



# *CoolangattaGold'07*



# Media Guide

Coolangatta Gold – October 14, 2007

*Surfers Paradise to Greenmount*



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## 2007 NIB COOLANGATTA GOLD - EVENT INFORMATION

### OFFICIAL EVENT NAME

2007 NIB Coolangatta Gold

### VENUE

Surfers Paradise, Gold Coast

Note: the event will be contested from Surfers Paradise through to Greenmount and back

### HOSTED BY

Surf Life Saving Australia

### WHEN

Sunday 14 October, 2007

### RACE START TIMES

All events will start from Surfers Paradise Beach

7.00am – Open Male start

7.05am – Masters Male start

7.20am – Open Teams start

7.55am – Open Female start

8.15am – U19 Male start

### MEDIA VEHICLE DEPARTURE POINT & TIMES

Those media who have allocated to travel on the buses that will follow the Open Male competitors, those vehicles will depart 8.00 from outside Surfers Paradise SLSC. Please see Media Manager, Kim Hamilton on the day if you have any queries.

### PARKING AND TRAFFIC INFORMATION

**Road Closures:** There are no road closures as the competition is conducted on the beach or in the ocean. Around the main transition point we do expect congestion and in Surfers Paradise as the road changes for Indy would be well under way.

**Car Parking:** The car parks at all surf clubs are restricted and there will not be public or media parking available...it is strongly suggested to register to have a seat in the two media vehicles.

# 2007 NIB COOLANGATTA GOLD - EVENT INFORMATION

## BEST VANTAGE POINT FOR VIEWING RACES

**Greenmount:** Finish of the open, Masters and Teams ski leg - the Greenmount Point walkway will be a perfect area to watch the transitions.

**Currumbin:** Finish of the second open, Masters and Teams run and finish of the female and U19 ski legs.

**Burleigh Heads:** Finish of all competitors board legs and the start of the final run leg.

**Surfers Paradise:** Start and the finish of all events.

## MEDIA CENTRE LOCATION

The Media Centre will be located in the Surfers Paradise SLSC, on the first floor. Access is via the side outside stairs.

## MEDIA CONTACTS

**Hanson Sports Media Pty. Ltd.** has been appointed by Surf Life Saving Australia to service the media needs during the 2007 NIB Coolangatta Gold

**Media Centre Manager:** Kim Hamilton 0438 443 406

**Media Manager:** Kurt Hanson 0406 671 674 (**Media vehicle one/Lead Car on final men's run leg**)

**Media Director:** Ian Hanson 0407 385 160 (**Media vehicle two**)

### Surf Life Saving Australia representatives

**SLSA Media & Communications Officer:** Lauren Ryan 0402 162 807 (Media Centre)

**SLSNSW Media & Communications Officer:** Brett Moore 0409 394 889 (Media Vehicle)

## MEDIA ACCREDITATION

An official SLSA media bib **MUST** be worn at all times by all media for access to the competition arena. Bibs can be collected from 6.30am at the Media Centre.

## PHOTOGRAPHERS

Photographers **MUST** wear their SLSA accredited bibs **AT ALL TIMES** and all media must show **MEDIA IDENTIFICATION** from a Metropolitan, suburban or regional newspaper, radio or television network when picking up their accreditation.

## PHOTOGRAPHY PROVIDED TO MEDIA

Surf Life Saving's official photographer, Harvie Allison Photography, will be at the event to supply photographs to media organisations, free of charge. For any photography requests, please speak to Kim Hamilton in the Media Centre.

## PHONE LINES/FAX ETC

Wireless internet connection will be available to journalists in the media centre.

# COOLANGATTA GOLD EVENT OVERVIEW

## COOLANGATTA GOLD HISTORY...

First held in 1984, the Coolangatta Gold was made famous by the movie of the same name that starred surf lifesaving legend Grant Kenny and a young up-and-coming Australian actor named Colin Friels.

The real race, in January 1984, was won by Guy Leech, who at the time was an unheralded 18-year-old from Manly. Leech also won the second running of the event a year later and became one of the most recognised faces on the Australian sporting landscape. Leech's dual victories in the race, which captured the imagination of the Australian public like no other, catapulted him and the sport of surf lifesaving to a new level and opened the door to professional Ironman racing.

The event was later held in 1991, when Michael King took the title ahead of Darren Mercer and David Kissane. But in 1992, Mercer upstaged King to take the title, forcing the 1991 Champion to settle for third place, with brother Mercer's brother Dean rounding out the minor placings in third position.

After a 13 year absence from the surf sports calendar, Surf Life Saving Australia brought the Coolangatta Gold back in 2005 and has remained committed to not only ensuring it is a regular feature on the sporting calendar, but that the event continues to grow. In 2007, SLSA was pleased to sign a new naming right sponsor for the event, NIB Health Fund, for the next three years.

Now known as the NIB Coolangatta Gold, the event is set to bring the best endurance athletes from around the world.

