



# ROYAL LIFE SAVING

NORTHERN TERRITORY

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## Message from our Patrons Her Honour Vicki O'Halloran AM and Mr Craig O'Halloran



As Patrons of Royal Life Saving Society (Australia) Northern Territory Branch, it gives us great pleasure to contribute to your annual report.

Over the past year Royal Life Saving Society NT has done an outstanding job to ensure that the next generation of Territorians is well-equipped to enjoy our beautiful waterways.

The invaluable lessons of practical water safety and strong and effective swimming techniques will ensure that our youth can take full advantage of our abundant recreational water activities, while still remaining safe.

We extend our congratulations to all those who undertook the task of providing these important lessons to over 13,000 children across the Northern Territory. We are also happy to learn that you ensured your vital programs were delivered face-to-face to over 2000 children who reside in some of our most remote locations across the Territory, no easy feat for your staff and volunteers considering the Northern Territory constitutes one-sixth of Australia's land mass.

Our heartfelt condolences are extended to the families who have lost their loved ones to drowning. Sadly, seven Territorians lost their lives in drowning related incidents this past year, highlighting the need for lifesaving services and advocacy.

We urge Royal Life Saving Society to continue its public awareness programs and educational initiatives, such as the Water Safety Awareness Program, and to continue visits to our remote communities to prevent further tragedies occurring.

During this year your valuable research and hard work has been acknowledged internationally with recent representation at the World Conference on Drowning Prevention in Canada. We hope that your success and recent initiatives will encourage continued support from our community.

As joint Patrons we have enjoyed the opportunity to support your organisation and look forward to hearing of your continued progress. We commend you on your outstanding service to our community. We wish the Royal Life Saving Australia NT Branch and its members all the very best for the future.

Yours in Lifesaving,

Her Honour the Honourable Vicki O'Halloran AM  
Administrator of the Northern Territory and Mr Craig O'Halloran  
21 August 2018



### Message from the President Randall Cook

Royal Life Saving Society NT is focussed on our mission of preventing loss of life and injury in the aquatic environment and promoting safe participation in water related pursuits. The NT Branch continues to strengthen in every facet of its operations. Throughout the 2017/2018 year the NT Branch issued an amazing 24,207 certificates, including 13,738 from the Swim and Survive program and 10,469 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. We have a very strong strategic plan – “Our People, Our Lifestyle, Our Water 2016-2020” , and our organisation continues to build strong community relationships that ensure courses, programs and drowning prevention strategies are delivered to communities throughout the NT whether they are in urban, rural or remote areas.

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, Indigenous Affairs, Family and Community Services, Education and Training; with the Education Sector through Primary, Middle, Senior and Pre-schools, with like training providers such as AUSTSWIM; and of course with the community 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 Patrons of the Society, Her Honour Vicki O’Halloran AM & Mr Craig O’Halloran
- Senator the Honourable Nigel Scullion – Minister for Indigenous Affairs
- Luke Gosling OAM MP – Federal Member for Solomon
- The Hon. Lauren Moss, Minister for Tourism & Culture - Sport and Recreation
- The Hon. Eva Lawler and now the Hon Selena Uibo- Ministers for Education
- The Board of Directors, Members and volunteers for their outstanding commitment
- The NT Branch staff, swimming teachers 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 our 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

In 2017/18 we celebrated 1936 active members, representing a 6% increase from the previous year. We conducted 86 community events reaching 125,613 people. Royal Life Saving NT provided a community benefit and services to 145,902 people across the northern Territory, achieving our strategic goal of reaching 59% of our population.

The number one focus for Royal Life Saving NT is drowning prevention strategies relevant to the needs of our community. We remain true to our Mission and Vision which are critical to keep our community safe and active. Despite our committed actions and advocacy, the Northern Territory maintains the highest drowning rate, per capita, in Australia.

13,738 primary school aged children from 81 schools participated in the Swim and Survive program, with 688 achieving the national benchmark of level 4. Participation numbers have remained constant but the number achieving a level 4 and above has decreased with less than 3.5% of enrolled students achieving the National Benchmark. Royal Life Saving NT are deeply concerned about these statistics and continues to engage families and lobby Government to fund the Swim and Survive Program for Primary School students in years 4, 5 and 6. This issue led to a collaboration with the Department of Education to trial an alternate model of Swimming and Water Safety during Term 1, 2018. The Water Safety and Life Skills program trial provided an opportunity for students in Years 4 and 6 to participate in 3 full days of a curriculum linked Water Safety and Life Skills program over a three week period. Gray and Karama Primary participated in the trial, with 184 students actively engaged over the 3 full days at the Pool. This trial provides opportunity for schools to minimise costs and disruption to class, while still teaching vital skills.

2,027 children from 21 remote communities participated in the Remote Swim, Survive and Strive project and 125 students achieved the national swimming and water safety benchmark of a level four and above. The project enabled children to learn to swim and participate in a Pool Lifesaving carnival. The project includes Royal Life Saving training and AUSTSWIM mentoring to assist local people in obtaining employment or volunteer services at their community swimming pool. 311 local community people participated in this training.

10,469 training certificates were issued with 58.5% of this training conducted in regional and remote areas. 4,532 statements of attainments were issued under Vocational Education and Training. 334 Training courses were conducted over the NT.

The NT Government funded Water Safety Awareness Program provides a fantastic opportunity for families to access free water safety lessons for their child. This year 2,240 enrolments were received with 17 providers operating across the NT. 21,820 children have participated in this program since inception. The NT Government have extended the program with the Learn to Swim Vouchers and this has been positively received by families across the Northern Territory.

The Sport of Pool Lifesaving 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 nine lifesaving athletes to the Australian Pool Life Saving Championships in Adelaide. We placed 6th overall, a fantastic achievement. Thanks to our coaches, volunteers and officials whose ongoing commitment and contribution to the sport makes a huge difference for our community.

I am pleased to complete my report by advising members, stakeholders and volunteers that the NT Branch is in a strong position and looks forward to the ongoing challenges and opportunities. I would like to sincerely thank our devoted volunteers including the Executive Management Team led by Randall Cook, our trainers, swim teachers and our members. I would like to thank Royal Life Saving National Office and all the State and Territory Branches of Royal Life Saving. 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 Quality, Respect and Innovation.

Yours in lifesaving  
Floss Roberts

### **Highlights of the Year 2017/2018**

- Provided a community benefit and services to 145,902 people across the northern Territory, maintaining our strategic goal of reaching 59% of our population.
- 13,738 children participated in the Swim and Survive program with 688 Students achieving the National Water Safety Competency Benchmark of a level 4 or above.
- 208 children participated in our newly established “Little Royals Swim School” Program run in Tennant Creek, Batchelor, Katherine and Darwin
- 3,137 people participated within the Indigenous Advancement Strategy - Remote Swim, Survive & Strive. The project ran within 21 remote communities with 25 remote schools accessing the program. This includes 2,027 students in remote locations with 125 achieving the national swimming and water safety benchmark of a level 4 or above. 311 people were trained and now qualified with range of qualifications. 32 Indigenous people gained employment as a direct result of the project, through the AUSTSWIM mentoring program. Ranger training was completed by 17 sea rangers.
- 334 Training courses were conducted across the NT, for 2,375 participants, with 10,469 certificates issued including 4,532 statements of attainments. 58.5% of training courses were delivered in regional and remote area of the Northern Territory.
- AUSTSWIM: 14 courses with 141 participants, 50% of these were delivered in Regional and Remote locations, administered the AUSTSWIM State Advisory Committee
- The Northern Territory Water Safety Advisory Council was administered on behalf of the Northern Territory Government with 4 meetings conducted, reports completed to the Northern Territory’s Water Safety Strategy for 2017-2021.



- 8 Schools participated in Pipes and Drains education sessions which reached 1,937 students. In addition to this, 5 community events were attended directly targeting the Pipes & Drains message, reaching an estimated 6,050 members of the community
- A total of 31 schools were visited by the Water Safety Unit to deliver water safety talks to 2,792 students across the NT.
- Water Safety Week 24th September to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017 with 16 events to over 10,000 people, including Splashfest.
- 21,820 children have enrolled in the Water Safety Awareness Program since 2003, with 83% of children completing all five sessions.
- There was a total of 2240 enrolments for July 2017 – June 2017 in the Water Safety Awareness Program with 17 Providers – Swim Schools
- Conducted 86 community events, providing a direct community benefit to over 125,613 people
- Maintained 29 Keep Watch Ambassadors and worked with all levels of Government to highlight the importance of water safety and preventing drowning
- 1936 Members, 3 Corporate Members, 206 Voting Members
- Sport: 114 active pool lifesaving members, 4 Pool Lifesaving Carnivals, represented NT in the APLSC in Melbourne and placed 6th, conducted 21 remote pool lifesaving carnivals and 5 Active Family Fun Day Sporting Events
- Beriversafe and Respect the River campaign has engaged with over 90,000 children and adults
- Maintained 11 Permanent staff, including 1 full-time position based in Alice Springs; 33 registered Trainers and 21 casual Swim Teachers.
- Provided direct community services and benefits to 145,902 people in the Northern Territory
- Sadly 7 people drowned in 2017.2018 year in the Northern Territory

## 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. We believe 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 dependent 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 2018

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
<b>Aquatic Industry including public, commercial and private pools</b>	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.
<b>Community members using fee for service training</b>	This includes community members who undertake all forms of training with us – from First Aid to industry-specific courses such as the Pool Plant Operator's Course.

<b>Culturally and linguistically diverse individuals and communities</b>	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.
<b>Families</b>	Most of our programs reach families, either directly or indirectly.
<b>Higher education sector</b>	We provide training to staff and students at higher education facilities throughout the Territory.
<b>Local Government</b>	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.
<b>Members</b>	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.
<b>NT Coroner</b>	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.
<b>Primary, Middle and Senior schools</b>	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.
<b>Refugees and new immigrants</b>	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.
<b>Regional, remote and very remote communities</b>	Our team had a close relationship with 22 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 7 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, our Kicking Back newsletter and emailed to all members.

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, and Our Water 2016-2020. 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 from 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	Corporate and Association background Member of the Board from 17/4/2012	Vice President / Deputy Chairperson
Joe De Luca	Bachelor of Business (Acc), Grad Dip Management, FCPA, JP.	Extensive experience in audit, accounting, quality assurance and treasury management. Treasurer or Executive Board member on several non-profit organisations and/or charities with the NT as well as National Peak Bodies.	Treasurer

Served on the Board from 1/11/2017			
Alice Doyle	BHealthSc Grad Dip Teach C IV Youth C IV TAA and TAE Dip Auditing	Executive Board member of many sporting organisations, including responsibilities as Secretary /Treasurer /Returning Officer. Member of Board from 16/3/2010	Secretary
Rodney Cremona	B.Ed AUSTSWIM TSW	Nine years involvement in Royal Life Saving NT as a Trainer and Teacher based in Katherine.  Member of Board from 2/9/2015	Committee Member
Fritz Risler	B.Ed	Member of the Board from 17/4/2012. 30 years commitment to Royal Life Saving NT Member of Board from 21/8/2013 to 7/9/2018	Committee Member
Belinda Lawton	BA (Hons); Master of Arts. Currently PhD candidate.	Formerly National Communications Manager RLSSA and Advisor to Royal Life Saving NT.  Worked for The Alliance for Safe Children on drowning prevention in Asia. Audrey Fagan Leadership Program (AICD led course) 2017.  Member of the Board since June 2017.	Committee Member
Penny Hart	BA Grad Dip in Teaching Cert IV Governance & Risk	Background in swimming, teaching, governance and administration. Previous NT pool lifesaving as a sport team member. Member of the Board 2013-2015, 2017-present	
Annette Roberts	Dip MMT Dip HR, WHS Dip TAE GAICD	Extensive experience in Aquatic Industry. Sport and management background Member of Board from 12/7/2006	Public Officer

**Table 2: Record of Management Committee Meetings and Attendance**

Mtg #	Date	Randall	Penny	Brad	Jo	Rod	Alice	Fritz	Floss	Belinda
1	25/7/2017	P	N/A	P	N/A	P	A	P	P	P
2	26/7/2017	P	N/A	P	N/A	P	P	P	P	P
3	15/8/2017	P	N/A	P	N/A	P	P	P	P	P
AGM	6/9/2017	P	N/A	P	N/A	A	A	P	P	A
4	1/11/2017	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
5	18/12/2017	P	P	A	A	P	P	A	P	P
6	26/2/2018	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	A
7	16/4/2018	P	A	P	P	A	P	P	P	P
8	28/5/2018	P	P	A	A	P	A	P	P	P
9	27/6/2018	P	P	A	A	A	A	P	P	P

P-Present A- Apology N/A – Not Applicable R -resigned S/L – Sick Leave



### Employment

Royal Life Saving Society - Australia – NT is an equal opportunity employer. All staff adhere to our Code of Ethics, Code of Conduct and Code of Practice. Staff are employed under a certified enterprise agreement. We have 11 full-time staff, 21 casual swimming teachers and 33 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 Work Health and Safety policies and our Policies and Procedures document.

