



Royal Life Saving Society Australia Northern Territory Branch

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ANNUAL REPORT 2014/2015



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Message from the President Randall Cook

The 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 2014/2015 year was a successful year in the delivery of our services and a challenging year as we seek to establish a permanent headquarters in Darwin.

The NT Branch continues to strengthen in every facet of its operations. Throughout the 2014/2015 year the NT Branch issued an amazing 21,752 certificates, including 14,135 from the Swim and Survive program and 6,529 training certificates.

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 2011-2016” , 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.

Royal Life Saving NT have participated in 80 community events, ranging from Community displays, Active Family Fun Days, Mothers groups and school fetes and over 23,327 Territorians have received a direct community benefit from these activities.

I am pleased to advise that the NT Branch 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 development programs.

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

- The Patron of the Society, His Honour the Honourable John Hardy OAM
- The Hon. Gary Higgins, Minister for Sport and Recreation
- The Hon. Peter Chandler, Minister for Education
- 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.

Yours in Lifesaving

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Randall Cook'.

Randall Cook
President



Report from the Executive Director

The number one focus for Royal Life Saving NT is drowning prevention strategies specific to the needs of our community. We remain true to our Mission and Vision which are critical to keep our community safe. Sadly, 13 people drowned in this reporting year and the Northern Territory maintains the highest drowning rate, per capita, in Australia.

In 2014/15 we celebrated 50 years of service with an Awards ceremony at Government House and we were very proud of our Member Ray Menhinnitt OAM who received the Order of Australia medal on the Queen's Birthday. Sadly, we mourned the loss of our Member Rick Berry whose life was tragically cut short while working at a remote community pool. Our Members are our future and this year we had 1,497 active members. We conducted 80 community events reaching 23,327 people. Royal Life Saving NT provided a direct community benefit and services to 52,600 people across the northern Territory.

12,669 primary school aged children from 100 schools participated in the Swim and Survive program, with 855 achieving the national benchmark of level 4. While participation numbers have increased, the number achieving a level 4 and above has decreased with 3% of enrolled students achieving the National Benchmark. Royal Life Saving NT are deeply concerned about these statistics and have launched a petition to call on Government to fund the Swim and Survive Program for Primary School students in years 4,5 and 6.

2,831 children from 38 remote communities participated in the Remote Swim and Survive 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. 222 local community people participated in this training.

6,529 training certificates were issued with 56% of this training conducted in regional and remote areas. 2,240 statements of attainments were issued under Vocational Education and Training. 314 Training courses were conducted over the NT and we partnered with Royal Life Saving Tasmania from August to December 2014 with 1088 Certificates issued including 1000 statements of attainment.

The NT Government funded Water Safety Awareness Program provides a fantastic opportunity for families to access free water safety lessons for their child. This year a record breaking 3,024 enrolments were received with seventeen providers operating across the NT. 14,990 children have participated in this program since inception and the Government have extended the program for Learn to Swim Vouchers.

The Sport of Pool Lifesaving achieved increased participation with over 3,000 children participating in carnivals in Darwin, Katherine, Alice Springs, Tennant Creek and remote communities. Royal Life Saving NT sent a team of six lifesaving athletes to the Australian Pool Life Saving Championships in Tasmania. We placed 7th 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.

The major challenge for Royal life Saving NT is securing a Headquarters in Darwin. The society has been operational for 50 years and our number one focus has been on drowning prevention. The shared sports tenancy at Sports House enabled us to focus on the community without the financial burden of commercial rent. Unfortunately this model no longer exists and we are moving to Ludmilla Primary School as a short term solution. Thank you to the Department of Education for assisting us in this difficult time. We continue to work with all levels of Government and Communities to seek a long term 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 fantastic team that is strengthened by and committed to our values of: Integrity, Respect, Quality and Leadership.

Yours in lifesaving

Floss Roberts

Highlights of the Year 2014/2015

- 12,669 school-aged children participated in the Swim and Survive program from 100 schools, with 855 students achieving the National Water Safety Competency Benchmark of a level 4 or above. 79 Government schools representing 8,911 students participated in Swim & Survive with 354 achieving level 4 and above. 14,135 children participated in the Swim & Survive program from 6 months – 18 years of age.
- 2,831 children participated in the Indigenous Sport and Active Recreation Project Remote Swim & Survive from 37 schools in 26 remote locations.
- Increased participation initiatives of lifesaving services and programs throughout the Northern Territory, with over 3,000 children participating in Pool Lifesaving
- 314 courses were conducted across the NT, for 1887 participants, with of 6,529 certificates issued for 56% of training was conducted in regional and remote areas. 2,240 statement of Attainments were issued from the VET sector.
- 80 public awareness and community displays were conducted across the NT with 23,327 Territorians receiving a direct community benefit from these activities.
- Managed the Water Safety Unit for the NT Government, updated the NT Water Safety Strategy and implemented the new Pipes and Drains Campaign
- Enrolled 3,024 children under five in the Water Safety Awareness Program, developed to help families prevent drowning in this vulnerable age group.
- Maintained 29 Keep Watch Ambassadors and worked with all levels of Government to highlight the importance of water safety and prevent drowning
- Representative team from the Northern Territory placed 7th in the Australian Pool Lifesaving Championships
- Celebrated 50 years of Royal Life Saving NT service in the Territory, recognising Daphne Read's Life Membership for Royal Life Saving, Ray Menhinnitt OAM Order of Australia Medal and remembering the great work of Rick Berry whose life was tragically cut short while working in a remote community
- Sadly 13 Territorians lost their lives in drowning related incidents and the NT continues to have the highest drowning rate per capita in Australia (2013-2014 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 2016

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 also 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 2011-2016. The Board is aware of their role and the prescribed governance standards for not-for-profit organisations.

Our 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 | Qualifications | Experience | Special Responsibilities |
|-------------------------|--|--|---|
| Randall Cook | 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. | President / Chairperson |
| Bradley Mortimer | BA, LLB (Hons) LLM | Member of the Board from 17/4/2012 | Vice President / Deputy Chairperson |
| Trevor Cawthorne | B.Hosp | Extensive experience in audit, accounting and treasury management. Member of the Board for the past five years. | Treasurer |
| Penny Hart | 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 | Secretary |
| Alice McDonald | 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 the past two years. | Committee Member |
| Fritz Risler | B.Ed | Member of the Board from 17/4/2012. 30 years commitment to Royal Life Saving NT | Life Member |
| Annette Roberts | 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 ten years. | Executive Director RLSSA – NT Public Officer |

Table 2: Record of Management Committee Meetings and Attendance

| Mtg # | Date | Randall | Brad | Trevor | Penny | Alice | Fritz | Floss |
|-------|-----------|---------|------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 | 22/7/14 | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| 2 | 19/8/14 | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| AGM | 3/9/2014 | A | P | P | P | A | P | P |
| 3 | 7/10/2014 | P | P | P | P | P | A | P |
| 4 | 5/11/2014 | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| 5 | 17/2/2015 | P | A | P | P | p | P | P |
| 6 | 3/3/2015 | P | P | P | A | P | P | P |
| 7 | 14/4/2015 | P | P | P | A | P | P | P |
| 8 | 25/5/2015 | P | P | P | P | A | P | P |
| 9 | 15/6/2015 | P | A | P | P | A | 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 11 full-time staff, 21 casual swimming instructors and 24 registered 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 Occupational 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 a Working with Children Clearance (Ochre Card) as per Northern Territory legislation. We also verify they hold current, relevant qualifications.



Staff at the May 2015 planning session after a motivational chat with our President

Table 3: Royal Life Saving NT Staff 2014/2015

| Position | Contact | Responsibilities |
|---|---|---|
| Executive Director | Floss Roberts | Strategic Planning; Governance, Local, State and Federal Government Representative; ; Community Engagement; Media; Remote Service Delivery Management |
| 2IC Project Coordinator- ISARP Remote <i>Swim and Survive</i> | Stephen Gazzola | Second in Charge; Weekly Rosters & Human Resources Coordination of Indigenous Sport and Active Recreation program; Swim and Survive in Remote Areas |
| Water Safety Unit Manager | Jill Dowd | Manage Water Safety Unit and Water Safety Awareness Program Keep Watch; Infant Aquatics; Community Events; PBI |
| 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 & Programs Officer | Maxine Cross | Deliver Water Safety Awareness program. Assist Programs & Training |
| Swim & Survive Indigenous Program Officer ISARP | Joan Burns | Coordination of Indigenous Sport and Active Recreation program; Swim and Survive in Remote Areas |
| 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 Elkie Gregory Marice Augustine | Swim and Survive; School Programs; Sunday Lifesaving; Sport 7/1/2012 to 29/8/2014 28/8/2014 to 30/1/2015 Commenced 20/1/2015 |
| Central Australia Training & Programs Officer | Petina Franklin | Training, Programs, Sport and WSAP in Central Australia |
| Inland Waterways Project & Community Development Officer | Susan Butler | River Safety Project, Water Dreaming Project Sport development Officer |
| Finance and Administration Officer | Naomi Gunston Tiarne Vella Hunt Jade McKeon | Finance; Administration; Merchandise; Membership 14/7/2014 to 3/10/2014 20/10/2014 to 24/4/2015 Commenced 21/4/2015 |
| Training Officer | Andy Cole Amanda Brain | 7/7/2014 to 24/9/2014 29/9/2014 to 24/4/2015 |

Membership

Summary of Financial Members as at 30 June 2015

A Total of 1804 members contributed to activities of the Society during 2014-2015 period.
Thank you to our Patron of the Society, His Honour the Honourable John Hardy OAM.

Table 4: Royal Life Saving NT Membership Summary 2014/2015

| Membership Type | Number |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Corporate | 4 |
| Individual | 49 |
| Patron | 1 |
| Pool Life Saving – Alice Springs | 35 |
| Pool Life Saving – Darwin | 27 |
| Trainer | 31 |
| Total | 147 |

Summary of Non-financial Members as at 30 June 2015

| Membership Type | Number |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Award | 1641 |
| Life | 7 |
| Schools | 9 |
| Total | 1657 |



Royal Life Saving NT Life Members

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|---------------|
| 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 2015

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|----------------------|-------------|
| Total Members | 1804 |
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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 80 community events at schools, shopping centres, parenting groups, remote communities and major Northern Territory events including Water Safety Week, Teddy Bears Picnic, Sea Breeze Festival, Families Week, Children's Week and the Defence Expo. This is a 7% increase on the events attended in the previous year. These events have taken place right across the Northern Territory. Over 23,300 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 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.

2014/2015 has seen an increase in involvement with community events hosted by the City of Darwin and the City of Palmerston. Some of these events include attendance at the City of Darwin Funbus events, Children's Week & Families Week. The City of Palmerston hosted the Palmerston Festival and the Kat Indoors Program. Working in partnership with both Councils has proven to be most successful for not only the Councils and Royal Life Saving NT, but also the Community at large. Attendance at these events has offered greater access to more members of our Community to the Organization's services.

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, the talks were a great lead into the schools Swim and Survive programs. These talks were also increased as the Pipes and Drains campaign was launched in December 2014. Customised Pipes and Drains talks were delivered to 1720 students across the Northern Territory in a two week period.

"Water Safety Week" was a great week the highlight of the week being Splashfest, the Royal Life Saving NT Stall was staffed by volunteers who donated their time to hand out information bags to over 200 families. Members of the public enjoyed "having a go" at CPR and rescuing a friend safely from the water.

Our Volunteers

Pool Lifesaving also benefitted from volunteer assistance throughout the year with Fritz Risler and Alister Lear continuing to support Darwin Pool Lifesaving and Peter Tonkin has been a great support to Pool Lifesaving in Alice Springs. In addition to community events board members donate their time to provide



Bump, Bub & Beyond Expo Palmerston 24.5.15

strategic assistance; with over 100 hours were donated to the Organisation to ensure the operations 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 recognized for their outstanding commitment to the community. **The 2014/2015 Volunteer of the Year Award is Bradley Mortimer.** Brad has contributed many hours as a board member providing strategic assistance to the Board and the Organisation since joining the Board in April 2012.

