



# Port Macquarie Longboard Club

## NEWSLETTER

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Hi everyone.

Hope you've been able to get out there in the waves. With all the heavy recent rain the conditions have been quite murky around Town Beach.

I was surfing next to the breakwall last Wednesday and it was really brown and there was so much fresh water pouring out of the river mouth you couldn't taste any salt in the ocean at all. It was like surfing in a swimming pool.

And there were fish supposedly mullet jumping out of the water everywhere. It was pretty scary because fish were hitting my hand as I paddled and fish kept brushing past my legs.

Surfing near dusk in a river mouth in murky water and with lots of fish around is a recipe for a shark attack.

You couldn't stop thinking about it.

No shark attacks happened at the breakwall but around the same time just down the road at Shelley Point it did happen.

Glen Lockie was surfing with a couple of mates when a massive shark smashed into his board without warning from underneath. The force was so great it snapped the front of his board off and lifted him still sitting on his board metres into the air.

The shark's massive head was much wider than the board and Lockie found himself staring straight into those big black eyes.

Luckily the supposedly Great White didn't come back for a feast and Lockie made a hurried exit to the shore unhurt.

So Jaws can happen in Port.

To other news and as you are probably aware the February comp was abandoned due to the heavy rain and appalling surf conditions.

It won't be rescheduled leaving us with nine more club comps to go this year. The next one's on Sunday March 15. And remember you need to check in before 7.45am

From now on the plan is to go to McInerney Park near the sailing club for a barbecue if the club comp is abandoned.

There's a busy schedule coming up with the three way Loggerheads, Port and Plomer comp on Sunday March 8.

The Scotts Head boys are hosting it and everyone should meet at the powered camping site at Delicate Nobby on the western side of Point Plomer Road at 7am.

It's BYO food and drink. They'll be six man heats with two surfers from each club.

The regional titles have been moved to Woolgoolga on March 14-15. Anyone interested should ring Paul Guthrie on 66492399 (w) or 66580223 (h).

The annual Loggerheads comp is on July 3,4,5 this year. Everyone should organise their own accomodation but their will be the club tent put up on a site for members to meet and cook.

Finally check out the clubs cool new website at [www.portlongboard.com](http://www.portlongboard.com)

After this newsletter only people who indicated at the first comp that they did not want it sent by email will receive it in the mail.

Cheers Michael Thompson