



Australian Water Safety Council

NATIONAL WATER SAFETY PLAN 2004-2007

PROGRESS REPORTING FRAMEWORK - DRAFT 1.2

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CONTINUING COOPERATION AND COMMITMENT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DROWNING

This document is a supporting document for the Australian Water Safety Council (2004) “National Water Safety Plan 2004-2007 published by the Australian Water Safety Council in August 2004.

It is envisioned that this document will be used for reporting on the outcomes of the National Water Safety Plan (NWSP) 2004-07 on an annual basis starting in September 2005. The information collected in this document will be used as the basis for a final evaluation. This document is a live document and as such will change over time.

The NWSP 2004-07 has seven objectives and 32 Recommendations under five Key Result Area’s (KRA). Each of the objectives and the recommendations have been identified in this document (National Water Safety Plan 2004-2007: Reporting and Evaluation Framework). The document has nine columns, the first lists the objective or recommendation, followed by the timeframe in which the item should be achieved, the current benchmark for this item (if this exists), performance indicators, who is responsible for seeing the item achieved, what the proposed reporting criteria is and then progress of each of the items on an annual basis. There is also an additional notes section to allow for any issues that arise.

Abbreviations used in this document include:

AS	Australia Standards	FSA	Farmsafe Australia
ANSA	Australian National Sportsfishing Association	ILS	International Life Saving Federation
ARC	Australian Resuscitation Council	KRA	Key Result Area
ASCTA	Australian Swimming Coaches & Teachers Association	NCIS	National Coroners Information System
AUF	Australian Underwater Federation	NSW	New South Wales
AUSTSWIM	The Australian Council for the Teaching of Swimming and Water Safety	NWSP	National Water Safety Plan
AWSC	Australian Water Safety Council	PFD	Personal Flotation Device
AWSCRC	Australian Water Safety Council Research Committee	QISU	Queensland Injury Surveillance Unit
CALD	Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities	R&Y	Red and Yellow
CRTP	Community Recreation Training Package	RLSSA	Royal Life Saving Society Australia
DSR	Department of Sport and Recreation	SLSA	Surf Life Saving Australia
GSPO	Guidelines for Safe Pool Operation	SAL	Swimming Australia Limited
		WS	Water Safety

1. Overall	Timeframe	Benchmark	Performance Indicators	Responsibility	Reporting Criteria	Progress at September 2005	Progress at Aug 2006	Progress at September 2007
1.1 Identify, prioritise and bench mark the major Water Safety issues	2004-2007	NWSP 04-07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations adopted at AWSC arising from Drowning Report Data 	AWSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AWSC Minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AWSC Meeting of 1 March 05 meeting • KPI Evaluation Report completed April 05 • Joint meeting with State/Terr WS Councils 18 Oct 05 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AWSC Meeting 16 Aug 2006 • Water Safety Conference Aug 06 	
1.2 Develop and establish water safety benchmarks, standards and strategies to be applied as best practice nationally	2004-2007	NWSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standards and policy developed 	AWSC / State/Territory Water Safety Councils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AWSC Minutes • Australian Standards reviewed / developed • National / State or Territory standard document 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLSA – Development of the Australian Coastal Safety Standards underway • Nat Home Pool Safety Forum – 19 Oct 05 • Updated GSPO by RLSSA • Australian Standards for WS Signage • Aust Standard for Home Pool Fencing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLSA -Development of Australian Coastal Safety standards nearing completion • National Signage Manual near completion. • Continuing Update and improvement of GSPO by RLSSA • AS for WS Signs • AS for Home pools • AS for Spas • RLSSA examination of State and Territory Pool Fencing Legislation • ISO - Signage 	
1.3 Recognise the operational objectives of each State and Territory Water Safety Plans as an integral part of the national approach	2004-2007	NWSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on Progress of State and Territory Water Safety Plan against the NWSP on an annual basis 	AWSC / State/Territory Water Safety Councils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table of outcomes for State and Territory Water Safety Plans Developed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct joint AWSC /State/Territory Water Safety Council meeting – 18 Oct 05 • Follow up from joint meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State and Territory Reports provided at Water Safety Conference 	

