

“Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord” Exodus 14:13

**Sunday 14th March 2010
National Day of Fasting and Prayer
CS Tribal Gathering Lennox Head 1-5 April 2010**

If we are the body of Christ, Prayer is the heartbeat. On Sunday the 14th of March we have an opportunity to stand united in prayer for CSA.

Prayer and fasting isn't a magical super-spiritual trick. It means simply making the choice to go without food (or TV, coffee,.... Facebook) in order to focus on prayer and fellowship with God.

On this day we will stand as brothers and sisters across the whole of the CS family praying with the same heartbeat. Let's pray to God for the strength, provision, and wisdom we need as a family to make God's power known across our waters. It is also a day to dedicate the Tribal Gathering to God, that people's hearts would be melted and moulded by God's love. Pray that we would be pumped beyond belief to go back to our beaches and share how God rescued us and blew us away by His love!

It is a day for standing still before God, trusting that we WILL see His power move in people's hearts.

As one wise old Christian salt from the 19th century once said,

“FAITH listens neither to Opinion, nor to Despair, nor to Cowardice, or to Panic, but Faith hears God say “Stand still”, and immovable as a rock Faith stands.

“Stand still” God calls. Keep the posture of an upright man, ready for action, expecting further orders, cheerfully and patiently awaiting the directing voice; and it will not be long before God shall say to you, as distinctively as Moses said it to the people of Israel, “Go forward.” Charles Spurgeon. (1834-1892)

So let's stand together on Sunday March 14 as a tribe awaiting further orders.

Your prayers are a powerful heartbeat!

For more info email Nerida, National Prayer Coordinator: prayer@christiansurfers.org.au

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MARRIAGES

Elzette Prinsloo & Johann Schroeder (Joondalup, WA), Dec 09.
Gemma Hummerston (part of CS Peru trip in '09) & Matthew Merrick, Jan 2010.

ENGAGEMENTS

Jake Parry & Amanda Chala (Mid Coast, SA), Jan 2010.
Jaye Heller & Tara Christie (Coolum, QLD), Jan 2010.
Haydn Lush & Sarah Harwich (Midcoast, SA), Jan 2010.

BABIES

Nick & Renee Woodley (South Oz) welcomed baby boy Aravis (their 4th child!), 18 Nov 2009.
Lorelle & Mike Renner (Gold Coast, QLD) had their 2nd girl, Shiloh, 19 Nov 2009.
Ben & Sally Smith (formerly CS Newy, NSW, now living in QLD) with their first, Jamila, 27 Nov 2009.
Jody & Kim Yeaman (Pt. Stephens, NSW) had their 3rd boy, Seth, 5 Jan 2010.
Andy & Jess Story (Mid Coast, SA) are expecting their first bub in April 2010.
Jacob & Nancy Lunnay (Midcoast, SA) expecting their 2nd child April 2010.
Dan & Bec Warr (WA) have moved to Esperance & are expecting their 1st, a baby girl in April 2010.

OUT & ABOUT

Kalila Morley (Ocean Grove, VIC) @ YWAM Discipleship Training school in Perth.
Gretah Gray (Ocean Grove, VIC) & Jordan Merry (CS Coolum, QLD) currently on mission O/S as part of their YWAM DTS.
Cat James (formerly WA & QLD!) living & doing Occupational Therapy work overseas.

Q&A

CSA National Prayer Coordinator

Nerida Butcher



How well do you know your own CSA family? When we gave Nerida some questions to answer, she did so with flair. Inside future Insides, we will to bring you more insights into the amazing folks who help make CS tick...

How long have you been involved with CS?

3 yrs.

What led to your involvement?

My friend Sam. I moved into her flat which turned out to be CS Newy central... Every Saturday morning we would be woken up at the crack of dawn by a bunch of over-excitables groms. Pretty soon I became part of the family.

How did you come to know Christ?

Through my best friend who was brave enough to challenge me about where my hope was found. We were on a road trip out west of NSW...God took me into the desert to speak to me about grace. I came back a TOTALLY different girl!

Do you surf?

Yes. My favourite break is the Cliff / Dixon Park.

What do you ride?

I just bought the amazing Jodene Watling's old board... an Al Merrick 6'4 with pink grip.

What's your "day job"?

I'm a very, very, very, very junior doctor.

What's your dream job?

To learn how to do burns surgery and one day work on the Mercy Ship.

