

## Between the Flags

### **BETWEEN THE FLAGS - 4th February 2013**

The Clarence River flood aftermath has left Yamba ocean beaches, particularly Turners, Main and Convent, looking for like timber yards with 100's tonnes of flood debris covering the beach and rocks.

There has been a rapid and effective response from the Clarence Valley Council with bob cats and a fleet of trucks transferring the debris from Main and Turners beaches to a wood chipper located at the old dump off Angourie Road.

The work on Turners was completed on Tuesday and Main Beach work should complete by the weekend while Convent Beach presents a difficult access problem although the tides have significantly reduced the amount of debris.

The clean-up is the major stage in restoring our beaches but there is no indication when they will be ready and safe for swimming.

The Main Beach closure has forced the cancellation of patrols, nipper activities and the Carl Schaeffer memorial handicap surf swims.

The nippers, who were to resume their 2012/13 season with an activity day on February 3, are now planning a pool rescue competition to be held at the Yamba community pool.

The nippers final 2012/13 season activity day and club presentation is on March 10.

Other coming nipper events are the Far North Coast branch championships at Fingal Saturday & Sunday February 16 & 17 and the NSW state nipper championships at Umina Beach Friday to Sunday March 1-3.

Coming senior carnivals are the FNC branch titles at Fingal this Saturday February 9 (subject to beach conditions, Brunswick masters Saturday February 16, NSW titles at Umina Friday to Sunday March 8-10 and the Australian titles at North Kirra/Tugun Monday to Sunday April 15-21.

Yamba members Hugh Dougherty (subject to recovery from a dislocated shoulder) and Alyce Bennett will compete in the 4<sup>th</sup> round of the Kellogs Nutri Grain ironman series this Saturday at February 9 (Gold Coast) with further rounds February 17 (Coolumb) and February 24 (Noosa) all televised live on the Channel 10 network.

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, Lower Clarence Funerals, Tony McFarlane Builder, Yamba Florist, Yamba Physiotherapy, Signcraft, Maclean Variety Meats, Melay Independent Tiles and Waves Fitness & Squash.

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.

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

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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.

A team of walkers, canoe and raft paddlers will tackle the Nymboida, Mann and Clarence River system in a 3 week/377 km downstream River Odyssey from Barren Mountain on the Dorrigo Plateau to Yamba in March this year.

The paddle is raising funds for the Maitland Hospital Foundation and Yamba Surf Lifesaving Club - donations can be made at [www.mycase.com.au/page/54157](http://www.mycase.com.au/page/54157)

Alex & Stephen Abrahams, Richard Bennett, Bob Wonders, Paul McDonald and Shaun Walsh will start the the paddle at the source of the Nymboida River on Barren Mountain, 1470 metres above sea level on Friday March 8.

The first stage will involve 3 days walking to reach sufficient paddling water and avoid the 90 metre drop at Rob Roy Falls, 2 days canoeing and 2 days rafting to reach the Nymboida Hotel on March 15.

Brothers Alex and Stephen with Richard and Bob will complete the paddle into the Mann and Clarence Rivers to finish at sea level on Main Beach Yamba, subject to good weather, a good flow in the rivers and suitable tides/swell, on March 26.

The weekly Yamba SLSC raffles at the Golf Club with 33 terrific meat trays this Saturday February 9 have Ray O'Brien, Rob McDermid, Steve Pettet & Rob Foster selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm.

This weekend patrols, subject to Main Beach opening, are:

Saturday February 9 9am-1pm Patrol 2: Mitch Imeson(c), Luke Patricks (vc), Katie Becker, Jacqui Wright, Cathy Felmingham, Deborah Morfett, Johanna Pettet.

Sunday February 10 9am-12.30pm Patrol 3: Phil Kelly (c), Nicholas Tarrant (vc), Alex Robison, Zac Robison, Daniel Connors, Kris Ryan Clout, Dylan Brown, Rory Brown, Rebecca Clout.

Sunday February 11 12.30pm-4pm Patrol 4: Ray O'Brien (c), Zac Fraser, Mike Smith, Jo King, Leah Essex, Colleen Hage, Erin Johns, Helen Clare

**Mike Harvey**

