



# The Hon Graham Annesley MP

Minister for Sport and Recreation

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### **KINGSCLIFF SURF FESTIVAL GETS \$5000 WAVE OF SUPPORT FROM NSW GOVERNMENT**

Minister for Sport and Recreation, Graham Annesley, has announced a NSW Government grant of \$5,000 for the 2012 Australian Longboard Surfing Open which will be held from 21 – 25 March at Kingscliff on the Tweed Coast NSW.

Mr Annesley said, “The NSW Government is proud to support the Australian Longboard Surfing Open, which will be a 5 day international surf festival attracting thousands of spectators and over 300 participants and officials.”

As part of the ASP Longboard Qualifying Series for both men and women, it provides fantastic opportunities for our local athletes to shine on the world stage

As well as showcasing some outstanding sporting talent, the 2012 Australian Longboard Surfing Open will feature a range of surf culture activities including a vehicle rally, live music, movies, learn to surf lessons and a high performance coaching clinic.

Mr Annesley said the \$5000 grant was awarded through the NSW Government’s International Sporting Events Program.

“Through this program the NSW Government supports international-level sporting events held in our State,” Mr Annesley said.

“The program helps many NSW sporting organisations attract and stage international events.

“By providing direct financial assistance for high level sporting competitions, the NSW Government is helping the development of local athletes, officials and clubs, while also supporting local businesses and the economy.

“The 2012 Australian Longboard Surfing Open will provide a valuable boost for the tourism industry on the Tweed Coast,” Mr Annesley added.

For more information on the International Sporting Events Program, can be viewed at [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/grants](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/grants).