As we work closely with families, all staff must undergo a police check and have a Working with Children Clearance (Ochre Card) as per Northern Territory legislation. We also verify they hold current, relevant qualifications.

**Table 3: Royal Life Saving NT Staff 2017/2018**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Responsibilities</b>
<b>Executive Director</b>	Floss Roberts	Strategic Planning, Governance, Local, State and Federal Government Representative, Community Engagement, Media, Administration, Marketing, Human Resource Management, RTO Compliance, WHS Compliance
<b>2IC Manager Education, Programs &amp; IAS</b>	Stephen Gazzola	Second in Charge, Coordination of Indigenous Sport and Active Recreation program, Swim and Survive in Remote Areas Manager Education & Programs
<b>Water Safety Unit Manager</b>	Jill Dowd	Manage Water Safety Unit and Water Safety Awareness Program Keep Watch, Infant Aquatics, Community Events, PBI, Membership
<b>Education &amp; Programs Manager</b>	Wayne Van Sambeek Resigned 19.12.2017	Swim and Survive in Schools, Community Programs, People with Disabilities, Adults, Swim and Survive Partner Program
<b>Training Manager</b>	Rebecca Gawne	RTO Management, Training, AUSTSWIM
<b>WSAP &amp; Programs Officer</b>	Brogen Barrington	Deliver Water Safety Awareness Program, assist Programs and Training
<b>Remote Swim &amp; Survive Officer</b>	Joan Burns Resigned 18/4/2018	Coordination of Indigenous Advancement Strategy program, Remote Swim, Survive and Strive
<b>Programs Coordinator</b>	Laura Withers	Swim and Survive, School Programs, Sunday Lifesaving, Sport
<b>Central Australia Training &amp; Programs Officer</b>	Rebecca Brown	Training, Programs, Sport and WSAP in Central Australia
<b>Inland Waterways Project &amp; Community Development Officer</b>	Cieran New	River Safety Project, Water Dreaming Project Sport Development Officer
<b>Finance and Administration Officer</b>	Jade McKeon Resigned 15/6/2018	Finance, Administration, Merchandise,

## Membership

### Royal Life Saving Membership summary 2017/2018

A total of 1936 members contributed to the activities of the Society during 2017-18 period. Thank you to our Patron of the Society, His Honour the Honourable John Hardy OAM and we look forward to working with our new Patrons, Her Honour the Honourable Vicki O'Halloran and Mr Craig O'Halloran.

*Table 4: Royal Life Saving NT Membership Summary 2017/2018*

#### *Summary of financial Members of 2017/2018*

<b>Membership Type</b>	<b>Number</b>
Corporate	3
Individual	169
Patron	1
Pool Life Saving – Alice Springs	34
Pool Life Saving – Darwin	26
Seniors	4
Trainer	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>270</b>

#### *Summary of Non-financial Members of 2017/2018*

<b>Membership Type</b>	<b>Number</b>
Award	1657
Life	6
Schools	2
Swim & Survive Partners	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1666</b>



<b>Royal Life Saving NT Life Members</b>
Kath Midgley
Fritz Risler
Randall Cook
Alister Lear
Jenny Verrall
Kathy Curby
Daphne Read

#### **Royal Life Saving NT Total Memberships**

<b>Total Members</b>	<b>1936</b>
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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 86 community events at schools, shopping centres, parenting groups, remote communities and major Northern Territory events including Water Safety Week, Teddy Bears Picnic, Families Week, Children's Week and the Defence Expo. These events have taken place right across the Northern Territory. Over 125,613 members of the community directly interacted with Royal Life Saving Northern Territory at these events. This is a 9% increase of Territorians engaged with water safety messages compared to last year. This is an outstanding result for 2017/18 and 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 Be River Safe message and the Water Safety Awareness Program. These two programs are designed specifically to reduce drowning risks which affect all Territorians.

2017/2018 has seen Royal Life Saving NT participate in the Show circuit once again. The circuit started off in Alice Springs and then continued on to Tennant Creek, Katherine and finally Darwin. The Shows were fantastic opportunities for Royal Life Saving NT Staff and volunteers to directly connect with the community. Participation in all the Shows helped to raise the profile of the organisation and give the public an opportunity to understand what Royal Life Saving NT has to offer the community. Thank you to all the volunteers who were involved with the Show circuit and helped to make each Show a great success.

Regular events were also attended throughout the year including Water Safety Week, Children's Week, Families Week, Teddy Bear's Picnic, Henley on Todd, Defence Expos and young parents support groups. Working in partnership with all these groups has proven a successful way for members of the Community to access the Organisation's services.



## Our Volunteers

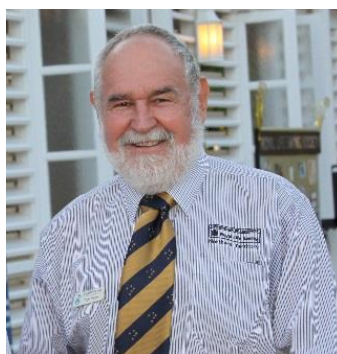
Pool Lifesaving also benefitted from volunteer assistance throughout the year with Fritz Risler and Alister Lear continuing to support Darwin Pool Lifesaving. Rebecca Brown and Elena Pecorari have also been a great support to Pool Lifesaving in Alice Springs. Liz Durnin continues to be a wonderful support for Pool Lifesaving fundraising in Alice Springs.

In addition to community events, board members also donated their time to provide strategic assistance; their time was dependant on their specific responsibilities. Over 100 hours were donated to the Organisation to ensure the 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 recognised for their outstanding commitment to the community.

The 2017/2018 Volunteer of the Year is awarded to Fritz Risler. Fritz has worked tirelessly in his role as a board member and also during our Pool Lifesaving sessions, supporting the adult swimmers.

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

2010/2011	Jill Dowd
2011/2012	Alister Lear
2012/2013	Karon Lamb
2013 / 2014	Trevor Cawthorne
2014/2015	Bradley Mortimer
2015/2016	Petina Franklin
2016/2017	Elizabeth Durnin
2017/2018	Fritz Risler



The Trevor Cawthorne memorial award was established in 2017 in memory of Trevor and the outstanding volunteer service he provided to Royal Life Saving NT. This year the recipient of this valued award is Chloe Sein in recognition of her outstanding volunteer service and commitment to sport. Chloe is very wise for her young years and her positive attitude and strong values are outstanding.

**Table 5.1: Trevor Cawthorne Memorial Award**

2016/2017	Kate Dowd
2017/2018	Chloe Sein



## Training and Aquatic Services

Registered Training Organisation - 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 to 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.

Royal Life Saving is continuing to encourage schools and community groups to adopt lifesaving programs for their students and members as a valuable educational experience as well as providing skills that may lead to a career pathway or may one day save a life.

Royal Life Saving believes that everyone can be a lifesaver. Whether as a responsible member of the community or for a lifesaving career, the skills you learn are skills for life.

During 2017-2018, **334** courses were conducted with **2375** participants. **10469** certificates issued including **4532** statements of attainment.

RLSSA NT has increased training delivered with a total of **58.5%** of all training courses being delivered in remote and regional areas within the Northern Territory.

The Annual Trainers workshop serves to ensure quality training and consistent practices are upheld and to ensure legislative requirements are being met and maintained. To ensure course participants receive professional and concise training, Trainers are required to attend an Annual Trainers Workshop to re-accredit their qualifications and validate assessment tools and procedures. The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Trainers workshop was held in September, the workshop was a success with a majority of trainers attending.

In the past year we continued our development and expansion of Vocational Education and Training 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 implementation of the nationally recognised Aquatic Operators skill set and Pool Lifeguard skill set.

The National VET Committee has continued to work together on the expansion of the Vocational Training Capacity Plan, with significant outcomes being achieved in compliance, best practice and communication, stronger training governance and progressive improvement across all training departments.

**Table 6: Aquatic Services courses and participants**

Course Name	Number of Courses	Number of Participants
Advanced First Aid	1	24
Child Care first Aid	9	42
First Aid	28	279
Resuscitation Awareness	3	23
First aid Online	40	206
resuscitation	59	373
resuscitation reaccreditation	1	2
Accompanied rescue	0	0
Bronze Star	3	51
Award of Merit	1	4
Bronze Cross	1	4
Bronze Medallion	60	442
Bronze Medallion Reaccreditation	43	254
pool lifeguard	21	111
Pool Lifeguard Update	18	106
Aquatic Technical Operators	4	30
WorkShop	1	33
Sea Rangers Bronze Rescue Award	0	0
Hydro Therapy Rescue Award	1	5
Swimming teacher rescue award	26	245
AUSTSWIM	14	141
<b>Total</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>2375</b>

Thank you to our dedicated, small team of professional trainers, who provide quality training across the Northern Territory. These individuals contribute to our quality training and RTO compliance. Since 2009 one trainer is recognised each year by the Society for their outstanding commitment to training.

The trainer of the year for 2017 is Stephen Gazzola. Steve is currently employed with Royal Life Saving NT as the Operations Manager. During the 2017/2018 year Steve has trained 47 courses with 340 participants across the Northern Territory including 7 remote communities. This is an outstanding achievement and contribution to Royal Life Saving and the community.

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

2009 / 2010	Alice McDonald
2010 / 2011	Rebecca Gawne
2011 / 2012	Mark FitzSimons
2012 / 2013	Petina Franklin
2013 / 2014	Rodney Cremona
2014 / 2015	Tom Cannavan
2015 / 2016	Joan Burns
2016 / 2017	Wayne Van Sambeek
2017 / 2018	Stephen Gazzola



## Aquatic Facility Safety Assessments

Risk management is an essential tool for the successful and continued operation of an aquatic or leisure facility. To this end, Royal Life Saving has introduced the Aquatic Facility Safety Assessment (AFSA), which provides an independent and comprehensive assessment of the operations of an aquatic facility. The AFSA is based on the Guidelines for Safe Pool Operation, Australian Standards and relevant State and Territory legislation. Creating recommendations for the best practice for public safety, management and operation in aquatic facilities.

The AFSA is made up of:

- Onsite Safety Inspection Checklist
- Safety Score
- Safety Improvement Plan
- Observation & Recommendations

In line with the Guidelines for Safe Pool Operation, the areas the AFSA covers are general operations, emergency procedures, record keeping, first aid, plant room operations and chemicals, facility design, supervision, programming and specific aquatic areas such as wave pools and diving towers.

The increased demands on facility managers to improve safety standards and keep abreast of industry best practice can be difficult and time consuming. Often, the skills required to assess and improve safety are not available internally, yet risk management is an essential tool for the successful and continued operation of an aquatic or leisure facility.

To assist facility managers, Royal Life Saving has introduced the Aquatic Facility Safety Assessment (AFSA) to provide best practice recommendations for public safety, management and operation of aquatic facilities. It is recommended that an AFSA is conducted at least annually.

Royal Life Saving NT has annual meetings with the management of our 26 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.

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 (RLSSA – NT) is a sub agency of AUSTSWIM and work closely with aquatic stakeholders, education departments, peak industry organisations and the community 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.

In 2017-2018, RLSSA - NT conducted a total of 12 courses and 2 professional development workshops with 141 participants across the Northern Territory.

Royal Life Saving NT appreciates the continued support from AUSTSWIM Head Office, AUSTSWIM NSW, AUSTSWIM Qld and other Business Centres.