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<p>1.4 Commit to improve the quality of expertise and programs already operating effectively within the system through an evidence based approach</p>	<p>2004-2007</p>	<p>NWSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Quality of new initiatives •Number of old resources updated 	<p>AWSC members / State/Territory Water Safety Councils</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Number of resources available •Number developed •Number updated •Peer reviewed published articles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SLSA – Surf Survival underdevelop for rewrite •2 year rewrite of Surf Ed contracted •EMA Publication in Journal •5 Year Surf education road map developed •Surf Bronze Medallion Literary CD ROM Developed •6 new SLSA state programs •Marine Stinger program and DVD developed •RLSSA – update of Swim and Survive incl: dev of PD course for instructors •RLSSA – Keep Watch program update •RLSSA – Journal Article on Dam Drowning Deaths •NSW Rockfishing Safety Strategy which encompasses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Surf Survival Education resource currently in design stage •Surf Ed in schools program nearing implementation stage •Surf Bronze Medallion CD ROM version 2 released 8th August 2006 •Marine Stinger Ed program in development (NTH QLD) •RLSSA Evaluation and Improvement of Bronze Medallion Program •RLSSA Improvement of Keep Watch Program •RLSSA & SLSA update of Resuscitation Information due to ARC changes •DSR - Dissemination of Fishing DVD and brochures partnership with Life Saving Victoria •ANSA distributing resource 	

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						<p>the work undertaken with NSW Sport and Rec, ANSA NSW and with the Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW – info to be made more broadly available</p>	<p>package that includes Angel Rings to all state branches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSW Rockfishing Safety Strategy which encompasses the work undertaken with NSW Sport and Rec, ANSA NSW and with the Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW – info is being developed into an interactive, translated CD-ROM . • Evaluation of FSA Child Safety on Farms Strategy • 	
<p>1.5 Maximise organisation linkages through delineation of roles and responsibilities and effective communication to ensure duplication of effort and resources are avoided</p>	<p>2004-2007</p>	<p>2 per annum</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint projects • AWSC Meetings - 2 per annum 	<p>AWSC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AWSC Minutes • Water Safety Workshops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct joint AWSC /State/Territory Water Safety Council meeting – 18 Oct 05 • Sharing of resources and approaches across stakeholder groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed Implementation of joint SLISA & Royal Lifesaving Medical Research Panel • National Water Safety Conference Aug 2006 • Sharing of resources and approaches across stakeholder groups • Audit of Water Safety Programs Services and Resources 	
<p>1.6 Ensure effective communication of water safety through the sharing of ideas and best practice throughout Australia</p>	<p>2004-2007</p>	<p>2003 Water Safety Conference – Sydney</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AWSC Resources register developed • National Water Safety Conferences – 1 	<p>AWSC members / State/Territory Water Safety Councils</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AWSC minute • Conference Held 	<p>Next Conference planned for August 2006</p> <p>AWSC website with links to stakeholder sites</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Water Safety Conference completed • Aug 2006 – Participants provided with papers presented and also with 2003 conference papers 	

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			Every 2 years • State Conferences – Links to Websites					
1.7 Build in performance indicators including timeframes with which to assess the success of this plan	2004-2007	Evaluation of the National Water Safety Plan (1999-2003)	• Development of this document • Updating of this document on an annual basis	AWSC	• Document available • Document updates and reported at AWSC meetings	AWSC Evaluation report progressing Include participation stats	AWSC Evaluation report progressing	

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2. Water Safety Education	Timeframe	Benchmark	Performance Indicators	Responsibility	Reporting Criteria	Progress at September 2005	Progress at August 2006	Progress at Sept 2007
<p>2.1 Recommendation 1: That <i>Water Safety Competency Targets and Success Targets</i> be set for all Australian children - established at appropriate age/developmental levels</p>	2004-2007	National Water Safety Framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key stakeholders, including State and Territory Education departments consulted. • Agreement of key stakeholders to Water Safety Competency Targets and Success Targets 	RLSSA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key stakeholders identified • Consultation undertaken • Agreement by all stakeholders on Water Safety Competency Targets • Progress towards targets on an annual basis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targets identified within the RLSSA Strategic Plan 2005-08 • RLSSA Stakeholders identified and consultation commenced via Focus groups and surveys • Tas setting minimum targets for years 3&4 existing and in future years 5&6 • NT aquatics in schools benchmarking S&S level 4 – start mid 06 • VIC has certificates 1&2 as Premier’s Water Safety Certificates – equivalent to RLS Swim and Survive Level 4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLSA Development of School Surf Safety curriculum • Presentation at AWSC conference on Tasmania progress • RLSSA PD Courses run throughout Australia 	
<p>2.2 Recommendation 2: That all Teachers of Swimming and Water Safety be required to hold an appropriate level of accreditation that recognises their initial training, ongoing demonstration of</p>	2004-2007	AUSTSWIM certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National system of recognising teachers – by industry and government. 	AUSTSWIM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define appropriate level of accreditation • Define appropriate ongoing competence, professional development and safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resources for the courses being developed both for presenters and participants • Photo licenses now issued as a safeguard by Austswim • Development of Adult teaching resources and teaching people with disability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added a Adult learn to swim Elective • Infants • Competitive Strokes • Disability 	

