

Between the Flags

BETWEEN THE FLAGS - 26 AUGUST 2013

Yamba Surf Life Saving Club 2013/14 season volunteer patrols start 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 4th Jacob Lollback memorial board day at Main Beach on Saturday September 28 and the Yamba Ocean Swims, also on Main Beach, on Sunday December 29.

Early indications are that the Jacob Lollback board race day 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.

Several of Australia's top board paddlers will compete including former Yamba competitors Hugh Dougherty and Alyce Bennett.

Yamba Surf 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 our sponsors for the event without whom the day would not be possible.

We are also looking towards a good turnout of members to help out with various jobs on the day – if you are able to assist, please contact event co-ordinator Jim Dougherty on 0428 664 701

Seven Yamba Surf Club members successfully completed the Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate course at the clubhouse on Saturday.

The course was run by the branch education director Geoff Horsey with assistance from Yamba assessors Kim Morgans, Bill Onslow Jim Dougherty and Don Lee.

The successful Yamba candidates were Will Brighton, Rory Brown, James Browne, Rebecca Clout, Ian Goodman, Sean Leonard and Marty Rose.

There were also 3 members from Evans Head and Lennox Head clubs who completed the course.

IRB driver and crew training continues on Sunday mornings under IRB captain James Ryan with an assessment to be held in late September when the new patrol season commences.

Club education director Kim Morgans has 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.

The branch patrol assessors will be inspecting all the club patrol gear and equipment this Saturday 31st August at 2pm.

The first proficiency test of the season for patrolling members will be held on Sunday September 15 from 8.30am.

Members are reminded that they must be financial for the 2013/14 season to participate in the proficiency test.

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.

Nippers co-ordinator Kerry Lee (m: 0413 536 944, e: yambanippers@gmail.com) 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 31 with Brian & Heather Badgery, Roger McLean and Scott Greensill selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm

Mike Harvey