



Yamba Surf Life Saving Club

Newsletter – November/December 2019

"Vigilance and Service"

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from the CHAIRMAN....

With the smoky skies around Yamba for the last month, our thoughts are with those of our members involved with the fire-fighting efforts in the area or those whose homes or properties have been impacted. Conditions have been unrelenting and the summer months ahead will be of considerable concern.

We are heading into our busiest time of year on the beach now and I remind all patrol members that it is vital that you find a sub if you can't make it to your rostered patrol. Don't assume it will be alright without you. As the crowds in the water increase and conditions become trickier we all need to stay on our toes. Be active on the water's edge and make sure you are prepared for any possible scenario as you never know what may happen. Sitting on the club verandah is not the best method of patrolling! Patrol hours will extend to 9-5 Saturday and Sunday in a couple of weeks' time.

If you can help out, even for an hour or two on Christmas Day, we need more volunteers for patrol. Please get in touch with James Ryan if you're available.

Well done to all those members who chipped in to ensure that the Nippers carnival on November 10th was a huge success. It takes a lot of effort from a lot of people to make these days happen and the feedback from visiting clubs was very positive. We are the favourite destination for nippers to come and compete because of how well we run carnivals and everyone should be proud of this.

The Combined High Schools carnival that was to be held in November had to be postponed due to the bushfires but is looking like going ahead on Wednesday December 4th. If you can assist please let Jim Dougherty know.

Well done to everyone involved in the Melbourne Cup luncheon. From all reports it was a great afternoon, and everyone who came along said they'd be back again next year. It was also a great fundraiser for the club, raising around \$2,000. Congratulations to all those who contributed to its success.

The Yamba Ocean Swims are not far away now with the event happening on Sunday 5th January. This is the club's biggest fundraiser of the year and requires an enormous number of people to ensure a successful day. Further detail will be forthcoming but please do your best to get to the club on the day and lend a hand.

We are in desperate need of volunteer and paid bar staff for our events and club functions. If you have your RSA and can help out at all please let the office know ASAP.

There will be a general meeting for all members, on Monday 2nd December at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and contribute, and to stay informed on club happenings.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Christmas. Hopefully I'll catch up with many of you on the beach in the coming weeks.

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...from the LIFE SAVING Director

Patrol attendance was up for November and most patrol teams have responded well to the roster. Thanks to all those who have tried to gain substitutes for their patrol. I know this can sometimes be a hard task but it's essential that we try our hardest to replace ourselves on the roster when unavailable.

The Nippers carnival was held on November 10th with fantastic support from our patrolling members. Patrols continue to be an invaluable resource at all events held by the club.

We have had to hold three Skills Maintenance sessions so far this season. I'd like to congratulate all those who completed their proficiencies and thank them. (Note that the new name for the senior Proficiency test is now Skills Maintenance. So **Skills Maintenance** is the same as the old senior **Proficiency Test**)

Proficiency/skills maintenance, is an event organised by the Education team. I'd like to thank all trainers and assessors who have provided their invaluable time and effort towards our club being able to get proficient patrol members on the beach.

There are still about 20 members whose skills maintenance/proficiency is outstanding. I understand that it's sometimes hard to get to these days and we will arrange a final skills maintenance day on December 15th to coincide with the SRC assessment. Please contact me ASAP if you are still wanting to complete yours on this date so we can arrange volunteers to do your assessment.

Our club requires a patrol for Christmas Day which is not a normal rostered day on the patrol calendar. So far, I have had 5 patrol members put their hand up to volunteer. If you are also able to help just for a few hours, please get in contact with me as soon as possible - it would be greatly appreciated....after all, there are worse places to be than Main Beach on Christmas Day!

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(Please note my new email address)

...from the EDUCATION Director

The Education team has been responsible for actively being involved in the processing of many new patrol members for our club.

The team of trainers and assessors organises courses such as the Surf Rescue Certificate and the Bronze Medallion. A band of dedicated Education Team and other club members is also involved in the organisation and delivery of the Skills Maintenance/Proficiency days.

I'd like to sincerely thank these people for their time and effort and acknowledge their hard work in delivering this valuable resource to our club members. Due to this work we've been able to process almost 100 members for skills maintenance this season and close to a dozen new patrolling members.

