

# DESERT 2 SURF



“Making desert dreams come true”



## Winter 2011 Newsletter

Woorrangalook

**Desert2Surf Gets Wet and Wild in the 2011 Victorian Koori Surfing Titles...** On Saturday 12 February 2011 Desert2Surf, supported by the NT's Roper Gulf Shire, was represented in Woorrangalook (the Koori Surfing Titles) at Urquarts Bluff on Victoria's West Coast. Sixteen year old Peter Farrell, from the remote indigenous community of Beswick, represented D2S in the under 18 section of the competition. Peter won the visitor's category with three great rides. Peter was selected as a worthy D2S candidate from the Roper Gulf Shire's diversionary youth program in Katherine. Peter had never been to



the surf before and competed in the event after just three surfing lessons with D2S in the days leading up to the competition. A natural, he stood up in his first lesson and went on to carve up the waves with poise and daring. Desert2Surf would like to thank Max Wells and Steve Parker from Surfing Victoria and members of the Wathaurong Cooperative for their support and encouragement of Peter throughout the event. They would also like to thank Desert2Surf volunteer Kaja Anderson, for her wonderful surfing lessons which clearly got Peter across the line in the competition. Desert2Surf and the Roper Gulf Shire hope to involve more competitors from remote communities in 2012.



### Desert2Surf Goes to School

In 2010, Desert2Surf received a generous donation from students and teachers at Melbourne's Holy Spirit Community School. The money received helped facilitate the Woorrangalook trip, so Peter visited the school during his visit to Victoria to spend time with the teachers and students and show his appreciation for their generosity.



West Coast Adventure

<http://www.westcoastsurfschool.com/>

D2S is excited to announce a new partnership with West Coast Adventure in Torquay! West Coast Adventure will provide the surf lesson included with the Big Kahuna membership. Sign up now and you'll be hanging 10 by summer!



Global Vision International

<http://www.gvi.org.uk/projects#Aus>

D2S would like to thank the Global Vision International Charitable Trust for their recent financial contribution to D2S. GVI is dedicated to sustainable development through the empowerment and education of local communities and grassroots organisations in over 40 countries worldwide.



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## Claire Franklin - Director of Media and Communications

Claire, or Frankie as she is known to the D2S crew, is a founding member of Desert2Surf and currently manages Desert2Surf's Media and Communications. She has worked in a variety of jobs both in Melbourne and overseas including a one year role in Indonesia as part of AusAID's Australian Youth Ambassadors for Development Program. Frankie loves working with youth on Desert2Surf programs and through her work with Desert2Surf hopes to help strengthen remote communities through education and community collaboration. She has impressed the Desert2Surf crew with her dexterity and grace on a stand-up paddle board ... but at a deep level we know that she knows that the surfboard and waves still beckon!



## Desert2Surf Fundraiser

Bid for one of two limited edition surfboards (for display only – to hang on or from your wall or roof at home or work). The bidding starts next month for these stunning boards painted with original, indigenous designs. If surf art work with an indigenous twist is your thing then watch your inbox for details on how to join in the bidding. All proceeds will go directly into Desert2Surf's programs which support remote and disadvantaged indigenous youth to go surfing.



## Memberships

To sign up for a D2S Membership please email [memberships@desert2surf.org](mailto:memberships@desert2surf.org) with your name, address, and requested membership category

**\$25**

### **BODY BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

Gets you invited to our members only events and the good karma from supporting something inspiring

**\$50**

### **LONG BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

Invites you to enjoy our members only festivities and a D2S t-shirt to showcase your generous side

**\$100**

### **BIG KAHUNA MEMBERSHIP**

Your karma will reign supreme & you will receive invites to all members only events, a t-shirt AND a surfing lesson with West Coast Adventure



Click the link to see Peter getting some wave action in his event at Urquarts Bluff - a big shout out to Johnno for the awesome footage

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=npn2KJS96CA>