

SNAPPER ROCKS SURFRIDERS CLUB

1964 - 1985



PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

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 you're 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. 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 (It's 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 pedaled home stoked. We paid the ten shilling (\$1) entry fee and we were entitled to wear those black and orange shorts.

The A.S.A.Q. ran a lot of annual surfing contests in those days and S.R.S.C. always fared well. The contests were often a little like surf club carnivals with paddle races and some fun events like egg throwing contests. The Dolphin Contest, the Currumbin Surfcapades and the Paradise Carnival at Surfers Paradise were examples of that type of competition.

One of the most impressive surfers of those early days was Jeff "Bully" Arnold. I remember seeing "Bully" surfing Greenmount Point one afternoon after school, the surf was around 5 feet with a strong onshore wind. There was no one else out and Bully was ripping it up on his 9'4" long board. Jeff was the most successful surfer in the club in 1966 and 67 getting 6th place in the Australian Titles both years. The Sydney surfers dominated the National scene at that stage, so for the boy from Tweed Heads it was a big achievement.

The club has had many such personal successes over the years from within the ranks to international level. In the World Titles held at Manly in 1964 Phyllis O'Donnell became the Womens World Champion. The world famous trio of Peter Townend, Michael Peterson and Wayne Bartholomew emerged in the early 70's. The rivalry between "Rabbit", "P.T." and "M.P." was intense with each trying to outdo 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 Tomson. 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 contest. A lot of members drop out but I guess that's understandable with work and family commitments. When the club was reformed in its original format there 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 and quite a few more.

The juniors have always been very strong and through 1977 to 1981 it wasn't unusual to see half the positions in the Gold Coast team filled by Snapper members.

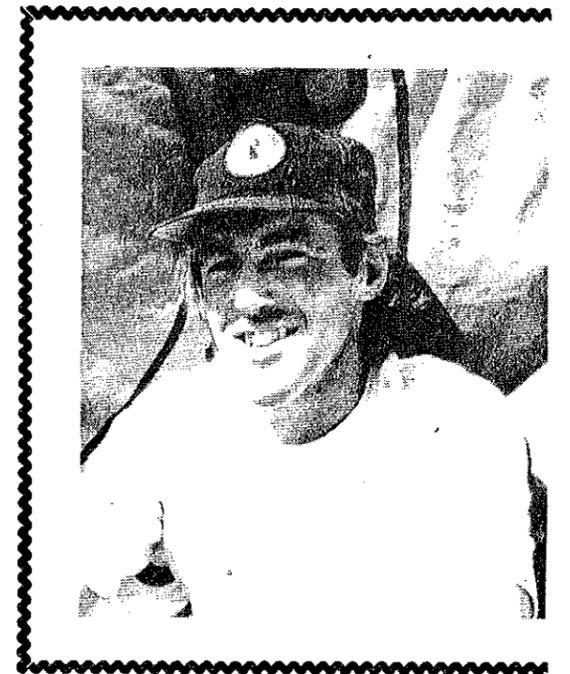
Being selected in the team has always been a honour for me because just making the team in a club full of hot surfers is an achievement in itself. The sound of the crew cheering as you hit the surf for your heat gets you amped up and you always give it your best shot. That's what it is all about, enjoying something you like with other people - Club Spirit!

Picking the team for contest is always a hard job because there's always someone who misses out. At times we've fielded two teams and in the "Straddie Assault" in August 1984, Snappers 'B' team "Marlee" won the contest! (but that's another story).

The older guys pass on their experiences and hopefully the grommets will benefit from their mistakes and successes. As with most clubs there's a few members who hold the show together. Peter "Mont" Bryant is one of those evergreen members who has given his best to the club year after year. My thanks to you "Mont".

In my first year as President, I've tried to run the club the way the members wanted it run. Sometimes it doesn't work out that way and a few members have to be pulled up. Sometimes I think I'd rather be just one of the team and not have to think about the Presidents duties. However it is getting easier but I doubt if I could hang in here as long as Terry Baker did.

This has been a rather long foreword so Peter Turner can take you back to the beginning for a few laughs.



Wayne Deane

THE EARLY DAYS By Peter Turner

The driving force behind the formation of the Snapper Rocks Surfriders Club was Graeme Merrin, along with George Herbert and Tony Sutton. The first meeting was on the 27th of August, 1964 and was held at the Jungle Hut in Rainbow Bay. The first meeting was not well publicised and was attended by only a few people, however it was a start and a week later when the word had got about all the regular Greenmount crew joined up. (One of the original members, Gordon Philipson, contributed to this story and as Gordon's recollections agreed with mine to a remarkable degree I am sure that this is a reasonably accurate account of the Clubs early years although some of Gordon's stories had to be censored.)

The clubs colours of black and orange were chosen by Graeme Merrin, the President from 1964 until about 1970. Graeme was a very forceful President, an excellent surfer and a successful surfboard manufacturer who kept the members supplied with boards and in some cases, employment.

Meetings were held in the Rainbow Bay Beach Kiosk which had recently been taken over by Harry Sutcliffe and renamed "The Jungle Hut". The floor was covered with a thick layer of beach sand and had to be raked after each meeting to remove the cigarette butts and ice block sticks. The building was renamed "Mundees Place" several years later and fortunately for the club all the proprietors have seen fit to allow the meetings to be held there except for a few brief periods. Some meetings were held under Margot and Roy Trew's house in Boundary Street, also at Danceland (now the Jet Club), the Blue Nursing Hall in Coolangatta and I can remember one meeting being held with the aid of car headlights at Durambah Beach.

Snapper Rocks was not the first surfriders club in Queensland.

Kirra Club was formed in late 1963 but was later disbanded and has been reformed several times. Gordon "Gorgo" Philipson has always sported a brush-back hairstyle and in the early sixties this style did not fit the normal "surfer" image. Gordon later became President of the Australian Surfriders Association and also Vice-President of the international Association.

The early sixties was a time of considerable friction between the established Surf Life Saving Clubs and the newly formed Surfriders Clubs. Many surfers left the Surf Clubs with



Wayne "Sav" Johnson and Sue Smith, Greenmount 1965. The "Jacobs" sticker on the board was cut out of a "Surfer" magazine.



Vice President George Herbert with Wayne Deane. Presentation Night, Danceland, Coolangatta 1966. Photo: Greenmount Studio. Note the grease on Wayne's foot from his bike chain.



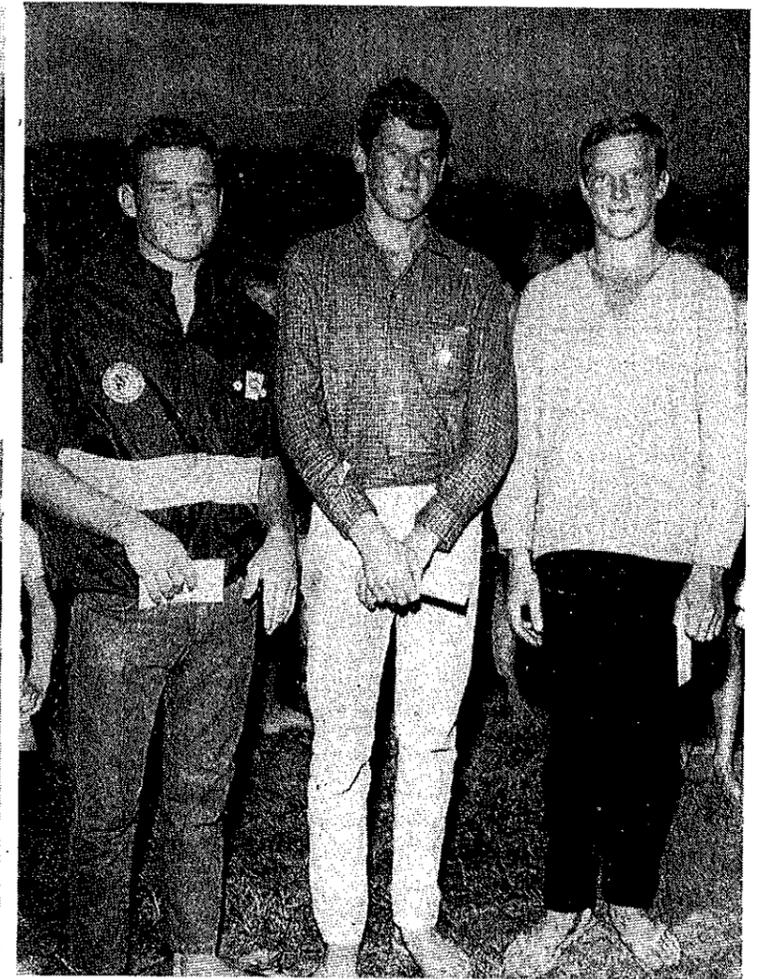
Typical transport - November 1964 Wayne "Sav" Johnson, Danny "Owleye" Smith and Jeff "Bully" Arnold. Photo-Wayne Johnson.



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



The original club badge designed by Peter Turner 1964. It was the winning entry in a competition among members.



Above: Byron Bay Easter Contest 1965. Left to right-Jeff Arnold, (Snapper Jacket) 2nd John Sims, 3rd Jim Johnson, 1st. All club members. Photo G. E. Wiltshire.



One of the club's best surfers and party goers, John "Snake" Sims. Greenmount Point 1965. - Photo - Greenmount Studio.

their patrol duties and discipline for the free and easy format of the boardriders clubs. Some surfers actually came to blows over confiscated boards and disputes with Surf Club members and Beach Inspectors as the flagged swimming areas often had the best waves.

The surfboard clubs during this period were very localised and few members, particularly the younger ones, ever surfed a beach other than their own. I was one of the Greenmount crew so we surfed Greenmount Point and Rainbow Bay and sometimes right out to Snapper Rocks. Rarely did we surf Kirra regardless of how good it was because that was the Kirra Clubs territory! Duranbah Beach was not surfed regularly as the swell was very mixed up before the walls were extended at the mouth of the Tweed River.

To go anywhere else required transport and there were no bus services on the Gold Coast at the time (No wetsuits or leg ropes either). The surf was often crowded as this was the "Surf Fever" era with Ken Gudenswager at Adlers Surf Centre in Brisbane and Laurie Hohensee at Miami doing their best to keep up the supply of boards. The local board builder was Joe Larkin in Miles Street at Kirra and the Sydney manufacturers sold their boards through agents. Graeme Merrin was the McDonagh agent and Terry Baker sold "Midget" Farrelly's boards. There were no surf shops on the Gold Coast and you had to order your board from the factory.

The answer to the crowded Gold Coast beaches was the "Surfari" or surfing trip in search of waves and I can clearly remember my first surf trip to Currumbin Alley with "Thumb" Boyd and John Sims in "Thumbs" old, black Austin A40. It doesn't seem like much of a trip now but then it was really something to travel that far (5km). Currumbin Alley was the latest hot spot in Bob Evans "Surfing World" and speaking of surfing magazines, Jim "Thumb" Boyd was a walking encyclopedia on surfing with about fifty magazines on the back seat of his car.

There were many good surfers in the Club at the time such as Rodney "Goober" Barnes, Robbie Pearce, Rodney Everson, The Strange Brothers, Jim Johnson, Neville Williams Wayne "Sav" Johnson, John "Mossy" Bonus. John Schriener was more athletic out of the water if you know what I mean.

By the end of 1965 the club had over 100 members and it was decided to limit membership to 100. Applicants were interviewed and asked why they should be allowed to join. Members who had been a bit slack were also asked to show cause why they should remain in the club with so many prospective members eager to join and ready to help with the running of contests.

Club contests were often held at Bogangar or Fingal to escape from the crowds at Coolangatta and finding enough transport for all the junior members was always a problem. If you were quick enough you got in Gordon's car because he always had huge Ford Customline V8's and was one of the clubs "Famous Drivers". Getting to the contest beach first meant you could get a few waves in before the competition began. Barry Paulson usually found room for a few (dozen) members



ABOVE: Wayne Deane, Open Club Champion, 1967. LEFT: Shorts Badge, 1965. BELOW LEFT: A couple of cadets, 1966. Michael and Tommy Peterson, Tea Tree Bay, Noosa. Boards by John Rylands and Steve Taylor. Photo-Mrs Peterson. BELOW: Surfing contests often included other forms of competition. John Standing (left) battles it out in the pillow fight with Wayne Johnson, Surfers Paradise, 1966, with John Deane and George Hawker adjudicating. The board was greased. Photo-Greenmount Studio.

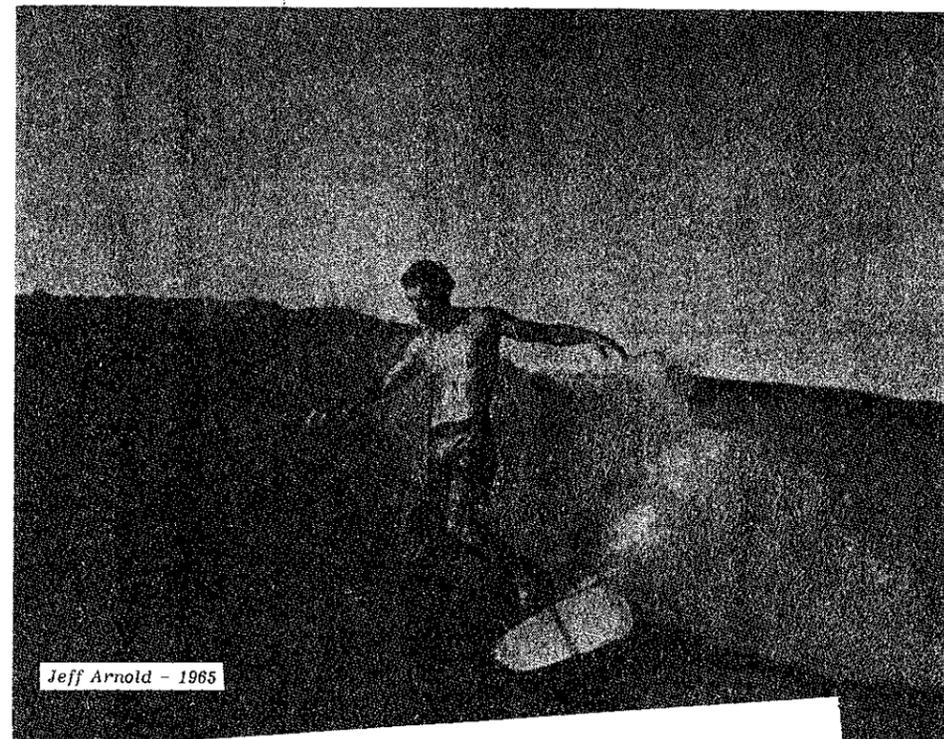


and when "Joe" Gawler got his Kombi most of our problems were solved. George Herbert tended to give priority to his fiancée Helen and Georges V.W. Beetle could not be included in the calculations of boards and bodies. George was also known as "Harry Hydro" (another nick-name applied by John Sims) because George had a step-tail "Hydro" design board. George was also the first surfer I saw in the area with a wetsuit although it was a heavy dive suit jacket with the flap trailing behind him.

The young surfers were called "Gremmies" (short for gremlins) back then, not "Grommets" as they are now known.

It was around 1965 that the "Surfie-Rocker Wars" occurred. The leather jacketed, greased hair "Rockers" invaded Greenmount Beach one Sunday in December. There was a brief skirmish in which Peter Jack was the main man. The police quickly broke it up and it was back to business as usual (surfing). It's interesting to note that whenever we got up to a bit of mischief it was when the onshore winds chopped up the surf and we had to find other ways to amuse ourselves.

