

NT Surflines

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NT Surflines is for members 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 intended to replace club newsletters – the primary source of news from your local club.

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Boardies Day is an annual fundraising initiative of the Surf Life Saving Foundation and all Australians are encouraged to wear their boardshorts, or other beach-themed attire, to work or school, and make a donation to help our volunteer surf lifesavers. The quickest and easiest way to donate is via the Boardies Day website at www.boardiesday.com.au. Just click on the “[Donate Now](#)” button; choose which participating Surf Life Saving entity you wish to support; and deposit your funds using your VISA or MASTERCARD. You will automatically receive a thank you and tax deductible receipt via return email. National Boardies Day continues to pick up momentum in the NT with lots of schools and workplaces getting into it, including major sponsor, Westpac. Bank staff will be in boardies and Surf Rescue shirts on Friday to promote this important surf life saving fundraising initiative.

Boardies Day - Beach Volleyball Team needed

This Friday afternoon & evening, the Australian Women's Masters Beach Volley Ball Champions will hold an exhibition match "Best of Three" against a team of surf lifesavers and lifeguards at the Darwin Indoor Beach Volleyball Centre - 29 Benison Rd, Winnellie. This will be great fun and so come and give your support. Famous Aussie clothing company, KingGee, will put on a sausage sizzle for a gold coin donation and will also have a great raffle on offer. This will be a great way to end the week and support Boardies Day in Darwin. Call Cam Griffin on 041717 0184 or Carney Broadbent on 0417 785 732 if you would like to be in the team.

Volunteer of the Year, Stuart Kellaway - Stunned, Stoked.

At the 2009 SLSNT Annual Presentation Night Stuart (Stuey) Kellaway was named Volunteer of the Year by our Patron, the NT Administrator, His Honour Mr Tom Pauling AO QC. Stuey was stunned, stoked and almost speechless. He was recognised for his commitment to SLSNT's pioneer Indigenous Water Safety Program at Yirrkala and in the homelands communities. As a surfer and diver he was acutely aware of the need to ensure all local indigenous youth had access to, and gained, good aquatic skills, surf survival skills and developed competence in rescue techniques. He organised local youth to use the lifesaving equipment on weekends and after school on weekdays – especially the rescue boards and surf skis. By mastering the paddling skills himself he was able to coach the youth and help them extend their stamina and aerobic capacity at regular training sessions. Last year Stuey was a key person in forming the Walngawu Djakamirri SLSC - he chaired the inaugural Steering Committee and helped guide the club through its formative stages. This year Stuey made a personal commitment to complete his SLSA Bronze Medallion and Certificate II in Public Safety.

Stuey has committed much of his personal and professional life to the advancement of education and opportunity for the Yolngu people of East Arnhem Land and this commitment now includes Surf Life Saving.

Next week we profile our Lifesavers of the Year - Craig Croke, Mitchell Putland and Emma Whelan.

Lifesavers wanted for water safety at Nightcliff Pool

If you can volunteer for some water safety duty at the Nightcliff Pool on Friday evening 4th December for Jane Aagaard's Community Christmas Party please call SLSNT on 8985 6588 or email surf@lifesavingnt.com.au

SLSA President Ron Rankin is Queensland Senior Australian of the Year for 2010

Congratulations to Ron Rankin AM, President of Surf Life Saving Australia was named Queensland Senior Australian of the Year for 2010 last week. Ron has been a volunteer member of Surf Life Saving Australia for over 46 years, on the SLSA Board for 25 years, and SLSA President since 2001. He is also a Director of the International Lifesaving Federation (ILS) and Vice President of the ILS Asia-Pacific region. Ron's dedication and commitment to an Australian tradition has saved many thousands of lives.

