

## Between the Flags

### **BETWEEN THE FLAGS - 31th December 2012**

There were 348 entries, up 92 on the 11/12 season event, exciting racing in perfect conditions and a big crowd of spectators at the annual Yamba Ocean Swims last Sunday.

The 700 metre and 2000 swims and the dash for cash sprint produced some outstanding swims, close finishes and good performances from local competitors.

Organiser Jim Dougherty and his team of registrars, recorders, officials, water safety crews on skis, boards, rubber duckies and a jet skis, beach set-up workers, first aid officers, BBQ and bar staff ensured a safe and enjoyable day.

The Yamba Ocean Swims are 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 male 700 metre open swim placings were Ben Schafer (Yamba) 1st, Dylan Brown (Yamba) 2nd and Mikael Bisby (Gold Coast) 3rd and the male 2000 metre open placings were Joshua Richardson (Brisbane) 1st, Ben Schafer (Yamba) 2nd and Joe Dougherty (Yamba) 3rd.

The female 700 metre open swim placings were Alyce Bennett (Yamba) 1st, Shivaun Street (Cronulla) 2nd and Jacqui Schafer (Yamba) 3rd and the female 2000 metre open placings were Shivaun Street (Cronulla) 1st, Alyce Bennett (Yamba) 2nd and Kirsty Waugh (Newcastle) 3rd.

The male dash-for-cash went to Ben Schafer (Yamba) and the female race to Ella Basalo (Maroubra).

Other well performed local swimmers were Molly Schafer, Jan Klein, Martin Dougherty, Ben Plunkett, Joe Fahey, Michael Dougherty, Peter Rheinberger, Geoff Sanders, Helmut Klein, Ray Burrige, Chad Horton, Jim Schafer and Alan Lawrence.

Senior memberships and renewals are still open online at [www.lifesavingonline.com.au](http://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 nippers return to the beach on Sunday February 3 with the final 2012/13 season activity 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](http://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](http://www.mycase.com.au)

Hugh Dougherty (Yamba/Tugun) and Alyce Bennett (Yamba/North Burleigh) will be competing in the next round of the Kellogs Nutri Grain ironman and ironwoman series in Newcastle on January 12 with further rounds on February 9, 17 & 24 with all rounds televised live on the Channel 10 network.

The weekly Yamba SLSC raffles at the Golf Club with 33 terrific meat trays this Saturday January 5 have John Barnier, Sachie & Keith Bradley selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm.

This weekend patrols are:

See the Patrol program on this site.

Mike Harvey