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Message from the President, Randall Cook



This year was a period of ongoing growth, high level activity and the challenge of securing a Head Quarters in Darwin and Alice Springs. Royal Life Saving Society NT Branch continues each year to grow stronger and is always striving to achieve its mission of preventing loss of life and injury in the aquatic environment and promoting safe participation in water related pursuits. I am very pleased to report to members, partners and supporters that the 2013/2014 year was a successful year in growth of our services including the continued appointment of a full time position based in Alice Springs.

The NT Branch continues to strengthen in every facet of its operations. Throughout the 2013/2014 year the NT Branch issued an amazing 17,524 certificates, including 12,905 from the Swim and Survive program and 4,619 training certificates. Royal Life Saving NT participated in 57 community events, ranging from Community displays, Active Family Fun Days, Mothers groups and school fetes and over 19,600 Territorians have received a direct community benefit from these activities.

The NT Branch has proven its capacity as the peak body for water safety training and education and remains fixed to its cause of drowning prevention. I am pleased to say that we have a very strong strategic plan – “Our People, Our Lifestyle, Our Water 2011-2014”, and our organisation continues to build strong community relationships that ensures courses, programs and drowning prevention strategies are delivered to communities throughout the NT whether they are in urban, rural or remote areas. The Board and management continue to monitor its strategic plan and strengthens its internal control and corporate governance policies. Our focus upon risk management continues and policies and procedures are continually reviewed with an emphasis on best practice. The capacity of the Board is a strength, our recently completed Board Matrix identified our members as having diverse skills and varying strengths.

I am pleased to advise that Royal Life Saving Society NT continues to forge strong partnerships with industry and works in collaboration with Pool Managers; with Government through the various Departments of Sport and Recreation, Local Government, Health, Family and Community Services, Education and Training; with the Education Sector through Primary, Middle and Senior schools, with like training providers such as AUSTSWIM; and of course with the community in general throughout the various Health Promotion initiatives and community awareness programs.

On behalf of Royal Life Saving NT Branch I would like to thank the following people and organisations:

- The Patron of the Society, Her Honour the Honourable Sally Thomas AC
- The Hon. Minister Matt Conlan, Minister for Sport, Recreation and Racing
- The Hon. Minister Peter Chandler, Minister for Education
- The Water Safety Branch in Alice Springs and Darwin for a strong working partnership.
- The Board of Directors, members, competition members and volunteers for their wonderful work.
- The NT Branch staff, swimming instructors and trainers who are all very committed to the Society’s teachings and future directions.
- Royal Life Saving Australia and branches across Australia for strong working relationships in the commitment to water safety and safe aquatic sport and recreation.

Randall Cook
President

Message from the Executive Director, Floss Roberts



Royal Life Saving Society NT Branch has maintained focus on three key areas: water safety; drowning prevention and access to lifesaving services in regional, remote and very remote communities. Our priorities are: community safety, aquatic programs, providing water safety initiatives and implementing public awareness and drowning prevention strategies specific to the needs of our community.

Royal Life Saving NT continues to promote community wellbeing to assist Territorian's build water safety knowledge and skills to encourage a safe, healthy and active lifestyle. We have a total membership base of 1624 members and 80 voting members and remain true to our Mission and Vision which remain critical to keep our community safe. Sadly, 9 people drowned in this reporting year and the Northern Territory remains at the highest drowning rate, per capita, in Australia.

The Swim and Survive program is a nationally developed swimming and water safety program that provides an opportunity for primary school children to achieve the national benchmark in water safety education. 12,185 primary school aged children from 93 schools participated in the Swim and Survive program, with 1087 achieving the national benchmark of level 4 and above. Based on 23,800 Primary school student enrolments, 4.5% achieved a level 4 or above. The Department of Education and Royal Life Saving NT have formed a partnership to address these concerning statistics.

2938 children from 35 schools in 24 remote communities participated in the Remote Swim and Survive project funded through Indigenous Sport Active Recreation Project. The project enabled children to learn to swim and participate in a Pool Lifesaving carnival. The project has implemented a training and AUSTSWIM mentoring program to assist local people in obtaining employment or volunteer services at their community swimming pool. 277 Local community people participated in this training.

4,619 training certificates were issued with 55% of this training conducted in regional and remote areas. 1341 statements of attainments were issued under Vocational Education and Training. 282 Training courses were conducted over the NT and these included Bronze Medallion, Pool Lifeguard, First Aid, Resuscitation, AUSTSWIM, Pool Operations and Emergency Care. We have a workforce of 10 full time staff and up to 70 casual staff as Trainers, Examiners and Swimming Instructors, who commit to the highest quality of service delivery throughout the NT.

The NT Government funded Water Safety Awareness Program is a proactive strategy for drowning prevention of children under five years of age. The vision, support and commitment from the NT Government ensures Territory families are safer in, on and around the water. In 2002 the NT had the highest drowning rate in Australia, of children, in the under-five age group, compared to the lowest in 2013. The voucher program provides a fantastic opportunity for families to access free water safety lessons for their child. 1138 enrolments were received in 2013/2014 with ten providers operating across the NT. 11,966 children have participated in this program since inception.

The Sport of Pool Lifesaving achieved increased participation with over 3,000 children participating in carnivals in Darwin, Katherine, Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Borroloola and 18 remote communities. Royal Life Saving NT sent a team of 5 lifesaving athletes to the Australian Pool Life Saving Championships in Canberra. We placed 6th overall, a fantastic achievement. Thanks to our coaches, volunteers and officials whose ongoing commitment and contribution to the sport makes a huge difference for our community.

Two ongoing challenges are a Royal Life Saving NT Headquarters for Darwin and Alice Springs and secured ongoing operational funding for our remote swimming pools. Royal Life Saving NT are concerned for the overall sustainability of our remote swimming pools. We continue to work with all levels of Government and Communities to seek a solution.

I am pleased to complete my report by advising members, stakeholders and supporters that the NT Branch is in a strong position and looks forward to the ongoing challenges. I would like to sincerely thank our devoted volunteers including the Executive Management Team led by Randall Cook, our trainers, instructors, examiners and our members. I would like to thank Royal Life Saving National Office and all the State and Territory Branches of Royal Life Saving. Finally I would like to thank the fantastic staff for their continued dedication and commitment. I am proud and honoured to be part of a strong team that is committed to our values of: Integrity, Respect, Quality, Leadership, Innovation and Transparency.

Yours in lifesaving,
Floss Roberts

Highlights 2013—2014

- 12,185 school-aged children participated in the Swim and Survive program, with 12,905 certificates issued, 1087 students achieved a level 4 or above.
- 282 courses were conducted across the NT, with 1836 participants attending. 55% of training was conducted in regional and remote areas. A total of 4619 certificates were issued for Aquatic Services and Lifesaving competencies. 1341 Statement of Attainments were issued from the VET sector.
- 57 Public awareness and community displays were conducted across the NT with 19,600 Territorians receiving a direct community benefit from these activities.
- Enrolled 1138 children under five in the Water Safety Awareness Program which is designed to help families prevent drowning in this vulnerable age group.
- Worked with all levels of Government to highlight the needs of remote community pools
- 2938 children participated in the Indigenous Sport and Recreation Project Remote Swim & Survive.
- Full time position maintained in Alice Springs to increase services to Central Australia
- Representative team from the Northern Territory placed 6 in the Australian Pool Lifesaving Championships, with over 3,000 children participating in Pool Lifesaving across the NT
- 34,904 members of our community received a direct community benefit from Royal Life Saving NT
- Sadly 9 Territorians lost their lives in drowning related incidents and the NT continues to have the highest drowning rate per capita in Australia (2012-2013 figures)

Our Organisation

History of RLSSA NT

Royal Life Saving Society - Australia—Northern Territory Branch has a proud history of serving communities and individuals and is the leading water safety education and training provider in the Northern Territory. The NT formed a stand-alone Branch of the Royal Life Saving Society – Australia in 1965 and since then has played a critical role in reducing drowning deaths, particularly in under five-year-olds through raising water safety awareness and teaching children water safety and swimming skills.

Royal Life Saving Society - Australia—Northern Territory Branch believes that everyone can be a lifesaver. Through innovative training practices, such as e-learning courses, we are continuing to find new ways to serve our community and help Territorians develop the skills to save lives.

Our Mission: To prevent loss of life and injury in the community with an emphasis on the aquatic environment.

Our Vision: To build a healthy, strong and safe aquatic community through access to water safety education and training.

Strategic Statement

Royal Life Saving is a Public Benevolent Institution (PBI) dedicated to the saving of lives. We turn everyday people into everyday community lifesavers. We achieve this 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.

Royal Life Saving is both a sport organisation and recreation organisation.

Royal Life Saving operates through a community development model, working together to build capacity from the ground up.

Values

Integrity

Respect

Quality

Leadership

Innovation

Transparency

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

Strategic Intent

Our strategic intent is to service the rapidly changing and growing community throughout the Northern Territory, whilst continuously improving the quality of our services, knowledge and research. We will accommodate the rate of change in the environment, lifestyle and community attitudes, while maintaining a team spirit, a healthy balance with volunteers and reaching a consensus of the highest level in decision making.



Target 2015

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

Stakeholders

Stakeholder Category	How we work together
Aquatic Industry including public, commercial and private pools	Professionally audited swimming pools gives the aquatic industry confidence that any safety gaps can be identified and rectified before problems arise. Other safety swimming pool safety assessments include swimming pools in strata buildings, hotel, motel, camping grounds and school swimming pools. We provide ongoing professional training to keep pool staff up-to-date and to develop a strong aquatic network.
Community members using fee for service training	This includes community members who undertake all forms of training with us – from First Aid to industry-specific courses such as the Pool Plant Operators Course.
Culturally and linguistically diverse individuals and communities	The Territory is home to a variety of cultural and linguistic groups, including Indigenous groups who speak a diverse range of languages and immigrant groups. We work to ensure our safety messages and programs are accessible to all groups regardless of their background.
Families	Most of our programs touch families, either directly or indirectly.
Higher education sector	We provide training to staff and students at higher education facilities throughout the Territory.
Local Government	In most of the Territory, public swimming pools are owned and operated by Local Government. We provide professional support and development as well as partnering with local pools to deliver programs.
Members	We have two categories of membership: Financial Members who are entitled to vote at the AGM and receive other member benefits; and Award Members who receive membership on the completion of a RLSSA – NT training course. This membership lasts as long as their qualification is current.
NT Coroner	When a drowning occurs in the Territory, we make our experts available to provide advice to the Coroner in the hope of preventing future deaths.
Primary, Middle and Senior schools	Through the Swim and Survive program, Bronze Medallion and on-land water safety awareness instruction, we reach thousands of children in the Territory every year.
Refugees and new immigrants	Reaching out to refugees and new immigrants is particularly important because they often haven't been exposed to large natural water bodies or swimming pools. When funding is available, we partner with the Melaleuca Refugee Centre to reach those most at risk.
Regional, remote and very remote communities	Our team had a close relationship with 18 remote and very remote community swimming pools across the Territory, as well as neighbouring out-stations. We provide programs, training, networking opportunities and professional advice onsite.

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 seven people meets a minimum of eight times annually and is elected by the membership at the annual general meeting held in Darwin. This meeting is open to all financial members of the organisation and is held on the first Wednesday in September at 6pm, advertised in the NT News.

The Board consists of a Chairperson; a Vice-Chairperson; a Secretary; a Treasurer; the Executive Director; and two other committee members. Unless elected directly as a separate office holder, the Executive Director will be appointed to be the Association's Public Officer. The Board's powers and responsibilities are determined by the Associations Act, Royal Life Saving NT Constitution and the current Strategic Plan: Our People, Our Lifestyle, Our Water 2011-2014. The Board is aware of their role and the prescribed governance standards for not-for-profit organisations.

Strategic Goals

Community Development (Our People)

Goal: Supportive Environment encouraging participation in structured water safety education and training programs.

Recreation Development (Our Lifestyle)

Goal: Foster a sports pathway for grassroots to elite athletes. Encourage safe, healthy and active recreation behaviour.

Industry Relationships and Capacity Building (Our Water)

Goal: Maintain and strengthen industry relationships. Build the capacity of the organisation and our people.

Business Management and Leadership (Our Business)

Goal: Develop a business model that provides a sustainable future.

Table 1: Board Positions, Qualifications, Experience and Responsibilities

Name	Board Position & Responsibilities	Qualifications	Experience
Randall Cook	President & Chairperson	B.Ed. Grad Dip in Educational Mgmt.	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.
Bradley Mortimer	Vice President & Deputy Chairperson	BA, LLB (Hons) LLM	Member of the Board from 17/4/2012
Trevor Cawthorne	Treasurer & Deputy Chair	B.Hosp	Extensive experience in audit, accounting and treasury management. Member of the Board for the past six years.
Alice McDonald	Secretary	BHealthSc Grad Dip Secondary Teaching C IV Youth C IV TAA and TAE Dip Quality Auditing	Executive Board member of many sporting organisations, including responsibilities as Secretary /Treasurer /Returning Officer. Member of the Board for past six years.
Penny Hart	Committee Member	Bachelor of Arts, and a Grad Dip Secondary Teaching. Austswim Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety	Ten years involvement in Pool Lifesaving including representative NT Team and Silver Barras, volunteer, swimming instructor
Fritz Risler	Committee Member	B.Ed	Twenty years involvement on Royal Life Saving NT committees & past president.
Annette Roberts	Executive Director RLSSA NT Public Officer	Dip. HR and Frontline Mgmt. Dip Work Health Safety	20 years' experience in the aquatic industry. Member of the Executive Board of AUSTSWIM. Extensive experience on the Boards of other not-for-profit organisations. Member of the Board for the past seven years.