What are you currently reading?

These questions. No, I can't remember the name of the book but it's a true story about an Aussie nurse who moves to Africa and marries a Nomadic African man. Pretty inspiring woman!

What are you doing next?

Right away next? I'm on a break at work so I'm about to check blood results...

Have you ever been on a CS camp? Tell us about it...

One big bliss bomb! There is NOTHING like the CS family.

Complete this sentence: "When the going gets tough..."

Remember that the Joy of the Lord is your strength. Nehemiah 8:10.

What do you love about your CS role?

Seeing God's faithfulness and how He speaks to people, heals people and restores what was once lost.

How has CS shaped your life?

It has shown me the power of prayer and the beauty of community. As Iron sharpens Iron my CS family has sharpened my character more than anything.

Best CS memory?

CS National Conference 09- it's a toss up between the bonfire and the dawn paddle out - some awesome times of prayer and God did some amazing things in people's lives!!

What advice would you give to anyone thinking about getting involved with Christian Surfers?

Stop thinking, it's a no-brainer! But practical advice? Never let groms drive your car...

Please keep Nerida in your prayers, and especially for her ongoing protection as CS prayer request 'handler'.



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JESS VAN DER MEER - CADET GIRLS WINNER JESUS PRO-AM 2009 WOLLONGONG. PHOTO: DANNY GRAHAM

As I write, our CSA national director, Steve Bailey, is taking a well earned long service leave after labouring in CS ministry for over a decade. Steve, Kath and the kids have been a wonderful example to many of us of what it means to be faithful servants of God and we salute them for their contribution to this ministry so far. Steve will be back in action shortly and is looking forward to seeing you all at the CSA Tribal Gathering (formerly National Conference) at Lennox Head this Easter.

As I opened my Bible this morning I was struck by the significance of an unusual statement. Reading the gospel account written by John, I came across this cryptic reference to "the disciple whom He loved". With a bit of research I realised that John was referring to himself in the story, being "the disciple that Jesus loved". It kind of struck me as an odd way to describe yourself, even a little bit un-blokey.

Whilst contemplating this, I remembered that this wasn't a guy that was simply overly in touch with his feminine side. John ran a fleet of fishing vessels on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus had previously re-named him and his brother to mean "the sons of thunder" due to their zeal, and at one stage they wanted Jesus to cook an unwelcoming village with fire from heaven! We know that he was "an ordinary, unschooled man" (Acts 4:13) who liked to smell like fish, work hard and had a bit of a reputation.

So, as I'm sitting there, I paid greater attention to the page in front of me in John 19, where Jesus is now hanging from the cross. Before Him are some of the faithful women who followed him and "the disciple whom He loved", standing alone. John has just witnessed with his own eyes the unjust trial and sentencing of Jesus throughout the night, then

watched as Jesus was tortured and brutally executed, now taking his last breaths on a Roman cross.

Making a connection between this scene and John's unusual way of describing himself is important. John was an eyewitness of the greatest act of love to ever occur on the planet. This tough, zealous fisherman from Galilee, would never be the same again.

