

**SPORT**

# Bronze a tribute to lost friend

A FRIEND'S fight against cancer has inspired Ellis Beach lifesaver Heike Kelly to win her first state championships medal at Kurrawa Beach.

Kelly, who only returned to lifesaving competition last season after an extended break from the sport, was "chuffed" with her bronze medal run in the 40-44 years female beach sprint.

She was edged out of first spot in a blanket finish but said it was her memories of her recently departed friend Jacqueline Goodhew's battle against cancer which pushed her to a bronze medal finish.

"My best friend passed away two weeks ago after she lost her battle with cancer," Kelly said.

"She was amazingly strong and her strength inspired me. I was thinking of her a lot, particularly before that (beach sprint) race."

An Ellis Beach competitor in her teens and early 20s, Kelly's long-held ambition to compete in masters competition at state level, combined with her children's involvement in junior lifesaving, prompted her return to the club.

In a strong all-round performance, Kelly also finished fourth in the flags, rescue tube and surf race events, despite the water events taking place in rough conditions with large swells.

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"There were so many breaks, not like up here where we have a lot of smooth stuff - I was a bit daunted," she said.

Kelly said she had expected her water events to be her strongest chance at a medal but was pleased her all-round abilities enabled her to snare a medal on the sand.

Cairns Surf Club competitor Paul Davis also figured among the frontrunners in several 40-44 years male events but a medal eluded him.

Davis recorded four top-eight finishes, including fifth place in both the surf board and flags events.

He said the conditions had made the going tough, especially after having had to prepare for the championships at the much more friendly Lake Placid.

"I'm battered and shattered and I've got a sore hip after I got run over in the surf race," he said.

Davis had looked likely to pick up a medal in the ironman event before being knocked off his craft by a large wave in the ski leg and finishing seventh overall.

Etty Bay competitor William Horsford finished fifth in the 45-49 years male flags competition.



Strong: Heike Kelly was inspired to snare a bronze medal by her departed friend's fighting qualities.

# Cracked ribs no reason to Dodge meet

CAIRNS racer Lydon Dodge will carry cracked ribs into this weekend's Townsville club meeting after crashing out of the National Sprint Kart Championships in Launceston yesterday.

A luckless Dodge was one of several drivers whose clubman light challenge ended on the first corner of the final.

An accident at the turn put paid to their chances when one driver spun out but remained on the track, causing havoc as other racers sought to avoid him as they passed by.

Dodge was unable to avoid the collision, hitting the other kart side-on and sending his own vehicle rolling side over side down the track.

A dazed Dodge soon regained his senses but it was not until later that he realised he had suffered the injury to his ribs.

"I was in Disneyland and off with the fairies before I came back to my senses and started to help everyone get everything (kart debris) off the track," he said. "It was another two or three races before I noticed that my ribs were sore. I think, because I was wearing two rib vests, they helped me out because they were wrapped around me tight."

The incident tyfied Dodge's weekend after he had scored a sixth placing in Friday's opening heat.

He was in fifth place in Saturday's opening heat before being taken out by an opposing driver. In his next race, he had moved from seventh to sixth place when he was nudged off the track, slipping into last spot before recovering to finish 10th.

Dodge said neither his bad luck nor his injury would prevent him lining up for the third round of the Townsville Kart Club championships this weekend. "I think if you really love doing something, why would you let it (an injury) stop you getting straight back into it," he said.

After the disappointing end to his national championships campaign, Dodge said he would target other major events, including the Queensland and Northern Territory titles.

# International tour for stalwarts



**Making a splash:** A group of intrepid Cairns Surf Life Saving Club stalwarts are enjoying the ultimate pre-season bonding tour, hitting the idyllic waters off Nusa Island in Papua New Guinea. Taking part in the 10-day surfing and diving tour are Greg Parr, James Marsh, Michael Ryan, Rod Ashton, Brian Heggie (pictured on surfboard), Doug McKinstry, Andrew Graham, Anthony Hannan and Bob McPhail. It will be a big season ahead for the Cairns club at Palm Cove with construction of a new clubhouse with bar and bistro.

