



Yamba Surf Life Saving Club

Newsletter – January/February 2019

"Vigilance and Service"

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from the CHAIRMAN....

It has been a very busy couple of months to start 2019, highlighted by the Yamba Ocean Swims and hosting of the Nippers Branch Titles. Both of these events take an enormous amount of effort to run and it is very pleasing to see so many members working together to ensure these events are successful. To everyone involved in both of these major events I say thank you. The huge amount of positive feedback from participants and spectators reminds us all that we do a great job at running big events.

The NSW Country Titles at Cudgen Headland again proved very successful for our club with an 8th place finish overall and a swag of medals brought home. Congratulations to everyone who participated and represented the club. It is pleasing to see such large numbers representing the club at these major carnivals. Best of luck also to those competing at the State and Australian Titles over the coming month. We look forward to hearing of your achievements.

On the lifesaving side, I would remind members of the importance of getting to your patrols. Whilst we may be in a quieter period, there have been rescues carried out even with the smaller numbers on the beach, and surf conditions remain quite difficult. If you can't get to your patrol, please make sure you are finding a substitute.

Congratulations to Paris Brailsford on being selected to take part in the Youth Opportunity Makers Workshop in Sydney. Paris is one of just 3 representatives in the 15–17 years age group from Far North Coast Branch and I've no doubt she will do a fine job of representing Yamba and learning more of the opportunities and pathways available within the Surf Life Saving Movement.

Finally a call to members to get along to the next General Meeting on Monday 25th March at 7pm. This is your chance to hear in more detail what is going on around the club, and to ask questions and have input into the direction of the club.

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...from the ADMINISTRATION Director

- Club members were saddened in recent weeks to hear of the passing of John Allen - owner of Maclean Variety Meats. John was a valued sponsor of our club and many other sporting bodies in the Clarence Valley. He donated the sausages to all our Sunday morning Nipper BBQs as well as providing the meat to the Saturday night club raffles at the Golf Club. Our thoughts are with his family.
- The organisers of the Copeton Dam (Inverell) swim, for which the club has provided water safety in recent years, have advised that unfortunately the swim event has been cancelled this year due to the fact that the dam is only 5% full as a result of the severe drought conditions being experienced out there.
- We have been advised that Coles will be using bucket collection bins at their checkouts over the next few months to raise money for the surf club. All support is greatly appreciated.
- Working With Children Check – all patrol captains will have just received an email from Chris Moran, our Member Protection Information Officer requesting completion of the WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK as required by SLSC. Please make sure you attend to this ASAP so the club is compliant in this regard. Any other members who have done this, should have sent your number and expiry date to the office for recording on our files. *Thankyou*

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...from the LIFE SAVING Director

Thanks to all patrolling members for your 'vigilance and service' over the busy Christmas period. Your hard work on the beach keeping an eye on all swimmers and keeping them safe was commendable.

It's always hard finding people to give up their time on Christmas Day to do patrols, so to those of you who did, I thank you very much. It's a big ask but was very much appreciated, by the club and the beach-goers.

A big congratulations to all those involved in the running of the Yamba Ocean Swims Day in early January - from Lyn and the crew in the kitchen, to Matt and the crew in the IRBs and all those in between – admin team, work party and Jim on the beach - we do run a good show!!

Well done also to all involved in the running of the Branch Nippers carnival at the end of January - we have again shown that when we all come together as a club, we sure can put on a well- run show. Great job Jim, Dan and James Forbes.

Congratulations to all Yamba competitors at the recent NSW Country Titles held at Cudgen SLSC. We had some great results.

Thanks to all members who went up to officiate and help with water safety and first aid.

Now, cheers and well done to all who have been turning up to their rostered patrols BUT as usual.. with only a couple of months left of the season, patrol numbers have begun to dwindle significantly. Last weekend we had only 1 patrol member turn up for an afternoon patrol, which made for a very long day on the beach for some of the morning patrol members who volunteered to stay on to cover the afternoon. Not good teamwork!

PLEASE, if you can't make it to patrol or simply just don't want to be there, you MUST try to get a sub or at least let someone know you will not be there. We are committed to operate patrols by SLSNSW as part of being a surf club and the requirements of having IRB drivers, Advanced Resus and First Aid holders and general patrol members on duty is compulsory. For those that this applies to - PLEASE DON'T CONTINUE TO LET THE CLUB DOWN IN THIS REGARD!

Please note – bad rips have developed following the beach erosion caused by Cyclone Oma – particularly on the pool end of the beach. Patrol members need to be extra vigilant over coming weeks as several rescues have needed to be made here.

