

NT Surflife 30 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.

HEAPS OF NEW ITEMS IN THIS EDITION ...

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Lifesaving Champs on Saturday – Patrol, First Aid & IRB

The Darwin and Mindil Beach clubs will go head to head in some tense and exciting lifesaving competition this Saturday at Casuarina Beach. Both clubs have titles to defend. Mindil Beach hold the Champion Patrol title while Darwin holds the First Aid title and are slight favourites in the IRB events.

The event kicks off at 8.15 am with each 6-member Patrol Team facing the lifesaving theory paper as the first task. 3 from each team are selected for the resuscitation section while the other 3 compete in the Rescue Tube - Rescue Board Relay. The whole team then does the patrol scenario followed by the Surf Race, a swim of approximately 350m. First Aid competitors should be ready to go at 12 noon and IRB teams should be ready for 1 pm. A simple hamburger lunch will be available to competitors and officials so bring a few dollars to feed yourself. Spectators are welcome!

R&R Demonstration on Saturday afternoon

As part of the Lifesaving Championships on Saturday 1st August a demonstration of the R&R event (Rescue & Resuscitation) will be held in the early afternoon, around 2pm. The Junior R&R event will be highlighted - an excellent event to encourage discipline, teamwork and lifesaving skill amongst our younger members. Events for older age groups will also be explained by qualified R&R coaches visiting from Queensland. This is a must for anyone interested in R&R competition and coaching.

Helpers and Officials needed for Lifesaving Championships on Saturday

More helpers and officials are needed for the SLSNT Lifesaving Championships this Saturday, 1st August. These championships include the Patrol competition, First Aid competition and IRB competition. Some of the roles we need to fill are...

- patrol and first aid competition – patients, timekeepers and theory exam supervisors.
- courses – an IRB crew to set up buoys and anchors (7.30am-8.30am)
- Water Safety – an IRB crew for the patrol comp (estimated 9.00am-11.00am),
- RWC for the IRB competition (estimated 1-2pm)
- General officials – starters, judges etc
- Make-up! Someone to do make up for First Aid scenarios (fake blood, broken bones etc)

Thrifty Lifesaver Super League and Nippers at Nightcliff Beach to help Camp Quality

A Thrifty Lifesaver Super League, Nipper competitions and a range of community events will be held on Sunday 16th August at Nightcliff Beach. The events and activities will be associated with a special event, “The Great Seafood Beach Picnic” to raise funds for Camp Quality –the Children's family cancer charity that believes in bringing optimism and happiness to the lives of children and families affected by cancer. Nipper activities will commence at 9.00 am, community events commence at 11.00am while senior surf lifesaving events commence at 1.30 pm. A detailed program of events has been developed and is being sent to clubs.

Masters Competition Review Completed

A review of Masters competition has been completed by SLSA with the adopted recommendations detailed in SLSA Bulletin 1-09, available from the SLSA website.

The main changes are:

- An older (open gender) age category of 70 years plus;
- More (older) Team Age groupings;
- More Women's age groupings for both selected individual and team events;
- Including the 2km/1km Beach Run events;
- The introduction of Masters events into the Australian Pool Rescue Championships.

The changes are effective immediately and will apply to the 2010 Australian Masters Surf Life Saving Championships and 2010 Australian Pool Rescue Championships.

End of an era as Kurrawa takes out the 2009 Australian IRB Championships

Kurrawa put an end to North Burleigh's winning streak, successfully taking out the 2009 Australian IRB Championships at Kawana Waters. Recently crowned Queensland champions, Kurrawa finished on 36 points ahead of four time consecutive champions North Burleigh (20) and Point Lookout (15). The three day competition attracted record entries, with more than 680 competitors taking part from New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Victoria and Western Australia.

Australian Lifesaving Team wins at World Games

Last weekend the Australian Lifesaving Team fought back from a whopping 136 point deficit to defend its World Games title in steamy, choppy conditions at Siziwan Bay Beach in Kaohsiung, a major city in Chinese Taipei. Australia finished with a total of 634 points after three days of competition, with Italy on 521 and New Zealand on 485. The Chinese challenge seemed overwhelming after a powerful two-day performance in the pool but melted away in the balmy ocean, and they finished fourth on 420 points. Team Captain and surf life saving elite competitor, Shannon Eckstein, said defending the title against the pool lifesaving powerhouses of Italy, China, and New Zealand, was a remarkable effort.

Vacancy National Research Manager

Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) is currently seeking an enthusiastic, dynamic and experienced person to be the full-time National Research Manager. The successful applicant will have relevant tertiary qualifications, an excellent working knowledge of and record of achievement in research practice. Experience in any combination of surf lifesaving disciplines including water safety, lifesaving, injury prevention education, training, sports, youth, or volunteering would be desirable. The position will be based at and/or from the SLSA National Office, currently at Bondi Beach, NSW however the primary work location may be negotiated. An attractive remuneration package will be negotiated with the successful applicant in accordance with qualifications and experience. A full job description is available on the SLSA web site www.slsa.com.au or by emailing nfarmer@slsa.asn.au Applications marked Confidential will be received until 10 August 2009.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 Lifesaver Super League and Nippers at Nightcliff Beach to help Camp Quality

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