

# Making Waves

January 2013

A free community newsletter for Bar  
Beach, Merewether, Dixon Park, and  
The Junction

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## **Jye Frasca**

living his motto

**"Believe in your Dreams!"**

***Jye is one of those fortunate people who has been able to turn his dreams into reality.***

Having completed filming in London for his latest feature film "Kaufman's Game" due for release in 2013, Jye took some well

deserved time out to return to Merewether to spend some time with family and friends recently. Along the way he was able to reconnect with the wonderful area that he grew up in. His many years in the UK have made him much more aware of what a special place in the world he spent his childhood. Jye completed his formal schooling at what is now called the Hunter School of the Performing Arts (formerly Broadmeadow High).

At the age of 17, Jye began his professional career on the London stage in the West End revival of Jerome Robbins' WEST SIDE STORY at the Prince Edward Theatre. He worked with legendary writer/director Arthur Laurents and on the shows transfer to the Prince Of Wales Theatre, Jye played the role of A-rab. In 2000, Jye went on to play the role of Pepper in the smash hit ABBA musical MAMMA MIA at the Prince Edward Theatre where he worked with director Phyllida Lloyd who also directed the film version of the show. In 2001, Jye joined the record breaking London production of CATS at the New London Theatre playing the role of Carbucketty and Mr Mistoffelees. In May 2002, he also had the honour of performing in the CATS 21st Anniversary Performance that was broadcast live throughout London's iconic Covent Garden piazza for thousands of theatergoers. Later in 2002, and at the age of 21, Jye was invited to work at the prestigious National Theatre in two concurrent productions directed by multi award winning Sir Trevor Nunn. These show were ANYTHING GOES, winner of the 2003 Laurence Olivier Award for Outstanding Musical Production and William Shakespeare's LOVE'S LABOUR'S LOST, playing alongside award winning actor Joseph Fiennes. In 2003, Jye joined Queen/Ben Elton musical WE WILL ROCK YOU at the Dominion Theatre; sharing the stage on occasion with legendary guitarist and original Queen band member, Brian May. In 2004, Sir Cameron Mackintosh invited him to be part of a gala performance at the famous Bristol Old Vic Theatre

in THE TIME OF MY LIFE. A celebration of the work of composer Julian Slade directed by James Powell. This led to being part of the original cast of Cameron Mackintosh and Disney's MARY POPPINS where Jye worked with the award winning creative team of Sir Richard Eyre, Matthew Bourne, Stephen Mear and Julian Fellows to opened in MARY POPPINS world premiere at the Bristol Hippodrome and its West End premiere at the Prince Edward Theatre. MARY POPPINS was nominated for Best New Musical at the 2005 Laurence Olivier Awards. In 2006, Jye was part of the original London production of WICKED at the Apollo Victoria Theatre directed by Joe Mantello, playing the role of Boq on many occasions. During Jye's time in WICKED he had the honour of working opposite Tony Award winner Idina Menzel and Olivier Award Nominee and fellow Australian actor Adam Garcia. He performed with the cast of WICKED in the 2006 Royal Variety Performance at the London Coliseum for HRH The Prince of Wales. In 2008, Jye originated the role of Joe Pesci in the London Premiere of the Tony, Olivier, and Grammy Award winning show JERSEY BOYS at the Prince Edward Theatre. During his three years with JERSEY BOYS, he also had the privilege of playing the lead role of Frankie Valli on numerous occasions and worked with the multi award winning director Des McAnuff. Jye once again performed for HRH The Prince of Wales at the 2008 Royal Variety Performance with the cast of JERSEY BOYS at the London Palladium. 2011 saw Jye go on to star in the London Premiere of THRILL ME: THE LEOPOLD & LOEB STORY. For his portrayal of the role of Nathan Leopold he was nominated as Best Actor at The Off West End Theatre Awards. After completing an initial sell-out season to rave reviews at the Tristan Bates Theatre in London, THRILL ME transferred to the West End's Charing Cross Theatre where it played another extended sell-out season and was nominated at the Theatregoer's Choice Awards for Best New Musical. Throughout his career Jye

has had the honour of performing at numerous charity events in the UK. He performed for the Australian Bush Fire Benefit held at the Palace Theatre in London in 2009 alongside Lorna Luft and fellow Australians Simon Burke, Jason Donavon and Rolf Harris. In 2010, He represented JERSEY BOYS on BBC television to present a cheque to the charity CHILDREN IN NEED.

In the UK for BBC Comedy, Jye filmed a new series called SCHIZO, SAMURAI, SHITZU playing the lead role of Travolta, opposite THE INBETWEENERS stars Blake Harrison and Greg Davies. His other television appearances in the UK include LOOSE WOMEN, THE PAUL O'GRADY SHOW, and BLUE PETER.

The British feature film KAUFMAN'S GAME in which Jye stars in the lead role of Stanley is directed by Helier Bissell-Thomas and is due for release Spring 2013.

