

Manly-Freshwater: National Surfing

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Description

Manly and Freshwater have been popular surfing locations for over a century. Numerous significant events in the history of surfing have taken place here over the decades. Body surfing in Australia began here in the 1890's, and board surfing began in 1909. The world's first official surf patrol boat was launched at Manly in 1907 and the Hawaiian surfer Duke Kahanamoku famously demonstrated board surfing in 1914 at Freshwater Beach. The first World Surfing Championships were held at Manly in 1964. The surf breaks and surfers of Manly and Freshwater are famous worldwide and the dedication of this site as a National Surfing Reserve is due recognition of its cultural importance. Dedicated as a national surfing reserve on Saturday, September 25, 2010