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can be a
lifesaver!



ANNUAL REPORT
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Royal Life Saving

THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PATRON



HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE KERRY SANDERSON, AC

GOVERNOR OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

PATRON OF THE ROYAL LIFE
SAVING SOCIETY WA

The Royal Life Saving Society WA continues to lead efforts to reduce drowning and increase swimming, water safety and lifesaving skills across the Western Australian community.

Eliminating toddler drowning has been a key objective of the Society and ensuring every child possesses swimming and water safety skills is a major challenge. Particularly as the Western Australian population continues to grow in size and diversity.

The Society's work in remote Aboriginal communities has tangibly contributed to improving physical activity, education and health outcomes, and particular gratitude is owed to the Society for its work in leading efforts to help those affected by drowning.

In October I attended the Royal Life Saving Bravery Awards held in the Government House Ballroom. Those who received the awards exemplified the characteristics that we would all hope to find in ourselves should the need arise. To rescue someone in distress embodies one of the finest human qualities and explains why the Royal Life Saving Society has long prospered.

The Royal Life Saving Society was first established more than 125 years ago in England. In celebrating this anniversary two Western Australians, Ross Peters and Greg McLennan, were among 125 individuals from across the Commonwealth to be honoured by His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent GCVO with a special anniversary edition of his Certificate of Merit to acknowledge their contribution and commitment.

I congratulate all those who have played a part in the Royal Life Saving Society Western Australia's achievements over the past year, and throughout its long history, and wish them continued success.

OUR FOUNDATION

Preventing drowning is the foundation of the Royal Life Saving Society. During the 2016/17 financial year, 42 people lost their lives to drowning in Western Australia; however, statistics can never truly describe the tragic impact these deaths have on families and friends, and even one person losing their life in this way is one too many.

OUR PURPOSE

Empowering the community to be safe when they are in, on, or around water and to lead efforts to reduce the impact of drowning.

THE RESULTS WE SEEK

- To ensure all Western Australians, no matter their background or circumstances, possess water safety, swimming, survival and rescue skills.
- To train lifesavers and first responders in every local community and town—to be there to help.
- To eliminate toddler drowning—we must protect the most vulnerable in our community.
- To make our pools, rivers, lakes and dams as safe as they can be.
- To provide support for victims and families impacted by a drowning incident.
- To increase public awareness and community support for our purpose.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

The Board of Directors feel privileged to be leading the Royal Life Saving Society Western Australia and this Annual Report highlights some of the amazing results delivered in 2016/17.

Royal Life Saving's approach to leadership has been focused to driving innovation and seeking positive change. It is clear Royal Life Saving has the capacity to improve outcomes for regional communities and the Board has formed a taskforce of community leaders to ensure the remote Aboriginal community swimming pools we operate deliver social, educational and health outcomes as well as increase physical activity.

Fostering the Royal Life Saving membership base has been a priority, with progress made in a range of areas as evidenced through the growth of Affiliated Members from 229 to 1,163 and our Sport Members from 1,882 to 2,724. Membership totals 44,909 across all categories, (including Training and Supporter). For many, contact with Royal Life Saving will be a one-off learning experience; however, for a number, their contribution is substantial and represents the vital work of sharing knowledge and empowering the Western Australian community to be water safe. In total, 52 members were nominated for Honours Awards in 2016/17 and the Board acknowledges the contribution of the Honours Committee in identifying and recognising these invaluable community members.

The Board met ten (10) times during the year to receive the financial, management and sub-committee reports and to assess strategic priorities. The March meeting was held in Manjimup which was a highlight and provided an opportunity to directly engage with some of Royal Life Saving's regional members and staff.

Royal Life Saving sought to deliver a sound financial performance in 2016/17 with total revenues increasing by eight percent and \$231,065 of retained funds. Surplus funds from social enterprise activities were invested into Royal Life Saving's community services.

This year Royal Life Saving increased its investment in community services, rising from \$3.9 million in 2015/16 to \$4.5 million in 2016/17. A revised Asset Management policy was also adopted to sustainably manage Royal Life Saving's assets into the future.

Royal Life Saving acknowledges the recent passing of The Honourable David Anderson AM. David contributed an enormous amount to the Society as a competitive lifesaver, legal advisor and as President from 1970 to 1985.

This Directors' report is in accordance with a resolution of Directors.

On behalf of the Board of Directors.

ROSS PETERS
PRESIDENT

RLSSWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS, L-R:

Mr James Sheridan, Mr Jeff Fondacaro, Mr David Cummins, Mr Ross Peters (President), Mrs Carol Harper, Mr Mark Gubanyi, and Mr Colin Hassell.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Royal Life Saving Society WA made substantial progress over the past twelve months. The facts, figures and case studies in this Annual Report provide an insight into the positive impact our work has had on individuals and the broader Western Australian community. We aspire to be inclusive and I am pleased to report that substantial growth and improvement in the engagement of our membership has been achieved.

This year the value of our efforts was recognised by the Institute of Public Administration Australia. Winning the award for innovation in the not for profit sector indicates we are on the right track, but it is vital we remain focused on making a difference and driving positive change.

The children who benefited from our access and equity programs are a great source of pride. Too many miss out on learning to Swim and Survive and we are pleased to directly contribute to a range of programs across the State. Empowering children to take care of themselves remains the single best investment our community can make.

Advances have been made to eliminate toddler drowning. Our goal is to equip every home pool owner with lifesaving skills and we have been collaborating with the Swimming Pool and Spa Association (WA) to find solutions.

Regional Western Australia faces a number of challenges in respect to drowning and in response our ever-expanding network of local trainers has delivered training programs to a record number of participants. Additionally our efforts in remote Aboriginal communities have made a tangible contribution to improving physical activity, education, health and social outcomes.

While prevention remains at the core of our activities, Royal Life Saving has continued to offer support for families and friends impacted by drowning and assistance to victims of non-fatal drowning.

This year we began the process of creating a vision for our future headquarters and commenced, as can be seen in the Financial Report, a program of saving for the future. This is all part of a broader goal of ensuring we have the human resources and infrastructure needed to effectively perform our leadership role.

Water safety intersects with a range of agendas including physical activity, health, education and transport. Royal Life Saving greatly values the support of the Western Australian Government and business sector for many of our drowning prevention programs.

I would like to thank our dedicated members, volunteers, staff and all of our committees for their contribution and the Royal Life Saving Society WA Board of Directors for their ongoing guidance, stewardship and strategic direction.

I would like to conclude by acknowledging the outstanding contribution of our outgoing President, Mr Ross Peters, who has served on the Board since 1998 and demonstrated the most genuine and inspiring example for others to follow. We are all the better for having you in our Society.

PETER LEAVERSUCH
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Principal
Community
Partner
BHP



PROUD TO BE A SMALL PART OF WA'S BIG STORY

WATER PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE in our way of life. It is a catalyst for healthy lifestyles and social inclusion.

Royal Life Saving and its Principal Community Partner BHP have been working together since 2003 to create a healthier future because we believe one of the best ways to improve the lives of all Western Australians is by teaching them to Swim and Survive.

BHP is proud to have played a small part in Royal Life Saving's bigger story through delivering vital programs to regional and vulnerable communities, training lifesavers and creating safer aquatic places for all Western Australians.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS DURING 2016/17 INCLUDE: EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- **197,648** children participated in Swim and Survive programs resulting in 66% improvement in their swimming and water safety skills
- **23,723** children participated in Infant Aquatics programs

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

- **3,137** Aboriginal children participated in swimming and water safety programs to improve physical activity and overall health and wellbeing
- **120,488** parents and carers with young children were exposed to the Keep Watch message

ENHANCING LIVELIHOODS

- **10** local Aboriginal community members employed at swimming pools in the north west
- **12** local Aboriginal youth obtained pre-vocational qualifications
- **132** Aboriginal participants in vocational training programs state-wide

SOCIAL INCLUSION

- **1,073** children from high-risk communities (culturally diverse, Aboriginal and low socio-economic) participated in the Swim and Survive Access and Equity program resulting in 65% improvement in swimming and water safety skills
- **9,619** people living in remote Aboriginal communities utilised the local pool as part of the RASP program



