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“Our People, Our Lifestyle, Our Water”

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Thank you to our Patrons



Members of Royal Life Saving Society (Australia) Northern Territory Branch, are so very grateful to Her Honour the Honourable Vicki O'Halloran AO Administrator of the Northern Territory and Mr Craig O'Halloran for being our Patrons for the past five years. Their passion, leadership and commitment to our community in water safety and drowning prevention is inspirational.

Thank you for your kindness, hospitality and support and thank you to the wonderful Team at Government House for helping us to be the best community organisation that we can be.



Message from the President



This year's Royal Life Saving NT Annual Report celebrates a significant strategic milestone, highlights the continued commitment and resilience of our Members, volunteers and staff, as well as, acknowledges the many people and partnerships that come together to deliver a healthy, strong and safe community through water safety, education and training.

Significant Strategic Milestone

In alignment with our strategic direction and recognition that access to suitable water space to deliver our programs in the Top End was becoming more challenging, in January 2022, we purchased the Goldfishbowl Swimming Pool and Swim School in Yarrowonga NT.

After extensive due diligence was undertaken, we proudly own a tangible asset, have access to indoor, temperature controlled water space all year round and have a place to further deliver our vision and expand services to our community.

I'd like to thank all those involved in the decision-making process, purchase and now the operations of the Goldfishbowl.

Continued Commitment and Resilience

While the last 12 months has seen the continued navigation of COVID-19 pandemic conditions, resourcing/skill shortage challenges coupled with expanded operational commitments, this however, highlights the positives that we are still delivering and the exceptional commitment and resilience demonstrated by our Members, volunteers and staff.

Key 2021/22 highlights include:

- We have 2574 Members and had contact with 43% of Territorians.
- 20,322 certificates, including 8,492 from the Swim and Survive program and 11,830 training certificates, were issued.
- Administrators Medal awarded to Marianne Yuen fourteen award recipients acknowledged at a Government House Reception that was attended by 57 Members.
- 8 athletes, 2 coaches and 2 officials represented the Northern Territory at the Australian Pool Lifesaving Championships.

People and Partnerships

We acknowledge all those who support us in advancing our purpose of saving lives and continuing our proud history of serving communities and all Territorians, including:

- Our Patrons, 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. Eva Lawler, Northern Territory Minister for Education
- The Hon. Natasha Fyles, Northern Territory Minister for Health
- Our Board of Directors, Members, Volunteers, Staff, Swimming Teachers and Trainers
- Royal Life Saving Australia and Branches across Australia

I look forward to continuing to work together to prevent loss of life and injury in the aquatic environment and promoting safe participation in water related pursuits for the benefit of all Territorians

Yours in lifesaving

James Sheridan



Report from the Executive Director



In 2021/2022 we celebrated 2574 active members. We conducted 90 community events reaching 89,064 people. Royal Life Saving NT provided a community benefit and services to 102,248 people across the northern Territory, achieving our strategic goal of reaching over 40% 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.

8,492 primary school aged children participated in the Swim and Survive program, with 310 achieving the national benchmark of level 6. Participation numbers are drastically down and the number achieving a level 6 has declined, with less than 3% of enrolled students achieving the National Benchmark. Royal Life Saving NT are deeply concerned about these statistics and continues 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.

1,028 children from 22 remote schools participated in the Remote Swim, Survive and Strive project and 194 students achieved the national swimming and water safety benchmark of a level six and above. The project enabled children to learn to swim and participate in a Pool Lifesaving carnival. The project includes Royal Life Saving training and AUSTSWIM mentoring to assist local people in obtaining employment or volunteer services at their community swimming pool. 384 local community people participated in this training, with 9 indigenous people gaining employment. 39 Indigenous rangers completed training with a total of 1678 people in 22 remote community locations participating in the program. The ten year evaluation of the program highlights the engagement and success of the program and the importance if ongoing funding.

11,830 training certificates were issued with 40% of this training conducted in regional and remote areas. 5,281 statements of attainments were issued under Vocational Education and Training. 423 Training courses were conducted across the Northern Territory to 2,688 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 2,009

enrolments were received with 13 providers operating across the NT. 30,057 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.

The Sport of Pool Lifesaving maintained participation with over 3,000 children participating in carnivals in Darwin, Katherine, Alice Springs, Tennant Creek and remote communities. Royal Life Saving NT sent a team of eight lifesaving athletes and officials to the Australian Pool Life Saving Championships in Sydney. We placed 4th overall, a fantastic achievement. Thanks to our coaches, volunteers and officials whose ongoing commitment and contribution to the sport makes a huge difference for our community.

The purchase of the Goldfishbowl in January 2022 was a significant strategic milestone for the Organisation. We have been saving for this opportunity for over 57 years and are excited to be able to provide more services to the community and further our cause of drowning prevention.

I am pleased to complete my report by advising members, stakeholders and volunteers that the NT Branch is in a strong position and looks forward to the ongoing challenges and opportunities. I would like to sincerely thank our devoted volunteers including the Executive Management Team led by James Sheridan our trainers, swim teachers and our members. I would like to thank Royal Life Saving National Office and all the State and Territory Branches of Royal Life Saving. A Massive THANK YOU to our fantastic staff for their continued dedication and commitment. I am so very grateful and honoured to be part of an inspiring team who are strengthened by and committed to our values of Quality, Respect, Leadership and Innovation.
Yours in lifesaving
Floss Roberts

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Floss Roberts

Highlights of the Year 2021/2022

- Provided a community benefit and services to 102,248 people across the Northern Territory, achieving our strategic goal of reaching over 43% of our population.
- 8,492 participated in the Swim and Survive program with 310 Students achieving the National Water Safety Competency Benchmark of a level 6 or above.
- 182 children participated in our “Little Royals Swim School” Program run in Katherine and Darwin.
- 1,678 people participated within the Indigenous Advancement Strategy - Remote Swim, Survive & Strive. The project ran within 22 remote communities. This includes 1,028 students in remote locations with 194 achieving the national swimming and water safety benchmark of a level 6 or above, a significant increase of 44%. 384 people were trained and now qualified with range of qualifications. 9 Indigenous people gained employment as a direct result of the project. 39 Junior Sea Rangers have gained their Level 4 Swim & Survive skills across 3 different communities.
- 423 Training courses were conducted across the NT for 2,688 participants, with 11,830 certificates issued including 5,281 statements of attainments. 40% of training courses were delivered in regional and remote area of the Northern Territory.
- AUSTSWIM: 15 courses with 120 participants, 20% of these were delivered in Regional and Remote locations. 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 23 schools were visited by the Water Safety Unit to deliver water safety talks to 2,530 students across the NT.
- Water Safety Week 20-26 September 2021 with 14 events to over 10,000 people, including Splashfest.
- 30,057 children have enrolled in the Water Safety Awareness Program since 2003, with 73% of children completing all five sessions.
- There was a total of 2010 enrolments for July 2021 – June 2022 in the Water Safety Awareness Program with 11 Providers – Swim Schools
- Conducted 90 community events, providing a direct community benefit to over 89,064 people
- Maintained 29 Keep Watch Ambassadors and worked with all levels of Government to highlight the importance of water safety and preventing drowning
- 2574 Members, with 96 Voting Members
- Sport: 124 active pool lifesaving members, 5 Pool Lifesaving Carnivals, represented NT in the APLSC in Sydney and placed 5th, 276 Indigenous youth participated in pool

lifesaving carnivals held in remote communities and 4 Active Family Fun Day Sporting Events

- Make the Right Call and Respect the River campaign has engaged with over 20,000 children and adults, 10 community events
- Employed 14 Permanent staff, including 1 full-time position based in Alice Springs; 40 registered Trainers and 23 casual Swim Teachers.
- Sadly 8 people drowned in 2021/2022 year in the Northern Territory
- Goldfishbowl Swim School purchased in January 2022. 968 children enrolled in the Swim School. In addition to this, 3 school programs were conducted at the facility from Jan – June 2022.

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

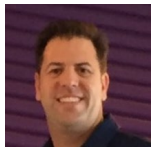
A sustainable business that increases Royal Life Saving services across the whole of the Northern Territory, providing a community benefit to at least 40% of Territorians.

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 9 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.

Our Board



James Sheridan

B.Bus, MTechMgt(RiskMgt). ANZIIF(AFF) CIP

President

Risk management, strategic planning & governance Background
Member of Board from 7/9/2018



Sarah Dowd

LLB BA

Vice President

16 years as a member, volunteer, competitor at various Pool Life Saving Championships, swimming teacher and coach.
Member of Board from 24/02/2020



Randall Cook

B.Ed., Grad Dip in Educational Mgmt.

Committee Member

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.



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 Board from 1/11/2017



Penny Hart

BA, Grad Dip in Teaching, Cert IV Governance & Risk

Committee Member

Background in swimming, teaching, governance and administration. Previous NT pool lifesaving as a sport team member.

