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Blind Sydneysiders invited to try surfing with blind surfer Matt Formston at Manly Beach.

Matt Formston has teamed up with Manly Surf School to lead a blind and low-vision surf lesson at Manly Beach on Wednesday, 2 November 2022. Accessible tour operator Cocky Guides will be on hand to support participants travelling on Sydney Ferries from Circular Quay to Manly.

Cocky Guides Founder James (Buck) McFarlane says, “This will be the second time we have worked with Matt and volunteered our support to ensure blind, and low-vision Australians can experience the thrill of surfing in a safe and supportive environment.”

Are you thinking of joining? You’ll be pleased to know that Manly Surf School provides all equipment, including board and wetsuits. All you’ll need to bring is a swimsuit, towel, and clothes suited to the weather. Strictly limited spaces are available for this free event!

Buck says, “Our travellers that have participated in past surf lessons with Matt appreciate the lived experience Matt shares about his learn-to-surf journey with low vision, providing knowledge that builds confidence in the ocean quickly. ”

Ready to try surfing? You can check availability and book your surfing experience at www.cockyguides.com.au/tours



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ABOUT COCKY GUIDES

Since launching in August 2018, Cocky Guides have specialised in providing unique, multi-sensory adventures for the blind and low-vision community. More than 1,000 travellers have visited over 60 destinations with Cocky Guides, which have been recognised as an outstanding new tourism business, and nominated as finalists in the prestigious 2019, 2021 & 2022 NSW Tourism Awards. Cocky Guides was also the winner of both the 2020 Start-Up Superstar and the 2021 Excellence in Micro Business at the 2020 Western Sydney Awards for Business Excellence.

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