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<p>current competence and professional development, and safety skills. It is recognised that the <i>AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety</i> offers such an accreditation system.</p>					<p>skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AWSC recognises AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety as an appropriate accreditation system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post accreditation induction and ongoing competency assessments introduced to aquatic facilities. 		
<p>2.3 Recommendation 3: That all Coaches of Swimming be required to hold an appropriate level of accreditation that recognises their initial training, ongoing demonstration of current competence and professional development, and safety skills. It is recognised that the Swimming Australia offer such an accreditation system.</p>	2004-2007	Australian Coaching - National Coach Accreditation System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National system of recognising coaches of swimming – by industry and government. 	Swimming Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define appropriate level of accreditation • Define appropriate ongoing competence, professional development and safety skills • AWSC recognises Swimming Australia has an appropriate accreditation system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resources for the courses being developed both for presenters and participants • Modified Coaching structure consisting of the Green, Bronze, Silver and Gold Coach Accreditation now registered with the Australian Sports Commission. And currently developing a specialist SWD Coaching Course • Swim Aust to look at safety issues within the Coaching accreditation system – AWSC to write to SA raising the matter • Post accreditation induction and ongoing competency assessments introduced to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLSA – Development of CERT II in Coaching underway. • Courses are developed • Have adopted the RLSSA diving standards • RLSSA Developing Coaching Pathway (partnership with Swimming Australia) 	

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						aquatic facilities.		
<p>2.4 Recommendation 4: That all Pool and Beach Lifeguards be required to hold an appropriate level of accreditation that recognises their initial training, ongoing demonstration of current competence, professional development and rescue skills. It is recognised that the RLSSA offers such an accreditation system for Pool Lifeguards and that SLSA offers an accreditation system for Beach Lifeguards.</p>		<p>RLSSA Pool Lifeguard C26Award, SLSA Advanced Lifesaving Certificate and the Public Safety Qualifications in Aquatic Rescue</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain and promote award structures 	<p>RLSSA/SLSA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define appropriate level of accreditation • Define appropriate ongoing competence • AWSC recognises RLSSA offers an accreditation system for Pool lifeguards • AWSC recognises SLSA offers an accreditation system for Beach lifeguards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLSA- Resources developed for Cert II in Public Safety (Aquatic Rescue) Rolled out to all 38,000 lifesavers • Cert III under development by SLSA • RLS Pool Lifeguard accredited within the CRTP and requirement for employment at all pools • CRTP Version II now in place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beach Management Manual under development and specific editorial panel appointed. • Cert II Version 2 resources completed. Due August 06. RLSSA is currently revising its Pool Lifeguard award • RLSSA is developing an Australian Lifeguard Network, including lifeguard licence, to improve professional development and updating of members. • Remote pools project in the NT to address skills of lifeguards. 	
<p>2.5 Recommendation 5: That State and Territory</p>		<p>Tasmanian Govt Legislation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key stakeholders consulted. Legislation in 	<p>State/Territory Water Safety Councils/RLSS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key stakeholder identified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed workshop at NWSC Conf – Aug 06 		

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<p>Governments require that lifejackets (Personal Flotation Devices) are worn as a mandatory piece of Safety Equipment for all recreational boaters when under power. Responsibility for the wearing of lifejackets in these circumstances is the boat's skipper/driver.</p>			<p>place.</p>	<p>A</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key legislation identified • Changes to legislation proposed • Legislation changed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VIC – Current Regulatory Impact Statement on PFD usage on small vessels. • Maritime Jurisdictions to be included in the discussion on this matter – currently different legislation across jurisdictions 		
<p>2.6 Recommendation 6: That State and Territory Governments require that lifejackets (Personal Flotation Devices) are worn as a mandatory piece of Safety Equipment for children under 12 years of age in watercraft at all times. Responsibility for the wearing of lifejackets in these</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key stakeholders consulted. Legislation in place. 	<p>State and Territory Water Safety Councils</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key stakeholder identified • Key legislation identified • Changes to legislation proposed • Legislation changed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed workshop at NWSC Conference – Aug 06 		

