



Kirra SurfStock has something for all

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THE Kirra SurfStock Festival, may centre on Kirra – but it will have something for everyone from Currumbin into the Tweed.

The inaugural lifestyle festival, spanning three days and four nights from November 5-8, will include surfing events, free outdoor live music, surf movies, a public beach walk and ocean paddle race, Miss Surf Stock Quest, charity fund-raisers and a diverse variety of festivities.

Connecting Southern Gold Coast (CSGC) was established to develop the economic prospects for the Southern Gold Coast, in the form of tourism and attracting and developing new businesses, events and festivals.

CSGC general manager Jim Wilson said the group had been working with Kirra SurfStock for many months now to develop the festival.

The iconic Kirra Surf retail store has also weighed in as an associate sponsor according to GSM

retail operations manager Paul Jackson,

“I feel the southern end Gold Coast not only has some of the regions most beautiful beaches but also some of the most respected beaches in terms of their wave quality and their appeal to surfers globally,” Mr Jackson said.

“So it makes sense for Kirra Surf and other business in the region to support any initiatives that raise awareness of the need to protect our coastal environment.”

Kirra Surf will help to launch Bob McTavish’s book on Friday, November 6 at 4pm and surfer-turned professional musician Matthew Pitts will launch his CD *Ride* on the Saturday night at Café Le Monde, Kirra Surf, at 6.30pm

The surfing event for Kirra Surf-Stock, the JR Kirra Junior Teams challenge, boasts six junior men’s teams competing for their clubs from Noosa to Ballina as a one-day event on Saturday,

starting at 8am.

The Currumbin connection to the Kirra SurfStock kicks in with the grand opening of the Surf-World Surf Museum titled “Grand Night at the Museum”.

It is situated in the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary precinct.

Tim Bonython will screen his Australian Surfing Movie Festival outdoors in the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary at 8pm on Saturday, and families are asked to bring their chairs and blankets to watch the epic surf movies under the stars.

The following morning starting bright and early from Currumbin Surf Club is the “All roads lead to Kirra” 7km beach walk from the south side of Elephant Rock, Currumbin to Kirra. It starts at 7am on Sunday, November 8 and is dedicated to the late surfing solicitor Denis Callinan.



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The success of the Kirra paddle-out was the catalyst for SurfStock.