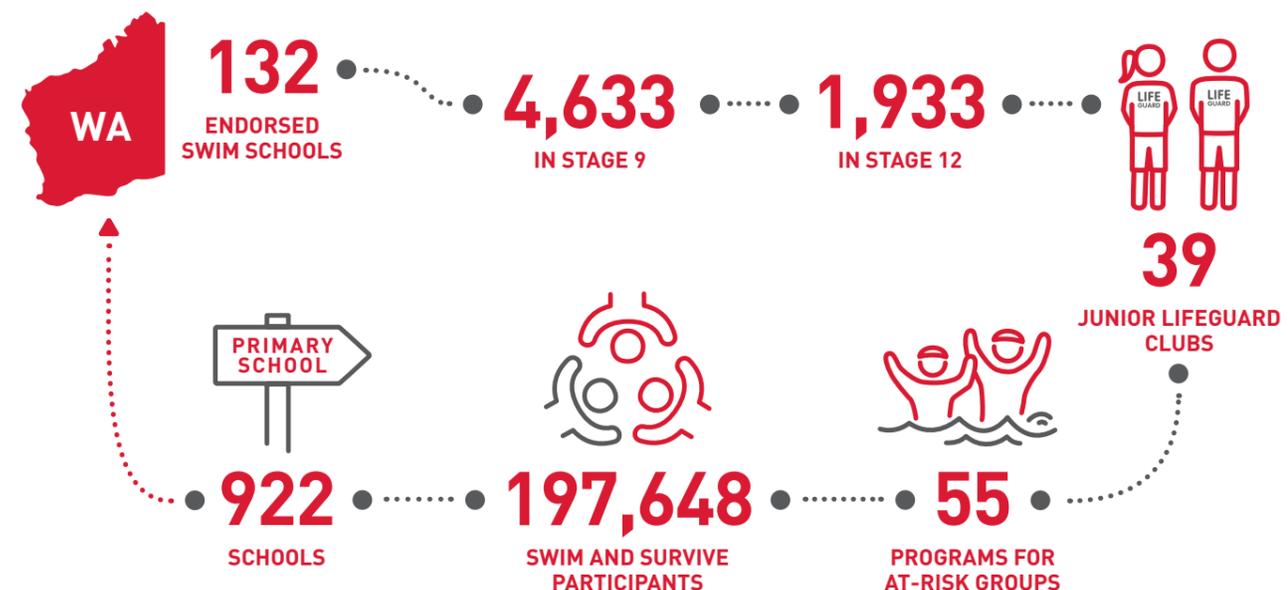


EMPOWERING ALL WESTERN AUSTRALIANS WITH SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY SKILLS

Teaching children personal survival skills is the most important investment the community can make to reduce drowning. In the past year Royal Life Saving had 197,648 participants in our swimming and water safety programs. This statistic would not have been possible without our state-wide network of 439 local aquatic trainers, 132 endorsed swim schools, 39 junior lifeguard clubs, 12 affiliated pool lifesaving clubs and the involvement of 922 schools.

The challenge we face is to ensure every new generation acquires water safety skills and that no one misses out. Currently, sectors of our community from diverse cultural backgrounds, disadvantaged circumstances and regional areas do not have the opportunity and we have acted by delivering 55 funded programs through our Swim and Survive Access and Equity program.

SWIM AND SURVIVE NETWORK



TITISARI TITISARI INFANT AQUATICS SWIMMING INSTRUCTOR

AS A MUSLIM WOMAN born in Indonesia Titisari Titisari had some idea about swimming for fun, but had very little idea about swimming techniques that could help her and her family fully enjoy their new lifestyle once they moved to Australia.

"I did the course to get my certification and now I'm a swimming instructor, teaching Infant Aquatics classes!"

Titisari's children, who are now in school, have also benefited from the CaLD swimming program.

Soon after arriving Titisari joined Royal Life Saving Society WA's women's only swimming program at Cannington Leisureplex. Designed to suit multicultural women, the program aims to introduce swimming and water safety skills to those at risk of not learning to swim due to cultural barriers.

"The children's classes have enabled my kids to be able to integrate by learning how to swim, which means they can fully enjoy the Australian lifestyle with their friends."

For Titisari the program was an amazing help! "These swimming lessons are really nice for multicultural women because not only can we learn how to swim safely but they also provide things like crèche, so if we have little kids we don't need to worry about who will look after them. For Muslim women just like me I also received information about what to wear when swimming, because our traditional daily outfit is not safe for use in the water. This information was very important for me!"

Our women's only swimming lessons have taught vital swimming and water safety skills to hundreds of women in recent years, and to see Titisari take the next step and become an instructor herself is a great testament to the impact the program is having.

The classes made such an impact on Titisari that she decided to take the next step. "While I was doing the women's swimming lessons I got curious and wanted to know how to put my baby in the water properly, so I asked the instructor, and then after a while I asked for more information about how to become a swim teacher, for babies especially."

ABOVE: Titisari Titisari teaching an Infant Aquatics class.



JACQUI FORBES

REMOTE ABORIGINAL SWIMMING POOL MANAGER, YANDEYARRA

ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY WA'S remote Aboriginal swimming pools have been operating since the year 2000, with funding from the WA Department of Communities and BHP. They aim to address statistics that show Australia's indigenous groups are at a far higher high-risk of drowning and non-fatal drowning. In fact, Aboriginal children drown at a rate two and a half times that of non-Aboriginal children.

Jacqui Forbes has been working at our remote pools since 2009, spending her first four years at Burringurrah, before moving to Yandeyarra. Jacqui says she initially thought her role would only last a year. "But seven years on I'm still here and I love it! I focus on trying to make a small difference to one person each day. I've learned to be very organised, especially in the wet season when you need to have weeks of food and chemical supplies on hand to be prepared for when the Yule River starts to flow and you can't get out to Port Hedland."

In a role traditionally taken on by men, Jacqui has excelled, building strong relationships with the families and children in her community. For Jacqui it's more than just a job, it's about changing lives!

"What I love is seeing the kids come in when they're really little and getting into the water, then over time seeing their skills improve. I also love just seeing them happy! It's a safe place for the kids and a central part of the community."

Jacqui's commitment to her role has seen scores of children, who may otherwise have missed out, learn vital Swim and Survive, lifesaving and first aid skills. Her hope is also to see these children learn skills that could open up future employment opportunities!

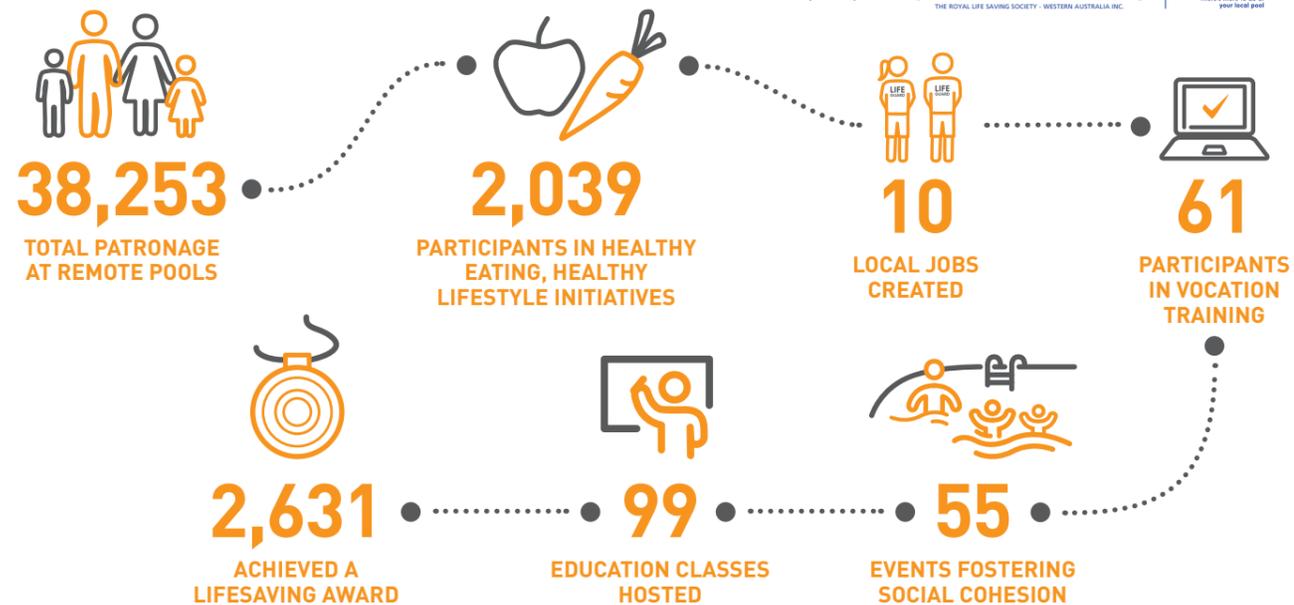
"We're starting to see year 10, 11 and 12 girls who've been brought up with the pool come through the school work experience program. Last year we had our first pupil complete her Bronze Medallion and First Aid courses, and we've offered her employment when she's ready. My hope is that over the next few years there'll be a strong group of girls I can mentor to complete AUSTSWIM, Bronze Medallion, Lifeguard and First Aid courses."

