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Waveskiers have a swell time at the 2004 titles

By Alison Aprhys

Between May 10-15, over 40 waveskiers from NSW, Vic, Qld and WA took on big waves at Caves Beach south of Newcastle to contest the 2004 Australian Waveski Titles. Heavy conditions saw the competition postponed for a couple of days while the swell dropped down and competitors took advantage of the many breaks up and down the coast.

At the daily 7am competition briefing, it was easy to tell where each waveskier hailed; the Victorians and those residing in WA were wearing thongs and shorts while the Queenslanders were rugged up in polar fleece and ugg boots. Most were drinking coffee while the young and brave were already into the Red Bull as contest director Jackie Dillon



Photo by Alison Aprhys

announced the site for the day's contest as well as any changes to the schedule.

Over a tightly fought few days, usual suspects, the Duncan brothers dominated with Khane narrowly beating sibling Reece in the open and coming 2nd in the new age while Reece won the seniors division and came 2nd in the open. While receiving the award for the open, Khane expressed his thanks to the organizers of the event and the other competitors who had all pitched in to make it such a success and his comments were sincerely echoed as each winner collected their trophy.

The substantial surf caused a few bruises and helmets were very much in use! However, cracked ribs didn't stop Melissa Hardy taking on the close-out sets to win the woman's

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division. "I'm jubilant", she said with a huge grin.

The heavy conditions combined with reef and rocks saw a few surfers separated from their dinged skis, so local waveskier Eddie Potts generously volunteered his skills as a lifeguard and waveski retriever and was rewarded with a wildcard entry into the B Grade event.

"I want to thank our sponsors who included (listed in alphabetical order); Blades Paddles, Board Bitz, Bombora Waveskis, Breakers Holiday Park, Caves Bakery, G-Boards, Kuta Lines, Red Bull, Wavemaster", said Jackie at the presentation on Saturday evening.

After the official business was completed, everyone let their hair down and chilled out with a few drinks while applauding the winners who now go on to represent Australia at the World Championships which will be hosted by the Brazil in Florianopolis later this year.

A terrific dinner was enjoyed by all at the Caves Beach Hotel and celebrations continued well into the morning with tall tales of waves ridden and wipeouts survived. Victorian Rod Westwood won the door prize of a waveski. "You can never have too many", he said.

## Division Results

Open - Khane Duncan 1st, Reece Duncan 2nd, Steve Farthing 3rd, Nick Boon 4th

Seniors - Reece Duncan 1st, Nick Boon 2nd, Jason Drescher 3rd, Pete Hurley 4th

Masters - Gary Sumpton 1st, Larry Adams 2nd

New Age - Paul O'Donnell 1st, Khane Duncan 2nd, Travis Best 3rd

Women's - Melissa Hardy 1st, Jackie Dillon 2nd, Karen Cambell 3rd

B Grade - 'The Plate' - Peter Klein 1st, Steve Cleary 2nd, Eddie Potts 3rd

Veterans - 1st, Kev Marshal 2nd, Greame Roberts 3rd, John Strybis 4th Erick Toccock.

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Khane Duncan

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Reece Duncan

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