Table 2: Record of Management Committee Meetings and Attendance

Mtg #	Date	Randall	Brad	Trevor	Alice	Penny	Fritz	Floss
AGM	21/8/13	P	A	P	A	P	P	P
1	10/9/13	A	P	P	A	P	P	P
2	22/10/13	P	P	A	A	P	P	P
3	26/11/13	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
4	18/2/14	A	P	P	A	P	P	P
5	18/3/14	P	P	A	A	P	A	P
6	22/4/14	P	P	P	A	P	P	P
7	27/5/14	P	P	P	A	A	A	P
8	17/6/14	P	P	P	A	P	P	P
9	22/7/14	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

P-Present A- Apology N/A – Not Applicable resigned

Employment

Royal Life Saving Society - Australia – NT is an equal opportunity employer. We expect all staff, whether full-time or casual, to uphold our Code of Ethics and to abide by our Code of Conduct and Code of Practice.

All staff are employed under a certified enterprise agreement. We are delighted to have 10 full-time staff, 30 casual swimming instructors and 40 casual trainers as valuable members of our workforce team.

Each new employee is given a formal induction and provided with copies of these codes and other critical documents, such as the Strategic Plan, Client Charter, role-specific Work Health and Safety policies and our Policies and Procedures document.

Because we work closely with families, all staff must undergo a police check and have an Ochre Card as per Northern Territory legislation. We also verify they hold current, relevant qualifications.

Table 3 Royal Life Saving NT Staff 2013/2014

Position	Contact	Responsibilities
Executive Director	Floss Roberts	Strategic Planning; Governance, Local, State and Federal Government Representative; Human Resources; Community Engagement; Media; Remote Service Delivery Management
Finance and Administration Manager	Jill Dowd	Finance; Administration; Merchandise; Membership
Education & Programs Manager	Wayne Van Sambeek	Swim and Survive in Schools; Community Programs; People with Disabilities; Adults; Swim School Partnership Program
Training Manager	Rebecca Gawne	RTO Management; Training; AUSTSWIM
WSAP Manager	Jacqui Dobson Resigned 11/10/2013	Manage NTG Water Safety Awareness program; Keep Watch; Infant Aquatics
Project Officer Aquatic Industry Services & Training Officer	Mark FitzSimons	Aquatic Facility Safety Assessment; Risk Management; Pool Plant Operations; Trainer; Project Officer Remote Pools 2012
Programs Coordinator	Janelle Cooper	Swim and Survive; School Programs; Sunday Lifesaving
Project Manager- ISARP Remote Swim and Survive Program	Stephen Gazzola	Coordination of Indigenous Sport and Active Recreation program; Swim and Survive in Remote Areas
Central Australia Training & Programs Officer	Petina Franklin	Training, Programs and WSAP in Central Australia
Training Officer Sport Development Officer	Karon Lamb Resigned 28/10/2013	Training, Sport Development
ISARP Project Officer Remote Swim & Survive	Maxine Cross 1/7-31/12/2013 Joan Burns Commenced 3/2/2014	Coordination of Indigenous Sport and Active Recreation program; Swim and Survive in Remote Areas

Membership

Table 4: Royal Life Saving NT Membership Summary 2013—2014

A total of 1624 members contributed to the activities of the Society during 2013-14 period. Thank you to our Patron of the Society, Her Honour the Honourable Sally Thomas AM.

Summary of Financial Members as at 30 June 2014

Membership Type	Number
Corporate	5
Individual	55
Patron	1
Pool Life Saving – Alice Springs	24
Pool Life Saving – Darwin	29
Seniors	6
Trainer	25
Total	145

Summary of Non-financial Members as at 30 June 2014

Membership Type	Number
Award	1464
Life	6
Schools	9
Total	1479

Royal Life Saving NT Life Members

Kath Midgley
Fritz Risler
Randall Cook
Alister Lear
Jenny Verrall
Kathy Curby
Daphne Read

Summary of Royal Life Saving Northern Territory Members as at 30 June 2014

Total Members	1624
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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 57 community events at schools, shopping centres, parenting groups, remote communities and major Northern Territory events including the Teddy Bears Picnic, Sea Breeze Festival, Water Safety Week, Families Week and the Defence Expo. These events have taken place right across the Northern Territory. Over 19,600 members of the community directly interacted with Royal Life Saving Northern Territory at these events. This demonstrates the commitment and dedication of the volunteers of Royal Life Saving Northern Territory to drowning prevention in our community.

Over the past year many of the community events have involved promoting and educating families about the Water Safety Awareness Program and the Keep Watch message. These programs are designed specifically to reduce drowning risks in young children. Parenting groups and shopping centres are a great way for the organisation to inform parents and carers of young children about these programs as access is free in these forums.

The Swim and Survive Team also contributed with their involvement in school water safety talks. These proved very popular among the schools who took up this opportunity and the talks were a great lead into the schools Swim and Survive programs.



Pool supervision during the Merrepen Festival

The Team also supported the Nauyiu Community with their annual Merrepen Festival. Staff attended the event to assist with supervision of the pool opening during the Festival.

“Water Safety Week” was a great week with the highlight being Splashfest, where the Royal Life Saving NT Stall was staffed by volunteers who donated their time to provide information packs to over 150 families.



A group of children enjoying Splashfest events with Floss



Janelle, Floss and Maxine at Splashfest

Our Volunteers

Pool Lifesaving also benefitted from volunteer assistance throughout the year with Fritz Risler and Alister Lear continuing to support Darwin Pool Lifesaving. Peter Tokin has been a great support to Pool Lifesaving in Alice Springs this year also.

In addition to community events board members also donated their time to provide strategic assistance; their time was dependant on their specific responsibilities. Over 100 hours were donated to the Organisation to ensure the operational plan aligned to the budget and strategic plan.

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 2013/2014 Volunteer of the Year Award is Trevor Cawthorne.** Trevor has contributed many hours providing strategic assistance and financial guidance to the Board and the Organisation since becoming Treasurer in 2008.

Volunteer of the Year Award for outstanding commitment to the community	
2013 / 2014	Trevor Cawthorne
2012 / 2013	Karon Lamb
2011 / 2012	Alister Lear
2010 / 2011	Jill Dowd

Table 5 Volunteer of the year Award 2013/2014



Randall, Trevor, Floss, Fritz and Penny at the AGM 21/8/2013

Active Family Fun Day- Night

A very successful Active Family Fun Day was held on 19th September 2013. Over 140 people attended the event at Casuarina Swimming Pool and some continued on to join pool lifesaving on Wednesdays.



Water Safety New Zealand Study Tour

Executive Summary by Cory Sweeney

The Water Safety New Zealand and AUSTSWIM conference held in Queenstown was a huge success for a number of reasons. Fantastic speakers, great location and an opportunity to network with other members of the water safety sector, both within New Zealand and abroad. During this time an opportunity arose for an international visit to Royal Life Saving Northern Territory, Australia with a specific focus of understanding and learning from the two organizations indigenous projects. Cory Sweeney manages Maori and Pacific interests for Water Safety New Zealand and he was keen to look at indigenous issues and water safety across NT and NZ. Cory's recount of the study tour follows.

Conference discussions led to a weeklong visit from myself to Darwin, to join forces with the Northern Territory based Royal Life Saving team. During the week I spent three days in Daly River and Katherine, which was approximately 300km from Darwin, where I engaged with the Daly River indigenous community.

Chaperoned by the Royal Life Saving Indigenous Project Manager and one of his staff, we swerved past jumping kangaroos, over the top of toads and under the radar of the regional snakes and crocodiles to work with this small indigenous community.

I spent the final two days of my visit with the staff in the head office based in Darwin. These two days were spent meeting with representatives from local Sport and Recreation Government, Royal Life staff involved in the swim and survive programs around the city, and Ministry of Education meetings.

It was a jam packed six days where there was an opportunity to observe other indigenous projects from within and reflect on the WSNZ organisation, how we function, the projects we enable and our role as sector leaders.

Royal Life Saving NT Office Headquarters

Royal Life Saving NT have operated from Sports House for the past 30 years. This has enabled us to deliver services to regional and remote locations and truly service the whole of the Territory. In July 2013 Tennants at Sports House were offered an interim shared rental at Ethos House in Casuarina until August 2015. The Executive Board are working towards a Royal Life Saving NT Headquarters in Darwin and an office in Alice Springs.



Training & Aquatic Services; RTO # 0859

Since 1894 Royal Life Saving has been training Australians to be lifesavers. While the principles have not changed, we are now training people to use these skills in a wide range of workplaces and communities.

These programs are delivered by a professional group of employees and volunteers, providing customer-focused programs that foster training and skills that save lives and prevent accidents.

Every year we train pool lifeguards, pool managers, teachers, swim teachers and first aiders in workplaces across the Northern Territory, many of them young and just starting a career. Training is the cornerstone of our vision for a safe community.

During 2013-2014, 282 courses were conducted with 4619 certificates issued including 1341 statements of attainment. RLSSA NT has increased training delivered in the remote and regional with a total of 55.31% of all training courses being delivered in remote and regional areas within the Northern Territory.

To ensure that course participants receive professional and concise training, Trainers are required to attend the Annual Trainers Workshop to re-accreditate their qualifications and to validate assessment tools and procedures. The 9th Annual Trainers workshop was held in August and was a success with the majority of Trainers attending. This Workshop serves to ensure quality training and consistent practices and to ensure legislative requirements are being met and maintained.

In the past year we continued our development and expansion of vocational training and education agendas. Clarifying industry needs, supporting workforce development, whilst keeping a close eye on safety imperatives are essential components of our role in this area. Of specific importance was the review of units of competency contained within the Community Recreation Training Package.

Course Name	Number of Courses	Number of Participants
First Aid	14	150
Resuscitation Awareness	13	118
First Aid in a Box	31	335
Resuscitation	39	145
Resuscitation Reaccreditation	28	84
Accompanied Rescue	1	3
Bronze Star	1	29
Award of Merit	1	6
Bronze Cross	1	2
Bronze Medallion	44	325
Bronze Medallion Reaccreditation	37	288
Pool Lifeguard	9	22
Pool Lifeguard Package 1	5	15
Pool Lifeguard Package 2	5	12
Pool Lifeguard Reaccreditation	18	115
Pool Plant Operators	3	27
WorkShop	1	21
Swimming Teacher Rescue Award	18	178
AUSTSWIM	16	142
Total	285	2017

As always at this time we need to thank those who work tirelessly for Royal Life Saving NT as a whole. We possess a dedicated but small team of professional trainers, which assist us with the delivery of quality training across the Top End. Without these individuals RLSSANT would not be in the strong position we are today as a leading RTO. Since 2009 one trainer is recognised by the Society for their outstanding commitment to training. **The 2013/2014 Trainer of the Year is Rod Cremona!** Rod has shown a strong commitment to delivering training to the Katherine Region through his implementation of the first 'Poolies for Schoolies' program in November. Five students from Katherine High School completed their Bronze Medallion, Pool Lifeguard and First Aid Training which was coupled with work experience at the YMCA Katherine Pool. RLSSANT would like to thank Rod for his outstanding achievements and contribution to RLSSANT and the community.



Trainer of the Year Award for Standard of Excellence in Training	
2013 / 2014	Rodney Cremona
2012 /2013	Petina Franklin
2011 / 2012	Mark FitzSimons
2010 / 2011	Rebecca Gawne
2009 / 2010	Alice McDonald

Aquatic Facility Safety Assessments

The increased demands on facility managers, duty supervisors and lifeguards to improve safety standards and keep abreast of industry best practice can be difficult. Royal Life Saving NT has annual (at least) meetings with the management of our 25 Public Swimming Pools to ensure our services are directly related to their needs and community safety. Industry feedback, ongoing consultation and active participation from all stakeholders are required to ensure our training is in line with industry needs. The formulation and implementation of risk management processes and workplace health and safety is essential to maintaining an efficient and safe aquatic operation.

An Aquatic Facility Safety Assessment (AFSA) is a safety assessment that is based on the Guidelines for Safe Pool Operations that provides facility managers not only with a documented safety assessment but also supplies the manager with a safety report which can be implemented to increase safer operations at the facility and provide council and facility owners with an idea of areas that may require expenditure and thus helping councils to set realistic budgets for the ongoing safe operations of their aquatic facility.

In 2013/14 Royal Life Saving NT has also extended a helping hand to Royal Life Saving Tasmania in RTO management.

