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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 DEDICATED WORK of Royal Life Saving Society Western Australia volunteers and staff over the last year has resulted in tens of thousands trained, and untold numbers of drownings prevented; either directly through rescue or indirectly through the acquisition of swimming and lifesaving skills and the development and promotion of safe swimming practices.

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 for leading efforts to help those affected by drownings.

The Royal Life Saving Bravery Awards were once again held in Government House Ballroom. Those who received the awards embody the characteristics that we would all hope to find in ourselves should the need arise. To rescue someone in distress exemplifies one of the finest qualities and explains why the Royal Life Saving Society has long prospered.

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

OUR FOUNDATION

Preventing drowning is the foundation of the Royal Life Saving Society. Last year in Western Australia, 38 people drowned and 112 were hospitalised following a non-fatal drowning incident; however, statistics can never truly describe the tragic impact that drowning has on families and friends and even one person drowning is still 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 REPORT

OUR PURPOSE

Preventing drowning is the foundation of the Royal Life Saving Society. In a modern context, our purpose is two-fold; firstly to empower our community to be safe when in or on the water and secondly to lead efforts to reduce the impact of drowning on those affected.

MEMBERSHIP

The Royal Life Saving Society WA Board has continually endeavoured to remain in touch with, and responsive to, the needs and aspirations of our Members and the broader Western Australian community. During 2015/16 a number of strategies were pursued to engage with, recognise and reward members who have made a significant contribution to the Society.

Highlights being the presentation of awards at the AGM, Bravery Awards and community functions. A Special General Meeting was held in May to update the Constitution including changes to comply with changes to the Associations Incorporation Act 2015.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

2015/16 saw the culmination of a major strategic planning review which has led to the adoption of a new Strategic Plan 2016-2020.

STRATEGIC OVERSIGHT

The Board maintained an active role in the sector and awareness of external influences. It focused on strategic priorities, organisational settings and risk oversight.

The Board met on 10 occasions during the year to receive financial and management reports, oversee CEO performance, compliance, exercise delegation of authority, review and approve organisational policies, sub-committee terms of reference and receive reports from these sub-committees.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Royal Life Saving sought to deliver a sound financial performance in 2015/16 with income exceeding \$11 million for the first time and \$84,203 of retained funds. Surplus funds from social enterprises activities were invested into our community services.

This year Royal Life Saving increased its investment in community services, rising from \$3.6 million in 2014/15 to \$3.9 million in 2015/16. Ongoing support from key partners and government has been secured giving us confidence in our ability to meet future opportunities and challenges. Our headquarters was re-valued in 2015/16 and reduced in value from \$2.1 million to \$1.5 million. A strategic asset management plan was developed to ensure the Society manages the depreciating value of this asset and the need for adequate reserves to sustain its operations.

On behalf of the Board of Directors.

ROSS PETERS
PRESIDENT

RLSSWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS, L-R:
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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The Royal Life Saving Society WA made substantial progress over the past twelve months. The facts, figures and case studies in this report highlight how our efforts have had a positive impact on individuals and the Western Australian community.

The children and communities who benefited from our Access and Equity programs are a great source of pride. Too many children miss out on Swim and Survive and we are pleased to directly contribute to a range of programs across Western Australia. Additionally, the work we have undertaken in remote Aboriginal communities has made a tangible contribution to improving physical activity, education and health outcomes.

Advances have been made with the Swimming Pool and Spa Association to eliminate toddler drowning. Western Australia has an effective system for maintaining pool barriers. Our greatest challenge is to equip every home pool owner with lifesaving and first aid skills.

Regional Western Australia faces a number of challenges in respect to drowning and we have responded by delivering 812 regional training programs engaging 4,100 participants. Substantial growth has also been achieved in the recruitment and retention of our Members. Diversity has been a major focus with the formation of an Inclusion Taskforce to fast track the engagement of culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) communities.

New investment in information technology has created a backbone for the deployment of programs, services, research reports, resources and tools amongst our state-wide network of 593 Community Trainers, 120 Endorsed Swim and Survive Schools and 39 Junior Lifeguard Clubs.

While prevention remains at the core of our activities, Royal Life Saving Society WA has strengthened its focus on providing support for families and friends impacted by drowning and assistance to victims of non-fatal drowning.

Water safety intersects with a range of agendas including physical activity, health, education and transport. Royal Life Saving Society WA greatly values the support of the Western Australian Government and private 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 in particular the Royal Life Saving Society WA Board of Directors for their ongoing guidance, stewardship and strategic direction.

