

ANNUAL REPORT 2016/2017

A NATION FREE
FROM DROWNING



EVERYONE CAN BE A LIFESAVER



Royal Life Saving

ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY - AUSTRALIA

OUR VISION

“A NATION FREE FROM DROWNING”

OUR PURPOSE

To lead efforts to reduce drowning and increase swimming, water safety and lifesaving skills.

OUR VALUES

- Leadership, Collaboration and Integrity
- Humanitarianism/Social Entrepreneurship
- Quality and Innovation
- Diversity, Equality and Respect

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



“Our strength is our people – these are people who regardless of where they live, remain focused on one goal; that of drowning prevention.”

It is with great pride that I introduce my second Annual Report and pay tribute to the many achievements across our country.

I recently attended the ILS World Drowning Prevention Conference in Vancouver, Canada, where I was reminded of the professionalism and excitement that RLSSA members display when they talk about their work to reduce drowning.

I was impressed by the younger delegates, women and representatives of diverse cultural groups. Inclusion and diversity are two values displayed by RLSSA and our State and Territory Members and I will work to ensure they remain a priority.

There were many wonderful events last year including in London in November, where many Australian recipients of the HRH Prince Michael of Kent 125th Anniversary Certificate of Merit received their awards from His Royal Highness.

This was followed by a reception with HRH Queen Elizabeth II where we witnessed The Queen present the King Edward VII Cup to our Medical Adviser, Professor John Pearn AO RFD. John's dedication and enthusiasm to reduce drowning deaths remains unabated.

His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) hosted an event, in October, at Government House to acknowledge the RLSS 125th Anniversary, and the importance of our work across Australia. He reminded us that the value of our efforts is made even greater by collaboration and the sharing of ideas.

At the Australian Pool Life Saving Championships held in Melbourne in January there was constant camaraderie. Members gave their time and expertise to volunteer as officials and judges. Their skills and expertise is highly valued.

While our place in the aquatic/drowning prevention sector is strong we must not be complacent, and remain innovative. I call on all members to remind our stakeholders of our valuable work, particularly in rural and regional areas.

Our national office team continue to achieve great outcomes and ensure the organisation is well positioned at a policy, financial and governance level. Our CEO, Justin Scarr, and executive staff, Rhonda Groneman, Craig Roberts, Monique Sharp and Amy Peden; have all provided the board with valuable insights.

To our State and Territory Members, thank you for reaching out to so many Australians with the important message of drowning prevention. Over the last few years, the successes of many programs, including the Respect the River program, is a reflection of your leadership and guidance.

I extend my appreciation to my fellow directors, in particular, the Deputy President, Randall Cook who in his fabulous laconic way always reminds us of our history. Our strategic governance role requires directors to challenge one another. I will continue to focus on ensuring the organisation is well positioned to meet future challenges; you can hold me to that!

All that we achieve is directly a result of the effort and contributions of Members. However, as stakeholders require robust accountability, the key will be to collaborate, share ideas and resources, and leverage our talent and expertise.

Our strength is our people – these are people who regardless of where they live, remain focused on one goal; that of drowning prevention.

We are operating in a changing world. By working together and directing our energy into one goal; that of reducing drowning across our country, we will remain well-positioned to meet these challenges.

Future generations of RLSSA members need us to work together now.

PENE SNASHALL

National President
Royal Life Saving Society – Australia

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



“I wish to thank all of the Royal Life Saving team, their commitment to doing great things, being innovative, and working collaboratively.”

Royal Life Saving continues to make substantial progress in many areas of drowning prevention policy and research through the programs and projects supported by the national office team and delivered by our Royal Life Saving colleagues across the country.

The following examples best reinforce our commitment to innovative, inclusive and evidence based leadership. These include;

- The Royal Life Saving team facilitated three national symposiums, covering non-fatal drowning (with SLSA); swimming and water safety education (50 key stakeholders); and boating and watercraft safety (with Transport NSW). These multi-stakeholder events focused the latest in research, policy and practice, and developed action plans to support the objectives of the Australian Water Safety Strategy 2016-2020.
- Our continued investments in research and policy produced many reports, articles and underpinned our advocacy. The metrics are impressive, with rates of data sharing from Government, Coroners, media and the sector a strong indicator of our valuable contribution to the Australian community.
- The Royal Life Saving team has taken the Communications Strategy to a new level. Initiatives such as the World's Most Costly with Matt Preston, Don't Let Your Mates Drink and Drown, and Respect the River stand out for their energetic and innovative approaches to reaching new audiences.
- Our industry engagement has grown, through the engagement and input of the National Aquatic Safety Committee, who guided the re-development of the Guidelines for Safe Pool Operations and the inaugural Aquatic Industry Safety Awards.
- Exciting initiatives are under development in all areas, including innovative new training and education resources, strategies to support volunteers teaching lifesaving, water safety and lifeguarding, as well as an exciting summer of campaigning.

We wish to acknowledge the contributions of our national advisers; Prof John Pearn AO RFD (Medical/ Research), Dr Shayne Baker OAM (Education and Training) and Robert Reid (Sport). Their advice and mentoring of staff and volunteers has a significant impact on our collective achievements.

We thank our Keep Watch partner Protector Aluminium, who helps to bring the messages of Keep Watch to the community via their pool fencing and gate hardware products. They also support our child drowning research to promote drowning prevention awareness.

We are pleased to welcome Speedo International and the Princess Charlene of Monaco Foundation who are supporting our efforts to teach children from marginalised communities to swim and embrace the lifelong benefits of aquatics.

We wish to acknowledge the support of Government. In January 2017, we welcomed the Hon Greg Hunt MP, Minister for Health, and Minister for Sport, who replaced Hon Sussan Ley MP, Minister for Health, Aged Care, and Minister for Sport. We thank them both for their strong commitment to our work.

There are many highlights in the pages that follow. I wish to thank all of the Royal Life Saving team, their commitment to doing great things, being innovative, and working collaboratively. I especially thank the executive team; Rhonda Groneman, Monique Sharp, Amy Peden, and Craig Roberts for their committed leadership.

Finally I wish to acknowledge the Board, our President Pene Snashall and Deputy President Randall Cook, the Finance and Audit Committee, Honours Committee and the CEOs and staff of our members for their ongoing guidance and support over the past twelve months.

JUSTIN SCARR

Chief Executive Officer
Royal Life Saving Society - Australia

“SOLUTIONS TO BIG
ISSUES ARE BEST BUILT
WITH OTHERS”



STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK 2016-2020

Over the past century our vision has remained the same. We have always sought to reduce drowning, increase physical activity, especially in and around the water, and contribute to the creation of more resilient communities, Australia wide.

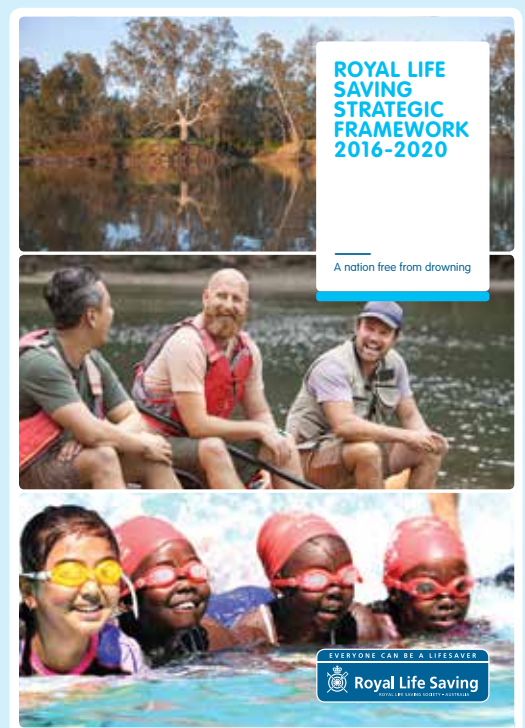
Achieving these long term goals requires a deliberate effort to promote change.