### 2017-2018 Highlights

- 65 participants in the AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety Course
- 15 participants in the AUSTSWIM Teacher of Infants and Pre-schooler Aquatics
- 11 participants in the AUSTSWIM Teacher of Access and Inclusion course (delivered by AUSTSWIM QLD)
- 13 participants in the AUSTSWIM Towards Competitive Strokes course
- 10 participants in the AUSTSWIM WETS Aqua Instructor Course (delivered by AUSTSWIM QLD)
- 27 participants attending AUSTSWIM Professional Development workshops
- 50% of the course were delivered in Regional and Remote locations

### AUSTSWIM State Advisory Committee

The AUSTSWIM NT State Advisory Committee consists of stakeholders and volunteers from across the Northern Territory. This year the committee met on the 27<sup>th</sup> July 2017, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018, and 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

**Table 8: AUSTSWIM SAC Members**

AUSTSWIM SAC Member	Position
Petina Franklin	Chairperson Central Australia Representative
Annette (Floss) Roberts	Secretary RLSSA NT Rep/National Councillor
Jared Wilson	AUSTSWIM
Jill Dowd	Infants NT Government Vouchers
Rebecca Johnson	Department of Education/ ACHPER
Samantha Farrow	SLS NT
Jasmine Chick	YMCA
Nathan Bye	YMCA
Daniel Gerlach	Swim Dynamics Swim School/ Swim School member Access and Inclusion
Wayne Van Sambeek	RLSSA NT Resigned 19/12/17
Stephen Gazzola	Remote Indigenous Teacher Swimming and Water Safety
Rebecca Gawne	RLSSA NT Rep Delivery agreement/ Secretary/ Training
John Mitchell	Swimming Northern Territory
Naomi Briggs	Alice Springs Aquatic Leisure Centre Representative

**Table 9: AUSTSWIM NT Course Statistics**

<b>Course Name</b>	<b>No of Courses</b>	<b>No of Participants</b>
<b>Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety</b>	6	65
<b>Teacher of Infants and Pre-school Aquatics</b>	3	15
<b>Teacher of Access and Inclusion</b>	1	11
<b>Teacher of Adults</b>	0	0
<b>Teacher of Towards Competitive Strokes</b>	1	13
<b>AUSTSWIM PD Workshop</b>	2	27
<b>AUSTSWIM WETS Aqua Instructors</b>	1	10
<b>Total delivered by AUSTSWIM NT</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>141</b>

### **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 regional and remote locations for small numbers and assists participants to save in transport and accommodation costs. These courses can be customised to assist indigenous people to become AUSTSWIM qualified teachers of swimming and water safety. In 2017/2018 the number of rural and remote courses represented 50% 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 the AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety and Teacher of Infants and Preschool Aquatics courses. Royal Life Saving has been working with local qualified AUSTSWIM instructors in Batchelor and Katherine to successfully establish swim schools in the community. This has been achieved through the Little Royal Swim School in both communities. Ongoing and consistent mentoring for the instructors has been a high priority in ensuring the successful development of the swim schools. Tennant Creek are in the progress of establishing a swim school.

## Alice Springs and Central Australia

The Central Australian Region has had an engaging year with the community in education, programs, sport and training.

Key highlights include:

- 65 training courses were held with a total of 324 participants
- 301 enrolments were received for the WSAP in the region. This was 7% of the vouchers issued in the program. This year Emergency Care sessions were offered at Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Alice Springs and The Larapinta Child and Family Centre. We also held Emergency Care sessions for senior students at Yirara College who were studying early childcare as an elective. An in water session was also delivered to the Yirara students to teach them how to safely enter and exit water with an infant as well as teaching them the importance of supervision.
- 9 Water Safety talks were conducted for 373 students.
- The 'Swim Survive and Strive' program was delivered to 6 remote communities reaching 506 students. In January, 5 senior students from Areyonga completed their Bronze Medallion and First Aid. As a result of completion of this training, these students are on track to be the first from their community to graduate high school.
- 39 Pool Lifesaving members participated in the sport of Pool Lifesaving in Central Australia. Sport participation was increased by the delivery of introductory sessions offered to the Alice Springs Swim Club by Elena Pecorari. Elena also assisted with the delivery of Pool Lifesaving training sessions on Wednesdays.
- RLSSA NT was involved in 24 community events within Central Australia reaching over 4500 people. These events have helped us to engage within the community and highlight the services offered by RLSSA NT within the Red Centre.

**Table 10: Alice Springs WSAP Enrolments**

Date	Total Vouchers Issued	% 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%
<b>Full time position based in Alice Springs 1/7/11</b>		
2011/2012	325	27%
2012/2013	235	19%
2013/2014	108	-46%
2014/2015	357	30%
2015/2016	182	7%
2016/2017	303	12%
2017/2018	301	7%



**Table 11: Alice Springs Training Statistics**

<b>2007/2008</b>	<b>22 courses - Total 112 Participants</b>
<b>2008/2009</b>	16 Courses, Total 92 Participants
<b>2009/2010</b>	26 courses, Total 171 Participants
<b>2010/2011</b>	19 courses, Total 111 Participants
<b>Full time position based in Alice Springs 1/7/11</b>	
<b>2011/2012</b>	70 Courses, Total 278 Participants
<b>2012/2013</b>	74 courses, Total 401 participants
<b>2013/2014</b>	70 courses, Total 391 participants
<b>2014/2015</b>	71 Courses, Total 319 Participants
<b>2015/2016</b>	69 courses, Total 364 participants
<b>2016/2017</b>	50 courses, Total 243 participants
<b>2017/2018</b>	65 courses 324 participants

**Table 12: Participation in Pool Lifesaving**

<b>2007/2008</b>	<b>23 participants</b>
<b>2008/2009</b>	25 participants
<b>2009/2010</b>	18 participants
<b>2010/2011</b>	7 participants
<b>Full time position based in Alice Springs 1/7/11</b>	
<b>2011/2012</b>	23 participants
<b>2012/2013</b>	35 participants
<b>2013/2014</b>	24 participants
<b>2014/2015</b>	51 Participants
<b>2015/2016</b>	52 participants
<b>2016/2017</b>	15 participants
<b>2017/2018</b>	39 participants

## Swim and Survive

Swim and Survive is a comprehensive swimming and water safety initiative of Royal Life Saving that increases the swimming and water safety skills of Territorian children. It aims to prevent drowning and increase participation in safe aquatic activity. Through teaching essential components of personal survival, basic water rescue and water safety, in addition to a process of developing strong and effective swimming technique. Allowing children from 6 months to 14 years to progress through three, age specific, award levels: Wonder, Courage and Active.

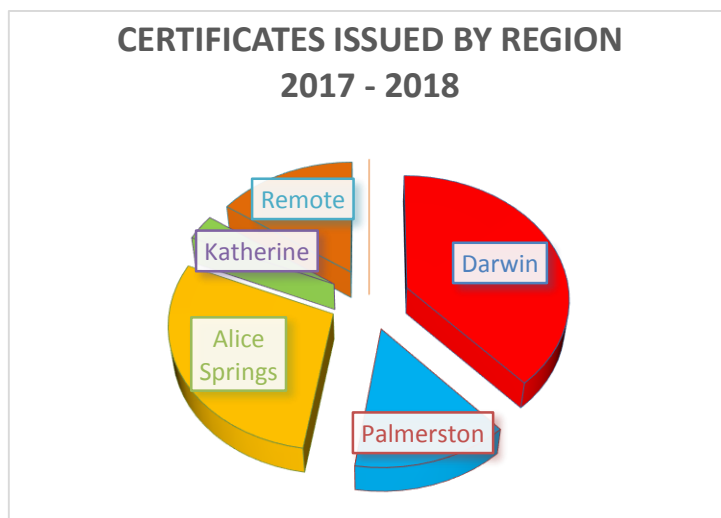
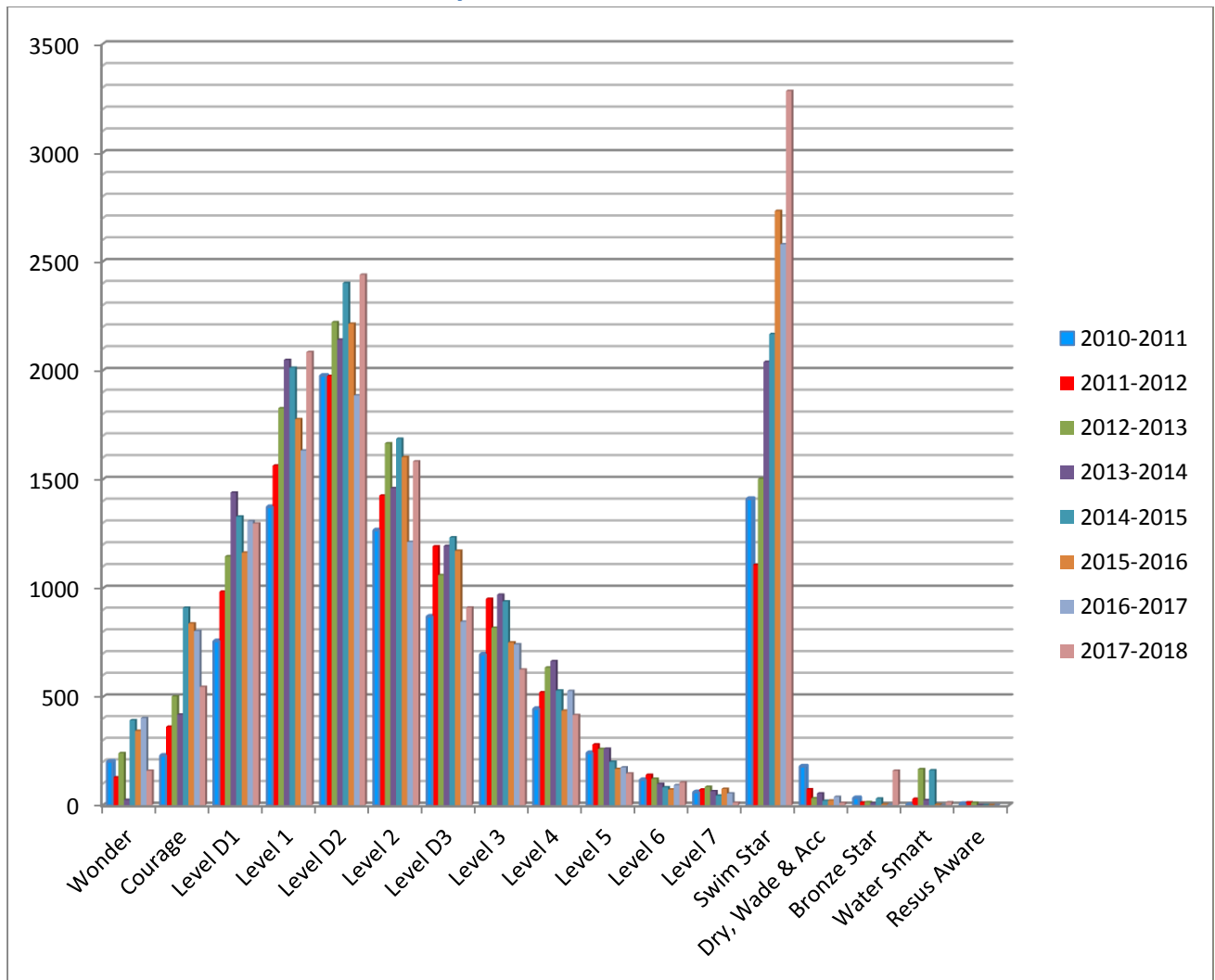
This year 13,738 children from urban, regional and remote Northern Territory participated in the Swim and Survive Program, an 11% increase from the previous year. The community has the opportunity to access to the program through our School Swim and Survive Program, Swim and Survive Partners, the Survive and Strive Program in remote communities or our Sunday Lifesaving and Vacswim programs. We continue to work with stakeholders to increase the number of students to meet the National Benchmark of a Swim and Survive. This year 688 children reached an Active Award Level 4 or above, representing 5% of all participants.

School communities, the Northern Territory Department of Education and our Swim and Survive Partners continue to play a fundamental role in the continued success of the Swim and Survive Program. 81 Government and Non-Government schools acknowledge the important life skills that the Swim and Survive program provides by having the program as part of their school curriculum. Below is a table outlining participation by location:

**Table 13: Number of Children participating in the Swim and Survive Program**

Area	Number of Children 2017-18	Number of Children 2016-17
DARWIN	5260	4250
PALMERSTON	1943	1952
ALICE SPRINGS	3990	2614
KATHERINE	455	918
REMOTE	2090	2562
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,738</b>	<b>12,296</b>

### Swim & Survive Certificates Issued by level



## Department of Education Certificate Funding

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

This year 7217 Government school students from 65 schools received certificates including 1639 Remote students.

