

NT Surfline 16 October 2008

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.

NT forges links with Thailand

A strong contingent of Surf Lifesavers from the Darwin Surf Life Saving Club spearheaded a Top End presence at the Phuket Lifeguard Club's inaugural Surf Life Saving competition at beautiful Patong beach on Phuket Island in Thailand. Sam Creek, Cameron McEwen, John-boy Brown, Mickey Rowe, Nathan Edwards, Helen Thorpe and Bob Creek were among over 80 senior competitors, mostly Thai life guards but with a handful of Aussies also thrown in. The fitness and the experience of the Darwin team showed through. Sam Creek was awarded Champion Male competitor and took out the coveted Ironman title. Helen Gould was awarded Champion Female competitor after performing well to gain a second place in the grueling Ironwoman Race. John-boy won the sprints but was pipped by a speedy local in the Beach Flags.

Next year's competition will be 12 July 2009 and could be combined with some lifesaving training for the locals - great surf, great fun and you will be helping save lives. Contact Bob Creek on 0401 118 716 if you are interested in this international opportunity.

Boardies Day - Friday 28 November

Get behind Boardies Day - an easy and fun way to raise money for your Club. Supported by the Surf Life Saving Foundation you will receive all the marketing materials you need to promote the event to your local community so that your club can receive 100% of the funds they raise. For this year's event an opt-in fee of \$50 applies and must be submitted by 30 October 2008. Clubs will then receive:

- 1 box of 25 limited edition Le Tan Boardies Day 30ml sunscreen (RRP of \$100)
- 50 Boardies Day Brochures to help you spread the word
- 25 Boardies Day Posters
- 20 Inflatable Boardies Day Beach Balls
- Boardies Day supporter stickers
- 100 red and yellow balloons
- CD containing promotional items such as web and email banners, press release, etc.
- Plus all of the templates you will need to send to your contacts, such as covering letter, thank you letter, etc which you can modify to suit your Club.

Gove Peninsula SLSC Presentation Night

The Gove Peninsula Surf Life Saving Club held its Senior Presentation Night on Saturday 11 October at the Surf Club. The club has had another great season and recognised the following six members who made an outstanding contribution to the club's lifesaving, sport, development, education and social activities...

U/15 Lifesaver of the Year - Emma Whelan

U/17 Lifesaver of the Year - Sam Putland

U/19 Lifesaver of the Year - Monika O'Hanlon
Open Lifesaver of the Year - Bernie Whelan
Rookie of the Year - Angela Morris
Volunteer of the Year - Patrick Mayer

Annual Presentation Nights

The dates to celebrate your success and the Surf Life Saving achievements of your club follow, so don't miss out on a great night!

Mindil Beach SLSC: Friday 17 October
Darwin SLSC Juniors: Saturday 18 October
Darwin SLSC: Saturday 1 November

More information from your club newsletter and email networks.

New Womens Ski events at Australian Championships

SLSA has introduced the an Open Women's Double Ski Race an Open Women's Ski Relay into the 2009 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships. More information in SLSA Circular 02 on the SLSA website (go to club mail) www.slsa.asn.au

Wanted - 2009 Interstate Team Manager

SLSA is seeking the assistance of a member to take on the volunteer role of Interstate Team Manager for the 2009 NT Interstate Surf Life Saving Team. Experience in Surf Life Saving competition - as a competitor, official or coach - and good organizational and communication skills are essential. This is a highly rewarding and enjoyable role as you will be part of a talented, highly motivated team of coaches and athletes as they defend the NT's status as the National Handicap Shield Champions. This year the Interstate Championships will be held on Wednesday 18th March 2009 on Scarborough Beach, Perth, in conjunction with the Australian Championships and the Australian Masters Championships (17-22 March). A full job description and more information can be obtained from SLSNT CEO Tony Snelling on 8985 6588 or email tony.snelling@lifesavingnt.com.au

New National Lifeguard Manager

SLSA has appointed Andre Slade as National Lifeguard Manager. Andre has a diverse lifeguard background with experience in professional lifeguarding in several countries. Andre's qualifications include an honours degree in Business with majors in Marketing and Public Relations. Andre will be closely involved in the roll-out of the Australian Lifeguard Service network and the collateral and brand reputation of the service. Andre can be contacted at SLSA on 02 9300 4000 or email aslade@slsa.asn.au

Revised Surf Sports Manual now available

The 33rd edition of the SLSA Surf Sports Manual is now on the SLSA website together with all amendments recently approved and in force for the 2008-09 season, including the 2009 Australian Championships and 2009 Interstate Championships. Hard copies of the Manual are expected to be available through Crea by the end of the month.

