



Yamba Surf Life Saving Club

Newsletter – September/ October 2018

"Vigilance and Service"

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from the CHAIRMAN....

The patrol season is well and truly in full swing now with plenty going on around the club. Patrols have been back on the beach since late September with members already called upon to perform a mass rescue. Well done to everyone involved in ensuring a good outcome in the rescue in early October.

We had strong numbers at our first proficiency/skills assessment in September. For those who have yet to complete, your last chance is this coming weekend. See details elsewhere in this newsletter.

We have both Bronze Medallion and Surf Rescue Certificate squads now in training of a weekend. Thanks to our trainers for helping with these groups.

Nippers are back for another season and although difficult weather and surf conditions have slowed them a little in the first 2 weeks the enthusiasm has not been hampered. The first carnival for them is only a few weeks away so hopefully we will see good numbers in attendance.

We have 3 surf boat crews training in preparation for the World Surf Lifesaving Titles, to be held in Adelaide in November. We wish them all the best and look forward to hearing of their success.

The weekend just gone saw the 4th running of the Clarence 100, a 3 day paddle race from Copmanhurst to Yamba. The club played host to the finishers on Sunday as well as providing a water safety escort throughout the final day. This event has made a significant contribution to the club over the 4 years it has been held and we thank the organisers for their support, as well as our own members who assisted with water safety and with the 'after function' at the clubhouse.

Some of you may have noticed we have a new manager in the kiosk. Please take the time to welcome Andre Rizk and support him and the club wherever you can.

A new addition to the beach environment this summer will be the use of drones, primarily for shark observation but also as a lifesaving tool. The club will soon have a drone in the air of a weekend with training having taken place last weekend for the first of our operators. The issuing of the drone is part of a NSW government funded project that is being trialled on the Far North Coast and in some other parts of the state. Whilst there is still a lot of work to be done around the operation and expectations for the drones, they will provide a welcome, high tech, addition to keeping our beaches safe. Thanks to Peter Sweetman and Rob Becker for their work in liaising with Branch and State to make this happen.

Don't forget the handicap surf race every Sunday and public holidays at 11:30am for those wanting to keep fit.

There will be a general meeting for all members in late November. Stay tuned for more details on this but I encourage members to come along and contribute to the running of the club.

See you on the beach.

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...from the LIFE SAVING Director

With the first couple of rounds of patrol out of the way over the busy school holiday period, I would like to thank all those members who have again turned up to patrol our beach and I'd like to welcome all our new patrolling members for this season.

Unfortunately, there have already been a few cases of members not fronting for their rostered patrol - if you can't make your patrol **you must** make an effort to get a substitute. Don't just think it'll be right because in a lot of cases it won't be right and you **WILL** leave your patrol short. Worst case scenario is that we won't be able to meet our patrol requirements and will not be able to open the beach. Not a good look! It's a team game, so PLEASE play your part.

There are a couple of patrols still very short of members until the next Bronze squad is assessed. If you are an active reserve and are asked to sub for someone, please consider it seriously. Active Reserves are required to do a minimum 12 hours during the season to maintain that category of membership, so your assistance would be very much appreciated.

The next and final proficiency test or, as it is known now, "skills maintenance", will be held this Sunday October 28th 8.45am for a 9.00 am start. **Please remember this is compulsory for all patrolling members, active reserves and Nippers water safety personnel. Club membership for the current season is also compulsory and must be completed prior to proficiency on Sunday. Go to sls.com.au and click the JOIN NOW button to renew and pay online.**

It was a good weekend this year again assisting with water safety for the Coolangatta Gold event on the Gold Coast although a strong southerly made for a difficult day on the water for both competitors and water safety officials.

The Yamba triathlon is on the weekend of Nov 17 & 18 – water safety will be required again for this event – please let me know if you could be available to help in IRBs, jet ski or board paddling. The club is rewarded financially for assistance on this day.

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...from the ADMINISTRATION Director

The club is looking to employ a part-time event co-ordinator to be responsible for organising all weddings and club events.

The Event Co-ordinator will be responsible for the developing, planning, implementation and oversight of designated events including weddings, parties and other club events at Yamba Surf Life Saving Club and will be under the direction of the club Administration Director.