## PAST COOLANGATTA GOLD RESULTS

### 1984

1. Guy Leech (Manly)
2. Lawrence Reece (Southport)
3. Craig Riddington (Manly)

### 1991 October 12

1. Michael King (Mooloolaba)
2. Darren Mercer (Thirroul)
3. David Kissane (Manly)

### 2005 October 16

#### **Open Men**

1. Caine Eckstein (Northcliffe) 4.20.14hrs
2. Jeremy Cotter (Northcliffe) 4.21.52hrs
3. Shannon Eckstein (Northcliffe) 4.22.59hrs

#### **Open Female**

1. Hayley Bateup (Northcliffe) 2.25.45hrs
2. Alicia Marriott (City of Perth) 2.27.16hrs
3. Elizabeth Plumiers (Northcliffe) 2.28.50hrs

#### **Teams**

1. Manly - 4.14.13hrs
2. Redhead Comutel – 4.14.51hrs
3. Surfers Mayfair – 4.21.48hrs

### 1985 January 5

1. Guy Leech (Manly) 4.20.14hrs
2. Stephen McBean (Point Lonsdale) 4.36.55hrs
3. Gray Parkes (Nth Cronulla) 4.39.30hrs

### 1992

1. Darren Mercer (Thirroul)
2. Michael King (Mooloolaba)
3. Dean Mercer (Thirroul)

### 2006 October 17

#### **Open Men**

1. Zane Holmes (Northcliffe) 4.25.01hrs
2. Nathan Smith (Cronulla) 4.27.23hrs
3. Dean Mercer (Mooloolaba) 4.27.43hrs

#### **Open Female**

1. Hayley Bateup (Northcliffe) 3.17.13hrs
2. Kristy Harris (Northcliffe) 3.17.59hrs
3. Elizabeth Plumiers (Northcliffe) 3.24.55hrs

#### **Teams**

1. North Burleigh-Tugun – 4.09.57hrs
2. Manly – 4.24.11hrs
3. BHMP – 4.30.58hrs

# THE 2007 NIB COOLANGATTA GOLD

## What's new about the 2007 NIB Coolangatta Gold:

- NIB Health Fund is the proud naming right sponsor – with the event now known at the NIB Coolangatta Gold
- Entries opened up to non-surf lifesaving competitors with 17 competitors taking up the challenge
- U19 competitors have been introduced and will compete the same distance as the female competitors
- Female competitor's course has been extended from 25.5km to 30.5km and will this year start at Surfers Paradise where they will race to Currumbin and back.
- New prizes up for grabs, including two Jeep 4WD for 12 months for the Open Male and Open Female competitors and various prize packs (see below for more details)
- Increased entertainment and spectator viewing areas at Surfers Paradise
- Entries have increased by close to 50 per cent, with the introduction of a new age group (U19s) and the event opened up to non-surf lifesaving members. Entries over the past three years:

	2007	2006	2005	
Open Male	65	50	56	
Open Female	39	29	25	
U19	14	5	2	(Note: before 2007, U19 competed in Open ranks)
Masters 30-39	18	14	12	
Masters 40+	27	13	16	
Teams	38	35	18	

## TELEVISION SCHEDULE

The 2007 NIB Coolangatta Gold highlights package will be shown via the **Nine Network** and affiliates on the **28 October 2007, from 2.00 – 4.00pm** (check guides for more details).

## PRIZE POOL ON OFFER

### Prize money:

Place	Open Men	Open Women
1	\$20,000	\$10,000
2	\$7,000	\$3,500
3	\$4,250	\$2,250
4	\$3,000	\$1,250
5	\$2,000	\$1,000
6	\$1,000	\$900
7	\$900	\$800
8	\$800	\$700
9	\$700	\$600
10	\$600	\$500
11	\$500	\$400
12	\$400	\$350
13	\$350	\$300
14	\$300	\$250
15	\$200	\$200

### Other prizes on offer:

- Open Male & Open Female Winner also wins a **Jeep 4WD** for 12months
- **Telstra packs** and **Merryl shoes** prizes for the fastest leg times (these prizes are on offer to individual and team competitors).

