



# KICKING BACK

*January/February 2026*

# EDITION #149



## Welcome to the January/February edition of Kicking Back.

It's been a great start to the year with training and swimming programs conducted right across the NT, professional development for our swim teachers and a huge community event attended in the Top End. Continue reading to find out more about what we've been up to this past January and February.



Swim & Survive in Gunbalanya



Swim Teacher Inservice



Fun in Elliott

### MISSION, VISION AND STRATEGY

**MISSION:** To prevent loss of life and injury in the community with an emphasis on the aquatic environment.

**VISION:** To build a healthy, strong and safe aquatic community through access to water safety education and training.

**STRATEGY:** Our People, Our Lifestyle, our Water

# OUR PEOPLE



Our 2024/2025 Annual Report is now available to read at the link below

[RLSSANT-Annual-Report-2024.2025.pdf](#)

Please enjoy reading about our activities for 2024/2025 in what was our Diamond Jubilee year, 60 years of service in the Northern Territory 1965-2025



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Our wonderful Swim Teachers came together on 22 January to participate in their Semester 1 In-service. It was a day of professional development, connection, upskilling and fun as they prepared for the coming Swim & Survive programs to be delivered in Term 1 and 2.



From 19-23 January, the Team had the best time with the students from Gunbalanya School. Our annual trip to the beautiful community saw students participating in our Swim, Survive & Strive school swimming program. The students demonstrated amazing swimming, survival and water safety skills. The week was finished with a pool lifesaving carnival.

Well done to all the students and a special thanks to Anna and her Team for their continued support!



Students from Elliot School participated in water safety talks and land-based water activities from 22-25 February. The senior students participated in CPR training and the Staff were engaged in CPR and First Aid training. Despite not having access to the pool the activities were very popular with students and staff. Well done Elliot!



Students from Kalkarindji enjoyed a Swim & Survive program conducted at Casuarina Aquatic & Leisure Centre from the 17-19 February. The students demonstrated great water safety skills over the three days.



# OUR PLACES

Our Trainers have been kept busy in Darwin throughout February delivering 7 Swim Teacher Rescue Award courses, a Bronze Medallion course and a Pool Lifeguard course. Well done to all participants and our Trainers for a huge start to the training calendar for 2026!



# OUR PLACES



Well done to all the participants who completed their Bronze Medallion and Bronze Medallion updates in Jabiru on the 17 and 18 February. Rescue ready to support their community!



# OUR PLACES



First Aid training was delivered to community members in Alice Springs on 11 February. Well done to all participants who successfully completed their training and a special shout out to our Trainer, Petina who delivered the training.



# UPCOMING COURSES- DARWIN



## Bronze Medallion or Update

Darwin | 21 March 8:30am-4:30pm  
18 April 8:30am-4.30pm  
16 May 8:30am – 4:30pm  
(update course 8:30am-12:30pm)

## Pool Lifeguard

Darwin | 10 & 11 October 8.30am -5.30pm

## Pool Lifeguard Update

Darwin | 11 October 8.30am – 5.30pm

## In-house group training available on request

- Face-to-face First Aid
- Swim Teacher Rescue Award
- Hydrotherapy Rescue Award



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# OUR PEOPLE



On 7 February, the Team joined the Australian Defence Force in welcoming new families to the Northern Territory Top End at the “Welcome to the Top End Defence Expo”.

It was a great morning spent talking all things water safety including the Water Safety Awareness Program, swimming lessons, aquatic industry training and employment opportunities.





# Goldfishbowl Swim School



Term 1 bookings are now open! Term 1 lessons commenced on 27 January 2026 and run through until 2 April. Visit our website to make your booking for 2026. [learn to swim darwin, swimming lessons Darwin](https://www.learn-toswim.com.au/learn-to-swim-darwin-swimming-lessons-darwin)





# Goldfishbowl Swim School



## Swim and SURVIVE



On 9-12 February children from Wooliana School travelled to the Goldfishbowl Swim School to enjoy swimming lessons from the Swim & Survive Program. Well done to all the students who participated, it was a fun filled week!





# POOL LIFESAVING



Pool Lifesaving has commenced once again....

Join our super coaches – Carly, Alister, Laura and Lou and make a splash with Pool Lifesaving this term.

Wednesday nights at Parap 5.30-6.0pm  
Tuesday & Thursday at the Goldfishbowl, Palmerston  
4.30-5.30pm

New members are welcome!

NTG Sport Vouchers can be used for the session fees

Email [sportnt@rlssa.org.au](mailto:sportnt@rlssa.org.au) for further information

Pool lifesaving.  
It's more than just a sport.





# WATER SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAM

Help your child build essential water safety skills.

Follow the steps below to obtain access to the government funded swimming vouchers – this program is for children under the age of five

## Step 1 – Apply for the WSAP Program

**Register your child online:**

<https://nt.gov.au/leisure/sport/sport-and-swim-vouchers/learn-to-swim-vouchers-for-your-child/water-safety-awareness-program-registration-form>

## Step 2 – Receive Your WSAP voucher Number

**You will receive a unique WSAP voucher number.**

📌 Keep this in a safe place — it stays the same for your child **until they turn 5.**

## Step 3 – Complete the Emergency Care Session

**Complete the online Emergency Care Session** to receive a one-off \$50 Water Safety Awareness Program voucher. The link to this session will be emailed to you along with your child's Water Safety Awareness Program Voucher Number *(please allow five business days from submitting your application)*

## Step 4 – Apply for Learn to Swim Vouchers

Families can apply for \$100 Learn to Swim vouchers twice per year until their child turns 5:

<https://grantsnt.nt.gov.au/grants/learn-to-swim-semester-1-jan-to-may-2026>

**You will require your Water Safety Awareness Program Voucher Number to complete this application.**

👤 These vouchers can be used to help cover the cost of children's swimming lessons and can be used in conjunction with the once off \$50 Water Safety Awareness Program Voucher.

Email [wsap@rlssa.org.au](mailto:wsap@rlssa.org.au) for further information

# 183

children aged 0-4  
years drowned over  
the past ten years



**SUPERVISE  
CHILDREN**





The Wet Season is here and with it the return of Royal Life Saving Northern Territory's important **Stay Out of Pipes and Drains** safety campaign.

We're calling on all Territorians to **#staysafethiswet** and encourage children to use safe swimming locations.

Head to our Facebook for more information and to go into the draw.

**#stayoutofpipesanddrains**



# NATIONAL AQUATIC INDUSTRY WORKFORCE



Key insights from the National Aquatic Industry Workforce Report 2025 emphasise the importance of the National Aquatic Workforce Framework to:

- Promote the breadth of industry roles and attract a diverse workforce
- Retain and develop workers through clear career pathways
- Strengthen leadership capability and development
- Streamline professional development and reaccreditation systems and requirements

Employers are encouraged to share the available pathways and align training and development plans to support the over 50% of workers who want a long-term career in the industry.

Explore the National Aquatic Workforce Framework [here](#).  
Learn more about the National Aquatic Industry Workforce Report [here](#).



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