

Between the Flags

BETWEEN THE FLAGS - 27 JANUARY 2014

There was a good field of 26 starters and a victory to Max Gilbert (off 80 seconds) from Harry Fahey (130 secs) and Will Brighton (130 secs) at the Yamba Surf Life Saving Club Carl Schaeffer memorial handicap surf race at Main Beach on Sunday

The Australia Day Monday holiday race drew 17 starters with a win to Joe Fahey6 (off 170 seconds) from Kealy Day (150 secs) and Jorden Elabbasi (130 secs).

The season points score current top 10 are Joe Dougherty, Sean Leonard, Scott Greensill, Jane Lawrence, Will Brighton, Jorden Elabbasi, Jim Wheeler, Jim Dougherty, Harry Fahey and Jill Meldrum.

The next surf race will be on Australia Day this Sunday February 2 with registrations at the clubhouse steps from 11am for an 11.30pm start.

A team of 30 Yamba SLSC nippers with parents, age managers and officials will compete at the Far North Coast branch titles at Cudgen this Saturday and Sunday February 1-2.

The team will be looking to continue the form which yielded 12 medals, plenty of finalists, gutsy performances and fun at the recent NSW Country Titles at Mollymook.

Nipper of the week from the Main Beach activity day was the body surfing queen Jorja White from the under 9's while there will be no nippers this weekend due to the Cudgen titles.

Robbie Imeson will resume Main Beach training sessions on Wednesday February 5 at 4.30pm.

The Yamba SLSC 200 club was drawn on Sunday with the 1st prize going to ticket 131 Graeme Lloyd and other major prizes to 109 Tom Dougherty & Anthony Don, 69 Judy King, 33 Thompson Wheelahan & Hampshire, 73 Mark Bloomer and 155 Steve & Gail Kelly.

Minor prizes went to 1 Mike Harvey, 154 Geoff Schofield & Andrew Hayes, 89 Greg & Nicki Don, 184 Grant & Jo Bennett, 177 Badgery family, 30 Bobbie Winger, 76 Andrew Carlton, 108 Marty Dougherty, 99 Fred Horton and 141 David Wiseman.

The club featured in the Australia Day list with life member Jim Dougherty receiving an OAM for services to surf life saving and the community

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.

All club information, including newsletters, membership details, training courses and coming events, is available on the website 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 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.

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The Yamba SLSC weekly raffles at the Yamba Golf Club will have 33 meat trays this Saturday February 1 Allan and Jane Lawrence, Alan Schofield, Ken Ryan and Jill Ennever selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm

Main Beach patrols this weekend are:

Saturday February 1 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

Sunday February 2 9am-12.30pm Patrol 7: Brent Sahlqvist (c), Josh Ryan (vc), Ben Plunkett, Andrew Bell, Sally Gilbert, Bella Gilbert, Mark Chiaruttini, Erin Johns, Mitchell Johns.

Sunday February 2 12.30pm-4pm 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

Mike Harvey