

RIP CURL PRO

Bells Beach

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April 1 - April 11, 2026 - Bells Beach, Victoria

The World Surf League Acknowledges the Wadawurrung People as the Traditional Custodians of Djarrak (Bells Beach) and their ongoing connection to the land and waterways. We pay our respects to Wadawurrung People, their Elders past, present and future and extend this Acknowledgement to all First Nations People.

Event Guide

Welcome Message From Minister Steve Dimopoulos



On behalf of the Victorian Government, welcome to the 2026 Rip Curl Pro at iconic Bells Beach – the longest-running professional surfing competition in the world and one of Victoria's most celebrated sporting events.

We are proud to support this legendary event through our Major Events Fund, because it attracts elite surfers to Victoria's stunning Surf Coast each year and showcases the natural beauty of Bells Beach and the

surrounding coastline.

For decades, surfers and fans alike have gathered on these famous breaks to witness thrilling competition, and this year, we're especially lucky to be hosting the opening event of what is the 50th year of the global tour.

It's a phenomenal opportunity to not only celebrate our state's rich surfing heritage but also delivers significant benefits to the Surf Coast region, attracting visitors from around the globe and supporting local businesses.

While you're here, I encourage you to explore the vibrant towns, scenic coastal walks, cafes and hospitality experiences that make the Surf Coast and the Great Ocean Road such an exceptional destination.

Congratulations to the organisers, athletes, volunteers and fans who bring this world-class event to life every year, and I hope you enjoy the excitement of the Rip Curl Pro.

Steve Dimopoulos

**Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events
Member for Oakleigh**



Welcome message from Surf Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Libby Stapleton



Travelling an iconic road to get to an iconic event at an iconic break.

We're delighted to welcome the 2026 Rip Curl Pro Bells Beach.

This major event at Djarrak on Wadawurrung Country is an absolute highlight on the Surf Coast Events calendar.

As well as showcasing the region to a global audience, our local communities reap the economic benefits as athletes and spectators

stay, play, shop and dine at various venues.

After a summer impacted by severe weather – both flood and fire – our communities have been reminding visitors why the Great Ocean Road is such a spectacular destination.

So whether you have some spare time during the event or you're looking to plan an adventure in the future, we'd love for you to include the Surf Coast on your itinerary.

Congratulations to the World Surf League and the Victorian Government on another edition of this historic event.

We're excited that the Rip Curl Pro kicks off the celebrations for 50 years of pro surfing.

All the best to competitors. I can't wait to see who has the honour of ringing the iconic bell.

Libby Stapleton

Surf Coast Shire Mayor



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What's On



Saturday March 28

Rip Curl Pro Bells Beach presented by Bonsoy Trials
Featuring the top Victorian Male & Female surfers with a spot in the main event up for grabs.

Tuesday March 31 Opening Day

Rip Curl Pro Bells Beach presented by Bonsoy Event Site
9am - Athlete Training Session
Championship Tour Athlete training sessions in the Bowl, from 9am - 5pm

4pm - 7pm - Free Live Music*

Wolfmother 4pm - 5:15pm. Spiderbait 5:45pm - 7:00pm

*Crowd limits apply.

[Opening Day FAQs Here](#)

Wednesday April 1

Day One of the Waiting Period

All the action starts from the 1st of April to the 11th April
Jumbo LIVE Screen at the Rip Curl Torquay Store
From the 1st - 7th April at the Rip Curl Torquay Store.

5pm - DHD Board Night with Darren Hanley
& Special Guests

Rip Curl Torquay Store

6pm - Decal Exhibition presented by Rip Curl, FCD, Yeti,
Stone & Wood

Feast Studios for an exhibition of graphic surf exploration.

Friday April 3

7pm - TRACKS Party

Torquay Surf Life Saving Club with headliners Beddy Rays

Saturday April 4

4.30pm - Team Signing

Rip Curl Torquay Store. Bring along a wetsuit to recycle, skip the queue!

Sunday April 5

5pm - 'Sketchy' Movie Premiere

Join us for the World Premiere of Rip Curl's never-before-seen Search film, Sketchy at the Torquay Hotel

Saturday April 11

Final Day of the waiting period

4pm - The Swell Sessions

Torquay Surf Lifesaving Club headlined by The Terrys.

Easter Weekend Activities

Rip Curl Pro Bells Beach presented by Bonsoy Event Site
Weekend activities may include: Stone & Wood Afternoon Delight, Athlete Signing, Trophy Photos, Easter Scavenger Hunt, Expression Sessions and More. Timings and activities subject to change.

HOW TO FOLLOW THE EVENT

Instagram: @wsl <https://www.instagram.com/wsl/>

Twitter: @wsl <https://twitter.com/wsl>

Facebook: /wsl <https://www.facebook.com/WSL/>

Watch Live: worldsurfleague.com

Connect To The Local Atmosphere

Can't make it to Bells? Don't miss a heat! Stream it live via worldsurfleague.com or get amongst the action at local businesses throughout the Surf Coast.

