

Between the Flags

BETWEEN THE FLAGS - 24th December 2012

There is likely to be more than 300 competitors and an even bigger crowd of spectators at the Yamba Ocean Swims this Sunday (December 30).

The program includes a 700 metre swim from 11am, 2000 metre swim from 12 noon, a 150 metre dash-for-cash from 1pm and presentations in the clubhouse from 2pm.

The event is sponsored by Yamba Iluka Real Estate, Clarence Valley Review, LJ Hooker Grafton, Fandango Pacific Hotel, Yamba Community Pool, Moby Dick, The Cove, Annie's Bed & Breakfast, Clarence Valley Council, Belinda's Store and Westlawn.

The 700 metre swim starts at Convent Beach and finishes at Main Beach, the 2000 metre swim has a rectangular course with a start and finish at Main Beach while the exciting dash-for-cash starts out to sea with and finishes with a run to the line on Main Beach.

There are eight age group for males and females from 10-14 years to over 70 years in the 700m and 2000m swims.

Post entries have already closed with electronic entries through www.oceanswims.com closing on Friday December 28 at 5pm while in-person entries will be taken at the Yamba SLSC clubhouse on Saturday December 29 from 11am to 3pm.

Entry fees are 700m \$20, 2000m \$30 (\$40 for both) and dash-for-cash \$10 with an additional \$10 late entry fee for entries taken at the clubhouse on swim day (December 30) from 8am.

Sunday's Carl Schaeffer memorial handicap surf swim was won by backmarker Ben Schafer (off 200 seconds) from frontmarker Ian Goodman (off 20 seconds) and Paul Cromack (off 180 secs).

The 26 starters were well tested by the big swell, dumping waves and a north to south sweep into the Craigmores rip.

Handicapper Belinda Sanders advises that the swim is not on this Sunday due to the Yamba Ocean Swims but will be held on New Years Day next Tuesday.

Senior memberships and renewals are still open online at 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.

The Yamba SLSC nipper return to the beach on Australia Day January 26 for a family fun day which will include a rip awareness demonstration, BBQ and plenty of fun & games.

Nippers 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.

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 and training programs, is available on the web site 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.

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

Hugh Dougherty (Yamba/Tugun) was 11th and Alyce Bennett (Yamba/North Burleigh) 7th in the 1st round of the Kellogs Nutri Grain ironman and ironwoman series at the Scarborough Beach, Perth, WA on Sunday.

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 SLSC raffles at the Golf Club with 33 terrific meat trays this Saturday December 29 have Mike Harvey, Bob Darby, Grant & Jo Bennett and Rick Harris selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm.

This weekend and New Years Day patrols are:

Saturday December 29 9am-1pm Patrol 10: Andrew Morris (c), Joe Fahey, Darby Fahey, Sam Connor, James Connor, Barney Howard, Kelsey Wilkes, Sashelle Aitken, Julian May, Clayton Marshall.

Saturday December 29 1pm-5pm 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 30 9am-1pm Patrol 1: James Ryan (c), Marc Adamson (vc), Michael Foulds, Sam Kapeen, Ethan Durrington, Sean Leonard, Nick Plummer, Kerry Lee, Jack Burton.

Sunday December 30 1pm-5pm Patrol 2: Mitch Imeson(c), Luke Patricks (vc), Grant Scheffers, Katie Becker, Jacqui Wright, Cathy Felmingham, Deborah Morfett, Johanna Pettet.

Tuesday January 1, 2013 9am-1pm 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.

Tuesday January 1, 2013 1pm-5pm Patrol 4: Ray O'Brien (c), Zac Fraser, Mike Smith, Jo King, Leah Essex, Karen Baird, Colleen Hage, Richelle Forbes.

Mike Harvey