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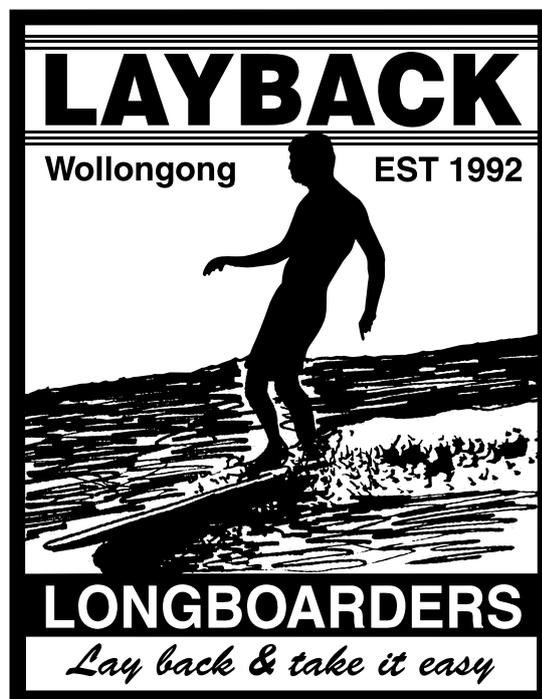
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Treasure Hunt

We still have 5 blocks of wax up for grabs for finding the item shown right. The idea of this was to get people out and about, discovering the waterline around Bellambi.

Its still going, so maybe over the month, or even next pointscore, go for a walk along the foreshore and find the bloody thing.



May pointscore

Well many people say Easites is the leveller. It's a brutal tiring day. Everyone is always thinking, oh let's just have one round, but it is the strong and committed that hang for the second.

Funny bank, it was there and then it wasn't, and then it was, and then it wasn't. But in the end, it was a contestable wave, probably 2 foot average, and if you were lucky, the odd 3 footer. There was a gutter, and it was a challenge to find the waves that ran along the bank. There were lefts and rights, but probably for the majority of the time, there were rights running up the beach. If you surfed the left, and I don't know why you would, but you actually had to follow the band back around to the right sometimes. But like I said, it was contestable, and it held out for the day.

There was some great surfing;

Damien faking a killer nose ride and getting a cheer from the beach

Here is a snap of my conversation with Donna; "how'd you go in that heat?" "shit, I only got 1 wave", second round.. "so how'd you go in that heat Donna?" "Bloody terrible, worse than my first heat!" "But you got one wave in your first heat didn't ya?", "yeah but..

Impressed that Goldie is still surfing considering how old he is and all, I did hear the number 66 mentioned, but I reckon he's way older than that. Good on ya mate.

Well done to Dermot for being strong and not having a beer, interesting to see if Tabourie breaks him though. I predict it will.

Zane was so stoked that he beat Dermot in the opens, that he took a copy of the score sheet to prove to all his mates, he beat Mr Dermot!

Kane was super stoked to be at Easties, "I love it, I just love surfing here, it gives me a chance to beat all you bastards".

Kelly reckons she surfed like a peanut. I don't really know what that a peanut surfing looks like, but if you've got any footage, feel free to post to facebook!

Mark Stewart was probably surfing the best he has ever surfed at a comp. But unfortunately he decided to shine when it was free surf time, not in the actual comp. Keep practicing matey, maybe one day I'll let you beat me. 😊

Nappa got the wave of the heat in the Firsts final. What nerve he has, first he goes and sits on his own bank down the beach, and then realising no judges can see him because he is so far away, than he decides to paddle up and take priority on the peak. Mmm I wonder what trophy is coming his way this year...

There was some super fun rivalry goin on out there. I love how Kristian wants to beat Janne, Janne wants to beat me, but can't handle it when everyone starts putting the pressure back on her. Scotty, Lachy, Killer, Nappa, Mark Stewart, Crispy, Dale, myself, were all stoked when ever some one caught a great wave, but even more stoked when they fall off and stuffed a good scorer up. It probably happens in other divisions too, which I don't see, but I reckon that friendly rivalry, with a funny sense of humour is friggen awesome. I love that about our club, we can all be competitive, but also bag the shit out of each other if they stuff it up, or god forbid, someone actually gets a 7th!

Well done to the groms, Nate and molly had the super stoke, Jay the serious face, Dylan showing the potential that he has, new member Caiden doing well and enjoying surfing in a heat for the first time.



What else;

Super stoked on the stay-er new members this year, Bec - funny bugger, with a super chill dog .. legend, Damien (2nd year but coming out of his shell 200%) legend, crispy "I'm gonna give you loggers a run for your money" ... legend, Donna hung around the beach an entire day character.. legend, Dermot, "I just wanna hang out with a cool crew and surf" ... legend. Dylan the most chilled out grom in the country – legend. Nup nothin more has to be said, but its great to have some sick new crew who are social people at heart. Good to have all you folk laybacking, stoked ya's joined the family.

Legend effort for Bryce hanging around to almost 3pm in the carpark, just because everyone was just chilling and he was cool to let the relax happen. It was an awesome arvo, seeing the kids drawing on the pavement, people laughing, having a well deserved beer after a hard days comp.

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Delano Coffee have provided continuous support over the years. They have kindly provided us with a wetsuit to raffle off.

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He gets enough of a wrap, but if you want some sick vintage and current photo's, give him a call.



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Member and pretty much life long supporter of the Laybacks, if you want any Hydro flask items, give dave a call.



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Club History with George

If you want to read some awesome stories of George talking about George (and maybe Youngy), go and check out the history link on the laybacks website. There's some awesome stories about, yep you guessed it, George, in there.

Club news

Well it's a big month in terms of extra curricular activities as we would say in the department. We've had Tabourie, the raffle is ready to go off, and we've now got the pie drive underway. Thanks again to the committee, cracking job.

Newsletter

Throughout the newsletter, I've included [hyperlinks](#) to articles or video's I thought were interesting and worth a watch. In case you haven't realised it, if you click on the **blue** links, it will allow you to watch the video's, listen to music interviews etc.

Stories

You're all in for a treat this month with a fabulous story from Billy Morris. If anyone else has the temptation to write something creative, please get on board. It's so nice reading stories from other members, getting an insight into their experience, and also their creative writing styles.

By the Fly

We're going to offer a section for anonymous stories, comments, feedback etc. It'll be called, '**By the Fly**'. So go on, give us what ever you've got...

Judging

As with every year, judging can be an issue to improve upon. It's a friendly competition, but if we're going to tally our points up for a place at the end of the year, working on our judging is something to look at. It is a club of mixed variety surfers, so I think if there is a discrepancy, it has to be looked at with a pretty calm attitude and not take it offensively, but everyone using a couple of basic judging fundamentals will definitely help with the overall fairness of the tally system.

I've written a bit below.

Stoke and Points

We've been pretty lucky with waves for the comps, and I haven't heard anyone complaining. I think there is a really nice stoke at the beach. Everyone is down there with a good attitude, and there to have fun. The competition is starting to progress well, and people are now starting to see their points add up, for the year. So the dynamics of having a fun chilled day at the beach and also maybe starting to assess your position on the ladder (if you're into that side of the comp) is starting to develop nicely by this time of the year. Maybe it's time to see where you are on the ladder and what you can do to improve your standing.

