



Yamba Surf Life Saving Club

Newsletter – September/October 2019

"Vigilance and Service"

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from the CHAIRMAN....

We are now well and truly back into the swing of things and I'd like to welcome you all back for another season. A big welcome also to those of you who are new to Yamba Surf Club. It's always great to see some new faces around the club and I hope you enjoy being part of a great organisation. If you need any help or are unsure about something, don't be afraid to ask - there are plenty of members more than happy to assist.

There has already been plenty happening since patrols kicked off, aside from the usual obligations. Thanks to all those who helped out with water safety for the Coolangatta Gold and also the Clarence 100 event. There are new Bronze Medallion courses underway now and it will be great to have a few extra numbers on patrol before too long. The Nippers season is also well underway.

Competition has begun -congratulations to Kalani Ives on her recent win in the u/15 Coolangatta Gold event, a great result.

The UAV program has kicked off again and the drone has been flying every weekend. If you are interested in learning more about this activity within the club, make yourself known to any of the operators next time you are down there when patrols are operational.

Looking ahead, there are some major events coming up that will require support from our members. On Sunday November 10th we will host a Far North Coast Branch nipper carnival at Main Beach. Further details will be provided, but if you can help out on the day it will be greatly appreciated. The following Wednesday, November 13th, the club will host a Combined High Schools surf carnival. If anyone is available to help on this day please get in touch with Jim Dougherty. Sunday, December 8th sees the club involved in providing water safety for the Yamba Triathlon. A call will go out soon for assistance from those who may be available. Our skills and resources are always in demand!

A reminder that membership fees are now overdue. You should not be doing patrols, using the gym or any club equipment if you haven't paid, as you are not covered in the event of an accident or injury. So please get onto this if you are one of those people yet to pay. It's very easy to do online.

For anyone interested, don't forget the handicap surf swims every Sunday and public holiday at 11:30am. It's a great way to improve your surf skills whilst having a bit of fun. The season pointscore for this event is always keenly contested, but you've got to be in it to win it!

On the social side, we look forward to a successful Melbourne Cup lunch at the clubhouse on Tuesday Nov 5th. Thanks to those involved in the behind the scenes work for this function.

The club renovations of the bar and kitchen area and ceiling replacement are now complete with the new shutter for the bar area being recently installed. Great job to all involved.

Congratulations to Peter Sweetman who will receive his Life Membership badge at the club on Sunday and to those members receiving Long Service awards – there are some significant years of volunteering from this group.

Finally, a huge congratulations to our Lifesaving and Education Directors, James and Danielle Ryan, who recently 'tied the knot' on the surf club steps. It was a great party with many of their surf club 'family' in attendance.

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...from the LIFE SAVING Director

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

It was a slow start to patrols, with minimal patrol members attending. At the beginning of a patrol season a surf lifesaving agreement is signed by our club to ensure that we meet our obligations for patrol. When the roster is created, it is assumed that members will turn up OR find a substitute, unless advising otherwise. At times, this is not occurring, leaving it up to a last minute stressful organisation usually seeing myself or other already busy club members having to make up the numbers, it's always the same people!

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE PATROL PLEASE GET A SUBSTITUTE don't think "she'll be right" because in a lot of cases it won't and you will **leave your patrol short!** Worst case is we won't be able to meet our patrol requirements and will not be able to open the beach. A few patrols are already very short of members and can't afford absences.

On patrol, please familiarise yourself regularly with all equipment and resources. It is important to do this as you may be required to use them at a moment's notice. Thanks to Bill Onslow for sitting in on patrols for the last couple of weekends to assist patrol members in revising first aid procedures and application.

It was a good weekend this year again assisting with water safety for the Coolangatta Gold. Saturday was an unusually wet and cold day with Sunday turning into perfect conditions. Cheers to Matt Saunders, Jim Wheeler and Danielle Ryan for making the trip north.

This year we again assisted the Clarence 100 paddlers competing in the course down the river from Maclean rowing shed to Whiting Beach in very choppy and windy conditions. All paddlers making it safely to the finish.

The next and final proficiency or as it is known now "skills maintenance" will be held on the 27th of October, 8.30am for a 9.00 am start. **Please remember this is compulsory for all patrolling members, active reserves and water safety personnel. Keep an eye on the Facebook "Yamba Patrol Members" group for the latest information. For all other enquiries regarding Patrol, please contact me.**

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(Please note my new email address)*

...from the EDUCATION Director

Currently available courses:

- **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-** commenced Sunday October 20th for U/14 nippers
- **Resuscitation and Radio Certificate** courses – Nippers will engage in these courses throughout the junior program which commenced during Sunday activities on Oct 13th.

