

Between the Flags

BETWEEN THE FLAGS - 16th April 2012

There were 40 15 to 17 year old surf life savers, including 10 from Yamba, at the Far North Coast Branch junior development camp at Yamba last weekend.

The camp included team building exercises and games, jet ski instruction, surf boat rowing and a talk from Clarence Valley lifeguard supervisor Greg Wyllie.

The 3 surf boats at Turners Beach for the camp attendees were swept by Rod McSkimming, Wayne Ringland, Mick Smith and Jim Saunders.

There were 38 starters, 21 visiting camp attendees and 17 locals, in the Carl Schaeffer memorial handicap surf swim at Main Beach on Sunday with a win to one of the visitors Fletcher Budd (off 40 seconds) from Cabarita.

Braeden McHugh from Brunswick Heads (off 40 seconds) was 2nd and Yamba's rapidly improving Kealy Day (off 90 seconds), who started the season off 10 seconds and will end the season off 100 seconds, was 3rd.

The overall Carl Schaeffer swim pointscore is Sean Leonard 96, Peter Rheinberger 68, Jack Leonard 54, Kealy Day 51, Jorden Elabbasi 49 and Joe Dougherty 48 with the final races for this season on this Sunday and Anzac Day Wednesday April 25.

Alyce Bennett, a Yamba club member competing with the North Burleigh club, won silver in the open female board relay and bronze in the taplin relay at the Australian titles at North Kirra on the Gold Coast. .

Another Yamba club member Hugh Dougherty, competing with Tugun, took gold in the open board race, gold in the life saver relay and silver in the open ironman at the Australian titles.

The Aussie title highlights, which were to be televised live on Channel 10, will now be shown in 2 x 2 hour packages on ONE HD on Saturday May 5 and Sunday May 6 from 6am to 8am.

The Yamba under 19 boat crew of Sam Kapeen, Andrew Bell, Marc Adamson, Michael Foulds and sweep Rod McSkimming, 5th in their final at the Aussie titles, are likely starters at the World Surf Life Saving titles at Christies Beach in Adelaide, SA, in November.

Lifeguard supervisor Greg Wyllie 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 the red and yellow flags and board riders outside the red and yellow swim area flags.

The senior club annual general meeting and presentation will be held on Sunday July 22 with a date to be decided for the nippers AGM.

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).

Maddi O'Mahony and Emmalee Jesser have a Surf Rescue Certificate course for 13 to 14 year-olds currently in training and IRB captain James Ryan has a drivers training program underway for assessment at the end of April.

The Yamba SLSC annual golf day is on Sunday July 15 with registration for teams and individuals at the Golf Club.

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

Yamba SLSC thanks gym manager Phil Kelly and kiosk manager Jason Osborne who have resigned their positions and welcomes new member and kiosk manager John McWilliam who takes over on May 1.

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.

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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 21 with Mike Harvey, Bob Darby, Greg Zietsch, Grant & Jo Bennett and Rick Harris selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm.

Patrols for the next weekend and Anzac Day are:

- Saturday April 21 9am-1pm - Patrol 5: Andrew Cumberland (c), Greg Levey (vc), Chris Bonner, Wayne Ringland, Matthew Saunders, Brendan Watkins, Stephen Morfett.
- Sunday April 22 9am-12.30pm - Patrol 6: Mark Symons (c), Chris Outteridge (vc), Roger Varcoe (vc), Shauni Forrest, Ashlee Forrest, Tony McFarlane, Teagan McFarlane, Amber Hoare.
- Sunday April 22 12.30pm-4pm - Patrol 7: Morgan Bramwell-Baker (c), Ben Plunkett, Andrew Bell, Nick Bell, Marc Adamson, Michael Foulds, Sam Kapeen, Julia Hodson.
- Wednesday April 25 9am-12.30pm - 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.
- Wednesday April 25 12.30pm-4pm - Patrol 9: Brendan O'Mahony (c), Luke Patricks (vc), Joe McGrath, Jack Morrissey, Kealy Day, Thomas Dougherty.

Mike Harvey