***You can follow Jye on Twitter @JYEFRASCA***



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## Bar Reef Board Riders 39th Australia Day Classic



On Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2013 the Bar Reef Boardriders will celebrate the holding of the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Australia Day Classic. This unique event will host over 80 current and past Bar Reef 'Rats' across all ages and gender.

This contest has been held at Bar Beach every year for the past 39 years. This makes it arguably the longest running board club surf contest in Australia. The day is always a huge amount of fun with long lost friends and enemies coming together to celebrate the Bar Reef and all that that brings to those of us who really love this place.

Old 'Reef Rats' appear on the day to watch and sometimes compete. The Open champion, Lewie Dunn has confirmed he will be an entrant along with the 2012 Open Men's champion Jye Byrnes.

The 2012 Bar Reef women's Champion, Dr Anna Kelly will be competing as will the 2012 Grommets Champion, Max Moser-Finch.

The club run a surfboard raffle sponsored by Computer Systems Australia. This year the prize is a custom made Jye Byrnes Surfboard. Proceeds from the raffle will be donated to the Disabled surfers Association (Hunter Branch).

***A presentation of trophies will be held at the Bar Beach Bowling Club after the contest.***

***The club will reassemble on Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 2013 for rejoiners and new members.***

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## MINES UNDER SEA *by David Barrow*

*Following the discovery recently of rail line under John Parade, this article by David becomes more relevant.*



An important coal company in Merewether was the ‘Newcastle Coal Mining Company’ which started in 1877 and was credited with having won more coal from Merewether than any other company. This company took a great deal of coal from mines extending to sea under Merewether Beach.

Mitchell died in 1869. One of his sons, David Scott Mitchell, founded the Mitchell Library.

Edward Christopher Merewether married Doctor Mitchell’s eldest daughter and managed the Burwood Estate, which had been left to his wife. He was general superintendent of the A. A. Company from 1860 till 1875. Merewether became known as Merewether Estate and was officially given the name it bears today in 1885.

Merewether, known as a “*strict but fair and just man*” throughout the suburb to which he gave his name, and died in 1893, Mr Morgan said.

Early roads in Merewether were very bad, being affected by “*floods and deep sand drifts*”. The first Merewether Council met in 1885. It did good work in having roads built and amenities such as Merewether Baths provided before it was absorbed into Newcastle city council in 1938.

The first tram ran through part of Merewether to Glebe in 1894 and the first steam tram reached Merewether in 1902. The system was electrified in 1924, giving way to buses in 1950, Mr Morgan said.

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## Philippa Anderson – Surfing NSW's Superstar of the Month November 2012

2012 has been shaping up to be a cracker of a year for NSW surfer Philippa Anderson. Early in the year, the young girl from Merewether embarked on a full-scale World Qualifying Series mission with the goal to climb the qualification ladder. When the last tour event wrapped up this year, Philippa only just fell outside the qualification cusp in 12th position, but ahead of prominent World Tour surfers like Coco Ho and Lakey Peterson.

Philippa said "The back end of this year was really good for me. I got two fifth place finishes and a third in WQS events, which was a massive confidence boost. I also got a third in the World Juniors which was great. Then I got home and finished with a win in the open division of the Dominelli Women's Surf Classic and a win in the Jesus Pro-Am. I've also been working on boards with my shaper and training in the gym with my trainer, as well as getting my diet under control. It's all worked out really well, so I'm stoked.

I had either Sage Erickson or Courtney Conlogue in a heat at one of the events and I ended up beating them, so that just gave me a massive confidence boost going into the next few comps.



I've had a bit of time off at home since the World Juniors and I've just been surfing and cruising. Next year, I'll be looking to be a bit more critical and take it to the air. I've actually been surfing with my brother [professional freesurfer Craig Anderson] and he's been helping a lot. We were surfing the other day at home and it was small, but the wind was perfect for airs and he would watch every wave I caught and tell me what to do.

My goal is definitely to make it onto the World Tour; that's the aim in the next couple of years. I was happy to make a semi final finish this year, but I'd like to go one further and make the final.



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## All New Menu

<b>MONDAYS</b>	Steak Night - \$12.90
<b>TUESDAYS</b>	Crumbed Lamb Cutlets and Pool - \$15.00
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>	Schnitzel Night - \$9.90 and Trivia
<b>THURSDAYS</b>	Hamburger Night
<b>SUNDAYS</b>	4PM Live Entertainment followed by DJ at 7PM

### FRIDAY to SUNDAY - Newcastle's Best Live Entertainment



*Well known Merewether identity Graham **Tamba** Adam has been keeping a daily record of events for over 30 years. Each month he shares some aspect of his life with us.*

Over the last 10 years I have trained people ranging from 10 to 50 years of age on paddle board, surf ski, and also basic training. The ones who have impressed me the most besides the youngsters I mentioned last month are Malcolm Reilly and Craig Smith. Their tenacity and determination to go beyond their comfort zone to succeed in a sport that they had never tried before was very impressive.

But recently I was approached by Philippa Anderson (see story p7) who asked me to do some cross training with her to help improve her fitness levels in an effort to assist her to achieve her goal of joining the World Tour.

