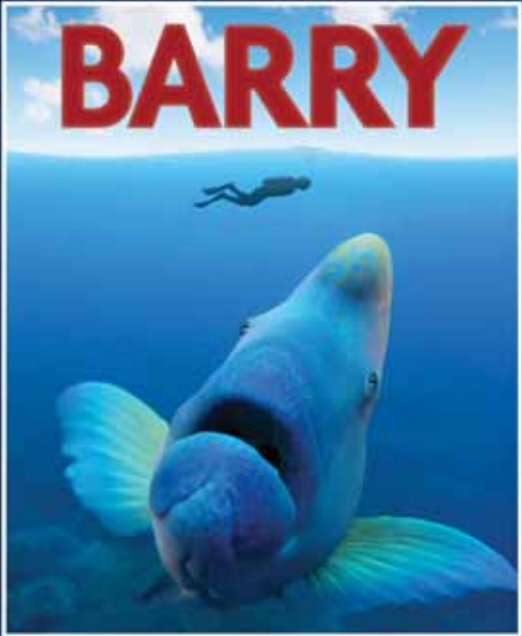



What's really terrifying is that soon there could be no big fish left at all

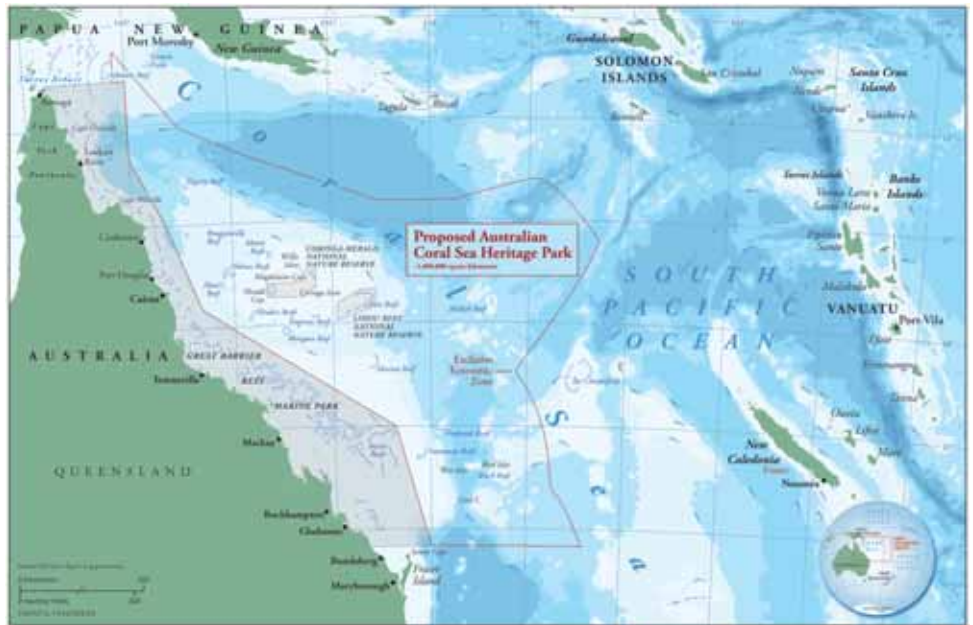


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### A Wrasse and Rabbit speak up for the Coral Sea.

By Nicola Temple

Whether you surf, dive, fish, snorkel, swim, admire from the beach, or have never seen the ocean firsthand, you are deeply connected to the ocean. After all, every second breath you take is thanks to our oceans, with between 50-70% of the oxygen in the atmosphere produced there. This planet of ours is mostly water, and as such, it is our oceans that drive climate and weather, shape the Earth's chemistry, and ultimately allow life to exist.

we must do everything possible to protect one of the last remaining near pristine tropical ecosystems, the Coral Sea," says Bartholomew.

"Seeing entire ecosystems that were once teeming with many species become virtual deserts, with no chance of rehabilitation, should act as a lesson for mankind. The Coral Sea, in all its abundance of life, should be a national treasure, with legislated protection, in perpetuity."

The waters of the Coral Sea play an essential ecological role that is worth protecting. It is here that the East Australian Current forms, running from east to west, carrying with it spores, larvae and other aggregations of marine life to the Great Barrier Reef and subtropical reefs in Southeast Queensland and Northern New South Wales. For migratory species, the reefs, islets and cays of the Coral Sea provide essential stepping stones, offering shelter and food on their long journeys. Sixty two nationally threatened and protected species are found here. In fact, the largest breeding aggregations of Hawksbill & Green Turtles in the entire Indo-Pacific region surround the Coral Sea.

