

Between the Flags

BETWEEN THE FLAGS - 18 NOVEMBER 2013

Yamba Surf Life Saving Club continued their outstanding carnival form with 32 medals including 11 gold, 8 silver and 13 bronze from a team of 35 competitors at the Lennox Head carnival on Sunday.

Results were:

Under 12 Jorden Elabbasi – male surf 3rd, male iron person 2nd; under 11 Josh Morris, Tyler Essex, Tyreece Kapeen, Joel Imeson – sprint relay 3rd, Josh Morris – male flags 3rd.

Under 9 Malik Elabbasi – male flags 2nd, surf 1st; Kalani Ives – female flags 1st, board 1st, surf 2nd; Gus Gilbert – male board 1st, Rick Cleary – male surf 3rd; Sienna Gilbert – female surf 1st; Malik Elabbasi, Kalani Ives, Gus Gilbert, Sienna Gilbert – open surf teams 1st.

Under 8 Ben Morris – male sprint 1st, flags 1st; Sasha Thomsen – female sprint 3rd, flags 2nd; Ben Morris, Sam Earle, Sasha Thomsen, Harry Whitehouse – wade relay 2nd.

The Buchanan relay of Ben Morris, Charlie Imeson, Harry Whitehouse from the under 8's, Malik Elabbasi under 9 swim and Cameron Varcoe under 10 board were third.

The day started with beautiful conditions but by the afternoon the inevitable electrical storms came rolling in.

Due to the adverse weather the carnival finished early which unfortunately meant some of the events were not ran.

The next event is a nipper teams carnival at Byron Bay on Sunday December 1.

The Sunday nipper program was still able to run successfully at Main Beach from 12 noon to 2pm thanks to those parents who were able to fill in for parents at Lennox Head.

The nipper program will run next Sunday November 24 at the normal time of 9am to 11am.

The 2013/14 nipper season includes the usual Sunday mornings from 9am at Main Beach as well as Saturday twilight and afternoon activities at the Yamba community pool and Turners Beach.

A nippers march past team is being trained by Andrea Miltiadou and Leah Essex at the conclusion of the nipper activity days.

At Main Beach Yamba there were 20 starters in the Carl Schaeffer memorial handicap surf swim on Sunday with Harry Fahey (off 100 seconds – 130 next start) catching a nice wave to win clearly from Marty Race (110 secs – 120 next start) with Jill Meldrum (70 secs – 80 next start) third for the 2nd Sunday in a row.

The swim is on again next Sunday with names taken at the clubhouse steps from 11am for an 11.30pm start.

The 2013/14 Yamba nipper sponsors are All Terrain Access Scaffold & Edge Protection, Fairway Restaurant @ Yamba Golf & Country Club, Jim's Mowing, Lower Clarence Funerals, Tony McFarlane Builder, Yamba Florist, Yamba Physiotherapy, Signcraft, Maclean Variety Meats, Back Homes Bakery, Yamba Flooring Xtra and Waves Fitness & Squash.

Yamba SLSC senior club sponsors for the 2013/14 season are Gold – Elders Real Estate Yamba, Clarence Valley Council, Yamba Golf & Country Club; Silver - .Westlawn Finance, Yamba Shores Tavern, Freemason/MasoniCare., Nortec; Bronze – All Terrain Access, Clarence Valley Review, Maclean Variety Meats, Belinda's Store, The Daily Examiner, Yamba Lions, Yamba Rotary, Pacific Hotel, Radio 2GF and Sanctuary Cove Golf.

IRB captain James Ryan (m: 0400 353 792) will have another IRB driver and crew training course starting soon while Rob Imeson has board training at Main Beach on Wednesdays from 4.30pm.

Club education director Kim Morgans has a surf rescue certificate course underway with other courses for 1st aid Saturday November 30 9am-4pm (to be confirmed) and spinal management (hopefully prior to Christmas).

Other Far North Coast branch courses will be run this season with interested participants advised to contact Kim Morgans (6646 2823), kmorgans5@bigpond.com) as soon as possible.

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

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

Club 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.

The club is also preparing for the Yamba Ocean Swims starting from Convent and Main beaches on Sunday December 29.

Boat captain Rod McSkimming had 3 crews competing in the 1st round of the Far North Coast surf boat series at Scotts Head this weekend.

There will also be Yamba SLSC crews at the Coffs Harbour carnival this Sunday November 24

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 and anyone interested in surf boats should contact boat captain Rod McSkimming 0427 275 742

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 November 23 with Jim & Jan Saunders, Mick & Sue Smith selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm

Main Beach patrols for this weekend are:

Saturday November 23 9am-1pm Patrol 3: Marty Dougherty, Matthew Saunders, Brent Sahlqvist, Brett Kresevic, Daniel Connors, Dylan Brown, Rory Brown, Rebecca Clout, Cody Cameron, Kris Ryan-Clout,

Sashelle Aitken

Sunday November 24 9am-12.30pm 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.

Sunday November 24 12.30pm-4pm Patrol 5: Andrew Cumberland (c), Chris Bonner, Wayne Ringland, Brendan Watkins, Stephen Morfett, Caleb Watkins, Jaydan Watkins, Tristan Watkins, Alicia Cumberland.

Mike Harvey