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<p>circumstances is the boat's skipper/driver.</p>								
<p>2.7 Recommendation 7: That all States and Territory Governments develop and implement Codes of Practice for Diving and Snorkelling that meet the minimum training requirements within the Australian Standard AS4005.1.</p>	<p>2004-2007</p>	<p>State and Territories that have current Codes of Practice (WA and Qld)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Codes of Practice Implemented 	<p>State and Territory Water Safety Councils</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key stakeholders identified • Working groups formed • Codes of practice developed • Codes of practices implemented 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed workshop at NWSC Conference – Aug 06 • QLD and WA have current codes of practice • NSW - work being undertaken by ANSA on spearfishing licensing and standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding has been approved and the AUF are developing accreditation program 	
<p>2.8 Recommendation 8: That recreational fishers, particularly rock fishers and people fishing from boats, be provided with improved access to educational programs and safety systems.</p>	<p>2004-2007</p>	<p>NSW Water Safety Taskforce program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programs and resources delivered 	<p>RLSSA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key stakeholders identified • Programs and resources developed • Programs and resources delivered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RLS Fact Sheet developed – translated into Vietnamese and Chinese, Korean and Arabic • ANSA and RecFish – angel-rings positioned along NSW Coast as part of NSW Rockfishing Safety Strategy – to be more broadly promoted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANSA Angel Ring pilot project approved for Victoria, 79 locations. South and Western Australia pilot projects being investigated • Translated material on rock safety available, including DVD, fact sheets and advertisements placed in Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese papers • National distribution of DVD into K-Mart and Big-W Stores 	

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							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •RLSSA Safe fishing day run in SA (Vietnamese Community) and WA •NSW rock fishing safety project rolled out in Vic with life saving Victoria 	

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3. Water Safety Research	Timeframe	Benchmark	Performance Indicators	Responsibility	Reporting Criteria	Progress at September 2005	Progress at August 2006	Progress at Sept 2007
<p>3.1 Recommendation 9: That the <i>Australian Water Safety Research Committee</i> continues in the role of Research Coordinating Body to identify water safety research needs and to facilitate research opportunities and projects.</p>	2004-2007	AWSC Research Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting at least once per annum 	AWSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes from meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AWSC Research Committee meeting planned for March 06 • SLISA - 3 Year contract with University of NSW for Drowning intervention study – Science of the Surf project NSW • Queensland Government’s Irikandji Jellyfish Taskforce continues to facilitate and fund several research initiatives – SLISA involved • Farmsafe – fencing options research • ANZSBEG – Boating Incident Report • Rock Fishing – analysis of Coronial reports on fishing deaths – NSW 2003 – to be promoted nationally • VIC – ongoing consumer tracking research on water safety awareness and general response to campaign messages relating to Play it safe by the water campaigns. • Farmer attitudes research at Rural Field days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership with UNSW – Science of the Surf into it’s 2nd year • SLISA has appointed a National Marine Stinger Advisor based in Townsville. • RLSSA Investigation of Home Pools Safety Legislation • Research into older Australian drowning deaths • Rural water safety • Research into spa safety by AS and NSW Government 	

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<p>3.2 Recommendation 10: That the National Water Safety Audit again be conducted to determine all currently available services, programs and resources. Results are to be made available on the website www.watersafety.com.au for ease of access.</p>	2005	None currently available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit on web - online tool developed for updating of information 	AWSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit report produced (Annually) • On-line system for updating information • On-line system for searching 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report produced – available on AWSC website 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report under preparation available Oct 2006 	
<p>3.3 Recommendation 11: That Drowning Statistics be collated from the <i>National Coroners Information System (NCIS)</i> and State Coroners with subsequent information dissemination and access to relevant Water Safety organisations.</p>	2004-2007	2004 National Drowning Report, SLSA Surf Safety Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Drowning reports, SLSA Surf Safety Report 	RLSSA, SLSA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drowning report produced annually • Surf Safety report produced annually 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Drowning Report 2004 – released Oct 04 • National Drowning Report 2005 to be released Nov 05 • RLS – National 10-Year Drowning Study to be released Jan 06 • SLSA- National Surf Safety Report Published 1 Dec 04 next due 1 Dec -2005 • QLD Marine Incident report • VIC, NSW and WA produce state Drowning Reports annually – Vic research resulted in change in focus of report to include “Life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Drowning Report 2005 – released Nov 05 • 2005 National Surf Safety Report released on 1 December 2005 • National Drowning Report to be released Oct 2006 • 2006 National Surf Safety Report Due DEC 06 • Vic, NSW and WA produced drowning report 	

