



Yamba Surf Life Saving Club

Newsletter – July / August 2019

"Vigilance and Service"

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from the CHAIRMAN....

Whilst many have been taking a break from the beach during the 'off-season' it has still been very busy around the club. At our Presentation Dinner in June we celebrated the successes of the previous season. Congratulations to Simon Worboys and Lloyd Palmer who took out the 2 major awards on the evening, Simon as Club Person of the Year, and Lloyd as Lifesaver of the Year. Both were very deserving winners for the contributions they made during the season.

The ALBERT (IRB) training weekend held at Yamba in early June saw representation from most of the Far North Coast clubs as well as lifesavers from as far south as the Sydney Branch. This was a great opportunity to improve IRB skills and interact with members of other clubs. Well done to all involved in making this weekend such a success.

Thanks to everyone who has helped out with the working bees around the club during the winter, in particular the clean-up of the dungeon which was made easier due to those in attendance. The grass area on the northern side of the club also received a facelift and looks great.

There has also been some significant repair work going on upstairs in the clubhouse and in the kiosk in recent weeks. The removal of the asbestos ceiling in the clubhouse is now complete, with kiosk roof repairs due to be completed this week. Special thanks to those who have volunteered and helped with the work and painting to help keep the costs down. The clubhouse upstairs is looking great and will no doubt be even more appealing to those looking to hire the venue for functions. Thanks too to Rob McDermid who has volunteered to maintain the lawn area around the clubhouse on a regular basis – it's all looking much more loved!

At the AGM in August we saw just one change to the Board of Directors, with Danielle Connolly being elected to the position of Education Director following the retirement of the long-serving Kim Morgans from this role. Welcome Danielle, and a huge thankyou to Kim for all his efforts over many years in educating new members and ensuring that existing members can improve their skills. It has been an invaluable contribution from Kim. Other positions are noted elsewhere in the newsletter.

Congratulations to Peter Sweetman who, at the AGM, was awarded Life Membership of Yamba Surf Club for his services to the club over the past 35-odd years. Peter has had a long and varied service within the club and is very deserving of this honour. Unfortunately Peter was unable to attend the AGM and the presentation will be made at a later date.

On a more social note – congratulations to our Lifesaving Director and our Education Director who will 'tie the knot' in true surf club style in September...must be something in the water!! All the best James and Danielle. We wish you well.

Memberships are now due and can be completed online. See details at the end of this newsletter. Everyone using the clubhouse and club gear needs to be a current financial member. Gym users are advised that the lock on the gym gate is to be replaced shortly and new keys will be issued at a cost of \$15. However, there will be no additional key charge for those members who have already renewed their gym memberships for this season. Further details will be advised to gym users directly as the changeover gets nearer.

The start of patrols is just a few weeks away now with the first Proficiency Test even closer – those concerned with these are encouraged to make a big effort to attend the first Proficiency Day. It would be great for our volunteer organisers and assessors to only have to turn up once to put members through their proficiencies - put the date aside now – Sunday Sept 15th.

Hope to see you all on the beach very soon and I look forward to another prosperous season.

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...from the LIFE SAVING Director

With the start of the patrol season only a short time away, work 'behind the scenes' has been going on to make sure patrols are organised and ready to go. Patrol members will have just received a draft roster with the patrol season starting on September 28th and finishing on the April 26th 2020.

As in previous years, patrol members will receive a reminder on the Tuesday before your rostered day and your patrol will also be posted on the Yamba Patrol Members Facebook page. Make sure you 'like' the page so you can join in and get info. As usual, ACTIVE RESERVES are listed to help out when you're not available – they need to do 12 hours each season - so **PLEASE**, if you are unable to make your rostered patrol, don't be afraid to give them a call (with sufficient notice!!).

Skills Maintenance (Proficiency) date for this season will be September 15th and October 27th. A general reminder - this is compulsory for ALL Bronze and Award members. Each season you are required to undertake a small theory component, this is now available for completion through the eLEARNING Section of the SLSA Online Member Area and it should be completed prior to Proficiency Day. More details will be in the Education report.

The club really does need YOUR support to keep our beach open and safe. Be aware that patrols can't survive with just Bronze Medallion members. It is compulsory for patrols to have people with higher awards BBM, IRBD, IRBC, ARTC etc and we are running short of members with these awards. Courses to gain these awards will be held during the season and posted in newsletters and the Patrolling Members FB page etc. **PLEASE** put your hand up to do some of these courses – NO PATROLS = NO CLUB!

Please remember **club membership is NOW due** - this is very important to all members to keep you covered in case of injury whilst on patrol.

Thanks to the few members who turned up to the working bee held in the off season – the downstairs dungeon area was cleaned out after the big seas. More helpers are always welcome when these callouts are made!