This change is best identified as:

- Shifts in our knowledge and advances in the evidence base
- Newly developed and adjusted policies that impact drowning prevention or that promote water safety
- Increases in community water safety awareness and education
- Increased adoption of the risk management systems that make aquatic environments safer
- Shifts in individual and community behaviours, particularly among those at greatest risk

We will focus on eight priority areas:

- Drowning prevention leadership
- Research, policy and advocacy
- Community awareness and action
- Swimming, lifesaving, water safety pathway
- Drowning prevention leadership abroad
- Safer aquatic locations
- Organisational cohesion and growth
- People and culture





DROWNING PREVENTION LEADERSHIP

Royal Life Saving has a resolute focus to do its bit - and encourage others to do theirs - to achieve the Australian Water Safety Council's long-term goal of halving drowning deaths in Australia by 2020.



18 CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

02	GOVERNMENT SUBMISSIONS MADE
04	AUSTRALIAN STANDARDS COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION
04	EXPERT ADVICE CORONIAL INQUESTS
11	BOARD/ADVISORY PANELS
50+	FEDERAL MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND SENATORS ENGAGED
130	ROYAL LIFE SAVING SYMPOSIUM ATTENDEES





BRINGING TOGETHER KEY STAKEHOLDERS

In April 2017, Royal Life Saving convened the National Swimming and Water Safety Symposium in Sydney. The Symposium brought together 50 representatives from across Government, the Education Sector, Academia and the Aquatic Industry.

Exploring a common set of objectives including: Support Australian Water Safety Strategy Goal 1 – Reduce Drowning deaths in Children Aged 0-14 years.

At the close of the Symposium, all present jointly developed a set of statements with complementary actions aimed at building a national approach to increasing swimming and water safety education for all Australian children.

The Symposium Statements are high level calls to action in the following areas:

- Strengthen school and vacation swimming and water safety programs in the community;
- Revise the National Swimming and Water Safety Framework;
- Set and report progress against a National Benchmark;
- Devise strategies to increase access and participation for those 'at risk';
- Improve availability and access to aquatic facilities;
- Increase the swimming and lifesaving skills of Secondary School students.



ACKNOWLEDGING THE FULL BURDEN OF DROWNING

Royal Life Saving as Convenor of the Australian Water Safety Council hosted the Non-Fatal Drowning Symposium in Sydney on 30 June 2017. This event brought together more than 40 representatives from industry, Government, Private sector and Academia in order to review the latest research, consider lessons from the field and gain a greater understanding of the human impacts of non-fatal drowning.

Following the event, the Symposium Declaration was drafted based on the ideas generated through the workshop sessions entitled 'Reducing the burden of non-fatal drowning: Symposium Declaration'.

The Declaration contains an outline of relevant non-fatal drowning research, including presentations from the event and a comparison to other areas of injury prevention. As well as exploring the scale of non-fatal drowning, the economic costs and social consequences are also considered.

The document contains recommendations moving forward, with actions required in the areas of Research, Policy, Advocacy, Support and Collaboration.

The full Symposium Declaration can be downloaded at royallifesaving.com.au



Watch the Non-fatal Drowning in Australia video:
youtube.com/RoyalLifeSavingAust



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Providing insights into who, where, when and how people have drowned in Australian Waterways over the last year. The **Royal Life Saving National Drowning Report 2017** was officially launched by the Honourable Greg Hunt MP, Minister for Health, Minister for Sport at Parliament House, Canberra in September 2017.

The National Drowning Report informs all Australians in particular the Australian Drowning Prevention Community, Government, Media and Industry, to guide action and response to a very real and important issue.

The 2017 Report found that 291 people drowned in Australian waterways in the 2016/17 financial year. This is a 3% increase on the 282 drowning deaths in 2015/16.

Over 50 Senators and Members of Parliament attended the launch, with many showing their support by taking part in a Royal Life Saving media/photo opportunity and by sharing Royal Life Saving's Drowning Prevention messages including Respect the River and Keep Watch with their electorate.

The launch was attended by colleagues and drowning prevention partners including Australian Water Safety Council Members; ACT Safe Waters Committee Members; Royal Life Saving Members and Executive.

Royal Life Saving continues to manage the secretariat of the **Australia Water Safety Council (AWSC)** working closely with foundation members Surf Life Saving Australia and AUSTSWIM. With a strong commitment to water safety Royal Life Saving directs significant resources towards the implementation of the Australian Water Safety Strategy and the goal of reducing fatal drowning by 50% by the year 2020.

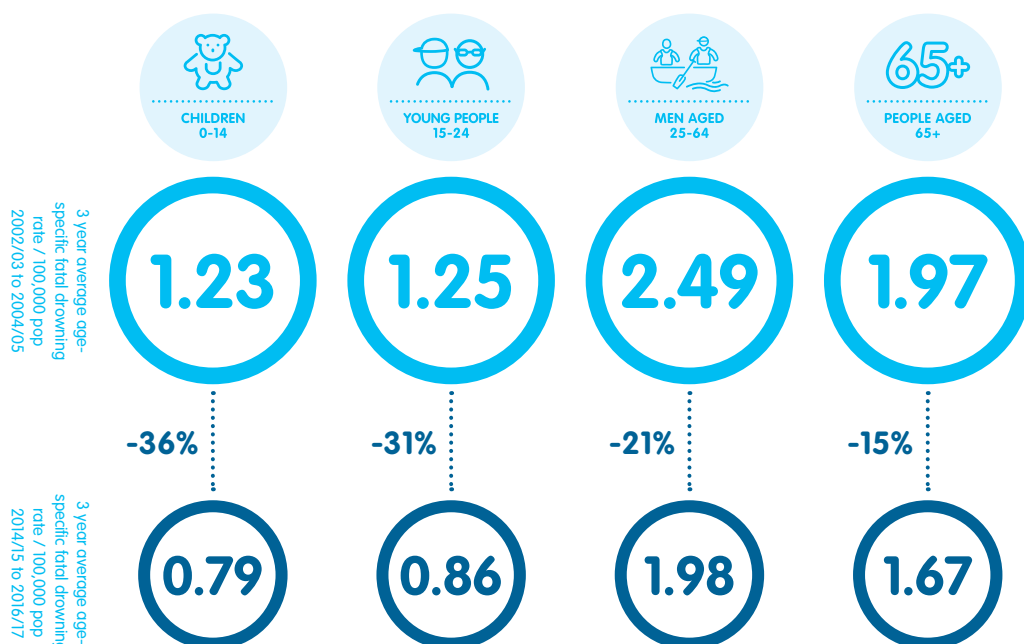
This year's Royal Life Saving National Drowning Report included additional analysis to see how we are tracking in our efforts to reduce drowning by 50% by 2020. Since the target was set in 2008, our understanding of drowning data and analysis has grown exponentially, as has our focus and collaboration towards the prevention of drowning.

It is important to note the many factors that have impacted on this goal, including significant changes in the size and make-up of the Australian population, as well as increased tourism, migration and international students.

Factors impacting 2020 target:

- 24% population increase
- 50% population increase in people aged 65+
- 49% increase in overseas migration
- 22% increase in people born overseas
- 101% increase in overseas inbound tourism
- 108% increase in international students

PROGRESS IN REDUCING DROWNING BY 50% BY 2020





RESEARCH, POLICY AND ADVOCACY

We're bringing science and advocacy to lifesaving. Striving to know exactly who was at risk of drowning - where, when and why. Seeking and testing answers on how to eliminate it. Advocating for change, and collaborative effort to reduce drownings' impact on the community.



