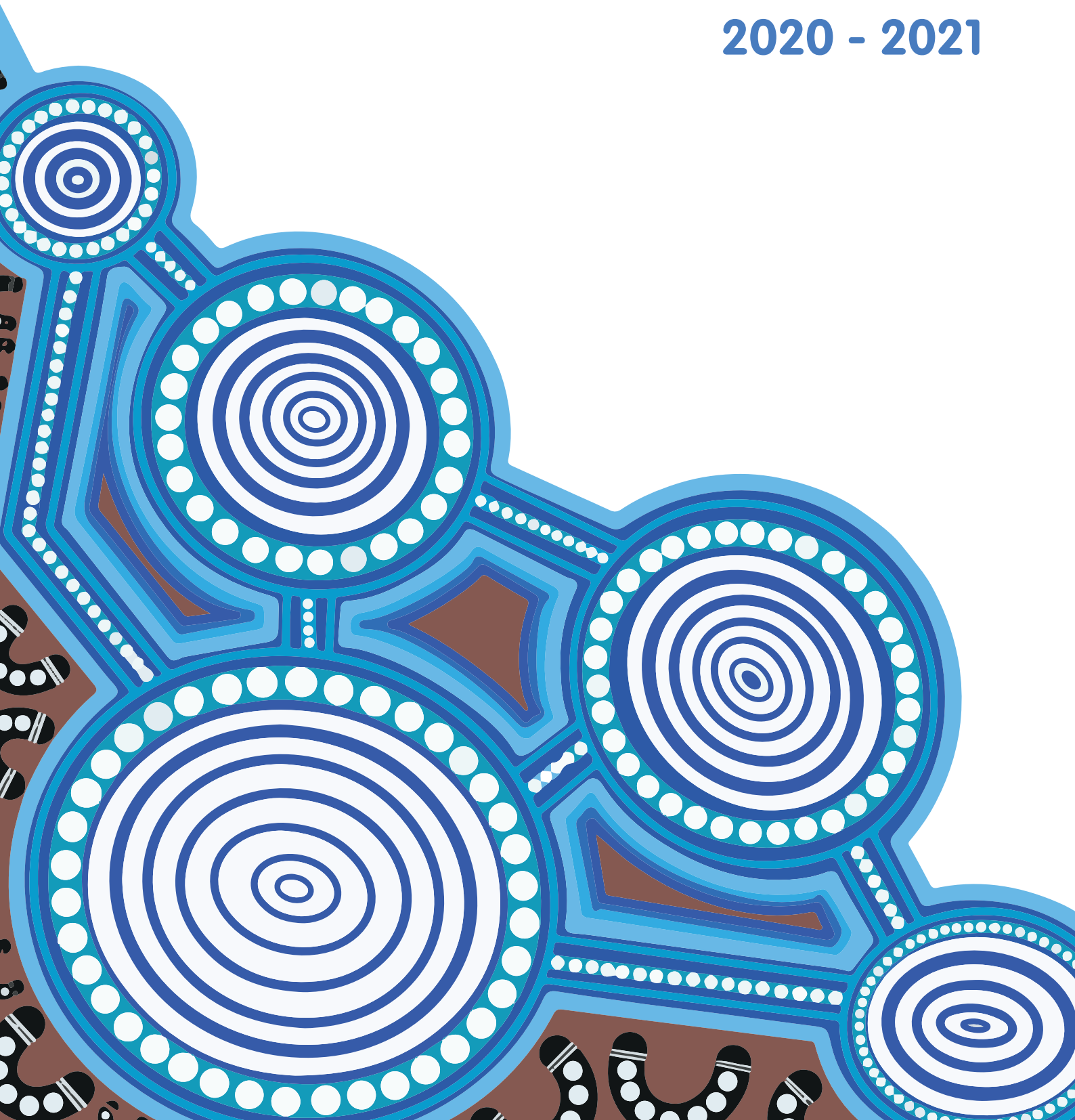




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“Our People, Our Lifestyle, Our Water”

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Message from our Patrons



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

Recreational water activities are a much-loved part of life in our Northern Territory. Ensuring that all Territorians have access to the tools and resources needed to promote water safety is such an important responsibility. Royal Life Saving Society (Australia) Northern Territory Branch continues to take on this responsibility with enduring passion and remarkable success. We are very happy to learn the results of your achievements over the past year.

This year, the Remote Swim, Survive and Strive program was delivered across 20 remote communities. This has enabled children and young people living in some of our most remote locations across the Territory to learn vital water safety and strong and effective swimming techniques. Delivering such programs across the vastness of the Northern Territory is an outstanding achievement and we offer our congratulations and thanks to all facilitators involved.

Sadly, each year Territorians lose loved ones to drowning incidents and Craig and I offer our heartfelt condolences to those families who have been affected by these tragedies. We are reminded of the importance of School Swimming and Water Safety programs and what a vital part they play in ensuring the safety of all Territorians. With over 14,000 children participating in Swim and Survive this year, we can all take comfort in knowing that our young Territorians are confident and well-equipped to safely enjoy our beautiful Territory waterways. In the last twelve months, Royal Life Saving (Australia) Northern Territory Branch has seen more than 2000 children enrolled in the Water Safety Awareness Program. Over 28,000 children have participated in the Program since inception, which has no doubt contributed to the prevention of drowning instances in children under five years of age.

As joint Patrons, we were delighted to host and award the inaugural Administrators Medal Award this year. This Award acknowledges an individual for their exceptional contribution to Lifesaving, Water Safety and Drowning Prevention in the Northern Territory. Congratulations to the nine nominees and the winner of the Award, Petina Franklin.

On behalf of all Territorians, thank you to all staff and members for your outstanding service to our community. We look forward to continuing working with you in support of your organisation over the coming year.

Yours in Lifesaving,
Her Honour the Honourable Vicki O'Halloran AO
Administrator of the Northern Territory and Mr Craig O'Halloran

16 August 2021

Message from the President



Royal Life Saving NT is focused on its purpose of preventing loss of life and injury in the aquatic environment and promoting safe participation in water related pursuits. It continues to strengthen in every facet of its operations and is fortunate to be supported by fantastic people. Throughout the 2020/2021 year an amazing 27,298 certificates, including 14,227 from the Swim and Survive program and 13,071 training certificates, were issued.

The NT has proven its capacity as the peak body for water safety training and education in the Territory and remains committed to its cause of drowning prevention. We have a very focussed strategic plan, "Our People, Our Lifestyle, Our Water 2018-2022", that outlines our purpose over the next four years. 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 also pleased to advise that the NT also continues to forge strong partnerships with industry and works in collaboration with Pool Managers; the Government through the Departments of Tourism, Sport and Culture, Local

Government, Health, Aboriginal Affairs, Territory Families and Education; the Education Sector through Primary, Middle, Senior and Pre-schools; with like training providers such as AUSTSWIM; and with the community through health promotion initiatives and community development programs.

On behalf of Royal Life Saving NT, I sincerely thank the following people for their support in 2020/2021:

- ▶ The Patrons of the Society, Her Honour the Honourable Vicki O'Halloran AO. Administrator of the Northern Territory and & Mr Craig O'Halloran
- ▶ The Honourable Ken Wyatt AM, MP, Minister for Indigenous Affairs
- ▶ Mr Luke Gosling OAM, MP, Federal Member for Solomon
- ▶ The Hon. Kate Worden, Northern Territory Minister for Sport
- ▶ The Hon. Lauren Moss, Northern Territory Minister for Education
- ▶ The Hon. Natasha Fyles, Northern Territory Minister for Health
- ▶ The Board of Directors, Members and Volunteers for their outstanding commitment
- ▶ The NT Branch staff, swimming teachers and trainers who are all committed to the Society's teachings, future directions and to making a difference in our community
- ▶ Royal Life Saving Australia and Branches across Australia for strong working relationships that support our commitment to water safety and safe aquatic sport and recreation.

I look forward to continuing to strengthen partnerships to ensure that the work of Royal Life Saving NT is delivered for the benefit of all Territorians.

Yours in Lifesaving,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Penny Hart'.

Penny Hart, President



Report from the Executive Director



In 2020/21 we celebrated 3653 active members, representing an incredible 50% increase from the previous year. We conducted 94 community events reaching 25,860 people. Royal Life Saving NT provided a community benefit and services to 45,337 people across the Northern Territory, this is equal to reaching 20% of our population.

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

14,227 primary school aged children from 79 schools participated in the Swim and Survive program, with 1109 achieving the national benchmark of level 4. Participation numbers have increased and the number achieving a level 4 has also increased slightly, with 4.5% of enrolled students achieving the National Benchmark. Royal Life Saving NT is pleased to record an increase however we continue to engage families, schools and lobby Government to fund the Swim and Survive Program for Primary School students. The collaboration with the Department of Education has created an exciting option for Swimming and Water Safety for children in upper-primary school. The Water Safety and Life Skills program for students in Years 4, 5 and 6 is 3 full days of curriculum linked

Water Safety, Life Skills, Tennis, Yoga, Team Building and scenarios over a three-week period. This program provides opportunity for schools to minimise costs and disruption to class, while still teaching vital skills.

1,268 children from 27 remote schools participated in the Remote Swim, Survive and Strive project and 86 students achieved the national swimming and water safety benchmark of a level four and above, 4 students from Tennant Creek achieved a Level 6. 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. 341 local community people participated in this training, with 35 indigenous people gaining employment. 43 Indigenous rangers completed training and 61 Indigenous people who are currently employed within their community, received ongoing professional development.

13,071 training certificates were issued with 40% of this training conducted in regional and remote areas. 5,677 statements of attainments were issued under Vocational Education and Training. 475 Training courses were conducted across the Northern Territory for 3,246 participants.

The NT Government funded Water Safety Awareness Program provides a fantastic opportunity for families to access free water safety lessons for their child. This year 2,004 enrolments were received with 15 providers operating across the NT. 28,113 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 15 year evaluation of the program highlights the value of the program to Our Community and how it is making a real difference to drowning prevention.

OUR Sport of Pool Lifesaving maintained participation with over 3,000 children participating in carnivals in Darwin, Katherine, Alice Springs, Tennant Creek and remote communities. The Australian Pool Life Saving Championships were cancelled due to Covid-19 lockdowns. This provided an opportunity for increased services in regional locations, including a coaching workshop in Nhulunbuy and a Community Lifesaving Event. Thank you 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 ongoing challenges and opportunities. I would like to sincerely thank our devoted volunteers including the Executive Management Team led by Penny Hart, our trainers, swim teachers and our members. A Massive THANK YOU to our fantastic staff for their continued dedication and commitment. I would like to thank Royal Life Saving National Office and all the State and Territory Member Organisations for working collaboratively to save lives and make a positive contribution to our community.

Yours in lifesaving
Floss Roberts
Executive Director

2020/21 Highlights

- 45,337 Provided a community benefit and services to 45,337 people across the Northern Territory; this equates to a reach of 20% of our population.
- 14,227 children participated in the Swim and Survive program with 1109 Students achieving the National Water Safety Competency Benchmark of a level 4 or above.
- 342 children participated in our “Little Royals Swim School” Program run in Batchelor, Katherine and Darwin with 154 of these registered in Katherine
- 2,508 people participated within the Indigenous Advancement Strategy - Remote Swim, Survive & Strive. The project ran within 20 remote communities with 27 remote schools accessing the program. This includes 1,268 students in remote locations with 86 achieving the national swimming and water safety benchmark of a level 4 or above.

4 students achieved a Level 6, the highest award achieved this year. 341 people were trained and now qualified with a range of qualifications. This year, 35 indigenous people gained employment through the training and mentoring of the Swim, Survive & Strive Project. Along with 61 indigenous people who are currently employed within their community and received ongoing professional development. Ranger training was completed by 43 indigenous sea rangers.
- 475 Training courses were conducted across the NT for 3,246 participants, with 13,071 certificates issued including 5,677 statements of attainments.
- AUSTSWIM: 10 courses and 4 professional development sessions with 122 participants. We continue to administer 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.
- 10 Schools participated in Pipes and Drains education sessions which reached 1,975 students. In addition to this, 5 community events were attended directly targeting the Pipes & Drains message, reaching an estimated 5,000 people
- A total of 32 schools were visited by the Water Safety Unit to deliver water safety talks to 3,446 students across the NT.
- Water Safety Week ran from September 20-26 and incorporated 14 events to reach over 10,000 people, including Splashfest.
- 28,113 children have enrolled in the Water Safety Awareness Program since 2003, with 75% of children completing all five sessions.
- There was a total of 2004 enrolments for 2020/21 in the Water Safety Awareness Program with 15 Providers – Swim Schools
- Conducted 94 community events, providing a direct community benefit to over 25,860 people
- Maintained 29 Keep Watch Ambassadors and worked with all levels of Government to highlight the importance of water safety and preventing drowning
- 3653 Members, with 401 Voting Members
- Over 3000 children participated in 22 grassroots pool lifesaving carnivals
- Beriversafe and Respect the River campaign conducted 16 community events across the Northern Territory
- Maintained 11 Permanent staff, including 1 full-time position based in Alice Springs; 29 registered Trainers and 30 casual Swim Teachers.
- Sadly 5 people drowned in 2020/21 year in the Northern Territory

Our Organisation

Our Purpose

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

Our Vision

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

Our Values

- Respect
- Quality
- Leadership
- Innovation

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 2022

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.



