



**YAMBA**  
DISTRICT  
CHAMBER  
OF  
COMMERCE  
INC

*MISSION: Working in the best interest of our members; fostering strong alliances with nearby and similar groups; playing a leading role in the continuing positive development of our town and region*

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## 1. DON'T MISS! – NEXT MEETING

After the hugely positive response to our last meeting, the next will also be a HOT BREAKFAST meeting at Angourie Rainforest Resort.

- Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2008.
- 7 am start.
- \$15.50 hot breakfast or \$13.50 continental breakfast.
- Meeting room down the hall from Cunjevoi Restaurant.
- RSVP 31 July - only needed if having breakfast [info@yambansw.com.au](mailto:info@yambansw.com.au)

## 2. NEW IDEAS – STRATEGIC PLANNING

Be they clever, obvious or even bizarre, our members have great ideas and we want to hear them. The focus of the next couple of meetings will be to brainstorm ideas and zero in on some specific new projects. Bring along your open minds and positive thinking. If you can't get to the meetings but want your ideas shared, please email them through to [info@yambansw.com.au](mailto:info@yambansw.com.au) and we will ensure they are added into the mix.

## 3. WIN THE CHANCE TO SHOWCASE YOUR BUSINESS!

Every monthly meeting we'll be asking our members to put their business card in the prize draw. The winner, drawn out each meeting, will be our showcase guest at the next meeting. This includes breakfast, complimentary of the Chamber, and the opportunity to make a presentation to the group about their business. We will also showcase the winner's business in the next month's newsletter.

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*..Mayor Tiley was very complementary of our Chamber...*

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## 4. LAST MEETING

The July breakfast meeting was well supported with 34 members and invited guests in attendance. The launch of the YSLSC (Yamba Surf Life Saving Club) 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary marketing campaign was very well received. Invited guest Mayor Tiley was very complementary of our Chamber for this initiative. Other key points from the meeting:

- New banner pole signage is in production
- Village map and sign board will be revamped
- Executive Committee spending of \$1000 (up from \$200) was approved. All expenditure must be explained at the next meeting.
- Meet the candidate night to be planned
- Agreed to become a 'Gold' Sponsor for the Surfing the Coldstream Festival

## 5. SURFING THE COLDSTREAM



Dom Ferry, organiser of this exciting event, made a presentation to the July meeting. This, the third Surfing The Coldstream Festival, is planned for the fourth week in October and will happen in conjunction with the markets. Over 10,000 visitors are expected which, in previous years, brought an estimated \$250,000 to the town. This arts festival has a large youth involvement. The Chamber agreed to be a 'Gold' sponsor which involves a contribution of \$6,000. As part of the sponsorship arrangement, the Chamber receives publicity including having one of the festival events or sites named for it. There is a question now of how best to utilise the 'naming rights' for one of the events. Although this is yet to be confirmed, it appears likely this event will be the Street Art Walk. The suggestion has been made that a lucky draw be made from the Chamber membership list, and the winner's prize will be the naming rights to the event. This matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

## 6. [www.yambansw.com.au](http://www.yambansw.com.au)

Melissa Lutton continues to work with us to update our website. Local artist and businesswoman Lyn Ford has kindly agreed to donate images from her gorgeous local paintings for a 'Postcard' facility on the website. Other inclusions on the site in the pipeline include:

- Minutes from monthly chamber meetings
- Media on the site to be expanded to include press releases and monthly Chamber newspaper columns

If a request has been received to update member listings these are also being attended to as time permits.

## 7. MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT

Grab this opportunity to meet the candidates standing for a position on Clarence Valley Council. Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> August, 7.15 pm Yamba Bowling Club. Any candidates who would like to participate please advise the Chamber as soon as possible [info@yambansw.com.au](mailto:info@yambansw.com.au) Council elections are due to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2008.