On our 1st day, I wasn't sure what to expect as I have trained some girls before with varying degrees of success. Philippa had never been on a paddle board before so I was working with a novice in that regard. The hour long training session involved long board paddling with a beach run thrown in with crunches, pushups and stairs, all followed by another board leg. After the first 30 minutes, I knew I had someone here whose determination was going to take her through her own pain barrier and beyond.



What really impressed me was in our 3<sup>rd</sup> training session where we did 3 x 4 minute 85/90% efforts on paddle board followed by a short beach run thrown in with crunches, pushups and the stairs. This was followed up with her taking her own surfboard out into the wave zone – no stopping and waiting- just keep paddling and circle until a wave came and then ride into the shore and do it all again! This she did 4 times and I know that day that she was hurting really badly but she didn't give up! She told me the next evening at the Merewether Boadriders Preso that "I got her" in that session.

I was so proud and impressed with Philippa. She never gave in and I am sure that her "ticker", tenacity and determination will help her achieve her goal, and I will be proud to think that I had some input in her achievements.



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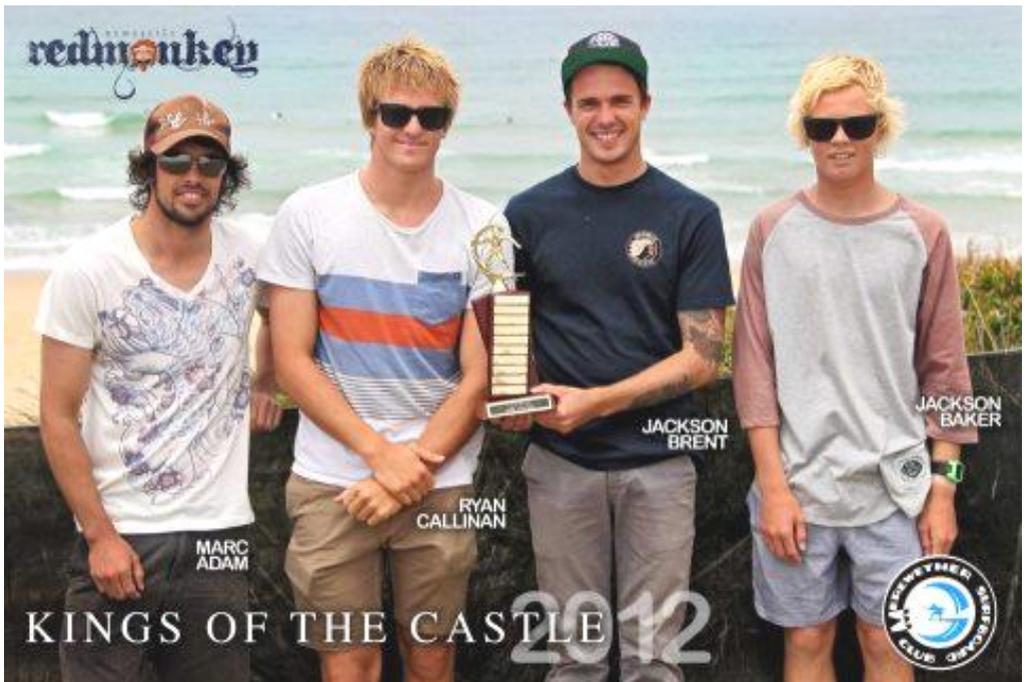
## Merewether Boardriders “Kings of the Castle” - 2012

*“Kings of the Castle” is tag team event that decides the best competitive surfboard riding club of the Hunter region.*

Merewether Boardriders were crowned ‘Kings of the Castle’ for the 4<sup>th</sup> successive year in the annual boardrider club challenge held by Surfing Newcastle at Bar Beach on November 24.

So far no other club has yet been able to get their name on the trophy! Merewether 1 defeated Frenchmans Boardriders with Merewether 2 coming home in 3<sup>rd</sup> position.

They took out the crown through some impressive surfing by Marc Adam, Jackson Brent, Ryan Callinan and Jackson Baker.



*Jackson Brent was back to his best with a smoking 9 point ride in the final!  
All the boys ripped.*

# Swimming in summer



## Summer lifeguard patrol times

Bar, Dixon Park,  
Merewether, Newcastle  
& Nobbys Beach  
7am - 5:30pm

Stockton Beach,  
Merewether & Newcastle  
Ocean Baths  
9am - 5:30pm

## Safety

Be safe this summer &:

- swim in patrolled areas
- put your hand up if you are in trouble
- make sure you slip, slop, slap
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## School holidays

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**January 2013**

4 January	Friday	3.41 AM	0.6
7 January	Monday	6.35 AM	0.5
11 January	Friday	10.30 AM	0.3
14 January	Monday	1.00 PM	0.3
18 January	Friday	4.00 AM	0.5
21 January	Monday	6.45 AM	0.6
25 January	Friday	10.00 AM	0.5
28 January	Monday	11.52 AM	0.4



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