

## Between the Flags

### BETWEEN THE FLAGS - 19th December 2011

Yamba Surf Club's annual Ocean Swims Day will be held on Monday January 2nd 2012. This is a huge day for the club with around 200 to 300 swimmers expected to compete in the 2km swim, 700 metre swim and the Dash for Cash events. All age groups from the 10-14 years group up to the over 70s are catered for.

The Yamba Ocean Swim forms part of the Tri Series swims with Coffs Harbour ocean swim on March 4th and Evans Head ocean swim on June 10th. Swimmers who compete in the 2km swim at all 3 ocean swims will receive a T shirt and qualify to go in the random draw for one of 3 holiday packages.

Entries for the Yamba swim can be done online through [www.oceanswims.com](http://www.oceanswims.com) or in person at the clubhouse on Sunday 1st January from 11am to 3pm. Late entries will be taken at the clubhouse on the morning of the swim before 9am but they will incur a \$10 late fee. The 700 metre swim starts at 10am, the 2km swim starts at 11am, and the Dash for Cash at 12 noon.

Thanks to all our sponsors of this years swim including Clarence Valley Review, Pacific Hotel, Engine Swimwear, Fandango Surf Co, Westlawn Finance, Belinda's Store, PRD Nationwide Yamba, LJ Hooker Grafton, Clarence Valley Council, Yamba Community Pool, Coopers Brewery, Annie's Bed & Breakfast, and Moby Dick Waterfront Resoprt Motel.

Further details regarding the swim are available on the club web site [www.yambaslsc.com.au](http://www.yambaslsc.com.au) Assistance is required from club members on the day with work party and water safety. If you can help please contact Jim Dougherty on 0428664701

Also on the same day the inaugural Tommie Walker Surf Classic will be held at Main Beach featuring old surf boards from the pre 1960's era. This event celebrates the 100th anniversary of the oldest known surfing photographic of Tommie Walker surfing at Main Beach in 1912. The photo was taken by the then surf club secretary Ossie Notley.

Last Sunday a strong team of Yamba members competed at the Cudgen surf carnival with Joe Dougherty, Joe Fahey, Peter Rheinberger, Jake Pitkin, Tom Smith, Chris Outteridge, Kealy Day and Harry Fahey all picking up placings in a number of water and beach events. This was the first surf carnival for several of those who made the bus trip north. Well done to all competitors.

The U/19 boat crew also backed up to win their race at the Cudgen carnival after a tough day at Bribie Island on Saturday where they unfortunately missed making the final of the Qld Navy Series in very rough and windy conditions.

Many of these carnival competitors were on the sidelines later that day at Surfers Paradise to provide support for Yamba's Nutri Grain Ironman/woman competitors Hugh Dougherty and Alyce Bennett who unfortunately both finished back in the field in this tough long distance first round of the Series. Alyce was 14th in the womens 45 minute race and Hugh came in 16th In the mens 1 hour 30 minute race. Both will be looking to improve their positions in the next round at Portsea early in January.

Club patron and life member Bill Dougherty reports that Sir Zelman Cowen, who was given a state funeral in Victoria week, was not only one of the most loved Australian governors-general but also a former associate member of the Yamba SLSC in the 1970's when he used to regularly holiday in Yamba during his time as Vice-Chancellor of the University of New England in Armidale.

The club education and training program is continuing with a Spinal Management course to be conducted on Saturday January 7th at the surf club. Numbers for this course are limited so any members interested please email Kim Morgans - [kmorgans5@bigpond.com](mailto:kmorgans5@bigpond.com) or phone 66462823. Names are also being taken for Bronze Medallion and Surf Rescue Certificate Courses to be held in the New Year. Again contact Kim Morgans.

Board training with club captain Joe Dougherty will continue throughout the holidays at Main Beach on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5.30pm and Saturdays at 8am. The Carl Schaeffer handicap surf races will also continue on each Sunday and public holiday throughout the holiday period.

The final nippers day for 2011 last weekend was a fantastic day with a visit from Santa in the rubber duckie to the delight of all the kids. Next nipper action will be the Country titles at South West rocks on 13th, 14th and 15th January 2012. Entries close with Kim McFarlane on 1st January.

The first day for Main Beach nippers activities in 2012 will be Saturday 21st January. This will be 1 hour of nippers followed by a special Rotary sandcastle activities afternoon. Rotary will be manning the BBQ.

The FNC Junior Branch Titles will be held at Yamba on 4th and 5th February. If you are able to assist please contact Kim McFarlane.

The weekly Golf Club raffles with 33 terrific meat trays from Yamba Fair Butchery this Saturday December 24 will be run by Mike Harvey, Bob Darby, Greg Zietsch, Grant & Jo Bennett and Rick Harris with ticket sales from 5.30pm and the draw from 6.30pm.

Patrols for the Christmas long weekend are:

- Saturday December 24 9am-1pm - Patrol 2: Mitch Imeson (c), Abrien Dougherty (vc), Daniel Lollback, Andrew Lollback, Mitch Lollback, Josh Lollback, Cody Hartmann, Keiran Stewart.
- Saturday December 24 1pm-5pm - 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 December 25 9am-5pm – voluntary patrols...MEMBERS NEEDED
- Monday December 26 9am-1pm - Patrol 4: Ray O'Brien (c), Nick Frazer (vc), Zac Frazer, Melinda O'Mahony, Jo King, Leah Essex, Karen Baird, Colleen Hage.
- Monday December 26 1pm-5pm - Patrol 5: Andrew Cumberland (c), Greg Levey (vc), Chris Bonner, Wayne Ringland, Luke Harradine, Matthew Saunders, Brendan Watkins.
- Tuesday December 27 9am-1pm - Patrol 6: Mark Symons (c), Chris Outteridge (vc), Peter Tranter, Nadia Bioletti, Shauni Forrest, Ashlee Forrest, Tony McFarlane, Teagan McFarlane, Amber Hoare.
- Tuesday December 27 1pm-5pm - Patrol 7: Morgan Bramwell-Baker (c), Andrew Ford (vc), Ben Plunkett, Andrew Bell, Nick Bell, Marc Adamson, Michael Foulds, Sam Kapeen, Julia Hodson.

Mike Harvey