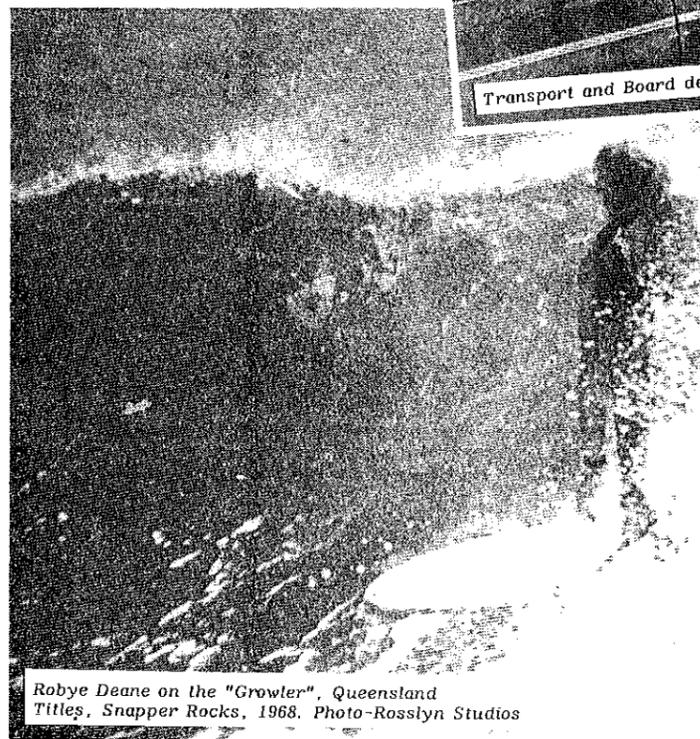
The next Saturday night saw a flare-up of the "War" in Coolangatta when Rodney Everson and the Flaherty Boys were hassled by a couple of Rockers. Swift justice was meted out by about thirty of the Snapper and Kirra Clubs at the Rockers stronghold - Buttsies Cafe in Griffith Street (now Coolangatta Realty). Our hang out was Gerry and Ivo's milk bar next to Danceland (Jet Club).



Jeff Arnold - 1965



Transport and Board design, 1967



Robye Deane on the "Growler", Queensland Titles, Snapper Rocks, 1968. Photo-Rosslyn Studios

The Kirra boys didn't like us surfing at their beach but they always backed us up if it came to a fight and there were plenty of those. I should explain that the two opposing "Rocker-Surfie" groups were a result of the current music. The Elvis Presley fans went for greasy, brushed back hair (so did Gordon) and leather jackets. At the same time the Beach Boys, Little Pattie and Jan and Dean appealed to the bleached blonde surfers. Two converts from Rockers into the club at this time were Danny Smith and Jim Johnson. There was also a long running cat and mouse game between Detective John Meskell of the Coolangatta Police and several of the boys over some graffiti on the toilet wall at Greenmount. John "Mossy" Bonus, John Schriener, Wayne Johnson, Peter Chitts, Mick and Lester Prowse are worthy of a mention for some of their stunts. Of course I was never involved in such behaviour.

The club championships around the mid-sixties were usually fought

out amongst Jeff Arnold, Wayne and Robye Deane, Graeme Merrin and a few others. The contest in 1966 was held at a very hollow six foot left hander near the Rainbow Bay rocks between Greenmount and Snapper. The goofy footers loved it and Bill Fleming took the title. The waves were memorable because during one heat the surf boat crew from Greenmount caught a wave, broached left and went over the falls upside down with oars and crew falling out. The system of three rounds for the Club Championships was introduced after this contest and was adopted by the A.S.A.Q. soon after. Graham Black was often the one to beat in many contests, and Graham became Qld. Junior Champion soon after.

There were many inter club competitions held with a regular contest between the Maroubra Surfers Association and Snapper Rocks which was held at Crescent Head. The Bargara Boardriders from Bundaberg came down a couple of times and we always won the surfing side but we couldn't match their beer drinking. Maybe they trained on Bundy Rum.

A few changes in membership were caused in 1966 by the recruitment of some of our better surfers by the Queensland branch of the Sydney Windansea Club. Their object was to have an unbeatable surf team and Neil Turner, John Sims, Terry Baker and Greg Celadoni were lured away for a short time. (Greg Celadoni was killed in a motorcycle accident at Burleigh shortly thereafter). This poaching of good surfers caused a great deal of friction between the various clubs on the Gold Coast and these feelings came to a head at a barbecue one night during the 1966 Australian Titles held at Coolangatta. The barbecue with band was put on by Snapper Rocks Club to raise money. It was held in the Masonic Hall in Coolangatta (since Demolished) and with a little help from the Surfers Paradise boys the dance turned into a riot and beer can fight. Any profit we might have made went into repairing the hall.

The main opposition in club competition during this period was always the Surfers Paradise club with Peter Drouyn, Paul and Rick Neilsen, Eric Chatfield and Micky Stafford to name a few. A Surfers Paradise - Snapper contest was held at Greenmount Point in which Peter Drouyn was unstoppable. Snappers ego was so deflated that revenge was achieved by placing a dead bird (Cormorant) under the spare tyre in Tony Dempsey's Morris Minor. We were pleased to hear that it took Tony several days to find it.

A few club members started travelling to contests farther afield and the 1967 Mattara Contest in Newcastle saw a few of us entered. The clubs contest record has always been impressive. Bill Stafford Junior was the Queensland Junior Champion in 1964 (I hope the dates are correct) and Robye Deane won it in 1968. In 1967 Snapper had five of the six finalists in the Junior division of the Queensland Titles. They were Wayne and Robye Deane, Robbie Pearce, Neil Turner and Terry Baker but "Hacker" Allan from Kirra Club won. Wayne Deane and Neil Turner were always pushing each other for second spot in club contests although Rodney Barnes displaced Neil in 1967. First place was always Robye Deane for a time and Wayne had to wait until 1984 for a title when he became Australian Senior Mens Champion.

Weekend surfing trips were often organised and if there was a contest with another club at Byron Bay or Coffs Harbour then the trip acquired a degree of respectability and some of the younger members would be allowed to go. The Far East flats, The Great Northern and Pier Astor Hotels in Byron Bay were the scenarios for some dastardly deeds but no-one seems to remember (or care) who won the competitions.

Finance is always an important issue in the successful operation of any club and there have been some interesting money making ventures by this club. Some of the best parties have been financial disasters, especially when the guests get out of control and the police have become involved as has happened on several occasions. I'll let Gordon Philipson tell the story of one such party:

"I must admit, quite a number of our rages lost money. Like the time we hired the C.W.A. Hall in Tweed Heads. We had to see the little old ladies to assure them we were suitable to rent their hall. Well, the coast was clear with the hiring of the hall and the beer and band were organised and away we went. Things were going quite well as the place was packed and we were selling plenty of booze. Around 9.30 the show started to come apart. The guy on the door bolted up to myself and Peter Turner and mentioned that the local nark had poked his nose in the door and was going to return with reinforcements to raid the party. This called for a piece of fast action Al Capone style as we had a lot of unsold cans of beer left which we didn't want to lose. Within minutes we had the Holden Panel Van up to the back door and the beer cans were thrown in the back. (It was very dark and no-one noticed that Neil Turner was sleeping in there). The band was told that we were about to be raided, they immediately dropped their bundle and fled with the rest of the patrons. This left a handful of members to tidy up and when the police arrived there was nothing to see except Robye and Wayne Deane wobbling down the road on their push bikes."

However we did get our act together and started to make more money except for the new car raffle when we didn't even sell enough tickets to cover the cost of the car and the Justice Department were convinced we were pulling a scam of some sort. One of the strongest supporters in the late sixties and early seventies was Sid Aspinall. Sid ran a clothing store in Coolangatta and organised many successful fund raising nights, including a fashion parade with some very reluctant male models from the club. Sid was tireless in his efforts and was behind the boys all the way.

During 1966-67 the decision to obtain premises for the club was made. The vote was by no means unanimous with many members opposed to the idea. In conjunction with Tweed Shire Council funds were raised and the club house was built at Duranbah Beach. A considerable amount of money had to be raised to pay off the loan and it was the burden of this task which caused some members to leave the club. It was their opinion that they had joined the club to go surfing and have fun. The idea of spending their free time selling tickets in pub raffles did not appeal to many. The name of the club was change to the Tweed Heads Surfriders Club. The club was the first in Australia to obtain a club house and it appeared to be a great achievement for a surfboard club. Looking back I would say it was a very divisive period and the project was bound to fail due to the very nature of surfing. Graeme Merrin resigned as President and shortly afterwards the building was taken over by Tweed Shire Council and is now the home of the Tweed Heads-Coolangatta Air-Sea Rescue Group.

The club languished for a while before being revived in its present form. I am sure the lessons of the past have been well and truly learnt and the club is unlikely to split again.

The sand banks have changed a lot over the last twenty years on the Gold Coast, especially the southern end with the extension to the rock walls at the mouth of the Tweed River. There have been a lot of rock walls and groyne built on the coast over the years and they haven't always produced the desired results. One thing is certain and that is the groyne have always improved or created new surfing spots. The sand comes and goes and when the sand banks are good now its just as good if not better than it ever was.

I feel very fortunate to have been involved with surfers and the Snapper Rocks Surfriders Club for the past 21 years and to have been able to spend that time in the water. For me it has grown from a youthful obsession (which badly affected my school work) into a successful and satisfying occupation.



Ampol Petroleum sponsored many surfing contests in the sixties. Queensland Titles winners, 1968:
Juniors - Robye Deane (Snapper Rocks)
Womens - Phyllis O'Donell (Snapper Rocks)
Senior - Peter Drouyn (Surfers Paradise)

Through the club many young surfers have learnt how to balance their passion for surfing with the realities of life such as education, employment and their responsibilities to others. The subtle guidance exerted through the club may explain the clubs continuing success.

One person who has had a very significant influence on the club is Terry Baker and this is where I leave off and hand over to Terry.

Peter Turner



RIGHT: 1969. A few of the boys having a beer at the Duranbah Clubhouse. L-R: Wayne Sands, Alan "Snag" Sanotti, Gordon Philipson, Peter Sanotti. Gordon Philipson later became Queensland and National President of the Australian Surfing Association and also Vice-President of the International Surfing Association.

FUND RAISING 1969
A beard growing contest was conducted. Bill Stafford snr won. This photo taken at the Kirra Beach Hotel shows Peter Turner being shorn by persons unknown with Robye Deane as the policeman.



Robye Deane on the tip at Snapper Rocks, 1969
Photo - M. Kanapu

- COMMITTEE MEETING -

THESE MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 2nd SEPTEMBER, 1967, SHOW THAT EVEN THEN IT WAS ALWAYS MONEY FIRST, SHIRTS LATER. NOTE THE PRICE.

COMMITTEE MEETING

2/9/1967

Members present: J.Strange, G.Merrin, D.Dare, R.Deane, W.Deane, D. Bennell, B.M. Martin, P. Turner.

Meeting opened by G.Merrin at 12.45.

Apologies: Nil

General Business: Discussion was held on a new club T-shirt (\$1.75). Moved - D. Bennell. Seconded - Neil Turner, that the club buy 2 dozen T-shirts with design front and back. Motion carried. $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen Mens and $1\frac{1}{2}$ dozen O.S. Moved - Neil Turner. Seconded - J.Strange, that the T-shirts be sold to members for \$2.00 each. Motion carried. Members pay first before they get them.

Moved - W.Deane. Seconded - J.Strange that badges are to be issued every year to members once paying their fees. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on a new pair of board shorts. Sid is trying to get some made that will last.

A.B.C.Grades

A Grade

W.Deane
R.Deane
N.Turner
J.Strange
R.Barnes
G.Merrin
J.Arnold
T.Baker

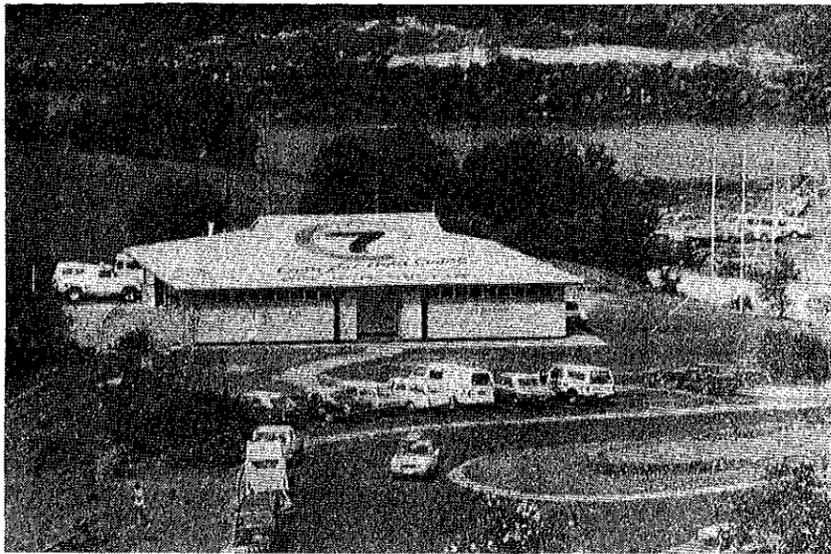
B Grade

P.Turner
B.Stafford
G.Herbert
G.Turner
W.Chisholm
M.Riley
M.Lee
J.Johnson

SNAPPER MEMBERS HAVE ALWAYS KNOWN HOW TO PARTY
Back Row standing L to R: Kevin Cuthbertson, Ken Markwell, Peter Turner, Tony Butler (rear), Bill Fleming (dark shirt), Ray Kelly, Peter McIlveen, Wayne Johnson, John O'Connor, Jim Boyd, Jeff Arnold, Paul Daly, Dennis Gawler, Bill Bolman.
Front Row; Wayne Deane, Billy Rose (front), Ray Ford, Neil Turner, John Bonus (rear), Gordon Philipson, Greg Turner, Ross Suter (asleep), Danny Smith, Jim Johnson, John Sims (in suit), Jim Smith (rear), John Schriener, Graham Black (front), Neville Markwell (glasses), Warren Markwell, Peter Breen, Rodney Barnes.

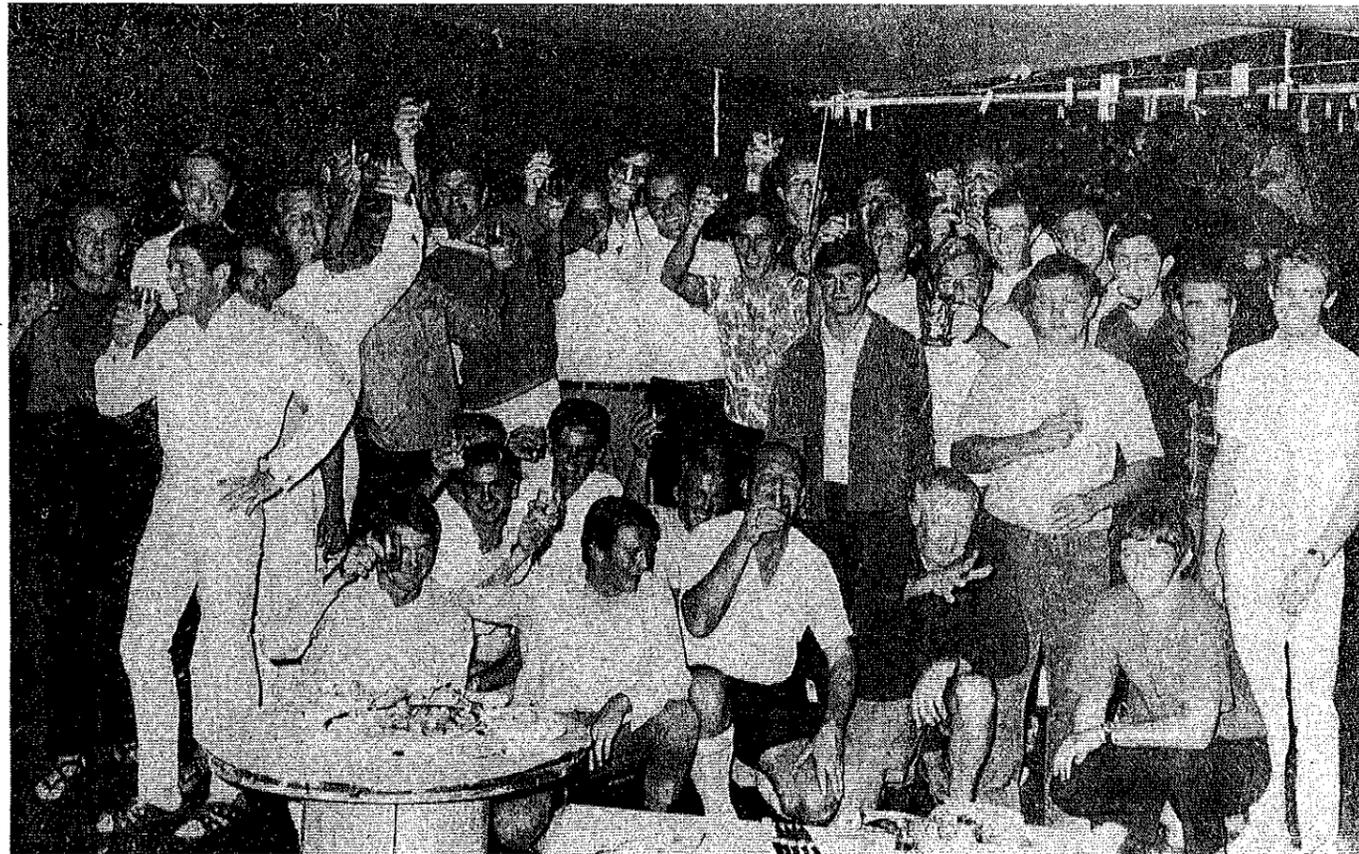


Danny Smiths 21st Birthday Party, C.W.A. Hall, Tweed Heads, 1968



DURANBAH CLUB HOUSE

The clubhouse at Duranbah Beach which was originally built by Tweed Shire Council for use by the Snapper Rocks Surfriders Club. The name change to Tweed Heads Surfriders Club was required by the Council. It is now the headquarters for the Tweed Heads Air-Sea Rescue. Photo taken in 1985 - Brett Backhouse.



