



Yamba Surf Life Saving Club

Newsletter – AUGUST 2018

"Vigilance and Service"

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from the CHAIRMAN....

The start of the new patrol season is just a few weeks away now and there has been plenty of activity around the club already. The calendar at the end of the newsletter each month also details what lies ahead during the season.

The Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday August 12th with a good number of members in attendance. It was pleasing to see almost all positions filled at the meeting so thank you to those who put their hands up to take on a role. The Board positions remain unchanged from the end of last season.

Also at the AGM Alan Schofield was awarded Life Membership of the club. Alan's efforts since joining the club some 16 years ago when he moved to the area have been outstanding and thoroughly deserving of this recognition. Among his achievements - he served as club secretary for 5 years and President for 6 years and continues to help with training, assessing, patrols, officiating at carnivals, fundraising and committee work. Well done Al.

As many of you would know, we recently lost our Life Member, Andrew Tarrant. Andrew had been a long-serving member of the club as a Patrol Captain, Club Captain, Trainer, Assessor and competitor for many decades and was still involved up until he took ill late last year. His friendly nature and smiling face will be sadly missed by all those who knew Andrew and the large turnout of current and former club members at his funeral was testament to the regard in which he was held. Rest in peace.

Just recently, SLSNSW awarded Yamba Surf Club silver status in the Quality Clubs Program. Well done to Administration Director, Leah Essex and all those who helped get the club to this Silver Level status. It was a big job and it is recognition that very few clubs in the State have been able to achieve. It tells us that from an operational point of view, the club is doing a good job and it helps to provide direction and to ensure good governance.

For those who haven't been to the club over the winter there have been some big changes upstairs. The kitchen and bar renovation has now been completed and it looks great. A huge thanks must go to House Director, Dubbo Lawrence for all of his hard work in getting this project completed. Thank you to everyone else who chipped in and helped get the project finalised. The project was partially funded by a NSW Government Grant and we hope to have an official opening to officially say 'thank you' to everyone in the coming months.

On Saturday August 11th Yamba SLSC played host to Surf Life Saving Australia President Graham Ford, CEO Adam Weir, representatives of the Northern Region Helicopter Service and 17 Club Presidents from Far North and North Coast Branches. The purpose of the event was to present funds to each of the clubs in the 2 Branches, being proceeds from the winding up of the Northern Region Westpac Helicopter Service. This service is now operated by a Hunter District consortium having been originally founded and funded by the Far North Coast Branch in the early 1980's. Yamba SLSC received a payment of \$200,000 which will help to secure our long term financial stability and provide us with funds to ensure our club can continue to grow well into the future.

Well done to all those members who completed their IRB drivers course over the winter. A big thank you to all those who helped with training and assessing the group. This will be a great asset for our patrols this season and continues our ongoing push to get more qualified IRB drivers on the beach to make it easier to meet our patrol obligations.

I look forward to seeing you all back on the beach very soon.

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...from the LIFE SAVING Director

Start date for patrols is Saturday September 29th. Patrol members should have now received a copy of the roster by email. We are starting the patrol season with Patrol No. 5, so that some patrols don't end up having to do afternoon patrols all through the season. As in previous years, patrol members will receive a reminder text on the Tuesday preceding your patrol and your Patrol team will also be reminded on the Yamba SLSC Patrol Members Facebook page. If you haven't joined the page yet please, let us know so you can do so to keep updated. While Facebook's not for everyone, this page certainly helps with patrol communication.

As I said in previous newsletters, there was one 'down side' to patrols last year – that was the number of 'no-shows' for patrols. There were 1,357 hours of patrol over the season where members just didn't show up for patrol and didn't arrange a sub. It's now time to improve on that this season. So, once patrols start, **PLEASE**, if you are unable to make your rostered patrol give your Active Reserves a call to fill in for you...they need to get patrol hours up for the season too, and are there to assist in emergencies. The club really does need your full support to keep our beach open and safe, so make sure you honour your commitment.

Get ready to do your Proficiency on the first set date of Sunday 16th September. A full turnout of all active members on that day is encouraged so the assessors don't have to set aside another day just for you! 8.30am report for a 9am start. See Kim's Education Report for the online section to be completed.

IRB training will continue to run on Sundays at 8:30am - anyone wanting to join in please come down.