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						stages” rather than ages.		

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<p>4.1 Recommendation 12: That the <i>Guidelines for Safe Pool Operation (GSPO)</i> be used as the safety standards and best practice for all aquatic venues and facilities.</p>	2004-2007	GSPO Available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in the number of venues and facilities using the GSPO 	RLSSA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of facilities using GSPO • Updating and review of GSPO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approx 750 facilities (75%) using GSPO • RLSSA Updates and new guidelines released regularly • Revisions to Supervision guidelines to be released late 05 • Guidelines for caravan parks, resort pools etc to be released March 06 • VIC –Platinum Pools – recognises facilities with emphasis on safety. Implemented in VIC currently, other RLSSA branches advised of product. • OH&S Risk assessments implemented • Evaluation of key programs and standards within the NWSP eg GSPO to show success 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 800 (80%) of facilities using GSPO • RLSSA Updates and new guidelines released regularly • Extension of guidelines into private pools / hotel and caravan parks and river/ lakes and dams 	
<p>4.2 Recommendation 13: That the Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) Aquatic Risk and Safety Auditing incorporating the <i>Australian Beach</i></p>	2004-2007	SLSA Australian Beach Safety and Management Program, Recreational Signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop standards, promote standards 	SLSA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of beaches included 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLSA - Working group developed to include spatial data into ABSAMP model • Next stage – how data is integrated in programs/services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Signage guide agreed and signed off within SLSA and due to be accepted by the AWSC. • Coast Safe Risk Assessment service currently under IT development. Due Feb 2007. 	

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<p><i>Safety and Management Program</i> provide the safety standards and best practice for all surf beach locations and environs.</p>		Style Guide					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next step is to work with local government 	
<p>4.3 Recommendation 14: That a <i>Home Pool Inspection System</i> be adopted by all States and Territories and by all Local Government authorities. The Home Pool Inspection regime employed in Western Australia (2004) may be used to provide the safety standards and best practice.</p>	2004-2007	RLSSA Home Pool Inspection protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Codes of Practice and Training Implemented 	State/Territory Water Safety Councils/RLSSA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key stakeholders identified • Home pool inspection course developed • Home pool inspection system/s developed • Home pool inspection implemented 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RLS – Home Pool Safety forum – 19 Oct 05 • Keep Watch resources updated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RLSSA has commenced development of a course in Home Pool Fence Inspection and compliance • Examination of home pool safety legislation. • AS Updated – Available Sep 06 	
<p>4.4 Recommendation 15: That State and Territory Governments require National Signage Standards for aquatic locations be adopted and promoted. The</p>	2004-2007	Signage Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption by all State and Territories 	AWSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key stakeholders identified • Aquatic and Recreation Signage Style Guide adopted by all State and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopted by QLD Government • Added to agenda of Australian Standards • Pending adoption by AWSC – promote as a nationally consistent approach • Promoted by SLSA to all 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLSA has signed off on the National Aquatic Signage Manual • Update of AS • New signs developed and currently being tested by Austin Adams • Aquatic Signage Manual 	

