



Girls set to take on the boys at Kirra Surfstock

The Gold Coast's next Stephanie Gilmore – Coolangatta Twin sisters Brodie and Amiya Doyle – are set to take on the guys in the Kirra Surfstock Junior Teams competition held during the Kirra Surfstock Festival in November.

At Tuesday's Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary launch, the 15-year-old sisters were excited about the prospects of an all girls team versus the guys after their recent success at the Queensland State Junior titles.

Brodie Doyle captured her first state title the U16 girls on the weekend at Maroochydore and her twin sister Amiya was runner-up in the U18 opting to compete in the older age group.

The girls are following in the footsteps of fellow Snapper Surf rider club member, two times World champion Stephanie Gilmore.

Both Doyle sisters will represent Queensland in the Nationals to be held the month before the Kirra Surfstock Junior team's event on Saturday, November 7. 'We can't wait to take on the Boys,' said a confident Brodie Doyle.

The U18 Queensland State Junior boys champion Jack Freestone of Tugun, will lead his club the Kirra Surf riders who will host the one day team's event.

At least 16 clubs will submit six-man (20 years and under) teams from Noosa to Ballina to contest in what's shaping up to be the cutting edge comp of the festival.

The local Alley boardrider club fresh from a win at the recent Sarcoma teams challenge was on hand represented by Queensland junior team member Hayden Welch who won a major grom event in Bali this

year and was joined by Alley super grommets Will and Jake Morrison.

The Kirra Surfstock announcement follows in the wake of Gold Coast Council works to remove 20,000 cubic metres of sand and restore the once famous Kirra Point and reef thanks to a 1.5 million offer from the Queensland State Government as a result of the community's concern culminating at the Australia Day 09 Paddle out rally at Kirra.

The community concern for Kirra and other Gold Coast and Tweed Coast beaches has now persuaded both the Queensland and New South Wales governments to work together to achieve a better outcome in terms of delivering sand without causing devastation.

Last week saw a major shift of government policy when

the New South Wales Minister of lands Tony Kelly met with the Queensland Minister of Sustainability and Climate Change Kate Jones at Kirra to discuss and agree on sensible options for the coast including back pumping for the Tweed, using multiple sandpumping outlets and allowing flexibility of the 25-year contract to pump sand to ensure the mistakes of the past are not repeated in the future.

The Surf rider Foundation of Australia will host its annual conference during the weekend of the festival at Southern Cross University on the Tweed/Gold Coast border and the Surf World Surf Museum will have its grand opening on the Saturday night.

For more information about the november festival, check out the kirraSurfstock.com.au webpage.