





# **Aim**

# To prevent loss of life and to promote safe participation in aquatic pursuits.

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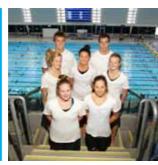


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# President's Report

On behalf of the Board of Directors I am honoured to present The Royal Life Saving Society Western Australia (Inc) 2011/2012 Annual Report. 2011/2012 was a year that the Society provided significant benefit to the community.

Since it began in 1909, preventing drowning has been the foundation of The Royal Life Saving Society Western Australia Inc. The number of people the Society has saved can never be precisely calculated, however if the drowning rate had remained at the level it was in 1909 then approximately 300 Western Australians would have drowned last year. Through the efforts of The Royal Life Saving Society WA, this was minimised to 23, a statistic we continually strive to reduce.

I would like to acknowledge the contribution of my fellow Directors. The Board has endeavoured to remain in touch with, and be responsive to the needs and aspirations of our Members and the community.

The Royal Life Saving Society WA has 4 membership categories (Associated, Training, Sport and Supporter). A detailed plan has been developed to encourage new Membership and to better engage with existing Members. We are fortunate that this year:

- 24,206 Training Members undertook a lifesaving, lifeguarding and or emergency care programs.
- 36,295 people became a Supporter via one of our fundraising programs

For many, their interaction with the Royal Life Saving Society is relatively limited however our goal is to fully expand and extend the contribution each individual can make to the Society and its purpose.

The Board's other major role is to provide the Chief Executive Officer with leadership, strategic direction and oversight. We did this by:

- Meeting 9 times during the year
- Receiving detailed financial and other reports from management at these meetings
- Driving development of the new strategic plan document for the organisation
- Receiving additional information and input from management when necessary
- Assigning to the Finance, Audit & Risk Management Committee of the Board responsibility to oversee particular aspects of administration.

I would like to extend my thanks to the Board for their dedication, diligence and support, the CEO Alex McKenzie and his team of General Managers, their respective Life Saving Unit Managers and staff. I would also like to acknowledge LIWA Aquatics for their ongoing partnership. And to all of our life members, members, volunteers, sponsors, suppliers and everyone who shares our vision.

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Ross Peters - President

# **CEO's Report**

The aspirational goal set by the current Australian Water Safety Council is to reduce drowning in Australia by 50 per cent by 2020. In Western Australia the 5-year average rate of drowning back in 1997 was 44.8 pa. Fifteen years later the 5-year average rate is now 29.6 drowning pa. A rate 66% lower or fifteen fewer Western Australians drowning each year. Clear evidence the efforts of the Royal Life Saving Society Western Australia are working.

The 2011/12 Annual Report illustrates how The Royal Life Saving Society Western Australia has grown into a diverse organisation providing a range of training, safety, health promotion, customer contact, skilled labour and related support services. Services which have touched the lives of people throughout Western Australia both metropolitan and regional and from remote Kimberley communities through to the Great Southern coast.

That said, the challenges ahead have never been greater. The Royal Life Saving Society Western Australia continues to pursue a challenging set of objectives, notably increasing opportunities for children to learn basic swimming and water safety skills and expanding our operations in regional Western Australia.

2011/12 was a significant year, the first year pursuing a new Strategic Intent which identified, amongst other things, the importance of presenting an accurate picture of our activities and ongoing value to the community.

The 2011/12 Annual Report distinguishes between community services and social enterprise activities undertaken by the Society.

We operate by deriving income from service agreements, grants, sponsorship, fundraising and surplus funds generated by social enterprise activities. Most importantly however, all income is then used to:

- Develop and fund community services that require subsidy
- Invest in research and existing service development
- Develop and maintain the high quality volunteers, staff and infrastructure required to deliver excellent services
- Provide for the future
- Invest in compatible social enterprises to increase the pool of independent funding available for community services that require subsidy

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Alex McKenzie - Chief Executive Officer



# In memory - Anita Eifler

RLSSWA Life Member and Recipient of Lifetime Achievement Award (2009)



Anita Eifler

Born: 13th September 1919

Died: 29th May 2012

Aged: 92 yrs

Anita served the Royal Life Saving Society for over 30 years in many capacities most notably as Senior Instructor and Senior Examiner at the Kalamunda Swimming & Lifesaving club.

Sharing her knowledge of water safety and lifesaving abilities was her greatest contribution. The number of lives she influenced is immeasurable.

1977 Honorary Associate

1979 Certificate of Thanks

1979 Honorary Associate

1981 Recognition Badge

1985 Bar to Recognition Badge

1986 Companion

1986 Certificate of Thanks

1987 Honorary Associate

1989 Bar to Recognition Badge

1990 Certificate of Thanks

1991 Fellow

1992 Service Cross (Commonwealth)

1992 Honorary Life Member

1996 Certificate of Thanks

1998 Meritorious Service Award

Lifetime Achievement Award (2009)

We acknowledge Anita's outstanding contribution to lifesaving in Western Australia. Rest in Peace Anita.











# Royal Life Saving Awards

#### **Royal Life Saving Western Power Bravery Awards**

The Royal Life Saving Society Western Australia recognised the outstanding lifesaving actions of 31 individuals and 4 organisations in 2011/12. These people displayed initiative, expertise and empathy toward fellow human beings by applying lifesaving skills in emergency situations and sometimes at risk to themselves.

The award recipients epitomise the 'Everyone can be a Lifesaver' message. Role models in our community highlighting the value of lifesaving education.

This year the Awards were presented by Western Power General Manager Paul Italiano and Member for Riverton and Western Australian Government appointed ambassador to Singapore Dr Mike Nahan who was instrumental in the development of the Royal Life Saving Office in Singapore

Organisation/Individual	Bravery Award
Rockingham Wild Encounters	Award of Merit
Beatty Park Leisure Centre	Gold Star
Murray Banks	Gold Cross
Rob Barker	Gold Star
Sean Emmit	Bravery Commendation
Fiona Hewitt	Gold Star
Joanne Stanislous	Gold Cross

City of Gosnells Leisure World	Gold Star
Reginald MacCormack	Gold Medallion
Jarrad Parry	Gold Star
Luke MacCormack	Bravery Commendation
Curtis Naylor	Gold Star
Adrian Mack	Bravery Commendation
Reece Moore	Gold Star
James Abbott	Gold Medallion
Claremont Swimming Pool	Gold Star
Luke Abbott	Bravery Commendation
Tehya Robertson	Gold Star
Patrick Hollins	Gold Star
Chris Cotton	Gold Star
Caden Henke	Bravery Commendation
Luke Swanson	Gold Star
Matthew Pearson	Bravery Commendation
Mandurah Aquatic & Rec.Centre	Gold Star
Corey Gulvin	Bravery Commendation
Wendy Cole	Gold Star
Dion Sgherza	Gold Medallion
Adrian Timms	Gold Star

# Mark Watson Gold Medallion Wade Williamson Gold Star Euan Rainnie Gold Medallion John Beard Gold Star SC Anthony Van Andel Gold Medallion Fabia Caldiera Gold Star Kirsty Page Gold Star

#### **Commonwealth Service Medal**

Jeff Fondacaro (pictured above with surfboard)

Jeff has volunteered his time since 2000 in many roles including:

- Director of Royal Life Saving Society Western Australia
- Review of pool lifeguard training programs
- Development of the Pool Watch program at Beatty Park Aquatic Centre. A pre-cursor to Watch Around Water
- Delivery of vocational training and mentoring of lifeguards

#### **Awards**

#### Keep Watc

Finalist in the in the 2012 Constable Care Awards. Western Australian Community Program & Partnership Award (Regional & Remote.)

