

OFFICIAL EVENT GUIDE

AUSTRALIAN

SHORTBOARD TITLES

 SURFING AUSTRALIA

WOLLONGONG, NSW | AUGUST 24-30, 2026

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Welcome To
WOLLONGONG.

Home of Australian shortboard surfing..

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WOLLONGONG, NSW

Australian Shortboard Titles.

2nd

Year in
Wollongong

6

Competition
Days

200+

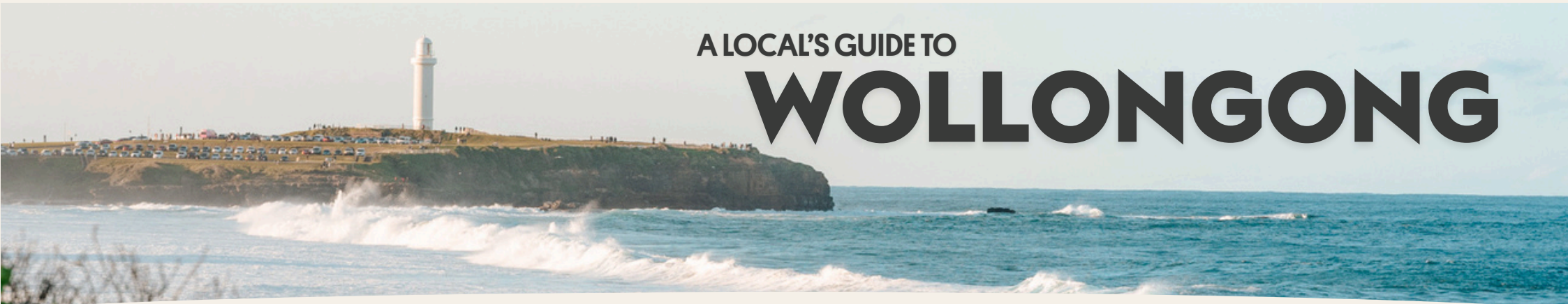
Athletes
Nationwide

EVENT OVERVIEW

Home of Australian Shortboard Surfing.

The 2026 Australian Shortboard Titles returns to Wollongong for a second consecutive year — celebrating the Illawarra's iconic pointbreaks and its deep boardriding culture.

August 24–30. Stanwell park – Port Kembla High-performance shortboard surfing across the region's most storied breaks.



A LOCAL'S GUIDE TO

WOLLONGONG

EAT & DRINK

Here are some local favourites up near the action, and a few worth venturing out for.

South Sailor

Fresh seafood, fish and chips, and a poke bar. Casual and family-friendly.

Headlands Austinmer Beach

Pub meals and cold drinks with unbeatable views.

Saltie Dog Creperie

Sweet or savoury crepes, perfect for a quick and easy bite.

The Boathouse North Wollongong

Crowd-pleasing menu, where you're basically sitting on the beach.

Stokes Lane by RUH Cafe

Your pre-comp coffee sorted.

Resin Brewing

Local draft beer with seriously good food.

Pro Tip: If you're here on Thursday night, the weekly Eat Street food market on Crown Street Mall is a definite go-to.

Night out? The Kiera Collective and Globe Lane precincts in the CBD host multiple bars and live music venues offering the perfect spot to let loose.

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EXPLORE

When you're not in the water, there's still plenty to do — whether you want to unwind for the day or keep busy.

Limber Co

Stretch it out with a yoga or pilates class. Your body will thank you.

Darkes Glenburnie Orchard

Pick your own fruit, try local cider and stock up farm-fresh treats to take home.

C1 Speed

Indoor go-karting, laser tag and a smash lab. Fast, loud, and a great time.

Anita's Theatre

Iconic Thirroul live music venue. Check what's on in June here.

Sea Cliff Bridge & Bald Hill Lookout

One of NSW's most iconic drives. Go at golden hour and thank us later.

Symbio Wildlife Park

Get up close with koalas, kangaroos and quokkas.

Breakout Bar & Escape Rooms

Escape rooms, karaoke and cocktail classes. Something for everyone after the sun goes down.

Smash Factor

High-tech golf simulators and a seriously fun competitive atmosphere.

