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2025 Club Champs 4th May

6am setup - 6.30am Start

Mick Carabine and Friends

Bellambi Reef

January 1965

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A message from our Dear Leader!

Greetings Laybackers, happy April!

School holidays are winding down, and chocolate comas are retreating after Easter eggstremes, its time to catch up again and prepare for our Club Championships on Star Wars Day – May the 4th!

Since our March Pointscore we've had Mark Cristallo's late brother Deano's Memorial Comp at Broulee on the 22nd of March, our April Pointscore on the 6th of April, and an Easter bonus swell, especially on Good Friday, with the biggest most perfect waves I've ever seen energising our local bit of coastline and the Steel City Surf Classic held at Sandon Point – waves straight out of Hawaii!

Wow! I hope you saw them or have seen pics of them as they were the best waves I've seen at Sandon – waaayyyy out of this little black duck's league, but what a spectacle...

So on with the report!

Deano Memorial Competition 2025 Broulee, Saturday 22 March

This is a competition held as a memorial to Laybacker Mark Cristallo's brother Deano who passed away 11 years ago. It is an annual event put on by the close knit surfers of this part of the coast in honour of Deano, who sadly passed away way too young for his friends, who each year celebrate the life he had.

We had a good representation of Laybackers taking part – Mark of course, Russell Grey, Darcy, the family Maher – Rhys and Phoebe, and yours truly. Conditions were pretty good, with a 3 foot beach break on the south side of Broulee headland. It was a mixed group of locals with mostly short boards at play, but with a twin fin and a longboard division to spice it up!

Mark and Russell worked tirelessly with the rest of the committee all day, and good for them – they both featured in the finals. Phoebe did too in the Mystery, but I think the dark horse of the day Laybacker wise was Darcy who featured in two finals – the twin fin and the mixed longboard, with some of the other finalists being young enough to be his grandkids!!! Well done all!

Rhys took some great shots of everyone, including me allegedly on the nose of my board – the whitewater artfully disguising the very front of the board – but my ten toes were over! Honest!! (Happily I scored Green Island glassy, four foot, and with only 5 out on the way down on Friday 😊)

April 6 Pointscore

Well, what can I say, if you weren't there you reeeeaally missed it! We had the best rollup of 2025 so far, lots of Laybackers on hand to set up early, and Huey turned it on big time! Beautiful offshore conditions, 3 to 4 foot waves all day long... Yep, round 2 had just as brilliant conditions as round 1, and we rolled on to a finish around 3pm, with refreshments and the famous raffle ending the day.

Thank you all who pitched in to help, and special thanks to our photographers on the day – Dedicated Dave Milnes (who never lets us down and who took part in a Legends heat with Rob Armstrong), Kris Kumbier dodging fins and boards to get some great water shots, and a new Layback Legend for us – Steen Barnes, a fabulous professional photographer who has joined this year with his very talented surfer Grom son Gwil! He even flew a drone and got some amazing shots of our 'secret spot'! What a day...

Once again the Groms were a treat to watch, especially our 'Sub Groms' – assisted (very) young surfers with some cracking shots of Aiden and Rhys with their respective Sub Grom surfers Alby and Lyla on the nose of their boards! This was a particularly cute heat, as both Alby and Lyla insisted on wearing the pink shirts!!

The blessings of Huey were upon us on this day!

Laybacker of the Month for March (presented at April PS) – Darcy! Well done and thank you from all of us!

Groms Division Boards and Open Division Board Lengths

We love having a strong Groms division, it's the future of the club of course, and these young surfers have an incredible opportunity to learn from our members, not just great surfing skills, but also a great attitude in the water.

One of the ways our groms get better on longboards is to use long boards of course, and although this is not significant for our Sub Groms and really little Groms, its worthwhile getting our bigger Groms used to 9 foot plus boards, particularly for some of the 'youth' Groms who are taller than most adults!

But its also worth noting that in the Open Division, where some of our older Groms take part, all boards must be 9 feet or bigger. So if a Grom wants to have a crack in Opens, which they can, they need to be on the right size board.

Ok, that's it for me, other than to mention...The STOMP! April 13th, and this year they scored, according to Napper and Scotty, and there is an article from Napper in this edition, plus some more fantastic pics of the event!