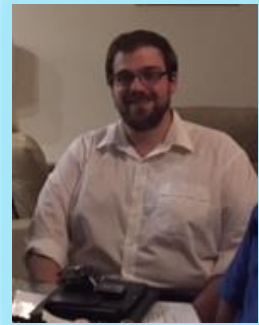


Table 5: Volunteer of the Year Award for outstanding commitment to the community

| Volunteer of the Year Award for outstanding commitment to the community | |
|---|------------------|
| 2014 / 2015 | Bradley Mortimer |
| 2013 / 2014 | Trevor Cawthorne |
| 2012 / 2013 | Karon Lamb |
| 2011 / 2012 | Alister Lear |
| 2010 / 2011 | Jill Dowd |



Lord Mayor, Katrina Fong Lim with Boof the Barra at the Funbus' 25th birthday celebrations



Darwin Trailer Boat Club junior members CPR Awareness 21.3.15

Royal Life Saving NT Office Headquarters



Royal Life Saving NT have operated from Sports House for the past 30 years and for the last 2 years at Ethos House. This has enabled us to deliver services to regional and remote locations and truly service the whole of the Territory. The shared sports tenancy at Sports House enabled us to focus on the community without the financial burden of commercial rent. Unfortunately this model no longer exists and we are moving to Ludmilla Primary School as a short term solution. Thank you to the Department of Education for assisting us in this difficult time.

While Royal life Saving NT have continued to put money towards a building fund, we are still a long way off. We had a temporary solution at Ethos House until August 2015 and now another temporary solution at Ludmilla Primary School, thank you to the Department of Sport & Recreation and the Department of Education who assisted us during these difficult times. The Executive Board have developed a strategy to maintain services and to provide for a long term office / Head Quarters but this will really require a whole of membership drive to build the solution. Thank you to Daphne Read who is volunteering her time to assist the Executive Director to work with all levels of Government and Communities to seek a long term solution.

Training and Aquatic Services: RTO Provider Number 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 2014-2015, 314 courses were conducted with 6529 certificates issued including 2240 statements of attainment. RLSSA NT partnered with Royal Life Saving Tasmania to be the managing RTO for RLS Tasmania from August to December 2014. 1088 Certificates including 1000 statements of attainment were issued to participants within Tasmania. RLSSA NT has increased training delivered with a total of 56.05% 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-accredit their qualifications and to validate assessment tools and procedures. The 10th Annual Trainers workshop was held in September and was a success with the majority of Trainers attending. This Workshop serves to ensure quality training and consistent practices are upheld 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

that are essential components of our role in this area. Of specific importance was the review of units of competency contained within the Health Training Package and the Sports, Fitness and Recreation training package.

Table 6: Aquatic Services courses and participants

| Course Name | Number of Courses | Number of Participants |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Advanced First Aid | 2 | 25 |
| Child Care First Aid | 1 | 9 |
| First Aid | 19 | 206 |
| Resuscitation Awareness | 6 | 43 |
| First Aid in a Box | 41 | 119 |
| Resuscitation | 45 | 186 |
| Resuscitation Reaccreditation | 14 | 39 |
| Accompanied Rescue | 0 | 0 |
| Bronze Star | 2 | 38 |
| Award of Merit | 1 | 4 |
| Bronze Cross | 1 | 1 |
| Bronze Medallion | 61 | 432 |
| Bronze Medallion Reaccreditation | 37 | 216 |
| Pool Lifeguard | 17 | 95 |
| Pool Lifeguard Package 1 | 4 | 9 |
| Pool Lifeguard Package 2 | 3 | 16 |
| Pool Lifeguard Reaccreditation | 18 | 93 |
| Pool Plant Operators | 8 | 50 |
| WorkShop | 1 | 22 |
| Swimming Teacher Rescue Award | 17 | 143 |
| AUSTSWIM | 16 | 141 |
| Total | 314 | 1887 |

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 **2014/2015 Trainer of the Year is Tom Cannavan**. Tom has been an active trainer with Royal Life Saving NT for 6 consecutive years. In this time Tom has shown a strong commitment to Water Safety Education, training and Royal Life Saving NT. Tom has been delivering First Aid and Bronze Medallion courses to the students and staff of Kormilda College and plans to have a Pool lifeguard course completed by the end of 2015. This training being incorporated in through the college has allowed for an entry point into the aquatic industry for many students. Tom willingly contributes and shares his knowledge with other trainers at the



Annual trainer’s workshop and throughout the year, with many trainers looking forward to gaining a new teaching tip from Tom each year. RLSSANT would like to thank Tom for his outstanding achievements and contribution to RLSSANT and the community.

Table 7: Trainer of the Year Award for highest standard of excellence in training

| Trainer of the Year Award for Standard of Excellence in Training | |
|---|-----------------|
| 2014/2015 | Tom Cannavan |
| 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 is 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. 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 Desktop Audits
- Guidelines for Water Safety Risk Assessments
- Water Safety Signage

The following Aquatic Facility Safety Assessments have been conducted

- 10 public swimming pools (6 remote pools, 4 urban pools)
- 1 public swimming pool risk assessment
- 1 public open water 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 2014 – 2015 RLSSANT conducted a total of 17 courses, delivering to 162 participants across the Northern Territory. 2014-2015 Highlights included:

- 103 participants in the AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety Course
- 38 participants in the AUSTSWIM teacher of Infants and Pre-schooler Aquatics
- 1 Laurie Lawrence Masterclass PD Workshop in Darwin with 21 participants
- 45% of the 17 Courses were delivered in Rural and Remote locations



AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety Katherine April 2014.

The AUSTSWIM NT State Advisory Committee consists of stakeholders and volunteers from across the Northern Territory. This year the committee met on the 4th of August 2014, and 27th of May 2015.

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 |
| Jarred Wilson | AUSTSWIM |
| Rebecca Johnson | Department of Education |
| Tony Snelling | SLS NT |
| Tim Few | Swimming Northern Territory |
| Steve Sherlock | YMCA |
| Wayne Van Sambeek | RLSSA-NT |
| 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 | 11 | 103 |
| Teacher of Infants and Pre-schooler Aquatics | 5 | 38 |
| Teacher of Access and Inclusion NOTE: Previously named AUSTSWIM Teacher of Aquatics for People with a Disability | 0 | 0 |
| Teacher of Adults | 0 | 0 |
| Teacher of Towards Competitive Strokes | 0 | 0 |
| AUSTSWIM PD Workshop | 1 | 21 |
| Total | 17 | 162 |

AUSTSWIM Awards

This year saw nominations for the AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming Safety Award and the Most Outstanding Contribution to AUSTSWIM Award. The 2015 NT **AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety Award recipient is Brogen Begg** from Katherine. Brogen has done a great job with YMCA Katherine coordinating and delivering swimming and water safety lessons to Katherine children. The 2015 NT **Most Outstanding Contribution to AUSTSWIM Award recipient is Annette (Floss) Roberts**. Floss is passionate about NT children having access to AUSTSWIM qualified teachers, especially in Primary School.



AUSTSWIM Regional and Remote 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 2014/2015 the number of rural and remote courses represented 45% of all AUSTSWIM courses conducted in the NT. The support of this funding has assisted in the success of the mentoring program and has reduced the number of courses being cancelled.



AUSTSWIM Developing the North

The AUSTSWIM Developing the North funding aims to provide the opportunity for members of remote communities to be mentored through to the AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety courses. In December 2014 we visited the community of Wurrumiyanga on the Tiwi Islands. 7 local Tiwi people from the Sport and Recreation Team and from the Families as First Teachers program commenced their AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety Course.

With the assistance from the local Murrupurtiyanuwu Catholic School (MCS) we were able to combine both theory and practical components. The enthusiasm and use of the local Tiwi language used by course participants was a highlight. We were able to follow up on our mentoring when we returned to Wurrumiyanga in March 2015.



Alice Springs and Central Australia

The 2014/2015 has been an exciting and productive year for the Central Australian office of the Royal Life Saving Society (Australia) NT Branch. Our office location has relocated from the Leichhardt Building to the Charles Darwin University, Alice Springs Campus. From this location RLSSA-NT has been able to service urban and remote locations within central Australia and across the Northern Territory, whilst also providing training courses and delivering the Water Safety Awareness and Swim & Survive program from the Alice Springs Aquatic Centre.



WSAP Ntaria FaFT and Childcare group



Ti Tree School accessing Swim & Survive

A total of 71 courses with 319 participants were delivered in the Central Desert Region during 2014-2015. The Central Australian Representative delivered 64 courses in total across the NT this included 53 courses of the Central Desert Region courses.

The Sport of Pool Lifesaving has continued to develop with three girls from Alice Springs representing the Northern Territory team at the Pool Lifesaving Nationals held in Hobart in January 2015. The Win of 2 gold and 1 silver in CPR and Line Throw events was a dream come true for each of these girls, and identifies how the Royal Life Saving Society NT is growing the sport within Central Australia. Pool Life Saving membership has increased from 24 to 40 participants and the introduction of an Adult Learn to Swim and Stroke Development Program in conjunction with Pool Lifesaving has proven to be very popular with an increase in membership of 11 adults actively participating on Monday evenings at the Alice Springs Aquatic Centre.



Table 10: Alice Springs 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 | -46% |
| 2014/2015 | 357 | 30% |

Table 11: Alice Springs Training Statistics

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|--|-------------------------------------|
| 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 |
| 2014/2015 | 71 Courses, Total 319 Participants |

Table 12: 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 |
| 2014/2015 | 51 Participants |

Swim and Survive

With access to a wide variety of aquatic activities it is important that Northern Territory children have access to a nationally recognized swimming and water safety program. The Royal Life Saving Swim and Survive program aims for children to learn or build on a variety of aquatic skills including swimming, water safety, rescue and lifesaving skills in a safe and fun environment. The program has three Award levels for all age groups: Wonder Award (6 months – 3 years), Courage Award (3 – 5 years) and Active Award (5 – 14 years).

For Northern Territory families the Swim and Survive program can be accessed through school coordinated programs, Swim and Survive Partners or Royal Life Saving NT community programs.

It is encouraging to see the continued growth of the Swim and Survive program throughout the Territory. This year saw 14,135 children from urban, regional and remote areas participate in the program. This is a significant achievement and represents an increase of 1950 children (16%) from last year.

Our school communities continue to play an active role in NT children having access to the Swim and Survive Program. This year 100 schools are to be congratulated for embracing the importance of swimming and water safety lessons for their students, an increase of 7 schools (7.5%) from last year. 79 Government schools accounted for 8911 or 64% of all participating students.

Schools in remote areas had access to the Swim and Survive program through the Indigenous Sport and Active Recreation Program (ISARP). This program, funded by the Federal Government, allowed 2831 students from 37 schools in 26 locations to take part.

As promising as these figures are, there is great concern in the declining numbers of students achieving the Swim and Survive, Active Award Level 4 or above. The National Water Safety Education Competency



Framework has a target of 100% of Primary School children achieving Swim and Survive Level 4 or equivalent by the end of their Primary School years. Unfortunately in the NT we are seeing a decline in the number of children achieving this benchmark. This year only 855 (6%) of participating students achieved Swim and Survive Level 4 or above.

