


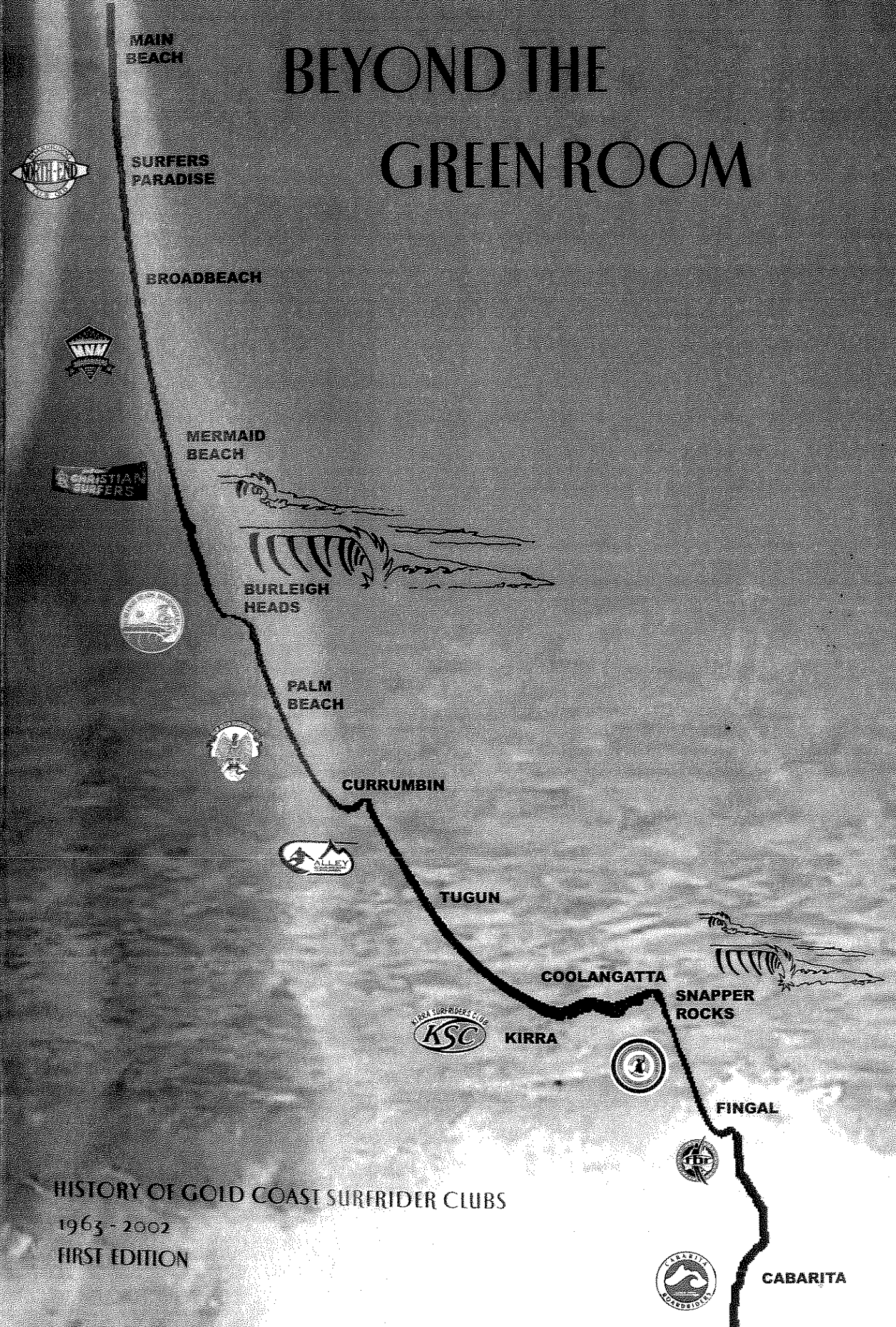
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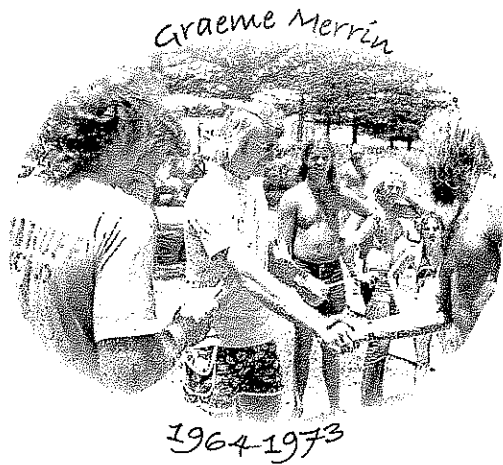
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# BEYOND THE GREEN ROOM



HISTORY OF GOLD COAST SURFRIDER CLUBS  
1963 - 2002  
FIRST EDITION





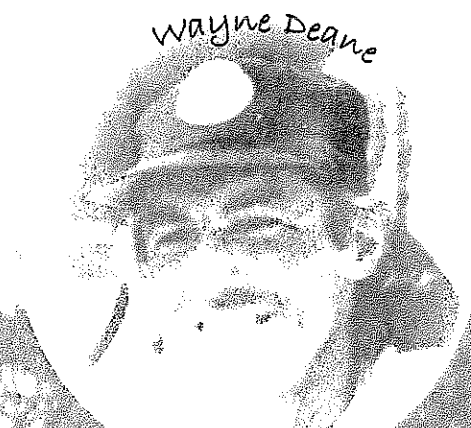
Graeme Merrin

1964-1973



Terry Baker

1973-1984



Wayne Deane

1984-1987



Wayne 'Rabbit' Bartholomew

1987-current

History records that in 1822 a British Colonial cutter named "HMS Snapper" captained by William Edwardson sailed through the "Pt Danger Shoals" as mapped by Captain Cook 52 years earlier, taking a west by northwest course to follow the shoreline of a huge bay [the Gold Coast].

The northerly tip of the volcanic rock outcrop of "Pt Danger" around which Cap'n Edwardson turned about is now known as SNAPPER ROCKS in tribute to that good ship. Captain Edwardson and his crew did not put to shore in this area as they had left their balsa malibu's back in South America. They were not happy because legend has it that on this day in 1822 the waves were cranking from behind the rock at Snapper Point and winding through to Cooly Beach.

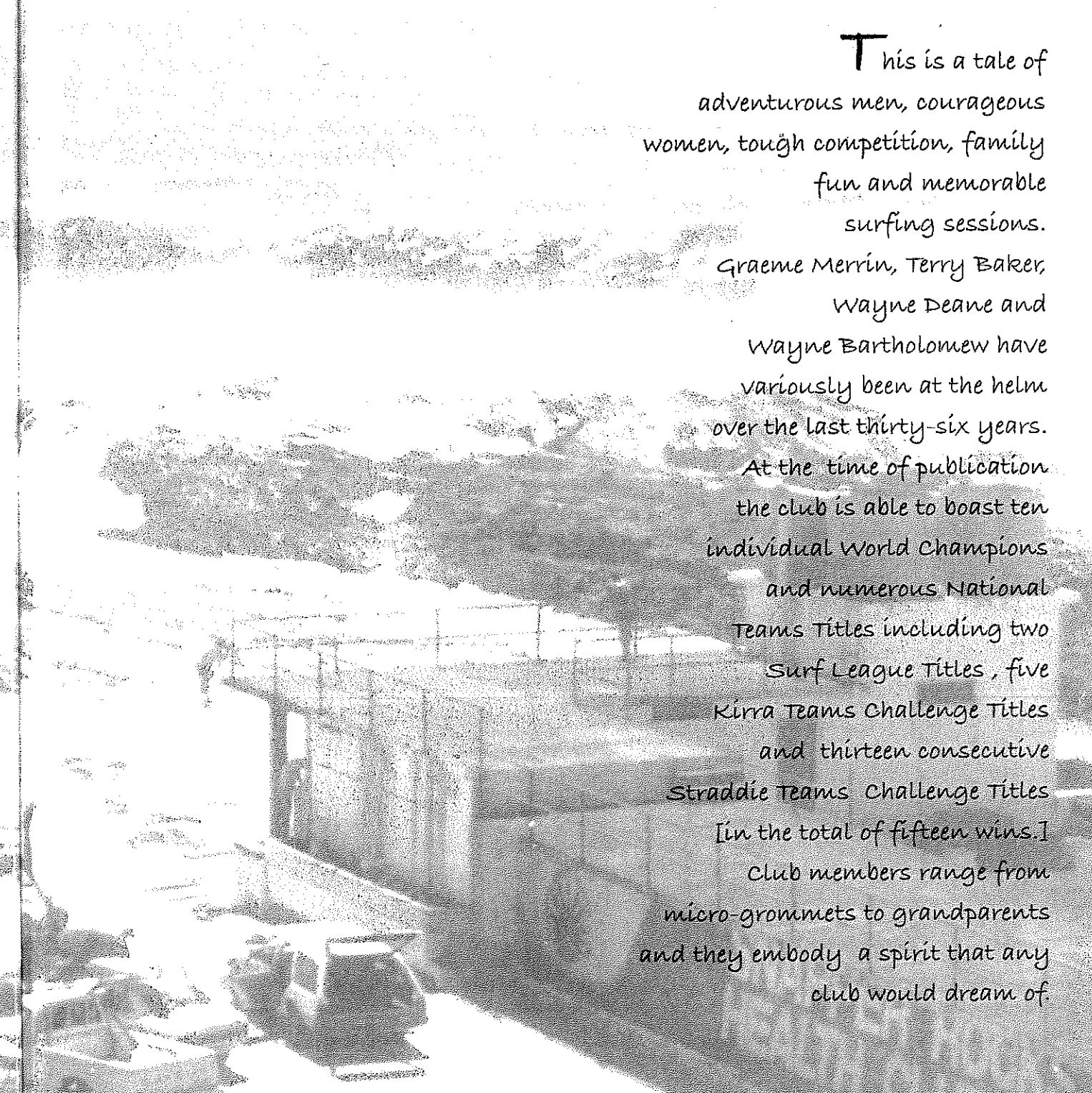
# From Humble Beginnings

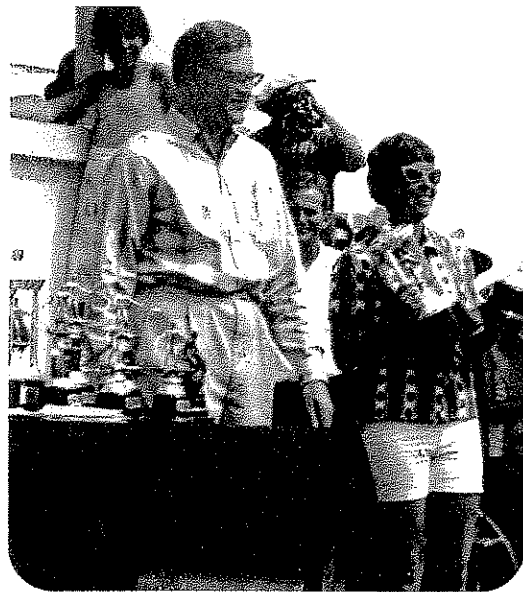
This is a tale of adventurous men, courageous women, tough competition, family fun and memorable surfing sessions.