31,898
RESEARCH REPORT
ONLINE PAGE VIEWS

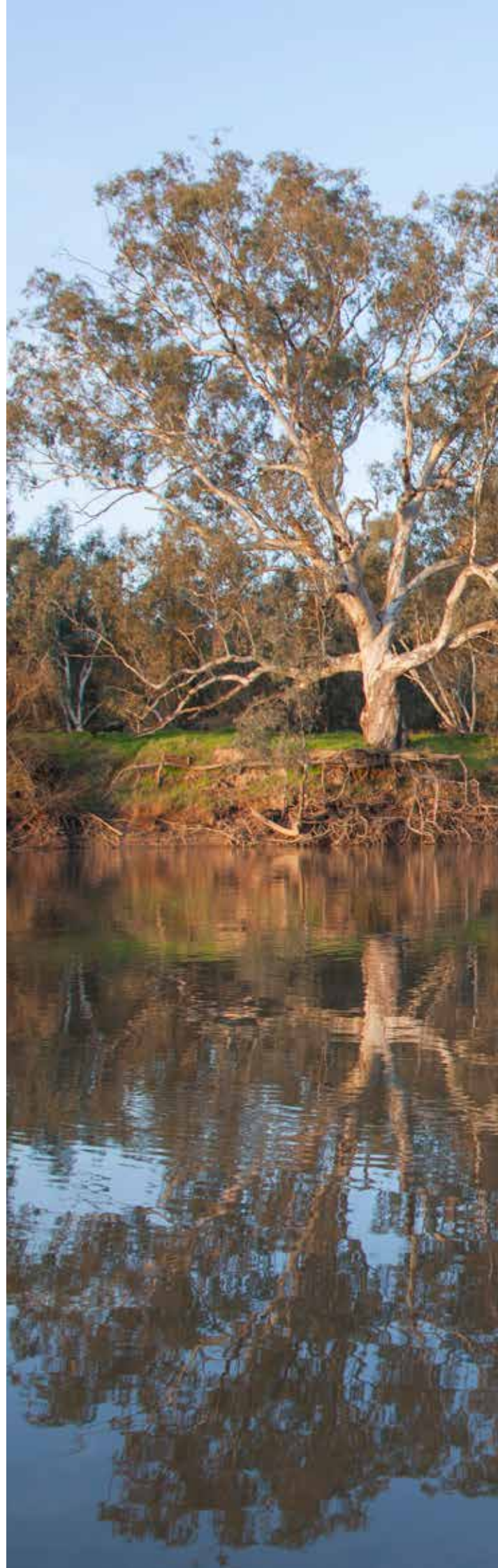


6,541
NATIONAL CORONIAL
INFORMATION SYSTEM
SEARCHES

07 ACADEMIC ARTICLES PUBLISHED

08 REPORTS PUBLISHED

52 DATA REQUESTS PROVIDED





ROYAL LIFE SAVING NATIONAL DROWNING REPORT 2017

The 2017 Report is the most comprehensive report to date, with added features and analysis to assist everyone to take action to reduce drowning.

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The 2017 report is the first to examine the impact of both fatal and non-fatal drowning. Royal Life Saving estimates that there were an additional 685 non-fatal drowning incidents requiring hospitalisation in 2016/17. Many of these people will require long term medical assistance.

The nation's inland waterways continue to be the leading location for fatal drowning, accounting for 97 deaths in 2016/17 representing, almost one third of the total. This included 68 deaths at rivers and creeks, and 29 deaths at lakes and dams.

Drowning in children under five increased last year. Tragically 29 children aged 0-4 years drowned in 2016/17, a 32% increase on the previous year, serving as a sobering reminder to parents and pool owners of the need to constantly Keep Watch around water.

Watch the RLS National Drowning Report 2017 video: [youtube.com/RoyalLifeSavingAust](https://www.youtube.com/RoyalLifeSavingAust)



“Australians love the water. It’s an important part of our culture. That’s why the Turnbull Government provides significant funding for water safety education. The Royal Life Saving National Drowning Report reveals the sad fact that 291 people drowned last year. This is a sobering reminder to always actively supervise children around water, for people young and old to learn to swim and survive, to increase Lifejacket use, reduce alcohol consumption around water and to always Respect the River.”

Hon Greg Hunt MP, Minister for Health, Minister for Sport

BOATING AND WATERCRAFT DROWNING DEATHS: 10 YEAR ANALYSIS REPORT

This report found that 473 people drowned in Australian waterways whilst participating in boating and watercraft activity over the past 10 years (2005/06 – 2014/15). Males accounted for 92% of all boating and watercraft related drowning deaths. This is even higher than the annual percentage of all male drowning deaths (83%) for 2015/16, highlighting the importance of boating and watercraft safety for males in particular.

Almost one fifth of boating and watercraft drowning deaths (19%) occurred in people over the age of 65 years, with 90 deaths recorded, followed by 88 deaths in the 35 – 44 years age group (18%). Drowning occurred whilst fishing (28%) and when moving (27%), and most often in small powered boats under 5 metres or paddle craft.

High risk behaviour such as not wearing a lifejacket and consuming drugs and alcohol were key issues when participating in boating and watercraft activity across Australia.

“With boating and watercraft activity a popular pastime for Australians, we urge people to take the appropriate measures to have an enjoyable and safe time on the water. It’s important to wear a lifejacket, avoid alcohol and drugs, be prepared and check conditions, and never go alone.” **Justin Scarr, CEO, Royal Life Saving Society – Australia**



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

13 YEAR NATIONAL STUDY OF NON-FATAL DROWNING

In order to gain a greater understanding of the full burden of drowning, non-fatal drowning data was collected and published in the report, 'A 13 year national study of non-fatal drowning in Australia: Data challenges, hidden impacts and social costs'.

Between 1 July 2002 and 30 June 2015 there were 6158 cases of non-fatal drowning in Australia; an average of 474 non-fatal drowning incidents each year. Non-fatal incidents increased by 42% over the course of the study, with males accounting for 66% of all cases. Across the thirteen years, for every 1 drowning death, there were 2.8 non-fatal incidents.

Young children aged 0-4 years accounted for 42% of non-fatal drowning incidents, which is between 5 and 14 times higher than any other age group. Among children under five years, for every 1 fatal drowning, there were 7.6 non-fatal drowning incidents. More than a third of non-fatal incidents occurred in swimming pools (36%), including both home and public pools.

For every 1 drowning death in a swimming pool, there were 4.3 non-fatal incidents.

NSW SUMMER DROWNING REPORT

Every year an average of 102 people drown in New South Wales (NSW), with summer usually accounting for the highest number of fatalities. During the 2016/17 summer period, NSW experienced a significant increase in the number of drowning deaths across the State. The number of drowning deaths over summer and in particular between Christmas and New Year, resulted in extensive media coverage.

In response to this increase in drowning deaths, the NSW Government commissioned the NSW Summer Drowning Report – An Investigation into the Drowning Deaths in NSW. (December 2016 to February 2017).


By analysing these events, the investigation sought to bring clarification and insight to the period. Key trends relating to age, sex, ethnicity, location, activity and risk factors are identified, as well as emerging issues related to high-risk populations, locations and activities.

