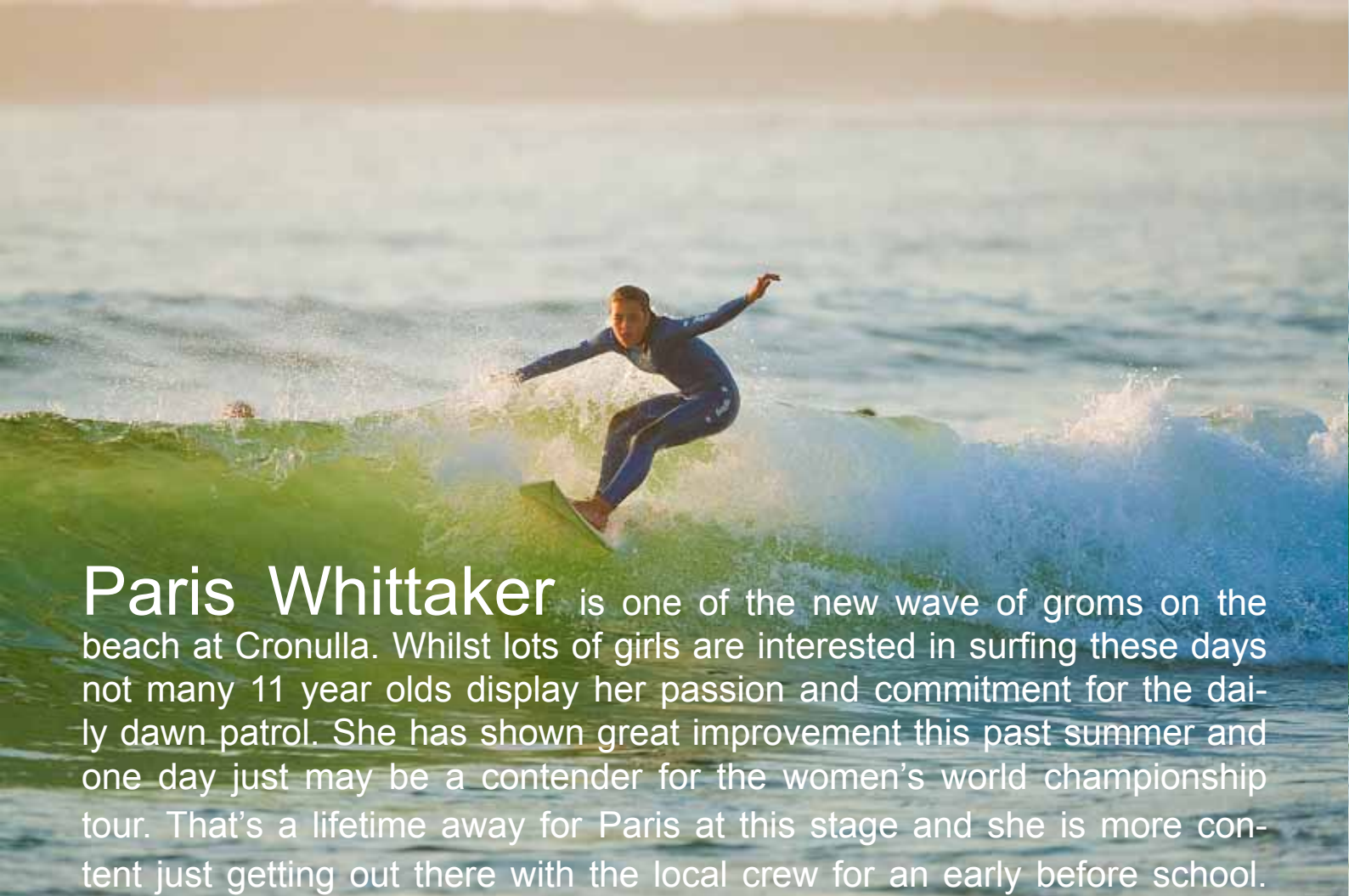


Surf News



Five Minute Interview with
Paris Whittaker



Paris Whittaker is one of the new wave of groms on the beach at Cronulla. Whilst lots of girls are interested in surfing these days not many 11 year olds display her passion and commitment for the daily dawn patrol. She has shown great improvement this past summer and one day just may be a contender for the women's world championship tour. That's a lifetime away for Paris at this stage and she is more content just getting out there with the local crew for an early before school.

Paris' 5 Minute Interview

Where do you live?

Caringbah

How long have you lived there?

11 years (Paris is only 11 years old)

How long have you been surfing for?

6 years

Where's your favourite surf spots?

Keenely's Reef, North Cronulla – Beachbreaks, Cronulla Reefs - 1st Left and the Superbank (on the Gold Coast not the Wanda Superbank)

Who are the local guys you see out everyday tearing it up?

Fish-Killer, Jordon Widdenstorm, Wylie Fowler and Johnny Veage

Are you involved in club surfing?

Not really. I go in a few events with North Cronulla Junior Boardriders and may enter some comps this year. I just like surfing for fun at the moment.

Favourite international surfers?

Kelly Slater, Nick Mushcroft and Sally Fitzgibbons,

Do you go on Myspace?

No but sometimes I go on Facebook

What is your favourite manoeuvre?

Cutback and Tuberide

School is?

Pretty fun.

Best advice from a coach?

Always be confident and go for it and don't drop in on people like Rosco.



Favourite moment?

Getting a week off school recently to go to the Quiksilver Pro with my dad. I surfed for 7 hours every day. My dad was too tired but I kept pestering him to come out. All the Pro's were surfing and the water was really warm.

Any OS surfing trips?

Not yet but I would really like to travel to some surfing destinations outside Australia. My dad went to Nias and I would like to go there one day and stay on a boat.

Surfing will take you where?

To some really cool places.

So Paris what boards do you ride right now?

Currently I have a 5'7" Force 9. Jimmy is really cool and he lets me try boards from the second hand rack so I can try out new shapes. I want to get a brand new surfboard but my dad only buys them for himself.

What are your sponsors?

I don't have any sponsors yet. I have got some wetsuits from Wing because I helped them with a catalogue and Jimmy lets me try boards from Force 9. Surfing is just fun at the moment. One day I might be sponsored?



Paris with her dad Brad