

NT Surfline 11 March 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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Bob Creek was re-elected as President of Surf Life Saving NT for a 2 year term at last Saturday's AGM.

Bob is Life Member of the Darwin SLSC and SLSNT and has been a tireless advocate for Surf Life Saving in the Top End. He is well known on the beach and on the water where he is an active surfboat coach, boat sweep and surfer. Elected for the first time in a Director role is Kim Clark who takes up the Competition portfolio. Kim has an excellent knowledge of competition and coaching and has served in previous years as Interstate Team Manager. She's a brilliant organiser!

New Life Member – Bernie Whelan

Outstanding Surf Lifesaver and volunteer educator, Bernie Whelan, of the Gove Peninsula SLSC, was awarded Life Membership of SLSNT at the AGM on Saturday 6th March. Bernie was contacted by phone in the afternoon and struggled for words when told the news. Bernie will be profiled in next week's NT Surfline.

Annual Conference a huge success

A huge thankyou to all the volunteers who gave up their weekend to attend the 2010 Annual Conference. Saturday's highlights included defining our strategic direction, getting the latest coastal safety information, shaping an exciting surf sports calendar for the year ahead and of course the Conference Dinner at the excellent Nirvana Restaurant. Sunday's program took a sneak peak at our new website, examined the new Bronze Medallion assessment resources and finished with a pool event coaching session and a pizza lunch. Special thanks to our presenters Matt Thompson from SLSA, Julie Snelling, Bob Creek, Tony Snelling, Kim Clark, Denise Clark & Zoe Clark.

Lifesaving Online

Lifesaving Online is fantastic! It allows members to access Surfguard so they can update their own membership details, awards and patrol information. Members of the Mindil Beach and Darwin SLSCs can also renew their membership for the season ahead! Download the promotional leaflet at http://www.slsa.com.au/site/_content/resource/00003213-docsource.pdf to find out more.

News headlines for Walngawu Djakamirri Surf Club

Making the news in the Sunday Territorian (7th March) was the new Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) for the Walngawu Djakamirri Surf Life Saving Club. The NT Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Hon Malarndirri McCarthy MLA was on hand to present the new boat to Vice President Mangatjay Yunupingu and club members Yirmal Marika, Ros Wheatley and Stuey Kellaway - SLSNTs Volunteer of the Year. Selected clubmembers will undergo training in Darwin before the IRB is shipped to Yirrkala in April.



Lifesavers perform brilliantly in Tsunami response

On Sunday 28 February, Senior Lifesavers, Duty Officers and SAR Team Coordinators were placed on alert when the Australian Tsunami Warning System (ATWS) was activated, after an 8.8 magnitude earthquake hit Southern Chile which had the potential to affect the east coast of Australia. In Darwin, provision was made to scramble SLSNT's 25-member Search & Rescue Team and follow procedures which require the closing of beaches and the protection of people in the immediate vicinity. Surf Life Saving is proud to be a part of the Australian Tsunami Working Group and has developed an excellent tsunami educational and awareness resource for SLS members and the general public – go to Surf Life Saving's beach education website www.beachsafe.org.au, click on Tsunami, and do the mythbusting quiz.

SAR Team meeting Tuesday 16 March

Members of SLSNT's Search & Rescue team are reminded that a Team meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th march at 7pm at 'Surf House, 62 Aralia Street, Nightcliff. The agenda includes 13SURF Activation, Duty Officer System, Review of SOPs, Training exercises and Offshore Rescue Boat Training. Contact is Tony Snelling on 8985 6588.

FREE movie under the stars!

What: Mamma Mia the Movie! rated PG

When: Saturday 20 March 2010

Where: Darwin Waterfront Peninsula Site (grassed area beside the Recreation Lagoon)

Time: Screening starts at 7.30pm

Be there for your chance to win one night's accommodation for two and a food and beverage voucher courtesy of Vibe Hotels. **No alcohol or glass.** Screening cancelled if it rains. Bring your own chair or rug.

Darwin Fannie Bay Classic Swim

The best open water swim in the territory, the Darwin Fannie Bay Classic Swim, is on again – Sunday 20th June, start time 10.30am. In recent years the number of swimmers has grown strongly and is now edging toward 150. There's a 2.1 km course and a 1.2 km course with the finish line at the Darwin Trailer Boat Club – just in time for lunch & refreshments! Our top 2.1km swimmers are expected to bolt across Fannie Bay in around 31 minutes!

NT Academyline...

Training Officer Course

Tuesday 23 March 7.00-9.30pm and Tuesday 13 April, 7.00-9.30pm. This is accredited training and you will complete the unit of competency 'Provide Training through Instruction & Demonstration of Work Skills' (DEL301C). This is the first step toward being an SLSA Training Officer and will set you up for the 2010 season if you want to teach any SLSA award at your club. You could pay \$250 for this course but members pay only \$20. Register your interest via surf@lifesavingnt.com.au or call SLSNT on 8985 6588.

IRB Crew Course

Sunday 28 March 1.00pm–6.00pm and Sunday 11 April 1.00pm–6.00pm This is the first step toward being an IRB Driver. Must have current Bronze Medallion and Certificate II in Public Safety. Course Cost is \$20 plus Powercraft Manual if you haven't got one - \$30. Register your interest via surf@lifesavingnt.com.au or call SLSNT on 8985 6588.

RWC Course

Sunday 28 March 1.00pm–6.00pm and Sunday 11 April 1.00pm–6.00pm. The RWC (Rescue Water Craft or Rescue Jetski) is for SAR Team members. Must have current Bronze Medallion and Certificate II in Public Safety. Preference for members with IRB Driver qualifications. Course Cost is \$20 plus Powercraft Manual if you haven't got one - \$30. This course will be repeated in June-July. Register your interest via surf@lifesavingnt.com.au or call SLSNT on 8985 6588.

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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 Maters & Open Surf Life Saving Championships, Kurrawa Beach on the Gold Coast.

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

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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