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We would like to offer students attending schools in the local area the opportunity to see their writing or artwork in print.

Writers of all stories published receive a \$20 voucher courtesy of Marketown.



Many of the images featured in Making Waves over the last year were submitted by Steve Rapson - Introducing one of our feature photographers.

I started photography as a child and as a boy I would always be asking to take photos. I enjoyed video as well, making my own short movies whilst still at high school back in the class of '84.

When taking pictures, look at lighting and perspective, two major components to be observed when taking photos or drawing natural scenes. I enjoy taking photos of nature, people and water sports. Most of my pictures are taken with my 5 MP mobile phone camera and I use an Olympus waterproof camera for surfing and spear fishing photos. I filmed myself once surfing a wave for 33 seconds!

My favourite subjects to photograph are people, surf, storms, dawn and dusk. Perfect rainbows make amazing shots. I never photoshop natural scenes, as it takes away from the natural beauty. I'm lucky, I live at Merewether and everyday has hundreds of photo opportunities if you stop to take a closer look.



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The Mystery of the Murdoch Shield - John Ramsland Cooks Hill SLSC

Some time ago, a man climbed up a ladder and through a small manhole into the ceiling of the Cook's Hill Surf Life Saving Clubhouse. He was an intrepid stalwart, Robert Young (known as 'Beans' because baked beans was his favourite breakfast), and he was searching for hidden historical treasures in preparation for the Club's centenary celebrations.



In a dusty, darkened cockroach-infested place, he came upon a large stained wooden shield. It was elaborate and expensive-looking and Robert was quick to realise that it was a major trophy that depicted an important aspect of the Club's early history.

When cleaned up, the large wooden shield showed a central silver plaque rectangular in shape with several small silver shields surrounding it. The plaque has a march past team etched into it, marching eternally from the left to the right. Some of the smaller shields depicted other life saving scenes like rescue and resuscitation, others were blank. The main inscription read: 'The Murdoch Shield presented to Northern Branch Surf Life Saving Association of Australia by Murdoch's in Park St Ltd for March Past Championship'.

Clearly the Cook's Hill SLS Club had won the trophy permanently: two of the small silver shields imbedded on the large wooden shield were engraved with: 'Won by Cook's Hill 1921-22'; and 'Won by Cook's Hill 1925-26'.

Most of this information was clear enough as Cook's Hill had had an iron grip on the branch championships in the Grand Parade and March Past Competitions throughout the 1920s.

But the mystery was, who or what was 'Murdoch's in Park St' that donated the shield?

At first it was thought that Murdoch's could have been a local store or some other enterprise in Newcastle at the time. After some research, it was found that no such business existed in Newcastle in the 1920s. (Neither was there a Park



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Street.) Further research unfolded that Murdoch's was a major retail trader in Park Street in Sydney. Murdoch's was founded in 1893 by Sir James Murdoch (1867-1939), a Scottish immigrant. By 1914, Murdoch's, a most successful men's mercery, had 400 employees. After the war, Murdoch's business expanded rapidly with the addition of factories in Redfern producing men's ware.

Sir James Murdoch had worked for the Australian Branch of the British Red Cross during the entire First World War in Egypt and in France. When he returned from so much needless loss of life and tragedy, he became a noted philanthropist. He donated the shield personally. His store also retailed official life saving costumes, blazers and badges.

Thus the mystery was solved.

Cook's Hill Surf Club's record in the Grand Parade and March Past was indeed most distinguished: in 1919-20, they won the first Australian Championship and gold medal against Cronulla (2nd) and



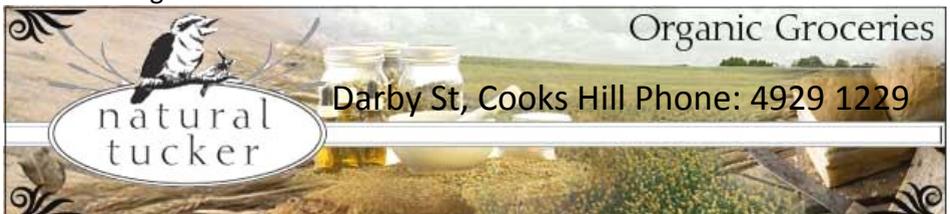
Close up of the central silver plaque

Northern Steyne (3rd). Cook's Hill also came second in 1921-22 and in 1924-25, and third in 1927-28 in the Australian Championships.