The Event Co-ordinator at Yamba Surf Club should possess:

- Excellent organisational and self management skills
- Good computer skills and a high standard of written English
- Above average communication and people skills
- Ability to work well under pressure and make responsible decisions quickly
- Good negotiation skills
- A high level attention to detail
- Ability to receive and process bookings and payments
- Ability to maintain clear financial records
- Skills required for marketing and promotion
- An understanding of the duties and responsibilities of a surf lifesaving club

If you are interested please email secretary@yambaslsc.com.au for further details.

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...from the EDUCATION Director

Our second and final **Skills Maintenance (Proficiency)** day is on this Sunday **28th October**, sign on at 8.45am for a 9 am start. All patrolling members both active and active reserve as well as nippers water safety personnel who didn't attend the first proficiency day in September need to attend this Sunday. It should be over by 11am. The annual Skills Maintenance (Proficiency Test) now includes theory papers for resuscitation, radio and IRB drivers – this can be done online or manually – a separate email has been sent to members with instructions about the theory papers for this Sunday's proficiency day.

The **Training Program** is well underway for the 2018/19 season. An intensive Bronze Medallion course was held during the school holidays for SRC holders who have turned 15 years of age. Congratulations to Tyler Essex, Reilly Wunderlich and Paris Brailsford who successfully completed the course. Alan Schofield and Jill Ennever have a bronze squad of 8 candidates in training on Sunday mornings with the squad to be assessed in late November. The **SRC** course for our Under 14 members is being run during Junior Activities on Sunday mornings and we currently have 9 candidates in training under the guidance of Danielle Connolly and Jim Dougherty.

A drone training course was held last weekend at Yamba with 8 members completing the course – Rob Becker, Lloyd Palmer, Kieran Lynch, Pat Ridgway, Helmut Klein, Ben Plunkett, Jack Earl, and Leigh Graham. SLS NSW and the State Government will be supplying the club with a drone for aerial surveillance patrols. It is expected that these drone patrols will commence on the first weekend in November.

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 Narelle at the club office. Minimum numbers are required for each course to run and pre-requisites must be met.

ADVANCED RESUSCITATION TECHNIQUES (min. age 15 years) - a one day course will held in **Yamba** on **Saturday 8th December**. Maximum number for course is 16 – we already have 10 nominations – room for 6 more. (*Must hold 1st Aid or Bronze Medallion*). Please contact Kim Morgans or Narelle in the club office asap if you wish to do this course as numbers are filling up.

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.

Branch Courses - If you wish to do **First Aid, 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.

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Club Merchandise – 2018/19

Members are advised that the club has a supply of club swimwear, rashies, caps, T-shirts and polo shirts available for purchase at close to cost price. Swimmers and rashies are available in both kids and adult sizes. Our suppliers have been providing the good quality swimwear for several years and we encourage members to purchase items through the surf club office during weekday office hours or on most Sunday mornings during Nippers.

It is expected that any members competing at surf carnivals will wear Yamba Surf Club swimwear.

The merchandise room is located on the upstairs verandah of the club opposite the radio room. EFTPOS is available.

This is a service to members and as such items are not available to non-members.

...from the SURF SPORTS Director

- The surf boat carnival season is now underway with 2 Yamba crews competing in rough conditions at Palm Beach on the Gold Coast in the first round of the Navy Series on October 13. This weekend the Reserve grade mens crew will be rowing at Coffs Harbour in another round of the Navy Series. Following that the first 2 rounds of the North Coast Boat Series will be held at Woolgoolga on November 10/11
- 13 Yamba competitors have entered for the World Lifesaving Titles to be held at Glenelg Beach in Adelaide from November 18 to 30. David Frakes is making a comeback to compete in the Over 70yrs surf ski events and we have 3 boat crews entered in the Womens Masters Over 160 years boat race; the Mens Reserve grade boat race; and the Mens Masters Over 220 years boat race. Good luck to all those making the trip to Adelaide.
- Coolangatta Gold - Two Yamba members, Peter Rheinberger and Todd Ives, competed in a 4 person team with 2 Tasmanian competitors to win the Masters mixed teams event. Thanks to the two Yamba IRB crews who volunteered for water safety at both days of the Coolangatta Gold in testing surf conditions.
- FNC Branch Team – nominations are now being taken for the Branch team to compete at the NSW Interbranch Titles at Crowdy Head on December 8/9. Age group is U12s to Opens. Anyone requiring nomination forms should contact Jim Dougherty.
- Handicap Surf Race – the Sunday morning handicap surf race commenced on the first weekend of patrols and some good fields have been lining up each Sunday. For those interested, it is an 11.15am report to the surf club steps for an 11.30 start.