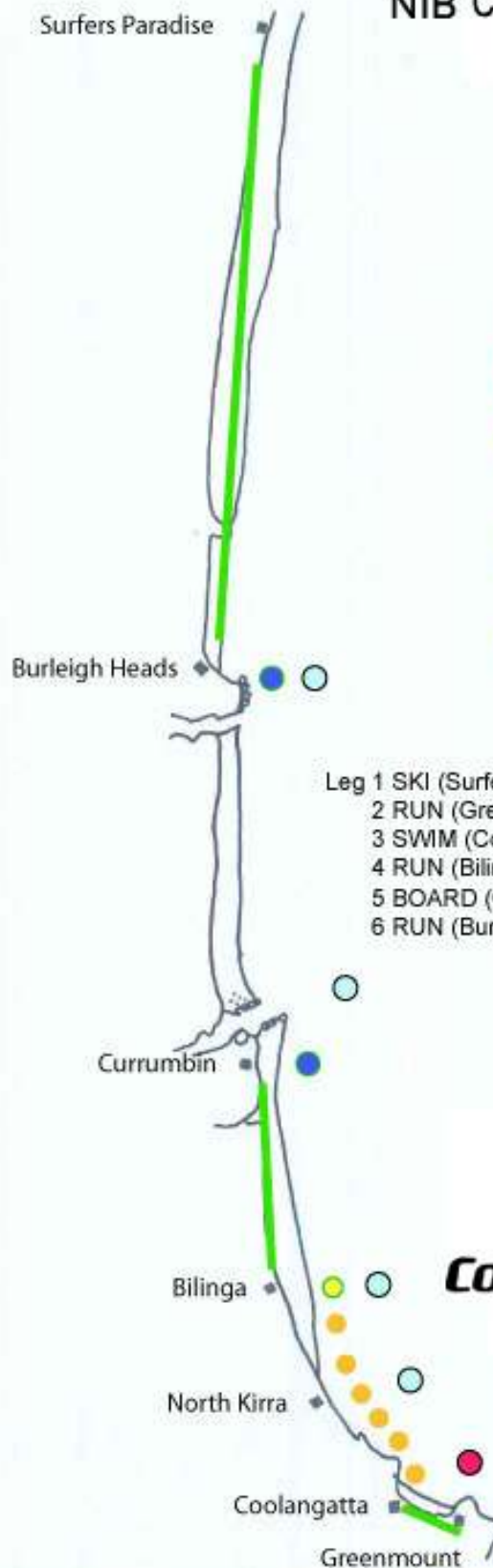
# FAST FACTS

- The oldest individual competitor is **Lionel Faegher** of Terrigal in NSW who is 65 years old, competing in the Masters 40+ years.
- The youngest individual competitor is 16-year-old **Joshua Brown** of Alexandra Headland who will contest the inaugural U19 category.
- **Hayley Bateup** (Kurrawa) is in contention for her 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive Coolangatta Gold title – a feat not achieved before in the event's history.
- **Zane Holmes** (Northcliffe) first attempt at the Coolangatta Gold saw him take victory, becoming the first Ironman in the sport's history to win every major Ironman title – two World, an Australian, five Queensland, Coolangatta Gold and two Kellogg's Nutri-Grain Ironman titles.
- The NIB Coolangatta Gold crown is the only major title eluding current Kellogg's Ironman Champion **Shannon Eckstein** (Northcliffe) – who currently holds a World, two Australian, two Kellogg's Nutri-Grain and Queensland titles.
- **Elizabeth Plumers** (Northcliffe) has finished third in the last two Coolangatta Gold events and capped off last season with a win in the Kellogg's Nutri Grain Ironwoman final.
- **Pierce Leonard's** (Northcliffe) first season competing as an open competitor in the 2006-2007 season saw him take out two major Open Ironman titles including the Australian and Ocean Assault – he finished 7<sup>th</sup> in the event last year.
- This off-season has seen many Clubs transfers, some including:
  - Hayley Bateup – moved from Northcliffe to Kurrawa
  - Alyce Bennett – moved from North Burleigh to Burleigh Heads/Mowbray Park
  - Wes Berg – moved from Miami to Burleigh Heads/Mowbray Park
  - Phil Clayton – moved from North Wollongong to Kurrawa
  - Bonnie Hancock – moved from Sawtell to Northcliffe
  - Courtney Hancock – moved from Sawtell to Northcliffe
  - Jack Hansen – moved from Torquay to Mooloolaba
  - Jacob Lollback – moved from Yamba to Burleigh Heads/Mowbray Park
  - Chelsea McKenzie – moved from Northcliffe to Burleigh Heads/Mowbray Park
  - Tim Peach – moved from Mooloolaba to Northcliffe
- **Dean Mercer** (Mooloolaba) came third in the Coolangatta Gold in 1992 (representing Thirroul) and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in last year's event.
- 2007 will be the first time **Caine Eckstein** (Northcliffe) competes in the Coolangatta Gold since winning the event in 2005.
- Gold Coast club Northcliffe have the most individual entries with 23. An incredible 10 in the women's race and 10 in the male's race, 1 in the U19's race and 2 in the 40+ Masters.
- There are 34 mixed teams competing in the 2007 NIB Coolangatta Gold and 10 all female teams competing.
- Surf Life Saving members conducted 11,500 rescues, carried out 460,000 preventative actions and provided first aid to 41,000 people throughout the 2006-2007 season. In doing so, surf lifesavers assisted a total of more than 510,000 people, to say nothing of the countless other ways in which surf lifesavers improved community wellbeing in their other roles.

