseph	Woods, Tom

Active Members 15 - 18 years (13)

Bloomer, Sam	Dennis, Shane	Holloway, Morgan	Pitkin, Wil
Comerford, Rhys	Frazer, Rory	Hyde, Kobay	Sanders, Molly
Cumberland, Alicia	Gilbert, Isabella	Leonard, Jack	Willemsen, Chloe
Cumberland, Joshua			

Cadet Members 13 - 15 years (22)

Brighton, Jack	Elabbasi, Jorden	McFarlane, Brianna	Pugsley, Joshua
Brugg, Yasmin	Essex, Darby	McFarlane, Lachlan	Richards, Jarrad
Clark, Lachlan	Gilbert, Max	Morris, Joshua	Robinson, Joshua
Colwell, Alanna	Holloway, Billy	O'Mahony, Patrick	Sutherland, Taylah
Colwell, Shannon	King, Zoe	O'Neill, Finn	
Earle, Jack	McAvoy, Mia	Pitkin, Gracie	

Award Members (7)

Johnston, Luke	Miltiadou, Andrea	Salvestro, Anita	Worboys, Simon
Lee, Kerry	O'Mahony, Maddison	Worboys, Joanne	

Associate Members (186)

Abbott, Jane	Churton, Ben	Earle, Natasha	Hazell, Nicola
Abrahams, David	Close, James	Earle, Peter	Hitchings, Luke
Adamson, Allan	Close, Julie	Edgar, Will	Hofer, Yvette
Adamson, Michelle	Corcoran, Andrew	Eke, Lynne	Holloway, Gary
Anderson, Helen	Corcoran, Leah	Eke, Matthew	Holloway, Sharon
Badgery, Brian	Correy, Peter	Fahey, Barbara	Horton, Frederick
Badgery, Harrie	Daebritz, Susan	Fahey, John	Humphreys, Jessica
Badgery, Heather	Darby, Robert	Fawkes, Naomi	Induru, Rahul
Barnier, John	Davidson, Peter	Fysh, Fergus	Jenkins, Natalie
Becker, Robert	Don, Anthony	George, Timothy	Johnston, Bruce
Bell, Wendy	Don, Gregory	Gibbons, John	Johnston, Lynne
Berry, Angela	Don, Jacob	Goddard, Deanna	Jones, Brian
Bichsel, Peter	Don, Nicole	Goddard, Patrick	Jones, Brian
Bindon, James	Donohoe, Tyson	Grainger, William	Jones, Jodie
Bindon, Meg	Dougherty, Anthony	Green, Roland	Julian, Paul
Bradley, Simone	Dougherty, Catherine	Greethead, Kim	Kapeen, Josephine
Brighton, Robert	Dougherty, Christopher J.	Griffin, Larry	Kapeen Snr, Trevor
Campbell, Peter	Dougherty, Emma	Harris, Richard	Kelly, Andrew
Carlisle, Cara	Dougherty, Judith	Hartigan, Bill	Kelly, Maggie
Catlin, Shelley	Douglas, Steve	Hassey, Kevin	Kelly, Melissa
Chambers, Tara	Durston, Renee	Hays, Ross	Kemp, Narelle

Kemp, Richard
Kennedy, Peter
Klein, Jan
Laverty, Andrew
Law, Peter
Lazenby, Glenn
Lee, Mary (Jo)
Leonard, Chris
Madden, Cara
Maitz, Leeann
Mansfield, Beverley
Mansfield, John
Marsh, Donald
McAvoy, Benjamin
McAvoy, Virginia
McDonald, Deborah
McDougall, Philip
McFarlane, Kim
McFarlane, Teagan
McKeon, Ronald
McLean, Katherin
McLean, Roger
McLelland, Todd
McMahon, Liz
McQueen, Lynette
McShane, Steve

McWilliam, John
Miltiadou, Alex
Moody, Jennifer
Moody, Rodney
Moran, Cherrie
Morgan, Wendy
Moriarty, Brian
Morris, Helen
Morrison, Danielle
Morrow, Moira
Nikas, Andrea
Nikas, Daniel
O'Brien, Erica
O'Brien, Kendall
Ogilvie, Veronica
O'Neill, Maureen
O'Neill, Michael
O'Shea, Joanne
Patel, Himanshu
Patel, Vaishali
Pickering, Lesley
Pidcock, Kerry
Pidcock, Trish
Pitkin, Jason
Pitsi, Erik
Quilty, Michael

