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Thank you to our Patrons

Members of Royal Life Saving Society (Australia) Northern Territory Branch are so very grateful to His Honour Professor the Honourable Hugh Heggie PSM, Administrator of the Northern Territory and Ms Ruth Jones for being our Patrons.



Message from the President



Our People, Our Water, Our Lifestyle has underpinned all that we have done this year. In the context of our expanded operational commitments at the Goldfishbowl and challenging resourcing/staff shortages we have continued to demonstrate commitment and resilience in delivering a healthy and safe community for all Territorians through water safety, education and awareness.

We measure these achievements through a number of strategic and operational indicators. This year some key 2022/23 highlights we can be proud of include:

- Had a touchpoint with 58% of our NT population, exceeding our strategic goal of reaching over 40% of our population.
- Over 10,000 participated in the Swim and Survive Program
- The Indigenous Advancement Strategy - Remote Swim, Survive and Strive ran in 21 remote communities. There were 1586 participants and 2 indigenous participants gained employment as a direct result of the project.
- 29 schools visited by the Water Safety Unit
- Water Safety Week in Sept 2022 included 14 events to over 10,000 people including Splashfest.
- Since 2003, over 39000 children have enrolled in the Water Safety Awareness program with 71% completing all five sessions.
- In sport we have 129 active pool lifesaving members with a team of athletes, coaches and officials proudly representing the NT at the Australian Pool Life Saving Championships in Melbourne in January this year.
- Successful Inland Waterways Drowning Prevention Campaign
- Employed 14 permanent staff, 31 registered trainers and 40 casual swim teachers
- Goldfishbowl Swim School, purchased in January 2022, 780 children per term, 30 Seniors through Fit Frogs, 15 Aqua participants, 10 participants from Helping People Achieve(HPA) , 90 Adults, 1,865 Learn to Swim and 50 Squad members
- An agile response following flooded communities of Kalkarindji, Pigeon Hole and Daguragu who were evacuated to the Centre of National Resilience in March 2023. The pool was open every day to provide access to water safety programs and a safe and welcoming environment.

In sobering news however, we also have the highest fatal drowning rate per population in the country and a notable all year round exposure through the wet and dry. This statistic continues to motivate us deliver on our purpose of “To prevent drowning and injury in the Northern Territory with an emphasis on the aquatic environment”. And that “We turn everyday people into community lifesavers.”

Before finishing, we have a couple of notable thanks to make:

- During 2022/23 we had a change in Administrator of the Northern Territory and a subsequent change of patronage. I'd like to thank The Honourable Vicki O'Halloran and Mr Craig O'Halloran for their years of patronage and introduction of the Administrators Medal for exceptional contribution to Lifesaving, Water Safety and Drowning Prevention in the Northern Territory
- We also welcome and thank our new Joint Patrons - His Honour Professor the Honourable Hugh Heggie, Administrator of the Northern Territory and Ms Ruth Jones and look forward to continuing our relationship
- We also extend our thanks to two members of our management committee who are not renominating today, We thank Sarah Dowd and Toni Blair for their years of commitment and contribution to RLSSA-NT and wish them all the best with their interstate futures.

I look forward to continuing to work together to prevent loss of life and injury in the aquatic environment and promoting safe participation in water related pursuits for the benefit of all Territorians.

Yours in Lifesaving
James Sheridan



Report from the Executive Director



In 2022/2023 we celebrated 2332 active members. We conducted 99 community events reaching 132,713 people. Royal Life Saving NT provided a community benefit and services to 147,405 people across the northern Territory, achieving our strategic goal of reaching over 40% of our population.

Our focus is drowning prevention strategies relevant to the needs of our community. Despite our committed actions and advocacy, the Northern Territory maintains the highest drowning rate, per capita, in Australia.

10,259 primary school aged children participated in the Swim and Survive program, with 397 achieving the national benchmark of level 7. Participation numbers are low and the number achieving a level 7 is low and some schools do not provide any swimming and water safety lessons. Royal Life Saving NT are deeply concerned about these statistics and continues to engage families, schools and lobby Government to fund the Swim and Survive Program for Primary School students. The collaboration with the Department of Education that created an option for Swimming and Water Safety for children in upper-primary school has continued as a user pay option. The Water Safety and Life Skills program for students in Years 4, 5 and 6 is 3 full days of curriculum linked Water Safety, Life Skills, Tennis, Yoga, Team Building and scenarios over a three week period. This program provides opportunity for schools to minimise costs and disruption to class, while still teaching vital skills. Families can also use sports vouchers for their school swimming program, and we hope that more schools utilise this option.

821 children from 21 remote schools participated in the Remote Swim, Survive and Strive project and 21 students achieved the national swimming and water safety benchmark of a level six and above. The project enabled children to learn to swim and participate in a Pool Lifesaving carnival. The project includes Royal Life Saving training and AUSTSWIM mentoring to assist local people in obtaining employment or volunteer services at their community swimming pool. 355 local community people participated in this training, with 2 indigenous people gaining employment. A total of 1,586 people in 21 remote community locations participating in the program.

10,322 training certificates were issued with 51% of this training conducted in regional and remote areas. 4,480 statements of attainments were issued under Vocational Education and Training. 367 Training courses were conducted across the Northern Territory to 2,376 Participants

The NT Government funded Water Safety Awareness Program provides a fantastic opportunity for families to access free water safety lessons for their child. This year 2,057

enrolments were received with 12 providers operating across the NT. 32,192 children have participated in this program since inception. The NT Government have extended the program with the Learn to Swim Vouchers and this has been positively received by families across the Northern Territory.

The Sport of Pool Lifesaving maintained participation with over 3,000 children participating in carnivals in Darwin, Katherine, Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, and remote communities. Royal Life Saving NT sent a team of ten lifesaving athletes and officials to the Australian Pool Life Saving Championships in Melbourne. Thanks to our coaches, volunteers, and officials whose ongoing commitment and contribution to the sport makes a huge difference for our community.

The purchase of the Goldfishbowl in January 2022 was a significant strategic milestone for the Organisation. We have integrated the Swim & Survive Program withing the Swim School and look forward to providing more services to the community and further our cause of drowning prevention.

The closure of Casuarina and Palmerston swimming pool has had a detrimental effect on our school swimming programs, pool lifesaving and training programs. This will, hopefully, be rectified when the upgrades are complete.

Responding to the flooded communities of Kalkarindji, Pigeon Hole and Daguragu who were evacuated to the Centre of National Resilience in March 2023 was a highlight of the year. The pool was open every day to provide access to water safety programs and a safe and welcoming environment. It was a real privilege to be able to provide a positive service to the families who has lost everything to the floods. The “can-do” positive attitude of our staff to make this project happen was inspirational.

I am pleased to complete my report by advising members, stakeholders and volunteers that the NT Branch is in a strong position and looks forward to the ongoing challenges and opportunities. I would like to sincerely thank our devoted volunteers including the Executive Management Team led by James Sheridan our trainers, swim teachers and our members. I would like to thank Royal Life Saving National Office and all the State and Territory Branches of Royal Life Saving. A Massive THANK YOU to our fantastic staff for their continued dedication and commitment. I am so very grateful and honoured to be part of an inspiring team who are strengthened by and committed to our values of Quality, Respect, Leadership, Innovation and Collaboration.

Yours in lifesaving

Floss Roberts

Highlights of the Year 2022/2023

- Provided a community benefit and services to 147,405 people across the Northern Territory, achieving our strategic goal of reaching over 40% of our population (reached 58% of population).
- 10,259 participated in the Swim and Survive program with 397 Students achieving the National Water Safety Competency Benchmark of a level 7 or above.
- 47 children participated in our “Little Royals Swim School” Program run in Tennant Creek and Darwin.
- 1,586 people participated within the Indigenous Advancement Strategy - Remote Swim, Survive & Strive. The project ran within 21 remote communities. This includes 821 students in remote locations with 21 achieving the national swimming and water safety benchmark of a level 7 or above. 355 people were trained and now qualified with range of qualifications. 2 Indigenous people gained employment as a direct result of the project.
- 367 Training courses were conducted across the NT for 2,376 participants, with 10,322 certificates issued including 4,480 statements of attainments. 51% of training courses were delivered in regional and remote area of the Northern Territory.
- AUSTSWIM: 11 courses with 82 participants, working collaboratively with AUSTSWIM.
- The Northern Territory Water Safety Advisory Council was administered on behalf of the Northern Territory Government with 4 meetings conducted, finalised the Draft Northern Territory’s Water Safety Strategy for 2030.
- 7 Schools participated in Pipes and Drains education sessions which reached 609 students. In addition to this, 5 community events were attended directly targeting the Pipes & Drains message, reaching an estimated 5,000 people.
- A total of 29 schools were visited by the Water Safety Unit to deliver water safety talks to 1,833 students across the NT.
- Water Safety Week 18-24 September 2022 with 14 events to over 10,000 people, including Splashfest.
- 32,192 children have enrolled in the Water Safety Awareness Program since 2003, with 71% of children completing all five sessions.
- There was a total of 2,057 enrolments for July 2022 – June 2023 in the Water Safety Awareness Program with 12 Providers of the program.
- Conducted 99 community events, providing a direct community benefit to over 132,713 people.
- Maintained 29 Keep Watch Ambassadors and worked with all levels of Government to highlight the importance of water safety and drowning prevention.
- 2,332 Members, with 79 Voting Members.
- Sport: 129 active pool lifesaving members, 5 Pool Lifesaving Carnivals, represented NT in the APLSC in Melbourne January 2023, 8 lifesaving carnivals held in remote communities with 277 participants and 4 Active Family Fun Day Sporting Events

- Inland Waterways Drowning Prevention Campaign has engaged with over 20,000 children and adults through 10 community events, 5 swimming and water safety programs and an Adults Learn to Swim program in Alice Springs
- Employed 14 Permanent staff, including 1 full-time position based in Alice Springs: 31 registered Trainers and 40 casual Swim Teachers.
- Sadly 2 people drowned in 2022/2023 in the Northern Territory
- Goldfishbowl Swim School, purchased in January 2022, 780 children per term, 30 Seniors through Fit Frogs, 15 Aqua participants, 10 participants from Helping People Achieve (HPA), 90 Adults, 1,865 Learn to Swim, 50 Squad swimmers.

Our Organisation

Our Purpose

To prevent drowning and injury in the community with an emphasis on the aquatic environment. We turn everyday people into community lifesavers.

Our Vision

To build a healthy, strong and safe aquatic community through water safety education and training.

Our Values

- Respect
- Quality
- Leadership
- Innovation
- Collaboration

Based on the values of the organisation Royal Life Saving NT is a performance culture dependent on a strong, committed team.

Strategic Objectives

1. To prevent drowning and injuries in our aquatic environments.
2. Increase access to and participation in water safety education, training and sport in urban, regional & remote communities.
3. Maintain a sustainable and effective organisation and supported membership base.
4. Maximise the role of RLSSANT through fostering collaborative partnerships and community engagement.
5. Fully funded primary school swimming and water safety programs.

Target 2028

A sustainable business that increases Royal Life Saving NT services across the whole of the Northern Territory, providing a community benefit to at least 40% of Territorians.

Our People

Executive Board and Governance

Royal Life Saving Society - Australia – NT has an entirely volunteer Board, who provide their skills, insights, time and commitment to the organisation. The Board of 9 people meets a minimum of eight times annually and is elected by the membership at the annual general meeting. This meeting is open to all members of the organisation and is held on the first Friday in September at 6pm, advertised in the NT News, our Kicking Back newsletter and emailed to all members. The Board is aware of their role and the prescribed governance standards for not-for-profit organisations and is focussed on the Strategic Plan: Our People, Our Lifestyle, and Our Water 2023-2028. The strategic plan was reviewed extensively and updated.

Our Board



James Sheridan

B.Bus, MTechMgt(RiskMgt). ANZIIF(AFF) CIP

President

Risk management, strategic planning & governance Background
Member of Board from 7/9/2018



Sarah Dowd

LLB BA

Vice President

16 years as a member, volunteer, competitor at various Pool Lifesaving Championships, swimming teacher and coach.

Member of Board from 24/02/2020



Randall Cook

B.Ed., Grad Dip in Educational Mgmt.

Committee Member

Foundation member of the Board of the Katherine Regional Community Bank. Extensive experience as a Principal serving on School Councils. Served on numerous AUSTSWIM committees.

Member of the Board since 1998.



Joe De Luca

Bachelor of Business (Acc), Grad Dip Management, FCPA, JP.

Treasurer

Extensive experience in audit, accounting, quality assurance and treasury management. Treasurer or Executive Board member on several non-profit organisations and/or charities with the NT as well as National Peak Bodies.

Member of Board from 1/11/2017



Penny Hart
BA, Grad Dip in Teaching, Cert IV Governance & Risk
Committee Member

Background in swimming, teaching, governance and administration. Previous NT Pool Lifesaving as a sport Team member. Member of the Board 2013-2015. Member of Board from 2017.



Alice Doyle
B.HealthSc, Grad Dip Teach, C IV Youth, C IV TAA and TAE Dip Auditing
Committee Member

Executive Board member of many sporting organisations, including responsibilities as Secretary, Treasurer /Returning Officer.