19th MARCH, 1969.
PETER TURNER'S 21st BIRTHDAY PARTY - 27 Adelaide St., Tweed Heads.
BACK ROW - Gary Hicks, Bob Burns (front), Graeme Merrin, John Buttenshaw, Peter McIlveen, Lance Merchant, Brett Gilbert, Phillip Sadler (back), Paul Daly, Geoff Martin, Ross Hattersley, Greg Turner, Kevin Bukowski, Noel Walker, Kenny Lange (front), Peter Bukowski (back), Kelvin Strange, Ian Strange (front), Tony Butler, Des Bennell, Billy Rose, Jimmy Smith, Dennis Gawler, John O'Connor, Peter Turner, Greg O'Connell (rear).
FRONT ROW KNEELING - Gordon Philipson, George Cassis (front), Robye Deane (behind), Neil Turner, Wayne Chisholm, Wayne Deane, Greg O'Cane, Phil Turner, Danny Smith.
23 Snapper members.



SHORTS BADGE T.H.S.C. 1970

CLUBBED TRIPS

BRUCE LEE

After W.D.'s story, P.J.'s era and Weenies term I've got a hard act to follow but I can tell a few stories too. I have the benefit of the minutes for my tale so dates should be right.

I was just a little blonde haired grommet when I joined the club in 1973 and like many of the younger members, Todd and I would ring our parents to pick us up after the meetings.

My hero was Peter Townend who was soon to become World Champion and I was also inspired by "Rabbit" who had not yet risen above the local "hottie" reputation, but I knew that I wanted to be just like those guys.

The meetings in the first year of Terry's Presidency were always on the edge of total chaos. Terry had not yet acquired the skills of controlling such a rowdy group. Quite often very little business was conducted as the meeting quickly degenerated into a slanging match which got progressively more abusive. It was usually good natured fun and absolutely hilarious for us grommets on the sideline. Geoff Darby was often the main instigator with quite a bit of help from "P.T.", "Rabbit", "D.T.", "Macka", Dick Dall, Al Miscamble and Neil Turner.

There were a few changes in office bearers in the early to mid 70's. Terry was always President. Brent Lilee was Treasurer in 1975 and was followed by Gary Brough. Alan Miscamble was secretary in 1975-76 and then Geoff Milne had a term.

Terry Baker was away judging major professional surfing contests several times a year so Geoff Darby would often take over as President. Geoff was keen on the idea of renting cheap premises for the club but after the experience of the Duranbah Clubhouse no-one else was too impressed. "Darb" was big on parties and that subject usually took up most meetings when Terry was away.

I can remember having fights with the other guys to see who would wake Geoff up for the contests on Sunday mornings because the contents of his bed were often very educational for a curious lad like myself. There was almost always a football game or cricket match after club rounds and sometimes the barbeque with a keg.

In September '74 there was a Presentation Night at the Grande Hotel in Coolangatta. "Rabbit" concocted a potent drop, called "rocket fuel" for the juniors and very effectively nobbled them for the next days surfing.

In the mid '70's sponsorship for the club was provided by the first President, Graeme Merrin who had a surf shop at South Tweed Heads. The trophies were hand made in timber by Wayne Deane and were real works of art.

Other sponsorship was forthcoming from Quiksilver Boardshorts when Alan Green outfitted the entire club in the familiar black and orange boardies.

The boys in the '70's were into music so much so that many meetings were poorly attended when they clashed with a concert. One meeting in '76 was cancelled because everyone went to Brisbane to see the Doobie Brothers.

* Dick "Good Lookin' Member" Dall deserves a few lines here because he was consistently mentioned in the minutes. Here are three examples:-

October '75 W.D.'s house - Ballow Street. Pool Party, great trophies, Dick got sick.

November '77 - Gordon Philipson's house at Tugun. - Pool Party, watermelon fight, Dick in pool (fully clothed)

May '79 - Mundees Place - Rainbow Bay. Good food, big drinkies, Dick got sick but maintained. Maybe that's how



Alan Kempnich - 1971
The board is a Joe Larkin P.T.3, shaped by Peter Townend.



Club T-Shirt 1970.
We are not too sure about the year.
These shirts were printed. The shirt belongs to Alan (above), and he doesn't remember either.

PREPARING FOR STATE BOARD TITLES



* Surf board riders and officials are preparing for the State titles to be held on the Gold Coast starting next Saturday. Yesterday they got together at Coolangatta to discuss the titles. Pictured here are (left to right) secretary of the A.S.A.Q., Gordon Philipson, president of the Tweed Heads Club, Robye Deane, president of the Windansea Surf Riding Club - Paul Daley, Mick Lee of Kirra secretary of Manly Pacific Club, Phil Nuendorf and captain of the Kingscliff club team, Gary Davis.

DISCUSSING TEAM SELECTION



* Pictured (left to right) Gary Davis (Kingscliff team captain), Gordon Philipson (team manager for the Australian titles), Mr Deane (president of the Australian Surf Riders Association of Queensland), John King (president of Kingscliff Surf Riders Club), Sid Aspinall (publicity officer for the A.S.A.Q.) and Michael Lee (president of Kirra Surf Riders), discussing details of the team to represent Queensland in the Australian boardriding titles to be held at Bells Beach, Victoria at Easter.

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Left to Right at Rear, Bill Stafford Jnr, Former QLD Junior Champion, Geoff Darby (seated), Graeme Merrin 1st President in 1964, Wayne "Rabbit" Bartholomew 1978 World Champion, Brent Lillee, Bob Suter, Peter "P.T." Townend 1976 World Champion, Tim Bryant, Gary Brough.
Front: Terry Baker, Lindsay Leckie, Bob Notley.

SNAPPER ROCKS CLUB REVIVED

Proprietors of Munde's Place, Messrs Lindsay Leckie and Bob Notley, present Snapper Rocks president, Terry Baker (left) with a donation of \$50 at the club meeting last Monday night.

In the background are a number of the club members who discussed various aspects of the club's reformation after a nine year break.

Among the new members are world known riders, Peter Townend, Wayne "Rabbit" Bartholomew and Billy Grant.

Terry himself was voted top judge at the last World Boardriding Titles, held in the U.S.A.

All the club members are competent local surfers who feel that a "friendlier" type of boardriding club is needed on the coast.



The Gold Coast has been the training ground for many surfers throughout the years.

For these boardriders, every beach and point break in their local area is common knowledge — they know the names, the dangers and the many tricks that will help them obtain the most out of varying surfs like Greenmount, Duranbah and Kirra.

And there is one break that is known up and down the coast for its ferocity, consistency and often perfect rides.

And that break is Snapper Rocks.

Situated just around the corner from Rainbow Bay, Snapper has long been the tramping ground of local surfers and visitors to the area.

For those who are unaware of Snapper's devastating take-offs, well, we'll just say that whoever isn't in for a lesson when they sample the waves of this spot for the first time.

At low tide, the hollowness and speed of Snapper's waves are in-

comparable up and down the coast.

Nine years ago, an enthusiastic group of locals got together and formed one of the Gold Coast's first Boardriding clubs and, aptly, they named it after a break that matched the power of this group of hot surfers.

And so, Snapper Rocks Boardriders Club became a reality.

But, like the surf, no club can stay at a peak forever, and, after a while, Snapper Rocks Club had its name changed and gradually faded.

On Monday, August 27, a meeting was held at "Munde's Place", at Rainbow Bay.

Old faces

At the meeting were many of the old faces from the original Snapper Rocks Boardriders Club.

The faces were older, and hairier, but they held the same enthusiasm that sent their club to the height of popularity many years ago.

There were other faces, but these were local surfers too, surfers who felt that a new type of club was needed on the coast — a friendly easy going club that wouldn't contain the hassles and tie-ups that were so obvious in

many other boardriding clubs.

On the ninth anniversary of the formation of the original Snapper Rocks club, these surfers gathered to revive the name once more.

It wasn't until last Monday night that they really got the ball rolling.

An executive was elected, many paid membership dues, the question of club boardshorts and tee-shirts was discussed, and the first donation was received by the revived club.

Everybody at the meeting offered their comments as to what they thought would be best for the club, and these comments were received and noted by all present.

The new Snapper Rocks Boardriders Club has got off to a great start, and if the same spirit of co-operation and goodwill exists in the future, it can't help but be a success.

The executive: President, Terry Baker; secretary, Peter Townend; assistant secretary, Allan Miscamble; treasurer, Gary Brough; patron, Graham Merrin; copatrons, Lindsay Leckie, Bob Notley; Pro., Brent Lillee.

IN THE TUBE

(With PETER TOWNEND)

LAST WEEKEND the first round of the Queensland titles was finalised in very poor conditions at Cabarita.

Michael Peterson handled the unpredictable conditions with much skill to win the open mens division from Wayne "Rabbit" Bartholomew, Richard Harvey, Peter Townend, Wayne Deane and Robbie Helmore.

In the junior division a convincing win went to Tony Elthrington over Lew Howarth, Grant Redman, Wally Papp, Rick Tracy and David McDonald.

The mens B grade was won by Tommy Peterson from Ron Howarth, Paul Hutchison and Neil Turner.

Darryl Smith was victorious in the Novice event and a new event this year, the knee-board or belly board, went to Kevin Barr who easily outclassed the opposition.

In the Veteran mens reigning Australian champion Brian Austen was victorious over Pat Reilly, Dick Van Straalen, John Standing and Rod Teys.

A keenly contested event with a line-up sounding like an event for surfboard manufacturers.

The next round is to be contested on the Sunshine Coast on the 24th and 30th of September.

Here's hoping for some good waves and friendly competition.

Peter Townend's column was on the same page as the Revival notice and mentions eight members of the club. Kevin Barr - Mentioned in the column above was a Snapper member who became Australian Kneeboard Champion 1975.

THE ELEVEN YEAR PRESIDENCY

TERRY BAKER

My recollections of the club are many and quite often amusing, particularly in relation to the numerous weekend trips to compete against 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 "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.

Unfortunately I made my mark during a trip to Byron Bay which involved an old bread van of Des Bennell's, my bare behind, a rear door which sprang open as we drove over the Burringbar Range. It was very nearly "DISARSETROUS".

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. 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.

One source of transport was Peter Chitts also known as "Razzer". Peter had a varying assortment of cars and driving with him was never boring to say the least. As we got a little older with a little more money more cars were available, Peter Turner bought his F.J. Holden and had it lowered so much that it wasn't too good on some rough surf tracks. Phil "Sad" Sadler had a huge old Chev and some of Lester Prowse's cars were miraculous that they didn't fall apart. 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 one 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".

The early meetings were often very funny as Graeme Merrin tried to impose discipline and correct meeting procedure. There were fines for talking and making other noises although Graeme found it hard to collect the money from the rather unruly bunch of surfers. I was to find out for myself when I became President just how Graeme must have felt back then.

With so much competition going on the need for competent reliable judging arose and I became more involved in the judging side of contests in the early 70's. I judged at the World Titles at Bells Beach in 1970 and that was the start of my professional judging career. There was also a rather extraordinary surfing trip as well in 1971, Joe Larkin, the Kirra Board builder, took myself, Michael Peterson, Peter Townend and Wayne 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 Merimbula 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 contests with a third place in the World Titles at San Diego in 1972, at which I was a judge. My trip to Hawaii in 1973 as Australia's judging representative was memorable as I stayed with Lord "Tallyho" Blears, the well known wrestler and surfing personality.

Judging surfing contests has taken me to Hawaii, California and Bali and to all the major Australian contests such as the Stubbies, Surfabout and Bells Beach. The knowledge I have gained has been passed on to the club members through out inter club rounds and I'm sure that the standard of judging in this club is very high as a result. Knowing what the judges are looking for in a surfing contest also shows in the clubs record.

Meanwhile back in the early 70's the club lost a lot of it's original purpose when it gained the clubhouse at Duranbah Beach and many members drifted away because of the endless fund raising needed to repay the loan. Shortly afterwards it was decided to reform the club in it's original form and I was elected President. I had no idea I would be there for 11 years or maybe I would not have volunteered.

The reformation was in 1973 and then as now the aim of the club is friendship, hot surfing, and fun. The club has been very successful in competition and over the years has amassed a very healthy bank balance from prize money. The early days were always very lean with members having to pay directly for everything the club needed. The younger members are now inheriting many of the benefits from the hard work and depth of experience, both in and out of the water, of the earlier members.

Several club members are now prominent in business around the area and are now in a position to assist the club and some members with sponsorship or employment. The younger ones have particularly benefited from the guidance and assistance given to them and the future of the club would seem assured with such a depth of emerging talent.

I feel fortunate to have been so closely associated with the great bunch of people who were and still are the club. Surfing continues to hold a very prominent place in my life. The fantastic feeling you get after a good surf is something that only another surfer can appreciate, a really close to nature experience.

I aim to be associated with surfing and the Snapper Rocks Surfriders Club for many years to come and I hope that my experience will be of assistance to future office bearers.

Terry Baker



Terry Baker started his professional judging career in 1970 at the World Titles at Bells Beach. He had the highest average at the 1972 World Titles in San Diego and was one of the first judges to be paid when he judged at Makaha in 1973.



QUEENSLAND TITLES 1974 PRESENTATION
Left to right
5th Peter Bryant
4th Brian Weir
3rd Billy Grant
2nd Wayne Bartholomew
1st Michael Peterson,
Where was P.T.?
This was very definitely the long hair era, but Peter Bryant as always was doing it his way.



The mid 70's saw the emergence of Peter Townend, a truly stylish surfer of great ability who became World Champion in 1976. P.T. who was often called the "Coolangatta Shore Break Kid" showed his big wave ability in huge 30' surf at Waimea Bay. This photograph shows P.T. in his characteristic layback on a nice small wave. Photo: Surfing World.

Wayne "Rabbit" Bartholomew also came to national prominence in the early 70's and went on to become World Champion in 1978. This photo shows Wayne during one of the Rip Curl Easter contests at Bells Beach in Victoria. Rabbits first board was a cut down done by Wayne and Robye Deane in 1968.





Terry Baker - Burleigh Heads - Stubbies, March 1978

Terry Baker, Terry's girl, Mark Warren, Ian Cairns, Peter Townend, Neil Turner. Munde's Place, March 1977. The pros were in town for the inaugural Stubbies Classic at Burleigh Heads. Mark, Ian and P.T. were the Bronzed Aussies Surf Team.

