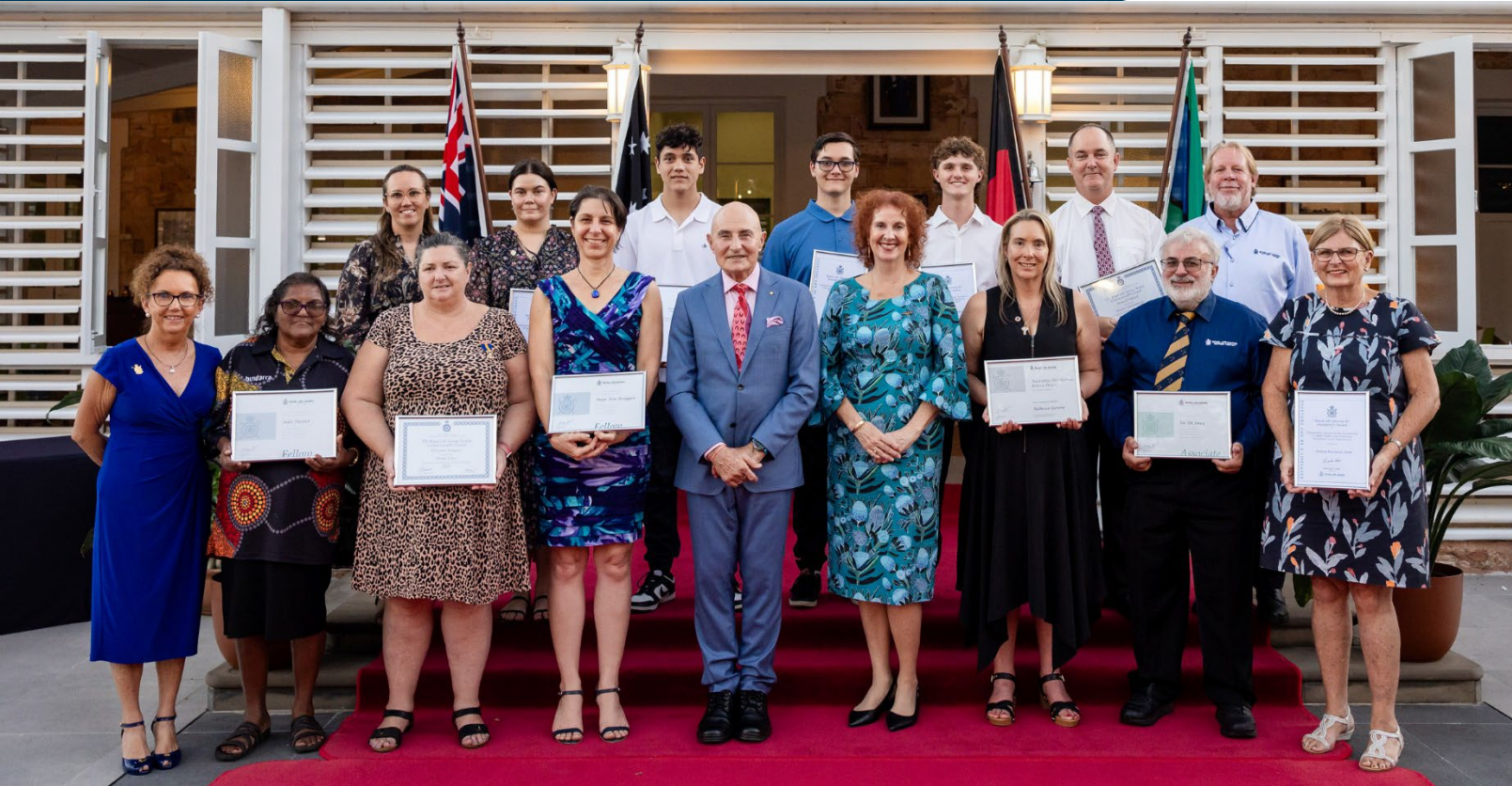




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Thank you to our Patrons

Members of Royal Life Saving Society (Australia) Northern Territory Branch are so very grateful to His Honour Professor the Honourable Hugh Heggie PSM, Administrator of the Northern Territory and Ms Ruth Jones for being our Patrons.

His Honour hosted the 2023 Administrator's Medal and Royal Life Saving Awards ceremony at Government House on 13th June 2024.



Message from the President



Our People, Our Water, Our Lifestyle has underpinned all that we have done this year. In the context of our expanded operational commitments at the Goldfishbowl and challenging resourcing/staff shortages we have continued to demonstrate commitment and resilience in delivering a healthy and safe community for all Territorians through water safety, education and awareness.

We measure these achievements through a number of strategic and operational indicators. This year some key 2023/24 highlights we can be proud of include:

- Had a touchpoint with 44% of our NT population, exceeding our strategic goal of reaching over 40% of our population.
- 10,726 children participated in the Swim and Survive Program
- The Indigenous Advancement Strategy - Remote Swim, Survive and Strive ran in 21 remote communities. There were 1302 participants in the program
- 27 schools visited by the Water Safety Unit
- Water Safety Week in Sept 2023 included 13 events to over 15,000 people including Splashfest.
- Since 2003, over 34,000 children have enrolled in the Water Safety Awareness program with 67% completing all five sessions.
- In sport we have 137 active pool lifesaving members with a team of athletes, coaches and officials proudly representing the NT at the Australian Pool Life Saving Championships in Melbourne in January this year.
- Successful Inland Waterways Drowning Prevention Campaign
- Employed 11 permanent staff, 20 registered trainers and 25 casual swim teachers
- Goldfishbowl Swim School, purchased in January 2022, 700 children per term, 30 Seniors through Fit Frogs, 110 Aqua participants, 10 participants from Helping People Achieve(HPA) , 50 Adults, 1,144 Learn to Swim and 43 Squad members
- An agile response to the swim teacher and lifeguard skill shortage seen 32 people complete lifeguard training and 33 complete swim teacher training
- An innovative approach to drowning prevention in males and promoting safe boating practices seen the “lures, Lifesavers and Lifejackets” event in Maningrida a great success, with 2 Board Members, our National CEO Justin Scarr and RJ Houston assisting in community with the event.

In sobering news however, we continue to have the highest fatal drowning rate per population in the country. This statistic continues to motivate us deliver on our purpose of

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

We would also like to thank our Joint Patrons - His Honour Professor the Honourable Hugh Heggie AO PSM, Administrator of the Northern Territory and Ms Ruth Jones . We are honoured to be able nominate members of our community for the Administrators Medal for exceptional contribution to Lifesaving, Water Safety and Drowning Prevention in the Northern Territory and are very grateful to His Honour and Ms Jones for hosting this Award Ceremony at Government House.

In April 2024, Royal Life Saving NT formed an alliance with Surf Life Saving NT, Swimming NT, Kidsafe NT, the Y NT, NT Triathlon and AFANT , asking Government to mandate and fund School Swimming and Water Safety Education for all Northern Territory students from Year 1 to 6. The annual cost of this initiative is estimated at \$3,000,000. The CLP committed to this as an election promise and we are looking forward to our children benefiting from this policy in 2025.

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



Randall Cook



Report from the Executive Director



In 2023/2024 we celebrated 2082 active members. We conducted 83 community events reaching 98,750 people. Royal Life Saving NT provided a community benefit and services to 110,127 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.

10,726 primary school aged children participated in the Swim and Survive program, with 338 achieving the national benchmark of level 7. Participation numbers are low and the number achieving a level 7 is low and some schools do not provide any swimming and water safety lessons. The closure of Palmerston, Casuarina and Katherine swimming pools has had a direct impact on children's access to programs. 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 that created an option for Swimming and Water Safety for children in upper-primary school has continued as a user pay option. 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. Families can also use sports vouchers for their school swimming program, and we hope that more schools utilise this option.

866 children from 20 remote schools participated in the Remote Swim, Survive and Strive project and 60 students achieved the national swimming and water safety benchmark of a level seven 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. 428 local community people participated in training, with a total of 1,302 people in 21 remote community locations participating in the program.

10,843 training certificates were issued with 45% of this training conducted in regional and remote areas. 4,815 statements of attainments were issued under Vocational Education and Training. 332 Training courses were conducted across the Northern Territory to 2,442 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 11 providers operating across the NT. 34,135 children have participated in this program since inception. The NT Government have extended the program with the Learn to Swim Vouchers and this has been positively received by families across the Northern Territory.

The Sport of Pool Lifesaving 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 ten lifesaving athletes and officials to the Australian Pool Life Saving Championships in Melbourne. 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 completely integrated the Swim & Survive Program withing the Swim School and look forward to providing more services to the community and further our cause of drowning prevention. To ensure we could provide essential maintenance the swim school terms were reduced for this year.

The closure of Casuarina, Katherine and Palmerston swimming pool has had a detrimental effect on our school swimming programs, pool lifesaving and training programs. This will, hopefully, be rectified when the upgrades are complete.