To assist aquatic facilities to achieve this, Royal Life Saving has delivered a range of Aquatic Risk Management Services:

- Aquatic Facility Safety Assessments
- Aquatic Facility Safety Assessments WSAP Pools
- Aquatic Facility Desktop Audits
- Guidelines for Water Safety Risk Assessments
- Water Safety Signage
- Risk Assessment

The following Aquatic Facility Safety Assessments have been conducted:

- 5 public swimming pools NT (4 urban pools, 1 remote)
- 14 public pools Tasmania
- 1 WSAP pool
- 1 public pool Risk Assessment

AUSTSWIM

The AUSTSWIM accreditation is the industry standard for Swimming and Water Safety Teachers™ and is delivered and recognised in each state and territory of Australia and many countries overseas.

Royal Life Saving Society NT work closely with aquatic facilities, education departments, peak industry organisations and partners to achieve 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.

Royal Life Saving Northern Territory is a sub agency of AUSTSWIM. This allows Territorians access to consistent and quality courses. In 2013 – 2014 RLSSANT conducted a total of 16 courses, delivering to 142 participants across the Northern Territory.

2013-2014 Highlights

- The Department of Education Course - a one day course delivered by Alina Graham for 12 Northern Territory teachers
- An AUSTSWIM Teacher of Access and Inclusion training session was conducted in Katherine for the first time with 14 participants in attendance.
- 56% of the 16 Course were delivered in Rural and Remote locations.

AUSTSWIM State Advisory Committee

The AUSTSWIM NT State Advisory Committee consists of stakeholders and volunteers from across the Northern Territory. Members meet three times this year and as required. This year the committee met on the 22 August 2013, 5 March 2014 and 15 May 2014.



Department of Education AUSTSWIM Course 20/3/2014 presented by Alina Graham.



AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety Katherine 16/2/2014.

Congratulations to Hollie Goodall from the NT Swim School who won the AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety State/Territory Award.



AUSTSWIM Teacher of Infants and Preschool Aquatics 16/11/2013

Table 8: AUSTSWIM SAC Members

AUSTSWIM SAC Member	Position
Petina Franklin	Chairperson & Central Australia Representative
Annette (Floss) Roberts	Secretary RLSS Rep/National Councillor
Jenny Verrall	Access and Inclusion
Jacqui Dobson & Maxine Cross	Infant and Pre-schoolers
Rebecca Johnson	Department of Education
Tony Snelling	SLS NT
Rebecca Gawne	Katherine Representative
Emma Hatch	YMCA
Wayne Van Sambeek	Teacher Swimming & Water Safety
Peter Tonkin	Swimming Australia Remote Indigenous

Table 9: AUSTSWIM NT Course Statistics

Course Name	Number of Courses	Number of Participants
Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety	9	97
Teacher of Infants and Pre-schooler Aquatics	4	18
Teacher of Access and Inclusion NOTE: Previously named AUSTSWIM Teacher of Aquatics for People with a Disability	1	14
Teacher of Adults	1	9
Teacher of Towards Competitive Strokes	0	0
AUSTSWIM PD Workshop	1	4
Total	16	142

The Remote Service Delivery and Indigenous Engagement Project

AUSTSWIM and Royal Life Saving NT partner to provide increased AUSTSWIM services to regional and remote areas of the Northern Territory. This project aims to ensure that courses will be run in remote locations for small numbers and that a customised learning plan will be implemented to assist aboriginal people become AUSTSWIM qualified teachers of swimming and water safety.

In 2013/2014 the number of rural and remote courses represented 56% of all AUSTSWIM courses conducted in the NT. Many courses would have been cancelled without funding and the mentoring program is working well. We currently have 4 Indigenous participants completing their qualifications and 3 Indigenous participants that gained their full AUSTSWIM teacher of swimming and water safety qualification.

Central Australia

In 2013/2014 the Central Australian office of Royal Life Saving Society (Australia) NT Branch Territory has continued to grow and service the local and remote communities in the central region. The Central Australian office is currently housed in office space sponsored by Department of Housing, Department of Local Government, Department of Regional Development and Women's Policy—Leichhardt Building. The Central region of the NT Branch has delivered 70 training courses across Central Australia. 7 additional courses were delivered by the Central Australian staff in other Territory locations to meet the demands of the community.

The Central Australian office continues to raise public awareness of the dangers of the aquatic environment through community based programs such as the Water Safety Awareness Program with assistance and collaboration with Local Government, Pool Management, Government Departments including Education and Health, other Stakeholders and community members.

Highlights have included delivery of first aid training in remote communities and delivery of an AUSTSWIM TSW course in Kalkarindji.

Pool Lifesaving has continued to develop as a sport and has seen an increase in younger participants taking part in Pool Lifesaving. Peter Tonkin's support in a voluntary capacity has been invaluable to the young participants of Pool Lifesaving in Alice Springs..

The Royal Life Saving Society (Australia) NT Branch has provided the Central Australian region with more opportunities to participate in education and training, assisting in the promotion of safe water practices and the opportunity of working together to build stronger communities through its office in Alice Springs.



Yuendumu First Aid



Petina & Lawrie Lawrence with Mums & Bubs from GAP group



AUSTSWIM TSW course Kalkarindji 2013



Pool Lifesaving Alice Springs

Alice Springs statistics Water Safety Awareness Program for Under 5's

Table1: WSAP enrolments

Year	Enrolments	% of Total Vouchers Issued
2005/2006	102	16%
2006/2007	58	9%
2007/2008	107	13%
2008/2009	190	17%
2009/2010	72	7%
2010/2011	177	16%
Full time position based in Alice Springs 1/7/11		
2011/2012	325	27%
2012/2013	235	19%
2013/2014	108	9%

Table 2: Training Statistics

2007/2008	22 courses - Total 112 Participants
2008/2009	16 Courses, Total 92 Participants
2009/2010	26 courses, Total 171 Participants
2010/2011	19 courses, Total 111 Participants
Full time position based in Alice Springs 1/7/11	
2011/2012	70 Courses, Total 278 Participants
2012/2013	74 courses, Total 401 participants
2013/2014	70 courses, Total 391 participants

Table 3: Participation in Pool Lifesaving

2007/2008	23 participants
2008/2009	25 participants
2009/2010	18 participants
2010/2011	7 participants
Full time position based in Alice Springs 1/7/11	
2011/2012	23 participants
2012/2013	35 participants
2013/2014	24 participants

Swim and Survive

Engaging in a wide variety of aquatic activities adds to the unique lifestyle we have in the Northern Territory.

Royal Life Saving Society Australia Northern Territory Branch uses the nationally recognised Swim and Survive Program to assist in achieving our vision; to build a healthy, strong and safe aquatic community through water safety education. This starts with our most vulnerable.... our children.

The Swim and Survive program is a balanced program that incorporates water safety skills, swimming skills and rescue and lifesaving skills under three Award levels: Wonder (6 months – 3 years), Courage (3- 5 years) and Active (5 – 14 years). The program is available to children through school coordinated programs or Royal Life Saving Society Northern Territories community based programs.

The Swim and Survive program had another successful year in 2013 – 2014 with an increase in the number of participants in the program. This year has seen 12,185 children participate in the Swim and Survive Programs throughout urban, regional and remote areas of the Northern Territory. This is a fantastic achievement and represents an increase of 367 children from the 2012 – 2013 figure of 11,818 or 3%.



Nightcliff MLA Natasha Fyles presents Stratis Melas with his Level 4 certificate at the end of the Sunday Life Saving program November 2013. Instructor: Kylie Offer

Northern Territory schools were a driving force for this increase with 93 schools participating in a Swim and Survive Program throughout the Northern Territory. This is a significant increase of 14 schools from 2012 – 2103 and highlights the commitment school communities are making to water safety for their students. The Northern Territory, Department of Education has recognised the Swim and Survive Program as the benchmark swimming and water safety program for Northern Territory students. The strength of this relationship can be highlighted by the fact that 70 Government schools participated in a Swim and Survive Program in 2013 - 2014. This represents 7830 of all participants or 64%.

Remote areas have seen a significant increase in schools participating in the Swim and Survive Program. Resulting in an increase in student participation of 20% with 3273 students from Remote Areas taking part in a Swim and Survive Program. The Federal Government, Indigenous Sport and Active Recreation Program (ISARP) delivered the Swim and Survive Program to 2938 students from 35 schools in 24 locations.



Jabiru Area School Swim and Survive Program April 2014

All 93 schools that undertook a Swim and Survive Program throughout the Northern Territory need to be commended for their time, energy and commitment to water safety education. A full list of participating schools and number of students is included in the appendices.

The Northern Territory Water Safety Advisory Council with support from the National Water Safety Council acknowledge that students leaving Primary school should have achieved a minimum of Active Level 4 of Swim and Survive (or equivalent). In 2013 – 2014, 1087 of the 12185 participants achieved an Active Award Level 4 or above. This represents 11% of all participants.

Royal Life Saving NT gives the opportunity for our community to access the Swim and Survive program through our VACSWIM Swim and Survive Program at Casuarina Pool and the Sunday Lifesaving Program at Nightcliff Aquatic Centre. Each of these programs are conducted twice a year and offer an intensive program for 343 children and their families. The highlight being the Sunday Lifesaving program, with it's family friendly atmosphere including participants who are aged from 6 months to 14 years old.

We are fortunate to have great relationships with many stakeholders who all play a part in the success of the Swim and Survive Program. Whether it be parents, school communities, councils, pool staff or the participants themselves they all help in making the Swim and Survive program a success. RLSSANT thank you all for your ongoing support and participation!

Here at Royal Life Saving NT we have an amazing team of staff who are no doubt our greatest asset. Our AUSTSWIM qualified instructors enthusiastically deliver a fun and professional program and they are supported by a dedicated team that share the combined vision of building a healthy, strong and safe aquatic community.



VACSWIM January 2014

RLSSANT has received the following feedback made by teachers from various schools in Darwin:

The Essington School Darwin:

"The kids just loved the instructors. They were friendly, engaging and could explain things well (which isn't easy I know). Thanks for a great two weeks!" "The children love the program, great to have a bit of fitness & fun."

Girraween Primary School:

"I loved seeing the students grow in confidence over the two weeks"

"The instructors were friendly, knowledgeable and great with all of the students."

Jingili Primary School :

"An effective program. Great organisation for all swimming groups. Lessons ran smoothly with clear & concise instructions." It's great to see that the kids can improve their swimming skills in a fun and happy environment."

Department of Education Certificate Funding

7830 Government school students received certificate funding through Department of Education.

This figure includes 2809 Remote Government school students of which 2474 participated in the Indigenous Sport and Active Recreation Program (ISARP). 70 Government schools provided vital swimming and lifesaving skills for their students with 522 students achieving a Level 4 or above .

Swim and Survive Partner

The Northern Territory is unique in that the delivery of the Swim and Survive Program comes in a variety of forms.

Royal Life Saving NT are supported by the 26 Swim and Survive Partners that are recognised as a preferred deliverer of the Swim and Survive Program. This includes the Goldfishbowl Swim School in Palmerston, the government and independent schools in Alice Springs who deliver the Program to their students, the Tindal Swim School, Tindal and the Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

This year saw 3546 children participate in the Swim and Survive through the 26 Swim and Survive Partners. This represents 29.1% of all participants and is an increase of 252 children (8%) on the 2012 – 2013 figures of 3294.



Swim and Survive Partners

The Goldfishbowl Swim School	Marianne's Private Swim School
Tindal Tidal Waves Swimming Club	Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre

Swim and Survive Partner – Schools

Nemarluk School	Alice Springs School of the Air
Laramba School	Alice Springs Steiner School
MacFarlane Primary School	Bradshaw Primary School
Katherine School of the Air	Ross Park Primary
Clyde Fenton Primary School	Yipirinya School
Braitling Primary	Larapinta Primary
Our Lady Sacred Heart Primary	Sadadeen Primary
Araluen Christian College	Living Waters Lutheran School
Tennant Creek Primary	Kalkaringi School
Yulara School	Mataranka Primary School
Batchelor Area School	Henbury School

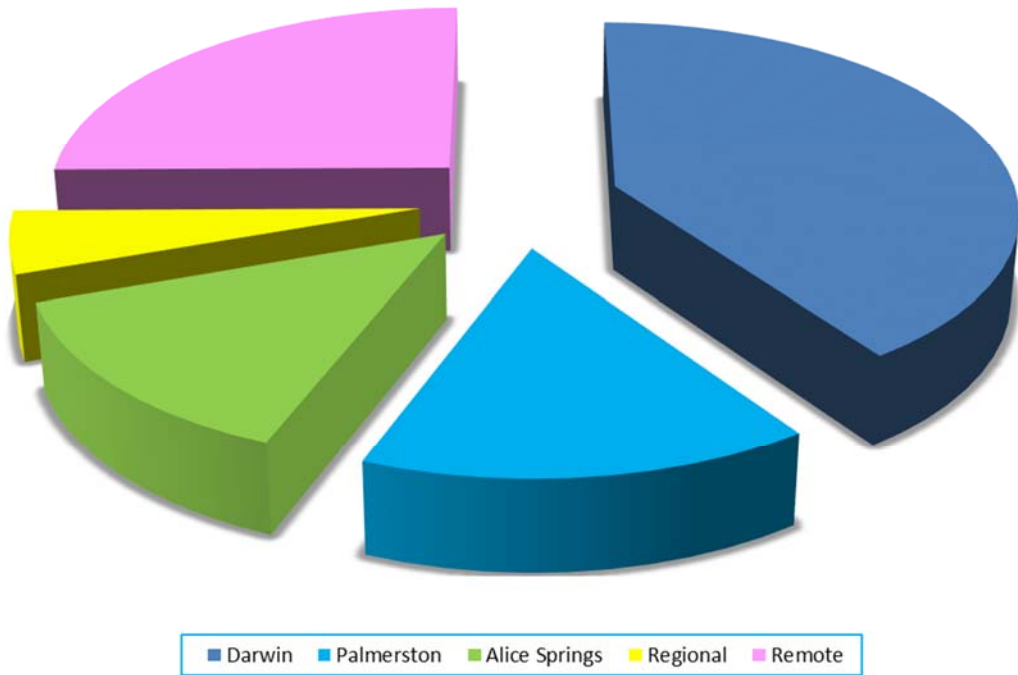
Swim and survive

Area	No. of Students	No. of Certificates
DARWIN	4617	5191
PALMERSTON	1855	2001
ALICE SPRINGS	1765	1765
REGIONAL	675	675
REMOTE	3273	3273
TOTAL	12185	12905

