

🌸 Welcome!

What a year for women's surfing in New Zealand! There has been heaps of awesome stuff happening, lots of international events and the Kiwi girls are charging! Having the Women's World Tour in NZ for the first time ever was amazing. Those girls rip! I'm still waiting for the day when I can surf like that! I guess I've got a lot more practice to go, how about you? I'm stoked to announce that since December I have been working full time for CSNZ as the National Women's Co-ordinator. I get the privilege of working with the girls, doing leadership development, helping build the women's surfing community in NZ, and sharing about the love of God. It has been a big leap of faith. Seriously, it was a bit daunting to give up my job and start working for a charity during a global economic recession – not the most obvious thing to do, unless God is behind it that is for sure! However, I'm very blessed in that God has provided for me to do this and I know that He is faithful to walk with me. I've spent the last six months on the road around NZ, meeting the crew, running women's surf camps, learn to surf days, doing leadership training with local CS leaders, serving at professional surfing events, and enjoying sharing waves with all the awesome ladies I have met along the way. Big thanks to all those who have hosted me around the country and the local CS crew who are serving their local surfing communities! It has been incredible to help out at some of the international surfing events in NZ this year – ISA World Juniors at Piha, Billabong Pro Juniors at Raglan, and the women's world tour event in Taranaki. It's exciting, it's challenging, and it's

Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

Matthew 6:20-21

surprising how much people idolise these events, the competitors, and the glory of winning. The reality is that it can all be lost in an instant. Steph Gilmore the reigning 3X world champ was knocked out of the WCT event by 15yr old Sarah Mason, and a few losses for any competitor, an injury, or loss of sponsors and ability to travel to events on the WCT means you could lose it all. It was amazing to meet the pro girls, they are super lovely and they actually are all real people with real lives, same as the rest of us. It has struck me lately that we (including me!) spend so much of our lives striving for stuff that doesn't last, that can be lost in a moment. How much do we ever think about the stuff that lasts forever? I've been challenged lately about the things I think are important. I've given up my old job, nice income, and the sweet house I rented in Wellington, but I love more what I have gained to be able to serve people, build

community, share God's love with people, and see peoples' lives changed. I'd challenge you to think about what you are seeking in life. What are you striving for? What are you holding on to? Is it temporary or is it eternal? We can build up all the treasures we like here on earth – whether it is surfing trophies, money, fame, perfect waves, perfect hair or plastic looks, or we can build up treasures in heaven that last forever. Treasures in heaven come from our relationship with God, and giving of ourselves, our time and resources to help others. Your soul lasts forever, are you gonna hang out with God or are you going to hang out where God is not? (FYI you don't get into heaven by being good, it's all about who you know). Have you ever thought about a relationship with God or is all the stuff here and now more important? For what does it benefit a woman if she gains the whole world but loses her soul?



AROUND AOTEAROA

Women's World Tour in NZ

- TSB Bank Women's Surf Festival

For the first time ever the Dream Tour came to NZ. The top 17 women surfers in the world compete for the title of world champion and this year they came here to brave the wild west coast along the surf highway of Taranaki. It was part of the TSB Bank Women's Surf Festival April 10-16 in New Plymouth, which included the NZ Women's Open (run for the first time in 2yrs), the Under-21 Pro Junior event and the ASP Dream Tour event. Sarah Mason turned 15 during the event and took out the NZ Open to get a wildcard entry into the Dream Tour event. Sarah then won the ASP Pro Junior, went on to knock out Steph Gilmore in round 3 of the WCT and then local favourite, Paige Hareb in the quarter finals. Carissa Moore from Hawaii won the event and donated her US\$15,000 winnings to the local Waitara Boardriders who had supported her during her stay in New Plymouth. Awesome! CSNZ was amongst the action sharing the good news and wow did God open some doors. It was amazing how many people were stoked on the chance to hang out and ask questions about God, Jesus and the bible, just because we were there. The event is back on next year ladies so get down to Taranaki next April.

World Juniors

In January I was part of the CSNZ team helping out at the ISA World Juniors at Piha. Wow those kids rip! 200+ of the top surfers in the world under 18yrs old. Piha was pumping, although big and messy for the first few days. It cleaned up as the competition heated up. CSNZ got the chance to serve as volunteers, helping on the beach, in the judges' quarters, and meeting competitors and staff. Awesome times and well done to Tyler Wright winning the girls final, clinching Australia's win of the games. Hawaii was 2nd and NZ 7th out of 21 countries. Well done team NZ!



Easter Camp '10

- Taranaki



Every year at Easter, CS crew from around the country meet in Taranaki for an awesome weekend of surf, camping, team challenges, and to celebrate Jesus' message of hope and forgiveness. As always there was plenty of fun to be had between the waves, fireball, fear factor, sports night, worship, bonfires, grommet comp, and camping with the crew. Well done to the CS Taranaki crew for an amazing event. See you all there next year!

