

Between the Flags

BETWEEN THE FLAGS - 5 AUGUST 2013

Yamba Surf Life Saving Club chairman Alan Schofield was re-elected for his 5th year in the job at the annual general meeting on Sunday.

Other board members Andrew Morris (deputy chairman), Mike Harvey (finance), Joe Dougherty (life saving), Kim Morgans (education), Jim Dougherty (surf sports) and Brian Badgery (clubhouse) were also re-elected unopposed

Bobbie Winger is the new administration/secretary director, replacing Greg Don who retired from the position, while junior activities (nipper) chairperson Kerry Lee is also a board member.

Other positions are branch delegates Allan Schofield & Jim Dougherty, assistant secretary Nicole Don (replacing Belinda Sanders who resigned in April), registrar Cathy Dougherty, club vice-captain James Ryan, under 19 captain Maddy O'Mahony, boat captain Rod McSkimming, boat vice-captain Wayne Ringland, IRB captain James Ryan and IRB vice-captain Roger Varcoe.

Patrol gear steward is Rob McDermid, completion gear steward Jim Dougherty, radio officer Steve Pettet, work, health & safety officer Lee Johns, 1st aid officer Kevin Hassey, assistant 1st aid officer Brian Jones, publicity officer Mike Harvey.

The house committee is Greg Zietsch, Cathy Dougherty, Andrew Cumberland, Tony McFarlane and Allan Lawrence (replacing Bill Onslow) and the social committee Kerry Lee, Ian Goodman, Rob Foster and Jo Lee (replacing Norm Ratjens).

The positions of public officer, medical officers, trauma officers, honorary solicitor, auditor, licensee, bar supervisor and administration officer will be confirmed and the youth development office position decided at the next board meeting on Monday August 19.

A motion was passed for the board to consider holding general information meetings in September and April for club members.

Club members James Ryan (lifesaver of the year) and Mike Harvey (media) were finalists in their categories at the NSW Surf Life Saving awards which were announced at a Sydney dinner on Saturday night.

The Ballina Jet Boat Rescue volunteer crew and on-shore personnel were awarded the NSW Rescue of the Year award for saving the lives of 5 people from a capsized motor cruiser and Marine Rescue boat in the mouth of the Richmond River at Ballina in April this year.

Yamba SLSC 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.

IRB captain James Ryan is running IRB (rubber ducky) courses at Main Beach on Sunday mornings from 9am and any interested members should see James on the beach.

Education director Kim Morgans has a training program meeting at Main Beach this Sunday from 10.30am.

There is also a Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate (ARTC) course which is free of charge to members starting on Saturday August 24 at 8.30am with candidates required to contact the club office (6646 2462 during open hours – see below) to enrol.

A team of 12 Yamba SLSC surf boat rowers and supporters will be involved in a 2 day/53km race as part of the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing program 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.

The 2013/14 season patrols start on Saturday September 21 at 9am (only 14 weeks to go) with the Carl Schaeffer memorial handicap surf swim resuming on Sunday September 22.

Yamba SLSC nippers co-ordinator Kerry Lee (m: 0413 536 944, e: kerryelee@hotmail.com.au) 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.

The 2013/2014 season will feature the Jacob Lollback memorial board day on Saturday September 28 and the Yamba Ocean Swims on Sunday December 29.

All club information, including newsletters, membership details 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 10 with Greg & Nicole Don, Kerry & Trish Pidcock selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm

Mike Harvey