

Making Waves

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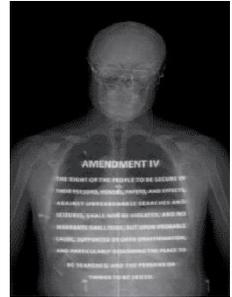
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Advertising creative, Matthew Ryan is the co-creator of 4th Amendment Wear - underwear with metallic messages for Transportation Security Administration screeners at airports.

The advertising campaign recently took the top prize at the Art Directors Club of NY (Grand Prix for Good) The Designism Award in New York, along with a Gold, 2 Silver and a Bronze at the New York Clio Awards.

Matthew Ryan has had stints in the US at Crispin Porter + Bogusky in Boulder and Goodby, Silverstein & Partners in San Francisco. He started his career at Leo Burnett, Sydney and went on to Saatchi & Saatchi New Zealand. He recently spent a short time at Publicis Mojo in Sydney, before deciding to freelance. Proud dad Paul accompanied Matthew to New York for the presentation of the Awards in May and while he had an amazing time being feted there, Paul announced that "he wouldn't swap it for this place" (Merewether) – when he arrived home. On June 20th, Matt followed up his success in New York with 2 Gold Lions and a Silver at the Cannes Lions International Festival of Creativity.

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Meet Glenn Turner

Intro: As I am Ridge Street born and bred, I have been very fortunate to develop a strong love for the ocean. Surfing is my passion and it has led me to amazing people and places. In many ways, surfing has shaped a life I feel fully blessed with.

Favourite Beach : A remote place called Burgos in the Phillipines. It has the most beautiful beach and the best waves I have ever seen.

Favourite Eatery: Beach Hotel – Steak Night Mondays are awesome, especially washed down with a schooner or two of Coopers.

Movies: Crystal Voyager (George Greenough) and Borat!

Weekend Activity: I have 2 incredibly wonderful daughters-Jaylenn 10, and Lyndsay 8, and I love to do stuff with them. They make me laugh heaps.

Sporting Team: A few years ago Luke Egan introduced me to the new sport of paddle surfing. Since then, I have been competing, doing OK and now fully stoked to say that I have become part of the C4 Waterman Paddle Board Team.

Favourite “thing”: Bar Beach skate bowl – that thing is radical!

Favourite thing about your job: hearing the words “thanks dad”

Quote:“Everyone dies – not everyone lives”

Final word: Thanx to all the local surfers for being so cool in the line up. Thanx to Tamba and Drew for their encouragement and training; Simon and Richard from C4 waterman for their generosity and support, Mavi Jim sunglasses and my family and friends for their love and caring – *GOD I’M LUCKY!*

– they say he could surf on a sheet of corrugated iron!



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SurfCoop Rebuild : A PLACE TO CALL HOME - Steve R

Our most inspiring and uplifting interview yet with Bill, Leader of the Merewether Beach Pigeons, during which he has declared a new beginning for the flock, in a new, modern coop at the previous surfhouse location.

With extreme jubilation he tweeted how, "flock morale was now flying high again, with senior pigeons confirming the new SurfCoop a total blessing with its state of the art facilities featuring shelter, toilets and the same old great view. Even the social pecking order is being re-established as the flock regroups in anticipation of completion".

Although the building is still a work in progress the toilet amenities are complete and have been used by the inspecting team, reporting back that this part of the new coop is very accommodating. This was a concern, due to the fact that after demolition flock privacy had been undermined.

It was also found that the foundations had to be redone after an impromptu engineering inspection.

So in retrospect, after a tough 12 months of being homeless, the winds and tide have changed dramatically, and a new Era for the Merewether Beach Pigeons is as certain as the glorious sunrise that blesses the SurfCoop everyday, and Son of Bill has the last say: "We will never go away". Amen.