BETTER OUTCOMES FOR REMOTE ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES

Royal Life Saving Society WA is proud to support remote Aboriginal communities in pursuing a lifestyle that maintains their traditional culture, while encompassing components of modern society. Our swimming pools are not just about being physically active, they are a place where employment, education, health, well-being and social cohesion outcomes are achieved.

We refer to the pools as 'Cool Pools'—recognising that creating social impact is not something we can compel people to do. Instead the activities delivered have been developed from grassroots opportunities which appeal to the communities' own motivations and interests.

BUILDING A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE



BELOW: RLSSWA's Jacqui Forbes and Eon Foundation's Anthony Holman with local Aboriginal children using the 'Smoothie Bike' at Yandeyarra Pool.





FOSTERING LIFESAVERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS IN EVERY COMMUNITY

Every community needs trained lifesavers and first responders – to be there to help. Royal Life Saving has developed a comprehensive range of lifesaving programs to engage all ages and sectors. We are inclusive and committed to the ideal that ‘Everyone can be a Lifesaver’.

Importantly, to ensure all Western Australians receive this vital education we conducted regional training programs that engaged 4,873 participants in locations from remote Kimberley communities to the Great Southern coast.

TO BE THERE TO HELP



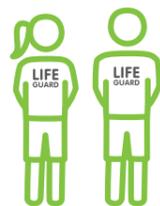
110
YOUTH
TRAINEES



402
POOL
OPERATORS



1,258
AQUATIC
INSTRUCTORS



10,781
LIFESAVERS



15,986
EMERGENCY
CARERS

POOL LIFEGUARD CHALLENGE

ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY WA ANNUAL EVENT

THE POOL LIFEGUARD CHALLENGE is held in February each year at HBF Stadium. The event, sponsored by the Leisure Institute of WA, and facilitated by Royal Life Saving, has been held annually since 2007. It aims to test lifeguards' skills and encourage the continued improvement of lifeguard teams at aquatic centres across Western Australia.

In 2017 the Pool Lifeguard Challenge saw a huge contingent of lifeguards take part, with 17 teams competing, including four teams who were involved for the first time from Adventure World, South Lake Leisure Centre, HBF Arena and Altona Park Leisure Centre.

The returning teams included Mandurah, Fremantle, Cannington, Beatty Park, Geraldton, HBF Stadium, Riverton and Kwinana. Adventure World Team Supervisor Georgia Manning says they decided to take part as a team building exercise.

The event involves team relays and obstacle courses, along with manikin tows, CPR role plays and a theory exam. The highlight of the day is always the emergency scenario, where each team responds to an acted out situation in and around the pool, testing their response to simulated real-life incidents and emergencies.

At the end of the day the top three teams were Geraldton Aquarena in third place, Mandurah Team 1 in second place, while Riverton Team 2's Clare Young, Jasmine Wynen-Gaugg, Christelle Smith and Sheranga Perera took out the trophy with the highest overall score across the day's events.

"The team came to really test their skills and have a bit of fun. We thought it would be great to see where we sit amongst the rest of the state as Adventure World is not really your normal aquatic facility. I think this event gives our team a good sense of self-esteem, team building and it makes them more aware that they're part of the big picture of lifeguarding—not just at Adventure World but in Perth and Western Australia."

Royal Life Saving hopes all competitors returned to their aquatic centres with a renewed sense of the important role they play in keeping patrons safe as they enjoy water activities, and we look forward to seeing all the teams return in 2018.

BELOW: A Geraldton Aquarena team member during the emergency scenario at the 2017 Pool Lifeguard Challenge.





ELIMINATING TODDLER DROWNING

Drowning remains the leading cause of preventable death for children under five years of age and, following our landmark 2017 report, we now know for every fatal drowning there are over seven children hospitalised as a result of a non-fatal drowning incident.

Royal Life Saving is determined to address this crucial issue and we're taking action in a coordinated fashion by strengthening public awareness of our Keep Watch program while also boosting participation in our Infant Aquatics water familiarisation classes.

We're also working to ensure those with home pools understand the importance of safe pool use by providing a comprehensive pool barrier assessment service and training swimming pool owners in first aid. We also provide support for families and friends impacted by drowning and financial assistance to victims of non-fatal drowning.

ACTIONS	OUTCOME	IMPACT
Keep Watch Message via: 2,585 TV ads 41,043 Fact sheets 160 Workshops	Vigilant parental supervision	91% REDUCTION IN TODDLER DROWNING DEATHS SINCE 1985
23,723 Infant Aquatics participants	Water familiarisation for infants Modelling safe behaviours	
6,571 Pool barriers assessments	Safe home	
6,013 Home CPR course participants 2,450 CPR charts installed in pools	Ability to respond in an emergency	
\$10,250 HELP Grants distributed	Support for family and non-fatal victims	



SEADRAGONZ SWIM SCHOOL

ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY WA ENDORSED SWIM SCHOOL

SEADRAGONZ SWIM SCHOOL in Forrestdale celebrated its 10th anniversary this year, marking a decade of changing the lives of children and families in the Armadale area. Owner, Lari McDonald, says the swim school, which is endorsed by Royal Life Saving Society WA, was born out of frustration. She heard far too often of parents dealing with classes where the water was too cold, there were too many children competing for the teacher's attention, and children simply didn't enjoy the experience of learning to swim.

Over the past 10 years Seadragonz has taught nearly 5,800 students, and Lari says her passion is to see more and more children learn to love swimming! "I want kids to love the water, to learn to Swim and Survive for their safety and to enjoy it. We're all about fun and what's right for the kids—we won't force, we won't push, there are lots of toys and the idea is that swimming is fun and kids learn as a consequence of playing in the water."

Seadragonz caters for children from eight weeks of age right through to Bronze Medallion level, but Lari says the real focus is on the young ones. "80% of our market is under the age of seven and 80% of that is under the age of five. We developed a program a couple of years ago for eight-week olds, doing eight weeks of trial classes.

That program is free and aims to teach parents how to help their child learn swimming skills. We also teach a lot of safety skills and just getting parents to bond with their child. The first kids who went through that program are now in independent classes, and we've got these kids who are barely three swimming across the pool without fear."

For Lari the future goal is simple, "We want to make a difference and see kids learn to swim and survive and enjoy and love the water. You can reduce drowning statistics by making kids fearful of water, but I want them to love the water and be confident in it so we can reduce drowning statistics in a positive way!"

ABOVE: Seadragonz Swim School owner, Lari McDonald (rear), with her swimming instructors.



SAFER POOLS, RIVERS, LAKES AND DAMS

Western Australia is dotted with pools and lakes and crisscrossed with rivers. Not all aquatic environments can be monitored by lifeguards, but all can be made safer. With better guidelines, targeted action at black spots, and skilled and risk-aware water users, these environments can be enjoyed safely.

We're working to educate West Australians about safe use of all aquatic environments. We've also conducted more than 6,600 safety assessments across home, public, school, hotel and club swimming pools, helping to ensure the safe use of these facilities for people of all ages.



HOME POOLS

150,000
THROUGHOUT WA

- 6,571** Barrier safety assessments
- 1,775** Barrier upgrades
- 2,450** CPR charts distributed
- 6,013** Participants in home based CPR course



INLAND WATERWAYS

OVER 25%
OF ALL DROWNINGS

- 5** Local risk assessments
- 10**-Year data review of inland waterway incidents
- 12** River Bronze Rescue community safety programs
- 120** Participants in Respect the River school talks
- 208** Old for New lifejackets exchanged at six events