Swim and Survive Program - Alyangula Area School 6.3.15

VACSWIM and Sunday Lifesaving – Community Programs

Each year in Darwin we conduct a number of Swim and Survive programs for the community to engage in. Our VACSWIM program is conducted during school holidays in January and October at Casuarina Swimming Pool. This year we had 95 children use this opportunity to participate in the intensive VACSWIM Swim and Survive programs. The Sunday Life Saving Program is conducted twice a year over 6 weeks at the Nightcliff Aquatic Centre. This was a true family experience with 228 children from 6 months – 14 years participating in the Swim and Survive Program. The strong relationship that has been forged between Royal Life Saving – NT and its many stakeholders has assisted in the success of the Swim and Survive Program. From councils, pool staff, school communities, parents and participants themselves they have all played a part in growth of the Swim and Survive program. We thank them for their continued commitment to water safety in the Northern Territory. One of our greatest assets at Royal Life Saving – NT is our staff. Our dedicated AUSTSWIM qualified teachers deliver a fun and professional programs and are supported by a committed team.

Together they share the vision of building a healthy, strong and safe aquatic community.

Department of Education Certificate Funding

8911 Government school students received certificate funding through the Northern Territory, Department of Education. This figure includes 2614 Remote Government school students of which 2346 participated in the Indigenous Sport and Active Recreation Program (ISARP).

79 Government schools provided vital swimming and lifesaving skills for their students with 354 students achieving a Level 4 or above.

Royal Life Saving NT acknowledges the Department of Education as the key partner in water safety education and aquatic skill development for school students. Thank you for the ongoing commitment to drowning prevention through student's access to the Swim and Survive program.

Swim and Survive Certificate Summary

| Area | No. of Students |
|---------------|-----------------|
| DARWIN | 5107 |
| PALMERSTON | 2116 |
| ALICE SPRINGS | 2682 |
| REGIONAL | 1048 |
| REMOTE | 3182 |
| TOTAL | 14135 |



Swim and Survive Partner Programs

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 28 Swim and Survive Partners and schools that are recognised as a preferred deliverer of the Swim and Survive Program. Some of these include Marianne's Swim School, Goldfishbowl Swim School in Palmerston, Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre and YMCA of Katherine. Government and independent schools in Darwin, Alice Springs and Katherine also deliver the program to their students as a part of their school program.

This year saw 5153 children participate in the Swim and Survive program through the 29 Swim and Survive Partners. This represents 36% of all participants and is an increase of 1607 children (45%) on the 2013 – 2014 figures of 3546.

Table 13: Swim and Survive Partners

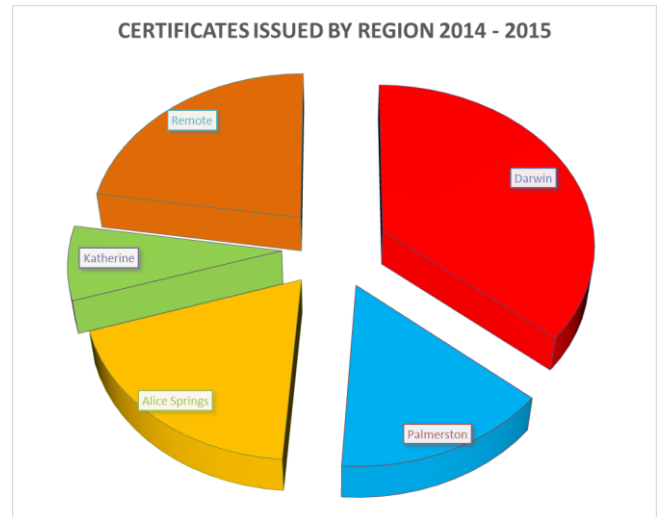
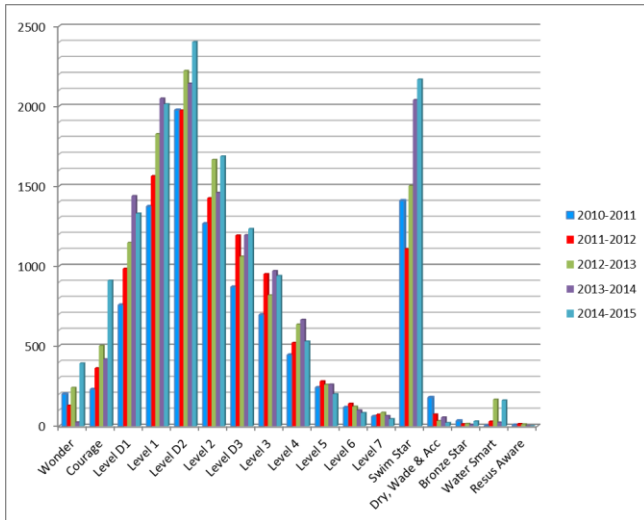
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| The Goldfishbowl Swim School | Marianne's Private Swim School |
| YMCA of Katherine | Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre |
| Gove Aquatic Centre | Minimere Swim School |
| Coomalie Swim Group | |

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 | Nhulunbuy Christian College |
| Clyde Fenton Primary School | Yipirinya School |
| Braitling Primary | Larapinta Primary |

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Our Lady Sacred Heart Primary | Sadadeen Primary |
| Araluen Christian College | Living Waters Lutheran School |
| Tennant Creek Primary | Kalkaringi School |
| Ross Park Primary School | Gillen Primary School |
| Batchelor Area School | Henbury School |

Certificates issued by levels and Regions



Swim and Survive Fund

The Swim and Survive Fund provides swimming and water safety courses for children experiencing social or economic disadvantage. These are often children who have had limited or no exposure to the water and vital water safety education.

Since 2009, Royal Life Saving Society Northern Territory have been assisting the Karama Primary School with the delivery of the Swim and Survive Program. Each year the significant cost of transport is a huge challenge for a low socio-economic school.

In 2014, it looked like the Swim and Survive Program was not going to go ahead. The school had been unsuccessful in finding assistance and they cancelled their booking. RLSSA-NT had the opportunity to apply for a Swim and Survive Fund Grant, the success of this grant provided enough assistance for the program to go ahead. The program was delivered in early September with 148 students participating at Casuarina Pool. The students ranged in age from 5 to 11 years. Students showed confidence, improvement and a willingness to learn throughout the program. A new respect for the aquatic environment was another measure of the success of the program.

Some of the feedback include: *“That children that don’t normally swim get the opportunity”* and *“The great improvement we saw in the students swimming ability”*. The success of the program would not have been achieved without the support and assistance from Royal Life Saving - Swim and Survive Fund, the instructors from Royal Life Saving NT and the Karama Primary School community.



The **Royal Life Saving NT Swim and Survive Teacher of the year Award is Michelle Ryan**. This award recognises excellence in teaching swimming and water safety, mentoring and coaching new teachers and commitment to drowning prevention. Thank you Michelle for your fantastic work in and out of the water.



Sport Pool Lifesaving



The Australian Pool Lifesaving Championships (APLSC) 2015 was held at the Hobart Aquatics Centre from Friday 16th- Sunday 18th January 2015. There were 150 competitors in total for this year's National competition, with representatives from each state within Australia, as well as one representative from New Zealand and one International representative from the Netherlands.

Athletes from Darwin and Alice Springs represented the Northern Territory this year. The Darwin team under the direction of Alister Lear consisted of Mark Fitzsimons, Umima Shah-Munro and Lysa Hoang; with all three of these competitors having represented the NT team in past National competitions. Our new Alice Springs team under the direction of Petina Franklin and Jill Dowd was Abbey Brown, Georgia Rudd and Erica Portelli; Erica being our youngest competitor at the age of 12. To represent RLSSA NT branch in officiating were Floss Roberts, Jill Dowd and the new Sports & Community Development Officer, Suzie Butler.

Overall the Team did an outstanding job finishing 7th in the competition and we are extremely proud of all individual results. Out of our six athletes, four of them come home with medals.

Abbey Brown netted the NT's first Gold Medal in the CPR category, participating in the Under 16 event with a score of 87 points. Abbey competed in eight events over the course of the competition and applied to be a part of the National Junior Barras Team. Abbey finished 8th overall in the Under16 category.

The NT team took home both the Gold and Silver Medals in the Under 14 Line Throw event; Georgia Rudd GOLD with a time of 15.62 seconds and Erica Portelli SILVER with a time of 16.02 seconds. Both girls competed in the Under 14 and Under 16 speed and CPR events, achieving excellent times with Erica finishing 8th overall in the Under14 events and the team finishing 5th overall for the Under16 and Under19 age category.

Mark Fitzsimons competing in the Master 45-59 age categories won a Gold medal in the 100metre Obstacles, Silver medals in the 100m & 50m Manikin Tow and Manikin Carry and one Bronze in the Line Throw event. Mark also recorded new Personal Best (PB) times in two events.

Lysa Hoang (Masters over 30) and Umima Shah-Munro (Under 19) also did an excellent job in representing the NT team and both achieved PB's in some of their speed events. An excellent effort all round from the 2015 NT Team.

Participation

Our year-long Alice Springs Pool lifesaving program is still going strong with numbers increasing thanks to the use of the indoor heated pool at the Alice Springs Aquatic Centre. The Alice Springs members have been very fortunate to receive first-rate coaching tips from Peter Tonkin of Swimming Australia on a regular basis and also Ryan Chapman, from the QLD Pool Lifesaving team held a coaching clinic for both Pool Lifesaving and Swimming Club members.



Numbers have been consistent in Darwin over term 4 2014 & term 1 2015, with membership numbers consistent for the entire season. Our three Pool Lifesaving coaches joined forces with a couple of our swimmers to compete in this year's Leah Cullen 5km race hosted by Swimming NT on the 28th March, with a 3rd place finish.

A huge Thank you to those who have volunteered their time to help train our weekly sessions both in Darwin and Alice Springs, your contribution to the sport and our community is immensely appreciated. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back on pool deck for the 2015/2106 season.

Pool Lifesaving Regional and Remote

Pool Lifesaving Carnivals were held in Katherine, Tennant Creek, Wadeye, Maningrida, Pirlangimpi, Wurrumiyanga, Borroloola, Ngukurr, Yuendumu, Kintore, Alyangula and Batchelor ensuring that Pool Lifesaving is active in the regional and remote areas of the Northern Territory. An Active Family Fun Day and Come and Try Pool Lifesaving event was held in Nhulunbuy (25/8/2014), Alice Springs (22/9/2014), Darwin (24/9/2014) and Tennant Creek (22/10/2014).



Education and Programs

Our goal is to increase participation and awareness in water safety education, training and sport in urban, regional and remote communities—Delivered through the Swim and Survive program, People with Disabilities, Adults and the Partnership Program.

Not every Territorian has the same needs; so within our programs, we look to offer specific courses that are designed to meet the needs of Territorians of all ages and abilities.

Infant Aquatics

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 2014/2015, one at Casuarina Pool and the other at Nightcliff Aquatic Centre. Both programs were very popular with mums, dads, grandparents, carers and of course the infants themselves. 115 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 Joan Burns, Stephanie Cockfield, Maxine Cross, Penny McKay, Eleanor Scott and Jenny Verrall, Anna Wilson, Rana Everett.

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. 64 Wonder certificates and 46 Courage certificates were awarded this year.

Sunday Life Program 2014



Programs for People with Disabilities: Access and Inclusion

The relationship between Royal Life Saving – NT and Total Recreation continues to grow and strengthen. In 2014 – 2015, Royal Life Saving NT delivered two swimming and water safety programs for the Total Recreation (Sport in Schools) program at Palmerston Aquatic and Lifestyle Centre. This program aims to give students with a disability, in mainstream school, the opportunity to participate in a water safety and swimming program that is tailor made for their needs. This year the modified Swim and Survive program saw on average 50 students each week take part in the program.