Graeme Merrin, Terry Baker, Wayne Deane and Wayne Bartholomew have variously been at the helm over the last thirty-six years.

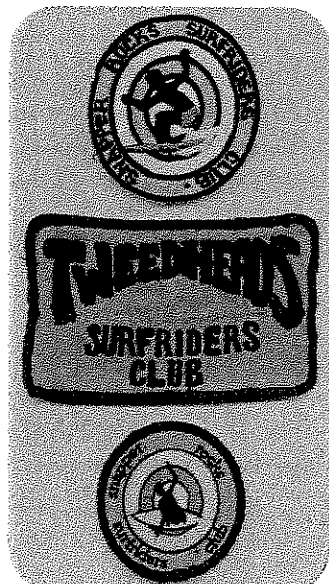
At the time of publication the club is able to boast ten individual World Champions and numerous National Teams Titles including two Surf League Titles, five Kirra Teams Challenge Titles and thirteen consecutive Straddie Teams Challenge Titles [in the total of fifteen wins.]

Club members range from micro-grommets to grandparents and they embody a spirit that any club would dream of.

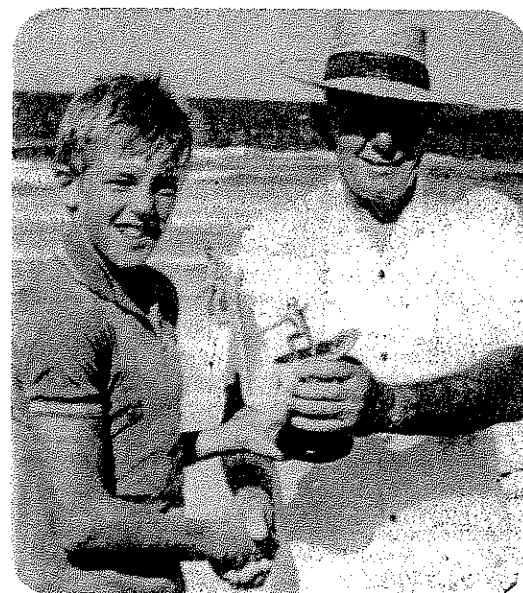




The 1st Old Titles 1964  
Phyllis O'Donnell 1st Place  
pic-Mal Sutherland



Proudly worn badges...  
top - original Snapper Badge  
middle - late '60-'73 badge  
bottom - current Snapper Badge



Club Patron-Sid O'Donnell presenting  
Wayne Deane with 1st in the Cadets at the  
Paradise Carnival, Surfers Paradise 1966.  
Photo Greenmount Studio.

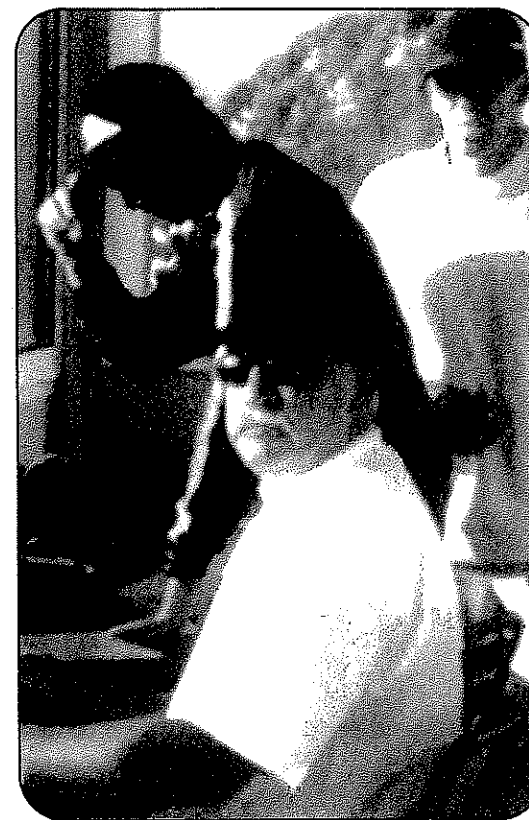
## The Early Years...

In the early years the club saw members come and go. The beaches of Coolie swarmed with sandies, side merchants and greasy haired rockers. About 100 surfers, mainly young men laid a really solid foundation and the club saw the first of the chicks join. Those black and orange board shorts were seen in the water at local club competitions. The Dolphin Contest, the Currumbin Surf-capades and the Paradise Carnival held at Surfers Paradise. These contest were often like surf club carnivals with paddle races and fun events like egg throwing contest.

One of the most impressive club members of this era was Jeff "Bully" Arnold who was often seen surfing Greenmount Point ripping up a five-foot swell on his 9'4" long board. About the same time Phyllis O'Donnell, also a Snapper Club member was being crowned the first World Womens Champion, it was 1964 [Go the Girls]. Other outstanding surfers in these early years were John "Snake" Sims, Wayne "Sav" Johnson, Terry Vardy, Jimmy "Jingles" Johnson, Wayne and Robye Deane, Robbie Pearce, Bill Flemming, Peter, Greg and Neil Turner, Jim "Thumb" Boyd and Terry Baker.

In attempt to find a home for Snapper Surfriders in the late sixties, an opportunity arose for the club to build a clubhouse at Duranbah Beach. Local businessman Sid Aspinal, a sponsor of local competition, instigated a New South Wales Government Grant. This facilitated a change in name and locale for Snapper Rocks Surfriders as they crossed the border. Tweed Heads Surfriders Club [formally known as Snapper] was the first in Australia to obtain a club house. Whilst this seemed like a good idea at the time, selling raffle tickets and raising money was far removed from the original idea of surfing for fun and many members drifted away and Graeme Merrin resigned as club president.

The clubhouse at Duranbah still stands as testament to the efforts of these earliest members. Pennants won in numerous paddle races SRSC still hung in the clubhouse in the '70's.



Terry Baker judging in France  
@ the 2000 Quiksilver  
Masters World Championships

"The fantastic feeling  
you get  
after a good surf is  
something only  
another can  
appreciate, a really  
close to nature  
experience."

Terry Baker

## ELEVEN YEAR PRESIDENCY BY TERRY BAKER

Founding member of SRSC Terry "Weeny" Baker, together with Bob Suiter, Geoff Darby, Bill and Peter Grant, Peter Bryant, Alan Miscamble and a few other's reformed the club at its original meeting place, in 1973.

SRSC appointed nationally famous surfer Peter Townend as its secretary. P.T. nominated his grommet cousin Geoff Milne who bought along his two mates Bruce Lee and Robbie Dorrough.

Others to follow soon after included Richard Dall, Micheal and Peter Jones, Todd Lee, Sean and Pat Riley and John Buttenshaw.

"Weeny" as few fondly referred to, was rock solid as the club's leader for eleven years, and had also established himself as one of the worlds first professional surfing judges

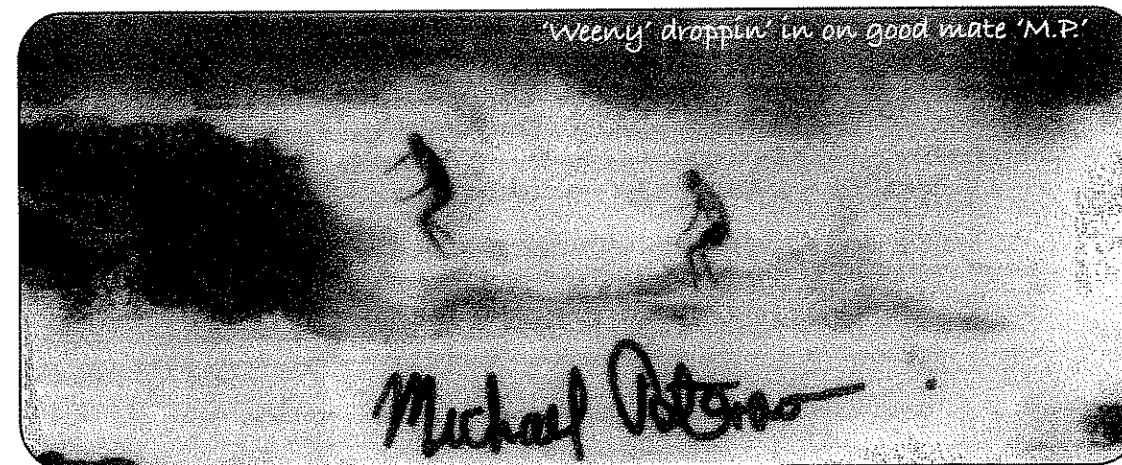
"Weeny" installed in SRSC's young members the importance of accurate and quality judging even during the smallest of club contests.

1973 to 1984 was a solid formative period for SRSC and champions such as Wayne Deane, Peter Bryant, Michelle Ducat, Glen "Rocky" Rawlings, Todd Lee, Sean Riley, James "Chappy" Jennings, Jason Buttenshaw, Donna Couch, Craig "Scat" Pitchers were all nurtured by "Weeny's" tuition.

Here Terry remembers some of the earlier club activity.

"My recollection of the club are many and quite often amusing, particularly in relation to the numerous weekend trips to compete with other clubs. The club had around 100 members and the mid 60's was a period of intense competition, both within the club and with other clubs along the coast.

If you were in the team your parents might let you go on the trips away, so every trip was an "important competition" and you would tell your parents you'd be letting the club down if you didn't go. Cars were always in short supply, much more so than now, and it was a case of load all the planks on top and pile in."



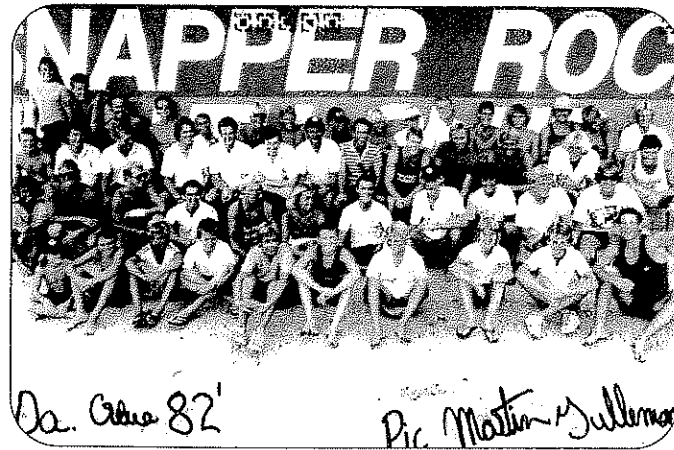
'Weeny' droppin' in on good mate 'M.P.'