NSW RIVERS RESEARCH

In order to gain a greater understanding of drowning deaths in NSW, four rivers (Hawkesbury River, Macquarie River, Murrumbidgee River and Nepean River) were investigated in the NSW Rivers Research report to identify key trends related to demographics, time of drowning deaths, location, activity and important risk factors. 43 people drowned in these rivers. Males accounted for 90.7% of all drowning deaths. More than a quarter of deaths occurred among people aged 25-34 years (25.6%), followed by people aged 18-24 years (23.3%)

THE SOCIAL CONTEXT OF CHILDREN'S SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY EDUCATION

This report presents the findings of a survey of parents and carers regarding children's swimming and water safety education. The nationally representative survey gathered data on participation in swimming lessons, including the frequency and cost of lessons, as well as the reasons for choosing to participate in lessons and the barriers to participation. It also asked parents and carers who they believed should be responsible for funding swimming lessons for children.



“FOR EVERY 1 DROWNING DEATH IN A SWIMMING POOL, THERE WERE 4.3 NON-FATAL INCIDENTS.”



COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND ACTION

While we talk about its perils, we actually love the water, and we want you and your family to love it too. With just a little advice, and a few key skills it can bring a lifetime of good health, fitness and family fun.



406,210

WEBSITE VISITS
12% INCREASE FROM 15/16



922,507

WEBSITE PAGE VIEWS

58% VIEWED ON **DESKTOP**

33% VIEWED ON **MOBILE** - 10% INCREASE

9% VIEWED ON **TABLET**

NATIONAL MEDIA CAMPAIGNS

1. World's Most Costly with Matt Preston
2. National Drowning Report
3. Don't Let your Mates Drink and Drown
4. Make it Safe Portable Pool Safety
5. Respect the River





DON'T LET YOUR MATES DRINK AND DROWN

In April 2017, Royal Life Saving launched the 'Don't Let Your Mates Drink and Drown' campaign in response to research showing that 1,932 men have drowned in the last decade, one in four involving alcohol.

Men are four times more likely to drown than women, with males accounting for 80% of all drowning deaths. Of the men who had been drinking and subsequently drowned, 66% would have failed a random breath test with a recorded a blood alcohol content above 0.05.

Royal Life Saving is urging men to look out for their mates and stand up to the sorts of risk taking behaviour that can lead to accidents and drowning.

“We are deeply concerned about the high levels of intoxication of men when in and around waterways. There has been great success in reducing drink driving on our roads, but rates of drinking whilst swimming or boating remain frighteningly high.”

Justin Scarr, CEO,
Royal Life Saving Society – Australia

As part of the Don't Let Your Mates Drink and Drown campaign, Royal Life Saving alerted people to the dangers of mixing alcohol and water through social media advertising, local events, print advertising in pubs and clubs, and through key community groups.

FACEBOOK REACH

603,821	USERS
998,399	IMPRESSIONS
382,523	ENGAGEMENT



1,068,984

PEOPLE REACHED
NATIONALLY THROUGH PRINT
AND BROADCAST MEDIA



Watch the Don't Let Your Mates Drink and Drown video:
[youtube.com/RoyalLifeSavingAust](https://www.youtube.com/RoyalLifeSavingAust)



THE WORLD'S MOST COSTLY WITH MATT PRESTON

Last summer, 14 children under five years of age lost their lives in entirely preventable backyard pool drowning incidents. Highlighting how everyday distractions such as checking the oven, answering the doorbell, taking a phone call or simply going to the bathroom, can result in irreversible tragedies.

Matt Preston and Royal Life Saving launched The World's Most Costly, a campaign to urged parents and carers to Keep Watch and actively supervise their kids when at home.

The campaign was driven by social media with over 2.2 million views of the video, 6,256 shares, 1,251 comments and 12,473 reactions. The strategy was also supported by a targeted blogger and influencer campaign.

The hero pieces of coverage consisted of Essential Baby (SMH), Kidspot (Daily Telegraph), Mamamia (newsletter distribution and online), and School Mum. 31 pieces were secured online, delivering a powerful reach of 12,610,756



“As a parent, it is frightening to hear how many swimming pool fatalities and near deaths are as a result of just a short lapse in supervision. We all need to be reminded to Keep Watch, no matter what. The cost of even the most innocent distraction can simply be too great.” Matt Preston



Watch the World's Most Costly, with Matt Preston video: youtube.com/RoyalLifeSavingAust

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Royal Life Saving continues to reach key audiences via innovation and presence. Responding to the increasing use of mobile technology, the **Royal Life Saving Website** was updated with a mobile responsive design in September 2016. Delivering information in a more user friendly format for all.

The primary objective through **Royal Life Saving's social media channels** is to educate the community about drowning prevention and water safety.

With 12 million Australians using Facebook every day (1.32 billion internationally), Royal Life Saving have focused their communications through the widely popular social channel. Through Facebook's advanced audience targeting, Royal Life Saving have been able to dedicate communications to key at risk audiences.

With a dedicated social media communication strategy, Royal Life Saving has increased Facebook engagement by 139% over the last financial year.



12,112,634
FACEBOOK IMPRESSIONS



327,864
TWITTER IMPRESSIONS



49,380
YOUTUBE VIEWS



SWIMMING, LIFESAVING, WATER SAFETY PATHWAY

We are building a nation of lifesavers that together help create communities free from drowning.



983,193
TOTAL NUMBER EDUCATION
AND TRAINING AWARDS

495,764	SWIM AND SURVIVE
168,086	RESUSCITATION
148,443	WATER SAFETY EDUCATION
94,548	FIRST AID
26,779	POOL LIFEGUARD
21,521	BRONZE COMMUNITY
15,414	BRONZE MEDALLION
3,577	RESCUE STRAND
2,628	JUNIOR LIFEGUARD CLUB
1,546	GREY MEDALLION
1,516	POOL OPERATIONS
3,371	OTHER AWARDS





HELPING THOSE THAT MISS OUT ON LEARNING TO SWIM

The Royal Life Saving Swim and Survive Fund makes it possible for people who are more likely to miss out, or have missed out, to come along and learn vital swimming and lifesaving skills.

Royal Life Saving research has found the people in our communities who are most likely to miss out on formal swimming and water safety education are those who are Indigenous, from a culturally or linguistically diverse background, from a low socio-economic community, live in a regional or remote area, are newly arrived in Australia, or are living with a disability.

In the last financial year 733 participants received instruction, totalling more than 5,782 individual lessons.



8,675

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED BY THE FUND SINCE INCEPTION



AUSTRALIAN POOL LIFE SAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017

Hosting over 160 lifesavers from across Australia at the Championships held at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre in January 2017. The team from New South Wales took back their title from Queensland as the Interstate Overall Champions with Queensland a close second.

“This is a major event on our calendar every year. It’s incredible seeing the skills of lifesavers across the country put to the test. With competitors ranging in age from 11 to 76, it shows that you’re never too young or old to learn how to save a life.” Robert Reid



Sir Percy Joske Trophy for the Overall Interstate Championships: **New South Wales**

Interstate Men’s Overall Championship Trophy: **New South Wales**

Interstate Women’s Overall Championship Trophy: **Queensland**

Interstate Open Championship: **Queensland**

Female Lifesaver of the Year: **Maria Jones, Queensland**

Male Lifesaver of the Year: **Lachlan Braddish, New South Wales**

Official of the Meet: **Joanne Teagle**

Key Officials

Roz Grey (Chief Referee), Pam Stanley (SERC Coordinator), Vaughan Jones (CPR Coordinator) and Anni Gardiner (Championship Director)



For the listing of teams selected at the Championships (i.e Under 16 Junior Barra’s, Under 19 Silver Barra’s and Aussie Barra’s) and full event results visit: royallifesaving.com.au

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

EDUCATION

This year 495,764 children participated in the **Swim and Survive Program**. The program's unique learning pathway is designed to build strong foundation skills in swimming and water safety, keeping children actively engaged and most importantly having fun. The number of Swim and Survive Partners continues to increase across Australia with 558 currently delivering the program.

