



## 2007 Australian Surfing Hall of Fame Award Recipients

### **LIFESTYLE AWARD-** COMMITMENT TO THE SURFING LIFE

Mick Dooley



While Mick Dooley had a career path as an elite tennis player in the era of Fred Stolle and Roy Emerson, it was the summer of '58 that saw Mick's passion for surfing take him on a new journey. That journey included surfing around Byron Bay when there was only one house at Wategos Beach and land was going for 600 pounds for a block. There were the days when he surfed the Pass for a week at 3 to 4 foot with no-one else out in the water or on the beach. He moved to the Gold Coast in '61 but '64 was by far, his most successful year as a competitive surfer where he took out the Bells Beach Classic, was runner up in the Australian Championships and was a finalist in the first World Championships at Manly Beach. His eye for detail had him working for many of Australia's early manufacturers including Barry Bennett, Gordon Woods and Scott Dillion. He is now retired but lives in Avalon Beach on Sydney's northern beaches with his wife Di. He has three stepchildren and he still makes a few boards for friends.

**LIFESTYLE AWARD- COMMITMENT TO THE SURFING LIFE**  
Denny Keogh



Denny began surfing in 1945 at the age of 8 at Manly beach where he and his brother used to borrow Claude West's solid redwood/cedar board which introduced him to the thrill of surfing. From there Denny became one of the pioneers of surfboard building; in 1960 he had so many orders for foam surfboards that he had to rent a factory in Brookvale which was the beginning of the Keyo Surfboard brand. As a pioneer of foam surfboards in Australia, Keyo Surfboards contribution includes the first polyurethane surfboard manufactured in Australia, short boards with "V" bottoms and the "Plastic Fantastic" developed by Bob McTavish.

He regards Greg Noll and Tom Zahn as his greatest surfing influences when they were in Australia in 1956 for the Olympic Surf Carnival at Torquay. He remembers returning to Manly after the event and watching Greg Noll and Tom Zahn taking off on huge peaks out off the Steyne Hotel on their short boards and ripping left into the corner of Manly.

## **DUKE KAHANAMOKU AWARD- SERVICES TO SURFING AUSTRALIA**

Brian Jenkins



The former bikie turned his attention to surfing when he realized that it was less painful to fall off a surfboard than a motorcycle. Brian or BJ has been a long term part of the Gold Coast surf community and was Treasurer of the Gold Coast Surfriders for 18 years before it amalgamated with the Sunshine Coast branch to form Surfing Queensland. Besides having a skill of making sure that the books balanced he also pursued a role as a judge with great success. As a judge, he was a member of two Australian world title teams to England and California, judged at the Stubbies contest that introduced man on man surfing and at the Rip Curl Pro at Bells Beach. He continues to ply his trade as a judge, still judging at state and national titles.

## **SIMON ANDERSON PREMIER CLUB AWARD**

Half Tide Boardriders Club



The Half Tide Boardriders Club is based in the northern NSW coastal town of Evans Head and was formed in the late 60's in response to the local councils plan to ban surfing on the main beach. The plan was defeated and subsequently the Half Tide Boardriders have gone on to be a voice for the surfing community on a number of local issues where the local council consults them on decisions concerning beach use and development. The club also has the support of the local business community who regularly donate prizes and product for club competitions. The main purpose of the club has always been to give young surfers a club environment, competition and support with recognition for their achievements. While the Half Tide Boardriders club may not be able to boast about the individuals successes and big names compared to some other clubs around Australia, what they have achieved is they have created and continue to offer opportunities for local surfers.

**MEDIA- OUTSTANDING BOOK, FILM, VIDEO**

Phil Jarratt for "The Mountain and the Wave: the Quiksilver Story"



Phil (left) is presented with his award by Paul Neilson

The 320-page, full color book is the complete, inside-out story, told for the first time, of the company that has defined an industry and a culture. Quiksilver is a company that owes its very existence to the two greatest natural playgrounds on Earth - the mountains and the waves.

The story of Quiksilver is the story of an industry born out of a passion for living free and easy, for enjoying nature's own playgrounds and for creating success on your own terms. It is a story certain to inspire all who ever wanted to follow a dream rather than a routine, and it is a story told here by the people who have lived it, the people who still build their working lives around the surf and the snow.