To alleviate the lack of transport I went half share in an old Ford Consul with Bruce Glazebrook. The police would not let us drive it in Queensland so we had to park it near the R.S.L. club in Tweed Heads if we wanted to surf Greenmount & Snapper. The suspension was so worn that the car shook uncontrollably over 40 M.P.H. It wasn't long before the car was laid to rest in Bruce's back yard and the motor was put in a boat.

The driver of the decade award went to Jim 'Thumb' Boyd with his high speed slalom course through the pine trees at Greenmount car park and the resulting police chase through Coolangatta on Saturday night. There were five or six Snapper members in Jim's Kombi but unlike Jim they didn't spend the night in Coolangatta jail. The policeman involved was John 'Dicko' Dickinson, the "Terror of the Tweed".

There was also a rather extraordinary surfing trip in 1971, Joe Larkin, the Kirra board builder, took myself, Michael Peterson, Peter Townend, and Wayne 'Rabbit' Bartholomew to Bells. There was an intense rivalry between P.T. and M.P. and I'm sure Rabbit probably gave it a push now and again. We were camped at Merrimbula on the N.S.W. south coast and P.T. had turned Michael's board over and let all the wax melt off. The surf was good so Michael was furious and rubbed butter over the deck of P.T.'s board to get even. Rabbit and myself went surfing while they argued. P.T. was the first to succeed in major contest with a third place in the World Titles at San Diego in 1972,



Thanks must go to Surfing Companies like Quiksilver [Allen Green] for supplying our boardshorts, Mango [Don Munro], Kirra Surf [Peter Turner] and Pipedream [Murray Bourton]. Also many thanks to Bob and Helen Vandameer from Mundee's Kiosk and Bob and Lissy from the Jungle Hut who gave the club a home and a place to meet.

I feel fortunate to have been closely associated with a great bunch of people. Snapper is a family with a love of the ocean and the great waves at Snapper Rocks.

Terry Baker Sept 2000

"No one feels as comfortable as a Snapper Boy sitting behind the Rock. That's where the heart and soul of the Club is. It's our turf."  
Bruce Lee

Bruce Lee pullin' in at D'Bah



# PETER (PT) TOWNEND

MEN'S WORLD PROFESSIONAL CHAMPION 1976

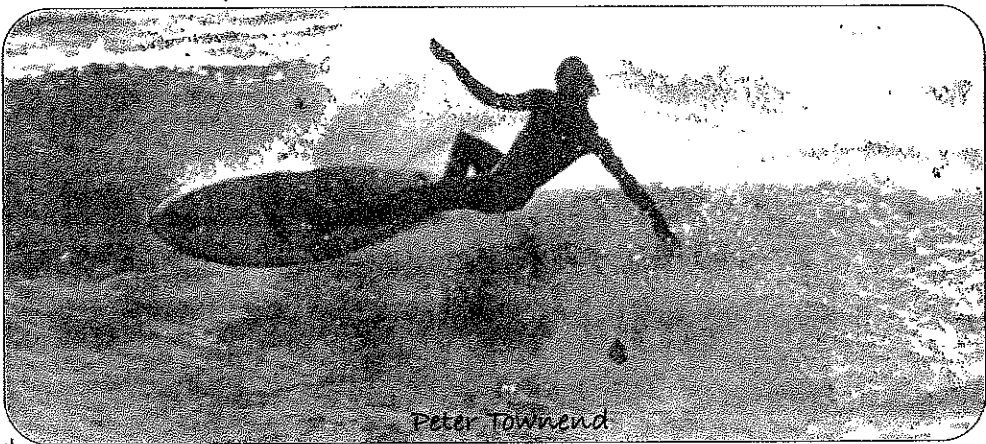


My earliest recollections of the club scene was the mid-sixties, when the original Snapper Rocks was rolling and my best surfing mate Alan Miscamble had become a member. He was already good enough to be part of the Merrin Surf Team, whilst I was still learning how to turn. Within a few years though I

had progressed enough to get invited to join the Kirra Surfriders Club.

It was now the seventies, tube riding was the new thing and there wasn't anywhere like Kirra for

getting barreled. The progressive surfing emphasis in the Gatta had moved from the outer points around to Kirra where us emerging kids, MP, Rabbit and myself, the

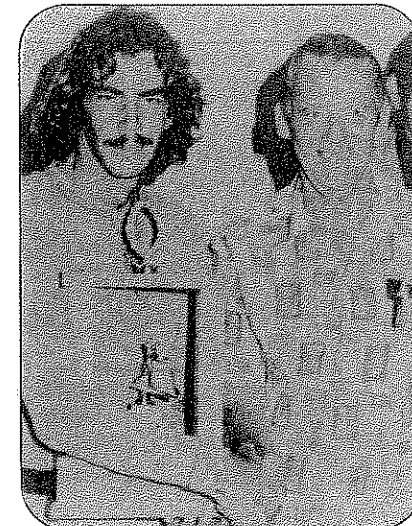


Of course none of it would have happened if "Weenie" hadn't agreed to be the President and with that regular meetings began happening around at "Mundees" at Rainbow Bay".

Through all the years since, credit must be given to Rabbit for constantly inspiring the new generation and continually driving the Snapper bus, but even more so to Peter "Mont" Bryant and Bruce Lee who are truly the soul of the "Black & Orange"

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Peter Townend

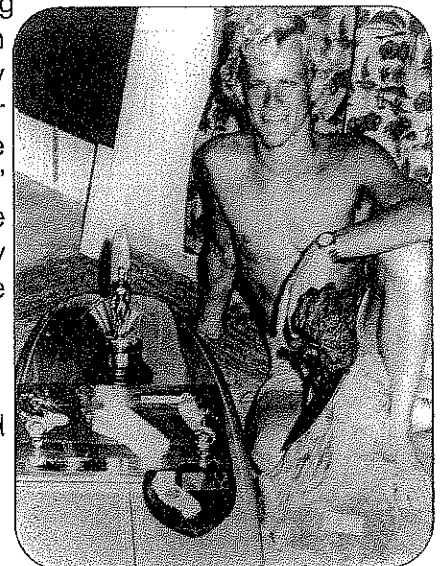


Michael Peterson & Barry Townend



1972 Australian Team going to San Diego Queensland Connection.

L to R Terry Baker, Peter Townend, Michael Peterson, Wayne Bartholomew & Paul Nielsen





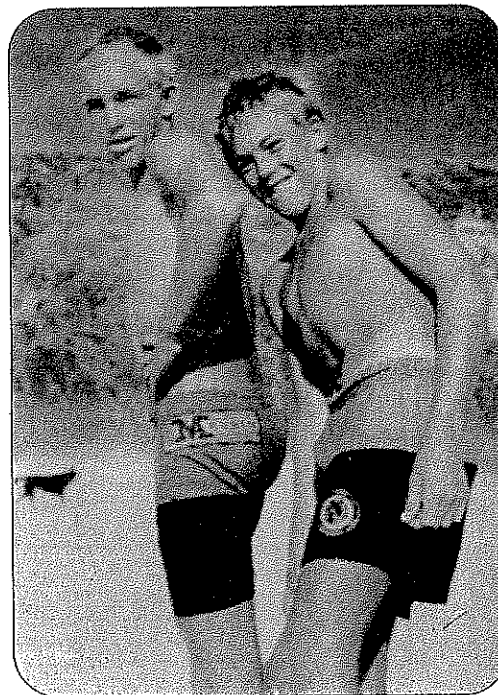


# The Evergreen-Wayne Deane Presidency 1984-1987

In 1984 Wayne Deane [W.D] took over the ropes as President of Snapper [S.R.S.C]. His presidency continued until 1987. Often referred to as "the Waterman". W.D. commenced surfing as a grommie with his brother Robye at Greenmount in the 1960's. Both brothers followed in their father's footsteps. Their passion for quality surf continues and both Wayne and Robye can often be seen surfing as the sun rises over Snapper Rocks. He remembers.

When you're a kid you never really think too much about the future, well I know I didn't anyway. Surfing and more surfing fills your mind and before you realise it your hooked!

Our father, John Deane, started Robye and myself surfing and I am grateful that he is an adventurous sort of bloke who loves the beach and surfing.



A young Robye & Wayne Deane in the black & orange shorts



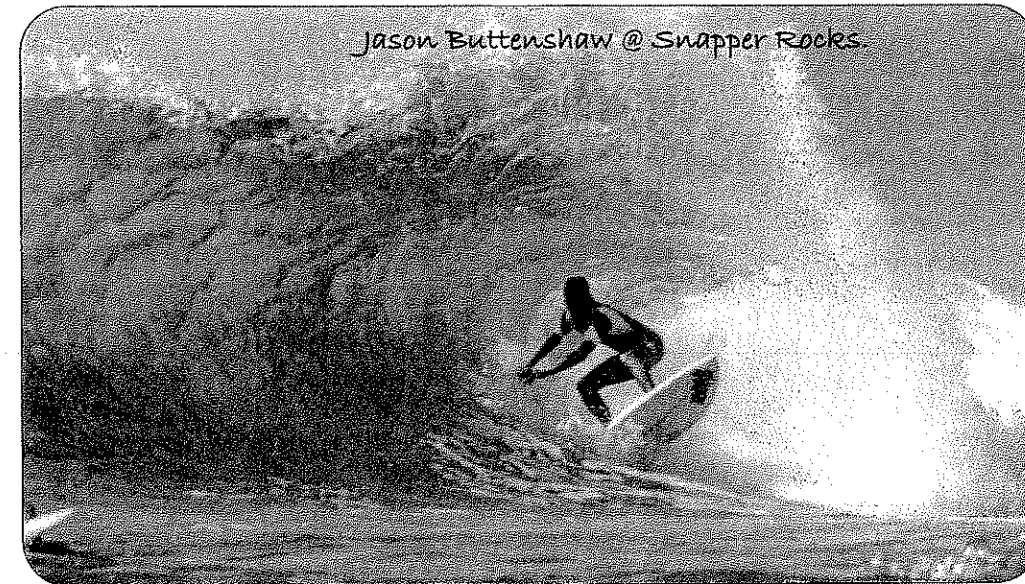
Snapper Rocks Surfriders 'Old Boys' Re-union 1998

Dad was involved in founding the Australian Surfriders Association of Queensland (A.S.A.Q.), first as Secretary and later becoming President for a couple of years.

In the early stages of the A.S.A.Q. a few clubs were formed along the Gold Coast and there were two at the southern end, namely Kirra and Snapper Rocks. I remember seeing surfers wearing the same board shorts and

wondering why. Finding out that they were members of a club, Robye and I asked dad if we could talk to some club members about us joining their club. He spoke to George Herbert at the next A.S.A.Q. meeting and George nominated us into Snapper (its a good thing for Snapper that John Deane didn't see Mal

Sutherland that night or Kirra Club would have got the Deane brothers). Fronting up at the first meeting was a bit hard but after it was over our confidence increased and we pedalled home stoked. We paid the 10 shillings (\$1) entry fee and we were entitled to wear those black and orange shorts.