The use of **Water Smart** classroom resources has continued to increase, with the number of schools/teachers that have registered over the past financial year increasing to 4,708.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (VET)

The VET Committee was successful in publishing a **5th edition of the Lifeguarding Manual**. This edition was a significant overhaul of the previous edition and incorporated feedback from all VET Committee members as well as a series of technical photo shoots specifically for the Manual.

In line with the key objectives of the newly developed **VET Capacity Plan 2017-2020**, the Committee also developed a suite of policy and procedure documents, which give clear guidance on how the Committee can best work together to achieve its goals. For example, in line with the Assessment Validation Policy and Procedure, the Committee held a two-day Assessment Validation Workshop at National Office.

The Committee has also been working together on the development of a suite of pre-course **e-learning modules** to support the delivery of the RLS Pool Lifeguard Award. The modules have been designed with learner engagement as the key focus and will be ready for implementation in late 2017.

It is expected that the skill and knowledge levels of Lifeguards when they attend the face-to-face training will be greatly enhanced by completing these modules and that this will help to ensure that the needs of industry are being met in terms of highly capable new Lifeguards entering the profession.

In keeping with our active role in an **industry/training advisory capacity**, Royal Life Saving National Office was successful in gaining a position as a representative on both the newly formed Sport and Recreation Industry Reference Committee and the First Aid Industry Reference Committee. National Office is also represented on the 'On Water with Paddle Expert Working Group', which forms part of the Outdoor Recreation Technical Advisory Committee.

SPORT

Royal Life Saving and Surf Life Saving with support from the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) coordinate the **Australian Life Saving Team**. Royal Life Saving continues to play an integral role in the selection, coordination and management of these teams at the World Lifesaving Championships and other associated Lifesaving competitions which the team/s attend. Key roles include: Chair of Selectors – Dr Shayne Baker OAM; Collaborative Panel Member - Penny Hodggers; Administration Team Support – Caitlin Turner.

Below: Swim and Survive Program.





SAFER AQUATIC LOCATIONS

We are championing safety in all aquatic environments through risk management, industry development and training initiatives.



50%
REDUCTION IN DROWNING
DEATHS IN PUBLIC POOLS



08
NEW GSPO SAFETY
GUIDELINE SECTIONS
+2 OUT FOR CONSULTATION



200%
INCREASE IN
GSPO SUBSCRIBERS





NATIONAL AQUATIC INDUSTRY SAFETY AWARDS

In April 2017, Royal Life Saving, with support from the National Aquatic Industry Safety Committee launched the inaugural National Aquatic Industry Safety Awards. The awards are designed to acknowledge the achievements of aquatic facilities and their staff and provide an opportunity to formally recognise their commitment to improving safety outcomes.

The awards program raises awareness about aquatic safety generally and promotes strategies that will assist in addressing health and safety issues in all aquatic facilities. They also provide a vehicle to further promote aquatic safety activities on a national scale and unite these programs under a single banner.

The winners, were announced in August 2017:

- AquaPulse
- Gary Johnson
- Parkinson Aquatic Centre
- Milne Bay Aquatic and Fitness Centre
- Seadragonz Swim School
- Goulburn Aquatic Centre
- Hawthorn Aquatic and Leisure Centre



Watch the winner's videos at : [youtube.com/RoyalLifeSavingAust](https://www.youtube.com/RoyalLifeSavingAust)

DELIVERING THE IMPORTANT RESPECT THE RIVER MESSAGE ACROSS AUSTRALIA

Australian rivers continue to be the leading location for fatal drowning with Royal Life Saving research revealing that 1,113 people have drowned in Australia rivers, creeks and streams since 1 July 2002.

Men are at most risk, drowning at a rate that is four times that of women (81% of all drowning deaths in rivers). Alarming, of the men who drowned, more than half (51%) had a contributory level of drugs or alcohol in their system.

Royal Life Saving, with the support of the Federal Government, has been rolling out the Respect the River campaign in every State and Territory with a range of local educational programs, events and activities supported by a series of national community service announcements and wide ranging social media activities.

During the last financial year **12,385 Training Courses / Workshops** were conducting educating **166,419 students** on the important Respect the River program. With a further **140 Respect the River event activations**.

RIVER DROWNING BLACKSPOTS OVER THE LAST 15 YEARS NUMBER OF DEATHS BY LOCATION

70	MURRAY RIVER
40	BRISBANE RIVER, QLD
37	YARRA RIVER, VIC
22	HAWKESBURY RIVER, NSW
20	SWAN RIVER, WA
20	MURRUMBIDGEE RIVER, NSW
16	PARRAMATTA RIVER, NSW
14	GEORGES RIVER, NSW
14	TWEED RIVER, NSW
13	NEPEAN RIVER, NSW



Watch the Respect the River videos: [youtube.com/RoyalLifeSavingAust](https://www.youtube.com/RoyalLifeSavingAust)



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

NATIONAL AQUATIC INDUSTRY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Facilitation of the National Aquatic Industry Safety Committee (NAISC), a committee of industry representatives from groups such as YMCA, Belgravia and various councils, AUSTSWIM and ASCTA. The Committee seeks to improve safety standards by providing leadership in the development and review of the National Aquatic Industry Safety Management System and by facilitating engagement within the aquatic industry.

GUIDELINES FOR SAFE POOL OPERATIONS

With the significant redevelopment of Guidelines for Safe Pool Operations over the past 18 months, with eight new safety guideline sections produced and a further two currently out for public consultation.

Royal Life Saving will be supporting the roll out of these Guidelines with a series of workshop and e-learning programs to further drive safety and community engagement across the aquatic industry.

RESEARCH INTO THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS

Australia's public aquatic facilities generate significant economic benefits for their patrons and for the Australian health care system. Increased physical activity, in the form of swimming and other aquatic exercise, leads to a valuable improvement in health outcomes.

Key economic benefits of public aquatic facilities:



THE AVERAGE AQUATIC FACILITY CREATES \$2.72 MILLION A YEAR IN VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY



THE AVERAGE AUSTRALIAN VISITS A PUBLIC AQUATIC FACILITY 4.4 TIMES A YEAR



EVERY YEAR IN AUSTRALIA PHYSICAL INACTIVITY COSTS THE HEALTH SYSTEM \$3.7 BILLION AND LEADS TO DEATH AND DISABILITY COSTING \$48 BILLION



NEARLY 40% OF THE AUSTRALIAN POPULATION IS CLASSIFIED AS "PHYSICALLY INACTIVE" ACCORDING TO THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION



A WEEKLY VISIT TO A POOL IS ENOUGH TO TAKE MOST PEOPLE OUT OF THE "PHYSICALLY INACTIVE" CATEGORY



DROWNING PREVENTION LEADERSHIP ABROAD

We are adding our energy, expertise and support to save lives across the region.



“GLOBAL EFFORTS TO REDUCE DROWNING ACCELERATED THIS PAST YEAR”



372,000
PEOPLE DIE FROM DROWNING EVERY YEAR



42
DROWNING DEATHS EVERY HOUR, EVERY DAY

WHO GLOBAL DROWNING REPORT IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE

In May 2017, the World Health Organization released an Implementation Guide to support the Global Report on Drowning. The Implementation Guide includes chapters for each of the ten drowning prevention actions in the initial report; each recommending key steps, considerations and more detailed interventions.

The Implementation Guide had many contributors. Justin Scarr authored a chapter on water safety and drowning prevention plans, and reviewed many others. Amy Peden reviewed chapters relating to child drowning, safe places and barriers. The Guide is already capturing attention in both high, and low and middle income countries.



