

making waves

Our most successful Indigenous surfer ever takes out the Deadly for Most Promising New Talent in Sport.



In 2007, 18-year-old surfer Dale Richards road a wave of success all the way to the stage of the Sydney Opera House Concert Hall to accept his Deadly Award for Most Promising New Talent in Sport.

The young surfer from Tweed Heads burst onto the national spotlight earlier in the year after he made a surprise wild card entry into the Quicksilver Pro Surfing Tournament held on the Gold Coast.

In doing so, Dale became the first Indigenous surfer to progress to a world surfing tour event where he competed against some surfing idols in the form of world champions Andy Irons and Kelly Slater.

“Obviously there aren’t that many Aboriginal surfers out there,” Dale said when he accepted his award. “I hope this can encourage more Aboriginal people to start surfing.”





PREPARATION BEFORE READING

The Deadly Awards are Australia's national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander music, sport, entertainment and community awards. This issue of *Deadly Vibe* magazine is all about the 2007 Deadly Awards, when people from all over Australia get together to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander achievement.

This year, 18 year old surfer Dale Richards won a Deadly for Most Promising New Talent in Sport. He is the most successful Indigenous surfer ever in Australia.

ACTIVITY 1: SCANNING FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Read *Making Waves* on page 9

1. Which Deadly Award did Dale Richards win in 2007?

2. Dale is from Tweed Heads.

TRUE FALSE

3. Which event did Dale make a wild card entry into earlier this year?

4. What was significant about this?



ACTIVITY 2: UNDERSTANDING WORDS IN CONTEXT

Write your own meaning for the words from the report in the boxes below.

(Read the words from the report as well as the sentences around them).

Words from the report	My words that mean the same thing
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ACTIVITY 3: BEHIND THE NEWS EPISODE 6 SCRIPT 27/03/07

Presented by Sarah Larsen

VOICEOVER: A young Queenslander has surfed his way into the history books. Dale Richards is the first Aboriginal Australian to get into a world championship tour. As Sarah reports, he hopes his achievement will inspire other Aboriginal people.

SARAH LARSEN: A day at the beach might be relaxing for most of us, but not if you're a professional surfer. The world tour is as competitive and intense as any sport and it takes a huge amount of dedication and practice to make it. This month, Tweed Heads teenager Dale Richards battled his way through trials to compete in his first world championship event. His progress was set back by three-time-world champion Andy Irons, but there was little disappointment.

DALE RICHARDS: The first competition I ever won was actually the trials, so I was lucky enough to win that one and surf up against Andy Irons, surf against all my heroes really.

SARAH LARSEN: To make it into the competition he practised eight hours a day, but while he's dedicated now, his career in surfing began by accident.

DALE RICHARDS: I started when I was ten when we moved down here, pretty much because I had nothing else to do here really and the surf was there, so I guess I started and never gave up. I used to play football but hurt my knee and that's when I started surfing.



SARAH LARSEN: Now he's finding out there are no limits. He'll continue on the junior professional circuit and maybe one day soon he'll be in the championships again. He wants his success to inspire other Aboriginal people to try surfing.

DALE RICHARDS: I hope so, definitely. There needs to be more Indigenous surfers. We're normally always good at football or something, so why not try surfing, why not try something different?

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1. "A young Queenslanders has surfed his way into the history books" is an example of

- formal language
- colloquial language
- alliteration

2. List one direct quote from Dale Richards used in this script.



ACTIVITY 4: STORYBOARD

A storyboard is a series of drawings that can be used to show camera technicians how to film a script.

Draw a storyboard to show the sequence of shots that could be used to film Behind the News Episode 6.

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