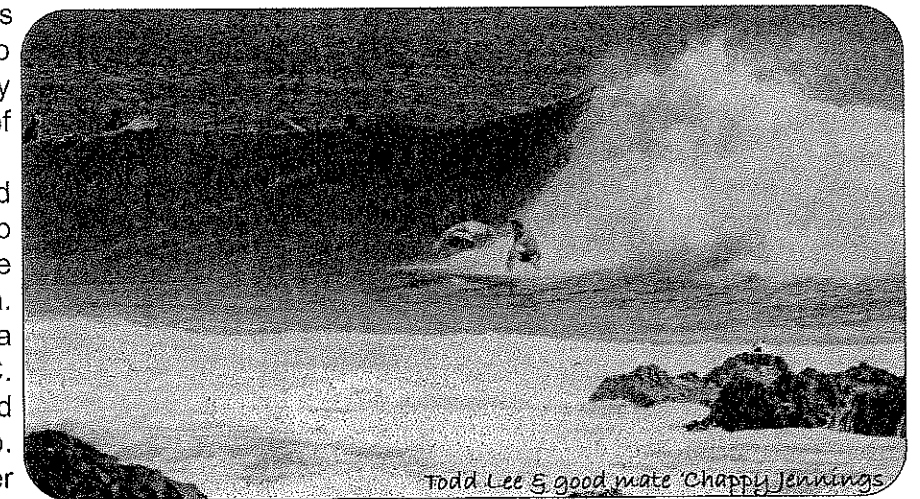
The club has had many such personal successes over the years from within the ranks to International level.

The world famous trio of Peter Townend, Michael Peterson and Wayne 'Rabbit' Bartholomew emerged in the early 70's. The rivalry between Rabbit, P.T. and M.P. was intense with each trying to out-do the other and they went on to become three of the greatest surfers ever.

Peter was World Champion in 1976 and two years later Wayne took the title from Shaun Thompson. Michael Peterson was a member of the S.R.S.C. when he was a cadet and later joined Kirra Club. Michael was always a loner and few people understood him but his surfing (especially at the big groyne at Kirra) was pure genius.

For one club to have those exceptional surfers was remarkable and certainly inspiring for the younger members. Looking back over the years it is interesting to see just who is still turning up to meetings and contests. A lot of members drop out but I guess that's understandable with work and family commitments. When the club was reformed in it's original format their was a whole new generation of kids. Raw recruits thrown in with veterans from the previous campaigns. Some of the new faces that joined were Bruce and Todd Lee, Dick 'Good Looking Member' Dall, Geoff Milne, Peter Jones, Sean Riley, Paul 'Hoppy' Hopkins, Jason Buttenshaw and quite a few more.

benefit from their mistakes and successes. As with most clubs there's a few members that hold the club together. Peter 'Mont' Bryant is one of those evergreen members who has given his best year after year, my thanks to you Mont.



I've tried to run the club as the members wanted it run. Sometimes it doesn't work out that way, and sometimes I'd rather just be one of the team. I doubt I could hang in there as long as Terry Baker did.

Wayne Deane 1984-1987







THE 'RABBIT' FILES  
1987 - CURRENT PRESIDENT

It is 1987 SRSC has been in the headlines time and time again. Three World Champions, Phyllis O'Donnell (1964), Peter Townend (1976) and Wayne 'Rabbit' Bartholomew (1978) were all club members. A member of Snapper Rocks Surfriders Club since 1973, Rabbit took the reigns as Club President in 1987 a roll that continues today. Wayne is a passionate advocate of not only SRSC but the surfing industry in general. He has fought many a battle to improve conditions, competition and prize money world-wide. He represents the industry in a way that is uniquely his. Breaking new ground constantly his love of this Gold Coast region is reflected in his many achievements for the sport Locally, Nationally and Internationally. In his words.....



Triumphantly returning home  
1978 World Mens Champion

The last 14 years as President of Snapper, have been filled with unforgettable memories, as several generations of the 'black and orange' have stepped onto the cauldron, proudly wearing the Snapper colours.

When I took on the Presidency, Bruce Lee was General Manager, he still is, and basically running the day to day affairs of the club. Peter 'Mont' Bryant had served as Vice President, again, he still is,



"Rabbit" shooting the barrel

and 'Mont' and his new wife Lorraine became a great team, providing the backbone to Snapper's revolutionary Junior Development Program.

Snapper has always been a successful club, as the records show. By '87, the club had had it's fair share of Gold Coast and Queensland Team Sheilds, and numerous professional events.

I think it's fair to say that my major aim as presidency was in the area of competitive success. Bruce and I have taken many teams away since 1982, he as manager myself as coach, and while success did come our way I felt we were underachieving especially in Sydney.

I distinctly remember campaigns that left a sour taste in my mouth. We attended several Villa Noosa Teams Titles with potential winning combinations, only to come away with a disappointing 3rd or 4th. I was home from the World Tour for the 1986 Straddie Assault, only to see North End comfortably beat off our challenge on the title they'd won in '85.

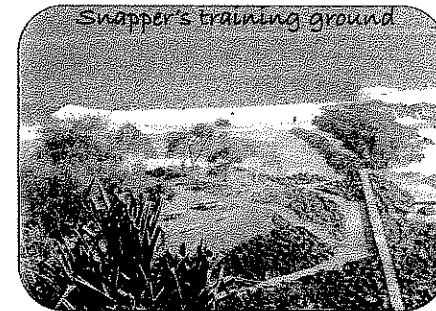
That did not sit well with me at that point, part of the club was into partying and mucking up, while Bruce and I were into Snapper being the premier club. Mont and I had the WRB Academy of Surfing, and we applied that formula to the club, incorporating a Junior Development Program. This was ahead of it's time and fortunately we had kids such as Trevor Gleave, Jason Buttenshaw, Shane and Dean Bevan, Craig Pitchers, Will Lewis and Jay Phillips to work with.



THE 'RABBIT' FILES  
1987 - CURRENT PRESIDENT

Snapper enjoyed a great level of success in the Quiksilver Surf League. State Champions many, many times. The club was perennially in the top 5 or 6 in the nation, and a huge focus by our Junior Development Program was to produce a team combination capable of winning the league.

We figured that if the club could develop these hotties into an elite level, and they certainly showed this potential, then we could complement our front line attack of Chappy Jennings, Kev 'Snail' Charman, Alby Ross, Greg Faulks, Bugs, Rob Cohen, Sean 'Reg' Riley and with the kids, creating a championship foundation.



We pretty much had a policy of accepting all comers in cadet, junior and female divisions with an open door policy, we figured water would find it's own level. The truly dedicated members would weather the rugged competitive totem pole, and settle into the Snapper ranks.

At various times kids from rival or distant clubs would have a stint with Snapper, only to return, with our blessing and support, to their own club a more seasoned competitor.

Young guys may come to Coolangatta from interstate, spend three or four years at Snapper, reach club representational level, then return home to lead and nurture their own club. Sean Munro, Josh and Christian Lock are fine examples of this. Darren Magee spent some great years with Snapper, then returned home to lead Noosa into battle against us. That sort of evolution is part of club folklore.

The plan came into effect, I missed the '87-'88 Straddie Assault through ASP Pro Tour duties, but I clearly remember the excitement when Bruce turned the '89 team over to me. "Go for the hat trick Bugs!" yelled Bruce, as we convoyed out of town. History states we got that hat trick, and 10 more after that. Those early Straddie victories were really important because they set the club on a course to greatness.

The backbone to our success was the dedication of Peter and Lorraine Bryant. Bruce and I may collect the silverware, but month in and month out, Mont and Lorraine are there on the hill at 7am Sunday mornings to rally the troops for club rounds, squad interclub clashes, club championship and wrapping it up at the end of the day with our traditional barbie. Our barbies are a time for a brief meeting which is the time of our initiation ceremony of any new members.

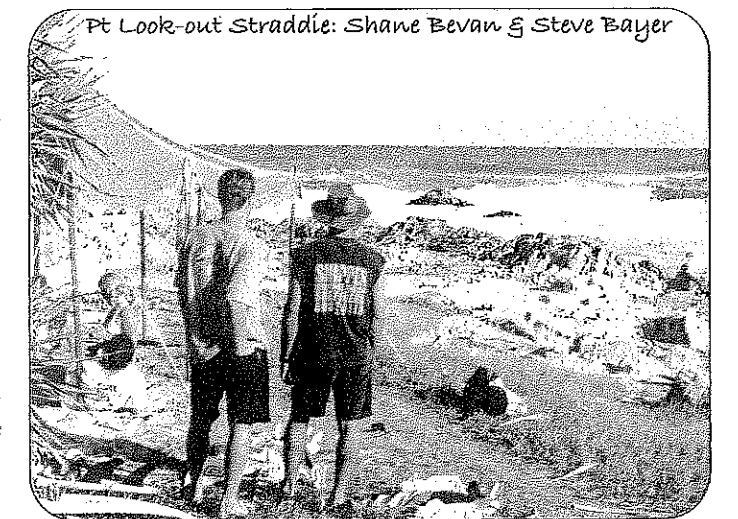
There have now been four generations of top level surfers involved in the Straddie Streak. Space doesn't allow me to list all club reps, but from Wayne Deane and Mont, to Alby and Rob Cohen, to Chappy and Snail, Butto and Scat, Bevo and Will, Trev and Baldy Rawlings, Joel Parko and Deano Morrison, Clint Kimmons, Josh Kerr and this years possible debutantes Jai Boyce, Luke Dorrington, Sean and Dean Harrington, Jarrah Tutton and Dane McIntosh, the club has trotted out championship calibre outfits.

The unearthing of a future talent is a Straddie Assault tradition within Snapper. I can remember a micro "Butto", a pint sized Trev Gleave and a miniature Dean Morro' strapping on the oversized contest singlet and being asked to contribute to the team effort with a win. The loudest applause is set aside for the giant killing performances by the super-grom of the year.

The victory tunnel is always deferred to one performer a guy who puts his heart and soul into every performance in club colours. Jay Phillips is the perfect anchor man. The amount of times I have given Jay his final heat instructions, watched him march through the club "rank and file" on his way to battle, then proceed to smash the opposition to seal another Straddie Assault or Surf League or the Kirra Teams Challenge Victory, is simply beyond comprehension.

The cool thing is that Jay, Will, Bevo, Joel, Dean, Trev or whoever the hero is always comes back to share it with the club. We love snatching a title, going back to our lair and having a few quiet ones around the barbie at our beloved Snapper Rocks.