Merchandise

The **T-shirt** order was a pretty big effort to get up and running, we really wanted to avoid what has happened in the past, where a large random order of merchandise was purchased. Every year we just get lumped with boxes of XXL and Small shirts which just sit around unsold.



Making the order personalised was more difficult, but it will be nice to see everyone wearing club shirts of a mix of colours down the beach. The order has been sent in now, it should take about 4 weeks to come in, but let's see how it goes.



Regarding the **Jumper** order. This is going to be a simple order. However this order needs to happen ASAP so **the weekend of the June pointscore is the close of that order.**

They take a month to print up, so we want to get the order completed by the June pointscore to have them ready to wear in winter. No stuffing around on this one, if you are late, you miss out. I suggest sending your order in now or if you want to order on the June pointscore Janne will have her phone and be able to help you out if needed.

If you want a jumper, email your **name, size, 'plain' or 'zipper'**

Email Janne; janne.schwarck@gmail.com or **TXT** her on 0423406483

Colour is **NAVY**.

Prices are **\$50 for plain hoodie, \$60 for zip hoodie.**

Transfer to laybacks acc.

State Name + Jumper (so Darcy can distinguish between raffle and jumper moneis)

Equipment

Thank you to Bryce who has done an awesome job cleaning up the current trailer. Its so nice to have something spacious, but also organised. Bryce has managed to sell the old trailer for \$2700. Well done.

Ipads

Well we bought new Ipads at the start of the year. It was something that we thought was a great idea, but I think everyone is happy not to have to bother using them.

If there are any members who are interested in buying the Ipads, please speak to Darcy. We purchased them for \$1200.



Corza came last in the olds

Ok, ok ok. So I know I friggen lost that olds heat, well not lost, I actually came 6 places behind 1st, so I am asking how the hell did I come 7th? Thank god the days of caring about the ego, having to be the best and look cool, have pretty much disappeared, I know it's something that is a result and comes with age, kids, marriage, a job, home ownership, and all the other comings and goings we have with life, but I was still keen on being a contender for the olds trophy. So I move forward with this discussion with an admiration and respect for all my fellow competitors, who, with all probability, did surf better than me. And also the judges, I don't write this with any animosity to you, we all do it. But to be honest I was a little shocked, because I thought I surfed well.

So lets talk about judging and how to establish a good **spread** of points.

Looking at the tally sheets from our olds final, I noticed that all 7 competitors were judged or '**boxed in**' between marks **3** and **5**. That means every wave surfed by seven competitors, was jammed between those two marks. And that is where the problem lies. By '**boxing**' all waves surfed by everyone in a heat, between such tight figures, there was no real way to get a **spread** of everyone's places. Did the person who got a 4.9 early on in the heat, really deserve to come first when the other competitor got a 4.8 15 minutes later on in the heat.

Can the judges really remember two different waves twenty minutes apart so clearly, that they can make a call on who is going to place first and second, by 0.1 of a mark. **No they can't**. That is why you need a spread.

All that matters is the person who is going to win the heat, gets the highest score, and the people in between are given results that match the position they deserve.

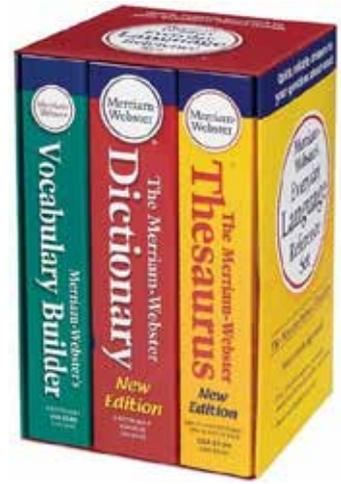
If someone gets a good wave, in crappy conditions, and you think that is about the best it could be surfed, for the conditions, you can give it a 9. Even if the wave was crumbling, and sectioning, you can do that. It was the best it could be surfed, and it was probably the best wave of the heat. There is no problems giving it a 9. That will leave enough room for you to still give higher marks if someone does something better, but you've now spread out the marks.

Another suggestion, is to start your judging marks a little higher. The 55's still deserve to get in the 6-9 mark range. Assess the surfers, assess the waves, and if they get a good one, mark high. There will always be a tendency for you to drift lower with your marking, so starting with a higher mark early in the heat will prevent you from boxing yourself in amongst all the 5-4-3's. don't be scared to go back and give a higher the entire way through the heat also.

So finishing up, for this month, here is the **GOAL**. Lets try and start giving higher marks, the worst comes to worst, you will box yourselves up the top end of the scale. You will probably drift down, but by aiming to box up high we will hopefully get a better spread.

German translations

Zee Germans Says; The Germans mean;
Lets go to taboorie = *lets go to "tabourie*
Lets have a piss off = *lets have a piss up*
We is going to = *We are going to..*



Wettie sale at Carabines

Thanks to Shane at Carabines for giving members a good arvo with free beers and pizza and offering a substantial discount on wetsuits to club members. I'm sure its not to late to get in touch with him if you need a new winter wettie.