Member of Board from 16/3/2010



Rodney Cremona
B.Ed, AUSTSWIM TSW
Secretary

Ten years involvement in Royal Life Saving NT as a Trainer and Teacher

Member of Board from 2/9/2015



Annette Roberts
Dip MMT, Dip HR, WHS, Dip TAE, GAICD
Public Officer

Extensive experience in Aquatic Industry. Sport and management background

Member of Board from 12/7/2006



Toni Blair
B.Bus, GAICD
Committee Member

Best practice corporate services, portfolio management and transformational change skills

Elected to Board 8/11/2021

Table 1: Record of Management Committee Meetings and Attendance

✓ Attended A Apology X Did not attend N/A – i.e. not on Board at time S/L – Sick Leave

Meetings as per constitution 2022/2023

#	Date	Penny	Joe	Rod	Alice	Randall	Floss	James	Sarah	Toni
1	8/8/2022	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓
AGM	2/9/2022	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	A
2	3/10/2022	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	A
3	7/11/2022	✓	✓	A	A	A	✓	✓	✓	✓
4	27.1.2023 E-Meeting	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓
5	6/2/2023	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A
6	6/3/2023	✓	A	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓
7	3/4/2023	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	A	✓	A
8	8/5/2023	A	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	A	✓	✓
9	5/6/2023	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	A	✓

Elected Position and notes:

- James Sheridan Chairperson/President & National Director RLSSA
- Sarah Dowd Vice-Chairperson/Vice-President
- Penny Hart Secretary
- Joe De Luca Treasurer
- Randall Cook Staff Liaison and Mediator of grievances or disputes, as per section 58 of the constitution

Employment- Our Staff - Our Team

Royal Life Saving Society - Australia – NT is an equal opportunity employer. All staff adhere to our Code of Ethics, Code of Conduct and Code of Practice. Staff are employed under a certified enterprise agreement. During 2022/23 RLSSA NT employed 14 full-time staff, 40 casual swimming teachers and 31 registered trainers as valuable members of our workforce team. As we work closely with families, all staff must undergo a police check and have a Working with Children Clearance (Ochre Card) as per Northern Territory legislation. We also verify they hold current, relevant qualifications.

Our TEAM work and volunteer together as collaborative Leaders in various areas such as Swim Teachers, Trainers, community development and events.



Membership

Royal Life Saving NT Membership Summary 2022/2023

A total of 2332 members contributed to the activities of the Society during 2022/23 period. Thank you to our Joint Patrons of the Society, His Honour Professor the Honourable Hugh Heggie PSM, Administrator of the Northern Territory and Ms Ruth Jones for their support and advocacy.

Table 2: Royal Life Saving NT Membership Summary 2022/2023

Voting Members

Membership Type	Number
Life	7
Individual	41
Trainer	31
Total	79

Non-voting Members

Membership Type	Number
Patron	2
Award	2188
Corporate	4
Pool Life Saving – Alice Springs	4
Pool Life Saving – Darwin	24
Friends of Lifesaving	27
Seniors	3
Schools	0
Swim & Survive Partners	1
Total	2253



Royal Life Saving NT Life Members

Kath Midgley
Fritz Risler
Randall Cook
Alister Lear
Jenny Verrall
Daphne Read
Petina Franklin

Total Members: 2332

Each year Royal Life Saving Society – Australia, Royal Life Saving Commonwealth and Royal Life Saving Northern Territory are committed to recognising the efforts of their dedicated volunteers and the role they play in educating people throughout Australia in water safety, survival, rescue, resuscitation and first aid techniques in an effort to reduce injury and loss of life through drowning.

Royal Life Saving NT takes great pride in acknowledging these contributions.

Table 3: Royal Life Saving Australia Honours Royal Life Saving Commonwealth Awards

Royal Life Saving Australia	
Petina Franklin	Meritorious Service Medal – 20 Years
Alice Doyle	Companion – 15 years
Rebecca Johnson	Fellow – 10 Year Service
Lachlan Nicholson	Associate - 7 Year Service
Pam Dillon	Associate -6 Year Service
Triple S Swim School	Australian Presidents Award
Royal Life Saving Australia – Commonwealth	
David Gardiner	Bar to service Medal – 8 years’ service
Anita Newman	Bar to service Medal – 10 years’ service
Royal Life Saving NT Presidents Awards for Outstanding Community Service in water safety & drowning prevention	
Cameron Ilett	Kym Carthew
For outstanding Service to the communities of Kalkarindji, Pigeon Hole and Daguragu who were evacuated to the Centre of National Resilience due to major flooding. The pool was open every day to provide access to water safety programs and a safe and welcoming environment.	
Amber Stolberg Monique Russell	Sasha Dennis
For representing the Northern Territory at the Australian Pool Life Saving Championships in Melbourne January 2023	
Claire Morton Chloe Morton Jack Morton Asheton Bayard- Hewitt	Deacon Higgins Cohen Higgins Kate Conway Imogen Ashworth & Alison Barne



2022 NORTHERN TERRITORY ADMINISTRATOR'S MEDAL AWARD

For exceptional contribution to Lifesaving, Water Safety and Drowning Prevention in the Northern Territory is awarded to Alister Lear

Alister has been a dedicated RLSSA NT member and volunteer for well over 20 years. Alister represents a strong commitment to the organisation, especially to pool lifesaving. Alister volunteers at the Darwin Royal Show stall, contributes to the fund-raising efforts at the 4WD, Camping and Boating Expo and cooks the sausages at every fundraising BBQ event held by the organisation. Alister is a well-known, familiar face at member events. Alister has coached Pool Lifesaving in a volunteer capacity for over twenty years. He volunteers over 100 hours every year, even now with a young family. Alister has been a recipient of Royal Life Saving NT, Australian and Commonwealth awards. Congratulations and thank you, Alister.



Table 4: Northern Territory Administrator’s Medal for exceptional contribution to lifesaving, water safety and drowning prevention

2020	Petina Franklin
2021	Marianne Yuen
2022	Alister Lear

Our Lifestyle

Our Community

A crucial element of Royal Life Saving Northern Territory's activities is working with all Territorians to raise awareness and share water safety skills and knowledge, specifically to prevent drowning. As a public benevolent institution (PBI), public education and advocacy are at the core of our purpose.

In the past financial year Royal Life Saving Northern Territory has had an active involvement in 99 community events at schools, shopping centres, parenting groups, remote communities and major Northern Territory events including Water Safety Week, Children's Week, Katherine Show & Royal Darwin Show and the Defence Expo.

Over 132,713 members of the community directly interacted with Royal Life Saving Northern Territory at these events. This is a substantial increase in Territorian's engagement with water safety messages compared to last year. This community engagement result for 2022/2023 is a direct reflection of the community slowly opening again following the global pandemic.

Over the past year many of the community events have involved promoting and educating families about the Be River Safe message and the Water Safety Awareness Program. These two programs are designed specifically to reduce drowning risks which affect all Territorians.

Participation in the Katherine and the Royal Darwin Show were once again fantastic opportunities for Staff and Volunteers to connect directly with the community and to raise the profile of the organisation. Thank you to all the volunteers who were involved with the Shows and helped make our attendance at these events a success.



Our Volunteers



Pool Lifesaving also benefitted from volunteer assistance throughout the year with Alister Lear continuing to support Darwin Pool Lifesaving as Head Coach. In addition to community events, board members also volunteered over 200 hours to provide strategic leadership to the Organisation. As a volunteer organisation, Royal Life Saving Northern Territory is very fortunate to be associated with amazing people who are willing to donate their valuable time to spread the water safety message. Since 2010/2011 an individual has been recognised for their outstanding commitment to the community. The 2022/2023 Volunteer of the Year is awarded to Carly McLuckie for her outstanding service to pool lifesaving.

Table 5: Volunteer of the Year Award for outstanding commitment to the community

2010/2011	Jill Dowd
2011/2012	Alister Lear
2012/2013	Karon Lamb
2013 / 2014	Trevor Cawthorne
2014/2015	Bradley Mortimer
2015/2016	Petina Franklin
2016/2017	Elizabeth Durnin
2017/2018	Fritz Risler
2018/2019	Belinda Lawton
2019/2020	Steve Whiteside
2020/2021	Claire Morton
2021/2022	Marylou O’Gallagher
2022/2023	Carly McLuckie

The Trevor Cawthorne Memorial Award was established in 2017 in memory of Trevor and the outstanding volunteer service he provided to Royal Life Saving NT. This year the recipient of this valued award is Joe De Luca in recognition of his outstanding service to our lifesaving community. Joe’s positive and caring personality is embedded in his approach to providing financial governance for Royal Life Saving NT.

Table 6: Trevor Cawthorne Memorial Award

2016/2017	Kate Dowd
2017/2018	Chloe Sein
2018/2019	Steve Whiteside
2019/2020	Cieran New
2020/2021	Emily May
2021/2022	Kate Conway
2022/2023	Joe De Luca



Training and Aquatic Services

Registered Training Organisation – RTO Provider Number 0859

Royal Life Saving Society (Australia) NT Branch is the lead authority and provider of a comprehensive range of community focused vocationally aligned education and training programs to service the aquatic industry in the Northern Territory.

As a Registered Training Organisation, Royal Life Saving NT prides itself on high quality, sector specific training and assessment systems and processes. Every year Royal Life Saving NT ensure all Territorians have access to vital vocational training conducting training in urban, regional, and remote areas. The following outcomes were achieved during 2022/2023:

- 367 courses were conducted engaging 2,376 participants of which 384 participants are First Nation people.
- Training was conducted in 32 Remote Indigenous Communities.
- 10,322 Certificates issued, including 4,480 Statements of Attainments.
- 40 Participants trained in Pool Lifeguard
- 328 Participants trained in Bronze Medallion
- 621 Participants trained in First Aid
- 533 Participants trained in Resuscitation.

The Training and Workforce Development Committee has continued to build on a growing culture of collaboration and coordination in vocational training and workforce development activities and operations.

Table 7: Aquatic Services courses and participants

Course Name	Number of Courses	Number of Participants
Education and Care Setting First Aid	6	45
Education and Care Setting First Aid Online + Practical	16	110
First Aid	29	158
First Aid Online + Practical	38	318
Resuscitation	112	533
Bronze Star	2	21
Bronze Medallion	44	328
Bronze Medallion Update	39	273
Pool Lifeguard	12	40
Pool Lifeguard Update	17	91
Aquatic Technical Operators	1	9
Work Shops (PD)	9	104
Hydrotherapy Rescue Award	7	61
Swimming Teacher Rescue Award	7	41
Swim Teacher Rescue Award + Resuscitation	16	162
AUSTSWIM	12	82
Total	367	2376

The Annual Trainers workshop serves to ensure quality training and consistent practices are upheld and to ensure legislative requirements are being met and maintained. The 18th Annual workshop was held on the 2nd of September 2022.

Since 2009, Royal Life Saving NT has recognised one trainer each year for their outstanding commitment to training. The trainer of the year for 2022/2023 is Aaron Dalglish.

Over the past 15 years Aaron has volunteered his time to conduct Bronze Medallion training to over 250 school students aged between 14 and 17 years and majority being male participants, an identified cohort who statistically have a higher risk of drowning.

Aaron’s technical skills and knowledge are widely respected among other trainers of Royal Life Saving NT.

Aaron has shown outstanding citizenship and contributed to drowning prevention and water safety education within the Northern Territory. Thank you and congratulations Aaron.

Table 8: Trainer of the Year Award for highest standard of excellence in training

2009/2010	Alice McDonald
2010/2011	Rebecca Gawne
2011/2012	Mark FitzSimons
2012/2013	Petina Franklin
2013/2014	Rodney Cremona
2014/2015	Tom Cannavan
2015/2016	Joan Burns
2016/2017	Wayne Van Sambeek
2017/2018	Stephen Gazzola
2018/2019	Rebecca Brown
2019/2020	Pamela Dillon
2020/2021	Kate Conway
2021/2022	Naomi Briggs
2022/2023	Aaron Dalglish



Aaron Dalglish
Trainer of the Year 2022/23

Safer Aquatic Locations

There is an increased drowning risk linked with the increased number of people seeking out remote waterways, day trips to isolated rivers and holidaying to unfamiliar locations.

Not all aquatic environments can be monitored by lifeguards, but all can be made safer with better guidelines, targeted action in black spots and greater community awareness of the risks. Safety in public pools remains a key focus. We undertake detailed research to measure the types of injuries and incidents that occur and established safety benchmarks.

Royal Life Saving NT has a strong commitment to strengthening safety and risk management in all aquatic venues facilitate and/or locations within the Northern Territory. Which is achieved through risk management, industry development and training initiatives.

Highlights:

- NT representative on the National Aquatic Industry Committee whose focus is to strengthen the health, safety and viability of the aquatic facilities operating in the Northern Territory and supporting the aquatic industry navigating the challenges of COVID-19
- Contributed to the review and update of Guidelines for Safe Pool Operation
- Participated in the launch of the conflict management and communication skills eLearning courses targeted to Aquatic Industry Personnel
- Actively engaged with the greater public in promotion of educational initiatives such as the Pipes and Drains, Respect the River and Make the Right call campaign.

