

NT Surfline 17 September 2009

NT Surfline is for members 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 intended to replace club newsletters – the primary source of news from your local club.

NEW ITEMS IN THIS EDITION ...

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Flights are booked, equipment has been shipped and entries are almost finalized for the 2009 NT Surf Life Saving Championships, hosted by the Gove Peninsula SLSC at Town Beach, Nhulunbuy. The senior champs get underway on Saturday 26th

September and are proudly sponsored by Perkins Shipping. The junior champs (and the senior ironman/ironwoman) are on Sunday 27th September and generously supported by Westpac. The Gove Peninsula SLSC will have meals available on Friday and Saturday evenings. The senior medal presentation on Saturday evening will be followed by music and entertainment from Gove FM and these guys really know how to get a party going! We still need more officials – if you can help in any way please email SLSNT on surf@lifesavingnt.com.au

Newly qualified indigenous students nominate for NT Champs

It was a special moment when three young women from very remote Arnhem Land communities, Mundul Gumana, Muluymuluy Sandy and Yanggurrk Wunungmurra and three young men, Djamika Ganambarr, Lulumu Yunupingu and Munggulk Gumana signed off from their first lifesaving patrol at Shady Beach in the NT community of Yirrkala. This was the moment that qualified them for the NT Championships and they are very excited about representing the Walngawu Djakamirri SLSC on Saturday 26th September in the Perkins Shipping NT Senior Surf Life Saving Championships in Nhulunbuy. More newly qualified club members are expected to nominate in the next few days. Last week 14 indigenous students qualified for the Surf Life Saving Bronze Medallion and Certificate II in Public Safety and more are expected to qualify this week.

Helpers needed for Splashfest – Sunday 27th September

SLSNT needs more volunteers for Spashfest, a major Water Safety Month promotion at the Darwin Recreation Lagoon. We need to help to organise and supervise board paddling and board rescue activities on Sunday 27th September from 2pm – 2.45pm. This is a very rewarding and fun activity so if you can help please call SLSNT on 8985 6588 or email surf@lifesavingnt.com.au with your details.

Surf Lifesavers needed for Swimming NT Open Water Champs at Lake Bennett

A team of Surf Lifesavers are needed to provide water safety for competitors in the 5km and 10km events of the Swimming NT Open Water Championships on Saturday morning, 3rd October. We're looking for crew for 2 IRBs, a Patrol/First Aid Base and around 6 board and ski paddlers. It's a great day and you'll witness some fantastic swimming performances while at the same time providing a vitally important safety service to the Swimming NT members. Please call SLSNT on 8985 6588 or email surf@lifesavingnt.com.au if you can help.

Queensland Endurance Championship next month

The Queensland State Endurance Championships will be conducted on Saturday 24th October 2009 at the Mooloolaba SLSC. This event is open to athletes aged from Under 11 through to Masters 70+. Endurance disciplines to be contested are Ocean Swim, Board Race, Single Ski, Beach Run and Surf Boats. SLSNT has received information for this event and will assist interested members to enter this exciting event.

Huge Success - 230 school students at Nhulunbuy Surf Carnival

The biggest ever school surf carnival was held on Town Beach, Nhulunbuy yesterday (Wed 9 Sept) when 230 students from the Nhulunbuy High School, Yirrkala CEC, Yirrkala Homelands School and a special contingent from Dhalunbuy, over 100 km away. In the morning the students rotated around 12 activity centres, all managed by youth from the Gove Peninsula SLSC. In the afternoon an age-based competition produced some exciting finishes in board rescue races, wade races, beach flags and beach relays. Congratulations to teacher and GP SLSC stalwart, Denise Marrable for organising such a successful event and to all the activity coordinators and water safety personnel who contributed to a safe and memorable day.

Championships Referees – Craig & Julie

SLSNT is pleased to announce that Craig Croke and Julie Snelling will be joint referees for the SLSNT Championships – each also serving as a Sectional Referee. Craig and Julie are excellent Level 2 officials and have gained valuable experience at previous NT Championships, other state competitions and the Australian & Interstate Championships. Level 1 Officials keen to move up to Level 2 should discuss this career path with Julie at the earliest opportunity – call 041717 1015.

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

Tue 16 March to Sun 21 March, 2010: Whereis Australian Surf Life Saving Championships, Kurrawa Beach on the Gold Coast.

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