PUBLIC POOLS

130
THROUGHOUT WA

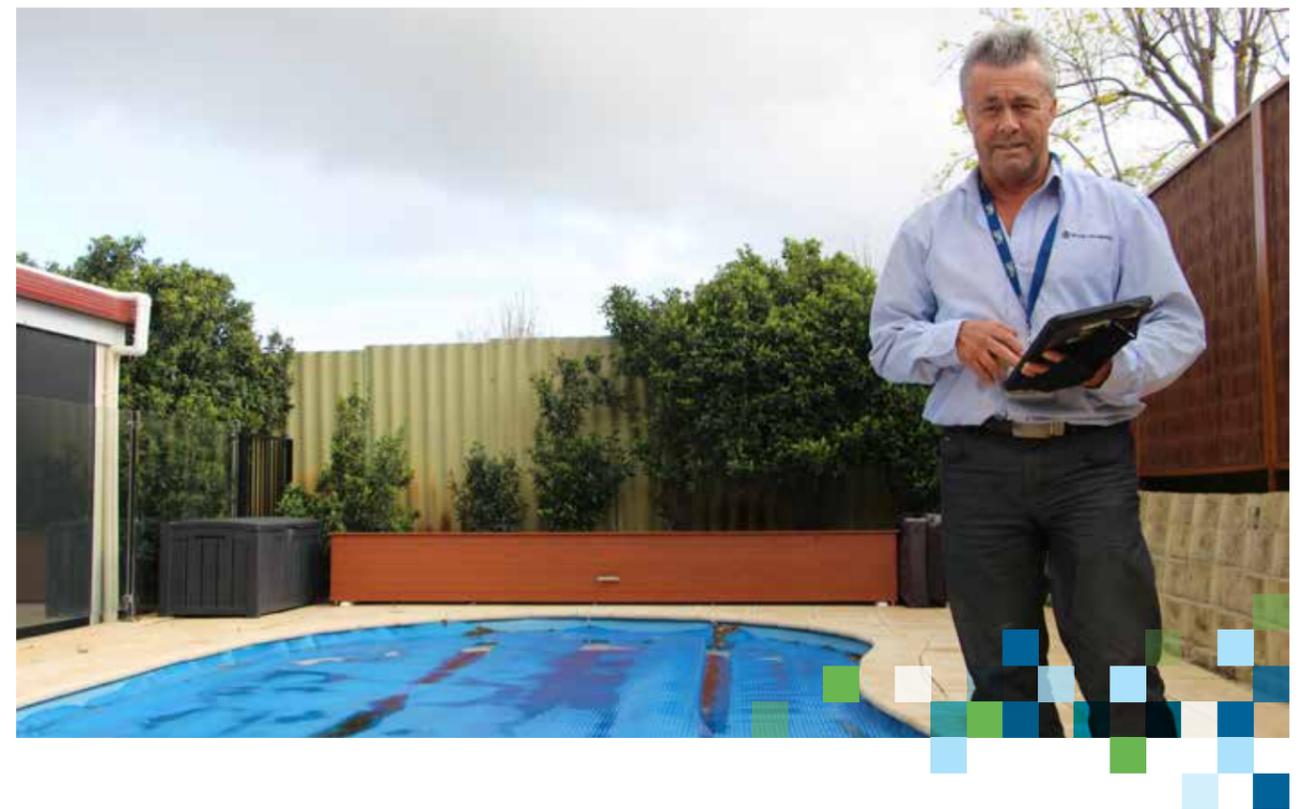
- 39** Safety assessments
- 14** Centre-specific emergency plans
- Professional development for a state-wide workforce of **4,500+** lifeguards, instructors and operators.
- 133** Watch Around Water centres



SCHOOL/HOTEL/CLUB POOLS

2,500
THROUGHOUT WA

- 7** Safety assessments
- 23** Safe pool operations courses
- 181** Trained safe operators
- Supply of first aid kits, rescue & resuscitation equipment and safety signage



HOME POOL INSPECTION PROGRAM ENSURING THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN

ABOVE: RLSSWA Inspector Eddie Gibbs conducting a home pool inspection.

WITH MORE THAN 150,000 home swimming pools across our state it's vital that all pool owners understand the importance of ensuring their pool's safety barrier complies with all relevant regulations.

Pool barriers are designed to prevent unsupervised access to the water by small children, with 40% of Western Australia's toddler drowning deaths happening in swimming pools.

Home pool barrier inspections are an important factor in ensuring the safety of children around home swimming pools, and last financial year Royal Life Saving Society WA conducted more than 6,500 home pool barrier inspections, as part of our contract with a number of local governments across the metropolitan and regional areas of Western Australia.

Two councils who are particularly proactive with their home pool inspection program are the City of Wanneroo and the City of Swan, two of the largest councils in our state.

While Western Australian regulations state that home pool barriers must be inspected every four years, both of these councils now send our inspectors to homes every three years. They have made this change to ensure home pool owners in their regions are maintaining their barriers on a more regular basis.

These councils also send a barrier self-check list to home pools owners when it's time for their inspection, to ensure they are aware of how their barrier should be properly maintained.

Additionally, the City of Swan provides a large weatherproof CPR chart to all new pool owners, to be displayed in their pool area, giving those using the pool quick access to CPR information should the need arise.

Royal Life Saving Society WA inspectors conducted 6200 home pool barrier assessments across these two councils last financial year, and the results were a testament to these councils' commitment to home pool safety. Wanneroo and Swan residents performed well above average on first inspection, and by the completion of the program achieved a more than 97% compliance rate. This indicates that a large majority of home pools in these areas are not only compliant when assessed, but that home owners are aware of the importance of ensuring their pool barrier is safe, and are actively maintaining this compliance between inspections.



KWINANA RECQUATIC'S SAIL PROGRAM

SWIM AND SURVIVE GRANT RECIPIENT

ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY WA recognises that it's vital for all Western Australians to be able to take part in swimming and water safety education. Unfortunately, due to special needs or simply not fitting into the mainstream 'box', this education can be out of reach for some community members.

For this reason we've partnered with Kwinana Recquatic to make their SAIL program (Specialised Access and Inclusion Lessons) available to more people. SAIL is offered to those with an intellectual, physical or behavioural issue or impairment who need individual attention or reduced distraction from other swimmers. The program teaches basic water safety skills to those with special needs, and those who might require extra help, to gain confidence in the water.

Since its inception 94 children and adults have participated in the program, however enrolments had started to fall due to the high cost of the one-on-one lessons. Royal Life Saving Society WA's Swim and Survive Fund stepped in to help, subsidising costs for those taking part in SAIL, enabling them to continue to participate. The Swim and Survive Fund receives donations from members of the public to ensure everyone has the opportunity to learn vital swimming and water safety skills.

For one participant, Kaeden, the one-on-one lessons provided by SAIL have been the difference between him taking part in swimming or giving up, according to his mum Melissa.

"Kaeden's been attending lessons at Kwinana Recquatic for nine years, starting in infant classes before progressing to group lessons. He has several medical issues which have become quite costly with appointments, treatment and surgeries. We made the choice to do one-on-one swimming lessons to bring back the fun into his swimming. He is happier in his one-on-one lessons, as he's not comparing himself to his peers, and his confidence is back. Without SAIL he would most likely have given up on swimming."

Kaeden's swimming has come so far that he was able to compete in Royal Life Saving Society WA's Junior Lifeguard Club state titles this year, winning a number of ribbons for his participation and thoroughly enjoying the experience!

BELOW: Kaeden McCabe with SAIL instructor Mandy Deane.



SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS AND FAMILIES IMPACTED BY A DROWNING INCIDENT

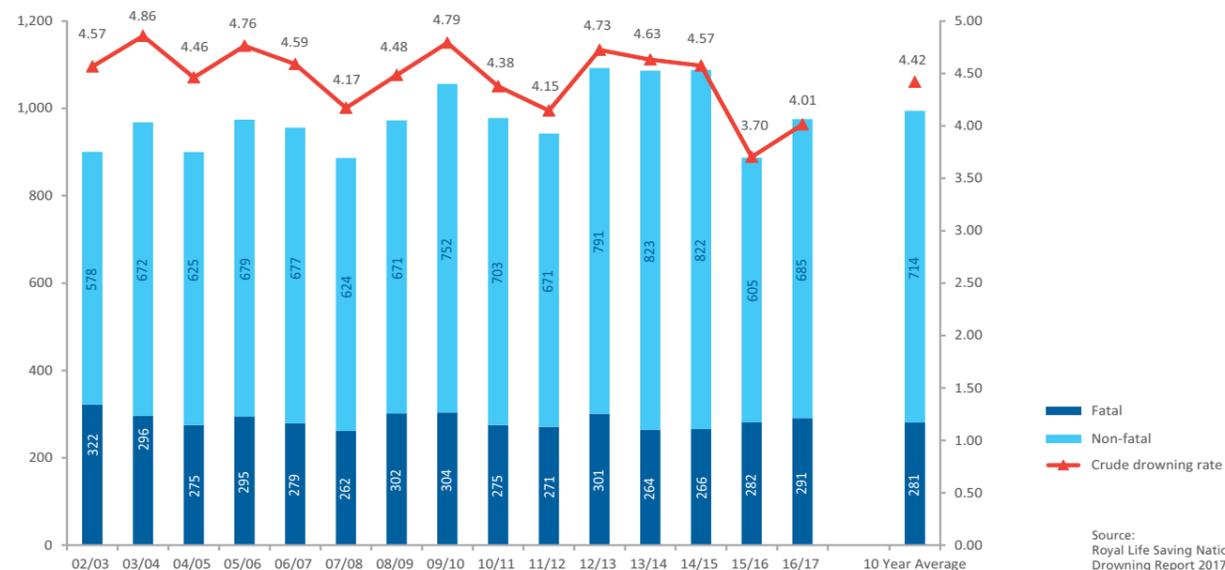
Drowning has a devastating impact on families and communities, whether fatal or non-fatal. 42 people lost their lives to drowning in Western Australia during 2016/17, while hundreds more were affected by a non-fatal drowning incident, some suffering severe life-long injuries as a result. It is estimated that for every fatal drowning there are seven non-fatal drowning incidents; however, it is likely that this is an underestimation given that emergency department presentations are currently only collected in the Perth metropolitan area and don't include those recorded in regional Western Australia.