Telstra sponsors competition equipment for our indigenous lifesavers

Telstra, a major partner of Surf Life Saving Australia, has come to the aid of the Walngawu Djakamirri Surf Life Saving Club (WD SLSC) with the donation of four malibu boards, two surf skis and two nipper boards. The Dolphin Surf Craft equipment was inspected at the Darwin Wave Lagoon by NT Minister for Indigenous Policy and Member for Arnhem, The Hon Malarndirri McCarthy MLA who was full of praise for the new Surf Club development. Telstra Country Wide Acting General Manager, Stewart Lines, presented the equipment to WD SLSC lifesavers Yirmal Marika and Djuwakan Marika, Stuart Kellaway (Founding Member, Public Officer, local teacher) and Mangatjay Yunipingu (Vice President, Traditional Owner). Stewart said Telstra was proud to help and he hoped to see the club entering many future Territory and National Championships. "This equipment will help improve health and lifestyle standards and allow the members to become fitter and better skilled at a competitive level," he said.

\$100,000 pledged for Offshore Rescue Boat

Surf Life Saving Australia has announced a \$100,000 commitment to a volunteer-based offshore rescue boat in Darwin. SLSA President, Ron Rankin AM, said the proposal by SLSNT to develop a rescue boat capability was part of a comprehensive five-year plan to address public water safety issues around Australia and would build on significant lifesaving infrastructure developed by SLSNT including the \$35,000 VHF marine radio repeater network for the Darwin Estuary area. It is intended the SLSA funding be supplemented by major sponsorship and community support with the vessel having a number of high profile roles - search and rescue, recovery of disabled recreational craft, capable of providing advanced emergency care on the spot to those rescued and injured and delivering/promoting boating safety and accredited marine education. Anyone wishing to join the Offshore Rescue Boat Crew can register their interest with SLSNT by calling 8985 6588 or email surf@lifesavingnt.com.au.

New Staff Member at SLSNT

Danica Saunders has joined our SLSNT staff as a Finance Officer and has already proved to be a huge help with the massive increase in accounts we have experienced this year. Danica and the Saunders family have strong links with surf life saving through the Geraldton SLSC in WA. Starting work wasn't all that easy for Danica – it was the day after returning from a surfing holiday in Bali. If you ring SLSNT and Danica answers the phone don't forget to welcome her to the Surf Life Saving family.

Helicopter & SAR Team attract attention at Mindil Beach

Beachgoers at Darwin's Mindil Beach were treated to a great display of helicopter flying and jetski action when CHC Helicopters, who provide the RAAF's Search & Rescue Helicopter, plucked two Surf Lifesavers, Carney Broadbent and Moira Wigley, from the waters of Mindil Beach yesterday. It was an exercise to allow chopper crews to perform winching operations and understand the capabilities of our Rescue Jetskis. A big thankyou to Sam Edwards and Paddy Donohoe who expertly guided their RWCs through a howling helicopter downwash to pick up and retrieve patients and to provide water safety for a separate stretcher winching exercise. CHC Helicopter Chief Pilot, Chuck McGregor-Shaw, was very grateful for our assistance and is keen to do it again in a few months time.

Nominations close this Friday for Northern Territory Young Achiever Awards

The Northern Territory Young Achiever Awards recognises the achievements of young Territorians, aged between 14-26, in nine categories. It is free to nominate and every nominee will receive a certificate of recognition and could have the chance to win **\$2,000** thanks to TIO. Nominations are now open in the following nine categories.

- The Charles Darwin University Arts Award
- The Perkins Shipping Sports Award
- The Somerville Community Services Award
- The ConocoPhillips Environment Award
- The Northern Territory Government Career Achievement Award
- The Power & Water Science & Engineering Award
- The McArthur River Mining Regional & Rural Initiative Award
- The Northern Territory Government Young Carers Award
- The Minister for Young Territorians Excellence in Youth Leadership Award

You can nominate online at: http://www.awardsaustralia.com.au/YAA_nt.html.

Nominations close Friday 27th November

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Key Dates for your Diary...

23 Jan 2010: Westpac Manly Open Surf Carnival.

24 - 25 Jan 2010: Interstate Championships, Warringah Aquatic Centre and Freshwater Beach.

26 Jan 2010: Freshwater Surf Carnivals.

Tue 16 March - Sun 21 March, 2010: Whereis Australian Surf Life Saving Championships, Kurrawa Beach on the Gold Coast.

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