

Yamba SLSC publicity, column w/c 5/11/12

Eliza Berrick from the under 6 age group put in an outstanding effort in the beach flags to be the Yamba Surf Lifesaving Club nipper of the week at Main Beach on Sunday. Eliza, photographed with her age manager Natashya Earle, wins a big slushie courtesy of Yamba's The Block/Cafe.

A good roll-up of nippers were hard at work practising finer details such as tight hands, no early line crossing and feet in the right place for relay baton changes as well as no beach flags false starts in preparation for coming carnivals.

The under 10, 11, 12 & 13 age groups work on their swimming, board paddling and beach event skills.

Also on Sunday the final proficiency test produced 50 more qualified members for the 2012/13 patrol teams.

Yamba SLSC had three boat crews, all swept by Rod McSkimming, competing in the 1st round of the Navy Series and a shorter sprint format at the Gold Coast on the weekend.

The masters crew, at their 1st race start, were 3rd in their final while the under 23's, competing in the opens, and the under 19's rowed well and were dogged by bad luck.

The bad luck, according to Rod McSkimming, was the sweep exiting the boat on 3 occasions to test the new buoyancy vests and practise his surf swimming.

In the sprint format races the masters were 3rd in the open Plate final and the under 23's an outstanding 2nd in the open Cup final while the under 19's were 3rd in their Cup final.

It was a good hit out for the under 23's whose next racing is at the World Titles in Adelaide this month.

There has been a big fundraising effort for the Adelaide trip including a raffle for \$500 worth of refreshments which will be drawn at the Yamba Shores Tavern this Sunday at 1pm.

Volunteer nipper parents and helpers are needed each week to help with the beach and water activities and also to assist Steve and Debbie at the BBQ.

Board and ocean swim training for the under 8 and older age groups are conducted through the week by 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.

Coming carnivals are at Salt under 8's & older November 11, Yamba branch carnival under 8's & older November 25 and Byron Bay teams (U8-U14) December 2.

The Yamba SLSC nipper 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, is available on the web site

www.yambaslsc.com.au while club and nipper memberships can be taken out online at www.lifesavingonline.com.au.

Yamba SLSC club sponsors for the 2012/13 season are Gold – Elders Real Estate Yamba, Clarence Valley Council, Yamba Golf & Country Club; Silver - .Westlawn Investments, 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.

Education director/chief training officer Kim Morgans and his team have finalized 4 training courses, have a new bronze squad underway and have ARTC and SRC courses planned.

The Yamba SLSC under 23 boat crew continue training and fundraising to compete in the World Titles in Glenelg, SA on November 16-18.

Jim Dougherty and Chris Outteridge will also compete in World Title masters events on November 8 and 9.

Former Yamba nippers Hugh Dougherty (Tugun) and Alyce Bennett (North Burleigh) 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.

Other coming carnivals are Byron Bay seniors November 17/18, Coffs craft November 24, NSW inter-branch at Blackhead December 8 & 9, Combined high schools at Yamba November 9 and Cudgen seniors 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 beneficiaries from a fundraising effort for 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,

The weekly Yamba Golf Club raffles with 33 terrific meat trays are on this Saturday November 10 Greg Wylie, James Ryan, Mark Gillespie & Tony McFarlane selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm.

This weekend patrols are:

Saturday November 10 9am-1pm Patrol 5: Andrew Cumberland (c), Greg Levey (vc), Chris Bonner, Wayne Ringland, Matthew Saunders, Brendan Watkins, Stephen Morfett, Caleb Watkins, Jaydan Watkins.

Sunday November 11 9am-12.30pm Patrol 6: Mark Symons (c), Chris Outteridge (vc), Roger Varcoe, Shauni Forrest, Ashlee Forrest, Tony McFarlane, Teagan McFarlane, Kayla Forrest.

Sunday November 11 12.30-4pm Patrol 7: Matteo Cervella (c), Josh Ryan (vc), Ben Plunkett, Andrew Bell, Nick Bell, Nick Agostino, Julia Hodson, Sally Gilbert, Bella Gilbert, Mark Chiaruttini.

Mike Harvey