

## **Yamba SLSC publicity column w/c 10/12/12**

Yamba Surf Life Saving Club nippers continued their successful competition season with 21 top 6 placings including 5 1sts, 4 2nds and 2 3rds at the Byron Bay carnival.

In the under 8's Kalani Ives was 1<sup>st</sup> in the female flags and sprint, Malik Elabbasi 1<sup>st</sup> in the male sprint and wade, Malik Eladda 2<sup>nd</sup> in the male flags, Gus Gilbert 2<sup>nd</sup> in the male wade while Yamba teams were 2<sup>nd</sup> in wade relay and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the sprint relay.

In the under 9's Hayley Fisher won the female flags and Yamba was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the sprint relay while the all age Yamba march past team was a close second.

There were nipper activities, training assessments, an ocean swim, proficiency tests and lots of meetings in the busiest Sunday on Main Beach this season.

The nipper action included tug-of-war, sprints, flag races and relays on the beach, relays while the older nippers showed their growing confidence and skill, with support of age managers and water safety officials, swimming and board paddling in the ocean.

The locals were joined by nippers from Woolgoolga and Kurrawa.

Next Sunday December 16 is the final nipper day for 2012 with sign-on at 9am for a 9.15 start for 2 hours of fun including the arrival of a special guest - Santa Claus and the need for plenty of parent assistance for the age managers and BBQ.

The Yamba nippers will be back on the beach for a fun Australia Day on Saturday January 26, with activities and training to resume on Sunday February 3 and the final 2012/13 season day and club presentation on March 10.

The NSW country nipper championships are at South West Rocks on Friday and Saturday January 11 and 12, nipper branch championships at Fingal Sunday February 3, Yamba junior club championships Sunday February 17 and the NSW state nipper championships at Umina Beach on Sunday March 3.

Michael Rheinberger (off 10 seconds), Max Gilbert (30 secs) and Wes Stojko (80 secs) were the top 3 followed by Jane Lawrence (30 secs) and Scott Greensill (60 secs) among the 32 starters at the Carl Schaeffer memorial handicap surf swim on Main Beach on Sunday.

Handicapper Belinda Sanders advises that the swim will be held on every public holiday, except Christmas day, over the festive season holidays.

The three Yamba boat crews rowed well and all made finals in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the Navy series at Southport on Sunday.

The masters crew of Chris Bonner, Brendan O'Mahony, Andrew Cumberland, Wayne Ringland and sweep Rod McSkimming were 5<sup>th</sup> in the A final.

The under 23 crew, who rowed in the open division, of Sam Kapeen, Michael Foulds, Marc Adamson, Andrew Bell and sweep Rod McSkimming led all the way but were narrowly beaten into 3<sup>rd</sup> place in their B final.

Ray Wiblen swept the under 19 crew of Zac Robison, Josh Ryan, Nick Agostino and Marc Adamson for the 2<sup>nd</sup> place in their B final.

The under 23 and under 19 crews will compete at the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the Navy Series at Bribie Island this Saturday and at the Cudgen carnival this Sunday.

The masters crew are taking a recovery break while sweep Rod McSkimming is aiming to continue his run of 2 carnivals where he hasn't fallen out of the boat which has been a source of great happiness for his No 1 fan Elaine Schafer.

There were 12 successful bronze medallion and 5 successful surf rescue certificate candidates on Sunday which will boost patrol team numbers for the busy school holiday season.

The bronze candidates trained by Kim Morgans were Vincent Boulton, Rory Brown, Helen Clare, Patrick de Billot, Pierre de Billot, Caleb Ellem, Vincent Gizzard, Sean Leonard, Xahlia Pashen, Martyn Rose, Zac Sullivan and Tristan Watkins.

The Surf Rescue Certificate candidates trained by Joe Fahey were Lucy Bindon, Alicia Cumberland, Rachel Fahey, Tarni Forbes and Wil Pitkin.

The assessments were conducted by branch education officer Geoff Horsey, assisted by club assessors Bill Onslow, Don Lee, Jim Dougherty, Kim Morgans and Greg Perry.

Training information is available on the clubhouse notice board or at [www.yambaslsc.com.au](http://www.yambaslsc.com.au).

The last 2012/13 season proficiency test for intending patrol members was also held on Sunday.