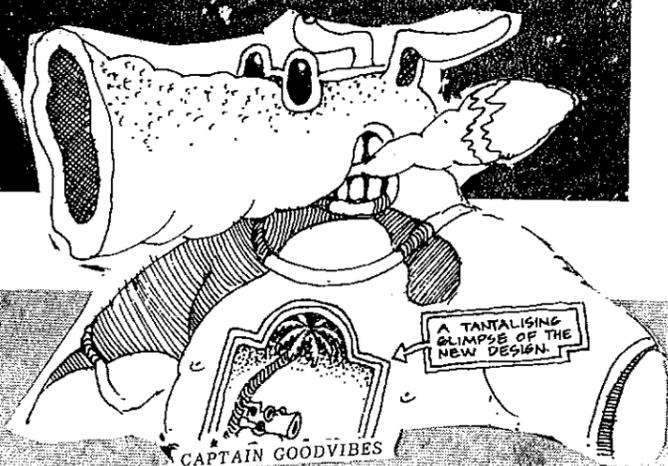
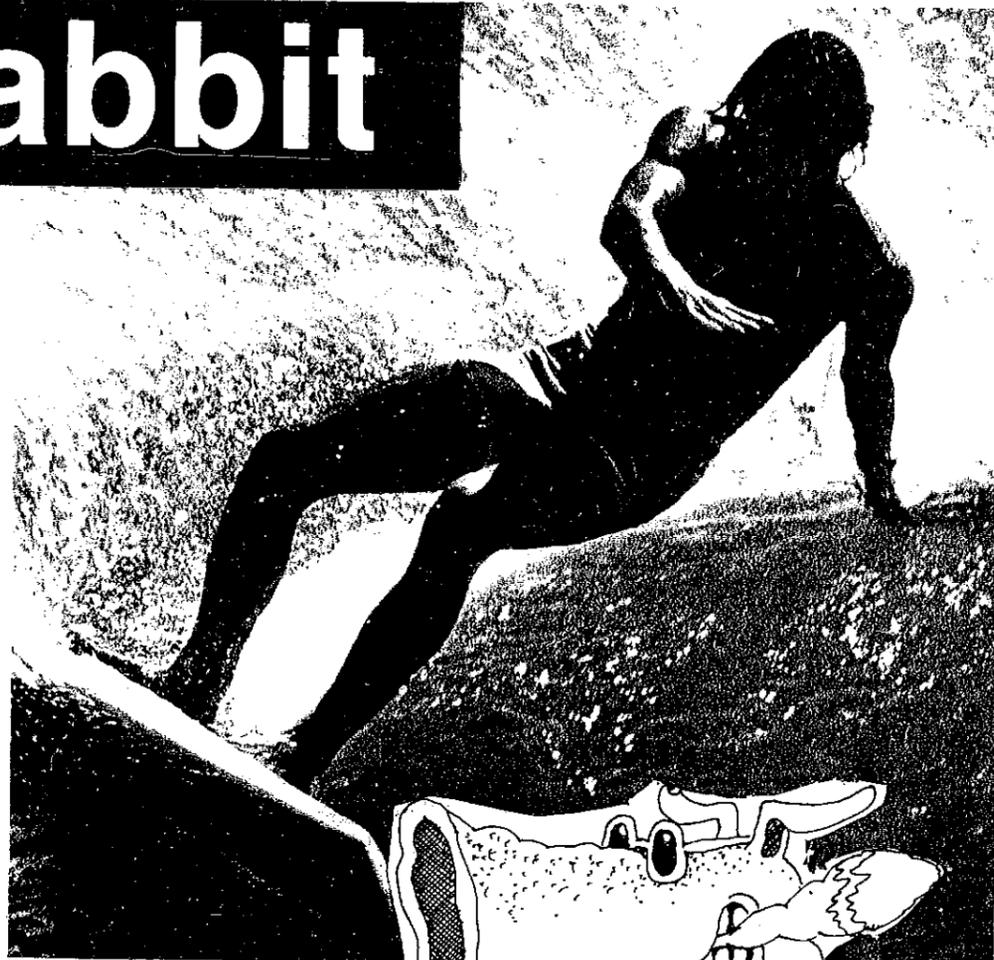


Peter Townend's self imposed exile in California has robbed him of fun sessions like this one at Rainbow Beach in 1978.
Photography by Ian Borland. Courtesy of Surfing World.

Rabbit



Wayne "Rabbit" Bartholomew
a fan of the "Captain"



Wayne Deane - Rip Curl Contest - Bells Beach, Easter 1977



FOUREX RACE



Fourrex Flying Handicap at Snapper Rocks in 1978. This popular paddle and beer drinking event was part of Queensland Titles. Left to right; Warwick Greenhalgh, Chris Gudenswager (kneeling), Todd Lee, Michael Jones (seated), Brian Austen (commentator), Sean Riley, Gordon Phillipson (rear), Leanne Riley, Wayne Deane, Pat Riley (obscured), Peter Jones. True to form Wayne Deane has romped in and is on his second beer.

CLUBBED TRIPS - continued

Dick got his nickname, totally supporting club functions.

The members were really stoked when we heard that "P.T." was World Champion and when "Rabbit" won it two years later - alright!!! It really gave me a lift surfing against a World Champ even at club level.

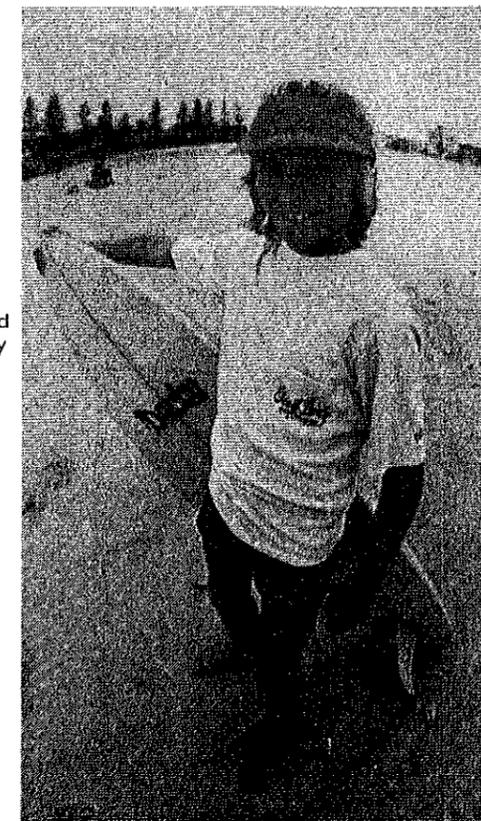
The Teams Shield contest at Narrownneck in 1980 was an interesting event. There was a really poor roll up from the boys. Snapper would have won but we were exposed after trying to surf "Mont" twice because we were one man short.

When the Queensland Titles had a round at the North Coast, the Gold Coast Team would usually hire a bus and we'd always mount a food raid at "Hungry Bob's" in Brisbane on the way through. Foul growl! With your own car it's more convenient and certainly more comfortable but there's no way it could be as much fun as bus trips. The trip to Straddie where the sheep got into the tents was hilarious.

The Deane brothers would often bring in movies to the meetings showing surfing in Hawaii and Europe and some classic early days surf trips. There was always a bigger roll up if the movies were on.

The K.T.F. (Kirra Turkey Farmers) challenged us a few times but we didn't take them seriously. How could Kirra beat Snapper? Not a chance! It was interesting to see P.J.'s comments about the Kirra-Snapper rivalry in the 60's. Nothing changes it seems. We'd done Kirra up 71 points to 53 at Black Rock in August '76 and we'd never given them much credit after that thrashing.

P.J. from Kirra Surf donated some competition singlets and the now



Sean Riley 1979

SNAPPER ROCKS SQUAD TAKES GRIP ON PRO-AM

GOLD COAST BULLETIN, SATURDAY 8th SEPTEMBER, 1979

Competition ranks in the \$10,000 Graeme and Norma's Pro-am surf classic are thinning out as the contest moves into the third day today.

Snapper Rocks club emerged through elimination heats last weekend with a strong chance.

All six professionals - Peter Bryant, Peter Jones, Bruce Lee, Wayne Deane, Billy Grant and Dom Wibrow - have progressed to the three man heats.

The next best represented club is North End with three successful surfers - Joe Engel, Wayne McKewen and Murray Pearce.

Tony Eltherington, Ross Phillips (Manly Pacific) and Marcus Moore and Warwick Greenhalgh (Miami) are still flying the flag for their club.

Other surfers still in contention in the pro section are Darren Keevers (Byron Bay), Richard Wood (Eleanora), Dave McDougall (Bluff), Graham Black (Palm Beach) and Glen Rawlings (Christians) and Emile Young (Miami).

With a small swell today Pat Riley said the contest may be held on northern beaches at Surfers Paradise, Main Beach or maybe Duranbah if it is working.

But the decision will be made at Burleigh Heads at 7am today, he said.

All club delegates must meet at Burleigh Heads at 7am today to decide the contest site.

The presentation night will be held at Graeme and Norma's restaurant at Palm Beach on Saturday September, 15th



Standing Left to right: Tommy Peterson, Dominic Wibrow, Chris Wibrow, Terry Baker, Paul Hopkins, Terry's girl, Billy Grant, Bruce Lee, Chris Cohen, Matthew Pitts, Dave Bryant, Oscar Oppenheimer, Peter Jones, Tod's girl, Todd Lee, Robye Deane, Wayne Deane, Mick Barrett, Murray Bourton, Dick Dall, Rod Westerlund. Seated: Sean Riley, Robbie Cohen, Paul Staats, Chrissy Cohen, Bob Warlosz, Peter Grant, Pat Riley.



A much younger "General" - Chappy Jennings 1979 - Photo Bede/Brobes - Line up.

Above left and below; Michelle Ducat. One of the more attractive club members.



CLUBBED TRIPS - continued

and the now well known tent. The "Tent" has been home to the club at many contests and it's hard to imagine a contest without it sitting on the beach. It's very handy when some of the sponsors are club members. It's a lot easier to get their support (and money).

In 1980 we had a re-union and party which was held at the Greenmount Surf Club Hall. A lot of original members attended and showed us a bit of their past form. The band was great, whoever they were. It's really strange when the former members are about the same age as your parents and everyone's in there raging together.

The "Jet Club 4000" Contest was also in 1980. It was locally organised and sponsored by the Jet Club. Club member Tony Russell picked up a trip to Bali for that one. Good effort.

"Rab" won the French Pro at Lacanau in October 1980 and "Rocky" Rawlings picked up 2nd place in the World Amateur Championships. The boys were stoked and there was much hooting and Snapper chanting at the meeting when it was announced.

The club developed a social conscience in the early '80's, when the proposal to redevelop the old Snapper Rocks Pool was put forward. The plan involved a large housing unit block set into the hillside with a health club set up on the pool site. The meeting voted to oppose the idea and the club threw its weight behind the many concerned local citizens who also wanted the area left in its natural state. The development was defeated with a bit of help from Russ Hinze who was the Queensland Government Minister involved. Russ was given a big cheer by the members when he visited Snapper Rocks one Sunday while a contest was in progress.

Pat Riley and Wayne Deane were heavily involved in the newly formed Gold Coast Surfriders Association around this time and Pat often kept the club running while Terry was away at Pro contests.

In July of '81 we assembled almost all the boys (and Michelle) for a group photo and presentation party at the river bank park on Kennedy Drive. A barbecue, a few sherbets and a badly umpired cricket match - what a great day!

We also had two trips to the Sunshine Coast to compete against Windansea for the A.S.A.Q. teams title. Windansea cancelled the first attempt because the surf was nonexistent. We should have barred the second trip as they narrowly shut us down in small waves at Kawana (with help from "Kong")

The bus trip to Sydney for the 2SM Teams Challenge was a blast and I don't think I could add much to Wayne's account of it. That bus was punishing!

Gordon "Greasy" Merchant from Billa-bong Boardshorts did the boys proud with a new issue of shorts. I think the long legs on the new shorts looked better on guys like "Swag" and "Mont" than on my handsome physique.

In May '82 "P.J." sponsored the Winter-sun Teams Contest. We reckoned it was our money from the start because we easily won the club section but a very suss scoring system gave double points to the winner of the Super Heat between Rabbit and Gary Timperley from the Byron Bay Seahorses. We didn't consider that Gary would beat Rab or we might have looked at the scoring system more closely beforehand. We were really burnt when Byron won the \$1000 and we got second prize of \$500.

In July '82 Snapper surfed against the British Surf Team who were here for the World Amateur Titles at Duranbah. We were victorious by just two points and afterwards Graham Scammell put on a keg. There was a barbecue (of course) at Lovers Rock and at this one it was Weenie who "maintained"

In November '82 there was another good rage at the Greenmount Surf Club Hall. The organisation was excellent. The band, "Snapper Rock" was great and Steve "Arch" Archdeacon cooked up a storm. "Good Cookin Member"!

A year later the boys were "Mango'ed" with a sponsorship deal from Don Munro and in March '84 Pat Riley lead a team that put together the first Mango Teams Invitational Contest. Kirra Point turned on head high tubes but Newport were just too good.

In May the "Quiet Achievers" did a commando raid at Cabarita to clean up the \$1000 in the Wintersun Contest. The only Snapper members to show up was the team but that's all we needed.

In July '84 a Social Committee was formed. It comprised Don Munro, John Buttenshaw,

TODD LEE WINS A PLACE IN STATE TEAM

Snapper Rocks Boardriders' Club member Todd Lee has won a place in the Queensland team of 13 surfers contest the Australian Championships in Sydney next month.



Lee won his touring berth by taking out the State Junior Surf-riding title at Burleigh Heads on Sunday.

He defeated two Sunshine Coast surfers, Gary Elkerton and Mick Folker, for the

State title.

The win on Sunday capped a successful weekend for Lee.

At the annual Snapper Rocks presentation evening on Friday, he won a

trophy for competition success during the year.

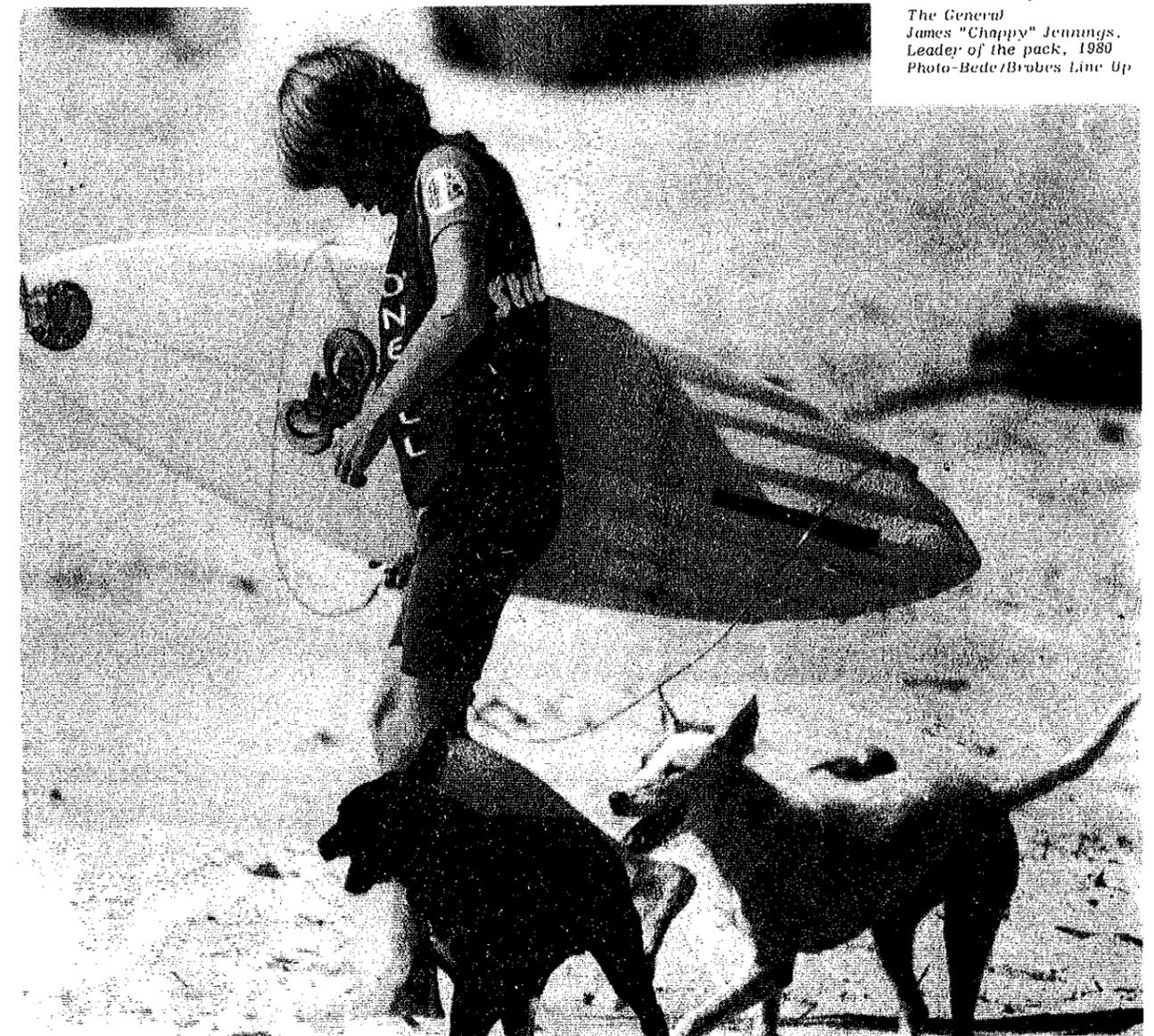
Lee is pictured above with two other A grade Snapper Rocks club trophy winners, Wayne Deane (left) and Bruce Lee.



