

Prayer for CS Australia – from the front line:

Steve Bailey CSA National Director

Pray for the National Gathering 2011 in SA. For vision in preparation, protection for those planning it and for God to do a mighty work at the Gathering.

Western Australia: Ben Fearnley RC

Please pray that Megs and I will be able to balance family life and CS, especially now with our new baby son, Jonah. Thanks everyone for praying for Jonah's safe arrival :)

Queensland: Jono Bailey RC

We have a key leaders' 'getaway' 19-21 November. Please pray that we gather with a clear sense of God's purposes for CS QLD in 2011 and beyond.

Abe has a busy season on the WCT as men's chaplain. Pray for him and his wife, Lize, for a whole lot of God's love to overflow from their lives to the surfers on tour.

NSW North: Nic & V Gilmour RCs

Praise: that the JPA in August went off like a frog in a sock; that the Paddle Against Poverty has raised over \$25,000 for the orphanage in Bali; & über-ta to the Mighty Pa for the ever-growing strength of relationship amongst CS crew up here – & how this is also beginning to happen amongst some key churches too. Unity is strength, & the Body needs it (Eph 4:15-16). We believe that CS of the future will go far beyond the bounds of the thunk possible.

LIFTINITUP: petition the King that He'd keep sending fired-up peeps along the path of CS crew who would join with us all in mission up here. There's still huge and unplumbed potential for CS on the Nth Coast – home to great waves & an inquisitive spirituality (think = mungous opportunities for CS). Q: 'So oi, you sitting there reading, is God calling YOU?' Also pray that CS crew would all keep maturing spiritually & missionally – that God's almighty pulsing ba-boom ba-boom heartbeat for the lost would be our very own. Pray Ps 67!

NSW Central: Dave Lovell RC

Praise:
• Amazing favour of the Lord in relationships since stepping into the RC role.

• The awesome 'Unity in the Community,' especially with so many churches joining in the festival, as the region lifted up Jesus' name for Jesus Pro Am 2010 Cronulla.

• Sic regional camp in September at Treachery.

Requests:

• Strengthened relationships with the pastors of the region's MCs (bridging & unity).

• Chile missions trip with Misfit this month.

• Personal financial support.

NSW South: Mal MacCallum (RC Caretaker)

• Regional coordinator vacancy. Please pray God leads the right person/couple to the role. Please gear SC up in readiness to support the role.

• Continuing development of CS on South Coast through each mission reaching out in creative ways to its surf community.

South Australia: Justin Monaghan RC

• It has been quite a hard month for our SA brothers and sisters with much-cherished CS leader Dimitri joining the King. Please pray for comfort, strength and protection.

• Pray for National Staff Attack in SA, 23-27 November at Victor Harbour.

Victoria/Tasmania: Wayne Morley RC

• Pray for the mission coordinators of Vicco and Tas.

• For the Morley family for provision, encouragement and protection.

CSA Girls: Jodene Watling Women's Coordinator

• Praise God for the strong bond between all girls within CS nationally – it's so awesome!

• Pray for God to raise up female leaders in CS with a heart & vision to reach the girls of this nation & build a sustainable future of mission.

Richard Agius: Cross Cultural Mission Coordinator/CSI Asia Pacific
Establishment of CS in Taiwan.

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Freedom truly discovered on the SA's west coast!

Regional Camp 2010 South Australia

The freedom of the west coast of SA came alive as the crew from South Australia united together for our annual regional camp. The location of Eyre Peninsula meant that this year was a real adventure and certainly showed a level of commitment to the family of CSA, demonstrated no more intensely than by a newly fired-up missionary and his girlfriend from Mt. Gambier who drove 14 hours just to be part of the camp. With our youngest a mere 6 months and the oldest checking in at 49, this year's camp reflected a family nature. It was a great time of waves, fellowship and understanding that Jesus gives us true freedom.