Congratulations to last weekend's successful Bronze Medallion candidates who completed their 6 weeks of training under the guidance of Alan Schofield and Jill Ennever to join our patrolling ranks. We welcome Jackson Daley, Paul Goymer, Lisa Bevitt, Jimmi Schaeffer and Lily Young to patrol! Previously on Oct 20th Connor Bridges, Carissa Miltiadou and Georgia Salvestro completed their Bronze under the guidance of Kim Morgans.

Expressions of interest are currently being taken for a possible IRB crew /IRB Drivers course. Names are also being taken for a further Bronze Medallion course – if you are interested, please leave your details with Narelle in the office.

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...from the ADMINISTRATION Director**HELP NEEDED!!**

For some time now we've been asking for extra help with the Golf Club raffles – a fundraiser for our surf club.

We'd like to specifically target our large number of ASSOCIATE CLUB MEMBERS who are not involved in the weekly lifesaving duties of the club to consider assisting with the raffles. If you are an ASSOCIATE member and could volunteer about an hour and a half from 5.30pm just one Saturday evening every few months, we'd love to hear from you and add you to the roster!!! You will be given all the details needed to help out. PLEASE contact the surf club office if you can assist.

SPONSORSHIP

For several years, Maclean Variety Meats has been a sponsor of our Nippers and assisted with our club meat needs. The club is extremely grateful for all they contributed to the club and we thank them for their past support. We are now pleased to welcome on board the Yamba Fair Butchery for the next three years and look forward to establishing an ongoing relationship with them as they help support the club.

Sponsorship from Yulgilbar has also been received once again – this sponsorship has enabled the provision of the high visibility pink singlets in recent years at no cost to all those club members wearing them when involved in swim and board activities.

Thankyou to all our valued sponsors!

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.... NIPPERS NEWS

- What a great effort from all the helpers for the successful running of the Nippers Carnival on our home beach on Nov 10th. Thanks to all who helped in so many different ways – it was a huge team effort.
- Congratulations to all our first time competitors who gave their best on the day in fairly ideal surf conditions and well done to the Yamba members who came away with medals from the different events. Consistent training and regular competition will help all our nippers do well at these events in the future.
- If you would like to be more involved in Carnivals, being an Official is a great opportunity to do this. Officials ensure competitions are run in a safe and secure environment, while maintaining rules and regulations. if you would like to know more about this role please follow this link: <https://sls.com.au/role/core-official-2/>
- Please remember to check out our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Yamba-Nippers-108053042570620/?ref=bookmarks> Also this season we have created Yamba Nippers on Team App. Team App is a platform that allows teams and social groups to improve communication by creating their own smartphone app. Please download the app to your phone to receive up to the minute schedule changes: https://www.teamapp.com/app?_detail=v1
- There will be a break from nipper activities over Christmas. The final day before the break will be Saturday, Dec 14th which will be the Christmas Party. Keep tuned to Facebook and the Team App for details.

Yamba Nippers Carnival Results

Yamba finished 6th in the pointscore behind Cudgen, Lennox Head, Byron Bay, Ballina and Cabarita clubs. All our medallists were in the Under 9 age group.

Beach Flags – Male – 1st Zac Todhunter, 2nd Felix Forbes. Female – 3rd Kayla Hancock

Beach Sprint – Male – 2nd Zac Todhunter

Board Race – Male – 1st Felix Forbes, 3rd Kydan Jones. Female – 3rd Zahli Plunkett

Swim race – Female – 1st Zahli Plunkett, 2nd Sophie Newman

Beach Relay – 3rd Yamba

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...from the SURF SPORTS Director

• YAMBA OCEAN SWIMS

The Yamba Ocean Swims Day is on Sunday 5th January. This is the clubs biggest event of the season and a workforce of close to 100 people is needed to successfully run the event. Workers are needed for IRB crews, water safety board paddlers, beach set up, race officials, first aid, entry registrations, car park attendants, BBQ and bar workers. If you can help out with something on this list please contact Jim Dougherty 0428 664701.

The event comprises the 700 metre Convent Beach to Main Beach swim at 10.30am, followed by the 2km swim at 11.30am and the 100 metre Dash for Cash at 12.30pm followed by a social afternoon upstairs in the clubhouse with the bar open.

