

NT Surfline 11 February 2010

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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Westpac Community Arts Day supports Surf Life Saving

The Westpac branch in Darwin City is hosting ‘100 Things We Love about Darwin’, a community art exhibition on Monday 22 February, with all proceeds donated to Surf Life Saving. During the day everyone is encouraged to contribute artworks to the Art Exhibition by drawing and painting the things that are most important to them about Darwin. Artworks submitted will be entered into a competition and winners will be announced at a VIP Evening the next day. You are also welcome to submit artworks into the competition prior to Monday 22 February at the Darwin City branch, 24 Smith Street, the top of the Smith Street Mall in the city.

Westpac’s support for Surf Life Saving is legendary. The bank’s 35 year support of our lifesaving services, including the famous Westpac Rescue Helicopters, has made corporate history as the longest major corporate partnership in Australian history. Today Westpac are recognised on every Surf Lifesaver’s uniform and late last year the Westpac branches at Darwin City and Casuarina provided great support for Boardies Day – an annual fundraiser for SLSNT and our clubs and the best Boardies Day we’ve had.

New Rescue Jetskis arrive in Darwin

Two new Seadoo Rescue Jetskis have arrived in Darwin and are being fitted out at Territory Marine. The new machines are powered by 135hp 4-stroke engines and equipped with Wahoo Rescue Sleds. Members wishing to join the SAR Team and complete their RWC (Rescue Water Craft) Certificate should register their interest with SLSNT by calling 8985 6588 or emailing surf@lifesavingnt.com.au. A current SLSA Bronze Medallion and Certificate II in Public Safety is essential. Existing Search & Rescue (SAR) Team members will undergo an induction course on the new equipment as part of their annual proficiency check. Last year the SAR Team was called out three times to close beaches and numerous times for water safety duties.

Annual Surf Life Saving Conference Agenda

The agenda for SLSNT's Annual Conference in Darwin, on Saturday 6th March and Sunday 7th March, will set the scene for the coming 2010 season and provide further definition to our 3 year plan. Highlights of the program include

- SLSA's Coastal Safety Services Manager, Matthew Thompson, will provide a national perspective to our lifesaving and emergency service initiatives
- Major revamp of our sports calendar
- Offshore Rescue Boat – to commence this season!
- Launch of a dedicated phone number for 24/7 search and rescue callouts
- Update for trainers and assessors on new educational resources and assessment tools
- Update for coaches and officials on pool events

The Conference program has been distributed to clubs and is available from SLSNT by calling 8985 6588 or emailing surf@lifesavingnt.com.au. The Conference is free to members but registration is essential.

AGM – Nominations for Office-Bearers needed

For the SLSNT AGM on Saturday 6th March, 9-11am, nominations from members are invited for the following 'Committee' positions ...

- President (2-year term)
- Treasurer (2-year term)
- Director of Lifesaving (2-year term)
- Director of Competition (1 year remaining of a 2-yr term)

The following non-committee positions, all 1-year terms, are also available and provide great opportunities for volunteers to contribute to our success...

- Publicity Officer
- Historian
- First Aid / Marine Stinger Officer
- Risk Manager
- Grievance Officer
- Powercraft Officer
- Senior Team Managers
- Junior Team Manager
- IT Officer
- Webmaster

Interested? Call SLSNT on 8985 6588 or email surf@lifesavingnt.com.au for nomination forms and details

NT News – colour splash for Rachel

The NT News gave a great profile to Surf Lifesaver Rachel Chalada – Darwin's 2010 Young Citizen of the Year on Tuesday 9 February (p24).



Rachel has a great future in Surf Life Saving and was recognised for being awarded U17 Lifesaver of the Year at the Darwin Surf Life Saving Club, being the youngest member of the SLSNT Search & Rescue Team and working toward the suite of advanced lifesaving awards and fitness tests needed for her lifeguard qualification (she passed last week!). Rachel is a multi-talented competitor with a bag of Territory medals to her credit in surf life saving events as diverse as swimming, surfboat rowing, board paddling, beach sprinting and various relays with her clubmates. Rachel is a committed and dedicated lifesaver, always helping with club and SLSNT activities to promote water safety and lifesaving skills.

