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NEXT POINTSCORE SUN 7 APRIL 2024

6 am setup for a 7 am Start.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Laybackers, and welcome to our 2024 season!

I haven't had a chance to do a report for you this year as I missed the rescheduled February Pointscore being away on my boat, soaking up what I like to call the 'Festival of Andy' – a week to a month of time around my birthday each year where I celebrate the fact I am still alive, kicking, and surfing!

The older you get, the more meaningful these birthdays are – 66 this year – 'get yo kicks, on Route 66' as the Stones would say. Thank you Scriney for writing the report of that Pointscore.

The March Pointscore day was another of these gorgeous summer early mornings. Little wind, sun about to rise, and almost no surf! A quick zip around to Easties with Damo revealed more swell, but no real shape. So it was back to Bellza.

Luckily it was another of those days where the waves went from zero to hero (ish) while our heats rolled on – as Dave's pics show, and also the ones from Kris' water angle – thank you Dave and Kris!

Water was just a delight, no need for rubber, and the reef delivered very contestable waves for the entire first round, other than for the last couple of heats when the onshore that had been predicted actually kicked in.

A second round wouldn't have been much fun, and in the end, although I know most of you think that winning isn't everything, but losing is NOTHING. Fun was had, laughs were shared, and we enjoyed each others company in yet another lovely Laybacker Lounging sort of way. Lay back and take it easy... a great motto for our club!

One of the best things I've seen in a Pointscore for years was the very first Legends heat. What a treat it was to see our more mature members out there soaking up the surf and the vibe... and especially Dave Milnes, our intrepid, utterly dependable, always there, great friend and photographer – up and attem on his wave of the heat, and coming out with that stoked smile on his face we all know so well! Brian Da Bull was there too, as well as Youngy, thank you you Legends!

And right up there with the Legends heat was the Laybacker family affair that was on show again on the day. We have had periods of time over the last 20 years or so where we've seen small Laybackers (with their watchful Laybacker parents) grow up into much bigger Laybackers (with their visibly older and more blasé, or worn out, Laybacker parents) carving up the waves.

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We had 'waves' of this, Scotty's kids, Hendo's, Billy's, mine, and of course the famous Farago boys going from groms to youfs doing blasting turns, and the Nappers – Kev and Julie original Laybackers, Jarret going from trouble making kid and youf, to now wrestling his and Sian's new Laybackerettes, the Wilson's three generations of surfers at every Pointscore, and now Phoebe and Rhys and their Laybackerette. The March Pointscore was a real treat to see this next family wave of Laybackers making the day even more special.



And Groms are our future, just look at Jarrett!?! Or maybe not right now... We had our new Grom member Sofia Dawson (welcome!), Nappers Molly, Pippa, and Elsie, Oscar Wilson, Albie Cashin, and the biggest of them all – Callan Oaten, both at the beach riding the foamies, and out the back taking off on the waves as they rose..

At Andrew Wilson's (our Heat Draw Guru) suggestion we have instigated a Laybacker of the month award, where one of our members is rewarded for their commitment to the running of the day, or extra special act of Layback friendship, or great surfing, or many other possible unselfish acts that make our club so special. We will announce that person at the start of each Pointscore for the previous month, and they will receive a gift from one of our sponsors. The February Laybacker of the month was Garry Hoban – thank you Garry!

Next Sunday is our Club Championships – 6 Divisions, A, B, C, Ladies, Groms, and O60s. We've been getting the awards ready for all the lucky winners, organising the food, drinks, and the competition draw. It is effectively a one day competition, with heats, semis, and a final in each of the divisions (depending on numbers), with a presentation at the end of the day to all the finalists. It's always been a lot of fun, and with any luck we'll get some contestable waves to give you all a chance to shine, have fun, and share the stoke!

See you there for the 6am set up, sorting everyone into their divisions, and a 7 am start in the water...

Come and be a Laybacker, and Layback and take it easy!

Andy

TREASURER'S MESSAGE

How the committee is using membership fees and giving back to members

Since COVID, the committee has reduced membership fees and have managed to keep them lower. At a time of high inflation and ever increasing costs, a Laybacks membership for a year of surfing Pointscores, Club Champs etc.. is similar to the cost of a one off surf comp entry fee.