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Victorian Government's <i>Aquatic and Recreation Signage Style Guide</i> is considered best practice and it is recommended that this document is adopted by all jurisdictions.					Territory as best practice • Aquatic and Recreation Signage Style Guide implemented	local and state governments • Close to adoption by ISO & AS	adopted by AWSC	
4.5 Recommendation 16: That standardised uniform colours of red and yellow be worn by all lifesavers and lifeguards at aquatic locations to enable ease of recognition by the public.	2004-2007	International Life Saving Federation (ILS) policy	• All SLSA and RLSSA Lifeguards wear R&Y. Promote to local government	SLSA/RLSSA/ Local Govt	• Development of a promotional plan for red and yellow uniforms • Promotion of red and yellow uniforms	• SLSA – Written to all local governments not in red and yellow • Worked with ILS to develop position statement • Developed standard National Lifeguard Uniform for SLSA lifeguards • AWSC promotes Red and Yellow as lifeguard uniform colours • Promoted by RLSSA in publications/ courses	• SLSA – ILS Statement on identification adopted • SLSA – Some local councils have moved from Blue uniforms to Red & Yellow. • Red and Yellow continuing to be promoted	
4.6 Recommendation 17: That an analysis of State and Territory water safety related legislation be undertaken to identify and report	2004-2007	Pool fencing legislation by QISU	• Report on water safety legislation in Australia	AWSC	• Identification of appropriate legislation • Report on areas of consistency /	• Nat Home Pool Safety Forum – Oct 05 • Proposed Legislation session at NWSC Conf – Aug 06 • SLSA analysis of legislation relating to volunteers	• Examination of Home Pool Safety Legislation • PFD legislation to be examined	

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on areas of inconsistency and deficiency.					inconsistency and deficiencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct analysis of State/Territory legislation 06-07 • NT Water Safety survey to be published 		
4.7 Recommendation 18: That a guide to water safety for local government authorities be produced, that contains information about legislative requirements and best practice.	2005-2006	None currently available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guide produced and distributed 	AWSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify appropriate partners • Develop guide for local government • Develop plan for distribution • Distribute guide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guideline to develop a council policy was launched in 2003 to assist Local Govt in the enforcement of new backyard pool regulations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Coastal Public Standards under development. Industry launch Feb 07. • Workshop at conference 	
4.8 Recommendation 19: That <i>Risk and Safety Audits</i> be conducted and <i>Risk Management Plans</i> be prepared and implemented at all regularly used Aquatic Locations - beaches, pools, inland swimming holes.	2004-2007		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk and Safety Audit protocols completed. Assessments made, Risk Management Plans prepared and implemented 	RLSSA/SLSA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of risk and safety audits conducted • Number of risk management plans prepared • Number of risk management plans implemented 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLSA Conducted 4 QLD, 3 NSW, 19 in Vic, 3 Tas local govt areas, 46 beaches in SA and 3 local govt areas in WA. Tender in progress in NT • RLSSA – completed Swimming Pool audit system – rolled out nationally April 05 • RLSSA State Branches conducted audits at over 100 pools • 100% of pools audited in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RLSSA – completed Swimming Pool audit system – rolled out nationally April 05 – Audit and plan development continuing • SLSA – Expanding our Coastal Risk Audit systems and technology through Research and Development Practices. Audits in all states • Indigenous programs continuing -NT 	

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						Tasmania • Indigenous programs underway NT		
4.9 Recommendation 20: That appropriate <i>Prevention, Rescue and Emergency Services</i> must be provided at all locations regularly used for aquatic recreation	2004-2007	SLSA Total Service Plan	• Total Service Plans developed	SLSA/RLSSA/ Local Govt	• Identification of Key Stake holders • Identification of appropriate prevention, rescue and emergency services • Define regularly used • Development of plan • Implementation of plan	• SLSA – National; Total Service Plan Developed and 2005 Gap and needs analysis conducted • Audit of open waterways – Vic and ACT • Angel Rings along NSW Coast – seek to install when audits are done	• SLSA – Funding for support service operations in NT, Margaret River WA and TAS. • Ongoing project roll out of angel rings nationally • RLS – continued roll out of GSPO and accompanying safety audits	

