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## Welcome, Bienvenue, Willkommen, Benvenuti, Bienvenidos



GRAND OPENING: A sea of colour greeted the Nations of the world who gathered at Glenelg Beach for the Opening Ceremony of Rescue 2012.



**On behalf of Surf Life Saving Australia, I would like to welcome all competitors to Rescue 2012 - Life Saving World Championships.**

I am very proud to be attending my first World Championships as the President of Surf Life Saving Australia. It's all the more exciting to have the event held here in Australia and be able to witness the very best lifesavers in the world converge here in sunny Adelaide to compete.

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This event is about friendship and camaraderie. It's a celebration of the international lifesaving movement and with over 4000 competitors from various nations and cultures, I have no doubt that all of you will create many friendships during your time here.

Rescue 2012 would not have been possible without the support of Events SA and the South Australia tourism body. On behalf of Surf Life Saving Australia, I'd like to thank them for their contribution.

I would also like to take this opportunity on behalf of Surf Life Saving Australia, to thank the 500 volunteers, officials and water safety personnel who together, provide our competitors with a safe and fun environment to compete in.

I would also like to thank the organising committee and the dedicated event management teams from Surf Life Saving Australia and Surf Life Saving South Australia for their outstanding contribution to ensure the success of Rescue 2012.

Good luck to all competitors, in particular, those who have travelled from abroad - enjoy your time in Australia! I

look forward to seeing you on the beach here in Adelaide and again in two years time in Montpellier and La Grande Motte in France.

**Graham Ford  
President  
Surf Life Saving Australia**

## Off to a flying start

**After two years of planning, sleepless nights, a lot of hard work and training for the organisers, administrators, coaches and competitors, Rescue 2012 - The World Life Saving Championships are off to a flying start in Adelaide.**

The three venues - Glenelg and Christies beaches and the South Australia Aquatic and Leisure Centre - have already had rave reviews after the first two days of competition which has attracted over 4000 competitors from 42 Nations and over the next week a total of 268 clubs.

Congratulations to the International Life Saving family, Surf Life Saving Australia and the local organising committee for what has already been a wonderful start to Rescue 2012 and we are all set for what will be an exciting finale to the Worlds.



The Opening Ceremony which attracted over 5000 people to the picturesque Glenelg precinct, was an amazing spectacle of colour, featuring lifesavers young and old from almost every corner of the earth.

In the pool we have already seen world records to New Zealand and China while the Masters also kicked off proceedings at what started out to be a chilly morning at Christies Beach yesterday but it didn't take long for the sun to break through - much to the delight of many of our international visitors.





# No stopping these masters of the universe

**W**hen it comes to mastering the Masters then Terrigal's Paul Lemmon and Maroubra's Darren Schott are in a world of their own and yesterday at Christies Beach it was business as usual as the pair went about showing their wares – and adding world titles to their long list of achievements.

At 45-years young Lemmon is like a Duracel battery who only knows one pace – flat out from the opening gun and he was determined to make the most of his new age group – the bottom end of the 45-49 years division.

The man who has stolen the show at the Aussies over the last decade won the 45-49 years surf race and the Oceanman (World Lifesaving's equivalent to the Ironman) with an all-the way victory in the ski, board and swim event which saw him beat Craig Chapman of Surfers Paradise and Peter Obern of Freshwater.

The surf race saw Lemmon win the gold from Alexandra Headlands Trent Halliday with Chapman third but it was Schott, the popular Maroubra coach and former South Sydney NRL first grader who prevented Lemmon from a winning trifecta.

The former Australian Taplin Relay and National Inter-State board race champion got the better of his arch rival on the tricky shorebreak to win the gold after showing his ability to win the 45-49 years ski race.

Meanwhile Northcliffe's popular junior coach and former Australian board paddling legend Gavin Hill has returned home to



IS DON IS GOOD: Carlton Park's Don Marsh shows his golden style to win the 60-64 years board race.

Adelaide for this week's World Masters Life Saving Championships and has already struck gold in his favourite event.

Hill, father of Northcliffe Ironman, Cory Hill started out his stellar career with the Grange Surf Club in South Australia and was welcomed back home to Christies Beach with a solid victory in the men's 50-54 years board final ahead of Byron Bay's Geoff Brodin with David O'Grady from Avoca Beach third.

But he had to play second fiddle to Byron Bay's Glen Lawrence in the Oceanman (World Life Saving's version

of the Ironman) with Stuart Whiley from Moana SA third.