They also won the Branch Championships in 1918-19 1919-20, 1920-21, 1921-22, 1924-25, 1925-26 and 1928-29. Even earlier in 1914-15, they were Branch March Past Champions at the start of the Great War soon after the club was founded late in the 1910-11 summer season. Later in 1936-37, 1951-52, 1952-53 and 1959-60, they were Branch Champions of the March Past.

It is claimed with confidence that in the early days, Cook's Hill revolutionised the March Past from the haphazard affair it was at first to something of a highly competitive and compelling crowd-pleasing nature, like a military tattoo — the highlight of every summer Saturday carnival.

As a colourful spectacle, the March Past was once the blue ribbon iconic classic of surf lifesaving carnivals.



The MCRC Argentina “Boots for Boys” Initiative

by Stephen Reid

The Merewether Carlton Rugby Club was challenged to collect ten pairs of boots per tourist (38 tourists which is where the 380 pairs of boots target originated) for donation to the Hogar San Pablo Orphanage in Buenos Aires. The orphanage trip was a part of a Hands On



Humanity project that we were pleased and privileged to include on our Argentina Tour schedule.

We developed the concept of making it a community event and then began to formulate the logistics as we needed to be able to communicate what we were doing and also make it easy for the community to contribute.

NIB has six retail branches spread across Newcastle and the Lower Hunter and was an obvious choice to approach to act as a partner in the campaign. They considered the project brief and agreed to come on board as the major sponsor and make space available in their retail outlets as the primary collection point for the boots. Specially marked boxes were designed and placed in the NIB branches. The project brief was also sent to NBN, 2HD/ NEWFM, The Herald , Allied - Pickford's and Anitech who likewise became partners in the campaign, hosting donation boxes as well as donating air-time, advertising space, print and transport services.



The TV and radio ads for the two week campaign were conceived and scripted in house at the Greens. The TV ad was shot at Empire Park and featured Merewether Carlton players Sam Bright, Bill Coffey, Jode Roach, Shaun Rich and Daniel Neader. Bill Coffey and Dean Bertso cut the radio ad at NEWFM.

Other organisations such as The Greater, Hunter Water, Howzat, Fitness First, C-Scan and Rio Tinto hosted collection boxes at their workplaces so that their employees and clients could donate.

Aerolineas Argentinas donated an additional 875kg of cargo space for the transportation of the boots upon learning of our initiative. The campaign raised 410 pairs of boots for donation from the people of Newcastle and Lower Hunter when it officially closed. More boots were donated whilst we were away.



We conducted a coaching clinic at the Tandil Sevens with kids from the Open Book Foundation where we were pleased to be able to donate some of the boots. Boots were also donated to the Botines Solidarios Foundation in Buenos Aires which is operated by former Pumas fullback Nani Corletto. Nani's foundation provides education and life-skills opportunities for disadvantaged youth in Buenos Aires.

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Spotlight on Kieran Gordon



I'm born and bred in Merewether. I love the beach culture and I would spend everyday down with the guys in the lifeguard shed if I had the time. Besides the beach, soccer is my life, but at the end of the day it's always good to get back to Mitchell Street.

Favourite Beach (and why): Favourite beach is without doubt Merewether, it's where I've grown up and it's where I plan to stay, no other beach has the same atmosphere where you've got the golden oldies, the next crop of pro surfers and the clubbies that all work together to give it such a great vibe.

Favourite eatery (and why): That's a close call between Ridge St Takeaway and Dineaway but the schnitzel wraps from Dineaway are the winners haha.

Movie: Probably the Hurtlocker however another good action movie I saw last night was Battle: Los Angeles, I love the action.

Weekend Activity: Favourite weekend activity would have to be a tie between surfing out at Ladies or playing soccer for Adamstown, and the surf carnivals keep my weekends busy.





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Sporting Team: Favourite local sporting teams with have to be my own Adamstown Rosebuds (soccer) and the mighty Merewether Greens.

My favourite "thing" would by far have to be just cruising around Merewether and the Junction on my skateboard.

The best thing about Surf Life Saving and competing is the vibe and the people involved in the carnivals. It's just good to be around so many like minded people who love the ocean and are willing to represent their clubs.