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 8 people meets a minimum of eight times annually and is elected by the membership at the annual general meeting. This meeting is open to all members of the organisation and is held on the first Friday in September at 6pm, advertised in the NT News, our Kicking Back newsletter and emailed to all members. The Board is aware of their role and the prescribed governance standards for not-for-profit organisations and is focussed on the Strategic Plan: Our People, Our Lifestyle, and Our Water 2018-2022.



Penny Hart
BA, Grad Dip in Teaching, Cert IV Governance & Risk
President
 Background in swimming, teaching, governance and administration. Previous NT pool lifesaving as a sport team member. Member of the from Board 2013-2015, 2017-present



Randall Cook B.Ed., Grad Dip in Educational Mgmt. Committee Member and Staff
 Liaison and Mediator of grievances or disputes, as per section 58 of the constitution 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



James Sheridan
B.Bus, MTechMgt(RiskMgt). ANZIIF(AFF) CIP
Vice President
 Risk management, strategic planning & governance Background
 Member of the Board since September 2018



Joe De Luca
Bachelor of Business (Acc), Grad Dip Management, FCPA, JP.
Treasurer
 Extensive experience in audit, accounting, quality assurance and treasury management. Treasurer or Executive Board member on several non-profit organisations and/or charities with the NT as well as National Peak Bodies. Member of the Board since November 2017



Alice Doyle
BHealthSc, Grad Dip Teach, C IV Youth, C IV TAA and TAE Dip Auditing
Committee Member
 Executive Board member of many sporting organisations, including responsibilities as Secretary, Treasurer / Returning Officer.
 Member of the Board since March 2010



Rodney Cremona
B.Ed, AUSTSWIM TSW
Secretary
 Ten years involvement in Royal Life Saving NT as a Trainer and Teacher
 Member of the Board since September 2015



Belinda Lawton
BA (Hons); Master of Arts. Currently PhD candidate.
Committee Member
National Councillor Representative
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 June 2017 – March 20



Annette Roberts
Dip MMT, Dip HR, WHS, Dip TAE, GAICD
Public Officer
Extensive experience in Aquatic Industry. Sport and management background. Member of the Board since July 2006



Sarah Dowd
LLB BA
Committee Member
15 years as a member, volunteer, competitor at various Pool Life Saving Championships, swimming teacher and coach. Member of the Board since February 2020

Record of Management Committee Meetings and Attendance

✓ = Attended A = Apology X = Did not attend N/A = not on Board at time S/L = Sick Leave

Meetings as per constitution 2020/21

#	Date	Penny	Joe	Rod	Alice	Randall	Floss	Belinda	James	Sarah
1	27/7/2020	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	A	✓	A
2	14/8/2020	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	31/8/2020	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
AGM	4/9/2020	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4	21/9/2020	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	A
5	12/10/2020	✓	✓	✓	A	A	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	30/11/2020	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	A
7	8/2/2021	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8	29/3/2021	✓	A	✓	A	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓
9	24/5/2021	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓
10	27/5/2021	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	N/A	✓	A

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, 30 casual swimming teachers and 29 registered trainers as valuable members of our workforce team. As we work closely with families, all staff must undergo a police check and have a Working with Children Clearance (Ochre Card) as per Northern Territory legislation. We also verify they hold current, relevant qualifications.

11

full-time staff

30

casual swimming teachers

29

registered trainers

Our Staff

Floss Roberts

Executive Director

Strategic Planning, Governance, Local, State and Federal

Government Representative, Community Engagement, Media, Marketing, RTO Compliance, WHS Compliance

Stephen Gazzola

Operations Manager

Manager Education, Programs & IAS, Second in Charge, Coordination of Indigenous Advancement Strategy: Swim Survive and Strive in Remote Areas. Manager Education & Programs, Swim and Survive in Schools, Community Programs, People with Disabilities, Adults, Swim and Survive Partner Program

Laura Withers

Water Safety Unit Manager

Manage Water Safety Unit and Water Safety Awareness Program. Keep Watch, Infant Aquatics, Community Events, PBI, Sport Development

Rebecca Gawne

Training Manager

RTO Management, Training, AUSTSWIM

Monika Stenberg

Administration & HR Manager

Administration, Human Resource Management, Finance, Merchandise, resigned 26.3.2021

Jill Dowd

Strategic Coordinator

Administration, Human Resource Management, Finance, Merchandise, Membership, Strategic support

Jaz Cross

Programs Coordinator

Swim and Survive, School Programs, Sunday Lifesaving, Sport, resigned 30.4.2021

Tahlia Waters

Programs Officer

Swim and Survive, School Programs, Sunday Lifesaving, Sport

Tyla Frost

Administration Officer

Swim and Survive, Administration support, resigned 9.4.2021

Kate Conway

Training Officer and Aquatic Services

Training Coordination, Social Media

Gabrielle Sutton

Community Development Officer

Swim and Survive, Training, Sport Development

Tiarne Vella-Hunt

WSAP & Programs Officer

Deliver Water Safety Awareness Program, assist Programs and Training, Social Media & Community Events

Naomi Briggs

Community Development Officer Central Australia

Training, Programs, Sport and WSAP in Central Australia. Sport Development Officer

Cieran New

Community Development Officer

Inland Waterways Project, Remote Swim & Survive Officer

Membership

Royal Life Saving NT Membership Summary 2020/2021

A total of 3635 members contributed to the activities of the Society during 2020/21 period.

Thank you to our Joint Patrons of the Society, Her Honour the Honourable Vicki O'Halloran and Mr Craig O'Halloran for their support and advocacy.

Royal Life Saving NT Membership Summary 2020/2021

Voting Members

Membership Type	Number
Life	7
Individual	365
Trainer	29
Total	401

Non-voting Members

Membership Type	Number
Patron	2
Award	3136
Pool Life Saving – Alice Springs	22
Pool Life Saving – Darwin	52
Friends of Lifesaving	0
Seniors	7
Total	3219

Partner Members

Membership Type	Number
Corporate	7
Schools	4
Swim & Survive Partners	22
Total	33



Royal Life Saving NT Life Members

Kath Midgley
Fritz Risler
Randall Cook
Alister Lear
Jenny Verrall
Daphne Read
Kathy Curby (Dec)
Petina Franklin

3,653

Total Members

Honours and Awards

A reception was held at Government House on May 19 to acknowledge the Royal Life Saving Australia Award and Commonwealth Honour recipients for 2020/2021.

Royal Life Saving Australia Awards	
Anita Newman	Associate – 5 Years Service
Betty Sullivan	Associate – 5 Years Service
Amber Morgan	Associate – 5 Years Service
Marianne Yuen	Fellow -10 Year Service
Rod Cremona	Fellow -10 Year Service
Stephen Gazzola	Long Service Order – 10 years
Alister Lear	Meritorious Service Medal – 20 years

Commonwealth Honours	
Pam Dillon	Service Commendation – 2 years service
James Sheridan	Service Medal – 4 years service
Lachlan Nicolson	Service Medal– 4 years service
Diane Baker	Service Medal– 4 years service
Anita Newman	Service Medal– 4 years service
Rebecca Johnson	Service Medal– 4 years service
Charmain Scoggins	Bar to service Medal – 8 years service
Woorawa Turner	Bar to service Medal – 8 years service
Amber Morgan	Bar to service Medal – 8 years service
Petina Franklin	Service Cross – 12 years service
Penny Hart	Service Cross – 12 years service

Northern Territory Administrator's Medal Award

The Northern Territory Administrator's Medal Award was introduced this year. This Award acknowledges an individual for their exceptional contribution to Lifesaving, Water Safety and Drowning Prevention in the Northern Territory. Nine nominations were received from across the Northern Territory and the nominees were

Lee Chapman
Petina Franklin
Rosie Martinez
Cieran New
Louise Salathiel
Charmaine Scoggins
Tahlia Waters
Steve Whiteside
Marianne Yuen

The winner of the inaugural Northern Territory Administrator's Medal Award was Petina Franklin.

Here is an excerpt of Petina's citation....

"Petina has been an active advocate of drowning prevention for the past 20 years. Based in Alice Springs, Petina has been a Board Member of Royal Life Saving NT for 8 years, ensuring that Central Australia and people in remote locations had a voice and could access services. Petina was instrumental in setting up the first Pool Life Saving Club in Alice Springs and has volunteered at numerous community events in Alice Springs. Her volunteer commitment has been in excess of 100 hours every year."



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 94 community events at schools, shopping centres, parenting groups, remote communities and major Northern Territory events including Water Safety Week, Children's Week and the Defence Expo.

In addition to these events, two new events were attended, National Families Week and the YMCA's Youth Week Pool Party. These events were enjoyed greatly by the volunteers who attended them and gave great exposure to the activities of the organisation. Over 25,860 members of the community directly interacted with Royal Life Saving Northern Territory at these events. This is a substantial decrease in Territorian's engagement with water safety messages compared to last year and is directly related to the global pandemic, which saw the cancellation of the NT Show Circuit, Lifestyle expos and the Darwin Festival events.

RLSSANT implemented a revised community engagement plan which saw an increase in the delivery of RLSSANT hosted community activities. The revised circuit started off in Alice Springs with an Active Family Fun Day at Ellery Creek Big Hole. The circuit continued to Tennant Creek for the River Safety Picnic at Lake Mary Ann which has been named the 'Tennant Creek Regatta' by local people. Katherine played host to two community events at Edith Falls and the Katherine Hot Springs. The last community pop up event was in Darwin at the Waterfront Lagoon. All events introduced a new signature activity of Stand-Up Paddle boards, which was very popular with all participants. In total, 20 community events were coordinated and hosted by RLSSANT in the revised community engagement plan. This demonstrates the commitment and dedication of the staff members and volunteers of Royal Life Saving Northern Territory to drowning prevention in our community.

These innovative events allowed RLSSANT to directly connect with the community. Thank you to all the volunteers who were involved with the revised circuit and helped to make each event a great success.



Our Volunteers

Pool Lifesaving benefitted from volunteer assistance throughout the year with Alister Lear continuing to support Darwin Pool Lifesaving.

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 2020/21 Volunteer of the Year is awarded to Claire Morton. Claire has volunteered her time to assist on many RLSSANT community events including various fundraising opportunities for Pool Life Saving.



Volunteer of the Year Award for outstanding commitment to the community

2010/2011 - Jill Dowd

2011/2012 - Alister Lear

2012/2013 - Karon Lamb

2013 / 2014 - Trevor Cawthorne

2014/2015 - Bradley Mortimer

2015/2016 - Petina Franklin

2016/2017 - Elizabeth Durnin

2017/2018 - Fritz Risler

2018/2019 - Belinda Lawton

2019/2020 - Steve Whiteside

2020/2021 - Claire Morton

Trevor Cawthorne Memorial Award

2016/2017 - Kate Dowd

2017/2018 - Chloe Sein

2018/2019 - Steve Whiteside

2019/2020 - Cieran New

2020/2021 - Emily May



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 Emily May in recognition of the continuous can-do approach in the promotion and teaching of water safety in the Northern Territory.

Training and Aquatic Services

Registered Training Organisation – RTO Provider Number 0859

Royal Life Saving Society Northern Territory Branch is the leading authority and provider of vocationally aligned education and training programs to service the aquatic industry. As a Registered Training Organisation, the society prides itself on high quality, sector specific training and assessment systems via traditional and flexible learning options.

Every year we train pool lifeguards, pool managers, teachers, swim teachers and first aiders in workplaces and members of the community across the Northern Territory. Training is the cornerstone of our vision for a safer community.

During 2020-2021, 475 courses were conducted with

3246 Participants, 13071 certificates issued including 5677 Statements of Attainment.

In the past year we have continued our development 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.

The National Training and Workforce 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.

128

Participants trained in
Pool Lifeguard

476

Participants trained in
Bronze Medallion

810

Participants trained in
First Aid

759

Participants trained in
Resuscitation

Aquatic Services courses and participants

Course Name	Number of Courses	Number of Participants
Advanced First Aid	1	28
Child Care first Aid	22	135
First Aid	43	373
Resuscitation Awareness	0	0
First Aid Online	57	274
Resuscitation	132	759
What's SUP on the Water Program	3	38
Accompanied Rescue	0	0
Bronze Star	6	93
Award of Merit	1	4
Bronze Cross	0	0
Bronze Medallion	58	476
Bronze Medallion Reaccreditation	44	270
Pool Lifeguard	20	128
Pool Lifeguard Update	25	149
Pool Lifeguard Professional Development	3	39
Aquatic Technical Operators	0	0
Workshop	1	31
Sea Rangers Bronze Rescue Award	0	0
Hydrotherapy Rescue Award	4	25
Swimming Teacher Rescue Award	41	302
AUSTSWIM	14	122
Total	475	3246

During 2020-2021, 475 courses were conducted with 3246 Participants, 13071 certificates issued including 5677 Statements of Attainment, refer **appendix 1: Training Certificates issues**

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 the annual trainers' workshop to re-accredit their qualifications and validate assessment tools and procedures. The 16th annual workshop was held on September 4 with 90% of trainers in attendance.