There was further success for Northcliffe with Paul Blackbeard winning the 50-54 years surf race and Stephen Fry the 55-59 years surf race.

Of the myriad of internationals who weathered the cold, tricky conditions at Christies Beach was Irish Board paddler, Oisín McGrath who proved he's just as at home catching waves on his board as he is catching criminals from the skies with the County Clare Life Saver claiming bronze in the 30-34 years board final.

McGrath who plies his trade back home in Dublin as a helicopter pilot for the Irish Army used the opening day of the masters competition as a tune up for the National Teams Ocean Championships starting Saturday.

"I am currently flying for the Dublin Police & there's always plenty of action with loads of car chases, robberies & intruders," McGrath explained.

"This was an okay start after being runner up in the board final at the European Championships and finishing tenth in the National teams event back in 2010 so this weekend I am looking for a top eight finish."

It was the Irishman's first ever World Championship board medal admitting his love of lifesaving stems from his parents who have been involved in the movement all their lives.



HOLD ON I'M COMING GIRLS: Mastering the tricky Christies Beach shorebreak.

## What's On

### La Playa

From tonight through to Sunday night, La Playa – the Rescue 2012 licensed entertainment hub, will be open commencing from 4pm this afternoon. Local Adelaide Indie Rock band The Salvadors will take to the stage from 7.30pm on Saturday night. The band recently returned from a tour up the East Coast of Australia to launch their new album. Don't miss out on this one! Capacity is limited. On Sunday afternoon, Laura Hill will entertain the crowd with her cool tunes, and on Sunday night we will celebrate the conclusion of the Masters and IRB Championships with a closing party. Party favorite band The Happy Leonards are sure to get the dance floor started.



The Salvadors

### Spanish themed night

Throughout Glenelg on Saturday night, various pubs and venues will join in the Rescue 2012 party and host a Spanish themed night. Participating venues include the Glenelg Surf Life Saving Club, The Dublin Hotel – Moseley Square, the Holdfast Hotel – 83 Brighton Road, The Broadway Hotel – 61 The Broadway and the Highway Hotel, 290 Anzac Highway – Plympton. Drop into any one of these venues and grab yourself a glass of sangria or a plate of tapas.

### Something else...

Looking for something else to do? The Adelaide Central Markets are a hive of activity on Saturday mornings, with the sights and smells sure to tantalise your taste buds. Catch the tram up from Glenelg, disembark at the Gouger Street stop and meander your way down to the Central Markets. Remember to take your accreditation lanyard for free public transport.

## Masters Results. World Life Saving Championships, Christies Beach, SA Day One, Finals

### MEN

**30-34 years Oceanman:** C Myers (Avoca Beach) P Buttel (Wanda) A Byatt (Dee Why) **Surf:** K Hanson (Freshwater) D Gladstone (Bronte) C Myers (Avoca Beach) **Ski:** T Mitchell (Mairangi Bay, NZ) C Myers (Avoca) S Thompson (Grange) **Board:** B Cummins (Fairhaven) K Hanson (Freshwater) O McGrath (Co Clare IRE)

**35 -39 years Oceanman:** M Norris (North Wollongong) & T Jennett (Wollongong City) Dead Heat B Jamieson (Christies Beach) S Hogben (Coolangatta) **Ski:** B Allen (Alexandra Headland) B Hamilton (Avoca Beach) M Plant (Port Fairy) **Board:** M Jennett (Wollongong City) B Jamieson (Christies Beach) M Norris (North Wollongong) **Surf:** S Hill (Collaroy) M Gibbs (Avoca Beach) T Racklyeft (Port Hacking Lifeguards)

**40-44 years Oceanman:** S Edmonds (Anglesea) R Cooper (Port Noarlunga) B Holmes (Thirroul) **Ski:** S Edmonds (Anglesea) J Beavis (Seacliff) S Dalton (Glenelg) **Board:** C Cooper (Port Noarlunga) R Cooper (Port Noarlunga) B Holmes (Thirroul) **Surf:** D Locke (Coogee) S Boxall (Port Hacking Lifeguards) S Edmonds (Anglesea)

**45-49 years Ski:** D Schott (Maroubra) C Burton (Glenelg) J Lishman (North Cottesloe) **Board:** D

Schott (Maroubra) P Lemmon (Terrigal) R Van Kampen (Coolangatta) **Surf:** P Lemmon (Terrigal) T Halliday (Alexandra Headland) C Chapman (Surfers Paradise) **Oceanman:** P Lemmon (Terrigal) C Chapman (Surfers Paradise) P Obern (Freshwater)

