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DEAR LEADER'S MESSAGE

A quick sum up on our May Pointscore – we had offshore wind all day, small but juicy swell, and some rain early that kept some folks away, sadly for them. We had a great day, with a raffle and keg to wrap things up. Good times were had by all!

Check out Dave's pics plus a couple from me. It's really something to just take possession of the reef like we can do – don't miss it if you can!



BENDALONG DREAMING



Ah yes, the May Laybacker journey South-testing it out as the next incarnation of our Tabourie trips...and weren't we glad!

The forecast looked excellent - cool and sunny, offshore all weekend and decent swell- all lining up for a classic Layback and Take It Easy weekend! The only fly in the ointment was that there were not many Laybackers to take it easy with, and that was despite us bringing in the big guns and delivering a message from the Dear Leader!

As the old surfy saying goes, to those who didn't come - "you reeeeeeeally missed it!"
Bendy turned it on for us!

Our crew gathered on a beautiful sunny Friday with Peter and Marithe arriving early, setting up in the cabin we had booked for the crew. We were right on the end of the line of cabins, next to the rolling shady ground of the unpowered area that stretched right out to the end of the point. Views north, east and south over these lovely bays, with the sound of the surf gently in the background.

Work and other commitments kept most of us delayed in arriving till sunset or the evening. As always, the exciting first night of these weekends kicked off with a Layback dinner courtesy of Peter and Marithe, then around the fire, Flames rising to warm the lower branches of the tree we were next to...

Drinks flowed, conversation revved up, and then Damo's son Arne pulled out his guitar and literally gave us a concert with his extraordinary musical talent. First just looking up songs thrown at him, getting the chords sorted, then singing and playing them with heart and commitment. Then he dug up some of his own favourites and we were all blown away by his talent, emotion and guitar skills. Thank you Arne!



The Van Lifers and the cabin dwellers retreated to their homes-away-from-home for a quiet night. We were up excited on Saturday morning for some caffeine and a Bendalong Beach surf check. This usually consistent beach certainly had waves. But the tide was a bit high, and Green Island was on our minds, so we gathered up the crew and headed there.

From the lookout you could see there was surf- light offshore and not a big crew on it. If your eyes were good enough you could get a scale on the waves from a surfer and...wait a minute... it was overhead on the sets!

The long climb down, the walk to the paddle out spot, then a 600m paddle (Scriny was measuring it!), all while watching these really beautiful big left walls wind around the island. Now, for the right spot to sit...it was a mixed swell- a bit of east but more from the south, so this meant several take off spots, peaks rising and then walling up for big glassy walls and pockets. The local crew were further around the front of the island taking some all time barrelling lefts that you could look right into from the wider take off spot- really high class waves.

Some overhead sets would catch you off guard, but they were mostly avoidable.



Kris was very hipster and paddled out on his log- no legrope. After realising he had misjudged the size of these waves, he adjusted to the energy and just went nuts catching some killer lefts! Janne got some of the best, most critical waves I'd seen her snag. What a paddler she has become- quite Aidan like in her ability to get in early.

What became obvious was that the lefts were different, and I hadn't surfed any for a long time. Yes, backhand is a skill to be dusted off again! Scriny had some adjusting to do too, but we got our mojo working and had a blast. This surf reminded me how much fun it is to speed out onto the wall backhand and throw a big cutback into the white water, and then down to the bottom turn and repeat!

The big news of the day was that Hursty and Sharon had joined the crew for the weekend. Saturday was Hursty's birthday, he had been recovering from spinal surgery so had only surfed once before the 600m paddle out to these lovely big lefts. He was careful and snagged a bunch, and was literally grinning from ear to ear on his way in.

