

WORLD LIFESAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

MENSFORTH MAKES KEY MENTOR

TO REPRESENT UMINA IN FRANCE

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WATCHING a keen young nipper develop into a top athlete that can compete against the best in the land – that is one of the many things Umina Surf Club's Garry Mensforth loves about this sport.

Mensforth, 53, is one of the many in the coast lifesaving fraternity that does a mountain of work behind the scenes to ensure our young athletes have a chance to shine on the big stage.

And now, after just missing out on the position of youth team manager for the 2012 world titles, Mensforth now gets a chance to rub shoulders with the sport's elite in France during September.

Mensforth, who has held various positions at Umina Surf Club and has been involved in representative teams for years, has been chosen as youth team manager for this year's world titles and will have a familiar face in the youth team with Shelly Beach young gun Bradley Woodward one of our key competitors.

"It's exciting, I'm thrilled," he said of the France event.

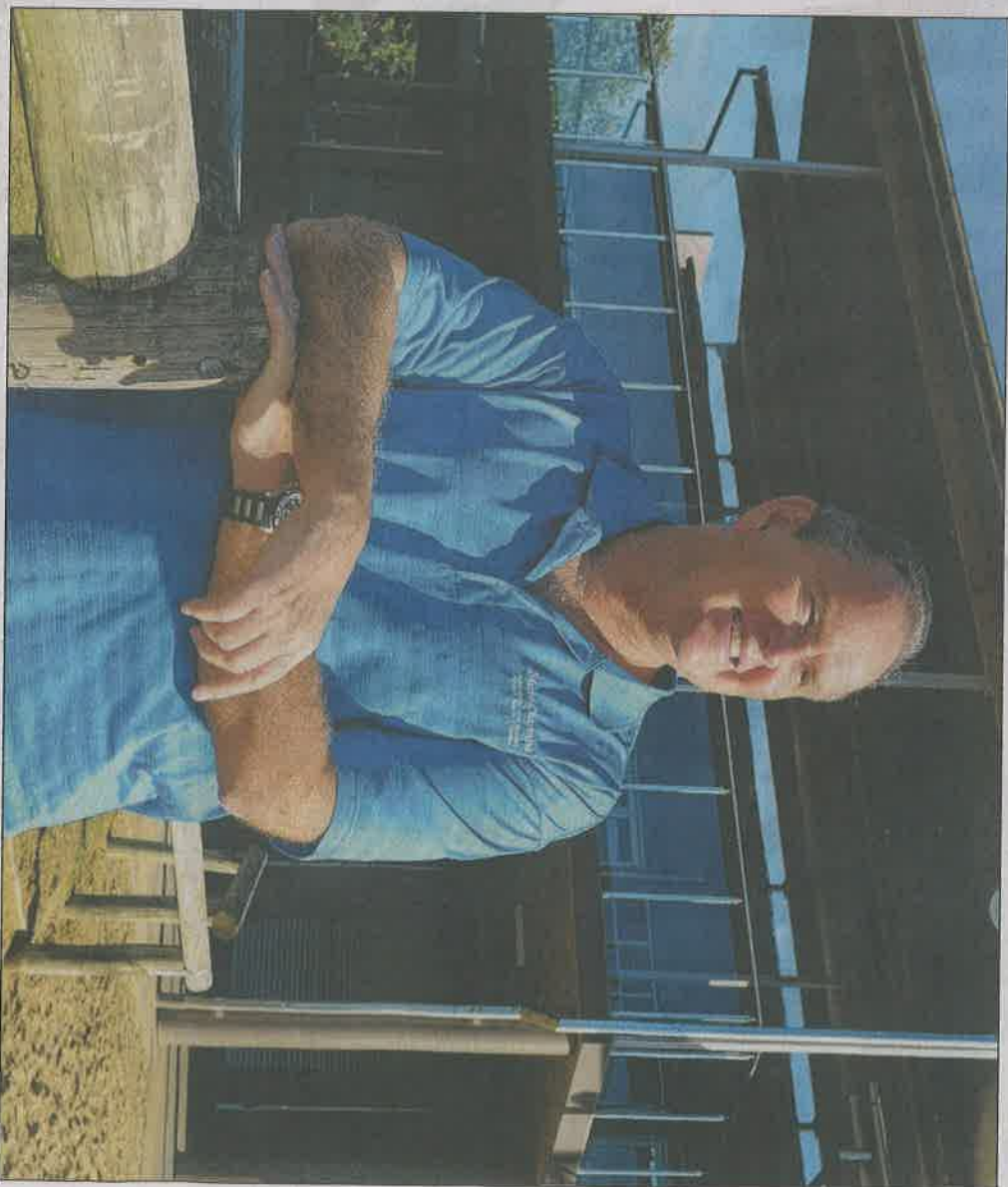
"I'm proud to be representing Umina on the world stage.

"And to have Bradley in the team is brilliant."

There is a real Central Coast flavour for the world titles with brilliant Avoca ski champion Lachlan Tame to be joined in the open team by Terrigal's Tim Schofield.

"I do get a real kick out of watching these young athletes develop," Mensforth said.

"Someone like Chris (Surf Lifesaving Central Coast chief executive officer Chris Parker) was involved in the sport at a young age and now he's the CEO of the sport, that's what I love," Mensforth said.



Garry Mensforth is off to the world titles in France and so is talented youngster Bradley Woodward (left).