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NSSWE beating to the sound of new drums

A new partnership has formed between Northern Sydney Symphonic Wind Ensemble (NSSWE) and Freshwater Community Bank® Branch of Bendigo Bank, who have donated \$73,157, allowing NSSWE to purchase an impressive range of high quality, professional standard percussion and large woodwind instruments for the ensembles to use in rehearsals and performances.

These instruments will provide a quality and range of sound which is rarely available to youth ensembles, and will be appreciated by both students and audiences.

This is the largest single donation ever made by the Freshwater Community Bank® to a community group, and NSSWE is very proud to receive such a strong endorsement of its program and the value it contributes to the local community.

Trevor Sargeant, Chairman of Harbord Financial Services Limited, the company behind Freshwater Community Bank® says, "We hope to see NSSWE evolve as a cultural institution which opens doors for student musicians of Northern Sydney to further develop skills with professional mentoring and invaluable experience performing, in a supportive and creative environment."

NSSWE is the brainchild of Artistic Director, Patrick Brennan, who has worked with several high profile Australian Orchestras and is currently Director of Bands for some local schools including The Forest High School and Barrenjoey High School. He says, "This donation has given NSSWE the ability



NSSWE Percussionists Elise Lieberman and Roscoe Frazier are excited to use the new Timpanis

to work independently utilising professional quality instruments in a fully functional orchestral percussion section. This allows all our ensembles to achieve the very best sounds possible."

NSSWE was founded in 2010 with the aim of providing extension and quality musical development for all public or private school students who play woodwind, brass

and percussion in their school band programs.

The ensemble has since expanded rapidly, and in 2012 NSSWE will include over 200 musicians across a program of 4 wind ensembles and 4 stage bands. Ensembles are streamed according to age and proficiency, and entry is by audition. For more information visit: <http://nsswe.org.au>.

Annual Piano Competition attracts more musicians each year

The St Augustine's, Bendigo Bank Freshwater, Annual Piano Competition was held Thursday the 3rd November, 2011.

The inaugural St Augustine's Piano Competition was held in 2008 to high critical acclaim and three years on, competition saw an influx of competitors and higher level of proficiency amongst the student musicians.

Performing solo repertoires in a demanding concert setting, the boys displayed discipline and courage, to a full audience in the Lecceto Auditorium, at St Augustine's College,

With Junior and Senior divisions, prizes included a private one hour lesson with Mr Gerard Willems, renowned concert pianist and Associate Professor of Piano Studies at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music.

The private tutorial will be followed by a masterclass directed by Mr Willems and will be offered to all performance students of the College. He will discuss the various aspects of preparation and performance as well as technique and interpretation.

Congratulations to Harry Grant, Year 10, winner of the Senior Division and David Brown, Year 7, winner of the Junior Division.



Main: Chris Vaccaro performs a solo repertoire in the Lecceto Auditorium
Inset: Piano Competition Winners, David Brown (Yr 7) & Harry Grant (Yr10)

Manly to Freshwater first World Surfing Reserve in Australia

To mark the dedication of the Manly - Freshwater National Surfing Reserve (NSR), a ceremony was held on Saturday 29th of October 2011. With dignitaries unveiling the plaque and sandstone surfboard sculpture, it represents the first of its kind in Australia.

The day began with a traditional Indigenous smoking ceremony by Uncle Max, speeches by local Mayors and a welcome BBQ lunch provided by Warringah Council and hosted by the Freshwater Surf Life Saving Club.



Mike Baird MP, Stephen Bennett, Julie Sutton, Mayor Michael Regan, Mayor Jean Hay & Prof. Andrew Short

Nominated back in 2010, Manly – Freshwater NSR is one of the country's most popular surfing hot-spots. Steeped in history, it joins other nominations from around the country including Maroubra, Angourie, Crescent Head, Cronulla, North Narrabeen and Margaret River (to name a few).

In accordance with the World Surfing Reserve Organisation, to be considered for 'Reserve' status an area must have *'a very rich history and surf culture, coupled with its consistent and quality surf with waves always in abundance, to be enjoyed by past, present and future generations'*.

Freshwater has a strong and sacred surfing history and is home to the world's most famous surfing demonstration by Hawaiian, Duke Kahanomoku in the summer of 1914-1915.

Duke's demonstration on Freshwater Beach popularised surfing in Australia and the club still proudly owns and displays the very board Duke rode that summer.