**50-54 year Surf:** P Blackbeard (Northcliffe) J De Mestre (Freshwater) C Gately (Coogee) **Board:** G Hill (Northcliffe) G Brodin (Byron Bay) D O'Grady (Avoca Beach) **Oceanman:** G Lawrence (Byron Bay) G Hill (Northcliffe) S Whiley (Moana) **Ski:** R Barry (North Wollongong) R Dorrrough (Surfers Paradise) L O'Connor (Byron Bay)

**55-59 Surf:** S Fry (Northcliffe) G Simpson (Brighton) J McAtamney (Avoca Beach) **Board:** C Iredale (Wanda) B Kolkka (Northcliffe) C McGuckin (Avalon) **Ski:** P Fidler (Noosa Heads) S Keay (Surfers Paradise) G Clifford (Bronte) **Oceanman:** G Clifford (Bronte) G Simpson (Brighton) C Mustoe (Byron Bay)

**60-64 years Surf:** G Croft (Scarborough) D Marsh (Carlton Park) S Oxenham (Palm Beach NSW) **Board:** D Marsh (Carlton Park) I Jobson (Maroochydore) P Kirkwood (Maroubra) **Ski:** W Skeen (Mooloolaba) S Davies (Cottesloe) T Holmstrom (Dicky Beach) **Oceanman:** D Marsh (Carlton Park) S Davies (Cottesloe) G Croft

(Scarborough)

**65 years Board:** D Glover (Shellharbour) R Taylor (Thirroul) M Cook (Trigg Island) **Ski:** P Sledge (Palm Beach NSW) P Hennessey (Tacking Pt) P Bowden (Glenelg)

**65-69 Surf:** M Cook (Trigg Island) R Taylor (Thirroul) D Bishop (St Laurent)

**70 years plus Surf:** K Cook (Woolgoolga) N de Mestre (Nth Burleigh) W Donaldson (Brighton)

### WOMEN

**30-34 years Oceanwoman:** J McGlone (Maroubra) M Pelly (Manly) N Burgess (Grange) **Ski:** J McGlone (Maroubra) M Pelly (Manly) LSC) S West (Christies Beach) **Surf:** J McGlone (Maroubra) S Van Schaik (RB Amersfoort NED) G A Attanasi (Bologna UISP ITA) **Board:** E Davis (Mooloolaba) K Nichols (Alexandra Headland) C Coady (Black Rock LSC)

**35-39 years Oceanwoman:** M Kent (Redhead) H Doyle (Maroubra) R Hill (Collaroy)

**40-44 years Oceanwoman:** H Murray (Byron Bay) E Ashfield Hedstrom (Alexander Headland) M Olofsson (Sweden Masters SWE) & J Kay (Byron Bay) Dead Heat for 3rd **Ski:** K Armstrong – Smith (Umina) E Ashfield Heldstrom (Alexander Headland) J Kappler (Port Noarlunga) **Board:**

C McGill (Mount Martha LSC) J Kay (Byron Bay) H Murray (Byron Bay) **Surf:** D Miller (Bondi Surf Bathers LSC) J Varney (West Beach SLSC) E Ashfield Hedstrom (Alexander Headland) **Beach Sprint:** C Rafferty (Sorrento) A Nelson (Queenscliff) J Aylward (Black Rock LSC)

**45-49 years Surf:** A Pegg (Noosa Heads) C Krenkels (Manly LSC) N Cahill (Co Clare IRE)

**50-54 year Surf:** D Wallace-Ward (Brighton) A Finley (LA County Lifeguards USA) D Diebert (Terrigal)

**55-59 Surf:** J Helson (Shellharbour) J Fidler (Noosa Heads) N Young (Blackhead) **Board:** N Young (Blackhead) A Chapman (Palm Beach NSW) M Clarence (Swansea Belmont)

**60-64 years Surf:** G Dundas (Bronte) J Rowse (Sorrento) P Powell (Pacific Palms) **Board:** G Dundas (Bronte) R Kemp (Tweed Heads Coolangatta) S Reilly (Anglesea)