Snapper has a small committee, basically unchanged in 15 years. An executive decision was made to limit entry into the club. This may sound elitist but we figured that if this committee all agreed on the clubs direction, and we did, "why even risk having other agendas come from the floor, in other words" if it ain't broke don't fix it!"



Pt Look-out Straddie: Shane Bevan & Steve Bayer

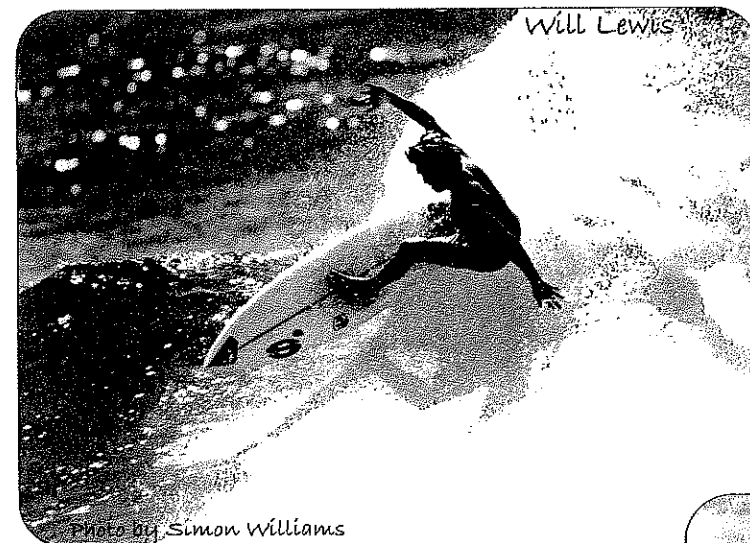


# Club Achievements

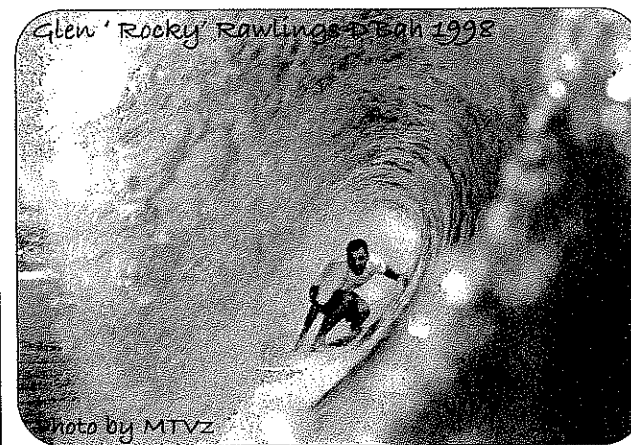
The number of Gold Coast, Queensland and Australian Titles that our individual club members have won is the envy of other boardriding clubs. It started with Phyllis O'Donnell winning the Women's World Title in 1964 to our present day champions-Clint Kimmins World Grommet Champ 2000.

Powers Big Red Surfing Teams Challenge	1991, 1992
Corona Surf Team Challenge	1989
Gold Coast Shield	1987, 1988, 1989
Queensland Team Shield	1988, 1991, 1992
Quiksilver Surf League Regional Champs	1988, 1993 & 1994
Quiksilver Surf League	1993, 1994
Gold Coast City Council Cleanwater Challenge	1998, 1999
Malibu Tropical Rum Teams Challenge	1990
Jesus Surf Classic	1989
Straddie Assault [14 times, 13 consecutive]	1984, 1987 to 1999
Kirra Teams Challenge [5 times]	1986, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1999

Australian Surfing Hall of Fame Inducted in 1997

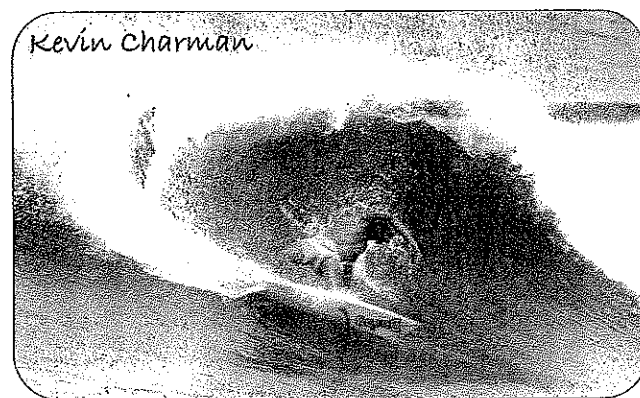


Will Lewis



Glen 'Rocky' Rawlings - Barb 1998

Photo by MTVZ



Kevin Charman



Clint Kimmins

Photo by Simon Williams

## Club Members on front covers

Tracks 20: Surfing World 13: Surfer 3: ASL 5: Waves 5: Surfing 2: ASP 4:  
Total of covers 52. [so far...! not to mention minor surfing publications.]



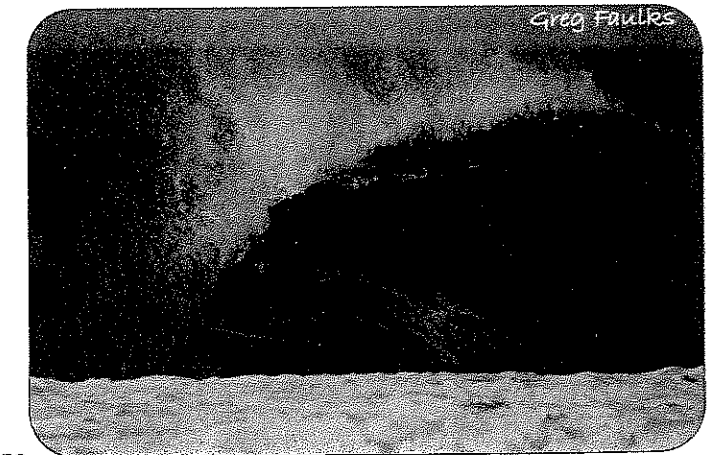
Between 1987 and 1999 Snapper Rocks Surfriders Club achieved 13 consecutive victories at the keenly contested Straddie Assault Teams Challenge held annually at beautiful North Stradbroke Island off Brisbane, Queensland

## SRSC Straddie Assault Representatives

Chappy	Darren Magee	Mark Rawlings	Dean Lock
Alby Ross	Joel Parkinson	Shaun Munro	Steve Beyer
Craig Pitchers	Sam Porter	Josh Lock	Greg Faulks
Jason Buttenshaw	Richie Stevens	Jeremy Byles	Sasha Sleight
Glen Rawlings	Todd Lee	Will Lewis	Dane McIntosh
Kev Charman	Wayne Bartholemew	Peter Bryant	Robbie Cohen
David Smith	Lorraine Bryant	Brendan Hatherly	Josh Kerr
Shane Devan	Trudy Todd	Dave Bradbury	Clint Kimmins
Dean Devan	Lyn McKenzie	Glen Hunt	Daryl Parkinson
Jason Gale	Jai Boyce	Wayne Deane	Bruce Lee
Trevor Gleave	Kylie Webb	Matt Fairbrother	Glen Perry
Dean Morrison	Jay Phillips	Bill Sedunary	Sean Riley



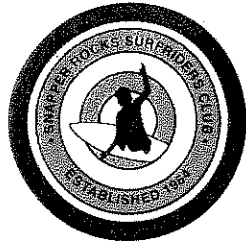
Darryl Parkinson



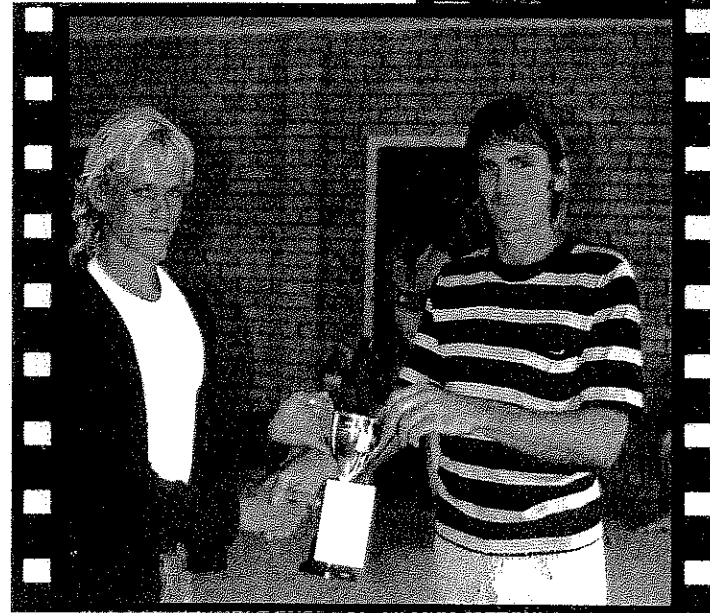
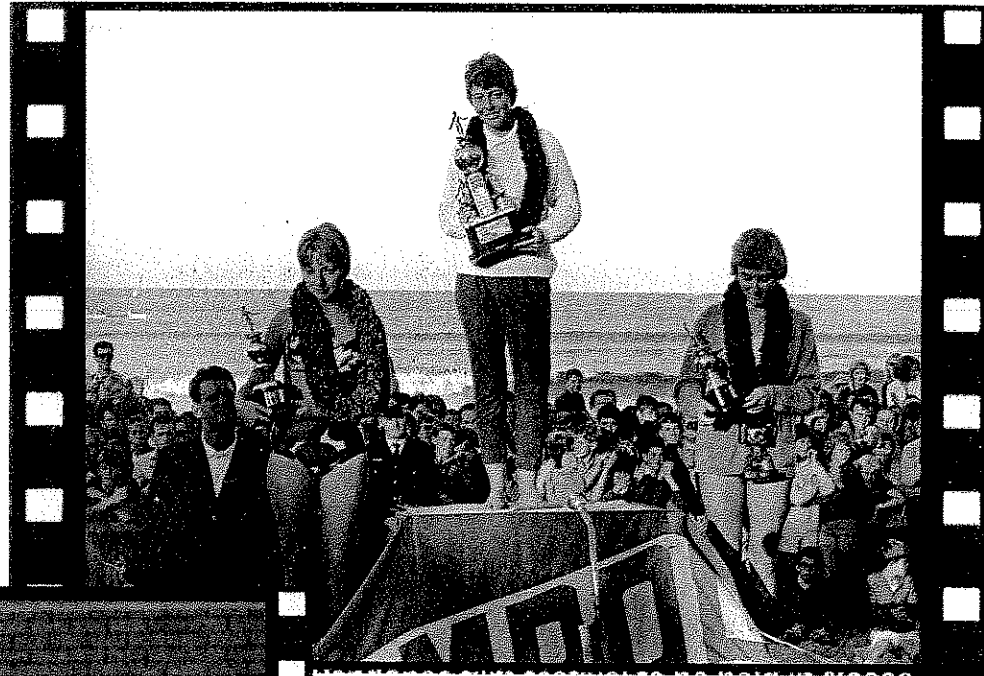
Greg Faulks