Freshwater Surf Life Saving Club was established in 1908 and has a strong history as one of the first surf clubs on Sydney's Northern Beaches. The club is proud to have 'no lives lost' since beach patrols began.

For more information about World Surfing Reserves visit: www.worldsurfingreserves.org.

To celebrate our surfing history, get down to Duke's Day at Freshwater Surf Life Saving Club on Saturday 14th January, 2012.

Lucas Neill returns to home turf

Article courtesy of J Toivonen at MWFA
Photography - Aidan Ormond

Lucas Neill has presented Jack Green as the sixth winner of the Lucas Neill Scholarship in 2011.

Green, a left footed striker/attacking midfielder, has just completed his season in the under 16s at Manly United, and will get the chance to trial at professional football clubs in January. The prize also includes boots and clothing from Nike, a Sony video-camera and \$500 spending money courtesy of Freshwater **Community Bank**[®] branch of Bendigo Bank.

The Lucas Neill Scholarship was founded in 2006, and was first awarded to now-Newcastle Jets striker Chris Payne. It provides the award winner with the opportunity to experience life as a professional footballer and trial at top football clubs in Europe and the UK, which in the past has included West Ham, Everton, Charlton, Blackburn, Leeds United, Galatasaray and Ipswich Town.

Neill, who presented the award the morning after he led Australia to a 3-0 win over Oman, said that the continuation of his scholarship is something that he's very proud of.

"The scholarship creates a pathway and an opportunity for a young player to live the dream of being a professional footballer. I'm proud to be able to give



Lucas Neill and Jack Green at Cromer Park

Jack the opportunity to impress, and hopefully experience the things that I've been lucky enough to experience with football," Neill said.

He added, "Jack won the minor premiership with Manly this year. He scores plenty of goals but importantly, he's a very good team player. You can see he's got that twinkle in his eye and dreams of being a professional footballer, so I'm proud to be able to give him the chance to go over and just

have a crack at it."

Green was understandably excited at the announcement, and was eager to head over to Europe to test himself against some of the world's best young players.

"It's a massive opportunity to be able to go there and compete with the elite players in Europe. Lucas has been really generous to the club by sending players overseas to give it a go and I thank him a lot for the opportunity," Green said.

Harbord Seaside United FC is a community club

Harbord-Seaside United is YOUR local Football Club. With nearly 700 players of all ages and abilities, we've been giving people the opportunity to play the world game for over 40 years.

With a strong emphasis on Juniors and Sub-Juniors, they will benefit from the best in training facilities on the all-weather surfaces at the local KikOff Centre at Harbord Bowling Club, receive free tuition from the Brazilian Soccer Skills Academy and are overseen by our FFA Licensed accredited Coaching Director Paul Mulligan.

The Small Sided Game days the Club organises at Nolan's Reserve are a great platform for the budding stars of tomorrow to learn their skills, and most importantly have fun.

The assistance from Freshwater **Community Bank**[®] ensures that our

registration fees are kept to a minimum and quite uniquely for the local area, we don't charge extras for items such as shorts and socks – your child even gets a free kit bag to put it all in!

Next season promises to be even better, so there's never been a better time to come and play with HSU and see

how YOUR local Club and YOUR local Bank are helping YOUR community.

Harbord-Seaside United welcomes new & returning players for all age groups & divisions from U6 – O35's, for boys & girls, men & women. Registrations start in the New Year. To find out more, visit: www.hsufootball.com.au.



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God's Country calls locals to surfing mecca

God's Country again heralded all Northern Beaches Boardriders, with over 11 clubs (some with 2 teams) competing for the title at Long Reef.

Most clubs represented in teams with combinations of both 'up-and-coming' surfers and past and present professionals who tour the circuits.

The morning was greeted with a small but rideable 2ft swell, which teams surfed 4 heats through to the semi-finals. The finals saw Queenscliff Boardriders Club (QBC) taking the title, followed by Long Reef 2nd, North Narrabeen 'B' 3rd and North Narrabeen 'A' 4th.

Carl Musker, God's Country Event Organiser says, "QBC's standout surfers were Luke Cheadle and Ryan Alagich, and Long Reef's Steve Clements always performs well in these sorts of events".