## SPORT IN DETAIL

### 8 ball

**Edmonton**  
NOTES for week ending March 23.  
Results: Bothers sponsored Wednesday men's triples: 1st C. De Martin, J. Oulfield and D. Wright; 2nd K. Atkin, C. Damiani & N. Hall.  
Results: Saturday games 1st H. Green, K. Connell & G. Savoy; 2nd G. Morton, L. White & S. Stalderman. Games for Wed 26th March, 2008 - Men's Self Selected Triples. Teams by 11am.  
Single nominations accepted. Jackpot this week \$120. Visitors welcomed. Phone 4055544. Please leave message if phone unattended.  
Next Saturday: Mixed Multi Triples for cash prizes, plus jackpot. Names in by 11.30 am for 1pm start. Sunday 9.15 am start. A grade singles: B. Wright v. M. Hall; E. Johnson v. A. Hanson; H. Korman v. C. Gouarty; U. Sinjo v. G. Moulie. At noon winner of Wright and Hall v. winner of Johnson and Hanson.  
9.15 am start Men's championship pairs: G. and R. Adkinson v. H. Holey and M. Chaperles; D. Hill and K. Holden v. D. Skelton and G. Adams; 9.15 am start C grade: B. Reason v. K. Jackson, J. Morton v. C. Kelly, G. Kierthar v. A. Benfield. 11am Winner Reason and Jackson plays winner of Morton and Kelly.

### golf

**Paradise Palms**  
THURSDAY Blue Tee Challenge - 13 March 2008; Winner - Mick Reynolds 107pts; Nearest the pin 7th - Mike Reynolds.  
Nearest the pin 12th - Rob Whyte; Saturday Nu Nu Wau-nabe - 15 March 2008; Winner - Tom Upton (16) 34pts; Nearest the pin 16th - Tom Upton; Tuesday Bella Bai - 18 March 2008; Winner - Joanne Wong (19) 33pts; Runner-up - Richard Cheong (11) 33pts; Nearest the pin 7th - Richard Cheong; Nearest the pin 16th - Felix Chellent

### bowls

**Cairns Bowls Club Ladies**  
COMPETITION called for tomorrow 1pm start. Club championship singles: A Evans v M Steel, L Cavelly v S Galvin, Lightning singles: H Ward v M Brunl. Social bowls will be played. Visitors welcome. Names to the club by noon.  
Nominations for Horrie Kennedy Memorial Master Pairs: Names to the secretary, phone 4033 1935 or 4054 1539. Closing noon today.

**West Cairns**  
GAMES for Wednesday at West Cairns. Championship singles: Completion of game 11.30am M. Velvers v E. Parkes. Championship Fours: F. Black, P. Bert, G. Anderson Mary Thompson v S. Mulcahy E. Parkes J. Healy A. Morris. Consistency singles: M. Wraith v M. Steel

**Marlin Coast**  
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### oztag

**Cairns**  
DRAW for Cairns Tug Association.  
Tomorrow no games tonight.  
Tomorrow at Astoria, week tour (final field grade game):  
1pm 1 A Men LDT v Bullets; 2:00 2 Ladies Cobras 14s v SKM; 3pm 5 B Men Horwell v Strangers.  
4pm 1 A Men LDT v Bullets; 2:00 2 Ladies Cobras 14s v SKM; 3pm 5 B Men Horwell v Strangers.  
Cobras Blue; 7:00 3 B Men Woodcocks v MBS; 7:00 4 C Men Bulgogs v Diablos; 8:00 Ladies Bye.  
8pm 1 A Men Yobobs v Slippery Mulletts; 8:00 2 A Ladies All Stars v Ross A; 8:00 3 C Men Whewzers v Fridges; 8:00 4 B Ladies Breakaways v Sparks.

### rugby league

**Peninsula**  
TEAMS for state secondary school trials:  
Under-15s: 1 Gamsa Brims, Djarragan College, 2 Jonathan Sears, Mt St Bernards College, 3 Kelvin Lowe, Tully Bay SHS, 4 Levi Jacqui, Cairns SHS, 5 Luke O'Neil, Bentley Park College, 6 Mitchell Cairns, Bentley Park, 7 Clifford Buehlan, One SHS, 8 Willie-John Leeger, Innisfail SHS, 9 Jayden Hodges, St Mary's College, 10 Stephen Cross, Aberton SHS, 11 Jack Swindson, Oronotown SHS, 12 EJ Fa'ato, Worwe SHS, 13 Jesse

