



the laybacker



The STOMP 2014 Edition!

As the leadup week progressed and more and more very hirsute young men started gracefully denying their inner chick, and danced upon the juicy pulses of Bellambi! Surfing with several such bearded hip young men (reminded me of Lee and Me cafe, you know, when you feel like you have entered the premises of some cult...), and I mean that in a very very positive light, without a trace of the deep jealousy I felt from my more mature position, moving on a board in a way that was almost completely but not entirely, unlike the way I would have liked to surf...

I hope you are still with me.. They were just great to watch, I felt really out of place without a beard.. and then the great day dawned! Beautiful starlit dawn too, and waves! Hallelujah Brothers! Shoulder height plus sets, glassy and fast! What a difference a day makes! 6pm the day before was, as the saying goes, small.....but shitty! Stoked!

The club pitched in as usual, great effort gentlemen, and in a trice Dale's board had found its real calling as a lead stand! See photos of Dale proudly expressing his inner adherence to OHS in front of the puzzling, but safe, connection

for the food tent, and we all benefitted! Well done Dale, I will continue to stick up for you!

Steve Pinnington and Stan De Arveal set up their beach side office and crunched those very important numbers, faithfully entering the results on the board, when they could shoulder their way past the dripping hoards, their ink smudging wetties foiled by Steve's devilishly clever perspex sheet!

And the surfing continued, of a gob smackingly high

standard, need I state the obvious - check out the results and the stars that shone that day.

Heavens to Mergatroid, what a show!

My plan to not even try to compete with these hip nose riders, and just concentrate on RTLing was so so very well planned, but lost something in the execution, so I had, as they say, bags of time to admire the other competitors' surfing!

Those glassy walls slowly, but ever so surely, gave way to some of the windiest conditions I have experienced at Bellambi (and bothered to go out) And it got bigger!

So came the finals, and the photos and the film I took, (and of course Dave Milnes) record the shining lights that attended, their moves were poetic, particularly in these less than favourable conditions. The affectionately considered 'old mals' (as Scotty says "they rode like shit back then, and they still do!") weaving and flat out, elegant curves, and nose rides to envy!

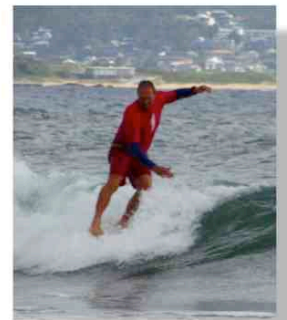
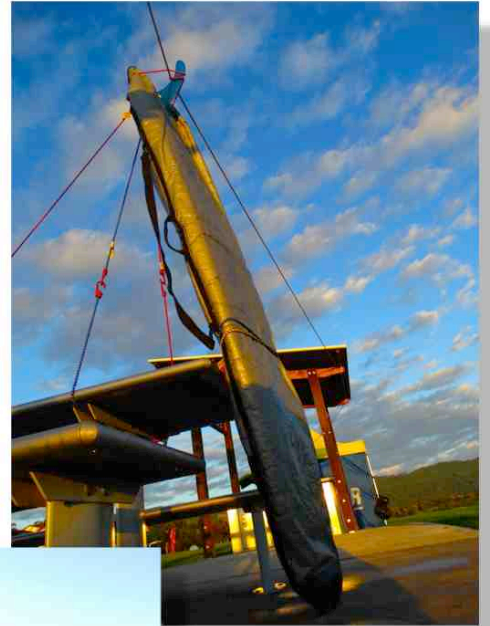
And then the loggers, the 'novelty' event that has captured so much attention! Tweaked old mals. Some may say, boards that express the way mals would have developed had they not

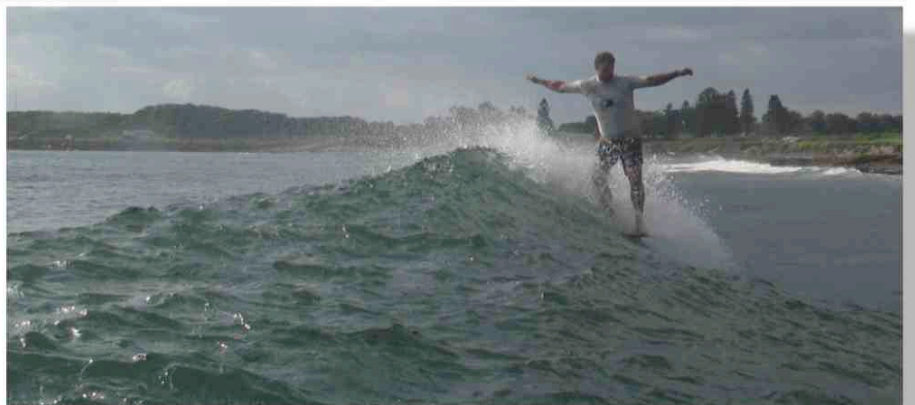


been blown away by the extraordinary freedom of movement provided by the development of the short board (see Bob M's "Stoked" or "More Stoked" for a great record of the time) But what surfing!

Presso in the howling wind, with the tent bending and blowing away, the awards were issued, hands shook, applause given, and just a great stoke shared.

Thank you Bill Morris and Scott Downing, thank you Hendo, thank you Steve and Stan, thank you Laybackers, and thank you competitors! Chalk up another great STOMP!











THE STOMP GOLDEN BREED NSW OLD MAL TITLES!

On behalf of the Stomp Club may I offer a most sincere welcome to all competitors and their families, be it surfers returning to compete again, or maybe surfers competing for the first time, we hope you enjoy your time with us, and achieve your goals and expectations you have set for yourself. We hope you come with an attitude of fairness, and that sportsmanship is an absolute priority to the way you compete, it is something we look for, and expect all competitors to deliver regardless of their reputation or ability.

We realise our obligation to deliver high standards, and a professionally run event to you as competitors, and for our generous sponsor Golden Breed. So good luck to everyone, thank you for choosing to compete in the Golden Breed Stomp NSW Old Mal Titles!

Kind Regards,
Bill Morris.

Thank you Bill Morris for the Brochure - all images on this page are from that great little publication!

I hope you enjoyed this collection of memories of the day. Don't despair if you didn't make it to the photos, its just me wandering around taking random shots, no one was intentionally avoided.....AG

Finals		
Open		
Red	Hayden Emery	5
White	Jack Norton	3
Yellow	Josh Dunn	2
Black	Nick Farago	1
Blue	Jayce Pioli	4
Green	Trent Docherty	6
Greenough		
Red	Scott Downing	3
White	Paul O'Grady	1
Yellow	Lyndon Riley	2
Black	Bill Morris	6
Blue	Matt Fleming	4
Green	Rob Lumby	5
D-Fin		
Red	Bill Morris	3
White	Scott Downing	1
Yellow	Matt Fleming	4
Black	Rob Lumby	2
Blue	"Barney" Dunn	6
Green	Andrew Farago	5
Log		
Red	Josh Dunn	4
White	Nick Farago	1
Yellow	Jarret Napper	6
Black	Jack Norton	2
Blue	Jayce Pioli	5
Green	Andy Macdonald	3
Mystery		
Red	Fred Stovin-Bradford	5
White	Dale McCombie	1
Yellow	Mal Warren	2
Black	Shaun Olsen	3
Blue	John Stovin-Bradford	4
Green	Mark Williams	6