**65 years Board:** J Gielis (Cudgen) J Silom (Chelsea) C Nicholls (Kurrawa)

**65-69 Surf:** E Crilly (Kurrawa) V Heddermann (Bronte) S Purcell (Killcare)

**70 years plus Surf:** B Pearce (The Hills) B Margarete (DLRG Durlach GER)

**Further results will be published in Sunday's Edition**



# Kiwis pool their Olympic talent on day two of Rescue 2012

**New Zealand, led by their Olympic swimmers, Andrew McMillan, Steve Kent and Natasha Hind have given the Kiwis a handy lead after the second day of pool competition at the Rescue 2012 World Lifesaving Championships in Adelaide.**

The "Black Fins" lead the competition on 187 points from Italy (173), France (132) and Australia (118) with points to be adjusted tomorrow following the points distribution of the final four events and the outcome of

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a protest in the women's 4x25 manikin relay which saw the Kiwis disqualified.

In the Youth competition it is Australia on who hold a commanding lead over New Zealand 234 points to New Zealand 206, Spain 185 and Canada 127.

The National Teams Pool Competition concludes tomorrow at the South Australia Swimming and Leisure Centre and moves to the ocean and beach competition at Glenelg on Saturday and Sunday.

World records started to fall in the heats at the pool today and continued in the finals with New Zealand, China and the Italians showing their prowess.

The Kiwi team of Hind, Samantha Lee, Laura Quilter and Ironwoman star Devon Halligan set a new world mark of 1:50.39 in the 4x50m Obstacle Relay final which saw the Dutch team second and the Australians Rebecca Creedy Miranda Bell Pamela Hendry and Kristyl Smith set a new Australian record in third with a time of 1:54.69.

Lee set a world record in the 100m Rescue medley event of 1:11.23 in a Kiwi quinella ahead of Hind and Italy's Chiara Pidello.

China's Feng Shi showed his amazing skills and swimming speed to hold off Kiwi pair McMillan and Kent to set a new world mark of 1:53.44 for the 200m freestyle Obstacle swim.

The Chinese team added a further world record in the 4x50m Obstacle relay clocking a time of 1:38.48 ahead of France and New Zealand.

Australian coach Danny Short was full of praise for the Kiwis and the Chinese swimmer Feng Shi who he said produced a world class performance in the 200m Obstacles swim.

"That was amazing to watch and

without the obstacles probably equates to around a 1:45.00 200m freestyle swim – which is red hot," said Short.

"And the Kiwis were always going to be tough today and they showed that in their men's and women's teams.

"But the Australians produced some great performances, particularly our girls in the 4x50 Obstacles Relay with Rebecca Creedy Miranda Bell Pamela Hendry and Kristyl Smith doing a great job.

"We always knew today was going to be

our toughest day of the competition and although we have some catching up to do tomorrow is a new day.

"Our strength is always going to be on the beach and it will be important to have a solid day tomorrow in the pool and then get ready for the surf and beach events on the weekend.

"Our youth team was outstanding and showed enormous promise and they certainly deserve their lead in the pointscore."



**WORLD RECORD:** China's Feng Shi powers his way to a world record in the 200m with Obstacles.

## Eckstein and the Aussies draw first blood



**POINTED VICTORY:** Australian captain Shannon Eckstein leads his team to victory in the SERC competition.

**Australia drew first blood on the opening day of the World Life Saving Championships with Shannon Eckstein leading his team to a convincing double in the opening pool events at Rescue 2012.**

Eckstein captained his team of Andrew Bowden, Christina Ruiz and Pamela Hendry to an eye-catching win in the open Simulated Emergency Response Competition (SERC) taking the victory

over Norway and Canada.

Within 30 minutes the Australian Youth Team had made it a double for the home team when the team of Keelan Bridge, Sam Earp, Alisha Ellwood and Rachele King showed their rescue skills to lower Canada's colours with Japan an eye-catching third.

Eckstein, the three-time World Ironman champion and one of Australia's most decorated lifesavers, showed why he is regarded as one of the world's best

and why he will be inducted into the International Lifesaving Hall of Fame on Thursday night.

He directed his team in a mass rescue situation that had a two-minute time-limit and the Australians were the only team to reach every patient in the required time in what was easily the most impressive display of the day.

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It was the third World Championship victory win in a row for the Australians in a competition which requires the rescuers to assess and then rescue patients in drowning situations, spread across the eight lane 50m pool – including two submerged manikins

The open scenario, which attracted 25 teams, also required the teams to assess an unconscious poolside patient, who had suffered an electric shock.

It was a case of practice makes perfect for the Aussies.