Member of the Board 2013-2015, 2017-present



Alice Doyle

B.HealthSc, 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 Board from 16/3/2010



Rodney Cremona

B.Ed, AUSTSWIM TSW

Secretary

Ten years involvement in Royal Life Saving NT as a Trainer and Teacher

Member of Board from 2/9/2015



Annette Roberts

Dip MMT, Dip HR, WHS, Dip TAE, GAICD

Public Officer

Extensive experience in Aquatic Industry. Sport and management background

Member of Board from 12/7/2006



Toni Blair

B.Bus, GAICD

Committee Member

Best practice corporate services, portfolio management and transformational change skills

Elected to Board 8/11/2021

Table 1: Record of Management Committee Meetings and Attendance

✓ Attended A Apology X Did not attend N/A – i.e. not on Board at time S/L – Sick Leave Meetings as per constitution 2021/2022

#	Date	Penny	Joe	Rod	Alice	Randall	Floss	James	Sarah	Toni
1	5/7/2021	✓	✓	A	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	
2	23/8/2021	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	
3	31/8/21	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	
AGM	3/9/2021	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	
4	4/10/2021	✓	✓	A	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	
5	8/11/2021	✓	✓	A	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	8/12/21 Xmas Party									
6	7/2/2022	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

7	7/3/2022	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8	9/5/2022	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	20/5/22	Administrator Function								
9	20/6/22	A	A	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓

Elected Position and notes:

- James Sheridan Chairperson/President & National Director RLSSA
- Sarah Dowd Vice-Chairperson/Vice-President
- Rod Cremona Secretary
- Joe De Luca Treasurer
- Randall Cook Staff Liaison and Mediator of grievances or disputes, as per section 58 of the constitution

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. During 2021/22 RLSSA NT employed 14 full-time staff, 23 casual swimming teachers and 40 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.

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, Membership

Jill Dowd

Business Administrator

Administration, Human Resource Management, Finance, Merchandise

Samantha Cooper
Programs Coordinator

Kate Conway
Training Officer and Aquatic Services

Gabrielle Sutton
Training Officer and Aquatic Services

Tiarne Vella-Hunt
WSAP & Programs Officer

Naomi Briggs
Community Development Officer Central Australia

Cieran New
Community Development Officer
Inland Waterways Project, Remote Swim & Survive Officer

Mia Liebenberg
Community Development Officer
Inland Waterways Project, Remote Swim & Survive Officer

Jacki-Lee Fawcett
Community Development Officer

Kerrie Seymour
Community Development Officer



Membership

Royal Life Saving NT Membership Summary 2021/2022

A total of 2428 members contributed to the activities of the Society during 2021/22 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.

Table 2: Royal Life Saving NT Membership Summary 2021/2022

Voting Members

Membership Type	Number
Life	7
Individual	49
Trainer	40
Total	96

Non-voting Members

Membership Type	Number
Patron	2
Award	2369
Corporate	6
Pool Life Saving – Alice Springs	10
Pool Life Saving – Darwin	19
Friends of Lifesaving	56
Seniors	10
Schools	1
Swim & Survive Partners	5
Total	2478



Royal Life Saving NT Life Members
Kath Midgley
Fritz Risler
Randall Cook
Alister Lear
Jenny Verrall
Daphne Read
Petina Franklin

Table 3: Summary of Royal Life Saving Northern Territory Members as at 30 June 2022

Total Members: 2574

Honours and Awards

Royal Life Saving Australia	
Alice Doyle	Companion – 15 years
Penny Hart	Fellow – 10 Year Service
Fritz Risler	Meritorious Service Medal – 20 years
Charmain Scoggins	Fellow -10 Year Service
Clontarf Foundation Darwin	Australian Presidents Award
Clontarf Foundation Alice Springs	Australian Presidents Award
Royal Life Saving Australia – Commonwealth	
Brooke O’Bryan	Service Commendation – 2 years service
Emily May	Service Medal – 4 years service
David Gardiner	Bar to service Medal – 8 years service
Rebecca Johnson	Bar to service Medal – 8 years service
Royal Life Saving NT Presidents Award	
Katherine School of the Air	
Get Physical	
Darwin Day Surgery	
Acacia Hill School	
Nemarluk School	
Junior Police Rangers	
NT Police Cadets Darwin	
NT Police Cadets Southern Command	
Darwin Waterfront Corporation	
Darwin High School	



NORTHERN TERRITORY ADMINISTRATOR'S MEDAL AWARD

For exceptional contribution to Lifesaving, Water Safety and
Drowning Prevention in the Northern Territory

2021 NT Administrator Medal is awarded to Marianne Yuen (awarded in 2022)

Marianne's Private Swim was established by Marianne in Alawa over 20 years ago. Marianne has devoted her life to swimming and water safety. She runs her successful business with her husband Vince and has taught over 10,000 Territorians how to swim – herself. Marianne delivers every lesson herself and people go to her for her well-maintained heated pool, privacy and her professional expertise. Marianne has been a provider of the Water Safety Awareness Program since its inception in 2005 and she has taught generations of families how to swim.

Marianne has been an active member of Royal Life Saving NT for the past 15 years and volunteers over 50 hours every year to assist in community events. People talk about Marianne with pride and gratitude and say things like – “I was scared of the water and I took my children to Marianne’s swim school. She was wonderful with them and then taught me how to swim”.

Marianne is passionate about water safety and has contributed to drowning prevention in the Northern Territory for over 20 years.



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 113 community events at schools, shopping centres, parenting groups, remote communities and major Northern Territory events including Water Safety Week, Children's Week Katherine Show & Royal Darwin Show and the Defence Expo.

Over 89,000 members of the community directly interacted with Royal Life Saving Northern Territory at these events. This is a substantial increase in Territorian's engagement with water safety messages compared to last year. This community engagement result for 2021/2022 is a direct reflection of the community slowly opening again following the global pandemic.

Over the past year many of the community events have involved promoting and educating families about the Be River Safe message and the Water Safety Awareness Program. These two programs are designed specifically to reduce drowning risks which affect all Territorians.

Participation in the Katherine Show and the Royal Darwin Show were once again fantastic opportunities for Staff and Volunteers to connect directly with the community and to raise the profile of the organisation. Thank you to all the volunteers who were involved with the Shows and helped make our attendance at these events a success.



Our Volunteers

Pool Lifesaving also 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 2021/22 Volunteer of the Year is awarded to Marylou O’Gallagher. Marylou has worked tirelessly in her role as a swim teacher and by providing support at community events by promoting water safety messages to all members of the community.



Table 4: 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
2021/2022	Marylou O’Gallagher

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 Kate Conway in recognition of her outstanding service to our lifesaving community. Kate’s positive and caring approach helps everyone from children to adults in their lifesaving journey.

Table 5: Trevor Cawthorne Memorial Award

2016/2017	Kate Dowd
2017/2018	Chloe Sein
2018/2019	Steve Whiteside
2019/2020	Cieran New
2020/2021	Emily May
2021/2022	Kate Conway



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 2021-2022, 423 courses were conducted with 2688 Participants, 11830 certificates issued including 5281 Statements of attainment.

76 Participants trained in Pool Lifeguard

460 Participants trained in Bronze Medallion

747 Participants trained in First Aid

541 Participants trained in Resuscitation

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.

Table 6: Aquatic Services courses and participants

Course Name	Number of Courses	Number of Participants
Child Care First Aid	25	186
First Aid	36	258
First Aid Online	47	303
Resuscitation	111	541
Bronze Star	2	25
Bronze Medallion	56	460
Bronze Medallion Reaccreditation	45	277
Pool Lifeguard	11	76
Pool Lifeguard Update	24	125
Aquatic Technical Operators	1	4
Workshop	1	29
Hydro Therapy Rescue Award	6	53
Swimming Teacher Rescue Award	43	231
AUSTSWIM	15	120
Total	423	2688

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 the 4th of September 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 2021/2022 is Naomi Briggs. Naomi is a Royal Life Saving NT's Central Australia Programs and Training Coordinator. In the past 12 months Naomi has delivered and assessed 103 training courses with 688 participants across the whole of the Northern Territory. Naomi has consistently demonstrated a high level of participant satisfaction and delivery of training to an exceptional standard to a range of differing cohorts. Her warm, welcoming, and considerate nature are qualities that make her participants feel at ease in the learning environment. Well done Naomi!

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

2009 / 2010	Alice McDonald
2010 / 2011	Rebecca Gawne
2011 / 2012	Mark FitzSimons
2012 / 2013	Petina Franklin
2013 / 2014	Rodney Cremona
2014 / 2015	Tom Cannavan
2015 / 2016	Joan Burns
2016 / 2017	Wayne Van Sambeek
2017 / 2018	Stephen Gazzola
2018 / 2019	Rebecca Brown
2019 / 2020	Pamela Dillon
2020/2021	Kate Conway
2021/2022	Naomi Briggs



Naomi Briggs
Trainer of the Year 2021/22

Safer Aquatic Locations

There is an increased drowning risk linked with the increased number of people seeking out remote waterways, day trips to isolated rivers and holidaying to unfamiliar locations.

Not all aquatic environments can be monitored by lifeguards, but all can be made safer with better guidelines, targeted action in black spots and greater community awareness of the risks. Safety in public pools remains a key focus. We undertake detailed research to measure the types of injuries and incidents that occur and established safety benchmarks.

Royal Life Saving NT has a strong commitment to strengthening safety and risk management in all aquatic venues facilitate and/or locations within the Northern Territory. Which is achieved through risk management, industry development and training initiatives.