We went back to camp for a late brekky / lunch & chats around the fire again. Then we left for the arvo surf session. Damo went north to check a reef break



Clear and sunny again, but with a strong Westerly. We figured the Island would be blown out, so did a bit of a surf check. South Manyana beach was looking very pretty with some lovely peaks that Kris and Janne jumped at, Damo headed up to Cudmirrah to one of his secret spots (that he tells us about!), Scriney headed for a surf check north of the Island, and I sat in the Bendy cafe writing this, before trying to find Damo...

called Flat Rock (not the one at Ulladulla), and ended up joining the one surfer on that. Kris, Janne, Scriney and I couldn't resist going back to the Island again. No one was on it, and with a lower tide, it may have been even bigger than the morning session. The wind had gone a bit cross shore, but we all had another session to finish the day.

Dinner again thanks to Peter and Marithe, this time with Hursty and Sharon. Then another fireside party, with some cracking tales from Hursty as the highlight!

Sunday morning saw us feeling very satisfied with the trip already. We had brekky and chat, just a lovely vibe between all us Laybackers - very special. We broke up and felt very happy to have shared the time- definitely a terrific venue for next year!



It's really an excellent venue here – great camping and cabins, plenty of facilities, café and bottlo nearby. Great surf on the north and south sides, tame stingrays in the bay, with Green Island and Manyana only a few minutes away. Not to mention Ulladulla... We'll do this again for sure, I think this is the new Tabourie. Definitely put it in the calendar for next year- you won't regret it!

Andy (DL)



THE GALLERY



Glenn Moore- Old Mal



Dale McCombie- Old Mal



Scott Downing- Old Mal



Hugh Jass- Old Mal



Lachlan Haaijk- Old Mal



Andrew Wilson- Opens



Paul Stokes- Opens



Aiden Cashin- Opens



Dylan Deleflie- Groms



Glenn Moore- Old Mal



Donna Brown- Ladies



Keira Tanko- Opens



Ewan Butterworth- Opens



Andy Goldie- Opens



Janne Schwarck- Ladies



Ruby Mulquin- Ladies



Zane Wilson- Opens



Bill Morris- O65s



Peter Scrine and Glenn Moore

Vale Dear Grumpy Old Bastard and Laybacker, Mal Warren



Today there was a sombre gathering of Laybackers, Fireys, friends and family for our old fellow Laybacker, Mal Warren. He got a big sendoff as he had touched so many lives with his quiet gentle self, his sharp but never nasty humour, and his life long passion for sport – surfing of course, but also tennis, soccer and surf club competition.

Mal grew up first in Newcastle, then Sydney, then in the Gong- as his Dad worked the tug boats at Port Kembla. He attended Keira High, and topped it off with a Commerce degree at Wollongong Uni. Moving through various jobs, including a stint at Telstra, he joined Fire and Rescue more than 30 years ago, and as a lot of those Fireys do, surfed A LOT. Scotty worked with him at Bulli station for a long time, and he finished his working life in 2018 in the Warrawong station.

And the Fireys were there in force at his sendoff today. Not only were there 4 fire trucks, but an honour guard of uniformed Fireys and a bagpiper skirling away in the back ground– very touching. This was the second time I have seen a surfboard in a funeral parlour, and the dress code of ‘Hawaiian shirts’ produced a splash of colour with the 50 odd friends and family that were there. Safari suits were also a fave of Mal’s and Rob Lumby honoured him by wearing his.

Rest easy old friend...

Andy

Here are some memories from a few of the many Laybackers who were lucky enough to be his friend..

The Crazy Old Guy has left the building...Mal Warren, long time old member of the Laybacks has passed away. A dead-set old character of not only the club but Bellambi or Little Wiamea as he used to call it. He was a member for a lot of years and brightened the beach up every single day. He rode bloody big boards and loved being part of the beach scene.

Safari suits were his go too dress up clobber and usually the red wine he had in a glass at the start of the night somehow ended up down the front of his shirt and staining his teeth towards the end of the night.

He rode old Mals with a passion and loved collecting them, he and I would restore them at work together and we had plenty of stories about restoring and riding them. He'd often paddle out the Bombie with an orange tucked into his wetsuit and just lay there and eat it because it was so peaceful. Before he'd paddle back in and catch a tidal wave, as he'd call them...

