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# **NEXT POINTSCORE SUN 3 MARCH 2024**

*6am setup for a 6:40 Start.*

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# VICE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

We waited a week but boy wasn't it worth it!

After a delayed start to the 2024 season (never a great way to kick off), we saw some better conditions than the week before.

Huey produced some early head high (occasionally overhead) waves for the Laybackers to show off all their surfing skills.

The new trailer was an instant hit. Now smaller and more nibble, Wilba parked it on the grass making the set up of tents, tables, BBQ and chairs that much easy (and quicker).

Despite the change of date, leaving a few off the register including our Dear Leader, the roll-up was strong.

We surfed Olds – now even more popular than nearly all the other divisions, Ladies, Groms, Over 50's (another change), Over 60's, and of course, Opens.

The waves produced some excellent surfing all day as the conditions pretty much held.

As always, the standard was high and the competition fierce as surfers chased the first points of the season. Results on the day included what I believe could be a first, a three-way split for first in the Olds between Caelan, Aidan and Jarret. Incredible!! The Old's this year will be the division to watch to see who is crowned the 2024 champion in December.

Another great result was Oscar Wilson taking out the Groms in first place... such a champion! And again, another tie for first place in the 60's between Gary Hoban & Garry McKay. Probably no surprises that Glenn 'Killer' Moore grabbed the 50's, Lara Cashin the Ladies and Aidan Cashin the Opens.

It was great to have Mark Pav back on the burners cooking up a welcomed breakfast and a great lunch.

Our fabulous sponsors continued to support this great club for another season – Carabine Surf, Seeker Brewing, Hydroflask, Delano, Ocean & Earth, Pipers Music, Mars Brewing Supplies and Woonona Eye Care.

We raffled off a few great prizes to a bunch of lucky winners at the end.

On a rant...It's always worth hanging around to the end of the day to score some cool prizes and few cold beers. We ended the day as we had begun – with laughs, friendship, smiles and memories of a great day surfing.

# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Club Championships

The Club Championships will be held on Sunday, April 7 2024 rather than in October as it has been in the past.

## Bendalong Weekend

Our social event at Bendalong is on the weekend of May 17, 2024. Reserve your spot by emailing or contacting Donna Brown . This weekend is sponsored by our club . Cabins and campsites (powered or unpowered) are available. Relax with your fellow Laybackers and surf the uncrowded breaks of Manyana , Bendalong back beach and Green Island .

Enjoy the meals provided and an open fire.

Reserve your spot now. Families are welcome.

[donna.brown.mail@gmail.com](mailto:donna.brown.mail@gmail.com) or contact the club directly.

## Help me raise money...

I will be swimming 31 km in March as part of an event called Laps For Life. The aim is to raise money for programs to assist in preventing youth suicide. Any donation would be greatly appreciated. I know swimming 1 km a day isn't that great of a deal, but for those of you who know me, I like to drink a lot of beer, so doing this is really going to make me regret the last 20 years of my life. I've included the link to my page below. If I raise over \$1000 I get to be called a Thorpe's Hero and get a jumper, so yeah, pretty impressive. I'll even let you borrow the jumper.

<https://www.lapsforlife.com.au/fundraisers/andrewmartin41860>

## THE DV8 BANANA CLASSIC

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The SHALLOWS has always held a special place in my heart. I was taken there at an early age by my Dad, Kev, and his mates. Some days I was even brave enough to paddle out on my booger and try catch a wave off the shoulder. Years later, it's where I learnt to ride a 'shortboard'. Another gift from Dad – a 6'6" G&S single fin, Robert Conneely design, shaped by Wollongong's own Terry Bishop. It was Dad's last shortboard. Terry reckons he pumped out plenty of these in the 70's for G&S. All following his 'process'...

We would drive down the SHALLOWS, N/E swell, S winds, and ride these old singles, fins humming so loud you could hear each other cut back. Back then, you could park on the grass, down by the water and it was a blast to just leave music playing in the car and surf listening to tunes until someone had to come in and change the cassette. And this was the 90's man..... Retro wasn't even invented yet....



After a surf, around 1996. Taken as we were leaving (not my car)... PERFECTION!

So here comes 2024, the DV8 BANANA. A stalwart of south coast longboarding history. I heard a story recently of the Banana comp, that it was named after a member whose nickname this was. It was thought he went missing years ago, presumed dead, so the DV8's named a comp after him – only to be surprised years later when the bugger showed up. Just been on a really long surf trip or hiding out for a while, I presume.

Anyways, 2024. Early rise to get a spot in the beautifully smooth car park, just beyond the marina, parking between spray painted lines, assuring all is measured and precise. But important to get a spot early so the team could hold court somewhere and have a base camp for the day. A place of confessionals in the back of the van. Somewhere to hang. The LAYBACK end of the carpark. Boards all over the grass and team mascot – Alby – inspecting fins; making sure everyone was riding the right equipment for the day.

