

NT Surfline 20 November 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.

Membership growing strongly

Membership of Surf Life Saving Northern Territory continues to grow strongly and is tipped to exceed 1,200 this year, up from 963 in 2006. All club registrars are reminded of the importance of ensuring membership details in Surfguard are up to date so that club and Territory annual reports can use accurate data.

Surf Lifesavers make great Camp Leaders in the USA

Australian Surf Lifesavers are highly valued as Camp Leaders on children's summer camps in the USA. Not only do they have great lifesaving skills but their experience in a diverse range of sports and outdoor activities is invaluable. SLSNT has information for members interested in this type of cultural experience. Call the Academy Manager, Julie Snelling on 8985 6588 or email julie.snelling@lifesavingnt.com.au

Telstra Beach To Bush program visits Territory's most remote schools

The annual Telstra Beach To Bush surf and water safety program visited some of Australia's most remote schools this week - Shepherdson College at Galiwinku on Elcho Island, and the Gawa Christian School on the northern tip of the island - the Territory's most remote school. This component of the Beach to Bush program was delivered by Tony & Julie Snelling and was enthusiastically received by more than 150 students in these indigenous communities where there is plenty of aquatic recreation but a pressing need for water safety education and lifesaving infrastructure. Next week talented Gove Peninsula lifesaver, Amy Rudolph, will visit the Yirrkala and Nhulunbuy Schools. While the program focuses on beach safety, the aquatic safety advice and skills can be easily applied to rivers, dams, creeks, pools and other waterways. Thanks are extended to Telstra, Northern Land Council, Marthakal Homeland Resource Centre and community elder and troopie taxi driver, Bunthay, for making the program possible. Also Gawa Christian School and Shepherdson College for accommodation and generous hospitality.

Community Meeting for a Surf Club at Yirrkala

Anyone interested in the potential for a Surf Life Saving Club at Yirrkala is invited to a meeting at 10 am on Sunday 30th November 2008 at the Yirrkala Community Education Centre. Attendees will be briefed on the extraordinary success of SLSNT's current water safety program and the mechanics of setting up a Surf Club. For more information please contact SLSNT CEO Tony Snelling on 8985 6588 or email tony.snelling@lifesavingnt.com.au

Lifeguards Wanted

With the new Darwin Wave lagoon becoming operational next year there will be opportunities for employment as permanent and casual lifeguards. The essential requirements are a Bronze medallion, Certificate II in Public Safety, First Aid Certificate,

Advanced resuscitation Certificate, Heart Defibrillation Certificate and above average swimming ability. Training can be arranged for anyone needing to upgrade or add to their qualifications. Please call SLSNT on 8985 6588 or email lgsupervisor@lifesavingnt.com.au if you are interested in work as a Lifeguard (permanent or casual) during 2008.

Deadline looms for Interstate Team Nominations

Last year the Northern Territory Interstate Team won the handicap competition at the Interstate Championships and we're keen to do it again! SLSNT is inviting nominations for selection to contest the 2009 Interstate Surf Life Saving Championships at Scarborough Beach, Perth, WA on Wednesday 18th March, 2009. This first round of selections applies to members of the Darwin SLSC, Gove Peninsula SLSC, Mindil Beach SLSC and Broome SLSC. The Interstate Championships are being held at the same venue as the Australian Masters Surf Life Saving Championships (17 & 18th March) and the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships (19-22 March). Selected members will receive a free uniform and be eligible for a travel and accommodation subsidy. Details are in SLSNT Circular 13 sent to clubs. Nominations close Monday 24th November.