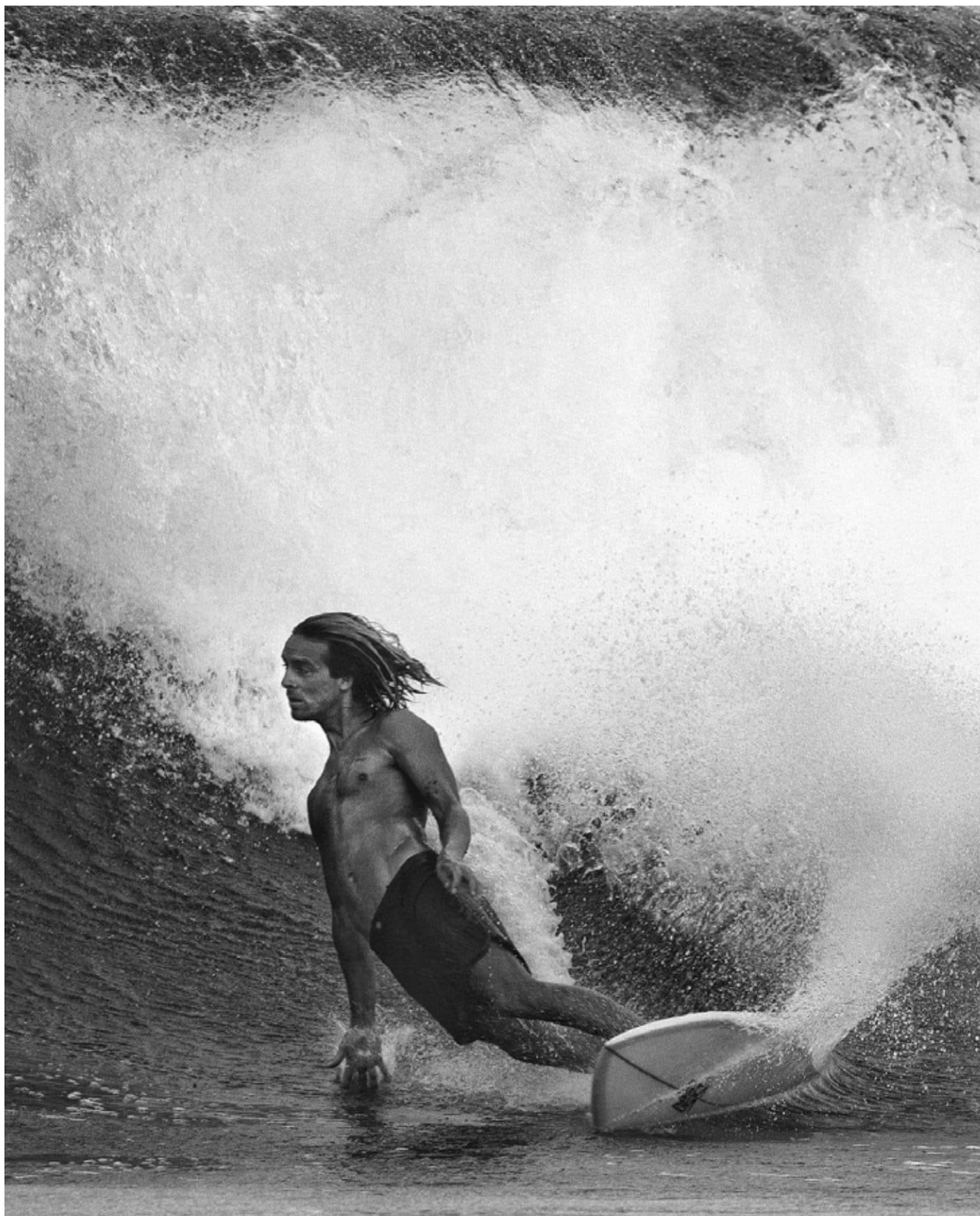


It was a good chance to catch up and have a good couple of laughs.



A Cool Shot

One of the devious figures of modern day surfing, but love it or hate his style, there is no denying that Alex Knost, can rip. How is that for a stylish bottom turn.



Layback Longboarders 2021 Mid Season Review

What a wild season it has already been and we are only approaching the mid-way stage of the campaign with 4/8 rounds contested. We have already witnessed some mixed results: Certain Surfers (who shall remain unnamed (although rhymes with Glory)) have placed first in their heat one month, to follow that up with 7th place in their heat the following month and a wide variety of contestable conditions in our own little piece of real estate:



February = Outstanding Bellambi,

March = Bigger, Outstandinger Bellambi,

April = Challenging, windy Bellambi

May = Whatever that was at Corrimal.

Some surfers have already claimed their career best results and some have already utilised their 2 throwaway rounds (either intentionally or not)

With that, it's time to look at the Laybacks mid-season review and who are firming as the favourites in each division.

Groms Division Rankings as of May Pointscore

1st: Dylan Deleflie: Charging the waves and linking together a few turns, although is already in danger of 'winning' the Drop in award after consecutively 'sharing' waves with his 'friends' in consecutive heats at consecutive pointscores

2nd: Floyd Treverrow: Surfing outstandingly well thus far, winning 3/3 months that he has attended (missing the May pointscore). Already showing his hunger in the water, if there are 10 waves in a heat, you can guarantee that Floyd will catch 12!

3rd: Zane Wilson: Mixed results for Zane. He can outsurf his history teacher in the Opens division, then follow that up by forgetting how to paddle and catching zero waves in a groms heat, despite having the longest arms in the club.

4th: Jay Robinson: Showing patience and perseverance in the water to select high scoring waves (and 2x second place finishes). Also looking likely to challenge both Corey and Bryce for the title of most words spoken at a pointscore

Equal 5th: Xavier & Finn Ainsworth: The siblings are challenging one another for biggest wave caught, biggest wipeout and bragging rights at the dinner table. However, they will not surf if its too windy, not windy enough and will only enter the ocean if the water temperature is between 21-23 degrees Celsius.

Also in the mix: **Caidan McPherson** has a 100% win record (has surfed one pointscore), **Nathan Robinson** (the ONLY member of the club who would prefer to judge a heat than surf

in a heat) and **Molly Napper** (if surfers scored points for smiles, would score 11/10 on every wave!)

'Old 55's' Division Rankings as of May Pointscore

Surfers in this division fall into two categories: Cranky old men or Greg Nicho. With a new mix of 'youth', including several former winners of the Opens division in the mix with the club founders and long time members to shake things up this season.

1st: Glenn Moore: Loves big waves, loves to go left, hates children and chooses to drive a school bus full of children on a daily basis?? Glenn (don't forget the second N!) is on a roll, having taken out three x 55's pointscores in a row after making the late decision to switch divisions after he disagreed with the judges decision at the February point score.

2nd: Peter Scrine: Has surfed extremely well (although went home early in May) and has already improved his attendance record for the past 3 seasons combined (4/4!!). Look out if he continues to show up each month!

3rd: Bazza Monte: Was concerned that he had been made redundant in the club when LiveHeats took over his tallying duties each month and this was affecting his performance in the water. Now that he has a pen in one hand and a dart in the other, Baz has returned to his happy place and results have improved for a late charge at the title.

4th: Rob Wilson: The 2019 champ hates missing any pointscore. Was sad when he found out that his annual trip to Noosa fell on the same weekend as the March event and prayed to the surf gods that there would be no waves, however he must have gotten his geography wrong when directing Huey and had to sit on the beach watching lake Noosa, while his grandson sent him photos of what he missed out on at the Bellambi supersession.

5th: Dave West: The mythical figure has rejoined the Laybacks after an extended hiatus as he 'didn't like surfing comps' to once again 'surf comps'. Dave is often quite generous in the water, hopefully the often heard "you take this wave" doesn't come back to bite him in a heat.

6th: Dan Oaten: Probably the tallest guy in the club has the advantage of seeing set waves on the horizon that others can not and also winning board raffles. Dan surfed well in the May mushfest to take out 3rd for the day.

7th: Earl Darcy Wentworth Perry the third: The man with the longest name in the club has finally made the switch to the Gentleman's division after many years surfing in the opens. When not surfing Bellambi point, you will often find Darcy placing out signs for cyclists (other than him) to slow down on the footpath or checking ID in the carpark at Bellambi.

8th: Greg Nicho: Lovely Greg is a fan favourite both in the water and out of the water. Probably the nicest guy you will ever meet, you cannot help but like him even when he drops in on you (he claims that he cannot see you if you are on his left, but says so in the nicest way that you just smile)

9th: Andrew Farago: The multiple time Opens division winner has also drifted to the 'cranky' division in the hope of surfing with fewer competitors per heat. Loves to go left at

the famous right hand point of Bellambi and is still supported by his long time sponsor Adesu Engineering. Its easy to spot where Andrew is surfing any where along the Illawarra coast as his van is visible from the top of Bulli Pass and takes up three parking spaces.

Some of the many other 'old mates' in the mix include but are not limited to: **Steve Gannell**, who seems to spend more time at Bellambi than the locals despite living further away than anyone else in the club, Winter classic food tent legend **Rob Armstrong, Ian Olney**: the man who famously drove his Kombi from Tasmania to Bellambi, LiveHeats biggest fan **Mark Harris**, club historian and the only man permitted to use a paddle at Bellambi **George Kennedy** and **Garry Hoban** who sources say has been in secret coaching discussions with none other than Kelly Slater himself, trying to lure him to join the club.