Royal Life Saving Society WA is working hard to support those impacted, providing counselling and peer support services to families affected by drowning incidents.

We've also provided specialised equipment for a child who suffered severe brain damage in a non-fatal drowning incident. We continue to support his family with funding towards updated equipment as he grows and his needs change.

These grants are funded by the generous support of our members and the Western Australian community through a range of fundraising programs including raffles, donation appeals, Royal Life Saving Day, point of sale donation containers (Quackers) and our Royalty VIP program.

THE IMPACT OF FATAL AND NON-FATAL DROWNING IN AUSTRALIA: TRENDS OVER TIME



COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND ACTION

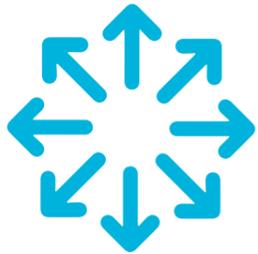
Royal Life Saving Society WA has developed a range of innovative safety messages to reach key audiences. In 2016/17 we made it easier for people to access this vital information incorporating interactive content including videos, 'how-to' information, news and interviews.

To drive action and change risk-taking behaviour we also hosted workshops and attended events throughout Western Australia. We undertook research to identify problems, inform policy and improve practice.



44,909

TRAINING, SPORT, SUPPORTER & AFFILIATED MEMBERS



230,338

SWIMMING & WATER SAFETY RESOURCES DISTRIBUTED



197

COMMUNITY MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS



1,163

GOLD, SILVER & BRONZE BUSINESS MEMBERS



213,291

WEBSITE USER SESSIONS



3,735

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS



4,165 TELEVISION ADVERTISEMENTS & CSAs



331 PRINT ADVERTISEMENTS & EDITORIAL



410 RADIO ADVERTISEMENTS & CSAs



MEELUP BEACH DAY ANNUAL LEAVERS WEEK EVENT

ABOVE: L-R RLSSWA staff Joe Down, Lauren Nimmo and Stephanie Green and volunteer Errin Finucane.

EACH YEAR more than 10,000 high school graduates get together at several "hotspots" to celebrate the end of school during Leavers Week.

The combination of groups of young people, binge drinking and warm summer weather creates a situation where drinking alcohol and swimming unfortunately becomes a common occurrence.

Since 2004 Royal Life Saving Society WA's Don't Drink and Drown program has been addressing this issue, educating young people aged 15-24 about the dangers of combining alcohol with any aquatic activity. Much of the education happens through school-based talks and health events.

Another important part of this program is our attendance at the annual Leavers events in Dunsborough and Rottnest Island. Last year 20 Don't Drink and Drown youth volunteers attended Leavers, 16 in Dunsborough and four on Rottnest Island, as part of the state-wide Leavers strategy coordinated by WA Police.

Volunteers use proven methods of peer-to-peer health promotion to facilitate a range of activities for school leavers, encouraging safe drinking and water safety behaviours in a fun, engaging and educational manner.

As part of Leavers, the Don't Drink and Drown program participates in the annual Meelup Beach Day. This is an alcohol and drug free event providing fun and unique activities for the school leavers to enjoy, including an inflatable aqua playground, underwater photo booth, DJs and beach volleyball. In addition, there are a number of creative social media strategies employed to encourage ongoing engagement with the program following the event.

In November 2016 over 6,000 school leavers attended the Meelup Beach Day event and participated in the activities. As part of this a Mannequin Challenge video was filmed. The video went viral on social media, reaching 390,074 young people, with more than 200,000 views, 1,100 shares and 492 comments, and was even featured on Channel 10's program The Project!

The Meelup Beach day is a fantastic example of how to effectively engage with young people—a group who are typically difficult to influence—to discuss alcohol and water safety issues in a fun and entertaining environment.



ROYAL LIFE SAVING BRAVERY AWARDS

Each year Royal Life Saving Society WA recognises outstanding acts of bravery at the Royal Life Saving Bravery Awards, with a ceremony hosted at the Government House Ballroom.

Throughout the year nominations are accepted from across the state to identify and acknowledge people in our community who have taken extraordinary actions to save another person's life. In 2016/17, 20 heroic individuals were honoured for their outstanding acts of bravery.

These individuals displayed exceptional courage, empathy and initiative, by applying lifesaving skills in emergency situations, sometimes at risk to themselves, and deserve our highest recognition.

ABOVE: 2016 Royal Life Saving Bravery Award winners at Government House.

GOLD CROSS

Rhys Abernethy
Trevor Abernethy
Khody Campbell
Dr Edward Yeboah
Albany Sea Rescue Group
Tim Wilkinson
Chris Johns
Jason Shepard
Joshua Zekulich
Sophie Pugsley
Sam Stacy
Erica Irvine

GOLD MEDALLION

Chris Girando
Tammy Cuff
Margaret Walkerden

GOLD STAR

Jessica Herzer
Brayden Mitchell
Cheyenne Richards

COMMENDATION

Timothy Rutter
Wayne Skane



RHYS ABERNETHY

GOLD CROSS WINNER

DURING THE December school holidays in 2015, 15 year old Rhys Abernethy went to the beach with friends during a holiday at Esperance. They took their boogie boards and went for a swim, not knowing that a major drama was about to unfold.

While the group played, one of the younger children started to get dumped by the waves. Parent, Rich Cowlin, decided to go out behind the group to ensure no-one went out too far.

Soon after Rich got caught in a rip and was being taken out to sea. It was several minutes before anyone realised he was in trouble, but once they did Rhys and his father Trevor took action, heading out to rescue him.

Rhys says "It took us about 15 minutes to get out there as the conditions were pretty difficult, and then it took another 20 minutes to bring him back to shore." With all the family and friends watching the drama unfold Rhys says it was very stressful. "As I headed out I was just hoping he could keep his head up long enough for us to reach him. When we got there he started to fall in and out of consciousness. I was worried that we'd lose him."

Rhys has been a member of the Cannington Junior Lifeguard Club for many years and has also completed his Bronze Cross. He says the situation made him realise how important that training is!

"It's such a good skill to have because you never know when you're going to need it. I didn't know that day could have been the last time Rich went down to the beach. Lifesaving skills are something everybody should know so we can help people out. If I didn't have those skills it probably wouldn't have ended the way it did."

Rich was attended to by ambulance crews and made a full recovery. Rhys and his father Trevor each received a Royal Life Saving Gold Cross Bravery Award for their amazing efforts, and we congratulate them both for showing courage in such a dangerous situation!

ABOVE: L-R, Rhys Abernethy, Rich Cowlin and Trevor Abernethy at the 2016 Royal Life Saving Bravery Awards.

RECRUIT, RETAIN AND RECOGNISE OUR LOYAL MEMBERS

ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY WA is a member-based society of people who are passionate about serving the community through water safety education and drowning prevention programs. We work hard to promote the safe enjoyment of the wonderful aquatic activities and lifestyle available to us all in Western Australia.

During 2016/17, 52 of our members were recognised and celebrated for their contribution to the Royal Life Saving Society WA. All provided their time, energy and skills to advance lifesaving activities in Western Australia.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA HONOURS AWARDS

WA PRESIDENTS AWARD

Fitzroy Valley District School
Bayulu Remote Community School
Wangkatjunga Remote Community School
Wulungarra Remote Community School

ASSOCIATE AWARD

Matt Westcott

FELLOW AWARD

Kerry Donaldson

MERITORIOUS SERVICE ORDER

Leanne Coverly-Brandis
Donald Smailes
Jane Renshaw
Marian Higgins
Helen Farr
Lyn McLoughlin
Maria Vellios

LONG SERVICE ORDER

Tanja Luck
Adele Caporn
Virginia Lanza
Les Dodd
Sue Knight
Debra Langlois
Rodena Lightbody
Jennifer Wipou
Gail Raper
Sue Batchelor

COMMONWEALTH HONOURS AWARDS

- 125 YEAR ROYAL LIFE SAVING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Ross Peters
Greg McLennan

SERVICE ORDER

Stephanie Culling
Graham Regan
Peter Allbury
Angela Carey
Peter Kinsman
Melissa Kinsman
Julie Walker
Jane Dowling
Leanne Blomfield
Juliet Wimbridge
Suzi Giblett
Janeece Dimov
Valerie Adams