## **INNOVATION – PROJECT OR APPLICATION OF IDEAS**

### Rip Curl - The Bomb



Cam Lamperd – Rip Curl's Wetsuit Product Manager accepts the award

Rip Curl's H-Bomb is the world's first power heated wetsuit. It's a wetsuit designed to keep you super-warm by positioning a source of heat on your upper back. This heats your core and allows your body to experience warm blood to your extremities - allowing you to surf in the extreme cold.

As part of the wetsuit's vigorous testing regime, Rip Curl sent surfers Adam Wickwire and Elise Garrigue into the Arctic Circle to road test the technology in the perfect conditions. The result? Pure warmth and a trip to remember. Check it out on [www.ripcurl.com/hbomb](http://www.ripcurl.com/hbomb)

## **ADMINISTRATION – OUTSTANDING ORGANISATIONAL CONTRIBUTION**

### Tim Thirsk



Tim Thirsk is the man behind the annual World Qualifying Series Event that is contested in one of Australia's premier big wave regions, Margaret River in Western Australia. The Margaret River Pro has been running since 1985 and Tim has worked tirelessly in the position of senior administrator since 1989 and is now the current WQS licensee of the Margaret River Pro. He continues to keep the event alive each year so that it remains one of Australia's premier WQS

events. Tim deserves to be commended for his devotion to developing the event, supporting the WQS tour and supporting the objectives of Surfing Australia in supporting the development of the sport of surfing.

**PIONEERING – BREAKING NEW FRONTIERS**  
Surfing Victoria 50 years of Surfing



Surfing Victoria's CEO, Max Wells accepts the award from "Rabbit" Bartholomew

Fifty years to the day when Hawaiian and Californian surfers were at Torquay Surf Life Saving Club for an international carnival and rode their balsa boards in a display that became a catalyst to modern surfing in Australia, Surfing Victoria has recognized their top ten surfers of the modern 50 year era at a function at the Surfworld Museum.

As an adjunct to the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne, the original carnival took place on the final weekend of the Olympics, being the December 2nd weekend of 1956. A number of the people who were present on that weekend fifty years ago relived their memories which included a board riding display on the craft over this 50 year modern period.

In front of a packed house of over 400 at Surfworld Museum, the final top ten men and top woman were announced and highlighted the incredible quality of surfers who have evolved out of the surf rich state of Victoria over this 50 year period.

**SURFING – PERFORMANCE**  
Male - Mick Fanning



Coolongatta surfer Mick Fanning ended the 2006 ASP World Championship Tour at number 3, the top rated Australian surfer on the tour. In 2006 Fanning recorded two victories on the tour, the Billabong Pro at Jeffrey's Bay and the Nova Shin Festival in Brazil. 2006 was Mick's 5th year on the ASP World Tour. Fanning's holistic approach to his preparation for the 2007 tour could be the factor that takes him to a championship crown this year.

Female - Layne Beachley & Stephanie Gilmore

Layne Beachley ended the 2006 ASP Women's World Championship Tour by taking out her seventh world title. She is now recognized as the best competitive women's surfer yet to walk the planet. 2006 was not only a big year when she won back the crown of World Champion, but it was also the year that she was inducted into Australian Surfing Hall of Fame. 2007 looms as a new challenge for Beachley as she takes on the next generation on women's surfers who are lining up to challenge her for the crown.



Steph Gilmore (left) and Layne Beachley (right) were presented with their award by Phyllis O'Donell who won the Women's World Surfing Championships in 1964

Stephanie Gilmore set the women's tour alight from the beginning of the 2005 World Championship Tour by taking out the first leg of the tour, the Roxy Pro as a wildcard. Gilmore went on to win the inaugural Beachley Classic for her second win in 2006. 2007 will be her rookie year on the World Championship Tour and the gifted surfer from Kingscliff in NSW will be one of the surfers to watch.

## **INDUCTED MEMBERS**

Cheyne Horan



Born in August 1960, Cheyne Horan started surfing in 1970 and began competing in 1973. He left school in 1977, going pro that same year and began competing on the world tour in 1978. He was also a member of the first pro "team" the Bronzed Aussies. In his 37 years as a surfer, he competed on the World Tour for 18 years, for 20 pro wins and 12 major titles. He was runner up for the world title 4 times. He has previously been recognized by the Hall of Fame in the Innovation category for the development of the Star fin in conjunction with Ben Lexen.

Cheyne Horan offers a long list of credits in other areas such as coaching, big wave riding, surfboard design and development and we must also highlight his long term association with surfboarder manufacturer, Geoff McCoy who was recognized at last years Hall of Fame Awards.