# OPEN MALE, MASTERS & TEAMS COURSE

## NIB Coolangatta Gold 2007

Men's Open & Teams  
Course Layout



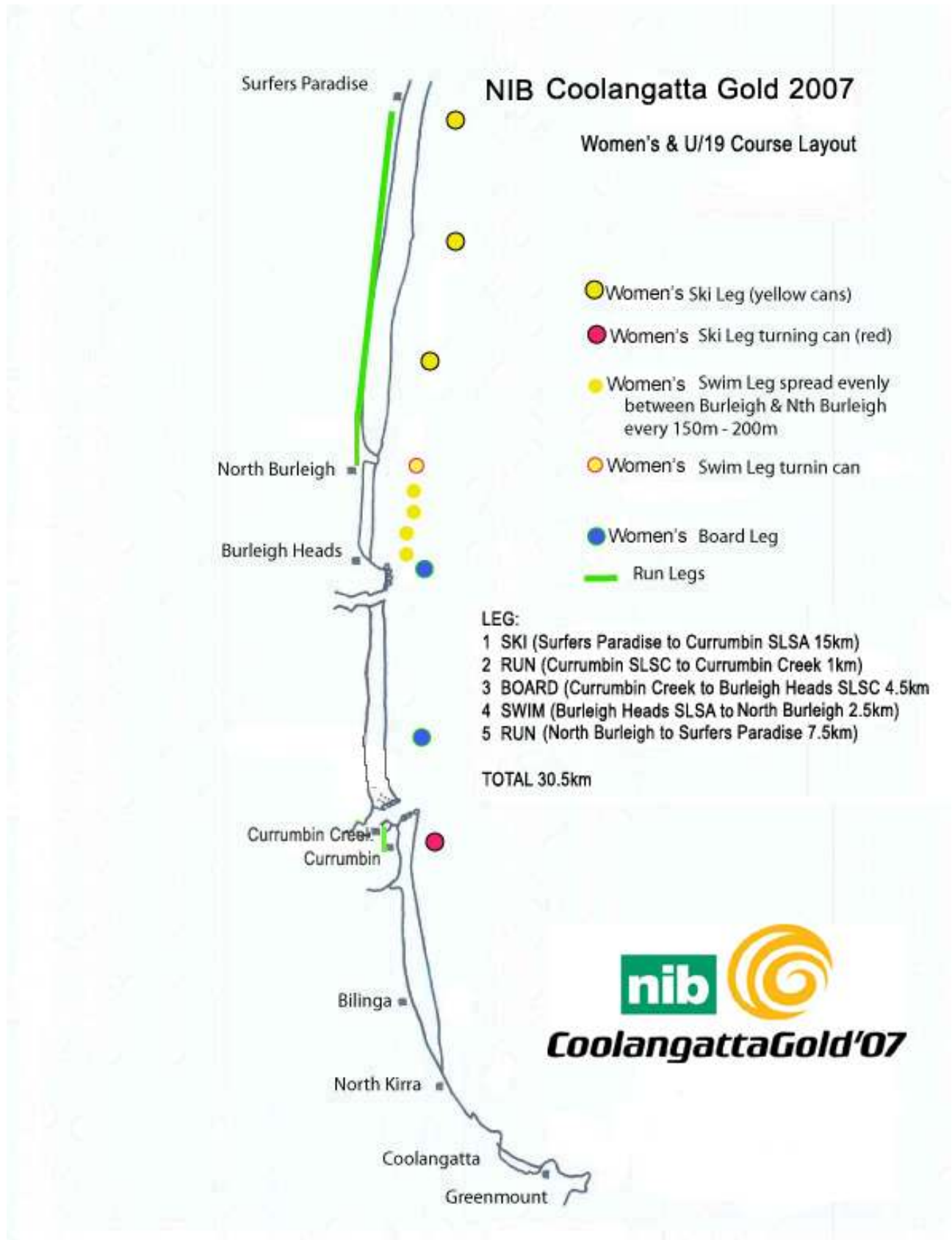
- Men's Ski Leg (white cans)
- Men's Ski Leg turning can (red)
- Men's Swim Leg spread evenly between C'gatta & Bilinga every 150m - 200m
- Men's Swim Leg turnin can Bilinga
- Men's Board Leg
- Run Legs

- Leg 1 SKI (Surfers Paradise to Greenmount 23km)
- 2 RUN (Greenmount to Coolangatta 0.65km)
- 3 SWIM (Coolangatta to Bilinga 3.50km)
- 4 RUN (Bilinga to Currumbin 4.00km)
- 5 BOARD (Currumbin to Burleigh Heads 5.50km)
- 6 RUN (Burleigh Heads to Surfers Paradise 10.00km)
- Total 46.65km



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# OPEN WOMEN'S & U19 COURSE






# COMPETITOR ENTRIES

## Open Male Competitors

**# 1**  
**Defending Champion, Zane Holmes**  
**Northcliffe SLSC (QLD)**  
**wearing the past winner's singlet (silver)**



