

NT Surflife 9 April 2009

NT Surflife 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.

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Arafura Games Lifesaving Team selected

A ten-member team (8 + 2 reserves) of excellent athletes will represent the Northern Territory in the International Lifesaving event of the 2009 Arafura Games. The team is (males) John Brown, Sam Creek, Patrick Donohoe, Dale Frew and Joshua Mitchener and (females) Carney Broadbent, Rachel Chalada, Denise Clark, Megan Gallagher and Amy Rudolph. Team Manager is Kim Clark and Team Coaches are Sam Creek and Alister Lear. We wish these members the very best of luck in their preparation for the event and the competition.

Farewell to Sherie Tracey

She's awesome - a dedicated Surf Lifesaver, a committed Darwin SLSC member, an amazing competitor at club, Territory and interstate level and a great lady to party with. Sherie Tracey is leaving Darwin to take up a Fire & Rescue job in Queensland and fellow lifesavers and friends can catch her at the Darwin SLSC on Saturday night, 18th April. Sherie said she will take the opportunity to thank everyone for 8 great years with the Darwin Surf Life Saving Club and to say farewell to the many friends she has made in the Top End. Sherie will drive out of town a few days later so don't miss this chance to say goodbye .

Arafura Games 2009 - Program of Lifesaving Events

Don't miss seeing the lifesaving events at the Arafura Games. The key dates and approximate times are:

Wednesday 13th May - Casuarina Pool, 5pm - 8pm

Thursday 14th May - Darwin Wave Lagoon, 9am - 1pm

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

Friday 15th May - Casuarina Pool, 5pm - 8pm

Saturday 16th May - Darwin SLSC, 8 am - 12 noon

Phuket Surf Lifesaving Carnival

The Phuket Lifeguard Club will hold its second Surf Lifesaving Carnival at Patong Beach in Phuket, Thailand scheduled on Sunday 12 July 2009 with a Nipper Carnival also planned for Saturday 11 July. Last year NT Surf Lifesavers had some great success through Sam Creek, John Brown and Helen Gould at the inaugural competition. Check out www.phuketlifeguard.com for information and contact Bob Creek on 0401 118 716 if you would like to be part of a Top End team.

Darwin Radio Repeater Tested

SLSNT's Darwin VHF Radio Repeater performed extremely well last weekend when a team of members tested its range and the readability of radio messages on the repeater channel - Channel R1. This channel is known as a duplex channel and operates through SLSNT-owned repeater hardware on the elevated Gardens Hill, approximately 1.5 km north of the Darwin CBD. The duplex channel is intended for

- Interclub/intergroup communication.
- Extended range operations - SAR missions, long distance events etc.

Radios accessing duplex channels are capable of a range of more than 20 km from the repeater, depending on the height of the antenna, and the new SLSNT repeater gives very effective coverage of the Darwin Estuary which includes the rivers and creeks of the East, Middle and West Arms and the into the Beagle Gulf. Thanks to Craig Croke for the use of his boat and radio operators Jo Gardiner, Julie Snelling Sonia Marsh and Tony Snelling. Further testing to identify blind spots will be carried out by SAR Team members in April and May.

SLSQ Pool Rescue Comp - Sunday 26th April

If you're in Queensland around the end of the month why not join our Surf Life Saving Queensland colleagues when they host the first Pool Rescue Competition of the 2009 season. Its on Sunday 26th April at the Somerville Sports & Aquatics Centre in South Brisbane and is easy to get to from the South Bank train station.

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.

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

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.

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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