

## Build your own surf spot! Some surfers already have.

The dream of every surfer who wants more surf, better waves, more often. Up Queensland way, local boardriders clubs are turning the dream into reality by shifting hundreds of boulders in the surf zone. Greg Redgard reckons he's making beaches safer and hazard-free.

Even better, the boulders are placed onto nearby points, making the reef profiles smoother and improving the wave breaking shape at high tide. Greg is presenting his project at a conference in Sydney this March - **the 7<sup>th</sup> International Surfing Reef Symposium** (Friday 19th March 2010, Scenic Room, Bondi Surf Club).

The forum will look at the scientific and practical aspect of reef re-profiling and artificial surfing reefs. (What? Just give us more surf!!) Barton Lynch, 1988 world surfing champion and event MC is looking forward to hearing from Dr Shaw Mead about the reefs built in Perth, New Zealand and the UK. Also presenting will be Gold Coast legend Andrew McKinnon, talking about his goal of seeing a 'surfing contour' at the Superbank and Kirra.

Symposium Director Andrew Pitt reckons: "Sand pumping has soooo much potential to improve banks on the whole Gold Coast... the government has a budget, so let's demand real benefits. Why not?" The conference will also hear about National Surfing Reserves from Professor Andy Short and Steve Barrett's **steel reef concept** (Whaaat?!?!?!).

These guys are our very own "Surfing Scientists", and they are bro'ing down for a think tank and talkfest in a couple of weeks. Check the subjects these guys are covering!

Andrew McKinnon, Gold Coast legend, Surfing Contours Snapper to Kirra

Professor Andy Short, University of Sydney, (National) Surfing Reserves

Dr Shaw Mead, ASR, Multi-purpose reefs

Angus Jackson, Corbett & Evans, ICM, Narrowneck reef monitoring - 10 years on

Andrew Pitt, Bombora-controlled-beachbreaks

Joao Brilhante, President ASSM, Surf & Harbour Protection Reef, Mosteiros Azores

Ed Couriel & James Carley, Dollars and Sense

Stephen Barrett, SRB, Surfing reef (steel) concept [www.offshoresurfreefs.com](http://www.offshoresurfreefs.com)

Florian Brehin, Phd Candidate Florida InTec evolution of Sebastian Inlet USA

Greg Redgard, 'reef-profiling' and hazard removal, Bargara Qld Aust

Simon Brandi Mortensen, DHI Group, NS3 computer modelling of surfing reefs

Councillor Elizabeth Re, Artificial surfing reefs in WA, a Councillors perspective

Javier Leon, Phd Candidate, Wollongong Uni, Cabo Blanco Peru

Symposium updates <http://www.surfingramps.com.au/SurfingSymposium.htm>

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