

NT Surfline 13 May 2010

NT Surfline is a weekly e-newsletter 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. More information on website www.lifesavingnt.com.au

NEW ITEMS IN THIS EDITION ...

Get fit, start training

SLSNT at Australian Water Safety Conference

SLSNT Board of Competition meeting Monday 17 May

SLSNT Council Meeting Thursday 27 May

Get fit, start training

Interclub competitions and Darwin's awesome Fannie Bay Swim are just around the corner so start training, get fit and be prepared to have fun. Pool rescue competitions are happening soon in Darwin (Sunday afternoon 30 May) and Nhulunbuy (Sun 6 June). The first Open Water Swim (800m) is at the Darwin Recreation Lagoon on Saturday 5 June at 8.30am while the Darwin Fannie Bay Swim Classic is on Sunday 20 June. Then there's a surf carnival on Sunday 27 June with craft and beach events – heaps of fun and sporting action for all ages. Keep up with the latest information by visiting the SLSNT website www.lifesavingnt.com.au

SLSNT at Australian Water Safety Conference

Top End lifesaving has been well received at the biannual Australian Water Safety Conference in Sydney this week with presentations on indigenous lifesaving programs and tropical lifeguarding in Darwin. There has been lots of support offered for our new indigenous surf life saving club in Yirrkala and the lifeguard service at the Darwin Wave Lagoon has drawn great praise for its innovative, highly effective operation.

Board of Competition meeting Monday 17th May 2010 at 6pm

Club presidents, directors of competition (club), coaches & officials (junior and senior) are invited to a Board of Competition meeting to be held at Surf House on Monday 17th May, commencing 6pm. A teleconference hookup will be made with the Gove Peninsula and Walngawu Djakamirri members. The agenda includes the 2010 Competition Calendar, courses for officials and coaches, the championships series and the 2011 Interstate Team. SLSNT Director of Competition Kim Clark can be contacted on 0448 690 364 for more information.

SLSNT Council Meeting Thursday 27 May

Council members are reminded that meeting is scheduled at Surf House on Thursday 27th May, commencing 7.30pm. A teleconference hookup will be made with the Gove Peninsula and Walngawu Djakamirri members. Agenda items can be submitted on or before Thursday 20th May.

Lifesavers urge patience with Stinger Season

The Top End's amazing surf lifesavers are urging Territorians and visitors to exercise caution if entering the sea during May. Duty lifesavers are flying red flags at the popular beaches to remind people of the stinger hazard or, if entering the water, to wear protective clothing - especially young children who are particularly vulnerable. If anyone is stung follow the treatment steps in the SLSA Training Manual and always be prepared for CPR.

Spot the Croc

Although crocodile attacks in the Darwin Estuary are extremely rare Lifesavers will be using ATVs, IRBs and roving patrols to inspect the beach and inshore waters for any sign of crocodiles. If a crocodile is sighted the Emergency Evacuation should be displayed and a whistle or siren sounded continuously until everyone is out of the water. Patrols should immediately report sightings to the Crocodile Spotting Hotline on 0419 822 859. Please encourage others to use the Hotline so that Parks & Wildlife officers can contact SLSNT if our help is needed, including weekdays.

Lifeguard Supervisor wanted

Cameron Griffin, our well-respected Lifeguard Supervisor at the Darwin Waterfront Precinct, has accepted a similar job in Canada. Advertising for Cameron's replacement is underway and anyone interested in this opportunity should email Surf Life saving NT on surf@lifesavingnt.com.au for application information. Stay tuned for details on Cam's farewell!

Westpac boost Surf Life Saving funding to protect Australian lives

In the wake of six drowning deaths at beaches around Australia this month, Westpac has pledged an increase of almost \$2million per year to Surf Life Saving to help extend its presence in high risk areas around Australia. Part of this pledge will make a Surf Life Saving NT rescue vessel in Darwin a reality later this year. Westpac has a strong set of philanthropic values and has announced its own internal challenge – to donate one million minutes of staff time to help raise additional money for its sponsorship partners.

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...

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

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Key Dates for your Diary...

May 17 (Mon): Board of Competition meeting, 6pm, Surf House & teleconference

May 27 (Thurs): SLSNT Council meeting, 7.30pm, Surf House & teleconference

June 5 (Sat): Open Water Swim #1

June 19 (Sat): NUS Lifesaving Championship, Singapore

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

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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