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

Yours in lifesaving

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "F Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Floss Roberts

Highlights of the Year 2023/2024

- Provided a community benefit and services to 110,127 people across the Northern Territory, achieving our strategic goal of reaching over 40% of our population (reached 44% of population).
- 10,726 participated in the Swim and Survive program with 338 Students achieving the National Water Safety Competency Benchmark of a level 7 or above.
- 35 children participated in our “Little Royals Swim School” Program run in Tennant Creek and Katherine.
- 1,302 people participated within the Indigenous Advancement Strategy - Remote Swim, Survive & Strive. The project ran within 21 remote communities. This includes 866 students in remote locations with 60 achieving the national swimming and water safety benchmark of a level 7 or above. 428 people were trained and now qualified with range of qualifications.
- 332 Training courses were conducted across the NT for 2,442 participants, with 10,843 certificates issued including 4,815 statements of attainments. 45% of training courses were delivered in regional and remote area of the Northern Territory.
- The Northern Territory Water Safety Advisory Council was administered on behalf of the Northern Territory Government with 4 meetings conducted, published the Northern Territory Water Safety Strategy 2030.
- 6 Schools participated in Pipes and Drains education sessions which reached 737 students..
- A total of 27 schools were visited by the Water Safety Unit to deliver water safety talks to 2,936 students across the NT.
- Water Safety Week 17-23 September 2023 with 13 events to over 15,000 people, including Splashfest.
- 34,135 children have enrolled in the Water Safety Awareness Program since 2003, with 69% of children completing all five sessions.
- There was a total of 2,009 enrolments for July 2023 – June 2024 in the Water Safety Awareness Program with 11 Providers of the program.
- Conducted 83 community events, providing a direct community benefit to over 98,750 people.
- Maintained 29 Keep Watch Ambassadors and worked with all levels of Government to highlight the importance of water safety and drowning prevention.
- 2,082 Members, with 71 Voting Members.
- Sport: 137 active pool lifesaving members, 5 Pool Lifesaving Carnivals, represented NT in the APLSC in Melbourne January 2024, 5 lifesaving carnivals with 301 participants and 4 Active Family Fun Day Sporting Events

- Inland Waterways Drowning Prevention Campaign has engaged with over 20,000 children and adults through 10 community events, 5 swimming and water safety programs and an Adults Learn to Swim program
- Employed 11 Permanent staff, including 1 full-time position based in Alice Springs: 20 registered Trainers and 25 casual Swim Teachers.
- Sadly 5 people drowned in 2023/2024 in the Northern Territory
- Goldfishbowl Swim School, purchased in January 2022, 700 children per term, 30 Seniors through Fit Frogs, 110 Aqua participants, 10 participants from Helping People Achieve (HPA), 50 Adults, 1,144 Learn to Swim, 43 Squad swimmers.

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
- Collaboration

Based on the values of the organisation Royal Life Saving NT is a performance culture dependent on a strong, committed team.

Strategic Objectives

1. To prevent drowning and injuries in our aquatic environments.
2. Increase access to and participation in water safety education, training and sport in urban, regional & remote communities.
3. Maintain a sustainable and effective organisation and supported membership base.
4. Maximise the role of RLSSANT through fostering collaborative partnerships and community engagement.
5. Fully funded primary school swimming and water safety programs.

Target 2028

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

Our People

Executive Board and Governance

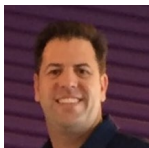
Royal Life Saving Society - Australia – NT has an entirely volunteer Board, who provide their skills, insights, time and commitment to the organisation. The Board of 9 people meets a minimum of eight times annually and is elected by the membership at the annual general meeting. This meeting is open to 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 2023-2028. The strategic plan was reviewed extensively and updated.

Our Board



Randall Cook
B.Ed., Grad Dip in Educational Mgmt.
President

Foundation member of the Board of the Katherine Regional Community Bank. Extensive experience as a Principal serving on School Councils. Served on numerous AUSTSWIM committees. Member of the Board since 1998.



James Sheridan
B.Bus, MTechMgt(RiskMgt). ANZIIF(AFF) CIP
Vice President

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



Joe De Luca
Bachelor of Business (Acc), Grad Dip Management, FCPA, JP.
Treasurer

Extensive experience in audit, accounting, quality assurance and treasury management. Treasurer or Executive Board member on several non-profit organisations and/or charities with the NT as well as National Peak Bodies. Member of Board from 1/11/2017



Penny Hart
BA, Grad Dip in Teaching, Cert IV Governance & Risk
Secretary

Background in swimming, teaching, governance and administration. Previous NT Pool Lifesaving as a sport Team member. Member of the Board 2013-2015. Member of Board from 2017.



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
Committee Member

Ten years involvement in Royal Life Saving NT as a Trainer and Teacher
Member of Board from 2/9/2015



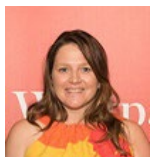
Annette Roberts
Dip MMT, Dip HR, WHS, Dip TAE, GAICD
Public Officer

Extensive experience in Aquatic Industry. Sport and management background
Member of Board from 12/7/2006



Michael De Silva
Solicitor –Commercial/Property and Youth Justice. Committee Member

Mick nearly drowned as a youth and this experience has fostered a profound, personal interest in aquatic safety. This experience not only enhances my passion for the cause but also provides a unique perspective in advancing the vision and objectives of the Association.
Member of Board from 4/3/2024



Zoe Malone
Senior Director, Department of Corporate and Digital Development NT Government 2020-current, including member of the department’s risk management and audit committee
Committee Member

Zoe grew up in regional Victoria and learnt to swim through programs offered by the RLSS, all the way through to completing her Bronze Star. At university Zoe taught swimming as a part-time job to help others learn how to enjoy the water safely. Member of Board from 4/3/2024



Toni Blair
B.Bus, GAICD
Committee Member resigned 1.9.2023

Best practice corporate services, portfolio management and transformational change skills
Elected to Board 8/11/2021



Sarah Dowd
LLB BA
Vice President resigned 1.9.2023

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

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

#	Date	Penny	Joe	Rod	Alice	Randall	Floss	James	Sarah	Toni	
1	8/8/2023	✓	✓	A	A	A	✓	✓	A	✓	
AGM	1/9/2023	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓ Resigned	A Resigned	
		Penny	Joe	Rod	Alice	Randall	Floss	James	Steph		
2	9/10/2023	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	A	✓		
3	13/11/2023	A	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	A	✓		
Xmas Party Alice Springs 15/11/23 3.30-5.30pm											
Xmas Party Darwin at the Goldfishbowl 25/11/23 1-3pm											
		Penny	Joe	Rod	Alice	Randall	Floss	James	Steph	Micheal	Zoe
4	4/3/2024	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	A	✓	✓
5	8/4/2024	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	3/6/2024	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	A	✓

Elected Position and notes:

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



Employment- Our Staff - Our Team



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 2023/24 RLSSA NT employed 11 full-time staff, 25 casual swimming teachers and 20 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. All staff complete the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations developed by the Australian Human Right Commission.

Our TEAM work and volunteer together as collaborative Leaders in various areas such as Swim Teachers, Trainers, community development and events.



Membership

Royal Life Saving NT Membership Summary 2023/2024

A total of 2082 members contributed to the activities of the Society during 2023/24 period. Thank you to our Joint Patrons of the Society, His Honour Professor the Honourable Hugh Heggie PSM, Administrator of the Northern Territory and Ms Ruth Jones for their support and advocacy.

Table 2: Royal Life Saving NT Membership Summary 2023/2024

Voting Members

Membership Type	Number
Life	11
Individual	40
Trainer	20
Total	71

Non-voting Members

Membership Type	Number
Patron	2
Award	1905
Corporate	5
Pool Life Saving – Alice Springs	6
Pool Life Saving – Darwin	31
Friends of Lifesaving	49
Seniors	9
Schools	1
Swim & Survive Partners	3
Total	2011



Royal Life Saving NT Life Members

Kath Midgley
Fritz Risler
Randall Cook
Alister Lear
Jenny Verrall
Daphne Read
Petina Franklin
Margaret Morris
Alice Doyle
Penny Hart
Sarah Dowd

Summary of Royal Life Saving Northern Territory Members as at 30 June 2024

Total Members: 2082

Each year Royal Life Saving Society – Australia, Royal Life Saving Commonwealth and Royal Life Saving Northern Territory are committed to recognising the efforts of their dedicated volunteers and the role they play in educating people throughout Australia in water safety, survival, rescue, resuscitation and first aid techniques in an effort to reduce injury and loss of life through drowning.

Royal Life Saving NT takes great pride in acknowledging these contributions.

Table 3: Royal Life Saving Australia Honours Royal Life Saving Commonwealth Awards

Royal Life Saving Australia	
Betty Sullivan	Fellow – 15 years Service
Maja Van Bruggen	Fellow – 10 Year Service
Julie Turner	Fellow – 10 Year Service
Sarah Dowd	Associate
James Sheridan	Associate
Joe De Luca	Associate
Rebecca Gawne	Aust. Meritorious Service order – 15 yrs
Fit Frogs	Australian Presidents Award
Helping People Achieve - HPA	Australian Presidents Award
Royal Life Saving Australia – Commonwealth	
Rod Cremona	Service Cross – 15 years service
Charmain Scoggins	Service Cross – 12 years service
Brooke O’Bryan	Service Medal – 5 years
Bernard Holland	Service Commendation
Mary Lou O’Gallagher	Service Commendation
Royal Life Saving NT Presidents Awards	
for Outstanding Community Service in water safety & drowning prevention	
Donna Rousham OAM	OAM – Founder and Coordinator Variety NT Starfish Swim Group
for representing the Northern Territory at the Australian Pool Life Saving Championships in Melbourne January 2024	
Jack Morton Asheton Bayard- Hewitt Toby Knyvett Peta Knyvett Samantha Mercader Laura Withers- Coach/ Team Manager	Deacon Higgins Cohen Higgins Kate Conway Kaitlyn Peters Amy Stockwell Kerrie Seymour - Coach



2023 NORTHERN TERRITORY ADMINISTRATOR'S MEDAL AWARD

For exceptional contribution to Lifesaving, Water Safety and Drowning Prevention in the Northern Territory is awarded to **Alice Doyle**

Alice Doyle has volunteered 18 years of continuous service to Royal Life Saving NT. Alice is an inspirational leader who is fun and professional. Her commitment to exceptional governance practices has ensured that Royal Life Saving NT is held in high regard in the community.

