



## Winner's title could be yours in 3 Points

Record numbers are expected to compete at this year's 3 Point Challenge. Event Organiser, Louis Tassone says, "Online entries have been steadily increasing since they first opened on October 1st, and we estimate close to 1000 competitors will make the trip to North Curlly for this year's event."

Organisers are facing plenty of logistical challenges to ensure this year's event runs as smoothly as possible, continuing to promote a positive experience for both competitors and the large number of spectators who come to watch.

With the support of Freshwater **Community Bank®**, the race will once again be using the Multi Sport timing chips system to provide accurate placing and timing for each competitor. This also allows the beginning of the race to be split into waves and avoid a crush at the starting line.

Two time 3 Points Champion Pete Jacobs will not be defending his title this year due to a clash with the West Australian Triathlon Championships, but plans to send protégée, Cameron Good along, will see the high level competition still on. In response, local



**Pete Jacobs leaves defending title open for slaughter**

Queenscliff rival Mitch Dean is expected to pull out all stops to get across the line first.

In the Ocean Swim, we hope to see last year's winner Luane Rowe back up to defend her crown. Rated as the world's number 1 female ocean swimmer, Luane will have stiff competition from her home Surf Club,

Bondi, with 15 year old sensation Lochie Hinds threatening to steal the limelight, following great form in a number of recent ocean swim competitions.

See you at North Curl Curl on Saturday 5th December for all the action. For more information visit: [www.nthcurlcurlslsc.com.au](http://www.nthcurlcurlslsc.com.au).

## Local Catholic school receives much needed funding

St John the Baptist Catholic School has been quietly developing over the last couple of years, with building improvements, and technology upgrades. With the assistance from the State Government as part of the education grants program, and a \$20,000 donation from Freshwater **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup>, they have been able to improve and increase class and library facilities and purchase new audio visual equipment for both the north and south campus of the school.

Principal Judy Slattery says, "We are a tight knit school community, and we exist on a smaller scale of student enrolments to be able to finance some of these improvements alone. Being a catholic systemic school means we do not charge 'private' school fees, giving access to local children to experience a catholic education without the associated costs".

Fundraising, as with most schools, is an important part of subsidising costs

for new equipment. Trivia nights, cake stalls & the biennial Spring Fair (which coordinates every second year with Harbord Public School), are all ways in which some of these funds are raised.

Kindergarten enrolments for 2011 total 30 students. Compared to Harbord Public School who are expecting 140 student enrolments next year, this number would appear small, although Judy says, "This enrolment is actually a record for the school and we have reassured staff and parents this class will have a full time teacher plus teacher's aide to maintain the teacher to student ratio".

St John the Baptist Catholic School received funding from Freshwater **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> as part of the 2010-2011 Community Grants Program. A total of \$50,000 has been allocated to education this financial year.

These grants will be presented to local primary and secondary schools in the area. Harbord Public School,

Freshwater Senior Campus and St Augustine's College have already received funding as part of this annual contribution.

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Principal Judy Slattery & Ken Ward

## Duke's Day dedicated to local environmental sustainability

Our symbolic grandfather of Australian Surfing is celebrating his anniversary this coming January.

Freshwater SLSC are holding the inaugural 'Duke's Day', an Environmental Expo, with Surfing Demonstrations, environmental workshops and Surf Swap and Sale.

Two very dedicated volunteers (both called Naomi!) represent SurfNomes a tireless duo who have been implementing projects to improve environmental sustainability for Freshwater Beach and its Surf Life Saving Club.

To date, SurfNomes have successfully helped the club by organising a Beach Clean, 'Freshen up Freshie', arranged installation of dual flush toilets, timed push button taps



and shower fittings and other water saving devices.

To further create awareness of sustainability, SurfNomes with generous support from Freshwater **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup>, Surfrider and Ecodivers will be hosting Duke's Day, on Saturday, January 15th from dawn till midday.

The event starts with a sunrise longboard surf and runs through till lunchtime, showcasing exhibits from local eco-trade, surfing movie archives, Hula Challenge and various surfing demonstrations, including the famous tandem surfing display made synonymous by The Duke with Freshwater's Isabel Letham.

2015 will see the 100th anniversary of Kahanamoku's Australian debut.

## sports &amp; entertainment

## God's Country hosts community surf event

With perfect weather, a small North East swell and a heavy sprinkling of current and ex professional surfers, the recent God's Country Teams Titles event at Long Reef was a huge success.

Competing were 96 surfers representing 11 clubs from Manly to Palm Beach. Using a unique tag team formula, teams consist of six surfers from various age groups. A challenging

dynamic that illustrated each club's depth and strength.

Final results saw North Narrabeen in first place, followed closely by Long Reef, Freshwater and Queenscliff.

Now that God's Country Teams Titles is a scheduled event for the annual surf calendar, next year's line up will be one to watch out for.