Opens Division Rankings as of May Pointscore

Few things are certain in Laybackland: Sewing is trending on Instagram, Donna will arrive late to pointscores, Kris is the second best German in the club and Aidan will win.

1st:Aidan Cashin: Aidan is first despite only attending 3 pointscores. This says a lot about the rest of the clubs chances against him. The only way he can be defeated is if a strong offshore blows him to New Zealand or he is disqualified for catching more than 10 waves in a heat.

2nd: Corey Robinson: The president loves to talk. It has become a staple of each month that club members will pretend to listen to Corey waffle for 25 minutes while watching the set of the day roll in unriden behind him. Maybe this is a tactic to lull his opposition to sleep? Corey was super excited when Aidan was absent in May and was never going to let the chance to win escape; we were surfing no matter how bad the conditions were!

3rd: Jarret Napper: The man with the loudest laugh in the club has also been destroying waves and complaining about technology this season. Recently updated his device to an iphone 2 from one of the original phones that came with a 12kg backpack battery. Expect to see those puppet hands dancing on the nose of his board on a regular basis.

4th: Bryce Caine: Collects Horses and collects surfboards. Expect to Bryce arriving first at every pointscore with his meticulously packed gear trailer. He will talk to anyone about any topic at all for 25 minutes minimum and still catch more waves than them. He may also offer to buy your surfboard if you leave it on the ground for too long.

5th: Scott Downing: The local Firefighter has recently taken on the role of Bellambi Bouncer; if he doesn't recognise/like you – expect a stern talking to. He also loves when there are waves with some size and loves going left. If we hold a 'left only' pointscore, expect Scotty to win!

6th: Lara Cashin: The Shortest surfer in the club is now married to the tallest surfer in the club. Also the most graceful surfer to watch surf on every wave, Lara can make a bad wave look amazing. She will catch waves that most surfers don't even see, and still score a 10 point ride.

7th: Chris Fuller: A new member to the Laybacks, 'Crispy' was so keen to surf the Old Mal division, he found a shelf at Bunnings and Glued a fin to it. He still rode said shelf better than most Laybackers would ride a traditional mal.

8th: Kane Morris: Likes Corrimal. Kane wishes that every pointscore would be held at Corrimal. Or the Bellambi bombie. If you are judging Kane's heat, make sure you keep an eye on where he is sitting in the lineup, as he may just paddle to Corrimal.

9th: Andrew Wilson: Most likely only located in 9th due to 100% attendance. Either this or judges have been awarding points for wipeouts. You can usually rely on this guy to fall off every single wave in a heat. Should probably spend more time surfing and less time coaching Ultimate Frisbee.

10th: Mark Pavitt: Iron chef BBQ. Probably only ranked in the top 10 as judges are feeling the urge to smash into an extra bacon and egg roll. If you want Mark to cook you breakfast, you either need to make sure he doesn't place last in his heat, or tell him that the Cronulla Sharks are going to win the premiership this year.

It says a lot for the quality of the field this season when many of the top 10 surfers in the club are currently ranked outside of the top 10. Look out for **Mark Stewart**, who has almost been in Australia long enough to classify as a local; if points are awarded for commitment, **Lachy Peters** would win every month. Expect nobody to crash and burn (or sometimes succeed) harder than Lachy; **Gareth Smith** will surf the bombie, then his heat, then the bombie again and is in danger of missing judging (he also shapes surfboards out of unwated building material); and the Germans are coming! **Janne Schwarck** and **Kris Kumbier** are battling it out for bragging rights each month! (Janne is currently in the lead).....

Ladybacks United!!!

It is awesome to see an ever growing crew of Ladies in the club and they have all joined just in time for the President to cancel the ladies division. What a brave man he is! It is commonplace these days to share the water in an Opens heat with more than one of them.... and they all surf better than You! There may (or may not) be a superheat coming soon featuring **Lara, Kelly, Janne, Bec, Lauren, Donna, Kerrie, Amber or Indigo!**..... (actually nevermind that is too may for one heat)



Mens health day/night – 19th June

OK this is going to be a good one and if you don't normally make layback activities, I'd really encourage you to come along to this. Its going to be a great afternoon/evening of catching up, eating and having a simple talk about mens health and support groups, strategies. The focus will be on mens health and how we can look after ourselves and each other.

We'll have the pizza oven fired up and will be making pizzas all night.



The Plan

AM - 7am sunrise walk

Meet at Bellambi carpark 6.45 and we are going to walk from Bellambi to Woonona and back. Bring a coffee if you want. The idea for this is to just highlight a simple fitness activity to do. It's a great walk also. Go home and enjoy the rest of the day. Meet back at Corza's later.



PM - Spoon carving 3pm

For something different, there will be the chance for members to try their hand at carving a spoon from fresh timber. We'll have some green Camphor laurel to make sauce spoon. This is a relaxing and creative activity that I'm pretty sure members will enjoy.



There are a couple of members who have experience at this and will be able to offer advice to others. The club has purchased 10 sets of knives, so if you are interested, come along and give it ago.

A couple of people in the club do spoon carving, and can help you. The idea around this activity, is to exercise the mind through creativity and physical activity. Conversation often comes easily when doing something, where the focus given to a task, such as the spoon and people are relaxed.

Evening – 5pm, Pizzas and guest speakers.

The main part of the evening, come along have a pizza, do some trivia, have a chat and listen to some guest speakers. Again, everything is going to be stress free, so come along and have an enjoyable night and maybe learn something .

RSVP to Kristian **0432595813** if you plan on coming, to allow us to organise catering.

What to bring; Your welcome to bring some beer/wine, but understand it's not going to be a piss up. There will be no kegs at this one.

Address is; 2 collins ave woonona.

"This is a story I actually wrote over 30 years ago, it's nice to see it shared with others" Billy morris

HEADING NORTH IN '69

Even though it was several years after some of the legends of surfboard design and innovation, McTavish and Greenough were playing and experimenting in the waters of Pt Cartwright and the Noosa Points. As a young 17 year old, who had not been further north than Sydney, or south than Mollymook, it was with great excitement and anticipation that an older mate, Pat, and myself headed to all places north in the Christmas of '69.

We made the trip in Pat's FB Holden, to me he was a real surfer of the day, his own car, a full black car licence, and made his own, but rather primitive boards, his mother loved it when he used her laundry as a sanding bay – no sense of humour!

In hindsight you would not have taken the old FB anywhere without a glove box full of twenty cent pieces, and the phone numbers of every NRMA depot in the state.

Heading north leaving Sydney behind, the adventure begins. First stop Taree, for petrol and oil, or maybe a case of fill the oil, check the petrol, the FB loved oil, any kind. The sign on the garage said "Welcome, Go Well – Go Shell", my knowledge of servicing cars was very limited, to put it mildly, so when told to check and fill the oil, something I had never attempted in my life, and not quite sure where the oil actually went, I was initially hesitant!

I remember pouring the oil into the dip stick holder thinking, I better be careful I seem to be spilling a lot! Now the garage sloped downwards towards the rear of the car, where the attendant was topping our fuel up, and also the location of the vast amount of oil I was spilling and watched disappear under the motor innocently, or so I thought!

