

Between the Flags

BETWEEN THE FLAGS - 27th February 2012

Yamba SLSC nippers won 9 events and took 7 2nd' and 7 3rd placings at the Far North Coast nipper titles at Turners Beach, Yamba on the weekend.

There were 10 clubs at the carnival with a non-stop program of beach and water events efficiently run by referee Jim Dougherty and Yamba nippers chairperson Kim McFarlane and an army of IRB crews, water safety officials, judges and other volunteers.

Yamba winners were: Hayley Fisher under 8 female sprint, the u8 wade & sprint relays, Brianna McFarlane u11 female sprint & flags, Jay Keegan u11 male flags, the u11 sprint relay, Liam Foster u12 male flags and the march past team.

Second placings went to Cleo Keegan-Bull u8 female flags, Cameron Varcoe u8 male sprint, Lyteeka Currie u11 female flags, Liam Foster u12 male sprint, the u12 sprint relay, Angus O'Mahony u13 male board and the Buchanan relay.

Third placings went to Joel Imeson u9 male sprint, the u9 sprint relay, Jordan Elabbasi u10 male board, Ethan Foster u10 male sprint, Zoe Brown u10 female flags, Brianna McFarlane u11 female board and Erin Johns u14 female sprint.

As well Yamba SLSC nippers secured 10 fourth, 6 fifth and 5 sixth placings.

The Yamba nippers will be back on Main Beach on this Sunday March 4 for their normal beach and water activities from 9am.

Sunday March 11 will be the last nippers day and the presentations for the 2011/12 season with fun activities from 9am-10.3am, presentation from 10.45 and a free sausage sizzle and drinks for the nippers.

The Yamba nippers are looking ahead to the 2012/13 season to have all committee and age manager positions filled to ensure the continuation of the outstanding program for junior surf life savers.

Job descriptions will be sent out shortly and any questions can be answered by nipper co-ordinator Kim McFarlane on 0400 369 796 or email: tkmac1996@bigpond.com

The Yamba seniors club championship will be at Main Beach on Sunday March 18.

The current points score in the Carl Schaeffer memorial handicap surf swim, which is swum on Sundays at 11am, is Sean Leonard 72, Jack Leonard 43 and Joe Dougherty 35 points.

The Far North Coast branch will send two 15-17 surf lifesavers to a Youth Opportunity Makers Worskshop at Collaroy in Sydney on April 17-20.

Yamba SLSC is looking for nominations, from qualified members, to submit to the FNC branch for the selection process by Monday March 5.

Nomination forms are available from the Yamba SLSC office or Elders Real Estate, Coldstream St, Yamba.

Surf boat captain Rod McSkimming (mob: 0427 275 742) is looking for rowers to travel 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.

A fundraising program is planned to cover the costs of a Yamba SLSC team of 8 rowers and 2 sweeps for this unique and special event which is expected to draw 100 Australian, New Zealand and Turkish boat crews.

Training co-ordinator Kim Morgans (6646-2823 - kmorgans5@bigpond.com) and his team has a bronze squad ready for assessment in early March and surf rescue certificate award (13-14year olds) and IRB captain squads to start training shortly.

Kim Morgans is the contact for ARTC, spinal management and basic beach management courses at Lennox Head in March and April.

There is also board training with club captain Joe Dougherty at Main Beach on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5.30pm and Saturdays at 8am and nipper board training with Andrew Morris and Tony McFarlane on Sunday 8am-9am.

Coming events are the Allphones NSW nipper titles this Saturday and Sunday March 3 and 4 and the Allphones NSW open titles on March 10 and 11, both at Kingscliff, the Qld titles at Kurrawa on March 17 and 18 and the Australian titles at Kurrawa March 26 to April 1.

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

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.

The Yamba SLSC 2011-12 nipper sponsors are All Terrain Access Scaffold & Edge Protection, Jim's Mowing, LJ Hooker Yamba, Lower Clarence Funerals, Maclean Motors, Tony McFarlane Builder, Yamba Florist, Yamba Physiotherapy, Maclean Variety Meats, Melay Independent Floors, Fairways Restaurant Yamba Golf & Country Club and Signcraft Design.

Registration for all membership categories, including nippers, can be made online via the web site www.lifesavingonline.com.au, at Elders Real Estate, Coldstream St during office hours.

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 March 3 with Greg Wylie, James Ryan, Mark Gillespie and Tony McFarlane selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm.

Patrols this weekend are:

- Saturday March 3 9am-1pm - Patrol 1: James Ryan (c), Ed McGrath (vc), Josh Ryan, Nick Agostino, Matteo Cervella, Reilly Pickering, Sean Leonard, Nick Plummer.
- Sunday March 4 9am-12.3pm - Patrol 2: Mitch Imeson (c), Abrien Dougherty (vc), Daniel Lollback, Mitch Lollback, Josh Lollback, Katie Becker, Jacqui Wright, Cathy Felmingham, Deborah Morfett.
- Sunday March 4 12.30pm-4pm - 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.

Mike Harvey