Highlights:

- NT representative on the National Aquatic Industry Committee whose focus is to strengthen the health, safety and viability of the aquatic facilities operating in the Northern Territory and supporting the aquatic industry navigating the challenges of COVID-19
- Contributed to the review and update of Guidelines for Safe Pool Operation
- Participated in the launch of the conflict management and communication skills eLearning courses targeted to Aquatic Industry Personnel
- Actively engaged with the greater public in promotion of educational initiatives such as the Pipes and Drains, Respect the River and Make the Right call campaign.

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. It is recommended that an AFSA is conducted at least annually.

The AUSTSWIM accreditation is the industry standard for Swimming and Water Safety Teachers™ and is delivered and recognised in each state and territory of Australia and many countries overseas. Royal Life Saving Society NT (RLSSA NT) is a sub agency of AUSTSWIM and 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 2021-2022, RLSSA NT conducted a total of 15 courses and with 120 participants across the Northern Territory.

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

Removing Barriers Program

There are few environments that offer the chance for participation, regardless of physical and mental ability, in the same way the aquatic environment does.

Aquatic recreation is something that most Australians take for granted. Unfortunately, not all Australians have the same opportunities to benefit from the water.

AUSTSWIM, in partnership with the Commonwealth Government - Department of Social Services, launched the Removing Barriers Program to build the capacity of the aquatic industry and the community so that everyone can take advantage of the benefits of the water.

The 'Removing Barriers' program was designed to help those who are most vulnerable in our community and gives them the opportunity to access safer, supervised aquatic activities. 17 Territorians attended the program which was delivered in both Darwin and Alice Springs in 2022, starting their careers as a Swim Teacher with a focus on increasing greater access and equity to their participants.

2021-2022 Highlights

- 57 participants in the AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety Course
- 22 participants in the AUSTSWIM Teacher of Infants and Pre-schooler Aquatics
- 13 participants in the AUSTSWIM Teacher of Competitive Strokes
- 13 participants in the AUSTSWIM Teacher of Adults
- 18 participants in the AUSTSWIM Teacher of Access and Inclusion

AUSTSWIM State Advisory Committee

The AUSTSWIM NT State Advisory Committee consists of stakeholders and volunteers from across the Northern Territory.

Table 8: AUSTSWIM Advisory Committee Members

AUSTSWIM SAC Member	Position
Petina Franklin	Chairperson Central Australia Representative
Annette (Floss) Roberts	Secretary RLSS 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	RLSSA NT Rep Delivery agreement/ Secretary/ Training
Thomas Noblett	Swimming Northern Territory

Table 9: AUSTSWIM NT Course Statistics

Course Name	No of Courses	No of Participants
Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety	7	57
Teacher of Infants and Pre-school Aquatics	2	19
Teacher of Access and Inclusion	2	18
Teacher of Adults	1	13
Teacher of Towards Competitive Strokes	1	13
AUSTSWIM PD Workshop	0	0
AUSTSWIM WETS Aqua Instructors	0	0
Total delivered by AUSTSWIM NT	15	120

Alice Springs and Central Australia

RLSSA NT actively sought to reduce drowning through the Central Australian Region by engaging the community with innovative events to promote services in education, programs, sport and training.

- Training: 90 courses were held with a total of 598 participants within Central Australia and included Bronze Medallion and updates, Pool Lifeguard and updates, First Aid, CPR, and Swimming Teacher Rescue Award.
- WSU: There were 254 enrolments for the WSAP in the region which was 12.64% of the vouchers issued in the program. Our Emergency Care sessions were conducted at the Birth and Beyond Parent Centre in Alice Springs.
- Education: 4 Water Safety Education talks were conducted within the region reaching 145 students. Sessions were delivered at childcare centres, preschools, and primary schools.
- IAS: Swim, Survive and Strive programmes were delivered in 5 communities. Mt Leibeg, Santa Teresa, Mutitjulu, Areyonga and Yuendumu. With each visit, a Pool Lifesaving carnival was held as a culmination of the lessons conducted.
- Sport: There are 11 active Pool Lifesaving members in Central Australia. This is a decrease of 6 compared to last year and 34 off the KPI of 45. Sport participation decreased due to the shortage of qualified casual coaching staff to assist in delivery as the Alice Springs staff member was required to travel for the IAS program.
- Community Events: RLSSA NT was involved in 14 community events within Central Australia and reached over 400 people. The Alice Springs Show was again postponed due to COVID still lingering in the remote central communities. Staff shortages also hindered the ability to attend more community events in Central Australia.

Table 10: Alice Springs WSAP Enrolments

2017/2018	301	7% of total enrolments
2018/2019	306	6.4% of total enrolments
2019/2020	235	11.75% of total enrolments
2020/2021	239	11.92% of total enrolments
2021/2022	254	12.64% of total enrolments

Table 11: Alice Springs Training Statistics

2017/2018	65 courses 324 participants
2018/2019	91 courses 453 participants
2019/2020	44 courses 157 participants
2020/2021	54 courses, 211 participants
2021/2022	90 courses, 598 participants

Table 12: Participation in Pool Lifesaving

2017/2018	39 participants
2018/2019	16 participants

2019/2020	10 participants
2020/2021	17 participants
2021/2022	11 participants

Swim and Survive

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

This year 14,227 children from urban, regional, and remote Northern Territory participated in the Swim and Survive Program, a 15.9% decrease from the previous year. The community has the opportunity to access to the program through our School Swim and Survive Program, Swim and Survive Partners, the Swim, Survive & Strive Program in remote communities or our Sunday Lifesaving and VACSWIM programs. We continue to work with stakeholders to increase the number of students to meet the National Benchmark of a Swim and Survive. This year 1109 children reached an Active Award Level 6 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. 79 Government and Non-Government schools acknowledge the important life skills that the Swim and Survive program provides by having the program as part of their school curriculum. Below is a table outlining participation by location:

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

Area	No. of Children 2017-18	No. of Children 2018-19	No. of Children 2019-20	No. of Children 2020-21	No. of Children 2021-22
DARWIN	5260	6730	4122	6697	5412
PALMERSTON	1943	1592	3346	2469	148
ALICE SPRINGS	3990	2296	1882	2744	1716
KATHERINE	455	101	249	550	188
REMOTE	2090	2514	2673	1767	1028
TOTAL	13,738	13,233	12,272	14,227	8,492



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 7414 Government school students from 58 schools received certificates including 1028 Remote students.

This year also saw 208 students achieving a Swim and Survive Level 7 or above. This represents 2.8% of attending Government school students.

Swim and Survive Partners

Royal Life Saving NT are supported by 24 Swim and Survive Partners and Schools. They are recognised as a preferred deliverer of the Swim and Survive Program. This is 2 more than the previous year. Some long-standing partners include Marianne's Swim School, Goldfishbowl Swim School in Palmerston, Swim Dynamics in Darwin 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 programming.

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.

This year saw 2783 children participate in the Swim and Survive program through the 24 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.



Table 14: Swim and Survive Partners

Katherine Aquatic Centre
Coomalie Community Government Council
Marianne Swim School
Northern Territory Swim School
Mirri Swim School
Alice Springs Aquatic Leisure Centre
Nightcliff Middle School Outreach Henbury
Swim Dynamics
YMCA of the Top End
Katherine School of the Air
Accelerated Swimming and Performance
Triple S Swim School

Goldfishbowl Swim School
Yulara School
Mataranka School
Top End Multi Sports
Jabiru Swim School
Carly Swim Coach
Ludmilla School
Batchelor Area School
Tennant Creek School
Maningrida Swim School
Splash Academy Alyangula

Table 15: Swim and Survive Partner – Schools

Henbury School
Katherine School of the Air
Yulara School
Mataranka School
Ludmilla Primary School
Batchelor Area School
Tennant Creek School

COMMUNITY: 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 skills increase. This year 41 children participated in this program.

The VACSWIM intensive Swim and Survive program is held each year in the October and January school holidays. This year the program undertook a massive makeover. The VACSWIM program with a difference included 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 new skills. A total of 54 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 Kristy Mulhall who has been recognised for her commitment to water safety and being an outstanding AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety. Kristy is a long serving member of the Goldfishbowl Swim School Team and her commitment to excellence water safety education and swim teaching is outstanding.

Table 16: 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
2021 / 2022	Kristy Mulhall



Swimming lessons for Migrants

Darwin High School – ESL program

Royal Life Saving NT was able to provide a much-needed swimming and water safety program for Darwin High School students from multicultural backgrounds. The 8-week program was conducted at Parap pool.

16 students were given the opportunity to participate in their first water safety/swimming program. Swimming skills, survival skills, lifesaving skills, basic resuscitation information were all key components of the program. 95% of all participants had never experienced a structured swimming program previously. The program was well received by the participants with positive feedback, with all saying that they were grateful for the opportunity.



Pool Lifesaving

Darwin and Alice Springs training commenced in August 2021 and RLSSANT conducted 22 grassroots carnivals throughout 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 remained steady throughout 2021-2022. Darwin recorded 19 members and Alice Springs 11 members.

Australian Pool Lifesaving Championships 2022

The Australian Pool Lifesaving Championships 2022 (APLSC 2022) were held at Pymble Ladies College in Sydney during the June long weekend.



Representing Northern Territory

Our NT team consisted of eight athletes in total.

