

Between the Flags

BETWEEN THE FLAGS - 30 DECEMBER 2013

There was a record entry of 359 starters at the 29th annual Yamba Ocean Swims on Sunday and some terrific performances by visiting and local swimmers.

Ridge Grimsey from Brisbane took the treble winning the open male 700m, 2000m and dash-for-cash events Ella-May Basalo from Maroubra took a double with wins in the open female 700m and dash-for-cash.

The event produced another exceptional organizational performance from Yamba Surf Life Saving Club members on the water and beach and in the clubhouse and drew an huge holiday crowd.

Results were:

700 metre Convent Beach to Main Beach swim

Open male: Ridge Grimsey 7 mins 29secs 1; Dane Farrell (Elouera) 7.37 2; Ben Schafer (Sydney/local) 7.38 3.

Open female: Ella-May Basalo 8.42 1; Shirvaun Street (Cronulla) 8.56 2; Olivia Heaton 9.17 3.

10-14 years male Sean O'Reilly 8.26; female Anthea Warne 9.40.

15-19 male Mikael Bisby 8.15; female Brianna Watkins 9.19.

20-29 male Lindsey Wall (local) 8.25; female Bronwyn Knox 9.36.

30-39 male Brendon Wall (local) 8.59; female Kate Armstrong (local) 10.26.

40-49 male David O'Brien 9.16; female Molly Schafer (Sydney/local) 9.39.

50-59 male Peter Rheinberger (local) 9.29; female Alexandra Evans 10.41.

60-69 male Peter Humphries 11.51; Bobbie Winger (local) 13.09.

Over 70 years male Tony Kean 14.59; female Julie Keelan

2000 metre Main Beach to Main Beach swim

Open male: Ridge Grimsey 23.47 1; Dane Farrell (Elouera) 24.19 2; Hugh Dougherty (Tugun/local) 24.21 3.

Open female: Shivaun Street 27.16 1; Jess Carrah (Coffs Harbour) 28.16 2; Molly Schafer 29.57 3.

12-14 years male Kye Kinsella 26.13; female Anthea Warne 31.45.

15-19 male Ben Schafer (Sydney/local) 25.24; female Jesse-Claire Beresford (local) 31.40.

20-29 male Lindsey Wall (local) 26.35; female Ellis Manchon 30.25.

30-39 male Joe Dougherty (local) 26.31; female Jane Stevens 30.12.

40-49 male Matt Norling 27.55; female Ann Kirkwood 33.07.

50-59 male Colin Mustoe 28.14; female Alexandra Evans 32.25.

60-69 male Jim Dougherty (local) 33.13; Bobbie Winger (local) 39.40.

Over 70 years Helmut Klein 51.34.

The Yamba Ocean Swims are sponsored by Westlawn, Clarence Valley Review, Clarence Valley Council, The Cove, Annie's Bed & Breakfast, Moby Dick, Yamba Community Pool, Pacific Hotel, Fandango, LJ Hooker Grafton, Belinda's Store and Elders Real Estate Yamba.

A visitor from Dallas, Texas, USA Judy Steiner started off 30 seconds and bolted in the Carl Schaeffer memorial handicap surf race with Chris Dougherty (60 secs) 2nd and Thomas Dougherty (110 secs) 3rd at Main Beach Yamba on Boxing Day.

There were 46 starters including Judy's sister and Sydney resident Yamba SLSC member Molly Schafer who also swam with her husband Neil and their children

There was no surf race on Sunday due to Yamba Ocean swims with the next races on New Years Day and Sunday January 5 with registrations at the clubhouse steps from 11am for an 11.30pm start.

The Yamba SLSC nippers resume with the Rotary family fun day on Sunday January 12.

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.

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 with local plumber John Wayne winning the big Christmas raffle Drawn on Sunday.

Anyone interested in rowing 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 9am-12 noon, Tuesday 2.30pm- 5.30pm and Friday 10am - 2pm and there is a post box on the outside of the office for membership forms or other paperwork if the office is unattended.

The Yamba SLSC weekly raffles at the Yamba Golf Club will have 33 meat trays this Saturday January 4 with Brian & Heather Badgery, Roger McLean and Scott Greensill selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm

Main Beach patrols for this weekend are:

Saturday January 4 9am-1pm Patrol 8: Pat Ridgway (c), Jim Wheeler (vc), Linda Horton, Caitlin Cooney, Will Brighton, Zac Robison, Patrick De Billot, Ed McGrath, Angela Eke, Hannah Smith

Saturday January 4 1pm-5pm Patrol 9: Harry Fahey (c), Kealy Day (vc), Brendan O'Mahony, Jack Morrissey, Caitlin O'Mahony, Angus O'Mahony, Thomas Smith, Jake Pitkin, Zac Sullivan, Will Pitkin.

Sunday January 5 9am-1pm Patrol 10: Andrew Morris (c), Tony McFarlane, Joe Fahey, Darby Fahey, Kelsey Wilkes, Clayton Marshall, Jesse-Clare Beresford, Brittany Smith, Xahlia Pashen, Teagan McFarlane.

Sunday January 5 1pm-5pm Patrol 1: James Ryan (c), Sean Leonard, Nick Plummer, Kerry Lee, Reilly Pickering, Noah Hodgson, Marty Rose, Thomas Dougherty, Ethan Durrington, Jack Leonard.

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