#### Swim for Fruit

Special recognition award at the 2012 Excellence in Indigenous Health Awards

#### RLSSWA and CLCRF

Winner of 2011 Award for Marketing Excellence - Brand Extension - Australian Marketing Institute













BHP Billiton is a global leader in the resources industry and continues, for the tenth consecutive year, to be the Principal Community Partner of The Royal Life Saving Society Western Australia.

The support of BHP Billiton allows the Society to pursue its aim of reducing drowning, near drowning and associated injury in Western Australia.

The partnership reflects the importance BHP Billiton places on safety in the workplace, public places and private spaces.

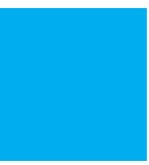
Through the BHP Billiton partnership, Royal Life Saving has been able to significantly expand the reach of its health promotion campaigns and enhance a number of educational programs, particularly in Indigenous communities throughout the Pilbara and Goldfields regions.















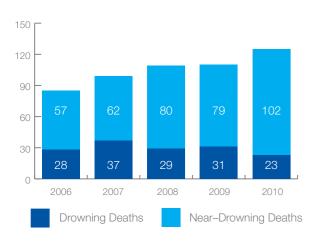
# **Drowning Report Research**

Royal Life Saving undertakes a range of research projects to identify priorities and drive the ongoing development of lifesaving and drowning prevention programs.

#### **Drowning and Near-Drowning in Western Australia**

Drowning is the 4th most common accidental cause of preventable death behind suicide, transport injuries and poisoning. (Reference: Ballestas T, Xiao J, McEvoy S and Somerford P (2011). The Epidemiology of Injury in Western Australia, 2000-2008. Perth: Department of Health WA.)

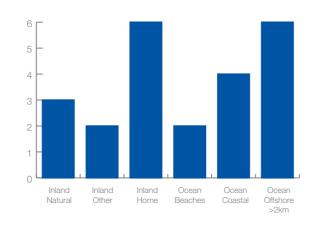
# Drowning Deaths and Near-Drowning Hospitalisations (WA) 2006-2010



# Over the past five years 148 West Australians have drowned at a cost of \$153.4 million to the broader community.

Coronial information reviewed by Royal Life Saving quickly dispels any notion that drowning is 'part of life', that accidents do and will happen. Rather than this many are due to carelessness, ignorance, or an overestimation of ability and are definitely preventable.

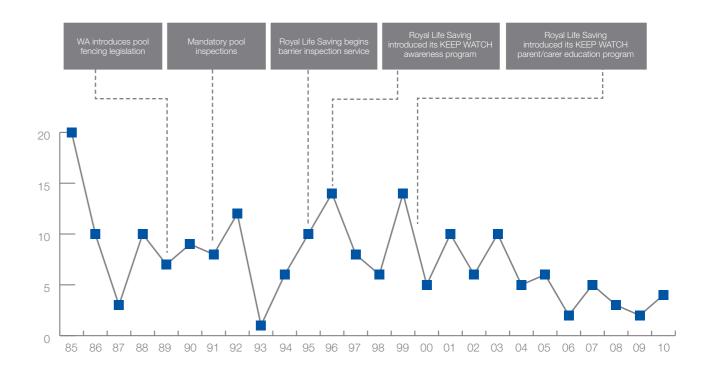
#### Drowning Deaths by Location 2010 (WA)



#### Prevention strategies have worked

The average number of toddler drowning deaths has been reduced by almost two thirds since 1985.

**Toddler Drowning Deaths 1985-2010** 



\*During 1993, there was much debate regarding the high rates of toddler drowning death and pool barrier legislation in the public arena within Western Australia. This resulted in a dramatic increase in public access to information regarding toddler drowning issues and greater awareness of the risks and dangers in and around the home. This has been highlighted in the drowning statistics, with only one death recorded amongst the 0-5 year age group in 1993. However, this should be considered as an anomaly.

#### **Research to Evaluation Programs**

Each year we evaluate our community and education programs to ensure they meet the needs and expectations of the target groups and to measure their effectiveness. This year Royal Life Saving developed a partnership with Curtin University to assist with program evaluations.

#### Getting through to parents of young children

Through the Keep Watch program we know the following about parents of young children.

- They want as much safety information as possible, including how to prevent drowning
- They respond well to 'real stories' and emotive messages
- They have a good awareness that supervision is the most effective way to prevent toddler drowning, however this remains the main contributing factor to drowning deaths amongst this age group
- They access most of their safety information through child health professionals
- They have good awareness of home swimming pool safety, however limited awareness of other hazardous locations in and around the home
- Regional caregivers face additional difficulties in accessing information and services and face a number of unique drowning prevention and water safety issues

#### The challenges of Youth and Alcohol

Through the Don't Drink and Drown campaign we know the following about young people in relation to alcohol and water safety:

 Have a good awareness of the general effects that alcohol can have on the body

- Have a good understanding of the risks and dangers associated with drinking alcohol in, on or around the water
- Have limited understanding of current safe alcohol guidelines and the relevance of standard drink information
- Respond well to 'shock' advertising tactics
- Messages are most relevant when presented in fun and interactive settings such as youth events
- Males are more likely to engage in aquatic activity after drinking
- Harm-minimisation messages and activities are more effective than 'abstinence' messages
- Access most of their information through social media

#### What drives Members of the Royal Life Saving Society

Royal Life Saving surveyed Members, that provide training to the community, in order to explore their motivations. The most common being:

- giving back to the community
- improve others health and safety
- beneficial to employment

44.6% of the Trainers volunteered their time. Better resources, information on how to get involved and more professional development training were identified as ways to boost volunteerism.

The Society identified a lack of Trainers within the South Eastern and Central regions. Also the majority of Trainers are females over 40 years of age. Only a small number of trainers are Indigenous.









Laurie Lawrence





Matt Naysmith

## **Health Promotion**

Royal Life Saving delivers programs that target at-risk populations and high risk activities.

#### **Keep Watch**



The Keep Watch program raises awareness amongst caregivers of young children under five years of age of toddler drowning prevention risks in and around the home. This year Royal Life Saving directed resources toward:

- 288 x TV and 61 x Radio advertisements
- Distribution of 20,800 printed resources
- 42 x community presentations
- 19 x community events

There was an increased focus on ensuring that caregivers in regional and remote areas of Western Australia had access to program information, resources and services. Royal Life Saving Program Coordinators travelled over 10,000km to deliver toddler drowning prevention messages to over 20 communities throughout the state.