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Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) – DRONE OPERATORS

Thanks to Peter Sweetman and Rob Becker who have been the driving force behind getting drones operational over Main Beach in recent months. A good roll-up of interested people attended the demonstration session run by Branch UAV Officer Elton Cummings at the clubhouse recently. 12 members have now signed up for the two day training course to be held this coming weekend at Yamba Community Centre in Woolli St. The club has welcomed a number of new Associate members who will be doing this weekend's course. The weekend drone patrols will continue through until the end of the season on Sunday 28th April. This additional avenue of surveillance can only help in our role of protecting the surfing public.

...from the CLUBHOUSE Director

- Following various issues with power at the clubhouse for several months, things should be back on track now with a new power pole installed in the back laneway. Thanks to members who were patient with the recent power problems – hopefully all will be good again now.
- A new P.A system has also been needed at the club along with new loud speakers. These have now been installed so the speakers, shark alarm and P.A are all back in working order.
- If you see things around the clubhouse that need maintenance, please make sure you contact the office or House Director to let us know so they can be addressed sooner rather than later.
- On the social side of things, an end of patrol season function will be held at the Bowling Club Leisure Centre on Sunday, April 28th Further details to be advised once confirmed.

Thanks

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...from the EDUCATION Director

- A small group of our U/13 nippers have begun their **Resuscitation Certificate** during the Sunday morning activities. This should be completed within 3 Sundays subject to attendance/participation.
- An insufficient number of members expressed interest in beginning a new **Bronze course** so the next course will be held early next season.
- With 2 sets of new manikins on order I plan to 'retire' the older manikins. If you regularly borrow manikins to use with community groups and would like to keep one please let me know asap (before they are shipped off to the Philippines).

With the official opening of the Branch training rooms in Ballina, Branch courses are again being held there. First Aid courses are planned for March and April, Advanced Resuscitation and Spinal Management courses in March as well. See dates below. If you are interested in doing a course please contact Narelle in our club office. (No courses are planned for Yamba.)

Branch Facilitated Courses now available:

- **Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue**

Saturday 23rd March 2019 at the Branch Training Facilities at Kingscliff, with a 8am report and an 8.30am start nominations for this course **close on Thursday 14th March 2019**.

- **First Aid.**

Saturday 30th March 2019 at the Branch Training Facilities Shelly Beach Ballina, nominations **close on Sunday 17th March 2019**.

- **Advanced /Resuscitation Certificate.**

Saturday 13th April 2019 at the Branch Training Facilities Shelly Beach Ballina, nominations **close on Monday 1st April 2019**.

- **First Aid**

Saturday 27th April 2019 at the Branch Training Facilities Shelly Beach Ballina nomination close on **Monday 15th April 2019**.

- **Spinal Management.**

Sunday 28th April 2019 at the Branch Training Facilities Shelly Beach Ballina. nominations close on **Monday 15th April 2019**.

- **SLSA Training Officer Certificate.**

Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd June at the SLSNSW Facilities at **Port Macquarie**. Further details on this course will be given when they are available.

It should be noted that all of these courses require an online component to be completed prior to attending on the day, please check the SLSNSW Awards and Qualifications Chart to ensure that you have the necessary SLSA Award prerequisites.

All nominations for courses **MUST** be received from either your club Chief Training Officer or Secretary who will verify that you are a financial member of your club and that you do hold the necessary prerequisites.

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NIPPERS NEWS

Next **Sunday March 10th** - will be the 3rd and final Club Championship day, please stay tuned to Yamba Nippers Facebook page and check text messages for location.

Sunday 17th March - Final Nippers day - Beach Games and Presentation as well as our Annual General Meeting, to be held upstairs in the clubhouse.

State Age Championships – well done to Yamba's sole nipper competitor, Ben Morris, who competed in the beach events at Swansea Belmont last weekend. Ben finished 9th in the U13 Flags event and 15th in the 1km Beach Run.

Former Yamba nipper competitor, Kalani Ives, who now competes for Cudgen SLSC narrowly missed the medals this year, finishing 4th in the U/14 board and ironwoman events and 6th in the swim. Well done to both competitors!

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...from the SURF SPORTS Director**NSW Country Championships – Kingscliff Beach – February 2 & 3**

The club sent a big team of 58 members to the Country Titles and finished in 8th place in the pointscore with 14 gold medals, 11 silver and 8 bronze. Congratulations to all members who competed to the best of their ability. Also a big thank you to the club carnival officials who worked on the beach in conditions that varied from very hot to windy rain squalls. Thanks too to our IRB crews, first aid and water safety officers.