PETER LEAVERSUCH

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



PRINCIPAL COMMUNITY PARTNER BHP BILLITON

BHP Billiton is proud to continue being the Principal Community Partner of the Royal Life Saving Society WA, working together to create a healthier future for all Western Australians.



195,615

WA CHILDREN PARTICIPATED IN THE SWIM AND SURVIVE PROGRAM

14,625
PILBARA CHILDREN PARTICIPATED IN THE SWIM AND SURVIVE PROGRAM



2,771

REMOTE ABORIGINAL CHILDREN PARTICIPATED IN THE SWIM AND SURVIVE PROGRAM

412

CHILDREN COMPLETED THE SWIM AND SURVIVE ACCESS AND EQUITY PROGRAM

52%

IMPROVEMENT IN SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY SKILLS

340

AT RISK CHILDREN ATTENDED WATER SAFETY INFORMATION SESSIONS

22%

IMPROVEMENT IN WATER SAFETY KNOWLEDGE

119

PARENTS COMPLETED A FIRST AID COURSE

25%

IMPROVEMENT IN AWARENESS OF WATER DANGERS



Working Together to Create a Healthier Future for Western Australia

A 10-YEAR REVIEW of drowning data in Western Australia revealed that children in regional and remote areas are five times more likely to drown than those in the Perth metro area. The Royal Life Saving Society WA and BHP Billiton have embarked on a new five year partnership to build on previous achievements and address these statistics by focusing attention on the provision of swimming and lifesaving programs for children in regional and remote areas, with a particular focus on the Pilbara region, and those at high-risk including CaLD and low socio-economic communities.

Drowning affects all communities and all regions at all locations in Western Australia. Together with BHP Billiton we are working towards ensuring that all children have access to ongoing swimming and water safety programs and that no-one in the community misses out on gaining these important lifesaving skills. The partnership now includes several water safety programs to achieve this outcome, including Swim and Survive, Infant Aquatics, Swim and Survive Access and Equity, Remote Aboriginal Swimming Pools and the Keep Watch toddler drowning prevention program.

There have been some significant achievements over the past financial year through the delivery of these programs and we look forward to seeing further improvement over the coming years. In addition, short interviews were conducted with the parents who had children attending swimming and water safety lessons as part of the Swim and Survive Access and Equity program to better understand the benefits of this program.

"This program has been very good for my family. I have two kids in this program. Before they didn't know how to swim but now they have at least learnt the basics to stay safe. There is water everywhere in Australia and it is very important that children have the basic skills to enjoy it safely."

- Participant's father

"I can see my daughter's skill and confidence improving each lesson and she is having so much fun"

- Participant's mother



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Principal Community Partner





ALL WESTERN AUSTRALIANS POSSESS WATER SAFETY, SWIMMING, SURVIVAL AND RESCUE SKILLS

In Western Australia we are blessed with many rivers, lakes and pools, water activity is a thriving part of our culture. For this reason it's vital for all of us to learn Swim and Survive skills.

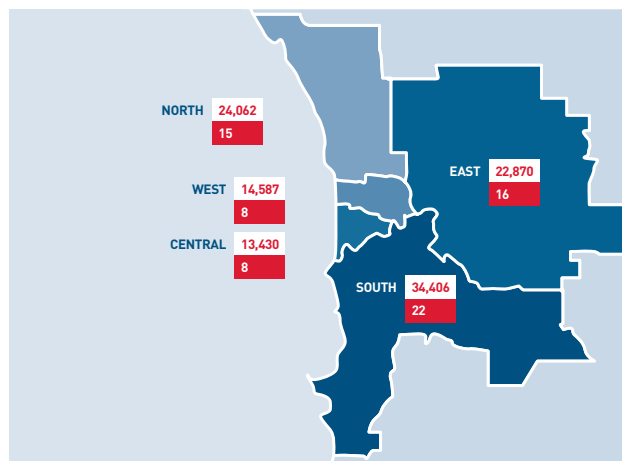
The challenge we face is to ensure each new generation acquires these lifesaving skills and that no one misses out. Currently, sectors of our community from diverse cultural backgrounds, disadvantaged circumstances and regional areas do not have this opportunity.

Teaching children personal survival skills and water safety is the most important investment the community can make to reduce drowning and it has proven to be effective with children now the least likely of all age groups to drown.