#	First Name	Surname	Surf Life Saving Club	State
2	Luke	Richmond	Southport	QLD
3	Caine	Eckstein	Northcliffe	QLD
4	Ben	Allen	Bulli	NSW
5	Matthew	Poole	Northcliffe	QLD
6	Luke	Nisbet	BHMP	QLD
7	Pierce	Leonard	Northcliffe	QLD
8	Andrew	Mosel	Cottesloe	WA
9	Phil	Clayton	Kurrawa	QLD
10	Wes	Berg	BHMP	QLD
11	Jack	Hansen	Mooloolaba	QLD
12	Drew	Cairncross	Bulli	NSW
13	Shannon	Eckstein	Northcliffe	QLD
14	Brendon	Sarson	Cottesloe	WA
15	Dean	Mercer	Mooloolaba	QLD
16	Kyle	Garrett	Northcliffe	QLD
17	Rhys	Drury	Mooloolaba	QLD
18	Tim	Peach	Northcliffe	QLD
19	Nick	Marshall	Coolangatta	QLD
20	Greg	Mickle	City of Perth	WA
21	Jeremy	Tibbits	Kawana Waters	QLD
22	Jake	Biddle	Grange	SA
23	Sean	Kelly	Mooloolaba	QLD
24	Andrew	Harvey	Jan Juc	VIC
25	Ben	Sutherland	Bondi -	NSW
26	Cory	Hill	Northcliffe	QLD
27	Jared	Wiseman	Devonport	TAS
28	Stuart	Snell	Northcliffe	QLD
29	Luke	Jones	Brighton	SA
30	Matthew	Smith	North Burleigh	QLD
31	Tommy	Woodriff	Wollongong City	NSW
32	Zsolt	Dallos	North Bondi	NSW
33	David	Chidgey	Narrabeen Beach	NSW
34	Steve	Kerr	Warrnambool	VIC
35	Mark	Norris	North Wollongong	NSW
36	Paul	Buttel	Wollongong City	NSW
37	James	Duncan	City of Bunbury	WA
38	Jarrad	Cain	Cudgen	NSW
39	Scott	Thomas	PUBLIC/Sylvania	NSW
40	Brad	Cummins	Fairhaven	VIC
41	Adam	Wiseman	Devonport	TAS
42	Dave	Banks	North Burleigh	QLD
43	Campbell	Bennett	Coogee	NSW
44	Trent	Goulding	Half Moon Bay	VIC



# COMPETITOR ENTRIES

## Open Male Competitors continued...

45	Dean	Hepburn	Mooloolaba	QLD
46	Jason	Matte	Grange	SA
47	Tristan	Muir	Kawana Waters	QLD
48	Heath	Richards	Seacliff	SA
49	Chris	McMahon	Lennox Head Alstonville	QLD
50	Jayson	Ginn	Elouera	NSW
51	Shane	Barrie	North Wollongong	NSW
52	Tyson	Reeve	Picnic Bay	QLD
53	Brent	Pritchard	PUBLIC/Caringbah	NSW
54	Shane	Whittaker	North Cronulla	NSW
55	Brent	McKinnon	Elouera	NSW
56	Daniel	Nelson	Northcliffe	QLD
57	Shaun	Robertson	Terrigal	NSW
58	Corey	Myers	MacMasters Beach	NSW
59	Glenn	Kirby	Noosa Heads	QLD
60	Scott	Higgins	The Lakes	NSW
61	Hayden	Allum	Wanda	NSW
62	Simon	Goldschmidt	Newport	NSW
63	Michael	Moran	Narrabeen Beach	NSW
64	Yutaka	Kuchiki	Mermaid	QLD
65	HAMISH	HUNTER	Half Moon Bay	VIC



## U19 Competitors

#	First Name	Surname	SLSC	State
201	Jarrold	Martin	Public/Townsville	QLD
202	James	Cohen	City of Perth	WA
203	Nathan	Vipond	Mooloolaba	QLD
204	Samuel	Gill	Palm Beach (QLD)	QLD
205	John-Patrick	McCarthy	Bronte	NSW
206	Dane	Farrell	Elouera	NSW
207	Joshua	Brown	Alexandra Headland	QLD
208	Ben	Dudley	Southport	QLD
209	Drew	Armit	PUBLIC/South Townsville	QLD
210	Cameron	Gordon	Northcliffe	QLD
211	Jacob	Lollback	Yamba	NSW
212	Dane	Rickwood	Tacking Point	NSW
213	Dean	Buttel	PUBLIC/West Woolongong	NSW
214	Zachary	Franich	Kurrawa	QLD