Todd Lee, winner of the Junior Pro surfout in Queensland. Gary Elkerton was 2nd and Mick Folker was 3rd.



Sean and Pat Riley 1981



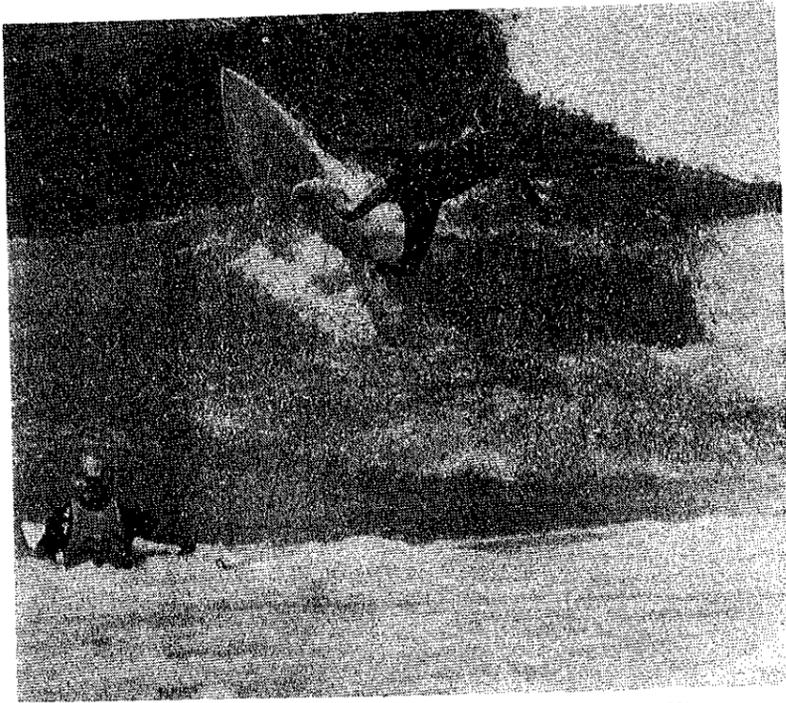
The General James "Chappy" Jennings, Leader of the pack, 1980 Photo-Bede/Brobes Line Up

CLUBBED TRIPS - continued

Brendan Hatherly, Gary Wykes and yours truly. The committee launched straight into the "Snap into Spring" fashion parade which was held at "The Patch". The show was a great success both socially and financially which isn't the way all Snapper functions turned out in the past. "Snap into Spring" was staged again this year (1985) and again we blitzed it. That experience is paying off.

In the club's 21st year the 21st Anniversary Snapper Teams Challenge was held at Kirra Point in the very fast hollow waves on the Saturday and junky onshore dribble on the Sunday. Newport won again but we did exceptionally well with "Little Marley" in second spot and Jason taking the individual best. Jason's dad John Buttenshaw was contest director and the sponsors were A.W.A. Amstrad Computers, Mango Surfwear and Kirra Surf. Little Marley picked up a computer for second. Big party at the Patch with the Diatonix and Newport cut loose.

One thing that struck me on our latest trip to Sydney is the high regard that other clubs around Australia have for Snapper Rocks. We have a solid background, a bright future and a club that's really special - so lets keep SNAPPER ROCKIN'!!!!



Greg Faulks 1980. Bruce Lee in water.

Bruce Lee with a sneer for the camera 1980. This photo and the photo of Greg Faulks above by Bede/Brobes - Line Up.

Bruce Lee



Peter Bryant "A" Team member for many years.



WITH Trevor McKewen and Jeremy Scott
Snapper snaps up \$2000 in teams contest

SNAPPER Rocks Boardriders staved off a concerted Broadbeach bid to take the big bucks in the Brothers Neilsen Teams Challenge over the long weekend.

The southern crew pocketed \$2000 for the win, but the money means nothing compared to the buzz of being number one in the Queensland club stakes. But Snapper, the winners of the Gold Coast teams shield the week before, only just got home in the one to one-and-a-half metre righthanders on a sucky bank at Surfers Paradise.

The boys were deadlocked with Broadbeach on 70 points after the four-team final and organisers had to go back to a fourth best ware countback to split the two clubs.

However, it would have been an injustice had Snapper been beaten.

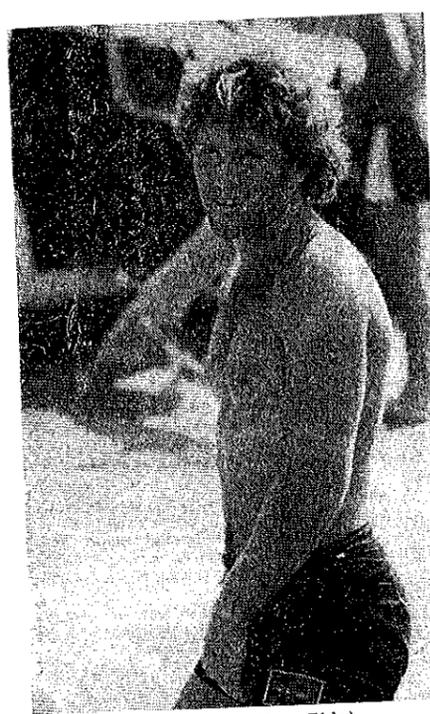
All six guys really fired in the second round, winning every heat on top of taking out their initial six-team group with ease in the opening round.

Hot youngsters Shaun Kiley and Todd Lee backed up Rabbit Bartholomew and Glen Rawlings' professionalism and Wayne Dean and Bruce Lee put the crown on Snapper's head, so to speak.

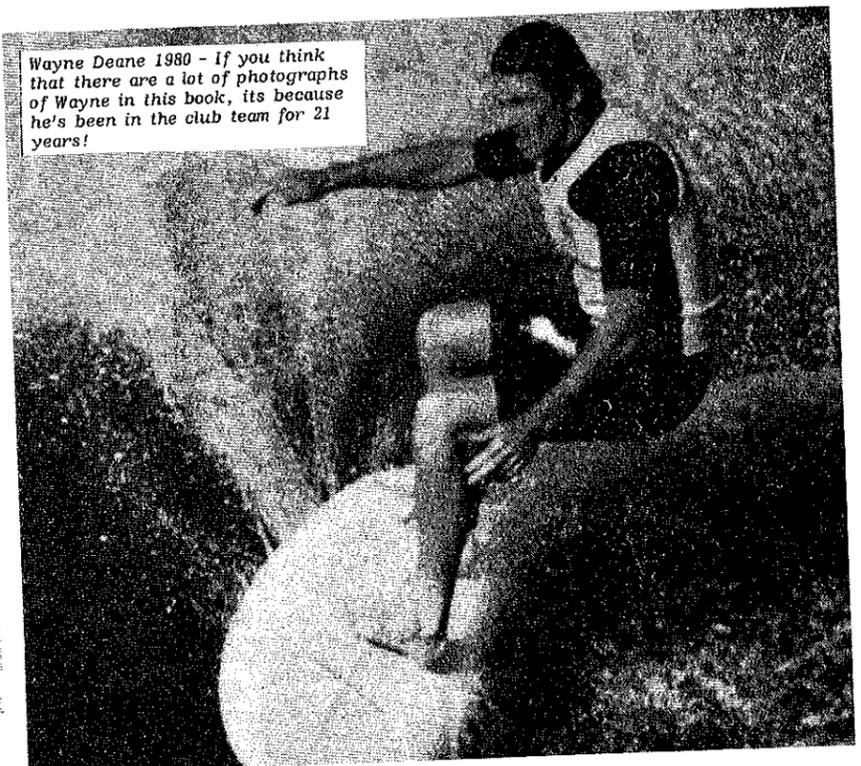
Snapper faltered in the final slightly and some hot mores from Broadbeach's Ross Stewart, Gavin Clark, Darren Murphy and David West gave them a chance, but the southern boys just held out.

Sunshine Coast team North Shore, spearheaded by Gary Elkerton and Brett Peacock, surfed into third spot with Burleigh grabbing fourth place.

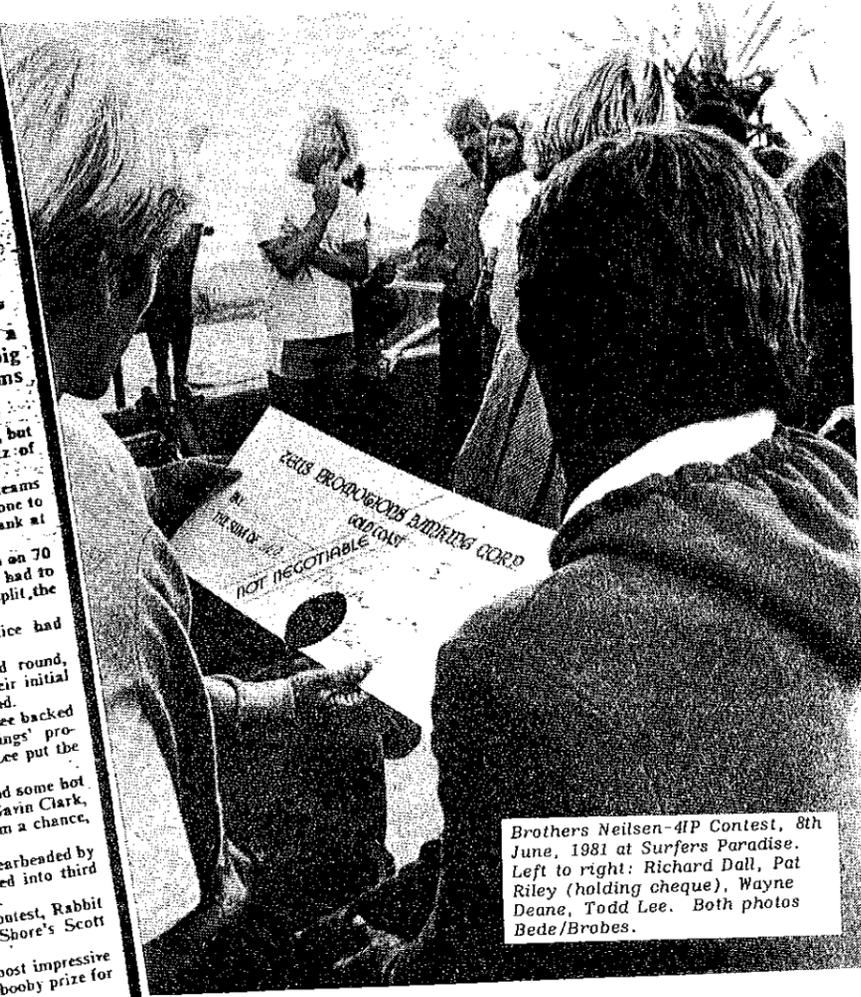
Elkerton won best wave and North Shore's Scott Peacock claimed best tube ride. Miami's Dane King was awarded most impressive young surfer and Gav Clark earned the booby prize for drawing Rabbit three times in the contest.



Todd Lee (Low Tide)



Wayne Deane 1980 - If you think that there are a lot of photographs of Wayne in this book, its because he's been in the club team for 21 years!



Brothers Neilsen-4IP Contest, 8th June, 1981 at Richards Paradise. Left to right: Richard Dall, Pat Riley (holding cheque), Wayne Deane, Todd Lee. Both photos Bede/Brobes.

Snapper boys can't Bluff their way out of this one

IT'S official — Bluff Boardriders are the Gold Coast's premier surfing club.

Bluff earned the title on Saturday with a narrow win over Snapper Rocks Boardriders in the Gold Coast team shield competition.

And although Snapper is likely to dispute it, the records will show that during the 1979-80 surfing season, Bluff had the best team on the Coast.

Snapper was unlucky not to win top honours on the weekend. With one heat to go Bluff was sitting on 50 points and Snapper on 49.

Bluff had surfed all their 12 team members and could not compete in the heat, Snapper had surfed 11 and only needed to contest the heat to win or draw the competition.

But here the plot thickens. Snapper only had an 11-man team so a surfer was fielded who had competed in an earlier heat — a definite no no in the team shield event.

Consequently, Snapper was penalised — and missed out by one point on the title it has been claiming for months.

Third placegetters Broadbeach Boardriders were also penalised for surfing 13 men, but it did not affect the result and Broadbeach finished on 46 points.

Following were North End on 42, Main Beach and Palm Beach 39, Byron Bay 34, Point Danger 31 and Kirra 28.

The contest was finished in one day and rumours were flying that this weakened some teams because guys who expected to surf on Sunday didn't turn up.

But according to Pat Riley, president of the Gold Coast branch of the Amateur Surfing Association of Queensland, that is no excuse for the contest's outcome. He says he made it clear to all clubs that their entire teams to be on hand on Saturday.

TERRY Baker has again been elected president of Snapper Rocks Boardriders.

This is the eighth consecutive year, as we understand it, that Terry has taken on the boss role and he was given the nod from the boys at their recent annual meeting.

It's a thankless job being president of a bunch of boardriders, and hats off to Terry for his dedication.

GOLD COAST BULLETIN
Wednesday, October 7, 1981

Once again Pat Riley gets his name misspelt.

Other committee members elected are: Todd Lee, secretary; Peter Grant, treasurer; Wayne Deane, club captain; and Bruce Lee, public relations officer. A contest organiser has not been elected yet.

The club is still waiting for a chance to challenge the North Coast's Windansea Boardriders for the title of Queensland's champion club.

Every time the Snapper squad is set to head north to surf against the Sunshine Coast's number one club, the waves turn foul and the event is called off.

Windansea are the State's hottest team because they hold the official shield and Snapper, the Gold Coast champions, haven't knocked them off yet.

But beating Windansea isn't a case of 'if' according to Snapper, but 'when'.

Meanwhile, the club is expanding its ranks. Snapper is looking for cadets from the southern end to join and, as an incentive, the cadet membership fee has been dropped from \$10 to \$5.

Snapper have also accepted members from the Point Danger Sharks, following the recent folding of that club.

Because of the close ties between Snapper and the Sharks, several of the clubless surfers have been allowed into Snapper, including hotties Chappy Jennings and Dave Bradbury.

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AS promised, we have the results of the Queensland Scholastic titles held in reasonable waves at Duranbah. Snapper Rocks hotrat Sean Riley claimed first in the Under 19s from Palm Beach's promising Glen Elliot and Gold Coasters Eddie Newhouse and Richard Marsh won the Under 17 and Under 15 titles respectively.

Highlights: Palm Beach's Rhett Murray decided to enter the kneeboard division, but didn't have a kneeboard. So he rode his stand-up thruster, and won. Stradbroke Island goofy-footer Helen Lambert won the women's title and in doing so surfed better than a great deal of the male contingent.

Results: Under 19 Sean Riley 1, Glen Elliot 2, Tony Ray 3, Eddie Newhouse 4, Ross Hughes 5, Robbie Sherwell 6, Ben Schemel 7, Glenn Sinclair 8.

