

NT Surfline 3 December 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.

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Boardies Day Friday 27 Nov – gets bigger every year

Boardies Day was bigger and better than ever this year with lots of workers and school students wearing their boardshorts, or other beach-themed attire, for a day of fun and fundraising for Surf Life Saving. We had great support from our major national sponsor, Westpac, with bank staff modeling the newly redesigned Surf Rescue shirts at the Casuarina and Darwin branch offices. Other Westpac branches at Winnellie, Palmerston and Nhulunbuy also got right into it. Leading the charge in the school sector were Kormilda College, Darwin High School and Charles Darwin University. A surprise package was Northern Territory General Practice Education (NTGPE) who do great work throughout the Top End and have similar values to Surf Life Saving.



How good are they? Westpac Staff at the Darwin City Branch

Boardies Day concluded with Beach Volleyball at the Darwin Indoor Beach Volleyball Centre in Winnellie. A team of surf lifesavers and lifeguards contested a "Best of Three" match against the Australian Women's Masters Beach Volley Ball Champions and were soundly defeated – in sport there's no substitute for talent and training! Huge thanks to Sue Walsh from Aussie clothing company, KingGee, for organising the volleyball, raffle, sausage sizzle and the hospitality (Check out KingGee's Boardies for work!). Also thanks to Sam Creek, Cam Griffin and Carney Broadbent for organizing our volleyballers who were actually very good and scored more points in each game as the match progressed.

Surf Sports Job at Bondi Beach

SLSA are seeking an Event Assistant in the Surf Sports Team located in SLSA's Head Office at Bondi Beach, Sydney. Visit the SLSA website www.slsa.asn.au to view the job description.

IRB Crew Course – Places Available

We need more qualified powercraft operators on patrol in 2010 and a first important step is the IRB Crew Certificate (IRB = Inflatable Rescue Boat). A course is being organised for the weekend of 19-20 December. If you want to be part of the action it is essential you notify Carney Broadbent on 0417 785 732 or email bottles03@hotmail.com

Lifesavers of the Year - Craig Croke, Mitchell Putland and Emma Whelan.

Craig Croke - Surf Lifesaver of the Year – fitting recognition for a man in the key leadership role of President of the Mindil Beach SLSC yet still clocking up the club's highest number of patrol hours – an impressive 92 hours! Craig also represented the NT at the 2009 National Leaders' program, in Sydney and is a key member SLSNT SAR Team where he participates in SAR Team callouts & training. In sport he represented Mindil at the National Patrol Championships in WA in March 2009 while on the Territory scene in August he pulled off a double gold medal performance in the Patrol Champs and First Aid Champs. Craig, known to most as 'Frog', is a Level 2 Sports Official and as a Referee, was a major contributor to our successful 2009 Championships in Nhulunbuy.

Mitchell Putland – Under 19 Surf Lifesaver of the Year – a highly qualified lifesaver who this year took on the Patrol Captain role in the Gove Peninsula SLSC and did a great job. Mitchell also made a big personal investment of time and effort to complete his Training Officer's course so that he can realize his ambition of passing on his lifesaving knowledge and skill to less experienced members. Mitchell is an outstanding lifesaver with a big future.

Emma Whelan – Under 17 Surf Lifesaver of the Year – With 75 patrol hours to her credit Emma was a major contributor to beach safety and the lifesaving patrols at the Gove Peninsula SLSC. Emma has built on her Bronze Medallion & Certificate II in Public Safety by gaining her Heart Defibrillation Certificate and Advanced Resuscitation Certificate. At the NT Champs she was U17 Female Age Champion while in club life she is the Cadet Representative on the club's Management Committee and always helping with fundraising. In her spare time she does Female Rugby, Touch, Dancing, Swim Club, Beach Sprint training, and works part-time at the IGA Supermarket and as a casual baby-sitter. A very busy young lady!

