

NT Surfline 16 July 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

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Junior Competition – Change of Venue, Sunday 18 July

This season's first interclub junior competition has been moved to Casuarina Beach on Sunday 18 July, commencing 9.00am sharp. Events include beach sprints, beach flags, beach relays, swim, board races and the Cameron Relay – always a favourite with competitors and spectators alike. Program available next week on SLSNT website. The decision to change the venue from Nightcliff Beach was made after NT Health Department testing showed unacceptably high levels of e-coli and enterococci bacteria in the inshore waters. The health warning also applies to Mindil Beach. Please come down and support our junior lifesavers and watch the skill on display. Helpers are also needed as officials and water safety.

Thanks for SurfCom Course

A big thankyou to Travis Klerck from SLSA (Mr SurfGuard) for the SurfGuard and SurfCom training last weekend. The web-based SurfCom Management System is excellent and allows SurfCom Duty Officers to record actions and events during lifesaving incidents involving club patrols, RWCs, ORBs and other resources. Follow-up enquiries to Julie Snelling on 0417 171 015.

Board of Lifesaving Meeting – Monday 19 July

Alan Cross, SLSNT Director of Lifesaving, will convene a Board of Lifesaving meeting on Monday 19th July, at 7 pm. Members of this Board are Club Directors of Lifesaving and Club Directors of Education but the meeting is also open to interested Patrol Captains, Trainers and Assessors. The meeting will be chaired by Alan and, as this is our first meeting for a long time the agenda will include an update on national lifesaving and education issues as well as the opportunity to discuss local issues from club reps. Alan will chair the meeting via teleconference from Nhulunbuy, Darwin-based members should meet at SLSNT.

Level 1 SurfCoach course – last chance for enrolments

SLSNT has postponed this course to allow more members to enroll. The first of two sessions is on Wednesday 21 July, 6pm-9pm, and it's a great course for anyone interested in coaching or already involved in coaching, but needing the accreditation to recognise their skills and knowledge. Enroll through SLSNT website www.lifesavingnt.com.au

Save Time Save Lives - \$4.4m Technology Grant for Surf Life Saving

Member feedback from the Can Do survey in late 2009 said one of the best improvements for our clubs and volunteer lifesavers was to further develop our IT systems. This resulted in a \$4.4 million grant application to the federal Government for assistance and the great news is that it has been approved. The two-year project will save our volunteers time by making more processes automated

and providing more 'self service' systems and tools. There's also a big overhaul of the SLSDA website coming soon. The new IT Change Website has more information, go to www.it.sls.com.au

Letter to the Editor - thanks from Paul Gibson

Paul Gibson copped a nasty jellyfish sting to the face while competing in his sixth Fannie Bay 2km Swim Classic and yesterday (Thurs, 15 July) his Letter to the Editor was published in the NT News. Paul wrote "a big thankyou to members of the Northern Territory Surf Life Saving Association" and "Organisers of the Darwin Surf Life Saving Club are to be commended on the fantastic organisation of this event." Then, in true sportsmanlike spirit, Paul finished his letter with "I will be back next year to swim the event!"

Senior Competition Sunday 25 August

An interclub competition will be held for U15, U17, U19, Senior and Masters members next Sunday 25 August at Casuarina Beach, commencing 3pm. This competition will feature selected team events as well as individual beach, board, ski and ironman events. Please plan to stay around at the Darwin SLSC and enjoy some sunset hospitality.

Lifesaving Champs on weekend 14-15 August

Save these dates! Three championship events will be held on Saturday & Sunday, 14-15 August at Casuarina Beach for club teams of 6-10 members. On Saturday the IRB Championships (IRB Tube Rescue & IRB Mass Rescue) and First Aid Championships will be held, followed on Sunday by the Patrol Championships. Further information will be sent to clubs via circular and included in next week's NT Surflines.

Volunteers wanted for indigenous lifesaving program

Fancy a week in NE Arnhem Land teaching surf lifesaving qualifications? We're looking for surf lifesavers to volunteer a week of their time for the following program dates:

Monday 23 August – Friday 27 August

Monday 30 August – Friday 3 September

Travel, accommodation and meal costs are provided. This important program is providing lifesaving skills and qualifications to some fantastic indigenous youth and is an experience you will remember forever. Please note the weekend of 28-29 August includes the inaugural 'Around the Island Race' at Shady Beach, Yirrkala. Contact SLSNT on surf@lifesavingnt.com.au or call Julie Snelling on (08) 8985 6588.

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...

RWC (Jetski) Course Tuesday 20 July

SLSNT will conduct the theory component of the an RWC (jetski) course on Tuesday evening, 11 July at Mindil Beach. You must be qualified with a current Bronze Medallion and Certificate II in Public Safety to start this course. Course cost is \$20 plus \$30 for a Powercraft Manual if you don't already have one. You must register and pay through the SLSNT website www.lifesavingnt.com.au

IRB Courses at Gove 23-25 July

SLSNT will conduct IRB Crew and IRB Driver courses in Gove from Friday 23 July to Sunday 25 July. You must be qualified with a current Bronze Medallion and Certificate II in Public Safety to start this course. Course cost is \$20 plus \$30 for a Powercraft Manual if you don't already have one. You must register and pay through the SLSNT website www.lifesavingnt.com.au

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Key Dates for your Diary...

July 18 (Sun): Junior Competition, Nightcliff Beach

July 19 (Mon): Board of Lifesaving meeting, 7pm

July 20 (Tue): RWC course, 6pm, SLSNT

July 21 (Wed): Level 1 SurfCoach, 6pm, SLSNT

July 22 (Thu): Finance Committee meeting, 6pm, SLSNT

July 29 (Thu): SLSNT Council Meeting, 7.30pm

Aug 14 (Sat): IRB Champs, First Aid Champs. Casuarina Beach, Darwin

Aug 15 (Sun): Patrol Championships. Casuarina Beach, Darwin

Sept 4 (Sat): Beach Ball, Casuarina Beach, hosted by Darwin SLSC

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

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

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