"We had certainly done the practice that's for sure and it paid off," said Eckstein, who captained the SERC team for the first time in his international career.

"I was a rescuer when we won in Egypt

in 2010 and to captain this team in such an event is a real adrenalin rush.

"We had to wait around until it was our turn (17th of 25 teams) and you've got only two minutes to perform all the rescues and our guys did a great job.

"Andrew is very good and the two girls Christina and Pamela are also very strong and performed those rescues very well.

"It's not easy to sum everything up and do it all in two minutes – you are still pumped well after the event."

Eckstein said it was a great start for the Australians who have gone to a six-point lead over arch-rivals New Zealand, whose star-studded Olympic team of Steve Kent, Steven Ferguson, Andrew McMillan and Kevin Morrison were fourth.

But the Australians are not going to rest on their laurels and knows that the next two days of pool competition, before they hit the ocean and the beach on the weekend, will be crucial to their title defence.

"It's not going to be easy, we know the Kiwis and the European nations are going to be tough but we're ready for the challenge," said Eckstein.

## Rescue 2012 World Lifesaving Championships, DAY 2 Pool events, Finals

### MEN

#### Open

200 LC Metre Obstacle Swim Open F Shi (CHN) 1:53:44 (WR) A McMillan (NZ) 1:54:54 S Kent (NZ) 1:54:63 100 LC Metre Manikin Tow w/ Fins Open M Montes (ITA) 53:29 A Flugel (GER) 53:30 A Sezen (GER) 53:36 100 LC Metre Rescue Medley Open G Legnami (ITA) 1:02:34 C Ertel (GER) 1:02:60 T Vilaceca (FRA) 1:02:87 200 LC Metre 4 x 50m Obstacle Relay Open CHN (J Lou, F Shi, J Shi, Y Zang) 1:38:48 (WR) FRA (P Caley, W Forgues, F Laclaustra, T Vilaceca) 1:39:95 NZL (M Beattie, S Ferguson, S Kent, A McMillan) 1:40:38

#### Youth

100 LC Metre Rescue Medley Youth B Cahill (IRE) 1:07:03 B Quilter (NZ) 1:08:39 S Earp (AUS) 1:08:39 200 LC Metre Obstacle Swim C Dawson (NZ), 1:58:68, K Bridge (AUS), 2:00:34 J Waddell,

(AUS), 2:01:83 100 LC Metre Manikin Tow w/ Fins Youth G Mateo (ESP) 56:75 S Demopoulos (AUS) 57:17 S Earp (AUS) 57:25 4 x 50m Obstacle Relay AUS (K Bridge, S Demopoulos, S Earp, J Waddell) 1:43:96 NZL (B Quilter, C Dawson, B Johnston, C Taylor) 1:45:48 ESP (J Miquel Bas, G Mateo, C Perianez S Calderon) 1:47:81

### WOMEN

#### Open

200 LC Metre Obstacle Swim S Lee (NZ) 2:05:15 N Hind (NZ) 2:07:28 Y Zhu (CHN) 2:07:70 100 LC Metre Rescue Medley Open S Lee (NZ) 1:11.23 (WR) N Hind (NZ) 1:12.10 C Pidello (ITA) 1:14.07 Female Open 100 LC Metre Manikin Tow w/ Fins Open M Luengas (ESP) 1:00:97 Marta Mozzanica (ITA) 1:01:32 C Burghardt (BEL) 1:01:54 Female Open 200 LC Metre 4 x 50m Obstacle Relay Open NZL (D Halligan,

N Hind, S Lee, L Quilter) 1:50:39 (WR) NED (E Hutten, M Op het Veld, L Kelleners, A Puelen) 1:54:39 AUS (M Bell, P Hendry, R Creedy, K Smith) 1:54:69

#### Youth

100 LC Metre Rescue Medley Youth A Ellwood (AUS) 1:14.99 R King (AUS) 1:15.61 D O'Connor (NZ) 1:19.27 200 LC Metre Obstacle Swim Youth N Peat (NZ) 2:12.62 M Cunningham (CAN) 2:14.00 M Jones (AUS) 2:14.73 100 LC Metre Manikin Tow w/ Fins Youth I Morales (ESP) 1:01:83 N Peat (NZ) 1:03:28 M Jones (AUS) 1:05:70 200 LC Metre Obstacle Swim Youth N Peat (NZ), 2:12:62 M Cunningham (CAN) 2:14:00 M Jones (AUS) 2:14:73 Metre 4 x 50m Obstacle Relay AUS (J Collins, A Ellwood, R King, M Jones) 1:56:10 NZL (D McKenzie, D O'Connor, N Peat, C Doyle) 1:59:37 ESP (I Costa, I Morales, S Redondo, J Verges) 2:01:67

