

NT Surflines 7 May 2009

Arafura Games Edition

NT Surflines 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 Surflines...

This is a special Arafura Games edition of ***NT Surflines***. Help is still needed to deliver the lifesaving sports activities for our visitors, to support our talented NT Team and to assist with social and catering activities. Please make every effort to be involved and spread the workload...

Arafura Games International Lifesaving Events

The key dates and approximate times are:

Wednesday 13th May - Casuarina Pool, 4pm - 8pm

Thursday 14th May - Darwin Wave Lagoon, 8am - 12.30pm.

Thursday 14th May - Mindil Beach - 4pm - 8 pm.

Friday 15th May - Casuarina Pool, 4pm - 8pm.

Saturday 16th May - Casuarina Beach (Darwin Surf Club), 7.15 am - 12 noon.

40 Volunteers needed for Arafura Games Opening Ceremony

As part of celebrating SLSNT's 20th anniversary we will have the honour of wearing our patrol uniforms and helping marshal the visiting teams at the Arafura Games Opening Ceremony on Saturday afternoon/evening 7th May. 40 Surf Life Saving volunteers and their families will have the best seats in the house for the spectacular entertainment of the opening ceremony as they mingle with sportspeople from all over the world. It is vital that all volunteers attend the Friday afternoon rehearsal starting 5.30pm. Meet at the Italian Club, over the road from TIO Stadium. Coordinator Tony Tilley has established an SMS network using personal mobile phones to quickly pass on the latest news. He can be contacted on 0417 815 215.

Best Wishes to our NT Arafura Games Lifesaving Team

8 excellent athletes will represent the Northern Territory in the International Lifesaving event of the 2009 Arafura Games. The team is (males) John Brown, Patrick Donohoe, Dale Frew and Joshua Mitchener and (females) Carney Broadbent, Denise Clark, Megan Gallagher and Amy Rudolph. Reserves are Sam Creek and Rachel Chalada. Team Manager is Kim Clark and Team Coaches are Sam Creek and Alister Lear. We wish these members the very best of luck next week. Go NT!

Arafura Visitors invited to Beach & Craft Competition (Sun 17th May)

The Thrifty Champions of the Beach competition and the Thrifty Lifesaver Super League will kick off at the Darwin Surf Club on Sunday 17th May with visiting Arafura Games athletes challenging local members at Casuarina Beach in a series of exciting long distance events. First event is for the beachies - a 2 km beach run - followed by craft events - a 2 km board paddle and a 5 km ski race for single and double skis. There are new members around so take nothing for granted!

New arrival, Ross Peasnell, is an Australian Masters medallist in skis, while Mindil Beach SLSC will challenge bigger rival, Darwin SLSC, with a crop of new members to bolster their ranks. Age categories will apply for men and women - U15, U19, Senior, Masters (40+).

Surf Lifesavers needed to assist other sports

Sunday 10th May, 6.30am, Lake Alexander - The swim leg of the Arafura Games Triathlon will be held at Lake Alexander and the Triathlon Club has requested qualified surf lifesavers. Need 4 board paddlers. Please call Tony Snelling on 0417 173 287 or email surf@lifesavingnt.com.au if you can help.

Wednesday 13th May, 6.30am-11.30am, Lake Bennett - Lake Bennett is the venue for the Arafura Games Open Water Swimming races and Swimming NT have requested 2 IRB crews and 4-5 ski and board paddlers. Its an early start but watching the dawn at Lake Bennett is an awesome sight! Please call Tony Snelling on 0417 173 287 or email surf@lifesavingnt.com.au if you can help.

IRB & RWC Drivers Needed

Sunday 10th May, 3.30pm-6.30pm, Mindil SLSC, Mindil Beach - You will be showing our visitors the capabilities of the IRB and RWC and the methods we use to rescue those in danger - many of our international visitors have no experience with these craft. It is intended the visitors will experience some crewing duties and be part of rescue scenarios. RWCs will need to be launched and recovered at the Ski Club Boat Ramp. We need a volunteer to transport the RWC based at Darwin Surf Club and another volunteer to transport the RWC based at SLSNT. Need 2-4 RWC Operators and 1 -2 IRB Drivers (use Mindil Beach IRB).

Saturday 16th May, 6.30am-12.30pm, Darwin SLSC, Casuarina Beach - This is the last day of Lifesaving competition in the Arafura Games. We need two IRBs to set up board and ski courses and the string of swim buoys at dawn. Need 2 IRB crews (use Darwin IRBs). Need 2-4 RWC Drivers.

Sunday 17th May, 8.00am-12noon, Darwin SLSC, Casuarina Beach - Long distance invitation events are being offered to Arafura Games visitors and all local members. On the water we will have a 2km board course and a 5 km ski course for single and double skis. Need 2 IRB crews and 2 RWC Drivers.

Coaches Needed

If you can assist with some board and ski coaching for our Arafura Games visitors please Tony Snelling on 0417 173 287 or email surf@lifesavingnt.com.au The dates and times are:

Sunday 10th May, 3.30pm-6.30pm, at Mindil Beach

Monday 11th May, 3.30pm-6.30pm at Darwin Surf Club

Tuesday 12th May, 3.30pm-6.30pm at Darwin Surf Club

Arafura Games Medal Presentation

The medal presentation is at the Darwin Surf Life Saving Club on Saturday 16th of May from 6pm. We are delighted that our special guests include The Administrator of the Northern Territory, Tom Pauling QC AO, the Speaker of the NT Parliament, Hon Jane Aagaard MLA, and the President of Surf Life Saving Australia, Ron Rankin AM.

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Key Dates for your Diary

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

Saturday 16th May Darwin SLSC Sign-On Day. Come on down 11am – 2pm to the park opposite the Beachfront Hotel.

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

Sat 1st August - Sun 2nd August: First Aid, Patrol and IRB Championships.

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

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