#### **Keep Watch Ambassadors**

#### Mark Guban

Mark Gubanyi knows too well the devastating effect losing a child can have. Since losing his child, Kaitlin, in a tragic backyard swimming pool accident, Mark courageously speaks about the devastating impact of drowning and has helped inspire other parents of young children to think about ways in which they can reduce the risk of drowning death in and around their home.

#### Laurie Lawrenc

Royal Life Saving joined with former Australian Olympic swimming coach and water safety advocate Laurie Lawrence to conduct practical workshops for caregivers of young children and infant aquatics instructors. Royal Life Saving also distributed 2,452 'Living with Water' DVD's in WA.

Laurie stated that 'it is my fervent wish that together with the Royal Life Saving Society we can not only look towards zero toddler drowning deaths in WA but zero toddler drowning deaths all over Australia.'

#### Don't Drink and Drown

# Don't Drink and DROWN

Royal Life Saving, engaged with young adults throughout WA at community youth events to raise awareness of the dangers associated with the consumption of alcohol in, on or around the water.

This year Royal Life Saving directed resources toward:

• 526 x TV and 114 x Radio advertisements

- 24 x outdoor advertisements
- Distribution of 9,639 printed resources
- 24 x community events
- 24 x community presentations

The Don't Drink and Drown program was delivered with assistance of the McCusker Foundation, Healthway and Paraplegic Benefit Fund,

Royal Life Saving employed a Program Coordinator to deliver regional road shows to schools in the South West and develop 'the Wake' DVD to further spread the message.

School Leaver celebrations was the largest single event that the Don't Drink and Drown message was promoted at. This year 24 Royal Life Saving volunteers attended celebrations in Rottnest and Dunsborough to promote important alcohol and water safety messages. In total our volunteers contributed 1,522 hours to the promotion of program messages to the community over the Leavers Week The highlight was the Meelup Beach Day organised and hosted by Royal Life Saving which attracted over 4,500 school leavers.

#### **Don't Drink and Drown Ambassador**

#### Matt Naysmith

Matt knows too well the dangers of mixing alcohol and aquatic activity. Matt is now confined to a wheelchair following a tragic accident after drinking too much alcohol around the water. Matt now speaks to young people to educate them about how easily their lives can change as a result of one decision. Matt's story has been made into a DVD which is now used at schools throughout the state to educate young people about the dangers of mixing alcohol and water.

#### **Watch Around Water**



Royal Life Saving has helped modify the way the community behaves in public swimming pools. The Watch Around Water program improves parental supervision, thereby complementing the supervision provided by pool lifeguards.

This year 102 public swimming pools in WA promoted the 'Your Child. Your Focus' message.

'The Watch Around Water program has allowed the centre to educate our patrons and staff on the importance of water safety. The program has proven to show all users just how quickly a person can find themselves in danger. With one simple message it has minimised situations that could have possibly ended less favourably. Ryan Scally, Riverton Lesiureplex

Since its inception, there have been zero drowning deaths involving young children at public swimming pools in Western Australia. The success of the program in Western Australia has seen the program adopted by approximately 250 aquatic centres throughout Australia.



In 2011/12 Royal Life Saving invested \$154,861 of the Society's resources to support the delivery of health promotion activities.











An all encompassing approach has been taken to increasing the swimming and lifesaving skills of West Australian children. This year Royal Life Saving provided funding to:

- Support our network of local providers and volunteers throughout WA
- Invest in the development the Infant Aquatics, Swim & Survive and Bronze Rescue Programs
- Raise public awareness and provide advocacy
- Train instructors and provide ongoing professional development
- Produce instructor and learner resources
- Foster ongoing participation in lifesaving
- Overcome barriers faced by at-risk communities (Indigenous, CaLD and remote)

#### **Professional Development**

Royal Life Saving organised former Olympic coach and current water safety advocate Laurie Lawrence to conduct Infant Aquatics workshops in Perth and Northam. The workshops were attended by 55 coordinators and instructors from Royal Life Saving Endorsed Swim Schools.

#### **Swim and Survive**

Jacob (pictured above) had a fear of water since almost drowning at 18 months of age. At the start of the summer season he could not enjoy aquatic activity at the Burringurrah pool, was unwilling to put his face in the water and wouldn't take his feet off the bottom. Royal Life Saving Instructor Jacqui Forbes taught Jacob the Swim & Survive program when he came to the pool. By the end of the season Jacob went from being a Beginner (Stage 1) to achieving his Water Awareness certificate (Stage 4).

#### Junior Lifeguard Club

There are 26 Junior Lifeguard Clubs throughout WA providing children with the opportunity to practice and advance their lifesaving skills. A calendar of intra and inter-club events was held over the summer season (including 2 in the Pilbara and 1 in the Goldfields) involving 540 participants.

#### Australian Pool Lifesaving Championships - Adelaide 2012.

Western Australian State Team - Sarah Hamilton (Singleton), Danica Bates (Port Kennedy), Jess Cohen (City Beach), Elise Smith (Gnangara), Georgia Smith (Gnangara), Alex Nash (Sorrento), and Liam Ryan (Duncraig). Coach: Rebecca Cohen (not pictured).

#### Swim for Fruit

The Swim for Fruit program, supported by BHP Billiton and Healthway, provided healthy rewards to children who participated in structured aquatic activities. This summer 778 children from remote aboriginal communities participated. Theo Gordon and Zachariah Herbert from Yandeyarra completed more than 1,000 laps each.

#### **Overcoming Barriers**

Royal Life Saving staff customised the Swim & Survive program for 186 women from culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) backgrounds. Participants were able to learn and experience swimming as an enjoyable past time. The program also provided opportunities for socialising and meeting other women. The Women's Only Swim & Survive program was supported by the Department of Sport and Recreation, Metropolitan Migrant Centre and Ishar Multicultural Women's Health Centre.

#### Raising public awareness and advocacy

Royal Life Saving was active in the media, driving swimming and lifesaving messages. The Swim & Survive advertisement was broadcast 788 times in 2011/12.

Region	Number of Endorsed Swim Schools	Number of Junior Lifeguard Clubs	Number of Swim & Survive Participants	Number of Infant Aquatics Participants
North Metro	6	1	8,660	1,020
South Metro	11	2	13,210	1,870
East Metro	11	6	15,200	1,865
West Metro	8	0	10,200	1,360
Central Metro	4	0	4,916	680
Kimberley	6	3	5,900	1,010
South West	16	4	16,500	2,720
Great Southern	2	0	2,010	340
Goldfields	6	3	5,999	1,025
Mid West	4	1	4,555	685
Wheatbelt	4	0	4,100	670
Peel	6	2	6,200	1,033
Gascoyne	3	1	3,252	510
Pilbara	6	3	7,000	1,400
Outside WA	5	0	4,242	550
Total	98	26	111,044	16,811











# **Community Education**

Lifesavers are everywhere in the community. They can be teachers, students, mums, dads, firemen, plumbers or accountants. They patrol the lakes, rivers, dams and home pools of communities in which they live. They don't wear a uniform but they can and do save lives.

