

NT Surflife 15 December 2009

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.

NEW ITEMS IN THIS EDITION ...

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East Timor enthusiastic for Surf Lifesaving

The response by Timor Leste (East Timor) government officials, non-government agencies and a selection of youth, for a surf lifesaving program in the world's newest country, has been overwhelmingly positive. SLSNT's Tony & Julie Snelling found Dili to be safe and welcoming and spent seven busy days providing briefings on surf life saving and a demonstration at a local beach. The people of Timor Leste love the ocean but recent reports of children drowning has caused significant concern. SLSNT will now report to Surf Life Saving Australia and the NT Government on the success of the visit and propose some immediate actions to move forward. We owe a huge thankyou to Colonel Jeremy Logan and Lt Colonel Jose Pereira Nunes from the UN, and Sgt Shane Bramley, Australian Army and part of the International Stabilisation Force, for assistance in setting up meetings and logistics. If all goes to plan there will be opportunities next year for interested volunteers to help establish lifesaving in Timor Leste – interested? Call SLSNT on 8985 6588 or email julie.snelling@lifesavingnt.com.au and we'll put you on our international volunteers register. (Don't forget, you'll need a current passport).

AGM date – Saturday 6th March 2010

Club delegates and members – please put this date in your diary! AGM will be held at 11am at SLSNT office in Nightcliff.

Wave Lagoon open Christmas Day for an afternoon session

Lifeguards wearing Santa hats - what next? That could be the scene at the Darwin Wave Lagoon on Christmas Day afternoon. Entry and waves 2pm-6pm only.

Are you Can do?

Are you ready to write the next chapter in Surf Life Saving? Have you had your say? The Can Do site is up and running with suggestions and votes flooding in. The site is designed to give you, our members, a voice. We want to hear from you. We want to know what you think. What can we do to make the Surf Life Saving movement stronger and healthier. What can we do to ensure we grow. It's vital that you get involved, that you voice your opinions. This is a chance to help shape the future of Surf Life Saving. Have your say at www.slscando.com.au The password is – cando

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."

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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