Congratulations to our latest training group on gaining their Silver Medallion IRB award (Chris Moran, Jack Earle, Warren Tucker) and to those gaining their crew awards Mark Novicky, Dan Newman & Danielle Connolly. Well done guys and gal!

Please remember **club membership is due** this is very important to all members so that you're covered in case of injury while on patrol or around the club. Go to portal.sls.com.au - you can pay and complete the online form all in one process. This needs to be done BEFORE the first Proficiency Day on Sept 16th. Jump online NOW and get it out of the way. The lower \$30 membership fee for patrolling members applies again this year.

There are still a few patrol awards to be collected from the office. If you were one of the award winners listed in the Annual Report and previous newsletters, then contact Narelle in the office to make arrangements to collect your prize.

Please let me know ASAP if there are any issues with the patrol roster which has just been emailed to patrol members.

James Ryan – (Mob: 0400353792)

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...from the SPONSORSHIP Committee

Yamba Surf Club relies heavily on the sponsorship from various businesses in and around Yamba. We are very grateful to those who have been supporting us for many years and to those who have joined us as sponsors more recently.

- Thanks to the Yamba **Quota Club** who have provided \$1200 for the club in recent weeks. This will go towards the purchase of 2 new nipper boards.
- Thanks also to **L J Hooker Yamba** who are coming on board as supporters of the club this season. We will have more details of their generous sponsorship in the next newsletter.

...from the EDUCATION Director

The annual **Skills Maintenance (Proficiency Test)** includes computer skills these days, with an online component. Yes, there have been further changes to how it is done, beginning with a new name for the Members Portal, now called the **Members Area**, (portal.sls.com.au) for which you will need to create a password. More guidance will be forthcoming.

Our Skills Maintenance (Proficiency) days are **16th September** and **28th October**, sign on at 8.30 for a 9 am start.

The **Training Program** has been set for the 2018/19 season – see below.

Our first **Bronze Medallion** course begins on **Saturday 8th September**.

During the school holidays the **SRC to Bronze upgrade** course will be run, starting on Wednesday **10th October** and being assessed on **Sunday 14th**.

The **SRC** course for our older nippers will be run during Junior Activities on Sunday mornings, beginning on **21st October**.

For details of all courses please see below:

TRAINING PROGRAM

PLEASE NOTE: Enrolments for ALL listed courses need to be completed 2 weeks before the course starts and must be done through Kim Morgans or the club office.

Minimum numbers are required for each course to run and pre-requisites must be met.

- **FIRST AID** (minimum age 14 years) - one day courses are regularly held in the Branch Training rooms in Ballina. The dates of these will be advertised when we are advised of them. Note that you need to update this qualification every 3 years. *(No prerequisites)*
- **ADVANCED RESUSCITATION TECHNIQUES** (min. age 15 years) - one day course is proposed to be held in **Yamba** on **Saturday 8th December**; date to be confirmed. Maximum number for course is 16. *(Must hold 1st Aid or Bronze Medallion)*
- **SURF RESCUE CERTIFICATE Surf Rescue Certificate** (min. age 13 years) 7 week course beginning *Sunday 21st October*; assessment likely in early December. Minimum number for course is 4, maximum 10. *(Note: A 200 metre pool swim time of less than 5 minutes must be completed before the course begins.)*

The former **Radio Operators Course** is now part of the SRC course. A second SRC course will be run early in 2018 if needed.

BRONZE MEDALLION (min. age 15 years) -three courses are planned:

- i. A 7 week course beginning on *Saturday 8th September*, meeting at the Angourie Rd heated pool at 9 am to complete 400 metre timed swims and begin rescue tube practice.
- ii. A 4 day intensive course for SRC holders who are ready to up-grade to the Bronze. It will be held in the September/October School Holidays from Wednesday 10th to Saturday 13th October, with the assessment on Sunday 14th October.
- iii. A 7 week course beginning in late October - details TBA.

(NOTE: A 400 metre pool swim time of less than 9 minutes must be completed before the Bronze course begins.)

- **RESUSCITATION CERTIFICATE** (min. age 10) – course will be run during the Junior Activities Program each Sunday. *(No prerequisites)*
- **IRB (Crew and Drivers)** will be run during patrols. Please talk to your patrol captain about training for these awards. Both have pre-requisites. **WE DO NEED MORE CREWIES AND DRIVERS TO MEET PATROL EXPECTATIONS.**

Other **Branch Courses** will be advertised by the Branch.

