

# Save Bastion Point

*protect this coastal environment from inappropriate development*

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Surfrider Foundation Australia Award for Save Bastion Point Campaign**



Surfrider Foundation Board member Simon Branigan presents award to James Thyer of SBPC.

As bulldozers ready for the second phase of the destruction of the surfbreak at Mallacoota's Bastion Point, the Save Bastion Point Campaign has received an award as Campaign of the Year 2013 from Surfrider Foundation Australia for its exceptional effort in support of Surfrider Foundation in protecting waves and beaches.

Dr James Thyer, who accepted the Award on behalf of the Save Bastion Point Campaign said "Its great to be recognised for our attempts to preserve the Bastion Point headland.

"Its just such a shame that the East Gippsland Shire Council refused to listen to the community and Government Inquiries and Review Panels that said a lower impact solution to boat launching at Bastion Point was not only possible, it was cheaper, less damaging to the environment, aboriginal cultural heritage and surfbreak, and would have equal or better boating performance than the large scale beach road and breakwater that the Council is currently constructing.

"This week, the destruction is set to continue at Bastion Point, after a summer lay-off. The beach has already been filled in with rubble, and the reef is set to be blasted and have thousands of tonnes of rock poured into the surfbreak.

Surfrider Foundation Australia Chair, Brendan Donohoe added "Where there is life there is hope- we have not given up yet. Should this break be forever vandalised we will ensure it always serves as a warning to surfers around our coast as to be vigilant to the threat of ill-considered development that can destroy what the vast majority love.

"The Save Bastion Point Campaigners can be rightly proud of making EVERY effort to protect what they love and Surfrider is proud to be associated with such a dedicated and informed bunch."

**YouTube of Campaign Events:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qyl6F45sRBc>

**Images of Beach Destruction:** <http://savebastionpoint.org/bastion-point/destruction-gallery/>

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