

# *NT Surfline* 28 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 - Darwin's Young Citizen of the Year**

Darwin's Young Citizen of the Year, announced on Australia Day, is our very own Rachel Chalada. Rachel was representing the NT and the Darwin SLSC in Sydney at surf lifesaving competitions when the announcement was made by Lord Mayor Graeme Sawyer. She's had an awesome 2009 season resulting in being awarded U17 Lifesaver of the Year at the Darwin Surf Life Saving Club, being the youngest member of the SLSNT Search & Rescue Team and currently completing the suite of advanced lifesaving awards and tests needed for her lifeguard qualification. Last weekend Rachel represented the NT in the Interstate Team and spent Australia Day at Freshwater Beach in Sydney where she gained 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 committed and dedicated lifesaver, always helping with club and SLSNT activities to promote water safety and lifesaving skills. She has a great future in Surf Life Saving - congratulations Rachel !!!!

### **Interstate Team Score Hatrick with Handicap Shield Win**

At the SLSA Interstate Championships the NT Team won the Handicap Shiekld for the third year in a row. This year a new 2-day format of pool competition at the Waringah Aquatic centre followed by ocean and beach events at Collaroy Beach provided a great showcase for the nation's top lifesaving athletes. Our core team of Michael Collins, Carney Broadbent, Rachel Chalada, Thanh Thanh Thai, Peter Selten, Carrie Selten, Xaviera Farrell, Joanna Jarden and Natasha Breen were complimented by a pool of extremely talented comptitors drafted from NSW. Throughout the competition the performance levels were awesome and inspiring but it was host state NSW that couldn't be beaten in the overall pointscore despite strong and determined efforts from QLD lead by surf stars such as Shannon Eckstein. This Interstate Team format will be repeated in Sydney for the next 2 years.

### **Surf Life Saving promoted on Australia Day**

It doesn't get more Aussie than this - Surf Life Saving activities at the Darwin Waterfront on Australia Day! A big thankyou to Bob Creek and his team of helpers for making it all happen and promoting Surf Life Saving to the Darwin public.

### **See Awesome Ironmen and Ironwomen this Sunday on Channel 7**

Surf sports superstars Shannon Eckstein and Hayley Bateup won the mens and womens competitions of Round 2 of the Kellogg's Nutri-Grain Ironman Series at Kurrawa Beach on the Gold Coast you can catch all the action on Channel 7 on Sunday 31 January from 12.00-2.00pm. Visit [www.ironmanseries.com.au](http://www.ironmanseries.com.au) for more information and results.

## Australian Championship Entries Now Open

Entries are open for the Whereis® Australian Surf Life Saving Championships - the peak national competition for surf lifesavers who give up their time to patrol the nation's beaches and coastline. Affectionately known as 'The Aussies', these championships will bring together 7,500 competitors and their families, friends and supporters for two days of Masters action and four days of age and open competition. 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 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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