Schools who were involved in this year’s program included: Woodroffe Primary School, Humpty Doo Primary School and Taminmin College. The culmination of the program saw a swimming carnival held with modified events that allowed participation from ALL students. Chelsea Day Recreation Officer from Total Recreation said: *“Total Recreation run a swimming program catered to children with disabilities throughout term 1 and 4 Royal Life Saving NT plays a vital role in this programs success. The staff are fantastic and have all the skills needed to adjust their program to suit students with disabilities. Their patience and understanding of the students special needs means the classes are run efficiently and are always a lot of fun.”*



Adults



Royal Life Saving NT are always looking at ways to engage with the community. The City of Darwin – Healthy Darwin program gave us the opportunity to conduct swimming and water safety lessons to Darwin residents. “Healthy Darwin is all about getting the people of Darwin active and living a healthy lifestyle” and this was highlighted with a number of people taking part in Adult Learn to Swim lessons at Casuarina Pool. Thanks to

the City of Darwin for allowing us to assist with this great program.

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.



Participants from the City of Darwin, Healthy Darwin Adult Learn to Swim program.

Cool Seniors & Grey Medallion

In 2014, one third (33%) of all drowning deaths in Australia were people aged 55 years and over. This equates to 87 Senior Australians **with one of these being in the Northern Territory**. While this is a reduction of 22 people on last year we need to remain vigilant and proactive in this area.

With the assistance of a grant from the Northern Territory Government we were able to conduct two aquatic based programs at the NT Swim School. Our Cool Seniors aquatic programs aims to build confidence in the water environment through exercise, water familiarisation and swimming. This year we had 59 participants



over the 4 weeks,

The Grey Medallion is a water safety and lifesaving skills program for the over 55's. The four main components of the program are Water Safety Knowledge, Resuscitation and Emergency Care, Aquatic Exercise and Personal Survival and Lifesaving Skills. In 2014 we had 8 Senior Territorians complete the Grey Medallion program.

Testimonials from participants included:

“Lots of exercise, fun & chance to meet new folk. Very interesting, worthwhile & fun program. The programme was well conducted. Very good instruction & the program sets the mood.” Royal Life Saving NT appreciated the ongoing support from 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”

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Drowning Report

The Northern Territory Drowning Report was released on the 30th September 2014. Sadly the NT maintains the highest drowning rate per capita in Australia with 13 drowning deaths recorded in this period

**NORTHERN TERRITORY
DROWNING SUMMARY 2014**

For more information and to download the Royal Life Saving National Drowning Report 2014 visit www.royallifesaving.com.au

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NORTHERN TERRITORY DROWNING SUMMARY 2014

There were 13 people who drowned in Northern Territory waterways between 1 July 2013 and 30 June 2014. This is an increase of 6 deaths (43%) on the 10 year (2003/04 to 2012/13) average of 8 deaths (Figure NT1). Of the people who drowned in the Northern Territory in 2013/14, 69% were male.

The Northern Territory continues to have the highest drowning rate per capita in Australia, with a rate of 5.36 drowning deaths per 100,000 people in 2013/14.

100% of the drowning deaths occurred in Outer Regional, Remote and Very Remote locations. The River / Creek / Stream category was the location with the highest number of drowning deaths (39%), followed by Swimming Pools (23%) (Figure NT2).

Swimming and Recreating was the most common activity being undertaken immediately prior to drowning in the Northern Territory, accounting for 46% of all drowning deaths in the Territory in 2013-14 (Figure NT3).

100% of all drowning deaths in the Northern Territory in 2013/14 occurred in the Wet Season.

CASE STUDY: CROCODILE SAFETY

Between 1 July 2003 and 30 June 2013, there have been 9 deaths due to crocodiles in waterways across the Northern Territory. It should be assumed that any body of water in the Northern Territory may contain large and potentially dangerous crocodiles. While crocodiles are more active during the warmer months (Wet season), it should never be assumed that it is safe to enter the water at any time of the year.

Royal Life Saving NT reminds people to Be Crocwise and follow some simple safety tips:

- Never swim in water where crocodiles may live, even if there is no warning sign. Only swim in designated safe swimming areas.
- Obey all crocodile warning signs – they are there for your safety and protection.
- Never provoke, harass or interfere with crocodiles, even small ones.
- Never feed crocodiles, it is illegal and dangerous.
- Be extra vigilant around water at night and during the breeding season from September to April.
- Avoid approaching the edge of the water and don't paddle or wade at the edge of the water.
- Always stand a minimum of five metres from the water's edge when fishing.



For more information visit www.nt.gov.au/becrocwise



Figure NT1: Unintentional Drowning Deaths and Crude Death Rates, Northern Territory, 2002/03-2013/14, 10 Year Average

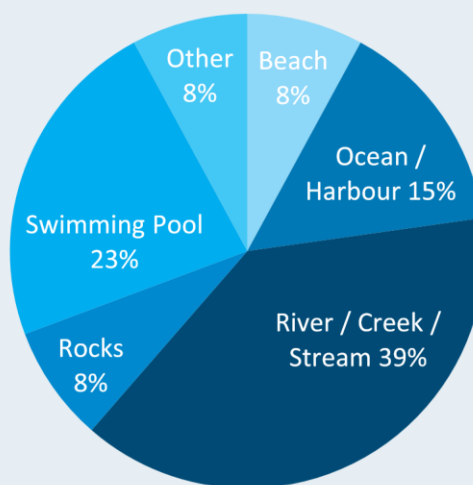


Figure NT2: Location of Drowning Deaths, Northern Territory, 2013/14

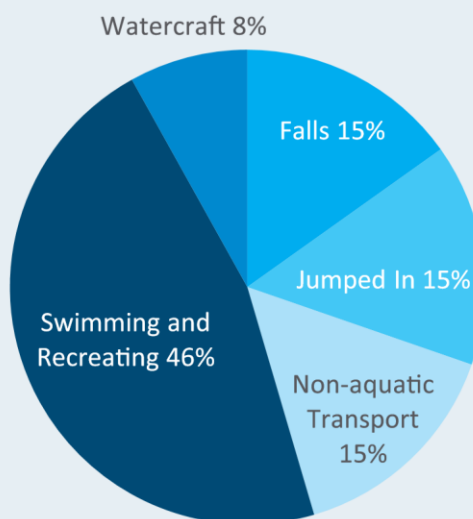


Figure NT3: Activity Prior to Drowning, Northern Territory, 2013/14

Northern Territory Government Water Safety Unit

Northern Territory Water Safety Advisory Council 2014-2015



Commencing from the 1st July 2015 Royal Life Saving NT provided the secretariat duties for the NT Water Safety Advisory Council. The Council has met on four occasions throughout the year, discussing improving community awareness of water safety and working collaboratively to develop solutions to emerging and ongoing issues. The council is chaired by Daphne Read AO.

Vision : A safe and healthy lifestyle in and around water.

Aspirational Goal: Reduce drowning deaths by 50% by 2020.

The Role of the NTWSAC is

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

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

| Organisation | Abbreviation |
|--|---------------------|
| Amateur Fisherman's Association of the NT | AFANT |
| Australian Volunteer Coast Guard | AVCG |
| Department of Education | DOE |
| Department of Health | DOH |
| Department of Lands Planning and the Environment | DLPE |
| Department of Sport, Recreation and Racing | DSRR |
| Department of Transport | DOT |
| Kidsafe NT | KSNT |
| Local Government Association of the NT | LGANT |
| Northern Territory Water Police | NTPFES |
| Parks and Wildlife Commission | PWC |
| Royal Life Saving Society NT Branch | RLSSANT |
| Somerville Community Service | SCS |
| Surf Life Saving NT | SLSNT |
| Victoria Daly Shire (Remote appointment) | LGANT |
| WSU | Water Safety Unit |



Gary Higgins MLA, Minister for Sport & Recreation & Daphne Read AO, Chair of the NTWSAC with Floss Roberts ED Royal Life Saving NT

Water Safety Awareness Program:

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 Sport and Recreation Department and is 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.

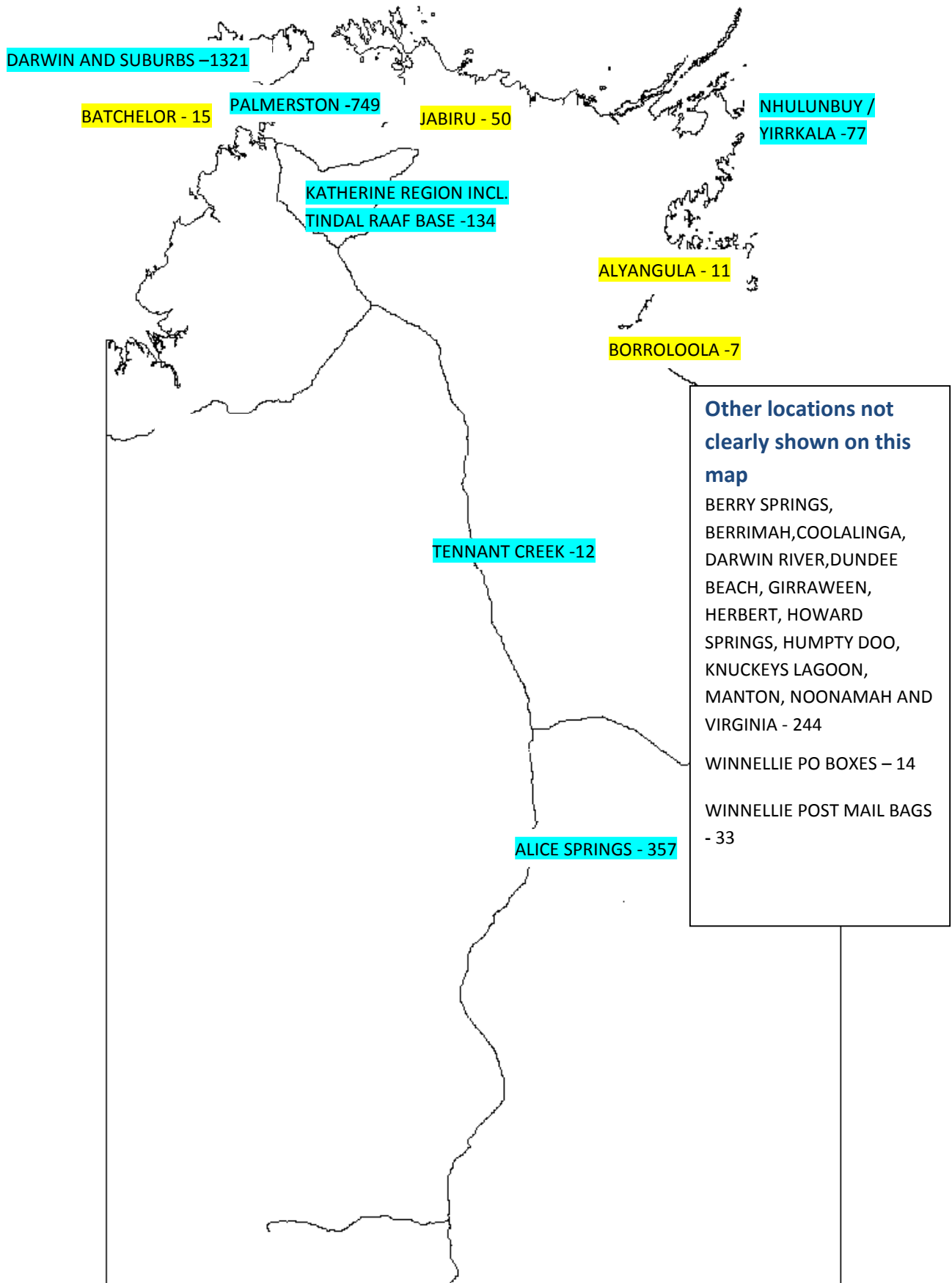
Why was the Water Safety Awareness Program started?

- 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 2015, 14,990 children have enrolled in the Program; and of those children, 78% 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 14,990 enrolled
A partnership between the NT Government and Royal Life Saving Society
(Australia) NT Branch





The Year that was for The Water Safety Awareness Program:

Total of 3024 Enrolments for July 2014 – June 2015 with 78% voucher usage since beginning of Program.