This year also saw 373 students achieving a Swim and Survive Active Level 4 or above. This represents 5.17% of attending Government school students.



## Swim and Survive Partner

Royal Life Saving NT are supported by the 17 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, Swim Dynamics in Darwin, 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 2545 children participate in the Swim and Survive program through the 17 Swim and Survive Partners. This represents 18.5% of all participants. We continue to work with our Swim and Survive Partners to assist them in providing a quality program.

**Table 14 Swim and Survive Partners**

Royal Life Saving Society N.T Branch
Goldfishbowl Swim School – Palmerston
Swim Dynamics Swim School - Darwin
NT Swim School - Darwin
Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre
YMCA – Katherine
Rana’s Swim School
Yulara Recreation Centre

## Swim and Survive Partner – Schools

Nemarluk School
Henbury School
Alice Springs School of the Air
Bradshaw Terrace Primary
Braitling Primary
Larapinta Primary
Ross Park Primary
Sadadeen Primary
Gillen Primary

### COMMUNITY: Sunday Life & VACSWIM Programs

Royal Life Saving NT is committed to providing access to the Swim and Survive program to all community members through the Sunday Life Saving Program and VACSWIM programs at both Nightcliff and Casuarina Swimming Pools.

The Sunday Life Saving Program allows children from 5 years – 15 years to participate in the Active Awards of the Swim and Survive program. Children then move into the Rescue and Bronze Awards.

This year we had 75 children building on their water familiarisation and aquatic skills.

Throughout 2017 - 2018 we conducted the VACSWIM intensive Swim and Survive program during the October school holidays 2017 and January 2018 school holidays with 45 children participating.

### Our Swim Teachers

Royal Life Saving NT are fortunate to have a dedicated team of AUSTSWIM qualified swim teachers who are passionate and enthusiastic about water safety. These staff members are the cornerstone of Royal Life Saving NT and we acknowledge their commitment to water safety and swimming in the Northern Territory.



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



Congratulations to Steph East who has been recognised for her commitment to swimming and water safety. Steph, a school teacher in Katherine, became AUSTSWIM qualified in 2015. Steph has a passion for Infant Aquatics and has established the Little Royal Swim School in Katherine, with 103 children enrolled in Term 1 2018.

Thanks Steph for your passion and commitment to swimming and water safety and Royal Life Saving NT.

## 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.



The Swim and Survive Fund allowed us to conduct a 5 day intensive Swimming and Water Safety excursion in February 2018. 19 students from Canteen Creek School travelled with 3 school teachers and 2 teacher assistants from Canteen Creek to Tennant Creek to participate. Travel time is 3.5 hours, with 1.5 hours of dirt road requiring a 4WD, it was a tough journey.

A big thank you to the NT Department of Education for providing us with great, new accommodation in Tennant Creek for the students. They really appreciated it as not all the children had swum in a swimming pool before. Many swim in the local waterhole close to community called Donkey Creek. It's a 10 minute drive but there are water quality issues. Policeman's Waterhole is a 50 minute drive and is where they have learnt swimming & water safety skills in the past.

All students had fun, with many enjoying the CPR, and learning how to scull, float and perform a rescue. Thanks to the Canteen Creek School and their staff for such a positive week, the Tennant Creek Pool for hosting us, the NT Department of Education and most of all the Swim and Survive Fund for their continued support.



## Pool Lifesaving Sport 2017/2018

### *Australian Pool Lifesaving Championships 2018*

South Australia hosted this year's Australian Pool Lifesaving Championships 2018 (APLSC 2018) at the South Australian Aquatic & Leisure Centre from 11-13 January 2018. The facility in Oaklands Park, SA was spectacular, with the championships being held in the indoor 50m competition pool. For some of our Northern Territory (NT) athletes, this was a first time experience at such an event. There were 194 athletes competing from across Australia and internationally, with athletes representing New Zealand, Hong Kong, France and the United Kingdom. This year's Championships were fierce with competition due to the upcoming World Lifesaving Championships – Rescue 2018 to be hosted in Adelaide. There were 194 athletes competing from across Australia.

Our NT team consisted of 9 athletes total, three from Alice Springs and six from Darwin:

Under 14's:

- Ella Padovan (Darwin) 1st Time
- Bridget Jackson (Darwin) 1st Time

Under 16's

- Chloe Sein (Darwin) 1st Time
- Sol-Tamate Healey Morrison (Darwin) 3rd Time
- Kaitlyn Peters (Alice Springs) 3rd Time
- Amy Stockwell (Alice Springs) 3rd Time
- Kip Worley (Darwin) 2nd Time
- Max Padovan (Darwin) 2nd Time
- Erica Portelli (Alice Springs) 4th Time - Team Captain



Alister Lear traveled as Team Coach, Laura Withers & Elena Pecorari as Team Managers, Jill Dowd and Floss Roberts as Event Officials – representing the NT. The Team met in Adelaide one day before the competition to train together for the first time. This micro training session was invaluable to our team members as it allowed them to become familiar with each other and the equipment used in the CPR event.

Each NT athlete did an amazing job competing and we had some awesome results in Personal Best (PB's) times achieved. Max Padovan shaved 39 seconds off his previous Men's Under 16's 200m Obstacles race finishing with a time of 2:54.34. Our under 14's competitors also entered some of the under 16's events to give them extra experience. Erica Portelli won our only medal for the championships. Placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Women's Under 16's 12.5 Line Throw. Erica secured the Bronze with a time of 18.99.

Our Under 16's SERC team were fantastic. They worked well as a team in the complex emergency rescue simulation. In the Men's Under 16's CPR event, Kip Worley placed 7<sup>th</sup> overall. Our NT team overall at the APLSC 2018 came 6<sup>th</sup> place.



APLSC 2018 Winners of the Laerdal Encouragement CPR Manikin Award

### Sport Participation Pool Lifesaving

Participation on pool deck in Darwin has increased and in Alice Springs. We will continue to develop our Junior Pool Lifesaving squads in both Darwin and Alice Springs. Our Junior Development program is important to maintain to ensure the future of Pool Lifesaving as a sport.

This year we said goodbye to Fritz Risler. Fritz coached our Adult Pool Lifesaving members for many years and has devoted many volunteer hours to mentoring and inspiring the parents of the Pool Lifesaving participants. We thank Fritz for all his hard work and wish him and Betty all the best for the year ahead. Our volunteer coaches are the life-line to our sport and we would like to say a massive thank you to the consistent efforts of Alister Lear, Laura Withers, Rebecca Brown and Elena Pecorari.

In 2019 we hope to send a full squad to the APLSC 2019 in Sydney. Fundraising efforts have already started towards this. Another big thank you to the parents and athletes involved in fundraising events and to Liz Durnin for coordinating BBQ's in Alice Springs, your hard work has been extremely valuable to the future of our sport. We are continually looking for new ways to fundraise or gain sponsorship. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for our 2019 NT Pool Lifesaving Team please contact our Sports & Community Development Officer in our Darwin Office.

Thank you to local NT businesses for their support in helping us fundraise during 2017-2018. Special acknowledgement to Harvey Norman Darwin and Bunnings Alice Springs.





## Pool Lifesaving Regional and Remote

Pool Lifesaving carnivals were held in Katherine, Borrolola, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs. In Tennant Creek we were invited to help at the Barkly Regional Swimming Carnival in October. This was a fantastic event with schools travelling from all over the Barkly Region to compete including students from Ali Curang and Ti Tree. The event was fantastic with children having a great time showing off their swimming skills. A pool life saving event was incorporated into the day with older students rescuing the younger students using rescue tubes

In Alice Springs, to celebrate the reopening of the outdoor pool, we hosted an Active Family Fun Event open to pool lifesaving club members old & new and to the general public to gain more exposure of the sport. It was a successful, fun day filled with various life saving themed events, prizes and a dance competition with Boof the Barra, the NT water safety mascot.



## 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, Infant Aquatics, 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

#### Little Royals Swim School - Darwin 2017/2018

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 eight week programs were held in 2017/2018, both at Casuarina Swimming Pool. The programs were very popular with mums, dads, grandparents, carers and of course the infants themselves.

The wet season weather was not very pleasant to us this year. We  
The wet season weather was very pleasant this year with only a couple of sessions needing to be rescheduled. 66 children participated in the two Programs, this number is slightly lower than the year before.

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 for term 1 were Shileigh Martin, Brogen Barrington, & Joan Burns. During Term 4 we had Cieran New, Brogen Barrington, Joan Burns and Jill Dowd.



## Batchelor 2017/2018

Little Royals Swim School Batchelor had its first ever swimming program in 2017/2018. The program ran over 6 weeks in Term 1 2018. The program was held at the Batchelor Town Pool. The program was a great success, we even had some children travel from Adelaide River!

20 children participated in the March – May 2018 program, this number was fantastic! We look forward to our next program in Batchelor. A special acknowledgement must be made to the Coomalie Community Government Council for their assistance in supporting this program. A huge thank you to Jill Dowd our AUSTSWIM Infant Instructor who travelled from Darwin each week to deliver the fun program.



## Katherine 2017/2018

Little Royals Swim School Katherine had its first ever swimming program in 2017/2018. The program was extremely successful. We ran one 6 week program in Term 1 2018. The program was held at the Katherine Ibis Styles Pool. The program was very popular with over 100 enrolments,

103 children participated in the Term 1 2018 program. Katherine families were very appreciative of the swimming lesson opportunities available to them. RLSSA NT is looking forward to continuing the success of this program next year.

A special acknowledgement must be made to our amazing AUSTSWIM Infant qualified Instructor Stephanie East, who made the program such an enjoyable experience for all children and families involved. We would also like to thank the IBIS Styles Hotel for the use of their pool facilities.



## Tennant Creek 2017/2018

Little Royals Swim School Tennant Creek ran a one week intensive swimming program in 2017/2018. The Program ran during November 2017 and was conducted at the Tennant Creek Town Pool.

The program was popular with 19 children participating. It was a fantastic first program for Tennant Creek. Thank you to all the Tennant Creek families who enrolled in the program. Our Executive Director Floss had a great time delivering the lessons!



## Programs for People with Disabilities: Access and Inclusion

Royal Life Saving NT has continued to support Total Recreation with their Sports in Schools program. This program gives students with a disability, in mainstream schools, the opportunity to participate in a tailor made swimming program. The success of the program is a real team effort with the support of Swim Dynamics Swim School giving students a pathway to club and representative swimming.

The program is conducted over two – five week blocks and this year saw 280 participants in the Term 1 program and 233 in the Term 4 program.

The Term 4 program culminates with a modified swimming carnival that also includes students from other schools. This year's carnival was held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017 with 164 students competing.



## Adults

Royal Life Saving - NT continue to engage with our adult population through targeted programs in Darwin and Alice Springs. The City of Darwin, Healthy Darwin – ActiveLife@TheTop program continues to be popular for all adults. This year we had 120 adults participate during the 2 x 6 week programs in November/December and February/March.

Thanks to the City of Darwin and the staff at Casuarina Swimming Pool for your continued support.



Our Pool Lifesaving Clubs in Darwin and Alice Springs give adults the opportunity to improve on their swimming skills, water safety skills and learn pool lifesaving in a fun and relaxed environment. These programs are conducted at Casuarina Pool and the Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre in conjunction with our junior program. Success of this programs can be contributed to our dedicated volunteers.



*Participants from the Healthy Darwin Adult Learn to swim program.*

## Cool Seniors & Grey Medallion



Senior Territorians have access to a variety of different activities during August, Seniors Month. Royal Life Saving NT target Senior Territorians during this time with aquatic programs to increase water awareness, fitness and social skills.

The Cool Seniors program, allows Senior Territorians access to aquatic exercise, games and swimming with the aim to increase fitness and water confidence. The program continues to be popular with a total of 57 participants over the 5 weeks of the program.

The candidates obviously enjoyed the program judging by the feedback we received below;

*“Polite, professional, health orientated, truly outstanding, very knowledgeable, inclusive and incorporating fun activities. A big thank you for the opportunity to stay fit, mobile and energetic”*

“NEVER TOO YOUNG TO LEARN, NEVER TOO OLD TO START”



Cool Seniors during their swimming program and Water Exercise Tropical Style August 2017

# Our Water

## Drowning Report

The Northern Territory Drowning Report was released on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Sadly the NT maintains the highest drowning rate per capita in Australia with 7 drowning deaths recorded in this period.