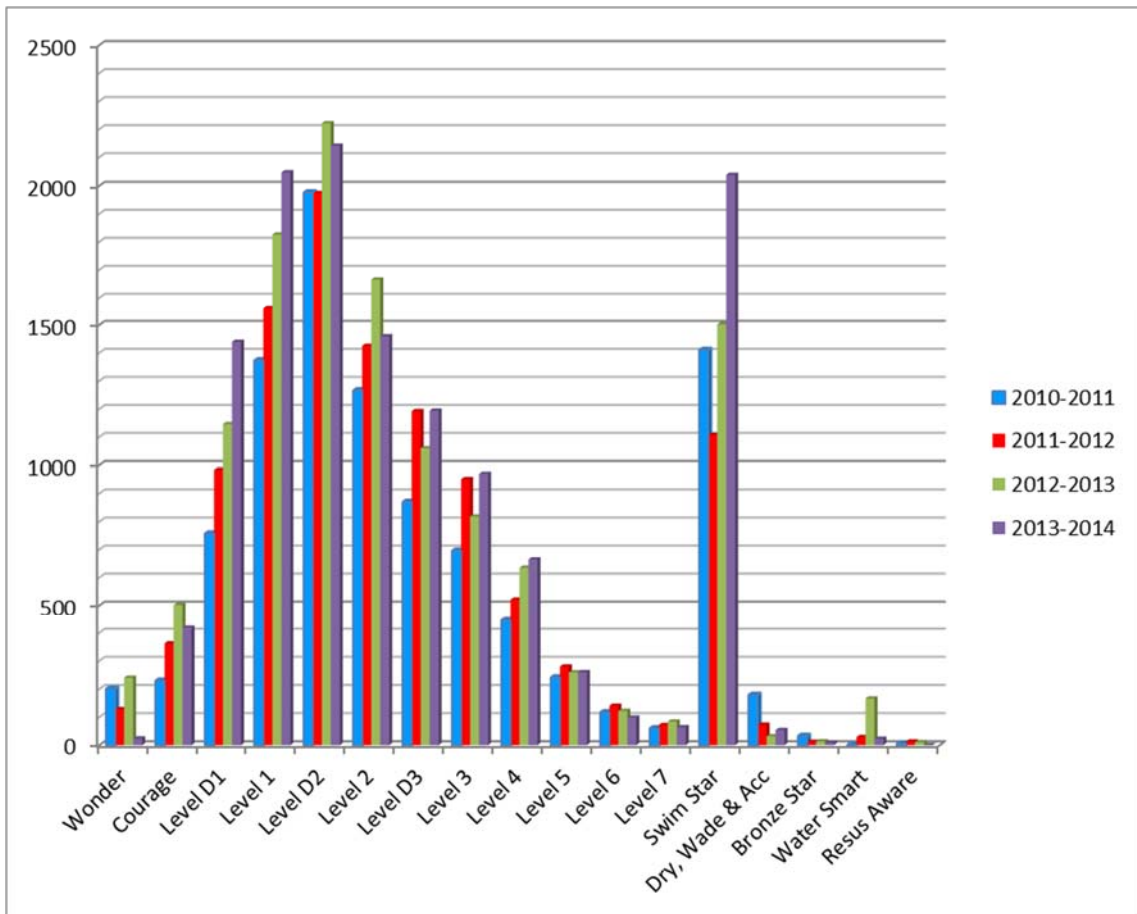
Royal Life Saving Society NT have introduced the **Swim and Survive AUSTSWIM Teacher of the year Award**. This award recognises excellence in teaching swimming and water safety, mentoring and coaching new teachers and commitment to drowning prevention. The **2013/2014 Swim and Survive AUSTSWIM teacher of the year** is **Tania Sloane**. Thank you Tania for your fantastic work in and out of the water.



Certificates Issued by Region 2013 - 2014



Certificates issued by Levels



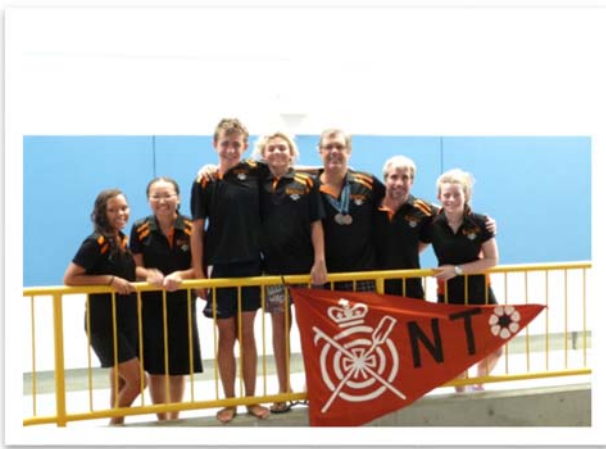
Sport - Pool Lifesaving

The sport of Pool Lifesaving is held in pools across Australia and overseas and is recognised as an international sport. The Northern Territory runs regular Pool Lifesaving sessions at two locations – Alice Springs and Darwin, which operate up to eight months of the year. Pool Lifesaving tests skills in rescue, accident prevention and emergency care. The sport caters for all ages, with competitions ranging from local community groups and school level right up to national and international levels.

In the Northern Territory the Pool Lifesaving season of 2013/2014 was a busy and exciting time.

Competition

The Northern Territory was represented by a team of five at the National Championships in January and achieved a great result by coming 6th overall in the Team competition. Participating team members were Mark FitzSimons, Lysa Hoang, Max Oliphant-Hand, Aari Oliphant-Hand and Umima Shah-Munro. Travelling with the team were Coach Alister Lear and Team Manager Sarah Dowd. Floss Roberts and Jill Dowd represented the Northern Territory as officials at the Championships held in Canberra. Personal achievements included Mark FitzSimons, coming away with 5 medals and Lysa Hoang bringing home 1 medal.



Australian Pool Life Saving Championships Team NT
January 2014

A big thank-you to Laura Campbell who was from Victoria and competed for the NT as a draft to enable us to have a complete U16's Team at the Pool Lifesaving Nationals in January.

Also a big thank you to all the families who contributed to our Christmas Hamper raffle which helped fund the team's trip to Canberra to participate in the Championships.

Participation

Alice Springs participation rates were consistently strong this year. The use of the indoor heated Aquatic Centre together with the enthusiasm and dedication of Petina Franklin has seen Alice Springs maintain a strong member base, with consistent attendance over the school terms. Volunteer support has also assisted in maintaining regular sessions for the members as Petina has had to share her

time in remote locations during the year.

Darwin's participation rates are still holding steady. This year we were very lucky to have former NT Representative and former Aussie Barra Penny Hart join our adult swimming group as well as assisting our junior members and passing on valuable tips.

This season participating members were recognised for their sportsmanship and skill development. Members who were awarded in Darwin were Therese Hockey and Dominic Sloane. Alice Springs members receiving recognition were Georgia Rudd, Erica Portelli and Tristan Bond.



Christmas Pool Life Saving - Darwin 2013

Sport Regional & Remote

Pool Lifesaving Carnivals were held in Katherine, Wadeye, Borroloola, Ngukurr, Yuendumu, Daly, Batchelor, Alyangula, Kintore, Areyonga, Maningrida, Pirlangimpi, Gunbalunya and Nguiu, ensuring that Pool Lifesaving is active in the regional and remote areas of the Northern Territory.



Pool Life Saving Carnival- Katherine, December 2013



Batchelor PLS Carnival

Funding Assistance

This financial year Royal Life Saving NT were successful in obtaining two Community Benefit Funds Grants to assist in purchasing pool lifesaving equipment for Darwin & Alice Springs and to establish a Pool Life Saving Club in Borroloola. This equipment provides members the opportunities to develop their skills in the sport wherever it takes place – urban, regional and remote locations.



Wadeye - Pool Life Saving Carnival

Infants Aquatics

Education & Programs

Nurturing a love of the water in a safe environment for the youngest members of our Community is at the centre of the Infant Aquatic Program. Two six week programs were held in 2013/2014, both at Nightcliff Aquatic Centre. Both Programs were very popular with mums, dads, grandparents, carers and of course the infants themselves. 88 children participated in the two Programs. A special acknowledgement must be paid to the wonderful AUSTSWIM Infant qualified Instructors who make these Programs such an enjoyable experience for all involved. This year our Instructors were Stephanie Cockfield, Maxine Cross, Jacqui Dobson, Vanessa Haw, Jenny Verrall and Anna Wilson. Feedback from these Programs included:

In partnership with Preschools we also offer water familiarisation through the “Wonder” segment of the Swim and Survive Program and more advanced skills for older children in the “Courage” segment. 24 Wonder certificates and 296 Courage certificates were awarded this year.



Vanessa Haw with a very happy group of Infants



Jenny Verrall with Henry and his Dad, Paul

People with Disabilities

In 2013 – 2014, Royal Life Saving NT delivered two water safety and swimming programs for students with a disability at schools in the Palmerston and Rural area.

These programs were coordinated by Total Recreation as part of their Sport in Schools program and were conducted at the Palmerston Aquatic and Lifestyle Centre.



The strong relationship between Royal Life Saving NT and Total Recreation is in its sixth year. The Total Recreation Sport in Schools program aims to give students with a disability, in mainstream school the opportunity to participate in a water safety and swimming program that is tailored made for their needs. This year the modified Swim and Survive program saw on average 50 students each week participate in the program. Participating schools included: Humpty Doo School, Woodroffe School, Girraween School and Taminmin School.

As in past years the program culminated in a modified swimming carnival with 75 students competing in events from 10m to 50m. Other schools were invited to the carnival including Namarluk School and Henbury School.



Fortunately it doesn't stop there, with a pathway developed for participating students who want the opportunity to continue their involvement in swimming with the Palmerston Sharks swimming club.

Keoh Goodall said:

"On behalf of the Total Recreation members I would like to thank Royal Life NT Branch for their ongoing support of the Sport in Schools program to ensure that water awareness and swimming lessons are provided to students with disabilities. The dedication, skills and energy of the Royal Life staff is wonderful and recognised by Total Recreation and the teachers involved alike."



Adults and over 55s

In 2013, there were 291 drowning deaths in Australia. Our adult population made up 248 or 85% of these drowning deaths. Here in the Northern Territory of the 9 drowning deaths in 2013, 7 (or 78%) were over 18.

Our Pool Lifesaving Club gives adults the opportunity to improve on their swimming skills, water safety skills and learn pool lifesaving in a fun and relaxed environment. A big thank you to our dedicated volunteers who are a valuable part of the successful running of our Pool Lifesaving sessions at Casuarina Pool on Wednesday nights. The program is held in conjunction with our younger athletes program allowing the sessions to become a family orientated evening.

Cool Seniors & Grey Medallion

As stated in the *Royal Life Saving Society – Australia National Drowning Report 2013*. “There were 114 drowning deaths of people aged 55 years and over in Australian waterways. Males accounted for 79% of all drowning deaths in this age group.” This is a truly alarming figure and accounts for 39% of all drowning deaths in Australia. In the Northern Territory 3 Senior Territorians accounted for 33% of all drowning deaths in the Northern Territory.

During Seniors Month in August, Senior Territorians get the opportunity to learn new skills and enhance those previously learnt through our Cool Seniors or Grey Medallion program which is conducted at the NT Swim School in Coconut Grove. 2013 saw 10 Senior Territorians learn and develop new skills whilst enjoying social interaction with their peers in a warm, indoor environment.

The following testimonials from our participants, highlight the benefit of running this program:

“This is my favourite activity, so I am pretty receptive. But this truly was just so great all round.”

“Good humour, low key skill instruction and not noisy.”



We thank the Northern Territory Government, Department of the Chief Minister and the Office of Senior Territorians for funding assistance and the NT Swim School for the use of their facility.

Finally a big thank you to the participating Senior Territorians that again highlighted that you are “Never too young to learn, never too old to start.”

Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities (CALD)

For a number of years Royal Life Saving NT have aimed to target *at risk* community members. This year we achieved this goal by conducting a Swim and Survive program for the Melaleuca Refugee Centre during the January school holidays. Thanks to the assistance of the Royal Life Saving Society (Australia) - Swim and Survive Fund and the City of Darwin the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities (CALD) program was a great success.