Australian Champs on the Gold Coast in 2010

The 'Aussies' will be held on the Gold Coast for three years from 2010 to 2012. Its part of SLSA's long-term deal to secure the future of the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships, through to 2022. After 2012 the Championships will rotate between other states and the Gold Coast every two years.

Exciting new leadership development opportunity

Surf Life Saving Australia's leadership development program will take a further leap forward with the 2008 National Leadership College to be held at Sydney University, 1 - 6 December 2008. The National Leadership College is the accumulation of two years of development with the focus of the national program moving from a 'camp' to a 'conference' and now to a 'college'. The college will assume participants come into it with some previous exposure to leadership training, preferably from within the surf life saving leadership pathway, but it could also come from their careers outside of surf. The college philosophy will be interactive shared learning and will relate SLSA's leadership competencies to grass roots surf life saving. This will be achieved through industry professional presenters and a focus on facilitator lead workshops. For more information via the Circular please follow this

link: <http://www.slsa.com.au/site/content/resource/00002435-docsource.pdf>

Arafura Games bigger and better than ever

The Arafura Games 2009 will give athletes, coaches and officials a competition experience they will never forget! The International Lifesaving events are contested by teams of eight (4 males + 4 females, smaller teams permitted) from countries affiliated with the International Life Saving Federation. Also invited is an Australian Indigenous Team and a team from each state and territory. Nominations for the 8-member NT Team will be called in October. A new and exciting initiative will be the inter-club competition. Start planning your club team now!!! Here's the program...

Sunday 10 th May:	Open Water events at Darwin Wave Lagoon. The surf will be cranking!!!
Monday 11 th May:	Coaching & Development programs.
Tuesday 12 th May:	Coaching & Development programs.
Wednesday 13 th May:	Pool events at Casuarina Pool.
Thursday 14 th May:	Beach events at Mindil Beach.
Friday 15 th May:	Pool events at Casuarina Pool.
Saturday 16 th May:	Open Water Events at Casuarina Beach.
Saturday 16 th May:	Presentation of Arafura Games and Club medallions.
Sunday 17 th May:	Invitation events (long distance ski, board, run).

The Opening Ceremony is Saturday 9th May and the closing ceremony is Sunday 17th May 2009.

Casual Lifeguards Wanted

Please call SLSNT on 8985 6588 or email lgsupervisor@lifesavingnt.com.au if you are interested in casual work as a Lifeguard.

Talented Darwin team retains NT Champion Club Shield

Darwin Surf Life Saving Club's talented group of over 70 competitors retained champion club status on Broome's Cable Beach last weekend at the 2008 NT Surf Life Saving Championships. The Championships saw traditional rivals, Broome and Darwin, throw everything they had at the events, producing some of the most exciting finishes seen in years.

In the Westpac Junior Championships Darwin finished only 13 points ahead of Broome, an amazingly close contest after over 60 events. We are proud to announce the following 2008 Age Champions:

U8 Girls	Jazmin Shipway-Carr (BM)
U8 Boys	Levi Thompson (BM)
U9 Girls	Luisa Goodie (BM)
U9 Boys	Alex Storey (DN)
U10 Girls	Elizabeth Kestel (GP)
U10 Boys	Nic Incerti (BM)
U11 Girls	Georgia Storey (DN)
U11 Boys	Domenic Kay (DN) and Christian Kesich (BM)
U12 Girls	Zoe Nibbs (DN)
U12 Boys	James Parry (DN) and Thomas Kestel (GP)
U13 Girls	Clodagh Mackechnie (DN)
U13 Boys	Zac Incerti (BM)
U14 Girls	Hanna Mitchener (DN)
U14 Boys	Robert Gerlach (DN)