### NORTHERN TERRITORY SUMMARY 2018

There were 7 people who drowned in the Northern Territory in 2017/18. This is a 13% reduction on last year and a 22% reduction on the 10 year average.

57% of those who drowned in the Northern Territory were male.


The 25-44 years age group accounted for 71% of all deaths.

Rivers, creeks and streams and swimming pools were the leading locations for drowning in the Northern Territory and almost half (48%) of deaths in the NT occurred while swimming and recreating.


71% of drowning deaths in the NT last year took place in the dry season.

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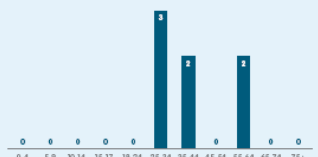
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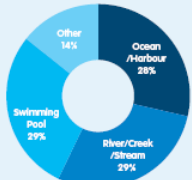
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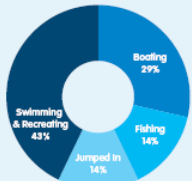
**Figura NT1: Unintentional Drowning Deaths and Crude Death Rates, Northern Territory, 2002/03 to 2017/18, 10 Year Average**



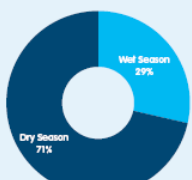
**Figura NT2: Drowning Deaths by Age Group, Northern Territory, 2017/18**



**Figura NT3: Location of Drowning Deaths, Northern Territory, 2017/18**



**Figura NT4: Activity Prior to Drowning, Northern Territory, 2017/18**



**Figura NT5: Drowning Deaths by Season, Northern Territory, 2017/18**

A key focus of Royal Life Saving Society Northern Territory's prevention strategies and water safety messages are to increase awareness of the hazards associated with different aquatic environments and the drowning risk they pose to different age groups.

Key messages include:

- Children need constant supervision around water – Keep our kids safe and Keep Watch
- Never swim alone
- Be aware and be prepared for changes in aquatic conditions
- Be aware of strong currents, submerged objects and fast flowing water. Always Respect the River #BeRiverSafe
- Alcohol affects your swimming ability and judgment of dangerous situations, look after your mates and family – don't drink and drown!
- Our ocean is great for fishing and boating – keep your mates safe on your boat and have a sober skipper in charge of the boat
- Always wear a lifejacket. It buys you time to survive
- We share our ocean and rivers with crocodiles so Be Crocwise

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## Northern Territory Government Water Safety Unit

### Northern Territory Water Safety Advisory Council 2017-2018

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. Minister Lauren Moss endorsed the NT Water Safety Strategy 2017-2021 and released the updated NT Water Safety Strategy 2017-21 on September 24<sup>th</sup> 2017. Minister Moss commended the unwavering contribution the NT Water Safety Advisory Council makes to keeping Territorians safe on the water.

The Swimming Pool Safety Reform was released on May 11<sup>th</sup> which has been long awaited by the Council. The Council looks forward to learning the outcomes of the reform.

Meetings were held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018 and 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

### Vision

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

### Aspirational Goal

Towards a nation free from drowning.

### Stakeholders of the NT Water Safety Advisory Council

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

### The Role of the NTWSAC is

- to provide advice to the Minister for Tourism and Culture 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.

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Abbreviation</b>
Amateur Fisherman's Association of the NT	AFANT
Australian Volunteer Coast Guard	AVCG
Department of Education	DOE
Department of Health	DOH
Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics – Pool Fencing Unit	DIPL
Department of Tourism and Culture – Sport & Recreation	DTC
Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics – Marine Safety	DIPL
Kidsafe NT	KSNT
Local Government Association of the NT	LGANT

Local Government Association of the NT – Remote appointment	LGANT
Northern Territory Water Police	NTPFES
Department of Tourism and Culture – Parks & Wildlife	DTC
Royal Life Saving Society NT Branch	RLSSANT
Somerville Community Service	SCS
Surf Life Saving NT	SLSNT
Tourism NT	TNT
Water Safety Unit	WSU



Minister Lauren Moss with Floss Roberts & Amy Hetherington.  
Opening WSW & launch of NT Water Safety Strategy 2017-2021 24.9.17

## 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 2000 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.

### 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 2018, 21,820 children have enrolled in the Program; and of those children, 83% 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.

### Remote Access

The Water Safety Awareness 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 Ngukurr, Yuendumu, Elliott, Pirlangimpi, Kintore, Areyonga and Wurrumiyanga.



Pirlangimpi FaFT with Wayne 31.10.17

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

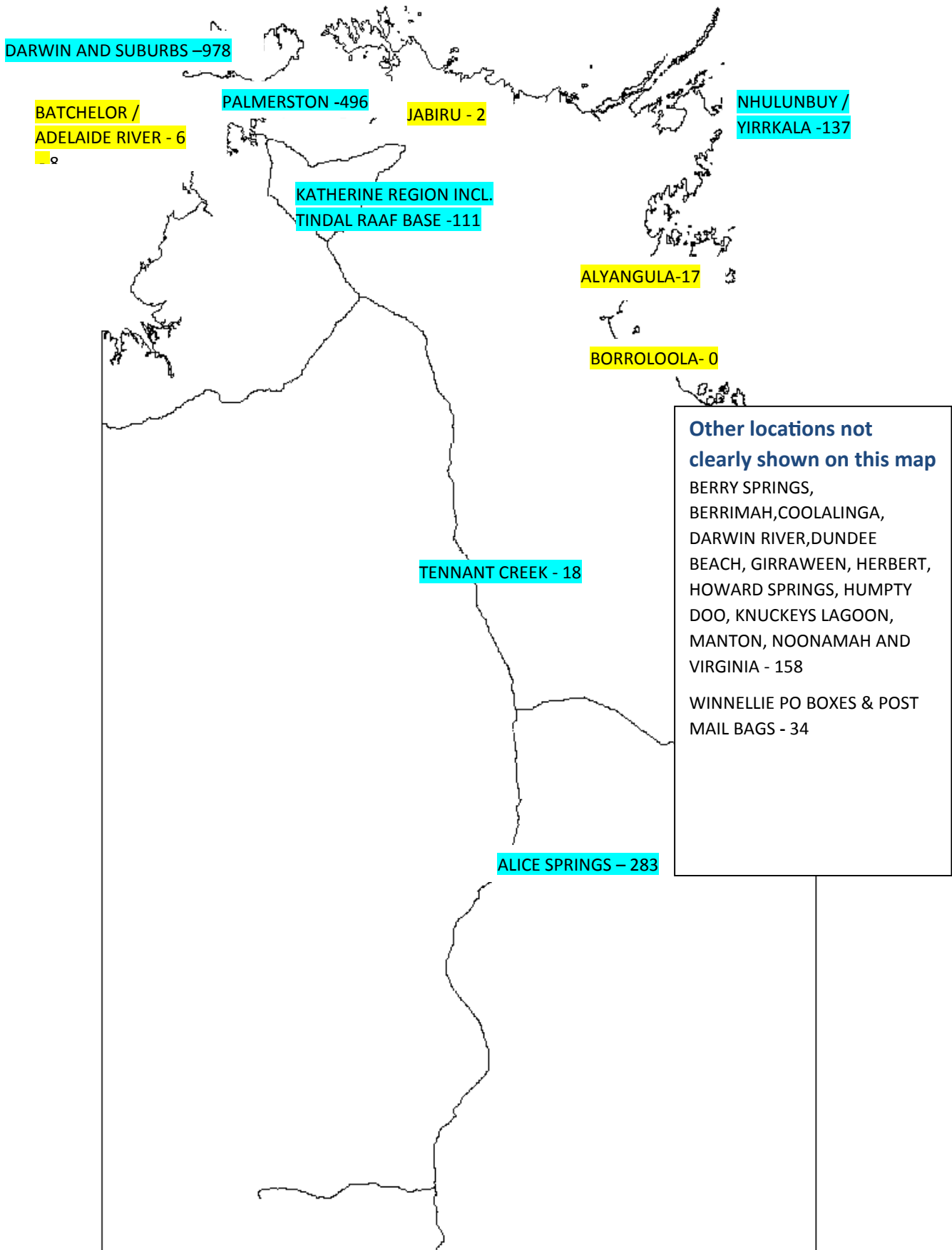
All Providers undergo a venue safety checklist, hold current qualifications, working with children clearances and have a clear understanding of the deliverables for each session as per the guidelines agreed upon. During 2017-2018, 17 swim schools across the Northern Territory provided the Water Safety Awareness Program.

<b>SESSION PROVIDERS 2017 – 2018</b>
Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre – Alice Springs
Baby Barra’s Swim School – Howard Springs
Dempsey Consolidated – Parap & Casuarina Pools
Goldfishbowl Swim School - Palmerston
Kicks and Paddles - Palmerston
Little Royals Swim School – Batchelor, Katherine & Tennant Creek
Marianne’s Swimming School – Darwin
NT Swim School – Darwin
Rana’s Swim School - Darwin
Royal Life Saving – Alice Springs, Darwin and Remote Delivery
Sailfish Swim School - Alyangula
Six Sparrows Swim School - Darwin
Splish Splash Mobile Swim School - Darwin
Swim Dynamics – Nightcliff Pool
Swim4LifeNT Mobile Swim School - Darwin
Travelling Tadpole Swim School - Nhulunbuy
YMCA - Palmerston

The annual Provider's Workshop was held in Darwin on the 7<sup>th</sup> September at the Michael Long Learning & Leadership Centre. 5 Providers of the Water Safety Awareness Program came together to share ideas, discuss water safety messages and discuss the ongoing success and benefits of the Program. Two guest speakers were in attendance to share their knowledge with the Providers and their Staff. Many thanks to Sue Hyde from StopWaitGo and the Child and Family Health Nurse Team for providing such informative presentations.



- Water Safety Awareness Program: Total 21,820 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:

- 2240 Enrolments for July 2017 – June 2018.
- 83% voucher usage since beginning of Program.

The NT Government Learn to Swim Voucher continues to be an excellent complement to the Water Safety Awareness Program. The Water Safety Awareness Program provides parents and carers with the initial valuable water safety education. Territory families can then access swimming lessons whereas previously they may not have been able to afford them using the Learn to Swim voucher.



ECS in Alice Springs January 2018

### WSAP Provider of the Year:

The Water Safety Awareness Program Provider of the Year 2017/2018 is Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre. Petina and her Team have shown great commitment to the Program this year and have been very proactive in the Alice Springs community, promoting the Program. Petina has engaged local young parents groups to be involved in the Program offering separate lesson times for parents groups. Petina and her Team have been great supporters of Royal Life Saving NT and the Water Safety Awareness Program and they are great advocates of drowning prevention and education in the NT. Congratulations Petina & the Team!



## Water Safety Week 2017

Water Safety Week 2017 was conducted from 24 – 30 September, featuring a varied program of events and activities throughout the Northern Territory (NT). The slogan for Water Safety Week 2017 was *Be Water Safety Wise!* 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 Tourism and Culture - Sport & Recreation
- Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics - Pool Fencing Unit
- Department of Transport - Marine Safety Branch
- Department of Tourism and Culture - Parks and Wildlife
- Water Safety Unit
- Somerville Community Services
- Water Police
- Alawa Scouts
- Kidsafe NT
- NT Swim School
- Swim Dynamics
- Asthma NT
- Australian Volunteer Coastguard
- Department of Education
- City of Darwin
- City of Palmerston
- AUSTSWIM

'Splashfest' was the opening event for Water Safety Week 2017 and took place from 9:00am – 1:00pm on Sunday 24 September at the Darwin Waterfront Precinct. Approximately 3500 people attended. 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 230 children entering the competition with Marlia Llineham winning family passes to the Wave Lagoon, Planet Kingpin & Birch Carroll & Coyle Cinemas Casuarina. 14 stakeholders' hosted stalls and activities were hosted by Royal Life Saving NT and Surf Life Saving NT. The Darwin Performance Academy Dancers attended to perform the Be Water Safety Wise dance with Boof the Barra. The Hot 100 Street Team were also on hand to support Boof the Barra at Splashfest. Minister Moss attended Splashfest to officially open Water Safety Week 2017.

There were 16 events and activities on the official 2017 Water Safety week calendar. These were conducted in Alice Springs, Darwin, Palmerston, and Katherine. Some of the highlights of the free events were:



- Family Fun evening at Casuarina Pool
- Story readings with Boof the Barra at City of Darwin & City of Palmerston Libraries, Katherine Library and Alice Springs Library
- Flare demonstration
- Aquafest family fun day at Palmerston Pool

An estimated 10,000 Territorians received water safety messages throughout Water Safety Week in 2017. 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. Water Safety Week also received great support and promotion from Mix 104.9.



