

NT Surflife 23 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.

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Official Opening for Walngawu Djakamirri SLSC

The official opening of the Walngawu Djakamirri SLSC will take place on Friday 7th August at Yirrkala in NE Arnhem Land as part of a major indigenous conference and celebration of indigenous culture – the Garma Festival. The club has built up a basic set of lifesaving and competition resources and operates from Shady Beach on the coast of Gulf of Carpentaria where surfing and a range of aquatic sports are becoming increasingly popular.

Mindil Beach a final resting place for Tony Tilley

The ashes of Tony 'TJ' Tilley were scattered on Sunday 19th July at sunset into the waters off Mindil Beach. TJ's ashes were scattered from a Mindil Beach SLSC surfboat named in his honour, and from a large commercial fishing vessel carrying his mother, Christine, and family members. The surfboat crew of Bob Creek, Tony Snelling, Craig Croke, Sam Creek and Leanne Kelly raised the four oars of the boat for the scattering of some of the ashes; everyone was deeply moved by this final traditional surf life saving farewell. The family then scattered the remainder of his ashes and cast a wreath into the clear tropical waters. Rest in peace TJ.

Entries due for Lifesaving Champs – Patrol, First Aid & IRB

Entries for the SLSNT Lifesaving Champs are due on Monday 27 July. The Championships include the Patrol Competition (Open, U19, Rookies), the Open First Aid competition and the IRB competition (Tube Rescue and Mass Rescue) and will be conducted at the Darwin SLSC on Saturday 1st August from 8.15 am.

Thankyou to BeerCan Regatta Surf Lifesavers

A big thankyou to the 25 Surf Lifesavers who patrolled Mindil Beach on Sunday 19 July for Darwin's famous annual BeerCan Regatta. With a reduced flagged area for public swimming, two Rescue Jetskis and an IRB the lifesaving team were critically important in ensuring a smooth and safe Beercan Regatta this year. Key lifesaving actions included 1 missing child search and two serious first aid incidents – 1 man semiconscious and another with a deep leg wound requiring hospital attention. Within the event itself Josh Edwards briefly stepped aside from his patrol duties to win the annual ironman race and surf lifesavers were called in to help manage the start-finish line as the large crowd moved into the water to watch the spectacle of BeerCan boats competing around a triangular course. The 2009 event was a credit to the organizers from the Lions Clubs of Darwin with excellent crowd behaviour, a great family atmosphere and a well behaved spectator fleet.

Mindil Beach Lifeguard Service back on the beach

Swim between the flags! That's the message from the lifeguards at Mindil Beach when the lifeguard service recommenced on Tuesday 21 July after an excellent Darwin City Council decision last week to reinstate the service. With sensible precautions, such as swimming between the red and yellow flags, Darwin beaches are very enjoyable and often underutilised. Each weekend hundreds of surf club members safely enjoying a range of aquatic activities and developing excellent open water swimming and survival skills. Marine hazards are present on all Australian beaches but the risks on Darwin beaches are low during the dry season, especially June to September, the months outside the 'Stinger Season'. Lifeguards, and members of the Mindil Beach Surf Life Saving Club, are now on duty at Mindil Beach, 7 days a week, 1pm-6pm.

Volunteers for Indigenous Program wanted

Each year surf lifesavers from around Australia assist SLSNT to deliver two one-week school-based surf lifesaving programs for indigenous students in Arnhem Land during September. Volunteers with skills and experience at training to the current Bronze Medallion/Certificate II in Public Safety standard are needed with most travel and accommodation costs covered for those selected. Competition and coaching skills are also highly desirable. Call Julie Snelling, SLSNT Academy Manager, on (08) 8985 6588 or email julie.snelling@lifesavingnt.com.au if you would like to participate in this unique opportunity.

NT Champs Circular sent to clubs

The 2009 NT Surf Life Saving Championships are described in Circular 05 sent to clubs this week and available on the SLSNT website. An accompanying program outlines the event which will be hosted by the Gove Peninsula Surf Life Saving Club on Saturday 26th September and Sunday 27th September. Members should note that senior events will be held on Saturday and junior events on Sunday with the exception of the senior ironman and ironwoman events which will take place on Sunday. The Gove Peninsula SLSC have an organising committee in place and are excited about bring the championships into Nhulunbuy where competitors from our new club at Yirrkala, the Walngawu Djakamirri SLSC, are expected to make their competition debut.

Nightcliff Surf Carnival Sunday 16th August

Nightcliff beach will be the venue for an interclub Thrifty Surf Carnival on Sunday 16th August with events for nippers and seniors. There will also be a community event, the Nightcliff Seafood Picnic, with selected surf lifesaving events being offered to the community. The Picnic will raise funds for Camp Quality – helping kids with cancer. Put this date in your diary – more news next week.

Applications called for Sir Adrian Curlewis Scholarship

The Sir Adrian Curlewis Scholarship sits at the peak of the SLSA Leadership Development pathway which provides members with opportunities to develop themselves as leaders within surf life saving and beyond. The aim of the Scholarship is to provide an environment in which you can harness the knowledge, experience and networks provided by Surf Life Saving to grow as an individual, with benefits for you and surf life saving. Members selected for a scholarship will plot their own course through a structured self learning environment tailored to your needs. There will be opportunities to capture information from passionate and influential people from all around the country, both from within surf life saving and external to the organisation. Application information is available on SLSA Circular 04 and application must be received at SLSNT on or before Friday 28th August.

Amy Rudolph appreciative of Singapore Experience

The 2009 Work Exchange program between Surf Life Saving NT and Singapore Life Saving Society has been described as a huge success. Earlier this week SLSNT Schools Coordinator and Ocean Lifeguard, Amy Rudolph, returned from two weeks in Singapore and described the experience as ‘a fantastic opportunity to learn more about lifesaving within an international context’. Amy had special thanks for the exceptional hospitality of her host family, Mr Ronald Wee, his wife Angie and their three children Amanda, Regina and Gilbert. She was also grateful to Singapore LSS President Richard Tan, Executive Officer Alfred Chua and his deputy, Michael Chua, for letting her be part of the SLSS team and being of invaluable guidance whilst in Singapore. Amy learned about SLSS business operations including lifeguard training, the accreditation system, and the lifeguard operation on Singapore’s famous Sentosa Beach where Aryati Hajis generously arranged her visit including the opportunity to get wet - setting up and retrieving Stonefish traps! Amy joined SLSNT President Bob Creek to observe Pool Rescue Training at the National University of Singapore – sincere thanks to Mr Sim Lye Hock for sharing his extensive knowledge and exceptional coaching skills.

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 are explained in SLSNT Championships circulars.

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Key Dates for your Diary

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

Saturday 8th August: Beach2Bridge.

Sunday 16th August: Thrifty Surf Carnival at Nightcliff Beach.

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

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