

NT Surflines 8 July 2010

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NEW ITEMS IN THIS EDITION ...

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When Michael Gunner MLA, Member for Fannie Bay, sounded the starting horn on the beach at Pee Wee's Restaurant Joash Barnes was the hot favourite to win the 2.1km course of the 7th Darwin Fannie Bay Swim Classic. Barnes didn't disappoint and streaked across Fannie Bay to finish at the Darwin Trailer Boat Club ahead of a field of 71 swimmers in a time of 32m:22s. A member of the Darwin Surf Life Saving Club, and a prominent talent in the sport of swimming, Barnes added the win to a long list of achievements in long distance open water swimming. First long course female across the line was Jessica Jones (38:59). Remarkably, both Barnes and Jones were swimming in the 13-19 years age group category.

In the 1.2km course Michael Collins had a great day and lead 19 swimmers across the line while Clodagh McKecknie put in a terrific swim and was the first female (27:00). Both are great lifesavers at the Darwin SLSC. Other notable performances came from the 50-59 year age group, the largest group of swimmers, with Mindil Beach SLSC legend, Moira Wigley, and Darwin SLSC stalwart, Brian Gallagher, taking female and male honours respectively.

Unfortunately a male swimmer, competing in his sixth Fannie Bay swim, was injured by a jellyfish sting to the face, the only serious incident in the race. The ever-vigilant Paddy Donoghoe was quickly on the scene with his rescue board and transferred the swimmer to a Rescue Jetski which rushed him to the Surf Life Saving First Aid base at the Trailer Boat Club. He was referred for further medical attention at the Royal Darwin Hospital. It was the first time a swimmer had been stung in the history of the race and, although initially painful, the sting quickly settled down and he was released from hospital a few hours later. It was not a Box Jellyfish sting.

Full results of the Darwin Fannie Bay Swim Classic are on the SLSNT website and the Darwin SLSC website.

Remembering TJ

Members, friends and family are invited to join Craig Croke on Sunday 11th July at 9.00am on Casuarina Beach for a paddle out to remember our mate "TJ", who passed away 12 months ago. A sunset commemoration will also be held at Mindil Beach at 6.15pm, at the end of patrol, at the Mindil Beach SLSC containers for a feed from the markets and a couple of drinks to reminisce about the joyful times we all had with "TJ".

Junior competition at Nightcliff Beach Sunday 18 July

The first interclub junior competition will be held at Nightcliff Beach on Sunday 18 July, commencing 9.00am sharp. Events include beach sprints, beach flags, beach relays, swim, board races and the Cameron Relay – always a favourite with competitors and spectators alike. Program available next week on SLSNT website.

Lifesaving Champs on weekend 14-15 August

Save these dates! Three championship events will be held on Saturday & Sunday, 14-15 August at Casuarina Beach for club teams of 6-10 members. On Saturday the IRB Championships (IRB Tube Rescue & IRB Mass Rescue) and First Aid Championships will be held, followed on Sunday by the Patrol Championships. Further information will be sent to clubs via circular and included in next week's NT Surfline.

Volunteers wanted for indigenous lifesaving program

Fancy a week in NE Arnhem Land teaching surf lifesaving qualifications? We're looking for surf lifesavers to volunteer a week of their time for the following program dates:

Monday 23 August – Friday 27 August

Monday 30 August – Friday 3 September

Travel, accommodation and meal costs are provided. This important program is providing lifesaving skills and qualifications to some fantastic indigenous youth and is an experience you will remember forever. Please note the weekend of 28-29 August includes the inaugural 'Around the Island Race' at Shady Beach, Yirrkala. Contact SLSNT on surf@lifesavingnt.com.au or call Julie Snelling on (08) 8985 6588.

Training Available for Westpac Rescue Boat

Thanks to the generous support of the Ian Potter Foundation training programs for members to qualify as Westpac Rescue Boat crew are available from July to November. SLSA qualifications as well as marine industry qualifications are available. Call SLSNT on 8985 6588 or email surf@lifesavingnt.com.au if you are interested.

NT Academyline...

SurfCom Course Sunday morning 11 July

Travis Klerk from SLSA will be in Darwin to conduct SurfCom training for interested members on Sunday morning 11th July, 11.00am-2.00pm. The web-based SurfCom Management System allows SurfCom Duty Officers to record actions and events during lifesaving incidents involving club patrols, RWCs, ORBs and other resources. This training is mainly relevant to SAR Team members. There is no cost for this course but you will need to bring your lunch (or purchase next door at shop) and you must register through the SLSNT website www.lifesavingnt.com.au

RWC (Jetski) Course Sunday afternoon 11 July

SLSNT will conduct an RWC course on Sunday afternoon, 11 July at Mindil Beach. The RWC course teaches members how to safely operate and maintain a Rescue Jetski and use the machine for a range of rescues involving conscious and unconscious patients. You must be qualified with a current Bronze Medallion and Certificate II in Public Safety to start this course. Course cost is \$20 plus \$30 for a Powercraft Manual if you don't already have one. You must register and pay through the SLSNT website www.lifesavingnt.com.au

IRB Courses at Gove 23-25 July

SLSNT will conduct IRB Crew and IRB Driver courses in Gove from Friday 23 July to Sunday 25 July. You must be qualified with a current Bronze Medallion and Certificate II in Public Safety to start this course. Course cost is \$20 plus \$30 for a Powercraft Manual if you don't already have one. You must register and pay through the SLSNT website www.lifesavingnt.com.au

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Key Dates for your Diary...

July 10 (Sat): Water Safety for Darwin's inaugural Frillies Adventure Race, meet 6.20am at Mindil Beach

July 11 (Sun): SurfCom Training, 11am-2pm at SLSNT Office, register via www.lifesavingnt.com.au

July 11 (Sun): RWC training, 12.30pm-6pm at Mindil Beach, register via www.lifesavingnt.com.au

July 18 (Sun): Junior Competition, Nightcliff Beach

Aug 14 (Sat): IRB Champs, First Aid Champs. Casuarina Beach, Darwin

Aug 15 (Sun): Patrol Championships. Casuarina Beach, 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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