Stallholders @ Splashfest 24/9/17



RLS activity @ Splashfest 24/9/17



Winner of best stall @ Splashfest, Crocwise 24/9/17



Floss with Minister Lauren Moss and Charlee Phillips, Water Safety Ambassador @ Splashfest 24/9/17



## Pipes and Drains Campaign 2017-2018

The Pipes and Drains campaign was launched on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017. The same campaign was used as the previous year as the new “shock” campaign had proven to be successful. The television and radio campaign was managed by NT Government with Royal Life Saving NT, the City of Darwin and the City of Palmerston contributing to the campaign in the community. Water bottles, snapback hats, pencil cases, pens & slap bands containing USB’s formed the collateral for the campaign. All schools in the Darwin and Palmerston region were contacted regarding the campaign and free Pipes and Drains talks were offered to their students. 8 schools participated in the education sessions which reached 1937 students. In addition to this, 5 community events were attended which directly targeted the Pipes & Drains message with an estimated reach of 6050 members of the community. 11 banners were displayed across 9 locations throughout the campaign. Messages conveyed to members of the community and students during the campaign included

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



Pipes & Drains talks @ Driver Primary  
School 17/11/17 with Minister Eva  
Lawler



Pipes & Drains talks @ Durack  
Primary Nov 2017

## Water Safety Talks in Schools 2017-2018

During 2017-2018, 31 schools were visited by the Water Safety Unit to deliver water safety talks to 2,792 students across the Northern Territory.

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

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



Water Safety talk with Boof @ Manunda Tce 10/8/17



Boof visit @ Millner Preschool  
28/6/18



Water safety talk @ Howard Springs Primary 17/8/18

## Keep Watch

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



- Supervise
- Restrict Access
- Water Awareness
- Resuscitate

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

### NT Keep Watch Ambassadors

Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira

Mr Terry Mills MLA, Member for Blain

Mr Tony Sievers MLA, Member for Brennan

Mr Paul Kirby MLA, Member for Port Darwin

Hon. Eva Lawler MLA, Member for Drysdale

Hon. Natasha Fyles MLA, Member for Nightcliff

Hon. Michael Gunner MLA, Chief Minister

Mr Luke Gosling MP, Federal Member for Solomon

Hon Gary Higgins MLA, Leader of the Opposition

Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura

Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen

Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Member for Karama

Ms Selena Uibo MLA, Member for Arnhem

Hon. Gerald McCarthy MLA, Member for Barkly

Hon. Nicole Manison MLA, Member for Wanguri

Hon. Lauren Moss MLA, Member for Casuarina

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Mr Yingiya (Mark) Guyula MLA, Member for Nhulunbuy

Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Member for Katherine

Mr Gerry Wood MLA, Member for Nelson

Ms Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett

Hon. Dale Wakefield MLA, Member for Braitling

## Keep Watch @ Public Pools

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

The program is targeted at parents and guardians of children to help them understand the dangers of leaving their children unattended in the pool. Lack of direct supervision by the parent or guardians while the child is in the water has been the main factor for drowning, resulting in 70% of all drowning deaths in public pools. Lifeguards do a great job at keeping our pools safe but they are not babysitters, parent and guardians have the responsibility of looking after their children at all times in and around the water.

### Keep Watch @ Public Pool Policy

The Keep Watch @ Public Pools policy is a guideline for aquatic leisure centres, public swimming centres and pools across the NT. The ages within it represent minimum standards that Royal Life Saving NT expects of public pools however Royal Life Saving NT encourages pools to develop their own policy adopting a higher standard.

- Children (under 10 years) are not allowed entry unless under active supervision of a person 16 years or older.
- Parents and guardians should actively supervise their children at all times. As such, they should be dressed ready for action, including unexpected entry to a pool.
- 0-5 year olds and non-swimmers; a parent or guardian is in the water at all times within arms' reach of the child. It is best if you are engaging with your child i.e. playing with them, talking to them etc.
- 6-10 year olds; constant active supervision is required. Be prepared to get wet and enter the water with this age group.
- 11-14 year olds; it is recommended that a parents or guardians check up on their child by physically going to the point where they are in or around the water.

The Keep Watch @ Public Pools program is more than just putting up signs and handing out brochures at your aquatic facility; it is educating the public, advocacy and building strong relationships with in our community whilst maintaining a safe environment.

### Children aged 11-14 years

One of the main obstacles facility operators face is managing the supervision level for children aged 11-14 years. It is difficult to enforce the requirement of parents or guardians to regularly check children aged 11-14 years if children over 10 years are allowed to enter the facility unaccompanied.

The Keep Watch @ Public Pools program in many cases needs to be able to be applied

retrospectively to a range of facilities. The recommendation regarding the need for parents to physically check up on 11-14 year olds is included with the intent to educate parents that although this age group have a certain independence they are still at risk and parental supervision is an effective means of increasing their safety. By including this in the program we hope that facilities will assist in educating parents by drawing their attention to the recommendation and developing strategies to facilitate parental supervision of this age group as part of their policies and entry requirements.

### **What is active supervision @ Public Pools?**

Active supervision at public pools consists of four key elements:

**Be Prepared:** Ensure you have everything you need before getting into the water, such as towels and dry clothes.

**Be Close:** Always be within arms' reach of your child.

**All of Your Attention:** Focus all of your attention on your child and get into the pool and talk and play with them.

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

## Grants

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

Name	Funded
<b>IAS Prime Minister &amp; Cabinet</b>	Funding for the Indigenous Advancement Strategy Program – “Remote Swim, Survive and Strive”, teaching children in remote communities water safety and swimming skills and providing training and employment opportunities for local people in community
<b>NT Department Tourism &amp; Culture – Sport &amp; Recreation</b>	Management of the Water Safety Unit including the Water Safety Awareness Program
<b>NT Department Tourism &amp; Culture – Sport &amp; Recreation</b>	Support for providing opportunities for Territorians to participate in sport and active recreation.
<b>NT Department of Education</b>	Certificates recognising the achievements of children in the Swim and Survive program
<b>RLSSA – National</b>	Inland Waterways – River Safety Project Swim & Survive for children who miss out Swim & Survive Fund
<b>AUSTSWIM</b>	Support to provide AUSTSWIM in regional and remote communities Developing the North Project
<b>Office Senior Territorians</b>	Cool Seniors

### Indigenous Advancement Strategy – “Remote Swim, Survive and Strive”

Royal Life Saving Society Northern Territory received annual funding to continue to expand on its goals for indigenous communities through the Remote Swim, Survive & Strive Project. On behalf of Royal Life Saving Society Northern Territory and the communities who benefit, we thank the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet for the opportunity to continue assisting these indigenous communities.

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

### Key facts at a glance:

- 3137 people participate in the Remote Swim, Survive & Strive Project
- 25 remote schools accessed the program
- 21 remote communities visited
- 32 indigenous people gained employment as a direct result of the project
- 2027 students participated in Swim and Survive
- 5 students achieved a Level 5 through Swim and Survive Program from Kintore – the highest award given this year
- 125 students achieved the national swimming and water safety benchmark of a Level 4 and above
- 311 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 & Strive Project 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. A team will visit the communities for an intensive five to ten 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 up to 10 days allows skills to be reinforced and built upon. This also incorporates dry, in class, sessions for schools and their students who, this year, are unable to access a safe water environment.

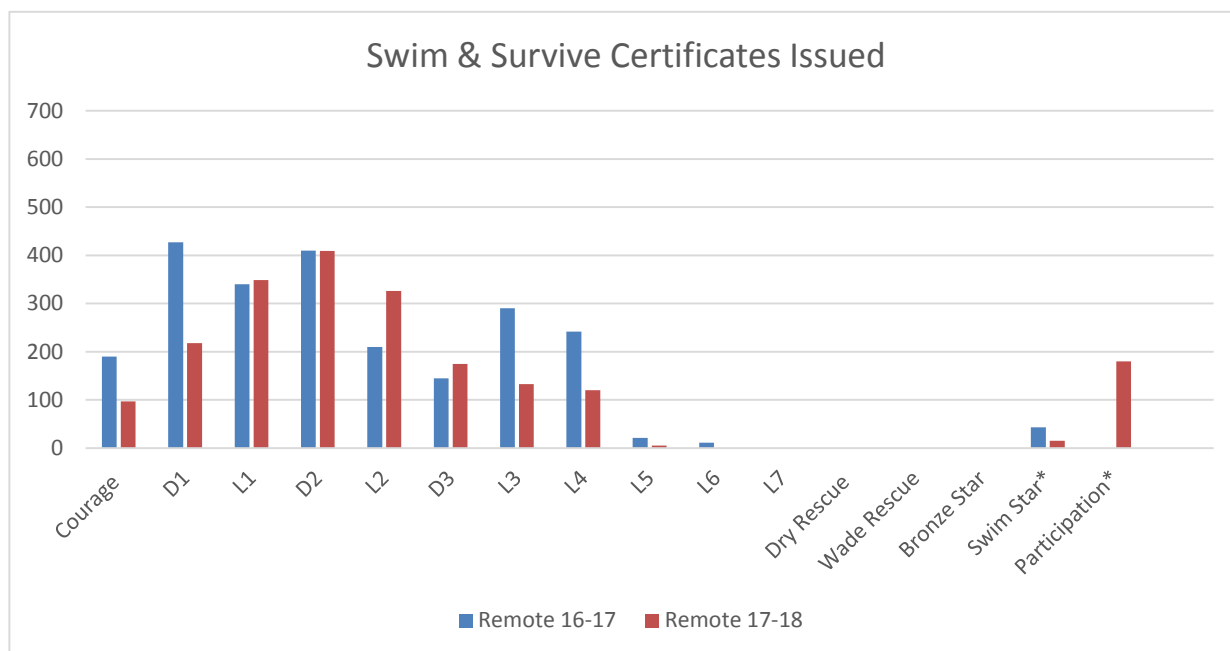
The project also identifies local indigenous people to participate in the indigenous AUSTSWIM mentoring program. This training allows local members of the community to become AUSTSWIM qualified swimming instructors who can potentially provide quality, ongoing swimming lessons to their community. In Ngukurr and Yirrkala 9 indigenous people completed their AUSTSIM Teacher of Swimming & Water Safety award.

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. This year 642 indigenous youth participated in a Pool Lifesaving Carnival in their community. The sport and BBQ is provided for the whole community and aims to promote the pool as the social hub. Promoting the pool as a place where families can access and feel like they are in a fun and safe environment.



## Swim & Survive

2027 students participated in Remote Swim & Survive across the Northern Territory. 202 students less than the previous funding year. 125 students achieved the National Water Safety Council bench mark of a level 4 or above during this financial year.



## Employment, Training and AUSTSWIM Mentoring Program

Royal Life Saving Society Northern Territory aims to develop skills and empower local people in communities to gain employment through aquatic pathways. Allowing them to develop and maintain their community’s swimming pool and take ownership of their Swim and Survive Program. This ownership will result in it longer lasting outcomes not a once-a-year activity. This year, 32 indigenous people gained employment through the training and mentoring of the Swim, Survive & Strive Project. Along with 25 indigenous people who are currently employed within their community and received ongoing professional development. 311 students and adults completed a range of training through the project.

## The Year’s Highlight

### Remote Council’s Employment Initiative

Although both Roper Gulf Regional Council and MacDonnell Regional Council are at the opposite ends of the Northern Territory, both have similar goals for indigenous people. Supporting employment, training and economic development within their communities is a large focus. The Swim, Survive & Strive Program continues to supports them in reaching their goal.

Both councils have infrastructure managers and Youth, Sport & Rec Co-ordinators that realise our relationship is vital if they are to reach these employment outcomes. The relationship with both employees have continued to grow over a 3 year period and in



conjunction with the same Swim, Survive & Strive Program manager results are being achieved. These consistent and ongoing relationships have fostered an increase in indigenous employment. For example in 2016, 26 training awards were presented with 6 indigenous people gaining employment at the Roper Gulf Regional Council. In 2017, 41 training awards were presented with 12 indigenous people gaining employment. At MacDonnell Regional Council in 2016, 13 training awards were presented with 2 indigenous people gaining employment. As participation rates were lower, participants were asked to enrol into town courses. Although in 2017, as our relationship grew, the program was able to provide a specific course for the council in Santa Teresa, one of their communities and awarded 37 certificates with 11 indigenous people employed.

