



### What's on

**Tues, December 30-Thurs, January 1**  
Pyramid Rock Music Festival -  
Watershed caravan stall.

**Saturday, January 3**  
Celebrity Surf Challenge: "Get Real on  
Climate change", 10am-1pm, Kilcunda  
Beach. Information: [www.basscoast-boardriders.com](http://www.basscoast-boardriders.com)

**Sat, January 3-Sun, January 11**  
No Desal camp (details this page)

**Friday, January 9**  
Last 4 anti-desal arrestees in court -  
support them at 10am at the Wonthaggi  
Court House.

**Sunday, January 18**  
Fishing competition - weigh-in 5pm at  
Mouth of the Powlett Car Park. Prizes,  
music. Information: Mark Robertson  
5672 3995 (w) or 5672 2197(h).

**Sunday, January 25**  
Lobster Festival at Kilcunda - Watershed  
caravan stall.

**Sunday, February 1**  
Chill Island Music Festival, Churchill  
Island - No Desal stall. Information:  
[www.chillisland.com](http://www.chillisland.com)

**Tuesday, February 3**  
Rally for Democracy, organised by  
Victoria Water Forum. Meet outside the  
first State Parliament sitting in 2009.  
Demand Fresh Water Thinking from the  
Government.

**Fri, February 20-Sunday, February 22**  
Victorian Water Forum events at the  
Sustainable Living Festival. Yarra River  
& Federation Square, Melbourne.  
Saturday evening concert featuring The  
Conch. Sunday Forum.

**Sunday, March 1**  
Brunswick Music festival - No Desal  
stall, plus our own Bass Strait 12 will be  
playing nearby. Information:  
[www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au](http://www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au)

**Saturday, March 14**  
Moss Vale Music Festival, near  
Leongatha. No Desal stall.

[www.watershedvictoria.org.au/events](http://www.watershedvictoria.org.au/events)

### Hands off!

Inverloch surfer and business-  
man Tom Moren is happy  
to support the campaign  
against desalination by display-  
ing the "Water - It's a No-  
Brainer" and "Dead Seal Desal"  
posters in his shop.

He believes the plant could  
affect the area's reputation as a  
holiday destination and the sea-  
water quality of both the coast  
and Andersons Inlet.

He is also angry that the  
local community is being rail-  
roaded for a development of  
questionable worth.

"There are real alternatives -  
water recycling and using storm  
water, even fresh water from  
Tasmania, that could be a hell  
of a lot cheaper."

But he says the real chal-  
enge is spreading the word  
amongst the visitors to Bass  
Coast this summer - so they take it back  
home to Melbourne. He'll be doing his bit by  
spreading the word amongst surfers.

Watershed Victoria treasurer Dominic  
Gilligan says many local businesses are sup-  
porting the campaign, which was launched  
by the Victorian Water Forum at a rally in  
Melbourne on December 4.



*On the campaign trail: Tom Moren, proprietor of  
Serious Surf Stuff.*

The Forum is a coalition of groups push-  
ing for sensible water reforms: Watershed  
Victoria, Plug the Pipeline and the Clean  
Oceans Foundation.

*For copies of the posters, call Dominic  
on 0402 455 742 or Stephen on 0407  
811 778.*

### Summer of change

Drew Ginn, James Tonkin and Nick  
Seymour are just three of the celebrities who  
will be lending their voices to the cause at  
the Celebrity Surf Challenge on January 3.

The event has been organised by the  
Bass Coast BoardRiders Club to bring atten-  
tion to a renowned section of Victoria's coast  
now under threat from the world's biggest  
desalination plant.

Celebrity and top local surfers will be hop-  
ing the renowned Kilcunda break is at its  
best for the day.

Experienced surfers should bring their  
boards and wetties for the mass paddle out  
at the end of the event. For other family  
members, there will be plenty happening on  
shore.

Coinciding with the surf challenge is a No  
Desal! Camp between Kilcunda and  
Dalyston, five kilometres from the desal site  
and surf beaches at the mouth of the Powlett  
River.

The week will include community educa-  
tion on issues with the desalination plant and  
the alternatives.

**"Our coasts and our country are  
amazing and I think we often take  
them for granted ... This is about  
ensuring we take care of this great  
place of ours."**

**Local resident and Olympic  
triple gold medallist Drew Ginn**

But there'll also be plenty of opportunity to  
relax and enjoy swimming, surfing, fishing,  
music and good company.

Bring musical instruments, tents, food,  
cooking equipment. Be prepared for all  
weathers, as the site is fairly exposed. No  
fires, no pets. Organisers can pick up car-  
less campers from Wonthaggi or Kilcunda.

*No Desal! Camp, January 3-11. For infor-  
mation and a map of the site, email [wildjes-  
sica@dodo.com.au](mailto:wildjes-<br/>sica@dodo.com.au) or phone Jessica on  
0407 307 231 or Chris on 0419 556 381.*

*Celebrity Surf Challenge, Kilcunda Beach,  
10am-1pm, Saturday, January 3. Details:  
[www.basscoastboardriders.com](http://www.basscoastboardriders.com).*