Aquatic Facility Safety Assessments

The Aquatic Facility Safety Assessment (AFSA) provides an expert and comprehensive assessment of the operations of an aquatic facility against the provisions of the Guidelines for Safe Pool Operation, Australian Standards and relevant State and Territory legislation.

The AFSA is the easiest and most effective way to gain a true assessment of the level of safety and compliance within an aquatic facility and for pool owners and operators to ensure that their facility is being managed in line with current expectations and standards. It is recommended that an AFSA is conducted at least annually.

Over the last 12 months, Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre underwent an AFSA to ensure a high standard of risk management, prevention of serious incident management and compliance with standards, legislations, facilities, programs and community expectations.





AUSTSWIM Licensed Teachers are the lifeblood of swimming and water safety programs and have been so ever since the organisation's beginning more than 4 decades ago.

Royal Life Saving Society NT (RLSSA NT) is a sub agency of AUSTSWIM and works closely with aquatic stakeholders, education departments, peak industry organisations and the Northern Territory community to bring to life the AUSTSWIM philosophy; that all Australians should have appropriate and relevant swimming and water safety skills and understand the principles and practices of water safety.

In 2022/2023, RLSSA NT conducted a total of 11 courses and 1 PD workshop with 82 participants across the Northern Territory.

Royal Life Saving NT acknowledges the continued support from AUSTSWIM Head Office, AUSTSWIM SA and other Business Centres.

2022/2023 Highlights

- 52 participants in the AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety Course
- 17 participants in the AUSTSWIM Teacher of Infants and Pre-schooler Aquatics
- 3 participants in the AUSTSWIM Teacher of Adults
- 3 Indigenous AUSTSWIM TSW Licensed Teachers from Mungkarta

Water Safety Program - Mungkarta.

In November 2022 three community members from Mungkarta located 80km south of Tennant Creek, participated in a contextualised AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety course. After several days of intensive training and on the job mentoring, Virgil Downs, Chrystaline Peterson and Desirina Duggie successfully completed their TSW accreditation. The AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety course aligns with the ongoing work that the LEAD team at Mungkarta are doing to engage the whole community in empowering initiatives. An incredible milestone for the whole community of Mungkarta.

AUSTSWIM State Advisory Committee

The AUSTSWIM Advisory Committee is a forum of professionals bringing stakeholders together in a setting where sharing and providing feedback helps shape AUSTSWIM, enhancing its reputation as well as advocating and supporting skills to aquatic personnel in each State and Territory. For the 2022-2023 period, all Advisory Committees were placed on pause, to allow AUSTSWIM space to align all aspects of their operations to their new 're-imagine our future' vision. We look forward to recommencing the NT Advisory Committee in 2023-2024.

AUSTSWIM Awards

What started as three national award categories in 2004 has now grown to over 15, covering the AUSTSWIM family on a state, national and international level. The Awards acknowledge individuals, swim centres and organisations for their contribution to aquatic education and

water safety through leadership, innovation, and community spirit – helping students and their community to be safer in, on and around water.
 Congratulations to all the NT State Awards recipients!

Table 9: AUSTSWIM NT State Awards 2023

Award	Recipient
AUSTSWIM Best New Teacher	Riley Barker
AUSTSWIM Teacher of Infants and Preschool Aquatics	Belinda Lawther
AUSTSWIM Teacher of Adults	Laura Withers
AUSTSWIM Teacher of Access and Inclusion	Laura Withers
AUSTSWIM Recognised Swim School	Goldfishbowl Swim School

Table 10: AUSTSWIM NT Course Statistics

Course Name	No of Courses	No of Participants
Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety	7	52
Teacher of Infants and Pre-school Aquatics	3	17
Teacher of Access and Inclusion	0	0
Teacher of Adults	1	3
Teacher of Towards Competitive Strokes	0	0
AUSTSWIM PD Workshop	1	10
AUSTSWIM WETS Aqua Instructors	0	0
Total delivered by AUSTSWIM NT	12	82

Alice Springs and Central Australia

Royal Life Saving NT saw an exciting expansion of delivery of training and programs throughout the Central Australia region. Delivery of training had a further reach within many remote communities where services have not been delivered for several years.

- Training: 60 courses were held with a total of 495 participants within Central Australia and included Bronze Medallion and updates, Pool Lifeguard and updates, First Aid, CPR and Swimming Teacher Rescue Award.
- Water Safety Unit: There were 212 enrolments for the WSAP in the region which was 10.6% of the total registrations received in the program. Emergency Care sessions were held in Alice Springs and Tennant Creek.
- Education: 7 Water Safety Education talks were conducted within the region reaching 330 students. Sessions were delivered at childcare centres, primary and middle schools. Engagement with the middle school year 7-8 cohort was a breakthrough increasing the presence of water safety messaging in schools in Central Australia.
- Remote: Swim, Survive and Strive programmes were delivered in the communities of Santa Teresa, Mutitjulu, Areyonga and Tennant Creek. Increased student attendance was a highlight of the program along with strong community engagement in training.

Success story – In Santa Teresa 16 indigenous community members completed their Bronze Medallion qualification and received employment at the pool for the season.

- Sport: There are 5 active Pool Lifesaving members in Central Australia. This is a decrease compared to last year and 15 off the KPI of 20. Despite low active membership within Alice Springs, Pool Lifesaving activities have been a highlight of many IAS trips with carnivals held in Mutitjulu and Tennant Creek. Work continues to secure casual coaching staff to assist in delivery of the program in Alice Springs.
- Community Events: A return of the shows after COVID restrictions saw strong attendance in Alice Springs and Tennant Creek Shows. 7 visit to Birth and Beyond to deliver information to new parents about the Water Safety Awareness Program.

Table 11: Alice Springs WSAP Enrolments

2018/2019	306	6.4% of total enrolments
2019/2020	235	11.75% of total enrolments
2020/2021	239	11.92% of total enrolments
2021/2022	254	12.64% of total enrolments
2022/2023	212	10% of total enrolments

Table 12: Alice Springs Training Statistics

2018/2019	91 courses 453 participants
2019/2020	44 courses 157 participants
2020/2021	54 courses, 211 participants
2021/2022	90 courses, 598 participants
2022/2023	60 courses, 495 participants

Table 13: Participation in Pool Lifesaving

2018/2019	16 participants
2019/2020	10 participants
2020/2021	17 participants
2021/2022	11 participants
2022/2023	5 Participants



Swim and Survive

Swim and Survive is a comprehensive swimming and water safety initiative of Royal Life Saving that increases the swimming and water safety skills of Territorian children. It aims to prevent drowning and increase participation in safe aquatic activity. Through teaching essential components of personal survival, basic water rescue and water safety, in addition to a process of developing strong and effective swimming technique. Allowing children from 6 months to 17 years to progress through age specific award levels: Little Wonders Award & Active Award to achieve the National Swimming and Water Safety Framework benchmarks.

National Benchmarks:

SWIM AND SURVIVE LEVEL 03 - National Benchmark to be achieved by the age of 6 years.

SWIM AND SURVIVE LEVEL 07 - National Benchmark to be achieved by the age of 12 years.

BRONZE MEDALLION - National Benchmark to be achieved by the age of 17 years.

This year 10,105 children from urban, regional, and remote Northern Territory participated in the Swim and Survive Program, a 18.5% decrease from the previous year. The community can access to the program through our School Swim and Survive Program, Swim and Survive Partners, the Swim, Survive & Strive Program in remote communities or our Sunday Lifesaving and VACSWIM programs. We continue to work with stakeholders to increase the number of students to meet the National Benchmarks in Swimming and Water Safety through Swim and Survive. This year 397 children reached Swim and Survive Level 7 or above, representing 3.9% of all participants. A 1.2% increase from the previous year.

School communities, the Northern Territory Department of Education and our Swim and Survive Partners continue to play a fundamental role in the continued success of the Swim and Survive Program. 63 Government and Non-Government schools acknowledge the important life skills that the Swim and Survive program provides by having the program as part of their school curriculum. Below is a table outlining participation by location:

Table 14: Number of Children participating in the Swim and Survive Program

Area	Participants 2018/19	Participants 2019/20	Participants 2020/21	Participants 2021/22	Participants 2022/23
DARWIN	6730	4122	6697	5835	4,920
PALMERSTON	1592	3346	2469	1166	1,515
ALICE SPRINGS	2296	1882	2744	1180	2,733
KATHERINE	101	249	550	0	0
REMOTE	2514	2673	1767	1520	1091
TOTAL	13,233	12,272	14,227	12,402	10,259

Department of Education Certificate Funding

The Northern Territory Government, Department of Education continues to support Royal Life Saving NT and Government school students with its certificate funding.

This year 10,259 Government school students from 63 schools received certificates including 821 Remote students.

This year also saw 397 students achieving a Swim and Survive Active Level 7 or above.

Swim and Survive Partners

Royal Life Saving NT are supported by 19 Swim and Survive Partners and Schools. They are recognised as a preferred deliverer of the Swim and Survive Program. Some long-standing partners include Marianne's Swim School, Goldfishbowl Swim School in Palmerston, NT Swim School Darwin and Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre. Government and independent schools in Darwin, Alice Springs and Katherine also deliver the program to their students as a part of their school programming.

Royal Life Saving NT would like to thank the new partners who have come on board to be a part of delivering a quality swimming and water safety program to Territory students.

This year saw 3160 children participate in the Swim and Survive program through the 19 Swim and Survive Schools and Partners. We continue to work with our Swim and Survive Partners to assist them in providing the best quality program to their students and aim to increase the benefits to our partners into the future.



Table 15: Swim and Survive Partners

Coomalie Community Government Council
Marianne Swim School
NT Swim School
Mirri Swim School
Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre
Nightcliff Middle School Outreach
Henbury
Swim Dynamics
Katherine School of the Air
Triple S Swim School
Goldfishbowl Swim School
Yulara School
Mataranka School
Jabiru Swim School

Maningrida Swim School
Splash Academy Alyangula
Henbury School
Coomalie Community Government Council
Marianne Swim School
NT Swim School
Mirri Swim School

Table 16: Swim and Survive Partner – Schools

Henbury School
Katherine School of the Air
Ludmilla Primary School
Batchelor Area School
Tennant Creek School

Sunday Life & VACSWIM Programs

Royal Life Saving NT is committed to providing access to swimming and lifesaving to all community members through the Sunday Life Saving Program and VACSWIM programs at Parap & Nightcliff Swimming Pools.

Our Sunday Life Saving Program allows children from 5 years – 15 years to participate in the Active Awards of the Swim and Survive program, along with the Rescue and Bronze Awards, as skills increase. This year 15 children participated in this program.

The VACSWIM intensive Swim and Survive program is held each year in the October and January school holidays. The VACSWIM program includes daily swimming and water safety lessons, basic First Aid training, Resuscitation Awareness training, amazing race challenges and a Pool Lifesaving Sport Carnival to allow the students to show off their new skills. A total of 31 students participated in the VACSWIM intensive Swim and Survive Program.

Multicultural Swimming & Water Safety Programs

Darwin High School – ESL program

Royal Life Saving NT was able to provide a much-needed swimming and water safety program for Darwin High School students from multicultural backgrounds. The 8-week program was conducted at Parap pool.

21 students were given the opportunity to participate in their first water safety/swimming program. Swimming skills, survival skills, lifesaving skills, basic resuscitation information were all key components of the program. 95% of all participants had never experienced a structured swimming program previously.

The program was well received by the participants with positive feedback, with all saying that they were grateful for the opportunity.

Multicultural Adults program - STEPS

15 adults were given the opportunity to participate in their first water safety/swimming program. Swimming skills, survival skills, lifesaving skills, basic resuscitation information were all key components of the program.

The 6-week program was conducted at Nightcliff pool.

100% of all participants had never experienced a structured swimming program previously.

The program was well received by the participants with positive feedback, with all saying that they were grateful for the opportunity.

Infant Aquatics

Little Royals Swim School Darwin 2022/2023



Love of the water in a safe environment for the youngest members of our community is at the centre of the Little Royals Swim School. Three six-week swimming programs were held in 2021/2022. The programs were conducted at Nightcliff Pool.

The program was very popular with mums, dads, grandparents, carers and of course the children themselves.

29 children participated in the program.

A special acknowledgement must be paid to the wonderful AUSTSWIM Infant qualified swim teachers who make these programs such an

enjoyable experience for all involved.

Little Royals Tennant Creek 2022/2023

Little Royals Swim School Tennant Creek held one six-week program during 2022/2023.

These programs were extremely popular with the families of Tennant Creek. 18 children participated in the program.

Adults Learn to Swim

Royal Life Saving NT continues to engage with our adult population through targeted programs in Darwin, Palmerston, and Alice Springs. This included both new Australians and adults who were looking to improve their swimming and lifesaving skills.

Due to the continuation of the Casuarina Pool redevelopment and limited pool space at Parap and Nightcliff Swimming Pools, the adult program was paused in 2022/2023.

Royal Life Saving NT Swim and Survive Swim Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Belinda Lawther who has been recognised for her commitment to water safety and being an outstanding AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety.

Belinda is based at the Goldfishbowl Swim School and her commitment to excellence, water safety education and swim teaching is outstanding.

