



# International Surfing Symposium

in association with  
Global Wave Conference

**Currumbin RSL**  
13 - 17 March 2017

## Day 1 – Monday 13th March 2017 - SURFING SUMMIT

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| 8.30 - 9.00am   | <b>Conference Opening</b>  |
| 8.30 - 8.40am   | <b>Welcome to Country</b> by Luther Cora, Mulinjali Tribe of the Bundjalung Nation   |
| 8.40 - 8.50am   | <b>Conference Welcome</b> by Andrew McKinnon, Chairman, Gold Coast World Surfing Reserve Inc   |
| 8.50 - 9.00am   | <b>Conference Opening</b> by Cr Gail O'Neill, Councillor for Division 14, City of Gold Coast   |
| 9.00 - 10.20am  | <b>Session 1: Legends, Lifestyle &amp; Culture</b>   |
| 9.00 - 9.20am   | <b>Rabbit Bartholomew</b> , 1978 World Surfing Champion and Patron of Gold Coast World Surfing Reserve<br><i>The Importance of Protecting Beach and Surfing Amenity for the Future</i>   |
| 9.20 - 9.40am   | <b>Peter Townend</b> , 1976 First Professional World Surfing Champion<br><i>Six Decades and Fifty Years of Surfing Stoke!</i>  |
| 9.40 - 10.00am  | <b>Dick Van Straalen</b> , Surf Craftsman and <b>Dave Rastovich</b> , Global Surfing Ambassador<br><i>The State of the Yewion</i>  |
| 10.00 - 10.20am | <b>Tim Baker</b> , Surfing Author/Journalist<br><i>What's a Wave Worth?</i>  |
| 10.20 - 10.50am | <b>Morning Tea</b>   |
| 10.50 - 12.10pm | <b>Session 2: Fitness &amp; Health</b>   |
| 10.50 - 11.10am | <b>Felipe Pomar</b> , 1965 World Surfing Champion<br><i>How to Surf Until You're 100 Years Old!</i>  |
| 11.10 - 11.30am | <b>Nam Baldwin</b> , Elite Performance Coach, Equalize Training Company<br><i>Breath Training for Surfing</i>  |
| 11.30 - 11.50am | <b>Clayton Nienaber</b> , High Performance Surf Coach, Clayton Surf<br><i>How to Improve on the Basics to Surf Better</i>  |
| 11.50 - 12.10pm | <b>Brad Gerlach</b> , Former World No 1 and Professional Surf Coach<br><i>Wave Ki: Surf Coaching Technique</i>   |
| 12.10 - 1.10pm  | <b>Session 3: Sustainable Surfing Choices</b>  |
| 12.10 - 12.30pm | <b>Mark Price</b> , CEO, Firewire Surfboards<br><i>The Case for Sustainability and Reducing Toxicity in the Modern Surfboard</i>   |
| 12.30 - 12.50pm | <b>Greg Howell</b> , President, Surfrider Foundation Gold Coast Tweed, Founder, Climate Wave Enterprises and Director, Sustainable Event Alliance<br><i>Sustainable Event Management: Creating a Wave of Change</i>            |
| 12.50 - 1.10pm  | <b>Dan Fitzgerald</b> , Founder, The Conscious Investment Collective<br><i>Surfing Sustainability Practices</i>  |
| 1.10 - 2.00pm   | <b>Lunch</b>   |
| 2.00 - 3.20pm   | <b>Session 4: Issues &amp; Perceptions</b>   |
| 2.00 - 2.20pm   | <b>Dr Sophia Nimphius</b> , Sport Science Manager, Hurley Surfing Australia High Performance Centre and Associate Professor, Edith Cowan University<br><i>Surfing Science: Australia's Sports Science Road to the Olympics</i> |
| 2.20 - 2.40pm   | <b>Nick Mucha</b> , Director of Programs, Save the Waves Coalition<br><i>World Surfing Reserves: Protecting Iconic Surf Environments</i>   |
| 2.40 - 3.00pm   | <b>Andrew Stark</b> , CEO, Surfing Australia<br><i>Surfing Australia's Purpose and the Road to the Olympics</i>  |
| 3.00 - 3.20pm   | <b>Simon Brandt Mortensen</b> , Marine Department Head, DHI Water & Environment (Australia)<br><i>Advanced Engineering Methods for Surf Reef Design and Impact Assessment of Existing Surf Breaks</i>                          |
| 3.20 - 3.40pm   | <b>Afternoon Tea</b>   |
| 3.40 - 4.40pm   | <b>Session 5: Surf Media</b>   |
| 3.40 - 4.00pm   | <b>Trey Highton</b> , PhD Student, University of California Santa Cruz & Film Festival Director, Save the Waves<br><i>Women's Surfing and the Ethics of Instagram</i>  |
| 4.00 - 4.20pm   | <b>Lachlan McKinnon</b> , Freelance Surfing Cameraman (formerly Surfing Australia Content Provider for mysurf.tv)<br><i>Surf Filming in Hawaii Jan/Feb2017</i>   |
| 4.20 - 4.40pm   | <b>Shannon Hunt</b> , Beach Planning Officer<br><i>Management of Gold Coast City Beaches</i>   |



