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Freshwater signs friendship treaty with the home of surfing legend



Honolulu Mayor, Peter Carlisle, and Warringah Shire Mayor, Michael Regan sign Goodwill Beach City Agreement at Hawaii's annual OceanFest

Local ambassadors recently journeyed to the centre of the Pacific to join hands with the descendants of our Freshwater icon – The Duke.

Representatives from Freshwater Surf Life Saving Club, including President Stephen Bennett and wife Judy, life members Max and Noelene Jones, SurfNomes representatives, Naomi Donohue and Naomi Wilson, travelled with the Mayor of Warringah, Michael Regan and wife Bronwyn to Waikiki Beach, Hawaii, where they will attend the country's annual OceanFest.

This week long festival celebrates Duke Kahanamoku's achievements as an exemplary human being and outstanding water athlete.

Each summer this festival recognises the achievements of those who continue

in the Duke's footsteps and perpetuate the unique connection and love with the ocean.

On January 15, 2011, our very own SurfNomes – Naomi and Naomi, from Freshwater, coordinated the inaugural Duke's Day event at Freshwater Beach.

A celebration of Duke's legacy and a chance to showcase environmental sustainability, this event was enjoyed by the local community and made waves internationally.

Hawaiin OceanFest organisers contacted the Naomi's to find out more about our local event, form bonds with OceanFest and extend the celebrations across the Pacific.

In the meantime, Warringah Shire Council was also developing plans with Waikiki to establish links with Freshwater

- a friendship agreement that will connect the two surfing capitals in years to come.

Mayor Michael Regan funded his own trip to meet with Honolulu Mayor Peter Carlisle, on the 24th of August – The Duke's birthday – to enjoy a surf together before signing the Goodwill Beach City Agreement between Honolulu and Warringah.

"We have tremendous ties together because of our commonality in terms of Duke Kahanamoku, surfing, sun and sea, so it's a pleasure to be out on a day like this," said Mayor Carlisle.

Duke's Day will again be held January, 2012 which will no doubt be bigger and better as the event evolves in the lead up to the centenary celebrations in 2015, of The Duke bringing the art of surfing to our shores.

Sporting success in schools is driven by great programs and a good attitude

Harbord Public School has a long and proud sporting tradition. Participation, skill development, excellence, sportsmanship, competition and enjoyment are the goals of the Harbord Public School sports program.

With a wide range of events to maximise the sporting opportunities for students, there are varied ways to participate via the following Primary School Sports Association competitions (PSSA) programs including Gala Days, Zone, Regional and State Carnivals and knockout competitions.

PSSA competitions run in both winter and summer and are open to students from years 3-6. Due to the overwhelming interest from students, Harbord Public School field A and B teams in most competitions and all sports have junior and senior divisions.

In Summer the students enjoy Cricket, Boys Volleyball, Girls Volleyball, Newcombeball, Boys Eagle Tag, Girls Eagle Tag, while Winter sees

Rugby League, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer and Netball taken to the fields and courts respectively.

Each year approximately 150-170 students participate each season and perform strongly in Manly Zone PSSA competitions. In 2010, Harbord won 9 PSSA competitions and were Runners-up in 7 others.

This success comes from the excellent sportsmanship and skill levels displayed by the students and their teams.

Many Harbord students gain selection in District and Regional teams in PSSA Sports with some going on to represent the state in their particular sport. This year Sophie Harding gained selection in the NSW PSSA Girls Soccer team.

We are fortunate to have students who love their sport and many teachers willing to share their expertise to ensure the students maximise their sporting talents.

Our parents willingly support our sporting programs and are always available to transport or supervise teams.

With financial support from Freshwater **Community Bank**[®], we have been able to keep the students looking smart in new sporting uniforms for each respective code.

In conjunction with the PSSA program, Harbord Public School also provides school PE classes for K-6 students run by specialist PE teachers, Ben Holmes and Maz St Pierre, a Dance program run by Meredith Ripley and a specialist 3-6 sport program for our non PSSA students each Friday run by Sport in Schools staff. This ensures our ongoing success for students in sporting awareness and development.

Thank you to Mr Brian O'Rourke
Deputy Principal, Harbord Public School

photo courtesy of Advanced Life Photography



Harbord Public School
Boys Senior A Cricket Team 2011

Back Row: Kye Tutt, Alex O'Brien, Noah Richardson, Gabriel Harris, Mitchell Beach, Mr Brian O'Rourke
Front Row: Will Abbey, Harry Tanswell, Max Jolley, Jock Tyson, Joshua Johnston, Josh Evans

Garden Party in Manly Vale

Better Homes and Community Gardens is a fitting way to describe the success of the northern beaches first Community Garden in Manly Vale. Recently, the channel 7 hit show of a similar name filmed at the site to campaign for the growing number of community gardens across the country. The *Better Homes and Gardens* team filmed local community gardening volunteers and their natural, sustainable creation at 4 – 8 Innes Road, Manly Vale.