Alice has been an Trainer for the 18 years, a Board Member for 10 years and is leading pool lifesaving in the remote town of Nhulunbuy, where she is also the volunteer swim coach. Alice volunteers for community events and promotes water safety and lifesaving at every level. Alice volunteers over 100 hours every year and often has her young family helping her to promote the cause.

Alice's is a champion lifesaver and she uses her personal and professional network to strengthen our drowning prevention cause and to make a positive impact in people's lives. Alice represents the spirit of our lifesaving and her strong community values support the strategic and operational goals of Royal Life Saving NT.



Alice leaves no stone unturned in promoting water safety to every demographic of our vast territory and she does this with pride, passion and commitment. Alice is a team player who brings the best out of our trainer and swim teachers. Alice also adds enormous value to the Board of Royal Life Saving NT through her strategic mindset and commitment to ethical decision making.

Table 4: Northern Territory Administrator's Medal for exceptional contribution to lifesaving, water safety and drowning prevention

2020	Petina Franklin
2021	Marianne Yuen
2022	Alistar Lear
2023	Alice Doyle

Our Lifestyle

Our Community

A crucial element of Royal Life Saving Northern Territory's activities is working with all Territorians to raise awareness and share water safety skills and knowledge, specifically to prevent drowning. As a public benevolent institution (PBI), public education and advocacy are at the core of our purpose.

In the past financial year Royal Life Saving Northern Territory has had an active involvement in 83 community events at schools, shopping centres, parenting groups, remote communities and major Northern Territory events including Water Safety Week, Children's Week, Alice Springs Show, Tennant Creek Show, Katherine Show, Royal Darwin Show and the Defence Expos.

Over 98,750 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.



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

Participation in the show circuit which started at the Alice Springs Show then onto Tennant Creek, Katherine and the Royal Darwin Shows, 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 values our volunteer assistance throughout the year with Carly McLuckie continuing to support Darwin/Palmerston Pool Lifesaving as Development Coach and Kerrie Seymour for volunteering for the 6 week Palmerston Pool Lifesaving program.

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 2023/2024 Volunteer of the Year is awarded to Asheton Bayard- Hewitt. Asheton trains for Pool Lifesaving and has represented the Northern Territory at the Australian Pool Lifesaving Championships. Asheton volunteers for community events, has donned the Boof costume in extreme heat conditions and always offers to help. Asheton’s positive and fun personality is embedded in his approach to everything he does for Royal Life Saving NT .

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

2010/2011	Jill Dowd
2011/2012	Alister Lear
2012/2013	Karon Lamb
2013 / 2014	Trevor Cawthorne
2014/2015	Bradley Mortimer
2015/2016	Petina Franklin
2016/2017	Elizabeth Durnin
2017/2018	Fritz Risler
2018/2019	Belinda Lawton
2019/2020	Steve Whiteside
2020/2021	Claire Morton
2021/2022	Marylou O’Gallagher
2022/2023	Carly McLuckie
2023/2024	Asheton Bayard- Hewitt



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 Carly McLuckie in recognition of her outstanding service to our lifesaving community.

Carly volunteers for pool lifesaving and community events for Royal Life Saving NT and is always available to help where needed. Like Trevor, Carly is a quiet achiever who cares for Royal Life Saving and our people. Carly’s feedback, honest and ideas are valued by staff and members.

Table 6: 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
2022/2023	Joe De Luca
2023/2024	Carly McLuckie

Training and Aquatic Services

Registered Training Organisation – RTO Provider Number 0859

Royal Life Saving Society (Australia) NT Branch stands as the leading authority and provider of vocationally aligned education and training programs aimed at servicing the aquatic industry in the Northern Territory.

As a Registered Training Organisation, Royal Life Saving NT is committed to delivering high-quality, sector-specific training and assessments systems and processes.

Each year, Royal Life Saing NT ensures all Territorians have access to essential vocational training, delivering programs across urban, regional and remote areas. The key out comes from 2023-2024 include:

- 332 Course conducted engaging 2,442 participants of which 520 participants are First Nation People
- Training was conducted in 23 Remote Indigenous Communities

- 10,843 certificates issued, including 4,815 Statements of attainments
- 96 participants trained in Pool Lifeguard
- 456 participants trained in Bronze Medallion
- 700 participants trained in First Aid
- 249 participants trained in Swim Teacher Rescue Award
- 68 participants trained in Hydrotherapy Rescue Award

The Training and Workforce Development Committee has achieved significant milestones, including the development and launch of a series of professional development products tailored for the aquatic industry. These products are designed to enhance workforce skills and compliance with industry standards.

Additionally, the committee has actively collaborated on the creation of training resources to support the implementation of the updated SIS Sport, fitness and recreation training package, ensuring that the workforce is well-equipped with the latest skills, knowledge and competencies. Moving forward, the committee's priorities include continuing to foster industry collaboration to meet evolving training needs.

The 19th Annual Trainers workshop, held on the 1st September, saw an impressive 90% trainer attendance. This workshop is pivotal in ensuring quality training and consistent practices across the board. Emphasising quality and compliance with relative legislation and industry needs, the workshop ensures that participants received professional and concise training. The Trainer's workshop underscores the commitment to maintaining high standards in training delivery, aligning with both regulatory requirements and industry expectations.

Table 7: Aquatic Services courses and participants

Course Name	Number of Courses	Number of Participants
Education and Care Setting First Aid	11	66
Education and Care Setting First Aid Online + Practical	11	36
First Aid	41	372
First Aid Online + Practical	33	229
Resuscitation	72	326
Bronze Star	3	29
Bronze Medallion	49	456
Bronze Medallion Update	41	292
Pool Lifeguard	12	96
Pool Lifeguard Update	10	61
Junior First Aid	1	25
Work Shops (PD)	1	21
Hydrotherapy Rescue Award	8	68
Swimming Teacher Rescue Award	10	34
Swim Teacher Rescue Award + Resuscitation	21	215
AUSTRALIAN SWIMMING	8	116

Total	332	2442
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Since 2009, Royal Life Saving NT has recognised one trainer each year for their outstanding commitment to training.

Laura Withers has been recognised as the Trainer of the Year for 2023-2024 for her exceptional dedication and impact. In the past 12 months Laura has trained 318 participants across the NT in AUSTSWIM, Bronze Medallion, Pool Lifeguard, First Aid and CPR, in addition to her primary role as the Operations Manager at Royal Life Saving NT.

Laura is not only a skilled trainer but also a strong mentor for both new and existing trainers, consistently demonstrating her commitment to fostering professional growth and ensuring the highest standards in training. Her contributions have significantly enhanced the quality and reach of the training courses.

Table 8: 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
2022/2023	Aaron Dalgleish
2023/2024	Laura Withers



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.
- Contributed to the review and update of Guidelines for Safe Pool Operation.
- Contributed to the development of the National Aquatic Workforce Framework
- 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

The Aquatic Facility Safety Assessment (AFSA) provides an expert and comprehensive assessment of the operations of an aquatic facility against the provisions of the Guidelines for Safe Pool Operation, Australian Standards and relevant State and Territory legislation.

The AFSA is the easiest and most effective way to gain a true assessment of the level of safety and compliance within an aquatic facility and for pool owners and operators to ensure that their facility is being managed in line with current expectations and standards. It is recommended that an AFSA is conducted at least annually.

Over the last 12 months, Santa Teresa Pool, Areyonga Pool, Leanyer Recreation Park, Goldfishbowl Swim School and Palmerston Water Park underwent an AFSA to ensure a high standard of risk management, prevention of serious incident management and compliance with standards, legislations, facilities, programs and community expectations.



AUSTSWIM



AUSTSWIM Licensed Teachers are the lifeblood of swimming and water safety programs and have been so ever since the organisation's beginning more than 4 decades ago.

Royal Life Saving Society NT (RLSSA NT) employs AUSTSWIM qualified teachers of swimming and water safety. RLSSANT collaborates with AUSTSWIM and works closely with aquatic stakeholders, education departments, peak industry organisations and the Northern Territory community to ensure that all Australians should have appropriate and relevant swimming and water safety skills and understand the principles and practices of water safety.

AUSTSWIM Awards

What started as three national award categories in 2004 has now grown to over 15, covering



the AUSTSWIM family on a state, national and international level. The Awards acknowledge individuals, swim centres and organisations for their contribution to aquatic education and water safety through leadership, innovation, and community spirit – helping students and their community to be safer in, on and around water.

The 2023 National AUSTSWIM Awards of Excellence were announced on the 5th July 2023 at the AUSTSWIM ‘Soak it Up’ International Conference held on the Gold Coast.

Congratulation to the Goldfishbowl Swim School on receiving the National Award for Recognised Swim Centre – Small!!!!

Alice Springs and Central Australia

Royal Life Saving NT saw an exciting expansion of delivery of training and programs throughout the Central region. Delivery of training had a further reach within many remote communities where services have not been delivered for several years.