Surfing line-up saw a mix of age groups representing their clubs

## Upcoming Events

December

4th

**3 Point Challenge**, North Curl Curl Beach, from 7am. Registrar online at [www.northcurlcurlslsc.com.au](http://www.northcurlcurlslsc.com.au).

9th

**Manly Christmas Choral Concert**, Manly Oval. Gates open at 5pm for a 6:30pm start.

19th

**Christmas by the Beach and Carols by the Sea**, Ted Jackson Reserve, Dee Why Beach from 10am.

**Freshwater Carols by Candlelight**,

Freshwater Beach Reserve. BBQ from 6:30pm, Carols 7:30-8:30pm.

31st

**New Year's Eve** celebrations at Manly Cove and Collaroy Beach 6-9pm.

January

15th

**Duke's Day**, Freshwater Beach, from dawn.

16th

**Harbord Bowling Club Open Day Sausage Sizzle** from 11am. For more information visit [www.harbordbowlingclub.com.au](http://www.harbordbowlingclub.com.au) or phone 9905 4849.

26th

**Australia Day** Big Breakfasts (read *Local summer festivities* below for locations)

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## Local Summer Festivities

Summer is here and it's time to celebrate! Christmas is in full swing with season celebrations.

**MANLY** Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, Manly Council will host the annual Manly Christmas Choral Concert. With overtures from Northern Beaches Youth Orchestra and singing from a community formed choir. There will be children's entertainment and fireworks will complete the show at 8:30pm. This is an alcohol free event.

Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, New Year's Eve Fireworks will again be held at Manly Cove for families.

**DEE WHY** Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, will see Christmas celebrations from 10am - 8:30pm. Warringah Council is bringing Christmas festivities to Ted Jackson Reserve, Dee Why Beach. Featuring all day markets with over 40 stalls including fashion, homewares and children's gifts, enjoy a camel ride and the animal farm. At 3pm join in the kids Christmas concert featuring 'Go

Diego Go' and don't miss the visit from Santa Claus! You can sing-a-long with Carols by the Sea starting at 5pm.

**FRESHWATER** Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm. Celebrate Carols by Candlelight at Freshwater Beach Reserve, with Quiz Worx puppets, surf club sausage sizzle, and Freshwater **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup>'s MEGA Christmas Raffle.

**COLLAROY** Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, will introduce New Year's Eve Fireworks at Collaroy Beach reserve. Grab your picnic blanket and enjoy the roving entertainment, free kids' activities, face painting and a spectacular fireworks display at 9pm.

**AUSTRALIA DAY 2011** Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, Big Breakfasts will be held at Ted Jackson Reserve, Dee Why Beach; Berry Reserve, Narrabeen and War Memorial Playing Fields, Forestville from 8am - 11am. Visit one of these event locations and enjoy a delicious hot breakfast Aussie style.

Entertainment will include thong throwing competitions, jumping castles, pony rides, flag raising ceremonies, vintage car and motorbike displays and live music. There's also a traditional ceremony at the Governor Phillip Lookout, Beacon Hill from 9am with billy tea and damper.



## 2010 MEGA Christmas Raffle raising funds for Bear Cottage

A Huge THANK YOU to all local businesses who are supporting this year's Christmas Raffle.

All proceeds will be donated to Bear Cottage Manly, who provide invaluable support and a special environment for families who are caring for a terminally ill child.

Our prize pool, now valued at over \$4,000, a \$650 Quiver Surfboard, Razor Scooters; Esky & Bevvie hampers; travel, restaurant, and fitness vouchers; and gifts donated by the local businesses of Freshwater. Tickets are \$1.00 each and available from Freshwater **Community Bank**®.

Raffle will be drawn at the Freshwater Christmas Carols, Freshwater Beach Park, Sunday December 19.



### THANKS TO THESE LOCAL BUSINESSES:

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| THE KITCHEN DOOR         | BAKERS DELIGHT     |

## Meet Your Community



Gavin from Beachwheels

**Gavin "The Rock" Stanford**  
Beachwheels

**What's the best part about living in Freshwater?** Knowing your community, the pub, the beach and the gym – It's all LOCAL!

**Finish this sentence: I often wonder...**  
Why I am not a movie star!

**What is your most treasured possession?** My family.

**If you could do anything in the world you would...** Have a big night out with PINK.

**What sporting code do you support?**  
Rugby League.

**Who was the last person you spoke to?** Sandy at the bank...

**What is your guiltiest pleasure?**  
[This answer was not able to be printed] – Ed.

**Finish this sentence: A broken heart is...** A change for a new beginning.

**If you could be anything in the world you would be...** A famous sports personality.

**What is your signature dish?** Lamb chops and three veg.

**What three guests would you invite to dinner?** PINK, The Rock (the original) and Cameron Diaz.



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