With obvious benefits to local residents and communities, the garden offers education and eco-friendly ways for sustainable living. Especially impressed by the composting bins and variety of vegetables growing, *Better Homes and Gardens* host, Jason Hodge, was heard saying, “There should be a community garden on every street corner”.

Other recent visitors to the garden included 62 excited Year 4 students from St Kieran’s Catholic School. With a personalised tour, they saw examples of permaculture, companion planting, organic pest control, plant diversity and seed saving.



Community Garden volunteers share harvested produce with locals

Jenny, a volunteer garden coordinator said, “It was great to talk to the students about growing our own organic food for health, pleasure and to save the environment”.

Celebrating their 1st birthday on Saturday 10th of September, Manly

Vale Community Garden is having a party! There will be heaps of activities and entertainment including tours, craft and garden workshops. From 10am – 4pm there will be something for the whole family. For more information visit: www.manlyvalecommunitygarden.com

Croquet is not always a gentle breeze

Tucked behind the quiet, lush fields of Keirlie park and Manly golf course is Manly Croquet club.

Although garden tea parties and Alice in Wonderland imagery comes to mind, in Spring, these courts see some fierce rivalry between 67 affiliated Croquet clubs from across NSW.

From September 28th to October 9th, Manly Croquet club will host the 43rd **Sea Breeze Tournament**.

This event sees two codes of the sport – Golf and Association – played out for all ages in various categories.

Also in September, Manly Croquet Club will celebrate its 110th birthday! Prior and during the last

century this club has been a local community meeting place, providing a thriving group of players, a sport encompassing gentle exercise, yet is competitive, engrossing and stimulating.

For those who love the outdoors, this sport is a combination of snooker and chess, where players endeavour to out maneuver opponents whilst enjoying a social atmosphere.

Open 7 days a week, in summer, players take advantage of the longer daylight hours to play into the evening with refreshments at the club afterwards.

For inquiries regarding Croquet pennants or the upcoming Sea Breeze Tournament, please call the club on 9977 7216.



Fierce competition and weather frayed emotions at a recent match for Freshwater **Community Bank**®. Sandra Kleiner and Trevor Sargeant leave the court. **p.03**

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Freshwater fisher folk angling for a catch

Now in its 11th year, Harbord Fish Bowl originally started with a few locals getting together over a couple of quiet beers at the Harbord Bowling Club. It was from these casual gatherings this social fishing club then decided to have monthly competitions amongst each other for a bit of fun.

Today the club has developed into one of the premier social fishing clubs on the peninsula.

As well as monthly competitions, these passionate fishing enthusiasts also host BBQs, weekends away and competitions against rival clubs on the northern beaches.

Of course the competition does not cease at the end of the line, with many of the 50

angler's stories to be heard at each competitions' 'refreshment' session which recap the day's events.

Engaging in all forms of fishing, including deep sea, estuary, rock & beach, Harbord Fish Bowl competes over a 12 month period which starts on the last weekend in July and concludes on the last weekend in June. Membership is still welcome and costs \$50 per year for adults and \$10 for juniors. Thanks to Freshwater **Community Bank**[®], this year's membership includes a long sleeve T-shirt.

For more information on joining the Harbord Fish Bowl, please email Doug McLennan at dougmc@cornerpost.com.au.



Take me out to the ball game

Baseball on the Northern Beaches, it is a popular summer junior sport and Manly Seaside Baseball have a number of teams playing in the Manly Warringah Junior Baseball League.

Playing age is 7 to 16 and teams play on Saturday mornings against clubs from Warringah, Frenchs Forest, Pittwater, Chatswood and North Sydney.

This season, Seaside are planning to run an *Introduction to Baseball* program on Friday afternoons at the home ground at John Fisher Reserve between October and December.

Aussie T-Ball is nationally recognised by the Australian Baseball Federation and affiliated State Associations, the Australian Sports Commission and Major League Baseball as baseball's entry point program for 5 to 8 year olds.

Aussie T-Ball is a modified game of baseball with 6 a-side teams with the

emphasis on being active and having fun. More details can be found on Aussie T-Ball website www.aussietball.com.au.

Seaside are running free *Try Aussie T-Ball* days on the 9th and 16th September at John Fisher Reserve starting at 4:30pm. Young children from the local area are encouraged to come down and give the game a go and see how much fun it is.

Any child who subsequently registers for the season and takes part in the Friday evening sessions will receive a free backpack containing a baseball mitt, ball and other goodies.

Registrations for the Saturday teams are still open and we have spaces left in a few of the teams.

For more information please visit our website www.seasiders.baseball.com.au or contact the club President, Paul on 0423 450 734.



Dragon takes on the South Curl Curl swell

It's time to get your groove on again! Curly Sound Waves are revving up for their 2011 event on the 16th of October. This event comes every two years and heats up the sand at South Curl Curl beach.

Headlining for 2011 are Aussie/Kiwi rock icons Dragon who lead an impressive line-up including The Fukkers, Feeding Edgar, Groovsta, Hot Potato and our beloved Harbord School Band.

