

NT Surfline 22 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 ...

Pool Comp - Sunday afternoon, 30th May
Open Water Swim #1 Saturday morning 5th June
Nippers do Prelim Test at local pools
'Surf Patrol' popular on Channel 7
SLSA On-Line Shop open for business

Pool Comp - Sunday afternoon, May 30

Registrations are open for the Pool Rescue Competition on Sunday afternoon, 30th of May at Casuarina Pool in Darwin. (6th June in Nhulunbuy) Age Categories for males and females are...

JUNIORS - Under 12, Under 13, Under 14

SENIORS - Under 15, Under 17, U19/Open, Masters (40+)

Events are...

- 1 100m Obstacle Race (Juniors - 50m)
- 2 15m Line Throw (Juniors - 10m)
- 3 100m Manikin Tow with Fins (Juniors - 50m)
- 4 100m Manikin Carry with Fins (Seniors only)
- 5 100m Board Rescue
- 6 Super Surfer

Contact your club Director of Competition to register you for events. Practice and warm-ups commence at 1pm with competition underway at 2pm. Officials are needed - Referee, Marshall, Starter, Check Starter, Chief Judge, Timekeepers, Recorder, Water Safety Supervisor. Email to SLSNT on surf@lifesavingnt.com.au if you can help. This is the first year of our official Pool Rescue Championships – scheduled for October.

Open Water Swim #1 Saturday morning 5th June, 'Swim with the Lifesavers'.

Who will beat the handicap system to win fabulous prizes for the inaugural 800m Open Water Swim on Saturday 5th June? SLSNT has joined forces with Swimming NT to present the **2010 Gatorade Open Water Series** and we are urging all SLSNT members to enter the 800m swim event, advertised on TV as 'Swim with the Lifesavers', on Saturday morning 5th June at the Darwin Recreation Lagoon. Members can register through the SLSNT website www.lifesavingnt.com.au however member and community entries will be accepted on the day until 8.00am. The event gets underway at 8.30am and is 2 laps of the Recreation Lagoon. For your first swim you'll need your estimated finish time so handicaps will be allocated. The swimmer with the lowest handicap will start first while the swimmer with the greatest handicap (ie fastest swimmer) will chase the field. Should be an exciting finish! Swimmers are DQ'd if they beat their handicap by more than 2 minutes so be accurate for a chance of a prize. More swims on 3rd July and 14th August. After each swim "The Coffee Club" at the Waterfront is highly recommended for breaky/morning tea.

Nippers do Prelim Test at local pools

Congratulations to all our Nipper members who have already completed the 2010 Preliminary Swim Evaluation through their club programs in Darwin and Gove. Joining Nippers is easy - just visit the SLSNT website www.lifesavingnt.com.au to get in touch with your local Surf Club - you can contact them by phone or just turn up at the club and ask to speak to someone regarding Nippers. See you at the beach!

Surf Patrol – popular on Channel 7

Series four of Surf Patrol is back on the **Seven Network** every **Wednesday** night at **8.00pm**.

Hosted by Channel 7 personality and former surf lifesaver **Tom Williams**, Surf Patrol is an observational documentary series that takes viewers to the frontline of the daring and dangerous work carried out by Australia's volunteer lifesavers. Every weekend our volunteer surf lifesavers keep watch over our beaches and come face to face with potentially life threatening situations.

SLSA's President Ron Rankin said, "As well as highlighting the great work of surf lifesavers to the public, Surf Patrol is also an important training tool for our members. We should all ask ourselves after each episode – 'what would I do in the same situation?'" Missed an episode? Catch up on all the Surf Patrol action at [Yahoo7](#)

The Surf Life Saving Online Shop is open for business

What's in stock: The store stocks most of the essentials needed by clubs – from manuals, uniforms, patrol caps & rescue tubes to caps and brim hats for sun safety.



As well as being a one-stop-shop one of our key aims is to reduce the cost of gear to clubs where possible. Compare the prices of patrol caps, rescue tubes, and rashies for example to see that this has already started. Over time we aim to expand this range greatly to include first aid and resuscitation gear to radios, rashies, merchandise and more.

Club Accounts: Verified accounts have been set up for every club and the login and password details emailed to the "official" email address as held on the 'SurfGuard' database. If you haven't received your club's details please contact your club administrator, or email onlineshop@slsa.asn.au. For safety reasons much of the gear (such as uniforms) can only be bought by verified club account holders.

Feedback: All suggestions are welcome for ways in which the store may be improved, for eg. gear that may be needed but currently not available. We look forward to hearing from you.

SLSNT at Australian Water Safety Conference

Top End lifesaving was very well received at the biannual Australian Water Safety Conference in Sydney last week with presentations on indigenous lifesaving programs and tropical lifeguarding in Darwin. There was lots of support offered for our new indigenous surf life saving club in Yirrkala with 13 volunteer helpers registered. The lifeguard service at the Darwin Wave Lagoon drew great praise for its innovative, highly effective operation.

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.

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

June 5 (Sat): Open Water Swim #1, 8.30am, Darwin Recreation Lagoon

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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