

GOLD COAST MALIBU CLUB



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Next Club Round:

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

We will be meeting at Rainbow Bay on Sunday the 20th at 6:00 Qld time. Due to it being Christmas, everyone's busy and the crowds, it has been decided that we shall not waste time driving around instead we shall **meet and surf** at Rainbow Bay this month so that all club members past and present can come down have a surf and a Christmas drink regardless of how busy they might be, because **we are not moving locations** this month it is the hope that at some stage throughout the day everyone will have time to come past and say Merry Christmas. (I know that Rainbow's not so good in a northerly but we are not moving this round so pray for southerlies)

NEWS TO DATE:

Again we surfed a club round – look at us we'll all be at our competitive best before you know it. Numbers were up a little in the November round but yet again the surf wasn't, so again we hit the road, this time our ever faithful Kingcliff was no good, so we headed to backbeach Fingal with the ~~Burger~~ Burger boys looking up the Letica spit. With nothing on offer at Fingal it was off to Letica and my God it had really contestable waves, which hung around all day. As I said numbers were up a touch so we had 4 man heats in the water (yes I know 4 mans in each heat, I could not believe it) and 3 rounds (I know its getting crazy). Who won... Well surfing did of course. ☺

OTHER NEWS:

AGM: The November round was to be the Annual General Meeting, but due to not having enough people present to discuss issues and have a resolution decided on we are now having the AGM this month, not forgetting those of you who made the effort it was greatly appreciated. So, everyone should have received a list of points which are to be made at the AGM, the next step is everyone is to read it! Ha Ha Ha! Now that you have read the list either make some notes and come to the club round and AGM or email me your point of view and I will present it to the members present, thank you to those of you who have already emailed me. The list was emailed to everyone so everyone knows what is going on and therefore can have a voice and a part in the decision making process. Lets start 2010 on the right foot going forward!

North Stradbroke Island Day Trip: The feed back from those that went that day was if you didn't go you missed an awesome day. The surf wasn't the best as a howling northerly blew up before the sun, but Main Beach and Point Lookout still gets a little protected, so it was straight to Main Beach and set the tent up in the process upsetting the local lifesavers, I stand firm that we were given permission to drive onto the beach. As it turns out it probably wasn't the best call to drive onto the beach, as Dad Smith was good at getting onto the beach but had a harder time getting the truck off the beach, through the soft stuff, a long way from everyone else. In the distance you could see all the others from our party frantically unpacking and making the dash to the water, we were stranded! Nevertheless we got back onto the black stuff and made our way back to the tent so we could head out into the wide, wet, blue yonder to have a few waves ourselves, what a difference un-crowded surf makes, rejuvenates you, its good for the soul. After a fun surf and the obvious packing of gear, we left Main Beach and Point Lookout looking for a place to have a feed. Heading all the way back to the ferry lands, Dunwich and then back out again to the southern end of Main Beach we turned 'off-road' (I know this was daring but I had confidence that Dad Smith could get his truck both in and out of the bush). After charging down a sandy and at times dusty track (if you listen quietly you can still hear Marlene saying "we just had this car detailed"). The Keyholes was our destination for lunch and a swim, in behind Main Beach there are fresh water lakes dotted along the length of the island, some of which you can swim in.

Lunch was just what the doctor ordered with cold ham and salad sandwiches, (nothing says Christmas time like cold ham), you could have been a million miles away beautiful clear warm water no wind. It was in this tranquil setting that Kate Smith realized that 'creatures' live in nature and this particular waterhole was no exception and to add insult to injury it had 'wing looking things'! Does anyone know what a yabby looks like; just don't tell Kate that they are meat eaters. After a very full day it was back to the barge for the trip back to the main land and sadly reality. The general consensus was it had been a fantastic day and we will defiantly be going again in the new year, possibly for an extended stay like a weekend and maybe even when the southerlies are blowing to try and catch Cylinder working. Can I hear club trip away.....

The Last Word:

Well '09 is almost at an end and well let's face it, it hasn't been the best in the history of the club, bad surf and low numbers but 2010 is just around the corner and it is full of hope and promise. So let's see you all down at Rainbow this Sunday to see off 2009 and welcome in 2010. If you can't get there on Sunday on behalf of the club, I hope your Christmas is a Happy and Safe one, and that the New Year sees all your dreams fulfilled.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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