

Between the Flags

BETWEEN THE FLAGS - 16 SEPTEMBER 2013

There was a big turnout of 65 Yamba Surf Life Saving Club members completing their proficiency in bronze medallion, advanced resuscitation techniques (ARTC), spinal management and inflatable rescue boat (IRB) awards at Main Beach on Sunday.

There will 5 drivers and 3 crew tested for their IRB award this Saturday morning, Greg Zeitsch and Don Lee bronze squad training on Sunday mornings is due to be assessed on October 27 while the next proficiency day will be Saturday November 2

Club education director Kim Morgans has plans for surf rescue certificate (likely October 5), 1st aid (likely November 30) and spinal management (hopefully prior to Christmas) courses.

Interested participants should contact Kim Morgans (6646 2823, kmorgans5@bigpond.com) as soon as possible.

Training candidates can also enrol at the club office (6646 2462 during opening hours – see below).

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.

The 1013/14 patrol season starts on Main Beach this Saturday (September 21) at 9am with the weekly Carl Schaeffer memorial handicap surf swim resuming the next day Sunday September 22 at 11am.

Yamba competitors Hugh Dougherty and Alyce Bennett will be among the top board paddlers racing in the 4th annual Jacob Lollback memorial board race day at Main Beach Yamba on Saturday September 28.

The event will again attract a strong representation from Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast surf clubs who have been keen supporters of this day in previous years.

Yamba Surf Life Saving Club members have also been putting in long hours of board training in preparation for the event.

The club is grateful for the support of event sponsors who provide invaluable funds and prizes.

A good turnout of members will be needed to help with various jobs on the day – if you are able to assist, please contact event co-ordinator Jim Dougherty on 0428 664 701

Yamba SLSC nipper 2013/14 season starts on Sunday October 6 9am-11am and co-ordinator Kerry Lee (m: 0413 536 944, e: yambanippers@gmail.com) reminds parents to sign up before September 21 to save \$10 on the registration fee.

The nippers have an age managers course, supervised by branch youth development officer Paul Smith at the clubhouse on the evening of Friday September 27 and a sign on day at the club house on Sunday September 29 10am-12 noon.

Membership renewal forms are on the club website www.yambaslsc.com.au and available at the club house or Elders Real Estate in Coldstream St.

Nipper swim proficiencies are on Sunday October 6 and 13 while there will be a \$10 Sassafras Restaurant nipper of the week voucher award during the season.

The first half of the 2013/14 season will also feature the Yamba Ocean Swims starting from Convent and Main Beaches on Sunday December 29.

Yamba 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 club surf boat rowers and supporters will be involved in a 2 day/53km race as part of the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing 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.

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 September 21 with Jim & Jan Saunders, Mick & Sue Smith selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm

Main Beach patrols for the 1st weekend of the 2013/14 season are:

Saturday September 21 9am-12.30pm Patrol 1: James Ryan (c), Sean Leonard, Nick Plummer, Kerry Lee, Jack Burton, Reilly Pickering, Noah Hodgson, Marty Rose, Thomas Dougherty, Ethan Durrington, Jack Leonard.

Saturday September 21 12.30pm-4pm Patrol 2: Mitch Imeson(c), Luke Patricks (vc), Katie Becker, Jacqui Wright, Cathy Felmingham, Deborah Morfett, Pierre de Bilot, Patrick de Billot

Sunday September 22 9am-12.30pm Patrol 3: Marty Dougherty, Matthew Saunders, Brent Sahlqvist, Brett Kresevic, Daniel Connors, Dylan Brown, Rory Brown, Rebecca Clout, Joe McGrath.

Sunday September 22 12.30pm-4pm Patrol 4: Maddy O'Mahony (c), Ray O'Brien (vc), Zac Fraser, Mike Smith, Jo King, Leah Essex, Colleen Hage, Emmalee Jesser, Helen Clare, Phil Kelly.

Mike Harvey