The club will have a mini-bus going to the Cudgen senior carnival on Sunday which leaves the Grafton Fire Station bus stop at 5.30am and picks-up under the Harwood bridge at 6am.

For further details contact club captain Joe Dougherty on 0431 710 007 who is also after patrol members to volunteer for the Xmas Day patrol.

Nipper board and ocean swim training for the under 8 and older age groups continues through the week with Andrew Morris (0432 809 784) and Rob Imeson (0428 462 526) while Lee Johns has a march past group underway for under 9's and older.

Nipper 2012/13 season memberships have closed and will re-open for next season for renewals and new membership on July 1, 2013 with nipper activities to start in October..

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

The 2013/13 nipper sponsors are All Terrain Access Scaffold & Edge Protection, Fairways Restaurant @ Yamba Golf & Country Club, Jim's Mowing, LJ Hooker Yamba, Lower Clarence Funerals, Maclean Motors, Tony McFarlane Builder, Yamba Florist, Yamba Physiotherapy, Signcraft, Maclean Variety Meats and Melay Independent Floors.

Senior memberships and renewals are still open online at [www.lifesavingonline.com.au](http://www.lifesavingonline.com.au) at the surf club office on Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9am till 12 noon or at Elders Real Estate in Coldstream St during business hours.

All club information, including membership forms, is available on the web site [www.yambaslsc.com.au](http://www.yambaslsc.com.au).

Yamba SLSC senior club sponsors for the 2012/13 season are Gold – Elders Real Estate Yamba, Clarence Valley Council, Yamba Golf & Country Club; Silver - .Westlawn Finance, Yamba Shores Tavern, Freemason/MasoniCare, North Coast Heavy Towing, Nortec; Bronze – All Terrain Access, Clarence Valley Review, Maclean Variety Meats, Belinda's Store, The Daily Examiner, Yamba Lions, Yamba Rotary, Daily Examiner, Pacific Hotel, Radio 2GF and Sanctuary Cove Golf.

The annual Yamba Ocean Swims with 700 metre, 2000 metre and dash for cash events are on Sunday December 30.

Yamba SLSC and Maitland Hospital Foundation are the financial beneficiaries of a River Odyssey three week paddle from the Dorrigo Plateau down the Clarence River to Yamba in March 2013.

The paddlers Alex & Stephen Abrahams, Richard Bennett and Bob Wonders will cover 355kms.

The website for donations is [www.mycase.com.au](http://www.mycase.com.au)

Hugh Dougherty and Alyce Bennett will compete in their 8th consecutive Kellogs Nutri Grain Ironman & Ironwoman series with 6 rounds starting at Scarborough Beach, Perth, WA on Sunday December 23.

The series, which includes rounds on January 12 & 27, February 9, 17 & 24, will be shown live by the Channel 10 network.

The weekly Yamba Golf Club raffles with 33 terrific meat trays are on this Saturday December 15 with Greg & Nicole Don, Kerry & Trish Pidcock selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm.

This weekend patrols are:

Saturday December 15 9am-1pm Patrol 9: Brendan O'Mahony (c), Jake Pitkin, Joe McGrath, Harry Fahey, Jack Morrissey, Kealy Day, Thomas Dougherty, Noah Hodgson, Angus O'Mahony, Thomas Smith.

Saturday December 15 1pm-5pm Patrol 10: Andrew Morris (c), Joe Fahey, Darby Fahey, Sam Connor, James Connor, Barney Howard, Kelsey Wilkes, Sashelle Aitken, Julian May, Clayton Marshall.

Sunday December 16 9am-1pm Patrol 11: Maddi O'Mahony (c), Melinda O'Mahony, Caitlin O'Mahony, Emmalee Jesser, James Butcher, Sam McLennan, Cody Cameron, Daniel Lollback, Mitchell Lollback, Josh Lollback.

Sunday December 16 1pm-5pm Patrol 1: James Ryan (c), Marc Adamson (vc), Michael Foulds, Sam Kapeen, Ethan Durrington, Sean Leonard, Nick Plummer, Kerry Lee, Jack Burton.

**CAPTIONS: Rhianna and Indiana Hentscher (U10's) "Take the Slack" in a tough round of tug of war; Matilda McLeod is beaten to the flag by Indiana Woods (U6's); awaiting the blow of the whistle, concentration is the key. IMAGES BY: Nicole Hentscher**

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