My concentration distracted as a mans screaming and a barrage of obscenities caught my attention, I thought what shocking language to use around family holiday makers. I looked up and noticed the screaming and abusive language was coming from the attendant filling our car, and it was directed at me. I wondered why?

He had seemed such a nice polite man, obviously a mood swing I thought, could it be caused by years of hallucinating drugs, change of life, maybe, but no, it had apparently been caused because he was now standing in oil 3" deep!

The onset of the mood swing was the dampness of his toes and socks a quick self analysis to determine it was not his own body fluids escaping, he looked down to see the oil lapping over his shoes.

No amount of apologies of pleading self ignorance seemed to clam him, I suspect professional counselling maybe required. On firing up the old FB it always emitted a large cloud of carbon monoxide laden exhaust gases as a

parting gesture, as I turned and looked behind, I could just make a figure out through the haze, it was a man standing in bare feet, his shoes and socks in one hand, dripping oil, and he is waving goodbye with the other, how nice, but wait, he is waving with a clenched fist, he is obviously confused!

The sign said "Come Back Soon" Go Well – Go Shell....hmm interesting!

Not far to Crescent Head, cannot wait, as we passed through Kew, the motor and exhaust obviously heating up, we noticed a lot of people waving flashing lights etc, friendly north coast people, no disappointed again, it was the burning of the oil on the exhaust pipe that made it seem like the bottom of the car was on fire – some people over react dont they!

On the road into Crescent we checked out Shane's small factory, an old house near the Police station, Richard Harvey was the resident shaper of the day, looked like "John the Baptist" with his long beard and hair, we saw him rip the point apart, pulling off manoeuvres we had only dreamt about! A night a Crescent, sleeping in the front seat, wrestling with the steering wheel, parked next to many others lining the point car park after our stable nightly meal of fish, chips + chicko rolls.

Angourie next stop, no surf but you could feel the presence there of The Nomadic McTauish + Co. Who obviously frequented the place in the right swell and conditions.

Anxious to get to Lennox and Byron we pressed on, after many please of "Can I Drive" it was almost like "are we there yet Dad". My persistence paid off, and my chance to drive came just south of Woodburn. It was my first drive of another car since my 120 driving lessons stint, I became very familiar with that car at 1hr lesson per week over many months. I hear my instructor has now progressed well, he can now form whole sentences once again, rather than the continual chant of "OH MY GOD" over and over again. Probably lucky I didn't have 2 lessons a week!

I don't know what it was about surfies and the highway patrol in the 60's, but any car with scruffy, long haired types, boards on top, was mandatory to be pulled over. Out of nowhere I noticed a highway patrol car, a green mini cooper right on our trail, I was not speeding, I wasn't sure what gear I was in, but it certainly was not top. Here we go I thought, my P plates not displayed, which in those days meant instant licence disqualification, as we pulled over we decided to swap identities and licences, I would be Pat, pat would be Bill, what could go wrong?

The first sign of small cracks appeared in our plan, as the officer wearing his aviator asked to see my licence, but, every question he asked me, remember I am no longer Bill, I am Pat. Bill answered every question as though he was Pat, confused? So was the cop. The cracks became larger when I couldn't recall my birthday, and then asked me to countersign my name, I misspelt it, leaving the "R" out of Patrick. I thought we are in real trouble now!

Our pleas for leniency and possible part insanity fell on deaf ears, and we left Woodburn with more traffic tickets than I thought two people could get! For me, no more driving, definitely no more filling of oil, I was feeling a little inadequate, what's new!

Passing through Lennox, it was basically deserted, except for an old guy pushing a pram down the street full of soft toys, perhaps the town mayor!

The magical Byron Bay, which had every much a lasting impression on me, and to this day, I feel I should have stayed there. Some great surf, sleeping in the car at the pass, I never realised how under developed these places were in the 69, its shame the places surfers basically opened up, couldn't have stayed as they were then – true Surfers Paradise!

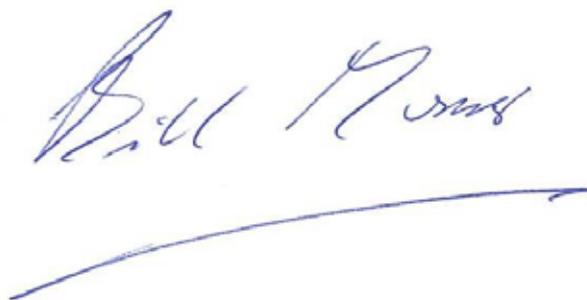
Passing through the Gold Coast to Noosa, the pinnacle of our adventure, down Noosa hill past the pub, into Hastings street, the "Noosa Woods" caravan park at one end, a few guest houses, a couple of old cafes, the "Laguna" arcade just being built, the first sign of so called progress. Around the past first point, Johnson's, National, I never envisaged the fantastic set up Noosa really was.

Talking to an old guy at National, selling passionfruit from a wheelbarrow, he mentioned about watching a handful of guys, surfing the points in earlier years, how privileged these few were, they didn't chose there time, it was chosen for them, certainly an era I wished I could have experienced!

A late southerly came up, only wild swell, but we had a fantastic little surf at Tea Tree. The small lines of swell rolling in, surfing 2ft waves down the bay. It only lasted that afternoon, but what a session!

I can remember reflecting on our experiences as we headed back to Sydney, capping off our sojourn by watching Paul Witzigs "evolution" movie at the Union Theatre while the soundtrack band "Taham Shud" played live as the movie was shown – what a blast!

Bill News



I asked Billy for a couple of pictures from when he was a kid;

Hi Mate,

A couple of pics but not great photos, I never really had a camera until I started work and bought my own, most parents maybe had a camera usually a box brownie.



Me with my first new board. 8'6" Graham King, early 1965.

My first board a second hand foam pig board no brand on the board, I was 11 years old so 1963



Billy and his dog is early 1970 just pre egg days

Fake olds?

I saw this the other day, It is claimed to be a 66/67, US midget model. However the conditions is just so fine, it got me pondering the question, of are there old mal forgeries happening today. I'm not saying this board is anyway a forgery, but it does lead to the questions, with the value of boards today, is the time coming where the old is being re-created.



Controversy at the Mal Jam

Well it was a bit of a controversial issue, everyone has probably heard about surfer Lucy Small receiving only \$1500 for the final, when the Mens division received \$4000. Her comment was;

“Thank you to the sponsors for the money they’ve put into the event, but I would say it’s a bittersweet victory knowing that our surfing is worth half of the men’s prize money,”

That is a pretty big difference in coin, and its fair to see why it caused such a controversy. The idea of a different ‘pay’ rate for mens and womens shouldn’t be a thing today. But in a small comp, was it actually a ‘pay rate’? There were more male surfers at the comp, so the chance of winning the prize was more difficult. The higher prize money, was there to attract the major surfers and try and entice the big names to come.

I actually asked Janne to write up a bit of a piece on what her opinion was regarding the prize money for the ladies division, but she said it was a little to controversial for her to get involved.

In honestly, my first thoughts was thank f**k that it didn’t happen to our committee, the poor guys who ran it just copped so much heat. And then I was a little pissed off cause its things like that, can make people say ahh, stuff it, I’m not running another comp like that, its too much of a hassle.

They were my first initial thoughts, but then I kept on thinking about it, and having some discussions with other people. And even though I obviously can’t see it from a womens perspective, but I do think Lucy was right to call it out for what it was.