- Training: 57 courses were held with a total of 501 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 165 enrolments for the WSAP in the region which was 8.2% of the vouchers issued in the program. Emergency Care sessions were held in Alice Springs at Birth and Beyond & Larapinta FaFT.
- Education: 6 Water Safety Education talks were conducted within the region reaching 236 students. Sessions were delivered at childcare centres, primary and middle schools.
- IAS: Swim, Survive and Strive programmes were delivered in the communities of Santa Teresa, Mutitjulu, Areyonga and Tennant Creek. Increased student attendance was a highlight of the program along with strong community engagement in training. Success story – In Santa Teresa 15 indigenous community members completed their Bronze Medallion qualification or their Pool Lifeguard qualification and received employment at the pool for the season.
- Sport: There are 6 active Pool Lifesaving members in Central Australia. Despite low active membership within Alice Springs, Pool Lifesaving activities have been a highlight of many IAS trips with carnivals held in Mutitjulu and Tennant Creek. Work continues to secure casual coaching staff to assist in delivery of the program in Alice Springs. Two members from Alice Springs were members of the NT Team which competed at the Australian Pool Life Saving Championships in Melbourne in January 2024.
- Community Events: RLSSA NT was involved in the Alice Springs and Tennant Creek Show. Attendance at community events in Central Australia reached over 20,500 people. Other events included Alice Springs Seniors Expo, Aquatic Industry

Professional Development for the Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre and a Pool Lifesaving Masterclass.

- Mentoring: Mentoring was provided to 2 indigenous swim teachers in Tennant Creek who completed shadow hours via the Take the Plunge funding.

Table 9: Alice Springs WSAP 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
2022/2023	212	10% of total enrolments
2023/2024	165	8.2% of total enrolments

Table 10: Alice Springs Training Statistics

2019/2020	44 courses 157 participants
2020/2021	54 courses, 211 participants
2021/2022	90 courses, 598 participants
2022/2023	60 courses, 495 participants
2023/2024	57 courses, 501 participants

Table 11: Participation in Pool Lifesaving

2019/2020	10 participants
2020/2021	17 participants
2021/2022	11 participants
2022/2023	5 Participants
2023/2024	6 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 17 years to progress through age specific award levels: Little Wonders Award & Active Award to achieve the National Swimming and Water Safety Framework benchmarks.

National Benchmarks:

SWIM AND SURVIVE LEVEL 03 - National Benchmark to be achieved by the age of 6 years.

SWIM AND SURVIVE LEVEL 07 - National Benchmark to be achieved by the age of 12 years.

BRONZE MEDALLION - National Benchmark to be achieved by the age of 17 years.



This year 10,726 children from urban, regional, and remote Northern Territory participated in the Swim and Survive Program. The community can access 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 Benchmarks

in Swimming and Water Safety through Swim and Survive. This year 338 children reached Swim and Survive Level 7 or above, representing 3% of all participants.

School communities, the Northern Territory Department of Education and our Swim and Survive Partners continue to play a fundamental role in the continued success of the Swim and Survive Program. 56 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 12: Number of Children participating in the Swim and Survive Program

Area	Participants 2019/20	Participants 2020/21	Participants 2021/22	Participants 2022/23	Participants 2023-24
DARWIN	4122	6697	5835	4,920	3,404
PALMERSTON	3346	2469	1166	1,515	3,900
ALICE SPRINGS	1882	2744	1180	2,733	2,202
KATHERINE	249	550	0	0	76
REMOTE	2673	1767	1520	1091	1,144
TOTAL	12,272	14,227	12,402	10,259	10,726

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 3,584 Government school students from 52 schools received certificates including 931 remote students.

This year also saw 77 students achieving a Swim and Survive Level 7 or above, the National Competency Benchmark for children to achieve at 12 years of age.

Swim and Survive Partners

Royal Life Saving NT are supported by 18 Swim and Survive Partners and Schools. They are recognised as a preferred deliverer of the Swim and Survive Program. Some long-standing partners include Marianne’s Swim School, Goldfishbowl Swim School in Palmerston, NT Swim School 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 3160 children participate in the Swim and Survive program through the 19 Swim and Survive Schools and Partners. 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 13: Swim and Survive Partners

Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre
Coomalie Community Government Council
Marianne Swim School
NT Swim School
Swim Dynamics
Triple S Swim School
Goldfishbowl Swim School
Jabiru Swim School

Table 14: Swim and Survive Partner – Schools

Nightcliff Middle School Outreach Henbury
Katherine School of the Air
Yulara School
Mataranka School
Yulara School
Batchelor Area School
Tennant Creek School
Maningrida Swim School
Haileybury Rendall School
Palmerston Senior College

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. The program was not conducted this year.

Royal Life Saving NT will re-establish VACSWIM intensive Swim and Survive program in the October and January school holidays at the Goldfishbowl. The VACSWIM program includes daily swimming and water safety lessons, basic First Aid training, Resuscitation Awareness training, amazing race challenges and a Pool Lifesaving Sport Carnival to allow the students to show off their new skills. A total of 31 students participated in the VACSWIM intensive Swim and Survive Program.

Multicultural Swimming & Water Safety Programs

Multicultural Women's Swimming and Water Safety program – Melaleuca Australia
20 migrant women were given the opportunity to participate in their first water safety/swimming program. This program was called 'Health My Way' and comprised of swimming skills, survival skills, lifesaving skills and basic resuscitation information.

The 5-week program was conducted at Parap pool.

100% 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.



Infant Aquatics

Little Royals Swim School Darwin 2023/2024

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. A 4-day swimming program was held in 2023/2024. The program was conducted at Katherine Aquatic Centre in January 2024.

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

25 children participated in the program. The children's ages ranged from 6 months to 10 years.

Little Royals Tennant Creek 2023/2024

Little Royals Swim School Tennant Creek held two blocks of four lesson programs during 2023/2024. The program was conducted at the Tennant Creek Town pool.

These programs were popular with the families of Tennant Creek.

10 children participated in the programs. The children's ages ranged from 6 months to 5 years.

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.

Adults Learn to Swim

Royal Life Saving - NT will continue 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.

Due to the continuation of the Casuarina Pool redevelopment and limited pool space at Parap and Nightcliff Swimming Pools, the adult program was paused in 2023/2024.

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

Congratulations to Brooke O'Bryan who has been recognised for her commitment to water safety and being an outstanding AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety. Brooke has taught our Swim & Survive program for the past 5 years and is our leader in mentoring new swim teachers. Brooke's commitment to excellence, water safety education and swim teaching is outstanding.

Table 15: 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
2022/2023	Belinda Lawther
2023/2024	Brooke O'Bryan



Pool Lifesaving



Darwin and Alice Springs training commenced in October 2023 and continued through to April 2024.

Pool Lifesaving training was offered to the Goldfishbowl squad athletes and Palmerston community in April and May 2024. This was conducted at the new SWELL Palmerston aquatic facility.

This proved popular with pool lifesaving members that resided in Palmerston and the Goldfishbowl squad athletes.

Athlete participation numbers in the Darwin and Alice Springs clubs remained steady throughout 2023/2024. 24 athletes in the Darwin squad and 4 members for Alice Springs. Palmerston squad training proved popular with 22 athletes training over the 7 sessions.

RLSNT conducted 14 grassroots carnivals throughout the NT during the year. Alyangula, Alice Springs, Areyonga, Daly River, Darwin, Gunbalunya, Maningrida, Nhulunbuy, Palmerston, Tennant Creek, and all hosted pool lifesaving carnivals with over 750 community members participating.

Australian Pool Lifesaving Championships 2024

Conducted in various forms since 1965, the inaugural Australian Pool Lifesaving Championships (APLSC) were held in Alice Springs and remain a highlight of the Australian Lifesaving sport calendar, rotating to a new State or Territory each year.

The Northern Territory sent a team of athletes compete at the Australian Pool Lifesaving Championships 18-20 January 2024.

The championships were held at the Melbourne Sport & Aquatic Centre in Albert Park. The Northern Territory had a team of 10 athletes of varying age groups.

The team competed well with 3 first-time competitors attending their first championships.

The APLSC brings athletes, teams, volunteers and staff together from across Australia for three days of competition both in the water (speed events) and out of water (initiative tests and CPR).

Laura Withers stepped in as Team Coach as Kerrie Seymour tested positive for Covid a few days before the Team were due to travel. Laura Withers and Kate Conway were also Team Managers. Floss Roberts, Chloe Morton and Claire Morton participated as Event Officials.

Cohen Higgins	Northern Territory	Athlete
Asheton Bayard-Hewitt	Northern Territory	Athlete
Deacon Higgins	Northern Territory	Athlete
Jack Morton	Northern Territory	Athlete
Peta Knyvett	Northern Territory	Athlete
Toby Knyvett	Northern Territory	Athlete
Samantha Mercader	Northern Territory	Athlete
Kaitlyn Peters	Northern Territory	Athlete
Amy Stockwell	Northern Territory	Athlete
Kerrie Seymour	Northern Territory	Head/National Coach
Laura Withers	Northern Territory	Assistant Coach/NT Sports Development Officer
Carly McLuckie / Alister Lear	Northern Territory	Development Coach
Naomi Briggs / Amy Stockwell / Kaitlyn Peters	Northern Territory	Alice Springs Coach

Congratulations to Kate Conway who was awarded overall age champions in her masters age division. This marks Kate's four podiums over four consecutive years.