In the past year we've taken an all-encompassing approach to empowering the community. 195,615 children learnt swimming and water safety skills through our Swim and Survive program during 2015/16. We conducted research to further develop our Swim and Survive and Bronze Rescue programs, and we conducted pool lifesaving sporting events to retain participants. We've continued to train and support instructors throughout the state and supported a far-reaching network of 593 community trainers, 120 Endorsed Swim and Survive Schools and 39 Junior Lifeguard Clubs across Western Australia.

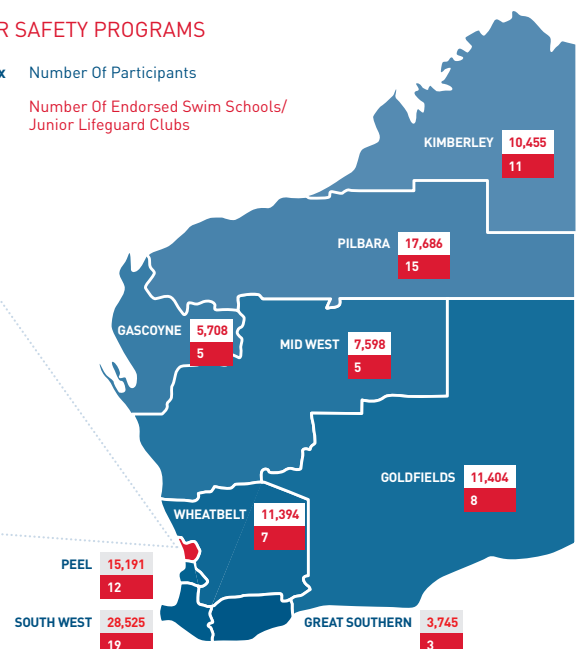
This strong, collaborative network of lifesavers is the backbone of the Society, working in their local communities, sharing knowledge and skills.

218,585 PARTICIPANTS ACROSS ALL RLSSWA SWIMMING, LIFESAVING AND WATER SAFETY PROGRAMS



White Box Number Of Participants

Red Box Number Of Endorsed Swim Schools/
Junior Lifeguard Clubs





AARON JACOBS

REMOTE ABORIGINAL SWIMMING POOL MANAGER, FITZROY CROSSING

AARON JACOBS AND HIS FAMILY have been involved in our Remote Aboriginal Swimming Pool project for the past seven years. Aaron says the journey began after a friend took up a position as a remote pool manager. "It sounded really interesting and a good opportunity to give something positive back to the community. So I completed my training and then a position came up in Jigalong."

Jigalong is a small aboriginal community in the Pilbara region. Despite the initial culture shock, Aaron and his family enjoyed their time there, especially seeing the impact the pool had on the local children.

After four years he was offered a position at the Fitzroy Crossing pool and his family made the move to this much bigger town. Aaron was innovative, tackling some youth issues by opening up the pool for midnight swimming sessions.

"There were a lot of adolescents engaging in anti-social behaviour. So on the weekends I started doing sessions from midnight to about 3am and it brought a lot of teenagers down to the pool. It was just a good environment to be in, with someone there to supervise and act as a good mentor."

For Aaron there have been many highlights, with the Swim for Fruit program standing out the most.

"Swim for Fruit started off in Jigalong and as soon as some of the kids started getting involved and winning prizes it drew a lot of people in. It became a real competition and eventually I couldn't keep up with it; I had to get my wife Waiane to supervise and count the laps because so many children wanted to participate."

Aaron's hope is that the Remote Aboriginal Swimming Pool program continues to expand "Kids who have access to the water can swim from an early age, but for those who don't there are floods out there, and there's a danger of drowning. Water education and swimming lessons are vital to help prevent that."

ABOVE: Aaron Jacobs at Fitzroy Crossing pool (image courtesy of ABC Kimberley, Ben Collins).



SUPPORTING VULNERABLE AND AT-RISK COMMUNITIES

Culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) communities are over represented in drowning statistics, and many new arrivals to Western Australia have poor or non-existent swimming and water safety skills. Last year 24.3% of drowning deaths recorded in our state involved people who were born overseas. Of these, two thirds were from non-English speaking backgrounds.

Royal Life Saving Society WA is committed to addressing this concerning trend by providing strong leadership and collaborating with government and non-government organisations. This year we placed a strong focus on fast tracking engagement with Vietnamese, Chinese, Indian and African communities.