Making Waves now have a web site
<http://makingwaves.yolasite.com/>

Take a look

Add to your Favourites or Bookmarks

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For Private Sale: Wednesday 18th November 1885

Lease-Hold:-Burwood, corner of Patrick and Watkins Streets

A Bargain

J. Creer & sons have received instructions to sell privately the lease for sixty four (64) years of half an acre of land at the corner of Patrick and Watkin Streets, opposite Mr. Merewether's Office, together with two four roomed houses erected thereon, lined throughout and well furnished. The land has a frontage of 184 feet to Patrick Street and 200 feet to Watkin Street, leaving room to erect three more houses. Will be sold as a bargain.

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Submitted by David Barrow

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THURSDAYS	Mexican Fiesta Fun - \$9.90 and Original Soloists Corona Promotion - \$4.90
SUNDAYS	4 - 7PM UDL Promotion - \$5
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Well known Merewether identity Graham **Tamba** Adam has been keeping a daily record of events for over 30 years. *In June , Tamba shared his recollections life in Merewether in the 60's and it was so popular this month we move to the 70's.*

The first thing that comes to my mind is change. The late 60's to the early 70's saw the change from malibus to shorter boards. The early 70's saw the invention of the legrope which changed everything – the best part of having a legrope was having your board beside you, but the bad part was that there were more surfers especially on the bigger days when previously only a select few would venture out. The mid 70's saw a pretty hard core of surfers at Merewether and if you weren't local and you ventured out to the rocks for a surf – you didn't get many waves at all!

Guys who really stood out at Merewether (just to name a few) included M R, Roger Clements, Peter Thomson, Brian Hoy, Stuart Clarke, The Boot, Corky Carroll, Darryl Tonks, Mick Adam and Martin McMillan.

In 1974, we had the Signa storm. It was a week of huge swells – 10-12 foot and it washed all the sand from the front of the surf club and up as far as Dixon Park leaving just bare rocks. I spent many hours with Paul Kirwan looking for coins, watches and jewellery – and we found heaps. It was possible on high tide to stand on the promenade and jump straight in on your board – the hard part was getting back in onto the promenade. For years after , the bank in front of “the old people's home” would break a couple of hundred metres out to sea on a rock

bottom – a beautiful left hand bank. In front of M R's house there was a clay shore bank and it was very sticky – wierd!!!

In the Merewether surf club there were 2 outstanding competitors. Robert Monteath in 72 won the Australian title in the junior beach sprint and came 3rd in the state. Robert Carnell was very unlucky not to win the Australian title in the Open Beach Sprint – coming 2nd and he won the State title. In 1973, he also won a sprint race at Sth Curl Curl beach worth \$500 and he also beat a lot of footballers including Fr John Cootes in a sprint race wearing full football gear at the Beaumont Park Dog Track.

On the football side, in 1976 Souths won the Grand Final under Capt/Coach Terry Clawson.

The Greens won the premiership in 1973 and in 1974, it was a draw with Maitland and they had to share the honours in those days, and again in 1979 against Waratah. They were club champions in 1972, 1973, 1974, 1976 and 1979. I was lucky enough to win a Grand Final in 1972 and 1973 in the 3rd and 4th grades. On the nightlife, the Beach Hotel was in its prime in the mid to late 70's on a Sunday afternoon. All year round it was just packed. In fact it was difficult to even get to the bar in those days. The back beer garden was the place to go and relax, play pool and the juke box. On Saturday afternoons, we used to go out to the back steps and sit in the sun with good mates to have a yarn about the day's surfing. 1974 saw the first pool comp which was won by 16yo Brendan Hatherly. I won a few over the years, the highlight for me being the night I beat Dennis Bridges – one of the best pool players at the pub. I also met my future wife that night!

They were very good years!



Bronze/SRC course
begins 18th August 2011 -6.30 to 8.15pm
Commences with an information and orientation session

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Patrol No 2, Cook's Hill SLSC

'A gladiator caste envied by all men, adored by all women'

Cook's Hill Patrol No 2, a fine ever-cheerful band of veteran club stalwarts — with six Life Members —, fill this description despite the passing of the years during which maturity and experience have ever so subtly overcome the excesses of youth.