COMING UP - CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE ON STAR WARS DAY - SUNDAY MAY THE 4TH!

We hope we get a great rollup of Laybackers for this special event. Come for the 6am set up, and especially make sure you register by 6.30am as our intrepid Tally Master Andrew Wilson needs to seed you all into the divisions, which are:

- A Division
- B Division
- C Division
- Ladies
- Groms
- Over 60s

(Note – No Old Mal Divison)

ANY PAST WINNERS OF THE PERPETUAL TROPHIES – PLEASE BRING THEM ALONG SO WE CAN DISPLAY THEM (you can take them home again as they are yours until the end of the year Presso Night)

See you all in the waves!
Andy (Dear Leader)

Round 3



5.45am shots - showing some nice clean conditions and that we were in for a fun day of Waves!



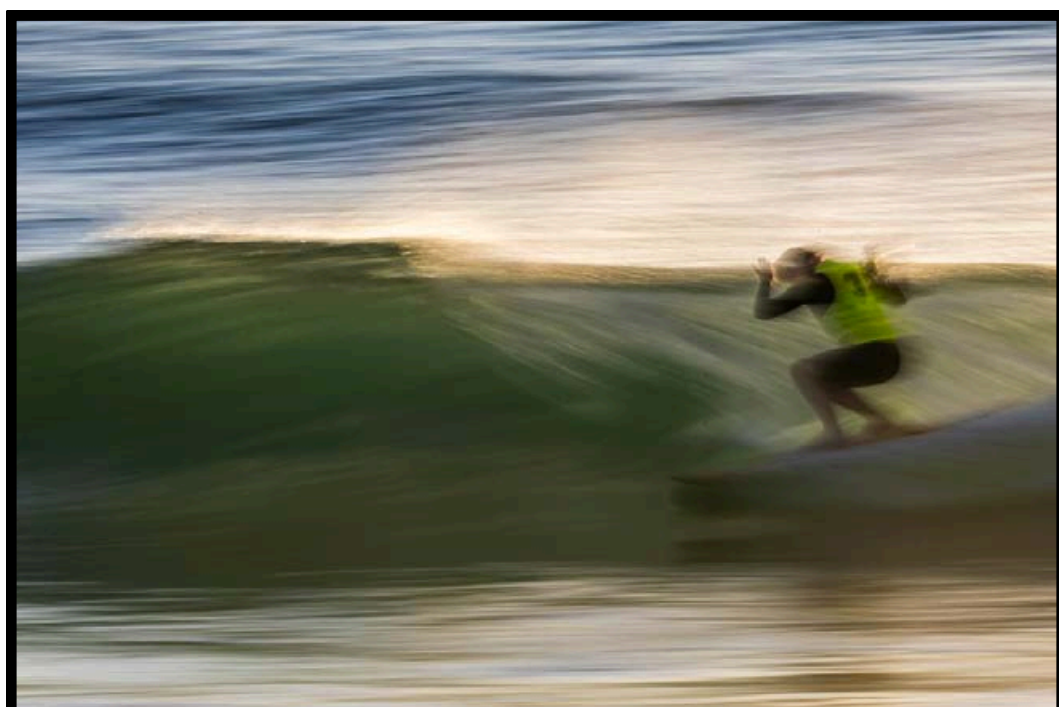
Thanks to Dave Milnes as always for shooting pics of us each round, but a special thanks to Steen Barnes From @16images for the pics that are shown on pages 6 to 10 - great to have you around and hope to see you again, and also to Kris for the water shots!

