

Between the Flags

BETWEEN THE FLAGS - 18 MARCH 2013

The Yamba SLSC weekly Carl Schaeffer memorial handicap surf swim has not been held for some time due to the floods and sea conditions but will resume this Sunday March 24 with registrations taken on the front steps at the clubhouse from 11am.

Club members continue to train for the season ending Australian titles at North Kirra/Tugun Monday to Sunday April 15-21.

A busload of locals were at Skilled Park on the Gold Coast last Sunday to watch the Gold Coast Titans, with local Luke Douglas in the side, beat the Canberra Raiders 36-0.

The trip was part of the continuing fundraising effort for Trish Douglas who has suffered a stroke in November and had a melanoma removed from her leg and has been in Sydney for more than 3 months with husband Chris, who has been unable to work.

The fundraising kicked off with a big night at the Yamba Bowling Club on March 2.

The next Douglas fundraiser is a screening of the movie Identity Thief at the Yamba Cinema on Thursday April 4 from 7pm with tickets \$20 each and a free glass of bubbles and nibbles.

Tickets are available from Yamba Cinema and Elders Real Estate Yamba, both in Coldstream St.

A date has not been set for the Yamba SLSC nipper annual general meeting but there is a call for expressions of interest in the junior activities co-ordinator position which has been superbly handled by Kim McFarlane for the past 3 seasons.

Kim (mobile 0400 369 796) is the contact for more information on the position.

Yamba SLSC nippers thank their sponsors for their support and encouragement during the 2012/13 season

The 2012/13 nipper sponsors are All Terrain Access Scaffold & Edge Protection, Fairways Restaurant @ Yamba Golf & Country Club, Jim's Mowing, Lower Clarence Funerals, Tony McFarlane Builder, Yamba Florist, Yamba Physiotherapy, Signcraft, Maclean Variety Meats, Melay Independent Tiles and Waves Fitness & Squash.

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All club information, including monthly newsletters and weekly news columns, is available on the website www.yambaslsc.com.au

The River Odyssey team of canoe and raft paddlers with plenty of supporters tackling the Nymboida, Mann and Clarence River system in a 3 week/377 km downstream journey from Barren Mountain on the Dorrigo Plateau are underway and planning to finish on Main Beach Yamba on Monday or Tuesday March 25 or 26.

The paddle is raising funds for the Maitland Hospital Foundation and Yamba Surf Lifesaving Club - donations can be made at www.mycause.com.au/page/54157

The crew were at the Nymboida Coaching Station last Saturday and are planning to overnight at the Copmanhurst Hotel this Friday March 22 and be in Grafton on Saturday night March 23.

Updates with lots of photos and stories are available on Facebook – A River Odyssey 2013.

The weekly Yamba SLSC raffles at the Golf Club with 33 terrific meat trays this Saturday March 23 have Allan & Jane Lawrence, Alan Schofield and Ken Ryan selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm.

This weekend patrols are:

Saturday March 23 9am-1pm Patrol 9: Brendan O'Mahony (c), Jake Pitkin, Harry Fahey, Jack Morrissey, Kealy Day, Thomas Dougherty, Noah Hodgson, Angus O'Mahony, Thomas Smith, Marty Rose, Zac Sullivan, Will Pitkin.

Sunday March 24 9am-12.30pm Patrol 10: Andrew Morris (c), Joe Fahey, Darby Fahey, Sam Connor, James Connor, Kelsey Wilkes, Sashelle Aitken, Julian May, Clayton Marshall, Vincent Gizzard.

Sunday March 24 12.30pm-4pm Patrol 11: Maddi O'Mahony (c), Melinda O'Mahony, Caitlin O'Mahony, Emmalee Jesser, Jesse-Clare Beresford, Brittany Smith, Mitchell Lollback, Xahlia Pashen, Caleb Ellem, Vince Boulton.

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