



Back to the BEACH

It's almost time to head back to the beach and savour everything that's wonderful about summer in Australia. Once you've found the perfect place on the sand, set up your umbrella and beach chairs – relax because you know our volunteer Surf Lifesavers are close by.

Thank you on behalf of the 40,000 men and women in the red and yellow caps. Your generosity ensures that the Surf Lifesavers are highly trained and that the equipment they need, from rescue tubes to rescue water crafts, is in the very best condition. Lives depend on it – and we depend on you!

When it comes to training Surf Lifesavers and maintaining rescue gear, there's no such thing as 'good enough'. It costs about \$850 to train one volunteer to be ready for any beach emergency. One rescue board is \$1,200 and a single Rescue Water Craft is a costly \$20,000. We will never cut back on the quality of our volunteers or our equipment.

I'm proud that our Surf Life Saving culture is so strong and I know you share in our passion for safety too. Your commitment makes Australia's beaches among the safest in the world. Every summer, our trained volunteers rescue over 13,000 people – bringing them back into the arms of their loved ones. And they work tirelessly to stop tragedies from ever happening.



Thanks to supporters like you, our movement for beach safety continues to thrive. So thank you on behalf of everyone at Surf Life Saving – and see you at the beach.

~ Steve Francia, Executive Director



My Story...

Some 50 years ago, a kid on a foam surfboard saved my life when caught in a rip on Port Kembla beach. He took me to the shore then went back into the sea.

I was never able to thank him. But I remember.

- John Conway

When I came to Australia many years ago, my husband took me for a swim to the nearest beach, which was Scarborough Beach in Perth. It was a hot day and we loved swimming but I was not a good swimmer. After I had enjoyed myself in the water for a while, I swam back to the shore, but with all my strength, I could not make it, I seemed to drift further and further away. I called my husband and he called out, "Keep trying!" I turned on my back, as I could breathe better that way and just swam and swam. In my heart I said to God, "You can't let me drown; I've only been in this country a week..."

Suddenly, I felt two strong hands under my arms. "It's OK, lady. We'll get you out!" I felt myself floating at great speed and was deposited on the shore. The boys ran away. "Sorry," they said. "We have to get the others out. There is a huge rip. You are the 25th person and there are more!" I had a big cry of joy and release.

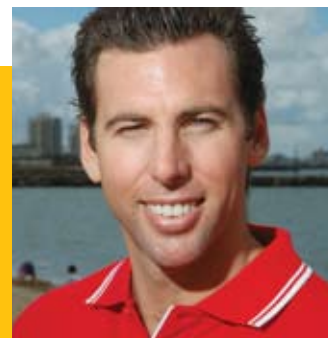
I pray for all lifesavers on our beaches and the great work they do for us, and bless their selfless efforts and dedication.

- Mrs. Elizabeth Roth

Surf Life Saving welcomes Guardian of the Surf Patron **Grant Hackett**

"I'm honoured to put my support behind an Australian tradition we can all be proud of. Join me and thousands of others as we make sure Surf Lifesavers are ready and equipped to save the lives of our families and friends."

Go to: www.lifesavingfoundation.com.au to find out more about becoming a Guardian of the Surf



Did You Know ... You can make secure donations to Surf Life Saving with your mobile?

To ensure that less money is spent on administrating our appeals, we are working with more innovative means to streamline our processes. In partnership with QPay, we are able to offer our supporters alternative means to make donations at any time.

How does it work? Make a donation with your credit card using your mobile phone by texting SURF then the amount you wish to donate to 0448 69 77 29.

For example, to donate \$100, text SURF 100 (standard SMS rates apply). The transaction is secure, powered by Westpac and it will not go through without your authorization. We hope we have given you another easy and convenient way to help support our volunteer Surf Lifesavers do what they do best – save lives.





“Your legacy tomorrow starts today!”

– Trevor Capps, Donor Relationship Manager

Wouldn't it be wonderful if you could ensure Surf Lifesavers will always be there? Once you've provided for your family, chances are you may be able to leave a Legacy gift to Surf Life Saving. Thanks to the ever-increasing value of property, superannuation and insurances, your total estate may be worth more than you believe. And of course, a Legacy gift won't affect your current financial situation.

I recently spoke to a donor who was pleased to explore the idea of leaving a percentage of her estate, or a “residual”. For her, the current economic climate had made it impossible to set an amount without affecting her desire to care for her family. A residual Legacy gift was an ideal way of knowing that she was continuing her support of Surf Life Saving while ensuring that her family was taken care of.

Whether you leave an amount or a percentage, the beauty of leaving money to Surf Life Saving is that it can be placed in the Surf Rescue Trust where it will stay in perpetuity, with the earnings supporting the Clubs who need assistance. Alternatively, donors can choose to support Surf Life Saving by purchasing a piece of equipment. A recent example of this was the purchase of an inflatable rescue boat (IRB) for the Tugun Club by the Janina Marcus Trust.

A Legacy guide has been produced by the Surf Life Saving Foundation which will advise you or your solicitor with the wording to use, depending on how you choose to leave your bequest.

Should you want a copy of the guide or be seeking some advice, please phone me, Trevor Capps at: **1800 642 925** or by email at: **tcapps@lifesaving.com.au**

PATROL RESCUES WALLABY OUT OF HIS DEPTH

It could go down in history as the most unusual rescue performed on Sunshine Coast beaches.

Lifesavers could hardly believe their eyes when they saw a wallaby struggling in the surf 300m off Kings Beach one morning. They almost decided to put the mammal in the inflatable rescue boat, before realizing it might not be the smartest rescue tactic.

“We realized that was not really a good idea because they're inflatable and wallabies have sharp claws,” lifesaving duty officer Dave McLean said. “So instead we herded him in and away he went.”

About eight lifesavers were involved in the rescue, which saw the wallaby shepherded into shore with the IRB and a jet ski. Mr McLean said the wallaby proved to be a strong swimmer in the surf. *“If we can find him, we're going to give him a red and yellow cap,” he said. “We are thinking about asking him to do his bronze.”*

When the wallaby hit dry land, he shook himself off and bounded off into the bushland. Mr McLean said they were at a loss as to why the wallaby was so far out from shore in the first place.

“We've got no idea...,” he said. “We don't know if he'd bounded in because of the oil and just ended up swimming for his life.”

Mr McLean said it was the strangest rescue he had heard of on the Sunshine Coast. ~ Blyth Seignor





BOARDIES DAY is back on Friday, 27 November, 2009. **Boardies Day** is an easy and fun way to show your support of our volunteer Surf Lifesavers. Wear your board shorts or beach gear on the day and make a gold coin donation to Surf Life Saving. To register visit www.boardiesday.com.au.



Yes, I want to help Surf Life Saving and be part of a proud Australian tradition!

I'd like to make a **single gift** of: \$30 \$50 \$100 or \$ _____

Please find enclosed a cheque/money order payable to "Surf Life Saving Foundation".

OR Please debit my: Visa MasterCard Amex Diners Club

Credit Card #: _____ Expiry Date: ____-____

Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____

Yes! I'd like to make a **monthly gift** of: \$12 \$24 \$48 \$96 \$210 or \$ _____

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