

NT Surfline 12 July 2009

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.

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Croc mobilises SAR Team to close beaches

Fannie Bay Swim attracts 128 swimmers

Vale Notice: Tony Tilley

A Vale notice has been issued by SLSNT for Tony Tilley, President of the Mindil Beach Surf Life Saving Club and a member of the SLSNT Council, after he passed away suddenly on Saturday 11 July 2009. This loss is a deep shock to all his family, fellow lifesavers, workmates and friends – he was such a positive and happy part of so many people's lives. Information on the funeral arrangements will be published in local media and passed on to all Surf Life Saving members, friends and supporters through the NT Surfline distribution network. It is fitting that we celebrate his life and passionate contribution to Surf Life Saving so if you have any favourite photos of TJ please send them to SLSNT by return email as soon as possible, or deliver them on disk or memory stick to the office – 62 Aralia Street, Nightcliff.

BeerCan Regatta Sunday 19th July – Surf Lifesavers needed

The annual Beer Can Regatta will be held on Mindil Beach Sunday, 19th July from 10 am and the Territory's Surf Lifesavers will be there once again to provide an essential water safety service. Originally, the Regatta was a way to use excess beer cans after Cyclone Tracy but its now a colourful event, attracting thousands of locals and tourists to Mindil Beach. The water safety is being coordinated by the Search & Rescue Team and the Mindil Beach Surf Life Saving Club and all qualified lifesavers are welcome to assist. We need IRB crews, RWC Drivers, Beach Patrol and First Aid/Emergency Care – please call SLSNT on 8985 6588 or 041717 3287 to register - even if you can only help for a few hours.

Patrol Championships 1st August

It's a huge honour to win the Patrol Championship and undeniable proof of your lifesaving skills and ability as part of a highly effective rescue team. This season's Patrol competition is Saturday 1st August at the Darwin SLSC with 2 categories – Under 19 and Open. Teams of 6 are invited to nominate through your Club Captain / Director of Competition. The 2008 champions were from Mindil Beach SLSC. This season's winning team will earn the right to represent the NT at the Australian Championships in March 2010 - back at Kurrawa on the Gold Coast! Full details are in the SLSNT Circular 05 circulated to clubs in June. For members unfamiliar with these events coaching can be arranged by contacting Julie Snelling at SLSNT on 8985 6588.

First Aid Championships 1st August

First Aid competition is growing strongly in Surf Life Saving with 2-person teams challenged by some very realistic, multi-patient first aid scenarios. This season's Open First Aid competition can be contested by any qualified lifesaver and is Saturday 1st August at the Darwin SLSC. Teams should nominate through your Club Captain / Director of Competition. The 2008 champions were from Darwin SLSC and this season's winning team will earn the right to represent the NT at the Australian Championships in March 2010. Full details are in the SLSNT Circular 05 circulated to clubs in June. For members unfamiliar with these events coaching can be arranged by contacting Julie Snelling at SLSNT on 8985 6588.

IRB Championships 1st August: an action packed lifesaving event

Fast and furious action will cap off the Lifesaving Championships on Saturday 1st August when club IRB crews will contest two events – IRB Mass Rescue and IRB Tube Rescue. Held on Saturday afternoon, 1st August these events will showcase some of the Territory's most capable lifesavers as they compete against each other. The 2008 champions were from Mindil Beach SLSC. For members unfamiliar with these events coaching can be arranged by contacting Tony Snelling at SLSNT on 8985 6588.

SAR Team Closes Beaches for Big Croc

Surf Life Saving Northern Territory's SAR Team was called out on Thursday afternoon 26 June following reports of a 3-4 metre crocodile threatening beachgoers in the Nightcliff area. The SAR Team quickly deployed our two Rescue Jetskis and patrolled beaches to warn beachgoers, fishermen and a sailing school of the threat. The action was taken as a precautionary measure in the interests of public safety with a small team focused on Mindil Beach where hundreds of people were gathering in the afternoon for a swim. Mindil Beach was targeted because it is the city's most popular beach and the Darwin City Council had withdrawn funding for the Lifeguard service. Over 100 residents and visitors were in the water during the first sweep of the main beaches from Nightcliff to Cullen Bay – all heeded advice from lifesavers to retreat from the water. Later in the afternoon over 300 people were on Mindil Beach during a strong incoming tide with much appreciation offered to lifesavers for the advice and volunteer vigil they provided. A visual inspection of beaches from first light the next morning did not provide any crocodile sightings and the SAR Team was stood down. A big thankyou to the members who helped out during this incident especially – Amy Rudolph, Tony Snelling, Cameron Griffin, Paddy Donohoe, Tony Tilley, Helen Gould, Gary Wall, and our international lifesaver – Michael Chua.

Emerging Leaders—Youth Development Course

The NT Government, Time to Shine (Leadership Development) & Wing Chun Gung Fu Inc (Youth Diversion & Self Defence) are running a two day, Emerging Leaders, Youth Development Course for young people (14 –25 years of age) who volunteer, coach, support or provide services to other Youth. Workshops will be interactive and will involve role plays and scenarios designed to develop and embed specific skills for our young leaders.

Dates: Thursday 16 July & Friday 17 July 2009

Venue: Charles Darwin University, Building RED 6, Room 4&5

Time: 8:00am — 5:00pm

Cost: \$20 pp. Placement secured on receipt of payment, includes catering.

For more information phone Michael on 0400 649 459

128 compete in Darwin's Fannie Bay Swim Classic

Congratulations to the Darwin Surf Life Saving Club for another fantastic Fannie Bay Swim Classic on Saturday June 20 - arguably the best open water swim in Darwin and now attracting visitors from interstate. 128 swimmers of all ages took to the water and enjoyed a sensational swim in great dry season weather with no incidents recorded. The amazing Rachael McLean was first across the line in the 2.1 km event while Robert Gerlach won the 1.2km event. The Honourable Kon Vatskalis MLA presided over the trophy presentation at the Darwin Trailer Boat Club and reinforced his strong support and appreciation of Surf Life Saving in the NT.

Singapore – Darwin: Farewell to Michael Chua, Best Wishes to Amy Rudolph

Michael Chua has returned to Singapore after being hosted by SLSNT for 2 weeks as part of a new staff exchange program between Singapore Life Saving Society and SLSNT. Michael is the Deputy Manager of the Singapore Life Saving Society and worked closely with SLSNT on a range of programs before joining NT reps at the SLISA Board of Lifesaving meetings in Sydney where he met lifesavers from all over Australia. Michael was a great help to our operations and hosting his visit to Australia was a professional and personal pleasure for all involved.

Meanwhile Amy Rudolph has now left for Singapore for 2 weeks where she will learn more about all aspects of their operations including lifeguard training, accreditation systems and pool rescue training.

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*.

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 2010 Australian Surf Life Saving Championships will be held at Kurrawa Beach on the Gold Coast from Tuesday 16 March to Sunday 21 March, 2010.

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!

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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Key Dates for your Diary

Sat 1st August: First Aid, Patrol and IRB Championships.

Sat 26th Sept & Sun 27th Sept: NT Surf Life Saving Championships, Nhulunbuy.

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