Since 2009, Royal Life Saving NT has recognised one trainer each year for their outstanding commitment to training. The trainer of the year for 2020/2021 is Kate Conway. Kate is a full-time trainer with RLSSANT. In the past 12 months Kate has delivered and assessed 189 training courses with 1033 participants across the whole of the Northern Territory. Kate brings a considered and thoughtful approach to her training and equally a willingness to strive for high quality training outcomes for her participants. Her honest, friendly, and considerate nature are qualities that make her participants feel at ease in the learning environment.



Trainer of the Year Award for highest standard of excellence in training

2009 / 2010 - Alice McDonald

2010 / 2011 - Rebecca Gawne

2011 / 2012 - Mark FitzSimons

2012 / 2013 - Petina Franklin

2013 / 2014 - Rodney Cremona

2014 / 2015 - Tom Cannavan

2015 / 2016 - Joan Burns

2016 / 2017 - Wayne Van Sambeek

2017 / 2018 - Stephen Gazzola

2018 / 2019 - Rebecca Brown

2019 / 2020 - Pamela Dillon

2020 / 2021 - Kate Conway

Aquatic Facility Safety Assessments

Risk management is an essential tool for the successful and continued operation of an aquatic or leisure 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.

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. During 2020/2021, 11 aquatic facilities across the Northern Territory undertook an Aquatic Facility Safety Assessment.

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 is a sub agency of AUSTSWIM and works 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 2020/2021, RLSSANT conducted a total of 10 courses and 4 Professional Development session with 122 participants across the Northern Territory.

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

2020/2021 Highlights

- 66 participants in the AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety Course
- 11 participants in the AUSTSWIM Teacher of Infants and Pre-schooler Aquatics
- 45 participants attending AUSTSWIM Professional Development workshops

AUSTSWIM 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 September 3, 2020 and November 27, 2020.

AUSTSWIM Advisory Committee Members	
AUSTSWIM SAC Member	Position
Petina Franklin	Chairperson, Central Australia Representative
Annette (Floss) Roberts	Secretary RLSSANT Rep/National Councillor
Rebecca Johnson	Department of Education/ ACHPER
Samantha Farrow	SLS NT
Daniel Gerlach	Swim Dynamics Swim School/ Swim School member Access and Inclusion
Rebecca Gawne	RLSSANT Rep Delivery agreement/ Secretary/ Training
Thomas Noblett	Swimming Northern Territory
Naomi Briggs	Alice Springs Aquatic Leisure Centre Representative
Abbi Gianoncelli	YMCA of the Northern Territory

AUSTSWIM NT Course Statistics		
Course Name	No of Courses	No of Participants
Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety	7	66
Teacher of Infants and Pre-school Aquatics	3	11
Teacher of Access and Inclusion	0	0
Teacher of Adults	0	0
Teacher of Towards Competitive Strokes	0	0
AUSTSWIM PD Workshop	4	45
AUSTSWIM WETS Aqua Instructors	0	0
Total delivered by AUSTSWIM NT	14	122

AUSTSWIM Awards

Each year the AUSTSWIM Awards acknowledge individuals, swim schools and organisations for their contribution to aquatic education and water safety through leadership, innovation, and community spirit.

The Awards operate at two levels - state/territory and national. State and territory selection committees select finalists for each award category, with one of these finalists becoming the state/territory award recipient. State/territory award recipients then become nominees for the National AUSTSWIM Aquatic Industry Awards. Congratulations to all nominees, finalist and recipients.

2020 NT Award recipients

AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety –
Cieran New

AUSTSWIM Teacher of Infants and Preschool Aquatics –
Tiarne Vella-Hunt

AUSTSWIM Teacher of Access and Inclusion –
Steve Whiteside

AUSTSWIM Presenter of the Year –
Annette (Floss) Roberts

AUSTSWIM Most outstanding Contribution Award –
Petina Franklin

AUSTSWIM Recognised swimming and water safety school of the year –
Mirri Swim School



Alice Springs and Central Australia

RLSSANT actively sought to reduce drowning through engaging the community in education, programs, sport and training throughout 2020/21.

- **Training:** 54 courses were held with a total of 211 participants within Central Australia and included Bronze Medallion and updates, Pool Lifeguard and updates, First Aid, CPR, and Swimming Teacher Rescue Awards. The KPI of 200 participants was achieved, with 211 participants.
- **WSU:** There were 239 enrolments for the Water Safety Awareness Program in the region which was 11.92% of enrolments in the program. Our Emergency Care sessions were conducted at the Birth and Beyond Parent Centre in Alice Springs.
- **Education:** 10 Water Safety Education talks were conducted within the region reaching 836 students. Sessions were delivered at childcare centres, preschools and primary schools.
- **IAS:** Swim, Survive and Strive programmes were delivered in 5 communities Mt Leibig, Santa Teresa, Mutitjulu, Areyonga and Yuendumu. At each location, the week's lessons culminated in a Pool Lifesaving carnival being held.
- **Sport:** There are 22 active Pool Lifesaving members in Central Australia, with 12 new members and 10 returning. This is an increase on last year. Pool Lifesaving members in Central Australia have benefitted from the stability of securing casual coaching staff.
- **Community Events:** Royal Life Saving NT was involved in 18 community events within Central Australia reaching 1,159 people. The engagement numbers were decreased significantly due to the cancellation of major events in Central Australia in 2020. Innovative events have helped RLSSANT maintain a presence in the Red Centre

Alice Springs WSAP Enrolments	
2015/2016	182
2016/2017	303
2017/2018	301
2018/2019	306
2019/2020	235
2020/2021	239

Alice Springs Training Statistics		
	Courses	Participants
2015/2016	69	364
2016/2017	50	243
2017/2018	65	324
2018/2019	91	453
2019/2020	44	157
2020/2021	54	211

Participation in Pool Lifesaving	
	Participants
2015/2016	52
2016/2017	15
2017/2018	39
2018/2019	16
2019/2020	10
2020/2021	22

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 Territory children. It aims to prevent drowning and increase participation in safe aquatic activities. Swim and Survive teaches essential components of personal survival, basic water rescue and water safety, in addition to a process of developing strong and effective swimming techniques. The program enables children from 6 months to 14 years to progress through three, age specific award levels: Wonder, Courage and Active.

This year 14,277 children from urban, regional and remote Northern Territory participated in the Swim and Survive Program, an 15.9% increase from the previous year, refer **Appendix 2: Swim & Survive Certificates Issued** The community has the opportunity to access the program through our School Swim and Survive Program, Swim and Survive Partners, the Swim, Survive & Strive Program in remote communities and our Sunday Lifesaving and Vacswim programs. We continue to work with stakeholders to increase the number of students to meet the National Benchmark of Swim and Survive. This year 1109 children reached an Active Award Level 4 or above, representing 7.8% of all participants, a 2% increase from the previous year.

School communities, the Northern Territory Department of Education and our Swim and Survive Partners continue to play a fundamental role in the continued success of the Swim and Survive Program. 78 Government and Non-Government schools acknowledged the important life skills that the Swim and Survive program provides by including the program as part of their school curriculum, refer **Appendix 3: Swim & Survive Schools**. Below is a table outlining participation by location:

Number of Children participating in the Swim and Survive Program				
Area	No. of Children 2017/18	No. of Children 2018/19	No. of Children 2019/20	No. of Children 2020/21
DARWIN	5260	6730	4122	6697
PALMERSTON	1943	1592	3346	2469
ALICE SPRINGS	3990	2296	1882	2744
KATHERINE	455	101	249	550
REMOTE	2090	2514	2673	1767
TOTAL	13,738	13,233	12,272	14,227

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 7259 Government school students from 62 schools received certificates including 1433 Remote students.

This year also saw 337 students achieving a Swim and Survive Active Level 4 or above. This represents 5.2% of attending Government school students.



Swim and Survive Partner



Royal Life Saving NT is supported by 21 Swim and Survive Partners and Schools that are recognised as a preferred deliverer of the Swim and Survive Program. Some long-standing partners include Marianne's Swimming School, Goldfishbowl Swim School, Swim Dynamics and Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre. Government and independent schools in Darwin, Alice Springs and Katherine also deliver the program to their students as a part of their school curriculum.

Royal Life Saving NT would like to thank the new partners who have come on board to be a part of delivering a quality swimming and water safety program to Territory students. New partners include Triple S Swim School, Splash Academy Alyangula, Batchelor Swim School and YMCA (Katherine region).

A highlight of the year was establishing two remote swim schools in Borroloola and Maningrida, run by indigenous people for indigenous people. These swim schools will deliver a program at their local facility each semester so students, who need it the most, are getting ongoing and consistent swimming and water safety lessons.

This year saw 2783 children participate in the Swim and Survive program through the 21 Swim and Survive Schools and Partners. This represents 20% of all participants. We continue to work with our Swim and Survive Partners to assist them in providing the best quality program to their students and aim to increase the benefits to our partners into the future.

Swim and Survive Partners
Goldfishbowl Swim School
Swim Dynamics Swim School
NT Swim School
Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre
YMCA (Katherine Region)
Henbury School Outreach Program
Carly Swim Coach
Marianne's Swimming School
Jabiru Swim School
Yulara Recreation Centre
Top End Multisports
Splash Academy Alyangula
Mirri Swim School
Maningrida Swim School
Batchelor Swim School
Triple S Swim School
Swim and Survive Partner – Schools
Henbury School
Katherine School of the Air
Yulara School
Mataranka School
Batchelor Area School
Tennant Creek School

Sunday Life & VACSWIM Programs

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

Our Sunday Life Saving Program allows children from 5 years – 15 years to participate in the Active Awards of the Swim and Survive program, along with the Rescue and Bronze Awards, as their skills develop. This year 156 children participated in this program.

The VACSWIM intensive Swim and Survive program is held each year in the October and January school holidays. The VACSWIM program includes daily swimming and water safety lessons, basic First Aid training, Resuscitation Awareness training, amazing race challenges and a Pool Lifesaving Sport Carnival to allow the students to show off their newly acquired skills. A total of 65 students participated in the VACSWIM intensive Swim and Survive Program



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 Jane Davies who has been recognised for her commitment to water safety and being an outstanding AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety. Jane has a wide range of experience in teaching swimming and water safety. Jane specialises in teaching new Australians, both children and adults through a range of our programs. Jane connects with the participants immediately and on a deep level. Jane is a veteran at mentoring new and experienced swim teachers, challenging them to think and teach in alternative ways. Congratulations and thank you Jane.



Swim & Survive Teacher of the year		
2016 / 2017	Brogen Barrington	
2017 / 2018	Steph East	
2018 / 2019	Laura Withers	
2019 / 2020	Gabby Sutton	
2020 / 2021	Jane Davies	



Swim My Way Fund

Developed by UNCLE TOBYS in partnership with the Royal Life Saving Society - Australia, SWIM MY WAY, is supporting a variety of swimming programs for Australians of all ages. It's designed to promote access and inclusion to get more Aussies active, having fun and growing their confidence in the water. A massive thank you to UNCLE TOBYS and the Swim My Way fund for supporting the delivery of the following 3 programs: Watiyawanu School - Swim, Survive & Snorkel, Territorian Multicultural Families Learn to Swim Program and Darwin's Adult Multicultural Learn to Swim Program.

The Watiyawanu School - Swim, Survive & Snorkel program targeted indigenous students from the remote community of Watiyawanu. Also identified as Mt Liebig, the community is situated 300km from Alice Springs, students are unable to access safe swimming areas around their community. The Watiyawanu School hopes for a group of students to attend a camp to the Great Barrier reef once restrictions on interstate travel have eased. The program will help to build their skills and knowledge in anticipation of this camp. To facilitate this Royal Life Saving NT, in conjunction with Alice Springs Aquatic Leisure Centre, held two water safety excursions for 27 indigenous students. Held in November and March, the students from years 4 to 6 made the three hour journey into Alice Springs to learn everything water safety. These intensive three day excursions included eight sessions of the Swim & Survive Program, a Pool Lifesaving Carnival, snorkelling skills and the delivery of CPR awareness to all students. Working with our Swim & Survive Partner in Alice Springs, ASALC, the funding provided a safe, fun and well-structured water safety program to children who are not normally exposed to safe aquatic environments.