Lifesaver of the Year and Volunteer of the Year

Members and clubs are encouraged to nominate for the prestigious Lifesaver of the Year and Volunteer of the Year recognition awards. The members selected as the Lifesaver of the Year and the Volunteer of the Year will represent the NT in the selection of national recognition awards in Perth, WA during the week of the Australian Championships, 19-22 March. Please note there are three age categories in the Lifesaver of the year awards - Open, Under 19 and Under 17. These awards are detailed in SLSNT Circulars 14 and 15 which have been sent to clubs. Nominations close Monday 24th November. More information can be obtained from SLSNT CEO Tony Snelling on 8985 6588 or email tony.snelling@lifesavingnt.com.au

Lifesaving Commendations

Clubs are invited to nominate individual members, or teams of members, to the SLSNT Meritorious Awards Committee for recognition of outstanding lifesaving actions that have occurred since 1 November 2007. Nominations must be received on or before Monday 24 November, 2008 in hard copy or by email to SLSNT on surf@lifesavingnt.com.au. Details are in SLSNT Circular 12 sent to clubs. The SLSNT Meritorious Awards Committee will award a Lifesaving Commendation when, in the opinion of the Committee, the lifesaving act deserves recognition as an excellent and commendable lifesaving act by that individual or team and this may include:

- Bravery
- Rescues
- Searches
- First aid & Emergency Care and;
- Resuscitations

INVITATION: SLSNT Annual Presentation Evening - Thursday 4th December

Don't miss this! The 2008 Surf Life Saving NT Annual Presentation Evening will be held at Parliament House in Darwin on Thursday 4th December 2008, 5.30pm-7.30pm. This special occasion will celebrate a wonderful season of growth and achievement for Surf Life Saving in the Top End and will be a fitting function for the following prestigious announcements:

- Lifesavers of the Year (Open, U19, U17)
- Volunteer of the Year
- Lifesaving Commendations
- 2009 Interstate Team

Please note that we are restricted to only 60 members for this function and door sales are not permitted. For more details phone 8985 6588 or email to surf@lifesavingnt.com.au. Special thanks to the Speaker of the Parliament, Hon Jane Aagard MLA, for her generous support of this function.

Rachel grabs chance of a lifetime

Rachel McLean from the Darwin SLSC is the Territory's nominee for the Kellogg's Nutri-Grain Ironman trials in Sydney at the end of the month! Rachel is an outstanding athlete and with an impressive season of gold medal performances. Thanks to the support of SLSCA Rachel will line up at Sydney's Wanda Beach on the weekend of 29th-30th November, a weekend that will decide the remaining top competitor places for the 2008-09 Kellogg's Nutri-Grain Ironman Series.

The challenge to climb Darwin's highest building

'The Steps of Evolution - Survival of the Fittest' is a race to climb the new Evolution building in Darwin city on Saturday afternoon, 29th November. At 33 storeys high this will be an amazing race! In total there are 568 stairs before you reach the top and it is expected the winner will run the entire way. Even if you can't do it non-stop have a go anyway. You'll receive a celebratory t-shirt and all funds raised will assist the Darwin Surf Life Saving Club.

Young Achiever Awards Northern Territory

The 2009 Young Achiever Awards for the Northern Territory are open for nominations until Friday 28th November. The awards include Career Achievement, Regional & Rural Initiative, Community Service, Arts, Science & Engineering, Environment, Sports, Young Carers and Excellence in Youth Leadership. Nominations can be done on-line at www.awardsaustralia.com or call SLSNT on 8985 6588 if you need help or more information.

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.

NT Academyline...

E-Learning has arrived!

Some exciting developments by the National Academy, with substantial help from individual states, has seen the evolvement of a new range of electronic resources that will assist Training Officers and Assessors deliver some of our courses in a new and innovative way. On-line learning is now available for our Bronze Medallion course and also our Senior First Aid course. Please contact Julie Snelling for further information.

First Aid & CPR 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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General/Public Enquiries: surf@lifesavingnt.com.au

Key Dates for your Diary

Monday 21st November: Deadline for Lifesaving Commendation nominations.

Friday 28th November: Boardies Day.

Friday 28th November: Deadline for Interstate team nominations.

Friday 28th November: Deadline for Young Achiever award nominations.

Sunday 30th November: Proposed Surf Club meeting at Yirrkala.

Thursday 4th December: SLSNT Annual Presentation Evening at Parliament House.

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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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