And the surf...well, the surf...as was sent in a plethora of texts from Dale to Scotty throughout the day....the surf was freakin' unreal!!! 4 foot, offshore, high tide mid-morning and stayed that way ALL DAY! It really was classic SHALLOWS.



Watching the variety of surf and surfers out there in the different divisions was really great to see how each person tackled the break on different tides. From HP to LOGGING, LADIES and OLD MALS, each approach, tide dependent, took a look at different lines, different moves and a little bit of luck. I had a few favourites during the day – a grinding, grab rail cut-back from Aido early on in the day; some smooth lefts from Kris; a barrel from Moorey (after a long, late, lie-down take off); some seriously funny laughs and shit slinging in the OLD MAL from everyone; Janne waiting 6 hours between heats; most of all - Zane taking it on, on an Old Mal – first time ever surfing the place.

Winners are grinners and anyone who hooked in really won on the day. Team LAYBACK walked away with a win in 5 outta 7 division and plenty of representation across the field. But winning isn't what it's all about. The DV8's and the LAYBACKS have a long history of surfing together and competing together. Neither club would be as strong without the other. Easty (DV8 President) always welcomes us and thanks us for being a part of the day. More than that, he treats us as his brothers and sisters from just a little further up the coast. And that is important. I feel both clubs are better off for sharing what we do competing, surfing and travelling together. It extends beyond Wollongong and Shellharbour. We have shared some great times together at comps all along the East Coast.

It was great to see so many old friends, and new, sharing great waves, at a great spot on our coast-line. We may not be able to park on the grass anymore; the fins might not hum as much, but I am so stoked to share days like this with my best surfing mates, enjoying a few laughs at THE SHALLOWS. Thanks for hosting us DV8's and see you at the BANANA next year!

Lotsa love. Napper.



Photo Credit: Mick Devall (in the water photography of the day)







# THE GALLERY

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Lara Cashin- Ladies



Lachlan Haijer- Olds



Russell Grey- Opens



Jarret Napper- Opens



Finn Dacey- Opens



Andrew Wilson- Opens



Mark Cristallo- Opens



Kelly Buchanan- Opens



Lara Cashin- Opens



Darcy Perry- Opens



Gareth Smith- O50s



Aidan Cashin- Opens



Adam Morgan- O50s



Chris Fuller- Opens



Bryce Caine- O50s



Scott Downing- Opens



Jarret Napper- Opens

## COMMUNITY NOTICE

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Jody Wentworth Perry (Mrs Darcy) and I are regular blood donors. We were recently at the blood bank in Wollongong, we noticed that they were looking for ways to promote the service and increase the donation rate by using community groups.

You may be aware there are several Layback members who donate. We are in a donation group with the blood bank.

I picked up some promotional material see pic attached. Scanning the QR code will give lots of info and a link to making an appointment if people are interested.

As we have new members it would be good to highlight this is something the Club is involved in (if only a few people at the moment) and bring awareness to what such a simple action by one person can do for so many.

Lisa Moore





**A new blood donor is needed every 4 minutes in Australia. That could be you.**

Be the Lifeblood of your community.  
Join a Lifeblood Team.



**Give life. Give blood.**

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# THE TALLY

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<b>Old Mal</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>February</b>
<b>1</b>	Caelan Dixon	<b>1000</b>	1000
<b>1</b>	Jarret Napper	<b>1000</b>	1000
<b>1</b>	Aidan Cashin	<b>1000</b>	1000
<b>4</b>	Bryce Caine	<b>860</b>	860
<b>4</b>	Glenn Moore	<b>860</b>	860
<b>4</b>	Lachlan Haaijar	<b>860</b>	860
<b>7</b>	Dale McCombie	<b>730</b>	730
<b>7</b>	Andrew Wilson	<b>730</b>	730
<b>7</b>	Scott Downing	<b>730</b>	730
<b>10</b>	Kris Kumbier	<b>670</b>	670
<b>10</b>	Shantel Dalgarno	<b>670</b>	670
<b>10</b>	Mark Cristallo	<b>670</b>	670
<b>13</b>	Daniel Potaczala	<b>610</b>	610
<b>13</b>	Zane Wilson	<b>610</b>	610
<b>13</b>	Adam Morgan	<b>610</b>	610
<b>14</b>	Janne Schwarck	<b>583</b>	583

<b>Ladybacks</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>February</b>
<b>1</b>	Lara Cashin	<b>1000</b>	1000
<b>2</b>	Kelly Buchanan	<b>860</b>	860
<b>3</b>	Donna Brown	<b>730</b>	730
<b>4</b>	Kerrie Wrice	<b>670</b>	670
<b>5</b>	Lauren Newman	<b>610</b>	610
<b>6</b>	Sian Napper	<b>583</b>	583