A taskforce was established in order to gather the collective knowledge of local agencies including Chung Wah, the Indian Society, settlement agencies, ISHAR, Communicare and the Office of Multicultural Interests to better understand the barriers, cultural understandings and adaptations needed for successful change in these communities.

In 2015/16 we conducted 49 programs targeting CaLD communities. We also provided 'Women's Only' swimming programs and delivered water safety presentations. These programs reached 1,676 participants; however ongoing commitment and strong resolve is needed if we are to reduce drowning in these communities.



746

**CHILDREN PARTICIPATED
IN THE SWIM AND
SURVIVE ACCESS AND
EQUITY PROGRAM**

321

**WOMEN ATTENDED
WOMEN'S ONLY
SWIMMING LESSONS**



134

**ADULTS LEARNT
BASIC FIRST AID**



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COMMUNITY SWIM AND SURVIVE

MIRRABOOKA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL POOL

DURING TERM ONE, 2016 a group of 104 children, aged 5 to 17, from 17 different cultural groups learnt to Swim and Survive—many for the very first time! They participated in swimming lessons every Saturday morning at Mirrabooka Senior High School pool.

The Mirrabooka Community Swim and Survive program was established to target an identified high CaLD population within that suburb, where 56.5% of residents identify as CaLD. The most common countries of birth for these residents are Vietnam, Burma, Iraq, Sudan, and Macedonia.

Children from CaLD backgrounds often miss out on participating in vital Swim and Survive lessons for many reasons, including financial hardship and a general lack of awareness about water safety. In Australia, where we have vast inland waterways and ready access to swimming pools, this can be deadly.

The program aimed to break down some of the key barriers to participation as it was low-cost and encouraged families to take part.

The development of a strong partnership between Mirrabooka Senior High School and Royal Life Saving Society WA not only provided benefit to the CaLD community, but also the broader school community which now incorporates pool lifesaving activities as part of the school swim club.

For Mirrabooka’s Head of Physical Education Mark Thompson, student safety is the priority.

“We’re blessed to have a pool here at the school, but there are 58 different nationalities which brings its own set of challenges. For a lot of our students water familiarity is something they need to develop so that they can remain safe. It’s great to have Royal Life on board and we look forward to a continued relationship.”

The Swim and Survive Access and Equity program is proudly supported by Principal Community Partner BHP Billiton, the Office of Multicultural Interests and the WA Department of Sport and Recreation.





TRAINED LIFESAVERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS IN EVERY COMMUNITY

Western Australia has a dynamic community that continues to grow year on year. State Government predictions indicate our population will increase by about 250,000 people over the next five years. In such a rapidly-growing community it is vital to ensure that we are constantly training lifesaving people in all parts of our state to ensure there are first responders available at every emergency scene.

Royal Life Saving Society WA firmly believes that "Everyone Can Be a Lifesaver" and we've worked hard to make this a reality. 25,029 people undertook a lifesaving program during 2015/16.

In total 10,549 completed a Bronze level water rescue program, 14,531 a first aid program and 4,890 a resuscitation program, with some participants completing more than one program.

Importantly, to ensure all Western Australians receive this vital education, we conducted 812 regional training programs engaging 4,100 participants in locations from remote Kimberley communities through to the Great Southern coast.

25,029

PEOPLE PARTICIPATED
IN LIFESAVING TRAINING
PROGRAMS



10,549

PEOPLE PARTICIPATED
IN BRONZE RESCUE
PROGRAMS

7,822

YOUTH (16-25)
PARTICIPATED IN
TRAINING PROGRAMS



4,890

PEOPLE LEARNT
BASIC FIRST AID



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JUNIOR LIFEGUARD CLUB

BALLAJURA AQUATIC CENTRE

ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY WA'S Junior Lifeguard Clubs (JLC) are designed to extend children's love of swimming while they learn vital rescue and CPR skills.

Ballajura Aquatic Centre's JLC grew from 10 participants in 2008 to over 100 in 2016. Instructor Margaret Pindard promotes the program in the local community, as she recognises its value. "It's a great program for kids who don't want to do squad training but love to swim. It also encourages mentoring, with older participants helping younger ones to learn the skills."

Two Ballajura JLC members have gone on to become qualified lifeguards at the centre; 17 year old Jessica Colligan and 19 year old Kellie Burns. Kellie started swimming at just three months old, completing Infant Aquatics classes with her mum, while Jess started at age four. Both were excellent swimmers and progressed through their stages quickly.

