

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2024**

**Motion 6 – Election of Directors**

In accordance with Section 60(3)(c) of The Royal Life Saving Society - Western Australia Inc. Constitution, the Board of Directors recommends the Members elects the following eligible nominees to the Board of Directors for a three (3) year term:

- Dr Justine Leavy (re-election)
- Mr Aaron Brinkworth (re-election)
- Ms Donna Oxenham (re-election)
- Mr Patrick Ndlovu (election)
- Ms Emily Munro (election)

**BACKGROUND**

**Dr Justine Leavy**

Dr Justine Leavy is an Associate Professor in Health Promotion in the School of Population Health at Curtin University. She is the Discipline Lead for Health Promotion and Sexology and a Research Fellow with the Collaboration for Evidence, Research and Impact in Public Health (CERIPH).

Justine has played a critical role in the research and evaluation of Royal Life Saving’s drowning prevention Keep Watch Program, Adult Water Safety Program and Youth Water Safety Program. Widely published in peer-reviewed journals, Justine is an expert in the field and is a member of the International Drowning Research Alliance (IDRA) which allows her to connect with drowning researchers from around the world including Canada, New Zealand, South Africa and the World Health Organization. Justine is the co-Director of the Drowning Prevention Evidence and Evaluation Project (DEEP) at Curtin University (<https://www.ceriph.org/deep>).

Justine’s vision is for Royal Life Saving to be recognised as a leader in knowledge translation for drowning prevention in Australia, and internationally. She’s excited about the way the organisation has been very progressive in working together with researchers to develop and implement evidence-informed drowning prevention interventions and wants to help the organisation to ensure evidence-informed strategies are communicated to all Western Australians, enabling them to be safe when in and around waterways.

**Mr Aaron Brinkworth GAICD**

Aaron is an experienced bio-pharmaceutical industry executive. Working for more than 25 years across the Asia Pacific region with a strong focus on solving complex problems and advancing public health for under-served and at-risk populations globally.

As a lifelong active Surf Lifesaver, Aaron has a strong understanding of the significant risk water can pose to many within our diverse population across the breadth of Western Australia. With his strong interest in corporate governance, risk and strategy and his role on the Board enables Aaron to fulfil his desire to contribute to the broader community, the strategic direction of Royal Life Saving and its effective governance.

Aaron believes Royal Life Saving’s vision and purpose is very clear and he is determined to help ensure that no one misses out on swimming and water safety skills. Aaron is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors Course.

**Ms Donna Oxenham**

Donna has been actively involved with Royal Life Saving since 2019 as an Indigenous Advisory Member and is fully supportive of the programs and roles that Royal Life Saving runs throughout the State, especially those involved with working with Aboriginal remote communities.

Donna is a Yamatji woman and a descendant of the Malgana people of Shark Bay in the Northwest of Western Australia. After graduating from the University of Western Australia with a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) degree in 2001, Donna has worked with Indigenous people, groups and organisations throughout Western Australia, and the broader Australian Indigenous community, particularly within the field of arts, history, cultural heritage, and native title.

Through various roles, Donna has become an experienced researcher with a demonstrated history of working in the higher education industry. Skilled in strategic planning, organisational development, cultural heritage, research, and management and hold positions on a number of boards and committees such as on the Board of VenuesWest, the Berndt Research Foundation at the University of Western Australia and current member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD).

Most recently, Donna has been engaged as a consultant for Danjoo Koorliny at the University of Western Australia and is working on projects that lead towards their commitment of bettering the lives of Aboriginal people and the wider Western Australian community leading up to the 2029 Bicentennial celebrations.

Donna is committed to helping Royal Life Saving improve the lives of Aboriginal people and communities through its programs and Reconciliation Action Plan.

**Mr Patrick Ndlovu**

Patrick has nearly 20 years of experience in leadership and management roles, including 15 years in the disability sector with a robust background in strategic planning, risk management, financial oversight, governance, and change management.

As the inaugural CEO of Space For Life, Patrick has led organisational change, spearheaded a significant rebranding and restructuring initiative that enhanced brand visibility, transformed workplace culture, established an effective organisational structure and successfully navigated the complexities of NDIS-related compliance requirements.

Coming from a culturally and linguistically diverse background, diversity is fundamental to Patrick. He has a deep understanding of the needs and challenges faced by CALD communities and his work has provided a broader understanding of the challenges people with disabilities face in accessing services and participating in the community.

Patrick is enthusiastic about joining the Board as its commitment to community safety and continuous improvement aligns with his leadership experience. Patrick is inspired by Royal Life Saving's growth and dedication to reducing drowning impacts and is eager to contribute to ensuring a safe and enjoyable aquatic environment for all.

**Ms Emily Munro**

Emily is a Master of Public Health student, currently completing a practicum at East Metropolitan Health Service in the Mental Health Strategy team. Emily's research experience includes leading projects on cyber safety, health behaviors, and alcohol exposure. She is skilled in research, evaluation, data collection, analysis, stakeholder management, and project management.

Emily has been a Young People Advisory Group Member of the Alcohol Advertising and Aquatic Environments research project and a Committee Member and Co-Secretary of the Australian Health Promotion Association WA Branch.

Emily is passionate about promoting public health and safety, particularly in areas with a burden of preventable deaths such as drowning and water safety. She is driven to contribute to Royal Life Saving's strategic vision and governance and her experience as a young person and a member of the target group of many Royal Life Saving initiatives, she will provide a beneficial perspective to the Board.