Highlights of the camp were the nights around the fire, which included fire twirling extraordinaire Jessi Story, a few tunes by a young talented guitarist, Matt Longman, and a few inspirational and challenging stories with our National Director Steve Bailey. Other highlights were the smiles and hoots from crew as they surfed some of the west coast secret specials and just hanging in the water with our brothers and sisters from all over the state. Special mention has to go to Lauren Stokes, our newest CS girl, who showed the boys how to throw some buckets at Fisheries Right Point.

Our 4-day adventure came to an end and, as the brochure said, will be sure to go down in the history books as one of the best in CSA South Australia folklore. A big *thanks* goes out to all of you who made the trek, to Steve Bailey and to our wonderful hosts at Nyroca Campsite who looked after us with food and a bed. Looking forward to next year when we meet again somewhere in SA!

Justin Monaghan



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JESUS PRO AM 2010 SERIES WINNER ICE PEREIRA-RYAN
PHOTO BY RICHARD AGIUS

As I sit and reflect on the year that was and the year to come, I am feeling very blessed. Tired but blessed.

Firstly, as an army of passionate fired-up Jesus followers who want to be Jesus with skin on in the surf community of Australia, you guys and girls are the sickest crew that I and the rest of the national team serve and I am humbled when I think of all that you do.

Secondly, we had a great Pro Am series with so many hearing about Jesus for the first time and people deciding to become Jesus followers.

We've had great camps and other CS events where people get to hear about Jesus, see it lived out and hang with frothers and cool crew. Also, for some it has been a hard year with the loss of loved ones and dealing with the hardships life throws us.

I keep on getting drawn in my thoughts to next year and what God is going to do at the National Gathering in Victor Harbour, South Australia, where your RCs and the rest of the national team have just been down to (praying and seeking God about how He wants it to go down) to new Pro Ams and new opportunities that will present themselves, and I am excited. Not just excited but focused on a goal, to see more surfers hear about

Jesus, for us to be more passionate and intentional about what God has called us to and so to run the race as we read in Hebrews 12:1b, '... let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.' Verse 2 is where the muscle is, 'looking unto Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith.'

This is my prayer for you, that you keep looking to Jesus and walk in obedience. Take time to be still, to be with Him on His terms, stay connected with your local church, share the great things God is doing in the surfing community and get your local frothing on what God is doing.

Let's pray *in the offensive* for our local communities, and the people that God brings across our path. I wouldn't mind hearing a bit of whining about sore knees because we would see great things come from it. God bless and enjoy reading the stories from the CS Family.



Steve Bailey
National Director
Christian Surfers Australia



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JESUS PRO AM 2010 Series Finale in Cronulla

The Jesus Pro Am 2010 Series has concluded in Cronulla with Nick Squires, Ellie-Jean Coffey and Chris Robertson taking honors and Ice Periera-Ryan and Wini Paul crowned the series winners.

The third and final event of the Jesus Pro Am Series culminated in Cronulla over the weekend-long competition.

Event organisers were nervous about the quality of the waves, however the Alley came to the party, providing plenty of rides with huge scoring potential, highlighted by a perfect 10-point ride by Cronulla's Jesse Horner in the preliminary rounds on Saturday.

The Jesus Pro Am festival in the park brought a great crowd on Saturday, with local churches providing an array of free activities, including skateboarding, a jumping castle, bands and a live broadcast by Hope 103.2. It was a huge success and an amazing effort that the local churches made to bless the community.

The first place pendulum swung between Angie Koops and Coffey as the Open Women's finalists battled it out in testing conditions. A wave in the final minute saw Ellie-Jean Coffey take the lead when it mattered most. She collected \$1000 for the win, adding to her \$500 from the Cadet Girls' final win.

The Open Men's brought previous winners together to battle it out in a man-on-man format, with series rating leader and Gold Coast winner Ice Periera-Ryan from Coolangatta taking on Wollongong local and winner of the Coffs Harbour event, Nick Squires.

