

NT Surflife

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NT Surflife 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.

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Everything's ready for the Surf Life Saving NT 2009 Annual Presentation Evening and celebration of our 20th anniversary as a peak body for lifesaving and water safety in the Top End. 70 members and distinguished guests will enjoy the hospitality of the Coffee Club at the Darwin Waterfront Precinct this Saturday evening (Nov 14) and we will honour the Territory's best lifesavers and volunteers for 2009. Our Patron, His Honour Mr Tom Pauling AO QC and Mrs Tessa Pauling will be in attendance as well as SLSA President Mr Ron Rankin AM. And, for the first time, it will be a great pleasure to welcome representatives of the Walngawu Djakamirri SLSC and we look forward to some reflections of our 20 year journey from the 'father of SLSNT' Mr Fred Finch AM. All guests are requested to attend from 6.30pm.

New Staff Member at SLSNT

Danica Saunders has joined our SLSNT staff as a Finance Officer and has already proved to be a huge help with the massive increase in accounts we have experienced this year. Danica and the Saunders family have strong links with surf life saving through the Geraldton SLSC in WA. Starting work wasn't all that easy for Danica – it was the day after returning from a surfing holiday in Bali. If you ring SLSNT and Danica answers the phone don't forget to welcome her to the Surf Life Saving family.

Pool Comp was great fun

Last Sunday (8th November) three junior teams and four senior teams contested a range of pool rescue events at Casuarina Pool where members and officials had the opportunity to develop their skills and knowledge in pool rescue events. The verdict was that the event was great fun especially surfing down the pool on the soft rescue boards! The winning teams were Zoe Nibbs, Tahni Gordon, James Parry & Lewis Kilburn (Juniors) and Megan Gallagher, Rachel Chalada, Joash Barnes & Josh Mitchener (Seniors). A trial of SLSA's online results system was also conducted – the future is coming!!! Soon you'll be able to check all the comp results online, even during a competition. Thanks to referee Kim Clark and all the officials who made it possible.

Helicopter & SAR Team attract attention at Mindil Beach

Beachgoers at Darwin's Mindil Beach were treated to a great display of helicopter flying and jetski action when CHC Helicopters, who provide the RAAF's Search & Rescue Helicopter, plucked two Surf Lifesavers, Carney Broadbent and Moira Wigley, from the waters of Mindil Beach yesterday. It was an exercise to allow chopper crews to perform winching operations and understand the capabilities of our Rescue Jetskis. A big thankyou to Sam Edwards and Paddy Donohoe who expertly guided their RWCs through a howling helicopter downwash to pick up and retrieve patients and to provide water safety for a separate stretcher winching exercise.

CHC Helicopter Chief Pilot, Chuck McGregor-Shaw, was very grateful for our assistance and is keen to do it again in a few months time.

News from the Rues

Charles and Mandy Rue, stalwarts of the Gove Peninsula SLSC and founding members of the Arafura/Mindil beach SLSC, have settled into their new lives as Newsagency Proprietors at Kirra Beach on the Gold Coast. In a quirk of daylight saving they have purchased a house in nearby Tweed Heads and now live a bizarre life as the commute 10 minutes across the NSW-Qld border with its one hour daylight saving difference (NSW has daylight saving, Queensland does not). We wish them well in their new business and look forward to more news soon.

Nominations open for Northern Territory Young Achiever Awards

The Northern Territory Young Achiever Awards recognises the achievements of young Territorians, aged between 14-26, in nine categories. It is free to nominate and every nominee will receive a certificate of recognition and could have the chance to win **\$2,000** thanks to TIO. Nominations are now open in the following nine categories.

- The Charles Darwin University Arts Award
- The Perkins Shipping Sports Award
- The Somerville Community Services Award
- The ConocoPhillips Environment Award
- The Northern Territory Government Career Achievement Award
- The Power & Water Science & Engineering Award
- The McArthur River Mining Regional & Rural Initiative Award
- The Northern Territory Government Young Carers Award
- The Minister for Young Territorians Excellence in Youth Leadership Award

You can nominate online at: http://www.awardsaustralia.com.au/YAA_nt.html.

Nominations close Friday 27th November

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Key Dates for your Diary...

Sat 14 November: SLSNT Annual Presentation Evening, Coffee Club, Waterfront Precinct from 6.30pm.

23 Jan 2010: Westpac Manly Open Surf Carnival.

24 - 25 Jan 2010: Interstate Championships, Warringah Aquatic Centre and Freshwater Beach.

26 Jan 2010: Freshwater Surf Carnivals.

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

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