

## Between the Flags

### **BETWEEN THE FLAGS - 9nd April 2012**

Yamba SLSC publicity Column: w/c 9/4/12

The Yamba SLSC under 19 boat crew of Sam Kapeen, Andrew Bell, Marc Adamson and Michael Foulds, swept by Rod McSkimming, made club history with a 5th in their final at the 2012 Australian surf life saving titles at Queensland's North Kirra beach.

They are the second Yamba boat crew to make an Aussie final and the first to finish in the 103 year history of the club.

At the Aussies in Perth in 1991 a Yamba under 18 boat crew of Grant Cooper, Tim George, Simon Opalnuik and Dave Fleming, swept by Mick Smith, made their final but failed to finish in tough conditions.

This year the boys had their racing venue changed from Kurrawa, due to the tragic death of a competitor, to North Kirra and had five rows on the day (3 heats, semi final and final).

Their final included crews from Queensland state champions Alexander Headland, NSW champions Avoca Beach, WA champions Cottesloe as well as Caves Beach and Dee Why which are the biggest surf boat rowing clubs in Australia.

The Yamba crew, who were competing at their first Aussie titles, progressed through their heats, were 3rd in the semi and were only 3 boat lengths from the winning crew in the final.

Lifeguard supervisor Greg Wylie has advised that Main Beach will have a lifeguard on duty from 9am to 4pm on all weekdays until the end of the school holidays on April 22.

Yamba SLSC volunteer patrols will be on duty on the weekend and Anzac Day (see patrol roster below).

Lifeguards will also be on Iluka Bluff and Brooms Head beach every day from 9am to 4pm until April 22.

Beachgoers are urged to check beach conditions, avoid rips and take advice from patrol members and lifeguards with swimmers to stay inside and board riders outside the red and yellow swim area flags.

The date for the senior and nippers annual general meetings are yet to be set but the club is already planning for the 2012/13 season.

The aim is to fill all senior and nippers committee positions as well as nipper age managers roles to lay a strong base admin base to continue a run of successful seasons into 2012/13 which starts on Saturday September 29.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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 14 with Ray O'Brien, Rob McDermid, Steve Pettet and Rob Foster selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm.

Patrols for the next weekend are:

- Saturday April 14 9am-1pm - Patrol 2: Mitch Imeson (c), Abrien Dougherty (vc), Daniel Lollback, Mitch Lollback, Josh Lollback, Katie Becker, Jacqui Wright, Cathy Felmingham, Deborah Morfett.
- Sunday April 15 9am-12.30pm - Patrol 3: Phil Kelly (c), Nicholas Tarrant (vc), Alex Robison, Zac Robison, Daniel Connors, Kris Ryan-Clout, Mitchell Bain, Dylan Brown, Rory Brown, Rebecca Clout.
- Sunday April 15 12.30pm-4pm - Patrol 4: Ray O'Brien (c), Zac Frazer, Melinda O'Mahony, Jo King, Leah Essex, Karen Baird, Colleen Hage, Richelle Forbes.