He never had a bad word to say about anyone and just cruised through life. Injuries recently had kept him out of the water which was a shame. A bloody good fella and I know I am lucky to have called him a friend.

Scott

My favourite MAL story was the first time we held a Swallow Tail Fish division in one of our big comps. There was a spare spot, so Mal took out a hand saw, cut a swallow tail into his 10 footer (rough as guts hahah) and said "uhhhh-yehhh-ahhhhh now I got me a swallow tail dig I can surf in thaaaaa Fish Division yehhhhhhh..."

Characters at the beach are rare jewels that make the place and the stories around it unique. They are bigger than their surfing, bigger than life and make us laugh until our belly hurts thinking about them. Mal was one of those blokes. If you knew him, you know exactly what I'm talking about. If you never met Mal, embrace the thought that surfing is bigger than all of us and Mal was a big character in the Layback story. Gonna miss ya dig!

Napper.

I remember being out in a heat and struggling to pull into a wave and Mal would look across and say in his slow style "aaahh ya need to do the double pump". His unique way of paddling into a wave with both arms pulling at the same time. I never did but he always reckoned that was the trick!!!! Miss ya mate.

Kev.

My best memory of Mal is nearly being run over by the big board. And off course feeding him at point scores.

Mark Pavitt

I hadn't seen Mal for a considerable number of years now. And it was only before I left that I asked Bazza how he was going. He definitely had his struggles and it is a credit to the club and individual members most of note is Scotty, who provided a close friendship and critical support to Mal. I can't say I was a close friend to Mal, but I enjoyed his company and the mix of crazy he added to the pot down at Belza. Every sentence Mal said seemed to start with an Ahh

or Yeahhhh. He relished the phrase Dig, and said it so well others were proud to paraphrase him. I loved watching him ride that massive blue board, where he would have his arms out, as he did a drop knee turn, which didn't seem to make him change direction or break trim at all. At best it would provoke a subtle stall.

My strongest memory of Mal is him turning up to pointscores, setting up his camp chair and reading the paper all day long. It was a pattern that was repeated over and over again. Fairwell to another crazy character.

RIP Dig,

Corza

I first met Mal whilst playing football for university whilst finishing a Master's Degree. He was the goalkeeper- actually a very capable goal keeper, often putting his body on the line. We became good mates, both in the surf at Belsa, playing football and at the coffee factory- his partner liked a good short black, but I could only offer her a long black, my speciality.

This was a weekly or bi-weekly event, as well as football practice on a Tuesday and Thursday night, dropping in on me every weekend, followed by defending the goal in the local over 35 yr comp.

Such a great, selfless, lovely, and unassuming guy that will be missed and I wish him well on the next journey – RIP.

Tye

Hey Big Mal, we'll miss you Dig. You'd get me to try one of your boats you called a surfboard from that endless collection of surf craft you had. Somehow you got me to swap my nice cruiser for that 3 piece collapsible sup of yours. It needed a crane to launch it. I could have set up the lounge and bar up on the deck. I remember us wearing our safari suits to one of the presos. Only our mother could tell us apart that night. I wonder why she named us both Mal?

Mal Robbo

Vale Mal "Dig" Warren

The best "hand brake" staller at Belza.

