

Between the Flags

BETWEEN THE FLAGS - 2nd April 2012

Yamba Surf Life Saving Club had 22 competitors at the Australian titles at Kurrawa on the Gold Coast over the last week and the team, managed by Jim Dougherty, won a gold 1st place and 3 third place bronze medals with several other excellent results.

Chris Outteridge won gold in the over 40's board riding, club captain Joe Dougherty took bronze medals in the 30-34 years board and rescue tube race and a 4th in the surf race while Ben Plunkett took a bronze in the 35-39 years 2km run.

Jim Schafer was 6th in the 60-64 years rescue tube, Jim Dougherty 6th in the 55-59 years rescue tube and Pete Rheinberger made the semi-finals in the over 50's board riding.

The under 19 boat crew of Sam Kapeen, Andrew Bell, Marc Adamson and Michael Foulds, swept by Rod McSkimming, were 3rd in their semi final and finished a creditable 5th in their final.

Another Yamba under 19 crew of Zac Robison, Nick Agostino, Mateo Cervella and Josh Ryan, also swept by the hard working Rod McSkimming, competed well despite having to race in the older under 23 division.

The date for the Yamba SLSC nippers annual meeting has yet to be decided but they are already looking ahead to the 2012/13 season to have all committee and age manager positions filled to ensure the continuation of the outstanding program for junior surf life savers.

Job descriptions will be sent out shortly and any questions can be answered by nipper co-ordinator Kim McFarlane on 0400 369 796 or email: tkmac1996@bigpond.com

A fundraising program is underway to send a Yamba SLSC team of 2 sweeps and 8 rowers to Turkey in April 2015 for an 80km boat row from the Dardenelles to Anzac Cove as part of the celebrations of the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing.

The unique and special event is expected to draw 100 Australian, New Zealand and Turkish boat crews – for more information contact Yamba boat captain Rod McSkimming (mob: 0427 275 742).

Training co-ordinator Kim Morgans (6646-2823 - kmorgans5@bigpond.com) has a surf rescue certificate awards for 13 to 14 year-olds and IRB captain James Ryan a drivers training program underway.

The 2011/12 patrol season ends on Anzac Day April 25.

The Yamba SLSC main club 2011-12 sponsors are Clarence Valley Council, Elders Real Estate Yamba, Yamba Golf & Country Club, Yamba Bowling Club, Grafton District Services Club, Yamba Shores Tavern, Westlawn Finance, Nortec, Coastal Views, Daily Examiner, Clarence Valley Review, Radio 2GF, Yellowtail Wines and Coopers Brewery.

The Yamba SLSC 2011-12 nipper sponsors are All Terrain Access Scaffold & Edge Protection, Jim's Mowing, LJ Hooker Yamba, Lower Clarence Funerals, Maclean Motors, Tony McFarlane Builder, Yamba Florist, Yamba Physiotherapy, Maclean Variety Meats, Melay Independent Floors, Fairways Restaurant Yamba Golf & Country Club and Signcraft Design.

The club office number is 6646-2463, email: office@yambaslsc.com.au and the office on the 1st floor at the back of the clubhouse is open on Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9am to 12noon.

The weekly Yamba Golf Club raffles with 33 terrific meat trays from Yamba Fair Butchery are on this Saturday April 7 with Chris Bonner, Greg Levey, Bill Onslow and Ian Goodman selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm.

Patrols for the Easter long weekend are:

- Friday April 6 9am-12.3pm - Patrol 5: Andrew Cumberland (c), Greg Levey (vc), Chris Bonner, Wayne Ringland, Matthew Saunders, Brendan Watkins, Stephen Morfett.
- Friday April 6 12.30pm-4pm - Patrol 6: Mark Symons (c), Chris Outteridge (vc), Roger Varcoe (vc), Shauni Forrest, Ashlee Forrest, Tony McFarlane, Teagan McFarlane, Amber Hoare.
- Saturday April 7 9am-12.30 - Patrol 7: Morgan Bramwell-Baker (c), Ben Plunkett, Andrew Bell, Nick Bell, Marc Adamson, Michael Foulds, Sam Kapeen, Julia Hodson.
- Saturday April 7 12.30am-4pm - Patrol 8: Pat Ridgway (c), Jim Wheeler (vc), Linda Horton, Simon Worboys, Jo Worboys, Lynette McQueen, Maddison O'Mahony, Emmalee Jesser, Keiran Jones, Caitlin O'Mahony.
- Sunday April 8 9am-12.30pm - Patrol 9: Brendan O'Mahony (c), Luke Patricks (vc), Joe McGrath, Jack Morrissey, Kealy Day, Thomas Dougherty
- Sunday April 8 12.30pm – 4pm - Patrol 10: Andrew Morris (c), Joe Fahey, Darby Fahey, Harry Fahey, Jake Pitkin, Barney Howard, Kiah Bennett, Kelsey Wilkes, Sashelle Aitken.
- Monday April 9 9am-12.3pm - Patrol 11: James Ryan (c), Harrison Spicer (vc), James Butcher, Sam McLennan, Cody Cameron, Noah Hodgson, Thomas Smith, Tom Woods, Ethan Durrington.
- Monday April 9 12.30am-4pm - Patrol 1: James Ryan (c), Ed McGrath (vc), Josh Ryan, Nick Agostino, Matteo Cervella, Reilly Pickering, Sean Leonard, Nick Plummer.