Quote: Favourite quote that has stuck with me and helped me through a lot of carnivals is uncle Tamba's advice for me to "H.T.F.U"

Final word. I'd really like to see more people come through and represent the club. they have the resources to support the athletes and it's just a great experience meeting new people, staying fit and enjoying the beach lifestyle, cheers.

Kieran has had an extremely successful 2010-2011 season competing in SLSC sprint and flag events for the Merewether club in the Energy Australia East Coast Series, the Sydney Water Series, Queenscliff and Manly Open Carnivals and the Branch , State and Australian Titles.

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Well known Merewether identity Graham **Tamba Adam** has been keeping a daily record of events for over 30 years. **May 1989**

Again, with my brother Craig, we headed north – destination Gold Coast. First stop was Craig's caravan at Moby Dick caravan park, Boomerang. We pulled up to 3-4 ft waves at South Boomerang..followed by a BBQ, bocce and beers – nice way to start a holiday!

Next day we left early and headed up to Byron Bay. Once again, we arrived to 3-4 ft beautiful offshore waves off the point..our luck continued!

The next day, we arrived at our destination, Rainbow Beach. Snapper Rock was 3-5 foot and pumping. This really was shaping up as the best holiday!

For the whole week, the surf was no smaller than 3 ft and sometimes got up to 7 ft – the best waves on the coast for a long time!

Craig did a bit of push bike riding around Currumbin Valley and more fishing while I surfed all day.

Every afternoon, we went fishing together and caught plenty of Bream and Tailor, always followed by a few beers at the Patch Hotel.

It was the best holiday ...but by the time we arrived home, I was worn out and looking forward to a bit of a rest.

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Madam Susie Sparkles May Astrology Guide



	<p>Taurus April 21 – May 20 You have so much on your plate that the last thing you need is domestic drama. But that is exactly what you'll get as the full moon heats up your home zone.</p>
	<p>Gemini May 21 – June 21 Your restless mind is crying out for stimulation so start planning a trip or writing the book of your dreams. You can amuse others with some entertaining stories and witty one liners.</p>
	<p>Cancer June 22 – July 23 Avoid going on a spending spree or lending money to others .You're liable to make decisions based purely on emotion this month.</p>
	<p>Leo July 24 – August 23 Creative cats – make sure you express yourself and do something that makes your heart sing. Lunar influence on the 5th and 6th will boost your energy levels and get your creative juices going.</p>
	<p>Virgo August 24 – September 23 Your days are usually organised with military precision as you squeeze every last drop out of the time available. Outside influences could toss your timetable out of the window and shake up your routine, so take care.</p>
	<p>Libra September 24 – October 23 Get ready for madness as loopy lunar energy upsets your plans for a stress free month. Quit being a laidback Libran, it's time to tackle challenges with energy and enthusiasm.</p>
	<p>Scorpio October 24 – November 22 It will be hard to get the balance right between your personal and your professional life. If you have to speak in front of others but would rather stay at home – confidence is the key!</p>
	<p>Sagittarius November 23 – December 22 The 3rd will see you charged up with even more energy than usual, so its not a good day to be cooped up indoors or you'll just drive everyone crazy with your bold and boisterous ways.</p>
	<p>Capricorn December 23 – January 20 Expect dramas involving the big two – sex and money. Clever Capricorns will resist the urge to control everything and everyone around you. Cool co-operation is the way to go.</p>
	<p>Aquarius January 21 – February 19 The stars predict that the 7th will highlight your unpredictable Aquarian nature.You'll be in the mood to shake things up, as you can do your own thing and cause a stir wherever you go. Look out world!</p>
	<p>Pisces February 20th – March 20 Your creativity and spirituality shift into top gear this month. Don't stay in fantasyland for too long though, otherwise someone could take you for a ride.</p>
	<p>Aries March 21 to April 19 Your stars are in a combustible combination. You're in an impulsive mood but remember – it takes a short time to burn bridges and a lot longer to mend them.</p>

Merewether Baths Cleaning Schedule

May 2011

5 May	Thursday	11.30 AM	0.5
12 May	Thursday	5.00 AM	0.4
19 May	Thursday	11.30 AM	0.4
26 May	Thursday	5.00 AM	0.6

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