



Yamba Surf Life Saving Club

Newsletter – November/December 2018

"Vigilance and Service"

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from the CHAIRMAN....

I'd like to start by wishing everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It is the busiest time of the year at the club and without such an amazing group of volunteers we wouldn't be able to get through it. Remember to remain vigilant at all times when on patrol and if you can't make a patrol, please make sure you arrange a substitute.

It was really great to see so many members come down to the Club last Sunday afternoon for a drink and some dinner. Well done to everyone involved in the Xmas drinks function, and I trust that everyone enjoyed themselves. The social committee will look to hold a few more of these throughout the season, so keep an ear out.

We have recently employed our second paid employee within the club with the appointment of Paula Watts as the Events Coordinator for the club. Paula's role will be to coordinate and promote functions at the club as well as management of the bar operations. She will be working closely with Narelle in the office, as well as the Board and social committee to ensure that we are utilising our new facilities as well as assisting in creating more events for members to get involved in. Please make Paula welcome if you see her around the club.

There have been plenty of functions at the club in recent weeks and this will only increase over the Christmas break. The surf club bar will be open of an afternoon between Christmas and New Year so if you have friends and family visiting, encourage them to come down and have a drink while admiring the view. Keep an eye out on our Facebook and Instagram pages for more information.

Also coming up is the Yamba Ocean Swims on Sunday January 6th. This is our major fundraising event for the year and if you are able to help out in any way on the day please let Jim Dougherty know. Last year we had 100 members assist in some way and it would be great to see even more turn out this year for what is a great community event.

On January 19th and 20th the club will host the Far North Coast Nippers Branch Titles. This will also require a lot of work from members to ensure success. Assistance will be called for soon so if you can assist please let the relevant people know.

We recently hosted a morning tea to officially open the renovated kitchen and bar. Thanks to Chris Gulaptis for coming along to do the honours and to all those who made a contribution to the work. The project was part funded by a grant from the NSW Government for \$58,000.

On the competition front our boat crews excelled at the World Titles in Adelaide in November. Well done to the Men's Reserve Grade crew who finished with a silver medal and the Women's Masters crew who collected a Bronze. Outstanding results from all involved. The NSW Country Titles will be held at Kingscliff in early February and we look forward to seeing success from our boat crews as well as our Nippers, Seniors and Masters on the beach and in the water.

Thanks again to all our volunteers for the great work that you do, stay safe if travelling over the break, and I hope to see you on the beach soon.

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...from the LIFE SAVING Director

I'd like to remind all patrol members, nippers parents and age managers, and all members in general, that everything has its own place in the patrol room, gear room and boatshed.

All patrol gear, club boards and nipper boards etc should be hosed down before being stored away. **Please** don't put things back covered in sand. Last weekend, the Sunday afternoon patrol did a fantastic job of cleaning up other people's mess – the boat shed and patrol room looked great. Let's see if it can stay that way for a while with everyone's help – if there is an emergency, we want to be able to get gear out quickly and easily and not have it inaccessible or covered in sand!

With the holiday period in full swing and people going away, I urge patrol members to make sure you have replacements organised if you can't make your rostered patrol – we do need a full team on each patrol with so many more people on the beach. A last minute phone call to me looking for a replacement on the morning of your patrol is NOT the way to go. So look and plan ahead PLEASE!

It's not too late to put your hand up if you can help with patrol on Christmas Day, we really could do with a few more, particularly in the afternoon. I understand it's a big ask on Christmas Day but it's part of our life saving agreement with Surf Life Saving NSW that we must have full patrols on duty. So far, we've only had 8 people out of 130 active and active reserves offer to help out. I look forward to your calls!

Looking ahead, don't forget that help is needed in and out of the water for Ocean Swim Day on January 6th.

Finally, Merry Christmas to all and here's to a safe and happy holiday period.