Although taking 3rd & 4th spot,

Carl says of North Narrabeen, "... even with the likes of Nathan Webster, David Vlug, Christo Hall and Cooper Chapman, amongst their ranks [they] couldn't repeat last year's victory."

God's Country is hosted by Long

Reef Boardriders each year in November.

For more photos visit: www.surfphotosofyou.com.au and www.longreefboardriders.com.au or Facebook page **LRSA Long Reef**.



David Vlug could not protect God's Country title for Narrabeen

Community Christmas Spirit

Start stretching those vocal chords, dust of the Christmas shirt and don those festive hats and earrings, as our community drives headlong into the Christmas season.

This time of year seems to bring out the best and worst of us - for some, the dreaded Christmas shopping looms, for others, the sheer joy of Christmas decorations in all their forms are a reason to celebrate.

For the faithful, it is a time of piety and gratitude.

In all the ways we celebrate, amongst the hectic end of year commitments and obligations, there is also time to stop and reflect on our good fortune, the needs of others, and share our joy for life.

Amongst the many Christmas events, our local Freshwater Christmas Carols, on the 18th of December, are a wonderful way to share the spirit of Christmas with the community.

The Combined Churches of Freshwater host this harmonious event each year with the financial support of Freshwater **Community Bank**[®] branch of Bendigo Bank.

Starting with a BBQ at 6:30pm, families are fed and settling on the

grass.

Also hosted by the bank, the 2011 Freshwater Community Christmas Raffle is drawn at 7:20pm on the evening.

With over \$4,000 worth of prizes donated by local businesses of Freshwater and surrounding suburbs, the money generated from this raffle is donated to Bear Cottage, Manly, who provide invaluable support and a special environment for families who are caring for a terminally ill child. Pop into the Freshwater **Community Bank**[®] to get your tickets into the barrel.

Carol singing will commence at 7:30pm and go till 8:30pm, and will also include a puppet show from QuizWorx for the kids.

*Freshwater's 2011
Community Christmas
Raffle
and guessing competition*

visit Freshwater **Community Bank**[®] at 20 Albert Street
Freshwater to purchase your tickets for \$2 each.
Raffle will be drawn at Freshwater Christmas Carols

Over the Christmas Season:

- For some, Christmas can be a particularly sad time of year. If you are aware of a neighbour or anyone who has no family, or will be alone, give them call, visit them or consider inviting them over during the holiday season.
- If for some reason your own relationship has become distant with family members and close friends, consider making contact with them over Christmas.
- Christmas is an important time to donate to a charity which provides help to those less fortunate. A monetary or Christmas hamper donation would kindly received early, so that it can be used effectively to help those in need.

Community message on summer safety

Traditionally, the summer holiday period sees an increase in crime, particularly in beachside suburbs. Our laid back attitude and carefree lifestyles provide increased opportunities for criminals and dishonest persons.

Following are some basic tips which will help you protect your property and more importantly help protect your family and yourself over the summer months and beyond.

Remember, over the summer holiday period, a great deal of crime is perpetrated by young people on school holidays.

When going away

- Tell trusted neighbours how long you will be away and how you can be contacted in case of an emergency.
- Have a neighbour, friend or relative call by your house to water plants and check mail to give the house a lived-in appearance. Consider using a timer for lighting.
- Make sure all doors and windows are securely locked.

General home security

- Fit deadlocks for doors and key operated locks for windows. As the hot weather rolls in, and your doors and windows are partially opened for ventilation, use key operated locks for sliding windows, veranda doors & screens.
- If working or playing in the backyard, entertaining friends or just popping next door, lock up! It 's these seemingly impossible moments when perpetrators take advantage of a situation, enter a home and steal possessions.
- Encourage neighbours to look out for any suspicious activity in or near your house and to report any suspicious activity or incidents to the Police immediately. You do the same for them.

At the beach

- Be aware that thieves steal possessions from the beach and carparks, inside cars and sometimes the car itself. In some cases they watch people parking their car and then where they settle on the beach. If a bag is left unattended whilst in the water they can then steal the car keys.
- Never leave your keys on top of your tyre or under the bumper bar of your vehicle when parking in beach parking areas.
- Do not leave valuables 'in-view' inside the car.
- If you see somebody acting suspiciously in a beach parking area or on the beach itself report the matter to a lifeguard or beach inspector. Make a note of the person or persons' description.

