

Between the Flags

BETWEEN THE FLAGS - 4 NOVEMBER 2013

A team of 25 Yamba Surf Life Saving Club nippers competing at the Salt SLSC carnival won 20 medals in an early season performance that indicated the potential for a big 2013/14 carnival season

In a fantastic day of excitement and enthusiasm the nippers won 3 gold, 13 silver and 4 bronze medals.

The medal winners were:

Under 13: Board relay Max Gilbert, Shannon Colwell and Jorden Elabbasi – up from the under 12's 2nd

U12: Ocean swim Jorden Elabbasi 2nd

U11: Flags Josh Morris 2nd; beach sprint Joel Imeson 2nd

U10: Beach sprint Carissa Miltiadou 3rd; ocean swim - Carissa Miltiadou 2nd..

U9: Beach sprint Kalani Ives 2nd; sprint relay Malik Elabbasi, Kalani Ives, Rick Cleary, Molly Imeson 3rd; boys board Malik Elabbasi 2nd, Gus Gilbert 3rd; girls board Kalani Ives 2nd; board relay Malik Elabbasi, Gus Gilbert, Kalani Ives 1st; boys ocean swim Malik Elabbasi 1st, Gus Gilbert 2nd; girls ocean swim Sienna Gilbert 2nd.

U8: Wade Ben Morris 2nd; beach sprint Ben Morris 2nd; flags Ben Morris 1st; sprint relay Ben Morris, Sam Earle, Harry Whitehouse 2nd.

The Buchannan relay was represented by Harry Whitehouse, Sam Earle and Ben Morris for the U8 (wade and runs), Malik Elabbasi U9 (swim), Cameron Varcoe U10 (board) were 3rd.

The under 8's Harry Whitehouse, Ben Morris and Sam Earle (pictured) competing in their first carnival had a brilliant time and thoroughly enjoyed meeting other kids from the clubs in our North Coast Branch.

The boys made up a composite team with Ballina to compete in one of the events.

The first Yamba Surf Club bronze medallion squad of the 2013/14 season passed their assessment at Main Beach on Sunday.

Congratulations to Caitlin Cooney, Erin Johns. Heather Read, Helmut Klein, Max Normand, Jesse Holloway and Nick Plummer.

Helmut, at 72 years of age, is the oldest person to undertake the course and secure his bronze medallion in the 105 year history of the Yamba Surf Club.

The squad was capably trained by club trainers Greg Zietsch, Don Lee and Alan Schofield and assessed by branch assessors Geoff Horsey, Bill Onslow and Linda Horton.

There was a great Saturday turnout of 52 members who successfully passed their proficiency test to qualify for patrol work this season.

This Sunday the seniors will compete at Byron Bay with the club running a bus to the carnival.

There was a smaller field of 17 starters, due to numbers away at the Salt carnival, for the Carl Schaeffer

memorial handicap surf swim at Main Beach on Sunday

The winner was Marty Dougherty (off 170 seconds and at least 190 next start) from Sean Leonard (160 secs) and Ben Plunkett (120 secs).

The swim is on again next Sunday with names taken at the clubhouse steps from 11am.

Nipper co-ordinator Kerry Lee reports the 13/14 season nipper proficiencies were completed at the community pool last week and to date the club has 137 registered nippers

There were no nipper activities on Main Beach this Sunday due to the big crew of parents and nippers at the Salt carnival and insufficient age managers, water safety officials and assistants at home to run the program.

Kerry Lee m: 0413536944, e: yambanippers@gmail.com for more help to run the program and avoid more cancellations this season.

This Sunday the nippers will have their fun and friendly 1st club championships at Main Beach from, 9am to 11am.

The Yamba Nipper facebook page - <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Yamba-Nippers/108053042570620> - is a great way to keep up with coming events.

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.

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.

IRB captain James Ryan (m: 0400 353 792) will have another IRB captain 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 and spinal management (hopefully prior to Christmas).

Interested participants 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 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 club will host a Combined High Schools surf carnival this Friday November 8 with club members providing the essential officials and water safety personnel

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.

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

There were male and female crew training with sweep Rod McSkimming at Main Beach on Saturday for the coming carnivals.

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 9 with Greg Wylie, James Ryan, Mark Gillespie and Mitch Imeson selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm

Main Beach patrols for this weekend are:

Saturday November 9 9am-1pm Patrol 7: Matteo Cervella (c), Josh Ryan (vc), Ben Plunkett, Andrew Bell, Nick Agostino, Sally Gilbert, Bella Gilbert, Mark Chiaruttini, Erin Johns, Mitchell Johns.

Sunday November 10 9am-12.30pm Patrol 8: Pat Ridgway (c), Jim Wheeler (vc), Linda Horton, Caitlin Cooney, Will Brighton, Zac Robinson, Patrick de Billot, Ed McGrath, Angela Eke, Hannah Smith.

Sunday November 10 12.30pm-4pm Patrol 9: Harry Fahey (c), Kealy Day (c), Brendan O'Mahony (vc), Jack Morrissey, Caitlin O'Mahony, Angus O'Mahony, Thomas Smith, Jake Pitkin, Zac Sullivan, Will Pitkin.

Mike Harvey