CERTIFICATE OF THANKS

Rebecca Ross
Sue Howard
Christina Self
Kylie Angelheart
Brendon Richards
Farris Tammerijn
Chris Davies
Marlene Dry
Andrew Partington
Leonie Edwards
Carole Pedri
Erica Ngurrumuthon
Rena Ashley
John Hill

LIFE MEMBERS

Phyllis McDaniel
Daphne Anderson
A. Frank Benson
MA Hamilton
FW Hammond
Mdme RC de Mouncey
Norman Collins
Ross Ewen
Fred Curran
Ern Halliday
M Edwards
JG Fraser
AE Middleton
Cyril Glew
Ernest Nancarrow
Michen Nicholas
Alf Peacock
R Davies
Lily Dale
Vic Dennis
Anita Eifler
David Smith
Fran Murphy
Crystal Humphrey
John Fussell
Dave Roberts
Margaret Davies
Joan Kent
Lester Marston
Hilta Billstein
Rae Blanchard
Noelene Maciejewski
Lilian Aiken
David Millington
Lydia Whittle
Gill Murrish
Greg McLennan
Ross Peters
Dr Heather MacGowan OAM
Audrey Cahill
Tom Ballantyne
Colin Barnett
Alex McKenzie OAM
Greg Tate
Ian Brown
Peter Leaversuch
Jacqui Lamb
Colin Hassell

JAKE SMITH

AUSTRALIAN LIFE SAVING TEAM MEMBER

FOLLOWING AN AMAZING performance at the National Pool Lifesaving Championships in January this year, Western Australian Pool Lifesaving Team member Jake Smith was selected in the Australian Life Saving Team squad for the World Life Saving Championships 2018 campaign. The World Championships will be held in Adelaide from 17th November to 2nd December 2018.

19 year old Jake, from the Breakers Swim Club at Craigie Leisure Centre, and who is also a swim coach at St Mary's Anglican Girls School at Karrinyup, was a key member of our state team at the National Championships, bringing home four silver and two bronze medals at the event. As a member of the Australian Squad Jake has an opportunity to participate in a number of international competitions including the Sanyo Cup, World Games, New Zealand Pool Championships and the Life Saving World Championships.

Jake hopes to be able to take part in as many of these events as possible. "I have to take into consideration my training and uni commitments. I train nine times a week with the Western Australian Institute of Sport and Swimming WA High Performance Squad at Craigie Leisure Centre and HBF Arena in Joondalup."

"In Western Australia pool lifesaving training is only available for a short time of the year, however I am hoping to do some interstate lifesaving competitions and training to enhance my skills."

Jake says the skills he's learnt through pool lifesaving are vital for all Australians.

"Water-related activities are such a significant part of the Australian way of life, and as such I believe it is important to be able to swim and have rescue skills."

To be selected in this National squad is the highest honour in Life Saving for all competitors, and Royal Life Saving Society WA congratulates Jake on this achievement. Jake is a fine example of where learning to Swim and Survive can take you and a great role model for younger children in the sport of pool lifesaving.



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THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The Directors present the financial report of The Royal Life Saving Society Western Australia Inc (RLSSWA) for the year ended 30th June, 2017.

DIRECTORS

The name of directors in office any time during or since the end of the financial year:

MR ROSS PETERS (1998–PRESENT)

Ross has over 25 years experience within the Western Australian Government's Sport and Recreation portfolio, in various roles including Aquatics Management, Venue Management and Contract Management of major sporting and entertainment venues. During this time he has amassed considerable experience in major commercial facilities and stadium operations, extensive project management skills and discernibly relevant policy and governance knowledge and experience. Ross graduated from the Venue Managers Association Asia and Pacific (VMA), Public Venue Management School in November 2000, received Gold Level recognition in the Sirius Professional Achievement Programme for professional venue managers in October 2007 and was recognised as VMA Accredited Venue Manager in 2013. Ross has been President of RLSSWA since 2005 and was awarded Life Membership in 2009.

MR COLIN HASSELL (1999–PRESENT)

Colin has worked in both the UK and Australia for over 50 years and is highly respected within the aquatics industry. He has a specific interest in activities for people with disabilities and has done considerable work to reduce toddler drowning. Colin was awarded Life Membership in 2014.

MR JEFF FONDACARO (2006–PRESENT)

Jeff has worked in the aquatics industry since 1976. He moved to WA in 1988 and has worked at numerous aquatic centres during this time. He is currently employed at the Beatty Park Leisure Centre as the Assistant Manager Aquatics and Operation Services. Jeff works closely with the Aquatic Industry through his involvement with the Leisure Institute of WA of which he has been a member since 1990.

MR MARK GUBANYI (OCTOBER 2014–PRESENT)

Mark has been an ambassador for the Keep Watch program since 1999. He has been dedicated and instrumental in educating parents of young children to think about ways in which they can reduce the risk of drowning in and around their home.

MR DAVID CUMMINS (2007–PRESENT)

Spanning over 40 years involvement in the aquatics industry David has served as President of Masters Swimming WA from 1987-1992. In addition has been a member of Masters Swimming Australia's Board for 20 years over two terms. Served as Chairman of the 1999 Pan Pacific Masters Swimming Championships and has also chaired many State, National and Masters Games Championships and held many club positions with both The Cottesloe Crabs Winter Swimming Club Inc and Claremont Masters Swimming Club Inc. Was an instigator of the annual open water Swim Thru Rottnest in 1976 and has been the event co-ordinator ever since.

Acknowledgements that David has received, in 1989, Life Membership to the Winter Swimming Association of Australia. In 1990, Life Membership to the Cottesloe Crabs Winter Swimming Club Inc. In 1993, Life Membership to Claremont Masters Swimming Club Inc, WA Citizen of the Year – Sport and Life Membership to Masters Swimming WA. In 1996, 21st Masters Swimming Australia Anniversary Service Award. In 2000, Australian Sports Medal. In 2003, Australian Centenary Medal. In 2005, Masters Swimming Australia 10 Years Continuous Service Award and in 2007 Life Membership to Masters Swimming Australia.

MR JAMES SHERIDAN (OCTOBER 2015–PRESENT)

James is currently a Branch Manager at Jardine Lloyd Thompson Pty Ltd. James has specific skills in relation to governance, risk management, leadership and organisational culture as well as a general background in aquatic recreation and aquatic facility management.

MRS CAROL HARPER (OCTOBER 2015–PRESENT)

Carol was the Manager at Pool Spa Outdoor and Pool Spa Outdoor Expo. Carol has extensive knowledge and networks in relation to outdoor living in WA and was a co-owner/manager of Exclusive Pools for ten years which builds individually designed swimming pools and was a winner of over 50 industry awards.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

During the course of the year the principal activities of RLSSWA were to empower the community to be safe when in, on or around water and to lead efforts to reduce the impact of drowning. Principal activities include:

- Organisation of courses and programs designed to increase understanding of key water safety issues and skill in swimming, lifesaving, rescue, first aid and resuscitation.
- The development and publication of research, educational and instructional materials in the form of papers, books, brochures and electronic mediums.
- Promotional and public awareness programs, campaigns and advocacy designed to increase knowledge and understanding of key drowning prevention issues.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

No significant changes in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

OPERATING RESULT

The surplus after providing for income tax for the 2017 financial year amounted to \$231,065.

AFTER BALANCE DATE EVENTS

No matter or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the entity, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the entity in future financial years.

MEETINGS

During the financial year 10 meetings of directors were held. Attendance by each director was as follows:

Name	Number of meetings eligible to attend	Number of meetings attended
Ross Peters	10	9
Colin Hassell	10	10
Jeff Fondacaro	10	6
David Cummins	10	8
Mark Gubanyi	10	7
James Sheridan	10	8
Carol Harper	10	9

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

The auditor's independence declaration for the year ended 30 June 2017 has been received and can be found on page 28 of the financial report.

Signed on the 28th September, 2017 in accordance with a resolution of the Board by:



DIRECTOR
COLIN HASSELL



DIRECTOR
DAVID CUMMINS

THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC DECLARATION BY THE DIRECTORS

The Directors have determined that The Royal Life Saving Society Western Australia Inc (RLSSWA) is not a reporting entity, and that this special purpose report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the accounts.