The Territorian Multicultural Families Learn to Swim Program was conducted at Parap and Palmerston pools. This allowed for participants from lower socioeconomic families across Darwin & Palmerston to gain access to the program. The twelve lesson Swim & Survive program throughout October and November had participants of varying age groups and multicultural backgrounds. 41 parents, children and extended family members received an opportunity to participate in their first swimming and water safety program. Swimming skills, supervision of children in and around water, restricting access, water familiarisation and basic resuscitation information were all key components of the program. A big thank you to the Multicultural Council of NT, Catholic Care NT, Palmerston Child and Family Centre & Playgroup NT for their support to make this program happen.

The Darwin Adult Multicultural Learn to Swim program was held in Darwin over the months of June and July 2021. Teaming up with Charles Darwin University and the Melaleuca Refugee Centre, 37 adults from multicultural backgrounds, mostly from the Indian and Nepalese communities participated in the learn to swim program. Throughout the six week program these adults learnt essential components of personal survival and water safety, finishing the program with CPR awareness. Several swimmers excelled through the program, starting at Level 1 and finishing at Level 3 in the Swim & Survive Program. Extended family members also benefited from these programs as they observed from pool side and gained knowledge of water safety knowledge without entering the water.



Pool Lifesaving Sport

The Australian Pool Lifesaving Championships 2021 (APLSC 2021) were to be held at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra in January 2021 however a decision was taken to postpone the Championships for 2021.

A revised sports plan was implemented after the Northern Territory's lockdown was lifted in June 2020.

Semester 2 training commenced in August 2020 and RLSSANT conducted 22 grassroots carnivals in the NT during the year. Alyangula, Alice Springs, Areyonga, Batchelor, Daly River, Darwin, Gunbalunya, Jabiru, Ngukurr, Nhulunbuy, Tennant Creek, Wattie Creek, and Yuendumu, all hosted pool lifesaving carnivals with over 900 community members participating.

Participation

Athlete participation numbers in both the Darwin and Alice Springs clubs increased throughout 2020/2021. Alice Springs reached a 5 year high in athlete attendance. Dry season training in Alice Springs proved successful throughout May and June 2021. The Junior Development program is important to ensure the future of pool lifesaving as a sport in the NT.

Volunteers

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

Darwin

Head/National Coach: Alister Lear

Assistant Coach/NT Sport Development Officer: Laura Withers

Development Coaches: Jaz Cross and Tyla Frost.

Guest Coach: Kate Conway

Alice Springs

Coaches: Dianne Crisp and Naomi Briggs

Development Coaches: Dominic Williams, Kaitlyn Peters, and Amy Stockwell.

Guest Coach: Tim Schofield

A special thank you to the Australian Pool Lifesaving Champions – Kate Conway and Tim Schofield who volunteered their time to guest coach our future pool lifesaving athletes.

Future

The Sport Development team will continue to progress the junior pool lifesaving squads in both Darwin and Alice Springs, along with the fostering of a new development club in partnership with the Nhulunbuy Amateur Swimming Club. This will be done through the link between the Swim & Survive program and an increased promotion of the sport. The junior development program is important to maintain to ensure the future of pool lifesaving as a sport.

NORTHERN TERRITORY POOL LIFE SAVING TEAM 2022

In 2022 the goal is to name an NT Team which will travel within the Northern Territory focussing on team development and training camps.

Thank you to the parents and athletes involved in fundraising events for the NT Team events in 2022 and many thanks to Naomi Briggs for coordinating barbeques in Alice Springs.

A big thank you goes to the Northern Territory team sponsor, Power and Water. Their generous sponsorship has provided an essential equipment upgrade for the athletes. The new training equipment will help in preparing the Northern Territory team for the upcoming training camps. Thank you for your support and generosity.

We are continually looking for new ways to fundraise &/or gain sponsorship, if you are interested in becoming a sponsor for our 2022 NT Pool Lifesaving Team please contact the Sports Development Officer in the Darwin Office.

Thank you to local NT business for their support in helping us fundraise during the past 12 months.



Pool Lifesaving in Sport and Recreation

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

Active Family Fun days were held in Darwin and Alice Springs with 288 participants. Pool Life Saving carnivals were conducted in Darwin, Jabiru, Nhulunbuy, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs with 449 participants. Regional development programs were conducted in Kalkarindji, Areyonga, Yuendumu, Ngukurr, Daly River, Gunbalanya, Alyangula and Batchelor with 492 participants. The athlete development pathways assists opportunities from grass roots to National competitions and is valued by all Members.

Pool Lifesaving Regional and Remote

Pool Lifesaving carnivals were conducted in conjunction with our Swim, Strive & Survive swimming programs. The carnivals were conducted for Watiyawanu School, Milingimbi School, Groote Island - Alyangula Area School, Alyangula - Angurugu School, Daly River (Woolianna School), Yuendumu School, Ngukurr, Areyonga School, Kintore, Mt Liebig & Yirrara Schools, Gunbalanya School, Santa Teresa School, Tennant Creek - Canteen Creek, Rocky Downs Station, Nhulunbuy - Yirrkala School.

Nhulunbuy Pool Lifesaving Carnival April 2021

A community pool lifesaving carnival was conducted in Gove with the assistance from the Nhulunbuy Amateur Swimming Club coaches.

Over 50 community members participated in the Pool Lifesaving Carnival. The children of the community really enjoyed the competitive nature of the Pool Lifesaving Carnival and some natural talent was exposed as a result of the carnival.



Community Programs

Little Royals Swim School

Darwin 2020/2021

Love of the water in a safe environment for the youngest members of our Community is at the centre of the Little Royals Swim School. Three six-week programs were held in 2020/21. The programs were conducted at Nightcliff Pool and Parap Pool.

Additionally, a trial program was conducted with the Family's as First Teachers Ludmilla group, at the Ludmilla Language Centre's Pool.

The programs were very popular with mums, dads, grandparents, carers and of course the infants themselves.

172 children participated in the four programs; this is an 59% increase on the previous year.

A special acknowledgement must be paid to the wonderful AUSTSWIM Infant qualified swim teachers who make these Programs such an enjoyable experience for all involved. This year our swim teachers were Floss Roberts, Tiarne Vella-Hunt, Jess Patterson, Samantha Cooper, Samuel Bricknell and Gabby Sutton.



Katherine 2020/2021

Little Royals Swim School Katherine held two six-week programs during 2020-2021. These programs were extremely popular with the families of Katherine. The programs were conducted at the Katherine Town pool.

154 children participated in the two programs. The children's ages ranged from 6 months to 10 years.

A special acknowledgement must be made to our amazing AUSTSWIM Infant qualified swim teacher, Brogen Barrington, who made the program such an enjoyable experience for all children and families involved.



Batchelor 2020/2021

Little Royals Swim School Batchelor ran a 4-week swimming program in Term 1 2021.

The program was held at the Batchelor town pool, every Sunday throughout March.

The program was welcomed by the community.

16 children participated in the March 2021 program. The program saw new families join the Sunday lessons, along with many returning students travelling from Adelaide River.

A special acknowledgement must be given to the Coomalie Council for their support and promotion of the program. Thank you to Paula Baldwin and Linda Roberts, our AUSTSWIM swim teachers who delivered the fun program.



Programs for Access & 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. Historically the program is conducted over two six week blocks, although this year, due to funding challenges only one program was held in 2020. 81 students participated in learning vital swimming and lifesaving skills. The program was a great success and ended on a high, with a modified swimming carnival which included students from other schools. The students were able to interact, participate and support others who wouldn't normally have the opportunity to participate in a swimming program.

Adults

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

A total of 134 adults participated during the four programs held in October to December and February to March. Thanks to the staff at Casuarina, Parap and Palmerston Swimming Pool for your continued support of these valued programs.

Cool Seniors & Grey Medallion

Senior Territorians have access to a variety of different activities during Senior's Month held in August each year. Royal Life Saving NT aims to engage Senior Territorians by introducing them to the Grey Medallion program. This program increases water awareness, fitness and wellbeing. 4 Seniors completed their Grey Medallion qualification in 2020/21.



The Cool Seniors program allows Senior Territorians to access swimming, aquatic exercise and connection. The program aims to increase fitness and water confidence amongst the most senior members of our community. The program continues to be popular with 69 participants over the 5 weeks of the program in 2021/21.

Feedback from the program included:

"IT WAS VERY WORTHWHILE FOR ME"

"IT'S A VERY FULFILLING WORKOUT"

"FUN & GOOD TIME WAS HAD"

Darwin Youth Funding

RLSSANT received funding from the Office of Youth Affairs which enabled an exciting, new school holiday aquatic education program to be offered. What's SUP on the Water? was introduced this year. Targeting both male and females aged 14 – 17, the program allowed young people to participate in bronze medallion training, enhance their personal survival skills and techniques in addition to participating in extracurricular activities such as fishing, stand up paddle boarding and recreating at different aquatic locations. The third program also incorporated a focus on employment outcomes resulting from achieving a Bronze Medallion and included visits to Northern Territory Water Police and Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Services.

Over the course of 3 programs a total of 38 participants completed the course with 31 bronze medallion and 38 CPR certificates issued. The program was well received by participants with positive feedback and also generated engagement with young people on social media via Facebook and Instagram.



Online Accreditation – Coaching, Officiating and Professional Development Program

Thanks to funding provided by the Department of Tourism, Sport and Culture, Royal Life Saving NT was able to provide a Coaching, Officiating and Professional Development program for our casual employees throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. The online accreditation program consisted of First Aid certification through the RLSSANT e-learning portal and a 3-year subscription to Royal Life Saving Australia's National Sports Hub online platform.

12 casual swim teachers accessed the First Aid course online and gained the qualification through online learning modules and an assessment provided by a RLSSANT trainer.

17 casual swim teachers were subscribed to the Royal Life Saving Australia's National Sports Hub platform, a subscription-based e-learning platform which delivers many online coaching and officiating courses for Aquatic Sports, specifically pool lifesaving.

This online program was well received by the casual swim teachers as it enabled upskilling and professional development in their knowledge and proficiency in implementing pool lifesaving in swim and survive programs and exposed them to the officiating skills required across the sport of pool lifesaving.

Royal Life Saving NT acknowledges the strong support of the Northern Territory Government's commitment to drowning prevention in the Northern Territory.

Water Wellbeing Program

Thanks to the - Online Activity Recreation Program funding provided by the Department of Tourism, Sport and Culture, Royal Life Saving NT was able to develop and deliver an online Water Wellbeing Program. This was in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which saw the suspension of formal delivery of sport and active recreation in the Northern Territory (NT).



The online 10-part series included a range of water safety and awareness education sessions, land/water-based fitness workouts and several aquatic safety/rescue skillsets that were recorded and uploaded weekly.

The purpose of the series was to provide online water safety education, fitness and wellbeing development throughout the pandemic.

A social media group was created to host the weekly sessions and a dedicated YouTube channel was formed to allow ease of access and engagement from the wider Northern Territory (NT) community.

The fun and informative 30-minute sessions were well received by participants with positive feedback. 61 community members participated, and each received a certificate of completion at the end of the program.

A big thank you to Cieran New and Jaz Cross who delivered and filmed the entire series.

Royal Life Saving NT acknowledges the strong support of the Northern Territory Government's commitment to drowning prevention in the Northern Territory.

Multicultural Swimming and Water Safety Program

Thanks to funding provided by The Office of Multicultural Affairs, Royal Life Saving NT was able to provide a much-needed swimming and water safety program for multicultural families across Darwin and Palmerston. The 6-week program was conducted at Parap and Palmerston pools which enabled lower socioeconomic families across Darwin & Palmerston to gain access to the program. Having the swimming program conducted at two different facilities eased travel restrictions for the families.

41 participants including parents, children and extended family members were given the opportunity to participate in their first water safety/swimming program. Swimming skills, supervision of children in and around water, restricting access, water familiarisation and basic resuscitation information were all key components of the program. 95% of all participating families had never experienced a structured swimming program previously.

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

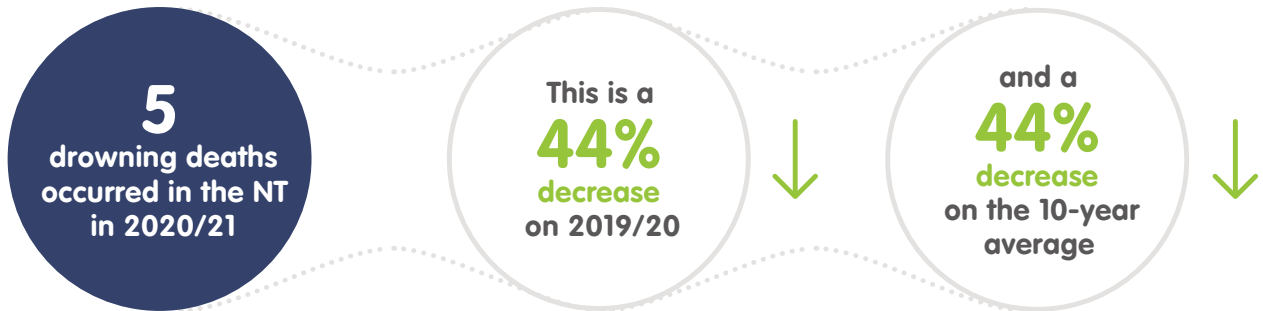
A big thank you to the Multicultural Council of NT, Catholic Care NT, Palmerston Child and Family Centre & Playgroup NT for their support in making this program happen.