Over the same time, we have provided free catering at Pointscores, supplied end of day drinks, offered various free social and subsidised club events (including: last years Bendalong weekend, Seeker catch up, Pizza and movie night, Beer appreciation afternoon, another cracker of a Presentation night, etc...). Funds have also been reinvested into the clubs aging but essential equipment including: replacing marquee awnings, a new PA system, and the new club trailer.

Separate to your membership fees, the committee fund raises with raffles to save up and support the establishment of an emergency insurance account to protect the club from any unexpected financial shock now and into the future.

After selling the old trailer our general account is looking healthy and the committee is already looking at what equipment needs replacing / upgrading in 2024. We also remain committed to free catering at Pointscores for another year, and are planning this years first social event - the Bendalong Weekend away. With plenty more planned for the year ahead, we will continue to share how the committee is using membership fees and giving back to members at the morning Pointscore huddles and in the newsletters.

Damo

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bendalong Weekend

Our social event at Bendalong is on the weekend of May 17-19, 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 or contact the club directly.

Be a part of the Committee

Our current Social Committee member, Donna Brown, is on some kind of top secret mission overseas from May 5 till sometime in September. We are in need of a stand-in to help organise the social events the club puts on over that time. You will be in charge of helping out with weekend events, catch-ups with our great sponsors and helping with the end of year club events, parties and the presentation night.

Meetings are at Bellambi Pub, once a month (usually a Wednesday night).

THE GALLERY



Jarret Napper- Opens



Oscar Wilson- Groms



Russell Gray- Opens



Jess Taylor- Opens



Ben Dover- Opens



Rob Wilson- O60s



Sian Napper- Opens



Giorgia Eastment- Opens



Kris Kumbier- Opens



Shantel Dalgardo- Opens



Damian Castles- Opens



Janne Schwarck- Opens

FROM THE WATER









COMMUNITY NOTICE

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.  lifeblood team

THE TALLY

Old Mal		Total	February	March
1	Caelan Dixon	2000	1000	1000
1	Jarret Napper	2000	1000	1000
3	Andrew Wilson	1590	730	860
3	Scott Downing	1590	730	860
5	Dale McCombie	1460	730	730
6	Kris Kumbier	1340	670	670
6	Shantel Dalgarno	1340	670	670
6	Adam Morgan	1340	610	730
9	Janne Schwarck	1313	583	730
10	Mark Cristallo	1280	670	610
11	Daniel Potaczala	1220	610	610
12	Zane Wilson	1193	610	583
13	Aidan Cashin	1000	1000	
13	Chris Fuller	1000	0	1000
15	Bryce Caine	860	860	
15	Glenn Moore	860	860	
15	Lachlan Haaijar	860	860	
15	Justin Bevan	860		860
19	Andy Goldie	670	0	670
20	Andrew Martin	610	0	610
21	Damian Castles	583	0	583
21	Giorgia Eastment	583		583
23	Rob Lumby	555	555	
24	Bill Morris	0		

Groms		Total	February	March
1	Oscar Wilson	1730	1000	730
2	Sophia Dawson	1000	0	1000
3	Callan Oaten	860		860
4	Molly Napper	670	0	670
5	Pippa Napper	610	0	610
6	Elsie Napper	583		583
7	Albie Cashin	555	0	555
8	Arne Castles	0		0
8	Amber-Rose Gannell	0		0
8	Jay Robinson	0		
8	Rosie Gray	0	0	
8	Ruby Mulquin	0		

Ladybacks		Total	February	March
1	Lara Cashin	2000	1000	1000
2	Donna Brown	1460	730	730
3	Kerrie Wrice	1340	670	670
4	Sian Napper	1166	583	583
5	Kelly Buchanan	860	860	
5	Jess Taylor	860		860
7	Lauren Newman	610	610	
7	Sofia Dawson	610		610
8	Janne Schwarck	0	0	0
8	Shantel Dalgarno	0	0	0
8	Ruby Mulquin	0		
8	Phoebe Maher	0		0
8	Giorgia Eastment	0	0	0
8	Rosie Gray	0		
8	Milie McCallum	0		
8	Alex West	0		
8	Molly Napper	0	0	
8	Erica Warren	0	0	
8	Abbey Banfield	0		
8	Amanda Berlin	0		

