

# *NT Surfline* 4 February 2010

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## **NEW ITEMS IN THIS EDITION ...**

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### **Lifesaver of the Year a Hero at Darwin Bomb Attack**

Craig Croke, SLSNT's Surf Lifesaver of the Year and President of the Mindil Beach SLSC, was on the spot when a home-made bomb exploded in an insurance office in Darwin's city centre yesterday (Wed 3 Feb). Craig, who works just around the corner, was walking past when the explosion occurred. 'Your lifesaving and emergency response training just kicks in,' Craig said today. 'In a few seconds you have to take in a lot of information. Some people were moving away, others were standing in shock and some were rushing forward to help. It was obvious there was a fire involved so I grabbed a fire extinguisher from an adjoining shop, as others did, and was able to reduce the fire so we could all safely help those with injuries and move away the bystanders from the toxic black smoke that was pouring out.' There has been public praise for the heroic actions of people like Craig from NT Police Commanders, Colleen Gwynne and Rob Kendrick.

### **Annual Conference**

SLSNT will hold a Surf Life Saving Annual Conference in Darwin on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March. The program includes planning our future, the new Offshore Rescue Boat service, a revamped Surf Sports calendar and the introduction of Pool Championships which includes a practical session for coaches and officials. There is also a comprehensive update for trainers and assessors on new educational resources and assessment tools. The Conference program has been distributed to clubs and is available from SLSNT by calling 8985 6588 or emailing [surf@lifesavingnt.com.au](mailto:surf@lifesavingnt.com.au)

### **In the news – Surf Lifesaver Rachel Chalada**

Keep an eye on the NT News for Rachel Chalada, Darwin's Young Citizen of the Year. Rachel was photographed by the NT News at the Darwin Wave Lagoon during her lifeguard training and is sure to grace the pages of our local newspaper soon. Rachel is a committed and dedicated lifesaver, always helping with club and SLSNT activities to promote water safety and lifesaving skills and has a great future in Surf Life Saving.

### **Annual General Meetings**

Mindil Beach Surf Life Saving Club, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February, 10.00am at SLSNT.  
Gove Peninsula Surf Life Saving Club, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 4.00pm at the clubrooms.  
Darwin Surf Life Saving Club, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March, at the clubrooms.  
Surf Life Saving NT Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 10.00am at SLSNT.

### **Surf Life Saving Ironman Action on TV in February**

The Kellogg's Nutri-Grain Ironman Series 2010 is red hot! Triple Coolangatta Gold winner, Hayley Bateup, is hoping rounds three and four of the 2010 Kellogg's Nutri-Grain Ironman Series at Alexandra Headland this weekend serves up some big surf - she'll be ready for it. Don't miss a minute of the action by catching it on Channel 7 or Fox Sports – see following schedules...

<b>Ch 7 Round 3:</b>	Sunday 7 February 2010	12:00pm - 2:00pm
<b>Ch 7 Round 4:</b>	Sunday 14 February 2010	12:00pm - 2:00pm
<b>Ch 7 Round 5:</b>	Sunday 21 February 2010	11:30am - 1:30pm

<b>FOX 2 Round 2</b>	Friday 5 February 2010	4:00pm - 6:00pm
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<b>FOX 3: Round 2</b>	Saturday 17 February 2010	6:00am - 8:00am
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<b>FOX 3: Round 3</b>	Friday 4 February 2010	4:00pm - 6:00pm
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<b>FOX 2: Round 3</b>	Saturday 4 February 2010	9:00am - 11:00am
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<b>FOX 3 Round 4</b>	Friday 19 February 2010	4:00pm - 6:00pm
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<b>FOX 2: Round 4</b>	Saturday 20 February 2010	10:00am - 12:00pm
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<b>FOX 1: Round 5</b>	Thursday 25 February 2010	3:30pm - 5:30pm
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### **Interstate Team Score Hatrick with Handicap Shield Win**

At the SLSA Interstate Championships the NT Team won the Handicap Shield 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 competitors 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.

### **Australian Championship Entries Now Open**

Great news – entries are now open and the timetable is up on the new look Aussies website. This year SLSA have a dedicated website for everything Aussies (previously three separate websites). Please take some time to check it out: [www.aussiechamps.com.au](http://www.aussiechamps.com.au) 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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