OUR WATER

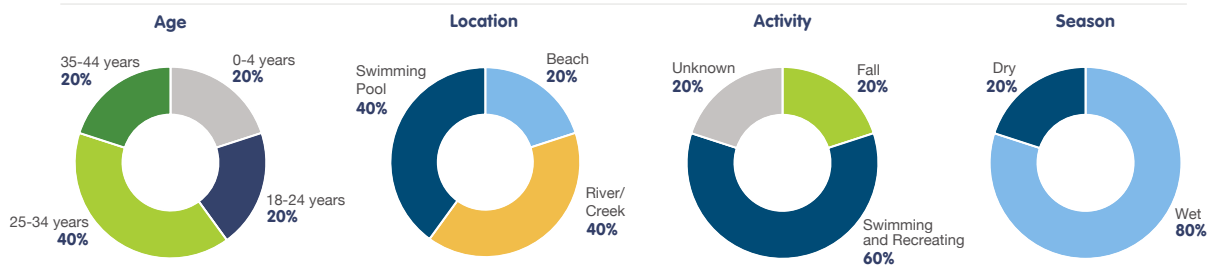
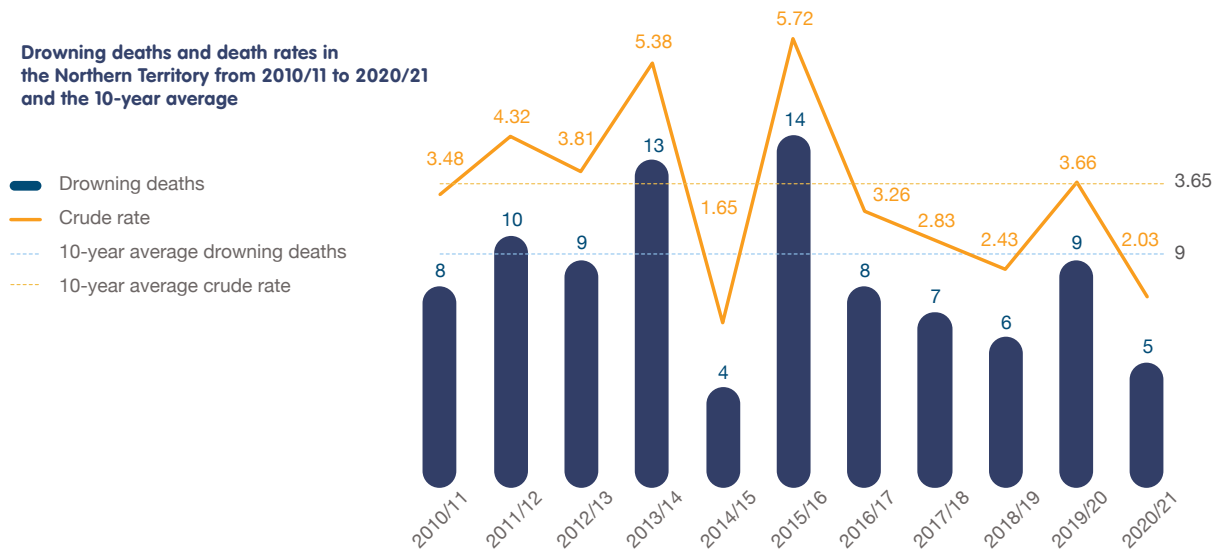
Drowning Report

Sadly the NT maintains the highest drowning rate per capita in Australia with 5 drowning deaths recorded in the 2020-2021 period.



100% of those who drowned in the Northern Territory were male 

Drowning deaths and death rates in the Northern Territory from 2010/11 to 2020/21 and the 10-year average



Northern Territory Government Water Safety Unit

Northern Territory Water Safety Advisory Council 2020/2021

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.

Meetings were held on:

September 1, 2020 | December 1, 2020
March 2, 2021 | June 15, 2021



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

Member Organisations
Amateur Fisherman's Association of the NT
Australian Volunteer Coast Guard
Department of Education
NT Health
Department of Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics – Pool Fencing Unit
Department of Sport
Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics – Marine Safety
Kidsafe NT
Local Government Association of the NT
Local Government Association of the NT – Remote appointment
Northern Territory Water Police
Department of Environment, Water Security and Parks
Royal Life Saving Society NT Branch
Somerville Community Service
Surf Life Saving NT
Tourism NT
Water Safety Unit



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 Department of Tourism and Culture - Sport and Active Recreation and is implemented by Royal Life Saving Society (Australia) NT Branch Inc. The first session, Emergency Care, 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. Each year, over 2000 children enrol in the Program.

Why was the Water Safety Awareness Program started?

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

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 June 30, 2021, 28,113 children have enrolled in the Program; and of those children, 75% 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.

The Year that was for The Water Safety Awareness Program

A total of 2004 enrolments were received in 2020/2021 with 75% voucher usage.

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 ongoing swimming lessons whereas previously they may not have been able to afford them without the use of the Learn to Swim voucher.

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

All Providers undergo a venue safety checklist, hold current qualifications, working with children clearances and have a clear understanding of the deliverables for each session as per the guidelines agreed upon. During 2020/2021 fifteen swim schools across the Northern Territory provided the Water Safety Awareness Program.

SESSION PROVIDERS 2020/2021

Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre – Alice Springs

Baby Barra's Swim School – Howard Springs

Carly Swim Coach - Darwin

Goldfishbowl Swim School - Palmerston

Kicks and Paddles - Palmerston

Little Royals Swim School – Darwin, Batchelor, Katherine & Alice Springs

Marianne's Swimming School – Darwin

NT Swim School – Darwin

Royal Life Saving – Remote Delivery

Swim Dynamics - Darwin

Triple S – Sam's Swim School - Darwin

The Y - Katherine

Top End Multi Sports Swim School - Darwin

Travelling Tadpole Swim School - Nhulunbuy

YMCA of the NT – Palmerston, Parap & Nightcliff

Provider's Workshop

The annual Provider's Workshop was held in Darwin on September 4. Eleven 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 Dr Edwin Joseph, President of the Multicultural Council of NT and Donna Rousham, Variety NT Starfish Swim Group for providing such informative presentations.



Provider of the Year

The Water Safety Awareness Program Provider of the Year 2020/2021 is Baby Barras Swim School, Howard Springs. Baby Barras Swim School has been delivering swimming lessons to Territory children for over 8 years and has been a passionate supporter of the Water Safety Awareness Program. Congratulations to the Baby Barras Swim School team!

Remote Access

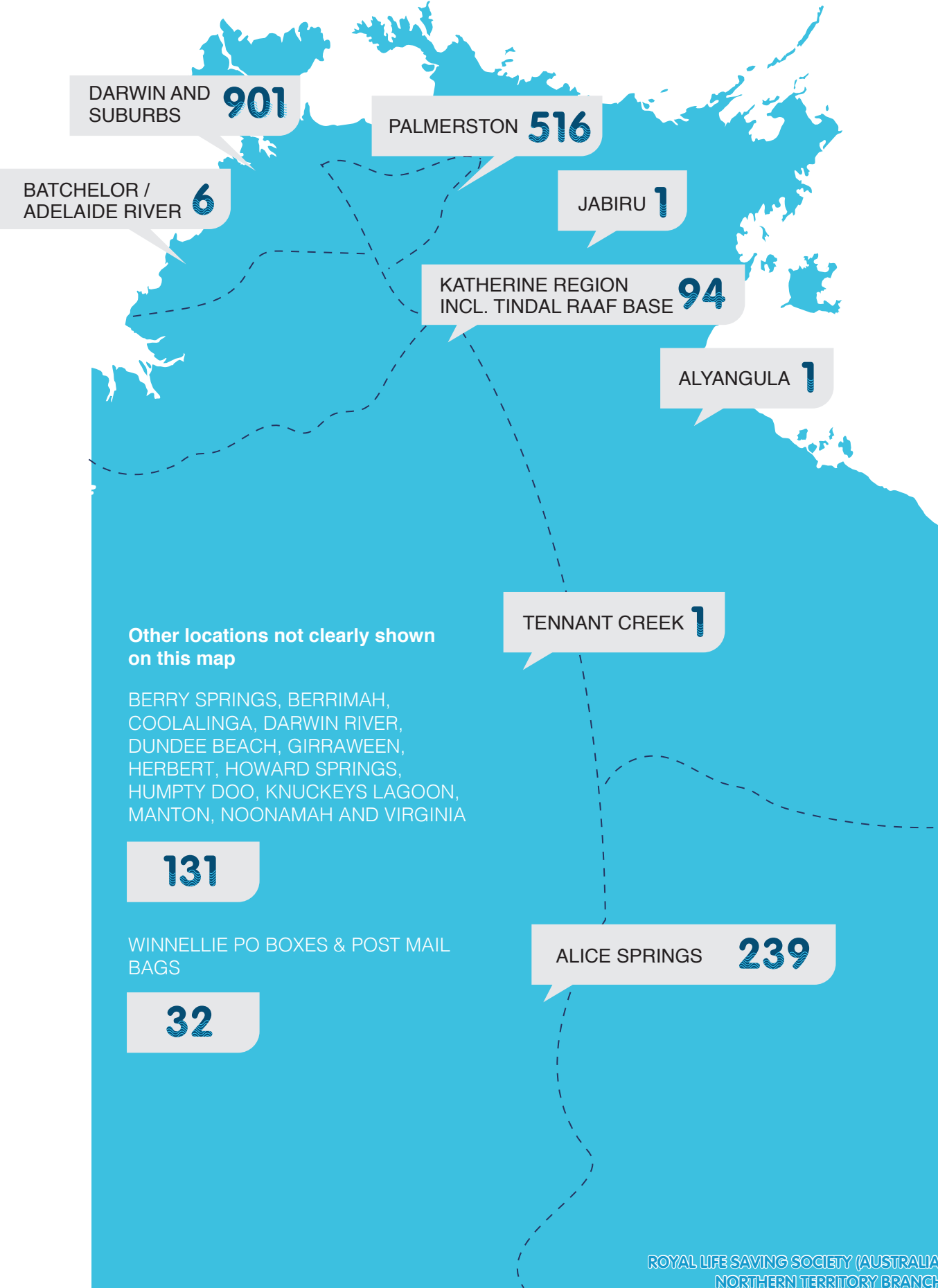
The Water Safety Awareness Program is accessible to all Northern Territorians and every registration receives up to date information on “what to do in an emergency” and helpful information on “keeping watch” around the water. The program delivers high quality water sessions which are delivered by AUSTSWIM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



Water Safety Awareness Program:

Total 28,113 children registered

A partnership between the NT Government and Royal Life Saving Society (Australia) NT Branch



Water Safety Week 2020

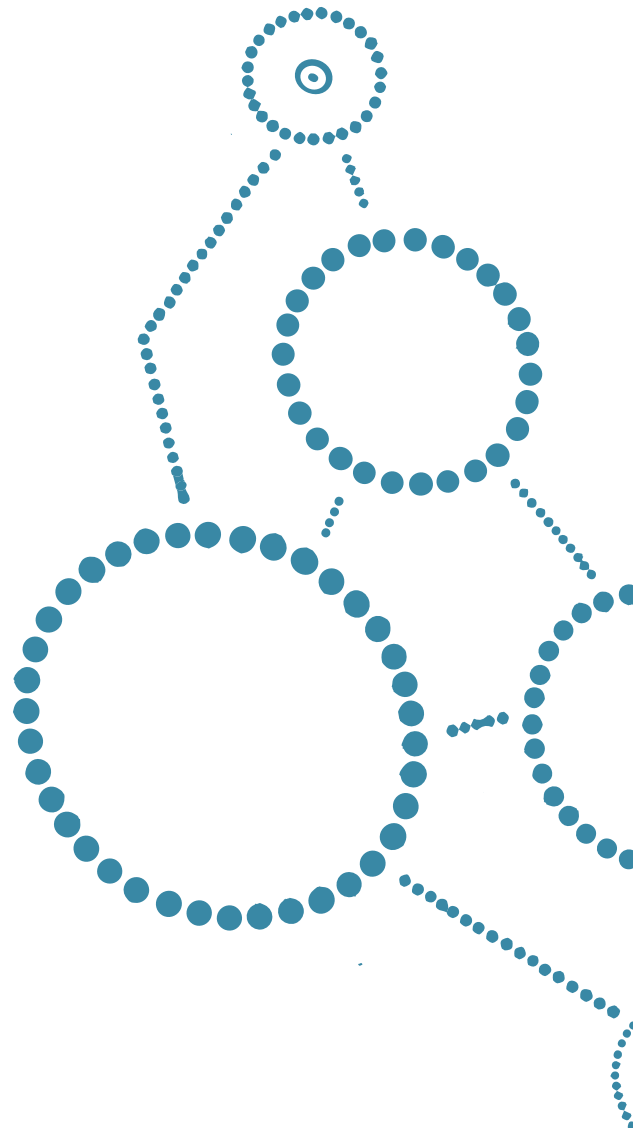
Water Safety Week 2020 was conducted from September 20-26, featuring a varied program of events and activities throughout the Northern Territory (NT). The slogan for Water Safety Week 2020 was 'SPLASH ON!'. This year the focus was on water safety whilst recreating. The event was promoted through print, radio, television and social media. In addition to this, promotion was also undertaken by Northern Territory Water Safety Advisory Council member networks.