Quirk, Paul
Radin, Gemma
Ratjens, Norman
Richards, David
Roberts, Naomi
Robinson, Leanne
Robinson, Noel
Roney, Mark
Saffigna, Damien
Saffigna, Kiya
Sahlqvist, Jane
Salvestro, Michael
Sanders, Belinda
Sanders, Nicole
Schafer, Luke
Schofield, Roslyn
Scurr, Michael
Sheldon, Stafford
Small, Tim
Smith, Michael A.
Snelling, Janet
Snelling, John
Soden, Donna
Sorrensen, Michael
Speirs, Sean
Stainlay, George

Stainlay, Jessica
Strain, Kathy
Sullivan, Caroline
Sullivan, Darryl
Tapp, Jeffrey
Tarasenko, Paul
Trotman, Jay
Trotman, Sarah
Truscott, John
Upson, Nikki
Van Beek, Robert
Verney, Zaryana
Verran, Patricia
Walker, Joanne
Wall, Lindsey
Walter, Brianna
Warner, Skye
Whyte, Matthew
Wilson, David
Wilson, Kim
Woods, Tom
Wunderlich, Kerri
Young, Danielle
Young, Raymond



Yamba SLSC Club Person of the Year for 2015-16, Alan Schofield (left) with Junior Club Person, Alanna Colwell and Lifesaver of the Year, Matt Saunders at the Club Presentation Dinner.

Junior Activity Members Under 6 - Under 14 years

Under 6 (21)

Adamson, Jai
Churton, Sonny
Davey, Tess
Donohoe, Chloe
Fawkes, Charlotte
Galouzis, Mitchell
Hitchings, Mahala
Hughes, Marlee
Jenkins, Miles
Maitz, Jason
McAvoy, Molly
McLelland, Kayde
McMahon/Willott, Matilda
Saffigna, Dusk
Shannon, Kali
Single, Jakoah
Speirs, Tulloch
Upson, Alisha
Verney, Rupert
Wiblen, Theodore
Young, Jaaiden

Under 7 (24)

Becker, Joe
Berry, Sasha
Carlisle, William
Close, Riley
Durrington, Taylor
Finnegan, Grace
Johnston, Blake
Jones, Dexta
Julian, Evie
Laverty, Zahli
Morris, Jake
Nikas, Tye
O'Shea, Liam
Palmer, Sean
Radin, Tylah
Richards, Phoenix
Roberts, Javiea
Saunders, Riley
Small, Lily
Sorrensen, Lily
Stainlay, Campbell
Stainlay, Jeremy
Upson, Daniel
Whyte, Hayden

Under 8 (19)

Adamson, Jordan
Bell, Nathan
Corcoran, Chase
Davey, Stella
Hazell, Hannah
Julian, Jack
Kelly, Indiana
Kemp, Isabella
Kennedy, Rachel
Lazenby, Max
Ogilvie, Angus
Salvestro, Liam
Soden-Cavanagh, Riley
Speirs, Reef
Stainlay, Ben
Strange, Stanley
Trotman, Axel
Worboys, Sasha
Young, Logan

Under 9 (14)

Bowring, Maddison
Carlisle, Stanley
Earle, Maxwell
Hughes, Eliza
Kapeen, Nate
Kemp, Lily
Kennedy, Kyden
Laverty, Talija
McMahon/Willott, Patrick
Miltiadou, Logan
Nikas, Jett
Strain, Cecilia
Trotman, Zephyr
Young, Alexander

Under 10 (10)

Bennett, Kiana
Elabbasi, Malik
Elabbasi, Yasmin
Griffen, Alana
Hlnten, Ochen
Ives, Kalani
Kapeen, Chenoa
Korb, Dylan
Leary, Jack
O'Neill, Lewis
Ridgway, Kitty
White, Jorja
Young, Lilli

Under 11 (12)

Becker, Lucas
Berry, Alani
Corcoran, Kurtis
Earle, Samuel
Morris, Benjamin
Reynolds, Zak
Salvestro, Alexander
Soden-Cavanagh, Brody
Warner, Jack
Young, Ava

Under 12 (11)

Berry, Zahri
Earle, William
Holloway, Hogan
McAvoy, Arian
Miltiadou, Carissa
Morrison, Mitchell
Reynolds, Rebecca
Robinson, Lachlan
Salvestro, Georgia
Scurr, Keilani
Varcoe, Cameron

Under 13 (5)

Essex, Tyler
Kapeen, Elijah
Upson, Nickola
Wunderlich, Reilly

Under 14

Kapeen, Raeyah



YAMBA SLSC SPONSORS – 2015/16

Annual Golf Day

The Yamba SLSC Golf Day was once again held with the support of the Yamba Lions Club and Yamba Golf Club. Just over \$2000 was raised on the day. Special thanks to all who contributed and to the Surf Club members assisting with the organisation and coordination of the day, particularly Roley Green who coordinated much of the sponsorship for the day.