### soccer

**English Premier League**  
RESULTS: Everton 1, Yakuhi Aygygeni 8 West Ham United 1, Dean Ashton 89 Hullme: 1-0; Attendance: 35,000; Aston Villa 0 Sunderland 1, Michael Chopra 83 Hullme: 0-0; Attendance: 42,640; Blackburn Rovers 3, Roque Santa Cruz; 11:63, Jason Roberts, 45; Red Card: Christopher Samba 16 Wigan Athletic 1, Marlon King 179 Red Card: Wilson Palacios 69 Hullme: 2-1; Attendance: 22,000; Bolton Wanderers 0 Manchester City 0 Hullme: 0-0; Attendance: 22,633.  
Middlebrough 1, Tuncay Sanli 32 Derby County 0 Hullme: 1-0; Attendance: 25,642; Newcastle United 2, Mark Velaka 6, Michael Owen 83 Fulham 0 Hullme: 1-0; Attendance: 52,233; Reading 2, Andre Bkay 31, 79 Birmingham City 1 Mauro Zarate 64 Hullme: 1-0; Attendance: 24,085; Tottenham Hotspur 2, Darren Bent 80, Jamie O'Hara 82 Portsmouth 0 Hullme: 0-0; Attendance: 35,999.

### swimming

**Australian championships**  
RESULTS from last night:  
Finals: Men: 100m breaststroke: B Rickard (Brothers QLD) 1:00.04 AR 1; C Springer (Commercial QLD) 1:02.22; J Piper (West Coast WA) 1:02.92; C Tucker (City of Perth WA) 1:02.24 4; J Slattery (Aquabon NSW) 1:02.37; S. L. Trickett (St Peters Western QLD) 1:02.84; C. Calver (Albury NSW) 1:02.84 7; S. Ashby (CA Tritons VIC) 1:04.48; 8. 50m butterfly: M Targett (Melbourne Vicentre VIC) 2:31.51; 1. A. Luterstein (Southport Olympic QLD) 2:38.21; 2. R. Pini (Papua New Guinea) 2:39.36; C. Wright (Commercial QLD) 2:42.24; 1. M. Patterson (Warragah Aquatic NSW) 2:41.5; 5. A. Pine (Gleninderra NSW) 2:41.8; 6. G. Kates (West Coast WA) 2:42.7; M. Jaskovic (Sydney University NSW) 2:41.8.  
100m freestyle: West Coast (WA) 3:21.32; 1. Cranbrook Eastern EDG (NSW) 3:24.95; 2. Melbourne Vicentre (VIC) 3:26.39; 3. Warragah Aquatic (NSW) 3:30.14; 4. Weronga Park QLD 3:31.76; 5. SOPAC Swim Club (NSW) 3:32.13; 6. CA Tritons (VIC) 3:32.57; 7. City of Perth (WA) 3:35.47; 8. Women: 100m butterfly: L. Trickett (Commercial QLD) 56:01 CR 1; J. Schopier (Redcliffe League Lantonia QLD) 57:31; 2. F. Galvez (SOPAC Swim Club NSW) 58:39; 3. A. Mills (Chandler QLD) 58:45; 4. A. Courts (Redlands QLD) 1:00:39; 5. J. Ash (Norwood SA) 1:00:57; 6. A. Smith (St Peters Western QLD) 1:01:28; 7. N. Jones (Nunawading VIC) 1:02:55; 8.  
400m freestyle: L. Mackenzie (Mackay QLD) 4:04.73 CR 1; B. Bonratt (Albury Creek QLD) 4:05.19; 2. N. Palmer (Albury Creek QLD) 4:06.21; 3. A. Bonbridge (Harrier NSW) 4:12.84; 4. M. Gorman (Redcliffe League Lantonia) 4:13.15; 5. L. Selwood (St Peters Western QLD) 4:13.83; 6. A. McCleery (Pro-Ma Miami QLD) 4:14.75; 7. A. Evers-Dowry (Pro-Ma Miami QLD) 4:21.44; 8. 50m breaststroke: S. Edington (Kippit NSW) 27:07 WR 1; 2. Zimmer (Kippit NSW) 28:24; 3. R. Goh (Melbourne Vicentre VIC) 29:43; 4. M. Guener (Melbourne Vicentre VIC) 29:44; 4. K. Leane (PBA-Parramatta SA) 29:54; 5. A. Cockerton (Melbourne Vicentre VIC) 29:55; 6. C. Giesler (M&O Marlin NSW) 29:54; 7. G. Loh (CA Tritons VIC) 29:57.8.

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