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VALE - GORDON McNAUGHTON OAM

Long serving surf carnival official and Far North Coast Branch Life Member, Gordon McNaughton of Evans Head SLSC, passed away on Sunday Oct 21st at 93 years of age.

Gordon had given over 70 years service to Surf Life Saving as a competitor, administrator and carnival official. He was greatly respected by many of the older Yamba club members who were fortunate to know him.

His funeral will be held in Ballina next Tuesday 30th October at 2pm at the Parkview Funeral Home, 21 Kalinga St West Ballina. May he rest in peace.



...from the JUNIOR ACTIVITIES Director

It was a challenging first week of the nipper season with messy surf and bad weather, but it didn't keep the kids away and just a week later we had fantastic weather and more kids! We currently have 107 registered nippers.

The decision to move to Whiting Beach in the 2nd week, due to messy surf conditions, really paid off. The kids thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to increase their confidence in the calm waters of Whiting Beach and polish up on the beach events ready for the up coming carnivals. Thank you to all those who came to the clubhouse early on Sunday morning to assist with packing the gear into the trailer, unpacking at Whiting and then coming back to the clubhouse to put everything back - it is a tremendous help!

We hope to do more Sunday mornings at Whiting as it was so enjoyable for all - please always keep an eye on our 'Yamba Nippers' Facebook page for any change of location and you should always receive communication via text message. If you aren't receiving messages please let us know so we can check your details.

Congratulations to Emily Newman for her Nipper of the Week award. A nipper will be chosen each week by Age Managers for participation, team work and sportsmanship and thanks to the continued support of Sassafras Pasta and Pizza they receive a \$10 voucher.

Thank you to those sponsors who have confirmed support for this season, LJ Hooker Yamba, The Bake House and Maclean Variety Meats, we are still seeking new sponsors for this season, if you would like to support our juniors please contact Nipper Sponsorship Committee member, Helen Morris on 0415 300 429

Yamba Surf Club hi-visibility pink singlets were handed out to nippers who have attended over the first 2 weekends. These are distributed free to all nippers involved in water activities thanks to our club sponsor Yulgilbar. These are a safety item introduced by Surf Life Saving Australia and the wearing of these singlets is compulsory at carnivals, for training and for water activities at weekly nippers.

We have been able to purchase two new nipper boards for this season with thanks to the generous donation from Quota of the Lower Clarence, and we look forward to welcoming the ladies of Quota on 28th October to present them to our nippers.

We have 2 Junior Carnivals coming up in the month of November. The U8 to U14 nippers are able to compete at carnival level. Notice of competing in a carnival must be given to the JAC Coordinator or your Age Manager the Sunday prior to the carnival at the latest. You cannot just turn up at a carnival, please see dates below.

November 4th Brunswick SLSC
November 18th Evans Head SLSC

We would love to see a big contingent of Yamba Nippers at our carnivals this season, so if you have any questions or queries in regards to this please don't hesitate to send us a message or come and see James or Helen on the beach.

Looking forward to an awesome season, of teaching the skills, having fun, as well as developing our kids along the way.

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Please Note: Nippers must have turned 6 years of age on or before September 30th, 2018 to join up for this 2018/19 season.

CLUB CALENDAR

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OCTOBER

27 Sat Cudgen Classic Iron Person Event
 27/28 Sat/Sun Coffs Harbour boat carnival
 28 Sun **Second Proficiency Day-seniors**
 28 Sun Senior Carnival - Cudgen

NOVEMBER

4 Sun Nippers Carnival Brunswick
 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
 27 Tue Club General Meeting 7pm

DECEMBER

1 Sat North Coast Boat Series Minnie Water
 2 Sun Nippers Teams Carnival Byron Bay
 8 Sat **Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Course Yamba**
 8/9 Sat/Sun NSW Interbranch Titles Crowdy Head
 8/9 Sat/Sun North Coast Boat Series Scotts 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**
 19 Sat North Coast Boat Series Old Bar

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
 3-7 Wed/Sun Australian Open Titles Broadbeach
 21 Sun Easter Sunday
 25 Thu Anzac Day
 28 Sun **Patrols Finish**



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