As identified by the Melaleuca Refugee Centre, 45 recently arrived refugee children ranging in age from 6 years to 18 years, with very limited to no water skills or confidence participated in a Swim and Survive program . The program was run at Casuarina Pool and had an emphasis on water familiarisation, stroke development and rescue and survival skills.

Hannah Pugh-Uren from Melaleuca Refugee Centre said:

“This swimming program is always popular and essential for the young people who we work to support. This year however we felt it even more important due to the large number of newly arrived families that had settled in Darwin in the past 6 months. Many of these young people have never had the opportunity to learn to swim and were excited to get in the water and start learning. There was a lot of excitement and ongoing interest from families during the program- many parents wanting to know when they will get to learn! Melaleuca Refugee Centre appreciates all the support from everyone involved at Royal Life Saving and Casuarina Swimming Pool, the support and care for each individuals needs was exceptional.”

The success of the program would not have been achieved without the support and assistance from the Royal Life Saving Society (Australia) - Swim and Survive Fund, the City of Darwin, management and staff of Casuarina pool, the instructors from Royal Life Saving Society NT and finally the enthusiastic children.



Radio interview for the Melaleuca Refugee swimming program 18/01/2014, taken at ABC Darwin.





NORTHERN TERRITORY DROWNING SUMMARY 2013

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PEOPLE DROWNED IN NT WATERWAYS

NORTHERN TERRITORY DROWNING SUMMARY 2013

There were 9 people who drowned in Northern Territory waterways between 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2013. This is the same number as the 10 year (2002/03 to 2011/12) average of 9 drowning deaths (Figure NT1). Of the people who drowned in the Northern Territory in 2012/13, 100% were male and the largest number of drowning deaths occurred in the 45-54 years age group (Figure NT2).

The Northern Territory continues to have the highest drowning rate per capita in Australia, with a rate of 3.80 drowning deaths per 100,000 people in 2012/13.

100% of the drowning deaths occurred in Outer Regional, Remote and Very Remote locations. Swimming Pools (44%) were the location with the highest number of drowning deaths, followed by Rivers / Creeks / Streams (22%) (Figure NT3).

Falls into water and Swimming and Recreating were the activities being undertaken prior to 66% of all drowning deaths in the Northern Territory. In a further 33% of drowning deaths, the specific activity being undertaken immediately prior to drowning was unknown (Figure NT4).

Drowning deaths occur throughout the year in the Northern Territory and are split reasonably evenly between Wet and Dry season, with 56% of drowning deaths occurring in the Dry Season.

CASE STUDY

Royal Life Saving NT have grave concerns for the culture of water safety in the NT and what we need to do as a community to prevent drowning. The 3 target areas to make a difference are social behaviour around water, water safety education for school children and regional and remote access for water safety services.

1. Social behaviour: There is a reluctance to wear personal flotation devices (PDFs) for routine activities like boating. However on the water when things go wrong they tend to go wrong quickly, leaving no time to fit or find life jackets. Similarly, alcohol and water simply do not mix. Whether you are swimming, fishing, boating, camping around water or driving across rivers – you need to keep your wits about you to make the right decisions for yourself and your family. Royal Life Saving NT's call for change is to keep our great lifestyle and fun while ensuring water safety is first for everyone, everywhere, every time.
2. School Program: The Northern Territory school based water safety and swimming program urgently needs to be implemented and monitored through accurate reporting. While children in age groups that are directly supervised tend to stay safe (up to 13 years), the high numbers of teenagers and young adults who drown show the consequences of not providing water safety education to children. Less than 5% of Territory children can swim 50m.
3. Water Safety education and services for regional and remote locations remains a challenge. Many remote pools are struggling to open in the wet season and families look to unsafe water holes to simply cool off in. Children need access to water safety education programs and remote pools require an operational funding stream to open for 6 months of the year.

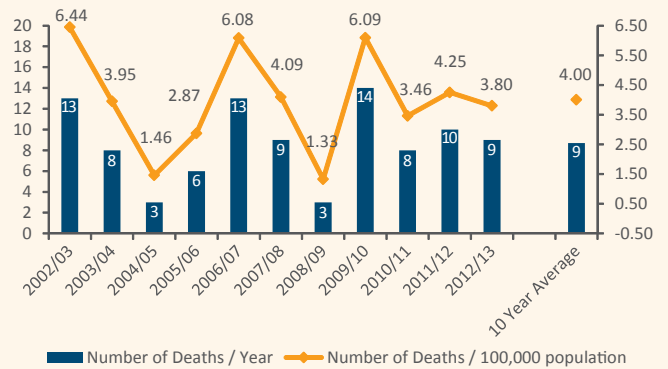


Figure NT1: Unintentional Drowning Deaths and Crude Death Rates, Northern Territory, 2002/03-2012/13, 10 Year Average

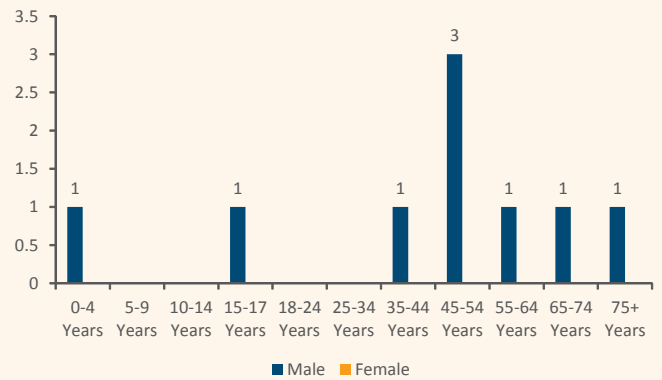


Figure NT2: Drowning Deaths by Age Group and Sex, Northern Territory, 2012/13

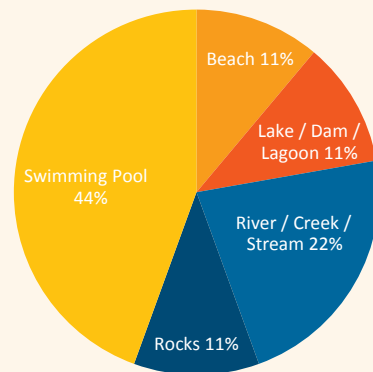


Figure NT3: Location of Drowning Deaths, Northern Territory, 2012/13

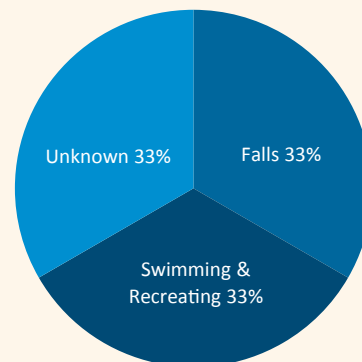


Figure NT4: Activity Prior to Drowning, Northern Territory, 2012/13

What is the Water Safety Awareness Program?

The Water Safety Awareness Program consists of five free water safety classes for the parents and guardians of children aged less than five years old who reside in the Northern Territory.

The Program is funded through the NT Government's Water Safety Branch and implemented by the not-for-profit organisation the Royal Life Saving Society (Australia) NT Branch Inc.

The first session is designed to give families a basic awareness of the specific risk factors in and around water for children and some basic instruction in resuscitation skills.

Families must attend the first session before they can access the rest of the Program.

The four in-water classes are then delivered by AUSTSWIM accredited Teachers of Infants and Preschool Aquatics to ensure the highest quality and standard of instruction.

Vouchers for the in-water classes can be used at accredited swim schools to make it as easy as possible for families to complete the course.

As many parents cannot afford to continue to pay for lessons after the four free water-based lessons, our task is to provide sets of progressive skills that parents can continue on their own.

One of the most important elements of the Water Safety Awareness Program is the way parents and carers are directly involved in the Program. They must attend every session together with their child(ren) so the benefits of the Program can continue at home.

Each year, over 1100 children enrol in the Program.

It is the only comprehensive, free water safety program for children under five in Australia. The Program is not just industry best practice; it is community safety best practice. The results speak for themselves; the Northern Territory has gone from the highest to the lowest per capita drowning rate for children under five in Australia.

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.

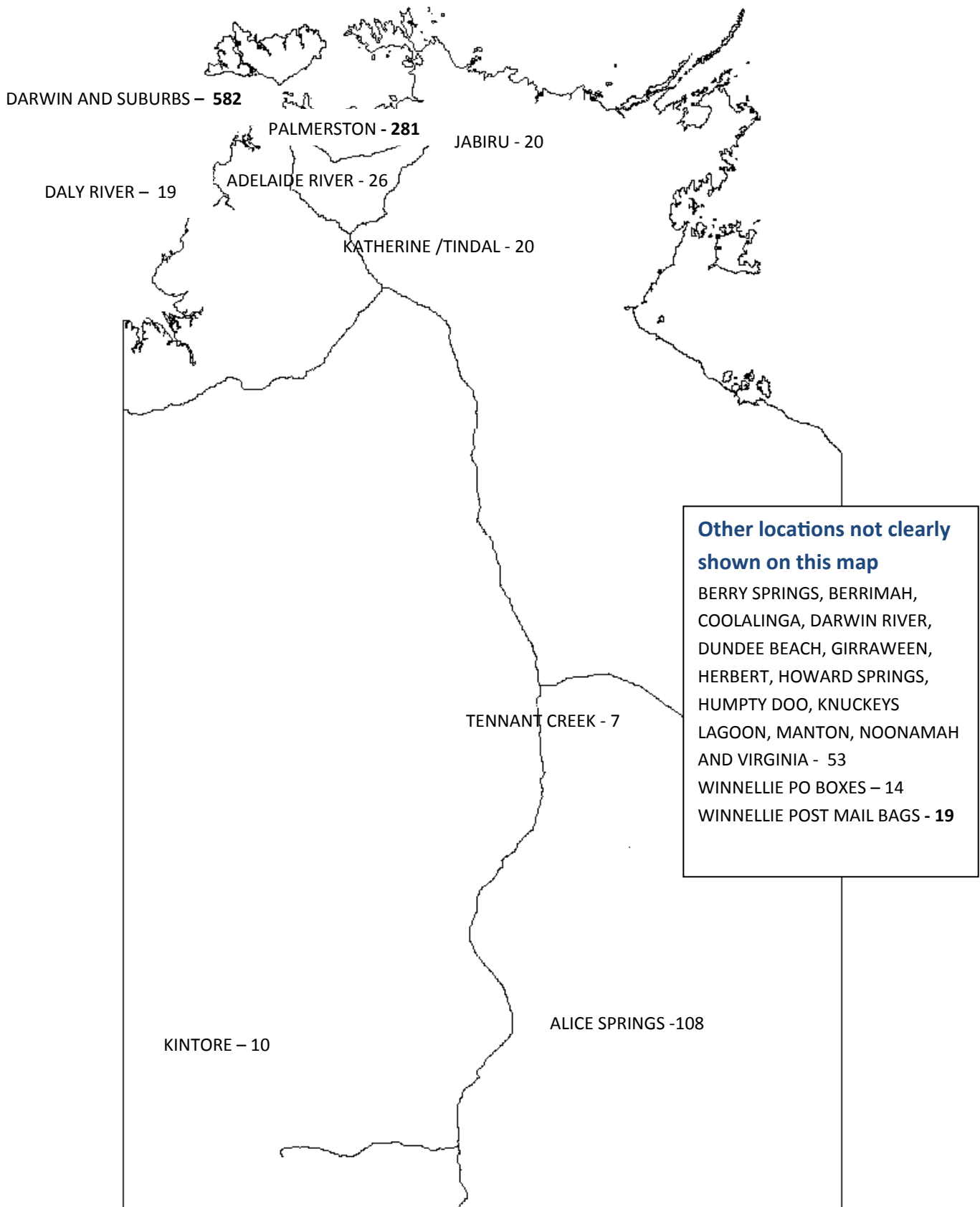
What has the Water Safety Awareness Program Achieved?

The Water Safety Awareness Program has been highly successful at achieving its core goal of reducing the number of children under five who have drowned in the Northern Territory.

Up until 30 June 2014, 11,966 children have enrolled in the Program; and of those children, 81% have completed all five sessions of the Program.

The Program is very popular with Northern Territory families. As part of the continuous improvement evaluations, the feedback from families for this Government initiative has been consistently positive, with the Program seen to be a practical and appropriate solution to a real concern for families.

Water Safety Awareness Program: Total 11,966 enrolled A partnership between the NT Government and Royal Life Saving Society (Australia) NT Branch



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The Year that was for The Water Safety Awareness Program:

Total of 1138 Enrolments for July 2013 – June 2014.

81% voucher usage since beginning of Program.

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 Elliott, Yuendumu and Ngukurr.



Current providers of the “wet sessions” across the Northern Territory.

All Providers undergo a venue safety checklist, hold current qualifications, ochre cards and have a clear understanding of the deliverables for each session as per the guidelines agreed upon.