Table 17: Swim & Survive Teacher of the Year

2016/2017	Brogen Barrington
2017/2018	Steph East
2018/2019	Laura Withers
2019/2020	Gabby Sutton
2020/2021	Jane Davies
2021/2022	Kristy Mulhall
2022/2023	Belinda Lawther



Pool Lifesaving

Darwin and Alice Springs training commenced in September 2022 and RLSSA NT conducted 22 grassroots carnivals throughout the NT during the year. Alyangula, Alice Springs, Areyonga, Batchelor, Daly River, Darwin, Gunbalunya, Jabiru, Ngukurr, Nhulunbuy and Tennant Creek all hosted pool lifesaving carnivals with over 900 community members participating. Athlete participation numbers in both the Darwin and Alice Springs clubs remained steady throughout 2022/2023. Darwin recorded 24 members and Alice Springs 5 members.

Australian Pool Lifesaving Championships 2023

Conducted in various forms since 1965, the inaugural Australian Pool Lifesaving Championships (APLSC) were held in 1987 in Alice Springs and remain a highlight of the Australian Lifesaving sport calendar, rotating to a new State or Territory each year. The Australian Pool Lifesaving Championships were held at the Melbourne Sport & Aquatic Centre in Albert Park from 19th – 21st January 2023.

The APLSC brings athletes, teams, volunteers and staff together from across Australia for three days of competition both in the water (speed events) and out of water (initiative tests and CPR). The NT 2023 team consisted of 7 NT athletes and 2 drafts from other States (1 SA & 1 WA) forming a team of 9. Alister Lear travelled as Team Coach, Laura Withers as Team Manager, Floss Roberts and Naomi Briggs as Event Officials.

Cohen Higgins	Northern Territory	Athlete
Asheton Bayard-Hewitt	Northern Territory	Athlete
Deacon Higgins	Northern Territory	Athlete
Jack Morton	Northern Territory	Athlete
Chloe Morton	Northern Territory	Athlete
Claire Morton	Northern Territory	Athlete
Kate Conway	Northern Territory	Athlete
Alison Barnes	South Australia	Athlete

Imogen Ashworth	Western Australia	Athlete
Alister Lear	Northern Territory	Head/National Coach
Laura Withers	Northern Territory	Assistant Coach/NT Sports Development Officer
Carly McLuckie	Northern Territory	Development Coach
Kerrie Seymour	Northern Territory	Development Coach
Naomi Briggs	Northern Territory	Alice Springs Coach

Congratulations to Kate Conway and Claire Morton who were awarded overall age champions in their respective masters age division.

Volunteers

The volunteer coaches are the lifeline to our sport, and we would like to say a massive thank you to the consistent efforts of the following volunteers.

Darwin

Head/National Coach: Alister Lear

Assistant Coach/NT Sport Development Officer: Laura Withers

Development Coaches: Carly McLuckie and Kerrie Seymour

Alice Springs

Coach: Naomi Briggs



Pool Lifesaving in Sport and Recreation

The NT Government fund Royal Life Saving NT as a Sport Service Provider to grow the sport of Pool Lifesaving in the Northern Territory, develop athlete and official pathways and provide community engagement activities and events.

Active Family Fun days were held in Darwin, Humpty Doo and Alice Springs with 202 participants. Pool Lifesaving carnivals were conducted in Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek, Nhulunbuy and Alice Springs with 343 participants. Regional development programs were conducted in Daly River, Batchelor, Gunbalanya, Mungkartta and Maningrida with 179 participants. The athlete development pathways assists opportunities from grass roots to National competitions and is valued by all Members.

Aquatic facilities are a key social hub and meeting point for communities across Australia, where relationships, social support, and civic trust is fostered and created. The Goldfishbowl Swim School Staff and Management are focussed on creating social value to the local community.

The Goldfishbowl Swim School has conducted Learn to Swim lessons for Infants, Learn to Swim lessons for school aged children, School Swim and Survive lessons, Adult Learn to Swim and Aqua classes seven days a week throughout 2022/202 2022/2023 was a period of consolidation for the Goldfishbowl Swim School with consistent enrollment numbers, a new online booking and check in system, staff recruitment and training and facility upgrades all taking place.

In addition to this, two community-based user-groups utilised the facility three times per week catering for up to 45 members in the community per week. The Fit Frogs and Helping People Achieve (HPA) disability support services groups enjoy the use of the facility on a regularly basis. This provides their participants access and equity to enjoy swimming and water safety in a community space which is a fun and safe environment.

The Goldfishbowl Swim School is staffed by a Swim School Manger and approximately 12 casual Staff who are employed as Swim Teachers, Coaches and Administration Support roles. The Swim Teachers have done an amazing job of educating all our students about the joy of swimming and the importance of water safety. Staff, volunteers and coaches are instrumental in facilitating and creating a safe and welcoming space. They have been recognised and rewarded for their hard work this year by winning the NT AUSTSWIM Swim School of the Year award for small swim schools in 2023.

Program	Number of Participants
Learn to Swim Program	883
Infants & Toddler Program	982
Thunderbolt & Lightning Strikes Squad	90
Squad	34
Adult	56



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Drowning Report

Sadly, the NT recorded 2 drowning deaths in the 2022/2023 period both of these were children under the age 4.

> NORTHERN TERRITORY

There were 2 drowning deaths that occurred in the NT between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023. Both drowning deaths were males, between 0-4 years of age, and related to falls into water.

In the past 20 years, there has been a 31% decrease in drowning rates and a 13% decrease in the number of drowning deaths between 2002/07 and 2017/22, averaging a crude rate of 3.68 per 100,000 population [3].

The recent drowning rate of 0.80 deaths per 100,000 population was found to decrease by 76% this financial year (2022/23) compared to the 10-year average. This was also the same for the number of drowning deaths, which decreased by 75% when compared to the 10-year average.



20-YEAR ANALYSIS OF DROWNING IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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TOTAL NUMBER OF DROWNING DEATHS BETWEEN 1 JULY 2002 AND 30 JUNE 2022

↓ **13%**

Decrease in number of drowning deaths compared to baseline years (2002/07 to 2017/22)

↓ **31%**

Decrease in the crude fatal drowning rate compared to baseline years (2002/07 to 2017/22)

Northern Territory drowning deaths by location, 2022/23



Northern Territory Government Water Safety Unit

Northern Territory Water Safety Advisory Council 2022/2023

The Council has met on four occasions throughout the year, discussing improving community awareness of water safety and working collaboratively to develop solutions to emerging and ongoing issues. The council saw the retirement of Chair - Daphne Read AO in February 2023. Justine Glover was appointed as Chairperson in May 2023. Meetings were held on 6th September 2022, 6th December 2022, 1st February 2023, and 6th June 2023.

The NT Water Safety strategy 2017-2021 was under review for 2022.

It has been constructed and ready for release in Water Safety Week 2023.

Vision

A safe and healthy lifestyle in, on and around water.

Aspirational Goal

Towards a nation free from drowning.

Stakeholders of the NT Water Safety Advisory Council

Member organisations are appointed to the Council as a Ministerial Appointment and are governed by specific Terms of Reference.

The Role of the NTWSAC is to provide advice to the Minister of Territory Families, Housing and Communities

- on water safety related matters.
- to identify gaps in existing provisions of water safety initiatives in relation to the services necessary for the prevention of drowning and near drowning in the Northern Territory.
- to proactively develop and recommend solutions to emerging and ongoing issues; and
- to develop and implement a Northern Territory Water Safety Strategy that focuses on Water Safety Education, Research and Data Collection and Standards.

Organisation	Abbreviation
Amateur Fisherman's Association of the NT	AFANT
Department of Education	DOE
NT Health	NTH
Department of Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics – Pool Fencing Unit	DIPL
Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities	DTFHC
Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics – Marine Safety	DIPL
Kidsafe NT	KSNT
Local Government Association of the NT	LGANT
Local Government Association of the NT – Remote appointment	LGANT
Northern Territory Water Police	NTPFES
Department of Environment, Water Security and Parks	DEWSP
Royal Life Saving Society NT Branch	RLSSANT
Surf Life Saving NT	SLSNT
Water Safety Unit	WSU

Water Safety Awareness Program

Why was the Water Safety Awareness Program started?

The Water Safety Awareness Program was introduced in the Northern Territory at a time when it had a drowning rate of three times the national average. In the nine years prior to the Program's commencement 35 children aged less than five drowned in the Northern Territory. Children were drowning in backyard swimming pools, wading pools, lakes, storm water drains and other natural bodies of water. Tragically, one child even drowned in the rainwater left at the bottom of a dinghy.

The Year that was for The Water Safety Awareness Program

A total of 2057 enrolments for 2022/2023 were received with an 71% voucher usage since beginning of Program. As of 30 June 2023, 32,192 children have registered for the Water Safety Awareness Program. A vital partnership between the NT Government and Royal Life Saving NT.



Current providers of the "water sessions" across the Northern Territory

All Providers undergo a venue safety checklist, hold current qualifications, working with children clearances and have a clear understanding of the deliverables for each session as per the guidelines agreed upon. During 2022/2023, 11 swim schools across the Northern Territory provided the Water Safety Awareness Program.

SESSION PROVIDERS 2022/2023
Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre – Alice Springs
Goldfishbowl Swim School - Palmerston
Howard Springs Swim School
Little Royals Swim School – Darwin, Batchelor, Katherine, Tennant Creek & Alice Springs
Marianne's Swimming School – Darwin
NT Swim School – Darwin
Royal Life Saving – Remote Delivery
Swim Dynamics - Darwin
Splash Academy – Alyangula
Triple S – Sam's Swim School - Darwin
Travelling Tadpole Swim School - Nhulunbuy
YNT – Parap & Nightcliff

Provider's Workshop

The annual Provider's Workshop was held in Darwin on the 1st of September at Royal Life Saving NT's, meeting room. 8 providers of the Water Safety Awareness Program came

together to share ideas, discuss water safety messages, and discuss the ongoing success and benefits of the Program. A guest speaker from the department of Sport & Recreation – GRANTS NT team attended and provided an information session for the swim school managers/owners on navigating the new NTG Sport & Learn to Swim voucher platform.

Provider of the Year

The Water Safety Awareness Program Provider of the Year 2022/2023 is Travelling Tadpoles Swim School. Travelling Tadpoles have been delivering swimming lessons to Territory children for over 8 years and has been a passionate supporter of the Water Safety Awareness Program. Congratulations to Travelling Tadpoles Swim School team!

2013/2014	NT Swim School
2014/2015	Anica’s Swim School
2015/2016	Swim Dynamics
2016/2017	Splish Splash Mobile Swim School
2017/2018	Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre
2018/2019	Marianne’s Swimming School
2019/2020	The Goldfishbowl Swim School
2020/2021	Baby Barras Swim School
2021/2022	Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre
2022/2023	Travelling Tadpoles Swim School



Remote Access

The Water Safety Program is accessible to all Northern Territorians and every registration receives up to date information on “what to do in an emergency” and helpful information on “keeping watch” around the water. The program delivers high quality water sessions which are delivered by AUSTSWIM Teachers of Infant and Preschool Aquatics. This year the program was delivered in Nhulunbuy, Tennant Creek, Maningrida, Borroloola, Alyangula & Areyonga.

Water Safety Week 2022

Water Safety Week 2022 was conducted from 18-24 September, featuring a varied program of events and activities throughout the Northern Territory (NT). The slogan for Water Safety Week 2022 was 'Water safety begins with you!'. This year the focus was on water safety whilst recreating. The event was promoted through print, radio, television, and social media. In addition to this, promotion was also undertaken by Northern Territory Water Safety Advisory Council member networks.

'Splashfest' was the opening event for WSW22 and took place from 9:00am – 12:00pm on Sunday 18 September at the Darwin Waterfront Precinct.

Approximately 2850 community members attended.

Larrakia Nation's Aunty Jeanneen, led the "Welcome to Country" ceremony and the Chief Minister, Natasha Fyles officially opened Water Safety Week 2022.

There were 14 events and activities on the official 2022 Water Safety week calendar. These were conducted in Darwin, Palmerston, Katherine, Tennant Creek, and Alice Springs. Some of the highlights of the free events were:

Community Pool Lifesaving carnivals held at Parap Pool, Tennant Creek town pool and the Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre. All were hosted by Royal Life Saving Society.

Library visits with Boof the Barra to all City of Darwin libraries, City of Palmerston library, Katherine Town Library and Alice Springs Library were well supported by the community and Library Staff.

Aquafest was held at various locations in Palmerston and rural areas.

An estimated 10,000 Territorians received water safety messages throughout Water Safety Week in 2022.



Pipes and Drains Campaign 2022/2023

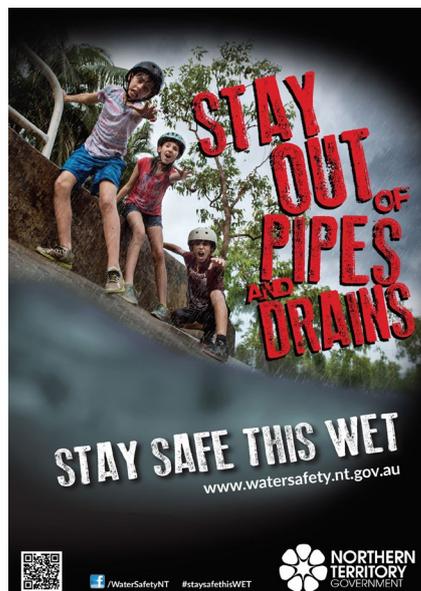
The Pipes and Drains campaign launched on December 1, 2022. The Northern Territory Wet Season months of October to April 2022/2023 recorded rainfall of 690.4 mm, which was 45% above the 1961–1990 average of 476.4 mm. This makes the 2022/2023 wet season the sixth-wettest on record. Rainfall was well above average for most northern areas with small pockets recording their highest wet season rainfall on record.

