

NT Surfline 25 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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Memorial Service for Saxon Bird

SLSNT extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Saxon Bird, the 19 year old NSW Ironman who tragically lost his life while competing in the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships at Kurrawa last Friday. A service to honour Saxon's life will be held at his old school, St Patrick's College, Strathfield, Sydney tomorrow - Friday, March 26 at 10.30am. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers that donations be made to the Queenscliff Surf Life Saving Club where Saxon first joined as a Nipper at age eight. He was an outstanding nipper, winning numerous branch and state titles and went on to win U15 and U17 Australian surf races in 2006 and 2008. He recently won the NSW Ironman title. Saxon's sister, Arielle, was drafted to compete for the NT Interstate Team in January this year and our thoughts will be with her and her family tomorrow. Saxon is remembered as a true champion - champion athlete, champion student, champion son and brother, champion bloke.

Mindil Beach SLSC kicks off training tonight

Board and ski training kicks off for Mindil Beach Surf Club members at Lake Alexander tonight (Thursday) from 5.30pm. A range of equipment will be available to suit novice and high performance athletes. If you miss out tonight come along next week. Contact is Craig Croke 0419 833 702.

Training Officers Get Started

Congratulations to Sonia Marsh, Daniel Anderson, Sam Edwards, Glenn Carter, Cameron Griffin, Amy Rudolph & Rachel Chalada for successfully embarking on the Training Officer's Certificate on Tuesday 23 March. This certificate is accredited training (TAADEL301C) and is critically important to ensure our lifesaving training is of the best possible standard.

Cyclone Potential – SAR Team & Club Alert

The Bureau of Meteorology has advised that a weak tropical low is beginning to form in the Arafura Sea. The low is expected to slowly develop during the next few days as the monsoon trough deepens off the north coast of the Northern Territory. Further information on Tropical Cyclones is available at www.bom.gov.au/weather/cyclone

All members are urged to follow the Tropical Cyclone advice especially with regard to preparations at home. The NT Police and Emergency Service has a great resource you can download called "Surviving Cyclones: Warnings, Preparedness and Safety", go to http://www.pfes.nt.gov.au/documents/File/emergencyservices/publications/Surviving_Cyclones.pdf

All SAR Team members are required to check they have their 'grab bag' close at hand. All Rescue Jetskis are operational. Clubs are urged to ensure they have core equipment in rescue-ready condition – IRBs, first aid and trauma kits, oxygen resuscitators, heart defibrillators.

IRB & RWC courses commence on Sunday

Members seeking IRB and RWC awards commence training this Sunday, 1pm-6pm. Members can only access these courses by registering through the SLSNT website www.lifesavingnt.com.au and completing the payment online requirements. Course information is then automatically sent to registered participants.

Shady Beach (Yirrkala) Flies NT Flag for National Clean Beaches Award

Shady Beach in Yirrkala, East Arnhem Land will be representing the Northern Territory at the Keep Australia Beautiful, Australian Clean Beaches Awards in Sydney this week. President (Mayor) of East Arnhem Shire, Mr Banambi Wunungmurra, will be attending the Awards presentation and is very proud that the beach is the home of Australia's first Surf Life Saving Club in an indigenous community and follows the principles of the Surf Life Saving EcoSurf program. EcoSurf is about affirmative, local action in the face of the consequences of climate change, with the objective of promoting protection of coastal biodiversity and our beaches.

SLSNT President Bob Creek said "As Shady Beach becomes increasingly popular with locals and visitors there is a growing need for it to be well managed for the enjoyment of future generations. For the last 3 years we have been training local youth and adults in surf life saving awards and sports. The program has been a huge hit with the community and we are now seeing the first young people applying for work experience and traineeships as lifeguards. As part of their training we reinforce our EcoSurf principles and we try to model all of the behaviours we want to establish in the young people of the Yirrkala community – no littering, 'bring it in, take it home', Bob said.

Calendar on SLSNT Website

The Surf Life Saving NT 2010 Calendar is on our website. Following the drafting of the calendar earlier this year, and discussion at our Annual Conference several weeks ago, the website calendar will become the sole source of reliable, updated information. The calendar is subject to change and whenever possible these changes will be communicated via *NT Surfline*.

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. 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

Darwin Adventure Race Planned

An Adventure Race is planned for Darwin on Saturday 10 July. 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.

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...

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 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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