# COMPETITOR ENTRIES

## Open Female Competitors

**# 101**

**Defending Champion, Hayley Bateup  
Kurrawa SLSC (QLD)  
wearing the past winner's singlet (silver)**



#	First Name	Surname	SLSC	State
102	Amanda	Hey	Northcliffe	QLD
103	Tahlia	Ferguson	Northcliffe	QLD
104	Kristy	Munroe	Alexandra Headland	QLD
105	Bianca	Lee	North Burleigh	QLD
106	Lucy	Pengelly	Northcliffe	QLD
107	Chelsea	MacKenzie	BHMP	QLD
108	Courtney	Hancock	Northcliffe	NSW
109	Gemma	Newbiggin	Mooloolaba	QLD
110	Flora	Manciet	Northcliffe	QLD
111	Alyce	Bennett	BHMP	QLD
112	Alicia	Marriott	City of Perth	WA
113	Candice	Falzon	North Bondi	NSW
114	Chantelle	Hardy	North Burleigh	QLD
115	Elizabeth	Pluimers	Northcliffe	QLD
116	Kirsten	Ulmer	Northcliffe	QLD
117	Ruth	Highman	Scarboro	WA
118	Ashley	Russell	Thirroul	NSW
119	Brylee	Dodd	PUBLIC/Devonport	TAS
120	Belinda	Neville	Tacking Point	NSW
121	Nicole	Tippet	Alexandra Headland	QLD
122	Cher	Allen	Southport	QLD
123	Alison	Lingard	Alexandra Headland	QLD
124	Claire	Duncan	City of Bunbury	WA
125	Rachel	Clarke	Kurrawa	QLD
126	Melissa	Thurlow	Swansea-Belmont	NSW
127	Jill	Fallon	Copacabana	NSW
128	Hannah	Jacobsen	Northcliffe	QLD
129	Jessica	Parr	Terrigal	NSW
130	Sophie	Morgan	North Bondi	NSW
131	Tatum	Lawler	North Bondi	NSW
132	Linda	Gilbert	PUBLIC/City Beach	WA
133	Nadi	Canning	Lennox Head Alstonville	NSW
134	Jenny	Hales	PUBLIC/Noosa Heads	QLD
135	Julia	Schatz	PUBLIC/Benowa	QLD
136	Sheree	Merryfull	Northcliffe	QLD
137	Rebecca	Thomson	Devonport	TAS
138	Jen	Mickle	City of Perth	WA
139	Bonnie	Hancock	Northcliffe	NSW



## Masters 30-39

#	First Name	Surname	SLSC	State
301	Benjamin	Hewitt	Public/Claremont	WA
302	Mark	Stewart	City Of Perth	WA
303	Hunter	Trotman	Public/Gordon Park	QLD
304	Stuart	Palmer	Elouera	NSW
305	Doug	Lucas	Long Reef	NSW
306	Todd	Williams	Cooks Hill	NSW
307	Chris	Walker	BHMP	QLD
308	Chris	Panckhurst	Public/Miranda	NSW
309	Greg	Byrnes	Bondi	NSW
310	Chris	Glover	Tamarama	NSW
311	Travis	Minns	Fairhaven	VIC
312	Anthony	Selwyn	Emu Park	QLD
313	Wade	Sinclair	Picnic Bay	QLD
314	David	Tudor-Jones	Narrabeen Beach	NSW
315	Jason	Foye	North Wollongong	NSW
316	Craig	Plunkett	North Burleigh	QLD
317	Mark	Kennedy	Nobbys Beach	QLD
318	Robert	Harris	Public/Burleigh Heads	QLD



## Masters 40+

#	First Name	Surname	SLSC	State
401	Scott	Unicomb	Northcliffe	QLD
402	Ian	Rowling	Public/Burleigh	QLD
403	Ken	Foster	Trigg Island	WA
404	Sean	Townsend	Narrabeen Beach	NSW
405	Michael	Daly	North Burleigh	QLD
406	Lionel	Faegher	Terrigal	NSW
407	John	Robson	North Bondi	NSW
408	Michael	Ryan	Wanda	NSW
409	Scott	Wood	Manly	NSW
410	Paul	Demopoulos	Arcadian	QLD
411	Antony	Jennings	Mooloolaba	QLD
412	Anthony	Kimmins	Coolangatta	QLD
413	Bo	Chudosnik	Ocean Grove	VIC
414	Matthew	Colquhoun	North Bondi	NSW
415	John	Farrell	Elouera	NSW
416	Dean	Parry	Elouera	NSW
417	Ben	Squiers	Wollongong City	NSW
418	Matthew	Braban	Hervey Bay	QLD
419	Tony	Caldwell	North Burleigh	QLD
420	Kim	Curtis	North Burleigh	QLD
421	Gavin	Hill	Northcliffe	QLD
422	Bryan	Matthes	North Cronulla	NSW
423	Lester	Nation	Manly	TAS
424	Scott	Braby	Sunshine Beach	QLD
425	Istvan	Domokos	North Bondi	NSW
426	David	Lawler	Narrabeen Beach	NSW
427	Alan	Coates	Noosa Heads	QLD