# WORLD CHAMPIONS



Phyllis O'Donnell  
1964 World  
Women's Amateur  
Champion

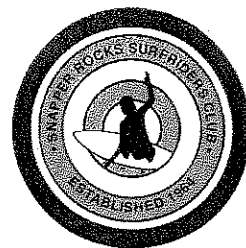


Peter Townend (left) 1976 First World  
Professional Champion with Gordon Phillipson

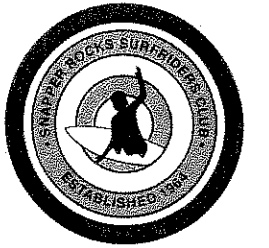
Wayne Bartholomew 1978 World  
Professional Champion & 1999  
World Masters Champion



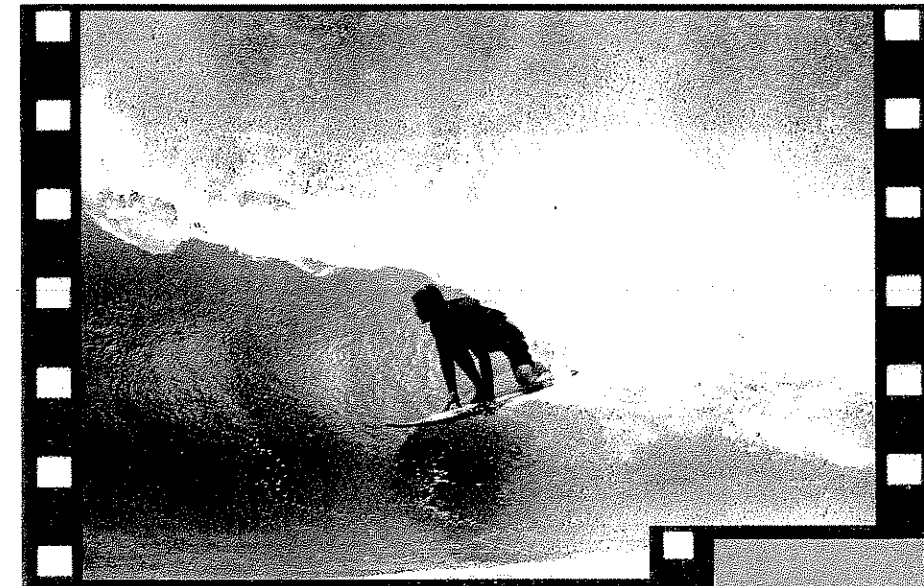
Wayne Deane  
1990 World  
Longboard  
Champion



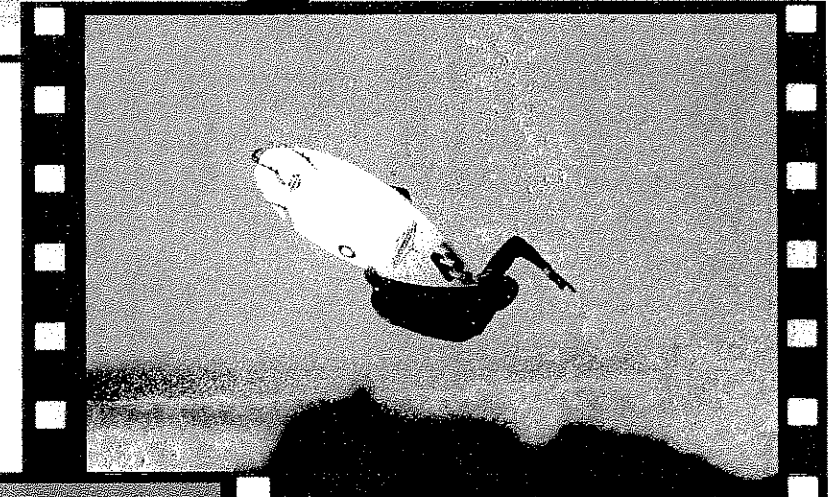
# WORLD CHAMPIONS



Shane Bevan  
1990 Junior Amateur  
World Champion

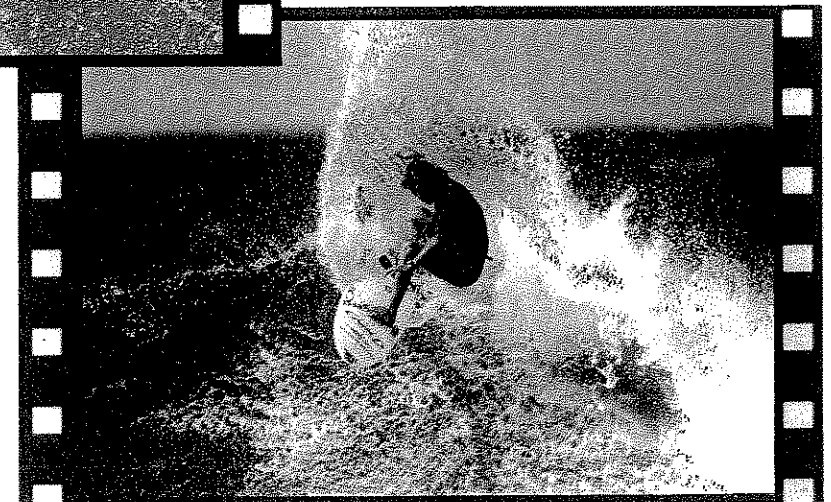
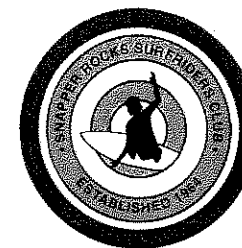


Joel Parkinson  
1998 World Grommet Champion  
1999 World Junior Champion



Dean Morrison  
1998 World Junior Champion

Clint Kimmins  
2000 Under 16 World Grommet  
Champion





# SNAPPER CLUB CHAMPIONS

SRSC is contested through divisions of under 12's, under 16's, Juniors, Women's and Opens to accumulated status. The Club Champions trophy is an all in competing affair where the winner is awarded the Wayne Deane Perpetual Open Club Champion trophy.

Billy Grant

Sean 'Reg' Riley

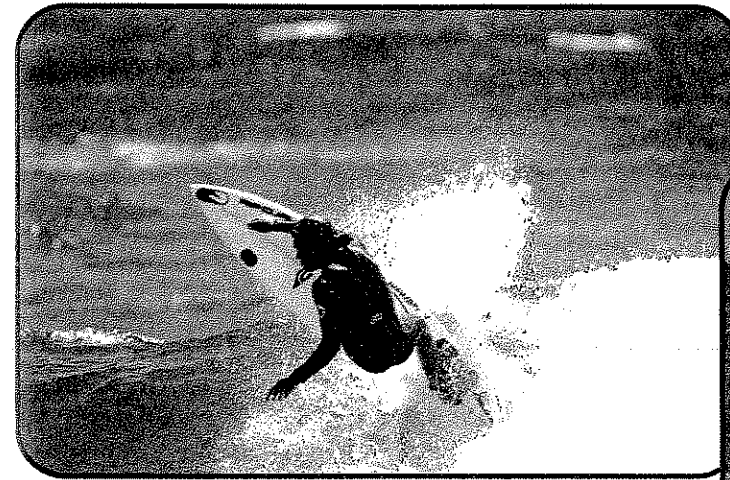
## OPEN CLUB CHAMPIONS

- 1977 Wayne Deane
- 1978 Billy Grant
- 1979 Dominic Wibrow
- 1980 Wayne Deane
- 1981 Todd Lee
- 1982 Bruce Lee
- 1983 Brett Hodge
- 1984 Wayne Bartholomew
- 1985 Sean Riley
- 1986 David Smith
- 1987 Chappy Jennings
- 1988 Chappy Jennings
- 1989 Alby Ross
- 1990 Chappy Jennings
- 1991 Kevin Charman
- 1992 Shane Bevan
- 1993 Shane Bevan
- 1994 Dean Bevan
- 1995 Shane Bevan
- 1996 Wayne Bartholomew
- 1997 Dean Bevan
- 1998 Joel Parkinson
- 1999 Shane Bevan
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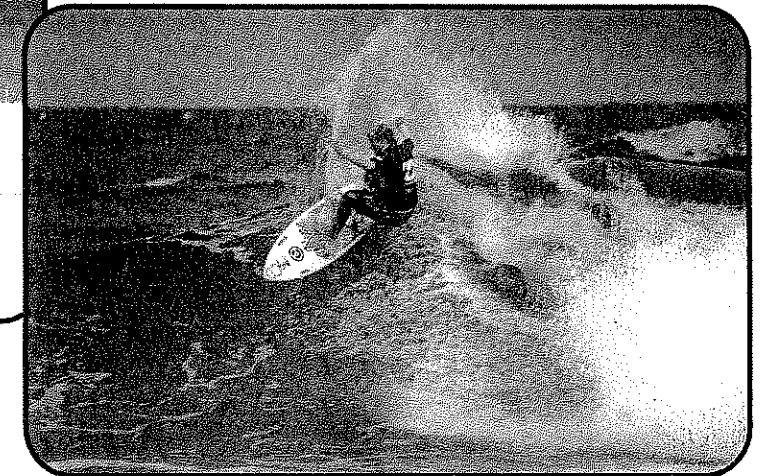
James 'Chappy' Jennings

