

NT Surflife 24 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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On Wednesday afternoon 15th May the Surf Life Saving NT email server was bombarded by emails generated from a computer infected with a computer virus. Several of our email inboxes were filled to capacity, we couldn't send emails to you and you may have experienced trouble sending emails to us. Although our firewall and anti-virus programs worked perfectly we took additional preventative actions and this included not broadcasting NT Surflife last week. We apologise for the interruption to this vital communication but trust you understand the need to avoid any possibility of re-transmitting the virus.

Competition Calendar kicks off at Casuarina Beach

Darwin SLSC and Casuarina Beach will be the venue for a series of exciting invitation on Sunday 17th May, commencing 9.00 am. First up will be a 2 km beach run followed by a 2 km board paddle and a 5 km ski race for single skis and double skis. Our visitors to the Arafura Games have also been invited to participate so start training now as the competition will be intense. Age categories will apply which is sure to draw out some of our outstanding youth and Masters competitors. If you are not intending to compete please volunteer as an official or for water safety by replying to this email - IRB and RWC (Jetski) crews needed.

Darwin Wave Lagoon Opens

Saturday 2nd May is opening day for the new Darwin Wave Lagoon - bring on the waves!!!. The Wave Lagoon will be open every day from 10 am to 6 pm and is part of the Darwin Waterfront Development which includes a large Recreation Lagoon and beach right next door. The whole precinct is patrolled by lifeguards trained to Surf Life Saving's exacting standards and they'll be easy to spot in their red and yellow uniforms. Check out the NT News for more information next week. Surf Life Saving NT is offering surfing and surf lifesaving courses at the Wave Lagoon for schools and community groups - call Amy on 8985 6588 or email schools@lifesavingnt.com.au

Come and Try Day for Mindil Beach SLSC

On Sunday afternoon 26th April at Lake Alexander the Mindil Beach Surf Life Saving Club will hold a Come and Try Day and Sign-On Day. Activities will be held 2pm - 4pm for juniors (nippers) and senior members including games, board paddling and ski paddling. For more information call Sonia Marsh on 0407 518 625.

Surf Lifesavers commence Beach Patrols in May

In May our fantastic volunteer surf lifesavers commence patrols at the Top End's most popular beaches. The Mindil Beach SLSC will be on Mindil beach every Sunday afternoon when the Mindil Beach Markets make this venue extremely popular. The Darwin SLSC will be at Casuarina and Nightcliff beaches and will deploy their new Yamaha Rhino vehicle to extend the lifesaving service offered to the public. In Nhulunbuy the Gove Peninsula SLSC will patrol Town Beach and once again have plans for occasional patrols at 'Little Bondi', one of the best surf beaches in the NT. The month of May is a Lifesavers will be recommending that beach patrons do not swim without protective clothing in May due to the risk that box jellyfish may still be found in shallow inshore waters. Last year 32 rescues were performed by surf lifesavers in the NT.

Patrol Hours for Championships

All active members are reminded that they need to have completed 16 patrol hours by 31st July to be eligible for the 2009 NT Championships. These hours can include patrol duty last season from 1st August 2008. Active Reserve members must have accrued 8 hours. For new members, gaining their Surf Rescue Certificate or Bronze Medallion/Certificate II in Public Safety this season, there are concessions and these can be explained by your club's Director of Lifesaving or Club Captain.

Arafura Team NT Challenge

The NT Arafura Games Lifesaving Team is challenging members in selected pool events at Casuarina Pool on Wednesday 6th May at 6.30pm. If you're interested in being part of a challenger team to give our NT athletes a run for their money send you name and contact details to surf@lifesavingnt.com.au

Last chance - Telstra Offer with Surf Club Donation ends 26 April

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! 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**. To find out how simply visit www.answerthecall.co.au or drop in to the Telstra Shop.

Penguin to host 2010 Australian IRB Championships

The Penguin Surf Life Saving Club in Tasmania has successfully secured the rights to host the 2010 Australian IRB Championships, one of Surf Life Saving Australia's key national sporting events and designed to improve the lifesaving and rescue skills of Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) drivers and crews. It will be the first time the IRB Champs have been held in Tasmania with the event scheduled for the weekend 17-18 April 2010. The event is expected to attract hundreds of Australia's top surf lifesavers.

Arafura Games 2009

Thankyou to all the volunteers who have registered to help with the biennial Arafura Games in Darwin from the 9th to the 17th of May. Don't miss seeing the International 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, 8am - 1pm

Thursday 14th May - Mindil Beach - 5pm, 8 pm

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

Saturday 16th May - Darwin SLSC, 7.15 am - 12 noon

This international sporting highlight will culminate in a medal presentation at the Darwin Surf Life Saving Club on Saturday evening, 16th of May.

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.

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.

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 Tuesday and Friday evenings, 3rd & 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

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 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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