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: Kerrie Seymour

Assistant Coach/NT Sport Development Officer: Laura Withers

Development Coaches: Carly McLuckie and Alister Lear

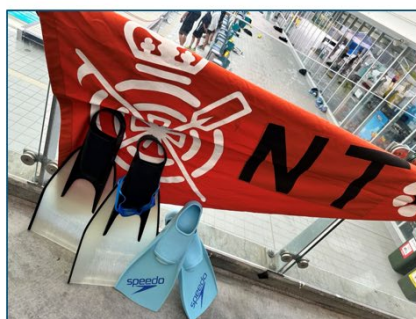
Alice Springs

Alice Springs

Coach: Naomi Briggs

Assistant Coaches: Amy Stockwell and Kaitlyn Peters

Guest Coach: Peter Tonkin



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 Lifesaving in the Northern Territory, develop athlete and official pathways and provide community engagement activities and events.

Active Family Fun days were held in Darwin, Humpty Doo and Alice Springs with 329 participants. Pool Lifesaving carnivals were conducted in Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek, Nhulunbuy and Alice Springs with 301 participants. Regional development programs were conducted in Daly River, Batchelor and Maningrida with 301 participants. The athlete development pathways assists opportunities from grass roots to National competitions and is valued by all Members.

The Goldfishbowl Swim School



Goldfishbowl Swim School

Aquatic facilities are a key social hub and meeting point for communities across Australia, where relationships, social support, and civic trust is fostered and created. The Goldfishbowl Swim School Staff and Management are focussed on creating social value to the local community.

The Goldfishbowl Swim School has conducted Learn to Swim lessons for Infants, Learn to Swim lessons for school aged children, School Swim and Survive lessons, Adult Learn to Swim and Aqua classes seven days a week throughout 2023/2024 a period.

The Goldfishbowl swim school has had some maintenance and repairs completed over the financial year. The salt cells were replaced in the plant room and an electrical emergency stop system was added to protect the pumps from power outages. There have also been some repairs to gates and fence posts as well as some plumbing issues in the change rooms. We have 2 important user-groups at the Goldfishbowl, the Fit Frogs seniors warm water exercise class and Helping People Achieve (HPA) swimming class. Fit Frogs seniors warm water exercise classes are conducted every Monday and Wednesday, this is a group of up to 35 seniors that make use of the facility to enjoy some low-impact exercise that helps improve mobility, balance, coordination and flexibility as well as mental health benefits and social interaction, each sessions averages approximately 15 members. Helping People Achieve (HPA) disability support services have continued to enjoy the use of the facility on Tuesday mornings, the sessions held by HPA on average provide approximately 10 people with disabilities the benefits of swimming, water safety and physical health in a fun and safe environment.

Program	Number of Participants
Infants & Toddler Program	923
Learn to Swim Program	1144
Thunderbolt & Lightning Strikes Squad	43
Adults Learn to Swim	50
Aqua	110



Drowning Report

Sadly, the NT recorded 5 drowning deaths in the 2023/2024 period. The full drowning report is on the website <https://bit.ly/3TpPN1i>

> NORTHERN TERRITORY

There were 5 drowning deaths that occurred in the NT between July 1st 2023 to June 30th 2024.

The 2023/24 fatal drowning rate of 1.98 deaths per 100,000 population decreased by 39% this financial year, compared to the 10-year average.

The highest number of drowning deaths in NT occurred among those aged 55+ years. There were no drowning deaths of children and young people aged 0-19 years in 2023/24.

Drowning deaths in NT mainly occurred at rivers/creek (60%), while swimming and recreating (40%).



100%

OF DROWNING DEATHS WERE AGED BETWEEN 18-74 YEARS

80%
Male



40%
Born overseas



Northern Territory drowning deaths by rates per 100,000 population 2013/14 to 2023/24



Northern Territory Government Water Safety Unit

Northern Territory Water Safety Advisory Council 2023/2024

The Council 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.

Seven representatives on the Council attended the Northern Territory Water Safety Advisory Council workshop on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

The workshop aimed to gather participants and agree upon key messages to support collectively throughout the year as a member of the NT Water Safety Advisory Council. The Council constructed an Advanced Communications Strategy. Meetings were held on 5th September 2023, 28th November 2023, 5th March 2024, and 4th June 2024.

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 of Territory Families, Housing and Communities

- 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
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
Surf Life Saving NT	SLSNT
Water Safety Unit	WSU

Water Safety Awareness 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.

The Year that was for The Water Safety Awareness Program



A total of 2009 Enrolments for July 2023 – June 2024 was received with an 69% 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's clearances and have a clear understanding of the deliverables for each session as per the guidelines agreed upon. During 2023/2024 11 swim schools across the Northern Territory provided the Water Safety Awareness Program.

SESSION PROVIDERS 2023/2024
Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre – Alice Springs
Goldfishbowl Swim School - Palmerston
Howard Springs Swim School
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
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 1st of September at Royal Life Saving NT's, meeting room. 7 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 AUTISM NT attended and provided an information session for the swim school managers/owners on providing tailored swimming lessons for students on the spectrum.

Provider of the Year

The Water Safety Awareness Program Provider of the Year 2023/2024 is Triple S Swim School. Sam and his Team have been amazing to work with and feedback from parents is outstanding. Congratulations to Triple S Swim School!

2013/2014	NT Swim School
2014/2015	Anica’s Swim School
2015/2016	Swim Dynamics
2016/2017	Splish Splash Mobile Swim School
2017/2018	Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre
2018/2019	Marianne’s Swimming School
2019/2020	The Goldfishbowl Swim School
2020/2021	Baby Barras Swim School
2021/2022	Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre
2022/2023	Travelling Tadpoles Swim School
2023/2024	Tripple S Swim School



Remote Access

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



Water Safety Awareness Program: Total 34,135 children registered A partnership between the NT Government and Royal Life Saving Society (Australia) NT Branch

Water Safety Week 2023

Water Safety Week 2023 was conducted from 17-23 September, featuring a varied program of events and activities throughout the Northern Territory (NT). The slogan for Water Safety Week 2023 was ‘Be water safety wise!’. This year the focus was on water safety whilst recreating. The event was promoted through print, radio, television, and social media. In addition to this, promotion was also undertaken by Northern Territory Water Safety Advisory Council member networks.

‘Splashfest’ was the opening event for WSW23 and took place from 9:00am – 12:00pm on Sunday 17 September at the Darwin Waterfront Precinct. Approximately 2500 community members attended.

Larrakia Nation’s Aunty Mary Williams led the “Welcome to Country ceremony and the Chief Minister – Natasha Fyles officially opened Water Safety Week 2023.

There were 13 events and activities on the official 2023 Water Safety week calendar. These were conducted in Darwin, Palmerston, Katherine and Alice Springs. Some of the highlights of the free events were:

- Community Pool Lifesaving carnivals held at Parap Pool, 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 various locations in Palmerston and rural areas.

An estimated 15,000 Territorians received water safety messages throughout Water Safety Week in 2023.



Pipes and Drains Campaign 2023/2024

The Northern Territory Wet Season months of October to April 2023/2024 recorded rainfall was 798.3 mm, 57% above the 1961–1991 average, the sixth highest on record and the highest since 2011. Rainfall was well above average for most northern areas with small pockets recording their highest wet season rainfall on record.

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. Pencil cases, water bottles, towels, snapback caps, pens & slap bands containing USBs, formed the collateral for the campaign.

A total of 6 schools were visited with a total of 737 students receiving the Pipes and Drains messaging.

In addition to this, 5 community events were attended which directly targeted the Pipes & Drains message with an estimated reach over 60,500 members of the community. Channel 10 aired the Pipes and Drains TVC from November 2023 – March 2024. 3 banners were displayed across 3 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 2023/2024



During 2023/2024, 27 schools were visited by the Water Safety Unit to deliver water safety talks to 2,936 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

NT Keep Watch Ambassadors

Hon. Natasha Fyles MLA, Member for Nightcliff
Hon. Nicole Manison MLA, Member for Wanguri
Hon. Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Gwoja
Hon. Paul Kirby MLA, Member for Port Darwin
Hon. Eva Lawler MLA, Member for Drysdale
Ms Lauren Moss MLA, Member for Casuarina
Hon. Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson
Hon. Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Member for Karama
Hon. Selena Uibo MLA, Member for Arnhem
Mr Steven (Steve) Edgington MLA, Member for Barkly
Mr Mark Turner MLA, Member for Blain

Ms Kezia Purick MLA, Member for Goyder
Hon. Mark Monaghan MLA, Member for Fong Lim
Hon. Brent Potter MLA, Member for Fannie Bay
Mr Manuel Brown MLA, Member for Arafura
Hon. Joel Bowden MLA, Member for Johnston
Mr Yingiya (Mark) Guyula MLA, Member for Mulka
Mrs Jo Hersey MLA, Member for Katherine
Mr Gerard Maley MLA, Member for Nelson
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
Mr Joshua Burgoyne MLA, Member for Braitling
Mr Bill Yan MLA, Member for Namatjira
Mr Dheran Young MLA, Member for Daly
Ms Marion Scrymgour MP, Federal MP for Lingiari

Ms Marie-Clare Boothby MLA, Member for Brennan
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen

Mr. Luke Gosling OAM MP, Federal Member for Solomon
Senator the Hon Malarndirri McCarthy
Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price

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
NIAA National Indigenous Australians Agency	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
NTG Department Territory Housing, Families & Communities	Management of the Water Safety Unit including the Water Safety Awareness Program
NTG Department Territory Housing, Families & Communities – 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
Office Senior Territorians	Cool Seniors Program for Seniors Month in August
CBF Minor Grant	Community Benefit Fund major grant for Lures, Lifesavers and Lifejackets event in Maningrida
NT Government’s Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade	The “Take the Plunge – Teach a Skill for Life” program is an initiative funded through the Target and Responsive Programs Pre-employment program

Indigenous Advancement Strategy

“Remote Swim, Survive and Strive”

Royal Life Saving Society Northern Territory continues to receive annual funding to continue to deliver and strengthen the Remote Swim, Survive & Strive Project. On behalf of Royal Life Saving Society Northern Territory and the communities who benefit, we thank the National Indigenous Australians Agency for their ongoing support of this project.

