



# The 2004 Australian Bluewater Freediving Classic



Woolgoolga NSW 15th - 16th May



## Day One

Finally Mother Nature turned it on and conditions for the 2004 Australian Bluewater Freediving Classic were the best they had been for many years.

5.30am on the Saturday saw a blustery SE pushing in a moderate swell but it wasn't enough to deter the 66 divers that had signed on, taking to the water.

The group of 29 boats was evenly split as half headed south and the rest north. Most struggled to even find a scoring fish on Saturday and topping the point score for day one was Ben Johnson with 4 fish (see [results](#) for full details) with the defending champion Glenn George hot on his heels, also scoring 4 species for the day.



## Day Two

The wind had eased come Sunday morning and surface conditions were as good as they get. With the limited catch the day before, any fish was of a premium so many boats headed for the FAD and any fish trap they could find in search of a dolphin fish.

The fish again proved to be illusive on day two but some stories of the one that got away still managed to surface.

## Three Times Lucky

A combination of a little luck, local knowledge and skill saw Glenn George bring it home with 6 species on day two to take out the Australian Bluewater Freediving Classic for a record three times running.

Second place was filled by Greg Smith who managed to extract a 18.55kg kingfish from Woolgoolga Headland in the dying minutes of day two.

How they finished:

	Name	Species	Total Wt	Points
1	GEORGE, Glenn	10	35.88	1408.8
2	SMITH, Greg	6	43.49	1084.9
3	JOHNSON, Ben	7	31.71	1067.1
4	SMITH, Adam	7	23.1	931
5	WAYNE, Steve	6	24.43	844.3
6	POWELL, Ray	6	19.79	797.9
7	COOKE, Alastair	5	22.08	770.8
8	DAVISON, Michael	4	25.37	703.7
9	BUCHHOLZ, Luke	4	25.66	656.6
10	GEORGE, Trevor	4	19.58	645.8
11	TRIPPE, Simon	4	19.43	644.3
12	SANDLAND, Steve	5	13.98	639.8
13	KIELLY, Kell	4	19.53	595.3
14	GEORGE, David	5	7.73	577.3
15	HEUGH, Tony	4	17.19	571.9
16	BROWN, Stephen	3	21.07	560.7
17	FINCH, Ron	3	19.98	549.8
18	SPICER, Naomi	4	14.73	547.3
19	CHAN, Julian	4	14.16	541.6
20	GLEN, Michael	4	12.21	522.1

## A Big Thankyou

Thanks to everyone who helped make the 2004 Aust. Bluewater Classic the success that it was. A special thankyou to Rob Allen and all of the sponsors who gave so generously of their time and products.

The date for the 2005 Aust. Bluewater Classic is yet to be determined, but a public notification will be issued as soon as the date is set.