Sponsors of the Golf Day were -

Sanctuary Cove Golf, Yamba Golf and Country Club, Coopers, Pacific Hotel, Yamba Shores Tavern, Coulters Carpet Court, Harwood Hotel, Marina Boat and Tackle, TLE Electrical, Westlawn Finance, Cummings Electrical and Leisure Centre Yamba, Reel Time Fishing Charters, Lower River Tyre Service, Moby Dick Waterfront Motel, Beachside Bargains.

Ocean Swim Day Sponsors

Thanks to our generous sponsors who contributed to a successful Ocean Swims Day - Clarence Valley Council, Westlawn Finance, Pacific Hotel, The Cove, Belinda's Store, Elders Real Estate Yamba, Fandango, Annie's Bed & Breakfast, Yamba Community Pool.

Jacob Lollback Memorial Day Sponsors

We are very grateful to Kracka Surfcraft, Dolphin Surfcraft, Infront Boards, Clarence Valley Council, Pacific Hotel, Finz Swimwear, Belinda's Store, Pickering Law, Ray White Yamba, Ken Casson Mazda Grafton, Yamba's Fisho, Kerry Pidcock, Roley Green, Caperberry Cafe, Alan Schofield, Courtney and Bonnie Hancock and Kelly Jury. The support of these sponsors enabled the club to raise around \$7,000. Many of these sponsors have been supporting this event since its inception 6 years ago.

Club Donors

As well as those sponsors who support our major events throughout the season, we have many individuals who make various donations to the club. Thank you to all of our donors, in particular the Florence Armstrong Estate, Inverell East Rotary, Geoff Schaeffer, John Webb, Bill Dougherty, Belinda Sanders, Michelle Speck (in memory of Ken McLean), Iluka Public School, Bunnings Hardware, Haig Engineering, Yamba Ukes, James O'Connor, Grafton Dragon Boat Club, Dawson Family, Blue Dolphin Holiday Resort guests. All of these donations, large and small have been very gratefully received by Yamba Surf Club.

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Yamba Surf Club is extremely grateful for the sponsorship received from local businesses.

Members are strongly encouraged to support these businesses wherever possible

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SeaFire Restaurant @ Yamba Golf & Country Club



*IRB drivers and crewies in training.
(l to r) Roger Varcoe, Lloyd Palmer, Rhys Comerford, Chris Moran*



*Christmas Day volunteer patrol members
Back – Lloyd Palmer, James Ryan;
Front – Justin Hyde, Jim Wheeler, Bobbie Winger.*



Sunday nippers board training in the rock pool at Main Beach

OUR PARTNERS

Yamba Surf Lifesaving Club would like to recognise the support this season from the following organisations that have provided funding and in-kind contributions:

- **DHL** – National Major Sponsor of Surf Lifesaving – enabling patrol uniforms to be provided free of charge to all patrolling lifesavers
- **Telstra** – National Major Partner of SLSC – for its support across the SMS system for messaging our members at no cost to the club.
- **Stramit Building Products** – for supporting the NSW Country Championships
- **Clubs NSW** – for supporting the NSW State Championships
- **Dulux** – Free paint for surf club maintenance

Fundraising Distribution:

The club has also received \$7,155 in distributions from Surf Lifesaving NSW as a result of statewide raffles and the 'Guardians of the Surf' fundraising programs that were conducted on behalf of all surf clubs. We have also benefitted from distributions through the Surf Lifesaving Foundation and an anonymous donor with a contribution of \$10,000. These funds helped us provide a new Baby Anne for resuscitation training, digital radio equipment, patrol tent, water safety gear, IRB vests, First Aid supplies and other vital lifesaving equipment to keep the club up to date in its lifesaving endeavours. We appreciate the support of the general public and the generous donors who have made these programs possible and successful.

Government Assistance:

The Federal and NSW Governments have been supporters of Surf Lifesaving in several ways through their different Departments and programs. In particular, we thank the following:

- NSW Dept of Justice – for ongoing funding of statewide operations.
- Federal Government for the Beach Safety Equipment Funding which directed \$5,000 to every surf club for the purchase of rescue equipment including our soft rescue boards, patrol gear, defibrillator and radio equipment.
- Emergency Volunteer Support Scheme (EVSS) - a joint Federal/State program providing equipment to ensure compliance with the new units of competency for Apply Advanced Resuscitation Techniques.
- The Clarence Valley Council which continues to be a significant financial supporter of Yamba SLSC helping to provide essential services and special events for locals and tourists on our beach.

Yamba Surf Club provides a significant benefit to the community that it serves by providing fully trained lifesavers to maintain a safe swimming environment for all who use the beach.

The funding and assistance received from the above organisations and our other sponsors and donors enables the continuation of the high standard of lifesaving services that we are proud to provide.

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