Skills Maintenance (Proficiency Test)

Proficiency dates for seniors:

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 Yamba Golf Club has been a major supporter of Yamba Surf Club for more than 20 years. Every week we have surf club volunteers selling raffles tickets on a Saturday Night. We are urging our members to show support of the raffles by either volunteering to sell tickets, or by bringing your family and friends along to the Golfy on a Saturday evening to buy some tickets, have a cold drink or even have a meal.

Contact the surf club office if you can assist

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**Club Sponsorship**

During each season, Yamba Surf Club is greatly supported by many of our local businesses. There are different tiers of club sponsorship with our Gold sponsors contributing around \$5,000 to the club, the Silver sponsors between \$2,500 and \$5,000 and our Bronze sponsors contribute between \$1,000 and \$2,500. In addition, we have Nipper sponsors who generally support this young group to the value of \$500 per sponsorship.

Equipment purchased from Sponsors funds (and Government contributions) during the past season include a new Surfboat including equipment and trailer, defibrillators, training equipment, First Aid kits, Nipper boards, Rescue Boards and Hi-viz singlets for all involved in water activity.

Sponsor funds were also used to support members, both juniors and seniors, with the provision of life saving award training, carnival entries, Presentation Day awards and weekly Encouragement Awards.

Don't flick past the last page of each newsletter – stop and look at the list of those who support us so generously and, in turn, see if you can support them! We're sure they'd appreciate it!

Award Presentations:

We are having a club presentation of Life Membership and Long Service Membership Certificates at the clubhouse this Sunday October 27th. You are invited to attend.

Those receiving awards are:

Life Membership – Peter Sweetman

50 Years Long Service award – Mick Smith, Ken Ryan, Jim Dougherty

40 Years Long Service award – Rod McSkimming

30 Years Long Service award – Linda Horton, James Wheeler

The club is holding a BBQ function from 12 noon after completion of Proficiency. The awards will be presented during the BBQ. We look forward to seeing club members there on Sunday.

.... NIPPERS NEWS

Welcome to new and returning Nippers and their families for the 2019/2020 Season

- We currently have 68 nippers registered, and most have completed their proficiencies so well done!
- Thanks to our fantastic water safety crew last week as well as the boys from patrol who ensured our brave boys and girls successfully completed their proficiency swims in pretty tough conditions.
- Thank you to Little Fish Swim School for supporting the nippers for the 2019/2020 season, donating kids swimming goggles for us to hand out to the Nipper of the Week
- We have also have the The Kiosk on board as a Nipper sponsor for 2019/2020 season to enable us to give a small token of appreciation to our weekly crew of parents who will set up the beach for the activities to commence. We encourage all parents to be involved so please check out the calendar to know when its your turn.
- We have been able to purchase some new foam nipper boards for this season, with thanks to Quota who have once again donated \$800 to purchase 2 of the new foam nipper boards.
- The gear room was cleaned out and organised by a couple of our fantastic committee members ready for our season to start. We do ask that where possible, when returning equipment after a Sunday morning session, to ensure it is hosed off to avoid deterioration of the equipment due to sand and salt water whilst being stored.
- We are still seeking an Age Manager for the U8's, this age group is an exciting group to be a part of as it is their first taste of Carnivals, so if you know of anyone who would be able to help out please let the committee know.
- Our first Junior carnival of the season for SLSFNC is Sunday 10th November right here on home turf, please let us know if you would like to nominate your nipper to participate. We encourage all nippers to attend.
- 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

Looking forward to a great season ahead - see you on the beach

Email: nippers@yambaslsc.com.au

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

Well Done and Thanks !!

The club has just been informed that former club member, BEN SULLIVAN, organiser of the Clarence 100 Event, has made a donation of \$2000 to Yamba Surf Club following the event last weekend.

The event comprised just over 100 paddlers on varying craft who completed a 3 day endurance paddle from Copmanhurst to Yamba, finishing with lunch and presentations at the clubhouse last Sunday.

Thanks Ben and paddlers – the club is most appreciative!

CLUB CALENDAR

2019

OCTOBER

26	Sat	Cudgen Classic Iron Person
27	Sun	2nd Senior Proficiency Day & Club BBQ

NOVEMBER

2	Sat	North Coast Boat Series Minnie Water
5	Tues	Melbourne Cup Lunch
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 @Brunswick SLSC

DECEMBER

1	Sun	Senior carnival Cudgen
7/8	Sat/Sun	Interbranch Titles Bulli
8	Sun	Yamba Triathlon
9	Mon	Club Board Meeting
15	Sun	JAC Teams Carnival Cudgen
25	Wed	CHRISTMAS DAY
26	Thurs	Boxing Day

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JANUARY

1	Wed	New Year's Day
5	Sun	Yamba Ocean Swim
26	Sun	Australia Day

FEBRUARY

1/2	Sat/Sun	Country Titles at Cudgen
15	Sat	Brunswick Masters Carnival
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



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