If you wish to do an **Advanced First Aid**, a **Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue**, a **Gold Medallion** or a **Silver Medallion Beach Management** course please let myself or the office know asap so we can let the Branch know. All these courses have pre-requisites, which are shown on the Awards and Qualifications charts on the club noticeboard.

Kim Morgans - 66462823

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ANYONE INTERESTED IN A FUN WEEKEND AWAY? CLUB pays costs.... Act NOW!

15 -17 yrs
Development Camp
To be held at
Fingal Beach
Fri 14 – Sun 16 Sept.
Applications close Sept 2nd.

Email office for application forms
office@yambaslsc.com.au
or call 66462463

...from the JUNIOR ACTIVITIES Director

Nippers first weekend starts on the beach on **Sunday Oct. 14th**. However, prior to this, sign ons and proficiencies will be carried out to test swimming/skills abilities of nippers involved.

So, the first sign-up and Proficiency day is **Sunday Sept. 23rd** at the Main Beach surf club and pool between 9am and Midday. It is expected that we will assist in sign up, clothing and provide a BBQ at this event.

There will be an additional proficiency the following **Saturday 29th September** at Yamba Pool on Angourie Rd between 2pm and 4pm.

The SRC course will be commencing on the **21st October** for nippers who have turned 13.

The **Yamba Nippers Facebook** page is now being continually updated with information relating to Junior Activities for the coming season, so make sure you get on and 'like' us.

This season a 'Working with Children Check' will be required for all nipper volunteers. To do this, parents/carers need to complete an application form online at www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au You will receive a number which you need to take to a NSW Motor Registry with proof of identity. Then, please ensure your WWC numbers are forwarded to office@yambaslsc.com.au or nippers@yambaslsc.com.au

We are keen to get the March past resuming at Carnivals again, so anyone interested in this event and with past experience please contact the JAC. We are continuing to meet monthly, working on the planning and organisation for the coming season. However, following the AGM held at the end of last season, there remain several positions which still need to be filled. We are appealing to all Mums and Dads with junior club members (new or old) to put your hand up to assist. Positions yet to be filled include Carnival Co-ordinator, Publicity Officer and Social Co-ordinator. If you are willing to have a go at any of these positions, please let me know.

James Forbes - (Mobile: 0477546444)

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Please note that the joining age for nippers has changed – there will be NO Under 6 group this season. Nippers must be 6 years of age on or before September 30th, 2018 to join up for the 2018/19 season.



For all memberships of Yamba SLSC for the new season, please renew and pay ONLINE through **portal.sls.com.au**. All **existing** users of this **Members Area** will be asked for a **new password** this season due to SLSC computer system upgrades! (Be careful with passwords – 2 wrong attempts and the system locks you out!!)

Those who have not used this Members Area previously will be directed through the process of setting up a **Members Area account** on the site before then being able to LOGIN.

The **price list for membership fees** of Yamba SLSC has not changed and is available on the site and below.

Please make sure you RENEW your membership form AND PAY for your fees online all at the same time.

Members wishing to join the club gym for the new season can also pay the \$200 annual gym fee online but will need to complete a new season gym form which is able to be downloaded from - www.yambaslsc.com.au – this can then be scanned and sent to office@yambaslsc.com.au (Active, proficient members on the patrol roster do not have to pay gym fees.)

Those members wishing to have a **LOCKER** for the season can also pay the \$15 annual hire fee online at the same time as renewing memberships.

If you are ‘challenged’ by the online process, please contact the club office for assistance!

Club Membership Fees – 2018/19

Active Patrolling	Senior	\$30
U/14 – U/19yrs	Patrolling	\$30
Reserve Active	(requires 8yrs patrol service)	\$50
Long Service	(requires 10yrs patrol service)	\$50
Associate	(Min. age 25yrs)	\$65
Nippers U/7-U/14	(1 parent to join also)	\$60
Family	(children u/18)	\$200

...from the SURF SPORTS Director

- The Sunday Handicap Surf Race for the Carl Schaeffer pointscore trophies will commence on the first weekend of patrols – Sunday 23/9/18 at 11.30am.
- The World Lifesaving Titles are on in Adelaide from Nov 18-30. Entries close on Oct 2. Any members interested in competing at Worlds should advise Jim Dougherty so that entries can be finalised by the due date.
- The Lennox Head Enduro Iron Person event for U/17s to U/11s is on Saturday Sept 22. Those intending to compete should do their own entries via the Lennox Head SLSC website. The following day there is a Hydrothon Female Surf Sports Clinic. For further details see the Lennox Head SLSC website.