Under 17 Eddie Newhouse 1, Tony Ray 2, Sean Riley 3, Matt Cooney 4, Mark Gordon 5, Nick Ryan 6, Peter Ward 7, Robbie Sherwell 8.

Under 15 Richard Marsh 1, Daniel Watts 2, Noel Graham 3, Danny Nixon 4, Scott Hughes 5, Dan Landers 6, Gavin Hensler 7, Peter Phelps 8.

Kneeboards Rhett Murray 1, Craig Lownes 2, Steve Ross 3. Women: Helen Lambert 1, Michelle Ducat 2, Connie Nixon 3. Judges Glen Elliot 1, Robbie Cohens 2.

All of the above will represent Queensland in the national titles in December.

The next meeting of the Gold Coast Surfriders Association will be held tomorrow night at 7.30pm at the Miami Hotel.

BROADBEACH'S Ross Stewart will lead the Gold Coast surfing team in the Queensland titles following his open A grade win in the last round of the Gold Coast titles at the weekend.

Stewart knocked off Snapper Rocks grommet Sean Riley in the third round final on Sunday to secure the title of Gold Coast champion.

Stewart had a first round win up his sleeve and Riley had a second place and a fourth place in the earlier rounds.

The freckly 16-year-old's effort was outstanding. He won the junior A grade hands down with wins in all three rounds and his runner-up spot in the Open A division is the best placing a junior has ever achieved among the Gold Coast's big shots.

The senior men's champ is Wayne Dean, who has made a habit of winning surf contests over the past 20 years. He won each of the round finals in his division.

Jeff Sales did the same in the kneeboards and is undisputed kneeboard champ of the Gold Coast.

Masters champ is Burleigh shaper Tony Dempsey, who also placed one spot behind Dean in the senior men's. King of the cadets is Daniel Watts.

The 72 man Gold Coast team will give the North Coast boys a run for their money in the Queensland titles early next year.

The first round will be staged on the Gold Coast on January 9 and 10, followed by the second round on Stradbroke Island (February 6 and 7) and the third round on the North Coast (February 27 and 28).

The Queensland Scholastics contest will be surfed on the Gold Coast on the 27th of this month. Competitors meet at Burleigh at 7am.

Waves

The Gold Coast team is, Open A: R. Stewart, S. Riley, N. Cameron, W. Dean, D. Bradbury, T. Lee, D. Sims, B. Lee, M. Doyle, C. Gudenswager, G. Browning, R. Phillips. Open B: G. Browning, D. Sims, M. Pitts, R. Carter, P. Wilson, C. Robinson. Open C: M. Pitts, M. Timperley, B. MacIntosh, P. Corboy, D. Keever, G. Sinclair.

Junior A: S. Riley, T. Ray, C. Cream, R. Cohen, T. Tooe, D. King, P. Tierman, K. Charman, M. Moore, D. Willoughby, L. Taperare, B. Balanda.

Junior B: R. Cohen, P. Ward, N. Ryan, G. Elliott, D. Watts, K. Charman.

Senior men's: W. Dean, T. Dempsey, P. Bryant, B. Larkin, B. MacIntosh, M. Moyle, G. Ozarko, W. Emslie, N. Purchase.

Masters: T. Dempsey, B. Jenkins, M. Gay, D. Dietz, B. Rachinger, D. Hunter.

Cadets: D. Watts, R. Marsh, N. Graham, P. Phelps, S. Watts, G. Henzler.

Kneeboards: J. Sales, G. Crawford, B. Arman, M. Stewart, P. Blom, P. Ware, R. Ballard, B. O'Laughlin, D. Hatch.

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The 1981 Gold Coast team with a very heavy Snapper representation. Note the comment about Wayne Deane "who has made a habit of winning surf contests over the past 20 years."

RIVER BANK PARTY



FRONT ROW - LEFT TO RIGHT: Terry Baker (President), Matthew Pitts, Brett Brewer, Sean Riley, Bruce Lee, Paul Staats, Gary Wykes, David Schaffer, Brendan Hatherly, Eddie Hessian, Ian Grimshaw, Rob Westerlund.
BACK ROW: Peter Bryant, Pat Riley, Michelle Ducat, Todd Lee, Chris Gudenswager, Shane Ellis, John Cooney, Dave Willoughby, Mick Barrett, Oscar Oppenheimer, Bill Vandermeer, Wayne Deane, Paul Hargraves, Paul Stapleton, Robye Deane, Dave Bradbury, Greg Faulks, Graham Endersby, Unknown, Bill Grant, Peter Grant, Duncan Townend, Gordon Philipson, Glen Hunt.

There was a stack of press clippings from the 1960's concerning the clubs activities. But unfortunately these have been lost over the years. This group of clippings is from Pat Rileys collection. They are interesting for the depth of information regarding teams and individual performances and also news from the period such as the demise of the Point Danger Sharks Club which was a collection of hot surfers mainly from Snapper Rocks.



Dominic Wibrow - "Family Man" Stubbies Trials, Duranbah



EXCERPT FROM GOLD COAST BULLETIN, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd, 1982.

SNAPPER WERE ALL AT SEA IN SYDNEY WAVES

WITH Trevor McKewen and Michael

QUEENSLAND big guns, Snapper Rocks Boardriders, found the firepower too heavy in the \$3000 2SM teams title in Sydney last weekend.

The Snapper artillery was outgunned by Sydney's big three — Newport Plus, Maroubra and North Narrabeen — in the five-team final.

Newport won the event and all the kudos that goes with it with 208 points for the three rounds, four ahead of arch rivals Maroubra with the Narra boys in third place.

Final points were: Newport 208, Maroubra 204, North Narrabeen 170, Snapper Rocks 124, Bronte 104.

But although the Snapper crew failed to match the Sydney slashers, they were far from disgraced. Terry Fitzgerald, who ran the contest, told Waves it took the Gold Coasters a day to mould their surfing to suit Sydney waves and by Sunday they were producing some hot moves.

Rabbit Bartholomew scored Snapper's sole heat win on Saturday in quality one and half to two metre lefts at North Narrabeen.

The rest of the crew backed up their main man the following day in one and a half metre Mid-Stejne waves with Glen Rawlings picking off one of the best tube rides of the contest and Todd Lee and Chappy Jennings both carving as well.

And a big pat on the back for 15-year-old Sean Riley. Sean turned it on to win a hot heat comprising such luminaries as Mark Warren, Tony White and Scott Lynley.

Maroubra's Greg Day and Newport's madcap George Wales tied for first place in the individual section by winning all three heats they surfed in.

Newport trio Mike Newling, Gary Green and Richard Cram tied for second along with Maroubra pair Steve Wilson and Kevin Davison and Narrabeen's gentle giant Simon Anderson.



Queensland's number one surfer Wayne 'Rabbit' Bartholomew, Snapper's sole heat win on Saturday

Wednesday, February 3, 1982

The team travelled to Sydney on the "Kirra Surf" bus. This was a suburban Surfside Bus Company vehicle with very few creature comforts. However the boys fitted a funnel to avoid unnecessary stops and upheld the club reputation for raging after the contest.

Snapper Rocks
Fourth Place
1270 2SM Teams Challenge
1982



THE BUS TRIP

(alternate title "I can feel a Fourex coming up!")

Fitzzy had invited Snapper to the 2SM Teams Challenge in Sydney to be held on the Australia Day Long weekend in January 1982. We had to get the team and their boards the 1000 kms. to Sydney as cheaply as possible and Peter Turner offered to subsidise the cost if we used the "Kirra Surf" bus. This bus was a very old Surfside bus which had been painted with advertising for Peters shop at North Kirra. He figured it would be good advertising. (We were certainly noticed but I'm not so sure you could call it good publicity)

The bus company removed five rows of seats for the boards and we loaded up at Greenmount car park on the Friday afternoon. The first driver was "Mad Max" and he looked on with horror as the Fourex cartons came on board. "You can't drink on this bus!" were his words but he knew he was out-numbered when the garbage bin full of ice was loaded. The bus was a very basic suburban bus with no facilities at all, but a funnel stuck between the rear doors minimised comfort stops.

"Mad Max" drove to Kempsey and "Jonesie" took over for the other half of the journey. The caretaker at the camping ground at North Narrabeen couldn't believe his eyes when he saw the bus at the gate - "You can't bring that in here!" Home for the next two days was "Mont's Marquee" which was later renamed the "Animal Pit" after torrential rain flooded the tent.

The other teams were blown away when we rolled up at Curl Curl Beach for the contest meeting in a Gold Coast suburban bus (with funnel) and the team uniform T-Shirts. The least said about the contest the better - we were well and truly done up. The locals had it wired and we didn't although "Rab" won his heat (but then he didn't travel on the bus did he!)

The presentation was a really memorable event. There had been heaps of rain and Brad Stubbs and Mike Newling were having swimming races across the flooded road as cars made their way in between them outside the hotel. Fosters cans were supplied (see photograph and read newspaper clipping). Jumbo swapped his club shirt with one of the Sydney guys much to the disgust of the rest of the team and was heavily paid out.

The return trip was eventful with a four hour break down near Taree, so the boys were "forced" to sit it out in the hotel while "Jonesie" fixed it. "Mad Max" was waiting in Kempsey to drive home. As he had fulfilled his driving obligations "Jonesie" settled down with a few tinnies. Arriving back in Coolangatta at 3 a.m. was rather inconvenient to say the least.

We may not have done so well in the surfing but they knew we were there!

"W. D."



1982 - Back Row - Left to right: Chappy Jennings, Paul Staats, Dave Godfrey, Rabbit Bartholomew, Greg Yates, Paul Hargraves, Graham Endersby, David Smith, Dave Bryant, Paul Hopkins, Bruce Lee, Richard Dall, Sean Riley, Glen Rawlings, David Schaffer, Glen Hunt.
 3rd Row: Brett Brewer, Shane Ellis, Alan Miscamble, Wayne Deane, Neil Turner, Bill Vandermeer (Patron), Terry Baker (President), Jim Imeson, Todd Lee, Peter Grant, Chris Gudenswager, Brett Hodge, Don Munro,
 2nd Row: Dean Rotumah, John Cooney, Brendan Hatherly, Gary Wykes, Greg Faulks, Michelle Ducat, Eddie Hessian, Pat Riley, David Dempsey, Nicholas Britt, Mark Stapleton.
 Front Row: Mark Cooney, Jason Cooney, Scott Rotumah, Matthew Fairbrother, Dick Bartlett, Brett Trudgeon, Sean Munro, Phil Nelsen, Mark Bartlett, Dave Bradbury.



Bruce Lee - "Panama Jack"



Dominic Wibrow - Club Champion 1981. This Photograph by Bede/Brobres, shows Dominic at the Stubbies Trials at Duranbah Beach - Just one of the many contests in which he was successful.



Chappy with his pit crew - that's club support! - May 1982.
 Left to right: Mark Stapleton, Oscar Oppenheimer, Wayne Deane, Rob Westerlund, Brett Brewer, Paul Staats, Gary Wykes,
 Photo Bede/Brobres - Line Up.



Glen "Rocky" Rawlings - 2nd World Amateur Championships 1980 in France. 3rd World Cup - Hawaii 1982, 3rd Euro Cup 1982-England.
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1982. Left to right: Chappy Jennings, Sean "Reg" Riley and Robbie Cohen, Val and Bill's Hamburger Shop, Burleigh Heads. Photos: Bede/Brobes Line Up.



Brendan "Doon" Hatherly giving paddlers some anxious moments at Kirra Point 1983



Bill "Sedge" Sedunary - 2nd Junior's Australian Titles 1982, 4th Junior's World Titles 1982, 3rd Power Pro Junior's 1984, 1st Open Australian Titles 1983 - W.A.



Todd Lee 1983 "Who was the midnight signwriter with the spray can in his swag" This photograph was taken on the day that Todd won the first round of the Opens Queensland Titles.



Tweed Aquatic Club after the Kirra Surf - Wintersun Contest - Durabah, May 1983. Snapper went down to Byron Seahorses. Left to right: Chris Gudenswager, Gary Green, Todd Lee, Wayne Murphy, Darryl Parkinson, Wayne McKewen. Photos this page Bede/Brobes Line Up.



Bruce Lee - more Snapper graffiti 1984



Dave Bradbury doing a "Brother Lee Love" at the Patch.

Rabbit ripping 1984. World Champion in 1978 - Rabbit's contest record is so impressive that I won't even attempt to list them, World Champion is as good as you can get. Rabbit has shown that a career in Pro Surfing doesn't necessarily end after a few short years. All photos Bede/Brobes Line Up.



1984 MANGO SNAPPER ROCKS TEAMS INVITATIONAL SUPER CHALLENGE

Kirra Point
26 - 27 Feb 1984



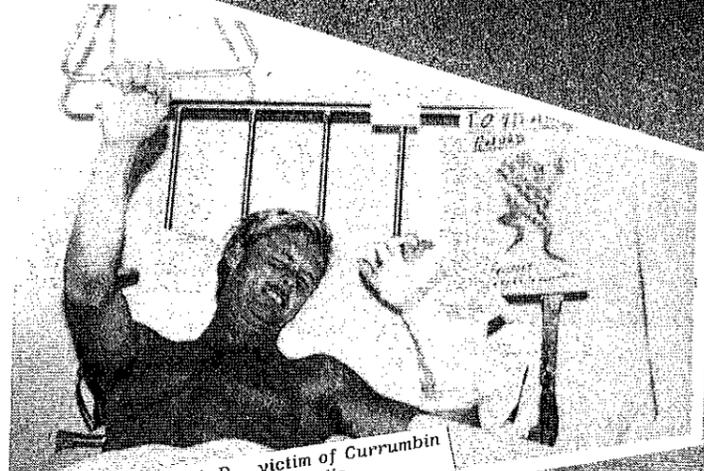
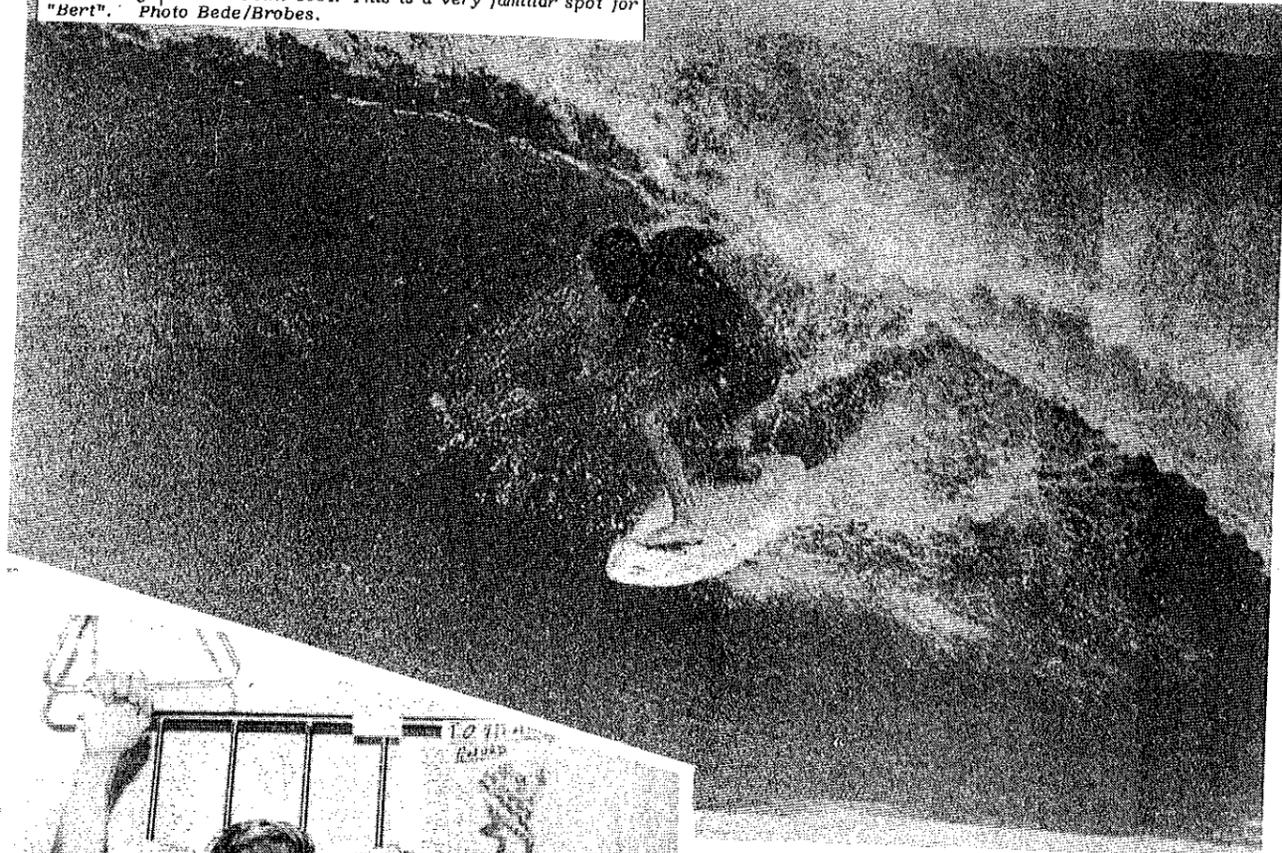
The East Coast Judging Association. Front Row: Terry Baker, Steve Farmer. Rear: Brian Jenkins, Jeff Helisma, Darren Sims, (standing) Chris Moschogianis.