This year has seen a dramatic increase in registrations to the Water Safety Awareness Program largely due to the introduction of the NT Government Learn to Swim Voucher. This voucher was introduced on 1st July 2014 and entitles all NT children under the age of 5 who have completed the Water Safety Awareness Program to two \$100 vouchers, twice a year to be used for swimming lessons. This generous program has enabled many more Territory families to access swimming lessons whereas previously they may not have been able to afford them.

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 Angurugu, Borroloola, Douglas Daly, Elliott, Santa Teresa, Yuendumu, Maningrida and Ngukurr.

Maningrida WSAP with Joan

Current providers 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. Six new Providers joined the Program this year giving greater access to families in the areas of Katherine, Nhulunbuy, Batchelor and Darwin.

| SESSION PROVIDERS 2014 – 2015 |
|--|
| Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre – Alice Springs |
| Anica’s Swim School - Katherine |
| Aoife’s Swim School - Jabiru |
| Baby Barra’s Swim School – Howard Springs |
| Coomalie Swim Group - Batchelor |
| Dempsey Consolidated – Parap & Casuarina Pools |
| Desert Swim - Alice Springs |
| Goldfishbowl Swim School - Palmerston |
| Gove Aquatic Centre - Nhulunbuy |
| NT Swim School – Darwin |
| Marianne’s Swimming School – Darwin |
| Minimere Swim School - Katherine |
| Palmerston Leisure Centre (YMCA) - Palmerston |

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|---|
| Rana's Swim School - Darwin |
| Royal Life Saving – Alice Springs, Darwin and Remote Delivery |
| Swim Dynamics – Nightcliff pool |
| YMCA of Katherine - Katherine |

The annual Provider's Workshop was held in Darwin on the 31st August at the Trailer Boat Club. 6 Providers of the Water Safety Awareness Program came together to share ideas and familiarise themselves with the conditions of the funding agreement. Providers also discussed the positive impact the newly introduced NT Government Learn to Swim vouchers have had on their small businesses.



The **Water Safety Awareness Program Provider of the Year 2014/2015 is Anica Beckett** from Anica's Swim School in Katherine. Anica has shown great passion for the Program this year and has been very proactive in the Katherine community promoting the Program. Positive feedback has been received regular about Anica's delivery of the Program. Anica's commitment to the Program has seen increased participation in the Katherine region. Congratulations Anica!





Water Safety Week 2014

Water Safety Week 2014 was conducted from 21-28 September, featuring a varied program of events and activities throughout the Northern Territory (NT). The slogan for Water Safety Week 2014 was *Water Safety is 24/7*. This year the focus was on water safety whilst recreating. The event was promoted through print, radio, television and social media. In addition to this promotion was also

undertaken by Northern Territory Water Safety Advisory Council member networks.

This year's stakeholders who participated in Water Safety Week events included:

- Royal Life Saving Society NT
- Surf Life Saving NT
- Department of Sport, Recreation & Racing
- Department of Health
- Department of Lands, Planning & the Environment (Pool Fencing Unit)
- Marine Safety Branch
- Water Safety Unit
- Somerville Community Services
- YMCA
- Water Police
- Darwin Sea Scouts
- Kidsafe NT
- NT Swim School

'Splashfest' was the opening event for Water Safety Week 2014 and took place from 10:00am – 2:00pm on Sunday 21 September at the Darwin Waterfront Precinct. Approximately 1500 people attended. This figure was obtained from traffic counters recently installed at the Darwin Waterfront Precinct. The assistance of the Darwin Waterfront Corporation in helping to organise and advertise this event was greatly appreciated. The Water Safety Creek activity proved very popular with 127 children entering the competition with Riley Seden-Kurnoth winning a family voucher to Curve Restaurant and a family Wave Lagoon pass. 10 stakeholders' hosted stalls and two activities were hosted by Royal Life Saving NT. There were 20 events and activities on the official 2014 Water Safety week calendar. These were conducted in Alice Springs, Darwin, Palmerston and Elliott. Some of the highlights of the free events were:

- Family Fun evening at Casuarina Pool
- Community BBQ
- Water Safety Family Picnic
- Flare demonstration

An estimated 10,000 Territorians received water safety messages throughout Water Safety Week in 2014. In addition to these events Hot 100 also promoted Water Safety Week every morning with Boof the Barra teaming up with Black Betty and giving out water safety prize packs to their listeners.



The Water Safety Week colouring in competition was also popular with 225 entries being received.

The Under 5 category winner was Kiara Ikonomou from Moil and the Over 5 winner was Jack Flanagan from Palmerston.

Pipes and Drains Campaign 2014-2015

The Pipes and Drains campaign was launched on 2nd December 2014 by Minister Matt Conlan. The campaign received a complete makeover from the Northern Territory Government resulting in a television ad being produced with a strong message. All schools in the Darwin and Palmerston region were contacted regarding the campaign and free Pipes and Drains talks to their students were offered. Despite being close to the school holidays and the end of the school year, nine schools participated in the talks across two weeks. 1720 students attended these talks. Pipes and Drains talks continued on in the new school year and Ludmilla Primary School, Alawa Primary School and Wagaman Primary all displayed the Pipes and Drains on their school fences to help promote the campaign. Twelve Pipes and Drains Banners were delivered to the City of Palmerston and these were displayed throughout the community.



Keep Watch

Keep Watch is a public education program of Royal Life Saving Society - Australia, aimed at preventing drowning deaths of children under 5 years of age in all aquatic locations. There are 4 main actions of the Keep Watch program that parents and carers of children are encouraged to undertake to prevent children drowning.

The Keep Watch program has 4 key actions to prevent your child from drowning. These actions are not to be used in isolation and should form part of a web of prevention measures. Therefore if one line of defence fails there are more prevention measures working together to prevent your child from drowning. These actions are:

- Supervise
- Restrict Access
- Water Awareness
- Resuscitate

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

NT Keep Watch Ambassadors

Hon. 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
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 Lingiari
Hon. Peter Styles MLA, Member for Sanderson
Hon. David Tollner MLA, Member for Fong Lim
Ms Lauren Moss 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



Keep Watch @ Public Pools

Keep Watch at Public Pools was launched in the Northern Territory this year. 5 public pools in the Northern Territory have signed up to be a part of the Keep Watch @ Public Pools initiative.

Royal Life Saving is targeting risk areas for toddler drowning deaths such as public pools. Lack of direct supervision by the parent or carer while the child was in the water has been the main factor in 70% of all drowning deaths at 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 carers of children to help them understand the dangers of leaving their children unattended at the pool. As a parent you have a responsibility to look after your own children. Lifeguards do a great job at keeping our pools safe but they are not babysitters.

Table 13: Keep Watch @ Public Pools Partners

| Name of Business / Organisation | Facility |
|--|---------------------------|
| YMCA of the Top End | Leanyer Recreation Park |
| Dempsey Consolidated | Casuarina Swimming Pool |
| YMCA of the Top End | Palmerston Aquatic Centre |
| YMCA Katherine | Katherine Aquatic Centre |

Grants

Royal Life Saving NT could not provide services to our community without the generous support of Government and Corporations. This year, our grants included:

| Name | Funded |
|--|--|
| AUSTSWIM | Support to provide AUSTSWIM in regional and remote communities. |
| ISARP Prime Minister & Cabinet | Funding for the Indigenous Sport and Active Recreation Program – “Remote Swim & Survive”, teaching children in remote communities water safety and swimming skills |
| NT Department of Sport and Recreation | Support for providing opportunities for Territorians to participate in sport and active recreation. |
| NT Department of Education | Certificates recognising the achievements of children in the Swim and Survive program. |
| NT Department of Sport and Recreation | Management of the Water Safety Awareness Program |
| RLSSA – National | Inland Waterways – River Safety Project Swim & Survive for children who miss out |
| Swim & Survive Fund® | Supported teaching water safety to children from Yirrkala Homelands |

Indigenous Sport and Recreation Program – “Remote Swim and Survive”

Royal Life Saving Society Northern Territory has continued with its third 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 38 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 the aquatic environment. 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 one 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 families can access and feel like they are in a fun and safe environment.

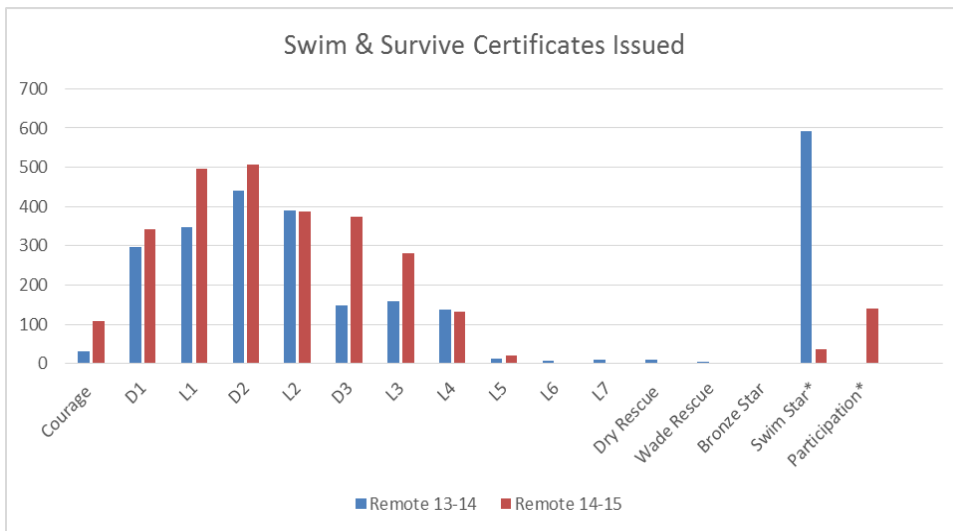
Key facts at a glance

3642 people participate in the Indigenous Sport and Active Recreation Project

- 35 remote schools accessed the program.
- Teams visited 26 remote communities.
- 2831 students participated in Swim and Survive.
- 3 students achieved a Bronze Star award through Swim and Survive – the highest award given this year.
- 158 students achieved the national swimming and water safety benchmark of a level four and above.
- The AUSTSWIM mentoring program saw 5 indigenous people who have ongoing participation in teaching the Remote Swim & Survive Program.
- 11 indigenous people are continuing to work through their Indigenous AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming & Water Safety Award.
- 222 people were trained and are now qualified in a range of qualifications such as Bronze Medallion, CPR, Pool Lifeguard, Indigenous AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming & Water Safety Award and First Aid through the project.

Remote Swim & Survive

2831 students participated in the ISARP Swim & Survive program across the Northern Territory, decreasing by 107 students from the previous year. 3 students, 1 from Areyonga and 2 from Mutitjulu achieved a Bronze Star award through the ISARP Swim & Survive Program, the highest level awarded in 2014-2015. 158 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 below last year's figure of 309 students. This decrease can be attributed to the projects ability to access older, more senior students in key communities such as Maningrida, Jabiru and Wadeye. The students who participated last year were unable to attend the program for various reasons. Although there has been a decrease in the National Water Safety Council bench mark of a level 4 and above, there has been an overall increase in the swimming abilities of children who are approaching these abilities in the future. As seen below the numbers of students reaching both a level D3 and 3 have doubled on last year's figures. Therefore in the upcoming years, as these students increase their abilities through the remote Swim & Survive Program an increase in the National Water Safety Council bench mark of a level 4 and above will also increase in remote areas.



Training and the AUSTSWIM Mentoring Program



Royal Life Saving Society Northern Territory aims to develop skills and empower local people within indigenous communities, allowing them to develop and maintain their swimming pool and the ongoing development of the Swim and Survive Program so it is not a once-a-year activity. This year 153 indigenous people completed a range of training through the project including 21 Bronze Medallions, 10 Pool Lifeguards and 21 First Aids.

