

NT Surflife 11 June 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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Walngawu Djakamirri SLSC elects Board of Directors

It was an historic moment for Surf Life Saving when the members of the Walngawu Djakamirri Surf Life Saving Club held their inaugural Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Sunday 7th June 2009 in Yirrkala. Guided by SLSNT President Bob Creek and CEO Tony Snelling the meeting adopted their Constitution and elected their first Board of Directors. The elected members we are proud to congratulate are...

President: Djawa Burrawunga
Vice President: Mangatjay Yunupingu
Director of Administration: Yuranga Yunupingu & Ros Wheatley
Director of Finance: Lyndon Snelling
Director of Lifesaving: Scott Beverstock
Director of Competition: Sam Edwardes
Director of Education: Serge Alexeyeff
Director of Junior Activities (Nippers): Djuwakan Marika & Arian Pearson
Public Officer: Stuart Kellaway

Like any Surf Club more helpers are needed - Patrol Captains, Trainers, Coaches and Age Managers in particular. If you can help in any way please contact any of the Directors above or call SLSNT on 8985 6588. The club will now apply to be an incorporated association. Special thanks for the enthusiastic support of the Federal Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) and the two fantastic local schools - Yirrkala CEC and the Yirrkala Homelands School.

Walngawu Djakamirri SLSC Activity Day on Sunday

With the support of the neighbouring Gove Peninsula SLSC our newest Surf Club will hold an Activity Day at Shady Beach, Yirrkala on Sunday 14 June. Gove members will demonstrate patrol activities and their Nipper program in the morning while in the afternoon senior activities are proposed.

Telstra Assistance Fund Closes Sunday 14 June

The 2009 Telstra Assistance Fund closes next week! The Telstra Fund offers NT Surf Life Saving clubs the opportunity of subsidised lifesaving equipment. Information on how to apply online is at www.telstra.com/beinvolved. Applications can be made until Sunday 14 June, 2009. No late applications are accepted.

Club Sports Action Underway

The 2009 season is underway with enormous sporting enthusiasm. Each week around 450 NT members of all ages are training and participating in weekly activities and more members are joining every week. Darwin SLSC has a program of varied training sessions each week (Mon, Wed, Fri) and on Sunday mornings from 9am - contact Sam Creek on 0404 795 519. Mindil Beach SLSC is meeting at the Darwin Waterfront Recreation Lagoon every Wednesday afternoon at 5.30pm and at Mindil Beach at 2pm on Sunday afternoons - contact Tony Tilley on 0417 815 215. Gove Peninsula SLSC are at Shady Beach this Sunday after a very successful weekend camp at Little Bondi Beach last Sunday - contact Alan Cross on 0417 803 569.

Joanne Gardiner & Amanda Bagley honoured as Arafura Games Volunteers

Jo Gardiner and Amanda Bagley were recognised for their commitment to 5 Arafura Games at the 2009 Volunteer's Thankyou Party at Parliament House last Friday (5 June). This a great honour and fitting recognition for these two stalwarts of Surf Life Saving and sport generally in the NT.

National Pool Rescue Clinics

SLSA's top Pool Rescue Coaches will be outlining all events to any targeted / interested coaches, officials & athletes through both theory and practical sessions followed by some Talent ID work at two Pool Rescue clinics in NSW (Sunday 21st June) and WA (Sunday August 9th). NT athletes are invited to attend. Any athlete 15 years or older who has a pool swimming background (particularly butterfly & freestyle); Swims 50m freestyle in 27 seconds or faster (men) and 30 seconds or faster (women) and regularly competes in surf races, rescue tube races and belt races etc can apply. Call SLSNT on 8985 6588 if you are interested.

Darwin SLSC's new Vice President and Secretary

The dynamic Warren Mudge has transferred from Secretary to Vice President of the Darwin SLSC with the Secretary position being taken on by Jeanette Button. We wish both of these exceptional members well in their new roles - they are typical of the superb volunteers that make Surf Life Saving such a wonderful organisation to belong to.

Applications called for SLSA 2009 Leaders' Conference

Applications from interested members are invited for the SLSA 2009 Leaders' Conference. This is an excellent opportunity for existing leaders within Surf Life Saving to participate in a high-level leadership development program. It is aimed at leaders in the 30+ age category and will be very useful for leaders who have a limited surf lifesaving background and those leaders who have re-entered the organization after an extended period of absence. The conference will provide participants with an environment that will enable them to refresh and extend their leadership capabilities.

The 2009 SLSA Leaders' Conference will take place in Sydney from Thursday 27 August 2009 (5pm) until Sunday 30 August 2009. The conference will be conducted at the Collaroy Centre on Sydney's Northern Beaches and there is no cost to the successful applicant. Applications close with SLSNT on 17 July 2009.

