

Between the Flags

BETWEEN THE FLAGS - 3rd December 2012

Nipper activities Sunday Byron carnival

Yamba Surf Life Saving Club nippers placed 44 individuals and teams in the top 6 of their events at the Far North Coast nipper carnival at Turners Beach Yamba.

The carnival drew competitors from Cudgen, Lennox Head, Salt, Cabarita, Byron Bay, Brunswick Heads and Ballina with Yamba nipper taking 11 firsts, 7 seconds, 7 thirds, 3 fourths, 11 fifths and 5 sixths.

The locals performed best in the under 8's with 19 and the under 9's with 10 top 6 finishes.

The Yamba top 3 results were:

- Under 8: Kalani Ives – female flag 1, female sprint 2; Malik Elabbasi – male sprint 1, wade 1, flags 2; Layla Cramb – female flags 3; Molly Imeson – female sprint 3; open wade relay 1; open sprint relay 1.
- Under 9: Hayley Fischer – female board 1, sprint 1, flags 1; Cameron Varcoe – male sprint 1; Carissa Miltiadou – female swim 3; open sprint relay 2; mixed surf team 3.
- Under 10: Open sprint relay 2 and 3.
- Under 11: Jordan Elabbasi – male swim 1, board 3, ironman 3; Sophie Watson – female swim 2.
- Under 12: Breanna McFarlane – female flags 1, sprint 2.
- March past – Yamba 2.

The carnival was a huge success due to the support of sponsors and the hard work of the volunteers, age managers, 1st aiders, parents and James Ryan and his IRB crews spent 9 hours on the water in sometimes unpleasant conditions.

There were 22 Carl Schaeffer memorial handicap surf swim competitors at Main Beach on a sunny Sunday and a win for Kealy Day (off 100 seconds) (pictured) from Sean Leonard (120 secs) and Abe Dougherty (90 secs).

Handicapper Belinda Sanders advises that the swim will be held on every public holiday, except Christmas day, over the festive season holidays.

Yamba SLSC will be represented by under 23, under 19 and masters boat crews, all to be swept by boat captain Rod McSkimming at the 2nd round of the Navy Series at Southport this Saturday December 8.

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.

Marc Adamson, Andrew Bell, Matteo Cervella, Richelle Forbes, Michael Foulds, Zac Frazer, Clayton Marshall, Teagan McFarlane, Tony McFarlane, Jake Pitkin, and Josh Ryan at the Advanced Resuscitation Techniques Certificate course on Sunday.

The course was run by club training officer Kim Morgans with assistance from club assessors Bill Onslow and Jim Dougherty.

Bronze Medallion and Surf Rescue Certificate assessments will be conducted under the supervision of branch education officer Geoff Horsey and the last proficiency test for the 2012/13 season will be held this Sunday December 9.

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

The Cudgen carnival is on Sunday December 16 and the annual Yamba Ocean Swims with 700 metre, 2000 metre and dash for cash events 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.mycause.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 8 with Chris Bonner, Greg Levey, Bill Onslow & Ian Goodman selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm.

This weekend patrols are:

- Saturday December 8 9am-1pm Patrol 6: Mark Symons (c), Chris Outteridge (vc), Roger Varcoe, Shauni Forrest, Ashlee Forrest, Tony McFarlane, Teagan McFarlane, Kayla Forrest.
- Sunday December 9 9am-12.30pm Patrol 7: Matteo Cervella (c), Josh Ryan (vc), Ben Plunkett, Andrew Bell, Nick Bell, Julia Hodson, Sally Gilbert, Bella Gilbert, Mark Chiaruttini.
- Sunday December 9 12.30-4pm Patrol 8: Pat Ridgway (c), Jim Wheeler (vc), Linda Horton, Simon Worboys, Jo Worboys, Erin Johns, Caitlin Cooney, Will Brighton, Caleb Watkins, Jaydan Watkins.

Mike Harvey