

NARROWNECK LONGBOARD CLUB

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**Next Club Contest: Easter Sunday 10 April 2009
at Narrowneck 6:30 start**

**Committee Meeting: Thursday 14 April 2009
The Home of the Aztec Kings
10 Cameron Court, Ashmore 7:00pm**

The Prez Report:

G'day Troops.

Finally a comp on our own patch, although the day before was pristine Sunday arrived with the swell still there but also the dreaded shore dump. Depending on what time your heat was plus what the tide was doing, it was a lottery as to who got out and how easily. In my heat Kevy snuck over a dumper by the skin of his teeth leaving me and Paulie to get creamed, with wave after wave battering us until my shoulder gave out and Paul being the trooper he is, struggled on and made it out. Once through the shorey it was a piece of cake with some good rides had by all. Joe was on his turbo charged orange machine getting some rippers along with Sid who was going like a

man possessed and also Mumbles catching some long rides. The blokes on the old Mals had some fun with the beasts and not long into that heat the Southerly got stuck into it and that was that. New chefs for the day with Mick Andrews and Scott Newman along with some help from Joe (the Keg) they must have done something right as one minute there was a pile of food then whacko nothing.

Onto something different, from now on when we put the tent up no matter what the conditions are like, we must make sure it's pegged down, last comp the tent decided it was a kite and took off with half the club hanging onto it as it got caught on Kevy's roof rack and brought to a stop with a bloody great hole ripped in it. Hopefully repairs will see it all o.k.

That's about all from me till next time see ya in the green room,

Da Prez Normie.

P.S. Also a special thank you to Ian Richardson, our generous sponsor at **Nerang Tropics** for our flash new monthly trophies in the form of stubby holders with a legendary club member's photo on them. The groms will still get their monthly medallions.

March Mayhem

Just about all of our 28 paid up members and a number of ringers were present at the March round and what a full program we had. Old fellas, grommets, open heats and old mals, it was all happening.

The poor old Over 55 fellas copped a real spray from Migaloo for not being ready to commence their heat right on the dot of 6:30 and generally holding up the show by slipping their hot water bottles into their board shorts and sipping their relaxing chamomile teas as they slowly trooped down the beach. Those nasty comments by the Great White Whale were most untoward!

Also Philthy Phil Hayward will know next time not to ask former club members why they haven't been coming to the club comps as he (and the club) copped a fair old spray of venom when enquiring as to the health and well being of the former member who was surfing just down the beach. Nobody saw that coming! And don't mention the tallying.

The shore break was a bit painful to negotiate for a number of the(nameless) crew and good timing was essential. Trying to spot a break in the four foot dredging close outs through rheumy eyes and a stinking rum mist was not for the faint hearted. Kevy (K1) O'Connell must have been taking lessons from the Supercoach as he is surfing real well at the moment. Perhaps next month we will have the wood on him as he is working out at Goondiwindi at the moment and won't have much time in the water.

The Groms did exceptionally well in the shorey as fathers and friends(?) pushed them into some shocking, dredging close outs. Fortunately they all

emerged unscathed – probably mentally scarred for life, but physically they were fine.

The old mal round was also run in crook conditions as the Southerly kicked in and the waves started to crumble but the crew showed exceptional skills and especially well done to Paul Coombs who rode my '67 Woosley. I reckon it is one of the hardest ever boards to ride. I may have mentioned this before.

A word of advice for who ever is cooking, make sure that there is enough food cooked for the final heats and judges. We had bulk food left over but the aforementioned missed out as the whole BBQ was done and dusted before the kids were off the beach.

Sadly due to the wind piping up and blowing out the waves so much that a second round was impossible, the whole show was over by about 10:30.

One other thing, when the tent is being erected make sure that it is staked down as it tried to blow away when the Southerly got up. The last thing we want is a tourist riding a scooter along Main Beach Parade being impaled on a tent pole. Isn't it? Don't answer that.

OTHER CRAP. What's been doing around the beach? All the rubbish that's fit to print (and a fair bit that isn't).

If you haven't paid your fees, please do so pronto. And fill out a membership form so that we have up to date records of phone numbers and email addresses.

There was a fair representation of members fronting for the Malfunction at Kingscliff between 21 – 29 March. The surfing commenced on the 25th. There was also several events staged out of the water including an art exhibition and a Surf Vehicle Rally. This year the event ran straight on from the Noosa Festival, so it was always going to be a biggie. Unfortunately, I don't have any results at the time of writing. For the full blurb check the Malfunction website.