When I mentioned the topic to Bec on Sunday, her first response was ‘no way, is that still happening to day”

And she’s right. Today there is no reason for having a disparity in pay between guys and girls. It shouldn’t be happening in the normal corporate/work environment, so if you are going to host two separate divisions, based on gender, then yes, they should be paid the same.

I certainly wouldn’t feel right if I won the male division and received \$4k and my nemesis Lara won the ladies division and only received \$1.5k. That’s the perfect example of inequality. It wouldn’t be right because Lara is a ripping good surfer, who is nearly as good as me 😊 and for her to be paid less, purely on the basis that she is a woman would be wrong.

This issues still lends itself to future controversy. If the Curly had ran an Opens division, in which both men and women could compete against each other, then there is potentially a justification for being able to award a higher prize money to that division, as it was open to all, and that is the one that attracts the big names. To use Lara as an example again, she competes in the opens and often wins. But in the future, would a club be scared to NOT offer the same money to the Womens if there was an ‘Opens’. I think with the media heat that this topic has garnered, no committee would be willing to go down this road again. I predict the opens and Womens will all be on the same monetary reward. If our club were ever to go down the road of hosting a large comp again, I’d just stick to trophies and a competitors raffle. It’ll make things a lot easier.

Its funny how our wonderful little club already dealt with this issue at the start of the season, and it seems to be going really well. Just ask Janne, she keeps on beating Kristian, again and again and again. There is something about surfing, and particularly in longboarding, that makes people equal.

So well done Lucy Small. It was a bold move. But from my perspective, you made the right call.

You can see a clip of Lucy on the following link; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SgBt-JDYIsg>



Marjor Raffle

This is an awesome fundraising raffle, and the feedback is that people are really receptive to the prizes. So get off your arse, walk the street, harass your fellow employees and sell, sell, sell!

It's drawn 6th June at the beach.

It would be appreciated if members could transfer their money over a couple of days before the 6th June. This will save Darcy holding money at the beach. Transfer the money earlier, as we can not accept tickets if the money has not registered in the account.

Prizes include;

Carabine surfboard upto:

\$1500



wetsuit of your choice upto:

\$700



BBQ / Fire pit

Australian made, by Corra Creations



Ukulele pack
Value \$179

\$150 voucher



World record paddle out to help save the farm.

Well unfortunately we never had time to get involved with the paddle out at the farm. I know for many Laybackers it's a place we all hold very dear to our heart. Yes its changed a lot over the years, but its still the Farm, and to see it change anymore will really be a disappointment to future generations.

Click on the blue link below if you want to see what went on at the protest last Saturday 1.5.21



You can view the video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0lvpggXsavM>

A short video of surfing in Wollongong

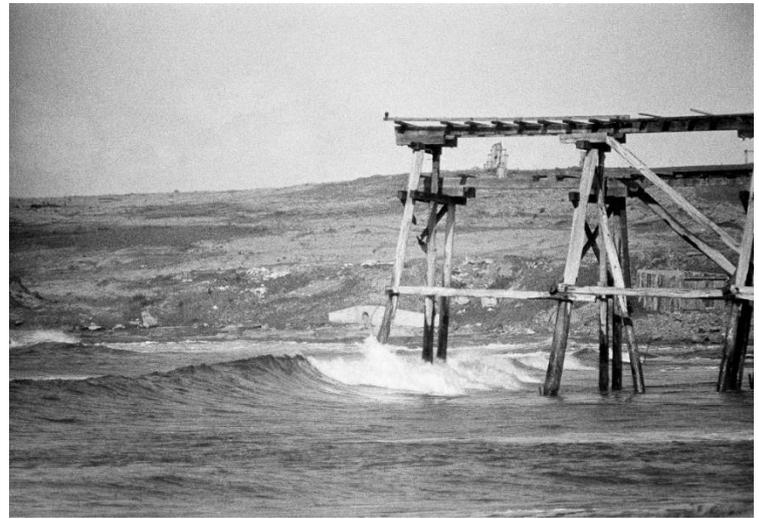
Here's a short vid, its got some shot of what I assume to be bellambi



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Daves stories - Shooting the Bellambi peer

The old Bellambi Peers. The piers were there for the coal loaders that came in. The coal used to come down from the Corrimal pits. Eventually several storms came through and it was broken up. In Dave's lifetime the piers were never used



Blowing up the piers

The piers were blown up November 65. It was a Monday morning, all the kids were at school and there was a light rain. There wasn't much fan fare when the piers were exploded. Dave knew about the piers being exploded, because he was always surfing there.

The black specks in the air were pieces of debris flying. Dave was moved back by the Army to grass area where we have the point scores. Dave has a shot of the person laying the charges, they were placed halfway up the pole, not at the waterline as he was expecting it to go.



Mucking around

This is about 63 when they were building Bellambi pools. The carts were there to bring the concrete down to the beach. The boys used to knock the chock out from under the wheels and have a run down the track. You would have to jump out before it hit the pile of wood at the end. There is an old toilet block in the background.



Pics from last pointscore











Bryce

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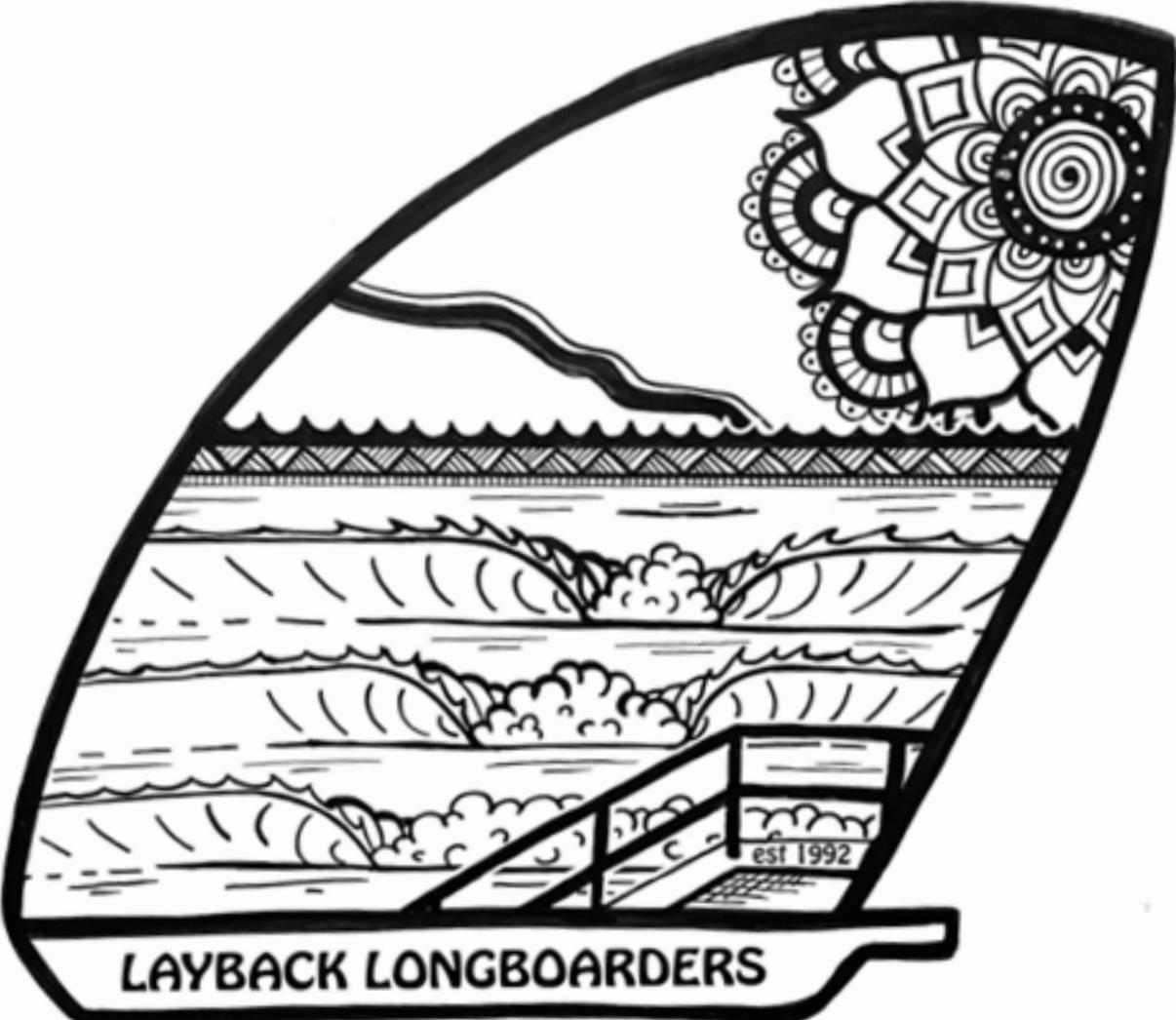


