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## NEWS

# Fun's the word as run returns

SURF Coast businesses are jumping on board and lending their support as the Mother's Day Classic fun run/walk returns to Torquay.

The May 13 event is a major fundraiser for breast cancer research and is being well supported, with registrations flowing in, volunteers putting their hands up to help and sponsorships coming from local traders.

Organiser Diana Robertson said she was rapt with the community's enthusiasm for the event.

"It's been a great response from the local community," Ms Robertson said.

"I have many busy mums



volunteering their time with promoting the event and being involved on the day.

"I have approached some local businesses and they've been great with support."

Among the sponsors to sign up so far are major backer Cafe Moby, Torquay Links Property, DBM Signs, and Surf Coast Party Hire.

Ms Robertson said Torquay IGA would donate fresh fruit at the finish line

and Bakers Delight outlets were involved on a national level while also supporting the event locally.

"We have great prizes for the first male, first female and first mum with pram to cross the finish line."

"The Sands Torquay has donated a fantastic stay-and-play package. We have a number of gift vouchers donated from Soul Skin, Nadz Art, Stuff and Nonsense Photography, Geelong and Surfcoast Doula Services."

The 4km event starts at Surf Beach Drive and follows tracks around the Torquay Golf Club.

www.mothersdayclassic.com.au

## Festival to make great yarn

SURF Coast heads will be kept cosy when the Torquay Beanie Festival rolls into town next month.

Organisers have moved the date of the annual festival forward to May this year, with a bumper schedule to satisfy festival fans.

With the theme A Celebration of Yarn, the festival has broadened to include more than just beanies.

"There will be other head-gear as well as scarves, socks, rugs, gloves and tea cosies," organiser Jan Hale said. "The emphasis should be on colour, warmth or even a zany design."

The festival started in 2009 when local knitting groups drew inspiration from the popular Alice Springs Beanie Festival.

"Beanies are not just for hippies," Mrs Hale said.

Entrants can get a head-start on their designs, with workshops at Kobo Cafe today and on May 3 from 10.30am. The event will be launched there on May 5.

Torquay businesses will display the beanies until the end of May.

If you can help, or run a business that can display beanies, phone Mrs Hale on 5261 9660 or email beaut.beanies@yahoo.com.au



**Get ready:** Tim Nicol, Michael Leone, Jacob Horvath and Peter Horvath prepare for the overnight tournament.

Photo: CORMAC HANRAHAN

## Gamers network to support charity

COMPUTER gamers are set to frag for a good cause when an overnight charity tournament night kicks off next month.

LAN-AID will see up to 32 gamers play on a local area network all weekend at the Potato Shed, with proceeds going to a charity of the winner's choice.

The event is the brainchild of 26-year-old Jacob Horvath, who is rounding up his fellow computer enthusiasts for charity.

"Ultimately, we're trying

to call in an audience who are specifically computer gamers," he said.

"We'll play a variety of games and up to eight tournament-style matches including shooter games, strategy games and racing games. Some of those require teamwork, so groups of up to four people are most welcome."

The event will be held from 10am on May 19 to 7pm on May 20 and costs \$40. To RSVP, email jacob.horvath@gmail.com.



# The Permanent Water Saving Plan now applies

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