Deacon Higgins
Jack Morton
Chloe Morton
Claire Morton
Yvonne Rankin
CJ Rankin
Gabrielle Sutton
Kate Conway

Alister Lear travelled as Team Coach, Laura Withers as Team Manager, Floss Roberts and Kerrie Seymour as Event Officials. Kate Conway and Claire Morton were awarded overall age champions in their respective masters age division.

Volunteers

The volunteer coaches are the lifeline to 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: Carly McKinnie and Kerrie Seymour
Guest Coach: Kate Conway

Alice Springs

Coach: Naomi Briggs



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 2023

2023 marks the 57th Championships in Australia and here in the NT, we wish to continue the tradition of representing the Territory. Fundraising efforts have already started towards this. Thank you to the parents and athletes involved in fundraising events for 2023.

We are continually looking for new ways to fundraise &/or gain sponsorship, if you are interested in becoming a sponsor for our 2023 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.



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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 243 participants. Pool Life Saving carnivals were conducted in Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs with 287 participants. Regional development programs were conducted in Daly River, Batchelor and Maningrida with 152 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 pool lifesaving 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 & Yirra Schools, Gunbalanya School, Santa Teresa School, Tennant Creek - Canteen Creek, Rocky Downs Station, Nhulunbuy - Yirrkala School.

Infant Aquatics

Little Royals Swim School Darwin 2021/2022

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 swimming programs were held in 2021/2022. The programs were conducted at Nightcliff Pool.

The program was very popular with mums, dads, grandparents, carers and of course the children themselves.

107 children participated in the two programs; this is a 38% decrease 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.



Katherine 2021/2022

Little Royals Swim School Katherine held one six-week program during 2021/2022.

Katherine suffered from a major COVID outbreak at the start of November 2021. The scheduled program with 78 enrolments was postponed due to the town being on lockdown for several weeks.

These programs were extremely popular with the families of Katherine. The rescheduled program was conducted at the Katherine Town pool in February/March 2022.

71 children participated in the rescheduled program. 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.



Adults

Royal Life Saving NT continues to engage 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 138 adults participated during the two programs held in October to December and February to March. Thanks, to the swim teachers and the staff at Casuarina 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 August's Seniors Month. Royal Life Saving NT engage Senior Territorians through aquatic programs to increase water awareness, fitness, and social skills. By introducing them to the Grey Medallion program.

The Cool Seniors program allows Senior Territorians access to swimming, aquatic exercise, and games. Aiming to increase fitness and water confidence. The program continues to be popular with a total of 56 participants over the 5 weeks of the program.

Feedback from the program included:

"IT WAS VERY WORTH WHILE FOR ME"

"FUN & GOOD TIME WAS HAD"

The Goldfishbowl

Royal Life Saving NT purchased the Goldfishbowl Swimming Pool, in Palmerston, in January 2022. The Executive Board approved the purchase based on the strategic objectives of Royal Life Saving NT, detailed in the strategic plan. The entire building fund was used to make the investment and a loan was secured, for the same amount, from Bendigo and Adelaide Bank.

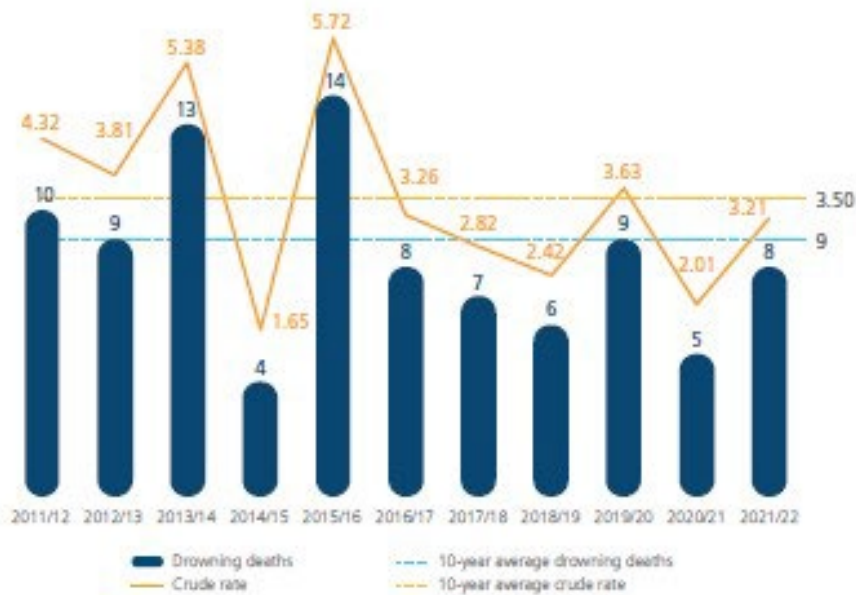
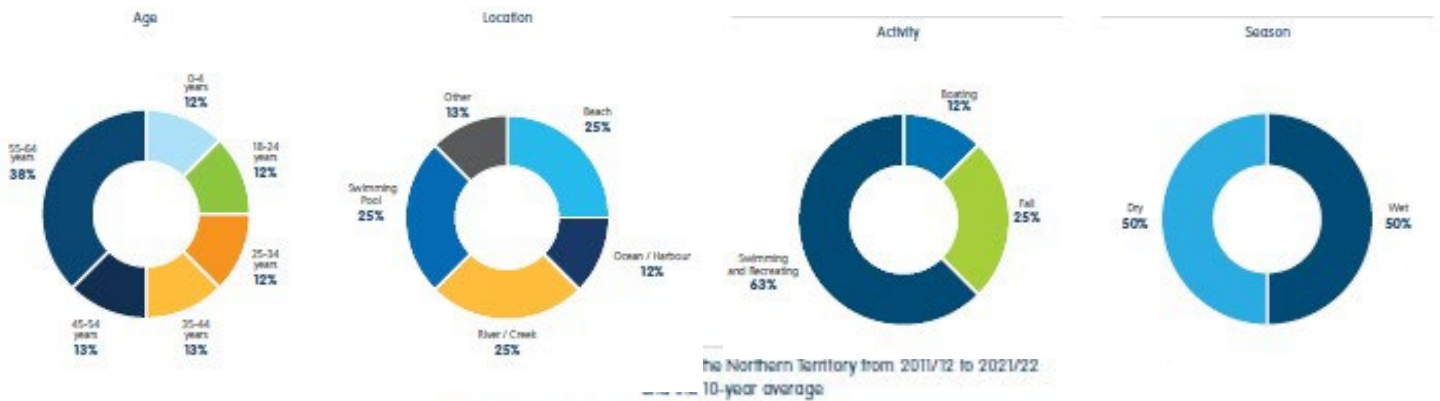
This purchase was to provide Royal Life Saving NT with a permanent base to further our charitable activities. This will provide greater access and opportunity for Palmerston and rural families to water safety and drowning prevention services. The purchase also provides career development for our swim teachers and trainers, and accessible water space for our volunteers and members.



Goldfishbowl Swim School

Drowning Report

Sadly, the NT maintains the highest drowning rate per capita in Australia with 8 drowning deaths recorded in the 2021/2022 period.



Northern Territory Government Water Safety Unit

Northern Territory Water Safety Advisory Council 2021/2022

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 7, 2021, December 7, 2021, March 8, 2022 and June 7, 2022.

Vision

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

Aspirational Goal

Towards a nation free from drowning.

Stakeholders of the NT Water Safety Advisory Council

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

The Role of the NTWSAC is

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

<i>Organisation</i>	<i>Abbreviation</i>
Amateur Fisherman's Association of the NT	AFANT
Australian Volunteer Coast Guard	AVCG
Department of Education	DOE
NT Health	NTH
Department of Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics – Pool Fencing Unit	DIPL
Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities	DTFHC
Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics – Marine Safety	DIPL
Kidsafe NT	KSNT
Local Government Association of the NT	LGANT
Local Government Association of the NT – Remote appointment	LGANT
Northern Territory Water Police	NTPFES
Department of Environment, Water Security and Parks	DEWSP
Royal Life Saving Society NT Branch	RLSSANT
Somerville Community Service	SCS
Surf Life Saving NT	SLSNT
Tourism NT	TNT
Water Safety Unit	WSU

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. Tragically, one child even drowned in the rainwater left at the bottom of a dinghy.

What has the Water Safety Awareness Program Achieved?

The Water Safety Awareness Program has been highly successful at achieving its core goal of reducing the number of children under five who have drowned in the Northern Territory. Up until 30 June 2020, 26,097 children have enrolled in the Program; and of those children, 78.1% 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 2010 Enrolments for July 2021 – June 2022 were received with an 73% voucher usage since beginning of Program.

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

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 2021/2022 eleven swim schools across the Northern Territory provided the Water Safety Awareness Program.

SESSION PROVIDERS 2021/2022
Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre – Alice Springs
Goldfishbowl Swim School - Palmerston
Little Royals Swim School – Darwin, Batchelor, Katherine, Tennant Creek & Alice Springs
Marianne’s Swimming School – Darwin
NT Swim School – Darwin
Royal Life Saving – Remote Delivery
Swim Dynamics - Darwin
Splash Academy – Alyangula
Triple S – Sam’s Swim School - Darwin
Travelling Tadpole Swim School - Nhulunbuy
YNT – Parap & Nightcliff

Provider’s Workshop

The annual Provider’s Workshop was held in Darwin on the 2nd of September at Royal Life Saving NT’s, meeting room. 10 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. A guest speaker from the department of Sport & Recreation – GRANTS NT team attended and provided an information session for the swim school managers/owners on navigating the new NTG Sport & Learn to Swim voucher platform.