SESSION PROVIDERS 2013 – 2014
Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre – Alice Springs
Aoife’s Swim School - Jabiru
Baby Barra’s Swim School – Howard Springs.
Goldfishbowl – Darwin and Palmerston
Dempsey Consolidated – Parap & Casuarina Pools
Desert Swim - Alice Springs
NT Swim School – Darwin
Marianne’s Swimming School – Darwin
Palmerston Leisure Centre (YMCA) Palmerston
Royal Life Saving – Alice Springs, Darwin and Remote Delivery
Swim Dynamics – Nightcliff pool

Provider of the Year:

The annual Provider’s Workshop was held in Darwin on the 19th March at the Quest Apartments in Parap.

10 Providers of the Water Safety Awareness Program came together to share ideas and familiarise themselves with the conditions of the funding agreement. At this event the inaugural Provider of the Year Award was also announced. This new award was established to recognise a Provider who shows a strong commitment to the Program in promotion and delivery. The inaugural winner of this award was Hollie Goodall from NT Swim School. Well done Hollie!

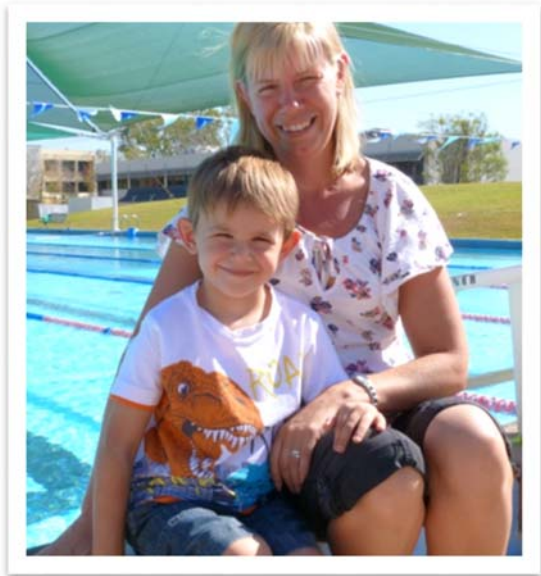


A Territory Family share their water safety story

Testimonial:

In October 2013 Heidi May arrived in Darwin with her husband and three children from Germany. Heidi was very keen to seek out new activities for her children to be involved with in their new community to help the whole family settle in. Heidi received information with regard to the Water Safety Awareness Program at a free public event. This was most appealing for Heidi as moving to Australia had prompted a concern for Heidi with regard to her children around water. "My biggest fear was one of my children falling into water or a pool as we were now surrounded by water living in Darwin". All of Heidi's children had received swimming lessons in the UK however Heidi was still concerned. Heidi promptly registered her son Oliver, 4 years old, in the Program in February 2014

after he fell into a public swimming pool. "Oliver wasn't running or playing around, he was merely being inquisitive. It just goes to show how quickly, easily and silently accidents happen. I didn't hear him fall in!". Heidi's comments after completing the Program with Oliver were "Don't become complacent; it took me four months to register Oliver. It is great to have access to free swimming lessons and there should be no excuses for not using them as they are free. The Program needs to be kept going here as we are surrounded by water in the Territory and it is a good reminder to parents to always be watching".



Heidi and Oliver May

Our Water

Keep Watch @ Public Pools

Keep Watch at Public Pools was launched in the Northern Territory In 2012. We now have 6 public pools that are currently signed up to be a part of the Keep Watch @ Public Pools initiative.

Royal Life Saving is targeting risk areas such as public pools for toddler drowning deaths. Lack of direct supervision by a parent or guardians while the child is in the water has been the main factor, resulting in 70% of all drowning deaths are in public pools.

The Keep Watch @ Public Pools program aims to eliminate all drowning deaths and reduce the number of near drowning incidents that occur in aquatic leisure centres, public swimming centres and pools.

The program is targeted at parents and guardians of children to help them understand the dangers of leaving their children unattended in the pool. Lifeguards do a great job at keeping our pools safe but they are not babysitters, parent and guardians have the responsibility of looking after their children at all times in and around the water.

All of the Time: You should never leave your child alone in the water, nor should they be left in the care of an older child or the lifeguard. It is not the responsibility of a lifeguard to supervise your child.



Table 13: Keep Watch @ Public Pools Partners

Name of Business / Organisation	Facility
YMCA of the Top End	Leanyer Recreation Park Palmerston Water Park Palmerston Aquatic Centre
Dempsey Consolidated	Casuarina Swimming Pool
YMCA Katherine	Katherine Aquatic Centre
Alice Springs Town Council	Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre

NT Keep Watch Ambassadors

Thank you for your support in promoting water safety and drowning prevention for our families.



Hon. Alison Anderson MLA, Member for Namatjira

Mr Nathan Barrett MLA, Member for Blain

Hon. Peter Chandler MLA, Member for Brennan

Hon. Matthew Conlan MLA, Member for Greatorex

Senator Trish Crossin, Senator for the NT

Hon. John Elferink MLA, Member for Port Darwin

Ms Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Drysdale

Ms Natasha Fyles MLA, Member for Nightcliff

Hon. Adam Giles MLA, Chief Minister

Mrs Natasha Griggs MP, Federal Member for Solomon

Mr Michael Gunner, Member for Fannie Bay

Mr Gary Higgins MLA, Member for Daly

Mr Francis Kurrupuwu MLA, Member for Arafura

Hon. Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen

Ms Delia Lawrie MLA, Leader of the Opposition

Ms Larisa Lee MLA, Member for Arnhem

Mr Gerald McCarthy MLA, Member for Barkly

Ms Nicole Manison MLA, Member for Wanguri

Ms Nova Perris, Senator for the NT

Mrs Bess Price MLA, Member for Stuart

Hon. Kezia Purick MLA, Member for Goyder

Senator Hon. Nigel Scullion, Senator for the NT

Hon. Warren Snowdon MP, Federal MP for Lingjari

Hon. Peter Styles MLA, Member for Sanderson

Hon. David Tollner MLA, Member for Fong Lim

Mr Kon Vatskalis MLA, Member for Casuarina

Mr Ken Vowles MLA, Member for Johnston

Ms Lynne Walker MLA, Member for Nhulunbuy

Hon. Willem Westra van Holthe MLA, Member for Katherine

Mr Gerry Wood MLA, Member for Nelson

Community Grants



Royal Life Saving Society NT were successful in two community benefit grants. The first grant was through the CBF community grant program that provided fins and a storage box for the Alice Springs Pool Lifesaving Club.



The second grant was a community grant to assist with establishing a Lifesaving Club at Borroloola Swimming pool. The grant covered equipment, coaching and a come-n-try event to kick start the program. A big thank you to Bob, Warnita, Chantelle and Val who worked with Royal Life Saving Society NT to make this community event a great success.



Indigenous Sport & Active Recreation Program

Royal Life Saving Society Northern Territory has continued with the second year of its tri-annual funding. On behalf of Royal Life Saving Society Northern Territory and the communities who benefit, we thank the Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport and the Department Prime Minister and Cabinet for the opportunity to participate in the Indigenous Sport & Active Recreation Program (ISARP).

The ISARP project delivers on the Swim & Survive program, AUSTSWIM Mentoring program and training. It extends to 32 remote Indigenous communities within the Northern Territory utilising 21 locations.

ISARP allows students who live in remote locations, who do not have access to qualified swimming instructors, the opportunity to learn about being safe in, on and around aquatic environments. This also incorporates dry, in class, sessions for schools and their students who, this year, are unable to access a safe water environment. The project also includes the identification of local indigenous people to participate in the indigenous AUSTSWIM mentoring program. This training project allows local members of the community to become AUSTSWIM qualified swimming instructors who can potentially provide quality, ongoing swimming lessons to their community.

A team consisting of two Royal Life Saving Society Northern Territory staff visit the communities for an intensive five day stay. These visits are conducted during the school terms and in many situations the whole school will be taught each day, this may include up to 150 students. Teaching the children every day, for five days allows skills to be reinforced and built upon.

In many communities a barbeque is hosted at the pool during an afternoon. During this time we conduct a Pool Lifesaving Carnival to introduce the sport to community members. The sport and BBQ is provided for the whole community and aims to promote the pool as the social hub. Promoting the pool as a place where families can assess and feel like they are in a fun and safe environment.

Key facts at a glance

3239 people participate in the Indigenous Sport and Active Recreation Project and 35 remote schools accessed the program.

- Teams visited 24 remote communities.
- 2938 students participated in Swim and Survive.
- 10 students achieved a Wade Rescue Award through Swim and Survive – the highest award given this year.
- 309 students achieved the national swimming and water safety benchmark of a level four and above.
- The AUSTSWIM mentoring program saw 3 indigenous people who have ongoing participation in teaching the Remote Swim & Survive Program.
- The AUSTSWIM mentoring program allowed 3 indigenous people to be awarded their AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming & Water Safety Award.
- 4 indigenous people are continuing to work through their Indigenous AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming & Water Safety Award.
- 277 people were trained and are now qualified in a range of qualifications such as Bronze Medallion, CPR, Pool Lifeguard and First Aid.

Remote Swim & Survive

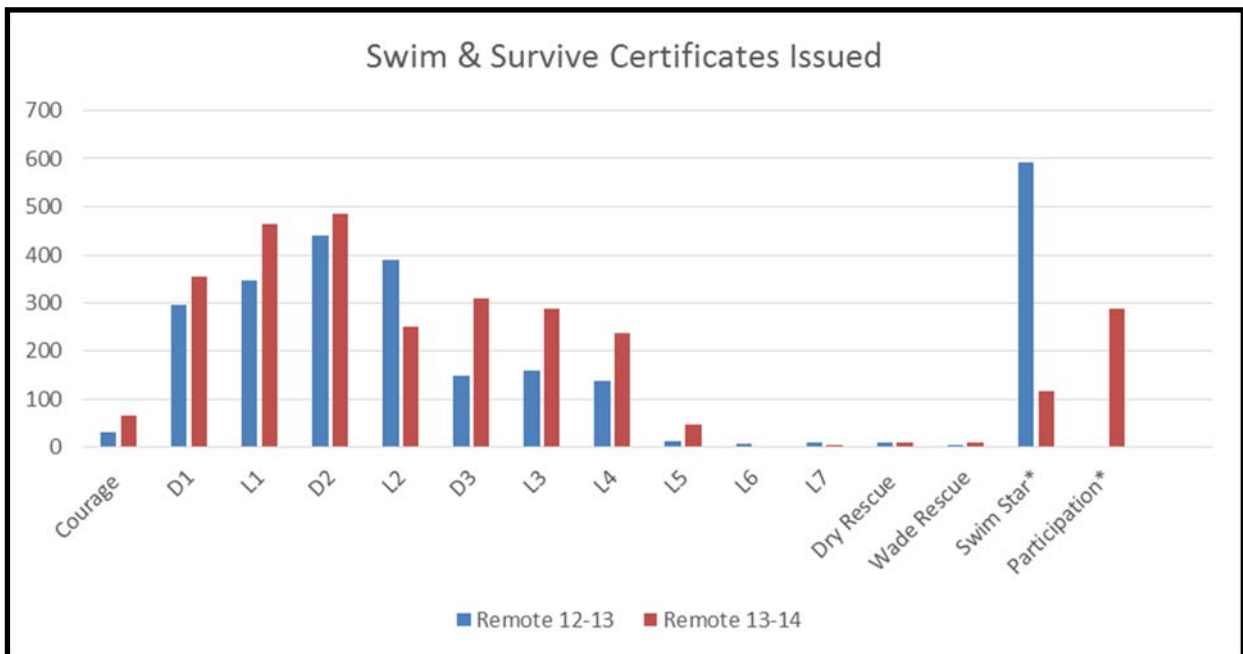
2938 students participated in the ISARP Swim & Survive program across the Northern Territory, increasing by 327 students from the previous year. 10 students from Jabiru Area School achieved a Wade Rescue award through the ISARP Swim & Survive Program, the highest level awarded in 2013-2014. 309 students achieved the National Water Safety Council bench mark of a level 4 or above in the ISARP Swim and Survive program during this financial year. This figure is up well above last year's figure of 180 students. As seen below, there has been an overall increase in the swimming abilities of children in remote areas.



Swim and Survive program held in Areyonga between the 10-14.2.14



Swim and Survive Program at Yuendumu

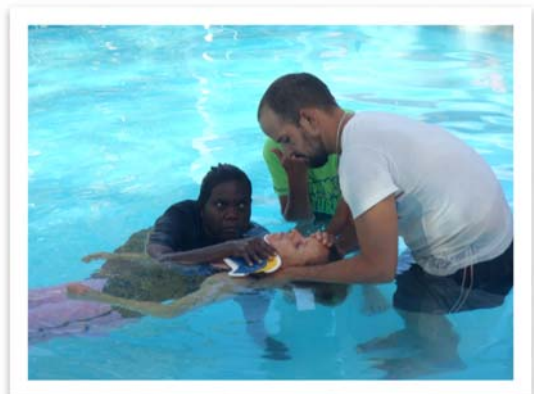


Note:* Due to continuous improvement students participating in in-class dry lessons were awarded Participations in 2013-14 instead of swim stars. Swim Stars were only awarded to participate who were unable to achieve a D1.