Royal Life Saving believes 'Everyone can be a Lifesaver'. Providing educational opportunities for the WA community to raise awareness of water safety and to develop lifesaving skills.

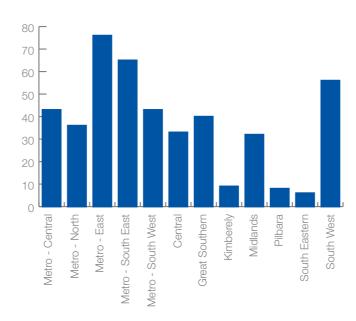
#### **Community Instructor Network in WA**

Significant resources were invested by Royal Life Saving to identify, recruit, train, recognise and support its network of 447 Instructors who deliver water safety and lifesaving programs. These Instructors build social capital in their local community by fostering social responsibility, volunteerism, promoting education and improving physical health.

#### **Course Participants**

	2011/2012	2010/2011
Bronze Star	434	539
Bronze Medallion (incl CPR)	4,084	3,864
Bronze Cross	87	23
Essential First Aid	309	474
Senior First Aid	3,067	2,231
Resuscitation	2,448	2,303

#### **Number of Community Trainers**



In 2011 Royal Life Saving surveyed its Community Trainers to identify existing and emerging issues. Some of the key findings were:

- 87.1% indicated they enjoyed their experience as a Community Trainer.
- 62.6% indicated they would be interested in continuing to volunteer their time to conduct training.
- The most common barrier to volunteering was a lack of time due to need to undertake paid work.
- A need to improve recognition of the contribution being made by Community Trainers.
- A need for additional administrative support from Royal Life Saving Head Office.

The Honours Award Dinner and regular appreciation breakfasts were a great way to acknowledge and support our network of trainers and volunteers. Honours Award recipients included:

Graham Sharpe, Maureen Lasiz, Jason Norris, Tanja Luck, Cameron Eglington, David Townsend, Damien Harvey, Anthony Dvorak, Sallie Watson, Lari McDonald, Ian Wilkie, Mark Gubanyi, Fran Murphy, Colin Hassell, Leanne Coverley-Brandis, Vincent Allcock.

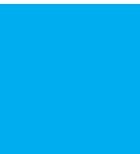
RLSWA also collaborates with a number of health services agencies, child care centre's, Kidsafe and Brockman House to reach the parents and carers of babies.



In 2011/12 Royal Life Saving invested \$84,656 of the Society's resources to support community education in lifesaving.











# Remote Aboriginal Swimming Pools

For the past 12 years, the Royal Life Saving Society has managed swimming pool facilities in the remote Aboriginal communities of Burringurrah, Yandeyarra, Jigalong, Bidyadanga, Warmun and Fitzroy Crossing.

Royal Life Saving, or more particularly its committed staff, pursue a wide range outcomes in relation to:

- Increasing physical activity and promoting a healthy lifestyle
- Supporting education
- Delivering vocational training and work experience
- Supporting community aspirations

The program is driven primarily through the dedication of the six pool managers who between them have provided 18 years of continuous service. These remote pool managers and their families live and work within the remote communities for nine months of the year and work closely with community members to develop and implement a range of recreational activities at the pool.

#### Jamie O'Donohue

Jamie, his wife Renee (who works for the Save the Children foundation) and two boys Kia and Taj have lived and worked in the Warmun Community for four years. At the start of this year's season the whole community, including Jamie's home, was devastated by floods. Despite this set-back Jamie's hard work ensured the pool was one of the first community facilities to be restored. At the 2012 NW Pool Managers Conference, Jamie was presented with an award recognising his long term commitment and contribution to the program.

#### Bernadette Egan

Bernie completed her third successive season as the Yandeyarra swimming pool manager. Bernie has been successful in implementing a number of innovative programs during this time including last year's successful King and Queen of the pool that rewards local children who swim laps on a regular basis.

#### Aaron Jacobs

Aaron, his wife Wyanee and their two children Rhoan and Zenobee have been members of the Jigalong community for the last 3 years. A highlight of the 2011/2012 season was customised 'mothers and bubs' classes covering the topics of water safety, swimming and lifesaving skills.

#### **Trevor and Adele Caporn**

This husband and wife team have managed the Fitzroy Crossing pool for the last three years. This is the largest of the six community pools. Adele organised all of the programming options for the community whilst Trevor focuses on the pool operations and maintenance. Commonwealth Games swimmer Sophie Edington's visit to the pool was a highlight as was hosting the annual inter community swimming and lifesaving carnival between Halls Creek, Warmun and Fitzroy Crossing. The Fitzroy Crocs were victorious for the second year in a row.

#### Scott Kenda

Scott has been working as a pool manager for RLSSWA in remote communities for the last five years. Scott and wife Linda have lived and worked in the Jigalong and Bidyadanga community during this time. In 2011/12 Scott was employed as the Bidyadanga pool manger and

Linda has been working as an administrator at the local school. As a culmination of the Swim & Survive program this year a swimming and lifesaving carnival was conducted for the local community. Participants included over 120 primary school students (double the attendance at school the previous day), 30 school teachers and around 70 community members.

#### Jacqui Forbes

Jacqui and her partner Pat have lived and worked in the Burringurrah community for the last three years. During the last 12 months Jacqui has developed and implemented many innovative programs. These include an annual triathlon, flippa ball sessions and a swimathon to raise funds for telethon. Pat is currently employed at a local mine site as a field assistant.

#### **Aboriginal employment**

Throughout the season five local indigenous workers were employed as pool assistants at selected remote swimming pools. These individuals gained valuable experience in the operation of an aquatic centre. They assisted the pool manager in cleaning, gardening and supervision of pool patrons.

#### **Community Lifesavers**

In addition to providing aquatic activities, one of the key outcomes over the past 12 months has been an increased focus on engaging local community members in the operation and development of the pools. In total, 85 local Aboriginal community members successfully completed their Bronze Medallion. This is a stepping stone toward qualifications in Pool Lifeguard and Pool Operations and employment in the aquatic recreation industry.

#### **Pool statistics**

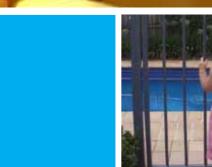
	Visits	Innovative Sessions	Swim & Survive	Bronze Medallion	Carnival Participants
Bidyadanga	8,056	18	72	-	120
Burringurrah	3,849	25	32	1	185
Fitzroy Crossing	13,233	52	194	80	1,008
Jigalong	8,843	183	23	1	102
Warmun	3,581	34	40	-	80
Yandeyarra	3,574	137	35	3	-
Total	41,136	449	396	85	1,495













# Safe Venues

Resources and funds were invested by Royal Life Saving toward the development of safe aquatic environments. This encompassed:

- Undertaking assessments of aquatic facilities (from public pools through to home pools)
- Measuring compliance rates
- Researching incidents and contributing factors
- Sharing information and fostering collaboration amongst aquatic
- The development of emergency and operational procedures.
  Advocacy of contemporary best practice and the provision of expert advice.