Gold Medallists

1. Open Male Boat Race – Michael Barker, Zac Brotherson, Dylan Greef, Ray Wiblen, Rod McSkimming (sweep)
2. U/19 Male Boat Race – Sam Bloomer, Josh Bridges, Tyler Essex, Pat O'Mahony, Rod McSkimming (sweep)
3. Reserve Female Boat Race – Leah Essex, Tash Hancock, Jo King, Andrea Nikas, Ray Wiblen (sweep)
4. Under 19 years Female Boat Race – Chelsea Bridges, Lyteeka Currie, Darby Essex, Morgan Parkin, Ray Wiblen (sweep)
5. Over 120 years Masters Female Boat Race – Leah Essex, Tash Hancock, Jo King, Andrea Nikas, Ray Wiblen (sweep)
6. Under 13 years Male 1km Beach Run – Ben Morris
7. Under 19 years Female 2km Beach Run – Morgan Parkin
8. 30/39 years Male 2km Beach Run – Dylan Greeff
9. Over 60 years Female 1km Beach Run – Jill Ennever
10. Under 13 years Male Beach Flags – Ben Morris
11. Over 60 years Female Beach Flags – Bobbie Winger
12. 50/59 years Male Rescue Tube Race – Peter Rheinberger
13. Over 60 years Female Board Race – Bobbie Winger
14. 30/39 years Male Board Rescue – Peter Rheinberger/Dylan Greeff

Yamba Ocean Swims – Sunday 6th January

A big thank you to the large workforce of club members who turned out to make our annual ocean swims fundraiser such a big success with over 300 swimmers taking part. Many thanks to our sponsors – Clarence Valley Council, Pacific Hotel, Westlawn Finance and Insurance, Ray White Real Estate, Belinda's Store, Yamba Community Pool, and Seymour Whyte.

Far North Coast Branch Titles

The Seniors/Masters Branch Titles scheduled for Lighthouse Beach Ballina on Feb 17 were postponed because of rough surf conditions. It is now planned to hold these Titles on the weekend after the Australian Titles – Sunday 14th April.

State and Australian Titles

Good luck to Peter Rheinberger and the 'Boilers' boat crew who will be competing at the NSW State Masters Titles this week at Swansea Belmont. Also the 'Kooks' boat crew will be rowing in the Men's Reserve event and the 'Baby Kooks' in the Under 19 men's race. The following weekend (March 16/17) the club will have 3 boat crews racing in the Queensland State Titles at Broadbeach – Kooks, Boilers and Baby Boilers.

All of these competitors will then line up at the Australian Titles at Broadbeach on the Gold Coast in the first week of April to finish off the competition season.

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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. Board Members gave those present an update on what was happening in their particular 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 second General Meeting of the season will be held on Monday March 25th at 7pm @ the clubhouse. All members welcome.

Nippers AGM – Sunday March 17th – Time to be advised.

NEW CLUB SHIRTS

Some members may have already seen the Yamba SLSC boaties looking smart around the place in their new club shirts as 'modelled' opposite!

The Board has decided to introduce these across the club as a dress shirt (or beach shirt if preferred). They will be available TO ORDER over the next few weeks and then a bulk order will be placed before the end of the patrol season with the suppliers to accommodate members' size requests.

Shirts are black and white check gingham, long sleeves which can be rolled up and buttoned with a tab, with the club logo on the chest or pocket. Both Men's and Ladies styles are available as follows:

Ladies – Size 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16..... up to 24.

Men's – Size XS, S, M, L, XLup to 3XL

The fabric is 60%cotton, 40%polyester and looks like it will wash and wear very well. Ladies' shirts are fitted, men's are a casual fit.

Sample sizes are available in the club office to try on for size before ordering.

Shirts will sell for \$50 – so if you are interested, get in now to try on before the order is placed within the next few weeks.

Leave your name, size and contact details with Narelle in the office.

If you can't get to the office during office hours, leave your information with the office and we will contact you to make arrangements for you to try on for size.

Don't forget there is also still a large range of men's, ladies, boys and girls swimwear & rashies available for purchase at the club as well as Men's T-shirts and the long sleeve gold hoodies. Contact the office for details.



CLUB CALENDAR

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MARCH

- 6/7 Wed/Thu NSW State Masters Titles Swansea
Belmont
- 8-10 Fri-Sun NSW State Open Titles Swansea
Belmont
- 9-10 Sat/Sun Drone operators course – Yamba
- 10 Sun 3rd nippers club championship day
- 11 Mon Board Meeting 7pm**
- 16/17 Sat/Sun Qld State Titles – Broadbeach
- 17 Sun Nippers Presentation Day; AGM
- 19 Tue Branch Meeting Ballina
- 23 Sat NSW State Election
- 24 Sun North Coast Boat Series Final Coffs
Harbour
- 25 Mon Club General Meeting 7pm**
- 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
- 5 Fri Qld School holidays start
- 8 Mon Board meeting 7pm**
- 12 Fri NSW School holidays start
- 14 Sun Seniors/Masters Branch Titles - Ballina
- 21 Sun Easter Sunday
- 25 Thu Anzac Day
- 28 Sun Patrols Finish – Bowling Club function**

MAY

- 11 Sat Branch Education Meeting – Ballina
- 13 Mon Board Meeting 7pm**

JUNE

- 8/9 Sat/Sun ALBERT IRB Training – Yamba
- 30 Sun ALL club/gym memberships EXPIRE



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