*As the first heat
kicked off!*

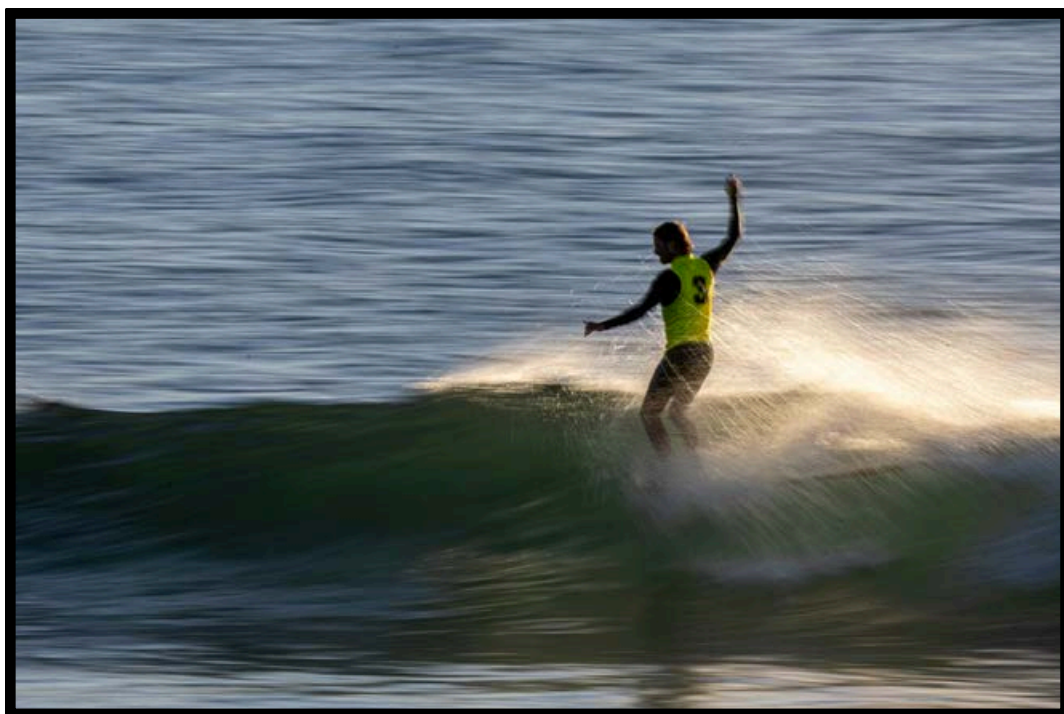


*Mr Late to the 1st heat
party Aidan, but he still
got some sick ones!*

*Caelan was certainly
feeling it!*

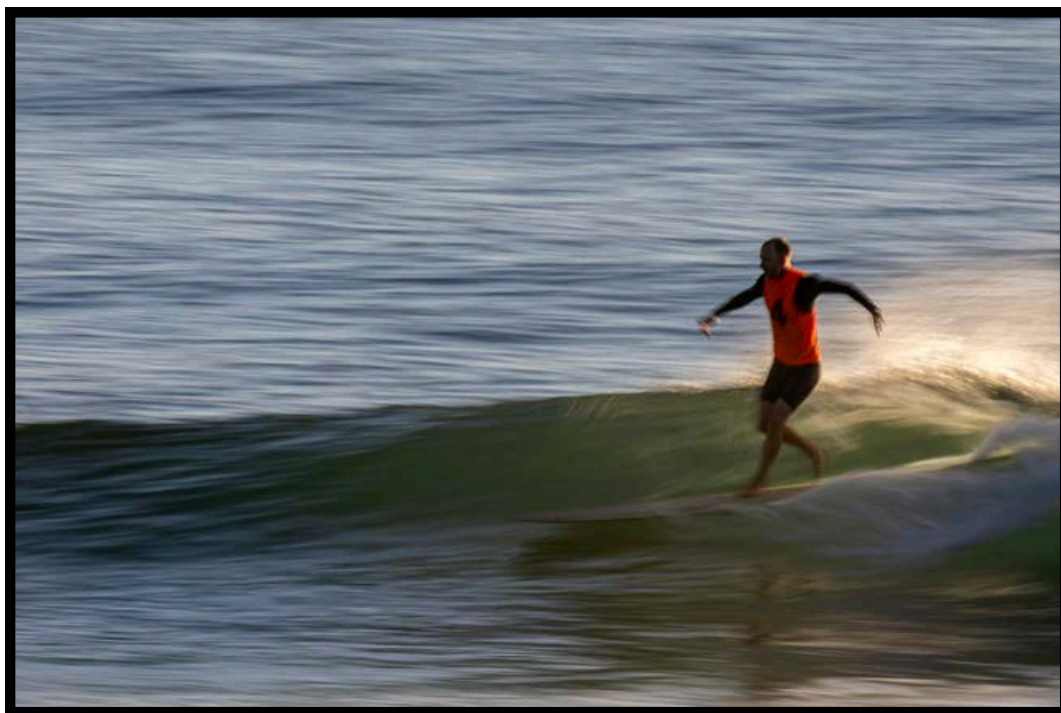


*Yup, that's me!
The Editor!
More self promotion!
As barrelled as I'll
ever get on my '66 Hansen*