Bob & Helen at Billabong Pipeline Masters



A couple of Presidents (pun intended), Bob Creek and Helen Gould, are in Hawaii to watch the Billabong Pipeline Masters at Oahu from 8-20 December. For those who know Bob and Helen you won't be surprised that their highly coordinated travel plans resulted in Bob arriving a day late and Helen spending 5 hours scouring Honolulu Airport for him. Not to worry, the Hawaiian lifestyle has now kicked in. They've seen some awesome surf and tow-in action as well as the Mens and Womens competition (Triple Vans Series) at Sunset Beach and some breaking news - they've been getting wet - Helen has some Gidget photos of herself riding a mal at famous Waikiki Beach. The trip is part of Bob's 60th birthday celebrations – what a great idea! You can hear the latest news from Bob on Territory FM on Saturday mornings in the Sports Show.

Volunteer of the Year, Stuart Kellaway - Stunned, Stoked.

At the 2009 SLSNT Annual Presentation Night Stuart (Stuey) Kellaway was named Volunteer of the Year by our Patron, the NT Administrator, His Honour Mr Tom Pauling AO QC. Stuey was stunned, stoked and almost speechless. He was recognised for his commitment to SLSNT's pioneer Indigenous Water Safety Program at Yirrkala and in the homelands communities. As a surfer and diver he was acutely aware of the need to ensure all local indigenous youth had access to, and gained, good aquatic skills, surf survival skills and developed competence in rescue techniques. He organised local youth to use the lifesaving equipment on weekends and after school on weekdays – especially the rescue boards and surf skis. By mastering the paddling skills himself he was able to coach the youth and help them extend their stamina and aerobic capacity at regular training sessions. Last year Stuey was a key person in forming the Walngawu Djakamirri SLSC - he chaired the inaugural Steering Committee and helped guide the club through its formative stages. This year Stuey made a personal commitment to complete his SLSC Bronze Medallion and Certificate II in Public Safety. Stuey has committed much of his personal and professional life to the advancement of education and opportunity for the Yolngu people of East Arnhem Land and this commitment now includes Surf Life Saving.

SLSC President Ron Rankin is Queensland Senior Australian of the Year for 2010

Congratulations to Ron Rankin AM, President of Surf Life Saving Australia was named Queensland Senior Australian of the Year for 2010 last week. Ron has been a volunteer member of Surf Life Saving Australia for over 46 years, on the SLSC Board for 25 years, and SLSC President since 2001. He is also a Director of the International Lifesaving Federation (ILS) and Vice President of the ILS Asia-Pacific region. Ron's dedication and commitment to an Australian tradition has saved many thousands of lives.

Telstra sponsors competition equipment for our indigenous lifesavers

Telstra, a major partner of Surf Life Saving Australia, has come to the aid of the Walngawu Djakamirri Surf Life Saving Club (WD SLSC) with the donation of four malibu boards, two surf skis and two nipper boards. The Dolphin Surf Craft equipment was inspected at the Darwin Wave Lagoon by NT Minister for Indigenous Policy and Member for Arnhem, The Hon Malarndirri McCarthy MLA who was full of praise for the new Surf Club development. Telstra Country Wide Acting General Manager, Stewart Lines, presented the equipment to WD SLSC lifesavers Yirrmal Marika and Djuwakan Marika, Stuart Kellaway (Founding Member, Public Officer, local teacher) and Mangatjay Yunipingu (Vice President, Traditional Owner). Stewart said Telstra was proud to help and he hoped to see the club entering many future Territory and National Championships. "This equipment will help improve health and lifestyle standards and allow the members to become fitter and better skilled at a competitive level," he said.

\$100,000 pledged for Offshore Rescue Boat

Surf Life Saving Australia has announced a \$100,000 commitment to a volunteer-based offshore rescue boat in Darwin. SLSA President, Ron Rankin AM, said the proposal by SLSNT to develop a rescue boat capability was part of a comprehensive five-year plan to address public water safety issues around Australia and would build on significant lifesaving infrastructure developed by SLSNT including the \$35,000 VHF marine radio repeater network for the Darwin Estuary area. It is intended the SLSA funding be supplemented by major sponsorship and community support with the vessel having a number of high profile roles - search and rescue, recovery of disabled recreational craft, capable of providing advanced emergency care on the spot to those rescued and injured and delivering/promoting boating safety and accredited marine education. Anyone wishing to join the Offshore Rescue Boat Crew can register their interest with SLSNT by calling 8985 6588 or email surf@lifesavingnt.com.au .

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Key Dates for your Diary...

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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