



V8 at the AHG Driving Centre

## Ride the waves at Scarborough

Want to learn how to surf? Then put yourself in Perth Go Surf team's hands! Comprising Paul Lofthouse, who represented WA five times in national surfing championships, and Troy Hatchett, who has been coaching for 18 years, the school offers private lessons that progress at each student's pace.

Perth Go Surf is Academy of Surfing accredited and operates from a van parked at Brighton beach. Each class has a maximum of six students to ensure everyone receives ample attention.

First lessons are always conducted in knee-high water and involve learning the

correct posture when lying on the board, paddling and mastering the art of lifting the body up. Once you have the basics, it's time to paddle out into the white water. Paddling helps you gain momentum, but once the board starts to move on its own to the same speed of the wave, it's time to stop paddling and get ready for one heady ride!

In the summer the waves only reach one metre but you still need to heed all safety instructions. Surprisingly, Hatchett says girls often pick

up surfing faster than boys, as boys tend to let bravado get in the way of learning and take on unbroken waves before they're ready. "I've seen the biggest guys get knocked over by waves because they think they can outmuscle them. It's not brawn. The ocean can be very humbling in that regard"

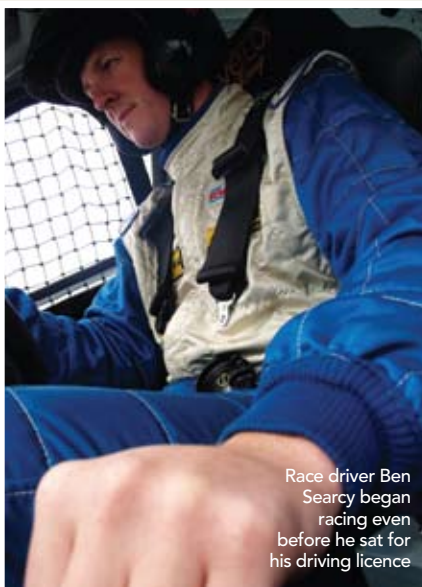
While you can surf all year round in WA, the best time for surfing is from October to March when an offshore breeze brings in swells from the southwest.

### Perth Go Surf

Lesson times: Daily (depending on the weather)

Cost: A\$30 per person (wetsuits and boards will be provided)

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes  
www.academyofsurfing.com



Race driver Ben Searcy began racing even before he sat for his driving licence

Troy Hatchett (left) and Paul Lofthouse demonstrating the basics at Brighton Beach, Scarborough



the ride of your life. As you approach corners, cambers, hairpin bends and sweeping curves, your race driver will give you a smooth running commentary while taking on the twists of the track. If you're lucky though, your race driver may even throw in a few adrenaline-pumping bonus drifts. While drifts are not part of the package, race drivers may execute them to thrill passengers at their discretion.

### V8 Superdrives

Drive times: By appointment

Price: A\$120 for two laps;

A\$45 for each additional lap (inclusive of race suit and helmet)

Duration: Two laps (additional laps by request)  
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## Go racing with a rally driver

Have a need for speed? Then sign up with MC Motorsport for a heart-pounding ride in a fully prepared six speed Holden V8 race car! The V8, which has been fitted with roll cage, race seats, harnesses and full race aero kit, is a powerful beast that delivers on its promise of excitement.

Once you're geared up in race suit, hairnet, safety helmet and close-toed shoes, buckle up and let your race driver take you on an introductory lap around the 1.6km bitumen road at the AHG Driving Centre, just 12km from Perth city. On your second lap, you'll blast off at 180km per hour, and experience