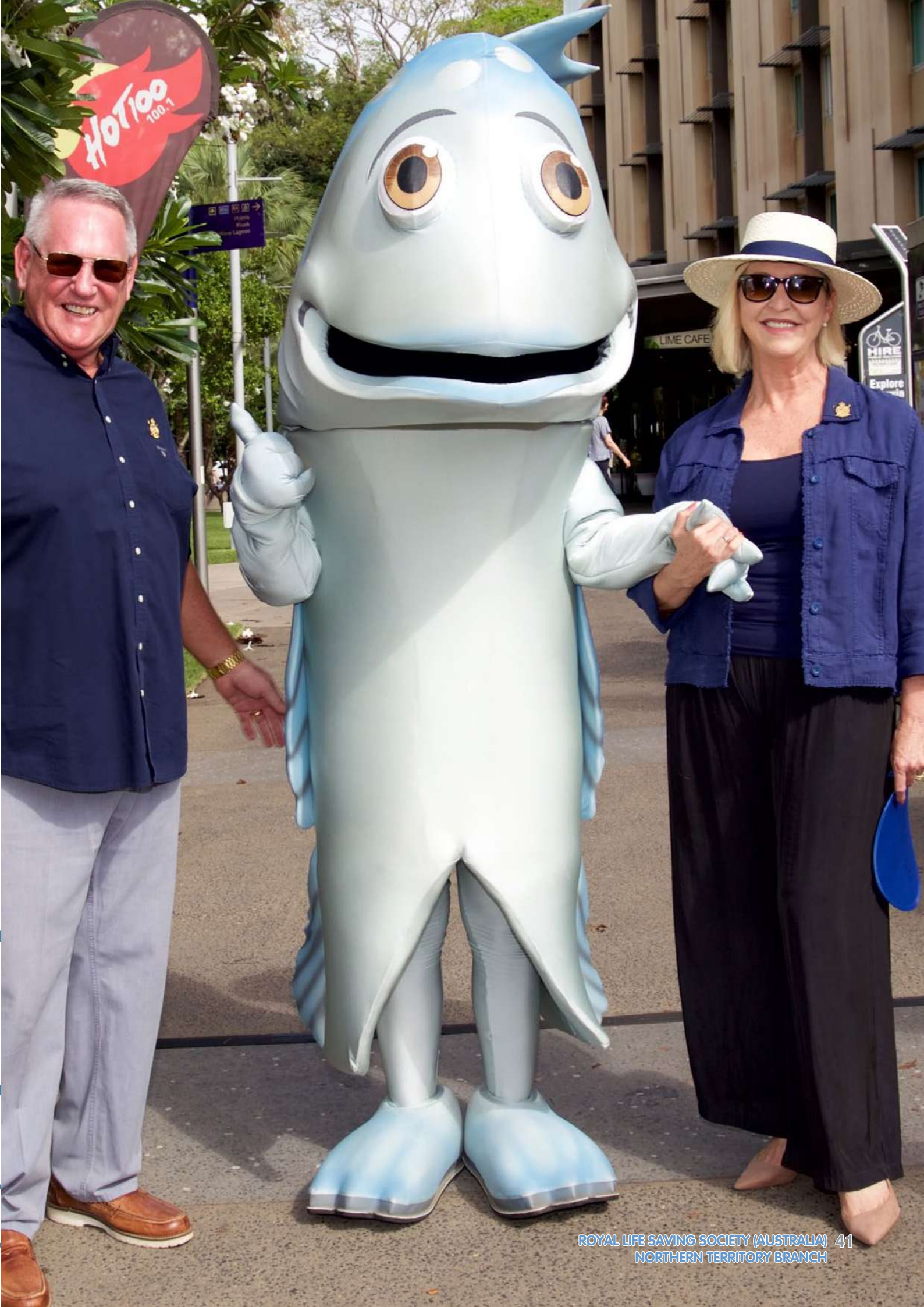
Splashfest' was the opening event of WSW20 and took place from 9:00am – 12:00pm on Sunday September 20 at the Darwin Waterfront Precinct. Approximately 3,500 people attended. The Honourable Kate Worden MLA attended Splashfest and enjoyed the stalls and information on display. Her Honour the Honourable Vicki O'Halloran AO, Administrator of the NT was also on hand to officiate the "Rescue a Friend" races.

There were 14 events and activities on the official 2020 Water Safety week calendar. These were conducted in Alice Springs, Darwin, Palmerston, and Katherine. Some of the highlights of the free events were:

- Community Pool Lifesaving carnival held at Parap Pool, hosted by Royal Life Saving Society.
- Library visits with Boof the Barra to all City of Darwin libraries were well supported by the community and Library Staff
- Splashfest held at the Darwin Waterfront, hosted by the Northern Territory Government.
- Aquafest held at the Palmerston Aquatic & Leisure Centre hosted by the YMCA and the City of Palmerston

An estimated 10,000 Territorians received water safety messages throughout Water Safety Week in 2020.





Pipes and Drains Campaign 2020/2021

The Pipes and Drains campaign was launched on December 1, 2020. Most parts of the Northern Territory recorded above average rainfall during the wet season and a total rainfall of 1857.8 mm was recorded. The campaign of 2019/20 was used once again due to the success of the “shock” value the campaign had brought in the previous year.

The television and social media campaigns were managed by Royal Life Saving NT. The City of Darwin and the City of Palmerston contributed to the campaign in the community. Snapback hats, spinner pens & slap bands containing USBs, 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. 10 schools participated in the education sessions which reached 1975 students. In addition to this, 5 community events were attended which directly targeted the Pipes & Drains message with an estimated reach over 5,000 members of the community. Channel 10 aired the Pipes and Drains TVC from December 2020 – February 2021. 7 banners were displayed across 6 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

Water Safety Talks in Schools 2020/2021

During 2020-2021, 32 schools were visited by the Water Safety Unit to deliver water safety talks to 3446 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 schools visited. The visits 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 and watch YouTube clips around Pipes and Drains safety messages. The diversity of the delivery ensured all students were able to receive a benefit from the water safety messages.

Keep Watch

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

These actions are:

- Supervise
- Restrict Access
- Water Awareness
- Resuscitate

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

NT Keep Watch Ambassadors

Hon. Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja

Mr Mark Turner MLA, Member for Blain

Ms Marie-Claire Boothby MLA, Member for Brennan

Hon. 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

Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Leader of the Opposition

Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura

Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen

Hon. Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Member for Karama

Hon. Selena Uiibo MLA, Member for Arnhem

Hon. Mr Steven (Steve) Edgington, Member for Barkly

Hon. Nicole Manison MLA, Member for Wanguri

Hon. Lauren Moss MLA, Member for Casuarina

Ms Kezia Purick MLA, Member for Goyder

Hon. Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sandersont

Mr Mark Monaghan MLA, Member for Fong Lim

Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Member for Johnston

Mr Yingiya (Mark) Guyula MLA, Member for Nhulunbuy

Mrs Jo Hersey MLA, Member for Katherine

Mr Gerard Maley MLA, Member for Nelson

Mr Joshua Burgoyne MLA, Member for Braitling

Mr Ian Sloan MLA, Member for Daly

Mr Bill Yam MLA, Member for Namatjira

Hon. Warren Snowdon MP

Mr Luke Gosling OAM MP

Senator Malarndirri McCarthy

Senator Sam MacMahon



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
IAS Prime Minister & Cabinet	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
NT Department Territory Families & Urban Housing – Sport & Recreation	Management of the Water Safety Unit including the Water Safety Awareness Program
NT Department Territory Families & Urban Housing – Sport & Recreation	Support for providing opportunities for Territorians to participate in sport and active recreation.
NT Department of Education	Certificates recognising the achievements of children in the Swim and Survive program
RLSSA – National	Inland Waterways – River Safety Project
AUSTSWIM	Sub agency Grant
Office Senior Territorians	Cool Seniors Program for Seniors Month in August
ATO JobKeeper	Support for 10 permanent staff and 5 casual staff to maintain employment during Covid-19. Royal Life Saving NT matched 5 casual staff who were not eligible for JobKeeper to stay employed
Water Wellbeing Program	10 week water and dry land exercise program delivered on-line to help people during lockdown and can be used to maintain your fitness & wellbeing
Online Accreditation	Funding support for staff and members to receive first aid and pool lifesaving accreditation on-line



Indigenous Advancement Strategy

“Remote Swim, Survive and Strive”

2,508

people participated in Remote Swim & Survive across the Northern Territory

86

students achieved the National Swimming and Water Safety benchmark of a level 4 or above during this financial year

27

remote schools accessed the program

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

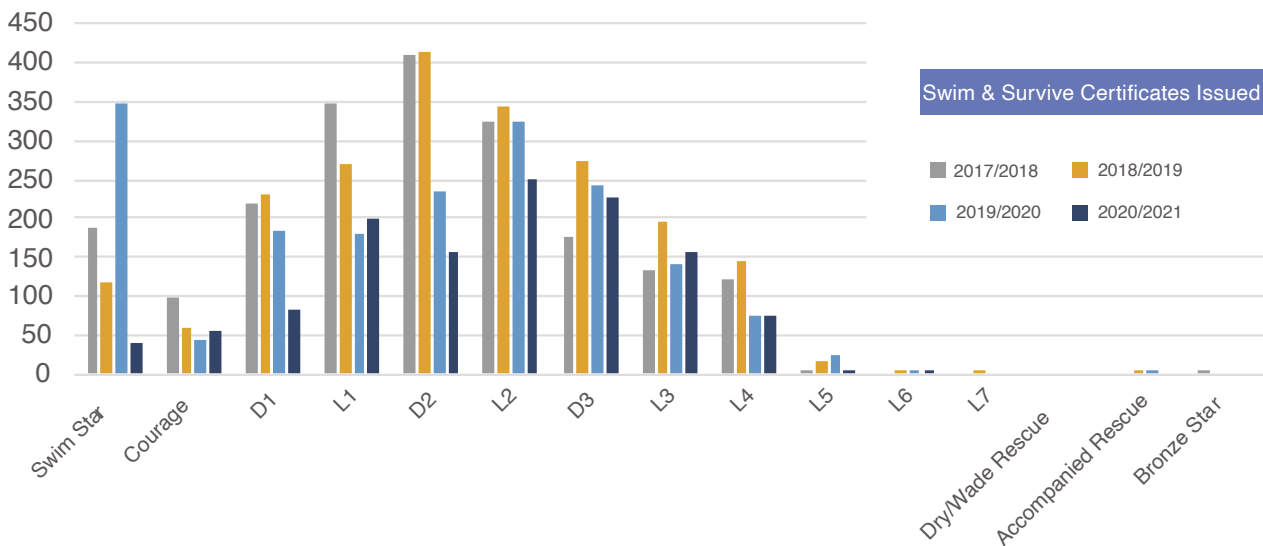
- 2508 people participate in the Remote Swim, Survive & Strive Project
- 27 remote schools accessed the program
- Teams visited 20 remote communities
- 35 indigenous people gained employment as a direct result of the project
- 1268 students participated in Swim and Survive
- 4 students achieved a Level 6 through Swim and Survive Program from Tennant Creek School – the highest award achieved this year
- 86 students achieved the national swimming and water safety benchmark of a level four and above
- 341 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
- 43 indigenous Rangers from Maningrida, Galiwinku, Umbakumba, Alyangula, Angurugu & Milyakburra have participated in the Swim, Survive & Strive 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. Most 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 Tennant Creek, 3 people completed their AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming & Water Safety award while 5 others continue to work towards the completion of their qualification.

In many communities a barbeque was hosted at the pool for one afternoon. During this time a Pool Lifesaving Carnival was held to introduce the sport to community members. This year 695 indigenous youth participated in a Pool Lifesaving Carnival in their community. The sport and BBQ are provided to the whole community and aim to promote the pool as the social hub. Promoting the pool as a place where families can come together and feel like they are in a fun and safe environment.