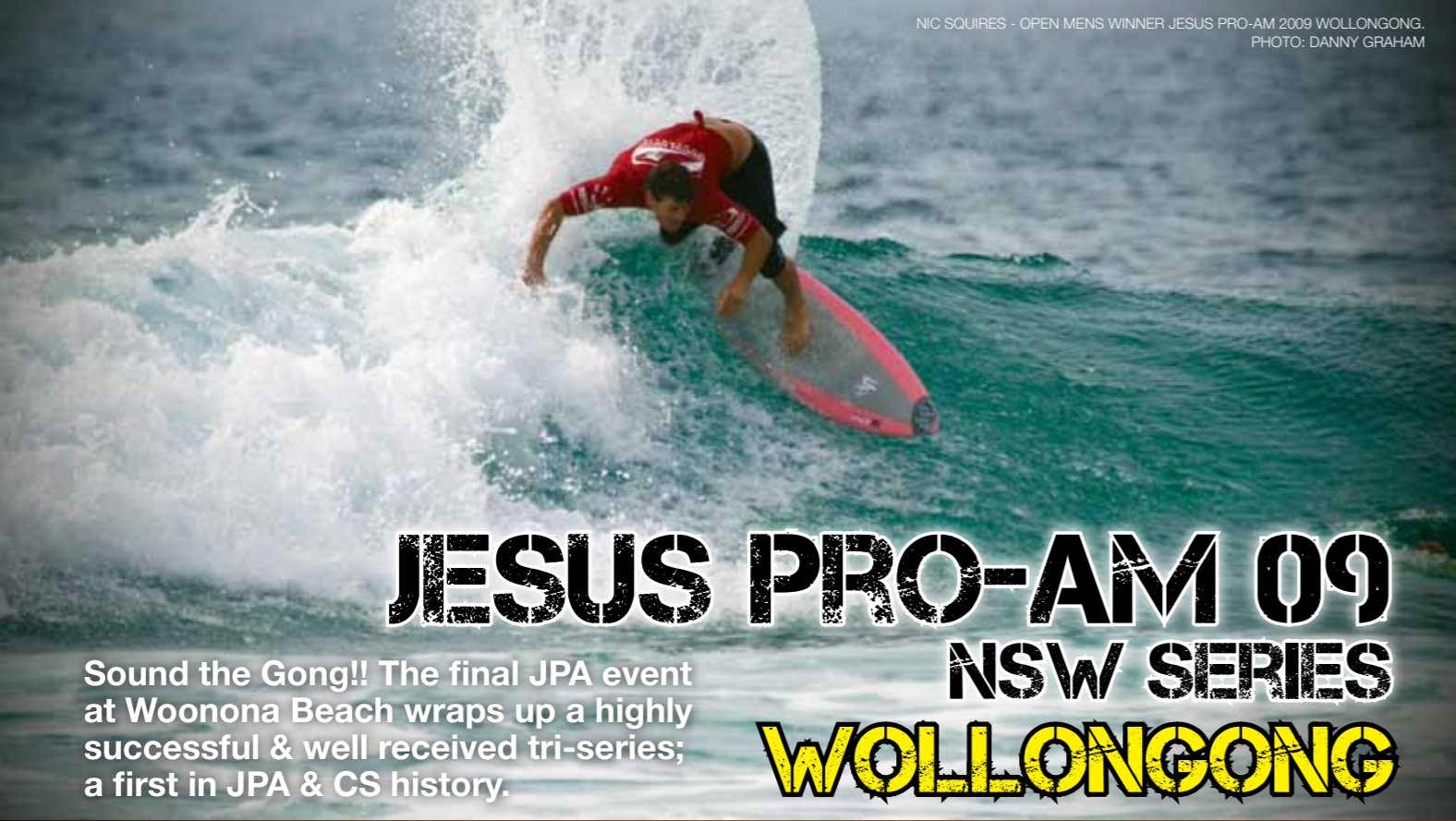
As he was later writing his account for us to read, it was a privilege to refer to himself as "the disciple whom He loved" - it was at the core of his identity. As a national team we have recently been discussing where we find our identity. It is easy to be seduced into getting our self-worth from people, possessions or achievements in this world, but we sell ourselves short every time. I hope that for all of us in the CSA tribe, we would know in the core of our being, that God loves us immeasurably. I hope that for each of us, like John, our identity would be rooted in this love and that we would be stoked to declare to the world that we are "a disciple whom He loves".

In this edition of Inside you'll get acquainted with Neri, our National Prayer Coordinator, and Greg and Tami Hickey, recent additions to the CSA family at Bonny Hills. There's a snapshot of the last Jesus Pro-Am from the "Gong" in '09, and finally a call to CSA tribe to pray and fast for our national "tribal" gathering this Easter weekend at Lennox Head... can't wait to see you there.

From a disciple whom He loves,

Jono Bailey
Regional Coordinator, QLD
Christian Surfers Australia





JESUS PRO-AM 09 NSW SERIES WOLLONGONG

Sound the Gong!! The final JPA event at Woonona Beach wraps up a highly successful & well received tri-series; a first in JPA & CS history.

In the third and final installment on the JPA for 2009, the winners prove no wave is too small in the only surf comp that is unlike the rest. But that's normal when you have the competition Namesake working behind the scenes...

There is a definite difference between your regular surfing comps and the Jesus Pro-Am surf comps. Everyone would agree with me when I say that there is a different atmosphere, a different vibe, and this vibe was definitely caught onto at the JPA at the Gong.

The comp was held at Woonona Beach, Wollongong, which was a perfect spot and a beautiful beach. Conditions were small, but surfable, and the competitors managed to shred no matter what the wave size. We were blessed with two awesome days of warm weather, and some epic sunshine on the Sunday.