The television and social media campaign were managed by Royal Life Saving NT, along with the City of Darwin and the City of Palmerston contributing to the campaign in the community. Pencil cases, water bottles, towels, pens & slap bands containing USBs, formed the collateral for the campaign.

A total of 7 schools were visited with a total of 609 students receiving the Pipes and Drains messaging.

In addition to this, 5 community events were attended which directly targeted the Pipes & Drains message with an estimated reach over 70,750 members of the community. Channel 10 aired the Pipes and Drains TVC from December 2022 – February 2023. 4 banners were displayed across 4 locations throughout the campaign. Messages conveyed to members of the community and students during the campaign included:

- During the Wet, water conditions can change quickly
- You can find yourself in a life-threatening situation in seconds
- Water can be dangerous
- No one can hear you scream when you drown
- Play it safe around water this Wet



Water Safety Talks in Schools 2022/2023

During 2022/2023, 29 schools were visited by the Water Safety Unit to deliver water safety talks to 1,833 students across the Northern Territory.



The water safety talks covered topics including supervision, safe swimming areas, marine creatures, safety signs, Pipes and Drains and boating safety. The format of the delivery of the talks was tailored to meet the different school's needs. Some talks were delivered in an assembly forum whilst others were delivered in a classroom format. All talks were well received by staff and students at the school's visited and they provided a great opportunity for students to interact with the Water Safety Unit Team around water safety.

The talks provided students with the opportunity to share their personal experiences, try on and use boating safety equipment, observe marine creatures up close and watch YouTube clips around Pipes and Drains safety messages. The diversity of the delivery ensured all students were able to receive a benefit from the water safety messages.

Keep Watch

Keep Watch is a public education program of Royal Life Saving Society - Australia, aimed at preventing drowning deaths of children under 5 years of age in all aquatic locations. The Keep Watch program has 4 key actions which parents and carers are encouraged to undertake to prevent their child from drowning. These actions are not to be used in isolation and should form part of a web of prevention measures. Therefore if one line of defence fails there are more prevention measures working together to prevent their child from drowning.

These actions are:

- Supervise
- Restrict Access
- Water Awareness
- Resuscitate



Keep Watch Ambassadors agree to act as a community contact point and distribution centre for information on preventing toddler drowning. Thank you to our NT Ambassadors for their commitment to drowning prevention strategies for parents and carers of young children.

NT Keep Watch Ambassadors

Hon. Natasha Fyles MLA, Member for Nightcliff
 Hon. Nicole Manison MLA, Member for Wanguri
 Hon. Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja
 Hon. Paul Kirby MLA, Member for Port Darwin
 Hon. Eva Lawler MLA, Member for Drysdale
 Hon. Lauren Moss MLA, Member for Casuarina
 Hon. Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson
 Hon. Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Member for Karama
 Hon. Selena Uibo MLA, Member for Arnhem
 Mr Steven (Steve) Edgington MLA, Member for Barkly
 Mr Mark Turner MLA, Member for Blain
 Ms Marie-Clare Boothby MLA, Member for Brennan
 Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen

Ms Kezia Purick MLA, Member for Goyder
 Hon. Mark Monaghan MLA, Member for Fong Lim
 Mr Brent Potter MLA, Member for Fannie Bay
 Mr Manuel Brown MLA, Member for Arafura
 Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Member for Johnston
 Mr Yingiya (Mark) Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka
 Mrs Jo Hersey MLA, Member for Katherine
 Mr Gerard Maley MLA, Member for Nelson
 Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
 Mr Joshua Burgoyne MLA, Member for Braitling
 Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira
 Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly
 Ms Marion Scrymgour MP, Federal MP for Lingiari
 Mr. Luke Gosling OAM MP, Federal Member for Solomon
 Senator the Hon Malarndirri McCarthy
 Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price

Grants

Royal Life Saving NT could not provide services to our community without the commitment to water safety and support of the Federal Government, Northern Territory Government and Corporations. This year, our grants included:

Name	Funded
NIAA National Indigenous Australians Agency	Funding for the Indigenous Advancement Strategy Program – “Remote Swim, Survive and Strive”, teaching children in remote communities water safety and swimming skills and providing training and employment opportunities for local people in community
NTG Department Tourism & Culture – Sport & Recreation	Management of the Water Safety Unit including the Water Safety Awareness Program
NTG Department Tourism & Culture –	Support for providing opportunities for Territorians to participate in sport and active recreation.

Sport & Recreation	
NT Department of Education	Certificates recognising the achievements of children in the Swim and Survive program
RLSSA – National	Inland Waterways – River Safety Project Swim & Survive for children who miss out Swim & Survive Fund
AUSTSWIM	Sub agency Grant and Support to provide AUSTSWIM in regional and remote communities
Office Senior Territorians	Cool Seniors Program for Seniors Month in August
CBF Major	Community Benefit Fund major grant for improvements to the Goldfishbowl Swim School
Biz Secure	Business grant for security cameras
NTG Department of Territory Families Housing & Communities	Welfare Evacuation Support

Indigenous Advancement Strategy

“Remote Swim, Survive and Strive”

Royal Life Saving Society Northern Territory received annual funding to continue to expand on its goals for indigenous communities through the Remote Swim, Survive & Strive Project. On behalf of Royal Life Saving Society Northern Territory and the communities who benefit, we thank the National Indigenous Australians Agency for the opportunity to continue providing access to vital water safety programs.

The Remote Swim, Survive & Strive Project delivers the Swim & Survive program, Indigenous employment, AUSTSWIM Mentoring program, lifesaving education and recreational sporting programs, Indigenous aquatic training, VET in schools and the establishment of learn to swim business models in remote communities. It extends to 26 remote Indigenous communities, utilising 21 locations.

Key facts at a glance

- 1586 people participated in the Remote Swim, Survive & Strive project.
- 21 remote schools accessed the program.
- 18 remote communities were visited during 2022/2023.
- 2 Indigenous people gained employment as a direct result of the project.
- 821 students participated in Swim and Survive
- 21 students achieved the national swimming and water safety benchmark of Level 7 or above through the Swim and Survive Program. This is 5% of the students who participated in the program.

- 355 people were trained and are now qualified in a range of qualifications such as Bronze Medallion, CPR, Pool Lifeguard and First Aid through the project.
- 45 students are working towards gaining their NTEC through the project.
- 78 activities were held during 2022/2023 including Swim and Survive, Bronze Medallion, CPR, Pool Lifeguard and First Aid training, Pool Lifesaving carnivals, Water Safety Awareness Program sessions and community BBQs.



The Year's Highlight

Ngukurr 13-24 February 2023

The Team's visit to Ngukurr across two weeks in February saw a collaborative effort across the community which resulted in engagement of all areas of the project.

Training was delivered to increase the staffing at the swimming pool and also to update qualifications for educational staff. The Team worked alongside the school, Roper Gulf Regional Council, My CDP and Stronger Families to achieve these outcomes. The Team drove around the community looking for participants and collecting them to ensure the local people completed and obtained their qualifications. 56 participants were engaged in the training over the two weeks.

The Swim and Survive Program was delivered to the whole school and First Aid was delivered to senior students. 135 children participated in the Swim and Survive Program and achieved levels ranging from Swim Stars to Level 4.

The Water Safety Awareness Program was run once for the local FaFT group; weather and sickness prevented further sessions from being held. 4 families benefitted from the delivery of this Program.

A Pool Lifesaving mini carnival was run on Saturday afternoon and a following smaller session was run on Sunday. The Sunday session was run to support a local volunteer who has been opening the pool for Roper Gulf Regional Council on the weekends. The participants were engaged in line throw and rescue tube activities. 65 children participated in these carnivals across the weekend.

The Team supported a local staff member of Roper Gulf Regional Council with pool maintenance over the two-week visit. When the Team arrived on the first day the pool was green despite being told the week prior the pool was all okay. It took two days for the pool to be right to use. A senior elder passed away on the second last day of the visit; from that time all activities ceased.

Stakeholder engagement included Roper Gulf Regional Council and Ngukurr School.

Inland Waterways and Drowning Prevention Program

The Northern Territory has many beautiful inland waterways including rivers, creeks, lakes, waterfalls, and water holes; however, they can pose safety risks, and these can vary depending on the type of waterway. Royal Life Saving NT is addressing these dangers by educating the public about inland waterway safety through the Inland Communities Water Safety Program.

The Inland Communities Water Safety Program and the Make the Right Call campaign continues to work extensively throughout the Northern Territory by addressing the dangers and educating the local community. The campaign is delivered in Katherine, Darwin, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs. Highlights include:

- Increased public engagement through social media campaigns.
- Engagement with identified communities at an increase of drowning via attendance at 10 community events and a wider reach of the Northern Territory community through the Show Circuit. The events focused on promoting existing inland water safety drowning prevention initiatives and awareness campaigns reaching 74,692 Territorians.
- 5 Swimming and Water Safety programs delivered at pools and natural aquatic locations with 329 participants completing the programs.
- Delivery of adult learn to swim programs in Alice Springs to increase participation in adult learn to swim with a focus on CALD community adults. With 13 active participants taking part in the program.
- Partnership with Henbury international Disability Day / ACHPER Inclusion come and try day to support people with a disability through water safety education activities.
- Creation of a mentoring program for employment for swim teachers and lifeguards in the aquatic industry.
- Planning commenced for a community workshop in Maningrida, focusing on water safety and boating safety in October 2023.

'Make the right call' – Love the water, enjoy the water but do it safely while looking after yourself and your mates. This program / activity has been delivered by Royal Life Saving NT as part of Inland Communities Water Safety Program with the support of the Royal Life Saving Society – Australia and the Australian Government



Royal Life Saving urges men to 'make the right call'

to look after their mates to keep each other safe.

Cool Seniors & Grey Medallion



Senior Territorians have access to a variety of different activities during August's Seniors Month. Royal Life Saving NT engage Senior Territorians through aquatic programs to increase water awareness, fitness, and social skills. By introducing them to the Grey Medallion program.

The Cool Seniors program allows Senior Territorians access to swimming, aquatic exercise, and games. Aiming to increase fitness and water confidence. The program continues to be popular with a total of 45 participants over the 5 weeks of the program.

Feedback from the program included: "IT WAS VERY WORTH WHILE FOR ME" "FUN & GOOD TIME WAS HAD"



COTA NT advocating for and working towards an age-friendly, just, inclusive and equitable society for all Territorians over 50

CBF Major Grant – Goldfishbowl Upgrades

On the 11th November 2022 Royal Life Saving NT were successful in receiving the Community Benefit Fund Major Grant to upgrade existing fixture, equipment and building improvement and renovations at the Goldfishbowl Swim school.

These upgrades included removal of unsafe playground equipment and replacement with an ISO compliant playground, supply and installation of thermal pool blankets, removal of existing window and installation of sliding door including security screen, in-water platforms, removal of palm trees and concreting of the area, replacement of guttering. This has resulted in bringing new life to the Goldfishbowl facility, allowing Royal Life Saving NT the ability to maintain and increase equitable and sustainable programs to the community without the additional cost of the upgrade to the facility.

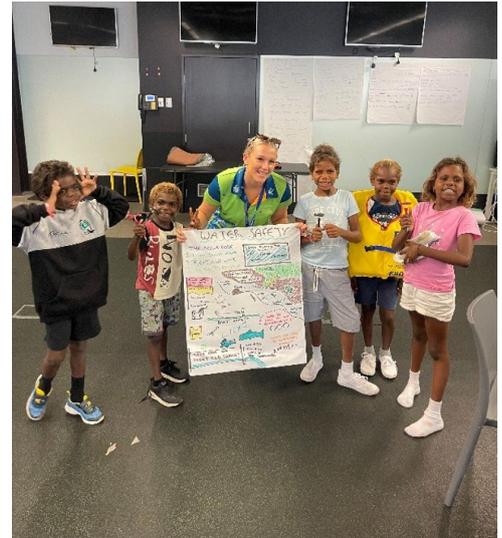


Centre for National Resilience

A unique opportunity presented itself to Royal Life Saving NT in March this year. The communities of Kalkarindji, Pigeon Hole and Daguragu were seriously affected by a major flood event. This saw all families from these communities evacuated to the Centre for National Resilience at Howard Springs in March. Royal Life Saving NT was engaged to support the evacuation effort from March 5 to April 22 by delivering lifeguarding services, delivering the Swim & Survive program and First Aid training whilst the families were accommodated at the Centre. There was opportunity for many water safety messages to be shared with community members at the Centre's pool. The community member's main water source is Wattie Creek and the learning-based activities were related as closely as possible to that environment. The Swim and Survive Program was delivered to 22 children throughout the duration of their stay at the Centre for National Resilience. The children were also introduced to the sport of Pool Lifesaving and the equipment used in this sport including lifejackets, ropes and manikins. At times the pool was unavailable to use due to weather or water quality issues, so the Staff introduced water safety talks. These proved to be a lot of fun for the children and Staff alike with water safety messages being shared in creative ways in a classroom environment.