Both surfers started the 20-minute final with high scores on the left at the alley rip bowl. Squires and Periera-Ryan proved their place in the final with massive turns and plenty of spray to keep the judges and spectators breathless. Squires backed up with a solid right-hander, netting two big turns that impressed the judges, giving him a commanding lead. With 30 seconds remaining Ice required a 9.51 and pulled out a huge 'superman' air, followed up with a vertical re-entry which had the commentators

and crowd cheering. But Periera-Ryan fell just short of the required score leaving Squires to claim the Jesus Pro Am Cronulla 2010 Open Men's title, ahead of Periera-Ryan in 2nd, with Joel Etherington of Cronulla and Coby Nau of Woonoona placing equal 3rd.

The expression session saw Dru Adler take \$300 for a single front-side air-reverse. Close behind him was Merewether surfer Philippa Anderson showing the boys some incredible surfing, almost landing a huge backside rotation that would have had her in first place. Other notable mentions go to Josh Hay and Dylan Hayllar.

During the awards presentation, Christian Surfers central NSW regional coordinator Dave Lovell reminded the crowd that 'surfers are often so busy chasing the next wave or experience they may miss the free gift of eternal life offered by Jesus.'

The free hospitality at the event had everyone fed thanks to the awesome contribution of local churches and the generosity of Shire stores. A huge thank you to everyone involved in all 3 events - CS Crew from around Australia who worked tirelessly to serve the local surf community.

One person who deserves a special mention is the person we run the event for, Jesus. With too many stories to share, we know Jesus' name was

honoured, seeds planted and that people came to personally have a living relationship with Him. Stay tuned for the 2011 Series as the Jesus Pro Am crew are excited by what God has in store.



For more info - visit www.jesusproam.com.au

Q&A with Dave Lovell

Central NSW Regional Coordinator

Tell us a bit about yourself, where did you grow up?

I grew up in England, born down in Cornwall, good UK surfing country; we often went to the beach as kids and loved it but didn't surf till later.

When did you start surfing?

I moved to Australia when I was 5 & spent every holiday as well as our inaugural month in Oz on the beaches of Nelson Bay (funny just thought of it, that is where my region extends to now). My mum was born up there and grandparents had a great place right on the beach. Also my folks got a house at Merewether, Newcastle. So we had the KFC foamies and such all the time growing up but never really got a proper board until I got to high school.

What does surfing mean for you personally?

Surfing became an escape for me. Where I lived wasn't on the beach and I didn't really fit in the local community. I have 4 bros so with the common bond of holidays at the Bay and riding coolites the surf culture was an easy gravitation. It was somewhere I didn't need to be known for anything else and I was accepted for just that, nothing but a love for the surf.

Cronulla is an iconic spot for CS history, right?

Yeah CS was birthed there out of a vision Thomo & BD had some thirty years ago. Their vision was to use their passion for surfing and connect with the local surf community so that every surfer may know another surfer who was a Christian; an epic start and obviously a God-birthed vision, Yew!

How long have you been involved with CS?

I have had loose connections with many of the early crew for years, but being on an escape mission myself and not wanting the God thing as any part of it I kept the involvement distant. It wasn't until I had become a Christian (that's another story), and I think about 6 years ago that Crispy (legend) started his Surf Mission, he approached me to get involved and help with the Cronulla CS comps, so I prayed about it and yeah, that was the start.

What's your current role with CSA & what does it involve?

My current role as Regional Coordinator for Central NSW involves looking after the missions between Cronulla and Nelsons Bay, so geographically the area is not big but covers some of the most populated surfing beaches and most concentrated area of CS mission. It involves a lot of admin but more it is about disciplining the mission coordinators in the walk with the Lord, vision development and bridging links with the broader community and the churches. (Pr 29:18) I also meet with other mission groups to develop support networks and meet with community and church leaders to work together to help communities locally and internationally. (Mic 6:8)

You are doing this by faith, raising support, what compelled you to take this step?

It was simply a prompting from God, confirmed by something on Al Westbury's heart (champion, I took his job - joking) and a year-long process of praying and sorting it out. Then finally got a word on what I called the 'Perhaps of God' out of Samuel where Jonathan sees an opportunity, steps out in faith, and looks for God to reveal His purpose & direction - faith step. Then in answer to my question, 'God, what am I looking for you to do through me?' He answered from Ezekiel 47 with a vision of His Spirit bringing refreshment and renewal to the coastal regions of the east. He couldn't have been more real or specific and already just sharing those testimonies with people has brought renewal and refreshment.