Training and the AUSTSWIM Mentoring Program

Royal Life Saving Society Northern Territory aims to develop the skills and empower local people within indigenous communities, allowing them to develop and maintain their swimming pools and the ongoing development of the Swim and Survive Program so it is not a once-a-year activity.

In conjunction with the Swim and Survive Program the RLSSANT team also aims to deliver the AUSTSWIM Mentoring Program and other training courses. Prior and throughout visits the team works with relevant members of the community to identify potential instructors and candidates who may be able to participate in training and value add to their community.



Pool Lifeguard team working together during their update in Areyonga

This year's achievements included:

Training Courses	2013 - 14
Bronze Medallion	48
Bronze Medallion update	25
Resuscitation	27
Resuscitation Awareness	109
Oxygen Resuscitation*	13
Oxygen Resuscitation Update*	12
First Aid	36
Pool Lifeguard	4
Pool Lifeguard Update	13
AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and water Safety	3
AUSTSWIM Mentoring Program	4
Wade Rescue	1
Dry Rescue	2
Pool Plant operators course	5
Total Training Certificates	302



Bronze Medallion Training in Ngukurr

in training. 16 indigenous people gained their Bronze Medallion along with 3 Bronze Medallion Updates. These qualifications allows the shire employees to maintain their employment, personal development and diversify their delivery of services to their respective communities. The shires 4 mentors are to be highly commended for identifying local participants, organising travel, accommodation and support throughout.

Another positive relationship lies with the MacDonnell Shire where 5 of their indigenous employees participated in the Pool Plant Operator Course. These participants travelled into Alice Springs to join in the training which has allowed them to return to their respected communities of Santa Teresa and Kintore with knowledge to aid in the ongoing functioning and maintenance of their facility.

Building Relations

Through Royal Life Saving Society Northern Territory's ongoing commitment to the prevention of drowning in remote communities, key relationships with community stakeholders have continued to grow, allowing greater outcomes for the community and project.

In conjunction with Roper Gulf Shire's Youth Services, Sport & Recreation and Royal Life Saving Society Northern Territory participants travelled to Ngukurr from a number of communities throughout the Roper Gulf shire such as Mataranka, Minyerri, Beswick and Jilkminggan to participate



Senior students assisting with the transition students during the Swim and Survive Program in Santa Teresa.

The Indigenous Sport and Active Recreation Program also has a close relationship with school sport coordinators. This allowed the program and the delivery of its key messages to be a part of the annual Arnhem Sports Carnival held in Milingimbi which included school students from Maningrida, Milingimbi, Gapuwiyak, Galiwinku and Rammingining.

Along with Arnhem Sports Carnival, the project worked alongside Swimming Australia and Northern Territory to attend the Kintore Swimming Carnival. A follow up from our week visit earlier in the year, it reinforced its drowning prevention skills and messages to the children of Kintore.



A big thank you to Jeremy Robinson, School Sports Coordinator for Arnhem region, for inviting us to participate in the Bush Schools Athletics carnival held in Milingimbi from 10 – 13.6.14. Students participated in basic CPR training and learnt about water safety.



First Aid training for the Assistant teachers at Rammingining School between 10 – 14.3.14

The Year's Highlight

Wattie Creek, a fresh water creek, 7 kilometres from the Kalkarindji community was the setting for the remote Swim and Survive Program. This was the first time Royal Life Saving Society Northern Territory had taught the Kalkarindji students in their natural water environment. One particular stretch of water was suitable for swimming lessons with a number of ledges for children to sit, swim and get into deep water as required. The team sectioned off specific areas for the different swimming abilities and all areas were cleared of any debris and a risk assessment was completed each day before beginning the program.

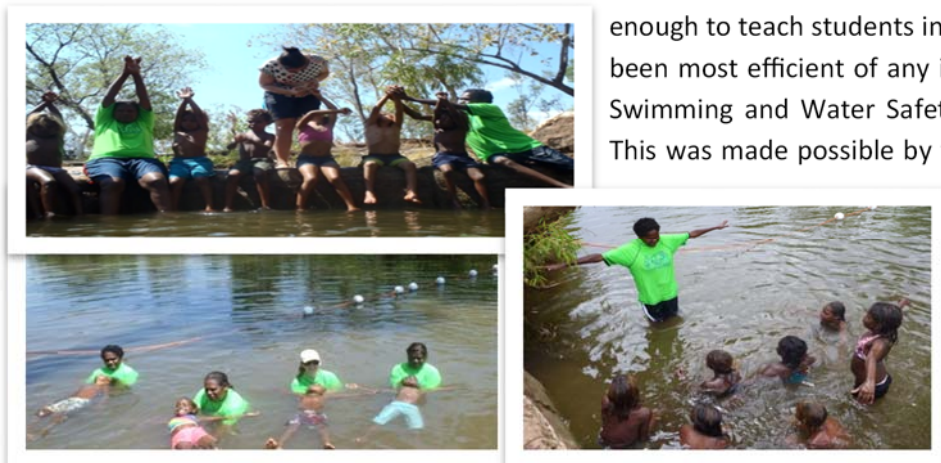
Along with this unique program, 3 indigenous assistant teachers who began their Indigenous AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety Award, last year, completed their practical hours in the water resulting in the successful completion of their certificate. By

A big congratulation to Betty, Cedrina & Rosie from Kalkarindji who completed their AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety Certificate during ISARP's visit to Kalkarindji .



the end of the program all 3 assistant teachers were confident enough to teach students independently in the creek. This has been most efficient of any indigenous AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety Award throughout the project. This was made possible by the dedication of a teacher at the

school who had organised all meetings, mentoring of the participants through the process and helping out with the program.



Key Suppliers

Company	Service
Quest Apartments, Parap	Accommodation
TDH Chartered Accountants	Auditor
Debbie Wilson and Associates	Bookkeeper
Territory Uniforms	Clothing
Livingstone	First Aid and Training Equipment
Laerdal	First Aid and Training Equipment
BP Bagot Road	Fuel and Motor Vehicle Maintenance
TIO	Insurance
Tropical Computers	IT Services
Smart Bag	Merchandise
CSG	Photocopier Services
Coleman's Printing	Printing Services
SBA Stationary Supplies	Stationary
Bridge Toyota	Vehicle Supply and Servicing

Professional Memberships

Chamber of Commerce NT

Australian Resuscitation Council

Vocational Education Learning Group (VELG)

Certificate Type	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	12/13 Remote	13/14	13/14 Remote
Swim and Survive												
Wonder Awards Total (Infant Aquatics)	130	78	12	230	123	326	201	128	315	0	24	0
Courage Awards Total	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	109	202	340	453	49	296	122
Developing Water Dis- covery -D1	912	622	794	724	732	685	642	861	917	311	1070	369
Water Discovery - L1	1475	1150	1193	1232	1325	1193	1093	1183	1483	405	1537	511
Developing Water Awareness - D2	1564	1324	1349	1481	1450	1348	1384	1396	1792	491	1622	519
Water Awareness - L2	1164	1045	1170	1174	1064	873	902	1165	1239	456	1164	295
Developing Water Sense - D3	1008	839	810	838	686	641	725	803	894	192	858	336
Water Sense - L3	759	741	657	650	599	542	634	749	603	222	664	306
Water Wise - L4	451	567	471	560	465	356	439	465	461	175	387	278
Junior Swim and Survive - L5	255	356	315	277	191	294	241	262	240	19	206	54
Swim and Survive - L6	210	233	202	140	132	136	116	128	113	9	96	2
Senior Swim and Survive - L7	92	122	128	105	49	75	60	69	63	21	60	4
Swim Star Participation	629	781	414	551	1382	915	1124	1062	1187	370	1601	438
Dry/Wade/Accompanied Rescue	105	136	314	269	93	108	179	73	22	10	17	37
Bronze Star	82	149	168	171	77	76	33	12	10	4	7	2
Water Smart	0	0	0	48	102	33	2	29	166	0	23	0
Resus Awareness	82	32	52	29	12	60	6	0	0	11	0	0
Junior Instructor Award	0	2	4	0	2	2	2	1	0		3	0
Junior Lifeguard Club	68	53	29	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Swim and Survive Awards	8856	8152	8070	8249	8361	7448	7784	8598	9958		9632	
Swim & Survive Level 4 & Above	1008	1278	1116	1082	837	861	856	924	1101		749	
Remote Swim and Survive Statistics						1152	1878	2101	2745		3273	
Total Swim and Survive Certificates						8600	9863	10827	12703		12905	
Total Participants Swim and Survive							9395	9876	11818		12185	
Continuums	8044	7424	5570	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	

Swim and Survive—Participating Schools

School	No. students	School	No. students
Adelaide River School	34	Moulden Park Primary	138
Alice Springs School of the Air	93	Moulden Preschool	45
Alice Springs Steiner School	222	Mount Allan School	22
Alyangula Area School	272	Nakara Primary	57
Angurugu School	40	St Francis Xavier - Nauiyu	54
Anula Primary School	102	Wooliana School - Nauiyu	70
Araluen Christian School	248	Nemarluk School	59
Areyonga School	38	Newcastle Waters	8
Bakewell Primary	237	MCS - Nguiu	134
Batchelor Area School	80	Ngukurr School	189
Bickerton Island School	15	Nightcliff Preschool	72
Borrooloola School	120	Nightcliff Primary	214
Bradshaw Terrace Primary	172	Ntaria Primary - Hermansburg	56
Braitling Primary	91	Numbulwar School	54
Casuarina Street School	182	OLSH Primary School	189
Clyde Fenton Primary	210	Palmerston Christian School	138
Darwin High ESL	21	Parap Primary	267
Driver Primary	142	Peppimenarti School	37
Durack Primary	20	Pularumpi School Pirlangimpi	66
Elliott School	56	Ramingining School	143
Gapuwiyak School	24	Roseberry Primary	204
Girraween Primary	223	Ross Park Primary	57
Good Shepherd Lutheran	271	Sacred Heart Primary	117
Gray Primary	104	Saddadeen Primary	84
Gunbalunya School	106	Ltyentye Apurte CEC - Santa Teresa	89
Henbury School	4	Sattler Christian School	103
Holy Family Primary	167	Shepherdson College – Galiwinku	24
Holy Spirit Primary	250	St Andrew Lutheran School	85
Jabiru Area School	222	St Francis of Assisi	98
Jingili Preschool	41	St Mary's Catholic Primary	202
Jingili Primary	220	St Pauls Catholic Primary	265
Kalkaringi School	77	Tennant Creek Preschool	42
Katherine School of the Air	79	Tennant Creek Primary	238
Kintore School	64	The Essington School	451
Laramba School	21	Umbakumba School	53
Larapinta Primary	126	Urapunga School	22
Larrakeyah Primary	298	OLSH Port Keats - Wadeye	174
Leanyer Primary	436	Wagaman Primary	116
Living Waters Lutheran School	250	Wanguri Preschool	72
Ludmilla Primary	55	Wanguri Primary	222
MacFarlane Primary school	204	Wulagi Primary	164
Maningrida School	274	Yipirinya School	79
Marrara Christian College	165	Yirrara College – Kintore	13
Middle Point Primary	15	Yirrkala School	105
Milingimbi School	66	Yuendumu School	133
Milkwood Steiner	43	Yulara School	38
Millner Primary	175		

Training	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14
Award of Merit							3	9	10	6
Bronze Cross	n/a	n/a	7	19	5	5	8	14	2	2
Bronze Star	n/a	n/a	139	n/a	42	76	42	81	33	29
Bronze Medallion	826	437	285	435	371	424	355	505	424	278
Bronze Medallion Update	n/a	n/a	186	186	226	149	250	205	218	266
Bronze Medallion with	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Resuscitation	499	315	1070	1209	913	1006	917	883	1188	852
Resuscitation Update	n/a	n/a	298	389	316	252	385	225	158	385
Resuscitation Awareness							105		99	147
Oxygen Resuscitation	24	45	35	56	92	71	79	97	52	49
Oxygen Resus Update	n/a	n/a	38	93	94	113	72	102	76	97
Basic First Aid	n/a	n/a	77	137	123	29	47	9	0	0
First Aid	274	390	269	367	208	185	29	126	357	388
First Aid Flexible	n/a	n/a	11	13	1	118	15	N/A		0
First Aid-in-a-box					n/a	4	127	151		0
First Aid Update	n/a	n/a	30	39	27	30	38	11		0
Pool Lifeguard	64	72	22	58	66	61	79	97	52	49
Pool Lifeguard Update	n/a	n/a	55	79	80	113	72	102	76	97
Swimming Teacher	72	82	25	10	41	73	66	93	136	172
Rescue Award										
Instructor Award	4	2	0	n/a	n/a	2		N/A	N/A	0
Examiner	4	3	0	9	n/a	2	3	3	3	0
Trainers	5	3	5	0	n/a	10	3	3	3	0
Pool Operators	0	5	0	0	0	30	10	24	5	22
SRCAQU003A	443	241	2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	N/A	N/A	0
SRCAQU003B	n/a	28	308	424	325	393	257	343	11	0
SISCAQU202A									249	244
SRCAQU006A	39	13	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	N/A	N/A	0
SRCAQU006B	0	0	33	51	41	40	58	44	N/A	0
SISCAQU306A									45	6
SRCAQU007A	39	13	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	N/A	N/A	0
SRCAQU007B	n/a	n/a	33	51	35	40	58	44	N/A	0
SISCAQU307A									45	6
PUXEME001A	157	215	34	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	N/A	N/A	0
SRXFAD001A	n/a	n/a	257	528	304	307	40	N/A	N/A	0
SRXEMR003A	n/a	n/a	11	50	55	50	10	44	N/A	0
PUXEME003C									45	6
HLTFA1A	109	298	113	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	N/A	N/A	0
HLTFA211A									N/A	0
SRCAQU001A	n/a	5	0	n/a	0	30	10	24	N/A	0
SISCAQU201A									5	22
SRCAQU002A	n/a	5	0	n/a	0	30	10	24	N/A	0
SISCAQU303A									5	22
SRCAQU004A	n/a	5	0	n/a	0	30	10	24	N/A	0
SISCAQU304A									5	22
SRXOHS001B								24	N/A	0
SISXOHS101A									5	22
Defibrillation Awareness								764	52	286
AUSTSWIM	n/a	n/a	115	121	93	157	133	168	177	142
HLTCPR201A							124	547	122	0
HLTCPR211A									645	661
HLTFA301B							93	206	94	0
HLTFA311A									237	330
Total Training Certificates	2559	2177	3458	4324	3458	3830	3415	4996	4634	4619

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

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Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Committee's Report

30 June 2014

Your committee members present their report on Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc. for the financial year ended 30 June 2014.