This was an extraordinary opportunity to engage with the community with 2010 people participating across the seven weeks with an average of 46 people engaged per day. We thank the community members for their enthusiasm and participation throughout the duration of the evacuation.

We acknowledge the Northern Territory Government for providing this opportunity to Royal Life Saving NT



Biz Secure Grant

Royal Life Saving NT were successful in receiving funding under the NT Government, Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade’s Biz-Secure Program to undertake a facility security audit and the installation of CCTV system at the Goldfishbowl Swim School. The CCTV installation has reduced the risk of break-ins resulting in savings of money in terms of repairs. It has also assisted with the decrease of risk of disruption to families if swimming lessons need to be cancelled due to break-in or theft.

The objective of the Biz-Secure Program is to help Northern Territory businesses improve the safety and security of their premises against the risk of break-ins. Royal Life Saving NT is grateful to have been able to access this grant improving safety for all families using the Goldfishbowl Swim School.

Royal Life Saving NT in the Media

Throughout 2022/2023 RLSSA NT has been featured in local and Territory media. We are continually trying to lift our profile within the community and more importantly educate the community in water safety and drowning prevention. We participated in several radio chats and TV interviews.

In 2014/2015 we introduced an award for a media person who we believed made a difference for Lifesaving.

Table 18: Royal Life Saving NT Media Award for making a difference in Lifesaving

Media Award for making a difference for Lifesaving	
2014 / 2015	Kathleen Bruyn
2015 / 2016	Alice Burton
2016 / 2017	Dijana Damjanovic
2017/2018	Amy Hetherington
2018/2019	Monique Sharp
2019/2020	Katie Wolf
2020/2021	Mix 104.9/Hot 100
2021/2022	Boof the Barra
2022/2023	ABC Radio Alice Springs



Royal Life Saving NT Social Media Profiles

RLSSA NT is actively using social media platforms such as Facebook and Instagram to further promote not only our brand, but also our service products to the community with other Territory organisations being able to share our information. Social media also allows us to gain community feedback and engagement through these platforms.



@RoyallifeSavingNorthernTerritory
@WaterSafetyNT
#watersafetynt #beriversafe

Appendices – Statistics

Training Certificates issued

Training	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23
Award of Merit	4	3	3	3	3
Bronze Cross	2	0	0	2	0
Bronze Star	20	41	38	23	21
Bronze Medallion	358	301	441	373	323
Bronze Medallion Update	260	226	261	238	281
Bronze Medallion with Reasonable adjustment	9	0	0	0	13
Resuscitation	1879	1483	2492	1960	1949
Resuscitation Update	9	0	0	0	0
Resuscitation Awareness	26	36	48	25	21
Defibrillation Awareness	1879	2645	2512	1982	1949
Oxygen Resuscitation	148	74	141	65	33
Oxygen Resus Update	122	113	141	114	89
Basic First Aid	0	35	0	0	0
First Aid	402	414	700	461	533
Child Care First Aid	52	35	151	583	157
Advanced First Aid	0	0	28	149	0
Pool Lifeguard	148	78	113	65	33
Pool Lifeguard Update	122	113	141	114	89
Swimming Teacher Rescue Award	272	186	307	222	215
Sea Rangers Bronze Rescue Award	0	0	2	0	0
Hydrotherapy rescue award	0	0	25	44	62
Trainers	6	3	3	3	1
Pool Operators	21	0	0	0	1
SISCAQU002	948	790	1018	880	708
SISCAQU006	299	224	278	201	131
SISCAQU007	264	199	251	184	131
PUAEME001B	300	210	96	0	0
PUAEME001		15	179	201	131
PUAEME003C	300	210	96	0	0
PUAEME003		15	179	201	131
SISCAQU001	22	0	0	0	1
SISCAQU003	21	0	0	0	1
SISCAQU004	22	0	0	0	1
SISCAQU005	22	0	0	0	1
BSBRSK401	21	0	0	0	0

BSBOPS403	0	0	0	0	1
HLTAID001	1656	1268	2233	378	0
HLTAID002	52	36	149	29	0
HLTAID003	706	643	993	292	0
HLTAID004	52	36	149	29	0
HLTAID006	0	0	28	0	0
HLTAID007	0	0	28	0	0
HLTAID009				1509	1692
HLTAID010				587	630
HLTAID011				648	761
HLTAID012				142	157
AUSTSWIM	156	161	122	123	82
Total Training Certificates	10580	9333	13071	11830	10322

Swim and Survive participating Schools

Anula Primary	166	Manunda Terrace	108
Adelaide River	38	Marrara Christian	124
Alawa Primary School	265	Middle Point	28
Angurugu School	22	Middle Point Primary School	28
Araluen Christian	97	Milikapiti School	24
Areyonga School	31	Miliyakburra School (Bikerton)	3
Bakewell Primary School	195	Milkwood Steiner School	56
Baniyala	4	Millner Primary School	109
Belyuen School	14	Moil Primary	66
Bickerton	3	Mother Teresa Catholic School	429
Borroloola	90	Moulden Primary School	59
Bradshaw School	235	Mutitjulu School	25
Bratling Primary School	94	Ngukurr CEC	135
Canteen Creek School & Neutral Junction & Ampilwatja	28	Nightcliff Primary School	225
Darwin High School	12	Parap Primary	247

Dundee Beach School	18	Pularumpi School	44
Durack Primary School	113	Ross Park Primary	57
Essington School	348	Sacred Heart Catholic School	131
Gillen Primary	180	Sadadeen Primary School	72
Good Shepard Palmerston	93	Sattler Christian College	123
Good Shepherd Howard Springs	94	St Francis Xavier - Nauiyu Nambiyu	75
Gunbalanya	102	St Marys Catholic Primary School	165
Haileybury School	370	St Pauls Primary School	198
Holy Family Primary	223	Steiner School – Alice Springs	102
Jingili Primary	232	Tennant Creek Primary School	172
Kalkarinji School	22	Tiwi College	15
KITES – Alice Springs	80	Umbakumba School	16
Larapinta Primary School	34	Wagaman Primary	95
Larrakeyah Primary School	418	Woodroffe Primary	37
Laynhapuy	16	Woolianna School	7
Ltyentye Apurte Catholic School - Santa Teresa	71	Zuccoli Primary School	238
Maningrida	91		

Swim and Survive – Certificates Issued

The Swim and Survive swimming program is aligned to the National Swimming and Water Safety Framework. The Framework supports a structured and consistent understanding of swimming and water safety education across Australia.

The Framework provides three benchmarks for children at age 6, 12 and 17 years.

Certificate Type	21/22	21/22	22/23	22/23
		Remote		Remote
Swim and Survive				
Little Wonders Total (Infant Aquatics)	536	55		
Water Discovery - L1	959	118	1658	124
Water Awareness - L2	1267	141	2265	197
Water Sense - L3	930	150	1332	138
Water Wise - L4	499	97	733	83
Swim and Survive - L5	270	25	555	35
Swim and Survive - L6	163	48	278	15
Swim and Survive - L7	86	15	128	1
Swim and Survive – L8	55		62	4
Swim and Survive – L9	36		31	
Swim and Survive – L10	15		18	
Swim and Survive – L11	5		39	
Swim Star Participation	2585	370	2988	103
Bronze Star	9	4		15
Bronze Medallion	2	5		5
Junior Lifeguard Club				
Swim & Survive Level 7 & Above	208		397	
Other Swim and Survive Statistics	1194		172	
Total Swim and Survive Certificates	8608	1028	9438	821
Total Participants Swim and Survive	8608		9438	821

Audited Financial Reports

**Royal Life Saving Society (Aust)
NT Branch Inc.**

**Special Purpose Financial Report
for the year ended 30 June 2023**

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

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Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Committee's Report

For the Year Ended 30 June 2023

The committee members present their report on Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc. ("the Association") for the financial year ended 30 June 2023.

General information Committee members

The names of the committee members in office at any time during, or since the end of, the year are:

Names	Position	Appointed/Resigned
James Sheridan	President	Member for full year
Sarah Dowd	Vice President	Member for full year
Joe De Luca	Treasurer	Member for full year
Penny Hart	Secretary	Member for full year
Rod Cremona	Committee member	Member for full year
Randall Cook	Committee member	Member for full year
Toni Blair	Committee member	Member for full year
Alice Doyle	Committee member	Member for full year
Annette Roberts	Public Officer	Member for full year

Committee members have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Principal activities

The principal activities of the Association during the financial year was to act as a public benevolent institution (PBI) dedicated to the saving of lives. The Association attempts to turn every day people into every day community lifesavers. This is achieved through education, training, sport and participation, health promotion, risk management, advocacy and research. Royal Life Saving provides the platform for people to pursue aquatic based activities.

Significant changes

There were no significant changes in the operations of the Associations during the year.

Operating results and review of operations for the year

The net deficit of the Association for the financial year amounted to \$30,681 (2022: net deficit of \$115,699).

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee:

President: 
James Sheridan

Treasurer: 
Joe De Luca

Date: 12/8/2023

Date: 11/8/2023

Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Committee Members of Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

In relation to our audit of the financial statements of Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc. ("the Association") for the financial year ended 30 June 2023, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*; and
- no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Merit Partners

Merit Partners



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Director

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12 August 2023

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Statement of Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Revenue	3	2,348,541	1,956,972
Finance income		917	619
Other income	4	7,254	8,590
Employee benefits expense		(1,335,925)	(1,276,687)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(216,854)	(173,317)
Program expenses		(86,798)	(94,927)
Course expenses		(56,980)	(65,292)
Travel expenses		(148,540)	(122,825)
Motor vehicle expenses		(32,697)	(28,424)
Other expenses		(478,037)	(305,702)
Finance expenses		(31,562)	(14,706)
Net Deficit for the Year		(30,681)	(115,699)
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the year		(30,681)	(115,699)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Statement of Financial Position

As At 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	164,193	347,866
Trade and other receivables	6	59,938	71,979
Other assets	8	31,678	19,099
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		255,809	438,944
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	7	1,319,817	1,392,875
Goodwill	7(b)	50,000	150,000
Right-of-use assets	9	59,002	84,037
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		1,428,819	1,626,912
TOTAL ASSETS		1,684,628	2,065,856
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	10	59,058	62,967
Other financial liabilities		10,932	19,680
Lease liabilities	9	27,718	26,932
Employee benefits	11	156,840	178,747
Borrowings	7(c)	49,341	38,027
Unexpended grant liability		47,131	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		351,020	326,353
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Lease liabilities	9	37,121	63,141
Employee benefits	11	-	-
Borrowings	7(c)	197,903	547,097
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		235,024	610,238
TOTAL LIABILITIES		586,044	936,591
NET ASSETS		1,098,584	1,129,265
EQUITY			
Reserves	12	140,000	140,000
Retained earnings		958,584	989,265
		1,098,584	1,129,265

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Statement of Changes in Equity For the Year Ended 30 June 2023

	Retained Earnings \$	General Reserve \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2022	<u>989,265</u>	<u>140,000</u>	<u>1,129,265</u>
Net Deficit for the year	(30,681)	-	(30,681)
Total other comprehensive income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the year	<u>(30,681)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(30,681)</u>
Transfers from retained earnings to general reserve	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance at 30 June 2023	<u><u>958,584</u></u>	<u><u>140,000</u></u>	<u><u>1,098,584</u></u>
Balance at 1 July 2021	<u>554,964</u>	<u>690,000</u>	<u>1,244,964</u>
Net Deficit for the year	(115,699)	-	(115,699)
Total other comprehensive income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the year	<u>(115,699)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(115,699)</u>
Transfers from retained earnings to general reserve	<u>550,000</u>	<u>(550,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance at 30 June 2022	<u><u>989,265</u></u>	<u><u>140,000</u></u>	<u><u>1,129,265</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from customers		1,090,120	901,892
Payments to suppliers and employees		(2,177,372)	(1,885,329)
Donations received		5,000	702
Interest received		917	619
Interest expenses		(31,562)	(14,706)
Receipt from grants		1,331,161	1,054,286
Net cash provided by operating activities	14	<u>218,264</u>	<u>57,464</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(18,761)	(1,100,000)
Purchase of goodwill		-	(200,000)
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(18,761)</u>	<u>(1,300,000)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
(Payment)/Proceeds from borrowings		(349,194)	585,124
Payment of finance lease and other liabilities		(33,982)	(17,536)
Net cash (used in)/provided by financing activities		<u>(383,176)</u>	<u>567,588</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents held		(183,673)	(674,948)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		<u>347,866</u>	<u>1,022,814</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	5	<u><u>164,193</u></u>	<u><u>347,866</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2023

The financial statements cover Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc. (“the Association”) as an individual entity. Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc. is a not-for-profit Association, registered and domiciled in Australia.

The functional and presentation currency of Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc. is Australian dollars. Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

1 Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Statement of compliance

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Act Northern Territory* and *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. The Committee has determined that Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc. is not a reporting entity and is a not-for-profit entity because in the Management Committee’s opinion there are unlikely to exist users who are unable to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy all of their information needs.