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<p>5.1 Recommendation 21: That a nationally coordinated Drowning Prevention strategy based on the <i>RLSSA Keep Watch program</i> be implemented to reduce drowning deaths in the 0-4 age group</p>	2004-2007	Keep Watch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased resources - improved website 	RLSSA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep Watch resources improved • Keep Watch implemented • Keep Watch evaluated • Improvements made 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RLSSA Keep Watch resources updated and improved • RLS Community Health Worker in-service program rollout • Lawrence releases DVD – Oct 05 • NT Water Safety Awareness program – Voucher system – 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RLSSA Keep Watch Resources updated and improved • RLSSA Community Health Worker Program Continuing • Kidsafe CSA • NT Water Safety Awareness program – Voucher system 	
<p>5.2 Recommendation 22: That programs that educate 16-35 year olds against “risk taking” behaviour be developed and implemented</p>	2004-2007		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program developed and implemented 	AWSC - RLSSA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key stake holders identified • Development of program/s • Implementation of program/s 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLSA – Surf Survival program underway • RLSSA – “Don’t Drink and Drown” pilot rollout in WA • Swimsafe Roos – ambassadors in Vic – target 16-24 age group • Safe Surfing program • ANZSBEG – Go easy on the drink campaign • RLSSA Review of Bronze Medallion • VIC – research in risk takers – split into 2 age groups (15- 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surf Survival program currently within version2 development • RLSSA – “Don’t Drink and Drown” WA – Continuing • PD Course for Teachers of Swim and Survive and RLSSA Bronze Medallion 	

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						24 and 25-34) due to different characteristics of these groups depending on "life stages".		
<p>5.3 Recommendation 23: Programs that increase awareness of water safety in the 55+ age group and that provide opportunities for the acquisition or re-discovery of water safety skills should be developed.</p>	2004-2007	None currently available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programs developed and implemented 	AWSC - RLSSA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key stakeholders identified • Key issues identified • Development of program/s • Implementation of program/s 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No progress 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RLSSA examining drowning deaths of older Australians • Presentation at Conference 	
<p>5.4 Recommendation 24: Access and availability of water safety facilities, programs and services must be appropriately increased to meet the needs of the regional, rural and remote community</p>	2004-2007	None Currently Available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Developed and Implemented 	AWSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of key stakeholder • Identification of rural water safety facilities, programs and services • Examination of spread of rural water safety facilities, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLSA – Surf Life Savers traveled 97463 km to reach 79,981 students in 635 schools in the last 24 months. More than 10,500 schools students from 598 schools have participated in the School Surf League. • Life Saving Vic continuing to run Open Water Learning Experience Programs and Beach to Bush programs in regional areas • RLSSA continuing to run 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLSA – Surf life savers again travelled 40,000+ Km's to reach in excess of 37,000 students within 300+ Schools. • AWSC Report on Rural Water Safety available on the web. • Water Safety in the Bush rolled out nationally • RLSSA continuing to run programs and increasing the RLS rural network • RLSSA Remote Pool Project – Continuing 	

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					programs and services • Development of program/s • Implementation of program/s	programs and increasing the RLS rural network • Remote Pools projects NT plus NSW Murdi Paarki – RLSSA • Farmsafe range of programs • WA Water Safety in the Bush project –Geraldton comb units • Vic continuing to run Open Water Learning Experience Programs and Beach to Bush programs in regional areas	•Swimming Aust – Swimming clubs in Indigenous communities	
5.5 Recommendation 25: Increase the promotion and adoption of securely fenced safe play areas on farms and rural properties	2004-2007	Secure fencing document, Information about setting up a safe play area	• Programs developed and implemented	Farmsafe & RLSSA	• Develop promotional plan • Implement promotional plan • Number of farms aware of safe play area • Number of farms implementing a safe plan area	• RLSSA developed Fact Sheet • RLSSA media releases promoting “Safe Play Areas” on farms and rural properties • RLSSA – incorporated rural safety into Keep Watch program	• RLSSA Fact Sheet – distributed • RLSSA Media releases promoting “Safe Play Areas” and rural safety	

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<p>5.6 Recommendation 26: Access and availability of facilities, water safety programs and services must be appropriately increased to meet the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities</p>	2004-2007	Remote Pools Project – Western Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programs Developed and Implemented 	AWSC Member orgs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key stakeholder identified • Partnerships established • Needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities identified • Current access and availability to facilities water safety programs and services described • Access and availability to facilities water safety programs and services increased 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLSA – funding provided to states for Indigenous awareness programs • SLSQ lifeguard program • RLSSA – established Remote Pools Support initiative in NT indigenous communities • RLSSA – Murdi Paarki pools project in NSW • RLSSA – Remote Pools project in the Kimberly Indigenous Boating safety info – Torres Strait • Swim Aust – indigenous swimming progs NT, WA, TAS, Vic, QLD • Surfing – indigo progs in 5 states “Come and Try days for indigo youth • AUSTSWIM – prog for indigenous swim teachers – NT – using info from WA, QLD and VIC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuation of SLSA - Qld lifeguard program. • SLSA – The implementation of Indigenous Programs within the Northern Territory by SLSA-NT. • RLSSA Remote Pools – Pool Managers Conference - NT Apr 06 • RLSSA Remote Pools Project Continues • Daly River Aquatic Recreation Project - Commenced 	