Online entries are done through the oceanswims.com website and close at 3pm on Saturday 4th January. Late entries at an additional cost of \$15 will be taken at the clubhouse on race day up till 9am.

This year we have introduced electronic timing through Sports Event Services. All swimmers will wear a timing chip around their ankle. The timing chips along with swim caps will be issued to swimmers at registration on the day. All swimmers must register at the clubhouse between 8am and 9.30am.

• SURF CARNIVALS

The NSW Country Titles will be held at Cudgen on February 1 and 2. This is a combined juniors/seniors/masters carnival and entries have to be done online by the 19th January. Seniors and masters wishing to compete please give your name to Jim Dougherty. Nipper parents should advise James Forbes of entries by the Xmas break-up on 14th December. The club is required to provide 2 IRB crews for water safety work.

Far North Coast Branch Titles - This year the Branch will be running the first combined juniors/seniors/masters Branch Titles at Byron Bay on February 22 and 23.

Also, the popular **Brunswick Masters Surf Carnival** will be held on Saturday 15th February.

Kalani Ives, back in the gold with the black stripe cap of Yamba this season, has continued her strong early season form at surf carnivals. She backed up her win in the Under 15 Coolangatta Gold event with wins in the Under 15 iron woman, surf race and board race at the Lennox Head surf carnival. At the Oceans 38 Round 1 surf carnival at Tugun she finished 2nd in the board race and 6th in the iron woman. Then at Round 1 of the Summer of Surf series at Burleigh Heads Kalani finished 2nd in the iron woman and 3rd in the surf race. Well done!

After a big season last year our boat crews have had a slow start to the new season due to injuries to key personnel and work transfers out of the valley. However, two crews are now back in training and will soon be lining up at boat carnivals. The boat section is looking for more rowers – if you are interested contact Leah Essex or Rod McSkimming. It is necessary to have your Bronze Medallion for competition.

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MORE HELP NEEDED! *Please!*

Our Event Manager, Paula, is desperate for more members with their **Responsible Service of Alcohol Certificate** to help out in the club bar when there is an event or club function taking place. Members are paid for weddings and events, while our own club functions are usually covered by volunteer members. You will be given all the assistance needed before you start in the bar.

Most functions are booked well in advance, so you will have plenty of notice regarding jobs.

We are particularly looking for help NOW so that we can open the bar to the public several afternoons between Christmas and New Year when there are lots of visitors in town and on Ocean Swim Day.

NOTE: It is possible to do the RSA course ONLINE these days for anyone who is interested.

Please contact Paula on 0498127807 if you are interested or contact the club office.

CLUB CALENDAR

2019

DECEMBER

1	Sun	Senior carnival Cudgen
2	Mon	Club General Meeting 7pm
3	Tues	Branch Meeting Ballina
4	Wed	CHS Carnival @ Yamba
7	Sat	Triathlon swim Whiting Beach
7/8	Sat/Sun	Interbranch Titles Bulli
8	Sun	Yamba Triathlon
9	Mon	Club Board Meeting
14	Sat	Nippers Christmas Party
15	Sun	JAC Teams Carnival Cudgen
15	Sun	Patrol Christmas Party @ Bowlo
25	Wed	CHRISTMAS DAY
26	Thurs	Boxing Day

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JANUARY

1	Wed	New Year's Day
5	Sun	Yamba Ocean Swim
13	Mon	Club Board Meeting
21	Tues	Branch Meeting Ballina
26	Sun	Australia Day

FEBRUARY

1/2	Sat/Sun	Country Titles at Cudgen
10	Mon	Club Board Meeting
15	Sat	Brunswick Masters Carnival
18	Tues	Branch Meeting Ballina
22/23	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

12	Sun	EASTER SUNDAY
18/26	Sat/Sun	Australian Titles Broadbeach
26	Sun	Patrols Finish

Welcome Clement!

A big welcome to Yamba SLSC to our visitor from France – Clement Sarrazin. Clement is a keen lifesaver and is in Yamba for the summer months. He will be patrolling with Patrol No 5 on Main Beach and also working as a Council Lifeguard in the school holiday period.

Since joining the club recently, he has been interested and involved in all that is going on and has been a great helper around the club.

We hope you enjoy your time with us Clement!



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