BLOOMBERG PHILANTHROPIES ANNOUNCED MAJOR DROWNING PREVENTION INITIATIVE

The WHO Implementation Guide was launched in New York by Mike Bloomberg of Bloomberg Philanthropies. Mr Bloomberg, a WHO Global Ambassador and well known philanthropist, announced a \$USD25 million funding commitment to drowning prevention research and programs in Bangladesh, Vietnam and Sub-Saharan Africa.

The Bangladesh and Vietnam programs will build upon initiatives Royal Life Saving seeded in both countries prior to and following the World Conference on Drowning Prevention in 2011. These will focus on Day Care (Anchals) in Bangladesh and Survival Swimming in Vietnam, and represent the most significant development since Australian Government helped Royal Life Saving establish the International Drowning Research Centre in Bangladesh.

“The more we work together to implement the measures outlined in this guide, the more lives can be saved.”

WORLD CONFERENCE ON DROWNING PREVENTION 2017

Royal Life Saving made a significant contribution to the World Conference on Drowning Prevention, held in Vancouver in October 2017. The event continues to grow in stature, with over 800 people from 60 nations attending.

Royal Life Saving staff made many outstanding contributions. Our CEO Justin Scarr was on the organising committee, acted as master of ceremonies and coordinated the scientific program. Amy Peden and Research Fellow Dr Richard Franklin, facilitated a data workshop.

Royal Life Saving representatives made many insightful and entertaining presentations on issues ranging from drowning data and policy, to health communications and Respect the River.



ORGANISATIONAL COHESION AND GROWTH

Royal Life Saving is continually building upon our 123 year history, our national network and our collective commitment to the Australian community.

Together we are working hard to reduce barriers; improve education pathways; increase community awareness; encourage healthy, independent and active lifestyles; provide industry support; and promote safe aquatic recreation and prevent drowning in inland waterways.



123
YEARS OF ROYAL LIFE
SAVING IN AUSTRALIA



08
ACTIVE MEMBER
ORGANISATIONS



NEW HEADQUARTERS FOR ROYAL LIFE SAVING NT

Royal Life Saving Northern Territory opened its new headquarters in Darwin on Friday 26 May 2017 at the Parap Recreation Facility, joined by Royal Life Saving staff, members, board, executives and industry dignitaries. A new home base for Royal Life Saving in the Northern Territory is vital because Royal Life Saving in the Northern Territory has the most diverse geographically dispersed community in Australia.

“Our role has never been more important. There is no question that water safety education is critical to the Northern Territory. We are so glad that we now have an impressive base to work from.” Floss Roberts, Executive Director, Royal Life Saving NT.

“Our organisation works across the entire Northern Territory. We are teaching swimming and water safety, providing training in aquatics, conducting pool lifesaving and hosting numerous community events.”

“WE HAVE OVER 1,500 ACTIVE MEMBERS. WE ARE PROUD TO BE LEADERS IN WATER SAFETY EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN THE TERRITORY. 50% OF OUR SERVICES ARE PROVIDED IN NT REGIONAL AND REMOTE LOCATIONS.”



STATE AND TERRITORY MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Reducing Barriers

- **3,144 students** from 24 remote schools participated in the Remote Swim, Survive and Strive program in the Northern Territory.
- **1,600 primary school children** in South Australia from Murray Mallee to Kangaroo Island participated in the Holiday Swim and Survive Program for children living in remote areas of South Australia.
- **733 participants** from across Australia were supported by the Swim and Survive Fund, totalling more than 5,782 lessons.
- **1,073 children** from high risk communities (culturally diverse, Indigenous and low socio-economic) participated in the Swim and Survive Access and Equity program in Western Australia resulting in 65% improvement in swimming and water safety skills.
- **104,520 students** participated in the Swim and Survive Program in Queensland. The increase in participation has included those at greater risk such as children from remote, regional, indigenous and culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

Improving Education Pathways

- **8,614 children** participated in the Royal Life Saving ACT Primary School's Water Safety Program. The program provides a broad, balanced program of swimming, water safety and survival skills and provides direct links to the Australian School Curriculum.
- **\$9.2 million** committed by the Victorian Government over a three year period to contribute to swimming and water safety programs. The Victorian Government implemented a change to the Victorian curriculum making swimming a mandatory part of the physical education curriculum.
- **6,883 participants** in NSW were involved in Water Smart Kindy Kids, Preschool Water Safety Project and Youth Lifesaver programs. Their vision is to ensure all children have the opportunity to participate in a balanced water safety education and prepare themselves for a lifetime of safe aquatic activity.

Encouraging Healthy, Independent and Active Lifestyles

- **4 Grey Medallion** programs were delivered in South Australia (covering the Metro region, Fleurieu Peninsula and Mount Lofty) teaching over 55's swimming and water safety skills for health and wellbeing, and for the safety of others.
- **9,619 people** living in remote communities in Western Australia used the local pool as part of the remote Aboriginal Swimming Pools program. Royal Life Saving WA's work in remote Aboriginal communities has made a tangible contribution to improving physical activity, education, health and social outcomes.

Increasing Community Awareness

- **2.2 million** views for the "World's Most Costly" Campaign. With a strong focus on young children and keeping them safe, Royal Life Saving NSW developed and implemented the "World's Most Costly" campaign with Matt Preston.

Providing Industry Support

- **Over 100 delegates** participated in the inaugural Aquavate Conference hosted by Royal Life Saving TAS. Celebrating Innovation, Education and Collaboration in the Aquatics Industry, delegates gained insight into a range of issues facing the industry including risk management, increasing participation and workshops on social media, workforce management and aquatic safety guidelines.
- **\$1.9 million** (over four years) was committed by the Victorian Government to Life Saving Victoria's public swimming pool safety project. This will enable coordination and promotion of public pool safety and the development of a Victorian Code of Practice for all public swimming pools.

Promoting Safe Aquatic Recreation and Preventing Drowning In Inland Waterways

- **16,000 people** engaged through social media and event attendance at A Day at the Lake, Canberra. The event was an opportunity for people to learn about the little things they can do to stay safe while recreating in and around the water.
- **95,111 people** reached in the Northern Territory through community events and the Inland Waterways Drowning Prevention Project – BE RiverSafe.
- Royal Life Saving TAS actively collaborated with local communities, targeting black spots for river drownings and educating the community on risk reduction strategies when recreating in Tasmanian rivers and creeks.
- Community events along the Murray and Yarra Rivers in Victoria raised public awareness and educated Victorians on the important Respect the River Message. Observational studies of people in urbanised waterways were conducted to better understand behaviours.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Regional Western Australia faces a number of challenges in respect to drowning and have responded by delivering training programs to a record number of participants and expanding our network of local trainers.



Over 116,200 members of the community directly interacting with Royal Life Saving NT, across 90 community events at schools, shopping centres, parenting groups, remote communities and major Northern Territory events.

Delivering the Swim and Survive Program to 104,520 students

An increased focus on supporting and engaging children via a range of education and awareness programs including Water Smart Kindy Kids and Youth Lifesaver program.

Engaging over 16,000 Canberrans for 'A Day At The Lake'.



Celebrating Innovation, Education and Collaboration in the Aquatics Industry and hosting the inaugural Aquavate conference with over 100 delegates attending.

Delivering the Grey Medallion Program - teaching the over 55's swimming and water safety skills for health and wellbeing, and for the safety of others.



Working through Community/ Government partnerships to increase safety for public and homepools. LSV had led the Victorian Swimming Pool and Spa Safety Committee to lobby the Victorian Government to introduce mandatory barrier inspections for home pools.