Scott

Layback May 2021 PS East Corrimal



Layback May 2021 PS East Corrimal





Tabourie for a first timer

Driving down the coast Friday afternoon every kilometre put more distance between the fading work week and my usual responsibilities. I had never been into Tabourie and was unsure how these weekends typically roll, it was dark and cool when I arrived to find welcoming Laybackers around a blazing fire. Hearing talk of others taking the day off and searching for waves and scoring Culburra, Manyana and Monuments reef definitely made me jealous, however the coming hours of laughter, BBQ, and a couple of beers, all confirmed coming to Tabourie was looking to be a good decision.

Saturday started with a cracker of a morning, a quick walk to the lookout revealed our beautiful surrounds with Crampton Island sitting just in front of Tabourie Lake, out front was glassy, but the small easterly swell wasn't getting into the lay of the Island. Views north and south suggested better surf options. Back at camp Laybackers were nursing their cuppas or getting longboards ready to cross the cool lake waters and over the dunes. As the beach came into view we were greeted with nice little peaks groomed by off shore winds, all morning we had fun waist and shoulder high beachies that after a few hours slowed with the incoming tide, I was already loving Tabourie.

The weekend had an increasing swell and afternoon surfs were better with some protection from strengthening winds. Mark delivered the goods every meal but Saturday nights smoked pork and beef deserves a special mention - it was something special. A full belly a couple drinks and fun conversations were had, many of which got shot down in laughter, none more deserving than Lachie and his adamant claim that "chickens have their brains in their neck". A quick google search was required to clear up confusion and reassure all that chicken brains are really in their head! However I now know the very weird story of [Mike the headless chicken](#).

Sunday we all again went for another surf over the back. The swell had picked up and it was definitely challenging not to get smashed on the shut down ones. Napper probably got the best wave I sore, he was on his yellow bonzer when he snagged a right-hander that provided a long ride with a little cover up section. Darcy was getting his longboard into some of the bigger and reeling waves, the crew gave him the hats off for owning the session. And everyone who experienced their first Laybacks Tabourie weekend (my self included) probably had the most stoke.

There was a funny story on the way home, Nappa, Scotty, Lachy and Corza stopped in at Seven Mile beach. The water was Shoalhaven River murky, and Corza whilst paddling out, had something grab on and rip two solid holes in the thigh of his wetsuit. He swears it was a gummy shark (he stood on it after jumping up) but nappa thinks it was a log. After surging out the back for half hour, they got swamped by a bunch of seals and were like, 'you know what chases seals' and that was it for all four of em. What softies.

Next years trip was booked in for the May, expect more paper plates, less cabins, and happy days.

Damian Castles





Lake Tabourie 2021

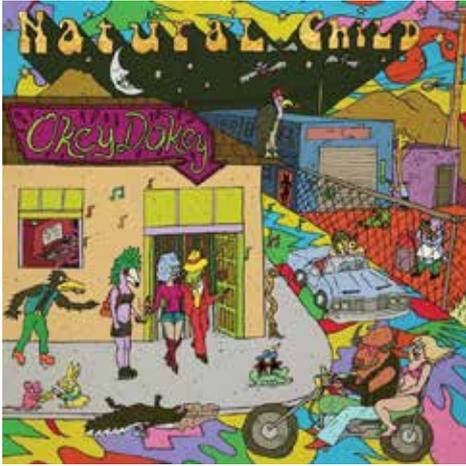


THE CHOOK PEN



Album Review by Corza

Okey Dokey by Natural Child



This is a groovy little album. It's a great listen at a dinner party or when doing a road trip. Track 3 'Out of sight', has a funky groove that sits right in place on a wave back in the early 70's. It'd totally fit right in place to some greenough tube riding clips. Track 9 – 'Benny's here' makes you just wanna get up, shake your booty across the loungeroom until your standing on the kitchen table doing who knows what dance, but man it feels good.

A simple album, nothing too fast pased, but the groove keeps it going. I love it.

Sprout movie review

By the up and coming grom Dylan Deleflie...

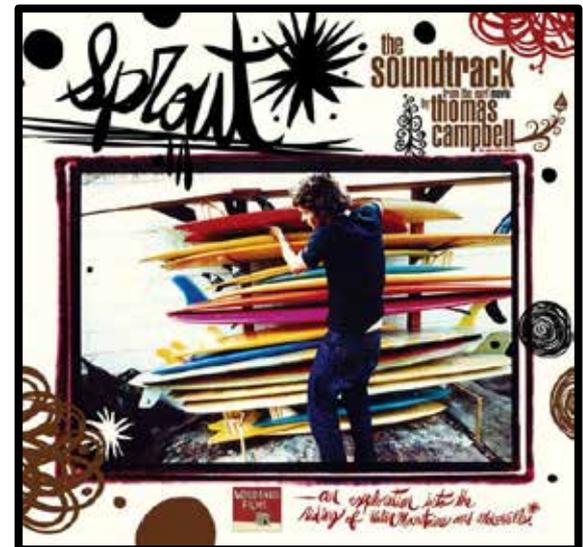
Sprout is a movie made by Thomas Campbell In 2003.

It feels as though the aim of the movie is to make people who don't surf jealous of the skills and lifestyle. It shows lots of surfing styles and ways of riding waves from bodysurfing to long boarding although the movie mainly focuses on long boarding

I liked the sound track because it had lots of different types of music from jazz to psychedelic rock. The surfing footage takes place in multiple places like India, America and Australia and also videos them travelling between the places.

I also liked the extra bits of the movie about what they ate and who they met along the way, when there were no waves they created murals on abandoned buildings or slid down gravel. I particularly liked the single fin short boarding style, it made me feel like trying one.

