

NT Surflife 17 July 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.

NEW ITEMS IN THIS EDITION ...

Tony Tilley – remembered as a true lifesaver

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Tony Tilley – remembered as a true lifesaver

The funeral service and life celebration for Tony Tilley on Thursday 16 July in Darwin was a hugely emotional and moving occasion. Taken from us last Saturday, while swimming at Casuarina Beach, 'TJ' was an immensely popular Territorian surf lifesaver and was farewelled and fondly remembered by nearly 700 people as they passed a huge Surf Life Saving Guard of Honour and crammed into St Mary's Star of the Sea Cathedral in the heart of Darwin. The passing of such a dear family member and friend was marked in a eulogy that fittingly recognised how much everyone loved this gentle and generous man. SLSNT President, Bob Creek, provided a moving tribute to TJ's contribution to surf lifesaving, which included a special tribute from SLSA President Ron Rankin AM, and beautifully recognised TJ's role and commitment to the founding years of the Darwin SLSC, his commitment as President of the Mindil Beach SLSC and his influence within the surf life saving fraternity throughout the Territory and interstate. Bob's eulogy included words from best mate, Craig (Frog) Croke and the memories that were invoked brought smiles to many tear-stained faces, especially a favourite expression of TJ's, 'Happy Days'. At the Gardens Park Golf Links course hundreds of photos brought memories flooding back to family and friends while recognition of TJ's organisational strengths at social functions was commemorated in fine Territory sporting style and humour with a 'boat race'. We will sorely miss the big fella 'between the flags' and our deepest condolences are extended to his mother, Christine, and the Tilley family.

Paddle Out for TJ

There is an open invitation to a Paddle-Out for TJ this afternoon (Friday, July 17) at Casuarina Beach, commencing 6.15 pm from the Darwin Surf Life Saving Club and followed with a BBQ Dinner and drinks afterwards. All club boards, skis and surfboats will be used for the paddle out, therefore Darwin SLSC training is cancelled. Members of other clubs, and non-members, are welcome to join in and should bring their own equipment for the event. (eg surfboard, surf ski, kayak, etc.).

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 is now a colourful local and tourist attraction, attracting to the tropical ambience of 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.

Surf Ski Marathon & George Bass Surfboat Marathon

7 days, 7 legs and 190km's of the best coastline in Australia from Batemans Bay NSW to Eden NSW Commencing Sunday 3 January 2010 and finishing Saturday 9 January 2010. Visit www.georgebassmarathon.com.au Entries Close 1 October 2009

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.

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.

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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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