Provider of the Year

The Water Safety Awareness Program Provider of the Year 2021/2022 is Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre: Swim School. ASALC have been delivering swimming lessons to Territory children for over 20 years and has been a passionate supporter of the Water Safety Awareness Program. Congratulations to Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre Swim School team!

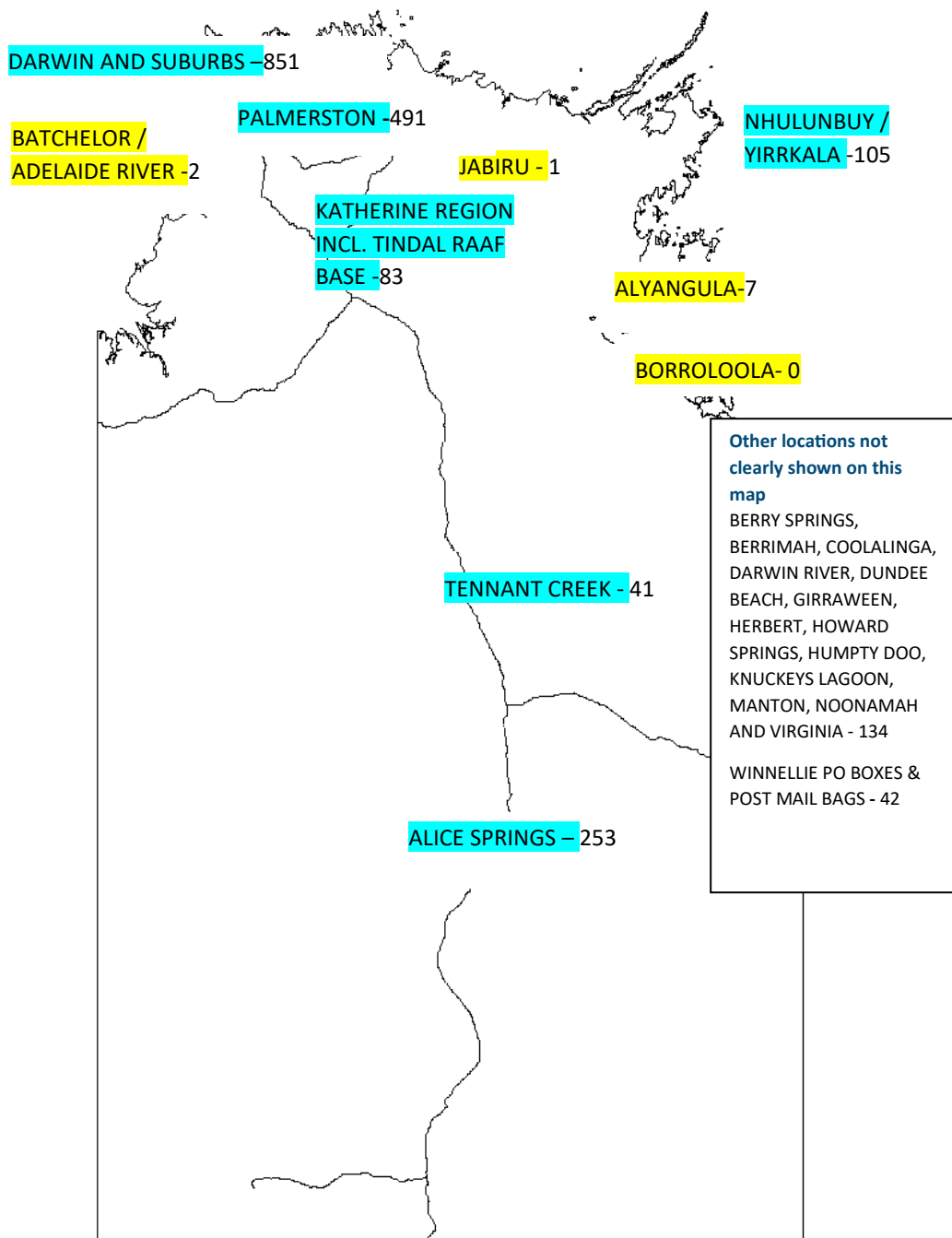


Remote Access

The Water Safety 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, Tennant Creek, Alyangula & Areyonga

Water Safety Awareness Program: Total 30,124 children registered

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



Water Safety Week 2021

Water Safety Week 2021 was conducted from 19-25 September, featuring a varied program of events and activities throughout the Northern Territory (NT). The slogan for Water Safety Week 2021 was 'Safety rules are your best tools'. 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 for WSW21 and took place from 9:00am – 12:00pm on Sunday 19 September at the Darwin Waterfront Precinct. Approximately 2750 community members attended.

Larrakia Nation's Aunty Jeanneen, led the "Welcome to Country ceremony and the Chief Minister – Natasha Fyles officially opened Water Safety Week 2021. A saltwater ceremony was performed by Trent and all stallholders participated in the moving ceremony.

There were 14 events and activities on the official 2021 Water Safety week calendar. These were conducted in Darwin, Palmerston, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs. Some of the highlights of the free events were:

- Community Pool Lifesaving carnivals held at Parap Pool, Darwin, Tennant Creek town pool and the Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre. All were hosted by Royal Life Saving Society.
- Library visits with Boof the Barra to all City of Darwin libraries, Katherine Town Library and Alice Springs Library were well supported by the community and Library Staff.
- Aquafest was held at the Palmerston Aquatic & Leisure Centre hosted by Belgravia Leisure and the City of Palmerston

An estimated 10,000 Territorians received water safety messages throughout Water Safety Week in 2021.

Pipes and Drains Campaign 2021/2022

The Pipes and Drains campaign launched on December 1, 2021.

The Northern Territory Wet Season months of October to April 2021/2022 recorded rainfall which is 8% below the 1961-1990 average for the Northern Territory. Rainfall was mixed across the Northern Territory with a large part of the north recording below average rainfall and the southern parts of the Territory recording above average rainfall. Darwin Airport recorded a total rainfall of 1554.8mm for this Wet Season period.

The same campaign was used as the previous year as the new "shock" campaign had proven to be successful.

The television and social media campaign were managed by Royal Life Saving NT, along with the City of Darwin and the City of Palmerston contributing to the campaign in the community. Snapback hats, water bottles, towels, pens & slap bands containing USBs, forming the

collateral for the campaign. In addition to this collateral, Go Transit interior billboard space was also purchased to promote the Pipes and Drains campaign on 68 buses and 2 full back bus wraps were installed for four weeks throughout the campaign. This promotion covered bus routes across the City of Darwin and the City of Palmerston.

Due to the COVID outbreak that occurred throughout the Northern Territory from November 2021 – April 2022, the Department of Education issued 'A pause on excursions and incursions' for the first 6 weeks of term 1 2022. This meant that the Pipes and Drains Education sessions were unable to be conducted throughout February/March 2022. This pause did impact on the number of students who received the Pipes and Drains messaging during this campaign. A total of 3 schools were visited with a total of 220 students receiving the Pipes and Drains messaging.

A competition commenced 1st December 2021 and encouraged the public to share the Pipes and Drains poster and hashtag via social media platforms, Facebook & Instagram. Prize packs consisted of collateral and family passes to the Darwin Waterfront wave pool. Community members had sixteen chances to win one of these packs. The competition encouraged community members to 'Stay Out of Pipes and Drains and instead cool off in the Wave Pool'. The competition aimed to promote community awareness and help prevent drownings in storm water pipes and drains during the 2021/2022 wet season.

In addition to this, 5 community events were attended which directly targeted the Pipes & Drains message with an estimated reach over 70,750 members of the community. Channel 10 aired the Pipes and Drains TVC from December 2021 – February 2022. 6 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
- Play it safe around water this Wet

Water Safety Talks in Schools 2021/2022

During 2021-2022, 32 schools were visited by the Water Safety Unit to deliver water safety talks to 1945 students across the Northern Territory.

