

# ***NT Surflife*** 18 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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Tonight's broadcast of Stateline on ABC TV at 7.30 pm (Friday 19 June) will include a feature story on the Walngawu Djakamirri Surf Life Saving Club - Australia's first indigenous Surf Club. The club is based at Shady Beach, Yirrkala, approximately 25 km south of Nhulunbuy in East Arnhem Land. NT Stateline is repeated tomorrow (sat 20 June) at 12 noon.

## **Darwin's Fannie Bay Swim Classic Saturday June 20**

The Fannie Bay Swim Classic is arguably the best open water swim in Darwin and over 120 swimmers of all ages are expected to enter. With a great weather forecast and a 5.5 metre high tide at 3.15 pm it will be a sensational afternoon of aquatic sport. The 2.1 km long course swim starts from the beach at Pee Wee's Restaurant on East Point at 2.15pm while the short course swim (approx 1.2km) starts from the beach below the Lake Alexander entrance gates. Key information for the event is...

- All swimmers are required at the 1.00 pm race briefing at Pee Wee's Park.
- Early Bird registration is Friday 19 June, 5.30-8.00 pm, at the TB Club or Saturday 20 June, 12.30-1.30 pm, at Pee Wee's Park.
- First swimmer due at the Trailer Boat Club finish line around 2.40 pm; whole field should be home by 3.30pm.
- Presentations kick off around 4.00 pm - celebrate with all the participants and enjoy the Trailer Boat Club's facilities and hospitality.
- All proceeds assist the excellent work of the Darwin Surf Life Saving Club.

## **Welcome to Michael Chua from Singapore**

Michael Chua is being hosted by SLSNT for 2 weeks as part of a new staff exchange program between Singapore and the NT. Michael is the full-time Deputy Manager of the Singapore Life Saving Society and highly qualified Lifesaver. He is also a volunteer Doping Control Officer with the SNOC, Anti-Doping in Sports Commission and a trained AED/CPR provider by the Life Support Centre of the Singapore General Hospital. His SLSC awards include the Silver Medallion Beach Management and Level 1 Surf Sports Official. Michael served his national service with the Singapore Police Force as an Inspector of Police. His period of service included being Officer-in-charge of Patrol Group and later, Officer-in-charge of Provost Unit, at the Tanglin Police Division. Michael will work with SLSNT staff next week then accompany staff and volunteers to the SLSC Board of Lifesaving meetings in Sydney 1-5 July.

### **Adelaide to host 2012 World Life Saving Championships**

The World Life Saving Championships, *Rescue 2012*, the largest international lifesaving event in the world, will be held in Adelaide following a successful bid by Surf Life Saving South Australia and the SA Government. Adelaide's quality facilities and compact size have won over officials from the International Life Saving Federation (ILS) and Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) that are visiting the city this week. More than 4,000 competitors and officials, plus thousands of spectators, are expected to travel to Adelaide from across Australia and overseas to take part in *Rescue 2012*. The key venues will be Christies Beach, Glenelg Beach and the future state-of-the-art Aquatic Centre at Marion. Glenelg will be the official 'accommodation hub' of *Rescue 2012* and will become the athlete's village and festival location, with the opening and closing ceremonies to be conducted there, with all beach events to be held at twilight. The dates for *Rescue 2012*.

### **Australia's Surf Lifesaver & Lifeguard of the Year on duty at Darwin Wave Lagoon**

Lachlan Holbery-Morgan, is the first person in SLSA history to be recognised nationally as both the Surf Lifesaver of the Year and the Lifeguard of the Year. A member of Anglesea SLSC in Victoria and an employee of the Australian Lifeguard Service, Lachlan is on duty at the Darwin Wave Lagoon and is looking forward to learning more about lifeguarding and sharing his experience with our local staff. Lachlan is the chief lifeguard for beaches between Torquay and Apollo Bay in Victoria. With over six years of experience, he is also an award trainer and keen competitor. He's held a range of major positions at club and state level and competes in IRB racing at club, state and national level. Lachlan played a major role in the retrieval and attempted resuscitation of two Indian students during a tragic double drowning at Hutt Gully in December 2007. When Lachlan was awarded the two prestigious awards in March he said "Lifesaving never stops, it's a year-round commitment," he said.

### **CoastSafe Website is now online**

The CoastSafe website has gone live. Australian CoastSafe is the strategic and intelligence beach safety unit of Surf Life Saving Australia. The unit was established to gather data on all beaches around Australia and establish a framework to deliver a safer aquatic environment. CoastSafe provides support for surf lifesavers and lifeguards, but even more practically, offers cost-effective benefits to all levels of government, private developers and the tourism industry to reduce the risk of injury or death around the coast. CoastSafe has a number of key components - each has individual merit and when combined, they provide the most comprehensive beach safety management program in the world. These are made up of:

1. The Australian Coastal Public Safety Guidelines
  2. The Australian Beach Safety and Management Programme
  3. A suite of Coastal Safety & Risk Management Services
- Australian CoastSafe will be overseeing the distribution and consultation phases of the development of the Australian Coastal Public Safety Guidelines. Visit [www.CoastSafe.org.au](http://www.CoastSafe.org.au) and browse this excellent website.

### **Walngawu Djakamirri SLSC Activity Day**

Gove Peninsula SLSC turned on a great display of surf life saving at Shay Beach in Yirrkala for the members of our newest club - Walngawu Djakamirri SLSC. With over 120 Nippers on the beach, IRB & RWC training in full swing and an excellent patrol on duty, the day was a huge success. Many of the local youth enthusiastically joined in and enjoyed the physical challenge of swimming, board paddling and beach flags.

### **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 (5.00pm) 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.

### **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!

### **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!

### **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](http://www.supersurfcamps.com/enrol.aspx) For more information please contact Dana Dowker on 0411 356 062 or email [office@supersurfcamps.com](mailto:office@supersurfcamps.com)

### **Patrol Hours for Championships**

All active members are reminded that they need to have completed 16 patrol hours by 31<sup>st</sup> July to be eligible for the 2009 NT Championships. These hours can include patrol duty last season from 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:julie.snelling@lifesavingnt.com.au)

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## **Key Dates for your Diary**

**Saturday 20th June:** Darwin's Classic Fannie Bay Swim, Darwin.

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> August - Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> August: First Aid, Patrol and IRB Championships.

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Sept & Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Sept: NT Surf Life saving Championships, Nhulunbuy.

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