In preparing the special purpose financial report, the following *Australian Accounting Standards* required by the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission* have been adopted:

- AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*
- AASB 107 *Statement of Cash Flows*
- AASB 108 *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates & Errors*
- AASB 124 *Related Party Disclosures*
- AASB 1048 *Interpretation of Standards*
- AASB 1054 *Australian Additional Disclosures*

The special purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with the basis of preparation and accounting policies described below. Australian Accounting Standards Board, (AASBs) adopted by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (“AASB”), and other authoritative pronouncements of the AASB have not been complied with except to the extent stated below.

(b) Basis of preparation

The financial report is presented in Australian dollars and has been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. The preparation of a financial report in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards requires the Association to make judgements, estimates and assumption that affect the application of policies and reported amounts as assets and liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates. These accounting policies have been consistently applied by the Association.

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1 Significant Accounting Policies - continued

(b) Basis of preparation - continued

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods. The special purpose financial report has been prepared on accrual basis.

(c) Income tax

The Association is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

(d) Revenue and other income

Revenue is recognised when the amount can be measured reliably, it is probable that economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the Association and specific criteria relating to the type of income as noted below, has been satisfied. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and is presented net of returns, discounts and rebates.

Grant Income and Donations

Revenue from grants and donations have been recognised when any associated performance obligation to provide goods or services is satisfied, and not immediately upon receipt. Grants that have an enforceable agreement but no specific performance obligations but have restrictions on the timing of expenditure will also continue to be recognised on receipt as time restriction on the use of funds is not sufficiently specific to create a performance obligation.

Grants that are not enforceable and/or not sufficiently specific will not qualify for deferral, and continue to be recognised as revenue as soon as they are controlled. Grants that require the Association to perform services or provide facilities, or to meet eligibility criteria are recognised as income only to the extent that the services required have been performed or the eligibility criteria have been satisfied. When monies received have been paid in advance of performance or eligibility, a liability is recognised.

Any unexpended grants associated with performance obligations are recognised as a liability in the Statement of Financial Position.

Rendering of services

Revenue in relation to rendering of services is recognised depending on whether the outcome of the services can be estimated reliably. If the outcome can be estimated reliably then the stage of completion of the services is used to determine the appropriate level of revenue to be recognised in the period. If the outcome cannot be reliably estimated then revenue is recognised to the extent of expenses recognised that are recoverable.

Subscriptions

Revenue from the provision of membership subscriptions is recognised on receipt.

Interest income

Interest received from term deposits is accrued over the term of the investment.

Other income

Other income is recognised on an accruals basis when the Association is entitled to it.

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1 Significant Accounting Policies - continued

(e) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payable are stated inclusive of GST.

Cash flows in the statement of cash flows are included on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as operating cash flows.

(f) Property, plant and equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment.

Items of property, plant and equipment acquired for nil or nominal consideration have been recorded at the acquisition date fair value.

Assets measured using the revaluation model are carried at fair value at the revaluation date less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Revaluations are performed whenever there is a material movement in the value of an asset under the revaluation model.

Depreciation

Property, plant and equipment is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the assets useful life to the Association, commencing when the asset is ready for use.

Leased assets and leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or their estimated useful life.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable asset are shown below:

Assets Class	Depreciation Rate
Building Improvements	5%
Plant and Equipment	10%
Motor Vehicles	20%
Leasehold Improvements	Remaining Lease Term

At the end of each annual reporting period, the depreciation method, useful life and residual value of each asset is reviewed. Any revisions are accounted for prospectively as a change in estimate.

(g) Intangibles

An intangible asset is recognised only when its cost can be measured reliably and it is probable that the expected future economic benefits that are attributable to it will flow to the Association. All intangible assets are recorded at cost. The intangibles held by the Association have finite lives and are carried at cost less any accumulated amortisation and impairment losses. They have estimated useful lives of between one and two years.

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1 Significant Accounting Policies - continued

(h) Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

Financial instruments are recognised initially on the date that the Association becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

(i) Initial recognition

The Association initially recognises loans and advances and deposits from members, on the date these transactions are originated. All other financial assets and financial liabilities (including financial assets and financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit and loss) are initially recognised on trade date when the related contractual rights or obligations exist.

(ii) De-recognition

The Association de-recognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows on the financial asset in a transaction in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred. Any interest in transferred financial assets that is created or retained by the Association is recognised as a separate asset or liability. The Association de-recognises a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged or cancelled or when they expire.

(iii) Off-setting

Financial assets and financial liabilities are set off and the net amount presented in the Statement of Financial Position when, and only when, the Association has a legal right to set off the amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. Income and expenses are presented on a net basis only when permitted by the accounting standards, or for gains and losses arising from a group of similar transactions.

(iv) Amortised cost measurement

The amortised cost of a financial asset or financial liability is the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition, minus principal repayments, plus or minus the cumulative amortisation using the effective interest method of any difference between the initial amount recognised and the maturity amount, minus any reduction for impairment.

(v) Identification and measurement of impairment

Refer below for details.

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(vi) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, unrestricted balances held in banks and highly liquid financial assets with original maturities of less than three months, which are subject to insignificant risks of changes in their value, and are used by the Association in the management of its short-term commitments. Cash and cash equivalents are carried at amortised cost in the Statement of Financial Position.

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1 Significant Accounting Policies - continued

(h) Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities - continued

(vii) Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any provision for expected credit losses (ECLs). Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

(viii) Trade and other payables

Liabilities for trade creditors and other amounts are carried at cost which is the fair value of the consideration to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Association.

(ix) Other financial liabilities

Other financial liabilities, which consisted of Association credit cards, are carried at amortised cost. These are expected to be paid within 30 days.

(x) Impairment on financial assets

The Association recognises an allowance for ECLs for trade and other receivables. ECLs are based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Association expects to receive, discounted at an approximation of the original effective interest rate. The expected cash flows will include cash flows from the sale of collateral held or other credit enhancements that are integral to the contractual terms.

ECLs are recognised in two stages. For credit exposures for which there has not been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, ECLs are provided for credit losses that result from default events that are possible within the next 12-months (a 12-month ECL). For those credit exposures for which there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, a loss allowance is required for credit losses expected over the remaining life of the exposure, irrespective of the timing of the default (a lifetime ECL).

For trade and other receivables, the Association applies a simplified approach in calculating ECLs. Therefore, the Association does not track changes in credit risk, but instead recognises a loss allowance based on lifetime ECLs at each reporting date. The Association has a provision matrix that is based on its historical credit loss experience, adjusted for forward-looking factors specific to the debtors and the economic environment.

(i) Employee benefits

Provision is made for the Association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits that are expected to be wholly settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

Employee benefits expected to be settled more than one year after the end of the reporting period have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. In determining the liability, consideration is given to employee wage increases and the probability that the employee may satisfy vesting requirements. Cashflows are discounted using market yields on high quality corporate bond rates incorporating bonds rated AAA or AA by credit agencies, with terms to maturity that match the expected timing of cashflows. Changes in the measurement of the liability are recognised in profit or loss.

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1 Significant Accounting Policies - continued

(j) Right-of-Use Assets

The Association assesses at contract inception whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. That is, if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

Association as a lessee

The Association applies a single recognition and measurement approach for all leases, except for short-term leases and leases of low-value assets. The Association recognises lease liabilities to make lease payments and right-of-use assets representing the right to use the underlying assets.

Right-of-use assets

The Association recognises right-of-use assets at the commencement date of the lease (i.e., the date the underlying asset is available for use). Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities. The cost of right-of-use assets includes the amount of lease liabilities recognised, initial direct costs incurred, and lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received. Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term and the estimated useful lives of the assets. The right-of-use assets are also subject to impairment. Refer to the accounting policies in section h for impairment of assets (excluding financial assets).

Lease liabilities

At the commencement date of the lease, the Association recognises lease liabilities measured at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term. The lease payments include fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments) less any lease incentives receivable, variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, and amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees.

In calculating the present value of lease payments, the Association uses its incremental borrowing rate at the lease commencement date because the interest rate implicit in the lease is not readily determinable. After the commencement date, the amount of lease liabilities is increased to reflect the accretion of interest and reduced for the lease payments made. In addition, the carrying amount of lease liabilities is remeasured if there is a modification, a change in the lease term, a change in the lease payments (e.g., changes to future payments resulting from a change in an index or rate used to determine such lease payments) or a change in the assessment of an option to purchase the underlying asset.

Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

The Association applies the short-term lease recognition exemption to its short-term leases of machinery and equipment (i.e., those leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less from the commencement date and do not contain a purchase option). It also applies the lease of low-value assets recognition exemption to leases of office equipment that are considered to be low value. Lease payments on short-term leases and leases of low-value assets are recognised as expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

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1 Significant Accounting Policies - continued

(k) Borrowings

Borrowings are initially recognised at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred and are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption amount is recognised in the income statement over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

(l) Economic Dependence and Going Concern

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc. is dependent on the support of various Northern Territory Government Departments for the majority of its revenue used to operate the business. At the date of this report, the Members of the Committee of the Association have no reason to believe this support will not continue into the future.

This financial report has been prepared on a going concern basis which contemplates continuity of normal business activities and the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities in the ordinary course of business. The ability of the Association to continue to operate as a going concern is dependent upon the ability of the Association to generate sufficient cash flows from operations to meet its liabilities. The Members of the Committee of the Association believe that the going concern assumption is appropriate.

(m) Comparatives

Comparative figures are, where appropriate, reclassified so as to be comparable with the figures presented for the current financial year.

2 Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

Those charged with governance make estimates and judgements during the preparation of these financial statements regarding assumptions about current and future events affecting transactions and balances.

These estimates and judgements are based on the best information available at the time of preparing the financial statements, however as additional information is known then the actual results may differ from the estimates. The significant estimates and judgements made have been described below.

Key estimates – Trade receivables

The receivables at reporting date have been reviewed to determine whether there is any objective evidence that any of the receivables are impaired. An impairment provision is included for any receivable where the entire balance is not considered collectible. The impairment provision is based on the best information at the reporting date.

3 Operating Revenue

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Grant and donation	1,272,716	1,054,988
Service income	1,057,827	884,894
Workshops, sales and other income	17,998	17,090
	<u>2,348,541</u>	<u>1,956,972</u>

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4 Other Income

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Membership fees	2,282	3,705
Fundraisings	2,433	626
Others	2,539	4,259
	<u>7,254</u>	<u>8,590</u>

5 Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Petty cash	1,310	1,300
Cash at bank	162,883	346,566
	<u>164,193</u>	<u>347,866</u>

6 Trade and Other Receivables

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Trade receivables	64,481	72,414
Less expected credit losses	(4,543)	(435)
	<u>59,938</u>	<u>71,979</u>

The carrying value of trade receivables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the fair value of receivables in the financial statements.

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7 Property, plant and equipment

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Land	<u>900,000</u>	<u>900,000</u>
Building	200,000	200,000
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(10,000)</u>	-
Net carrying value	<u>1,090,000</u>	<u>1,100,000</u>
Plant and equipment - at cost	71,921	53,160
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(38,575)</u>	<u>(29,390)</u>
Net carrying value	<u>33,346</u>	<u>23,770</u>
Motor vehicles - at cost	152,783	152,783
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(134,432)</u>	<u>(122,085)</u>
Net carrying value	<u>18,351</u>	<u>30,698</u>
Leasehold improvements - at cost	336,205	336,205
Accumulated amortisation	<u>(158,085)</u>	<u>(97,798)</u>
Net carrying value	<u>178,120</u>	<u>238,407</u>
	<u><u>1,319,817</u></u>	<u><u>1,392,875</u></u>

- a. Reconciliations of the carrying amounts of each class of property, plant and equipment between beginning and end of the financial year are set out below:

	Land \$	Building and improvements \$	Capital Works In Progress \$	Plant and Equipment \$	Motor Vehicles \$	Leasehold Improvements \$	Total \$
As at 30 June 2023							
Balance at the beginning of year	900,000	200,000	-	23,770	30,698	238,407	1,392,875
Additions	-	-	-	18,761	-	-	18,761
Depreciation expense	-	<u>(10,000)</u>	-	<u>(9,185)</u>	<u>(12,347)</u>	<u>(60,287)</u>	<u>(91,819)</u>
Balance at the end of the year	<u>900,000</u>	<u>190,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,346</u>	<u>18,351</u>	<u>178,120</u>	<u>1,319,817</u>
As at 30 June 2022							
Balance at the beginning of year	-	-	-	31,208	61,255	298,694	391,157
Additions	900,000	200,000	-	-	-	-	1,100,000
Depreciation expense	-	-	-	<u>(7,438)</u>	<u>(30,557)</u>	<u>(60,287)</u>	<u>(98,282)</u>
Balance at the end of the year	<u>900,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,770</u>	<u>30,698</u>	<u>238,407</u>	<u>1,392,875</u>

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7 Property, plant and equipment - continued

- b. In January 2022, the Association acquired the Goldfishbowl Swim School (GFB) property and the GFB business for a cash consideration of \$1,100,000 and \$200,000, respectively. The property consisted of Land and Building and improvements with market value amounting to \$900,000 and \$200,000, respectively. These are capitalised as part of the Association's property, plant and equipment.