Saunaus

Sauna, cold plunge and full recovery. Perfect after those long comp days.

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Where to Stay

Wollongong Surf Leisure Resort

TOWRADGI BEACH • Official Accommodation Partner

Surfing Australia is proud to partner with the Wollongong Surf Leisure Resort, offering competitors, families, and supporters a premium coastal base throughout the event.

Book direct using code:

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10% off all accommodation when booking directly with the WSLR.



Event Schedule

WOLLONGONG, NSW · AUGUST 24–30, 2026

MON 24 AUG

Opening Ceremony

Towradgi Beach Hotel, 170 Pioneer Rd, Towradgi NSW 2518 · 4:00pm

TUE – FRI 25–28 AUG

Window 1 — ALL Masters Divisions

Over 30s, 40s, 50s, 55s, 60s & 65s · Mobile Event Location

FRI 28 AUG

Masters Presentation

Venue TBC · After final heat

SAT –SUN 29–30 AUG

Window 2 — Opens & U21S

Open Men & Women · U21 Men and Women

SUN 30 AUG

Finals + Presentation

Venue TBC · Following the final heat

COMPETITOR FUNCTION

AUSTRALIAN SHORTBOARD TITLES OPENING CEREMONY

Monday 24 August 2026

Towradgi Beach Hotel

RUN OF SHOW

4:00 pm — Arrival & Welcome

4:30 pm — Opening Ceremony

5:15 pm — Drinks & Dinner

6:15 pm — Close



STAY CONNECTED

Event Communications

WhatsApp Community

Daily location updates, results, and news — direct to your phone.

Link to join below.

[JOIN THE COMMUNITY →](#)

Live Event Website

Schedules, live scores, results, video highlights, imagery, and news — all in one place throughout the competition.

australianshortboardtitles.com

Event Format

2026 SURFING AUSTRALIA CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

01

Seeded Format

State Champions earn a seeded start directly into the National Titles for heat draws larger than 12 — performance at State level is rewarded.

02

Second Chance

Competitors starting from Round 1 receive a second opportunity through Round 2.

03

Crossover Draw

Progressions use a crossover structure across all seeded format sizes.

4-Person Priority · All Disciplines & Divisions

[PRIORITY RULES →](#)

[RULEBOOK →](#)

2026 State Allocations

AUSTRALIAN SHORTBOARD TITLES · NATIONAL ENTRY BREAKDOWN

	Australian Shortboard Titles							
	NSW	QLD	VIC	WA	SA	TAS	WC/SAWC	Current Round Size
U21 Men	6	3	2	2	0	1	6	20
U21 Women	4	3	2	2	0	1	8	20
Open Men	8	3	2	2	1	1	3	20
Open Women	4	3	2	2	1	1	7	20
Masters Men Over 30	8	4	2	2	0	1	3	20
Masters Women Over 30	2	2	0	1	0	1	2	8
ISA QUAL - Grand Masters Men Over 40	8	3	2	2	1	1	3	20
ISA QUAL - Grand Masters Women Over 40	4	2	1	1	0	1	3	12
ISA QUAL - Grand Kahunas Men Over 50	8	3	2	2	1	1	3	20
ISA QUAL - Womens Over 50	2	0	0	1	1	0	4	8
Dukes Men Over 55	6	2	2	2	1	0	3	16
ISA QUAL - Grand Dukes Men Over 60	4	2	2	2	1	0	1	12
ISA QUAL - Womens Over 60	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	6
Legends Men Over 65	4	1	2	2	1	1	1	12
Total	69	31	21	23	8	10	52	214

Unfilled State Allocations

Distribution Process

01

Procedure 1 — State Seed Ranking

Any unfilled State allocations will first be offered to reserve competitors who competed at their respective State Titles, in order of the official State Seed Ranking, until all allocations are exhausted.

02

Procedure 2 — Wildcard

Any remaining unfilled allocations following Procedure 1 will then be distributed in accordance with the Surfing Australia Wildcard Procedure.

2026 STATE SEED ORDER

1. NSW

2. QLD

3. VIC

4. WA

5. SA

6. TAS

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& Event Information



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See You in Wollongong, NSW.