In the opinion of the Board of Directors the accompanying financial statements:

1. (a) The financial statements and notes are in accordance with Part 5 of The Associations Incorporation Act 2015; and
(b) The accompanying Income and Expenditure Statement gives a true and fair view of the surplus or deficit of RLSSWA for the financial year; and
(c) The accompanying Statement of Financial Position gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of RLSSWA at the end of the financial year.
2. At the date of the statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that RLSSWA will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors and is signed by and on behalf of the Board by:



DIRECTOR
COLIN HASSELL



DIRECTOR
DAVID CUMMINS

Dated 28th September, 2017

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2017 there have been no contraventions of:

- i. Any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit

Name of firm: N DEL POPOLO
Name of partner: N DEL POPOLO
Date: 1st July, 2017
Address: 9 CARRINGTON STREET
NORTH PERTH WA 6006



AUDITOR

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC

NICK DEL POPOLO
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT
9 CARRINGTON STREET
NORTH PERTH WA 6006
Ph: 0419 922 776

28th September, 2017

TO THE MEMBERS
THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC

We have audited the financial statements of The Royal Life Saving Society Western Australia Inc (the Society) for the year ended 30 June 2017, pages 28-36.

The Society's Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. We have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the Society. The Directors responsibility also includes such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether in all materials respects the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards so as to present a view of the Society which is consistent with our understanding of it's financial position and the results of it's operations.

The financial statements include fundraising receipts. It has not been practicable to determine whether pledged monies from external fundraising activities have been received and banked to the Society's accounts.

The Audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

INDEPENDENCE

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

AUDIT OPINION

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly the financial position of The Royal Life Saving Society Western Australia Inc (the Society) as at 30 June 2017 and the results of its operations for the year ended 30 June 2017 in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1.

In addition;

- a. The financial statements satisfy the requirements of Part 5 of The Associations Incorporation Act 2015;
- b. We have been given all information, explanations and assistance necessary for the conduct of the audit;
- c. The Society has kept financial records sufficient to enable financial statements to be prepared and audited;
- d. The Society has kept other records as required by Part 5 of The Associations Incorporation Act 2015.

EMPHASIS OF MATTER – BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our audit opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.



NICK DEL POPOLO
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT
REGISTERED COMPANY AUDITOR

Liability limited by a scheme approved under professional standards legislation.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2017

	2017	2016
INCOME		
Sales	462,947	583,564
Programs & Operations	8,995,714	8,605,893
Donations	373,939	267,803
Investment Income	53,659	65,873
Sponsorship / Grants (Note 9)	2,079,974	1,517,349
TOTAL INCOME	\$11,966,233	\$11,040,482
EXPENDITURE		
Cost of Sales	237,660	429,450
Programs & Operations	10,538,835	9,048,454
Depreciation	380,730	231,619
Employee Costs	295,702	304,967
Provisions	9,051	96,016
Administration Costs	273,190	845,773
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$11,735,168	\$10,956,279
Net Surplus / (Deficit) before tax	231,065	84,203
less Income Tax expense / (credit)	-	-
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) AFTER TAX	\$ 231,065	\$ 84,203
APPROPRIATIONS		
TRANSFER TO ACCUMULATED FUNDS	231,065	643,042
TRANSFER TO ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	-	(558,839)
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) AFTER TAX	\$ 231,065	\$ 84,203

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30TH JUNE 2017

	Note	2017	2016
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash	2	2,394,137	2,322,507
Receivables	3 & 5	1,519,968	1,431,105
Inventories	4	205,331	177,700
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		\$ 4,119,436	\$ 3,931,312
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property Plant & Equipment	6	2,049,981	2,154,987
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		\$ 2,049,981	\$ 2,154,987
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 6,169,417	\$ 6,086,299
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors & Borrowings	7	1,323,348	1,460,406
Provisions	8	729,630	740,519
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		\$ 2,052,978	\$ 2,200,925
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 2,052,978	\$ 2,200,925
NET ASSETS		\$ 4,116,439	\$ 3,885,374
RETAINED FUNDS			
Accumulated Funds		3,547,420	2,904,378
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		231,065	643,042
Asset Revaluation Reserve	10	337,954	337,954
TOTAL FUNDS		\$ 4,116,439	\$ 3,885,374

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

AS AT 30TH JUNE 2017

	Note	2017
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from sales, donations and raffles		9,829,619
Sponsorship and Grants		2,653,085
Payments to suppliers and employees		(12,126,522)
Interest received		40,115
Net cash from operating activities	11	\$ 396,297
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Payment for plant and equipment		(324,666)
Net cash used in investing activities		\$ (324,666)
Net increase in cash held		71,631
Cash on hand at the beginning of the financial year		2,322,506
Cash on hand at the end of the financial year	3	\$ 2,394,137

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2017

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial reports are special purpose financial reports prepared for the members in order to satisfy the accounts preparation requirements of the *Associations Incorporations Act 2015* and the Royal Life Saving Society Western Australia Inc (RLSSWA) constitutional reporting requirements. The Directors' have determined that RLSSWA is not a reporting entity.

The following specific accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this report.

REPORTING BASIS AND CONVENTIONS

The financial reports have been prepared on an accruals basis. They are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values, or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non current assets.

(a) Income Tax

RLSSWA is exempt from income tax under the definition in S11-5 and S50-5 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* as amended. Consequently "tax effect accounting" is not taken into account in the preparation of the financial report. RLSSWA has been endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office as an Income Tax Exempt Charity (ITEC), Public Benevolent Institution (PBI) and Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR).

(b) Revenue Recognition

Grants/Government Funding and Sponsorship Income
Government contributions and sponsorship income is recognised as income as the funds are being expended on the relevant projects. RLSSWA does not recognise Government contributions as income when they are received or receivable in accordance with AASB 1004, but rather, continues to match the income with related expenses as and when they are incurred. As a special purpose reporting entity RLSSWA is able to choose this option.

Interest Income

Interest income is recognised as it accrues.

Trading and Fundraising Income

Revenue under this category is recognised as it is received or accrued.

(c) Income Received in Advance

Income Received in Advance is carried forward to the extent that it is to be earned in a future period and does not relate to expenditure which has already been brought to account.

(d) Receivables

Receivables to be settled within 30-60 days are carried at amounts due. The collectability of debts is assessed at balance date and specific provision is made for any doubtful accounts.

(e) Non Current Assets

The carrying amounts of all Non Current Assets are reviewed to determine whether they are in excess of their recoverable amount at balance date. If the carrying amount of a Non Current Asset exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is written down to the lower amount.

(f) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and Cash Equivalents include cash on hand and deposits held at call with banks at normal commercial rates, policies and terms regularly adopted by businesses in Australia.

(g) Depreciation of Property, Plant and Equipment

Depreciation, where applicable, has been charged in the accounts on property, plant and equipment, and motor vehicles, so as to write off each asset over the estimated useful life of the asset concerned. Either the diminishing value or prime cost method is used, as considered appropriate.

(h) Amortisation of Building

Leasehold buildings are measured on the fair value basis, being the amount for which an asset could be exchanged between knowledgeable willing parties in an arms length transaction. An independent valuation was performed on the 31 December, 2015.

(i) Employee Benefits

RLSSWA provides for its Long Service Leave liability in respect of all employees with service in excess of five years. As RLSSWA is not legally bound to provide for long service leave until the employees' service exceeds ten years (subject to ill health etc.), RLSSWA's policy is to phase in its provision for Long Service Leave during the five to ten year period of service.

Annual leave has been provided for in the financial report on the basis of employee's accumulated net entitlements at year end.

(j) Accounts Payable

Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods or services received, whether or not billed.

(k) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense of the item.

Receivables and Payables in the Statement of Financial Position are stated with the amount of the GST included.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO, is included as a Current Asset or Current Liability in the Statement of Financial Position.

(l) Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

Contingent Liabilities and Assets are not recognised in the Statement of Financial Position but are discussed in the relevant schedules and notes. They may arise from uncertainty as to the existence of a liability or asset, or represent an existing liability or asset in respect of which settlement is not probable or the amount cannot be reliably measured. Remote contingencies are part of this disclosure. Where settlement becomes probable, a liability or asset is recognised. A liability or asset is recognised when its existence is confirmed by a future event, settlement becomes probable (virtually certain for assets) or reliable measurement becomes possible.

m) Trophies

RLSSWA holds numerous trophies which have been purchased or donated. All are of a perpetual nature. The value of the trophies is indeterminable due to their nature therefore, have not been included on the RLSSWA Statement of Financial Position.

	2017	2016
NOTE 2. CASH		
Petty cash	800	800
Cash at bank - Head Office	2,209,208	2,119,231
Cash at bank - Program	-	-
Cash at bank - Fundraising	-	-
Cash at bank - Bonus Account	-	-
Cash at bank - CBA	184,129	202,476
	\$ 2,394,137	\$ 2,322,507
NOTE 3. RECEIVABLES		
CURRENT		
Trade Debtors	1,367,678	1,059,437
Provision for doubtful debts	(23,834)	(26,395)
Security Deposit	53,216	53,328
	\$ 1,397,060	\$ 1,086,370
NOTE 4. INVENTORIES		
Stock on Hand at Cost	\$ 205,331	\$ 177,700
NOTE 5. OTHER ASSETS		
Prepayments and Other Debtors	\$ 122,908	\$ 344,735

The amounts held in the Fundraising accounts are exclusively applicable to raffles not yet finalised.