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

The talks provided students with the opportunity to share their personal experiences, try on and use boating safety equipment, observe marine creatures up close 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

Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja

Mr Mark Turner MLA, Member for Blain

Mr Marie-Claire Boothby MLA, Member for Brennan

Mr Paul Kirby MLA, Member for Port Darwin

Hon. Eva Lawler MLA, Member for Drysdale

Hon. Natasha Fyles MLA, Member for Nightcliff

Hon. Michael Gunner MLA, Chief Minister

Mr Luke Gosling OAM MP, Member for Solomon

Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Leader of the Opposition

Mr Lawrence Costa MLA, Member for Arafura

Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen

Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Member for Karama

Ms Selena Uiibo MLA, Member for Arnhem

Hon. Steven (Steve Edginton) MLA, Member for Barkly

Hon. Nicole Manison MLA, Member for Wanguri

Hon. Lauren Moss MLA, Member for Casuarina

Senator Malarndirri McCarthy

Mr Scott McConnell MLA, Member for Stuart

Hon. Kezia Purick MLA, Member for Goyder

Senator Sam McMahon

Hon. Warren Snowdon MP, Lingiari

Ms Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson

Mr Mark Monaghan MLA, Member for Fong Lim

Mr Joel Bowden MLA, Member for Johnston

Mr Yingiya (Mark) Guyula MLA, Member for Nhulunbuy

Ms Jo Hersey MLA, Member for Katherine

Mr Gerard Maley MLA, Member for Nelson

Ms Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett

Mr Joshua Burgoyne MLA, Member for Braitling

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 Tourism & Culture – Sport & Recreation	Management of the Water Safety Unit including the Water Safety Awareness Program
NT Department Tourism & Culture – 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 Swim & Survive for children who miss out Swim & Survive Fund
AUSTSWIM	Sub agency Grant and Support to provide AUSTSWIM in regional and remote communities
Office Senior Territorians	Cool Seniors Program for Seniors Month in August
ACHPER	Aquatics for Life program

“Remote Swim, Survive and Strive”

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

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

Key facts at a glance

- 1678 people participate in the Remote Swim, Survive & Strive Project
- 22 remote schools accessed the program
- Teams visited 18 remote communities
- 9 indigenous people gained employment as a direct result of the project
- 1028 students participated in Swim and Survive
- 4 students achieved a Bronze Star through Swim and Survive Program from Alyangula, the highest award achieved this year
- 194 students achieved the national swimming and water safety benchmark of a level four and above
- 384 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
- 39 Junior Sea Rangers gained their Level 4 Swim & Survive qualifications and skills across 3 communities
- 2 Learn to Swim enterprises have been established, in partnership with YMCA of the NT in Santa Teresa and Areyonga

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. 11 people have commenced their AUSTSIM Teacher of Swimming & Water Safety license.

In many communities a barbeque is hosted at the pool during one afternoon. During this time we conduct a Pool Lifesaving Carnival to introduce the sport to community members. This year 276 indigenous youth participated in a Pool Lifesaving Carnival in their community. The sport and BBQ is provided for the whole community and aims to promote the pool as the social hub. Promoting the pool as a place where families can access and feel like they are in a fun and safe environment.

Swim & Survive

1028 students participated in Remote Swim & Survive across the Northern Territory. 194 students achieved the National Water Safety Council benchmark of a level 4 or above during this financial year.

Employment, Training and AUSTSWIM Mentoring Program

Royal Life Saving Society Northern Territory aims to develop skills and empower local people in communities to gain employment through aquatic pathways. Allowing them to develop and maintain their community's swimming pool and take ownership of their Swim and Survive Program. This ownership will result in it longer lasting outcomes, not a once-a-year activity. This year, 9 indigenous people gained employment through the training and mentoring of the Swim, Survive & Strive Project. Along with 97 indigenous people who are currently employed within their community and received ongoing professional development. 157 students and adults completed a range of training through the project.

Ranger groups continue to be a major focus in the Swim, Survive & Strive Project. In the current funding period 4 communities (Alyangula, Ramingining, Milingimbi & Maningrida) travelled by boat and plane to Jabiru, Nhulunbuy and Alyangula to upskill in resuscitation and have the opportunity to receive their level 4 in the Swim & Survive Program. The project partnered with the West Arnhem Regional Council to coordinate the training for local people. 39 rangers were able to participate in this program throughout the 4 communities.

The Year's Highlight

The Remote Swim, Survive & Strive project has hit the ground running, following the opening of access to communities. Following the forced COVID closures lifting in February 2022 and after postponing many communities multiple times, over multiple years, the project team were able to provide, long and overdue training. The project has delivered 53 training courses in 15 remote locations across the Northern Territory, resulting in a 69% increase since the pandemic hit.

157 indigenous students and adults have gain training qualifications in a range of courses such as Bronze Medallion, Pool Lifeguard and First Aid which has allowed indigenous people to become successful candidates for employment within their community. 9 indigenous people gained employment within their community as a direct result of the programs training. While 97 of the indigenous people trained, are currently employed within their community and received ongoing professional development to continue employment.



Over the past 2 years the industry has experienced an overall shortage of staff who are willing to work. As communities begin to open from COVID restrictions the project team has invested significantly in training to ensure pools are open and staff are upskilled from the downturn. An extra 40 employees were upskilled this year. The project will continue to work with these stakeholders to provide staffing qualifications as it is an integral part of the successful operation, of not only the local swimming pool but most facets of employment within communities.

During one week in Maningrida the team worked with many different stakeholders, including the Maningrida School, Maningrida Emergency Response Group and Learning on Country team to train a total of 66 people in First Aid and Bronze Medallion. 38 of these were indigenous teacher supports or school students who are working towards their NTEC qualification.



In Ngukurr 52 people gained vital skills in lifesaving to continue the pool being opened and accessed by the community. Alyangula saw 56 people complete training across all disciplines and Yuendumu had 25 people training especially through the school and pool.

Without the ongoing training this project provides, many employment opportunities would be lost and remote pools would no longer be able to operate for the community. The Remote

Swim, Survive & Strive project looks forward to this training successes continuing and look forward to continuing the strong relationships with the community members to make this work.

Inland Waterways and Drowning Prevention Program

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

Highlights included:

- Zero drowning deaths in the Katherine River reported.
- Engaged with over 70,000 people across 8 community events.
- Conducted 3 swimming and water safety programs across 3 locations with 178 participants.
- 4 local indigenous Alice Springs based Clontarf boys have completed their Pool Lifeguard and First Aid qualifications and ne has commenced the employment process with Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre.

The messages are consistent:

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



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 2019/2020 RLSSA NT has been featured in local and Territory print media. We are continually trying to lift our profile within the community and more importantly educate the community in water safety and drowning prevention. We participated in several radio chats and TV interviews.

In 2014/2015 we introduced an award for a media person who we believed made a difference for Lifesaving. No award was issued for 2021/2022.

Table 18: Royal Life Saving NT Media Award for making a difference in Lifesaving

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	Mix 104.9/Hot 100
2021/2022	Boof the Barra



Royal Life Saving NT Social Media Profiles

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



@RoyalLifeSavingNT
@WaterSafetyNT
#watersafetynt #beriversafe

Professional Memberships

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

Appendices – Statistics

Training Certificates Issued	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22
Award of Merit	6	6	4	4	3	3	3
Bronze Cross	6	6	4	2	0	0	2
Bronze Star	48	67	47	20	41	38	23
Bronze Medallion	371	320	385	358	301	441	373
Bronze Medallion Update	234	243	254	260	226	261	238
Bronze Medallion with Reasonable adjustment	0	0	12	9	0	0	0
Resuscitation	1157	1608	1828	1879	1483	2492	1960
Resuscitation Update	346	36	6	9	0	0	0
Resuscitation Awareness	83	95	165	26	36	48	25
Defibrillation Awareness	1457	1644	1826	1879	2645	2512	1982
Oxygen Resuscitation	93	87	102	148	74	141	65
Oxygen Resus Update	121	112	106	122	113	141	114
Basic First Aid	0	0	0	0	35	0	0
First Aid	390	435	521	402	414	700	461
Child Care First Aid	17	35	42	52	35	151	583
Advanced First Aid	0	0	24	0	0	28	149
Pool Lifeguard	92	86	102	148	78	113	65
Pool Lifeguard Update	121	112	106	122	113	141	114
Swimming Teacher Rescue Award	259	212	228	272	186	307	222
Sea Rangers Bronze Rescue Award	11	6	0	0	0	2	0
Hydrotherapy rescue award	0	0	0	0	0	25	44
Trainers	5	3	4	6	3	3	3
Pool Operators	34	0	30	21	0	0	0
SISCAQU002	11	528	907	948	790	1018	880
SISCAQU006	11	129	240	299	224	278	201
SISCAQU007	11	129	225	264	199	251	184
PUAEME001B	11	0	240	300	210	96	0
PUAEME001					15	179	201
PUAEME003C	11	129	240	300	210	96	0
PUAEME003					15	179	201
SISCAQU001	9	0	30	22	0	0	0
SISCAQU003	9	0	30	21	0	0	0
SISCAQU004	9	0	30	22	0	0	0
SISCAQU005	9	0	30	22	0	0	0
BSBRK401	9	0	30	21	0	0	0
HLTAID001	1087	1455	1573	1656	1268	2233	378
HLTAID002	17	0	66	52	36	149	29
HLTAID003	386	448	777	706	643	993	292
HLTAID004	17	47	66	52	36	149	29
HLTAID006	0	0	24	0	0	28	0
HLTAID007	53	0	24	0	0	28	0
HLTAID009							1509
HLTAID010							587
HLTAID011							648
HLTAID012							142
AUSTSWIM	113	125	141	156	161	122	123
Total Training Certificates	7166	8126	10469	10580	9333	13071	11830