Look for participating businesses showcasing the event poster, sticker, and banner for a complete Surf Coast experience!

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Shuttle Bus Information

March 31 Bus Information

An accessible shuttle bus service will run on Tuesday, March 31 from 12pm - 8pm from the Rip Curl Flagship store in Torquay for the 50 Year Celebration Open Day.

1. Rip Curl Store, Torquay
2. Stop at Merrijig Drive / Surf Coast Shire Offices Bus Stop
3. Stop at Pacific Drive / Sands Bvd Bus Stop
4. Stop of Surf Coast Sailing Club [[Temporary Bus Stop](#)]
5. Stop at Park Lane / Bell Street Bus Stop
6. Stop at Bird Rock Cafe
7. Stop at Rip Curl Pro Event Site

A special return bus service will also run leaving from the event site 6pm - 8pm on March 31.

1. Rip Curl Pro Event Site
2. Surf Beach Drive / Bells St Bus Stop

[Opening Day FAQs Here](#)

Main Event Bus Information: Between April 1 - April 11

An accessible shuttle bus service will run for 'ON' days from Wednesday, 1st April to Saturday 11th April from 8:30am - 5:30pm from the Rip Curl Flagship store in Torquay. Please note daily service may cease earlier if the event is called off for the day.

1. Rip Curl Store, Torquay
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Important Main Event Information

Event times: Surfing action takes place between 7:30am to 5:00pm on competition "ON" days. Every morning the WSL Tours and Competition team decides on the contest based on conditions. Sign up to alerts or download the WSL app to get notified if the event is called "ON", "OFF" or "ON HOLD".

Tickets: Tickets are available for purchase onsite only once the competition is officially called "ON" for the day. Spectators can buy tickets daily at the ticket booth or digitally by scanning the onsite QR code. The QR code allows for a quick and easy purchase from any mobile device. After purchasing via the QR code, spectators can join the QR Ticket Scanning line to receive their wristband to enter the event.

Festival Pass - \$40 (Concession: \$25)

Day Pass - \$20 (Concession \$15)

Kids under 12 - Free

3228 Residents and Surfing Victoria Members - Free

(I.D. Required)

Parking - \$8

Please note there is limited parking on-site, based on a first in best dressed basis. Due to capacity limits, all passes don't guarantee entry at Bells Beach. This helps preserve the Bells Beach Surfing Recreation Reserve.

Getting To Bells:

Bells Beach Surfing Recreation Reserve, Jarosite Road, Bells Beach VIC 3228.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW LOCATION](#)

Coming from Melbourne

By Car: Head west on the West Gate Freeway [M1] from Melbourne towards Geelong. Continue for 70 kilometres, then merge onto the Princes Freeway [M1] as it joins the Geelong Ring Road. After 90 kilometres, take the Anglesea/B100 exit toward Torquay/Geelong.

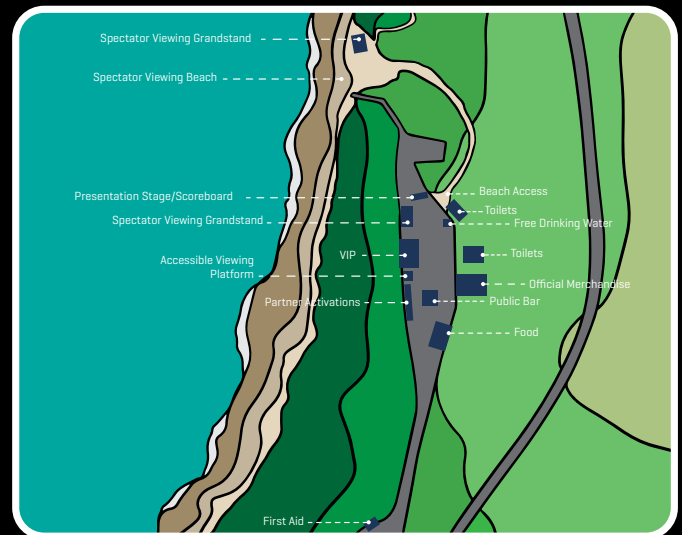
Coming from Torquay

By Car: Head southwest on the Great Ocean Road [B100]. Follow signs along the road to Bells Beach. Make a turn onto Bells Boulevard and follow this road until you reach the Bells Beach car park.

Accessibility: To improve event accessibility we have included accessible parking, paths of travel around the main event, toilets and viewing platforms at the event. Assistance animals are welcome, with identification. Visit the Surfing Victoria website to download the Sensory Site Map and Social Script.

Event Site Map

Explore the event grounds of the Rip Curl Pro Bells Beach Presented By Bonsoy.



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