The cash consideration paid for the GBF business is recognised as intangibles in the statement of financial position and is amortised over 2 years. The net movement of the intangibles are as follows:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Balance at beginning of year	150,000	-
Acquisitions	-	200,000
Amortisation	(100,000)	(50,000)
Balance at end of year	<u>50,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>

- c. In view of the above, the Association drew down the loan from Bendigo Bank for a period of 156 months and bears interest between 3.39% to 7.15% per annum. Borrowings as at 30 June 2023 are as follows:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Current	49,341	38,027
Non-current	197,903	547,097
	<u>247,244</u>	<u>585,124</u>

8 Other Assets

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Stock on hand	5,693	9,230
Prepayments	25,985	9,869
	<u>31,678</u>	<u>19,099</u>

9 Right-of-Use Assets

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Office accommodation	118,611	118,611
Accumulated depreciation	(70,224)	(52,668)
Net carrying value	<u>48,387</u>	<u>65,943</u>
Office equipment	37,414	37,414
Accumulated amortisation	(26,799)	(19,320)
Net carrying value	<u>10,615</u>	<u>18,094</u>
	<u>59,002</u>	<u>84,037</u>

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9 Right-of-Use Assets - continued

Reconciliations of the carrying amounts of Right of Use Assets are set out below:

	Office Accommodation \$	Office Equipment \$	Total \$
As at 30 June 2023			
Balance at the beginning of year	65,943	18,094	84,037
Depreciation expense	(17,556)	(7,479)	(25,035)
Balance at the end of the year	<u>48,387</u>	<u>10,615</u>	<u>59,002</u>
As at 30 June 2022			
Balance at the beginning of year	83,499	25,573	109,072
Depreciation expense	(17,556)	(7,479)	(25,035)
Balance at the end of the year	<u>65,943</u>	<u>18,094</u>	<u>84,037</u>

The corresponding lease liability recognised to record the carrying amount of Rights of Use Asset amounted to \$64,839 and \$90,073 as at 30 June 2023 and 2022, respectively.

10 Trade and Other Payables

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Trade payables	<u>28,605</u>	24,982
Sundry payables and accrued expenses	<u>15,376</u>	20,142
Accrued wages and superannuation	<u>15,077</u>	17,843
	<u>59,058</u>	<u>62,967</u>

Trade and other payables are unsecured, non-interest bearing and are normally settled within 30 days. The carrying value of trade and other payables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances.

11 Employee benefits

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Current		
Annual leave provision	<u>62,818</u>	71,215
Long-service leave provision	<u>94,022</u>	107,532
	<u>156,840</u>	<u>178,747</u>
Non-current		
Long-service leave provision	<u>-</u>	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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12 Reserves

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Opening balance	<u>140,000</u>	<u>690,000</u>
Transfers Out	<u>-</u>	<u>(550,000)</u>
	<u><u>140,000</u></u>	<u><u>140,000</u></u>

General reserve

The general reserve records funds set aside for operational and capital expenditure of Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc. as detailed below.

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Future IT expansion	<u>140,000</u>	<u>140,000</u>
	<u><u>140,000</u></u>	<u><u>140,000</u></u>

The reserves for future building expansion was used during the year through the acquisition of Goldfishbowl Swim School (GFB) property.

13 Contingent Liabilities

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc. had the following contingent liability at the end of the reporting period:

Water Safety Awareness Program

The Association receives funding to provide the 'Water Safety Awareness Program (WSAP)'. The WSAP provides registered children, under the age of five years, with vouchers for the free attendance at five WSAP sessions. On the attainment of age five these vouchers expire. Each funded voucher has a face value of \$12.50.

The Association physically receives the funding for the entire year's program at the commencement of each financial year. At the conclusion of each financial year the Association reconciles the unrepresented, unexpired vouchers. At 30 June 2023 the number of unrepresented, unexpired vouchers were 47,297 (2022: 40,745, 2021: 34,436, 2020: 28,743 2019: 23,638, 2018: 18,437). The funded face value these vouchers is 2023: \$591,212 (2022: \$509,312, 2021: \$430,450, 2020: \$359,288, 2019: \$295,475, 2018: \$230,463).

On review of the total vouchers presented during the year, it was established that 2023: 3,793 (2022: 3,880, 2021: 4,633, 2020: 4,695, 2019: 6,010, 2018: 7,035) vouchers were utilised during the current year. Included in this balance were 2023: 1,056 (2022: 1,017, 2021: 1,195, 2020: 1,289, 2019: 1,154, 2018: 1,896, 2017: 360) vouchers which were written back as expired, being 2023: 27% (2022: 26%, 2021: 26%, 2020: 27%, 2019: 19%, 2018: 27%) of the total number of vouchers utilised.

Historically, there has been significant probability that a material number of these outstanding vouchers would expire without being utilised. As such, the recognition of this liability in the Statement of Financial Position has not been considered appropriate. This assessment will be reconsidered in the next 12 months as utilisation of the vouchers continues to fluctuate significantly year on year.

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14 Cash Flow Information

Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by operating activities

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Net (Loss)/ surplus for the Year	(30,681)	(115,699)
Cash flows excluded from profit attributable to operating activities:		
- Depreciation and amortisation expenses	216,854	173,317
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
- (increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	12,041	(8,682)
- (increase)/decrease in prepayments	(12,579)	6,422
- increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	54,536	(16,440)
- increase/(decrease) in employee benefits	(21,907)	18,546
Cashflows from operations	<u>218,264</u>	<u>57,464</u>

15 Related Party Transactions

Key management personnel of the Association are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing, and controlling the activities of Association. These include the Committee Members and Executive Director as listed below.

Names	Position	Appointed/Resigned
James Sheridan	President	Member for full year
Sarah Dowd	Vice President	Member for full year
Joe De Luca	Treasurer	Member for full year
Penny Hart	Secretary	Member for full year
Rod Cremona	Committee member	Member for full year
Randall Cook	Committee member	Member for full year
Toni Blair	Committee member	Member for full year
Alice Doyle	Committee member	Member for full year
Annette Roberts	Public Officer	Member for full year

Total remuneration of \$151,815 (2022: \$131,266) was paid to the key management personnel for the year ended 30 June 2023.

- (i) Retirement Benefits
No retirement benefits have been made by the Association to key management personnel during the reporting year.
- (ii) Loans to Responsible Persons
No loans have been made, guaranteed or secured by the Association to key management personnel during the reporting year.
- (iii) Outstanding Amounts
As at 30 June 2022, there were no outstanding amounts receivable or payable to the Association's KMP.

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16 Subsequent Events

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial period.

17 Statutory Information

The registered office and principal place of the Association is:

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.
77 Ross Smith Avenue
Parap NT 0820

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Statement by Members of the Committee

For the Year Ended 30 June 2023

The committee members declare that in their opinion:

- a) the accompanying financial statements are drawn up as to present fairly the state of affairs of the Association as at 30 June 2023, the results of its operations and cash flows of the Association for the year ended on that date;
- b) the accounts of the Association have been properly prepared and are in accordance with the books of account of the Association;
- c) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable; and
- d) the financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2013.

President:


James Sheridan

Date:

12/8/2023

Treasurer:


Joe De Luca

Date

11/8/2023

Independent auditor's report to the members of Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Auditor's Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc. ("the Association"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity, statement of cash flows for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the Statement by the Committee.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in the *Basis of Qualified Opinion* section of our report, the special purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012* and the *Associations Act NT*, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013* and *Associations Act NT*.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable to establish an efficient system of internal control over fundraising income prior to its initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, as the evidence available to us regarding such income was limited, our audit procedures with respect to fundraising income were restricted to the amounts recorded in the financial records. We therefore do not express an opinion on whether the income the Association received is complete, and we cannot determine the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had this limitation not existed.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not for profits Commission Act 2012*, *Associations Act NT* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Committee's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the 'Code') that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Reliance

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc. meet the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not for profits Commission Act 2012*, *Associations Act NT* and the Association's constitution. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of these matters.

The Responsibility of the Committee for the Financial Report

The Association's Committee is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, and has determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, are appropriate to meet the financial reporting requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not for profits Commission Act 2012*, *Associations Act NT* and the Association's Constitution and are appropriate to meet the needs of

the members. The Committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the Committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Committee is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Committee either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

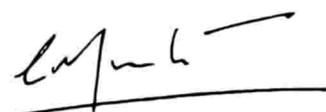
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report for the year ended 30 June 2023 as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report. As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Committee.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Committee's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control, if any, that we identify during our audit.

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MunLi Chee
Director

DARWIN

12 August 2023

DISCLAIMER ON ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The additional financial information, being the Detailed Income and Expenditure as attached on pages 27 to 29, has been compiled by the management of Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc. ("the Association").

No audit or review has been performed by us and accordingly no assurance is expressed. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the additional financial information and no warranty of accuracy or reliability is given.

To the extent permitted by law, we do not accept liability for any loss or damage which any person may suffer arising from any negligence on our part. No person should rely on the additional financial information without having an audit or review conducted.

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MunLi Chee
Director

DARWIN

12 August 2023

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Detailed Statement of Income and Expenditure For the Year Ended 30 June 2023

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Income		
Grant income	1,267,716	1,052,938
Fees	1,057,827	884,894
Interest income	917	619
Donation	5,000	2,050
Workshop, sales and other income	25,252	25,680
Total income	<u>2,356,712</u>	<u>1,966,181</u>
Expenses		
Accommodation	60,700	42,267
Accountant/Auditor	7,395	10,416
Administration Fees	46	60
Advertising	4,662	7,128
Airfares	56,976	48,153
Appreciation Gifts	630	334
AUSTSWIM Registration	6,736	12,780
AUSTSWIM Resources	-	2,340
Bad Debts/Cash Shortfall Write-off	4,842	921
Bank Fees/ATO Rounding	4,557	6,641
Bookkeeping	38,343	38,152
Bronze Resources	-	1,462
Canon Printer > Lease Cost	131	704
Car Hire	6,666	5,806
Community Events	23,250	15,537
Conference & Workshop Fees	3,131	-
Consultancy RTO	-	6,120
Consultant fees	7,303	4,462
Contract Employees	1,565	1,570
Course Cleaning	66	133
Course Consumables	9,622	16,451
Depreciation & Amortisation Expenses	216,854	173,317
Dues, Membership Subscriptions	27,994	8,531
Electricity	20,425	12,543
Employee Benefits	1,143	773
Employee Entitlements Transfer	22,039	18,546
Employee Health and Wellbeing	1,260	1,419
Equipment= or <\$5000	3,212	19,166
Eway fees	325	639
First Aid Resources	152	1,279
GFB: Chemicals	3,336	-
GFB: Garden Maintenance	2,356	-
GFB: Repairs & Maintenance	85,488	-
Insurance	20,392	11,710
Balance brought forward	<u>641,598</u>	<u>469,359</u>

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Detailed Statement of Income and Expenditure For the Year Ended 30 June 2023

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Balance carry-forward	641,598	469,359
Interest on Loans	27,439	8,949
IT Support	12,441	23,098
Kiosk Stock	216	2,450
Marketing/Promotions	13,070	15,497
Meeting Consumables	9,172	8,188
MV Fuel	13,884	13,105
MV Insurance	8,927	8,623
MV Maintenance	5,720	4,219
MV Registration	4,166	2,477
NT Team - Pool Lifesaving	4,369	5,073
Periodic Inventory Adjustment	3,537	(9,230)
Pipes and Drains Campaign	23,171	13,473
Pool Entry fee/Pool Hire	33,729	49,755
Pool Lifesaving Consumables	670	2,553
Postage & Freight	2,663	4,546
Presenter/Trainer Expenses	-	1,865
Printing & Publications - Comm	2,048	690
Professional Development	2,610	1,088
Program Resources	8,568	-
Purchases Stock	7,956	14,588
Rates	6,060	2,580
Regional & Remote Service Del	53	-
Registrations & Conferences	5,716	927
Rent	3,585	2,354
Repairs & Maintenance	69,183	22,116
RoU Asset Finance Costs	4,123	5,757
Session Five	4,938	4,938
Session Four	4,938	4,938
Session Three	4,938	4,925
Session Two	4,938	4,938
Staff Uniform Purchases	3,696	12,721
Stationery & Office Supplies	17,522	15,705
Storage (archives)	4,282	3,782
Superannuation Expense (SGC)	117,305	106,885
Supplier Payments	45,139	31,900
Swim & Survive Consumables	1,872	4,538
Swim Desk Fees	15	135
Telephone & Internet Charges	18,416	14,507
Travel Allowance	20,740	21,880
Travel Expenses	3,458	4,720
Venue Hire	-	1,227
Balance brought forward	1,166,869	911,837

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Detailed Statement of Income and Expenditure For the Year Ended 30 June 2023

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Balance carry-forward	<u>1,166,869</u>	<u>911,837</u>
Wages & Salaries	1,171,362	1,111,152
Water Charges	6,920	2,403
Water Safety Week Expenses	21,571	29,348
Workers Compensation Insurance	19,905	25,812
WSAP Consumables	<u>765</u>	<u>1,327</u>
Total Expenses	<u>2,387,393</u>	<u>2,081,880</u>
Net deficit for the year	<u><u>(30,681)</u></u>	<u><u>(115,699)</u></u>