Shane Bevan

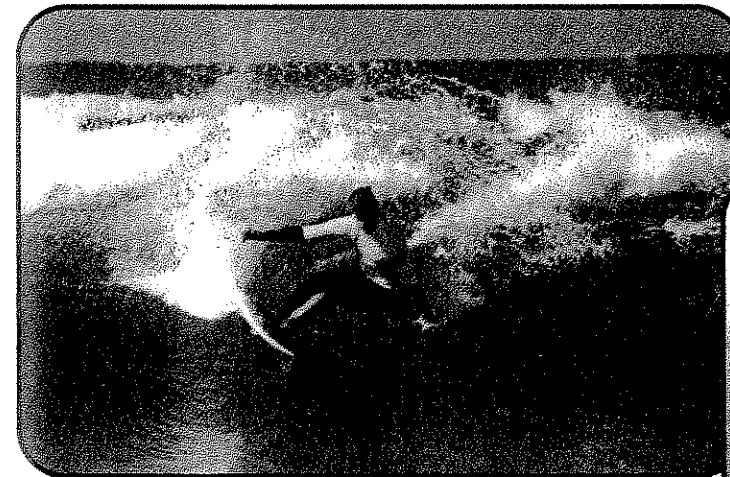
Dean 'Turbo' Bevan



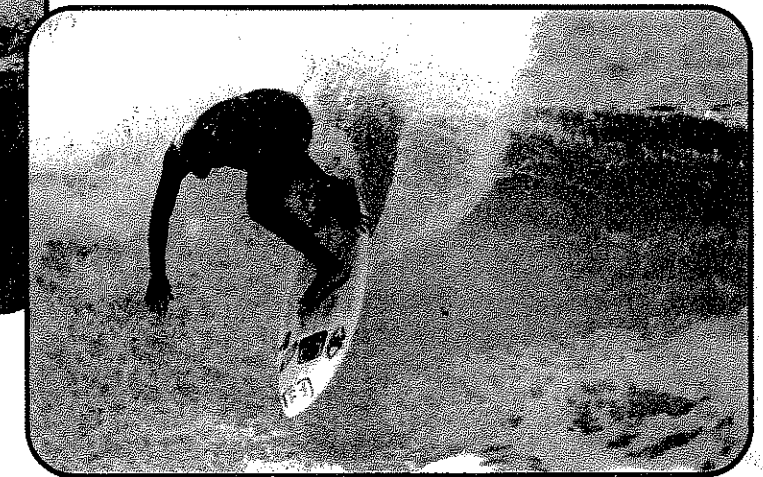
Trevor Gleave



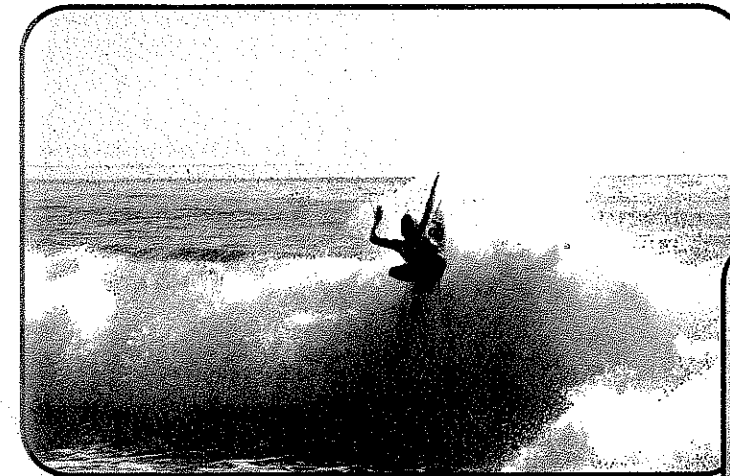
Josh Kerr



Jai Boyce



Luke Dorrington



Jarrah Tutton



Dane McIntosh





# Mont's View



Any surfers club can be strong over a couple of years, but it takes a special formula for a club to be at the top competitive level over a 20 to 30 year period. Such is the case with S.R.S.C. Everyone enjoys to be associated with the high profile competitors, but it's the grommets in the club and especially how they are managed, that is the life blood of a club's existence over a long period.

The fact that S.R.S.C. has an impressive 5 world junior champions, over the years, states we have the most impressive junior development program in Australia.

The list includes:

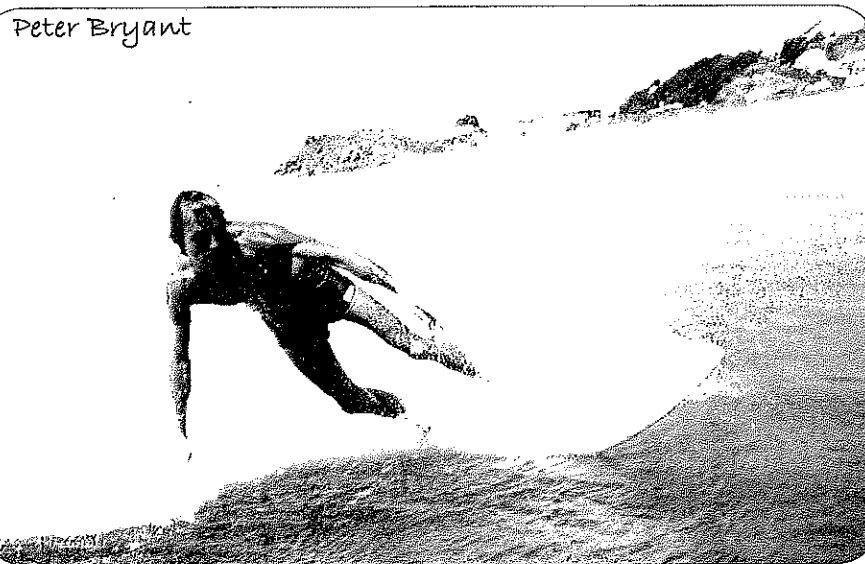
- Shane Beven - 1990 Amateur World Junior Champion
- Dean Morrison - 1998 World Grommet Champion
- Joel Parkinson - 1998 World Grommet Champion  
- 1998 World Junior Champion
- Clint Kimmins - 1999 Under 16's World Grommet Champion.

For a number of years now my wife Lorraine and myself have been responsible for a junior development and organising the club contests, and it has been our pleasure to be involved with such a great bunch of kids. **"With a little nurturing and support the potential these youngsters have is mind blowing"**

Making them feel an important part of the club is a necessity of creating club spirit and this is more evident in Snapper than any other club. For many kids the club has become their extended family and sometimes they turn to us for help with life's problems along the way.

It has meant a great deal to Lorraine and myself, and (being in the water with them has rekindled the pure stoke, in surfing, in us.) In the future Snapper will definitely be involved in further improving the standard of this sport and hopefully there will be many more World Champs to come.

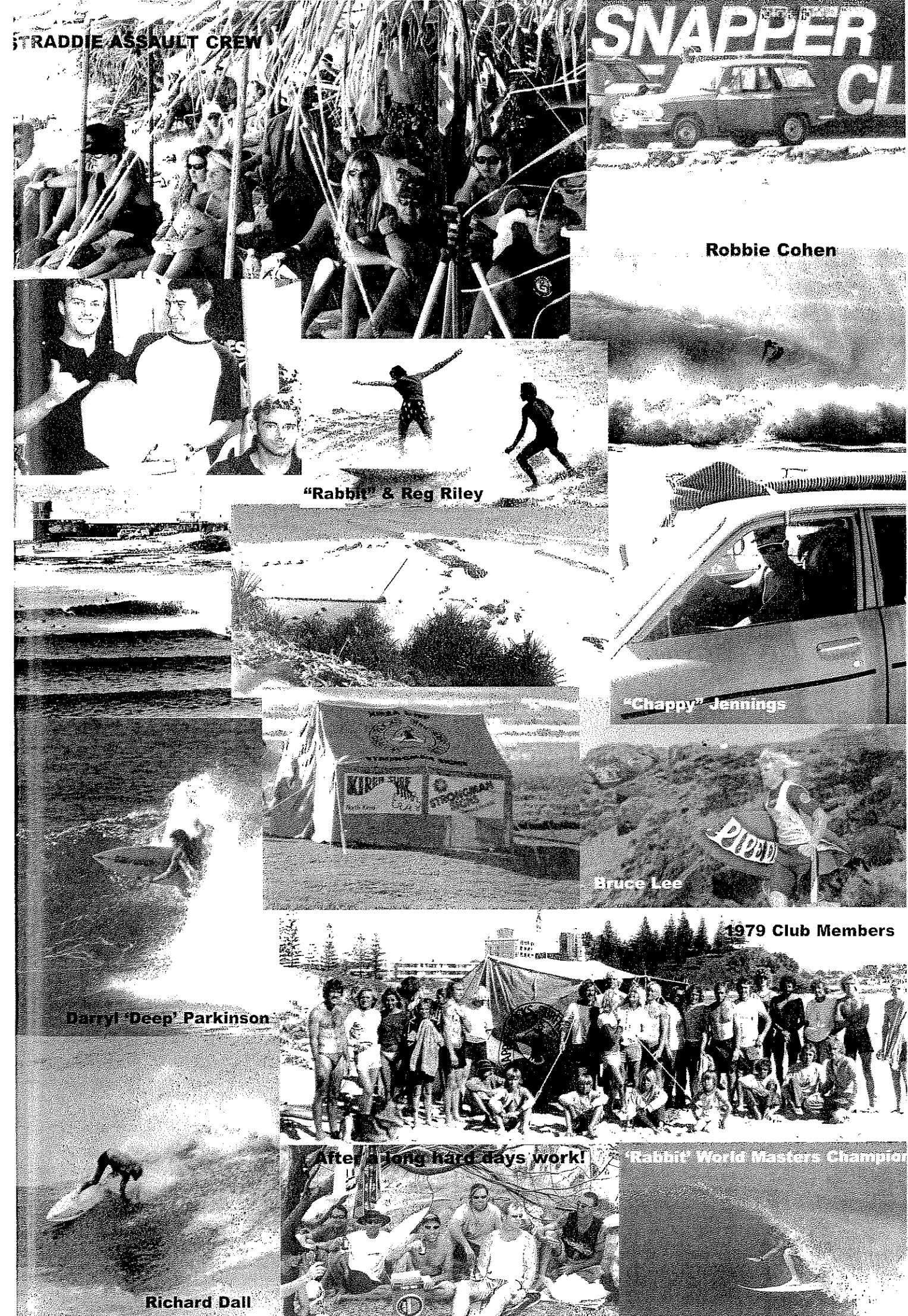
By Peter "Mont" Bryant.



Brian 'Fury' Austen & Peter 'Mont' Bryant  
1979 2nd Place Open Club Championship



Queensland Titles 1974 Presentation  
L to R 5th Peter Bryant, 4th Brian Weir, 3rd Billy Grant,  
2nd Wayne Bartholomew, 1st Michael Peterson.





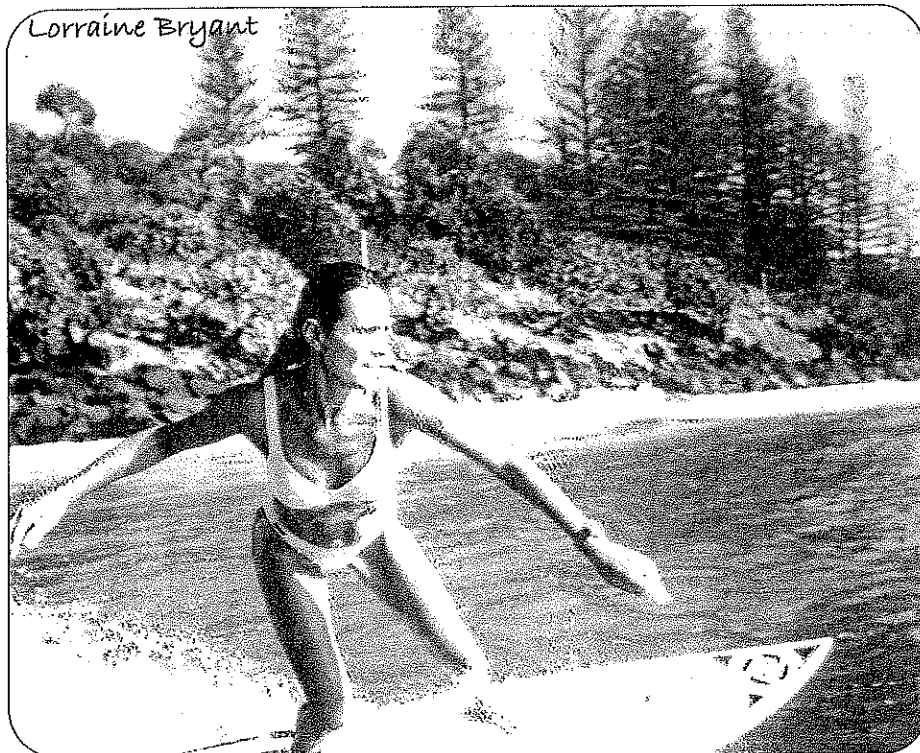


# girl power!



I had the privilege of joining Snapper in 1986, with Donna Couch and Joanne Taylor. It was a great step forward for my surfing as I was able to surf with good surfers like Rab, Kev, Mont, Deany, Bruce, Jay, Gaily and the crew.

