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**MOSSY'S MUM INSPIRES 'MUSCLES' TO BACK TO BACK TITLES!!!!**

Dedicated docker Patrick "Macro Muscle" Moss kept thinking of his loving mum as he powered to victory and grimly defended his title in the traditional Clovelly surf club Marathon epic in testing conditions on Sunday, December 20.

But the finely chiselled Human Torso had to battle all the way through the gruelling run-swim-run course to keep his hungry pursuers at bay and prove yet again he is the Mighty Marathon Man.



*Photo: Pat Moss takes a breather after his historic Marathon win*

Mossy dug dig deep over the last few stanzas as he turned for home out of the tea-tree chicane to hit the beach just micro-seconds ahead of super-fit young challenger Daniel Roden, a promising colt from the St Joey's stable.

Mossy chalked up a time of 6min21secs with Daniel breathing down his neck in 6.29 a laser beam split ahead of another tenacious teenager in Tim Leslie who was just .50 behind.



*Photo: A laid back Daniel Roden celebrating his runner-up performance in last weekend's epic race.*

An obviously relieved Mossy told the marauding media pack afterwards: "It was a relief..I almost thought they had me there. My mum will be pleased because she doesn't think I can do this sort of thing!"

The pre-race briefing wasn't without its drama either as last year's runner-up and Junior Champion, Jethro James, was a shock last-minute dropout due to a severe ear infection.

A huge crowd of spectators lined the route along the beach and the promenade, which was being lapped by the 1.7m high tide, as the 17 elite competitors thundered up the first beach leg, with Andrew "Raddles" Radford bolting like a hare from a trap and providing an early scare for the front runners.

Extra spice was added to the event as Andrew's elder son Michael was out to teach Dad a lesson (he didn't!) while two sets of brothers, Chris and Stu Murray and Jason and Mitch Say showed that blood bonds don't always mean fraternal felicitation!



*Photo: Jason and Mitchell Say with fellow competitor Matt Ryan after their gruelling Marathon effort*

Cheered on by the partisan crowd which had just seen a rather “chubby” but fit looking Santa Claus cruise down the bay amidst a flotilla of surf craft, the enthusiastic onlookers knew they were in for a real spectacle as the entrants surged across the top of the bay in the first swim stanza, climbed the perilous northern steps to the Coastal Walkway and surged down the gated ramp for the final lung-sapping swim crossing to Caddy’s Steps.

The field was still bunched as they rounded the First Aid station and headed into the killer carpark leg around the Shag Nest Power Pole and then climbing up along Clovelly Road, dodging startled motorists and bemused bus drivers to the STA drop off and then into the tortuous tea-tree complex with the leg muscles feeling like molten lead and finally the turn into the deep sand to the finish line, barely discerned through the red-hot inferno of the glazed eyes.

Once again, Clovelly SLSC competitors upheld a famous Cloey surf club tradition and provided an inspiring extravaganza of fitness and dedication to the cause.

Well done to all who took part and special thanks to Race Marshall and Starter Jenny McNamee, Finish Judge Jim King, Race Scrutineer and Event Photographer (and former multiple Marathon champion) Geoff James and ever-helpful Patrol Captain Karon Lekeu.

OFFICIAL RESULTS: Pat. Moss,1, (6m.21secs0); Daniel Roden,2, (6.29); Tim Leslie,3, (6.29.5); Jason Say,4, (6.38); Tom O'Connor,5, (6.45); Mitchell Say,6, (6.47); Bernadette Chisholm (first woman), 7, (6.59); Stewart Murray,8, (7.03); Chris Murray, 9 (7.14); Rodney Fox,10, (7.17); Andrew Radford, 11 (7.17.5); Matt Ryan, 12 (7.30); Alex Finch, 13 (7.32); Gordon Manuel,14, (7.33); Michael Radford, 15,(7.43); John McNamee, 16, (7.52). Patrick O'Shea, DNF (blames swim goggles!!!).

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## **FRESHWATER FINALE!!!**

Final carnival results just released on the website show that Clovelly SLSC chalked up another Top Ten finish in a major event coming in sixth out of 30 clubs competing in last month's prestigious Freshwater Masters Carnival.

Even more impressive is the fact that for the first time we were the top Sydney Branch club just holding out the powerful Maroubra outfit by six points and well ahead of South Maroubra, Coogee and Bondi.

It's our best result ever and congratulations to the dedicated team of Cloey Masters competitors who battled bravely on the northern beaches battleground.

Here's the list of the Top Ten Pointscore Champion Clubs:

Queenscliff, Freshwater, Manly, Newport, Narrabeen, Clovelly, Maroubra, Terrigal, Palm Beach, Collaroy.

Our next outing will be the bigger East Coast Masters Carnival at Collaroy, on Sunday, January 10.

There's still time to get your name in to the competition director and beach competitors don't forget, it's highly recommended that you include a surf event in your carnival schedule this season.

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## **AUSSIE'S TRAVEL SUBSIDY REMINDER**

There's already a big list of Masters competitors putting their names down for the historic "Back to Kurrawa" Australian Surf Lifesaving titles starting on March 16, 2010 on the Gold Coast.

Please remember, the management committee will only consider awarding a travel subsidy to the "Aussies" to those competitors who have taken part in some fund-raising activities, such as a weekend barbecue.

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Happy Christmas and see you all in the New Year!