These outcomes not only delivers new indigenous people with jobs, it also allowed 10 indigenous people to continue working within their current positions they require an annual update. Between both councils, the program provided 10 indigenous people with personal development, continuing their employment status.

These employment initiatives are keeping 6 remote swimming pools open to their communities, where local families can not only cool off but receive the social and economic benefits of the local swimming pool being open and accessed by all.

Building on this success the program is working with the Roper Gulf Regional Council to deliver an extension to participant's personal learning. The Aquatic Technical Operators course has been delivered in both Borrooloola and Ngukurr in January 2018 extending local people's knowledge in how to manage and run their pool's plant room effectively. Completion of this course provides them with an opportunity to become better candidates for a pool manager's position into the future.



### **Inland Waterways and Drowning Prevention Program**

The BE RiverSafe campaign continues to work extensively throughout the Northern Territory. The campaign is delivered in Katherine, Darwin, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs. Highlights include increased public engagement through a new social media competition, an improved exposure at key stakeholder community events and a wider reach of the Northern Territory community through the Show Circuit.

The Show Circuit allowed the project to reach over 90,000 Territorians and other achievements include:

- Zero drowning deaths in the Katherine River reported
- Water education initiatives to 194 students/children who would normally miss out

- The project has reached 74,380 people through 22 community events

The messages are consistent:

- Educate, Watch ya Mate.
- Our Rivers, Your family. Keep Watch
- River Safe is River Sober.
- If it's flooded, forget it.
- Look. Think. Decide.



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November 17, 2017 · 🌐

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#BeLikeDave #NoManLeftBehind #LeaveYourBoozeOnTheBank #RespectTheRiver

👤 275 people reached

Boost Post

### Royal Life Saving NT in the media

Throughout 2017/2018 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. We participated in several radio chats and TV interviews.

In 2014.2015 we introduced an award for a media person who we believed made a difference for Lifesaving. This year Amy Hetherington was awarded the NT Media Award for her outstanding MC of Splashfest and her assistance with promoting the profile of Royal Life Saving NT

### Royal Life Saving NT Media Award for making a difference in Lifesaving

<b>Media Award for making a difference for Lifesaving</b>	
<b>2014 / 2015</b>	Kathleen Bruyn
<b>2015 / 2016</b>	Alice Burton
<b>2016 / 2017</b>	Dijana Damjanovic
<b>2017/2018</b>	Amy Hetherington



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### Royal Life Saving NT Social Media Profiles

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



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**Water Safety NT**

### Key Suppliers

Company	Service
<b>Quest Apartments, Parap</b>	Accommodation
<b>TDH Chartered Accountants</b>	Auditor
<b>Debbie Wilson and Associates</b>	Bookkeeper
<b>Curbys NT</b>	Clothing
<b>Livingstone</b>	First Aid and Training Equipment
<b>Laerdal</b>	First Aid and Training Equipment
<b>TIO</b>	Insurance
<b>Smart Bag</b>	Merchandise
<b>CSG</b>	Photocopier Services
<b>Coleman's Printing</b>	Printing Services
<b>SBA Stationery Supplies</b>	Stationery
<b>Bridge Toyota</b>	Vehicle Supply and Servicing

### Professional Memberships

- Chamber of Commerce NT
- Australian Institute of Company Directors
- Australian Resuscitation Council
- Vocational Education Learning Group (VELG)
- ACHPER

## Appendices – Statistics

### Training Certificates Issued

Training	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18
<b>Award of Merit</b>					3	9	10	6	4	6	6	4
<b>Bronze Cross</b>	7	19	5	5	8	14	2	2	1	6	6	4
<b>Bronze Star</b>	139	n/a	42	76	42	81	33	29	38	48	67	47
<b>Bronze Medallion</b>	285	435	371	424	355	505	424	278	368	371	320	385
<b>Bronze Medallion Update</b>	186	186	226	149	250	205	218	266	187	234	243	254
<b>Bronze Medallion with Reasonable adjustment</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	2	0	0	12
<b>Resuscitation</b>	1070	1209	913	1006	917	883	1188	852	1269	1157	1608	1828
<b>Resuscitation Update</b>	298	389	316	252	385	225	158	385	130	346	36	6
<b>Resuscitation Awareness</b>					105		99	147	43	83	95	165
<b>Defibrillation Awareness</b>						764	52	286	996	1457	1644	1826
<b>Oxygen Resuscitation</b>	35	56	92	71	79	97	52	49	102	93	87	102
<b>Oxygen Resus Update</b>	38	93	94	113	72	102	76	97	97	121	112	106
<b>Basic First Aid</b>	77	137	123	29	47	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>First Aid</b>	269	367	208	185	29	126	357	388	483	390	435	521
<b>Child Care First Aid</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	17	35	42
<b>Advanced First Aid</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	24
<b>Pool Lifeguard</b>	22	58	66	61	79	97	52	49	102	92	86	102
<b>Pool Lifeguard Update</b>	55	79	80	113	72	102	76	97	97	121	112	106
<b>Swimming Teacher Rescue</b>	25	10	41	73	66	93	136	172	143	259	212	228

<b>Award</b>												
<b>Sea Rangers Bronze Rescue Award</b>										11	6	0
<b>Instructor Award</b>	0	n/a	n/a	2		N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Examiner</b>	0	9	n/a	2	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Trainers</b>	5	0	n/a	10	3	3	3	0	3	5	3	4
<b>Pool Operators</b>	0	0	0	30	10	24	5	22	50	34	0	30
<b>SRCAQU003A</b>	2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0
<b>SRCAQU003B</b>	308	424	325	393	257	343	11	0	0	0	0	0
<b>SISCAQU202A</b>							249	244	292	358	16	0
<b>SISCAQU002</b>										11	528	907
<b>SRCAQU006A</b>	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0
<b>SRCAQU006B</b>	33	51	41	40	58	44	N/A	0	0	0	0	0
<b>SISCAQU306A</b>							45	6	85	53	0	0
<b>SISCAQU006</b>										11	129	240
<b>SRCAQU007A</b>	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0
<b>SRCAQU007B</b>	33	51	35	40	58	44	N/A	0	0	0	0	0
<b>SISCAQU307A</b>							45	6	57	0	0	0
<b>SISCAQU318</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	53	0	0
<b>SISCAQU007</b>										11	129	225
<b>PUXEME001A</b>	34	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0
<b>PUAEME001B</b>										11	0	240
<b>PUAEME003C</b>							45	6	0	11	129	240
<b>SRXFAD001A</b>	257	528	304	307	40	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0
<b>SRXEMR003A</b>	11	50	55	50	10	44	N/A	0	0	0	0	0
<b>SRCAQU001A</b>	0	n/a	0	30	10	24	N/A	0	0	0	0	0
<b>SISCAQU201A</b>							5	22	45	26	0	0
<b>SISCAQU001</b>										9	0	30
<b>SRCAQU002A</b>	0	n/a	0	30	10	24	N/A	0	0	0	0	0
<b>SISCAQU303A</b>							5	22	45	26	0	0
<b>SISCAQU003</b>										9	0	30
<b>SRCAQU004A</b>	0	n/a	0	30	10	24	N/A	0	0	0	0	0
<b>SISCAQU304A</b>							5	22	45	26	0	0
<b>SISCAQU004</b>										9	0	30
<b>SRXOHS001B</b>						24	N/A	0	0	0	0	0
<b>SISXOHS101A</b>							5	22	45	0	0	0
<b>SISCAQU005</b>										9	0	30
<b>BSBRSK401</b>										9	0	30

HLTFA1A	113	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0
HLTFA211A							N/A	0	0	0	0	0
HLTCPR201A					124	547	122	0	0	0	0	0
HLTCPR211A							645	661	54	0	0	0
HLTFA301B					93	206	94	0	0	0	0	0
HLTFA311A							237	330	15	0	0	0
HLTAID001									894	1087	1455	1573
HLTAID002									33	17	0	66
HLTAID003									459	386	448	777
HLTAID004									8	17	47	66
HLTAID006									25	0	0	24
HLTAID007									110	53	0	24
AUSTSWIM	115	121	93	157	133	168	177	142	141	113	125	141
<b>Total Training Certificates</b>	<b>3458</b>	<b>4324</b>	<b>3458</b>	<b>3830</b>	<b>3415</b>	<b>4996</b>	<b>4634</b>	<b>4619</b>	<b>6529</b>	<b>7166</b>	<b>8126</b>	<b>10469</b>
<b>RLSSA NT ISSUED FOR RLS TASMANIA</b>	<b>06/07</b>	<b>07/08</b>	<b>08/09</b>	<b>09/10</b>	<b>10/11</b>	<b>11/12</b>	<b>12/13</b>	<b>13/14</b>	<b>14/15</b>	<b>15/16</b>	<b>16/17</b>	<b>17/18</b>
<b>Bronze medallion</b>									24	0	0	0
<b>Resuscitation</b>									34	0	0	0
<b>First Aid</b>									23	0	0	0
<b>Pool Lifeguard</b>									7	0	0	0
SISCAQU202A									102	0	0	0
SISCAQU306A									113	0	0	0
SISCAQU307A									113	0	0	0
HLTAID001									376	0	0	0
HLTAID002									10	0	0	0
HLTAID003									163	0	0	0
HLTAID004									10	0	0	0
HLTAID007									113	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>									<b>1088</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## Swim and Survive Schools

<i>School</i>	<i>No. students</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>No. students</i>
Alawa Primary	155	Good Shepherd Howard Springs	142
Anula Primary	133	Good Shepherd	128
Henbury School	4	Sattler Christian School	75
Jingili Preschool	45	Palmerston Christian	228
Jingili Primary	231	Sacred Heart Primary	278
Karama Primary	98	Araluen Christian	85
Larrakeyah Primary	429	Steiner School	124
Leanyer Primary	367	Living Waters	213
Ludmilla Primary	65	Our Lady of the Sacred Heart - Alice Springs	383
Ludmilla Preschool	24	Mungkarta School	16
Millner Primary	150	Walungurru School - Kintore	56
Moil Primary	52	Ngukurr CEC	157
Nakara Primary	393	Areyonga	19
Nemarluk School	39	Yuendumu	107
Nightcliff Primary	222	Mount Allan	20
Nightcliff Preschool	75	Urapunga School	8
Parap Primary	202	Lajamanu School	99
Wagaman Primary	87	Kalkaringi School	75
Wanguri Preschool	67	Peppimarti School	28
Wulagi Primary	196	Pularumpi School	47
Bakewell Primary	190	Milikapati School	11
Girraween Primary	218	Tiwi College	5
Gray Primary	194	Tennant Creek Primary School	197
Howard Springs Primary School	121	Woolianna School (Naiyu Nambiyu)	47
Humpty Doo Primary	31	Maningrida	231
Moulden Park Primary	181	Mutitjulu School	30
Moulden Park Preschool	33	Angurugu School	52
Middle Point Primary	16	Umbakumba School	27
Roseberry Primary School	54	Elliott School	44
Woodroffe Primary	54	Gunbalanya School	140
Ross Park - Alice Springs	167	Borrooloola School	144
School of the Air - Corella Creek	8	Milingimbi Shool	13
School of the Air - Alice Springs	69	Yirrkala School	66
Bradshaw Terrace	230	Wadeye - OLSH	192
Sadadeen Primary	97	Ltyentye Apurte Catholic School (Santa Teresa)	81
Gillen Primary	215	Murrupurtiyanuwu Catholic School (Wurrumiyanga)	115



Larapinta Primary	135	Marrara Christian	189
Braitling Primary	90	St Paul's Primary	462
Clyde Fenton	143	The Essington School	471
Casuarina Street School	310		
Holy Family Primary	216		
Holy Spirit Primary	223		