#### **Public Aquatic Centre Safety**

In Western Australia there are 124 public aquatic centres that provide significant benefit in terms of health, fitness, sport and community development. In 2011 there was an estimated 9,557,799 visitors to these facilities.

This year Royal Life Saving worked with 31 public swimming pools. The majority being located in regional WA. Following the support and advice provided by Royal Life Saving staff these centres increased their overall compliance to safety standards by an average of 16%. Concurrently Royal Life Saving undertook research into the frequency and type of incidents occurring at public aquatic centres. This year the incident rate declined to a low of 20.4 incidents per 100,00 patrons.

#### **Home Pool Safety**

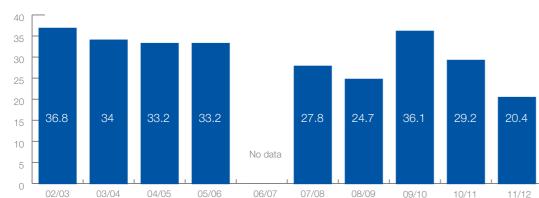
Home swimming pools are the most common location for drowning involving the 0-5 age group. Royal Life Saving has developed a service specifically for local government that consists of a coordinated program of activities to contact home pool owners, send information, perform barrier assessments and provide support.

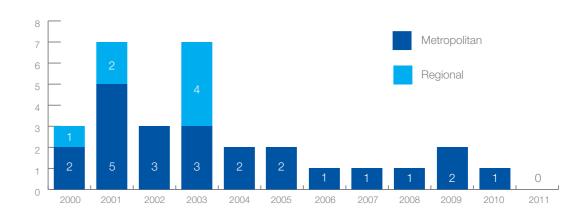
This year Royal Life Saving staff assessed over 4,200 home swimming pool barriers. The assessment service involved up to three visual

assessments of the pool barrier. Royal Life Saving found that 89% of barriers complied after the three assessments with the remainder referred to local government for follow up, ongoing action.

It is clear the mandatory barrier inspection system has played a significant role in the reduction of toddler (0-5) drowning in WA. 2011 was the first year that no child drowned in a home swimming pool for over 20 years.

#### Incident Rate/100,000 patrons















# **Community Relations**

The Western Australian climate and lifestyle encourages wide spread participation in aquatic pursuits. Most people do not drown, do not experience life-threatening predicaments and are not rescued. The Royal Life Saving Society undertakes a range of activities to engage with the broader community and to foster a water safety culture.

#### 2011 Classic Paddle



At the start of summer 712 paddlers took part in a race from Perth to Fremantle to promote the work of the Royal Life Saving Society. The event involved all forms of water craft from canoes, surf skis, rowing boats, dragon boats to malibu boards.

The crew of 40 volunteers and Royal Life Saving staff assisted with setting up equipment at the start and finish lines,

registering participants, assisting competitors with their craft, providing water safety and first aid.

All involved in the event were encouraged to become a 'water safety champion' for the upcoming summer and festive season. Promoting to their family and friends the KEEP WATCH and Don't Drink & Drown messages.

Over \$6000 was raised on the day by the Society's Members and participants.

#### 2012 Pool Lifeguard Challenge

Collectively there are nearly 10,000,000 visitors each year to the 125 public swimming pools in WA. These visitors are supervised by a dedicated labour force of 1,466 Royal Life Saving qualified Pool Lifeguards.

The Royal Life Saving Society conducts a Pool Lifeguard Challenge to raise the profile of lifeguarding, foster cooperation and improve rescue skills

Lifeguards from aquatic centres across the state (including an all indigenous team from South Headland) competed. All teams performed to a high standard with the lifeguards from the Fremantle Leisure Centre the overall winners.

Jeff Fondacaro, President of Leisure Institute of WA and Ryan Glass, sponsor Commercial Aquatics Australia (formerly AVP Commercial Pools) presented the trophy to the winning team from Fremantle Leisure Control

#### 2011 Act-Belong Commit Avon Descent

The Avon Descent is an iconic Western Australian event that is enjoyed by a large section of the community. The two-day event involves competitors, support crews, spectators, family fun days, over-night camps.

The Royal Life Saving Society is committed to supporting the Avon Descent and contributing its skills, organisational capacity and expertise to enhance the event with a particular focus on safety.

This year Royal Life Saving was recognised as an 'Official Partner' providing the following support:

- First aid and resuscitation training for the Avon Support Unit (Water Rescue Team)
- Coordination of safety induction and competitor registration
- Risk management planning
- Event management and logistical support
- Coordination of 250 event volunteers
- Coordination of first aid and emergency services
- Promotion of the Don't Drink & Drown message in the Event Programme and at spectator locations.











# **Vocational Training**

Royal Life Saving provided high quality vocational training in a range of workplaces and communities. Our programs are industry focused, and available throughout Western Australia and most importantly they provide participants with the skills required for employment.

	Training 2011/2012	Training 2010/2011
Pool Lifeguarding	442	387
Aquatic Rescue for School Teachers	470	424
Swim Instructor	468	367
Resuscitation (CPR)	3,119	2,554
First Aid and Emergency Care	5,594	4,570
Pool Operations	97	98
Bronze Medallion	469	465
Aquatic Rescue for Hydrotherapy	908	907
Heart Beat Club	1,445	539

#### **Support for Regional Areas**

1612 programs were conducted in regional WA, attended by over 5,200 participants.

#### On the Job Training

Royal Life Saving workplace trainers attended worksites to consolidate learning and provide site specific training.

#### **Industry Trainers**

All Royal Life Saving trainers have specific industry experience providing inspired and realistic insights into the world of the working person.

#### **Traineeships**

Royal Life Saving provided vocational training and job placement support for 39 trainees (undertaking cert III in sport and recreation). Vocational assistance was provided along with ongoing monitoring to ensure a permanent, rather than transitory move into the workforce.

#### **Labour Exchange Service**

Royal Life Saving has built a large network of employers over many years. Royal Life Saving provided a web-based job placement and job search service.

#### **Indigenous Employment and Training**

The aquatic recreation industry has a clear desire to make a contribution to increasing Indigenous employment outcomes. Royal Life Saving is working with employers to address the barriers that confront Indigenous people taking up employment.

In 2011/12 Royal Life Saving provided vocational training for indigenous youth in the following target regions:

- 1 x Wiluna
- 2 x Leanora
- 2 x Kalgoorlie
- 2 x Newman 2 x Hedland



Vocational Training achieved a \$88,777 surplus in 2011/12 which was directly invested into the Royal Life Saving Society's Water Safety and Community Service programmes.









# Skilled Labour Hire

Royal Life Saving provided flexible labour workforce solutions in the areas of:

- First Aid
- Lifeguarding
- Aquatic supervision
- Pool operators

The service was used by venue and event managers (including aquatic facilities, sporting associations, educational bodies and community groups) that needed qualified people to meet project-based or short term requirements.

Royal Life Saving also supplied a range of resources including first aid kits, oxygen resuscitation equipment, defibrillators, stretchers and rescue equipment.