### DAY 1 RESULTS

#### Open Simulated Emergency Response Competition (SERC) - 1.AUS (261.3) A Bowden

S Eckstein P Hendry C Ruiz 2.NOR (246) R Ingebrigtsen M Johnsen S Nilsson R Palm 3.CAN (225.8) J Anderson G Findlay-Shirras N Giraldo W Walters 4.NZL (225.5) S Ferguson S Kent A McMillan K Morrison 5.GBR (224.5) S Henderson A Kane E Parker S Worne 6.FRA (206.8) J Despergers J Lalanne A Lux F Manciet. U/19 (SERC) - 1.AUS K Bridge S Earp A Ellwood R King 2.CAN T Donnolly Z Lausten C Stoner D Sullivan 3. JPN M Kobayashi A Minagawa R Sakamoto M Takahashi 4.NZL T Harris S Shergold C Dawson B Quilter 5.ESP J Bas G Mateo I Morales J Verges 6.USA C Adkins I Bateman A Ford J Schulte.



# Surf's league of nations kick start Rescue 2012 with a bang



FUN AND GAMES: These two competitors display some Rescue 2012 mateship.

**M**ore than 130 international athletes from 14 different nations across the globe gathered in Adelaide to take part in the Life Saving Sport Development Program from Sunday November 4 – Tuesday November 6, as part of Rescue 2012.

Designed to develop lifesaving and sport skills within the group and to familiarise the teams with an Aussie beach before the international competition, Surf Life Saving Australia brought in some of its best coaches and trainers from around Australia to work with the athletes.

President of Seacliff SLSC, Andrew Chandler, was at the forefront of the coaching action along with SLS National High Performance Pool Coach, Russell Green.

SLSA's National Coaching Advisor Peter Kirkwood, Steve Cornish, Mike Schetter both from SLSSA, Dan Humble and Level 3 Coach Rick Duncan, both flew in from Perth to be involved in the program.

Athletes from Kenya, Fiji, Philippines, Latvia, Brazil, Argentina, Sri Lanka and Cameroon were among the nations invited to participate in the Life Saving Sport Development Program and for many of

are proud firemen from all over Brazil.

A home away from home, as part of their stay in Australia, the team were taken by Andrew Chandler on tour to Adelaide Fire Station to meet and greet with some of the State's finest firemen and women.

For the Philippines, who only signed up with the ILS in 2007, this was their first competitive experience

A representative from the Philippines said that his team's main focus was to address the recurring issue of young (seven years and under) drowning victims back in his homeland by building lifesaving and lifesaving sports skills.

Although they have 7000 islands in the Philippines, they only have 12 surf lifesaving clubs.

It is their intention to develop their lifesaving skills so they can share the skills with the wider community in an attempt to reduce the drowning rate.

The team here is also part of a mobile team that will tour the Philippines after the event raising awareness of the importance of lifesaving and sharing important skills.

Cameroon has a team of one, Justin Bakinga who hopes to take valuable lessons in lifesaving home to West Africa where he is president of his surf club.

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them, this was their first time in Australia and they are here with some fascinating stories to tell.

Fiji has an all-male team of four representing their nation. As well as being lifesavers, three of the four men; Esava Delai, Jone Dinati and Atunaisa Turagaiviu are all Constables in the Fijian Police Force and final member, Eddie Tuicumu works at the Sofitel Fiji.

And then there are the Brazilians. Also an all-male team, all five of the representatives

All in all, the program proved to be a success and the camaraderie amongst all competitors during the program was truly humbling.

SLS wishes all competitors the best of luck for the rest of the tournament.

Teams from the following countries participated in the Development Program at Rescue 2012. India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Fiji, Argentina, Brazil, Cameroon, Latvia, Macedonia, Kenya.



IT'S FIJI TIME: For our friendly island visitors.



ANYONE FOR FLAGS: Action aplenty for these beach flags competitors in the Developing Nations mini-carnival.



STACKS ON THE MILL: And smiles all round for the team from Chinese Taipei.

**All championship photos available online at [harvpix.com](http://harvpix.com)**