*Caelan was shredding in
the first olds heat!*

*Kris backpeddling out
of a sick
Bellza section.*





*Model ? Nah!
Just our fearless leader
Andy!*



*Father and Son!
Dave & Lance*



*Where who wins and who
loses is decided!
The Judges Tent!*



*Ruby, always finding
the good ones!*

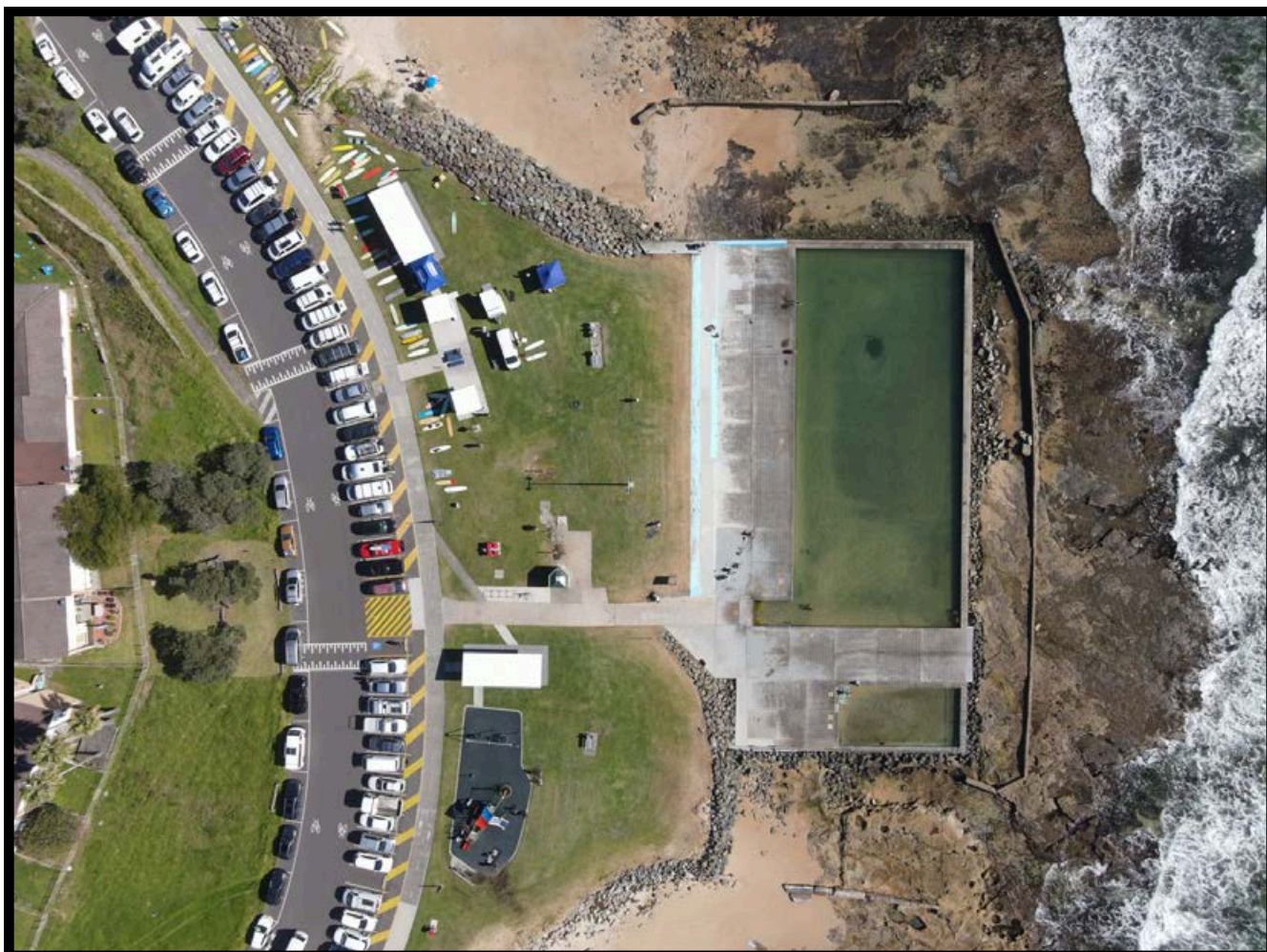
*Legend Dave Milnes swapping
out his camera gear for
some Saltwater Therapy!*



Rhys & Lyla on a tear!