Swim & Survive



Employment, Training and AUSTSWIM Mentoring Program

35

Indigenous people gained employment as a direct result of the project

43

indigenous Rangers from Maningrida, Galiwinku, Umbakumba, Alyangula, Angurugu & Milyakburra have participated in the Swim, Survive & Strive Project

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 longer lasting outcomes, not a once-a-year activity. This year, 35 indigenous people gained employment through the training and mentoring of the Swim, Survive & Strive Project. Along with 61 indigenous people who are currently employed within their community and received ongoing professional development. 341 students and adults completed a range of training through the project.

43 Indigenous Rangers from Maningrida, Galiwinku, Umbakumba, Alyangula, Angurugu & Milyakburra took part in the project. Working with each individual ranger group, we developed training plans to cater to their goals and objectives. Junior Sea Rangers from Umbakumba, Angurugu & Milyakburra travelled to Alyangula to upskill in resuscitation and received their level 4 in the Swim & Survive Program. Without these skills students are unable to continue in the ranger program, as it is a minimum requirement. This Swim, Survive & Strive project allows remote students to continue their learning in maritime navigation and the ability to gain workplace skills in the maritime industry.

The Year's Highlight

Homeland School Strives with Swim & Survive

It had been 7 years in between Swim & Survive programs for the students of Laynhapuy Homelands School. Located on the saltwater land of the East Arnhem Region, Laynhapuy Homelands School encompasses many homelands coming together to live and learn.

Children from the communities of Dhalinybuy, Gangan, Rorruwuy & Wandawuy, all located in Northeast Arnhem Land. Travelled the approximate three hours to the township of Nhulunbuy, to participate in a 2 day intensive program.

A total of 19 year 11 and 12 students showcased their swimming abilities and survival skills in the pool. The students learnt about spinal injury management, adorning a lifejacket and the different entries and exits in different bodies of water. This training prepared them for their Maritime Program assessment in Term 3 2021.

The last time the school had participated in a program like this, was in 2014 where the project team hosted 14 students for another 2 day program. The homeland students travelled into Nhulunbuy to participate and compete in a swimming carnival with the Yirrkala School with great success.



Inland Waterways and Drowning Prevention Program

The Inland Waterways Program, including: Make the Right Call, Beriversafe and Respect the River Campaigns has engaged with 600 participants and continues to work extensively throughout the Northern Territory. The campaign is delivered in Katherine, Darwin, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs.

Highlights included:

- 8 river safety picnics, 8 community events with 183 participants
- 16 Kalkarindji students travel to Katherine and participate in a Swim & Survive Program and CPR awareness
- 44 Melaleuca students from Melaleuca Refugees centre participate in a Swim & Survive Program in Darwin and Palmerston

The messages are consistent:

- Be Riversafe
- Make the right Call
- If it's flooded, forget it.

The program also reached out to males to look after each other and "make the right call" when they are in, on and around water.



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

to look after their mates to keep each other safe.

Royal Life Saving NT in the media

Throughout 2020/2021 RLSSANT has been featured in local and Territory print media. We are continually striving to lift our profile within the community and more importantly educate the community in water safety and drowning prevention.

In 2014/2015 we introduced an award for a media person who we believed made a difference for Lifesaving. This year Mix 104.9 & Hot 100 was awarded the NT Media Award for their outstanding support and promotion of Water Safety Week events and messaging.

Media Award for making a difference for Lifesaving		
2014 / 2015	Kathleen Bruyn	
2015 / 2016	Alice Burton	
2016 / 2017	Dijana Damjanovic	
2017 / 2018	Amy Hetherington	
2018 / 2019	Monique Sharp	
2019 / 2020	Katie Wolf	
2020 / 2021	Mix104.9/Hot100	

Royal Life Saving NT Social Media Profiles

RLSSANT 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.



@RoyalLifeSavingNT
@WaterSafetyNT
#watersafetynt #beriversafe

Professional Memberships

Chamber of Commerce NT

Australian Institute of Company Directors

Australian Resuscitation Council

Vocational Education Learning Group (VELG)

ACHPER

Covid-19

Royal Life Saving NT have followed the NT Government Department of Health instructions and guides to ensure staff, members and the community are safe. We have completed an extensive Covid-19 Safety Plan that addresses all our operations and have continued to update our Commitment Statement. Cleaning practices have been updated to ensure we maintain the highest standards possible.



Appendices – Statistics

Appendix 1: Training Certificates issued						
Training	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21
Award of Merit	6	6	4	4	3	3
Bronze Cross	6	6	4	2	0	0
Bronze Star	48	67	47	20	41	38
Bronze Medallion	371	320	385	358	301	441
Bronze Medallion Update	234	243	254	260	226	261
Bronze Medallion with Reasonable adjustment	0	0	12	9	0	0
Resuscitation	1157	1608	1828	1879	1483	2492
Resuscitation Update	346	36	6	9	0	0
Resuscitation Awareness	83	95	165	26	36	48
Defibrillation Awareness	1457	1644	1826	1879	2645	2512
Oxygen Resuscitation	93	87	102	148	74	141
Oxygen Resus Update	121	112	106	122	113	141
Basic First Aid	0	0	0	0	35	0
First Aid	390	435	521	402	414	700
Child Care First Aid	17	35	42	52	35	151
Advanced First Aid	0	0	24	0	0	28
Pool Lifeguard	92	86	102	148	78	113
Pool Lifeguard Update	121	112	106	122	113	141
Swimming Teacher Rescue Award	259	212	228	272	186	307
Sea Rangers Bronze Rescue Award	11	6	0	0	0	2
Hydrotherapy rescue award	0	0	0	0	0	25
Trainers	5	3	4	6	3	3
Pool Operators	34	0	30	21	0	0
SISCAQU002	11	528	907	948	790	1018
SISCAQU006	11	129	240	299	224	278
SISCAQU007	11	129	225	264	199	251
PUAEME001B	11	0	240	300	210	96
PUAEME001					15	179
PUAEME003C	11	129	240	300	210	96
PUAEME003					15	179
SISCAQU001	9	0	30	22	0	0
SISCAQU003	9	0	30	21	0	0
SISCAQU004	9	0	30	22	0	0
SISCAQU005	9	0	30	22	0	0
BSBRK401	9	0	30	21	0	0
HLTAID001	1087	1455	1573	1656	1268	2233
HLTAID002	17	0	66	52	36	149
HLTAID003	386	448	777	706	643	993
HLTAID004	17	47	66	52	36	149
HLTAID006	0	0	24	0	0	28
HLTAID007	53	0	24	0	0	28
AUSTSWIM	113	125	141	156	161	122
Total Training Certificates	7166	8126	10469	10580	9333	13071

Appendix 2: Swim & Survive Certificates issued														
Certificate Type	14/15	14/15 Remote	15/16	15/16 Remote	16/17	16/17 Remote	17/18	17/18 Remote	18/19	18/19 Remote	19/20	19/20 Remote	20/21	20/21 Remote
Swim and Survive														
Wonder Awards Total (Infant Aquatics)	392		343		402	0	159	0	421	0	848	0	801	0
Courage Awards Total	756	154	614	224	591	212	448	192	545	73	513	101	584	104
Developing Water Discovery -D1	980	349	905	258	897	441	1078	219	846	262	513	242	943	123
Water Discovery - L1	1495	517	1340	436	1263	369	1686	362	1570	368	1274	245	2141	253
Developing Water Awareness - D2	1842	559	1659	555	1471	414	2019	420	1784	522	1212	317	2006	201
Water Awareness - L2	1278	408	1217	385	964	248	1243	339	1415	394	1041	389	1576	288
Developing Water Sense - D3	835	398	872	300	668	178	728	183	730	307	809	295	1048	248
Water Sense - L3	634	305	536	215	479	263	489	137	554	208	535	162	667	199
Water Wise - L4	389	140	318	118	267	260	294	122	475	149	259	87	462	83
Junior Swim and Survive - L5	167	33	142	25	145	29	141	5	259	18	166	29	332	10
Swim and Survive - L6	65	17	62	10	80	12	103	2	181	3	106	2	114	12
Senior Swim and Survive - L7	43	1	65	10	54	0	11	0	14	1	49	0	56	1
Swim Star Participation	1914	253	2525	207	2455	124	3237	192	2003	2142	2333	716	1815	119
Dry/Wade/ Accompanied Rescue	19	1	11	10	26	12	12	11	5	2	17	0	30	0
Bronze Star	26	4	4	0	2	0	0	0	15	5	1	9	11	0
Water Smart	161	0	3	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Resus Awareness	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Junior Instructor Award	3	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Junior Life-guard Club	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Swim and Survive Awards	10996		10619		9736		11648	2090	10782	2451	9677	2594	12586	1641
Swim & Survive Level 4 & Above	664	191	587	163	546	301	561	140	945	178	590	127	1005	106
Remote Swim and Survive Statistics	3139		2753		2562									
Total Swim and Survive Certificates	14135		13372		12298		11648	2090	10782	2451	9678	2594	12586	1641
Total Participants Swim and Survive	14135		13372		12298		13738		13233		12272		14227	
Continuums	0		0		0		0		0		0		0	

Appendix 3: Swim & Survive Schools

School	No. students	School	No. students
Alawa Primary	110	Woolianna School (Naiyu Nambiyu)	30
Anula Primary	269	Mutitjulu School	33
Jingili Primary	249	Angurugu School	42
Karama Primary	137	Umbakumba School	29
Larrakeyah Primary	457	Elliott School	12
Ludmilla Preschool	18	Gunbalunya School	111
Ludmilla Primary	43	Ltyentye Apurte Catholic School (Santa Teresa)	70
Moil Primary	65	Marrara Christian	157
Nakara Primary	385	St Francis of Assisi School	37
Middle Point Primary School	20	Alyangula Area School	191
Parap Primary	348	Nganambala School (Emu Point)	13
Wagaman Primary	102	Milkwood Steiner School	68
Wanguri Preschool	56	Good Shepard Howard Springs	118
Wulagi Primary	159	Good Shepard Palmerston	63
Bakewell Primary	208	Sattler Christian School	85
Girraween Primary	237	Mother Teresa Catholic Primary School	198
Gray Primary	91	Sacred Heart Primary School	332
Woodroffe Primary	39	St Pauls Primary School	356
Gillen Primary	161	Bradshaw School	236
Holy Family Primary	242	Bratling Primary School	103
Holy Spirit Primary	459	Ross Park Primary	82
School of the Air – Alice Springs	55	Milingimbi School	9
School of the Air – Katherine	53	Jabiru Area School	102
Adelaide River School	37	Watiyawanu School (Mount Liebig)	14
Batchelor Area School	53	Rockhampton Downs School	8
Dundee Beach School	16	Darwin High School	12
St Francis Xavier School (Naiyu Nambuyi)	49	Jingili Preschool	39
Araluen Christian	117	Henbury School	7
Steiner School – Alice Springs	113	St Marys Catholic Primary School	178
Living Waters Lutheran School	36	Alawa Pre School	40
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart – Bath St	243	Leanyer Primary School	696
Canteen Creek School	16	Millner Primary School	140
Ngukurr CEC	138	Nightcliff Primary School	240
Areyonga School	25	Malak Primary School	60
Yuendumu School	102	Wanguri Primary School	518
Mount Allan School	33		
Urapunga School	24		
Kalkaringi School	108		
Peppimenarti School	37		
Larapinta Primary School	185		
Casuarina Street Primary School	158		
Sadadeen Primary School	83		
Miliyakburra School (Bikerton)	15		
Tennant Creek Primary School	220		

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Special Purpose Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2021



Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Committee's Report

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

The committee members present their report on Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc. ("the Association") for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.

General information Committee members

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

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

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

Principal activities

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


Significant changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Operating results and review of operations for the year

The net surplus of the Association for the financial year amounted to \$209,458 (2020: net surplus of \$258,371).