Below: Paul "Hoppy" Hopkins, Bruce "Ug" Lee and Glen "Rocky" Rawlings on the microphone. Don Munro in van, Eddie Hessian (seated near Kirra Surf Sticker), Greg Knight, Ted Taylor, Dwayne Hall, Gary Nixon.



Brett Hodge - Kirra Point 1984. This is a very familiar spot for "Bert". Photo Bede/Brobes.



Greg Faulks - T.O.A.D., victim of Currumbin Rock. (T.O.A.D.) Take off and die.

Sean Riley - Kirra Point 22nd May 1984. Seans record is impressive. He was surfing champion of his school in 1977-78-79-80-81-82
 1978 - Snapper Cadet Champ
 1979 - 1st Cadets - Tony Biltoft memorial contest, Snapper Cadet Champ
 1980 - 1st Cadets - Tony Biltoft Contest, Gold Coast Cadet champ, State Schoolboys Champ - Under 15 Snapper Cadet Champ
 1981 - 1st - Cadets - Tony Biltoft Gold Coast Schoolboys Champ
 Under 17, Gold Coast Junior Champ, State Schoolboy Champ
 Under 19, State Cadet Champ, Snapper Cadet Champ, 2nd Australian Schoolboys Title
 Under 19. Photo by Snug.



"Snap into Spring" Fund raising night 1.9.84 at the Patch. - Bruce Lee on bike.



Dave Bradbury flashing (below) Photos supplied by John Buttenshaw.

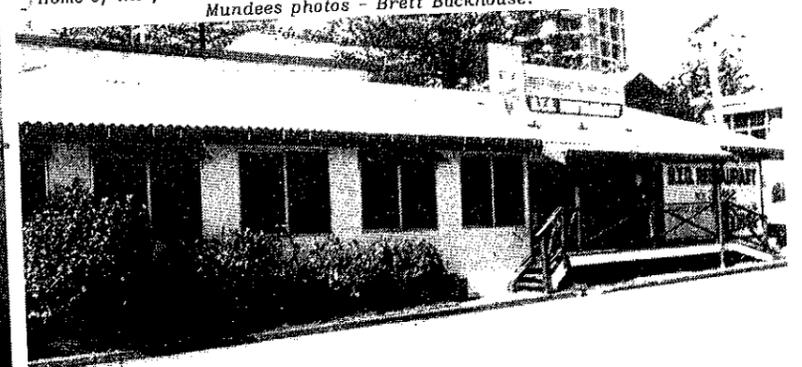


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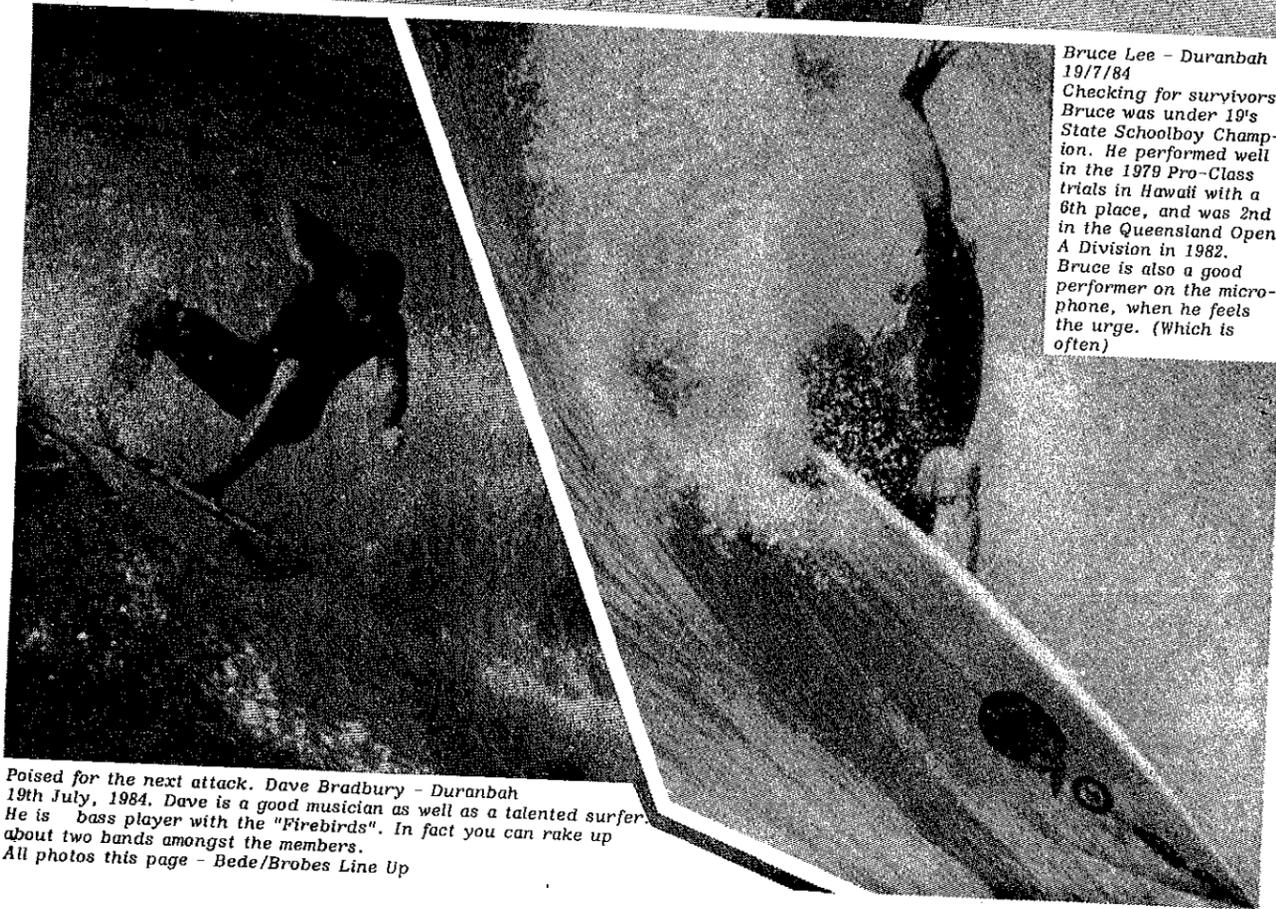
Bill Vandermeer, Joanne Hansen, Helen Vandermeer, Loren Fleming.

Home of the famous Munde Burger - The first meeting was held here in 1984 Munde's photos - Brett Backhouse.





Darryl Parkinson - Off the top and now for the drop.



Bruce Lee - Duranbah
19/7/84
Checking for survivors.
Bruce was under 19's
State Schoolboy Champ-
ion. He performed well
in the 1979 Pro-Class
trials in Hawaii with a
6th place, and was 2nd
in the Queensland Open
A Division in 1982.
Bruce is also a good
performer on the micro-
phone, when he feels
the urge. (Which is
often)

Poised for the next attack. Dave Bradbury - Duranbah
19th July, 1984. Dave is a good musician as well as a talented surfer.
He is bass player with the "Firebirds". In fact you can rake up
about two bands amongst the members.
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STRADDIE ASSAULT TEAMS CONTEST AUGUST 1984, NORTH STRADBROKE ISLAND.
Snappers second string team won the contest and the money. The little Marlee Team. Left to right: Brendan Hatherly, Peter Bryant
(obscured), Richard Bartlett, Dean Lock, Matthew Fairbrother, Chris Gudenswager (Hairy legs at rear), Bill Sedunary, Wayne
Deane with the cheque and Dave Bradbury. The Malibu Rum girls aren't known unfortunately.
The name Marlee is a corruption of Maile. John Sims said the waves at the cove at Snapper looked like Maile Beach in Hawaii in the
movie "Endless Summer". It was named "Little Maile" and later altered to Marley or Marlee.



Chris "Swag" Gudenswager, Main Beach, North Stradbroke Island,
August 1984. "Straddie Assault" Photos this page Bede/Brobes Line Up.



Shaun Munro hiding from the camera - Cylinders Beach, North Stradbroke Island 1984. Gold Coast Junior A and Cadet Champion 1984
Photos Bede/Brobes Line Up.



Kirra, February 1984. Left to right: Allan Byrne, Russell Paterson, Steve McDowall and Rabbit seated on his Mazda RX7.



K.T.F.

Proposed new
badges for
guess who . . . ?

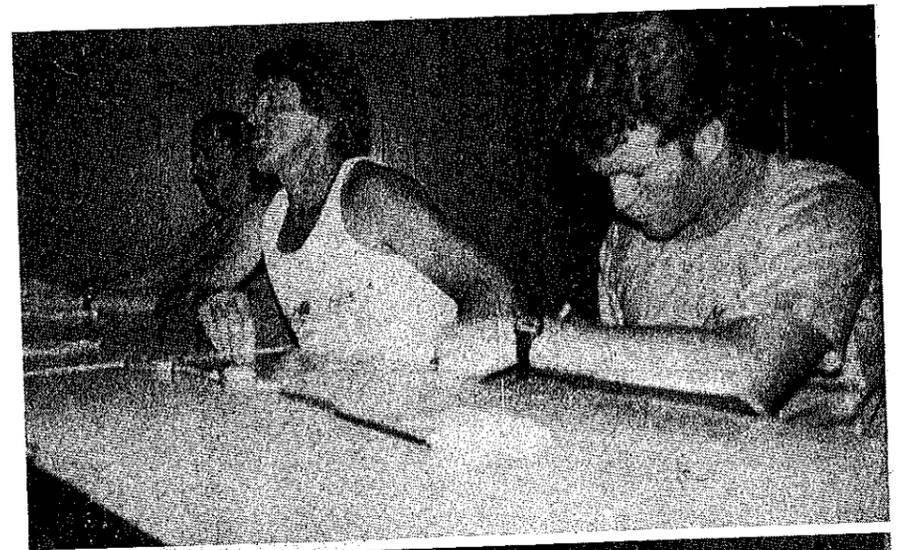


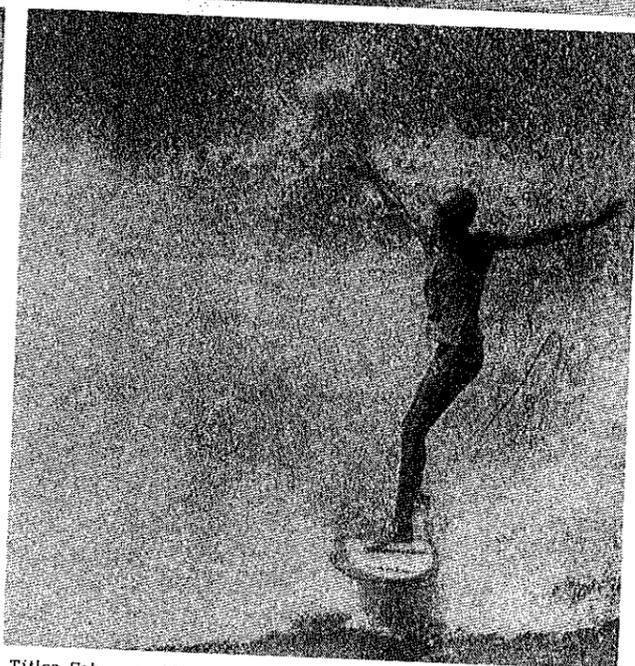
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Meeting at "The Patch" February 1985.
Left to right: Peter Grant - Treasurer,
Wayne Deane - President, Todd Lee - Sec-
retary.

Meeting February 1985 - "The Patch" -
Front Row, left to right: Andy Gower,
Adam Bartlett, Nicholas Britt, Dick
Bartlett, Shaun Munro, Trent "Fitzy"
Fitzgibbons.

The Old Boys Association - Beers on the
rocks, Greenmount Point Mal Contest
February 1985. Left to right: Gerry
McLaughlan, Peter "Pinky" McIlveen,
Glen Gawler, Dennis "Honda" Gawler,
Tracy Gawler. Peter McIlveen was
Queenslands top surfing judge in 1966
and was Treasurer in 1966-67.
All photos: Peter Turner.





SEQUENCE - JASON BUTTENSCHAW: 2nd Round of the Queensland Titles February 1985. Alexandra Headland. Jason was Junior Club Champion in 1984, when he was 13 years old. Jason's contest record is as follows.

- 1981 K.S.C. Most Up and Coming
- 1983 Q.L.D. Scholastics U/15 6th
- 1984 Gold Coast Titles U/15 4th
- 1984 Gold Coast Titles U/15 2nd
- 1984 Gold Coast Scholastics U/15 2nd
- 1984 Gold Coast Scholastics U/17 2nd
- 1984 Queensland Titles U/15 1st
- 1984 Queensland Scholastics U/15 4th
- 1984 Australian Scholastics U/15 4th
- 1984 Snapper Rocks S.C. U/15 2nd
- 1984 Snapper Rocks S.C. Junior 3rd
- 1984 Snapper Rocks S.C. Open Junior Championships 1st
- 1984 S.A.N.D. Contest (Open) 9th
- 1984 Billabong Pro Am (Junior Section) 1st

- 1984 Tony Billoft Memorial U/15 3rd
- 1985 Bearepairs Open U/19 Highest Placed Junior
- 1985 Mango S.R.S.C. Individual Challenge (Open) 1st
- 1985 Mango S.R.S.C. Individual Challenge Highest Placed Junior
- 1985 Tony Billoft Memorial U/15 1st
- 1985 Gold Coast Scholastics U/15 2nd
- 1985 Gold Coast Scholastics U/17 2nd
- 1985 Gold Coast Titles U/15 2nd
- 1985 Gold Coast Titles U/18 Junior A 2nd
- 1985 Australian Titles U/15 2nd
- 1985 Robert Ardill Memorial U/18 Juniors 1st
- 1985 A.W.A. Citizen (Maroubra) A.S.P.A. Open 17th

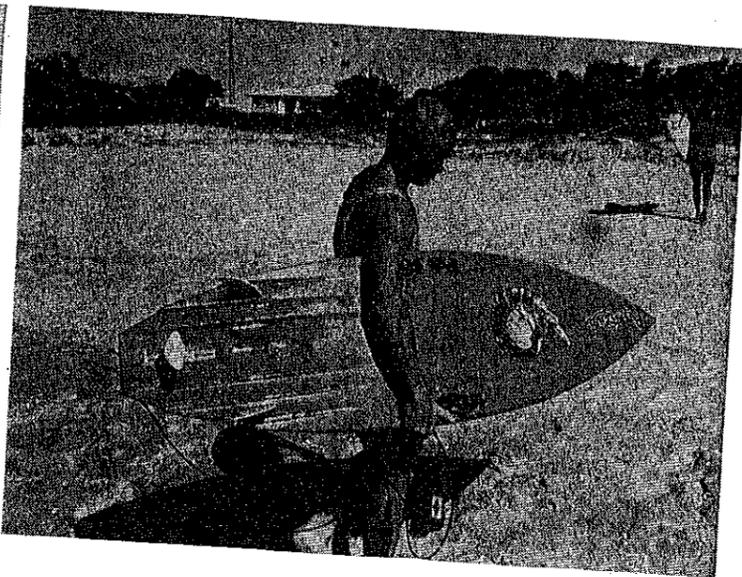


CLUB ROUND - DURANBAH - APRIL '85
 Clockwise: Alan Miscamble-one of the original members and still competing. 2. "The Tent" John Buttenschaw, Dave Godfrey, Todd Lee, Wayne Deane, Alan Miscamble, Unknown?, Peter Turner. 3. Wayne Bartholomew, Jim Imeson, Wayne Deane, John Buttenschaw, Garth Webster, Dave Godfrey, Todd Lee, Brett Hodge. 4. Standing Left to right: Adam Bartlett, John Buttenschaw, Peter Grant, Gary Wykes, Seated: The Judging Panel Matthew Fairbrother, Luke Poignant, Greg Faulks, Shang McIntosh, Dean Lock. 5. The big fella - Brett Hodge.
 All photos by Brett Backhouse and Peter Turner.