RIP Dig

Killer

THE TALLY

Groms		Total	February	March	April	May
1	Aden Penglis	3530	1000	670	860	1000
2	Dylan Deleflie	3450	860	730	1000	860
3	Oscar Wilson	2385	610	555	610	610
4	Callan Oaten	2173	730	860	583	
5	Caidan McPherson	2010		610	730	670
6	Amber-Rose Gannell	1721	583	583		555
7	Gus Battestini	1590	860			730
8	Arne Castles	1583		1000		583
9	Molly Napper	1198	670	528		
10	Ruby Mulquin	1000	1000	0	0	
11	Rosie Gray	730	730	0	0	
12	Rafael Karippanon	670			670	
13	Tye Fitzgerald	0			0	
13	Joyce Castles	0				
13	Floyd Treverrow	0			0	0

Ladybacks		Total	February	March	April	May
1	Janne Schwarck	3730	730	1000	1000	1000
2	Shantel Dalgarno	3390	860	670	1000	860
3	Ruby Mulquin	3200	1000	860	730	610
4	Lara Cashin	3000	1000	1000		1000
5	Jess Taylor	2800	670	730	670	730
5	Donna Brown	2800	670	670	730	730
7	Phoebe Maher	2566	583	730	670	583
8	Rosie Gray	2500	610	610	610	670
9	Georgia Eastmont	2390	860		860	670
10	Cassie Ansell	1720		860	860	
11	Kelly Buchanan	1590	730			860
12	Lauren Newman	1165	610			555
13	Alex West	1138	583			555
14	Milie McCallum	1111	528	583	0	
15	Kerrie Wrice	555	555		0	
16	Molly Napper	0	0	0		
16	Amber Cree	0				
16	Indigo Cree	0				
16	Abbey Banfield	0				
16	Amanda Berlin	0	0			

O55'S		Total	February	March	April	May
1	Robert Wilson	3060	730	860	610	860
2	Glenn Moore	3000	0	1000	1000	1000
3	Peter Scrine	2783	610	583	730	860
4	Steve Gannell	2276	528	583	555	610
5	Daniel Oaten	2260	670	730	860	
6	Peter Wilson	1836	583		583	670
7	Garry McKay	1753	555	528	670	
8	Darcy Perry	1610	1000	610		
9	Andrew Farago	1530	860	670		
10	Greg Nicho	1111	583	528		
11	Mark Harris	583				583
12	Hendo	0			0	

O65'S		Total	February	March	April	May
1	Bill Morris	2720	860	0	1000	860
2	Bryan Coombes	2173	583		860	730
3	Mal Roberston	2000	1000			1000
4	Gary Hoban	1590	730	860		
5	Rob Armstrong	1400	670		730	
6	Tye Bronenberg	1225	555		670	
7	Brian Bull	1198	528			670
8	Brad Hurst	1000	0	1000		
9	Mark Butterworth	610	610		0	
10	Graham White	500	500	0	0	
10	John Young	500	500			0
12	Barry Monte	0	0	0	0	0
12	Manni Versoza	0				
12	George Kennedy	0	0		0	0
12	Dave Milnes	0	0	0	0	0
12	Hoppo	0		0		
12	Dave Byrne	0				

Old Mal		Total	February	March	April	May
1	Caelan Dixon	3720	860	1000	1000	860
2	Kris Kumbier	3260	730	1000	670	860
3	Janne Schwarck	2800	610	730	730	730
4	Bryce Caine	2783	670	860	670	583
5	Dale McCombie	2723	583	610	860	670
6	Jarret Napper	2590	1000	860	730	0
7	Andrew Wilson	2500	610	670	610	610
8	Bill Morris	2225	670	0	1000	555
9	Scott Downing	2173	860	730		583
10	Andy Goldie	2113	583		860	670
11	Glenn Moore	2010		670	610	730
12	Lara Cashin	2000	1000	0		1000
13	Aidan Cashin	1730	730	0		1000
14	Damian Rice	1138	555	583		0
14	Damian Castles	1138			583	555
16	Lachlan Haaijar	610			0	610
17	Andrew Martin	528				528
18	Rob Lumby	0				