In conjunction with the Swim and Survive Program, the team also aims to deliver the AUSTSWIM Mentoring Program. 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 the AUSTSWIM Mentoring Program and value add to their community. A total of 11 indigenous people began the program this year including 4 indigenous people from Borroloola who aim to gain employment at the pool.

This year's highlights

Throughout the project our relationships with the local Family as First Teachers (FaFT) groups within our communities has continued to grow. The project has allowed Royal Life Saving - Northern Territory to provide the Water Safety Awareness Program (WSAP) to these remote families who have children under 5 years of age. Coordination and delivery of the WSAP program has been identified as a high priority by both the local school and in turn the local FaFT groups. In the previous year a total of 8 families accessed the initiative, this year a total of 105 families took part in the program. Recognition needs to go to the coordinators of these groups who have continued over the past 3 years, to promote our project to the wider community. Especially communities such as Hermannsburg, Ngukurr & Maningrida who had over 15 families participate throughout our week visit. These communities have played an active role in promoting families and their children learn about aquatic awareness, capabilities and an understanding of supervision requirements for children around the water.

Table 14: ISARP Training achievements

| Training Courses | 2013-14 | 2014-15 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Bronze Medallion | 48 | 54 |
| Bronze Medallion update | 25 | 18 |
| Resuscitation | 27 | 47 |
| Resuscitation Awareness | 109 | 39 |
| Oxygen Resuscitation* | 13 | 14 |
| Oxygen Resuscitation Update* | 12 | 7 |
| First Aid | 36 | 35 |
| Pool Lifeguard | 4 | 14 |
| Pool Lifeguard Update | 13 | 7 |
| AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and water Safety | 3 | 3 |
| AUSTSWIM Mentoring Program | 4 | 11 |
| Wade Rescue | 1 | 0 |
| Dry Rescue | 2 | 0 |
| Pool Plant operators course | 5 | 5 |
| Total Training Certificates | 302 | 254 |

*Note: * Due to multiple certificates being awarded upon completion of a Pool Lifeguard and updates 233 individuals competed training.*



WSAP Ngukurr 27/10/2014

Inland Waterways and Drowning Prevention Program

In 2014 the Abbott Government committed a \$4 million investment to the Royal Life Saving Society Australia to actively target black spots for river drownings in our community. Over the next four years Royal Life Saving Australia will be working across the country to implement drowning prevention interventions, targeting identified river drowning black spots and educating the community on risk reduction.

In the Northern Territory, the Katherine River was ranked number 9 on the black spot list in the National report published by RLSSA 'Drowning Deaths in Australian Rivers, Creeks and Stream: a 10 year analysis'. This resulted in the Katherine River being a primary focus for the first stages of our NT River Safety project.

Royal Life Saving NT has since then been working to establish key objectives for our NT River Safety project, the initial six-week consultation & survey period within the Katherine Community has been completed.

Key Objectives for River Safety Project

- Reduce drowning deaths in rivers and inland waterways
- Develop a river safety community education initiative
- Initiate a community safety plan for the Katherine River to address the black spot
- Implement strategies to improve the culture of water safety in the NT and promote safer aquatic behaviors
- Develop and align water safety messages to key risk including the seasonal challenges of wet season with an emphasis on Keep Watch
- Increase community awareness and participation in water safety skills and events for disadvantaged and at risk populations
- Reduce drowning deaths in children

The six-week consultation period begun on the 10th April 2015 with Executive Director, Floss Roberts & Project Officer, Suzie Butler meeting with key stakeholder groups in the Katherine Community and initiating survey responses. The generated survey for the project was designed to find out what the community already knew about the drownings that had occurred in the Katherine River, did they think there was a concern for river safety, who they thought was at risk and how they, as a community could help prevent future drownings. The survey was also used to generate a community driven River safety slogan. We wanted the slogan to come from the community so it would be more effective and be specific to the black spot target areas in the NT.

The survey was effectively distributed through the community, with our projects team situated outside of Woolworths in the local Katherine Shopping Centre on ten separate occasions, the projects team also attended 3 Saturday Katherine community markets, conducted workshops with the Year 7 Clontarf Academy students and joined the YMCA in one of their Drop-In nights to chat about River Safety and also visited the two Parks and Wildlife Junior Rangers groups down at the Katherine Gorge.

717 people responded to the survey, we were able to analyze the data from the community. What we found from the community was that only 15.61% of those that completed the survey knew that the Katherine River was ranked number 9 on the Black Spot list, 65.64% of respondents were not aware that the NT has the highest drowning rate per capita in Australia, however 87.71% did think that water safety was an issue for Territorians.

Education, Swimming and Awareness were the key words used in how the community could help stop future drownings in the Katherine River. With this in mind we have been able to move into the development and implementation phase of the action plan for the project. The community generated slogan for the project has been decided: BE RiverSafe.

The BE RiverSafe slogan has 5 key messages to accompany it so it reaches all demographics in the community:

1. Look, Think, Decide
2. Educate, Watch ya mate
3. River Safe is River Sober
4. Our Rivers, Your Family. Keep watch
5. If it's flooded, forget it

The BE RiverSafe campaign will launch officially in September 2015, in time for the wet season.



Royal Life Saving NT in the media

Throughout 2014/2015 RLSSA NT has been featured in local and Territory print media. We are continually trying to lift our profile within the community and more importantly educate the community in water safety and drowning prevention.

This year Royal Life Saving NT have created a new award called “Media making a difference for Lifesaving”. This year the **Media making a difference for Lifesaving Award goes to Kathleen Bruyn** for her 50 year anniversary report.



NT Pool Lifesaving Team goes to the Australian Pool Lifesaving Championships 16th January 2015.
NT News

Boof delivers warning for drowning black spot



RIVER WARNING: Royal Life Saving Society NT Branch executive director Fiona Roberts and Member for Katherine Willem Weetha van Heerba talk river safety with Boof the Baramundi. Boof can be a killer. The colorful mascot was in Katherine to help promote a new river safety campaign aimed at implementing strategies to improve aquatic behaviour in the Top End. Identified as the worst, followed by the Victoria and Roper rivers. Alcohol was a contributing factor in 55 per cent of all river drownings. The NT has the highest rate of river drownings of any Australian Territory, making up 62 per cent of the victims.

RLSSA NT launches River Safety Project in the Katherine community 15th April 2015
Katherine Times

Turning 50 with plea for lifeline

IT'S been 50 years since Royal Life Saving first taught kids to swim. Inadequate crocodile-proof cages in the Macleay River - now known as pushing for the NT Government to donate land for a headquarters. Royal Life Saving NT chief Fiona Roberts said the agency "badly needs" an office for staff to conduct training and administration in Darwin, and the cheapest she could find was \$40,000 a year. "We would have to shut up shop in 10 years," she said. "When we raise money we look at what we need to break even - our charter is to be affordable for everyone. We have come a long way since we began in the NT but there is much more work to be done." Ms Roberts wants the NT Government to donate land so the organization can apply for federal grants to build a premises, where staff would run CPR and first-aid training and other programs including lessons for the disabled. Royal Life Saving NT remains vital to combating the highest drowning rate per capita in Australia. The organization will celebrate 50 years at Government House today.



Albright brothers Brody, 10, Dean, 5, and Blake, 7, make a splash in Casuarina pool at Royal Life Saving celebrates 50 years in the NT. PHOTOS: ANDREW JURETZ

RLSSA NT celebrating its 50th year in servicing the community
May 2015
NT News

Royal Life Saving NT Social Media Profiles

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

*Royal Life Saving NT
Water Safety NT*



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Facebook – Snapshot

Royal Life Saving NT shared Nine News Darwin's video.
Published by Jill Dowd [?], June 11 · 🌐

Thank you Nine News Darwin for a fantastic tribute to 50 years of Royal Life Saving in the NT



4,554 Views

Nine News Darwin
SAVING LIVES: The Territory's Royal Lifesaving Society celebrates a milestone.

3,008 people reached

Like Comment Share

Royal Life Saving NT
Published by Aunty Suzie [?], June 3 · 🌐

EXCITING NEWS!! You are only one click away from booking into our training courses.
BOOK NOW is the latest feature to our page to help you easily guide yourself to our training portal and booking website.
Courses run by Royal Life Saving NT include:
Provide First Aid/CPRL - See More



271 likes +12 this week
Gregory C Butler and 25 other friends

Book Now
1 click over past 7 days

Royal Life Saving NT added 18 new photos to the album: 50th Birthday Album — with Floss Roberts and 4 others at Government House Darwin.
Published by Jill Dowd [?], May 27 · 🌐

A 50th celebration under the night sky. A night for awards and to share in the history of Royal Life Saving NT



+15

Royal Life Saving NT at Ngulu, Bathurst Island
Published by Aunty Suzie [?], March 25 · 🌐

Our very own Swim & Survive team, Wayne & Joan got to meet Cathy Freeman yesterday while she was visiting students from the Xavier Ngulu Secondary College & Murupurtyanuwu Catholic School.
Wayne & Joan got to share with Cathy an insight into our Indigenous Sport & Active Recreation program and the importance it has on reducing drowning deaths in remote communities.



605 people reached

Boost Post

Royal Life Saving NT shared Nine News Darwin's video.
Published by Floss Roberts [?], September 22, 2014 · 🌐

Water Safety NT kicked off with Splashfest at the Waterfront. It was great to see so many families enjoying the positives of water safety as we get ready for the wet season.



2,422 Views

Nine News Darwin
WATER SAFETY: With the Dry Season over and temperatures starting to rise - a warning to be careful around our waterways.

Water Safety NT
Published by Joel Carter [?], December 2, 2014 · 🌐

STAY OUT OF PIPES AND DRAINS



105,408 people reached

Boosted

Royal Life Saving NT
Published by Floss Roberts [?], February 26 · 🌐

Royal Life Saving NT is committed to reducing the number of drowning's in remote areas of Australia - this starts with teaching our little ones the basics in water safety. These wonderful pre-schoolers from Kintore are having fun in the water as part of their Swim & Survive program.



2,193 people reached

Boost Post

Water Safety NT
Published by Jill Dowd [?], September 21, 2014 · 🌐

It's on today! Splashfest starts off Water Safety Week. Head down to the Darwin Waterfront for a great family day out! Boof can't wait to see everyone!



519 people reached

Boost Post

Water Safety NT at NT Swim School
Published by Jill Dowd [?], July 4 at 9:55am · 🌐

Come down and register for the Water Safety Awareness Program this morning



457 people reached

Boost Post

Water Safety NT added 3 new photos — with Boof Barramundi.
Published by Jill Dowd [?], March 30 · 🌐

Boof enjoyed Neighbour Day yesterday, firstly at Parap Pool...



Water Safety NT added 3 new photos — at TIO Stadium.
Published by Jill Dowd [?], May 2 · Edited · 🌐

Boof had a great time at the mascots race tonight during the NT Thunder match. Thanks to Laura and the team at NT Thunder for looking after the mascots so well!