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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, Mike Dougherty, Ray Burrridge, Don Lee, Alan Schofield

ELECTED OFFICE BEARERS FOR SEASON 2018-19

Board of Directors

Chairman Joe Dougherty
Deputy Chairman Chris Moran
Administration Leah Essex
Finance Tim Small
Life Saving James Ryan
Surf Sports Jim Dougherty
Education Kim Morgans
Junior Activities James Forbes
Clubhouse Alan Lawrence

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Narelle Kemp
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Under 19 Captain
TBC
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Rodney McSkimming
Boat Vice Captain
Ray Wiblen
IRB Captain
Matt Saunders
IRB Vice Captain
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Rob McDermid

Competition Gear Steward

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Radio Officer

Peter Sweetman

WH&S Officer

TBC

First Aid Officer

Jo King

Assistant First Aid Officer

Jill Ennever

Publicity Officer

Cathy Dougherty

House Committee:

Greg Zietsch, Brian Badgery
Helmut Klein, Eric Pitsi
Matthew Eke, Warren Tucker

Social Committee:

Lyn Brighton, Danielle Connolly,
Bill Onslow, Warren Tucker,
Wayne Ringland, Judy King,
Lyn Eke

CLUB CALENDAR

2018

SEPTEMBER

8	Sat	1 st Bronze Medallion Course starts
9	Sun	Patrol gear inspection
10	Mon	Board Meeting 7pm
16	Sun	First Proficiency Day -seniors
18	Tue	Branch Meeting Ballina 7pm
22	Sat	Lennox Head Enduro
23	Sun	Female Hydrothon Clinic Lennox Head
23	Sun	Nippers sign-on, pool swim, BBQ 9am - noon
29	Sat	PATROLS START
29	Sat	Nippers pool swim Yamba Pool 2-5pm

OCTOBER

1	Mon	Long weekend
6/7	Sat/Sun	Coolangatta Gold
8	Mon	Board Meeting 7pm
10/13	Wed/Sat	School Hols Bronze Medallion Course
14	Sun	Nippers activities begin
14	Sun	Senior Carnival Byron Bay
16	Tue	Branch Meeting Ballina
21	Sun	Clarence 100 Paddle function
21	Sun	SRC course commences
27	Sat	Cudgen Classic Iron Person Event
28	Sun	Second Proficiency Day-seniors
28	Sun	Nippers Carnival Brunswick

NOVEMBER

4	Sun	Senior Carnival Cudgen
10/11	Sat/Sun	North Coast Boat Series Woolgoolga
12	Mon	Board Meeting 7pm
17/18	Sat/Sun	Yamba Triathlon
18	Sun	Nippers Carnival Evans Head
18/30		World Lifesaving Titles Adelaide
20	Tue	Branch Meeting Ballina

DECEMBER

1	Sat	North Coast Boat Series Minnie Water
2	Sun	Nippers Teams Carnival Byron Bay
8	Sat	Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Course
8/9	Sat/Sun	NSW Interbranch Titles Crowdy Head
10	Mon	Board Meeting 7pm
16	Sun	Nippers Carnival Cabarita
25	Tue	Xmas Day
26	Wed	Boxing Day

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JANUARY

1	Tue	New Years Day
6	Sun	Yamba Ocean Swims
19-20	Sat/Sun	Nippers Branch Titles Yamba

FEBRUARY

2-3	Sat/Sun	NSW Country Titles Cudgen
17	Sun	Senior/Masters Branch Titles Ballina

MARCH

1-3	Fri-Sun	NSW State Age Titles Swansea Belmont
6/7	Wed/Thu	NSW State Masters Titles Swansea Belmont
8-10	Fri-Sun	NSW State Open Titles Swansea Belmont
23	Sat	Copeton Dam Swim
24	Sun	North Coast Boat Series Final Coffs Harbour
30/31	Sat/Sun	Australian Youth Titles North Burleigh

APRIL

1/2	Mon/Tue	Australian Masters Titles Broadbeach
3-7	Wed/Sun	Australian Open Titles Broadbeach
21	Sun	Easter Sunday
25	Thu	Anzac Day
28	Sun	Patrols Finish



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Members are strongly encouraged to support these businesses wherever possible.**

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