Swim and Survive participating Schools

No.	School	No. students	No.	School	No. students
1	Alawa Primary	110	40	Woolianna School (Naiiyu Nambiyu)	30
2	Anula Primary	269	41	Mutitjulu School	33
3	Jingili Primary	249	42	Angurugu School	42
4	Larrakeyah Primary	457	43	Umbakumba School	29
5	Ludmilla Preschool	18	44	Elliott School	12
6	Ludmilla Primary	43	45	Gunbalunya School	111
7	Moil Primary	65	46	Ltyentye Apurte Catholic School	70
8	Middle Point Primary School	20	47	Marrara Christian	157
9	Parap Primary	348	48	St Francis of Assisi School	37
10	Wagaman Primary	102	49	Alyangula Area School	191
11	Wanguri Preschool	56	50	Nganambala School (Emu Point)	13
12	Wulagi Primary	159	51	Milkwood Steiner School	68
13	Bakewell Primary	208	52	Good Shepard Howard Springs	118
14	Girraween Primary	237	53	Good Shepard Palmerston	63
15	Gray Primary	91	54	Sattler Christian School	85
16	Woodroffe Primary	39	55	Mother Teresa Catholic Primary	198
17	Gillen Primary	161	56	Sacred Heart Primary School	332
18	Holy Family Primary	242	57	St Pauls Primary School	356
19	Holy Spirit Primary	459	58	Bradshaw School	236
20	School of the Air – Alice Springs	55	59	Bratling Primary School	103
21	School of the Air – Katherine	53	60	Ross Park Primary	82
22	Adelaide River School	37	61	Milingimbi School	9
23	Batchelor Area School	53	62	Jabiru Area School	102
24	Dundee Beach School	16	63	Watiyawanu School (Mount Liebig)	14
25	St Francis Xavier School (Naiiyu Nambuyu)	49	64	Rockhampton Downs School	8
26	Araluen Christian	117	65	Darwin High School	12
27	Steiner School – Alice Springs	113	66	Jingili Preschool	39
28	Living Waters Lutheran School	36	67	Henbury School	7
29	Our Lady of the Sacred Heart – Bath St	243	68	St Marys Catholic Primary School	178
30	Canteen Creek School	16	69	Alawa Pre School	40
31	Ngukurr CEC	138	70	Leanyer Primary School	696
32	Areyonga School	25	71	Millner Primary School	140
33	Yuendumu School	102	72	Nightcliff Primary School	240
34	Mount Allan School	33	73	Malak Primary School	60
35	Urapunga School	24	74	Wanguri Primary School	518
36	Kalkaringi School	108	75	Sadadeen Primary School	83
37	Peppimenarti School	37	76	Miliyakburra School (Bikerton)	15
38	Larapinta Primary School	185	77	Tennant Creek Primary School	220
39	Casuarina Street Primary School	158			

Swim and Survive – Certificates Issued

The Swim and Survive swimming program was reviewed and updated in 2020/2021. During the 21/22 period, the new framework was implemented across Australia in late July 2021.

The updated Swim and Survive swimming program is aligned to the National Swimming and Water Safety Framework. The Framework supports a structured and consistent understanding of swimming and water safety education across Australia. The Framework provides three benchmarks for children at age 6, 12 and 17 years.

Certificate Type	21/22	21/22
		Remote
Swim and Survive		
Wonder Awards Total (Infant Aquatics)	536	55
Water Discovery - L1	959	118
Water Awareness - L2	1267	141
Water Sense - L3	930	150
Water Wise - L4	499	97
Swim and Survive - L5	270	25
Swim and Survive - L6	163	48
Swim and Survive - L7	86	15
Swim and Survive – L8	55	
Swim and Survive – L9	36	
Swim and Survive – L10	15	
Swim and Survive – L11	5	
Swim Star Participation	2585	370
Bronze Star	9	4
Bronze Medallion	2	5
Junior Lifeguard Club		
Swim & Survive Level 7 & Above	208	
Other Swim and Survive Statistics	1194	
Total Swim and Survive Certificates	8608	1028
Total Participants Swim and Survive	8608	

Audited Financial Reports

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

**Special Purpose Financial Report
for the year ended 30 June 2022**

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

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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 2022.

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
James Sheridan	President	Member for full year
Sarah Dowd	Vice President	Member for full year
Joe De Luca	Treasurer	Member for full year
Rodney Cremona	Secretary	Member for full year
Penny Hart	Committee member	Member for full year
Randall Cook	Committee member	Member for full year
Alice Doyle	Committee member	Member for full year
Toni Blair	Committee member	Appointed 4 October 2021

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 turns 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

In January 2022, the Association acquired the Goldfish Swim School (GFB) property and GFB current business for a cash consideration of \$1,300,000.

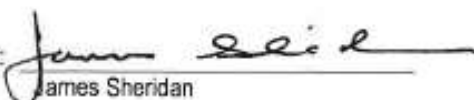
Other than the above, there were no other significant changes in the operations during the year.

Operating results and review of operations for the year

The net deficit of the Association for the financial year amounted to \$115,699 (2021: net surplus of \$209,458).

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

President:


James Sheridan

Treasurer:


Joe De Luca

Date:

2 / 9 / 2022

Date:

2 / 9 / 2022

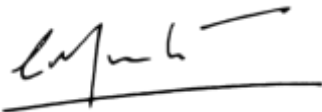
Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Committee Members of Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

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 2022, 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

Merit Partners



MunLi Chee
Director

DARWIN

2 September 2022

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Statement of Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
Revenue	3	1,956,972	1,949,255
Finance income		619	4,142
Other income	4	8,590	282,800
Employee benefits expense		(1,276,687)	(1,210,306)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(173,317)	(87,717)
Program expenses		(94,927)	(116,721)
Course expenses		(65,292)	(108,729)
Travel expenses		(122,825)	(148,724)
Motor vehicle expenses		(28,424)	(32,467)
Other expenses		(305,702)	(316,171)
Finance expenses		(14,706)	(5,904)
Net (Deficit) / Surplus for the Year		(115,699)	209,458
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive (loss) / income for the year		(115,699)	209,458

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Statement of Financial Position

As At 30 June 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	347,866	1,022,814
Trade and other receivables	6	71,979	63,297
Other assets	8	19,099	25,521
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		438,944	1,111,632
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	7	1,392,875	391,157
Intangibles	7(b)	150,000	-
Right-of-use assets	9	84,037	109,072
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		1,626,912	500,229
TOTAL ASSETS		2,065,856	1,611,861
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	10	62,967	79,139
Borrowings		19,680	13,129
Lease liabilities	9	26,932	26,264
Employee benefits	11	178,747	160,201
Borrowings	7(c)	38,027	-
Unearned grant income		-	268
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		326,353	279,001
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Lease liabilities	9	63,141	87,896
Employee benefits	11	-	-
Borrowings	7(c)	547,097	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		610,238	87,896
TOTAL LIABILITIES		936,591	366,897
NET ASSETS		1,129,265	1,244,964
EQUITY			
Reserves	12	140,000	690,000
Retained earnings		989,265	554,964
TOTAL EQUITY		1,129,265	1,244,964

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Statement of Changes in Equity For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	Retained Earnings \$	General Reserve \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2021	554,964	690,000	1,244,964
Net deficit for the year	(115,699)	-	(115,699)
Total other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Total comprehensive (loss) / income for the year	(115,699)	-	(115,699)
Transfers from general reserve to retained earnings	550,000	(550,000)	-
Balance at 30 June 2022	989,265	140,000	1,129,265
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

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from customers		901,892	946,253
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,885,329)	(1,905,750)
Donations received		702	702
Interest received		619	4,142
Interest expenses		(14,706)	(5,904)
Receipt from grants		1,054,286	950,930
Government stimulus funding		-	269,250
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	14	<u>57,464</u>	<u>259,623</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Acquisition of intangibles		(200,000)	-
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(1,100,000)	(165,889)
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(1,300,000)</u>	<u>(165,889)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from borrowings		585,124	
Net payment of finance lease and other liabilities		(17,536)	(43,702)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities		<u>567,588</u>	<u>(43,702)</u>
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents held		(674,948)	50,032
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		<u>1,022,814</u>	<u>972,782</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	5	<u><u>347,866</u></u>	<u><u>1,022,814</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

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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.

In preparing the special purpose financial report, the following *Australian Accounting Standards* required by the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission* have been adopted:

- AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*
- AASB 107 *Statement of Cash Flows*
- AASB 108 *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates & Errors*
- AASB 1048 *Interpretation of Standards*
- AASB 1054 *Australian Additional Disclosures*

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.

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1 Significant Accounting Policies - continued

(b) Basis of preparation - continued

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*.

(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 and Donations

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.

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.

(g) Intangibles

An intangible asset is recognised only when its cost can be measured reliably and it is probable that the expected future economic benefits that are attributable to it will flow to the Association. All intangible assets are recorded at cost. The intangibles held by the Association have finite lives and are carried at cost less any accumulated amortisation and impairment losses. They have estimated useful lives of between one and two years.

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1 Significant Accounting Policies - continued

(h) 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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Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

1 Significant Accounting Policies - continued

(h) 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.

(i) 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

(j) 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

(k) Borrowings

Borrowings are initially recognised at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred and are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption amount is recognised in the income statement over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

(l) 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 Members of the Committee of the Association 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 Members of the Committee of the Association believe that the going concern assumption is appropriate.