The Remote Swim, Survive & Strive Project delivers the Swim & Survive program, Indigenous employment, AUSTSWIM mentoring program, lifesaving education and recreation 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, utilizing 21 locations.

Key facts at a glance



- 1302 people participated in the Remote Swim, Survive & Strive project.
- 20 remote schools accessed the program.
- 18 Rangers completed training for professional development or towards gaining employment
- 30 Indigenous people gained employment as a direct result of the project.
- 866 students participated in Swim and Survive
- 60 students achieved the national swimming and water safety benchmark of Level 7 or above through the Swim and Survive Program. This is 6.9% of the students who participated in the program.
- 60 training courses were provided in 16 communities.
- 428 people were trained and are now qualified in a range of qualifications such as Bronze Medallion, CPR, Pool Lifeguard and First Aid through the project.
- 259 Indigenous students and adults have gained training qualifications.
- 35 students are working towards gaining their NTEC through the project.
- 67 activities were held during 2023.2024 including Swim and Survive, Bronze Medallion, CPR, Pool Lifeguard and First Aid training, Pool Lifesaving carnivals, Water Safety Awareness Program sessions and community BBQs.



The Year's Highlight
Mutitjulu 20-24 November 2023



The Remote Swim, Survive & Strive project delivery in Mutitjulu was successful in covering all aspects of the project plan.

The Swim and Survive Program was delivered to students from Mutitjulu School and Amata School. The Mutitjulu School Principal invited other community schools nearby to participate. This resulted in 12 students from Amata School taking part in the Swim and Survive Program and the Pool Lifesaving carnival.

Pool Lifeguard, CPR and First Aid training was delivered to Yulara and Mutitjulu school Staff and Mutitjulu pool Staff.

A Pool Lifesaving carnival was conducted, and parents and grandparents attended proudly taking photos of their children's achievements. The Aboriginal Police Liaison Officer attended the carnival

also to support the school Staff and students participating.

Neil Hummerston, the Pool Manager at Mutitjulu was a great asset to the success of the visit. As he was local, he was familiar with the student names and able to quickly assess their abilities.

This visit was also a great opportunity to mentor two local people to their Pool Lifeguard qualification. They also proved to be a great help in the water with the Swim and Survive Program.

Stakeholders engaged were Mutitjulu School, Yulara School, Mutitjulu Aboriginal Corporation and Casa Leisure.



Australian Government
**National Indigenous
Australians Agency**



NIAA

Inland Waterways and Drowning Prevention Program

The Northern Territory boasts many beautiful inland waterways including rivers, creeks, lakes, waterfalls, and water holes; however, they can pose safety risks, and these can vary depending on the type of waterway.

Royal Life Saving NT is addressing these dangers by educating the public about inland waterway safety through the Inland Communities Water Safety Program. This program, along with the “Make the Right Call and Enjoy the Water Safety” campaign, operates extensively throughout the Northern Territory, focusing on public education and safety awareness. The campaign is delivered in Katherine, Darwin, Tennant Creek, Maningrida and Alice Springs. Highlights include:

- Increased public engagement through social media campaigns.
- Engagement with identified communities at an increase of drowning via attendance at 10 community events and a wider reach of the Northern Territory community through the Show Circuit. The events focused on promoting existing inland water safety drowning prevention initiatives and awareness campaigns reaching 85,200 Territorians.
- 5 Swimming and Water Safety programs delivered at pools and natural aquatic locations with 201 participants completing the programs.
- Through the partnership with Helping People Achieve (HPA), 13 participants with disabilities gained free weekly access to the Goldfishbowl Swim School to receive vital swimming lessons and water safety education. This initiative aimed to empower individuals with disabilities by having access and equity in receiving essential water safety skills in a supporting environment.
- Melaleuca Adults Program in Darwin. This five-week program offered free of charge, targeted migrant women, providing them with the opportunity to learn essential water safety skills. Commencing in November 2023, 17 migrant women gained knowledge and skills to stay safe around the water and protect their families and children the program contributed significantly to water safety awareness within the community.
- Royal Life Saving NT organised a special event in Maningrida during National Safe Boating Week, the event aimed to raise awareness within the community about boating safety equipment, utilisation of safety gear, marine safety rules, wearing lifejackets, making the right call and enjoying the water safely. Notably, this event was specifically conducted by men for men, recognising their significant roles in boating and water related activities. As part of the event, the community was gifted through additional funding from the Department of Industry Tourism and Trade Minor Community Benefit Fund; 40 lifejackets, 40 lures and safety equipment for 10 boats, demonstrating a tangible commitment to enhancing safety on the water. Key stakeholders in the community provided crucial support for the event, highlighting collaborative efforts to promote water safety. Additionally, various activities were conducted during the event to engage participants and impart essential water safety skills. These activities

included water rescue demonstrations, a lure casting competition and awareness sessions on first aid basics and CPR.

'Make the right call' – Love the water, enjoy the water but do it safely while looking after yourself and your mates. This program / activity has been delivered by Royal Life Saving NT as part of Inland Communities Water Safety Program with the support of the Royal Life Saving Society – Australia and the Australian Government



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

to look after their mates to keep each other safe.

Cool Seniors & Grey Medallion

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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. This is done by offering the water exercise and 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 12 participants over the 5 weeks of the program. Feedback from the program included:

- Trainers Laura, Helen and Jill are very good at giving of info and input from the group. Good interaction with the group. You may think you are not up to the task of being able to rescue someone but I say persist with staying in the program because you learn heaps and although you may not be able to do the rescue there can be someone you can give instruction to.
- every stage really well done
- Thank you please keep up the good work.

- Loved the sessions.

 Lovely staff.

CBF

Lifesavers and Lifejackets event Maningrida

Minor Grant – Lures,

Royal Life Saving NT gratefully acknowledge the generous funding provided by the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade through the Minor Community Benefit Grant. This support enabled the purchase essential boating safety equipment, lures and lifejackets to gift to the community at the “lures, Lifesavers and Lifejackets” event in Maningrida during National Boating Week.

The event played a crucial role in raising awareness within the community about the minimum required boating safety equipment, how to uses it, understanding marine safety rules and the importance of wearing lifejackets.



Take the Plunge

The “Take the Plunge – Teach a Skill for Life” program is an initiative funded through the Target and Responsive Programs Pre-employment program. This program was specifically designed to address the critical skills shortage within the Northern Territory’s aquatic industry by providing targeted funding for essential training.

Through this program, 32 participants received funding to complete the Pool Lifeguard Skill Set (SISSS00129 or SISSS00133), additionally 33 participants were provided with the opportunity to gain the Swimming and Water Safety Teacher Skill Set (SISSS00112 or SISSS00132) with specialised extensions in Infant Aquatics (SISCAQU011 or SISCAQU027 Promote Development of Infants and Toddlers in an Aquatic Environment) and Access and Inclusion (SISXDID001 Facilitate Inclusion for people with a disability and SISCAQU012 or SISCAQU028 Assist participants with disability during aquatic activities).



Royal Life Saving NT in the Media

Throughout 2023/2024 RLSSA NT has been featured in local and Territory media. We are continually trying to lift our profile within the community and more importantly educate the community in water safety and drowning prevention. We participated in several radio chats and TV interviews.

In 2014/2015 we introduced an award for a media person who we believed made a difference for Lifesaving. This year, the award goes to Ross Woodward Media Key for his assistance with our media management.

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
2022/2023	ABC Radio Alice Springs
2023/2024	Ross Woodward Media Key

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.



@RoyalLifeSavingNorthernTerritory
@WaterSafetyNT
#watersafetynt #beriversafe

Appendices – Statistics

Training Certificates issued

Training	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Award of Merit	3	3	3	3	0
Bronze Cross	0	0	2	0	0
Bronze Star	41	38	23	21	22
Bronze Medallion	301	441	373	323	389
Bronze Medallion Update	226	261	238	281	274
Bronze Medallion with Reasonable adjustment	0	0	0	13	27
Resuscitation	1483	2492	1960	1949	1909
Resuscitation Awareness	36	48	25	21	47
Defibrillation Awareness	2645	2512	1982	1949	1901
Oxygen Resuscitation	74	141	65	33	74
Oxygen Resus Update	113	141	114	89	52
Basic First Aid	35	0	0	0	0
Junior First Aid					25
First Aid	414	700	461	533	658
Child Care First Aid	35	151	583	157	102
Advanced First Aid	0	28	149	0	0
Pool Lifeguard	78	113	65	33	74
Pool Lifeguard Update	113	141	114	89	52
Swimming Teacher	186	307	222	215	247
Rescue Award					
Sea Rangers Bronze Rescue Award	0	2	0	0	0
Hydrotherapy rescue award	0	25	44	62	56
Trainers	3	3	3	1	3
Pool Operators	0	0	0	1	0
SISCAQU002	790	1018	880	708	426
SISCAQU006	224	278	201	131	108
SISCAQU007	199	251	184	131	108
PUAEME001B	210	96	0	0	0
PUAEME001	15	179	201	131	108
PUAEME003C	210	96	0	0	0
PUAEME003	15	179	201	131	108
SISCAQU001	0	0	0	1	0
SISCAQU003	0	0	0	1	0
SISCAQU004	0	0	0	1	0
SISCAQU005	0	0	0	1	0
SISCAQU019					58
SISCAQU020					465
SISCAQU021					58

