NT Surfline 2 April 2009

NT Surfline 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.

New items in this edition of NT Surfline...

Last Chance - NT Lifesaving Team for Arafura Games 40 Volunteers needed for Arafura Games Opening Ceremony Officials needed for Arafura Games - Time is running out! **Aussie Champs on TV this Sunday** Nominations open for 2009 Pool Rescue Championships Lifeguard Network launched Casuarina Beach nominated for a national 'Clean Beaches' award Charity Fun Run for Cancer Research on 2nd of May

Last Chance - NT Lifesaving Team for Arafura GamesNominations close tomorrow (Fri, 3rd of April, 2009) for interested members to nominate for the NT Team in the International Lifesaving competition at the Arafura Games, Darwin, from Saturday 9th May to Sunday 17th May, 2009. A team of 8 members - 4 male and 4 female - will represent the Northern Territory against visiting international teams, the Australian Indigenous Lifesaving Team and Australian state teams. Members must be...

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

The selection criteria for appointment to the NT Team - International Lifesaving will include the following:

- o Proven Club, Territory and National competition record in 2008.
- o Demonstrated ability to compete in a range of individual and team events.
- Willingness to commit to a cross-training program in Open Water, Beach and Pool events as required. All competitors must attend a minimum of two training sessions each week in the lead up to the Games - pool training on Wednesday evenings plus a scheduled Beach & Ocean session.
- Self Evaluation of competence in International Lifesaving events (see next page)

40 Volunteers needed for Arafura Games Opening Ceremony

Surf Life Saving will have the honour of being the marshals for the visiting teams at the Arafura Games Opening Ceremony on Saturday 7th May. 40 volunteers, aged 18 or over, are needed for this prestigious event including rehearsals on Thursday and Friday evenings, 5th & 6th may. You will have the best seats in the house for the spectacular entertainment of the opening ceremony as you mingle with sportspeople from all over the world. Volunteers are being coordinated by our two Darwin-based clubs - Darwin SLSC and Mindil Beach SLSC. More information is being sent through club networks.

Officials needed for Arafura Games - Time is running out!

Time is running out! You cannot officiate at the Arafura Games at the last minute - you must register via the Arafura Games website and complete the 2-stage accreditation process. Got to www.arafuragames.nt.gov.au

Aussie Champs on TV this Sunday

The second and final two-hour installment of the thrilling 2009 Whereis Australian Surf Life Saving Championships is being televised on SCTV in Darwin this Sunday morning at 10.30am (or 11am depending on which online TV guide you believe). There is sensational action from finals day at Scarborough beach two weeks ago and some astonishing sporting performances, great surf action and some of the closest finishes you'll ever see on the beach. Don't miss it! Meanwhile check out SLSA Circular 66 for all the event results. Top 5 clubs of this year's Champs were...

- 1 Northcliffe 367.5 pts
- 2 Kurrawa 240 pts
- 3 Mooloolaba 166 pts
- 4 Alexandra Headland 134 pts
- 5 City of Perth 130 pts

Nominations open for 2009 Pool Rescue Championships

The 2009 SLSA Australian Pool Rescue Championships will be conducted at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre, Homebush, NSW on the 2nd & 3rd May 2009. SLSA Circular 67 provides all the details of this premiere aquatic event with entries closing with SLSA on Wednesday 22 April 2009 at 5pm.

Casuarina Beach nominated for a national 'Clean Beaches' award

Surf Life Saving NT and the Darwin SLSC have nominated Casuarina Beach for a 2009 Clean Beaches Award. It is the first time a Territory beach has been nominated. Casuarina beach is home to the Darwin Surf Life Saving Club and is the site of many of our surf life saving activities. There is also kite-surfing, outrigger canoe paddling, blo-karting and other beach and aquatic recreations. The Darwin SLSC have been particularly proactive in implementing the Surf Life Saving Australia 'Ecosurf' policy and conducted various activities for youth members during 2008 to make members more aware of the care and protection needed for our beaches and coastal environments.

1st Brigade and Darwin Charity Run

A charity 10k, 5k and family run to raise finds for Cancer Research and Legacy will be held at Lake Alexander on Saturday 2nd May 2009. Further information is available from mark.strickland1@defence.gov.au

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.

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:

- o 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.
- o 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 during February. See Arafura Games accreditation information below or 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, including Outdoor Education programs for schools during the dry season. 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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Key Dates for your Diary

Sat 9th May - Sun 17th May - Arafura Games, Darwin.

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

Sat 26th Sept & Sun 27th Sept: NT Surf Life saving Championships, Nhulunbuy.

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