Personal safety for children

- Frequently remind children that they should never go with a stranger if approached whilst playing in a park, in the street or at the beach.
- Children should be encouraged to report any incident involving a stranger to you immediately. This should always be reported to the Police.
- If older children (teenagers) are at home by themselves over the holiday period whilst parents are at work, make sure they know how to contact you and a trusted neighbour in case of an emergency.
 - Advise them to never open the door to a stranger or tell a caller on the phone or a person online that they are at home alone.

Personal Safety for Senior Citizens

- Keep security doors locked when answering the front door. Never let anybody into your house who you do not know well.
- Never let a stranger know that you are alone, or that you live alone.
- If walking in the street - be alert! Keep your handbag in front of your body. Know your local bus and ferry timetables.

Crime reporting

- If you see a crime in progress, ring **000** immediately.
- Always have the local Police Station number handy in your mobile or near your house phone [Manly ph) 9976 8099 Dee Why ph) 9971 3399].
 - Keep neighbour's phone numbers near your house phone.
 - If you see somebody acting suspiciously in or around your neighbour's home, ring and advise them. If your neighbour is not at home then advise the Police immediately.



Thank you to Pat Daley, author of, *The Neighbourhood and Small Business Crime Prevention Handbook*.

Pat has served the community for over 30 years in public relations and crime prevention positions in both the NSW Police Force and The Salvation Army and is an active member of Neighbourhood Watch



arts & community

Hands up in the air for Curly Sound Waves!

Photos & article courtesy of Vivienne de Rooy
@ Mavi Images

The weather gods blessed South Curl Curl Surf Life Saving Club's biennial fundraising event, Curly Sound Waves.

Over the past few years, the event has built a reputation as a wonderful family and community day full of great food (home-cooked by club members), great music (some home-grown and some with an international profile) and lots of fun for all.

This year had the added controversy of the Curly Mums Calendar. The

calendar, in which a brave group of South Curl Curl mums bare all for a good cause, had flown under the radar in previous years, but the 2012 edition unveiled heated community debate leading up to its launch at Curly Sound Waves.

Dragon's performance didn't disappoint - Generations were bridged as kids, parents and grandparents alike joined in the singing and dancing.

The organisation of the day is a real club effort that starts months prior and lead right up to the actual day.

Volunteers from both the Senior and Junior areas of the club put their hands up to do their bit, some well above and beyond the call of duty - but that's the spirit of South Curl Curl shining through.

The club rely on this community fundraiser every two years to help support annual club expenses and for 2012, purchase a new beach rescue vehicle.

Dragon lead crowd in Curly Sound Waves



Upcoming Events

December

Thursday 8th: Manly Council Christmas Choral Concert, Manly Oval. Gates open 5:30pm. Concert 6:30 - 9:30pm.
www.manly.nsw.gov.au/christmas-choral-concert or ph 9976 1500

Sunday 18th: Freshwater Christmas Carols, Freshwater Reserve, behind SLSC. BBQ at 6:30pm
Carols 7:30 - 8:30pm

Monday 19th-23rd: Mobile Blood Service, Dee Why RSL Club.

January

Saturday 14th: Duke's Day. Freshwater Surf Life Saving Club
6:30am - 12pm
<http://www.freshwaterslsc.com/events>

Thursday 26th: Australia Day Carnival, Freshwater Beach, craft, swim, beach & R&R events

Saturday 28th: Australia Day Carnival, Freshwater Beach, boat events

February

Saturday 4th: Manly Bombers Registration Day, driveway, Freshwater Community Bank
9:00am - 2:00pm

Saturday 11th: Manly Bombers Registration Day, driveway, Freshwater Community Bank
9:00am - 2:00pm

March

Sunday 4th: Barney Mullins Swim, Freshwater Beach, 10am
<http://www.freshwaterslsc.com/events>

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Freshwater's 2011 Community Christmas Raffle

and guessing competition

Over \$4,000 in prizes donated by these generous businesses of Freshwater and the local area

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Brook's Pharmacy	Freshwater Newsagency	HPL Lawyers	
Carolos Coffee	Freshwater Rose	La Piazzetta	
Cassidy's of Harbord	Freshwater Village	Michels Patisserie	
Deep Seafood	Butchery	Mitre 10	
Exclusive Tiles	Harbord Beach Hotel		

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Sunday 18 December, 7:20pm at
Freshwater Christmas Carols
Freshwater Reserve, Freshwater SLSC

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