Trudy Todd joined Snapper around the same time as myself and she was a welcome addition to the rather small contingent of female surfers in the club, going on to help Snapper with many teams events.



Lorraine Bryant

I've had great fun and great experiences surfing and working with the Snapper kids who always seem to be out there in the surf whenever I am, always ready to call me onto waves or tune someone for dropping in on me.

Snapper has a hot new crop of junior girls in Kate, Sally and Lauren McGregor, Dominica Costello, Sheridan Shields, Stephanie Gilmore, Renee Hyman, Kina Malpartida our Peruvian Princess, to keep me on my toes.....

Lorraine Bryant

After being in the club for many years and seeing Wayne Deane standing down as President and the major back-bone, Mont and I picked up where Deany left off joining Rabbit and Bruce Lee on the Committee to keep Snapper rockin'.

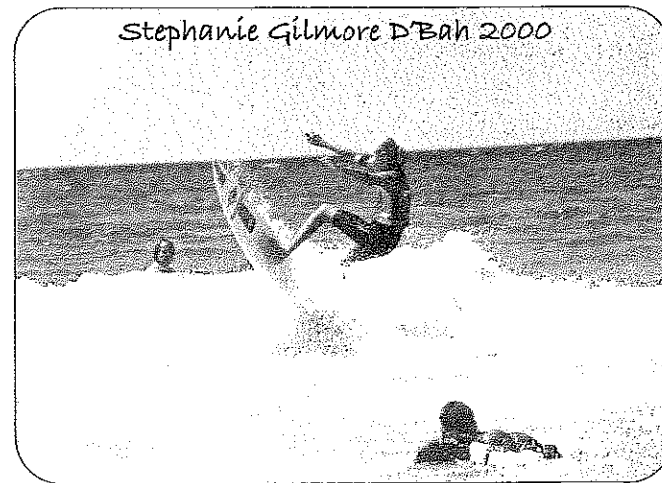
Clubs go through many different phases and just as many of our open surfers were being distracted by the other things in life, some new juniors and cadets began to join the club. they brought their friends and their friends brought their friends and before we new it we had a hot young crop of new junior and cadet members.



Renee Hyman



Trudy Todd



Stephanie Gilmore DBah 2000



Josh Lee

Chris, Dan & Stephanie



Grom's moshin on the beach



Nathan, Dan, Blake, Josh

Stephanie Gilmore



Blake Ainsworth



SRSC GROMMETS 2000 IN ACTION



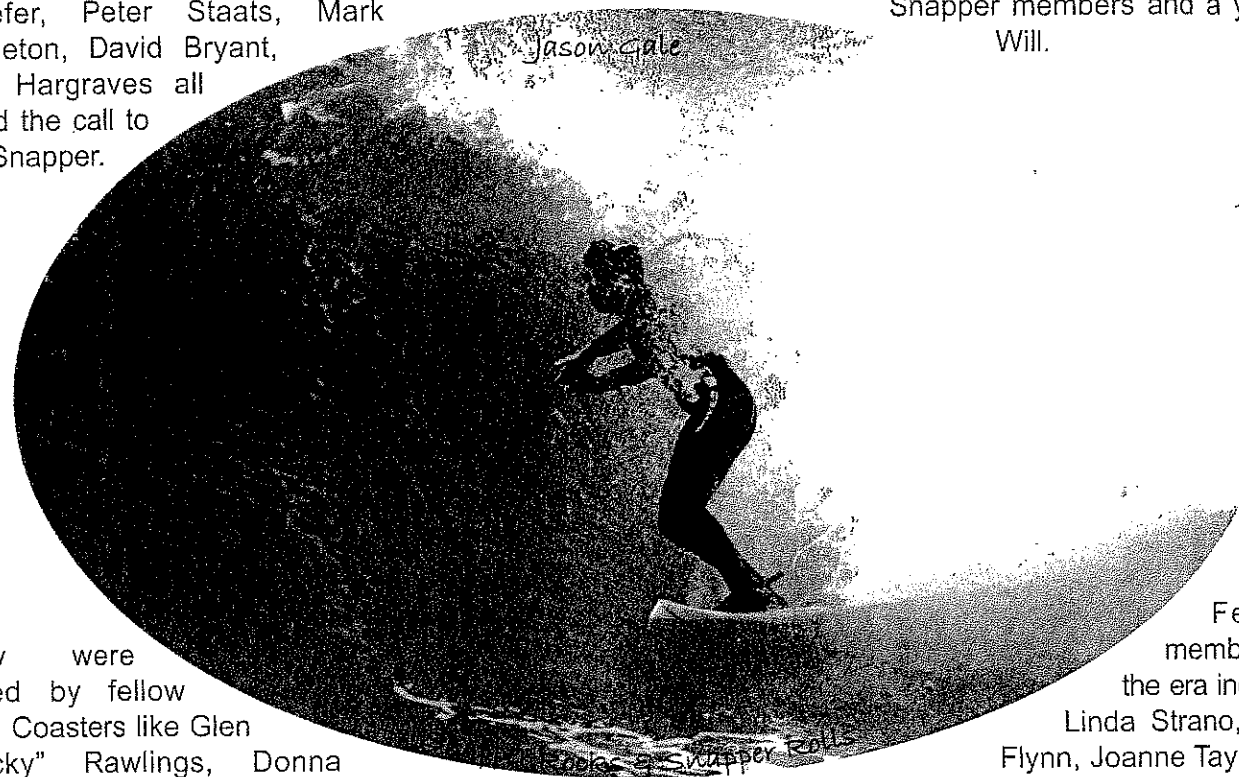


# Snapper's Roll Call

Since the revamping in 1973 SRSC members were traditionally drawn from the Tweed/Coolangatta area Terry Baker, Peter & Duncan Townend, Peter & Neil Turner, Peter "Mont" Bryant, Wayne "Rabbit" Bartholomew, Wayne & Robye Deane, Al Miscamble, Geoff Darby, Jim Imerson, Peter & Bill Grant, Bruce & Todd Lee, Peter & Michael Jones, Eddie Hession, Tom Peterson, Daryl Barnett, Bob Fleming, Pat & Sean Riley, Glen Perry, Steve Archdeacon, Tom Kusak, Paul Hopkins, Greg Faulks, Kev Charman, Robbie Cohen, John & Jason Buttenshaw, Gary "Jumbo" Wykes, Craig Pitchers, Dick Dall, Glen Hunt, Michelle Ducat, David Shaefer, Peter Staats, Mark Stapleton, David Bryant, Paul Hargraves all heard the call to join Snapper.

some of their finest in the form of members James "Chappy" Jennings, 'Legendary Bill Sedunary, Christian & Josh Lock, Kylie Webb, Andy Gower, Stu & Simon Valladares and C.J. [Craig Jewell].

The NSW Central Coast and Newcastle area came Graham Wood, Adam Faunce, Brendan Hatherly, Dave Godfrey, Josh Bishop and Dean Lock. New Brighton provided Jeremy "E.T." Byles, Danny Wuytes, Matt Smith and Len Robbins whilst Byron/Ballina were responsible for providing Sasha Sleigh, Craig Cornish, and later Lennox Head's Adryan York, Will Lewis' parents Martin & Anne relocated from Mona Vale much to the delight of Snapper members and a young Will.



They were joined by fellow Gold Coasters like Glen "Rocky" Rawlings, Donna Couch, Brett Hodge, Dominic Wybrow, Matt Fairbrother, Phil Reynolds, Lorraine Bryant, Trudy Todd, Mark "Baldy" Rawlings, Dave Bradbury and Don Munro as well as Brisso's Mick Barrett, Asko Ohvanainen, Graham "Eggy" Endersby and Chris "Swag" Gudenswager.

The Sunshine Coast provided the club with Brian & Joel Parkinson & Uncle Daryl Parkinson, Greg Knight, Darren Magee and Paul Ward whilst from Pt. Lookout came Sammy Porter and David Smith. During the 80's the club also had two kneeboarders in Brad Arman and Paul Herriot.

Kingscliff has supplied a wealth of talented surfers to join Snapper, Alby Ross, Shane & Dean Bevan, Trev Gleave, Jason Gale, Mark Berryman, Dean Walpole, Danny Brimsmead, Bobby Warlos, Ricky Landers plus Fingals, Jay Phillips, Dean & Scott Rotumah, Richie & Matt Stephens, Brett Brewer and David Dempsey.

In far away South Australia, that states top club, Seaview Road Boardriders Club exported

Jason Gale

Snapper's Roll Call

Female members of the era included Linda Strano, Kelly Flynn, Joanne Taylor, Lisa Bolic and Karen Archer.

Local "Grommets" of the time included the likes of Steve Beyer, Jamie Myer, Shaun Munro, Travis Pyle, Jake Hugo, Matt Carlin, Richard Badger, Daniel "Pepe" Moore, Nigel McBride, Paul Kearney, Jamie & Nathan, Andrew "Bush" Fing, Aris Soukalis, Brett Trudgen, Nick Britt, Keiren Griffiths, Adam & Richard Bartlett, Jason Johnson, Jamie "Chilli" Cheal, Jason Gibbs, Nathan & Dan Welk, Nick Byrnes and Johnny Capel.

Now the club's ranks are again swelled by local gals and grommets like Dean Morrison, Clint Kimmins, the Harrington twins Shaun & Dean, the Dorrington brothers Luke, Brent & Nathan, Jarrah Tutton, Nick Vasicek, Sheridan Shields, Stephanie Gilmore, Jai Boyce, Josh Kerr, Dane McIntosh, Cory Blair, Ashly Kehlah, John Stellick, Little Dan, Josh Lee, Jeremy Scadden, Jamie Byrne, Cody & Renee Hyman, Dominica Costello, Kate, Sally and Lauren McGregor, Chris Wilson - Whiteley, Blake Ainsworth, Dion Agius, John "Bear" Cunnings, Jay Button and Kina Malpartida.