### Swim and Survive – Certificates Issued

Certificate Type	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	12/13 Remot e	13/14	13/14 Remote	14/15	14/15 Remote	15/16	15/16 Remot e	16/17	16/17 Remot e	17/18	17/18 Remot e
<b>Swim and Survive</b>																			
<b>Wonder Awards Total (Infant Aquatics)</b>	78	12	230	123	326	201	128	315	0	24	0	392		343		402	0	159	0
<b>Courage Awards Total</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	109	202	340	453	49	296	122	756	154	614	224	591	212	448	192
<b>Developing Water Discovery -D1</b>	622	794	724	732	685	642	861	917	311	1070	369	980	349	905	258	897	441	1078	219
<b>Water Discovery - L1</b>	1150	1193	1232	1325	1193	1093	1183	1483	405	1537	511	1495	517	1340	436	1263	369	1686	362
<b>Developing Water Awareness - D2</b>	1324	1349	1481	1450	1348	1384	1396	1792	491	1622	519	1842	559	1659	555	1471	414	2019	420
<b>Water Awareness - L2</b>	1045	1170	1174	1064	873	902	1165	1239	456	1164	295	1278	408	1217	385	964	248	1243	339
<b>Developing Water Sense - D3</b>	839	810	838	686	641	725	803	894	192	858	336	835	398	872	300	668	178	728	183
<b>Water Sense - L3</b>	741	657	650	599	542	634	749	603	222	664	306	634	305	536	215	479	263	489	137
<b>Water Wise - L4</b>	567	471	560	465	356	439	465	461	175	387	278	389	140	318	118	267	260	294	122
<b>Junior Swim and Survive - L5</b>	356	315	277	191	294	241	262	240	19	206	54	167	33	142	25	145	29	141	5
<b>Swim and Survive -</b>	233	202	140	132	136	116	128	113	9	96	2	65	17	62	10	80	12	103	2

<b>L6</b>																			
<b>Senior Swim and Survive - L7</b>	122	128	105	49	75	60	69	63	21	60	4	43	1	65	10	54	0	11	0
<b>Swim Star Participation</b>	781	414	551	1382	915	1124	1062	1187	370	1601	438	1914	253	2525	207	2455	124	3237	192
<b>Dry/Wade/Accompanied Rescue</b>	136	314	269	93	108	179	73	22	10	17	37	19	1	11	10	26	12	12	11
<b>Bronze Star</b>	149	168	171	77	76	33	12	10	4	7	2	26	4	4	0	2	0	0	0
<b>Water Smart</b>	0	0	48	102	33	2	29	166	0	23	0	161	0	3	0		0	0	0
<b>Resus Awareness</b>	32	52	29	12	60	6	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Junior Instructor Award</b>	2	4	0	2	2	2	1	0		3	0	3	0	3	0	2	0	0	0
<b>Junior Lifeguard Club</b>	53	29	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Swim and Survive Awards</b>	<b>8152</b>	<b>8070</b>	<b>8249</b>	<b>8361</b>	<b>7448</b>	<b>7784</b>	<b>8598</b>	<b>9958</b>		<b>9632</b>		<b>10996</b>		<b>10619</b>		<b>9736</b>		<b>11648</b>	<b>2090</b>
<b>Swim &amp; Survive Level 4 &amp; Above</b>	1278	1116	1082	837	861	856	924	1101		749		664	191	587	163	546	301	561	140
<b>Remote Swim and Survive Statistics</b>					1152	1878	2101	2745		3273		3139		2753		2562			
<b>Total Swim and Survive Certificates</b>					<b>8600</b>	<b>9863</b>	<b>10827</b>	<b>12703</b>		<b>12905</b>		<b>14135</b>		<b>13372</b>		<b>12298</b>		<b>11648</b>	<b>2090</b>
<b>Total Participants Swim and Survive</b>						<b>9395</b>	9876	11818		12185		14135		13372		12298		13738	
<b>Continuums</b>	7424	5570	0	0	0	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 2018**

**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 2018**

Your committee members present their report on Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc. for the financial year ended 30 June 2018.

**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:

<b>Names</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Appointed/Resigned</b>
Randall Cook	President/National Director	Member for full year
Bradley Mortimer	Vice President	Member for full year
Joe De Luca	Treasurer	Appointed 1/11/17
Penny Hart	Secretary	Appointed 6/9/17
Fritz Risler	Committee member	Member for full year
Rodney Cremona	Committee member	Member for full year
Belinda Lawton	Committee member	Member for full year
Alice Doyle	Committee member	Member for full year
Annette Roberts	Public Officer	Member for full year

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

**Principal activities**

The principal 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 profit/(loss) of the Association for the financial year amounted to \$ 81,145 (2017: \$ 36,840).

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

President: .....

Randall Cook

Treasurer: .....

Joe De Luca

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of AUGUST 2018

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

**Income Statement**

**For the Year Ended 30 June 2018**

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Revenue	<b>1,662,620</b>	1,576,522
Other income	<b>27,067</b>	35,799
Employee benefits expense	<b>(952,767)</b>	(822,295)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	<b>(31,494)</b>	(23,607)
Stock and consumables purchases	<b>(10,052)</b>	(11,311)
Program expenses	<b>(109,868)</b>	(111,859)
Venue and equipment hire	<b>(109,362)</b>	(118,459)
Travel expenses	<b>(119,834)</b>	(136,444)
Motor vehicle expense	<b>(18,646)</b>	(20,933)
Other expenses	<b>(256,519)</b>	(330,573)
<b>Profit/(loss) for the year</b>	<b>81,145</b>	<b>36,840</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

**Statement of Financial Position**

30 June 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	<b>689,641</b>	686,756
Trade and other receivables	3	<b>45,680</b>	86,001
Inventories	4	<b>6,292</b>	9,769
Other assets	5	<b>14,248</b>	8,492
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<b><u>755,861</u></b>	<u>791,018</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	6	<b>95,494</b>	17,040
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<b><u>95,494</u></b>	<u>17,040</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<b><u>851,355</u></b>	<u>808,058</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	7	<b>71,074</b>	125,855
Employee benefits	8	<b>122,337</b>	121,463
Other liabilities	9	<b>53,000</b>	36,941
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<b><u>246,411</u></b>	<u>284,259</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<b><u>246,411</u></b>	<u>284,259</u>
NET ASSETS		<b><u>604,944</u></b>	<u>523,799</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Reserves	10	<b>456,000</b>	406,000
Retained earnings	12	<b>148,944</b>	117,799
TOTAL EQUITY		<b><u>604,944</u></b>	<u>523,799</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2018

### 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 2018

#### 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

##### (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.

The Association has recognised an employee's long service leave liability on the employee's attainment of 8 years of continuous service, unless the employee is of retirement age, has recently deceased or has incurred a permanent disability, in which case the liability will be recognised on the realisation of the relevant event.

##### (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.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2018

### 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### (i) Revenue and other income

##### 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).

#### (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

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Cash on hand	1,025	1,020
Cash at bank	688,616	685,736
	<u>689,641</u>	<u>686,756</u>

### 3 Trade and Other Receivables

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Trade receivables	39,743	52,935
Other receivables	771	26,195
GST receivable	5,166	6,871
	<u>45,680</u>	<u>86,001</u>

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

**Notes to the Financial Statements**

For the Year Ended 30 June 2018

**4 Inventories**

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
At cost:		
Merchandise	6,292	9,769
	<u>6,292</u>	<u>9,769</u>

**5 Other Assets**

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Prepayments	14,248	8,492
	<u>14,248</u>	<u>8,492</u>

**6 Property, Plant and Equipment**

Motor vehicles		
At cost	179,771	89,762
Accumulated depreciation	(90,985)	(75,642)
Total motor vehicles	<u>88,786</u>	<u>14,120</u>
Computer software		
At cost	19,462	12,480
Accumulated depreciation	(12,754)	(9,560)
Total computer software	<u>6,708</u>	<u>2,920</u>
	<u>95,494</u>	<u>17,040</u>

**7 Trade and Other Payables**

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Unsecured liabilities		
Trade payables	11,991	54,499
GST payable	3,089	10,777
Sundry payables and accrued expenses	6,318	4,439
PAYG withholding payable	9,760	8,082
Accrued expenses	32,268	32,012
Credit cards payable	7,648	16,046
	<u>71,074</u>	<u>125,855</u>

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the Year Ended 30 June 2018**

**8 Employee Benefits**

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Current liabilities		
Provision for long service leave	81,808	74,603
Provision for annual leave	40,529	46,860
	<u>122,337</u>	<u>121,463</u>

**9 Other Liabilities**

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Unexpended grants	51,000	35,000
Grants in advance	2,000	-
Amounts received in advance	-	1,941
	<u>53,000</u>	<u>36,941</u>

**10 Reserves**

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
<b>General reserve</b>		
Opening balance	406,000	406,000
Transfers in	50,000	-
	<u>456,000</u>	<u>406,000</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 11.

**11 General reserve dissection**

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Future building acquisition	450,000	400,000
Future expansion of information technology	6,000	6,000
	<u>456,000</u>	<u>406,000</u>

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

### Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 June 2018

#### 12 Retained Earnings

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Retained earnings (accumulated losses) at the beginning of the financial year	117,799	80,959
Net profit for the year	81,145	36,840
Transfers out	(50,000)	-
<b>Retained earnings at end of the financial year</b>	<b>148,944</b>	<b>117,799</b>

#### 13 Contingent Liabilities

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

##### *Water Safety Awareness Program*

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

The Association physically receives the funding for the entire year's program at the commencement of each financial year. At the conclusion of each financial year the Association reconciles the un-presented, unexpired vouchers. At 30 June 2018 the number of un-presented, unexpired vouchers were 18,437 (2017: 14,034, 2016: 13,456). The funded face value these vouchers is \$230,462.50 (2017: \$175,425, 2016: \$168,200).

On review of the total vouchers presented during the year, it was established that 7,035 (2017: 19,595, 2016: 7,470) vouchers were utilised during the current year. Included in this balance were 1,896 (2017: 360, 2016: 2,239) vouchers which were written back as expired, being 27% (2017: 2%, 2016: 30%) of the total number of vouchers utilised.

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

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

**Statement by Members of the Committee**

In our opinion:

1. the accompanying financial report as set out on pages 2 to 9, being a special purpose financial statement, is drawn up so as to present fairly the state of affairs of the Association as at 30 June 2018 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   
Joe De Luca

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of AUGUST 2018





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

***Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements***

*Qualified Opinion*

We have audited the accompanying financial statements, being the special purpose financial statements of Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2018, the income statement for the year ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and committee's report.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the accompanying financial statements of the Association for the year ended 30 June 2018 are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with financial reporting requirements of the Associations Act (2003) of the Northern Territory and the Association's constitution.

*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.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described as in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

*Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting*

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared to assist the Association in fulfilling the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Act (2003) of the Northern Territory and the its constitution. As a result the financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the Association and should not be distributed to or used by parties other than the Association. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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*Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with financial reporting requirements of the Associations Act (2003) of the Northern Territory and the Association's constitution. and for such internal control as the management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

*Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements*

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

Adam Dohnt (FCA)  
Director  
Darwin

15 August 2018

**Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.**  
**For the Year Ended 30 June 2018**

**Detailed Statement of Income and Expenditure**

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
<b>Income</b>		
Sale of goods	5,583	5,623
Fees	658,887	615,249
Interest income	2,749	3,611
Grant income	995,401	952,039
Other income	27,067	35,799
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<b>Total income</b>	<b>1,689,687</b>	<b>1,612,321</b>
<b>Less: Expenses</b>		
Accounting fees	31,251	39,544
Administration and management fees	-	20
Advertising	43,914	45,838
Auditors remuneration	5,340	6,840
Bank charges	1,819	2,267
Cleaning	912	763
Conference/Seminar costs	3,956	3,196
Consulting and professional fees	52,746	91,647
Depreciation	31,494	23,607
Donations	594	2,110
Electricity and water	8,537	9,582
Equipment < \$5,000	5,419	6,703
Insurance	25,227	29,015
IT Expenses	4,400	6,364
Motor vehicle expense	18,646	20,933
Postage	2,176	4,635
Printing and stationery	20,106	24,613
Program expenses	109,868	111,859
Repairs and maintenance	3,928	14,127
Salaries	859,069	741,041
Staff amenities	1,245	1,221
Staff training	18,638	12,197
Stock and consumables purchases	10,052	11,311
Storage costs	2,025	2,187
Subcontracting costs	16,291	13,430
Subscriptions	9,082	6,559
Superannuation contributions	75,061	69,056
Telephone and fax	14,344	16,264
Travel expenses	119,834	136,444
Uniforms	3,206	3,649
Venue and equipment hire	109,362	118,459
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<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,608,542</b>	<b>1,575,481</b>
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<b>Net surplus for the year</b>	<b>81,145</b>	<b>36,840</b>



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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 2018. 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.

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Adam Dohnt (FCA)  
Director

15 August 2018

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Director

15 August 2018