BELLAMBI in all her glory!



Water shots from Kris!

*Caelan, again!
Inset - he was absolutely
frothing at how many good
waves he was getting!*



*Dropknee style!
Jaznap!*

*Yeti, in his words,
doing nothing critical!
Just cruising and having fun!*





*Daniel finding a bit
of tip time!*



*Rhys staring down an unusually
long Bellambi wall!*



*Janne as always with a smile!
Kris woulda been in
trouble if he didn't
get a sneaky pic!*

Dave Milnes Round 3 Pointscore Shots!



Yup! That's me again, as Bryce says Pretzelling myself, and about to get a cover up on my Old Mal in heat 1 of the day.

Pat wheeling the old girl around into some early morning Bellamb i goodness!



Donna locked in tight and throwing some spray!



Scotty has still got it, freshly retired and his surfing is showing it!

Ruby, a newsletter regular, always making it look good! Cutting back with style!



That's Jarret, Again! Perched!



Koa in the curl of a head high one!



Lumbo getting down low on his old ironing board D Fin!



*Aidan being Aidan, finding the best waves!
He was locked in for 5 seconds easily on this one!*

Deano's Memorial Comp Pics



AND LET THERE BE STOMP- APRIL 12TH , 2025

I never sleep well the night before a comp. With the charts predicting a 0.9m swell at a 4.6s period, it was especially disturbing to here Easties lapping on the shore at 3am. If I can hear that from bed, it's going to be flaaaaaaat.

Driving around to Bellambi, down Robert Cram Drv I was greeted to the pre-sunrise view over the groyne and behind it, not a ripple... Would the STOMP be as predicted less than 24hrs earlier, a series of paddle races and iron guts events, perhaps an arm wrestle to decide a winner.

But no – pulling up into a park, a waist high set rolled in. The crew that had been there since dark praising the surf gods, as this was not a lone set.

The comp would be on and LET THERE BE STOMP!

The STOMP has a long standing reputation, much aligned to the philosophy of the National Old Mal Titles at Crescent each year, as being a celebration of old boards, traditional surfing and good vibes both in and out of the water.

Once again living up to the reputation, the stoke and sportsmanship in the water was one of the key elements commented on by all that took part. No matter where you sat out there, wide or inside, when the next wave came through that was yours – it was yours. No snaking, no dropping in, just good old fashioned surfing doing the talking. And talk it did! Bellambi turned on waist high peelers all day, light breezes and even an amazing free surfing bank down the beach that lit up all day long! The tide, though low, didn't affect things too much and wind was kind and offshore all day long. Perfect for Old Mal surfing.

Competitors ages are averaged out to create an 'Overs' and 'Unders' Greenough division for pre-1968 boards.

The median age this year being 38, splitting our own married team of Janne into the Unders and Kris into the Overs for the first time. The youngest competitor on the day, at 14, was Gwil Barnes and the most senior being Billy Morris at a few more birthdays than 14. Bill is a good friend and a wealth of knowledge when it comes to the history of 60's surfing, recalling a great story at the preso about a cinema at Crescent Head. It was on the sight of where the Tavern stands today and would play surf movies from time to time. Imagine that if it were still there today!



All Images By



Contest Director and Old Mal Legend
Jarret, on his way to claiming the Overs and
D Fin titles!

If a picture speaks a thousand words, then check out the photos of the day to really hear about what was going on. It really is a privilege to be a part of a surfing event with surfers that would not look out of place in 1964, 65, 66, 67 World Titles and would even give histories greatest surfers a run for their money on these old relics if we could travel through time.

