

NT Surfline 21 January 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.

NEW ITEMS IN THIS EDITION ...

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Rachel Chalada nominated for Young Citizen of the Year

One of our most outstanding young members, Rachel Chalada, has been nominated for the Darwin Australia Day Young Citizen of the Year award. Rachel had an awesome 2009 season resulting in being awarded U17 Lifesaver of the Year at the Darwin Surf Life Saving Club. She is the youngest member of the SLSNT Search & Rescue Team and is currently completing the suite of advanced lifesaving awards and tests needed for her lifeguard qualification. This weekend Rachel will represent the NT in the Interstate Team and will spend Australia Day at Freshwater Beach in Sydney where she'll gain valuable competition experience in beach and surf events. Rachel is a truly multi-talented competitor with a bag of Territory medals to her credit in surf life saving events as diverse as swimming, surfboat rowing, board paddling, beach sprinting and various relays with her clubmates. Rachel is a very bright star with a great future in Surf Life Saving and we congratulate her on her nomination and wish her success.

Can you help promote Surf Life Saving on Australia Day?

Tuesday 26 January is Australia Day and activities will be offered from 10am to 2pm at the Darwin Waterfront to promote Surf Life Saving and membership of our local Surf Clubs. If you can help supervise water activities for juniors and seniors please email SLSNT on surf@lifesavingnt.com.au or call Bob Creek on 0401 118 716 or Craig Croke on 0419 833 702.

Wave Lagoon Lifeguards and Kiosk Staff

Are you interested in being a Lifeguard or working at the best little kiosk in Darwin? Register your interest by contacting SLSNT on surf@lifesavingnt.com.au or call 8985 6588.

Awesome performances in Kellogg's Nutri-Grain Ironman Series

Surf sports superstar Shannon Eckstein won Round 1 & 2 of the Kellogg's Nutri-Grain Ironman Series last weekend at Kurrawa Beach on the Gold Coast and showed why he will again be the man to beat this season. Shannon (Northcliffe SLSC) backed up Saturday's round one win with a powerhouse performance in Sunday's Accumulator races in an exact replica of the round one podium to finish well clear of Hugh Dougherty (Tugun SLSC) and four-time National Ironman champion, Olympian Ky Hurst (Kurrawa SLSC).

In the women's competition it's not so clear cut. WA's Alicia Marriott won Round 1 from Kristyl Smith and Hayley Bateup but in Round 2 it was Bateup, a three-time Coolangatta Gold winner who turned 30 last week, who took line honours. Showing age is no barrier she produced one of the most satisfying wins of her career with another near-perfect display of surf sports skills and leaving Kristyl and Alicia for 2nd and 3rd places. You can catch all the action from Round 2 on Channel 7 on Sunday 31 January from 12.00-2.00pm.

Follow all the action by visiting www.ironmanseries.com.au

Happy New Year – We're looking forward to a great 2010

We wish all our members, supporters and sponsors a very happy, safe and prosperous New Year. For Surf Lifesavers throughout the Top End there is much to look forward to...

- More members – Surf Life Saving is the fastest growing volunteer-based organisation in Australia
- Development of an Offshore Rescue Boat service
- Expanded Surf Sports Calendar
- Helping East Timor establish a Lifesaving organisation
- NT Championships in Darwin, September 25 & 26, Casuarina Beach
- Heaps more lifesaving training in indigenous communities

... and much more

Good Luck to our Interstate Team

The SLSNT Interstate Team heads to Sydney next week for a huge 4-day competition experience. Not only will they contest the 2010 Interstate Championships – pool events at the Waringah Aquatic Centre and ocean/beach events at Collaroy Beach, but they will also enter the Westpac Surf Carnival at Manly Beach and the Australia Day Surf Carnival at Freshwater Beach. Our best wishes are extended to Michael Collins, Carney Broadbent, Rachel Chalada, Thanh Thanh Thai, Peter Selten, Carrie Selten, Xaviera Farrell, Joanna Jarden and Natasha Breen.

Nipper heroes rescue man from surf

Jake Satherley and Spencer Jeams, both 8 years old, are Nipper heroes after rescuing a man from the surf in front of their Gold Coast Surf Club, Northcliffe SLSC. The middle-aged man was swimming outside the flags and struggling in a rip and, and they successfully went to his aid with their Nipper boards. ABC News Online reported Northcliffe Surf Life Saving Club President, David Shields, saying "They really did perform well above their years; we're just so proud of them and the way they acted instinctively."



L-R: Spencer Jeams and Jake Satherley rescued a man at Northcliffe Beach on the Gold Coast

Australian Championships back on the Gold Coast

The Whereis® Australian Surf Life Saving Championships represents the peak national competition for surf lifesavers who give up their time to patrol the nation's beaches and coastline. The Championships, affectionately known as 'The Aussies', will bring together clubs and members from across the country, showcasing our finest surf lifesaving athletes. 2010 promises to be big with the Aussies returning to Kurrawa Beach for the first time in three years and 7,500 competitors expected to take part. Competitors will battle it out on the sand and in the surf across more than 295 exhilarating Surf Life Saving events during six days of action-packed competition. The Whereis® Aussies is the largest sporting event of its type in the world and the key dates are...

Masters Events: Tuesday 16 March & Wednesday 17 March

U15-Open Events: Thursday 18 March – Sunday 21 March

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Key Dates for your Diary...

Sat 23 Jan: Westpac Manly Open Surf Carnival, Sydney.

Sun 24 Jan: Interstate Championships, Warringah Aquatic Centre, Sydney.

Mon 25 Jan: Interstate Championships, Collaroy Beach, Sydney.

Tue 26 Jan: Freshwater Surf Carnival, Sydney.

Sat 6 March: Annual General Meeting. 11 am at SLSNT.

Sat & Sun 6-7 March: Annual Conference at SLSNT.

Tue & Wed 16 -17 March: Whereis Australian **Masters** Surf Life Saving Championships, Kurrawa Beach on the Gold Coast.

Thu-Sun 18 - 21 March: Whereis Australian Surf Life Saving Championships, Kurrawa Beach on the Gold Coast.

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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