

NT Surfline 8 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.

NEW ITEMS IN THIS EDITION ...

Lifesaving Development proposed for East Timor
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Lifesaving Development proposed for East Timor

Surf Life Saving NT is investigating the potential to establish lifesaving in East Timor. This week Tony & Julie Snelling will be in Dili to meet key stakeholders, determine local support, inspect venues, determine how the project could be funded and establish/propose a coordinating group. Some of the potential outcomes are ...

- Establish a club and 'Lifesaving Timor Leste' as a national peak organisation.
- Train local adults and youth for lifesaving qualifications up to, and including, the SLSA Bronze Medallion & Certificate II in Aquatic Safety (Aquatic Rescue).
- Commence sports activities to promote health and fitness, including Nippers (ages 5-13)
- Hold a Surf Carnival at a local beach in 2011 or 2012 to attract international visitors.
- Offer Lifeguard work experience opportunities in Darwin. This could develop into traineeship opportunities for local youth, men & women.
- Attract a team from Timor Leste to compete in the Lifesaving events of the 2011 Arafura Games.

Results from Kellogg's Nutri-Grain Ironman Series Trial

Held at Tugun, on Queensland's Gold Coast, on 5-6 December 2009, the Kellogg's Nutri-Grain Ironman Series Trial was a sensational contest between the best lifesaving athletes in the country. The following 11 males and 11 females have qualified for the Series:

Males - 1. Rhys Drury; 2. Ky Hurst; 3. Sam Hamilton; 4. Hugh Dougherty; 5. Chris Allum; 6. Cory Hill; 7. Alastair Day; 8. Dylan Newbiggin; 9. Daniel Moodie; 10. Mark Simpson; 11. Jono Stock.

Females - 1 Rebecca Creedy 2. Hayley Bateup; 3. Flora Manciet; 4. Sheree Merryfull; 5. Allira Richardson; 6. Amy Nurthen; 7. Bonnie Hancock; 8. Terri Sullivan; 9. Brodie Moir; 10. Katie Graham; 11. Alyce Bennett.

National selectors will select a further one (1) male and one (1) female as wildcards following the Trial.

The Athlete's that have already qualified for this series from their placings in the 2008/2009 Kellogg's Nutri-Grain Ironman Series are:

Males - 1. Shannon Eckstein; 2. Zane Holmes; 3. Matt Poole; 4. Pierce Leonard; 5. Corey Jones; 6. Nathan Smith

Females - 1 Naomi Flood; 2. Kristyl Smith; 3. Elizabeth Pluimers; 4. Courtney Hancock; 5. Alicia Marriott; 6. Gemma Newbiggin

Full and detailed information is available in Circular 51 on the SLSLSA website www.slsa.asn.au

Nippers Rescue Woman in Adelaide

Surf Life Saving South Australia says a woman owes her life to the quick thinking of four junior surf lifesavers (Nippers). Three weeks ago, the boys, all aged 10-11, helped rescue the woman in her 30s after seeing her in distress about 150 metres off Adelaide's Henley Beach. Surf Life Saving SA Manager, Shane Daw, said the boys perfectly implemented the skills they have been learning at the Surf Club. "They averted this near tragedy by some quick thinking," he said. "They saw the woman in the water, she was coughing, she was struggling. They went over to her and used their nipper boards to help float her. The IRB (Inflatable Rescue Boat) came to their aid and helped them, got this lady back in the boat. She wasn't breathing originally, they started to resuscitate her."

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.

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!

\$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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