<b>Groms</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>February</b>
1	Oscar Wilson	1000	1000
2	Pippa Napper	0	0
2	Sophia Dawson	0	0
2	Callan Oaten	0	
2	Arne Castles	0	
2	Amber-Rose Gannell	0	
2	Molly Napper	0	
2	Jay Robinson	0	
2	Albie Cashin	0	0
2	Rafael Karippanon	0	
2	Rosie Gray	0	0
2	Ruby Mulquin	0	

<b>O55'S</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>February</b>
1	Glenn Moore	1000	1000
2	Bryce Caine	860	860
3	Gareth Smith	730	730
4	Paul Stokes	670	670
5	Adam Morgan	610	610
6	Kerrie Wrice	583	583
7	Peter Wilson	555	555
8	Donna Brown	528	528
9	Steve Gannell	500	500

<b>O60'S</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>February</b>
1	Gary Hoban	1000	1000
1	Garry McKay	1000	1000
3	Rob Wilson	730	730
4	Greg Nicholls	670	670
5	Mark Pavitt	610	610
6	Tye Bronenberg	583	583
7	Bryan Coombes	555	555
7	Andrew Farago	555	555
9	Mark Cocks	528	528



	<b>OPENS</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>February</b>
1	Aidan Cashin	1000	1000
2	Caelan Dixon	860	860
3	Chris Fuller	730	730
4	Jarret Napper	670	670
5	Mark Cristallo	610	610
6	Lara Cashin	583	583
7	Dale McCombie	555	555
8	Darcy Perry	528	528
9	Scott Downing	500	500
10	Lachlan Haaijer	488	488
11	Kris Kumbier	475	475
12	Russell Gray	462	462
13	Andrew Wilson	450	450
14	Ewan Butterworth	438	438
15	Daniel Potaczala	425	425
16	Gus Battestini	413	413
17	Shantel Dalgarno	400	400
18	Damian Castles	395	395
19	Janne Schwarck	390	390
20	Rick Taylor	385	385
21	Zane Wilson	380	380
22	Damian Rice	375	375
23	Finn Daly	370	370
24	Kelly Buchanan	365	365
25	Keira Tanko	360	360
25	Dermot Holmes	360	360
25	Aden Penglis	360	360
28	Sian Napper	345	345
28	Lauren Newman	345	345
28	Rob Lumby	345	345

# 2024 CALENDAR



<b>March</b>	<b>3rd Sun</b>	<b>POINTSCORE</b> huddle and set-up 6:00am
	<b>27th Wed</b>	Committee meeting 6:30pm
<b>April</b>	<b>7th Sun</b>	<b>Club Championships</b> huddle and set-up 6:00am
	<b>13th Sat</b>	<b>STOMP</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>1st Wed</b>	Committee Meeting 6:30pm
	<b>5th Sun</b>	<b>POINTSCORE</b> huddle and set-up 6:00am
	<b>17- 19th</b>	<b>Layback Surf Trip- Bendalong</b>
	<b>29th Wed</b>	Committee Meeting
<b>June</b>	<b>2nd Sun</b>	<b>POINTSCORE</b> huddle and set-up 6:00am
<b>July</b>	<b>3rd Wed</b>	<b>Committee Meeting 6:30 pm</b>
	<b>6th Sat</b>	<b>Winter Classic</b>
	<b>31st Wed</b>	Committee Meeting 6:30 pm
<b>August</b>	<b>4th Sun</b>	<b>POINTSCORE</b> huddle and set-up 6:00am
<b>September</b>	<b>5- 8th</b>	<b>National Old Mal Titles Crescent Head</b>
	<b>11th Wed</b>	Committee meeting 6:30pm
	<b>15th Sun</b>	<b>POINTSCORE</b> huddle & set-up 6:00am (replaces 1st Sep - Fathers day)
<b>October</b>	<b>2nd Wed</b>	<b>Notice of AGM &amp; open new committee nominations and Committee Meeting</b>
	<b>13th Sun</b>	<b>Pointscore</b> huddle and set-up 6:00am
	<b>30th Wed</b>	Committee meeting 6:30pm
<b>November</b>	<b>3rd Sun</b>	<b>POINTSCORE</b> huddle and set-up 6:00am + <b>Annual General Meeting</b>
	<b>10th Sun</b>	New & old committee dinner meeting 6:30pm
<b>December</b>	<b>4th Wed</b>	Committee Meeting 6:30pm
	<b>7th Sat</b>	<b>Santascore</b> huddle and set-up 6:00am and <b>Presentation Night</b> 5:00pm