“ROYAL LIFE SAVING IS ACTIVE ALL OVER AUSTRALIA. OUR APPROACH IS INCLUSIVE AND SOME OF OUR BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENTS OCCUR AWAY FROM LARGE CAPITAL CITIES.”



PEOPLE AND CULTURE

Our people are our most essential asset, they bring commitment, energy, skills and reach into communities across the nation. Investing in them, bringing clear purpose, the resources they need, building partnerships and fostering innovation, will all amplify their impact.



27
PEOPLE AWARDED THE
125TH ANNIVERSARY
CERTIFICATE OF MERIT



02
NEW LIFE MEMBERS



CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF COMMONWEALTH DROWNING PREVENTION

In 2016, we celebrated the 125th Anniversary of the foundation of the Commonwealth Royal Life Saving Society. To commemorate the occasion, Royal Life Saving hosted a special Celebration in our Nation's Capital, Canberra on Friday 28th October bringing together our members, volunteers and supporters from across Australia.

The celebrations kicked off with the Royal Life Saving Conference, highlighting the key achievements of Royal Life Saving Society - Australia and the great work, programs and activities undertaken with the Commonwealth for 125 years of Drowning Prevention.

Our Patron His Excellency Governor-General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) hosted a formal reception at Government House. The Governor-General's reception honoured the significant contribution and leadership that Royal Life Saving provides to the Australian community, in addition to paying tribute to Professor John Pearn AO RFD, RLSSA National Medical Adviser who was announced as the recipient of the King Edward VII Cup.

The King Edward VII Cup represents the most prestigious Commonwealth Life Saving award.

Following the Reception, a formal dinner was held to celebrate the foundation of the Royal Life Saving Society in 1891 in England, in addition to honouring those Australian recipients of the H.R.H. Prince Michael of Kent, 125th Anniversary Certificate of Merit.

“125 individuals across the Commonwealth were honoured with the award, 27 of whom were Australians. This was a fantastic acknowledgement of the contribution and commitment to the work of Royal Life Saving in Australia, and across the Commonwealth.”

Australians honoured:

Dr Shayne Baker OAM
Paul Barry
Jeanette May Baxter-Reid
Suzanne Baxter-Winch
Kerry Bell
Randall Cook
Carol Crofts
Sarah Dowd
Norman Farmer ESM
Dr Richard Franklin
Anne→ Maree Gardiner
Paul James
Gary Wayne Kearney
Greg McLennan

Lesley McGurgan
Dianne Montalto ESM
Barbara Morgan OAM
James Morgan
Ross Peters
David Porter
Daphne Read AO
Robert Reid
Fritz Risler
Joan Scott
Pene Snashall
Alan Swinton OAM QPM
John Winch



Watch the 125th Anniversary video:
[youtube.com/RoyalLifeSavingAust](https://www.youtube.com/RoyalLifeSavingAust)



PROFESSOR JOHN PEARN AO RFD AWARDED THE KING EDWARD VII CUP BY HRH QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Professor Pearn has given 40 years of sterling service to the Royal Life Saving Society, both in Australia and around the Commonwealth.

Professor Pearn became a member of the Royal Life Saving Society Australia in 1976. He is a highly regarded paediatrician and has made a lifelong contribution to researching the science of drowning prevention. Professor Pearn was appointed as RLSSA National Medical Advisor in 2002, and still holds this role today. He has been the RLSSA representative to the Australian Resuscitation Council since 2003, and also serves as the RLSSA representative to the ILS Medical Committee.

To mark the society's 125th anniversary Professor Pearn was awarded the King Edward VII Cup by HRH Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace.

Professor Pearn said it was an "enormous privilege" to receive the cup, which is awarded every two years to Commonwealth members of the society who have made an outstanding contribution to lifesaving.



“It was an enormous privilege to receive the cup.” Professor John Pearn

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Our people are our most essential asset and Royal Life Saving is fortunate to have volunteers, members, trainers, employees and lifesavers active all over Australia.

In recognition, Alison Glenda Bowen Pain AM (SA) and Ernita McGrath (NSW) were awarded Royal Life Saving Life Membership in 2016.

Glenda is known throughout Royal Life Saving for her dedication to the Sport of Pool Lifesaving at both State and National levels. She has served on numerous Committees since 2000. This includes terms on the National and State Executive Boards. Glenda is tireless in her promotion of the values and work of Royal Life Saving and has given many hours to the promotion of Sport, as well as in an Executive administrative capacity.

Ernita qualified as an examiner in 1951 and this marked the beginning of outstanding volunteer service that has spanned over 62 years. Ernita was instrumental in the establishment of the Orana Sub Branch which covers one third of NSW.

Her passion was promoting Royal Life Saving and in particular CPR. She has been involved in many facets of the work of Royal Life Saving including teaching, mentoring and administration, especially in regional and remote areas of NSW throughout her life. Ernita passed away in November 2016 and will be very sadly missed by all.



Dianne Montalto ESM, National Board Member RLSSA awarding Alison Glenda Bowen Pain AM with her Life Membership.

GOVERNANCE

The National Board is the governing body of Royal Life Saving Society - Australia comprising of the President and Directors. Each State and Territory Member Organisation elects a Director to represent them.

The National President and Deputy President are elected from the National Board membership to serve a one year term of office.

The National Board is responsible for the transparent, accountable governance of Royal Life Saving and for policy making and setting strategic direction.

Patron

His Excellency General the Honourable
Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd)

National Board of Directors

Pene Snashall B.Bus - President

President, Royal Life Saving Society – Australia, Tasmania. Pene was appointed as a Director November 2013 and was elected National President in October 2015.

Randall Cook B.Ed; Grad Dip ED Management Deputy President

President, Royal Life Saving Society Northern Territory. Recommended as a National Councillor in April 2008, and continued as a Director in April 2009. Randall retired from the Board in April 2013 and returned to the Board in July 2013 after a period overseas.

The Hon Terence John Higgins AO

President, Royal Life Saving Society Australian Capital Territory. Recommended as National Councillor in 2005, and continued as a Director in April 2009.

Mark McLennan

Director, Royal Life Saving Society New South Wales. Appointed as a Director in April 2015. Mark retired from the National Board in October 2016.

James Whiteside

President, Royal Life Saving Society New South Wales, James has served on the NSW Board for over 12 years and is a key member of the National Finance and Audit Committee. James was appointed to the National Board in October 2016.

Les Mole JP

Board Member and President, Royal Life Saving Society Queensland. Appointed as a National Councillor in April 2006, and continued as a Director from April 2009. Les has a Bachelor of Adult and Vocational Education.

John Davis

Board Member, Royal Life Saving Society South Australia. John was appointed to the National Board in February 2016.

Dianne Montalto ESM

President, Royal Life Saving Society Victoria. Appointed as a National Councillor in June 2008, and has continued as a Director from April 2009. Dianne is qualified as an aquatics education teacher and lifesaving trainer.

Cameron Eglinton M Ed

Cameron joined the Board in June 2013 representing Royal Life Saving Society Western Australia.

Justin Scarr MBA B.Ed

Justin has been a senior executive for the past 18 years, appointed as Chief Executive Officer, and Company Secretary in January 2013.