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*..Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August  
7.15 pm  
Yamba Bowling  
Club....*

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## 8. HICKEY ISLAND DEVELOPMENT

The Chamber has recently received details of the proposed Hickey Island Reserve development scheme. It is expected the project, when completed, will make a significant improvement to the parking available in the Whiting Beach/Turners Beach/Hickey Island Reserve areas. The redevelopment is to be undertaken in two stages. Stage One will include an upgraded, bitumen entrance, running past Gorman's Big Oyster. This will connect with a round-about and one way system for parking. The parking area which will comprise compacted, crushed rock, and will accommodate parking for boats and trailers. The existing boat ramp and jetty will be upgraded. There will be considerable planting of trees and shrubs along the foreshore as well as the provision of picnic and BBQ areas. Beach access will be provided for people with limited mobility. Stage Two provides for an extension of Stage One. It is possible that due to an increase of use it will become necessary to redesign the intersection of Harbour Street and the bottom end of Clarence Street. This project will vastly improve the facilities provided for both local people and tourists, whilst securing as much as is possible of the original appearance of the area. A diagram of the project can be viewed at the General Meeting for those interested.

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*..planting of trees and shrubs along the foreshore...*

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## 9. YAMBA FAIR

With potential vacancies arising at Yamba Fair, the Chamber has put in a request with the centre management for their consideration. The request is to utilise some of the vacant shop space to showcase various types of business. Eg one week might feature camping and boating businesses, another might be home builders and trades, another might be about weddings etc. It could be a wonderful opportunity to promote local business. Centre management have indicated an openness to this idea but have not yet made any commitments. Stay tuned.

## 10. NETWORKIN' YAMBA

Networkin' Yamba is an initiative of the Chamber and Rotary, for not just members but all people to get to know others in our community. The next networking night will be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 5.30pm. This time round it will be at the Yamba Bowling Club in the room at the back of the auditorium. Sponsors for this event will be Professionals Clarence Coast Real Estate and Bendigo Bank. RSVP to Kevin Hassey - hassey@iinet.net.au

## 11. YSLSC 100<sup>th</sup> YEAR ANNIVERSARY

There are a number of celebrations planned for this anniversary from Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> of September through to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October. All local businesses are encouraged to participate. Dress up your shops and windows in black and yellow. YSLSC want to highlight the planned street parade on Saturday morning - 4<sup>th</sup> October 2008. Details of the street parade are still evolving. The streets won't be closed for long and they will be using the assistance of local Police to re-route traffic. Updates will be provided as details become available.





## 12. YAMBA STREET ROADWORKS

Clarence Valley Council has started construction on the Yamba Street upgrade. The current stage includes work on the pedestrian crossing. This will be followed by other reworking of the road over the next 5 months. More information can be obtained from Ross McCann or Yarran Iversen at Clarence Valley Council 66430200.

## 13. MEMBER NEWS

- **Curves Gym** have been very active in developing strategic alliances with local business enabling cross-promotion opportunities. To find out more about their innovative preferred partners program contact **Janelle** 66469421
- **Yamba Waters Holiday Park** have been actively promoting Yamba. They have been in contact with Sunrise Breakfast Show on Ch7, encouraging them to visit us. **Marita** has had a brilliant suggestion, recommending members check out the [www.wotif.com](http://www.wotif.com) travel site and add a review or recommendation to let potential visitors know what a wonderful destination Yamba is.
- If you haven't already had the pleasure of a cooking class with **Kitchen to Table**, a couple of spots are still available for their Chinese class on 15<sup>th</sup> August. Call **Scott** on 66461577
- **Mary Ellen Young** has been looking after our community with acupuncture and other supplementary health services from her Yamba Plaza business for many years. Contact **Mary Ellen** on 66462977
- **Yamba Squash and Cycles** have new bikes arriving for summer. Also, names are being taken now for the next season of squash – **Sue** promises there's a level to suit all abilities!
- Mums & Dads may be keen to know **BIG4 Holiday Park** at Palmers Island can help with kid's parties from as little as \$4 a child? **Nikki** out there is also gearing up for their free camping night 7<sup>th</sup> November when there will also be loads of other entertainment.
- Thinking of treating your staff at Christmas? **Angourie Rainforest Resort** have got some group and special group Christmas offers. Contact **Shelley** [events@angourieresort.com.au](mailto:events@angourieresort.com.au)
- **Karen Toms**, manager of **Calypso Holiday Park** and long time Chamber member, will be a candidate in the forthcoming council elections. Hear from **Karen** and other candidates at the Meet the Candidates Night on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August at Yamba Bowls Club.
- **Wesley Mission Yamba** sadly say goodbye to their employment consultant **Val Maude** who will be staying with Wesley but making the move to the Hunter Valley with her husband **Keith**. We all wish **Val** and **Keith** well for this next exciting life chapter!
- **Angus & Phil** are enjoying success with their market day Tuesdays at **Spar Yamba**.
- **Rod & Lauren @ Sassafras Pasta and Pizza Restaurant** had a big night out recently when they were named finalists in the 2008 NSW Restaurant & Catering Awards.