The surfing level was at a great standard, with an impressive mixed air show, showing the blokes that us girls can dry our fins, too!

All the girls and women surfed awesomely, seeing Yvonne Byron taking out the Women's section in great form, and Codie Klein shredding her way to the top in the Cadet Girls.

In the guys we had Nic Squires take out the Men's final, and Jacob Hooker winning the Boy's Cadet section. Awesome job, guys! It was fantastic to see everyone having such a fun time over the weekend, every dial had a smile, and I could see God's light shining throughout the comp. Ultimately He's where the thanks goes to, so thanks God!

Together with the hilarious commentating, legendary hospitality from the food tent, stoked groms running around, shredding competitors, friendly crowds cheering on the surfers, and all the locals welcoming us into their territory, it made for a truly God-sent and blessed weekend.

Sarah Sylvester

Jesus Pro-Am 2010
June 5-6
Gold Coast QLD
August 7-8
Coffs Harbour NSW
October 9-10
Cronulla NSW
November - TBC
Wollongong NSW

We'd like to extend gratitude & a heartfelt bear hug to all our sponsors, volunteers & those who got behind the JPA. With your assistance, we've produced a unique, 'top shelf' quality, experience & the response from competitors / community has been outrageously positive.

More info and highlights on:
www.JesusProAm.com and Facebook.
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Matthew 5:13-16



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National team update

The CSA National Team is committed to serving the CSA family as we all stand shoulder to shoulder in the battle for the souls of our coastline.

In WA there has been a changing of the guard; after years of faithfully serving as Regional Coordinator (RC), Dan & Bec Warr have passed on the RC baton to Ben & Megan Fearnley.

In the Central NSW, Al Westbury has stepped aside from the RC role, but he will continue to serve as the Jesus Pro-Am Series Coordinator. Please pray for the region in this transition period, particularly for the preparation of the future RC whilst applications are being considered.

In the South NSW region, stretching from Stanwell Park south to the Victorian border, an RC is currently being sought as former RC, Chris Welsh, stepped aside in late 2009. Is this a role God is calling you to? Are you burdened that many surfers exist within this region who don't know "the way, the truth and the life"? Do you want to see a growing, unified movement of surf missionaries introducing these surfers to Jesus?

If so, we invite you to find out more about this role by contacting the CSA National Director, Steve Bailey: steve@christiansurfers.org.au or 0419 944 682.

He is leading it all

If you've ever wondered what it takes to set up a new CS mission, Greg Hickey tells about God, and a willing spirit to work with Him as He does what we can't, but always hoped for.

When we moved to Bonny Hills (NSW), my wife Tami's hometown, just over 12 months ago we were out on one of those thin branches where you don't know what is coming next but you know God is there.

If I were to pick the centre of town, it would be 'Big Beach'. Families gather to throw a frisbee and cook a snag as surfers stand on the deck talking of yesterday's blue water triumphs before heading out for another splash.

I don't know about you but sometimes I just do stuff. You know, "stuff" where you really don't know where you are headed. My call to the RC, Nico Gilmour, was one of those times. After all, we were new to the area and were not the kind of guys to drum up the crew around here to stick up a CS flag. I didn't even know where to buy bread.

But we made the call. And how good it is to see the Lord do stuff instead of us.

Our first fear was that we didn't want to "do" it alone. So the very next weekend I met this bald headed badger named Marty out in the surf who had just been talking about starting CS with Bonny's father of the faith, George Watt. It turns out they are both CS guys from way back when Lassie was a pup. Others emerged, like the old salt Luke, who spends his mornings in the car park praying over the beach community. This is good stuff, I thought.

Anyway, Bonny Hills CS has been unreal. To be honest, we have not really done anything. And I mean that. We were blessed to take 4 groms to the Jesus Pro-Am and have been helping at the local boardriders and infiltrating the community like mustard seed through joining surf clubs,

organising committees and other random community organisations. He is leading it all.

I gotta confess I have been all too often trying to jump out of my skin to "DO SOMETHING" but life as it has been has not allowed that. We want fireworks but instead the Lord has planted in us a need to have credibility in the community. And the fruit has been sweet but never as obvious.

So please pray that we may all continue to glorify His mighty Name to Bonny Hills.



Greg and Tami Hickey