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<p>5.7 Recommendation 27: That key water safety messages be publicised in a variety of different languages and promoted directly to ethnic groups through working closely with appropriate culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) community organisations, Local Councils and through cultural specific publications. Further that people from CALD communities be encouraged to participate in specifically targeted water safety programs</p>	2004-2007	RLSSA Keep Watch Fact Sheets in Arabic, Korean, Vietnamese and Chinese. NSW Water Safety Taskforce Rock fishing information in Korean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More information translated Programs developed and implemented, people from CALD background undertaking water safety programs 	AWSC member orgs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethnic groups identified • Key partners identified • Issues identified • Resources developed / translated • Promotional strategies developed • Promotional strategies implemented 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLSSA – 10 Fact Sheets on water safety developed and currently being written into 5 different languages. • ANSA has translated materials related to fishing safety • RLSSA – Vietnamese project in SA and Vic • RLSSA – Chinese project in QLD • RLSSA – Arabic project in NSW • RLSSA – translation of resources into 4 languages incl; “How to use a Public Pool Guide” • VIC – w/s program in 15 languages, media driven with CALD ambassadors. CALD education program pilots thru local councils. • Sudanese w s prog in Tassie 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLSSA – The establishment of the culturally diverse initiative ‘On the same Wave’. Positions based at SLSSA & SLSNSW • RLSSA – Vietnamese project in SA and Vic • RLSSA – Arabic project in NSW • RLSSA – Water Safety Signs translated into 8 languages • RLSSA – CALD Project Tasmania • Rockfishing brochures produced in 4 languages • Translated material on rock fishing safety available, including DVD, fact sheets and advertisements placed in Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese papers 	
<p>5.8 Recommendation 28: That Inbound Tourists and Migrants receive</p>	2004-2007	Aust Tourism Commission Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program developed and implemented and inbound tourists 	SLSSA and RLSSA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key partners identified • Program developed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLSSA – Several programs targeting inbound tourists eg “Staying Alive” Gold Coast • Airport meet and greet, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLSSA – The continuation of the program ‘Staying Alive’ for inbound tourists • RLSSA translated material 	

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Water Safety Information through available avenues.		Brochure	receiving information		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program delivered 	accommodation pamphlets/brochures, “Beach Walks”, migrant education centres presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACT thru Real Estate and embassies 	provided to migrant resource centres and libraries in Australia	

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6. Implementation of the Plan	Timeframe	Benchmark	Performance Indicators	Responsibility	Reporting Criteria	Progress at September 2005	Progress at September 2006	Progress at September 2007
6.1 Recommendation 29: That appropriate groups representing the sailing, fishing, diving and recreational boating industries be invited to become members of the AWSC.	2004-2007	None currently available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letters of invitation sent - contact people identified - People attend AWSC meetings 	AWSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification of appropriate groups Invitation to join AWSC Attendance at AWSC meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letters sent to Sailing, Recreation Boating and Diving associations Fishing representatives to attend 18 Oct 05 meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication continuing 	
6.2 Recommendation 30: That the AWSC develop and implement a communications and media strategy for the 2004-07 plan	2004-2007	None currently available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Media Strategy Developed & Implemented Media release about NWSP 	AWSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of a media strategy Implementation of media strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed working group to develop the Communications strategy – from Oct 05 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Underway 	
6.3 Recommendation 31: That the AWSC develop a system that chronicles, updates and makes recommendations on water safety standards at a national level.	2004-2007	None currently available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> System in Place 	AWSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of system Implementation of system Inclusion of water safety standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed workshop at NWSC Conference – Aug 06 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audit of programs, resources, etc Assessment of legislation AS membership 	
6.4 Recommendation 32: That the	2004-2007	This document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation in 2007 - Report 	AWSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of reporting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This document is central to the Evaluation of the NWSP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This document up dated at 16 Aug meeting. 	

AWSC develop and implement an evaluation plan for the National Water Safety Plan 2004-2007.			produced		and evaluation framework • Progress recorded on an annual basis	2004-07		
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