Good surf for KNG Ironman

Unbelievable! Ky Hurst – how did he do it? Last Sunday saw heart-stopping action in the ironman final with Ky Hurst going into the swim, the last leg of the ironman final, in last place but emerging from the surf to take line honours ahead of the legendary Shannon Eckstein. There were upsets too in the ironwoman race and there's plenty more surf action this Sunday on Channel 7 – see the following schedule for Ch 7 and Fox Sports...

Ch 7 Round 4	Sunday 14 February 2010	12:00pm - 2:00pm
Ch 7 Round 5	Sunday 21 February 2010	11:30am - 1:30pm
FOX 3 Round 4	Friday 19 February 2010	4:00pm - 6:00pm
FOX 2: Round 4	Saturday 20 February 2010	10:00am - 12:00pm
FOX 1: Round 5	Thursday 25 February 2010	3:30pm - 5:30pm

Desk for Sale

SLSNT has a spare desk that would suit an office or home study. Members only, \$50 ono.

Lifesaver of the Year a Hero at Darwin Bomb Attack

Craig Croke, SLSNT's Surf Lifesaver of the Year and President of the Mindil Beach SLSC, was on the spot when a home-made bomb exploded in an insurance office in Darwin's city centre yesterday (Wed 3 Feb). Craig, who works just around the corner, was walking past when the explosion occurred. 'Your lifesaving and emergency response training just kicks in,' Craig said today. 'In a few seconds you have to take in a lot of information. Some people were moving away, others were standing in shock and some were rushing forward to help. It was obvious there was a fire involved so I grabbed a fire extinguisher from an adjoining shop, as others did, and was able to reduce the fire so we could all safely help those with injuries and move away the bystanders from the toxic black smoke that was pouring out.' There has been public praise for the heroic actions of people like Craig from NT Police Commanders, Colleen Gwynne and Rob Kendrick.

Annual General Meetings

Mindil Beach Surf Life Saving Club, Saturday 27th February, 10.00am at SLSNT.

Gove Peninsula Surf Life Saving Club, Sunday 28th February, 4.00pm at the clubrooms.

Darwin Surf Life Saving Club, Friday 5th March, at the clubrooms.

Surf Life Saving NT Saturday 6th March, 10.00am at SLSNT.

Interstate Team Score Hatrick with Handicap Shield Win

At the SLISA Interstate Championships the NT Team won the Handicap Shield for the third year in a row. This year a new 2-day format of pool competition at the Waringah Aquatic centre followed by ocean and beach events at Collaroy Beach provided a great showcase for the nation's top lifesaving athletes. Our core team of Michael Collins, Carney Broadbent, Rachel Chalada, Thanh Thanh Thai, Peter Selten, Carrie Selten, Xaviera Farrell, Joanna Jarden and Natasha Breen were complimented by a pool of extremely talented competitors drafted from NSW. Throughout the competition the performance levels were awesome and inspiring but it was host state NSW that couldn't be beaten in the overall pointscore despite strong and determined efforts from QLD lead by surf stars such as Shannon Eckstein. This Interstate Team format will be repeated in Sydney for the next 2 years.

Australian Championship Entries Now Open

Great news – entries are now open and the timetable is up on the new look Aussies website. This year SLISA have a dedicated website for everything Aussies (previously three separate websites). Please take some time to check it out:

www.aussiechamps.com.au

These championships will bring together 7,500 competitors and their families, friends and supporters for two days of Masters action and four days of age and open competition. The key dates are...

Masters Events: Tuesday 16 March & Wednesday 17 March

U15-Open Events: Thursday 18 March – Sunday 21 March

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Key Dates for your Diary...

Sat 6 March: Annual General Meeting. 11 am at SLSNT.

Sat & Sun 6-7 March: Annual Conference at SLSNT.

Tue & Wed 16 -17 March: Whereis Australian **Masters** Surf Life Saving Championships, Kurrawa Beach on the Gold Coast.

Thu-Sun 18 - 21 March: Whereis Australian Surf Life Saving Championships, Kurrawa Beach on the Gold Coast.

Sat 25 September: NT Surf Life Saving Senior Championships, Casuarina Beach, Darwin.

Sun 26 September: NT Surf Life Saving Junior Championships, Casuarina Beach, Darwin.