

## Between the Flags

### **BETWEEN THE FLAGS - 7th January 2013**

Yamba Surf Life Saving Club will be represented by 25 senior and 15 nipper competitors at the 2013 Stramit NSW country championships at South West Rocks on this Friday to Sunday January 11-13.

The competitors have been training hard under the club coaches and despite a competition season interrupted by bad weather and big seas, particularly for the nippers, some good performances are expected.

James Gonda (off 100 seconds) won the chocolate Billabong, courtesy of Belinda's Store, from Charlie Bindon (60 secs) with a wonderful 3rd place to Caitlin O'Mahony (70 secs) in a field of 41 starters at the Carl Schaeffer memorial handicap surf swim on Main Beach on Sunday.

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.

Other coming nipper events are the Far North Coast branch championships at Fingal Saturday and Sunday February 2 & 3, Yamba junior club championships Sunday February 17 and the NSW state nipper championships at Umina Beach on Friday to Sunday March 1-3.

Coming senior carnivals are the FNC branch titles at Fingal on Saturday February 10, 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 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](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 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.

There are further rounds on January 21 (Portsea), February 9 (Gold Coast), February 17 (Coolumb) and February 24 (Noosa).

All rounds are televised live on the Channel 10 network.

The weekly Yamba SLSC raffles at the Golf Club with 33 terrific meat trays this Saturday January 12 have Jan & Jim Saunders, Mick & Sue Smith selling tickets from 5.30pm with the draw from 6.30pm.

This weekend patrols are:

Saturday January 12 9am-1pm Patrol 7: Matteo Cervella (c), Josh Ryan (vc), Ben Plunkett, Andrew Bell, Nick Agostini, Julia Hodgson, Sally Gilbert, Bella Gilbert, Mark Chiaruttini.

Saturday January 12 1pm-5pm Patrol 8: Pat Ridgway (c), Jim Wheeler (vc), Linda Horton, Simon Worboys, Jo Worboys, Caitlin Cooney, Will Brighton, Pierre De Billot, Patrick De Billot.

Sunday January 13 9am-1pm Patrol 9: Brendan O'Mahony (c), Jake Pitkin, Harry Fahey, Jack Morrissey, Kealy Day, Thomas Dougherty, Noah Hodgson, Angus O'Mahony, Thomas Smith, Marty Rose, Zac Sullivan, Will Pitkin.

Sunday January 13 1pm-5pm Patrol 10: Andrew Morris (c), Joe Fahey, Darby Fahey, Sam Connor, James Connor, Kelsey Wilkes, Sashelle Aitken, Julian May, Clayton Marshall, Vincent Gizzard.

Mike Harvey