

NT Surflife 11 June 2010

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NEW ITEMS IN THIS EDITION ...

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Surf Lifesavers on the front line with Darwin Beach closures

A crocodile sighting at Mindil Beach and health warnings for Darwin Estuary beaches has stretched our surf lifesavers this week as we worked closely with Government agencies to maintain public safety at some of Darwin's favourite dry season spots – beaches at Mindil, East Point, Vestey's, Nightcliff, and Casuarina. Although the crocodile moved on the water quality health warning remains for this weekend and all patrols should fly a red flag until further notice. The health warning is for 'primary contact' activities such as swimming, where a person is immersed in water and there is risk of ingestion. It also affects anyone catching and eating seafood, especially shellfish. It does not affect all aquatic activities eg boating, jet skis, surf ski paddling, yachting, surfboat rowing, outrigger canoe paddling which are classified as 'secondary contact'. A huge thankyou to the dedicated volunteers and staff who have helped during the week – Sam Edwards, Amy Rudolph, Daniel Anderson, Shay Smillie-Fearn, Jack Pennington, Joanne Reedy, Tony & Julie Snelling.

RWC Drivers Wanted

SAR Team members with RWC (Rescue Jetski) qualifications are urgently needed this weekend. Please call Tony Snelling on 0417 173 287 or email surf@lifesavingnt.com.au

Open Water Swim a Huge Success

'Great fun!' 'I felt the pack closing on me in the back straight!' 'Rats, I was DQ'd!' Just three of the comments from competitors in the 800m Handicap Open Water Swim at the Darwin Recreation Lagoon last Saturday. With a field of 29 swimmers Bob Creek was first into the water but the old silver fox outsmarted himself when he broke his nominated time by a massive 7:08 (you're only allowed 2 mins) - he enjoyed crossing the line in first place though! Eleven other swimmers made the same mistake and the Handicapper is certain to rein them in at the next meet.

The event was the first of the **2010 Gatorade Open Water Series**, a partnership between Swimming NT and Surf Life Saving NT and the public are welcome to join in, you don't have to be a member. The winners and their actual times were Imogen Teale (Juniors) 13:26, Marie Apostoles 18:31 (Seniors) and Moira Wigley 11:03 (Masters). Each took home a carton of Gatorade and a Koala Lifesaver souvenir. The 8.30 am handicap event was preceded by a 7.00am start for the 3km and 1.2km swim for Swimming NT members. The same format is offered for Rounds 2 & 3 - **Saturday 3rd July** and Saturday 14th August.

Northcliffe takes out 2010 Australian Pool Rescue Championships

Northcliffe Surf Life Saving Club has taken out the 2010 Australian Pool Rescue Championships following an action packed final day of competition at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre last weekend. Outstanding performances from Dev Lahey and Kristyl Smith led the Gold Coast club to the overall title, with Cronulla and Maroochydore rounding out the top three. Lahey and Smith each took home six medals over the two days of competition. The championships provided all competitors with a final opportunity to impress Australian selectors as they deliberate over the makeup of the Australian team for the World Life Saving Championship (Rescue 2010) in Egypt later this year.

SLSNT Team wanted for Darwin Adventure Race

Nominations are wanted for a Surf Life Saving NT team to contest the Darwin Adventure Race on Saturday 10 July. 3-4 team members are needed and each must have access to a surf ski/kayak or canoe and a mountain bike. You'll need to be prepared to run, navigate, swim and do some problem solving along the way as you go through the multiple stages– likely to take around 4-6 hours. Find out more by visiting www.synastrys.com.au SLSNT will sponsor entry fees, selected race equipment if needed, and uniform for the selected members. You can nominate for the SLSNT Team by email to surf@lifesavingnt.com.au

Training Available for Westpac Rescue Boat

Thanks to the generous support of the Ian Potter Foundation training programs for members to qualify as Westpac Rescue Boat crew are available from July to November. SLSA qualifications as well as marine industry qualifications are available. Call SLSNT on 8985 6588 or email surf@lifesavingnt.com.au if you are interested.

NT Academyline...

Register for a Course

All course registration and payment is now done through the SLSNT website. Coming up in June...

- Age Managers Course
- IRB Drivers Course
- Level 1 SurfCoach (including re-accreditation)
- Level 1 Officials (including re-accreditation)
- Spinal Management Certificate

General Information...

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Key Dates for your Diary...

June 19 (Sat): NUS Lifesaving Championship, Singapore

June 20 (Sun): Darwin Fannie Bay Swim Classic, starts 10.30am

June 27 (Sun): Craft Carnival, 3 pm, Mindil Beach.

July 10 (Sat): Darwin Adventure Race, Darwin

July 31 (Sat): Patrol Championships, First Aid Championships

Aug 1: (Sun): IRB Championships

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

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

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