A day like this doesn't operate without a team of people hopping in and taking care of all the little things to make it tick like clockwork. Too many to list and I don't want to miss anyone, but thank you so much for everything you do. It really makes the day enjoyable knowing there are so many hands on deck in the lead up and on the day. I really appreciate you.

As was mentioned earlier, there is an Overs and Unders Greenough division for boards made pre 1968 and post the D-Fin era. The D-Fin division is for boards made pre 1963. Things really started developing in Australia around 1964 and board design and fin design changed rapidly at this time. The next major development was 1968 - 1970, which is known as the Transitional era. The Transitional Division is where there are the Trackers and Vee Bottoms that took surfers to places on waves that longer boards never had before.

Lastly, we hold an Expression Session, for all surf craft pre 1980. The surfer that rides the best, on their chosen craft on that particular day is deemed the winner.

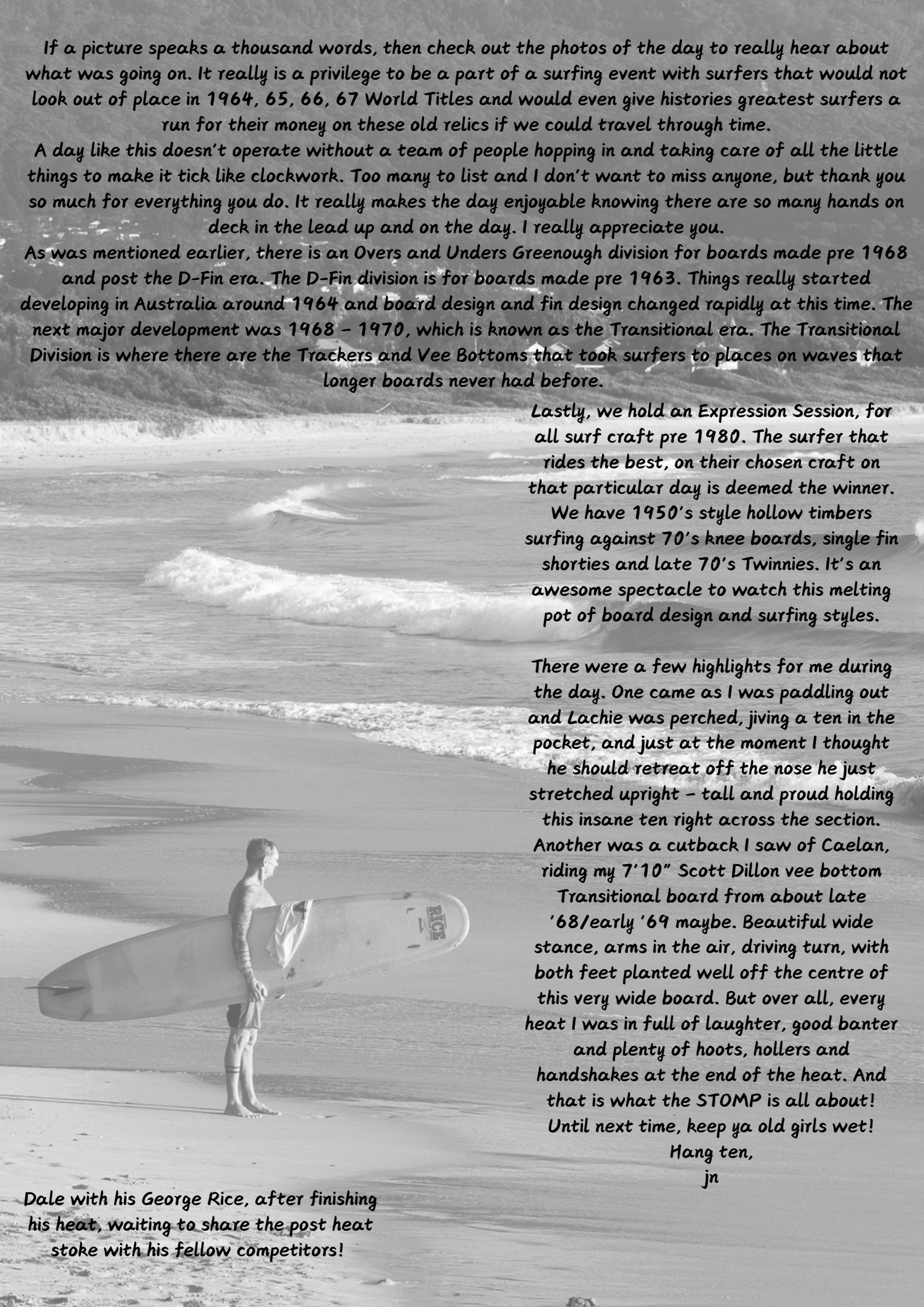
We have 1950's style hollow timbers surfing against 70's knee boards, single fin shorties and late 70's Twinnies. It's an awesome spectacle to watch this melting pot of board design and surfing styles.