Well done to all those who competed.

Migaloo Cottle has taken to wearing his NLC rashie inside out with the logo unable to be read, as he is concerned that he will be associated with some miscreants who have a penchant for dropping in and generally attracting a bad name for the club. He also sits down to pee. You big blouse Andre'. As far as the Committee is aware, there has never been a negative comment made to any club member when they are decked out in their NLC finery.

I think it would be a very brave soul who took any club member to task over the alleged sins of another club member and I don't mean just the Narrowneck crew.

And while we are on the subject of Mlgaloo, is everyone aware that on Valentine's Day the old romantic and Michelle got married? Now having already given him a spray about not showing his colours in the water, it remains to be seen who wears the trousers in the Cottle household. For their honeymoon, they took a drive down the Coast to Newcastle to catch up with the relations and Andre' (acting under instructions) didn't take his board. So the trousers question is answered.

The former club champion was also recently seen up at Harbourtown carrying a bunch of girly shopping bags but the rumour that he is seeking sponsorship from Sportsgirl and Roxy is still to be confirmed.

Normie got a "new" old mal from Von Weirido at Miami. It's a 9'1" Hohensee with a big old "D" fin made in 1961 and in real good shape for such an old board.

Also on the subject of new boards, the Taipan has a new McTavish and Brick has inherited his old one. And speaking of the snaking chappie, seems that every organisation that he works for in recent times ends up closing their doors.

He was working at Brothers Neilsen and they went broke so he got a job with Cult and the same thing happened. He is now working for the Sunglass Hut so stay tuned.

So, the next round is the Easter Sunday Funday. We are going to have an Easter egg hunt and a stubby hunt and we may have a special treat on the BBQ if we can just catch that wascally wabbit.

The surfing calendar attached has been prepared with all possible care and attention but if you are planning on going to one of the comps, don't take this as gospel that the dates are correct and make sure that you check with the organisers.

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2009 SURFING CALENDAR PLANNER

21 to 29 March	Malfunction at Kingscliff Or elsewhere on Tweed Coast	Surfing starts on the 25 th .
Fri 10 April to Monday 13 April	Easter holiday w/e Easter Sunday 12th - regular comp	Regular club round at Narrowneck 6:30 AM
Saturday 25 April	Anzac Day Public Holiday Burleigh LBC Dawn Surface	Sign on at the Pipe 6:00
Sat 2 Monday 4 May	Agnes Water Longboard Classic	Call Surfing Qld for more details 5520 1165
Monday 4 May	Labour Day Public Holiday	
Friday 8 May to Sunday 10 May	Byron Longboard Classic Watego's (on Mother's Day)	Entry form is now available on Byron website
Sunday 17 th May	Changed club round due to Mothers day being on the 10 th	At Narrowneck 6:30 AM
27 th to 30 May	Crescent Head Comp	Book soon if you are planning on going, as this comp is always oversubscribed
May??	Wrecks and Relics Noosa	Noosa
Sat 6 th to Mon 8 th June	Beach Beat Winter Longboard Comp Alex Headland	Queen's Birthday Long weekend Entry form is available on Alex's website
Fri 12 to Sun 14 June	Queensland Longboard Titles	Alex Headland
Sunday 14 June	Regular club round Plus Old Mal Round	At Narrowneck 6:30 AM
	Qld State Titles	Somewhere on the Gold Coast
Sunday 12 July	Regular club round	At Narrowneck 6:30 AM
Saturday (early) July	Agnes Water Longboard Classic	Call Surfing Qld 5520 1165 for details
August	Lennox Longboard Classic	
Sun 9 August	Regular club round Plus Old Mal Round	At Narrowneck 6:30 AM
Sun 13 Sept	Regular club round	At Narrowneck 6:30 AM
Sept/Oct	Evans Head Invitational Classic	
Sunday 11 Oct	Changed club round due to Indy preparations	At the Spit 6:30 AM Probably the Seaworld roundabout.
Sunday 8 Nov	Possible changed club round due to Indy removals Plus Old Mal Round	At the Spit 6:30 AM
	Woolgoolba Longboard Comp	
Sunday 6 Dec	AGM/Presentation of trophies	Ashmore Tavern
Sunday 13 Dec	1 st regular club round 09/10 season	At Narrowneck 6:30 AM

There are a number of other events (eg. Lennox and Evans Head) that I have been unable to get dates for at this stage. As soon as they are available, I will let you know.