

NT Surflife 18 February 2010

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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Shannon Eckstein start favourite to win his fifth Kellogg's Nutri-Grain Ironman title on Sunday at North Cronulla beach in Sydney – a feat achieved only by the great Zane Holmes. The 26-year-old from Northcliffe SLSC has won three of the four rounds this year and holds a six point buffer over Tugun's Hugh Dougherty and 14 points clear of Ky Hurst going into Sunday's final. Meanwhile the women's Series is one of the closest in years with three-time Coolangatta Gold winner Hayley Bateup chasing her maiden Ironwoman Series victory. Bateup leads the series on 74 points - just two points clear of reigning Coolangatta Gold winner and former Australian Ironwoman champion Alicia Marriott (72pts), with defending champion Naomi Flood next on 70 points. Catch the live Channel 7 broadcast on Sunday at 11.30am.

SAR Team – new members wanted for jetski and offshore rescue boat training

SLSNT operates a 24/7 Search & Rescue Team and they are in for a very exciting year with new Jetskis and a dedicated offshore rescue boat soon to be launched. If you have your SLSCA Bronze Medallion and Certificate II in Public Safety and are interested in being part of the team please email your contact details to SLSNT on surf@lifesavingnt.com.au or call 8985 6588.

SLSNT to present two papers at National Water Safety Conference

Tony Snelling, Julie Snelling and Cameron Griffin will present two papers at the Australian Water Safety Conference in Sydney, 13-14 May. The topics, Lifesaving Training for Indigenous Youth and Risk Management at the Darwin Wave Lagoon, have fitted perfectly into the Conference themes and are great examples of how we are helping reduce drowning and aquatic injuries in the Top End.

Election of Office-Bearers – Are you ready to help write the next chapter?

Would you like to be part of a dynamic and successful lifesaving organisation? For the SLSNT Annual General Meeting on Saturday 6th March members are invited to nominate for the following Committee positions...President (2 year term), Director of Lifesaving (2 year term), Treasurer (2 year term), Director of Competition (1 year remaining of a 2 year term) and Public Officer (1 year term).

Nominations are also invited for the following non-Committee positions. All are 1 year terms... Publicity Officer, Historian, First Aid / Marine Stinger Officer, Risk Manager, Grievance Officer, Powercraft Officer, Senior Team Managers, Junior Team Manager, IT Officer and Webmaster.

Coaching & Officials Conference on the Gold Coast

The Monday before the Australian Championships, March 15th, is the date for the Annual SLISA Coaches & Officials Conference. The Conference is being held on the Gold Coast and will provide some of the best and latest information for our coaches and officials the day before the action gets underway on Kurrawa Beach. If you are interested in attending please contact Tony Snelling on 8985 6588 or email tony.snelling@lifesavingnt.com.au

Lifesaving Online – now used by 10,000 clubbies

Lifesaving Online allows club members to view and update their personal information on SurfGuard. This popular on-line service will also soon allow members to view their awards and expiry dates, patrol rosters and patrol hours. If you need help to get onto Lifesaving Online contact Julie Snelling on 8985 6588 or email julie.snelling@lifesavingnt.com.au

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.

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

- SLISA’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.

Desk for Sale

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

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.

Australian Championship Entries Now Open

Great news – entries are now open and the timetable is up on the new look Aussies website. This year SLSA 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

General Information...

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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.

Mon 15 March: National Coaches and Officials Conference

Tue & Sun, 16 - 21 March: Whereis Australian Masters & Open 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.

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