They still pass the benchmark of being 'strong in the best sense of the word, fit to encounter [when necessary] the dangers of heavy seas, with lungs and minds in



Greg Bruce Stephen Wayne Greg (capt) Robert Bill Shane John "Beans"

their best condition'. With an average age of about 55 (some younger, some older), they are 'Surfers *in excelsis*'¹. Behind their happy smiles, their work is devoted to the 'service of humanity' between the flags at Bar Beach (ever popular with folk from the nearby and not so near suburbs).

The redoubtable and ebullient Greg Silcock is captain and heads Patrol No 2 with effortless efficiency. He is the gallant Robin Hood to a wild merry band almost straight out of the [Sherwood] forest: Shane Joyce, Robert Young, Bruce Pinnock, Stephen Davies, Robert Walker, Wayne Moylan, John Farmer, Greg Pawley, Bill Mainey (see photograph) along

with a shy, yet resourceful Geoff Hill ready to clean out the storeroom. Bob Silkman, Peter Dagg and Mark Brown were absent on the day.

Their war cry:

'Vigilance and Service'!

Rain, hail or shine, they are always there fulfilling their commitment as voluntary lifesavers.

When these photos were taken in order to record what may be the oldest patrol group in any surf life saving club, the beach was closed due to the rough surf. The rain that threatened in the morning came in the early afternoon. The wind was

chilly and the beach was deserted except for a couple and their dog and, of course, the lifesavers.

Read more about the exploits of the Cook's Hill Boys (and Girls) in *Cook's Hill Life Saving & Surf Club. The First Hundred Years* (Brolga,

Melbourne, 2011) by John Ramsland. The book is available on Sundays from 3.30 to 6.00pm at the Cook's Hill SLS Clubhouse Bar, or by ringing John Ramsland on 49696948 about where to pick up a copy. At \$25 it is a real bargain that provides a detailed history of the Cook's Hill community in war and peace, depression and prosperity.

John & Marie Ramsland Hon. Lifesavers

¹ Quotations from Spartagus Smith, 1920s.



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In 2010 South Newcastle Rugby League Football Club celebrated it's centenary. Over the next few months "Making Waves" will highlight some of the characters who represented the "red and whites" with distinction .

Wal Gill



Wal Gill

Wal Gill was an outstanding sportsman who excelled at Rugby League, Rugby Union, cricket, golf and surf swimming. Playing for both The Junction Primary School and South Newcastle Juniors, Wal showed exceptional potential throughout his schoolboy days. After a short stint with Merewether Carlton Rugby Union, he returned to Souths and Rugby League in 1949 where he took full advantage of the opportunities created for him. In 1950 he moved to Barcaldine in Central Qld as captain/coach and in 1952 took a similar position in Ayr, Qld.

Wal returned to Souths in 1953 and was one of their most inspirational players until his retirement in 1958. Wal Gill was considered by many good judges, very unlucky to never have represented Newcastle in Rugby League.

He also played first grade cricket for Merewether, "A" grade golf and was a surf swimmer for Dixon Park Surf Club.

It was a sad loss for the Merewether area when he died suddenly in 1964 at a relatively young age. Wal Gill's 2 sons, Stephen and Michael inherited their father's love of sport and his grandson Michael played first grade with South and is currently playing first grade union with Merewether Carlton, to carry on a 3rd generation of the talented Gill family.



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GEORGE BERNER,
Newcastle, 17th April, 1861. **Manager.**



Remains of the original bed of the "Redhead Railway" (the name of the line for all its working life), which ran out to Glenrock Lagoon. It was unearthed behind the changing sheds where they were going to put a storm water drain in to carry the water away from the new Surf House.



Lawrie Flick Roybn Platt Kate Flint Gail Sheil

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Contact Gail on 0423 524768 or pgsheil@live.com.au to book your place.

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Merewether Baths Cleaning Schedule

August 2011

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