

NT Surflife 26 March 2009

NT Surflife is for members, friends and supporters of Surf Life Saving Northern Territory. It provides brief information on the latest news and activities on the national and Territory scene. It is not designed to replace club newsletters - the primary source of news from your local club.

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Nominations called for Arafura Games NT Lifesaving Team

Surf Life Saving Northern Territory (SLSNT), and the Royal Life Saving Society of Australia NT Branch are calling for interested members to nominate for a position in the NT Team for the International Lifesaving competition at the Arafura Games, Saturday 9th May to Sunday 17th May, 2009 in Darwin.

The 8 member NT Team (4 male and 4 female) will compete against visiting international teams, the Australian Indigenous Lifesaving Team and Australian state teams. Members must be...

- o financial members of their club / organisation
- o 15 years of age at the time of the competition;
- o current Bronze Medallion holders (SLSA or RLSSA).

Full details are in SLSNT Circular 2 sent to clubs and available by email from SLSNT - call 8985 6588 or email surf@lifesavingnt.com.au

Nominations close on Friday, 3rd of April, 2009.

NT duo shine in inaugural Womens Double Ski race

Jo Gardiner and Sherie Tracey made their way into the semi-final of the Australian Championships in the inaugural Open Womens Double Ski race at the 2009 Whereis® Australian Surf Life Saving Championships at Scarborough Beach. This is no mean achievement!!! Up against women who compete in elite Surf Life Saving competitions, and train in the Olympic Kayak Team their performance, their performance in difficult surf conditions did the Territory proud and proves that a commitment to fitness, skill development and hard training pays off. Sincere thanks are also offered to the City of Bunbury SLSC (especially Dave Barton) for the loan of competition equipment. Well done Jo and Sherie.

Committee needed for SLSNT Birthday Bash

SLSNT turns 20 this year - two decades of distinguished community service to its affiliated clubs and as a fully fledged partner in Surf Life Saving Australia - Australia's peak aquatic water safety authority. Interested members or friends are urgently needed to serve as an Organising Committee for a function on the first weekend of August to recognise this important milestone. Please call SLSNT on 8985 6588 or email surf@lifesavingnt.com.au if you can help.

Julia wins new Dolphin Board

Julia Bridle has won a new Dolphin competition board at the Australian Championships in Perth. In between interstate team training sessions Julia visited the Dolphin display tent at Scarborough Beach and entered the company's promotional raffle. A few seconds to fill in a form paid off three days later when the championship announcers called for a member of the Darwin Surf Club - Julia Bridle - to come and collect first prize. The new Dolphin board is now on top of Julia's Dads car (Rob Bridle) as they return to Darwin via South Australia and Alice Springs.

Darwin's Classic Fannie Bay Swim - Saturday 20th June

Its Darwin's premiere open water swim - the Darwin Classic Fannie Bay Swim - and its on Saturday 20th June. Two courses are on offer, 1 km and 2.1 km, with the mid-afternoon finish and presentations at the sensational Darwin Trailer Boat Club. All proceeds from this event benefit the Darwin SLSC. More details soon meanwhile, mark this date on your calendar!

NT Wins Interstate Handicap Trophy Again

For the second year in a row a talented NT Team, supported by selected draft competitors, all of whom jumped at the chance to compete for the Top End, won the handicap trophy for the Surf Life Saving Interstate Team competition at Scarborough Beach in Perth WA. The emphatic win came in big surf and difficult conditions that tested all competitors, from the novice to the elite. . SLSNT President Bob Creek said it was a great performance with many NT competitors showing great courage to tackle the wild seas that confronted them on the day. "There is no doubt this surf experience helps our members use all the skills they learn in the surf lifesaving training and it was great to see their courage and skill on the day," Bob said. Due to the heavy surf conditions, the surfboats were limited to one round of racing after officials decided it was too dangerous to continue. This was disappointing for the Gove Peninsula Womens Surfboat Crew who were eager to test their newly acquired boat in surf conditions after racing in the pre-Aussies carnival at Fremantle in relatively flat seas and winning their division against all local and interstate competition. The NT members of the team were...

Darwin SLSC - Julia Bridle, Rachel Chalada, Kim Clark, Hanna Mitchener and Sherie Tracey;

Broome SLSC - Carrie Selten and David Aristei;

Gove Peninsula SLSC - Alan Cross, Charles Rue, Greer Ashby, Brinkley Dennerley, Keara Blundell and Denise Marrable.