Overall the movie was enjoyable entertaining and is definitely worth watching despite its length.

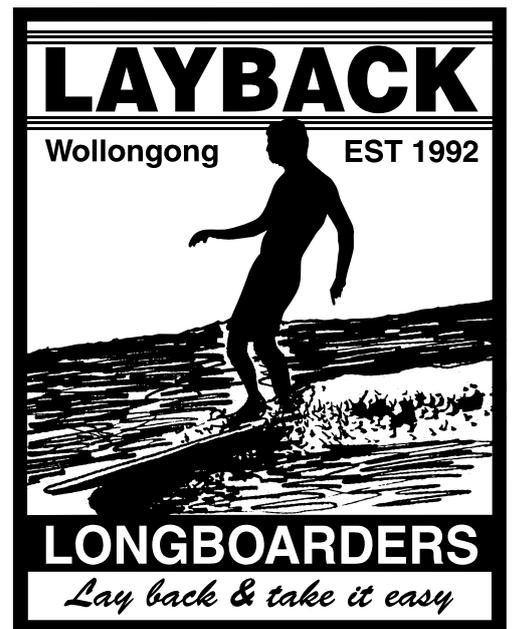


OPENS		Total	February	March	April	May
1	Aidan Cashin	3000	1000	1000	1000	
2	Corey Robinson	2753	500	583	670	1000
3	Jarret Napper	2750	555	475	860	860
4	Bryce Caine	2511	528	670	730	583
5	Scott Downing	2320	860	730		730
6	Lara Cashin	2113	670	860	583	
7	Crispy	1895	730		610	555
8	Kane Morris	1796	438	395	475	488
9	Andrew Wilson	1701	413	450	438	400
10	Mark Pavitt	1665	370	370	425	500
11	Mark Stewart	1623	425		528	670
12	Ewan Butterworth	1610	360	462	413	375
13	Lachy Peters	1595	610		375	610
14	Damian Castles	1540	325	390	400	425
15	Zane Wilson	1517	329	385	390	413
16	Gareth Smith	1503	475	500		528
17	Kelly Buchanan	1466		528	488	450
18	Janne Schwarck	1410	380	555		475
19	Peter Wilson	1363	488	375	500	
20	Brad Hurst	1330	462	488		380
20	Andy Goldie	1217	390		462	365
22	Kris Kumbier	1206	355	413		438
23	Sean Ainsworth	1163	340	438	385	
24	Donna Brown	1090	335	365		390
25	Dale McCombie	995		610		385
26	Coby Nau	950	395		555	
27	Bec Montalti	842			380	462
28	Paul Stokes	830		380	450	
29	Amber Cree	810	385	425		
30	Jake Moore	795	400		395	
31	Indigo Badger	745	345	400		
32	Dermot Holmes	745	350			395
33	Lauren Newman	735	375	360		
34	Glenn Moore	583	583			
35	Darcy Wentworth-Perr	450	450			
36	Dylan Deleflie	375				375
37	Chris Hughes	365	365			
38	Caidan McPherson	365				365
39	Kerrie Rice	332	332			
40	Fergus Hayes-Sant	322	322			

Old Mal		Total	February	March	April	May
1	Scott Downing	3400	1000	1000	730	670
2	Corey Robinson	3285	1000	730	1000	555
3	Bryce Caine	3260	730	670	1000	860
4	Glenn Moore	3250	860	670	860	860
5	Jarret Napper	3173	730	583	860	1000
6	Kane Morris	2740	730	610	670	730
7	Aidan Cashin	2730	1000	1000	730	
8	Kris Kumbier	2530	670	860		1000
9	Lachy Peters	2173	860		583	730
10	Mark Stewart	1863	610		670	583
11	Janne Schwarck	1803	610	583		610
12	Lara Cashin	1720	860	860		
13	Crispy	1340	670			670
14	Andy Goldie	1220			610	610
15	Dale McCombie	1193		610		583
16	Brad Hurst	730		730		

Groms		Total	February	March	April	May
1	Dylan Deleflie	3120	670	860	860	730
2	Floyd Treverrow	3000	1000	1000	1000	
3	Zane Wilson	2990	730	860	730	670
4	Jay Robinson	2390	860	670		860
5	Xavier Ainsworth	1193	583	610		
6	Finn Ainsworth	1193	610	583		
7	Caidan McPherson	1000				1000
8	Nathan Robinson	610				610
9	Molly Napper	583				583

O55'S		Total	February	March	April	May
1	Glenn Moore	3000		1000	1000	1000
2	Peter Scrine	2701	583	860	730	528
3	Barry Monte	2061	475	475	528	583
4	Robert Wilson	2025	860		555	610
5	David West	1888	670	730	488	
6	Daniel Oaten	1758	528	500		730
7	Darcy Perry	1720			860	860
8	Greg Nicho	1675	450	670		555
9	Andrew Farago	1610	1000	610		
10	Steve Gannell	1598	500	488	610	
11	Robert Armstrong	1400	730		670	
12	Mark Harris	1193	610		583	
13	Ian Olney	1132	462			670
14	Bill Morris	1055		555	500	
15	George Kennedy	1017	555	462		
16	Garry Hoban	1016	488	528		
17	Glenn Sant	888	438	450		
18	Tye Bronneberg	583		583		
19	Dave Milnes	475			475	
20	John Young	425	425			



2021 Season Point scores and Events

February	7 th 13 th	<u>Laybacks Pointscore</u> Social Event; Mars brewing beer appreciation afternoon
March	7 th 12-14 th	<u>Laybacks Pointscore</u> - announce proposed changes to club model rules Social Event; Seven Mile family camping trip
April	4 th 11 th 17 th	Easter Sunday <u>Laybacks Pointscore</u> - vote on amended club model rules Bunnings BBQ
May	2 nd 14-16 th 27-30 th	<u>Laybacks Pointscore</u> - Pie drive forms sent out Social Event; Tabourie weekend Crescent head longboard classic
June	6 th 19 th	<u>Laybacks Pointscore</u> Men's Health night, Dinner at Corza's
July	3 rd or 4 th 18 th 31 st	Interclub fundraiser Social Event; Afternoon Brewery/ pub-crawl / dinner catchup at Pie drive collection day
August	1 st 29 th	<u>Laybacks Pointscore</u> <u>Laybacks Pointscore</u> (replace September pointscore)
September	5 th 10-12 th 25 th	Fathers day National Old Mal Titles Crescent head Social Event; Octoberfest Party
October	3 rd	<u>Layback Club Championships</u>
November	4 th 7 th 27 th	Committee dinner <u>Laybacks Pointscore</u> + AGM Presentation Night - Bellambi surf club
December	5 th	Xmas fun Teams Challenge day

LAYBACK CALENDAR

2021

Wollongong ~~7th Feb~~ EST 1992

~~7th March~~

~~12th-14th Gerroa Camping Trip~~

~~11th April~~

~~APRIL 17th Bunnings BBQ OR WAS IT THE 18TH~~

~~2nd May~~

6th June

~~4th July~~

~~1st August~~

~~29th August~~

~~3rd October Club Champs~~

~~7th November~~

LONGBOARDERS

Lay back & take it easy