

NT Surfline 6 August 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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Historic Day for Surf Life Saving in the NT

The Walngawu Djakamirri Surf Life Saving Club will be official opened tomorrow (Friday 7th August) at Shady Beach in Yirrkala, a remote indigenous community in NE Arnhem Land. It will be an historic moment for the community and for Surf Life Saving. Presiding over the official proceedings will be the traditional landowners, the inaugural club President, Djawa Burrawunga and Vice President, Mangatjay Yunupingu, Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs Hon Jenny Macklin MP, NT Chief Minister Hon Paul Henderson MLA and SLSNT President Bob Creek. As part of the opening ceremony the club will launch its surfboat and a Lipalipa - a traditional dugout canoe. The club has commenced patrols and is starting a range of competition training in preparation of the NT Championships in Nhulunbuy in late September.

Beach2Bridge race this Saturday

The exciting Beach2Bridge race will be held this Saturday afternoon (8 August) starting at 4.15pm from the Darwin SLSC at Casuarina Beach. Its a 1.5km swim and a 6 km run and is always well patronised by a wide range of members and the public. The entry form and all race information can be downloaded from the Darwin Surf Club website at www.darwinsurfclub.com.au

Lifesaving Championships Results

At Saturday's NT Lifesaving Championships Mindil Beach SLSC members retained the Champion Patrol title and won the First Aid competition while Darwin Surf Club members dominated the IRB (Inflatable Rescue Boat) competition later in the day. Mindil members were delighted with their Patrol competition gold medal (Craig Croke, Carney Broadbent, Ruth Paterson, Emma Hough, Tony Snelling & Moira Wigley) in what became the closest competition held in recent years with only 0.8 points separating the Mindil and Darwin teams. Mindil's win in the First Aid competition (Craig Croke & Carney Broadbent) was more convincing and the club went into the IRB competition with high hopes of further success. Two events were contested – IRB Mass Rescue and IRB Tube Rescue. It was Darwin's three IRB crews that put on a brilliant display of IRB sport to easily win both gold medals. IRB Driver Sam Creek and his crew of Josh Edwards, John Brown and Megan Gallagher blitzed the Mass Rescue event with a thrilling two-second win in the Tube rescue event to IRB driver Jo Gardiner and her crew of Dale Frew and Paddy Donohoe. Mindil didn't go away empty handed though - a Bronze medal in the IRB Tube Rescue was the club's first IRB championship medal; won by the all-female combination of Carney Broadbent, Sonia Marsh and Moira Wigley.

Thankyou to the Darwin SLSC for hosting the 2009 competition, all the officials who helped especially our Lifesaving Director and competition organiser, Jo Gardiner, and Anne-Marie Widermanski from WA, who was Patrol and First Aid Referee.

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 near the Chapman Road carpark - all associated with 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. Community involvement in surf life saving activities will also be encouraged. Senior surf lifesaving events commence from 11 am – beach events, ski races, board races and ironman.

Surf Club wins Arafura Festival Float Parade

Gove Peninsula Surf Life Saving Club received rousing cheers in Nhulunbuy at the Arafura Festival when they were recognised as winners of the Arafura Festival Float Parade competition. The club's float included their surfboat, IRB and Rescue Jetski and was populated with lots of Nippers, cadets and patrol members in club gear and lifesaving uniforms. Well done Gove Surf Club!

New SLSA IT Support Officer

Andy Hutchinson has been employed as the new IT Support Officer for SLSA with particular responsibility for club liaison. Andy starts next week from Monday 10th August. Andy has a wealth of experience having been an IT Journalist in the UK and the owner of an IT services company in Australia. He is also a Surf Lifesaver, being a member and Registrar of the Shoalhaven Heads SLSC.

Senior Officials needed for Aussie Champs

SLSA is calling for Senior Officials for the 2010 Whereis® Australian Surf Life Saving Championships and Masters Championships to be held at Kurrawa, Queensland on 16-21 March 2010. Nominations being called for include Area Referees, Sectional Referees and Coordinators. Nominations close Friday 18 September 2009. Check out Circular 06/09-10 on the SLSA website

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.

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

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.

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