

- belloomer A belly board popular in Australia.
belly The middle curved-contour on the underside of a surfboard or surf equipment.
- big surf A surf generally considered to be eight or ten feet high or higher, usually seasonal. The term is relative to one's experience.
- bitchin Very good; tops.
blast A helluva good time.
blend The functional unifying of the lines of a surfboard; fairing.
- blind Riding backward on a surfboard.
blowhole In surf, an upspouting of water caused by air trapped in the wave tunnel. An upwelling of water from an underwater cliff or obstruction.
- blowoff Being blown off a wave by the wind.
blowout A day when the wind is so strong as to make surf riding undesirable or unfeasible.
- bluebird Any very large swell that rises up in blue water.
- board A surfboard or *paipo* board.
board reverse pullout A trick pullout accomplished by swinging the board around and off the wave in the direction opposite to that of the slide.
- bodysurfing Riding waves with or without fins but without the use of surfboard, mat or any other equipment.
- bone yard The area where waves break; also known as the graveyard.
- bottom-out The end of a drop down the face of a wave; to ride near the trough in front of a wave.
- bottom turn A sudden turn at the bottom of the wave from a straight-off position at high speed enabling the rider to commence sliding.
- bottom profile The contour plan for the bottom of a surfboard.
- bow The forward end of a surfboard; the tip or nose.
- bowl A bend in a wave where it builds up higher, usually caused by the shoaling of

- the ocean floor or by waves merging from slightly different directions; also known as a hook.
- box seat Australian term for the hottest spot in the take-off site.
- break The breaking crest of a wave. The area where waves break. The moment when a wave breaks. A big surf.
- breakaway edge The trailing edges of a surfboard (its rails, tail or after-edge of the skeg) where the member separates from the water.
- broadie South African term for a slide.
bucking Fighting ones way out through a surf.
bugged To be annoyed or disquieted.
canopy The curved overhead-crest of a wave.
catalyst Methyl-ethyl ketone peroxide used to initiate thermal reaction and harden polyester resin.
- catch a rail When a surfboard edge catches in the water when rider attempts to turn from too forward a position.
- chair Australian term for underwater cliffs that create the wave-breaking site.
- chicken out To be overcome with fear; to hold back from catching a steep wave or a high one.
- chine A definite edge where two surfaces meet.
cleanup set A large set of waves that breaks to seaward of the take-off site literally cleaning the area of surfboards.
- climb and drop A rhythmic course steered up and down the face of a wave.
- climbing the wall Steering a surfboard up the sloping wall of a wave for kicks or to gain position for a speed run.
- close haul A very fast slide when the board-to-wave angle is very small.
- closeout A period when big surf is breaking across a bay or surfing area making it impossible to get out to seaward. A section of a wave that breaks ahead of a rider.
- cloud surf The biggest surf one can remember. Also,