Adelaide Preferred Venue For Rescue 2012

Adelaide has been named the preferred host venue for Rescue 2012, the Life Saving World Championships. Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) has submitted a nomination to the ILS for Adelaide to host the world championships, which would take place in October or November 2012. The bid to host the 2012 Life Saving World Championship was a joint submission by Events South Australia, on behalf of the South Australian Government, and Surf Life Saving South Australia. The World Lifesaving Championships is held every two years and attracts competitors from lifesaving nations from around the world.

2010 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships

The dates for the 2010 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships are Tuesday 16 March to Sunday 21 March, 2010. The venue is Kurrawa Beach on the Gold Coast and this will also be the venue for the following two years. The inclusion of the Interstate Championships during this time is under review. Accommodation and flights for the 'Aussies' are always tight so start planning and booking now!

Water Safety needed at Mindil Beach on Friday 12 June

St Johns College are holding a Fun Day for over 200 students at Mindil Beach on Friday 12 June and have requested assistance from qualified surf lifesavers. If you can help with a water safety patrol on this day please contact SLSNT by email surf@lifsavingnt.com.au or call 8985 6588.

Gove Peninsula SLSC gets training boost

Members of the Gove Peninsula SLSC committed to a packed 5 day program of training, from Wednesday 20 June to Sunday 24 June, that included an Age Manager's Course, Silver Medallion Beach Management, Training Officers Certificate and Trainers & Assessors Upgrade. Chief Instructor Bernie Whelan said the support of the SLSNT was greatly appreciated and she was 'blown away' by the response from enthusiastic members of the club, especially for the Training Officer's course which was attended by nine members.

Hurry - Book flights for the NT Championships

The cheap flights to Gove, for the NT Surf Life Saving Championships are being rapidly gobbled up! Qantas provides a flight from Darwin to Gove every morning (Departs 6.30am) and a return flight every evening (Departs 8.25pm). At the beginning of June the cheapest fares were \$195 each way. Air North could take you to Gove on Thursday or Friday evening (departs 5.45pm) and return you to Darwin Monday or Tuesday morning (departs 8.25am). Flights at \$165 each way were still available and you can get Qantas Frequent Flyer points too!

2009 Australian IRB Championships

Entries for the 2009 Australian IRB Championships, held from 24-26 July at Kawana Waters, are now open. The SLSA circular including all forms needed to enter the championships can be found in the club mail section of the SLSA website. Go to www.slsa.asn.au.

New Lifesaving Gear & Equipment

SLSA has recently approved a range of new gear and equipment. Details can be found using this link http://www.slsa.com.au/site/_content/resource/00002842-docsource.pdf It includes new outboard motors, oxygen resuscitation equipment and Jet Skis.

Huge demand for First Aid training by Surf Life Saving NT

SLSNT's reputation as a provider of excellent First Aid training courses is causing a huge demand for our First Aid, Resuscitation and Emergency Care courses. Recent clients requesting our services includes the RAAF, Volunteer Bushfire Brigades and Childcare Centres. If you would like to be a casual First Aid Trainer for SLSNT please call Julie Snelling on 8985 6588 or email julie.snelling@lifesavingnt.com.au

Super Surf Camp comes to Darwin in July

The Darwin Super Surf Camp will be conducted on Thursday 2nd July and Friday 3rd of July from 9am – 3pm each day at the Darwin Surf Life Saving Club on Casuarina Beach. Super Surf Camps are a Junior Surf Sports / Surf Life Saving phenomenon and have been conducted around Australia, NZ & Japan for over a decade. The Camps are for all interested boys & girls, (aged 7 to U/17) and cater for all abilities, from the beginner to the champions and will once again. The Super Surf Camp will be facilitated by SLSA's National High Performance Head Coach, Brett Dowker, and there will be a special guest - none other than 2009 Australian Ironman Champion, Pierce Leonard!!!

The camp is terrific value for money and includes all practical and theory coaching sessions from the best coaches in the business, morning / afternoon teas random draws, give-aways and a whole lot more! The camp culminates in a mini super surf camp carnival as well as a super presentation which sees the youth take home a Certificate of Participation, T-shirt & Cap as well as a copy of the Super Surf Camp Group Photo. Enrolment and payment can be made ON-LINE through www.supersurfcamps.com/enrol.aspx For more information please contact Dana Dowker on 0411 356 062 or email office@supersurfcamps.com

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. Long Service and Life Members are exempt. 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.

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

Key Dates for your Diary

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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