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## Day 2 – Tuesday 14th March 2017 - ACADEMIC SESSION (Hosted by Griffith University)

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| 8.30 - 8.35am   | <b>Conference Welcome</b>  |
| 8.30 - 8.35am   | Dr Rob Hales, Program Director, Griffith Centre for Sustainable Enterprise, Griffith University  |
| 8.35 - 8.55am   | <b>Keynote Address</b>   |
| 8.35 - 8.55am   | Prof Ralf Buckley, International Chair in Ecotourism Research, Griffith University<br><i>Access to Surf Sites: Fighting Over Who Gets to Surf Where</i>  |
| 8.55 - 9.55am   | <b>Session 6</b>   |
| 8.55 - 9.15am   | Dr Gregory Borne, Director, Plymouth Sustainability and Surfing Research Group<br><i>Transitioning Towards Sustainability in the Surfing World</i>   |
| 9.15 - 9.35am   | Dan Ware, Research Fellow, Griffith Centre for Coastal Management, Griffith University<br><i>What is Surf Management Planning?</i>   |
| 9.35 - 9.55am   | Dr Rebecca Olive, Lecturer, University of Queensland<br><i>Creating Sustainable Surfing Futures for All?</i>   |
| 9.55 - 10.15am  | <b>Morning Tea</b>   |
| 10.15 - 12.15pm | <b>Session 7</b>   |
| 10.15 - 10.35am | Assoc Prof Danny O'Brien, Associate Professor and Head of Program, Sport Management, Bond University<br><i>STOKE Certified: Creating the Case for Sustainability Certification in Surf Tourism</i>   |
| 10.35 - 10.55am | Shane Orchard, PhD Student, Waterways Centre, University of Canterbury and Lincoln University, New Zealand<br><i>A Comparison of New Zealand and Australian Surf Break Protection Systems: Bottom-Up Meets Top-Down Towards Something in the Middle?</i>   |
| 10.55 - 11.15am | Ed Atkin, Director, eCoast, New Zealand<br><i>Remote Sensing, Classification and Management Guidelines for Surf Breaks of National and Regional Significance</i>   |
| 11.15 - 11.35am | Dr Javier Leon, Lecturer in Physical Geography, Program Coordinator Environmental Science, University of the Sunshine Coast<br><i>Noosa Heads Sediment Bypassing: Implications for Wave Quality and Shoreline Stability</i>  |
| 11.35 - 11.55am | Dr Samuel Wills, Assistant Professor, University of Sydney<br><i>Surfing a Wave of Economic Development</i>  |
| 11.55 - 12.15pm | Kavaljit Randhawa, Academic, Griffith University<br><i>Surf Event Tourism: Bank Breaker or Money Maker? Exploring the Demographic Profile of Surf Event Attendees</i>  |
| 12.15 - 1.20pm  | <b>Lunch</b>   |
| 1.20 - 2.40pm   | <b>Session 8</b>   |
| 1.20 - 1.40pm   | Prof Donna Weeks, Professor, Musashino University, Tokyo<br><i>Let's Go Surfing: Surfing at the Tokyo Olympics in 2020</i>   |
| 1.40 - 2.00pm   | Prof Marcos Bosquetti, Professor of Management, Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil<br><i>World Surfing Reserve Guarda do Embaú - Brazil: Challenges and Opportunities for a Developing Country</i>   |
| 2.00 - 2.20pm   | Maurício Duarte dos Santos, PhD Candidate, Universidade Presbiteriana Mackenzie (UPM), Brazil<br><i>Marine Protected Areas, Surfing Reserves and the Protection of Socio-Biodiversity</i>  |
| 2.20 - 2.40pm   | Dr Neil Lazarow, Senior Research Consultant, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)<br><i>Culture, Meaning and Sustainability in Surfing</i>   |
| 2.40 - 3.00pm   | <b>Afternoon Tea</b>   |
| 3.00 - 3.40pm   | <b>Session 9</b>   |
| 3.00 - 3.20pm   | Dario Nardini, PhD Student, University of Milan-Bicocca<br><i>Surfing the Gold Coast: A Paradoxical Activity in a Paradoxical Place</i>  |
| 3.20 - 3.40pm   | Naomi Edwards, PhD Student, Griffith University and Dr Rebecca Olive, Lecturer, University of Queensland<br><i>Beyond the Crowded Waves: The Marginalisation of Women in Surf Management Boards</i>  |
| 3.45 - 4.30pm   | <b>Session 10</b>  |
| 3.45 - 4.00pm   | Lindsay Lyon, CEO & Managing Director, Shark Shield Pty Ltd<br><i>Shark Attack Training: Can Sharks be Taught Not to Attack Humans?</i>  |
| 4.00 - 4.30pm   | <b>Panel Discussion: Shark Management Options and Social Licence</b><br>Facilitator: Dr Rob Hales, Program Director, Griffith Centre for Sustainable Enterprise, Griffith University<br>Panellists:<br>Lindsay Lyon, CEO & Managing Director, Shark Shield Pty Ltd<br>Don Munro, President, Lennox-Ballina (Le-Ba) Boardriders<br>Johan Gustafson, Griffith University |