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(Please note my new email address)*

...from the EDUCATION Director

Currently available courses:

- **Silver Medallion Basic Beach Management** @ Ballina - (Shelley Beach training rooms) Closing Date: 02/09/2019. This is suitable for anyone wanting to be a Patrol Captain. Names to office NOW.
- **SRC to Bronze Medallion**- for Surf Rescue Certificate holders wanting to update and obtain their Bronze. To be conducted during the School Holidays from October 8th for possibly 3 days, depending on group needs.
- **Bronze Medallion**- Course starts September 29th – names to club office by Sept 15th (Proficiency Day)
- **IRB, Driver or IRB Crew**- if you are interested in participating in either of these courses please express your interest to me via the email below so we can organise a possible course date.
- **Surf Rescue Certificate**- commences Sunday October 20th for U/14 nippers
- **Resuscitation and Radio Certificate** courses – Nippers will engage in these courses throughout the junior program which commences during Sunday activities on Oct 13th.

Skills Maintenance (Proficiency Test)

Proficiency dates for seniors:

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15th and SUNDAY OCTOBER 27th (Please ensure all ELearning requirements are fulfilled BEFORE attending) Please follow the link to the ELearning platform –

<https://help.sls.com.au/elearning/SLSA-eLearning-User-Guide-v6-August-2017.pdf>

To view more about surf club involvement that may suit you follow the links below.

<https://sls.com.au/pathways/>

https://www.slsfnc.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/awards_qualifications_chart_1_2_v161.pdf

PLEASE NOTE: All names for courses should be given to Narelle in the club office by the advertised due date so that details and pre-requisites can be checked and submitted before course commencement.

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...from the ADMINISTRATION Director

The basis of Yamba Surf Club as a volunteer service organisation is based on 'What can I do to help ?' However, being a member of Yamba SLSC is not all about giving – it also provides some very often forgotten or unknown benefits back to members

Did you know that....

- All rostered patrolling members are entitled to **free use of the gym** (we need fit lifesavers!)
- All **patrol uniforms** are provided to members **free of charge** (they need to look the part!)
- Sunscreen is also provided at no cost (no red noses here!)
- All members have the luxury of an inside shower after their surf – or a nice hot one if you put 20c in the metre box!
- There is a bank of lockers provided for members (available for hire at just \$15 per year) – leave your goggles and flippers there!
- **Training courses**, such as First Aid, are all provided **free of charge** to members.
- The **cost of all certificates** for courses that are done are provided to members at no cost
- All **entry fees to surf carnivals** for competitors are covered by the club
- All **competition gear is provided at no cost to members** – surf boats, oars, helmets, boards, skis, paddles.
- Club **swimwear and merchandise** is sold to members at **wholesale prices** (plus costs)
- Coaching is provided free of charge as needed
- All members are **covered by insurance** in case of accident or injury in and around the club and during competition and training
- The club pays an annual fee to SLSNSW and to Far North Coast Branch on behalf of each registered member
- Members are entitled to a **reduced (half price!) rate for the hire of the function room** for weddings/events
- Members with an RSA can earn **extra income** by working behind the bar at club functions.

We hope you enjoy the benefits of being a member of Yamba Surf Lifesaving Club and all that it has to offer!

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.... NIPPERS NEWS

- Thanks to the small group of members/supporters who turned up for the Nippers Trivia Fundraising/Social Night held in June. Unfortunately numbers of those attending on the night weren't great but hopefully we might see more support for these types of activities in the season ahead.
- All nipper members and parents are urged to complete club memberships as soon as possible and BEFORE the nipper activities and proficiency days for the season kick off on Sept 15th. ONLINE memberships are the preferred method of joining up again for the season – go online to members.sls.com.au and follow the instructions for renewing/joining and paying by card. The fees pricelist and details will appear online once you name your club as Yamba. Fees remain the same as previous years - \$60 per nipper, \$65 for non-patrolling parent, \$200 per family.
- Nipper Proficiency Days will be held on Sept 15th from 12 noon – 2pm and again on Sept 22nd from 10am -12 noon at the pool **at Main Beach**. Nippers, bring your goggles and make sure your memberships have been paid prior. Nippers caps and swimwear will be available for purchase on these days upstairs in the clubhouse. Nippers need to attend one of these two Proficiency Days.
- The first Sunday nippers activity day of the season will be held on Sunday October 13th commencing at 9.30am.
- Keep in touch with what's happening with Yamba Nippers by watching the Yamba Nippers Facebook page where updates and changes are usually notified.

Email: nippers@yambaslsc.com.au

Yamba SLSC - Annual General Meeting – Elected Office Bearers – 2019/2020

Chairman	Joe Dougherty
Administration Director	Leah Essex
Finance Director	Tim Small
Life Saving Director	James Ryan
Deputy Chairman	Chris Moran
Surf Sports Director	Jim Dougherty
Education Director	Danielle Connolly
Club House Director	Alan Lawrence
Junior Activities Director	James Forbes
Assistant Admin. Director	Andrea Nikas
Assistant Educ. Director	Jill Ennever
Registrar	Cathy Dougherty
Club Vice Captain	Matt Saunders
U19 Captain	Paris Brailsford
Boat Captain	Rod McSkimming
Boat Vice Captain	Ray Wiblen
IRB Captain	Matt Saunders
IRB Vice Captain	Simon Worboys