There were a few highlights for me during the day. One came as I was paddling out and Lachie was perched, jiving a ten in the pocket, and just at the moment I thought he should retreat off the nose he just stretched upright - tall and proud holding this insane ten right across the section.

Another was a cutback I saw of Caelan, riding my 7'10" Scott Dillon vee bottom Transitional board from about late '68/early '69 maybe. Beautiful wide stance, arms in the air, driving turn, with both feet planted well off the centre of this very wide board. But over all, every heat I was in full of laughter, good banter and plenty of hoots, hollers and handshakes at the end of the heat. And that is what the STOMP is all about! Until next time, keep ya old girls wet!

Hang ten,
jn

Dale with his George Rice, after finishing his heat, waiting to share the post heat stoke with his fellow competitors!





*Caelan with a cutback
straight outta the 60's!*



*Lachy absolutely sparkling
on the tip!*



*Scotty hauling that big girl
around and about to take flight!*



Giorgia Eastment delicately navigating her way along the cleanest of Bellambi walls.

*Don't know many ladies who do it
better than Lara!
10 Little piggies over!*



*The other half of Bellza's Power
Surfing Duo, Aidan, who took
out the Unders and
the Expression session!*

*MasterBate junior (aka Tom)
with a dropknee his old man
would be proud of!*



*Jake Bevan locked in on
his backhand riding Yeti's
beautiful old Wallace.*

*The STOMPS youngest
competitor on the day, at
14 years old and with a
bright future, Gwil Barnes.*



POINTSCORE POINTS TALLY

Place	OPENS	Total	February	March	April
1	Lara Cashin	2860	1000	860	1000
2	Jarret Napper	2590	1000	730	860
3	Aidan Cashin	2462	1000	1000	462
4	Pat Tarrant	1888	1000	488	400
5	Scott Downing	1868	555	583	730
6	Caelan Dixon	1583	1000		583
7	Dale McCombie	1555	390	555	610
8	Kris Kumbier	1500	1000		500
9	Ewan Butterworth	1478	555	395	528
10	Gareth Smith	1425	450	610	365
11	Andrew Wilson	1420	555	390	475
12	Rhys Maher	1356	390	528	438
13	Daniel Potaczala	1343	555	413	375
14	Glenn Moore	1340		670	670
15	Mark Cristallo	1325	450	450	425
16	Ruby Mulquin	1270	390	325	555
17	Adam Morgan	1245	360	500	385
18	Russell Gray	1237	450	462	325
19	Justin Bevan	1210	555	340	315
20	Damian Castles	1175	360	475	340
21	Dear Leader	1165	332	438	395
22	Greg Cashin	1095	360	355	380
23	Cameron Warren	1057	360	375	322
24	Andrew Martin	1020	360	325	335
25	Erica Warren	1012	332	335	345
26	Bryce Caine	1005	555		450
27	Janne Schwarck	938	450		488
28	David Cragg	820	450	370	
29	Rob Lumby	815		425	390
30	Dermot Holmes	773	360		413
31	Rick Taylor	770		400	370
32	Ari Sewell	722	390	332	
33	Phoebe Maher	705	0	350	355
34	Gwil Barnes	699	390		309
35	Koa Tarrant	697		365	332
36	Zane Wilson	685		325	360
37	Gemma Glover	664		345	319
38	Shantel Dalgarno	450	450		
39	Karla Hayes	390	390		
40	Jim Robinson	385	0	385	305
41	Jake Moore	380		380	
42	Jakke Percy	360		360	
43	Damian Rice	350			350
44	Fred Jaeger	332	332		
44	Rob Morgan	332	332		
44	Rick Debour	332		332	312
47	Callan Oaten	329			329
48	Peter Scrine	302			302