SISCAQU022					58
BSBRK401	0	0	0	0	0
BSBOPS403	0	0	0	1	0
HLTAID001	1268	2233	378	0	0
HLTAID002	36	149	29	0	0
HLTAID003	643	993	292	0	0
HLTAID004	36	149	29	0	0
HLTAID006	0	28	0	0	0
HLTAID007	0	28	0	0	0
HLTAID009			1509	1692	1691
HLTAID010			587	630	678
HLTAID011			648	761	844
HLTAID012			142	157	105
AUSTSWIM	161	122	123	82	116
Total Training Certificates	9333	13071	11830	10322	10843

Swim and Survive – Certificates Issued

The 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	22/23	22/23	23/24	23/24
	Remote		Remote		Remote	
Swim and Survive						
Little Wonders Total (Infant Aquatics)	536	55			446	47
Water Discovery - L1	959	118	1658	124	1332	114
Water Awareness - L2	1267	141	2265	197	1378	111
Water Sense - L3	930	150	1332	138	854	124
Water Wise - L4	499	97	733	83	480	113
Swim and Survive - L5	270	25	555	35	314	71
Swim and Survive - L6	163	48	278	15	149	45
Swim and Survive - L7	86	15	128	1	104	31
Swim and Survive – L8	55		62	4	85	
Swim and Survive – L9	36		31		40	
Swim and Survive – L10	15		18		21	
Swim and Survive – L11	5		39		16	
Swim Star Participation	2585	370	2988	103	4300	351
Bronze Star	9	4		15	12	22
Bronze Medallion	2	5		5		7
Swim & Survive Level 7+	208		397		278	60
Other Statistics	1194		172			159
Total Certificates	8608	1028	9438	821	9531	985
Total Participants	8608		9438	821	9531	1195

Audited Financial Reports

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

**Special Purpose Financial Report
for the year ended 30 June 2024**

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 2024

The committee members present their report on Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc. ("the Association") for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

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
Randall Cook	President	Member for full year
James Sheridan	Vice President	Member for full year
Joe De Luca	Treasurer	Member for full year
Penny Hart	Secretary	Member for full year
Alice Doyle	Committee member	Member for full year
Rod Cremona	Committee member	Member for full year
Stephanie East	Committee member	Member for full year
Michael De Silva	Committee member	Appointed 4 March 2024
Zoe Malone	Committee member	Appointed 4 March 2024
Sarah Dowd	Committee member	Resigned 1 September 2023
Tony Blair	Committee member	Resigned 1 September 2023
Annette Roberts	Public Officer	Member for full year

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

Principal activities

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

Significant changes

There were no significant changes in the operation of the Association during the year.

Operating results and review of operations for the year

The net deficit of the Association for the financial year amounted to \$56,554 (2023: net deficit of \$30,681).

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

President: 
Randall Cook

Treasurer: 
Joe De Luca

Date: 27.8.2024

Date: 27.8.2024

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 2024, 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.

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Director

DARWIN

27 August 2024

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Statement of Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Revenue	3	2,200,302	2,348,541
Finance income		7	917
Other income	4	14,774	7,254
Employee benefits expense		(1,340,819)	(1,335,925)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(178,350)	(216,854)
Program expenses		(85,299)	(86,798)
Course expenses		(56,520)	(56,980)
Travel expenses		(180,641)	(148,540)
Motor vehicle expenses		(34,208)	(32,697)
Other expenses		(384,932)	(478,037)
Finance expenses		(10,868)	(31,562)
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Net Deficit for the Year		(56,554)	(30,681)
Other comprehensive income		<u> </u> -	<u> </u> -
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the year		(56,554)	(30,681)
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	111,890	164,193
Trade and other receivables	6	104,607	59,938
Other assets	8	20,729	31,678
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		237,226	255,809
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	7	1,216,502	1,319,817
Goodwill	7(b)	-	50,000
Right-of-use assets	9	33,967	59,002
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		1,250,469	1,428,819
TOTAL ASSETS		1,487,695	1,684,628
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	10	64,690	59,058
Other financial liabilities		15,755	10,932
Lease liabilities	9	15,125	27,718
Employee benefits	11	164,847	156,840
Borrowings	7(c)	51,332	49,341
Unexpended grant liability		50,000	47,131
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		361,749	351,020
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Lease liabilities	9	19,645	37,121
Employee benefits	11	-	-
Borrowings	7(c)	64,271	197,903
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		83,916	610,238
TOTAL LIABILITIES		445,665	586,044
NET ASSETS		1,042,030	1,098,584
EQUITY			
Reserves	12	140,000	140,000
Retained earnings		902,030	958,584
		1,042,030	1,098,584

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 2024

	Retained Earnings \$	General Reserve \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2023	<u>958,584</u>	<u>140,000</u>	<u>1,098,584</u>
Net Deficit for the year	(56,554)	-	(56,554)
Total other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the year	<u>(56,554)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(56,554)</u>
Balance at 30 June 2024	<u><u>902,030</u></u>	<u><u>140,000</u></u>	<u><u>1,042,030</u></u>
Balance at 1 July 2022	<u>989,265</u>	<u>140,000</u>	<u>1,129,265</u>
Net Deficit for the year	(30,681)	-	(30,681)
Total other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the year	<u>(30,681)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(30,681)</u>
Balance at 30 June 2023	<u><u>958,584</u></u>	<u><u>140,000</u></u>	<u><u>1,098,584</u></u>

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 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from customers		1,035,654	1,090,120
Payments to suppliers and employees		(2,057,831)	(2,177,372)
Donations received		5,000	5,000
Interest received		7	917
Interest expenses		(10,868)	(31,562)
Receipt from grants		1,132,622	1,331,161
Net cash provided by operating activities	14	<u>104,584</u>	<u>218,264</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		-	(18,761)
Purchase of goodwill		-	-
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>(18,761)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
(Payment)/Proceeds from borrowings		(131,641)	(349,194)
Payment of finance lease and other liabilities		(25,246)	(33,982)
Net cash (used in)/provided by financing activities		<u>(156,887)</u>	<u>(383,176)</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents held		(52,303)	(183,673)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		<u>164,193</u>	<u>347,866</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	5	<u><u>111,890</u></u>	<u><u>164,193</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

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 Material 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 Management Committee'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 124 *Related Party Disclosures*
- 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 Material 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 Material 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
Building Improvements	5%
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 Material 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

(vi) Cash and cash equivalents

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

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1 Material Accounting Policies - continued

(h) Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities - continued

(vii) 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.

(viii) 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.

(ix) Other financial liabilities

Other financial liabilities, which consisted of Association credit cards, are carried at amortised cost. These are expected to be paid within 30 days.

(x) 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 Material 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 Material 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

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Grant and donation	1,129,753	1,272,716
Service income	1,053,329	1,057,827
Workshops, sales and other income	17,220	17,998
	<u>2,200,302</u>	<u>2,348,541</u>

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4 Other Income

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Membership fees	3,164	2,282
Fundraisings	5,120	2,433
Others	6,490	2,539
	<u>14,774</u>	<u>7,254</u>

5 Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Petty cash	845	1,310
Cash at bank	111,045	162,883
	<u>111,890</u>	<u>164,193</u>

6 Trade and Other Receivables

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Trade receivables	104,607	64,481
Less expected credit losses	-	(4,543)
	<u>104,607</u>	<u>59,938</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

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Land	900,000	900,000
Building	200,000	200,000
Accumulated depreciation	(20,000)	(10,000)
Net carrying value	180,000	1,090,000
Plant and equipment - at cost	55,455	71,921
Accumulated depreciation	(37,497)	(38,575)
Net carrying value	17,958	33,346
Motor vehicles - at cost	152,783	152,783
Accumulated depreciation	(143,974)	(134,432)
Net carrying value	8,809	18,351
Leasehold improvements - at cost	312,299	336,205
Accumulated amortisation	(202,564)	(158,085)
Net carrying value	109,735	178,120
	1,216,502	1,319,817

- 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 \$	Plant and Equipment \$	Motor Vehicles \$	Leasehold Improvements \$	Total \$
As at 30 June 2024						
Balance at the beginning of year	900,000	190,000	33,346	18,351	178,120	1,319,817
Additions / (Disposal)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation expense	-	(10,000)	(15,388)	(9,542)	(68,385)	(103,315)
Balance at the end of the year	<u>900,000</u>	<u>180,000</u>	<u>17,958</u>	<u>8,809</u>	<u>109,735</u>	<u>1,216,502</u>
As at 30 June 2023						
Balance at the beginning of year	900,000	200,000	23,770	30,698	238,407	1,392,875
Additions	-	-	18,761	-	-	18,761
Depreciation expense	-	(10,000)	(9,185)	(12,347)	(60,287)	(91,819)
Balance at the end of the year	<u>900,000</u>	<u>190,000</u>	<u>33,346</u>	<u>18,351</u>	<u>178,120</u>	<u>1,319,817</u>

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7 Property, plant and equipment - continued

- b. In January 2022, the Association acquired the Goldfishbowl 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:

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Balance at beginning of year	150,000	150,000
Acquisitions	-	-
Amortisation	(150,000)	(100,000)
Balance at end of year	<u>-</u>	<u>50,000</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 between 3.39% to 7.15% per annum. Borrowings as at 30 June 2024 are as follows:

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Current	51,332	49,341
Non-current	64,271	197,903
	<u>115,603</u>	<u>247,244</u>

8 Other Assets

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Stock on hand	8,129	5,693
Prepayments	12,600	25,985
	<u>20,729</u>	<u>31,678</u>

9 Right-of-Use Assets

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Office accommodation	118,611	118,611
Accumulated depreciation	(87,780)	(70,224)
Net carrying value	<u>30,831</u>	<u>48,387</u>
Office equipment	37,414	37,414
Accumulated amortisation	(34,278)	(26,799)
Net carrying value	<u>3,136</u>	<u>10,615</u>
	<u>33,967</u>	<u>59,002</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 2024			
Balance at the beginning of year	48,387	10,615	59,002
Depreciation expense	(17,556)	(7,479)	(25,035)
Balance at the end of the year	<u>30,831</u>	<u>3,136</u>	<u>33,967</u>
As at 30 June 2023			
Balance at the beginning of year	65,943	18,094	84,037
Depreciation expense	(17,556)	(7,479)	(25,035)
Balance at the end of the year	<u>48,387</u>	<u>10,615</u>	<u>59,002</u>

The corresponding lease liability recognised to record the carrying amount of Rights of Use Asset amounted to \$34,770 and \$64,839 as at 30 June 2024 and 2023, respectively.