Interstate Team Manager: Julie Snelling Interstate Coach: Bob Creek

Interstate Official: Mandy Rue

The final Interstate Team handicap scores for 2009 were:

1st NT 452.80; 2nd VIC 411.40; 3rd WA 411.30; 4th TAS 407.40; 5th SA 400.30; 6th QLD 387.20; 7th NSW 385.00

Mindil Beach Patrol Team unflustered by shark attacks, drunks and ducks

The Mindil Beach SLSC patrol team performed creditably on Wednesday 18th March at Trigg Beach in Perth when they contested the Champion Patrol competition of the 2009 Whereis® Australian Surf Life Saving Championships. The team of Craig Croke (Capt) , Tony Snelling, Thanh Thanh Thai, Carney Broadbent, Moira and Michael Wigley are the first time Top End patrol team to enter this national competition and received great praise and encouragement from their competitors and the officials for their efforts. The patrol scenario was a highlight according to

Captain, Craig Croke. He said the team had to check and prepare their patrol equipment in three minutes then, in the next 10 minutes they were assessed on their responded to a range of surf rescues and emergency situations. "We had a body surfer with a broken hand, a surfer with a shark bite to the legs, two drunken men who stole a boat and rammed it into the beach - one suffering a dislocated shoulder then, to cap it all off, a distressed lady who had found a seabird with a broken wing asked us for help." Craig said it was great experience and according to some of the veteran competitors 'the most difficult patrol scenario ever used at the Australian Championships'.

Thankyou to North Cottesloe SLSC

The North Cottesloe Surf Life Saving Club have been terrific supporters of the NT Interstate Team and all NT competitors in the Australian Championships. They have helped with the loan of gear and equipment and made their club facilities available to our Territory lifesavers for breakfast each day and for team meetings. To Club President, Craig Smith-Gander, and Club Administrator, Kelly Moss, we extend our deep appreciation for your wonderful hospitality. Also a big thankyou to the North Cott Boaties who helped prepare the newly acquired surfboat for the Gove Peninsula SLSC - Jack Alliss and James McLaughlin in particular.

New Website for Lifeguards

The new Australian Lifeguard Service website is now live! Go to: www.lifeguards.com.au The website is invaluable for all lifeguards regardless of where they work or who employs them. Check out the great news and information and don't miss the brilliant new promotional video in the multimedia section. The official launch of the website will be witnessed by NT Surf Lifesavers tomorrow (Fri 20th March) at the 2009 Whereis® Australian Surf Life Saving Championships at Scarborough Beach.

Telstra Offer includes Surf Club Donation

Connect today to an eligible Next G mobile or Bigpond Broadband service (ADSL or Wireless), mention this offer and Telstra will contribute \$30 to the surf life saving club of your choice! To find out how simply visit www.answerthecall.co.au or drop in to the Telstra Shop. This excellent fundraising opportunity is backed by World Life Saving Champions and Surf Life Saving star, Zane Holmes who said, "Our surf lifesavers need support to keep our beaches safe. This an easy way to help with much needed resources". You also get an awesome Surf Life Saving Beach Towel, valued at \$39.95 (while stocks last). The offer ends on 26th April.

Arafura Games 2009

The Arafura Games are in Darwin Saturday 9th May to Sunday 17th May. This premiere international event is held every two years and key features of the International Lifesaving program are:

- A fully revised and exciting program of lifesaving events and coaching.
- An Interclub Competition in Open Water and Beach events. Interclub competitors will compete separately to the Arafura Games events but the same rules apply.
- Invitation events - 2 km beach run, 2 km board paddle, 5 km ski paddle (single and double). Also Masters!

Things that need to be done now... We urgently need officials and a workforce for setup and packup! All officials and volunteers should register via the Arafura Games website www.arafuragames.nt.gov.au Call SLSNT on (08) 8985 6588 for advice on how you can help.

NT Academyline...

Academy Courses - Trainers Needed

The Australian Lifesaving Academy NT is under great pressure with lifeguard training and an unprecedented demand from the community for our courses. Our reputation as providers of excellent courses is spreading rapidly and we are struggling to meet the demand. If you are able to be a casual or part-time trainer please contact Julie Snelling on 8985 6588 or email julie.snelling@lifesavingnt.com.au

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Saturday 20th June: Darwin's Classic Fannie Bay Swim

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