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...from the ADMINISTRATION Director

As indicated previously, the club recently advertised for a part-time event co-ordinator to be responsible for organising all weddings and club events. Paula Watts has begun in this role which now also incorporates the bar manager position. Paula is a current nipper mum who has taken to the event manager's role with great enthusiasm and efficiency. It was a hectic initiation for her with three events over consecutive nights last weekend and another one this week, but her experience enabled her to take it all in her stride and she made sure all went smoothly. Welcome to your new role Paula!

Paula advises that the bar will be open from 5pm-7.30pm from Boxing Day, Dec 26th through to Sun Dec 30th. If everything is running well, it may re- open after New Years for a couple more days.

To cover this period successfully, **we need volunteers to staff the bar** at times during this period, as we have in the past. Any members who hold their Responsible Service of Alcohol Certificate and who may be able to help out for a couple of hours in this area during this time are asked to contact Paula ASAP. Email events@yambaslsc.com.au or call Paula on 0498127807.

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General Meeting

There was a good roll up of members at the first General Meeting of the season held in November. Members of the Board of Directors gave all present an update on what was happening in their area within the club structure and members had the opportunity to ask questions or raise concerns to be taken back to the Board meetings for discussion. The new bar/kitchen was officially 'christened' after the meeting!

...from the EDUCATION Director

- In recent weeks we have had 3 more lifesaving assessments take place and the club now has:
 - 5 more **Bronze Medallion** holders - Stella de Billot, James Forbes, Xavier Hodgson, Belinda James and Pat O'Mahony
 - 9 new **Surf Rescue Certificate** members - Yasmin and Malik Elabbasi, Connor Bridges, Gus and Sienna Gilbert, Ben Morris, Lewis O'Neill, Halle Roberts and Cameron Varcoe and..
 - 10 more **Advanced Resuscitation Techniques** lifesavers – Michael Barker, Paris Brailsford, Scott Butler, Lachlan Clark, Danielle Connolly, Courtney Lovegrove, Dan Newman, Mick Sorrensen, Rafael Telles and Simon Worboys.
- With a number of our SRC members turning 15 early in the New Year we are planning to run another Bronze Medallion course. Dates will be set after sufficient members enrol. If interested please give your name and contact details to Narelle in the office ... and begin training for your 400 m swim! Anyone wishing to train for the Surf Rescue Certificate is welcome to join this squad too.
- A third Skills Maintenance(Proficiency) was held recently for another 20+ members to become proficient until the end of 2019. Thanks to the assessors for your time once again.
- Last Sunday 16th we held an education session on the use of tourniquets which proved to be most informative. Many thanks to FNC Director of Education, David Field from Cudgen SLSC, for such an interesting session.
- On Monday 3rd an excited group of cubs and scouts visited the club with their leaders to engage in some resuscitation awareness on our manikins. Their enthusiasm was delightful!
- The Pacific Valley Christian School ran 3 days of surf and surf sports awareness with the final day Tuesday 11th Dec. The organiser, Ben Stubbs, has expressed his gratitude to the club members who have volunteered their time and expertise to guide the students, without which the activity would not have been possible.

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NIPPERS NEWS

Nipper activities have taken a break over the Christmas New Year period and will resume on January 13th for Branch Championship carnival training only. The Branch Championships will be held on January 19th/20th with Yamba SLSC hosting the carnival at home. Parents are reminded that a large workforce will be required that weekend so please advise James Forbes regarding your availability. Normal nippers resumes on Sunday January 27th with a 2pm start. The NSW Country Titles are on at Cudgen Headland SLSC on Feb 2 & 3. Entries for this event close on the 9th January. Please advise James Forbes asap if your child will be competing.

