

Between the Flags

BETWEEN THE FLAGS - 27th November 2012

Wow!! What a great turn out there was for the Far North Coast nipper carnival hosted by Yamba Surf Life Saving Club at Turner's Beach on Sunday.

All Yamba competitors performed well in water and beach events, even while waiting patiently for their races.

Full results will be available next week.

The first aid guys were brilliant as always, and were handy with many bags of ice for the various bumps and bruises.

A huge thanks to all the volunteers that came down to the beach and assisted with the set up, take down, the BBQ and all the other various jobs that had to be done to make sure the day ran smoothly.

Also a huge thanks to the parents that assisted with making sure the nippers got to their events in due time along with their age managers.

These days would not be possible without the support of our sponsors – a huge thanks to them all and to the officials that monitored and judged the various events.

Some of the calls they made were very close to call.

Last but not least all the visiting clubs that made the trip and competed. It was great to see all the nippers on the beach.

There is a nipper carnival at Byron Bay this Sunday with nominations through Kim McFarlane on 0400 369 796.

Normal nippers will continue on Main Beach for those not at Byron with sign-on at 9am for a 9.15am start.

The Yamba under 23 boat crew of Marc Adamson, Andrew Bell, Michael Foulds and Sam Kapeen, swept by Rod McSkimming, made the semi-finals but were hit by a couple of big waves going out and just missed a start in the final at the Coffs Harbour craft carnival on the weekend.

They'll be racing again, along with the under 19 and masters crews at the 2nd round of the Navy Series at Southport on Saturday December 1.

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 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.

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.

Club education/chief training director Kim Morgans and his trainers and assessors has 2 bronze squads underway, another bronze squad planned for Christmas holiday training and a surf rescue certificate (SRC) training course for Maclean High School students underway

Training information is available on the clubhouse notice board or at www.yambaslsc.com.au.

Coming carnivals are Byron Bay nippers this Sunday, 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

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 1 Allan & Jane Lawrence, Alan Schofield and Ken Ryan selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm.

This weekend patrols are:

- Saturday December 1 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.
- Sunday December 2 9am-12.30pm Patrol 4: Ray O'Brien (c), Zac Fraser, Mike Smith, Jo King, Leah Essex, Karen Baird, Colleen Hage, Richelle Forbes.
- Sunday December 2 12.30-4pm Patrol 5: Andrew Cumberland (c), Greg Levey (vc), Chris Bonner, Wayne Ringland, Matthew Saunders, Brendan Watkins, Stephen Morfett.

Photo from top: Under 10's Girls Board Race, all the competitors hit the water; Harrison Earle bringing home a win for the Under 10's in the relay race; Gus Gilbert hands over the baton in the Under 8's relay and Alanna

Earle (Under 10's) running in from a paddle board race. - Photos by Nicole Hentscher