IN SURFING NEWS...

On the Dream Tour, Kiwi girl Paige Hareb came 8th overall in 2009 and is currently sitting in 9th equal place after 5 events in 2010. 3X world champ, Steph Gilmore is ranked in 1st place having won 3 events so far this year. Carissa Moore won the NZ event and Silvana Lima won in Peru.

In the NZ Export Gold Series, Jessica Santorik from Raglan is sitting in 1st place followed by Rosa Thompson (Auckland) and Jayda Martin-Fitzharris (Gisborne).

Alexis Poulter won the Girls National Gromsearch at Manu Bay in Feb.

Daisy Thomas took out the Hyundai Pro Longboard tour with Mischa Davis in 2nd place for 2010. Congratulations ladies!

CSNZ CONFERENCE

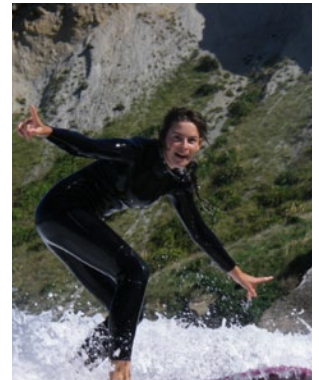


Raglan, 22-25 October 2010

Christian Surfers New Zealand is celebrating its 25th anniversary so CSNZ conference 2010 is gonna be a big one. Everyone is welcome to come celebrate with a big old skool surf camp over Labour Weekend. Come and join the fun on the hill overlooking the beach for waves and good times!

Wairarapa Girls Camps

The Wellington Christian Surfer girls have been charging. Organising fun weekend camps out to the Wairarapa for any ladies who are interested. There's always plenty of hilarity on these camps and the occasional run-ins with wildlife. They are now being joined by ladies from Taranaki and beyond as word spreads about these fun surf weekends over the coast, away from the crowds, out in creation to enjoy life. If you want to join the fun contact christiansurfers.wellington@gmail.com



Down South

Christchurch surfer girls got together in Feb for an awesome weekend away up the coast at Gore Bay. God provided perfect weather and great waves. With such an awesome bunch of girls, there was a lot of laughter and a lot of fun. With something of Christ's love in the air, there was even sharing of surfboards and talk long into the night. Keep charging girls! CSNZ staff were down in Christchurch for the annual South Island Gathering at the end of Feb and had awesome waves in the southern bays hanging with surfers from around Christchurch and the Kaikoura CS crew.



Serving in the sunny Bay of Plenty

CSNZ crew have been helping out at Waihi Beach. With Calvary Chapel Hamilton they ran a learn to surf day for the Waihi locals in March. CS members from Cambridge, Hamilton, Raglan and Mount Maunganui came to join in for the day, along with plenty of grommets keen to give surfing a go or increase their skills. Capernray College students came out to hone their surfing skills too after lessons with the Cambridge CS crew. There was plenty of surf and sunshine, and food and games on the beach, attracting quite a crowd. Two weeks later Mel was back at Waihi Beach running a girls' surf day for the local ladies to meet each other, share waves and food and fun. Big thanks to Calvary Chapel members who again helped out on the day and caught some great waves too.



Scripture Union Surf Camp

- Wairarapa January 2010
by Isabella McCafferty

On the 10th of January 2010 the small coastal town of Castlepoint in the Wairarapa experienced the beginning of the 3rd annual Wairarapa Surf Classic, a camp for Years 11 to 13 school students run through Scripture Union. It was to be a week of surfing, fun and learning about God. Despite the grey weather, Castlepoint turned on some sweet waves for the campers and leaders to enjoy throughout the week. A group of 16 people was dominated by Christian Surfers members from around the country, namely Wellington and Auckland. The group was also dominated by girls! Only 3 of the campers being boys, and all German exchange students. It was a great opportunity for school students to come together and learn to surf, have heaps of fun (including a water slide down the sand dunes, beach relays, raft building exercises, and sand sculpture building) and to build relationships with each other, the leaders, and with God. To find out more about Scripture Union camps around NZ see www.scriptureunion.org.nz/camps



COM- ING UP...

Flux

5-15 July - filming Flux longboarding movie

NZ School Champs

17-18 August (Raglan)

Groundswell Conference

22-27 August (South East Asia)

CSI Training

25-26 September

CSNZ National Conference

25th Anniversary conference / surf camp
22-25 October (Raglan)

North Island Girls Camp

12-14 November

Mount Camp

26-28 November (Mount Maunganui)

CSNZ Leaders Training

13-16 January (Raglan)



For more info on what's happening or how to get involved contact...

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and check out the new website where you can now buy CSNZ gears (thanks to all the hot ladies who modeled the shirts!)

www.christiansurfers.org.nz

or follow the latest events on Christian Surfers NZ-Girls Facebook page.



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