Jess says by the time she was 11 she found regular lessons boring so she started attending JLC. "I'd completed all the levels I could so it was more fun and challenging than just learning how to swim because it included CPR and rescue techniques."

Kellie's experience was similar. "When I was 12 I'd already completed my Bronze Star so Mum enrolled me in JLC. I was still learning, but it was a fun alternative where you interact with your classmates and work as a team."

For Jess and Kellie the fun of JLC has now become paid employment, with both girls gaining Pool Lifeguard qualifications.

Jess says JLC initiated her desire to become a Lifeguard. "I decided to do the course because I already had the background skills that I needed and thought it would be a great job. It's made me far more aware of the potential dangers in the way people behave around the pool. It's a great job and I really enjoy it."

Ballajura Aquatic Centre Coordinator Jeff Strong says Jess and Kellie's involvement in JLC has had a positive impact on their work as Lifeguards.

"As part of JLC they learn team work, leadership emergency response, basic first aid, defibrillation and spinal board training. They also use initiative and work under pressure. These skills are vital to Lifeguards."

BELOW: Ballajura Aquatic Centre Lifeguards Jessica Colligan and Kellie Burns





ELIMINATING TODDLER DROWNING

Drowning remains the leading cause of preventable death in children under the age of five in Western Australia. A 10-year review of drowning data shows 40 children under five lost their life as a result of drowning between 2003-2013—the highest rate of any age group in the state. Over the decade there was a 22% decrease in deaths but a 40% increase in drowning-related hospitalisations. 326 children were admitted to hospital following a non-fatal drowning incident and the hospitalisation rate among children aged 0-4 was more than seven times greater than any other age group.

Water around the home continues to pose the greatest risk to children, with 90% of fatal drownings occurring in the home environment.

Home pools accounted for 40% of drowning deaths, with baths the second most common location. Other common drowning locations included fishponds, paddling pools and farm dams.

Royal Life Saving Society WA is determined to address this crucial issue by further strengthening public awareness and community support of our Keep Watch program, while also boosting participation in our Infant Aquatics water familiarisation classes. A major factor in reducing drowning deaths is to ensure all parents are equipped with CPR skills so they can respond in an emergency situation. During 2015/16, 4,890 parents and carers participated in Heart Beat Club basic first aid training sessions.



20,599
CHILDREN PARTICIPATED IN THE INFANT AQUATICS PROGRAM

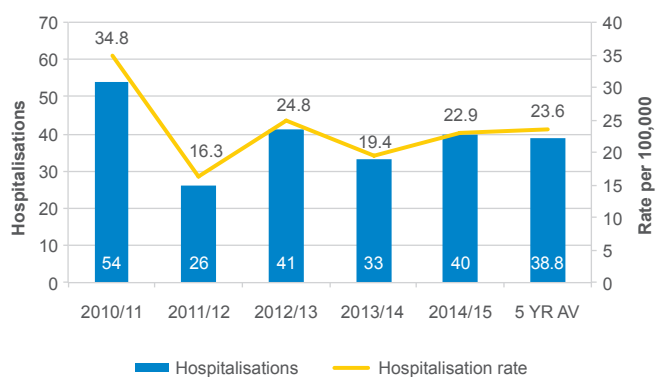


6,230
HOME POOL BARRIER ASSESSMENTS



2,850
PARENTS AND CHILDREN ATTENDED FREE WORKSHOPS

TODDLER (AGED 0-4) DROWNING HOSPITALISATIONS IN WA OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS



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EMMA BARBARO
KEEP WATCH AMBASSADOR

EMMA BARBARO KNOWS all too well that CPR skills really do save lives.

In December 2012 Emma was visiting her cousin's house with her three children, her newborn, ten-year-old son and Mia, nearly six. Emma and her cousin sat by the pool watching the kids swim. Emma says Mia had been walking around the safety ledge when she slipped. "I took my eyes off the pool for a minute or two, at most, to make a bottle for the little one and in those moments Mia had slipped to the bottom. My son and his cousin dived down and pulled her out and he was yelling for me."

It's a moment Emma will never forget. "Mia was lifeless, not moving at all, and her mouth was purple. Time felt like it stood still at that point. I ran over to grab Mia and it was a very trying few moments of trying to pull myself together and think about what I was going to do."

Fortunately, Emma had completed CPR training about 15 years earlier; "I put her down on the pavement and started CPR, I could only sort of remember what to do and wasn't sure if I was doing it right, but I knew I had to give it a really good shot. The knowledge that I did have was enough to get her to breathe."