In the Thrifty Senior Championships the Lifesaver Relay and Taplin Relays were special highlights with teams alongside each other as they battled for medal placings. In the individual events an amazing swim from Broome's Kane Fitzpatrick saw him snatch the 2008 Open Ironman title in the final stage of that event while in the Open Ironwoman event Rachel McLean, an U19 competitor, was unbeatable despite being up against some talented and experienced female surf women. Beach specialist John Brown's lightning fast reflexes saw him take out the Open Beach Flags title, Sam Creek and Sherie Tracy won the Open Male and Female Surf Ski race respectively and Sam backed up to add the Open Board race title as well. Despite being short on experience Broome proved their lifesaving expertise by winning both IRB racing events in choppy surf conditions. Masters competitors were there in force and their races produced some of the biggest fields on the beach and in the water. Broome's Brad Carr and Carrie Selton, and Darwin's Jo Gardiner, were stand-out competitors. But it was the depth and consistency of the Darwin team that won the day with the final score for the whole weekend being Darwin 727 points and nearest rival Broome on 558 points.

The 2008 Senior Champions are:

U15 Women	Alisha Gabb (BM)
U15 Men	Robert Gerlach (DN)
U17 Women	Megan Gallagher (DN)
U17 Men	David Aristei (BM)
U19 Women	Rachel McLean (DN)

U 19 Men	Kane Fitzpatrick (BM)
Masters Women	Jo Gardiner (DN)
Masters Men	Brad Carr (BM)
Open Women	Carrie Selton (BM)
Open Men	Sam Creek (DN)

Competition Development Workshops a big hit

One of SLSA's Level 3 High Performance coaches, Denise Duncan, put members through their paces on Sunday morning (Age Managers, U11-13 members) and Monday morning (Coaches, U14-Open competitors) and everyone benefited enormously from her excellent training and technique advice. Denise put her 'squad' through a thorough routine of warm-up, skill and training exercises and provided individual advice to athletes, coaches and age managers on how to get the best out of their events. Less than one minute after Denise had finished the first request came - 'When we get her back?' - and the answer is ... we're working on it! Denise is very keen to help NT clubs and individual competitors and a number and we're bound to see more of her at the Interstate Championships next March and during next season.

NT Academyline...

Members needed for National Education Resource Development Panel

Expressions are now being sought for any interested parties to nominate for the National Education Resource Development Panel for Surf Life Saving Australia. This panel will supplement the existing process of resource development where resources are reviewed by state content experts. The panel will meet on a bi-monthly basis commencing in early November for two days during which the members will write and review training resources. Please contact Julie Snelling, Academy Manager, on 8985 6588 or email julie.snelling@lifesavingnt.com.au for further information and selection criteria. Applications close on Monday 20th October 2008.

Training Officer's Course

Training Officers are essential to every Surf Life Saving Club. They are the wonderfully dedicated members who volunteer countless hours to train others for their Certificate II in Public Safety, IRB Driving, Advanced Resuscitation, Heart Defibrillation and much more. To become a Training Officer it is essential to gain a nationally accredited unit of competency called 'Deliver Training'. The Lifesaving Academy (NT) is now seeking expressions of interest for this course please call Julie Snelling on 8985 6588 or email julie.snelling@lifesavingnt.com.au

First Aid Refresher Courses

These short courses (2-3 hrs) can be run 'on demand' for small groups. Register your interest if you need to do your 3-year refresher course by calling Julie Snelling on 8985 6588 or email julie.snelling@lifesavingnt.com.au

General Information...

SLSNT Contacts

Have you updated our contact details?

Our new office phone number is (08) 8985 6588. CEO mobile phone is 041717 3287.

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Our new email addresses are as follows:

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Finance Manager, Leanne Lane: finance@lifesavingnt.com.au

Lifeguard Supervisor: Cameron Griffin: lgsupervisor@lifesavingnt.com.au

General/Public Enquiries: surf@lifesavingnt.com.au

Key Dates for your Diary

Friday 28th November: Boardies Day.

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Australian Championships: Tuesday 17th March to Sunday 22nd March 2009, Scarborough Beach, WA.

Interstate Championships: Wednesday 18th March 2009, Scarborough Beach, WA.

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