

# Press Release

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## Central Coast Disabled Surfers final event for the season at Umina Beach on April 5th

**Umina Beach, NSW:** Central Coast Disabled Surfers Association (DSACC) will hold a “Smiles on Dials” event at Umina Beach on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, the last event of the season. Following a successful March event, we need large volunteer numbers to make our surfing experience safe and enjoyable.

Interested volunteers are asked to register online prior to the event via Humanitix or via <https://bit.ly/DSACC5April2025> so, we know how many surfers we can accept. Volunteers can also register on the day.

Volunteers do not need to know how to surf although water skills are highly valued. A rash shirt is provided for the day, and volunteers are encouraged to bring their own wetsuits or borrow one of ours. A sausage sizzle and presentation will complete the festivities.

Volunteering at a ‘Smiles on Dials event consists of helping surfers to and from the beach, assisting them in and out of the water and helping set up and clean up. Smiles are always encouraged!

### About Disabled Surfers Association:

DSACC is a volunteer-run organisation that enables people of all ages and abilities to take part in one of Australia’s most popular past-times, beach surfing! DSA volunteers serve to provide a unique, safe, and happy surfing experience to a wide range of people with various disabilities who would otherwise be unable to access the beach. To ensure safety, DSA has an exceedingly high volunteer to surfer ratio, with a minimum of 6 to 1 up to as high as 30 to 1 for higher needs surfers. We only surf in broken waves, in waist depth water. Volunteers help participants enjoy the experience that abled bodied people often take for granted.

The DSA established in 1986, currently has nineteen branches across Australia and New Zealand. Central Coast branch was established in 2005. The association sets world’s best practice for the sport of Disabled Surfing. The DSA creates opportunities for everyone, including disabled surfers and able-bodied volunteers, to experience unique, safe, and happy surfing events, whilst under complete supervision from our trained Team Leaders and Beach Marshalls. DSA training programs are award winning for Outstanding Achievement in implementing Safe Sport Practices and Minister’s awards for Most Significant Contribution to Water Safety by an organisation.

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### Volunteer and Surfer Registration:

Via Humanitix <https://bit.ly/DSACC5April2025>

For more information on DSA, please visit <http://disabledsurfers.org>.

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