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...from the SURF SPORTS Director**World Lifesaving Titles**

The World Lifesaving Titles were held at Glenelg Beach in Adelaide from Nov 18 to Dec 2. Thirteen Yamba members competed and big congratulations are due to the two club boat crews who brought home medals. The Yamba Kooks crew of Michael Barker, Zac Brotherson, Dylan Greeff, Ray Wiblen and sweep Rod McSkimming finished 2nd in the final of the Male Reserve Grade boat race behind Tea Gardens/Hawkes Nest club with Lorne in 3rd place. After several days of wild weather their final was rowed in lake-like surf conditions. The Yamba Boilers crew of Leah Essex, Tash Hancock, Jo King, Andrea Nikas and sweep Ray Wiblen picked up the bronze medal in the Female Over 160 years Masters final behind North Cronulla and Lorne. This final was rowed in very cold windy and choppy surf conditions. The third club boat crew (Yamba Cliffies) of Chris Bonner, Rod McSkimming, Wayne Ringland, Warren Whitton and sweep Ray Wiblen competed in the Masters Over 220 Years division but failed to advance past the preliminary rounds. David Frakes finished a close up 7th in the over 70 Years Masters surf ski race and Dylan Greeff finished 8th in the 30-34 years masters 2km beach run.

NSW Country Titles

The combined Juniors/Seniors/Masters NSW Country Titles will be held at Cudgen Headland on 2nd & 3rd February. Entries for the event close on 9th January. All seniors/masters wishing to attend should advise Jim Dougherty whilst all nippers attending should advise James Forbes. The club is rostered to carry out 2 IRB shifts on the Sunday of the Titles.

Handicap Surf Race

Swimmers have been experiencing some tough conditions in the Sunday morning handicap surf race in recent weeks. The long deep gutter that has formed at Main Beach has made it a challenging swim both out through the break and returning home to the beach. Monthly pointscore winners to date are:

September/October - Scott Butler; November - Dylan Greeff.

The season's pointscore sees Scott Butler with a commanding lead on 46 points followed by his brother Steve on 29, Joe Dougherty 25, Jim Dougherty 23, Bobbie Winger 23, Jill Ennever 22, Dylan Greeff 22.

Swims will be held on Sundays and public holidays over the Xmas/New Year period.

Yamba Ocean Swims – Sunday 6th January

Entries are now being taken for the swims through the oceanswims.com website or manually through the club office. Online entries close at 3pm on Saturday 5th January. Late entries will be taken on the morning of the swim between 8am and 9am but will incur a \$15 late fee. All swimmers who enter online have to report to the clubhouse on swim morning for numbering and to pick up their swim cap.

The 700 metre swim starts from Convent beach at 10.30am. The 2,000 metre swim starts at 11.30am followed by the Dash for Cash at 12.30 and presentations in the clubhouse at 1.30.

A big thank you to all the sponsors of the ocean Swim day – Clarence Valley Council, Pacific Hotel, Westlawn Finance & Insurance, Ray White Yamba, Belindas Store, Yamba Community Pool. The continued support of these valuable sponsors helps to make the day a big success for the club.

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CLUB CALENDAR

2018

DECEMBER

25 Tue Xmas Day- Voluntary Patrols
 26 Wed Boxing Day
 26-30 Club Bar Open 5pm – 7.30pm

2019

JANUARY

1 Tue New Years Day
 6 Sun **Yamba Ocean Swims**
 12 Sat Qld Navy Series – Surf Boats
 Alexandra Headland
 14 Mon **Board Meeting 7pm**
 15 Tue Branch Meeting Ballina
 19-20 Sat/Sun **Nippers Branch Titles Yamba**
 26 Sat Australia Day

FEBRUARY

2-3 Sat/Sun NSW Country Titles Cudgen
 9 Sat Brunswick Masters Carnival
 11 Mon **Board Meeting 7pm**
 15/17 Fri/Sun ASRL Navy Series Boat final – Elouera
 17 Sun Senior/Masters Branch Titles Ballina
 19 Tue Branch Meeting 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
 11 Mon **Board Meeting 7pm**
 19 Tue Branch Meeting Ballina
 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
 3-7 Wed/Sun Australian Open Titles Broadbeach
 21 Sun Easter Sunday
 25 Thu Anzac Day
 28 Sun **Patrols Finish**



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