OPENS		Total	February	March	April	May
1	Caelan Dixon	3085	860	365	860	1000
2	Aidan Cashin	2860	1000	1000		860
3	Dale McCombie	2354	438	860	528	528
4	Kris Kumbier	2179	488	583	670	438
5	Jarret Napper	2130	730	670	730	0
6	Ewan Butterworth	2061	528	450	583	500
7	Andrew Wilson	2040	462	555	610	413
8	Scott Downing	2010	610	730		670
9	Janne Schwarck	1850	395	450	395	610
10	Bryce Caine	1780	500	400	555	325
11	Rick Taylor	1672	475	462	355	380
12	Lara Cashin	1670	670	610		390
13	Damian Castles	1628	375	488	390	375
14	Phoebe Maher	1588	370	385	488	345
15	Jess Taylor	1570	350	395	500	325
16	Shantel Dalgarno	1567	380	360	365	462
17	Donna Brown	1440	360	390	340	350
18	Zane Wilson	1420	355	380	350	335
19	Paul Stokes	1390	345		462	583
20	Damian Rice	1326	413	500		413
21	Georgia Eastment	1300	450		400	450
22	Jake Moore	1270	345	475	450	
23	Gareth Smith	1227		528	380	319
24	Ruby Mulquin	1208		438	385	385
25	Zac Banfield	1170	390		425	355
26	Aaron Wilson	1150	385	425		340
27	Rosie Gray	1110		380	370	360
28	Dear Leader	1108	300		413	395
29	Mark Pavitt	1039	309	370	360	0
30	Darcy Perry	1030			475	555
31	Glen Fitzgerald	1000			1000	
32	Aden Penglis	982	335	0	335	312
33	Daniel Potaczala	838	400		438	
34	Dylan Deleflie	820	345	0	0	475
35	Kelly Buchanan	810	322			488
36	Keira Tanko	783	0	413		370
37	Andrew Martin	737	312	0	0	425
37	Lachlan Haaijer	737				730
39	Cassie Ansell	705		360	345	
40	Dermot Holmes	687	312		375	
40	Lauren Newman	687	322			365
42	Milie McCallum	659	309	350	0	
43	Gus Battestini	631	322			309
44	Alex West	628	309			319
45	Nelson Thurgate	583	583			
46	Chris Fuller	555	555			
47	Mark Cristallo	425	425			
48	Russell Gray	365	365	0		
49	Caidan McPherson	332				332
50	Arne Castles	329				329
51	Kerry Wrice	312	312		0	
52	Ross Yeoman	295	295			
53	Rob Lumby	0				
53	Abbey Banfield	0				0

2023 CALENDAR



March	5th Sun	POINTSCORE huddle and set-up 6:00am
	28th Tues	Committee meeting 6:30pm
April	2nd Sun	Pontscore huddle and set-up 6:00am
	3rd Wed	Committee meeting 6:30pm
	15th Sat	DV8s Banana Classic
May	2nd Tues	Committee Meeting 6:30pm
	7th Sun	POINTSCORE huddle and set-up 6:00am
	19-21st	Layback Surf Trip- Bendalong
	25-28th	Crescent Head Longboard Classic
	30th Tue	Committee meeting 6:30pm
June	4th Sun	POINTSCORE huddle and set-up 6:00am
	27th Tue	Committee meeting 6:30pm
July	1st Sat	The Winter Classic
August	1st Tue	Committee meeting 6:30pm
	6th Sun	POINTSCORE huddle and set-up 6:00am
	12-13th	Mollymook Longboard Classic
September	8-10th	National Old Mal Titles Crescent Head
	12th Tue	Committee meeting 6:30pm
	17th Sun	POINTSCORE huddle & set-up 6:00am (replaces 3rd Sep - Fathers day)
October	3rd Tue	Committee Meeting 6:30pm
	4th Wed	Notice of AGM & open new committee nominations
	8th Sun	Club Championships + Major Raffle
	31st Tue	Committee meeting 6:30pm
November	5th Sun	POINTSCORE huddle and set-up 6:00am + Annual General Meeting
	21st Tue	New & old committee dinner meeting 6:30pm
December	2nd Sat	Santascore huddle and set-up 6:00am and Presentation Night 5:00pm