Youth Development Officer	TBA
Competition Gear Steward	Jim Dougherty
Patrol Gear Steward	Rob McDermid
Radio Officer	Peter Sweetman
WHS Officer	Eric Pitsi
First Aid Officer	Jo King
Ass. First Aid Officer	Bill Onslow
Publicity Officer	Cathy Dougherty
House Committee	Brian Badgery Helmut Klein Eric Pitsi Matt Eke Greg Zietsch Rob McDermid
Social Committee	Bill Onslow Jane Lawrence Lyn Brighton Paula Watts Judy King

CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES 2019/2020

(1st July 2019 – 30th June 2020)

Active Patrolling – Senior	\$30
U/14 – U/19yrs (Patrolling)	\$30
Reserve Active (8 years of patrols)	\$50
Long Service (10 years of patrols)	\$50
Associate (Min. age 25yrs)	\$65
Nippers U/7-U/14 (see below)	\$60
Nippers inc. skull cap	\$75
Nippers inc. skull cap & comp cap	\$90
Family (see below)	\$200

***Family membership** is available to those with children (U/7-U/19) participating in the nipper or lifesaving training programs

*All **nippers** must have at least **one parent** per family as a member and must turn 6 before Oct 1st, 2019

*Skull caps are compulsory for Sunday nipper activities *Competition caps are compulsory for carnivals.

GYM Membership

Gym members need to be a current financial member of the Surf Club prior to joining the gym.

(Gym membership block is for **12 months**).

Gym Fees

12 months - \$200(plus club membership)

(1st July, 2019 - 30th June, 2020)

Gym key - \$15 (non refundable)

* ROSTERED PATROLLING members are entitled to free use of the gym **provided patrol requirements are fulfilled**

* **Active Reserves must complete 12 hours of patrol per season to be eligible for free gym.**

PLEASE RENEW ALL MEMBERSHIPS ONLINE where possible – go to <https://members.sls.com.au> Follow the instructions to renew AND pay.

CLUB CALENDAR

2019

AUGUST

31 Sat Silver medallion beach mangt
Course - clubhouse

SEPTEMBER

1 Sun Silver medallion aquatic rescue
Course - clubhouse
2 Mon 1st Aid Course – Clubhouse
3 Tue ARTC course - Clubhouse
7 Sat Branch Pre-season Education
Meeting at Ballina
8 Sun Club Education Committee
Meeting 11am
9 Mon Club Board Meeting 7pm
15 Sun **1st Senior Proficiency Day 8.30am**
15 Sun Nippers Info Day/Proficiency Swim
17 Tue Branch meeting Ballina
22 Sun Patrol Gear Inspection/Board & Ski
Scrutineering
22 Sun Nippers Info Day/Proficiency Swim
28 Sat **Patrols Start for 2019-20 season**
28 Sat Qld Endurance Titles - Burleigh

OCTOBER

5 Sat Lennox Enduro Iron Man event
12/13 Sat/Sun Coolangatta Gold
14 Mon Club Board Meeting 7pm
18/20 Fri/Sun **Clarence 100 Ski Paddle**
20 Sun U12 to Open Carnival Brunswick
22 Tue Branch meeting ballina
26 Sat Cudgen Classic Iron Person
27 Sun **2nd Senior Proficiency Day**

NOVEMBER

10 Sun **Branch Nippers Carnival at Yamba**
11 Mon Club Board meeting 7pm
13 Wed **Combined High Schools Surf
Carnival @Yamba**
19 Tue Branch Meeting Ballina
24 Sun JAC Carnival Lennox Head

DECEMBER

1 Sun Senior carnival Cudgen
7/8 Sat/Sun Interbranch Titles Bulli
8 Sun Yamba Triathlon

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JANUARY

5 Sun **Yamba Ocean Swim**

FEBRUARY

1/2 Sat/Sun Country Titles at Cudgen
15/16 Sat/Sun Combined Junior/Senior/Masters
Branch Titles at Byron Bay
28/1 Fri/Sun NSW Age Titles Swansea
Belmont

MARCH

4/5 Wed/Thu NSW Masters Titles
6/8 Fri/Sun NSW Open Titles

APRIL

18/26 Sat/Sun Australian Titles Broadbeach
26 Sun Patrols Finish



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**LET'S MAKE
YAMBA SKATEPARK
BIGGER AND BETTER
FOR EVERYONE!**

IT'S EASY TO MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD! JUST HEAD TO
WWW.SERVICE.NSW.GOV.AU/CAMPAIGN/MY-COMMUNITY-PROJECT
SELECT 'CLARENCE' AND SCROLL DOWN TO THE SKATEPARK
FROM THERE YOU CAN LODGE YOUR VOTE

CALL OR MESSAGE ANY OF THESE LEGENDS WITH QUESTIONS OR
ENQUIRIES (THEY CAN SEND THE LINK DIRECTLY TO YOUR PHONE)
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