	2017	2016
NOTE 6. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Building and Improvements (at independent valuation - 31 December 2015)	1,569,154	1,569,265
Less Provision for Depreciation	(106,114)	(6,796)
	1,463,040	1,562,469
Plant and Equipment at cost - Head Office	1,225,429	1,145,469
Less Provision for Depreciation	(638,488)	(552,951)
	586,941	592,518
	\$ 2,049,981	\$ 2,154,987
NOTE 7. CREDITORS AND BORROWINGS		
CURRENT		
Income in advance	901,274	1,161,597
Creditors - Trade	128,991	141,738
Creditors - Other	293,083	157,071
	\$ 1,323,348	\$ 1,460,406
NOTE 8. PROVISIONS		
CURRENT		
Annual Leave	262,799	256,431
Long Service Leave	364,664	361,982
Accrued Wages	102,167	122,106
	\$ 729,630	\$ 740,519
NOTE 9. SPONSORSHIP / GRANTS		
Grants received for operations or capital works purposes are included as income		
Department of Sport & Recreation	69,500	277,335
Health Department of WA	460,709	453,695
Leisure Institute of WA	36,364	18,182
Healthway	65,000	71,500
Office of Crime Prevention	35,000	35,000
BHP Billiton Minerals Pty Ltd	475,000	475,000
Western Power	-	60,000
Commercial Aquatics Australia	-	15,000
Royal Life Saving Society National	170,000	72,547
Office of Multi Cultural Interests	40,000	30,000
National Australia Bank Community Grant	-	9,090
Lotterywest	545,401	-
Shire of Collie	5,000	-
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	1,000	-
Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor	177,000	-
	\$ 2,079,974	\$ 1,517,349

Sponsorship/Grants received in advance are carried forward to the extent that it is to be applied in a future period and does not relate to expenditure which has already been brought to account.

NOTE 10. RETAINED FUNDS/ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE

	2017	2016
Balance B/Fwd	337,954	896,793
Revaluation decrement NOTE 1(h)	-	(558,839)
	\$ 337,954	\$ 337,954

The asset revaluation reserve records revaluation of non current assets.

NOTE 11. CASH FLOW INFORMATION

Reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities with net current year surplus

Net current year surplus:	231,065
Non-cash flows in current year surplus	
Depreciation and amortization	380,730
Changes in assets and liabilities	
Increase in accounts receivable and other debtors	(310,688)
Decrease in grants received in advance	(211,383)
Decrease in prepayments	221,827
Increase in inventories on hand	(27,631)
Increase in accounts payable and other payables	112,377
	\$ 396,297

LIFE SAVING UNIT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

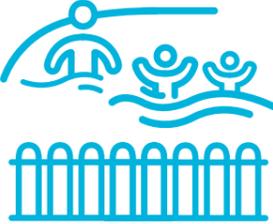
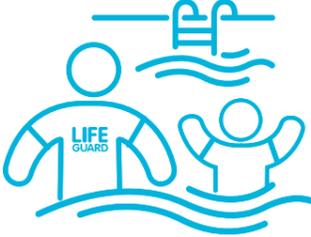
	COMMUNITY SERVICES										SOCIAL ENTERPRISE					
	Research	Health Promotion	Swimming & Water Safety	Community Education	Remote Aboriginal Community Pools	Safe Venues	Membership Development	Skilled Labour	Jigalong Shed	Vocational Training	Marketing	Fundraising	Product Sales	Head Office Operations		
TOTAL (\$)																
INCOME																
Sales		5,523	46,845								135,260	275,319				
Programs & Operations	63,678	96,607	14,065	1,306,125	569,947	18,841	511,782	684,795	1,988,664	2,428,965	1,241,622	70,542	81			
Donations		146						373,793								
Investment Income									13,543				40,116			
Sponsorship			335,000		30,000	4,545	1,000									
Grants (Note 2)	59,200	583,328	309,500	120,000	92,000									545,401		
TOTAL INCOME	59,200	652,675	787,952	134,065	1,336,125	661,947	512,782	684,795	2,002,207	2,428,965	1,750,675	345,861	585,598			
EXPENDITURE																
Cost of Sales			4,074								67,630	165,956				
Programs & Operations	183,211	753,201	865,750	263,300	1,107,912	710,151	361,868	528,912	1,755,442	2,391,654	1,120,081	140,619				
Depreciation & Amortisation	11,843	14,958	23,237	24,296	47,134	60,759	19,628	7,155	94,254	55,133	445	6,938				
Employee Costs													295,702			
Provisions				(1)	(1)	(1)			(80)	18,218		(1)	(9,083)			
Administration Costs													273,190			
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	195,054	768,159	893,061	287,595	1,155,045	770,909	381,496	536,067	1,849,616	2,465,005	1,188,156	313,512	559,809	25,789		
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(135,854)	(115,484)	(105,109)	(153,530)	181,080	(108,962)	131,286	148,728	152,591	(36,040)	562,519	32,349	25,789			
less: Income Tax expense/(Credit)																
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) after tax	231,065	(115,484)	(105,109)	(153,530)	181,080	(108,962)	131,286	148,728	152,591	(36,040)	562,519	32,349	25,789			

WE'RE LEADING WATER SAFETY

We are a Society made up of a diverse network of volunteers, staff and local trainers.

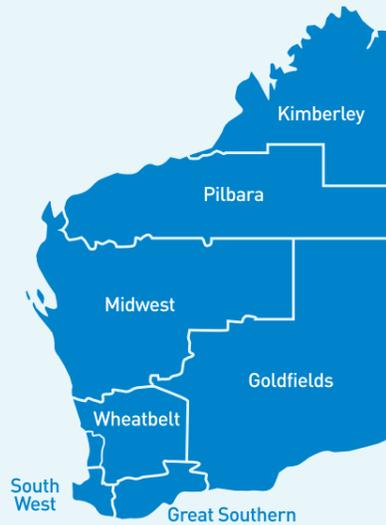
We have a complete range of water safety programs for all ages and sectors of the community.

We are inclusive and are committed to the ideal that Everyone can be a Lifesaver.

0-4 AGE GROUP	5-14 AGE GROUP	15-24 AGE GROUP	25-54 AGE GROUP	55+ AGE GROUP
Drowning is the leading cause of accidental death in toddlers	Development of fundamental survival skills	Influence risk taking behaviours in young males	Diverse activities and broad geographical locations	Falls and loss of capability
				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › KEEP WATCH › INFANT AQUATICS › FIRST AID › HOME BARRIER CHECKS › RESEARCH › HELP GRANTS › PEER SUPPORT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › SWIM AND SURVIVE › BRONZE MEDALLION › JUNIOR LIFEGUARD CLUB › POOL LIFESAVING COMPETITIONS › PROVIDER NETWORK › PROGRAMS FOR AT-RISK POPULATIONS › REGIONAL OUTREACH › PARTICIPATION BENCHMARKING 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › BRONZE MEDALLION › TRAINEESHIPS › POOL LIFEGUARD › SWIM INSTRUCTOR › EMERGENCY CARE › DON'T DRINK AND DROWN 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › SAFETY GUIDELINES & RISK MANAGEMENT › RESPECT THE RIVER › DON'T DRINK AND DROWN › POOL LIFEGUARD › SWIM INSTRUCTOR › POOL OPERATOR › EMERGENCY CARE › COMMUNITY TRAINER NETWORK › AQUATIC INDUSTRY STATUS REPORT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › GREY MEDALLION › THE TALK › WEAR A LIFEJACKET PROJECT › RESPECT THE RIVER

↑ 11% INCREASE IN ANNUAL WA DROWNING DEATHS

\$1.75M RECEIVED TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



197,648 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN THE SWIM AND SURVIVE PROGRAM



38,253 PEOPLE VISITED A REMOTE ABORIGINAL SWIMMING POOL



23,723 CHILDREN PARTICIPATED IN THE INFANT AQUATICS PROGRAM



28,537 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN LIFESAVING TRAINING PROGRAMS



10,781 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN BRONZE RESCUE PROGRAMS



6,571 HOME SWIMMING POOL BARRIER ASSESSMENTS



120,488 EXPOSED TO KEEP WATCH MESSAGE



1,073 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN CALD PROGRAMS



6,000+ TEENAGERS AT DON'T DRINK AND DROWN LEAVERS EVENTS



439 COMMUNITY TRAINERS THROUGHOUT WA



132 ENDORSED SWIM SCHOOLS AND JLCs

DROWNING DEATHS BY AGE GROUP IN WA DURING 2016/17



OUR PARTNERS

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