O60'S		Total	February	March
1	Garry McKay	1860	1000	860
2	Gary Hoban	1730	1000	730
3	Greg Nicholls	1670	670	1000
4	Rob Wilson	1590	730	860
5	Bryan Coombes	1555	555	1000
6	Mark Pavitt	1280	610	670
7	Mark Harris	730		730
8	Tye Bronenberg	583	583	
9	Andrew Farago	555	555	
10	Mark Cocks	528	528	0
11	Mal Roberston	0	0	
11	Bill Morris	0		
11	Brad Hurst	0	0	
11	Rob Armstrong	0		
11	Mark Butterworth	0	0	0
11	Hoppo	0		
11	Gus Blissett	0	0	

O50'S		Total	February	March
1	Gareth Smith	1730	730	1000
2	Peter Wilson	1415	555	860
3	Donna Brown	1388	528	860
4	Paul Stokes	1340	670	670
4	Adam Morgan	1340	610	730
6	Kerrie Wrice	1313	583	730
7	Steve Gannell	1110	500	610
8	Glenn Moore	1000	1000	
8	Justin Bevan	1000		1000
10	Bryce Caine	860	860	
11	Daniel Oaten	670		670
12	Graeme Daly	0	0	
12	Rob Morgan	0	0	
12	Hendo	0		0

Legends		Total	February	March
1	Brian Bull	1000	0	1000
2	Dave Milnes	860	0	860
3	John Young	730	0	730
4	George Kennedy	0	0	0
5	Barry Monte	0		0
6	Grahame White	0		
7	Graham Daly	0	0	

OPENS		Total	February	March
1	Caelan Dixon	1860	860	1000
2	Jarret Napper	1670	670	1000
3	Lara Cashin	1583	583	1000
4	Dale McCombie	1555	555	1000
5	Ewan Butterworth	1438	438	1000
6	Chris Fuller	1313	730	583
7	Scott Downing	1083	500	583
8	Mark Cristallo	1035	610	425
9	Aidan Cashin	1000	1000	
10	Rick Taylor	968	385	583
11	Kris Kumbier	963	475	488
12	Finn Daly	953	370	583
13	Andrew Wilson	938	450	488
14	Shantel Dalgarno	888	400	488
15	Russell Gray	887	462	425
16	Gus Battestini	838	413	425
17	Janne Schwarck	815	390	425
18	Daniel Potaczala	810	425	385
19	Damian Castles	780	395	385
20	Zane Wilson	765	380	385
21	Aden Penglis	745	360	385
22	Sian Napper	705	345	360
23	Dear Leader	583	0	583
24	Darcy Perry	528	528	0
25	Rhys Maher	488		488
25	Andrew Martin	488	0	488
25	Lachlan Haaijer	488	488	
28	Giorgia Eastment	425	0	425
29	Arne Castles	385		385
30	Damian Rice	375	375	
31	Kelly Buchanan	365	365	
32	Jess Taylor	360		360
32	Callan Oaten	360		360
32	Keira Tanko	360	360	
32	Dermot Holmes	360	360	
36	Lauren Newman	345	345	
36	Rob Lumby	345	345	

2024 CALENDAR



March

3rd Sun **POINTSCORE** huddle and set-up 6:00am

27th Wed Committee meeting 6:30pm

April

7th Sun **Club Championships** huddle and set-up 6:00am

13th Sat **STOMP**

May

1st Wed Committee Meeting 6:30pm

5th Sun **POINTSCORE** huddle and set-up 6:00am

17- 19th **Layback Surf Trip- Bendalong**

29th Wed Committee Meeting

June

2nd Sun **POINTSCORE** huddle and set-up 6:00am

July

3rd Wed **Committee Meeting 6:30 pm**

6th Sat **Winter Classic**

31st Wed Committee Meeting 6:30 pm

August

4th Sun **POINTSCORE** huddle and set-up 6:00am

September

5- 8th **National Old Mal Titles Crescent Head**

11th Wed Committee meeting 6:30pm

15th Sun **POINTSCORE** huddle & set-up 6:00am (replaces 1st Sep - Fathers day)

October

2nd Wed **Notice of AGM & open new committee nominations and Committee Meeting**

13th Sun **Pointscore** huddle and set-up 6:00am

30th Wed Committee meeting 6:30pm

November

3rd Sun **POINTSCORE** huddle and set-up 6:00am + **Annual General Meeting**

10th Sun New & old committee dinner meeting 6:30pm

December

4th Wed Committee Meeting 6:30pm

7th Sat **Santascore** huddle and set-up 6:00am and **Presentation Night** 5:00pm