Over the past year, Royal Life Saving provided qualified staff to 441 events throughout Western Australia, attended by almost 2 million people. Staff responded to over 28,000 incidents at these events ranging from minor injuries to major medical emergencies.







Royal Life Saving continues to provide consultancy, training, safety risk management and research expertise in Singapore and Asia. The basis of our activities is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed in 2009 between Royal Life Saving and the Singapore Sports Council. The MOU enables the sharing of ideas aimed at making aquatic sport safer and collaboration in program development.

The objectives of our international services are:

- Explore and identify community support and social enterprise opportunities in South East Asia and West Africa, based on internal research and discussions with appropriate government and non government agencies.
- Develop marketing packages directly relevant to international markets
- Continue to develop international opportunities with other community bodies that have relevant expertise, services and products
- Review all potential opportunities for expansion of international operations in the light of the Singapore experience and any lessons learnt
- Seek to complement other members of the national lifesaving network, in their international work, if possible

In 2011/12 Royal Life Saving conducted Singapore Lifeguard Proficiency Assessments for 121 candidates in Singapore. In addition a further 11 lifeguards completed their Pool Lifeguard qualification (to the Australian Standard), bringing the total Pool Lifeguards holding this qualification in Singapore to 23.











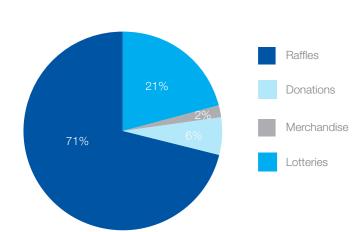


# **Fundraising**

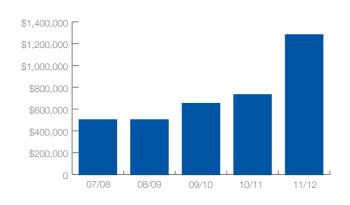
36,295 individuals joined Royal Life Saving through a fundraising program in 2011/12. They helped by participating in a range of fundraising campaigns including raffles, donations, merchandise sales and the inaugural Royal Lifestyle Lottery.

Funds were raised for the KEEP WATCH, Swim & Survive, Infant Aquatics and Don't Drink & Drown community service programs.

Royal Life Saving, or more specifically its Fundraising Members, raised in-excess of \$1.25M in 2011/12.



#### Fundraising

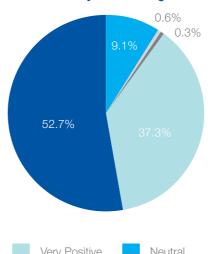




# Marketing

The Royal Life Saving Society has a proud history and an enviable reputation. Today, 92.8% of Western Australians recognise its unique brand. A brand logo that has remained virtually unchanged since 1894.

#### **Attitude to Royal Life Saving**



# Very Positive Neutral Very Negative

Negative

#### **Customer contact and member support centres**

In 2011/12 our contact centres answered 129,932 telephone calls from the Australian community. Every call being an opportunity to get involved, to play a role, to arm our customers with knowledge so they can become advocates and to attract new people to the Society. 24x7x365 support was provided for:

- Community information
- Member support
- Pool inspection management
- Training co-ordination
- FundraisingEvent support
- Market research.

To generate future opportunities our contact centres also made 1,082,281 calls to businesses, agencies, and the broader community on behalf of Royal Life Saving and its collaborating charities.

This year Royal Life Saving celebrated the 10 year anniversary of its customer contact centres in Manjimup and Bridgetown. They continue to be a major employer in these communities and during 2011/12 delivered an estimated economic benefit in excess of \$6 Million to the region.

Royal Life Saving continued to invest in training and skills development with 14 staff members completing a Certificate III in Customer Contact. This year a workplace learning program for special needs students from the Mary Ward Centre at John XXIII College was also implemented. This program has been extremely rewarding for both the students and Royal Life Saving staff.



# **Our Partners**

Principal Community Partner - BHP Billiton

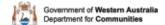


#### Program Partners







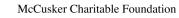












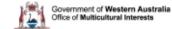


















#### Fundraising Partners















#### Media Partners



























#### Management

Chief Executive Officer
General Manager – Planning
General Manager – Community Relations
General Manager – Operations
General Manager – Marketing

Alex McKenzie Peter Leaversuch Greg Tate Ian Brown Allan Godfrey Senior Managers:

Lauren Nimmo
Trent Hotchkin
Elin Sirr
Lisa Lilleyman
Holly Leach
Craig Smetherham
John Haynes
Lyn McLoughlin
Maria Vellios

Legal Partner









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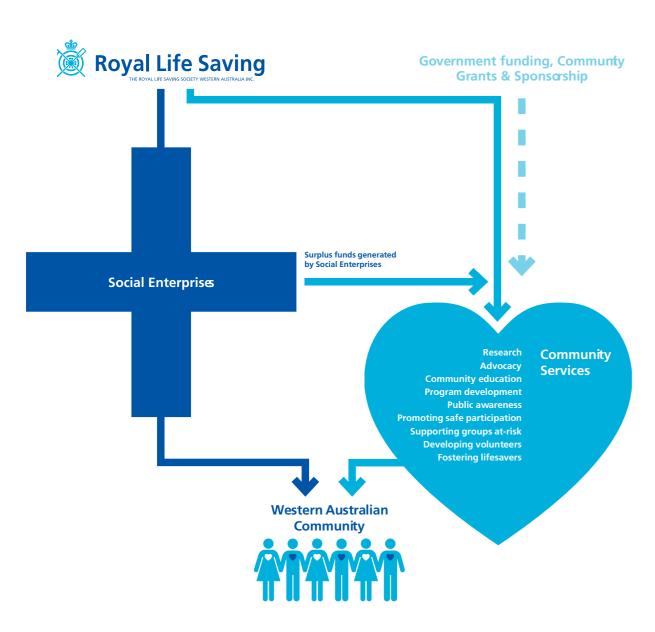
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# **Operating Model**



The Royal Life Saving Society WA derives income from:

- Government at all levels through both service agreements and grants
- Corporate sponsorship
- Fundraising
- Fee for service
- Collaboration and joint projects
- Surplus funds from social enterprise activities.