Now in its 5th year, this event gets bigger and better with food and wine stalls and heaps of entertainment for the kids including games on the beach, amusement rides and horse riding (children only!).

Bring the family out for an awesome day of free entertainment and live music.

For a touch of VIP, there are tickets available for a seafood cocktail lunch on the balcony of the clubhouse which will feature its own entertainment, raffles and prizes on the day.

To purchase tickets for the VIP area, become a sponsor or donate prizes towards the raffle, please contact Debbie Austin at debbie.austin@linkmarketservices.com.au.



Left: Aussie / Kiwi rock icons Dragon headline the beach festival.

Below: 2009 Curly Sound Waves and awesome weather saw a big crowd turn out on the day.



House concerts in lead up to Spring Festival

In 2010, several international artists performed in the Freshwater village as part of the biennial Freshwater Festival of Chamber Music. Acclaimed artists included Sara Macliver, Diana Doherty, Emma-Jane Murphy and Michael Raymond Martin.

Every two years, during the October long weekend the Freshwater Festival features performances by distinguished artists, an art exhibition, a schools' chamber music competition and dance demonstrations.

This event is only possible with the support from loyal sponsors including, Freshwater **Community Bank**[®], Warringah Council and Office Works Dee Why.

Fundraising activities over the next 12 months include a beautiful series of three House Concerts, held in the Beacon Hill home of one of our members.

Each concert will showcase artists who have performed or will be performing for the Freshwater Festival of Chamber Music.

The first of these concerts will be

held on Sunday 2nd October at 2pm which will feature a selection of piano music including the great Romantic composer Liszt, the exotically lush sounds of the South American Ginastera and the mysterious Medtner, played by Bernadette Harvey, Artistic Director of the Freshwater Spring Festival of Chamber Music, on a handmade Shigeru grand piano.

Seats are available by booking only, and will not be available on the day.

This intimate venue will only accommodate 40 people – so be early! Tickets are \$30 each, \$55 for two concerts, and \$80 for a single person to attend all three concerts, refreshments are included in this price.

A silent auction will reveal intriguing and beautiful items including concert tickets to classical events throughout the year.

For more information and to book your seats, please call 02 9939 6746 and visit the website www.freshwaterfestival.com for more information on the 2012 program.



Bernadette Harvey performs spring highlights

History captured in Freshwater



Freshwater history showcased in photo competition



On the 23rd of September, St Mark's Anglican Church will be celebrating its 100 years in the Freshwater Community.

They are setting a theme for *Past and Present*, which acknowledges our community's common interest and belief in working together.

Terry Bowers, St Mark's Senior minister explains, "We want to highlight the contributions of what must be 100s of people over the 100 years. We also want to look at the present and towards the future as we consider ways in which the people of St Marks serve our faith and the people of Freshwater."

A highlight will be the photographic competition, where photographers, at all skill levels are encouraged to submit an entry. They will be displayed

on Friday September 23rd from 7-9pm at the St Marks Hall.

Cash prizes are on offer in each category for children, teenagers and adults.

From 8:30am, there will be a historical walk and morning tea on offer, which will showcase a display of St Marks, local and national history.

On Sunday September the 25th, St Marks will welcome Anglican Archbishop Peter Jensen, to the 9.45am service.

For more details visit www.stmarksfreshwater.org or pick up an entry form for the photographic competition at Freshwater **Community Bank**[®] branch of Bendigo bank.

Upcoming Events

September

Saturday 10th: Manly Vale Community Garden 1st birthday, 4-8 Innes Rd Manly Vale, 10am - 4pm.
www.manlyvalecommunitygarden.com

Saturday 18th: Manly Warringah Pipe Band annual Contest and Highland Gathering, Manly Oval.
www.mwpb.com.au

Wednesday 21st: Warringah Council Free Recycling Tour; Container Recycling. Tour to the Chullora Waste and Recycling Centre. 9.15am - 1.30pm
Bookings essential: joy.middledorp@warringah.nsw.gov.au or 9942 2732

October

Sunday 2nd: Freshwater Spring Festival Chamber Music House Concert. Beacon Hill, from 2pm.
www.freshwaterfestival.com

Sunday 16th: Curly Sound Waves. South Curl Curl Beach 10am-6pm.
www.southcurlcurlslsc.org

Thursday 20th: Council Free Recycling Tour; Eco Garden. 9:30am – 12:30pm.
Bookings essential: joy.middledorp@warringah.nsw.gov.au or 9942 2732.

November

Saturday 5th: St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School Spring Fair. Cnr Oliver & Johnson St, Freshwater. 10am-4pm.

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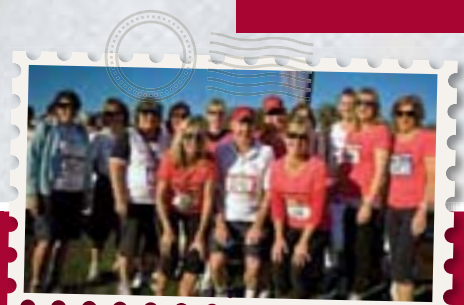
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