(m) 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

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Grant and donation	1,054,988	1,093,939
Service income	884,894	850,952
Workshops, sales and other income	17,090	4,364
	<u>1,956,972</u>	<u>1,949,255</u>

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4 Other Income

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Government subsidies	-	269,250
Membership fees	3,705	1,841
Fundraisings	626	6,279
Others	4,259	5,430
	<u>8,590</u>	<u>282,800</u>

5 Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Petty cash	1,300	1,041
Cash at bank	346,566	219,295
Short-term deposits	-	802,478
	<u>347,866</u>	<u>1,022,814</u>

6 Trade and Other Receivables

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Trade receivables	72,414	54,723
Other receivables	-	1,296
GST receivables	-	7,278
	<u>72,414</u>	<u>63,297</u>
Less expected credit losses	<u>(435)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>71,979</u>	<u>63,297</u>

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

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Land	<u>900,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Building and improvements	<u>200,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Accumulated depreciation	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net carrying value	<u>200,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Plant and equipment - at cost	<u>53,160</u>	<u>53,160</u>
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(29,390)</u>	<u>(21,952)</u>
Net carrying value	<u>23,770</u>	<u>31,208</u>
Motor vehicles - at cost	<u>152,783</u>	<u>152,783</u>
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(122,085)</u>	<u>(91,528)</u>
Net carrying value	<u>30,698</u>	<u>61,255</u>
Leasehold improvements - at cost	<u>336,205</u>	<u>336,205</u>
Accumulated amortisation	<u>(97,798)</u>	<u>(37,511)</u>
Net carrying value	<u>238,407</u>	<u>298,694</u>
	<u>1,392,875</u>	<u>391,157</u>

- a. 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:

	Land \$	Building and improvements \$	Capital Works In Progress \$	Plant and Equipment \$	Motor Vehicles \$	Leasehold Improvements \$	Total \$
As at 30 June 2022							
Balance at the beginning of year	-	-	-	31,208	61,255	298,694	391,157
Additions	900,000	200,000	-	-	-	-	1,100,000
Depreciation expense	-	-	-	(7,438)	(30,557)	(60,287)	(98,282)
Balance at the end of the year	<u>900,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,770</u>	<u>30,698</u>	<u>238,407</u>	<u>1,392,875</u>
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	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,208</u>	<u>61,255</u>	<u>298,694</u>	<u>391,157</u>

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7 Property, plant and equipment - continued

- b. In January 2022, the Association acquired the Goldfish Swim School (GFB) property and the GFB business for a cash consideration of \$1,100,000 and \$200,000, respectively. The property consisted of Land and Building and improvements with market value amounting to \$900,000 and \$200,000, respectively. These are capitalised as part of the Association's property, plant and equipment.

The cash consideration paid for the GBF business is recognised as intangibles in the statement of financial position and is amortised over 2 years. The net movement of the intangibles are as follows:

	2022
	\$
Balance at beginning of year	-
Acquisitions	200,000
Amortisation	(50,000)
Balance at end of year	<u>150,000</u>

- c. In view of the above, the Association drew down the loan from Bendigo Bank for a period of 156 months and bears interest at 3.39% per annum. Borrowings as at 30 June 2022 are as follows:

	2022
	\$
Current	38,027
Non-current	547,097
	<u>585,124</u>

8 Other Assets

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Stock on hand	9,230	-
Prepayments	9,869	25,521
	<u>19,099</u>	<u>25,521</u>

9 Right-of-Use Assets

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Office accommodation	118,611	118,611
Accumulated depreciation	(52,668)	(35,112)
Net carrying value	<u>65,943</u>	<u>83,499</u>
Office equipment	37,414	37,414
Accumulated amortisation	(19,320)	(11,841)
Net carrying value	<u>18,094</u>	<u>25,573</u>
	<u>84,037</u>	<u>109,072</u>

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9 Right-of-Use Assets - continued

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

	Office Accommodation \$	Office Equipment \$	Total \$
As at 30 June 2022			
Balance at the beginning of year	83,499	25,573	109,072
Depreciation expense	(17,556)	(7,479)	(25,035)
Balance at the end of the year	<u>65,943</u>	<u>18,094</u>	<u>84,037</u>
As at 30 June 2021			
Balance at the beginning of year	101,055	33,051	134,106
Depreciation expense	(17,556)	(7,478)	(25,034)
Balance at the end of the year	<u>83,499</u>	<u>25,573</u>	<u>109,072</u>

The corresponding lease liability recognised to record the carrying amount of Rights of Use Asset amounted to \$90,073 and \$114,160 as at 30 June 2022 and 2021, respectively.

10 Trade and Other Payables

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Trade payables	<u>24,982</u>	56,496
Sundry payables and accrued expenses	<u>20,142</u>	12,278
Accrued wages and superannuation	<u>17,843</u>	10,365
	<u>62,967</u>	<u>79,139</u>

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

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Current		
Annual leave provision	<u>71,215</u>	62,439
Long-service leave provision	<u>107,532</u>	97,762
	<u>178,747</u>	<u>160,201</u>
Non-current		
Long-service leave provision	<u>-</u>	-
	<u>-</u>	-

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12 Reserves

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Opening balance	690,000	690,000
Transfers Out	(550,000)	-
	<u>140,000</u>	<u>690,000</u>

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
Future IT expansion	140,000	140,000
	<u>140,000</u>	<u>690,000</u>

The reserves for future building expansion was used during the year through the acquisition of Goldfish Swim School (GFB) property.

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 2022 the number of unrepresented, unexpired vouchers were 40,745 (2021: 34,436, 2020: 28,743, 2019: 23,638, 2018: 18,437). The funded face value these vouchers is 2022: \$509,312 (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 2022: 3,880 (2021: 4,633, 2020: 4,695, 2019: 6,010, 2018: 7,035) vouchers were utilised during the current year. Included in this balance were 2022: 1,017 (2021: 1,195, 2020: 1,289, 2019: 1,154, 2018: 1,896, 2017: 360) vouchers which were written back as expired, being 2022: 26% (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

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Net (Loss)/ surplus for the Year	(115,699)	209,458
Cash flows excluded from profit attributable to operating activities:		
- Depreciation and amortisation expenses	173,317	87,717
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
- (increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(8,682)	77,387
- (increase)/decrease in prepayments	6,422	4,712
- increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	(16,440)	(131,857)
- increase/(decrease) in employee benefits	18,546	12,206
Cashflows from operations	<u>57,464</u>	<u>259,623</u>

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.


Statement by Members of the Committee

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

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 2022, 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 statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the Australian 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: 
James Sheridan

Treasurer: 
Joe De Luca

Date: 2 / 9 / 2022

Date: 2-9-2022



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 2022, 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 Members of 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 2022 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 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

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 and Restriction on Distribution and Reliance

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*, and the Association's constitution. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the Association and should not be distributed to parties other than the Association. Our opinion is not modified in respect of these matters.

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

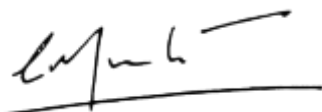
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report for the year ended 30 June 2022 as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, 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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Director

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2 September 2022

DISCLAIMER ON ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

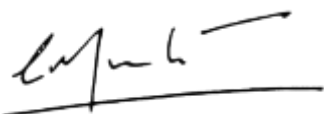
The additional financial information, being the Detailed Income and Expenditure as attached on pages 26 to 27, has been compiled by the management of Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc. ("the Association").

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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Director

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2 September 2022

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Detailed Statement of Income and Expenditure For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Income		
Grant income	1,052,938	1,093,237
Fees	883,354	853,789
Government subsidies	-	269,250
Interest income	619	4,142
Sale of goods	8,673	1,527
Donation	2,050	702
Other income	18,547	13,550
Total income	<u>1,966,181</u>	<u>2,236,197</u>
Expenses		
Accounting fees	38,152	35,059
Administration and management fees	60	849
Advertising	22,624	27,300
Auditors remuneration	10,416	9,050
Bad Debts/Cash Shortfall Write-off	921	-
Bank charges	6,641	1,924
Cleaning	133.11	334
Conference/Seminar costs	927.27	788
Consulting and professional fees	30,319	35,755
Consumables	9,135	1,335
Course expenses	65,292	108,729
Depreciation	173,317	87,718
Donations	334	1,100
Electricity and water	12,543	5,129
Equipment < \$5,000	19,166	46,019
Insurance	37,523	37,321
Interest expense on lease liability	5,757	5,904
Interest expense on loan	8,949	P-
IT Expenses	23,098	56,055
Lease rentals on operating lease	2,354	2,584
Motor vehicle expenses	28,424	32,466
Postage	4,546	3,235
Printing and stationery	17,099	19,707
Program expenses	94,927	116,721
Rates	2,580	-
Repairs and maintenance	22,116	9,181
Salaries	1,131,268	1,081,186
Staff amenities	1,419	1,602
Staff training	10,049	15,414
Storage costs	3781.82	696
Subcontracting costs	31,900	10,289
Balance brought forward	<u>1,815,771</u>	<u>1,753,450</u>

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Detailed Statement of Income and Expenditure - continued For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
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Balance brought forward	1,815,771	1,753,450
Subscriptions	8,531	10,787
Superannuation contributions	106,885	95,867
Telephone and fax	14,507	9,184
Travel expenses	122,825	148,724
Uniforms	13,361	8,727
Total Expenses	2,081,880	2,026,739
Net (Loss)/ surplus for the year	<u>(115,699)</u>	<u>209,458</u>