

## Between the Flags

### BETWEEN THE FLAGS - 12 JANUARY 2014

Yamba Surf Life Saving Club junior members took the top 3 placings in another big field of 44 at the Carl Schaeffer memorial handicap surf race at Main Beach on Sunday.

The winner was Grace Picton (off 10 seconds), the younger sister of the well performed Jake, had a wonderful swim helped by her solid training program and will be off 40 seconds next start.

Second was Shannon Colwell (20 secs), son of nipper co-ordinator Kerry Lee and grandson of life member Don Lee, who went one better on his 3rd placing a few weeks ago.

Third was Malik Elabbasi (10 secs), son of Simone Elabbasi and grandson of Keith Bradley, who has missed a number of races while recovering from a hernia operation but has caught the eye of handicapper Belinda Sanders.

The top car park and the beach was packed on Sunday with the Rotary family fun day and the return of nipper activities after the festive season break.

The next surf races will be this Sunday January 19 and Australia Day January 26 with registrations at the clubhouse steps from 11am for an 11.30pm start.

There will twilight nippers on Main Beach this Sunday January 19 from 2.30pm while 16 Yamba nippers will compete at the NSW country titles at Mollymook this Friday to Sunday January 17-19.

The number of Yamba competitors have been limited due to a shortage of carnival water safety and official volunteers for the Far North Coast branch championship at Cudgen on Saturday and Sunday February 1 & 2.

Nominations for the NSW state titles at Umina on Friday, Saturday and Sunday February 28 to March 2 close on Friday January 31 with the possibility that numbers will again be limited due to a shortage of officials.

Other coming events are the senior branch titles at Cudgen on Sunday February 9, the NSW open titles at Umina Friday-Sunday March 7-9, the NSW masters titles at Umina Saturday and Sunday March 15-16 and the Australian titles in Perth on Monday March 31 to Sunday April 6.

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 team door/tent flap knock of Yamba caravan parks raised an extremely generous close to \$1000 on the weekend.

All club information, including newsletters, membership details, training courses and coming events, is available on the website [yambaslsc.com.au](http://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 if the office is unattended.

The Yamba SLSC weekly raffles at the Yamba Golf Club will have 33 meat trays this Saturday January 18 with John Barnier, Sachie & Keith Bradley selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm

Main Beach patrols for this weekend are:

Saturday January 18 9am-1pm Patrol 6: Roger Varcoe (c), Phil Kelly (vc), Sam Kapeen, Marc Adamson, Vince Boulton, Rachel Fahey, Tarni Forbes, James Browne, Shae Symons, Eleanor Varcoe, Elizabeth Hyne

Saturday January 18 1pm-5pm Patrol 7: Brent Sahlqvist (c), Josh Ryan (vc), Ben Plunkett, Andrew Bell, Sally Gilbert, Bella Gilbert, Mark Chiaruttini, Erin Johns, Mitchell Johns.

Sunday January 19 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, Jesse Holloway, Helmut Klein

Sunday January 19 1pm-5pm Patrol 9: Harry Fahey (c), Kealy Day (vc), Brendan O'Mahony, Jack Morrissey, Caitlin O'Mahony, Angus O'Mahony, Jake Pitkin, Will Pitkin, Lucy Bindon, Charlie Bindon, Rhys Comerford

**Mike Harvey**