10 Trade and Other Payables

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Trade payables	<u>26,817</u>	28,605
Sundry payables and accrued expenses	<u>19,001</u>	15,376
Accrued wages and superannuation	<u>18,872</u>	15,077
	<u><u>64,690</u></u>	<u><u>59,058</u></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

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Current		
Annual leave provision	<u>69,854</u>	62,818
Long-service leave provision	<u>94,993</u>	94,022
	<u><u>164,847</u></u>	<u><u>156,840</u></u>
Non-current		
Long-service leave provision	<u>-</u>	-
	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

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12 Reserves

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

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Future IT expansion	<u>140,000</u>	<u>140,000</u>
	<u>140,000</u>	<u>140,000</u>

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 2024 the number of unrepresented, unexpired vouchers were 51,565 (2023: 47,297, 2022: 40,745, 2021: 34,436, 2020: 28,743 2019: 23,638, 2018: 18,437). The funded face value of these vouchers is 2024: \$644,562 (2023: \$591,212, 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 2024: 1,944 (2023: 3,793, 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 2024: 164 (2023: 1,056, 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 2024: 8.4% (2023: 27%, 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

	2023	2023
	\$	\$
Net (Loss)/ surplus for the Year	(56,554)	(30,681)
Cash flows excluded from profit attributable to operating activities:		
- Depreciation and amortisation expenses	178,350	216,854
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
- (increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(44,669)	12,041
- (increase)/decrease in prepayments	10,949	(12,579)
- increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	8,501	54,536
- increase/(decrease) in employee benefits	8,007	(21,264)
Cashflows from operations	<u>104,584</u>	<u>218,264</u>

15 Related Party Transactions

Key management personnel of the Association are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing, and controlling the activities of Association. These include the Committee Members and Executive Director as listed below.

Names	Position	Appointed/Resigned
Randall Cook	President	Member for full year
James Sheridan	Vice President	Member for full year
Joe De Luca	Treasurer	Member for full year
Penny Hart	Secretary	Member for full year
Alice Doyle	Committee member	Member for full year
Rod Cremona	Committee member	Member for full year
Stephanie East	Committee member	Member for full year
Michael De Silva	Committee member	Appointed 4 March 2024
Zoe Malone	Committee member	Appointed 4 March 2024
Sarah Dowd	Committee member	Resigned 1 September 2023
Tony Blair	Committee member	Resigned 1 September 2023
Annette Roberts	Public Officer	Member for full year

Total remuneration of \$137,579 (2023: \$151,815) was paid to the key management personnel for the year ended 30 June 2024.

- (i) Retirement Benefits
No retirement benefits have been made by the Association to key management personnel during the reporting year.
- (ii) Loans to Responsible Persons
No loans have been made, guaranteed or secured by the Association to key management personnel during the reporting year.
- (iii) Outstanding Amounts
As at 30 June 2024, except for employee leave provision, there were no outstanding amounts receivable or payable to the Association's KMP.

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16 Subsequent Events

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

17 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

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Statement by Members of the Committee For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

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 2024, 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: 
Randall Cook

Date: 27.8.2024

Treasurer: 
Joe De Luca

Date: 27.08.2024

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 2024, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity, statement of cash flows for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the Statement by the Committee.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in the *Basis of Qualified Opinion* section of our report, 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 2024 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013* and *Associations Act NT*.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable to establish an efficient system of internal control over fundraising income prior to its initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, as the evidence available to us regarding such income was limited, our audit procedures with respect to fundraising income were restricted to the amounts recorded in the financial records. We therefore do not express an opinion on whether the income the Association received is complete, and we cannot determine the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had this limitation not existed.

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 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, Associations Act NT* and the Association's constitution. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of these matters.

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 2024 as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report. As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

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

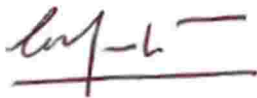
evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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

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MunLi Chee
Director

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27 August 2024

DISCLAIMER ON ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

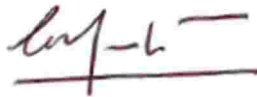
The additional financial information, being the Detailed Income and Expenditure as attached on pages 28 to 30, has been compiled by the management of Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc. ("the Association").

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

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

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MunLi Chee
Director

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27 August 2024

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Detailed Statement of Income and Expenditure For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Income		
Grant Income	1,129,753	1,267,716
Donations	-	5,000
Service income	1,053,329	1,057,827
Workshops, sales and other income	17,220	17,998
Interest income	7	917
Membership and fundraising	14,773	7,254
Total income	2,215,083	2,356,711
Expenses		
Accommodation	61,980	60,700
Accountant/Auditor	8,549	7,395
Administration Fees	-	46
Advertising	8,344	4,662
Airfares	81,979	56,976
Appreciation Gifts	2,917	630
AUSTSWIM Registration	10,665	6,736
AUSTSWIM Resources	2,298	-
Bad Debts/Cash Shortfall Write-off	1,455	4,842
Bank Fees/ATO Rounding	1,171	4,557
Bookkeeping	37,932	38,343
Business Development	1,130	-
Canon Printer > Lease Cost	3,568	131
Car Hire	8,545	6,666
Community Events	11,230	23,250
Conference & Workshop Fees	1,023	3,131
Consultant fees	7,918	7,303
Contract Employees	17,018	1,565
Course Cleaning	667	66
Course Consumables	12,413	9,622
Depreciation and Amortisation	178,350	216,854
Dues, Membership Subscriptions	38,277	27,994
Electricity	17,296	20,425
Employee Benefits	-	1,143
Employee Entitlements Transfer	8,008	22,039
Employee Health and Wellbeing	1,711	1,260
Equipment= or <\$5000	19,648	3,212
Eway fees	7	325
First Aid Resources	1,911	152
GFB: Chemicals	9,624	3,336
GFB: Garden Maintenance	4,400	2,356
GFB: Repairs & Maintenance	12,786	85,488
Insurance	22,910	20,392
Balance brought forward	595,732	641,598

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Detailed Statement of Income and Expenditure For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Balance carry-forward	595,732	641,598
Interest on Loans	8,484	27,439
IT Support	16,333	12,441
Kilometre Allowance	219	-
Kiosk Stock	1,178	216
Marketing/Promotions	18,454	13,070
Meeting Consumables	7,541	9,172
MV Fuel	12,142	13,884
MV Insurance	9,874	8,927
MV Maintenance	8,905	5,720
MV Registration	3,287	4,166
NT Team - Pool Lifesaving	4,765	4,369
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Periodic Inventory Adjustment	2,293	3,537
Pipes and Drains Campaign	17,674	23,171
Pool Entry fee/Pool Hire	45,291	33,729
Pool Lifesaving Consumables	454	670
Postage & Freight	2,400	2,663
Printing & Publications - Comm	1,015	2,048
Professional Development	5,545	2,610
Program Resources	3,860	8,568
Purchases Stock	12,515	7,956
Rates	6,820	6,060
Regional & Remote Service Del	-	53
Registrations & Conferences	9,487	5,716
Rent	-	3,585
Repairs & Maintenance	17,096	69,183
RoU Asset Finance Costs	2,385	4,123
Session Five	4,178	4,938
Session Four	4,178	4,938
Session One	13,625	-
Session Three	4,178	4,938
Session Two	4,178	4,938
Staff Uniform Purchases	1,249	3,696
Stationery & Office Supplies	15,654	17,522
Storage (archives)	4,364	4,282
Superannuation Expense (SGC)	123,893	117,305
Supplier Payments	26,840	45,139
Swim & Survive Consumables	2,627	1,872
Swim Desk Fees	-	15
Telephone & Internet Charges	12,212	18,416
Travel Allowance	21,190	20,740
Balance brought forward	1,047,522	1,163,411

Royal Life Saving Society (Aust) NT Branch Inc.

Detailed Statement of Income and Expenditure For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Balance carry-forward	<u>1,047,522</u>	<u>1,163,411</u>
Travel Expenses	6,946	3,458
Venue Hire	137	-
Wages & Salaries	1,155,298	1,171,362
Water Charges	5,978	6,920
Water Safety Week Expenses	20,364	21,571
Workers Compensation Insurance	35,354	19,905
WSAP Consumables	<u>39</u>	<u>765</u>
Total Expenses	<u>2,271,637</u>	<u>2,387,392</u>
Net deficit for the year	<u>(56,554)</u>	<u>(30,681)</u>