## Open Teams (Mixed)

#	Ski Paddler	Runner	Board Paddler	Swimmer	State
501	Jodi Pherson	Damian Martin	Liam Drake	Sam Hoffman	Townsville/QLD
502	Wayne Jones	Rupert Wyness	Di Wallace-Ward	John Ward	SA
503	Lee Johnson	Anthony Parish	Darren Schott	Matthew Johnstone	NSW/WA
504	Brad Stokes	Neil Labinsky	Nikki Cox	Ben Mccauley	SSC QLD
505	Dean Blond	Steve Bishop	Alan Hobbs	Jonathan Hitchcock	GC QLD
506	Andrew Paul	Ashley Martin	Brett Williams	Steve Robson	GC QLD
507	Stephen Shipman	Andrew Smith	Denis Cahill	Martin Cahill	QLD
508	Mitch Kowarzik	Max Cresswell	Nick Clarke	Tom Carrol	VIC
509	Rod Taylor	Stephane Brindel	Martin Ashfield	Brydon Halliday	SSC QLD
510	Dean Meament	Blair Harding	Martin Kelly	Aiden Hooper	Perth/WA
511	Naoto Uchida	Yoshiki Honda	Takamasa Nagai	A Sho	Japan
512	Dane Sloss	Stephen Madden	Matt Johnston	Taylor Hardy	GC QLD
513	Rob Sandbach	Martin Dougherty	Joe Dougherty	Anthony Dougherty	GC QLD
514	Tim Jacobs	Pete Jacobs	Matthew Lemon	Luke Stirton	SNB NSW
515	Adam McKane	Michael Harrold	Rowan Simopson	Dev Lahey	SSC QLD
516	Matt Carter	Nathan Mcubbery	Jamie Mcguiggan	Hayden Smith	GC QLD
517	John Dockray	Paul Bound	Stephen Snelson	Kieren Oreagen	QLD
518	Alastair Day	Blair Day	Aaron Helmer	Justin King	Kiama NSW
519	Wayne Skeen	Nadine Derriman	John Mccubbery	Gary Steed	Mooloolaba/QLD
520	Dwayne Thuys	Trent Halliday	Zayne Hamill	Craig Chapman	QLD
521	Dave Slennett	Michael Hayes	Ian Poole	Darren Jones	Queenscliff NSW
522	Craig Ashman	Heath Walmsley	Max Pettigrove	Tim Mandeville	QLD
523	Daniel Covill	Matt Stanley	Dylan Magee	Tenille Kenny	GC QLD
524	Steve Pullen	Robert Harney	Mark Jacobs	Nic Van Der Maat	SSC QLD
525	Matt Mitchell	Murray Tancred	David O'grady	Rob Gittoes	Acoca Beach NSW
526	Michael Waide	Kelly Margetts	Michael Saal	Nathan Henderson	Currumbin QLD
527	Shannon Porche	Jane Ware	Chris Forrest	Ben Duffy	QLD
528	Peter Lever	Bryce Munro	Ashley Kiernan	Sean Lawrence	SNB NSW
529	Bruce Conolly	Stephen Gaffey	Craig Sprowl	Keith Mcnaughton	SYD NSW
530	Jacob Clear	Samuel Walker	Nicholas Dennis	Tom Rowles	QLD
531	Peter French	Georgina Lynch	Phoebe McCubbery	Tony Lemarseny	SSC QLD
532	Stuart Hogben	Rohan Scaysbrook	Kye Hawkins	Matt Rigney	GC QLD
533	Damien Daley	Christian Bate	Brad Gaul	Saxon Bird	
534	Nick Muhlebach	David Strahan	Justin Cole	Will Penney	



## Open Teams (Female)

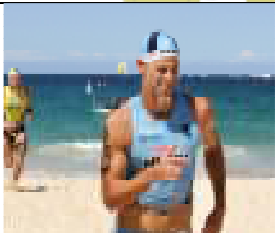
#	Ski Paddler	Runner	Board Paddler	Swimmer	State
601	Letitia Pitkin	Julie Dockray	Kathryn Mckenzie	Emma Mckenzie	GC QLD
602	Clare Beach	Bec Morarty	Sonia Grundy	Annie Mckenna	VIC
603	Kirsty Holmes	Leanne Southwell	Terri Sullivan	Denby Stokes	SSC QLD
604	Teneale Hatton	Laure Leeson	Georgia Butt	Samantha Gunther	Auckland NZ
605	Patrice Robertson	Kirsty Bowlay	Brodie Moir	Emma Wynne	GC QLD
606	Sue Dorries	Lynwen Birch	Maria Lee-Lewis	Kerrie Morley	GC QLD
607	Kim Chappel	Lauren Funnell	Jade Nelson Chapman	Shannon Hulbert-Green	Byron Bay NSW
608	Bernadette Wallace	Heidi Wilson	Kristen Askew	Jade Nielson	GC QLD
609	Kate Mcgrath	Siobhan Mccarthy	Becci Gardiner	Louise Santos	
610	Kim Holding	Anna Masek	Emma Delandre	Lisa Harper	


# THE ONES TO WATCH - OPEN MALE




<b>ZANE HOLMES</b>		
Date of Birth	25 March 1981	
Club	Northcliffe	
Career Highlights	2006 Coolangatta Gold Champion 2 time and reigning World Ironman Champion	
<p><b>Zane is the only athlete in the sport's history to win every major Ironman title including World, Australian, Coolangatta, Queensland, and Kellogg's Nutri-Grain.</b></p>		