Water Safety NT shared Royal Life Saving NT's photo.
Published by Jill Dowd [?], July 25 at 4:22pm · 🌐

Boof and Harold catching up at the Royal Darwin Show



Royal Life Saving NT
Hi Harold, thanks for stopping by at the Royal Darwin Show

254 people reached

Boost Post

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

- Australian Institute of Management
- Chamber of Commerce NT
- Australian Resuscitation Council
- Vocational Education Learning Group (VELG)
- ACPET – Australian Council for Private Education and Training

Appendices – Statistics

Training Certificates Issued

| Training | 04/05 | 05/06 | 06/07 | 07/08 | 08/09 | 09/10 | 10/11 | 11/12 | 12/13 | 13/14 | 14/15 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Award of Merit | | | | | | | 3 | 9 | 10 | 6 | 4 |
| Bronze Cross | n/a | n/a | 7 | 19 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 14 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Bronze Star | n/a | n/a | 139 | n/a | 42 | 76 | 42 | 81 | 33 | 29 | 38 |
| Bronze Medallion | 826 | 437 | 285 | 435 | 371 | 424 | 355 | 505 | 424 | 278 | 368 |
| Bronze Medallion Update | n/a | n/a | 186 | 186 | 226 | 149 | 250 | 205 | 218 | 266 | 187 |
| Bronze Medallion with Reasonable adjustment | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 2 |
| Resuscitation | 499 | 315 | 1070 | 1209 | 913 | 1006 | 917 | 883 | 1188 | 852 | 1269 |
| Resuscitation Update | n/a | n/a | 298 | 389 | 316 | 252 | 385 | 225 | 158 | 385 | 130 |
| Resuscitation Awareness | | | | | | | 105 | | 99 | 147 | 43 |
| Defibrillation Awareness | | | | | | | | 764 | 52 | 286 | 996 |
| Oxygen Resuscitation | 24 | 45 | 35 | 56 | 92 | 71 | 79 | 97 | 52 | 49 | 102 |
| Oxygen Resus Update | n/a | n/a | 38 | 93 | 94 | 113 | 72 | 102 | 76 | 97 | 97 |
| Basic First Aid | n/a | n/a | 77 | 137 | 123 | 29 | 47 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| First Aid | 274 | 390 | 269 | 367 | 208 | 185 | 29 | 126 | 357 | 388 | 483 |
| Child Care First Aid | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Advanced First Aid | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 |
| Pool Lifeguard | 64 | 72 | 22 | 58 | 66 | 61 | 79 | 97 | 52 | 49 | 102 |
| Pool Lifeguard Update | n/a | n/a | 55 | 79 | 80 | 113 | 72 | 102 | 76 | 97 | 97 |
| Swimming Teacher Rescue Award | 72 | 82 | 25 | 10 | 41 | 73 | 66 | 93 | 136 | 172 | 143 |
| Instructor Award | 4 | 2 | 0 | n/a | n/a | 2 | | N/A | N/A | 0 | 0 |
| Examiner | 4 | 3 | 0 | 9 | n/a | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Trainers | 5 | 3 | 5 | 0 | n/a | 10 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Pool Operators | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 10 | 24 | 5 | 22 | 50 |
| SRCAQU003A | 443 | 241 | 2 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | N/A | N/A | 0 | 0 |
| SRCAQU003B | n/a | 28 | 308 | 424 | 325 | 393 | 257 | 343 | 11 | 0 | 0 |
| SISCAQU202A | | | | | | | | | 249 | 244 | 292 |
| SRCAQU006A | 39 | 13 | 0 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | N/A | N/A | 0 | 0 |
| SRCAQU006B | 0 | 0 | 33 | 51 | 41 | 40 | 58 | 44 | N/A | 0 | 0 |
| SISCAQU306A | | | | | | | | | 45 | 6 | 85 |
| SRCAQU007A | 39 | 13 | 0 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | N/A | N/A | 0 | 0 |
| SRCAQU007B | n/a | n/a | 33 | 51 | 35 | 40 | 58 | 44 | N/A | 0 | 0 |
| SISCAQU307A | | | | | | | | | 45 | 6 | 57 |
| SISCAQU318 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 |
| PUXEME001A | 157 | 215 | 34 | 0 | n/a | n/a | n/a | N/A | N/A | 0 | 0 |

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| SRXFAD001A | n/a | n/a | 257 | 528 | 304 | 307 | 40 | N/A | N/A | 0 | 0 |
| SRXEMR003A | n/a | n/a | 11 | 50 | 55 | 50 | 10 | 44 | N/A | 0 | 0 |
| PUXEME003C | | | | | | | | | 45 | 6 | 0 |
| SRCAQU001A | n/a | 5 | 0 | n/a | 0 | 30 | 10 | 24 | N/A | 0 | 0 |
| SISCAQU201A | | | | | | | | | 5 | 22 | 45 |
| SRCAQU002A | n/a | 5 | 0 | n/a | 0 | 30 | 10 | 24 | N/A | 0 | 0 |
| SISCAQU303A | | | | | | | | | 5 | 22 | 45 |
| SRCAQU004A | n/a | 5 | 0 | n/a | 0 | 30 | 10 | 24 | N/A | 0 | 0 |
| SISCAQU304A | | | | | | | | | 5 | 22 | 45 |
| SRXOHS001B | | | | | | | | 24 | N/A | 0 | 0 |
| SISXOHS101A | | | | | | | | | 5 | 22 | 45 |
| HLTFA1A | 109 | 298 | 113 | 0 | n/a | n/a | n/a | N/A | N/A | 0 | 0 |
| HLTFA211A | | | | | | | | | N/A | 0 | 0 |
| HLTCPR201A | | | | | | | 124 | 547 | 122 | 0 | 0 |
| HLTCPR211A | | | | | | | | | 645 | 661 | 54 |
| HLTFA301B | | | | | | | 93 | 206 | 94 | 0 | 0 |
| HLTFA311A | | | | | | | | | 237 | 330 | 15 |
| HLTAID001 | | | | | | | | | | | 894 |
| HLTAID002 | | | | | | | | | | | 33 |
| HLTAID003 | | | | | | | | | | | 459 |
| HLTAID004 | | | | | | | | | | | 8 |
| HLTAID006 | | | | | | | | | | | 25 |
| HLTAID007 | | | | | | | | | | | 110 |
| AUSTSWIM | n/a | n/a | 115 | 121 | 93 | 157 | 133 | 168 | 177 | 142 | 141 |
| Total Training Certificates | 2559 | 2177 | 3458 | 4324 | 3458 | 3830 | 3415 | 4996 | 4634 | 4619 | 6529 |
| RLSSA NT ISSUED FOR RLS TASMANIA | 04/05 | 05/06 | 06/07 | 07/08 | 08/09 | 09/10 | 10/11 | 11/12 | 12/13 | 13/14 | 14/15 |
| Bronze medallion | | | | | | | | | | | 24 |
| Resuscitation | | | | | | | | | | | 34 |
| First Aid | | | | | | | | | | | 23 |
| Pool Lifeguard | | | | | | | | | | | 7 |
| SISCAQU202A | | | | | | | | | | | 102 |
| SISCAQU306A | | | | | | | | | | | 113 |
| SISCAQU307A | | | | | | | | | | | 113 |
| HLTAID001 | | | | | | | | | | | 376 |
| HLTAID002 | | | | | | | | | | | 10 |
| HLTAID003 | | | | | | | | | | | 163 |
| HLTAID004 | | | | | | | | | | | 10 |
| HLTAID007 | | | | | | | | | | | 113 |
| Total | | | | | | | | | | | 1088 |

Swim and Survive Schools

| <i>School</i> | <i>No. students</i> | <i>School</i> | <i>No. students</i> |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---|---------------------|
| Adelaide River School | 42 | MCS - Wurrumiyanga | 183 |
| Alawa Primary School | 95 | Middle Point Primary School | 28 |
| Ali Curang School | 30 | Milingimbi School | 109 |
| Alice Springs School of the Air | 65 | Milkwood Steiner | 51 |
| Alice Springs Steiner School | 117 | Millner Primary School | 131 |
| Alyangula Area School | 259 | Moulden Park Preschool | 56 |
| Angurugu School | 28 | Moulden Primary School | 169 |
| Anula Primary School | 127 | Mount Allen School | 86 |
| Araluen Christian School | 153 | Mutitjulu School | 23 |
| Areyonga School | 25 | Nakara Primary School | 72 |
| Bakewell Primary School | 256 | Nemarluk School | 15 |
| Batchelor Area School | 91 | Newcastle Waters School | 14 |
| Borrooloola School | 173 | Ngukurr School | 158 |
| Bradshaw Primary School | 198 | Nightcliff Preschool | 70 |
| Braitling Primary School | 100 | Nightcliff Primary School | 192 |
| Casuarina Street Primary School | 301 | Numbulwar School | 58 |
| Clyde Fenton Primary School | 166 | Nyanyatatjara College - Mutijulu | 10 |
| Douglas Daly School | 9 | Our Lady of Sacred Heart - Wadeye | 188 |
| Driver Primary School | 152 | Our Lady of the Sacred Heart | 254 |
| Elliott School | 66 | Palmerston Christian School | 25 |
| Emu Point School | 8 | Palmerston Senior College - PFES Cadets | 19 |
| Gapuwiyak School | 8 | Papunya School | 40 |
| Gillen Primary School | 247 | Parap Primary School | 241 |
| Girraween Primary School | 214 | Peppimenarti School | 30 |
| Good Shepherd Lutheran School | 279 | Pularumpi School - Pirlangimpi | 66 |
| Gray Preschool | 129 | Ramingining School | 18 |
| Gray Primary School | 112 | Roseberry Primary School | 206 |
| Gunbalunya School | 128 | Ross Park Primary School | 169 |
| Henbury School | 8 | Sadadeen Primary School | 123 |
| Holy Family Catholic School | 165 | Sattler Christian College | 100 |

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Holy Spirit Catholic School | 251 | St Andrews Lutheran School | 125 |
| Howard Springs Primary School | 150 | St Francis of Assisi School | 88 |
| Jabiru Area School | 40 | St Joseph's Catholic College | 149 |
| Jingili Preschool | 33 | St Mary's Catholic Primary School | 219 |
| Jingili Primary School | 195 | St Pauls Catholic Primary School | 281 |
| Kalkaringi School | 70 | Stuart Park Primary School | 65 |
| Karama Primary School | 148 | Tennant Creek Primary School | 302 |
| Katherine School of the Air | 69 | The Essington School | 506 |
| Katherine South Primary School | 218 | Ti Tree School | 20 |
| Laramba School | 20 | Umbakumba School | 58 |
| Larapinta Primary School | 83 | Urapunga School | 17 |
| Larjamanu School | 90 | Wagaman Primary School | 122 |
| Larrakeyah Primary School | 300 | Walungurru-Kintore | 57 |
| Leanyer Primary School | 202 | Wanguri Preschool | 74 |
| Living Water Lutheran School | 346 | Wanguri Primary School | 237 |
| Ltyenty Apurte-Santa Teresa | 104 | Woodroffe Primary School | 58 |
| Ludmilla Primary School | 101 | Wulagi Primary School | 184 |
| Macfarlane Primary School | 145 | Yirrkala School | 87 |
| Maningrida School | 190 | Yuendumu School | 104 |
| Marrara Christian School | 177 | Yulara School | 42 |

