

ICONIC SURF EVENT CONTINUES TO IMPRESS



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THE 3 POINT CHALLENGE IS ON AGAIN, WITH OVER 800 COMPETITORS TAKING PART IN THIS ICONIC BEACHES EVENT.

Saturday 6th December 2014

FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS, THE FIRST SATURDAY IN DECEMBER HAS BEEN SYNONYMOUS WITH ONE OF THE MOST UNIQUE COMMUNITY SPORTING EVENTS ON THE NORTHERN BEACHES.

Hosted by North Curl Curl Surf Life Saving Club as a major fundraiser for its surf patrol and rescue services, this unique event has its origins way back to the 1980's when the club used to have a 3 Pools race.

From its humble beginnings, the race originated as a fitness run and swim for surf carnival competitors and club members as a training exercise for the surf carnival season.



3 POINTS CHALLENGE & OCEAN SWIM

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2014

Today the event attracts athletes from all over the country and overseas, to tackle the oceans off North Curl Curl, South Curl Curl and Freshwater beaches. Not to mention the sand dune terrain and killer soft sand run towards the finish line. Also kicking off of the day's activities, a separate 2km Ocean Swim which some participants use as a warm up to the main event.

As well as raising funds to support the surf club's patrol and rescue service, more recently the event has partnered with the Starlight Children's Foundation, and used the opportunity to urge participants to sign up and be sponsored for their effort.

If you are willing to take on the Challenge, mark your calendar for Saturday 6th December, visit the club's website at www.nthcurlcurlslsc.com.au and sign up. Otherwise, make sure you get down to the beach on the first Saturday of summer, and watch the spectacle unfold. ■

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SPRING FAIR

Sunday 16th
November 2014

PUT ON FOUR SEASONS IN ONE DAY



Piggy with Steve "Beaver" Menzies who was manning the sausage sizzle

Photography: Mel Carson & Kasey Kaye



As the sun came out, so did over 3,000 locals who were lining up for fairy floss, sausage sizzles, watermelon and lemonade.

The rides kept the students occupied while mum and dad cruised the market stalls, and the kindy-farm, sponsored by Harbord Vet Clinic and the Bendigo Bank Piggy kept the littlies entertained, while the school band performances impressed grandparents all round.

Organiser, Jo Smith said, "The day was absolutely brilliant!

"With the rain, it was a scary start, but it's been one of the most successful fairs the school has hosted for a long time."

As the wind came up in the afternoon, many stalls had to batten down the hatches and eventually close up as gusts threatened to blow canopies away.

Even so, it's estimated the school community was able to raise over \$30,000 which will go towards outdoor learning spaces and school grounds and landscaping to complement new building works planned for the western edge of the grounds in coming months. ■

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NOTHING COULD STOP THE HARBORD PUBLIC SCHOOL FROM PUTTING ON ANOTHER GREAT SHOW SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER.

With three weeks of persistent rain leading up to the original fair date, scheduled for late August, the fair was postponed at the last minute.

Twelve weeks later, organisers, and students alike were rather concerned to wake up to more wet weather on the Sunday morning, but continued on regardless with setting up stalls and rides for a day of fundraising.

With over 1,100 students attending Harbord Public School, there were literally thousands of family volunteers who contributed to the day.

Organisers, Suellen Dennehy, Heather Lawson and Jo Smith wanted the fundraising event to follow an 'old school', traditional theme, where tombola stalls, 'hook-a-duck' and the chocolate wheel kept fair-goers entertained with a chance to win the many donated prizes.

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Spring Fair fun for students, stall holders and visitors to Harbord Public School



Photography: Denise Sheppard

Wendy Hannam, Secretary Manager of the Harbord Bowling Club, says, "It's a great way to get people out of the comfort zone of their preferred sport of choice, meet other active sports people whilst having a go at bowls.

"Although the scene is more social than competitive bowling – the rivalry is impressive and the clubs come back each year to improve their game and have a good laugh."

Bringing the clubs together is another way the Harbord Bowling Club supports these usually smaller sporting groups. As a major sponsor for these groups, the Club joins the likes of Bendigo Bank Freshwater, who are providing the much sought after prize money, as another example of local business supporting local sport and other community initiatives.

The Interclub Challenge will run on Sunday afternoons starting November 16th for four weeks, with live entertainment and refreshments in the Club afterwards. Come down and cheer on your favourite local team! ■

NORTHERN BEACHES IS HOME TO NUMEROUS SPORTING CLUBS OF VARYING CODES – AND ONE CLUB IS BRINGING THEM TOGETHER ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON, FOR FOUR WEEKS, FOR THE ANNUAL INTERCLUB CHALLENGE.

Harbord Bowling Club hosts this unique event to bring local clubs, who otherwise would not mix together, in a fun and competitive atmosphere and out of their normal club environment and sporting forte.

Over four weeks, sports people from various clubs including Swimming, Soccer, Cricket, Fishing, Longboarders, Rugby League and Golfers will be bowling it out on the green to claim victory in this fiercely competitive challenge.

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