All income is used to:

- Develop and fund community services that require subsidy
- Invest in research, development and community consultation to inform new and existing service development
- Develop and maintain the high quality volunteers, staff and infrastructure required to deliver excellent services
- Provide for the future
- Invest in the ongoing development and maintenance of compatible social enterprises to increase the pool of independent funding available for community services that require subsidy

# Segment Report - Income and Expenditure

		COMMUNITY SERVICES	/ SERVICES						SOCIAL	SOCIAL ENTERPRISES					
	Parent Entity (AUD)	Research	Health Promotion	Swimming & Water Safety	Community Education	Remote Aboriginal Community Pools	Safe Venues	Community Relations	Vocational	nal Skilled ig Labour Hire	ire Fundraising	Marketing	Product Sales	l i o	Head Offic Operations
INCOME (\$)															
Sales	332,767												332,767		
Programs & Operations	8,552,608	136	55,204	109,423	23,735	813,929	266,465	161,454	1,986,298	298 471,315	5 1,157,743	3,249,459			257,447
Donations	140,328										140,328				
Subscriptions	582						582								
Investment Income	56,696								10,300	00					46,396
Sponsorship / Grants (Note 9)	1,182,323	116,727	512,491	272,342		40,000	97,491	23,000	110,272	10,000	0				
TOTAL INCOME	10,265,304	116,863	567,695	381,765	23,735	853,929	364,538	184,454	2,106,870	370 481,315	1,298,071	3,249,459	332,767		303,843
EXPENDITURE (\$)															
Cost of Sales	204,319												204,319		
Programs & Operations	9,307,882	140,382	717,355	406,932	106,780	836,144	370,158	240,255	1,979,257	257 460,214	4 792,339	3,172,883	85,183		
Depreciation	149,276	6,382	6,382	7,971	1,977	19,133	9,573	7,971	47,624	24 6,382		32,690	3,191		
Employee Costs	267,451														267,451
Provisions	(9,096)	(1,181)	(1,181)	(1,477)	(396)	(3,542)	(1,772)	(1,173)	(8,788)	(1,181)		21,079	(591)		(8,923)
Administration Costs	155,312														155,312

# Report of the Director's

The Directors present the financial report of The Royal Life Saving Society – Western Australia Inc (RLSSWA) and consolidated group for the year ended 30th June, 2012.

#### **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 been actively employed in the area of facility management for the last ten years. He is active in supporting the Society's indigenous water safety program and has provided significant input into the development of the Society's Community Health Business Plan.

#### Mrs Audrey Cahill (1998-Present)

Audrey has been involved with Royal Life Saving as both a volunteer and staff member for many years. She has a strong accounting background and provides professional advice for a variety of businesses. These skills have provided Royal Life Saving with the ability to develop sound accounting systems and practices during Audrey's time as a board member.

#### Mr Colin Hassell (1999–Present)

Has worked in both the UK and Australia for over 35 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 in training indigenous people as water safety and swimming instructors.

#### 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 Michael McDermott (2007–Present)

Has been a passionate and dedicated lifesaving member for many years. Michael has been a strong advocate for the Bronze medallion award and teaching lifesaving to Western Australian youth.

#### Mr David Cummins (2007–Present)

David has been involved with the aquatics industry for more than 30 years. He chaired the organising committee for the 1999 Pan Pacific Masters Swimming Championships, Aussi Masters National Championships, and several other National and State Championships. David was one of the instigators of the formation of Masters Swimming in WA.

#### Mr Alex McKenzie (resigned)

Alex McKenzie was appointed as Executive Director in 1991 during a period of crisis for RLSSWA. He has lead the organisation through a number of critical reforms and strategic changes. In concert with the new Strategic Plan (2012 - 2015) the RLSSWA Board of Directors instituted constitutional change and determined the Society would be better placed by having a non voting Chief Executive Officer.

#### **Principal Activities**

During the course of the year the principal activities of RLSSWA and consolidated group were to foster the promotion of drowning prevention and water safety through the teaching of swimming, lifesaving, first aid and resuscitation. Principal activities include:

- 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.
- Organisation of courses, classes, programs and lectures designed to increase understanding and education of key water safety issues.

#### **Significant Changes**

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

#### **Operating Result**

The consolidated profit after providing for income tax amounted to \$69,029.

#### **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 and consolidated group, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the entity in future financial years.

#### Meetings

During the financial year 9 meetings of directors were held. Attendance by each director were as follows:

Board of Directors meetings

Name	Number of meetings eligible to attend	Number of meetings attended
Ross Peters	9	9
Audrey Cahill	9	8
Colin Hassell	9	7
Jeff Fondacaro	9	6
David Cummins	9	6
Michael McDermott	9	5
Alex McKenzie	2	2

Signed on the 8th October, 2012 in accordance with a resolution of the Board by:

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President Director
Ross Peters Audrey Cahill

# **Declaration by the Directors**

The Directors have determined that the Society 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 accompanying Income and Expenditure Statement gives a true and fair view of the surplus or deficit of the Society and consolidated group for the financial year; and
  - (b) The accompanying Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society and consolidated group at the end of the financial year.
- 2. At the date of the statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Society will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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:

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President Ross Peters

Director Audrey Cahill

Dated 8th October, 2012

# Independent Auditor's Report

#### 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

8th October, 2012

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) and The Royal Life Saving Society - Western Australia Inc and Controlled Entity (the consolidated Group) for the year ended 30 June 2012, pages 35-43. These financial statements have been prepared on the basis set out in Note 1 to the financial statements.

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.

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.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly the financial position of The Royal Life Saving Society - Western Australia Inc (The Society) and The Royal Life Saving Society - Western Australia Inc and Controlled Entity (the consolidated Group) as at 30 June 2012 and the results of its operations for the year ended 30 June 2012 in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards.

NICK DEL POPOLO

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

REGISTERED COMPANY AUDITOR

Liability limited by a scheme approved under professional standards legislation.

# Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 30 June 2012

	Note	Conso 2012 \$	olidated Entity 2011	Pa 2012 \$	arent Entity 2011
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INCOME Sales Programs & Operations Donations Subscriptions Investment Income		332,767 8,578,772 140,328 582 32,359	479,151 7,984,504 91,895 390 (9,337)	332,767 8,552,608 140,328 582 56,696	520,500 7,910,265 91,895 390 18,384
Sponsorship / Grants	9	1,182,323	1,493,541	1,182,323	1,493,541
TOTAL INCOME		\$10,267,131	\$10,040,144	\$10,265,304	\$10,034,975
EXPENDITURE Cost of Sales Programs & Operations Depreciation Employee Costs Provisions Administration Costs		204,854 9,307,882 149,276 267,451 (9,096) 274,515	222,110 7,904,055 170,349 850,868 71,843 607,792	204,319 9,307,882 149,276 267,451 (9,096) 155,312	211,985 7,904,055 170,349 850,868 71,843 510,519
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		\$10,194,882	\$9,827,017	\$10,075,144	\$9,719,619
Net Surplus / (Deficit) before tax		72,249	213,127	190,160	315,356
less Income Tax expense		3,220	1,127	-	_
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) AFTER TAX		\$ 69,029	\$ 212,000	\$ 190,160	\$ 315,356

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

### Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2012

	Note	Consolid 2012 \$	dated Entity 2011 \$	2012 \$	rent Entity 2011
CURRENT ASSETS Cash Receivables Inventories Investments	2 3 & 5 4	733,659 638,486 107,507	255,399 675,175 93,968 182,267	691,988 884,980 105,153 10,477	182,806 877,902 85,736 192,744
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		\$ 1,479,652	\$ 1,206,809	\$ 1,692,598	\$ 1,339,188
NON CURRENT ASSETS Property Plant & Equipment TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS	6	2,735,095 \$ 2,735,095	2,843,130 \$ 2,843,130	2,699,264 \$ 2,699,264	2,794,073 \$ 2,794,073
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 4,214,747	\$ 4,049,939	\$ 4,391,862	\$ 4,133,261
CURRENT LIABILITIES Creditors & Borrowings Provisions  TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	7 8	348,450 532,750 \$ 881,200	227,725 588,934 \$ 816,659	345,513 532,750 \$ 878,263	222,017 587,807 \$ 809,824
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES Deferred Tax	7	4,362	-	-	-
TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		\$ 4,362	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 885,562	\$ 816,659	\$ 878,263	\$ 809,824
NET ASSETS		\$ 3,329,185	\$ 3,233,280	\$ 3,513,599	\$ 3,323,437
RETAINED FUNDS Accumulated Funds Surplus / (Deficit) for the year Asset Revaluation Reserve		2,363,363 69,029 896,793	2,124,487 212,000 896,793	2,426,646 190,160 896,793	2,111,288 315,356 896,793
TOTAL SOCIETY'S FUNDS		\$ 3,329,185	\$ 3,233,280	\$ 3,513,599	\$ 3,323,437

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

#### 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 1987* and RLSSWA's 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).