Place	Old Mal	Total	February	March	April
1	Aidan Cashin	2730	1000	1000	730
1	Lara Cashin	2730	730	1000	1000
3	Dale McCombie	2720	860	1000	860
4	Jarret Napper	2583	1000	583	1000
5	Justin Bevan	2580	860	860	860
6	Scott Downing	2470	860	610	1000
7	Bill Morris	2450	860	730	860
8	Adam Morgan	2140	610	670	860
9	Andrew Wilson	2070	730	610	730
9	Brad Hurst	2070	670	670	730
11	Daniel Potaczala	2026	583	860	583
12	Russell Gray	2025	610	555	860
13	Caelan Dixon	2000	1000		1000
14	Rhys Maher	1950	670	610	670
15	Mark Cristallo	1895	670	555	670
16	Bryce Caine	1730	1000		730
17	Glenn Moore	1670		670	1000
18	Rob Lumby	1470		860	610
19	David Cragg	1460	730	730	
20	Kris Kumbier	1400	730		670
21	Pat Tarrant	1340	0	730	610
22	Janne Schwarck	1313	583		730
23	Damian Castles	1253	0	583	670
24	Andrew Martin	1220	610	0	610
25	Zane Wilson	1165		555	610
26	Shantel Dalgarno	670	670		
27	Cam Warren	610			610
28	Jim Robinson	583		583	670
28	Damian Rice	583			583

PLACE	Groms	Total	February	March	April
1	Oscar Wilson	2260	730	860	670
2	Blaine Tierney	2145	860	730	555
3	Koa Tarrant	2000		1000	1000
4	Lyla Maher	1890	610	670	610
5	Albie Cashin	1803	610	610	583
6	Gwil Barnes	1730	1000		730
7	Sophia Dawson	860			860
8	Pippa Napper	670	670		0
9	Callan Oaten	528			528

Place	O60'S	Total	February	March	April
1	Bill Morris	2500	1000	500	1000
2	Brad Hurst	2260	860	730	670
3	Rob Wilson	2080	610	860	610
4	Peter Wilson	2015	730	555	730
5	Gary Hoban	2003	1000	528	475
6	Darcy Perry	1860	860	1000	
7	Garry Parker	1803	610	610	583
8	Greg Nicholls	1753	670	583	500
9	Andrew Farago	1590	730		860
10	Daniel Oaten	1225		670	555
11	Donna Brown	1198	670		528
12	Mark Cocks	976		488	488
13	Mark Pavitt	583	583	0	0
13	Mark Harris	583	583		
14	Garry McKay	462		0	462

Place	Ladybacks	Total	February	March	April
1	Ruby Mulquin	3000	1000	1000	1000
2	Erica Warren	2200	610	730	860
3	Phoebe Maher	1530	0	860	670
4	Donna Brown	1340	730		610
5	Gemma Glover	1253		670	583
6	Karla Hayes	860	860		
7	Sofia Dawson	730			730
8	Sian Napper	670	670	0	0

Place	Legends	Total	February	March	April
1	Dave Milnes	1720	860	0	860
2	Brian Bull	1000	1000		0
2	Rob Armstrong	1000	0		1000
4	John Young	0			
4	Barry Monte	0	0		0
4	Grahame White	0			
4	Kev Napper	0	0		
4	Mark Cocks	0	0		
4	George Kennedy				
4	Hoppo				

2025 CALENDAR

August - Sunday 3rd - Pointscore
Saturday 9th - Mollymook Charity Classic

May - Sunday 4th - Club Championships
22nd - 25th - Crescent Head Classic

September - 12-14th - Crescent Old Mal
Sunday 21st - Pointscore

June - Sunday 1st - Pointscore

October - Sunday 12th - Pointscore

July - Saturday 5th - Laybacks Winter
Classic

November - Sunday 2nd - Pointscore
Saturday 22nd - Presentation Night
Sunday 30th - SANTA SCORE



Andrew Farago whipping into a nice one on his
trusty old Skipp back at a 2010 Pointscore

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