

NT Surfline 18 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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New SLSNT Website is live

Surf Life Saving NT has redeveloped its website to provide a platform of up-to-date information, news and course registration facility for members and the public. Take a look, explore the pages and give us your feedback. A huge thankyou to Julie Snelling for all the hard work behind the scenes to make it happen. Go to www.lifesavingnt.com.au Newly appointed Webmaster Rachel Chalada will also play a role and is currently looking at how social media can be used in our communications mix.

NT Academyline

See below for IRB, RWC and Training Officer courses. Register now.

NT Team Wanted for Singapore Champs

Surf Life Saving NT has been invited to nominate members to compete at the 11th NUS Invitational Championship in Singapore on Saturday 19th June 2010. Held at the prestigious National University of Singapore (NUS) this is the first time this Pool Rescue Championship has been offered as an international event and SLSNT is offering places for 4 males and 4 females - minimum age 16 on day of event, must have Bronze Medallion, selection on merit. A Team Manager is also required and there's room for an additional official. Sponsorship will significantly offset the cost of airfares, accommodation and meals so cost to members anticipated at \$200 (excluding spending money). Flight would depart Darwin on Thursday afternoon, 17th June and depart Singapore Sunday evening 20th June. Expressions of interest close Tuesday 23rd March so be quick!!!. Team members will need a current passport with at least 6 months before expiry. This is an excellent international competition opportunity.

Rep needed for SLSA Disability Forum 9-11 April, Sydney

If you have experience, or an interest, in helping people with disabilities to get involved in Surf Life Saving please consider attending the SLSA Disability Forum in Sydney from Friday 9th April to Sunday 11th April 2010. Through Sports Connect, a partnership program between SLSA and the Australian Sports Commission, we aim to develop pathways for people with disabilities to get involved in sport and continue to build on our inclusive culture. Interested in representing SLSNT? Call Julie Snelling on 8985 6588 or email julie.snelling@lifesavingnt.com.au

Aussie Champs – big surf, brave hearts

Thousands of brave hearts are tackling the surf at Kurrawa Beach on the Gold Coast for the Australian Champs this week, with the 2-day Masters Champs concluding yesterday, and competitors as young as 15 hitting the surf today and through to Sunday. Organisers are closely monitoring current cyclone activity and have prepared contingency plans if conditions become dangerous. The Whereis © Telstra Centre is proving popular with heaps of people checking out Whereis © Navigator, and picking up freebies. Visit www.aussiechamps.com.au for the latest news and results.

Darwin Adventure Race Planned

Individuals or teams of 3-4 will have the opportunity of an Adventure Race in Darwin on this year. True Adventure Racing principles underpin the event with elite individuals or teams of 3 & 4 completing all legs simultaneously with Day/Night transitions and cognitive challenges. This competition will also serve as a selection race, to represent the NT in future interstate and international races. Love to see a Surf Club team take it out! Water safety crew also needed. Visit www.synastrys.com.au for more news and information.

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 joined Gove Peninsula SLSC in 1996, beginning an amazing career as she and her family became some of the club's most valuable members.

Bernie's record of service is amazing – covering lifesaving, education, sport, club management and social organisation. She has served the club in the positions of First Aid Officer, Chief Instructor, and Vice President and provided leadership for numerous initiatives including NT Championships, Constitution Review and the ultimate celebratory event – the 'Barefoot Ball' at Little Bondi Beach on the East Arnhem coast in 2007 'the Year of the Surf Lifesaver'. At club and Territory level she has been recognised with Lifesaver of the Year and Volunteer of the Year awards. Not to mention endless Junior Development Camps, Club Friday BBQs, and helping behind the Club Bar

On the Territory scene Bernie has served Surf Life Saving as First Aid & Stinger Officer, Club Delegate, various NT Selection Panels. She has represented SLSNT at High Performance Leadership Conferences, Trainers and Assessors Network, and in Coaches and Officials development programs. Recently Bernie contributed valuable advice to the National Training Manual Review.

As a lifesaver she is amazing. Not only highly qualified in first aid and emergency care she is also an IRB Driver and RWC Operator and a member of the SLSNT Search and Rescue Team. In every forum Bernie has always supported and pushed for SLSNT and her club to be able to achieve results using whatever resources were available but whilst upholding the highest ideals of SLSA as an organisation.

We salute and celebrate Bernie Whelan as our newest Life Member.

Beer Can Regatta Sunday 8 August – Build your boat, help with water safety

The famous annual Beer Can Regatta is on Sunday 8th August at Mindil Beach. Organised by the Darwin Lions Clubs this spectacular event of fun and mayhem draws thousands of people to the beach, including a large fleet of spectator boats. Members are encouraged to build a boat or help out with water safety on the day!

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 Yunipingu and club members Yirmal Marika, Ros Wheatley and Stuey Kellaway - SLSNT's Volunteer of the Year. Selected clubmembers will undergo training in Darwin before the IRB is shipped to Yirrkala in April.

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. To register and pay online go to the Academy Page of the SLSNT website www.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. To register go to the Academy Page of the SLSNT website www.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. To register go to the Academy Page of the SLSNT website www.lifesavingnt.com.au or call SLSNT on 8985 6588.

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Key Dates for your Diary...

March 16 - 21 (Tue - Sun): Whereis Australian Masters & Open Surf Life Saving Championships, Gold Coast.

March 23 (Tues): Training Officer Course (Pt 1), 7pm at SLSNT

March 28 (Sun): IRB Crew & RWC Courses commence, 1pm – 6pm, Darwin SLSC

April 11 (Sun): IRB Crew course & assessment, 1pm – 6pm, Darwin SLSC

April 11 (Sun): RWC Course Pt 2, venue tba

April 13 (Tue) Training Officer Course (Pt 1), 7pm at SLSNT

April 25 (Sun): IRB Driver course commences.

April 25 (Sun): RWC assessment.

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

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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