Please submit all member news to Tania at [Fletchers Fotografics Yamba](mailto:Fletchers Fotografics Yamba)  
[yamba@fletchers.com.au](mailto:yamba@fletchers.com.au)

## 14. FACES to NAMES



Tania Williams President  
 Business: Owner/manager Fletchers Fotografics  
 Loves: pina coladas and getting caught in the rain



Bev Mansfield Vice - President  
 Business: Owner/manager Mansfield's Marine  
 Loves: riding bareback at midnight



Elizabeth Kime Secretary  
 Business: Holiday Property Owner & former President of the Chamber  
 Loves: corgies and fox hunting



Maria Evans Treasurer  
 Business: Teaching at TAFE, book-keeper, MYOB specialist  
 Loves: bungy jumping whilst listening to Rolf Harris



Kathy Lollback Executive Member  
 Business: Valley Finance Management Owner/Manager  
 Loves: skydiving and camel racing, though not usually at the same time



Rick Angelo Executive Member  
 Business: Owner/manager Clarence Press  
 Outgoing President Yamba Rotary Club  
 Loves: travelling around the world in his spare time!



Sallyanne Miranda-Madden Executive Member  
 Business: Owner/manager Advantage Hospitality Supplies  
 Loves: The talented up & coming singer-songwriter Shane Miranda – watch this space!



Robert Thompson Honorary Solicitor  
 Business: Clarence Coast Law  
 Loves: golf with Greg Norman, cooking with Gordon Ramsay, and dancing with the stars



## 15. COMMITTEE NEWS

**PACT** have provided an emergency call A4 poster for police reporting. This has been put up on the community noticeboard. If any members would like a copy for their business please send an email to [yamba@fletchers.com.au](mailto:yamba@fletchers.com.au) and it will be forward on.

## 16. COMMITTEE CONTACTS

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*There are a number of vacancies....please advise your interest*

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The Chamber of Commerce has a role in representing the group with a number of important community organisations. There are a number of vacancies. If you can assist with representation on any of these committees please advise your interest. Currently the committees and representatives are:

- Police Acc.Com. Team (PACT) Sammy Hunt
- Plastic Bag Free Yamba Tania Williams  
Sallyanne Miranda-Madden  
Marea Buist
- Yamba Sewage Aug. Project Vacant
- Yamba Community Facility Development Sammy Hunt
- Street Cruise Vacant
- Crime Prevention Group Sammy Hunt
- Yamba Water Recycling M'ment Vacant
- Lower Clarence Liquor Accord Sammy Hunt
- RTA Deviation Committee Vacant
- Surfing the Coldstream Bev Mansfield
- Yamba Market Bev Mansfield
- Clarence Valley Tourism Board Robert Thompson, Karen Toms
- CV Business Excellence Awards Kathy Lollback
- Clarence Ahead Inc Robert Thompson

## 17. CHAMBER CONTACTS

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*We would love to hear your ideas, feedback and suggestions!*

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The Chamber Secretary, Elizabeth Kime, can be contacted at [info@yambaNSW.com.au](mailto:info@yambaNSW.com.au) or PO Box 278 Yamba NSW 2464 Australia.

Tania Williams can be contacted at Fletchers Fotographics Yamba, Shop 8, 8 Yamba Street. Ph: 66461983 [yamba@fletchers.com.au](mailto:yamba@fletchers.com.au)

Bev Mansfield can be contacted at Mansfield's Marine, Yamba Road. Ph 66469433 [bevmans@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bevmans@bigpond.net.au)

## 18. MEETINGS FOR 2008

Chamber meetings for the remainder of 2008:

- Monday 4th August
- Monday 1st September
- Monday 13th October (NB the 6th is a public holiday)
- Monday 3rd November
- \*December no meeting