

Between the Flags

BETWEEN THE FLAGS - 12 AUGUST 2013

It's been a busy winter off season at the Yamba Surf Life Saving Club with swim, ski, board and IRB training, education programs and equipment updates in readiness for the start of the 2013/14 patrol and competition season in 6 weeks.

Patrols start at Main Beach on Saturday September 21 at 9am with the weekly Carl Schaeffer memorial handicap surf swim resuming the next day Sunday September 22 at 11am.

The first half of the 13/14 season will feature the Jacob Lollback memorial board day on Saturday September 28 and the Yamba Ocean Swims on Sunday December 29.

Jacob Lollback board day organizer Jim Dougherty, who is also club life saving director and competition gear steward, says on-line entries can be made at www.jacoblollbackday.com.au

IRB captain James Ryan is running IRB (rubber ducky) courses at Main Beach on Sunday mornings from 9am and any interested members should see James on the beach.

Club education director Kim Morgans has an advanced resuscitation techniques certificate (ARTC) course which is free of charge to members starting on Saturday August 24 at 8.30am.

There is also a bronze medallion course starting on September 8 with the assessment on October 27 and a senior first aid course on either November 2 or 30.

Training candidates need to contact the club office (6646 2462 during open hours – see below) to enrol.

Kim Morgans has also made a call for more training officers, particularly from the younger age groups, to help with the rapidly growing training program at the club.

Yamba SLSC club members will provide water safety with IRB's, the jet ski and boards for the Yamba Bay and Whiting Beach swims at the 1st annual Yamba Triathlon on Friday to Sunday October 11-13.

A team of 12 Yamba SLSC surf boat rowers and supporters will be involved in a 2 day/53km race as part of the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing program in Turkey in 2015.

The Yamba team of Mick Smith, Tim George, Ray Wiblen, Josh Ryan, Andrew Bell, Alan Schofield, Zac Robison, Caleb Ellem, Jo King, Leah Essex, Hannah Smith and Angela Eke will be in Turkey for 8 nights and 9 days.

A Turkey trip fundraising program is underway.

Junior activities (nippers) co-ordinator Kerry Lee (m: 0413 536 944, e: kerryelee@hotmail.com.au) is looking for input, ideas and support from current and new parents in the lead up to the 2013/14 season which starts on Sunday October 6 9am-11am.

All club information, including newsletters, membership details, training courses and coming events, is available on the website www.yambaslsc.com.au.

As well the club office is open on Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9am to 12 noon.

The Yamba SLSC weekly raffles at the Yamba Golf Club will have 33 meat trays this Saturday August 17 with Ray O'Brien, Pat Ridgway, Steve Pettet & Rob Foster selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm

Mike Harvey