Ultimate surf session?

Years ago in Tahiti (this is years before Tahiti opened up and Teehupoo became a common name). Me and a mate surfed a spot called Hapiti. 45 mins paddling across a lonely lagoon we broke through a reef pass to perfect, solid and empty 8ft thundering lines. We settled into the most epic session ever, 4 hours and never saw another soul, just a backdrop of lush green volcanic peaks at the edge of aqua serene ...

What boards do you ride?

KJN, a local shaper who used to be a Cronulla CS grommet.

Something that makes you laugh is?

My kids Aaron, Belinda, Carly & Dane (can you spot the sequence?), that's not what makes me laugh though. We play this game called serious. You have to keep a serious face while one of them tries to make you laugh, by use of facial expression only. You always end up laughing!!

God touches people's lives through CS, can you share a story that moved you?

So many, but one day recently the council was working on our road, and I used to chat to the guys. One day coming back from the beach one of them saw my CS shirt and he goes, 'Hey, I see you surf, are you a part of Christian Surfers?' I could tell he wanted to say more, as we talked about the waves, he went on, 'If it hadn't been for Christian Surfers I wouldn't have survived my life to now. My son died at 16 surfing Sandon Point.' The story went that his son had recently, before his death, joined CS and got his dad to go on a camp. 'Thought it was going to be crap,' he goes, 'but it was the best weekend we'd had together. After the accident the CS guys looked after everything and I couldn't have got through it without them.' He had a peace about where his son was but hadn't made any real commitment himself. He left the job with a new CS Bible and the phone numbers of that CS crew he had lost contact with. I'm still praying for him. A testimony to relationship and to time given freely in valuing people for who they are in God's eyes!

What can people pray for you?

Continued God-centred vision for the region. A solid touch of God on our surf communities. Strength & blessing for each of the mission coordinators. My family as we walk this season out together and also our finances.

In Loving Memory of Dimitri Calantzis Our Big Greek Surfer Friend! 31 July 1960 - 13 September 2010



I never thought a moment in time would take on such significance until living through the events of the last few months. Easter 2010 was a Tribal Gathering that will be remembered for so many reasons, but none more so than the ten minutes spent on a stage in which a true champion of CSA was honoured for his servant heart and amazing love shown to a special bunch of kids in the northern suburbs of Adelaide. A moment in which this man, affectionately known as our 'Big Greek Surfer Friend,' was brought to tears of joy as his life's work was honoured in front of his family. This moment was special in itself, but just a few months ago, this moment became the mark left by this great man as Dimitri Calantzis, our Big Greek Surfer Friend, left us for his eternal rewards and to join his inspiration, Jesus, forever.

Dimitri was an inspiration to us all and, while humbly going about his work in Adelaide's Northern Suburbs, showed us that being Jesus-like could be achieved in this short time on earth. The verse in John's gospel, 'There is no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends,' rings so

true for this man who, even to his last day, gave up his life to save others he loved. Even since his passing, Dimitri's legacy shines on with countless stories and amazing moments that have been reflected on and were once unknown to many.

It was so fitting that this amazing man be remembered by over a hundred surfers with his family who came to West Beach in Adelaide not only to remember him and to grieve, but also to celebrate a life lived to the full for Jesus. The day was highlighted by stories, a tribute song and a paddle out that will be forever embedded in our hearts. The footprints left by Dimitri were so marked by Jesus that nearly 1000 people from all walks of life came from across Adelaide to farewell this man in his treasured Greek Orthodox home of fellowship just days later.

His brothers and sisters of CSA will miss him immensely, but our hope in Jesus sees us celebrating Dimitri's life and knowing that he now is having the best Greek coffee and riding the eternal waves of the Kingdom. We one day will be reunited with him in glory and we look forward to this day!

the tribal gathering offensive!!

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