LEADER SPORT

Fiery finale for Classic



CLUB ROUND - DURANBAH - APRIL '85
Clockwise: Dick Bartlett-Gold Coast Junior 'B' and 2nd in the Tony Billoft Contest in 1984. 2. Dave Godfrey Alan Miscamble, Jim Imeson. 3. Bruce Lee-showing off his shooter. 4. Friendly rivalry-Chris Gudenswager, and Bruce Lee. 5. Paul Hopkins, Lisa Bollock, Robert Galvin, David Smith, Jason Buttenshaw, Garth Webster, Brett Hodge.



A bushfire on Kirra Point provided a spectacular backdrop on Sunday for the final round of events in the Mango Snapper Rocks invitational surf classic.

Traffic was forced to pass within a metre of flames as the wind fed them around the headland and up the 80m cliff-face.

Firemen fought the blaze from the Coolangatta Special School at the top of the cliff to prevent sparks reaching the tinder dry building.

Contest organisers blamed the fire on a hooligan element driving through the coastal strip at the time.

Seven teams from Sydney and the Gold Coast were invited to help Snapper Rocks Surf Club celebrate their 21st anniversary.

Prizes included cash and a computer for each club in the teams and individual event. Reigning world champion Tom Carroll lead his Sydney team Newport to a points win.

This was despite former world champ Wayne Bartholomew of Snapper Rocks scoring a perfect ten out of ten for his tube riding in the 1.5 metre Kirra barrels.

In the individual event Jason Buttenshaw of Coolangatta won a \$2500 AWA-Amstrad computer for the host club, Snapper Rocks.

The hot young junior was fresh from competing in the Australian National Amateur Titles, held in South Australia last week.

Bartholomew surfed consistently for second place, closely followed by Kevin Charman and Martin Potter, both of Sydney.

Official results:
Teams event: 1 Newport (Sydney); 2 Little Marley 3 Snapper Rocks

Individual: 1 Jason Buttenshaw (Snapper Rocks); 2 Wayne Bartholomew (Snapper Rocks); 3 Kevin Charman (Sydney); 4 Martin Potter (Newport).

PICTURED: Former world champion, Wayne Bartholomew, was full of confidence as he heads out into the water for the Snapper Rocks Mango invitational surf classic on Sunday.

Newport faces tough time



Newport will meet stiff competition from Gold Coast's Snapper Rocks Surfriders Club in the finals of the Mango Surf League national team's titles at Bondi this weekend.

Sixteen clubs from all over Australia have made it through to the finals which will be fought out over two days and 17 heats.

It is only the second time the event has been held and more than 50 clubs entered regional knockout rounds.

Snapper Rocks won the Gold Coast region from North End, who will also contest the finals, and Burleigh.

Newport has to be hot favorite to win with current title holder Tommy Carroll in the line-up along with Martin Potter and Mike Newling.

However Snapper Rocks, who were third last year, are also out for the surfing crown.

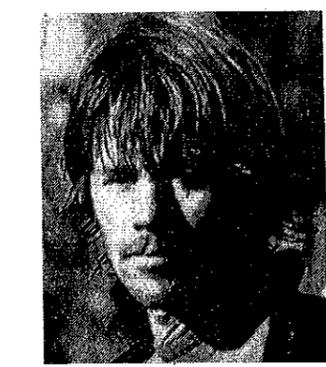
The team left for Sydney on Monday night giving them four days to master the Bondi surf and plan competition strategy.

Manager Bruce Lee has a wealth of talent to work with in Wayne (Rabbit) Bartholomew, Chappy Jennings, Glen Rawlings, Brett Hodge, Andy Gower and Shaun Riley and juniors Craig Pitchers and Jason Buttenshaw.

The heats on Saturday and Sunday enable all teams to compete against each other with the winner decided on aggregate points.

Prize money goes to the club, not team members, with the winner taking out \$3000, second \$1500 and third \$1000.

● JUNIOR Snapper Rocks Surfriders Club member Jason Buttenshaw who will compete in the national team's titles at Bondi this weekend.



Please excuse these photos of "Rabbit" as this space was vacant and his head fitted the bill

Tweed surfer makes finals

Tweed Heads surfer James "Chappy" Jennings has finally lived up to expectations by making the final of the \$50,000 Marui Grand Prix in Japan.

The light framed 22-year-old rookie placed second behind American Tom Curren to grab \$4000 — his biggest payout in four years on the professional circuit.

Until Sunday, Jennings had not done better than the quarter-finals of a major tournament, after emerging as a giant killer at age 17 in the 1981

Surfabout in Sydney.

Jennings produced an amazing array of powerful manoeuvres to work his way through the draw in the Japanese event — defeating top seeds David Barr, Glen Winton and Graham Wilson.

And while many of the leading riders fell away in the small waves at Hebara Beach, near Tokyo, Jennings maintained form to the end.

But Curren, the whizz kid from California, was brilliant in every heat and gave the determined Australian little chance in the final with an

impeccable performance to win 5-0.

Curren has now moved into the number three position on the world ratings behind Sydney surfers Barton Lynch and Winton.

Bondi's Cheyne Horan finished equal third, while Lynch, Mark Richards and Wollongong youngster Robbie Page were equal fifth.

Reigning world champion and number one seed Tom Carroll was eliminated in the third round after incurring a penalty for a paddling interference.

Results of the Gold Coast Scholastic Titles - Daily News October 10th, 1985

The next generation starting to emerge

The Gold Coast Scholastic titles started in good 1 to 1.5m surf at Durabah on Saturday but had to be postponed due to an invasion of bluebottles.

The competition continued in good quality 1 to 1.5m surf at Kirra on Sunday.

Outstanding surfers of the day were Sean Munro, Sam Watts, Jason Buttenshaw, Michael Barry, Peter Klease, Dick Bartlett and Scott Dillon.

Others surfers who deserve special mention are Jason Stevenson from North Stradbroke, Jason Briggs, Jake Hugo, J. Gale and Chris Jack who demonstrated an impressive back-hand performance.

Results Under 19 years (Open): S. Munro 1, D. Bartlett 2, M. Barry 3.
Under 17: S. Munro 1, M. Barry 2, J. Buttenshaw 3.
Under 15: S. Watts 1, J. Buttenshaw 2, D. Babovic 3.

Presentation of awards will be held in conjunction with presentation of award for Gold Coast Amateur Titles.

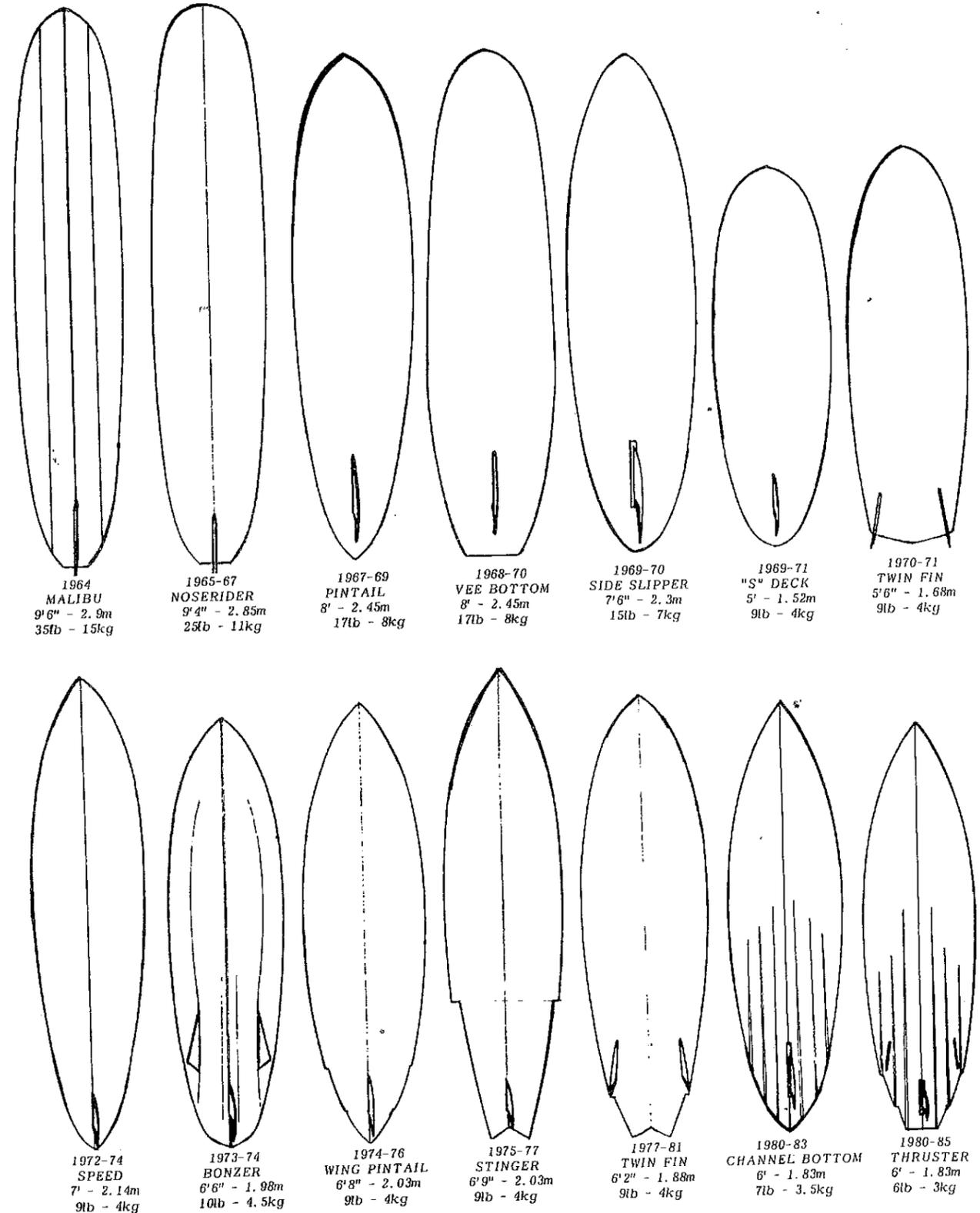
Overall results, including names of surfers who will represent the Gold Coast at the State titles will not be revealed until the presentation ceremony which will take place on Saturday at Burleigh Point picnic grounds at 12 noon.

Awards for the Gold Coast Scholastic titles will also be presented at this ceremony.

In other surfing news, the new Alley Boardriders Club, formerly Salt City Boardriders, will be hosting the annual Robert Ardill Memorial contest, which will kick off on Sunday morning at Currumbin Alley. Spectators welcome.

TIMES CHANGE AND SO DO THE SURFBOARDS

Surfboard designs always overlap for a few years. The dates below are approximate only and represent the periods when the designs were in general use on the Gold Coast. It is not possible to show every variation on a basic design because there are so many and the lengths varied slightly depending on the owner. Not to scale.



Hodge takes out surfriding title

Twenty-two year old Brett Hodge is the new Gold Coast Surfriders Association surfing champion.

The six-foot-four bird, as Hodge is known, put in a gigantic performance in the Open A division to win two of the three rounds from another hot favorite, runner-up Sean Riley.

Third place was Craig Pitchers, who was the overall winner in the Junior A event.

Andy Gower was fourth place-getter, followed by Dave Bradbury fifth and Chris Gudenswager.

These surfers, all from the strong Snapper Rocks Boardriders Club, will

represent the Gold Coast in the State titles.

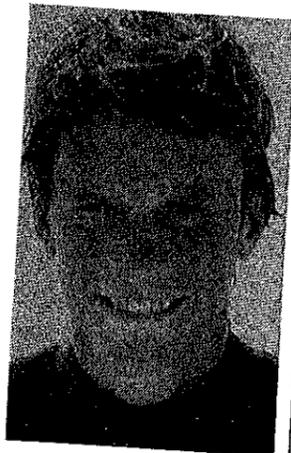
The Junior A trophy was won in a convincing fashion by Pitchers, second was Jason Buttenshaw and Shaun Munro took third place.

Scott Dillon, Dean Lock and Michael Barry scored the next three places.

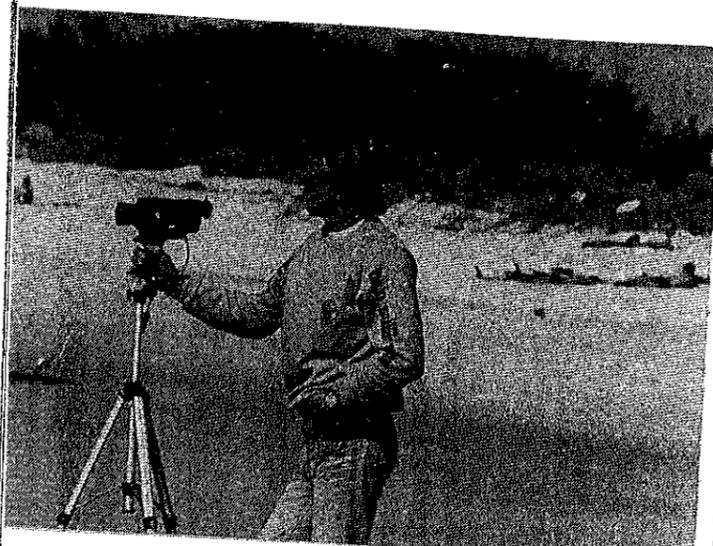
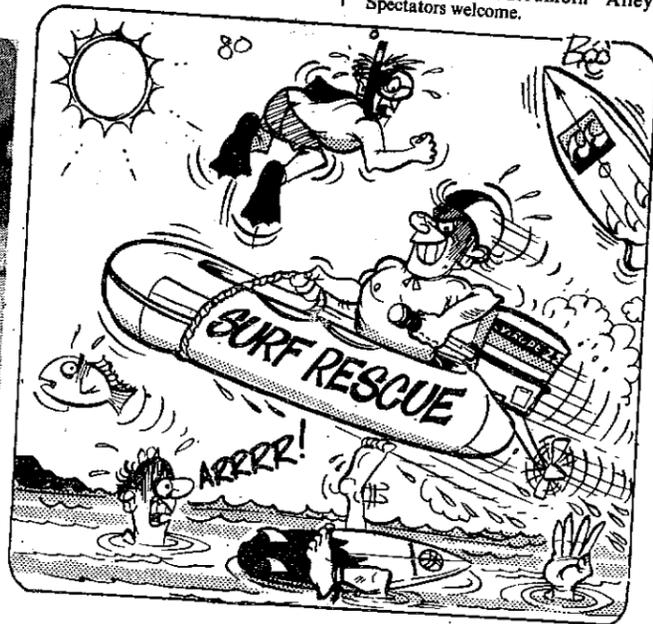
Buttenshaw and Munro collected an impressive array of trophies by the end of the day, including those they won in the Scholastic titles.

Nuggety young surfer Sam Watts took honors in the Cadet division ahead of the ever-consistent Jason Buttenshaw.

Third place was taken by a deserving Damien Daley.



Chappy Jennings



GOLD COASTER/DAILY NEWS, Thursday, October 17, 1985-83