National Advisers

Education and Training	Dr Shayne Baker OAM
Sport	Robert Reid
Medical	Professor John Pearn AO RFD
Legal	The Hon. Terence Higgins AO

National Finance and Audit Committee

ACT	Anthony Bandle, Chair
NSW	Jim Whiteside
QLD	Paul Barry

Executive Leadership Team

ACT	Cherry Bailey
NSW	David Macallister
NT	Floss Roberts
QLD	Michael Darben
SA	Tony Taylor
TAS	Paula Robertson
VIC	Nigel Taylor
WA	Peter Leaversuch

National Sport Committee

ACT	Cherry Bailey
NSW	Felysia Konakoff
NT	Jill Dowd
QLD	Paul Barry
SA	Glenda Bowen Pain AM
TAS	Amanda Mayes
VIC	Anni Gardiner
WA	David Locke
NAT	Robert Reid

Honours Committee

VIC	Dianne Montalto ESM (Chair)
NSW	Roz Grey
NT	Daphne Read AO
QLD	James McClelland
SA	John Davis
TAS	Alison McIntyre

VET Committee

ACT	Darren Gillard
NSW	Penny Hodgers
NT	Floss Roberts
QLD	Michael Darben
SA	Nicole Spring
TAS	Paula Robertson
VIC	Brian O'Mahony
WA	Steve Good
NAT	Shaun Jackson and Dr Shayne Baker OAM

Water Safety Committee

ACT	Nicole Lloyd
NSW	Kaye Wood
NT	Wayne Van Sambeek
QLD	Susan Devlin/Lynette Hawthorn/Tamara Price
SA	Denise Power /Tanya Massey
TAS	Karina Siggins
VIC	Kate Simpson /Jennifer Howgate
WA	Trent Hotchkin
NAT	Penny Larsen and Kristal Grainger

National Office

Chief Executive Officer

Justin Scarr

Operations

National Manager Aquatic Industry Services
Craig Roberts

National Manager Research and Policy

Amy Peden

Senior Project Officer – Research and Policy

Alison Mahony

Senior Project Officer - Research and Policy

Stacey Pidgeon

Senior Health Economist

Paul Barnsley PhD

Senior Research Fellow

Dr Richard Franklin PhD

National Manager Events and Marketing

Monique Sharp

National Communications Executive

Lucy Rae

Senior Project Officer - Grants, Tenders and Partnerships

Shannon Taylor

National Manager Education and Training

Penny Larsen

Senior Project Officer - Education

Kristal Grainger

National Manager, Training and Workforce Development

Shaun Jackson

Project Officer - IT

Chris Groneman

Senior Project Officer – Sport & Vocational Training

Caitlin Turner

Finance and Administration

National Manager Finance

Rhonda Groneman

Administration and Accounts Officer

Sunny Fung

Accounting Support

Bree Connolly

Royal Life Saving Society - Australia

Life Governors

- 2015 John McClelland (QLD)
- 2015 Alan B. Swinton OAM QPM (TAS)

Life Members

- 1995 Neville Bayfield OAM (NSW)
- 1995 Gerald Brameld OAM (QLD)
- 1998 Victor John Dennis (WA)
- 1998 Ian Mackie AM (NAT)
- 1998 Gwendolyn Welford BEM(C) (QLD)
- 1999 Alan B. Swinton OAM QPM (TAS)
- 2000 V.J Forde AM (SA)
- 2000 John McClelland (QLD)
- 2002 Heather MacGowan OAM (WA)
- 2004 Theresa Leopold (SA)
- 2004 Faye Trevor (SA)
- 2005 Lesley Bartlett (SA)
- 2005 Professor John Pearn AO RFD (QLD)
- 2005 Patricia Quick (SA)
- 2006 Jan Burton (SA)
- 2006 C Dedman (SA)
- 2006 David Dewar (SA)
- 2006 Raymond M Martin OAM (SA)
- 2006 Vincent McStraw (SA)
- 2006 Mark Needham (SA)
- 2006 Ann Price (SA)
- 2007 John Kew (SA)
- 2007 Hayden Lamshed (SA)
- 2007 Faye Milham (SA)
- 2008 Dorothy E Brown OAM (NSW)
- 2009 Rod Welford (QLD)
- 2010 The Hon. Terence Higgins AO QC (ACT)
- 2010 Dianne Montalto ESM (VIC)
- 2010 Barbara Morgan OAM (VIC)
- 2010 Karen Freak (SA)
- 2011 Robyn Pryce-Jones (TAS)
- 2013 Anni Gardiner (VIC)
- 2013 Gary W Kearney (TAS)
- 2013 Sandra Vander Pal (VIC)
- 2014 Les Mole (QLD)
- 2014 Daphne Read AO (NT)
- 2016 Ernita McGrath (NSW)
- 2016 Glenda Bowen Pain AM

Past Presidents

- 1934-1951 Sir Thomas W White
- 1951-1977 Justice Percy Joske
- 1977-1979 Sir Percy Joske
- 1979-1987 Sir Basil Osborne CBE
- 1987-1994 Neville Bayfield OAM
- 1994-1997 Heather MacGowan OAM
- 1997-2003 Chief Justice Terence Higgins AO QC
- 2003-2009 Dr Shayne Baker OAM
- 2009-2011 Chief Justice Terence Higgins AO QC
- 2011-2012 Les Mole JP
- 2012 -2015 Dianne Montalto ESM

International Life Saving Organisations

International Life Saving Federation (ILS)

President
Graham Ford (Australia)

Secretary General
Dr. Harald Vervaecke, PhD (Belgium)

Committee Membership

Justin Scarr
Drowning Prevention Commissioner, ILS Asia-Pacific
Secretary General, World Conference on Drowning
Prevention 2017 Convenor

Professor John Pearn AO RFD
Medical Committee

Amy Peden
Drowning Prevention Commission

Dr Shayne Baker OAM
Rescue Commission

Anni Gardiner
Sport Commission

Commonwealth Royal Life Saving Society

President
H.R.H Prince Michael of Kent

Deputy Commonwealth President
Clive Holland

Commonwealth Secretary
Emma Harrison

Committee Membership

Pene Snashall
Commonwealth Management Committee

Justin Scarr
Business Development Committee

Anni Gardiner and Monique Sharp
125th Anniversary Committee

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The National Board of Directors for Royal Life Saving Society – Australia continues to maintain a sound and secure financial position.

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME for the year ended 30 June 2017

	2017	2016
Revenue	4,104,716	4,035,257
Fundraising	83,217	23,000
Other Income	42,189	60,150
Total Income	4,230,122	4,118,407
Expenses		
Management and Administration expenses	911,128	850,120
Fundraising	30,527	22,854
Media Meeting and Promotional Expenses	316,757	329,318
Programs and Program Support	2,827,979	2,747,440
Provision for doubtful debts	-	-
Amortisation and Depreciation	58,706	59,796
Total Expenses	4,145,097	4,009,528
Net Surplus for the year	85,025	108,879
Comprehensive Income	0	0
Total Comprehensive income attributable to the Members of RLSSA	\$85,025	\$108,879

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as at 30 June 2017

	2017	2016
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	2,651,780	2,665,341
Receivables	138,427	46,282
Inventories	124,294	96,416
Other	33,487	50,360
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	2,947,988	2,858,399
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	1,805,463	1,872,948
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	1,805,463	1,872,948
TOTAL ASSETS	4,753,451	4,731,347
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors and borrowings	2,122,576	2,055,797
Provisions	785,860	898,013
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	2,908,436	2,953,810
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors and borrowings	7,703	25,249
TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES	7,703	25,249
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,916,139	2,979,059
NET ASSETS	\$1,837,312	\$1,752,288
RETAINED FUNDS		
Retained surplus	1,301,536	1,216,511
Asset revaluation reserve	535,776	535,776
TOTAL RETAINED FUNDS	\$1,837,312	\$1,752,287

A copy of the audited financial statements for Royal Life Saving Society – Australia is available upon request.

OUR PARTNERS

Royal Life Saving Society – Australia would like to thank the following organisations for their continued support.

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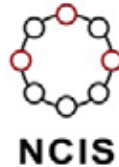


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Royal Life Saving

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