

## Between the Flags

### **BETWEEN THE FLAGS - 19th November 2012**

The Yamba Surf Life Saving Club under 23 boat crew of Marc Adamson, Andrew Bell, Michael Foulds and Sam Kapeen, swept by Rod McSkimming, were 5th in their final at the world surf life saving titles at Christies Beach near Adelaide in South Australia

The conditions were flat and windy and the crews, who were 5th in the Australian titles last season, rowed extremely well to get through their heat, semi-final and into the final.

Other Yamba SLSC competitors won two gold and a silver medal and made several finals at the titles.

Tasmanian based Yamba member Don Marsh, who represents his local Carlton Park club, won gold in the board and oceanman, silver in the surf race and was 5th in the ski in the 60-64 male division .

Jim Dougherty, in the 55-59 men, was 6th in the surf race final while Chris Outteridge, in the 50-54 women, was 7th in the finals of the surf and board race.

Also at the world titles Hugh Dougherty (Yamba/Tugun) was 5th in the open ironman and Alyce Bennett (Yamba/North Burleigh 8th in the open ironwoman.

The Yamba under 23 boat crew, who conducted a fundraising program to subsidise their trip to Adelaide with the boat, appreciate the generous support of their sponsors and raffle ticket buyers.

The major draw for a wheelbarrow of refreshments was won by Brad Cleary

The crew will be racing in at the Coffs Craft carnival this weekend November 24 and 25.

Last Sunday nippers were cancelled due to the conditions which will hopefully improve this Sunday (November 25) with a large number of Yamba nippers competing in the Far North Coast branch titles at Turners Beach Yamba.

Plenty of volunteers are needed to assist with the setting-up and running of the carnival - contact Andrew Morris 0432 809 784.

The Carl Schaeffer memorial handicap surf swim was held over a shorter course on Sunday with 18 starters and a win to Angus O'Mahony (off 40 seconds) from Noah Hodgson (120 seconds) and Abe Dougherty (80 secs).

Noah has been training hard with a view to winning the season title but his continuing strong performances have handicapper Belinda Sanders, who gets the occasional "burglar" looking for a soft start time, on his case.

Yamba SLSC club members thoughts are with the Douglas family as Trish Douglas, who suffered a stroke while on a flight to London to watch her son Kane play for the Wallabies in a rugby union test against France, has been woken from an induced coma in a London Hospital.

Husband Chris and sons Luke, Jake and Kane have asked for a book of supportive messages from her Yamba friends to be sent to London to assist with her recovery.

The book, which has been available for messages at the Yamba SLSC, Yamba Backpackers, Yamba St Newsagent and Maclean High School, will be posted to Trish's London Hospital at the end of this week.

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.

Another coming nipper carnival is Byron Bay teams (U8-U14) on Sunday December 2

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.

All club information, including membership forms, is available on the web site [www.yambaslsc.com.au](http://www.yambaslsc.com.au) while club and nipper memberships can be taken out online at [www.lifesavingonline.com.au](http://www.lifesavingonline.com.au).

Yamba SLSC main club sponsors for the 2012/13 season are Gold – Elders Real Estate Yamba, Clarence Valley Council, Yamba Golf & Country Club; Silver - .Westlawn Investments, 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.

Education director/chief training officer Kim Morgans and his team of trainers and assessors have courses underway and planned with more information on the clubhouse notice board or at [www.yambaslsc.com.au](http://www.yambaslsc.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.

Coming senior carnivals are NSW inter-branch at Blackhead Saturday & Sunday December 8 & 9 and Cudgen Sunday December 16..

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)

The weekly Yamba Golf Club raffles with 33 terrific meat trays are on this Saturday November 24 with Jim & Jan Saunders and Mick & Sue Smith selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm.

This weekend patrols are:

- Saturday November 24 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 November 25 9am-12.30pm Patrol 1: James Ryan (c), Marc Adamson (vc), Michael Foulds, Sam Kapeen, Ethan Durrington, Sean Leonard, Nick Plummer, Kerry Lee, Jack Burton.
- Sunday November 25 12.30-4pm Patrol 2: Mitch Imeson(c), Luke Patricks (vc), Grant Scheffers, Katie Becker, Jacqui Wright, Cathy Felmingham, Deborah Morfett, Johanna Pettet.

Mike Harvey