However, like most of the world's oceans, humans have left their footprint even in this remote region. Over 100 tonnes of shark are taken each year from Australia's Coral Sea as longline "bycatch".

The carcasses are landed and finned, and the fins exported. The longline hooks set to catch tuna and billfish are also catching seabirds and turtles. With 90% of the world's large ocean-going fish wiped out in the last 50 years, protecting areas like the Coral Sea are more important than ever.

One fish is speaking out, Barry the Humphead Wrasse, has become the charismatic spokesfish of the campaign in a new television ad that has been airing throughout Queensland and NSW and can be seen on the website: [www.protectourcoralsea.org.au](http://www.protectourcoralsea.org.au).

With lips that rival those of any Hollywood starlet, Barry is asking the public to send a letter to their MP or to 'Kev' calling for the permanent protection of the Coral Sea.

Full protection of the Coral Sea, east of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, would be an unparalleled contribution to marine conservation.

It would be a global legacy for future generations.

Fewer protected areas exist in the pelagic (not coastal or inland) ocean than any other ecosystem on Earth, yet it constitutes 99% of the biosphere volume, supplies 80% of the fish consumed by humans and accounts for nearly half of the photosynthesis on Earth. In fact, less than 0.1% of the world's oceans are highly protected and there are only a handful of places in the world where large, fully protected marine parks can be established and enforced. Australia has one such place.

To the east of the Great Barrier Reef lies a tropical marine jewel: the Coral Sea. Its crystal clear waters are home to huge fish that dominate the ecosystem, like lions of the African plains. The pristine Islets and cays are both breeding ground and nursery for turtles and seabirds. It is home to a diversity of species from majestic humpback whales to dainty reef fish.

Once the arena for the Battle of the Coral Sea, this iconic region now remains a refuge for marine wildlife. In late 2008, a campaign was launched to protect this near pristine environment in an Australian Coral Sea Heritage Park. At one million square kilometres, it would be the world's largest park. This visionary proposal has gained tremendous support with the world's leading tropical marine scientists, international, national, and regional environmental organizations, former Chiefs of Navy, the Battle for Australia National Council, and an increasing number of prominent public figures behind the campaign. Most recently, surfing legend, Wayne 'Rabbit' Bartholomew AM has signed on as an Ambassador for the campaign.

"Having witnessed the devastation from long line netting, bomb fishing and commercial over fishing,

### A tribute to the late surfer adventurer... Tony Greig

A year has slipped away on January 31 since Tony passed at age 54 after his very courageous battle with cancer. The feeling now is like the relief in the aftermath following a big close-out set. TG is at Peace.



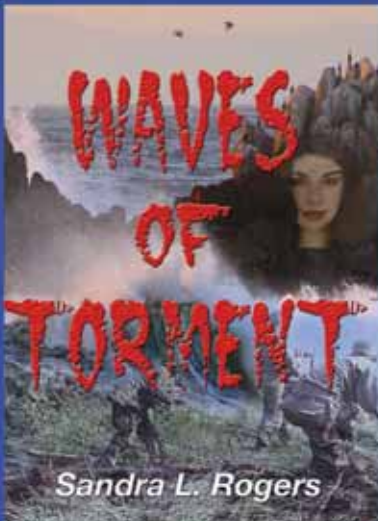
Family and friends remember the friendship and joy that Tony brought into our lives. TG learned to surf during the mid 60's in the wind-swells of Port Phillip Bay in Victoria with his best friend Robert Lorenzon. It took the two of them to carry the big Malibu to the beach, a board that Tony's brother Howard gave him.

Moving to Mermaid Beach with his family in 1969, TG loved surfing locally and could frequently be heard saying things like "there's a left reef out there!" or "there's a filthy pit with my name on it"!

Typical TG sayings that only a goofy foot could say! In 1976 Tony and Tim travelled to Bali and G'Land. And again in 1979 to Bali and Nias. Unforgettable and very special surf trips they were. Then in the 80's with John Irvine to Europe, J Bay and Samoa. Tony loved to travel and he lived the dream of every Surfer.

In early 2000 Tony met the beautiful Merle in the Philippines at Pillar Bay where they married and their delightful son Jay Antony was born, Tony's spirit lives on through Jay. Farewell old mate you are not forgotten.

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