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

President: 
Penny Hart

Treasurer: 
Joe De Luca

Date: 23/8/2021

Date: 23/8/2021

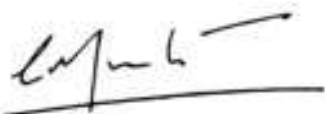
Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Committee Members of Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

In relation to our audit of the financial statements of Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc. ("the Association") for the financial year ended 30 June 2021, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

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

Merit Partners

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Director

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23 August 2021

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

		2021	2020
	Note	\$	\$
Revenue	3	1,949,255	1,758,709
Finance income		4,142	9,362
Other income	4	282,800	258,696
Employee benefits expense		(1,210,306)	(1,084,481)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(87,717)	(56,625)
Program expenses		(116,721)	(92,852)
Course expenses		(108,729)	(62,208)
Travel expenses		(148,724)	(134,765)
Motor vehicle expenses		(32,467)	(26,927)
Other expenses		(316,171)	(304,363)
Finance expenses		(5,904)	(6,175)
Net Surplus for the Year		209,458	258,371
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		209,458	258,371

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Statement of Financial Position

As At 30 June 2021

		2021	2020
	Note	\$	\$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	1,022,814	972,782
Trade and other receivables	6	63,297	140,684
Other assets 8 25,521 30,233	8	25,521	30,233
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		1,111,632	1,143,699
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	7	391,157	287,951
Right-of-use assets	9	109,072	134,106
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		500,229	422,057
		1,611,861	1,565,756
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	10	79,139	68,689
Borrowings		13,129	33,838
Lease liabilities	9	26,264	28,898
Employee benefits	11	160,201	129,530
Grants received in advance		-	126,075
Unearned grant income		268	16,500
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		279,001	403,530
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Lease liabilities	9	87,896	108,255
Employee benefits	11	-	18,465
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		87,896	126,720
TOTAL LIABILITIES		366,897	530,250
NET ASSETS		1,244,964	1,035,506
EQUITY			
Reserves	12	690,000	690,000
Retained earnings		554,964	345,506
		1,244,964	1,035,506

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Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

	Retained Earnings \$	General Reserve \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2020	345,506	690,000	1,035,506
Net surplus for the year	209,458	-	209,458
Total other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	209,458	-	209,458
Transfers from retained earnings to general reserve	-	-	-
Balance at 30 June 2021	554,964	690,000	1,244,964
Balance at 1 July 2019	247,135	530,000	777,135
Net surplus for the year	258,371	-	258,371
Total other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	258,371	-	258,371
Transfers from retained earnings to general reserve	(160,000)	160,000	-
Balance at 30 June 2020	345,506	690,000	1,035,506

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from customers		946,253	670,219
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,905,750)	(1,684,062)
Donations received		702	80
Interest received		4,142	10,416
Interest expenses		(5,904)	(6,175)
Receipt from grants		950,930	1,188,254
Government stimulus funding		269,250	135,000
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	14	259,623	313,732
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of plant and equipment		-	15,909
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(165,889)	(172,307)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		(165,889)	(156,398)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Payment of finance lease and other liabilities		(43,702)	(18,872)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities		(43,702)	(18,872)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held		50,032	138,462
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		972,782	834,320
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	5	1,022,814	972,782

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

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

1 Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Statement of compliance

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

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

(b) Basis of preparation

The financial report is presented in Australian dollars and has been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

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

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

The special purpose financial report has been prepared on accrual basis.

(c) Income tax

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

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1 Significant Accounting Policies - continued

(d) Revenue and other income

Revenue is recognised when the amount can be measured reliably, it is probable that economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the Association and specific criteria relating to the type of income as noted below, has been satisfied.

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and is presented net of returns, discounts and rebates.

Grant Income

Revenue from grants and donations have been recognised when any associated performance obligation to provide goods or services is satisfied, and not immediately upon receipt.

Grants that have an enforceable agreement but no specific performance obligations but have restrictions on the timing of expenditure will also continue to be recognised on receipt as time restriction on the use of funds is not sufficiently specific to create a performance obligation.

Grants that are not enforceable and/or not sufficiently specific will not qualify for deferral, and continue to be recognised as revenue as soon as they are controlled.

Grants that require the Association to perform services or provide facilities, or to meet eligibility criteria are recognised as income only to the extent that the services required have been performed or the eligibility criteria have been satisfied. When monies received have been paid in advance of performance or eligibility, a liability is recognised.

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

Rendering of services

Revenue in relation to rendering of services is recognised depending on whether the outcome of the services can be estimated reliably. If the outcome can be estimated reliably then the stage of completion of the services is used to determine the appropriate level of revenue to be recognised in the period.

If the outcome cannot be reliably estimated then revenue is recognised to the extent of expenses recognised that are recoverable.

Subscriptions

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

Interest income

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

Donations

Donations are recognised as revenues when the Association obtains control over the assets comprising the donations. Control over donated assets is normally obtained upon their receipt or upon prior notification that a donation has been secured.

Other income

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

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1 Significant Accounting Policies - continued

(e) Goods and services tax (GST)

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

Receivables and payable are stated inclusive of GST.

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

(f) Property, plant and equipment

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

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

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

Depreciation

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

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

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

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

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

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1 Significant Accounting Policies - continued

(g) Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

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

(i) Initial recognition

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

(ii) De-recognition

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

(iii) Off-setting

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

(iv) Amortised cost measurement

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

(v) Identification and measurement of impairment

Refer below for details.

Application

Cash and cash equivalents

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

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1 Significant Accounting Policies - continued

(g) Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities - continued

Trade and other receivables

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

Trade and other payables

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

Impairment on financial assets

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

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

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

(h) Employee benefits

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

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

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1 Significant Accounting Policies - continued

(i) Right of use Assets

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

Association as a lessee

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

Right-of-use assets

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

Lease liabilities

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

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

Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

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

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1 Significant Accounting Policies - continued

(j) Economic Dependence and Going Concern

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

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

(k) Comparatives

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

2 Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

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

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

Key estimates – Trade receivables

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

3 Operating Revenue

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Grant and donation	1,093,939	1,136,275
Service income	850,952	619,566
Workshops, sales and other income	4,364	2,868
	1,949,255	1,758,709

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4 Other Income

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Government subsidies	269,250	235,000
Membership fees	1,841	3,795
Fundraisings	6,279	3,007
Gain on sale of property, plant and equipment	-	15,909
Others	5,430	985
	282,800	258,696

5 Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Petty cash	1,041	1,000
Cash at bank	219,295	971,782
Short-term deposits	802,478	-
	1,022,814	972,782

6 Trade and Other Receivables

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Trade receivables	54,723	69,020
Government subsidies receivables	-	50,000
Other receivables	1,296	-
GST receivables	7,278	21,664
	63,297	140,684

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

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

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7 Property, plant and equipment

	2021 \$	2019 \$
Capital works in progress - at cost	-	38,051
Plant and equipment - at cost	53,160	53,160
Accumulated depreciation	(21,952)	(14,514)
Net carrying value	31,208	38,646
Motor vehicles - at cost	152,783	152,783
Accumulated depreciation	(91,528)	(60,971)
Net carrying value	61,255	91,812
Leasehold improvements - at cost	336,205	132,265
Accumulated amortisation	(37,511)	(12,823)
Net carrying value	298,694	119,442
	391,157	287,951

Movement in the carrying amounts

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

	Capital Works In Progress \$	Plant and Equipment \$	Motor Vehicles \$	Leasehold Improvements \$	Total \$
As at 30 June 2021					
Balance at the beginning of year	38,051	38,646	91,812	119,442	287,951
Additions	-	-	-	165,889	165,889
Transfers	(38,051)	-	-	38,051	-
Depreciation expense	-	(7,438)	(30,557)	(24,688)	(62,683)
balance at the end of the year	-	31,208	61,255	298,694	391,157
As at 30 June 2020					
Balance at the beginning of year	-	6,010	65,850	78,490	150,350
Additions	38,051	33,698	47,709	52,849	172,307
Depreciation expense	-	(1,062)	(21,747)	(11,897)	(34,706)
balance at the end of the year	38,051	38,646	91,812	119,442	287,951

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8 Other Assets

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Prepayments	25,521	30,233
Plant and equipment - at cost	25,521	30,233

9 Right-of-Use Assets

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Office accommodation	118,611	118,611
Accumulated depreciation	(35,112)	(17,556)
Net carrying value	83,499	101,055
Office equipment	37,414	37,414
Accumulated amortisation	(11,841)	(4,363)
Net carrying value	25,573	33,051
	109,072	134,106

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

	Office Accommodation \$	Office Equipment \$	Total \$
As at 30 June 2021			
Balance at the beginning of year	101,055	33,051	134,106
Additions	-	-	-
Depreciation expense	(17,556)	(7,478)	(25,034)
balance at the end of the year	83,499	25,573	109,072
As at 30 June 2020			
Balance at the beginning of year	118,611	37,414	156,025
Additions	-	-	-
Depreciation expense	(17,556)	(4,363)	(21,919)
balance at the end of the year	101,055	33,051	134,106

The corresponding lease liability recognised to record the carrying amount of Rights of Use Asset amounted to \$114,160 and \$137,153 as at 30 June 2021 and 2020, respectively.

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10 Trade and Other Payables

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Trade payables	56,496	18,306
GST payable	-	12,319
Sundry payables and accrued expenses	12,278	12,136
PAYG withholding payable	-	17,906
Accrued wages and superannuation	10,365	8,022
	79,139	68,689

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

11 Employee benefits

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Current Annual leave provision	62,439	75,663
Long-service leave provision	97,762	53,867
	160,201	129,530
Non-current Long-service leave provision	-	18,465
	-	18,465

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

12 Reserves

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Opening balance	690,000	530,000
Transfers In	-	160,000
	690,000	690,000

General reserve

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

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Future building acquisition	550,000	550,000
Future IT expansion	140,000	140,000
	690,000	690,000

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13 Contingent Liabilities

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

Water Safety Awareness Program

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

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

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

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

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14 Cash Flow Information

Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by operating activities

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Net Surplus for the Year	209,458	258,372
Cash flows excluded from profit attributable to operating activities:		
- Depreciation and amortisation expenses 87,717 56,625	87,717	56,625
- Net gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	(15,909)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
- (increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	77,387	(29,415)
- (increase)/decrease in prepayments	4,712	(17,621)
- increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	(131,857)	52,312
- increase/(decrease) in employee benefits	12,206	9,368
Cashflows from operations	259,623	313,732

15 Subsequent Events

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

16 Statutory Information

The registered office and principal place of the Association is:

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

77 Ross Smith Avenue

Parap NT 0820

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Statements By Members of the Committee


For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

The committee members declare that in their opinion:

- a) the accompanying financial statements are drawn up as to present fairly the state of affairs of the Association as at 30 June 2021, the results of its operations and cash flows of the Association for the year ended on that date;
- b) the accounts of the Association have been properly prepared and are in accordance with the books of account of the Association;
- c) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable; and
- d) the financial statement and notes satisfy the requirements of the Australia Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.

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

President: 
Penny Hart

Treasurer: 
Joe De Luca

Date: 
23/08/2021

Date: 
23/8/2021

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

Auditor's Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc. ("the Association"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity, statement of cash flows for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the Statement by the Committee.

In our opinion, the special purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012 and the Associations Act NT, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2021 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013 and Associations Act NT.

Basis for Auditor's Opinion

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

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

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

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

Other Matter

The financial report of the Association for the year ended 30 June 2020 was audited by another auditor who expressed a modified opinion on that report on 31 August 2020.

The Responsibility of the Committee for the Financial Report

The Association's Committee is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, and has determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, are appropriate to meet the financial reporting requirements of the Australian Charities and Not for profits Commission Act 2012, Associations Act NT and the Association's Constitution and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the Committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

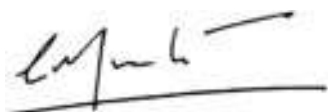
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report for the year ended 30 June 2021 as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report. As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

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

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

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MunLi Chee Director

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23 August 2021

Disclaimer On Additional Financial Information

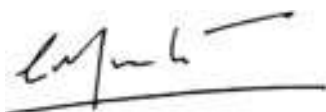
The additional financial information, being the Detailed Income and Expenditure as attached on pages 26 to 27, has been compiled by the management of Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc. ("the Association").

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

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

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MunLi Chee Director

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23 August 2021

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Detailed Statement of Income and Expenditure

For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Income		
Grant income	1,093,237	1,136,195
Fees	853,789	622,293
Government subsidies	269,250	235,000
Interest income	4,142	9,362
Sale of goods	1,527	141
Donation	702	80
Gain On Disposal	0	15,909
Other income	13,550	7,787
- increase/(decrease) in employee benefits	12,206	9,368
Total income	2,236,197	2,026,767
Expenses		
Accounting fees	35,059	32,898
Administration and management fees	849	278
Advertising	27,300	22,169
Auditors remuneration	9,050	7,300
Bank charges	1,924	623
Cleaning	334	466
Conference/Seminar costs	788	3,350
Consulting and professional fees	35,755	34,677
Consumables	1,335	883
Course expenses	108,729	62,208
Depreciation	87,718	56,625
Donations	1,100	597
Electricity and water	5,129	7,660
Equipment < \$5,000	46,019	76,028
Insurance	37,321	22,673
Interest expense on lease liability	5,904	6,175
IT Expenses	56,055	19,861
Lease rentals on operating lease	2,584	173
Motor vehicle expenses	32,466	26,927
Postage	3,235	2,734
Printing and stationery	19,707	17,757
Program expenses	116,721	92,852
Repairs and maintenance	9,181	13,083
Salaries	1,081,186	973,320
Staff amenities	1,602	948
Staff training	15,414	27,279
Storage costs	696	138
Subcontracting costs	10,289	9,490
Balance brought forward	1,753,450	1,519,172

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Detailed Statement of Income and Expenditure - continued

For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Balance brought forward	1,753,450	1,519,172
Subscriptions	10,787	7,130
Sundry expenses	0	12
Superannuation contributions	95,867	83,881
Telephone and fax	9,184	13,462
Travel expenses	148,724	134,765
Uniforms	8,727	9,974
Total Expenses	2,026,739	1,768,396
Net Surplus for the year	209,458	258,371