1. **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
Randall Cook	President/National Director	Appointed 21 August 2013
Bradley Mortimer	Vice President	Appointed 21 August 2013
Trevor Cawthorne	Treasurer	Member for full year
Alice McDonald	Secretary	Member for full year
Fritz Risler	Committee member	Appointed 21 August 2013
Penny Hart	Committee member	Appointed 21 August 2013
Annette Roberts	Public Officer	Member for full year
Randall Cook	Committee member	Resigned 21 August 2013
Alice McDonald	National Director	Resigned 21 August 2013
Katherine Midgley	Committee member	Resigned 21 August 2013
Bradley Mortimer	Acting Chairperson	Resigned 21 August 2013
Trevor Cawthorne	Vice President	Resigned 21 August 2013

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

Principal activities

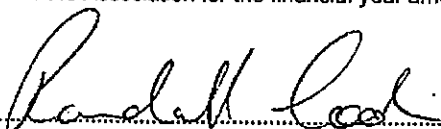
The principal activity of Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc. during the financial year was to act as a public benevolent institution (PBI) dedicated to the saving of lives. The association attempts to turn every day people into every day community lifesavers. This is achieved through education,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

No significant changes in the nature of the entity's activity occurred during the financial year.

2. **Operating results and review of operations for the year**

Operating result

The surplus of the Association for the financial year amounted to \$ 2,714(2013: \$ 62,921).

President.....
Randall Cook

Treasurer.....
Trevor Cawthorne

Dated 11/08/2014

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Income Statement

For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Revenue	1,231,939	1,268,386
Other income	14,710	45,816
Employee benefits expense	(784,719)	(768,042)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	(17,556)	(6,205)
Stock and consumables purchases	(12,990)	(12,106)
Program expenses	(46,046)	(57,121)
Venue and equipment hire	(62,024)	(61,742)
Travel expenses	(110,763)	(131,581)
Motor vehicle expense	(23,232)	(31,301)
Other expenses	(186,604)	(183,182)
Surplus for the year	2,715	62,922

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Statement of Financial Position

30 June 2014

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	957,587	713,732
Trade and other receivables	3	32,490	20,460
Inventories	4	4,504	7,566
Other assets	5	14,556	7,823
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		1,009,137	749,581
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	6	52,591	58,112
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		52,591	58,112
TOTAL ASSETS		1,061,728	807,693
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	7	93,458	66,574
Employee benefits	8	89,833	72,595
Other liabilities	9	368,258	161,058
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		551,549	300,227
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
TOTAL LIABILITIES		551,549	300,227
NET ASSETS		510,179	507,466
EQUITY			
Reserves	10	410,000	361,222
Retained Earning/profit	12	100,179	146,244
TOTAL EQUITY		510,179	507,466

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation

This financial report is a special purpose set of financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Act (NT) 2003. The committee has determined that the not-for-profit Association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

(b) Property, plant and equipment

The committee have adopted a capitalisation threshold of \$5,000. All capital items acquired below this value will be immediately expensed in the income statement. This policy was initially adopted to ensure consistency with the capitalisation policy of the Northern Territory Government (NTG), being the major funding body of the Association. It is acknowledged that the NTG threshold has subsequently been increased to \$10,000, however the committee are of the opinion that this limit is not considered appropriate at this stage.

Property, plant and equipment is carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all property, plant and equipment is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the Association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

(c) Impairment of non-financial assets

At the end of each reporting period, the Association reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the income statement.

(d) Financial assets

Investments held are originally recognised at cost, which includes transaction costs. They are subsequently measured at fair value which is equivalent to their market bid price at the end of the reporting period. Movements in fair value are recognised through an equity reserve.

(e) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies continued

(f) 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 year. Employee benefits have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

(g) Income tax

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

(h) Leases

Leases of fixed assets where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset, but not the legal ownership that are transferred to the Association are classified as finance leases.

Finance leases are capitalised by recording an asset and a liability at the lower of the amounts equal to the fair value of the leased property or the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual values. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for that period.

Leased assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives where it is likely that the Association will obtain ownership of the asset or over the term of the lease.

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all of the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease term.

Lease incentives under operating leases are recognised as a liability and amortised on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease term.

(i) Revenue and other income

The Association recognises revenue when the amount of revenue can be reliably measured, it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the entity and specific criteria have been met for each of Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.'s activities as discussed below.

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. Any consideration deferred is treated as the provision of finance and is discounted at a rate of interest that is generally accepted in the market for similar arrangements. The difference between the amount initially recognised and the amount ultimately received is interest revenue.

Sale of goods

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised at the point of delivery as this corresponds to the transfer of significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods and the cessation of all involvement in those goods.

Interest revenue

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies continued

(j) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

(k) Going concern

The financial report has been prepared on a going concern basis. This basis has been adopted on the assumption that the Association will continue to receive sufficient financial support from government agencies to allow the Association to meet its liabilities. Should this support cease this basis of preparation may no longer be appropriate.

2 Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Cash on hand	500	500
Cash at bank	957,087	713,232
	<u>957,587</u>	<u>713,732</u>

3 Trade and Other Receivables

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Trade receivables	28,567	19,646
GST receivable	3,923	814
	<u>32,490</u>	<u>20,460</u>

4 Inventories

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Merchandise	4,504	7,566
	<u>4,504</u>	<u>7,566</u>

5 Other Assets

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Prepayments	14,556	7,823
	<u>14,556</u>	<u>7,823</u>

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

6 Property, Plant and Equipment

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Motor vehicles		
At cost	89,763	79,705
Accumulated depreciation	(37,172)	(21,593)
	<u>52,591</u>	<u>58,112</u>

7 Trade and Other Payables

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Unsecured liabilities		
Trade payables	24,652	19,557
GST payable	36,865	14,825
Sundry payables and accrued expenses	4,340	-
PAYG withholding payable	5,810	5,280
Accrued expenses	5,000	4,500
Credit cards payable	16,790	22,413
	<u>93,457</u>	<u>66,575</u>

8 Employee Benefits

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Provision for employee benefits	89,833	72,595
	<u>89,833</u>	<u>72,595</u>

9 Other Liabilities

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Grants in advance	359,000	151,800
Grants repayable	9,258	9,258
	<u>368,258</u>	<u>161,058</u>

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

10 Reserves

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
General reserve		
Opening balance	361,222	322,997
Transfers in	50,000	60,000
Transfers out	(1,222)	(21,775)
	<u>410,000</u>	<u>361,222</u>

(a) General reserve

The general reserve records funds set aside for future expansion of Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc. further detail of the individual items set aside in this reserve is disclosed at note 10.

11 General reserve dissection

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Future building acquisition	400,000	350,000
Team attendance at APLSC	10,000	10,000
Future expansion of information technology	-	1,222
	<u>410,000</u>	<u>361,222</u>

12 Retained Earnings

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year	146,243	121,548
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	2,714	62,921
Transfers in	1,222	21,775
Transfers out	(50,000)	(60,000)
	<u>100,179</u>	<u>146,244</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

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 un-presented, unexpired vouchers. At 30 June 2014 the number of un-presented, unexpired vouchers were 11,252 (2013: 10,074). The funded face value these vouchers is \$140,650.

On review of the total vouchers presented during the year, it was established that 4,442 (2013: 6,744) vouchers were utilised. Included in this balance were 1,187 (2013: 2,676) vouchers which were written back as expired, being 27% (2012: 40%) of the total number of vouchers utilised.

As there is significant probability that a material number of these outstanding vouchers will expire, the recognition of this liability in the Statement of Financial Position is not considered appropriate.

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

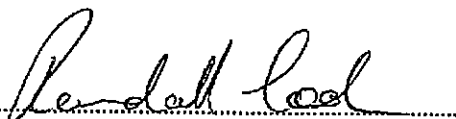
Statement by Members of the Committee

In our opinion;

1. the accompanying financial report as set out on pages 2 to 9, being a special purpose financial statement, is drawn up so as to present fairly the state of affairs of the Association as at 30 June 2014 and the results of the Association for the year ended on that date;
2. the accounts of the Association have been properly prepared and are in accordance with the books of account of the Association.
3. there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee and is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:

President.....



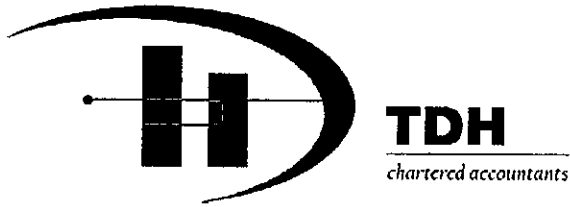
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Treasurer.....



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Dated 11/08/2014



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**Independent Audit Report
to the members of Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.**

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report being a special purpose financial report, of Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc., which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2014, the income statement for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the Committee's Report.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Committee of Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc. are responsible for the preparation of the financial report and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1, is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Act (2003) of the Northern Territory and the association's constitution and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the Committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view 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 entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

Basis for Qualified Opinion

It is not practical for the association to establish accounting controls over revenue prior to its receipt and accordingly it is not possible for our examination to include audit procedures to extend beyond the amounts recorded in the accounting records of the association.



Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc. as at 30 June 2014, and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Act (2003) of the Northern Territory and the association's constitution.

Basis of Accounting & Going concern

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to the following:

Note 1 to the financial report describes the basis of accounting adopted by the association. The financial report is prepared to assist Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc. to comply with the financial reporting provisions of the Associations Act (2003) of the Northern Territory and the association's constitution. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Note 1 to the financial statement provides that the association receives a significant amount of its income from various government agencies. The appropriateness of preparing the association's financial statements on a going concern basis is dependent upon this continued government support.

Adam Dohnt (FCA)
Director
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15 August 2014



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**Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.
Disclaimer
For the Year Ended 30 June 2014**

The additional financial data presented on page 14 is in accordance with the books and records of the Association which have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our statutory audit of the Association for the year ended 30 June 2014. It will be appreciated that our statutory audit did not cover all details of the additional financial data. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on such financial data and we give no warranty of accuracy or reliability in respect of the data provided. Neither the firm nor any member or employee of the firm undertakes responsibility in any way whatsoever to any person (other than Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.) in respect of such data, including any errors of omissions therein however caused.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam Dohnt', is written over a dotted line.

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Adam Dohnt (FCA)
Director

15 August 2014

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.
For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

Profit and Loss Account

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Income		
Sale of goods	13,895	8,614
Fees	575,615	565,074
Interest income	14,329	17,826
Grant income	628,099	676,871
Other income	14,710	45,816
Total income	1,246,648	1,314,201
Less: Expenses		
Accounting fees	475	1,083
Administration and management fees	200	208
Advertising	4,593	2,853
Auditors remuneration - parent entity	5,620	5,420
Bank charges	4,462	5,678
Cleaning	278	370
Conference/Seminar costs	4,131	2,368
Consulting and professional fees	29,439	23,315
Depreciation	17,556	6,205
Donations	1,933	3,303
Electricity and water	19,022	-
Equipment < \$300	12,594	19,889
Insurance	15,817	16,161
IT Expenses	11,973	9,685
Other employee costs	-	260
Postage	7,840	7,933
Printing and stationery	20,303	20,510
Recorded music rental	1,052	1,500
Repairs and maintenance	1,127	1,683
Salaries	714,220	702,269
Staff training	8,887	6,390
Storage costs	6,190	4,386
Subcontracting costs	10,413	19,693
Subscriptions	7,442	6,657
Superannuation contributions	61,612	59,123
Telephone and fax	19,627	29,501
Uniforms	2,073	984
Stock and consumables purchases	12,990	12,106
Program expenses	46,046	57,121
Venue and equipment hire	62,024	61,742
Travel expenses	110,763	131,581
Motor vehicle expense	23,232	31,301
Total Expenses	1,243,934	1,251,278
Other items:		
Profit	2,714	62,923