The controlled entity is subject to Singaporean Tax Law.

#### (b) Revenue Recognition

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 16 June, 2011.

#### (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.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

#### (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 Balance Sheet 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 Balance Sheet.

#### (I) Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

Contingent Liabilities and Assets are not recognised in the Balance Sheet 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) Principles of Consolidation

À controlled entity is any entity over which the Society has the power to govern the financial and operating policies so as to obtain benefits from its activities. In assessing the power to govern, the existence and effect of holdings of actual and potential voting rights are considered.

As at reporting date, the assets and liabilities of all controlled entities have been incorporated into the consolidated financial statements as well as their results for the year then ended and effect of holdings of actual and potential voting rights are considered. A list of controlled entities is contained in Note 12 to the financial statements. All inter group balances and transactions between entities in the consolidated group, including any unrealised profits or losses, have been eliminated on consolidation.

#### (n) Trophies

The Society 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 Society Balance Sheet.

#### Note 2: Cash

	Consolidated Entity		Parent Entity	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Petty cash	2,419	1,233	800	800
Cash at bank - Head Office	227,053	42,790	227,053	42,790
Cash at bank - Program	5,490	21,198	5,490	21,198
Cash at bank - Fundraising	93,782	31,716	93,782	31,716
Cash at bank - Bonus Account	364,863	86,302	364,863	86,302
Cash at bank - OCBC	40,052	72,160	-	-
	\$733,659	\$255,399	\$691,988	\$182,806

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

#### Note 3: Receivables

	Consolida	Consolidated Entity		Parent Entity	
	2012	<b>2011</b> \$	2012 \$	<b>2011</b> \$	
CURRENT Trade Debtors	459,606	538,607	457,516	497,593	
Provision for doubtful debts Security Deposit Inter Co Loan	(9,986) 56,617	(10,354) 53,639	(9,986) 55,870 249,541	(10,354) 52,902 244.704	
	\$506,237	\$675,175	\$752,941	\$877,902	

#### Note 4: Inventories

	Consolidat	Consolidated Entity		nt Entity
	<b>2012</b> \$	2011	2012 \$	2011
Stock on Hand at Cost	\$107,507	\$93,968	\$105,153	\$85,736

#### Note 5. Other Assets

	Consolidated Entity		Parent Entity	
	2012 \$	2011 \$	2012 \$	2011
Prepayments and other debtors	\$132,249	\$93,283	\$132,039	\$93,057

# Notes to the Financial Statements

#### Note 6: Property, Plant and Equipment

	Consolid 2012 \$	lated Entity 2011 \$	Par 2012 \$	rent Entity 2011 \$
Building and Improvements (at independent valuation Less Provision for Depreciation	2,630,704 (283,243)	2,631,743 (231,743)	2,630,704 (283,243)	2,631,743 231,743
	2,347,461	2,400,000	2,347,461	2,400,000
Plant and Equipment at cost - Head Office Less Provision for Depreciation	960,032 (608,229)	1,064,162 (670,089)	960,032 (608,229)	1,064,162 (670,089)
	351,803	394,073	351,803	394,073
Plant and Equipment at cost - Singapore Less Provision for Depreciation	52,414 (20,383)	40,465 (2,656)	- -	-
	32,031	37,809	-	-
Intellectual Property Less Provision for Depreciation	11,400 (7,600)	22,496 (11,248)	-	-
	3,800	11,248	-	-
	\$2,735,095	\$2,843,130	\$2,699,264	\$2,794,073

#### Note 7: Creditors and Borrowings

	Consolidated Entity		Parent Entity	
	2012	<b>2011</b> \$	<b>2012</b> \$	<b>2011</b> \$
CURRENT				
Income in advance	126,264	118,054	126,264	118,054
Creditors - Trade Creditors - Other	138,146 84,040	97,398 12,273	138,146 81,103	91,690 12,273
	\$348,450	\$227,725	\$345,513	\$222,017
NON CURRENT Deferred Tax	\$ 4.362	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Deferred Tax	\$ 4,362	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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#### Note 8: Provisions

	Consolidated Entity		Parent Entity	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
	\$	\$	\$	\$
CURRENT				
Annual Leave	262,880	283,343	262,880	283,343
Long Service Leave	194,023	182,959	194,023	182,959
Accrued Wages	75,847	121,505	75,847	121,505
Income Tax	-	1,127	-	-
	\$532,750	\$588,934	\$532,750	\$587,807

#### Note 9: Sponsorships / Grants

Grants received for operations or capital works purposes are included as income

	Consolidated Entity		Parent Entity	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Department of Sport & Recreation	247,500	245,000	247,500	245,000
Health Department of WA	_	121,253	_	121,253
WA Department of Training & Workforce Dev	2,900	18,300	2,900	18,300
Leisure Institute of WA	11,364	9,091	11,364	9,091
Dept. of Education, Employment & Workplace Relations	_	452,066	_	452,066
Healthway	70,000	25,000	70,000	25,000
Office of Crime Prevention	18,595	14,850	18,595	14,850
Department of Health	349,182	148,000	349,182	148,000
Lotterywest	-	29,000	-	29,000
Department of Commerce	-	20,000	-	20,000
Department for Communities WA	-	2,500	-	2,500
BHP Billiton Minerals Pty Ltd	332,941	330,021	332,941	330,021
City of Gosnells	1,460	1,460	1,460	1,460
Western Power	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
Water Corporation	30,000	37,000	30,000	37,000
Dept of Families, Housing, Community Services				
& Indigenous Affairs	37,400	-	37,400	-
The McCusker Foundation	18,181	-	18,181	-
AVP Commercial Pools	10,000	-	10,000	-
Spirit Paddle Sports	3,000	-	3,000	-
Shire of Collie	5,000	-	5,000	-
Heart Foundation - WA Division	4,800	-	4,800	-
	\$1,182,323	\$1,493,541	\$1,182,323	\$1,493,541

#### Note 10: Controlled Entities

Controlled entities consolidated

Country of Incorporation

Percentage Owned 2012

Subsidiary of RLSS –WA Inc.

Singapore

100%

Sports and Recreation Management (Singapore) Pte Ltd Incorporated 31 July 2008.

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