<b>WES BERG</b>		
Date of Birth	21 October 1970	
Club	Burleigh Heads/Mowbray Park	
Career Highlights	2007 Kellogg's Nutri-Grain Ironman Series – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Overall Ocean Assault Rd 3 Male Board - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
<p><b>Berg has trained fellow Gold participants including Jacob Lollback, Chelsea McKenzie and Alyce Bennett</b></p>		

<b>CAINE ECKSTEIN</b>		
Date of Birth	16 November 1985	
Club	Northcliffe	
Career Highlights	2005 Coolangatta Gold Champion 2 time U19 Australian Ironman Champion	
<p><b>This is the first time Caine will compete in the event since winning it back in 2005</b></p>		

<b>SHANNON ECKSTEIN</b>		
Date of Birth	7 May 1983	
Club	Northcliffe	
Career Highlights	2 time & reigning Kellogg's Nutri-Grain Ironman Champion 2006 Australian & Queensland Ironman Champion	
<p><b>If Shannon wins the 2007 NIB Coolangatta Gold he will have won every major Ironman title, matching that of Holmes</b></p>		


<b>JACOB LOLLBACK</b>		
Date of Birth	5 October 1988	
Club	BHMP	
Career Highlights	2007 NSW Open Board Champion 2007 NSW U19 Ironman, Surf Race and Board Champion	
<p><b>Board specialist Lollback has regularly medalled in open events and will head into the Gold heavy favourite in the U19 ranks.</b></p>		


# THE ONES TO WATCH - OPEN MALE




<b>DEAN MERCER</b>		
Date of Birth	24 November 1969	
Club	Mooloolaba	
Career Highlights	2006 Coolangatta Gold – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Australian Ironman Champion (1989 & 1995)	
Dean Mercer finished 3 <sup>rd</sup> in this event in 2006 and 3 <sup>rd</sup> in the 1992 race		

<b>PIERCE LEONARD</b>		
Date of Birth	19 October 1986	
Club	Northcliffe	
Career Highlights	2007 Australian Ironman Champion 2007 Ocean Assault Ironman Champion 2006 Australian & Queensland U19 Ironman Champion	
His first year in the Open ranks (06-07), Leonard took out the Australian and Ocean Assault Ironman titles		

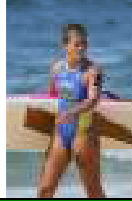
<b>ANDREW MOSEL</b>		
Date of Birth	16 April 1981	
Club	Cottesloe	
Career Highlights	2 time WA Ironman Champion 2006 World 2km Beach Run Champion	
If in contention come the final run leg, the 2006 Beach Run World Champion could figure strong in the finish		

<b>BRENDAN SARSON</b>		
Date of Birth	13 January 1983	
Club	Cottesloe	
Career Highlights	Five time WA Ironman Champion 2002 Australian Surf Race Champion	
One of WA's finest, Sarson is ready to take the next step to be a contender alongside his more fancied east coast rivals		

<b>PHIL CLAYTON</b>		
Date of Birth	19 March 1976	
Club	Kurrawa	
Career Highlights	2000 World Ironman Champion 2007 Australian Male Surf Race – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ocean Assault Male Surf Race Champion	
Phil has trained a top squad also competing in The Gold, including Bateup, Munroe and Luke Nisbet		


# THE ONES TO WATCH - OPEN FEMALE




<b>HAYLEY BATEUP</b>		
Date of Birth	9 January 1980	
Club	Kurrawa	
Career Highlights	2 time & reigning Coolangatta Gold Champion 2007 Ocean Assault Board Champion Former Australian Ironwoman Champion	
<b>If Hayley takes her third consecutive crown, she will be the only person to do so in the event's history</b>		



<b>ALICIA MARRIOTT</b>		
Date of Birth	6 May 1982	
Club	City of Perth	
Career Highlights	2007 Australian Female Board – 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2005 Coolangatta Gold – 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
<b>Mariott will join the largest Western Australian contingent to contest the Coolangatta Gold</b>		

<b>SHEREE MERRYFULL</b>		
Date of Birth	28 November 1982	
Club	Northcliffe	
Career Highlights	2007 Ocean Assault Female Ski Champion 2006 Australian Female Ski Champion 2006 Queensland Ironwoman Champion	
<b>Sheree has asked people to sponsor her in the race to raise money for the Cerebral Palsy League of QLD</b>		

<b>KRISTY MUNROE</b>		
Date of Birth	28 November 1982	
Club	Alexandra Headland	
Career Highlights	2 time World Ironwoman Champion 2007 Ocean Assault Rnd 1 Female Ski Champion	
<b>This is the World Ironwoman Champion's first attempt at the Coolangatta Gold</b>		

<b>ELIZABETH PLUIMERS</b>		
Date of Birth	25 October 1986	
Club	Northcliffe	
Career Highlights	2005 & 2006 Coolangatta Gold – 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2007 Kellogg's Nutri-Grain Ironwoman Final – 1 <sup>st</sup>	
<b>Has finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the last two Coolangatta Gold races and is aiming to finish on top in 2007</b>		