Swim and Survive – Certificates Issued

| 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 | 14/15 | 14/15 Remote |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|
| Swim and Survive | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wonder Awards Total (Infant Aquatics) | 130 | 78 | 12 | 230 | 123 | 326 | 201 | 128 | 315 | 0 | 24 | 0 | 392 | |
| Courage Awards Total | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 109 | 202 | 340 | 453 | 49 | 296 | 122 | 756 | 154 |
| Developing Water Discovery -D1 | 912 | 622 | 794 | 724 | 732 | 685 | 642 | 861 | 917 | 311 | 1070 | 369 | 980 | 349 |
| Water Discovery - L1 | 1475 | 1150 | 1193 | 1232 | 1325 | 1193 | 1093 | 1183 | 1483 | 405 | 1537 | 511 | 1495 | 517 |
| Developing Water Awareness - D2 | 1564 | 1324 | 1349 | 1481 | 1450 | 1348 | 1384 | 1396 | 1792 | 491 | 1622 | 519 | 1842 | 559 |
| Water Awareness - L2 | 1164 | 1045 | 1170 | 1174 | 1064 | 873 | 902 | 1165 | 1239 | 456 | 1164 | 295 | 1278 | 408 |
| Developing Water Sense - D3 | 1008 | 839 | 810 | 838 | 686 | 641 | 725 | 803 | 894 | 192 | 858 | 336 | 835 | 398 |
| Water Sense - L3 | 759 | 741 | 657 | 650 | 599 | 542 | 634 | 749 | 603 | 222 | 664 | 306 | 634 | 305 |
| Water Wise - L4 | 451 | 567 | 471 | 560 | 465 | 356 | 439 | 465 | 461 | 175 | 387 | 278 | 389 | 140 |
| Junior Swim and Survive - L5 | 255 | 356 | 315 | 277 | 191 | 294 | 241 | 262 | 240 | 19 | 206 | 54 | 167 | 33 |
| Swim and Survive - L6 | 210 | 233 | 202 | 140 | 132 | 136 | 116 | 128 | 113 | 9 | 96 | 2 | 65 | 17 |
| Senior Swim and Survive - L7 | 92 | 122 | 128 | 105 | 49 | 75 | 60 | 69 | 63 | 21 | 60 | 4 | 43 | 1 |
| Swim Star Participation | 629 | 781 | 414 | 551 | 1382 | 915 | 1124 | 1062 | 1187 | 370 | 1601 | 438 | 1914 | 253 |

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|----|--------------|----|--------------|-----|
| Dry/Wade/Accompanied Rescue | 105 | 136 | 314 | 269 | 93 | 108 | 179 | 73 | 22 | 10 | 17 | 37 | 19 | 1 |
| Bronze Star | 82 | 149 | 168 | 171 | 77 | 76 | 33 | 12 | 10 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 26 | 4 |
| Water Smart | 0 | 0 | 0 | 48 | 102 | 33 | 2 | 29 | 166 | 0 | 23 | 0 | 161 | 0 |
| Resus Awareness | 82 | 32 | 52 | 29 | 12 | 60 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Junior Instructor Award | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Junior Lifeguard Club | 68 | 53 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Swim and Survive Awards | 8856 | 8152 | 8070 | 8249 | 8361 | 7448 | 7784 | 8598 | 9958 | | 9632 | | 10996 | |
| <i>Swim & Survive Level 4 & Above</i> | 1008 | 1278 | 1116 | 1082 | 837 | 861 | 856 | 924 | 1101 | | 749 | | 664 | 191 |
| Remote Swim and Survive Statistics | | | | | | 1152 | 1878 | 2101 | 2745 | | 3273 | | 3139 | |
| Total Swim and Survive Certificates | | | | | | 8600 | 9863 | 10827 | 12703 | | 12905 | | 14135 | |
| Total Participants Swim and Survive | | | | | | | 9395 | 9876 | 11818 | | 12185 | | 14135 | |
| Continuums | 8044 | 7424 | 5570 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | |

Audited Financial Reports

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

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Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Committee's Report
30 June 2015

Your committee members present their report on Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc. for the financial year ended 30 June 2015.

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 | Member for full year |
| Bradley Mortimer | Vice President | Member for full year |
| Trevor Cawthorne | Treasurer | Member for full year |
| Penny Hart | Secretary | Member for full year |
| Fritz Risler | Committee member | Member for full year |
| Alice McDonald | Committee member | Member for full year |
| Annette Roberts | Public Officer | Member for full year |

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

Principal activities

The principal 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 \$ 16,933(2014: \$ 2,714).

President.....
Randall Cook

Treasurer.....
Trevor Cawthorne

Dated 

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Income Statement

For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

| | 2015 | 2014 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Revenue | 1,618,531 | 1,231,939 |
| Other income | 11,985 | 14,710 |
| Employee benefits expense | (986,978) | (784,719) |
| Depreciation and amortisation expense | (18,306) | (17,556) |
| Stock and consumables purchases | (10,821) | (12,990) |
| Program expenses | (73,635) | (46,046) |
| Venue and equipment hire | (69,172) | (62,024) |
| Travel expenses | (161,191) | (110,763) |
| Motor vehicle expense | (28,685) | (23,232) |
| Other expenses | (264,795) | (186,604) |
| Surplus for the year | 16,933 | 2,715 |

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Statement of Financial Position

30 June 2015

| | Note | 2015 \$ | 2014 \$ |
|----------------------------------|------|----------------|------------------|
| ASSETS | | | |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 2 | 543,362 | 957,587 |
| Trade and other receivables | 3 | 115,012 | 32,490 |
| Inventories | 4 | 14,302 | 4,504 |
| Other assets | 5 | 6,991 | 14,556 |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | | 679,667 | 1,009,137 |
| NON-CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 6 | 64,004 | 52,591 |
| TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS | | 64,004 | 52,591 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | 743,671 | 1,061,728 |
| LIABILITIES | | | |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | |
| Trade and other payables | 7 | 75,146 | 93,458 |
| Employee benefits | 8 | 106,681 | 89,833 |
| Other liabilities | 9 | 34,732 | 368,258 |
| TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES | | 216,559 | 551,549 |
| NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | | 216,559 | 551,549 |
| NET ASSETS | | 527,112 | 510,179 |
| EQUITY | | | |
| Reserves | 10 | 416,000 | 410,000 |
| Retained Earning/profit | 12 | 111,112 | 100,179 |
| TOTAL EQUITY | | 527,112 | 510,179 |

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

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 2015

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 2015

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

| | 2015 | 2014 |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Cash on hand | 500 | 500 |
| Cash at bank | 542,862 | 957,087 |
| | <u>543,362</u> | <u>957,587</u> |

3 Trade and Other Receivables

| | 2015 | 2014 |
|-------------------|----------------|---------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| CURRENT | | |
| Trade receivables | 111,657 | 28,567 |
| GST receivable | 3,355 | 3,923 |
| | <u>115,012</u> | <u>32,490</u> |

4 Inventories

| | 2015 | 2014 |
|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| CURRENT | | |
| Merchandise | 14,302 | 4,504 |
| | <u>14,302</u> | <u>4,504</u> |

5 Other Assets

| | 2015 | 2014 |
|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| CURRENT | | |
| Prepayments | 6,991 | 14,556 |
| | <u>6,991</u> | <u>14,556</u> |

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30 June 2015

6 Property, Plant and Equipment

| | 2015 | 2014 |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Motor vehicles | | |
| At cost | 119,482 | 89,763 |
| Accumulated depreciation | (55,478) | (37,172) |
| | <u>64,004</u> | <u>52,591</u> |

7 Trade and Other Payables

| | 2015 | 2014 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| CURRENT | | |
| Unsecured liabilities | | |
| Trade payables | 13,129 | 24,652 |
| GST payable | 11,455 | 36,865 |
| Sundry payables and accrued expenses | 10,527 | 4,340 |
| PAYG withholding payable | 11,194 | 5,810 |
| Accrued expenses | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Credit cards payable | 23,840 | 16,790 |
| | <u>75,145</u> | <u>93,457</u> |

8 Employee Benefits

| | 2015 | 2014 |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| CURRENT | | |
| Provision for employee benefits | 106,681 | 89,833 |
| | <u>106,681</u> | <u>89,833</u> |

9 Other Liabilities

| | 2015 | 2014 |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| CURRENT | | |
| Unexpended grants | 23,974 | - |
| Grants in advance | 1,500 | 359,000 |
| Grants repayable | 9,258 | 9,258 |
| | <u>34,732</u> | <u>368,258</u> |

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10 Reserves

| | 2015 | 2014 |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| General reserve | | |
| Opening balance | 410,000 | 361,222 |
| Transfers in | 6,000 | 50,000 |
| Transfers out | - | (1,222) |
| | <u>416,000</u> | <u>410,000</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

| | 2015 | 2014 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Future building acquisition | 400,000 | 400,000 |
| Team attendance at APLSC | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Future expansion of information technology | 6,000 | - |
| | <u>416,000</u> | <u>410,000</u> |

12 Retained Earnings

| | 2015 | 2014 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year | 100,179 | 146,243 |
| Surplus/(deficit) for the year | 16,933 | 2,714 |
| Transfers in | - | 1,222 |
| Transfers out | (6,000) | (50,000) |
| | <u>111,112</u> | <u>100,179</u> |

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13 Contingent Liabilities

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

Water Safety Awareness Program

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

The Association physically receives the funding for the entire year's program at the commencement of each financial year. At the conclusion of each financial year the Association reconciles the unrepresented, unexpired vouchers. At 30 June 2015 the number of unrepresented, unexpired vouchers were 11,252 (2014: 11,252). The funded face value these vouchers is \$205,125.

On review of the total vouchers presented during the year, it was established that 8,395 (2014: 4,442) vouchers were utilised during the current year. Included in this balance were 238 (2014: 1,187) vouchers which were written back as expired, being 3% (2014: 27%) of the total number of vouchers utilised.

Historically, there has been significant probability that a material number of these outstanding vouchers would expire without being utilised. As such, the recognition of this liability in the Statement of Financial Position has not been considered appropriate. This assessment will be reconsidered in the next 12 months as utilisation of the vouchers has improved significantly during the current financial year, resulting in a substantial decrease in the number of unutilised expired vouchers.

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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 2015 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..... 
Randall Cook

Treasurer..... 
Trevor Cawthorne

Dated *31/8/15*



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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 2015, 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

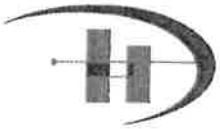
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain 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 2015, 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
Darwin

31 August 2015

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Detailed Statement of Income and Expenditure

| | 2015 | 2014 |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Income | | |
| Sale of goods | 15,058 | 13,895 |
| Fees | 635,121 | 575,615 |
| Interest income | 14,426 | 14,329 |
| Grant income | 953,925 | 628,099 |
| Other income | 11,985 | 14,710 |
| Total income | 1,630,515 | 1,246,648 |
| Less: Expenses | | |
| Accounting fees | 5,885 | 475 |
| Administration and management fees | - | 200 |
| Advertising | 16,161 | 4,593 |
| Auditors remuneration | 5,180 | 5,620 |
| Bank charges | 2,769 | 4,462 |
| Cleaning | 109 | 278 |
| Conference/Seminar costs | 3,276 | 4,131 |
| Consulting and professional fees | 83,256 | 29,439 |
| Depreciation | 18,306 | 17,556 |
| Donations | 2,566 | 1,933 |
| Electricity and water | 15,152 | 19,022 |
| Equipment < \$5,000 | 8,661 | 12,594 |
| Insurance | 11,122 | 15,817 |
| IT Expenses | 14,086 | 11,973 |
| Postage | 6,503 | 7,840 |
| Printing and stationery | 25,971 | 20,303 |
| Recorded music rental | 311 | 1,052 |
| Repairs and maintenance | 6,422 | 1,127 |
| Salaries | 896,515 | 714,220 |
| Staff training | 10,190 | 8,887 |
| Staff amenities | 1,780 | - |
| Storage costs | 6,797 | 6,190 |
| Subcontracting costs | 8,144 | 10,413 |
| Subscriptions | 16,384 | 7,442 |
| Sundry expenses | 70 | - |
| Superannuation contributions | 80,272 | 61,612 |
| Telephone and fax | 21,711 | 19,627 |
| Uniforms | 2,479 | 2,073 |
| Stock and consumables purchases | 10,821 | 12,990 |
| Program expenses | 73,635 | 46,046 |
| Venue and equipment hire | 69,172 | 62,024 |
| Travel expenses | 161,191 | 110,763 |
| Motor vehicle expense | 28,685 | 23,232 |
| Total Expenses | 1,613,582 | 1,243,934 |
| | 16,933 | 2,714 |
| Net surplus for the year | 16,933 | 2,714 |



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Disclaimer
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The additional financial data presented on page 13 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 2015. 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 horizontal dotted line.

Adam Dohnt (FCA)
Director

31 August 2015