Paramedics took Mia to hospital where she made a full recovery but things could have been very different if it wasn't for Emma's CPR skills.

Emma's message is simple;

"Everyone should know CPR. It's a life skill that everybody needs, but parents especially. Things happen so quickly; without that knowledge we could lose our children in the blink of an eye. We're all very busy but you need to make time to learn."

Since the incident Emma has been an Ambassador for the Keep Watch program. "I just wanted to help make the community aware that this sort of thing can happen, and did happen to us! I was right there, so I don't think there was much I could have done differently but you still feel that you've failed your child in that moment. Royal Life Saving has been wonderful for me in healing and also helping others as well."

ABOVE: Emma and Mia.



SAFER POOLS, RIVERS, LAKES AND DAMS

With an abundance of pools, rivers, lakes and dams available for us to enjoy in Western Australia, the safety of these areas is vital for the community.

During 2015/16 Royal Life Saving Society WA continued to work in partnership with public aquatic centres throughout the state, to ensure they provide the safest possible experience for the 10 million plus patrons who visited throughout the year. Our Safety Services team completed 42 safety audits at aquatic centres statewide, with 15 in the metropolitan area and 27 in regional areas as far north as Wyndham and Kununurra and down to Margaret River in the south west. The average safety score rating was 95%, which represents a 17.3% improvement since 2001/02.

This year we have trained and developed an outstanding workforce of 4,257 lifeguards, pool operators and instructors.

More than 6,000 home pools were assessed across seven different metropolitan councils. With home pools accounting for almost a quarter of all drowning deaths in Western Australia during 2015/16, these pool safety barrier assessments are crucial to ensuring the safety of households with a swimming pool.

13 risk assessments were also conducted on inland waterways, mostly within new metropolitan housing development areas, where man-made lakes are a popular feature used to beautify these estates. An aquatic risk assessment was also completed at the river outlet in front of the new Perth Stadium, ahead of its planned completion in 2018.

Royal Life Saving Society WA also conducted safety audits at six school pools.



3,860
POOL LIFEGUARDS AND
SWIM INSTRUCTORS
TRAINED OR REQUALIFIED

113
WATCH AROUND
WATER CENTRES



397
POOL OPERATORS
ACCREDITED



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CENTRE'S PERFECT SCORE

CRAIGIE LEISURE CENTRE

CRAIGIE LEISURE CENTRE is one of Western Australia's 129 Group One public swimming facilities, and this year became one of only four across our state to ever achieve a perfect safety score rating of 100%.

Safety audits have been conducted at Western Australia's aquatic facilities over the past 15 years through a partnership between the Local Government Insurance Services and Royal Life Saving Society WA. The aim is to improve the facilities' safety standards, which in turn improves the experience and safety of patrons and staff, ultimately reducing the risk of incidents or injury.

Craigie's Aquatic Supervisor Iain Jenner says the 100% score is a proud achievement;

"For us, safety is the core of the job. When I came into this position five years ago we were already at 96%, and you have to find a balance between what is fun for patrons versus being at the top end of safety. To get 100% means the team is working together and really does care about safety, but we need to ensure this message is consistent. Overall we want parents to know that their child is safe here when the parent is also there supervising them."

The safety audits cover areas of management, design and operations based on the Guidelines for Safe Pool Operations, Australian Standards and state legislation. This includes administration, chemical safety, water treatment, first aid, technical operations, facility design, water features, general supervision and learn to swim programs.

Royal Life Saving Pool Inspector Eddie Gibbs has conducted several audits at Craigie and says the centre has worked hard towards the score; "Craigie has had regular safety audits, averaging one every two years, so it's not surprising the facility has achieved scores higher than 96% in every audit since 2008. Across the industry frequency of assessments has a big impact on ratings. When there is one to two years between assessments the average rating is 95%. When there is six to seven years between assessments the average is only 86.9%."

Royal Life Saving has collaborated with Craigie for more than a decade, not only through safety audits, but also in providing training and professional development for the centre's pool lifeguards, and first aid and CPR training for staff. The centre is also involved in providing training in Bronze Medallion and CPR, helping develop lifesaving people within the community.

BELOW: RLSSWA's Eddie Gibbs with Craigie Leisure Centre's Iain Jenner at the centre.





SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS AND FAMILIES IMPACTED BY A DROWNING INCIDENT

Drowning continues to be a significant risk to the Western Australian community. Last year 38 people drowned and 112 were hospitalised following a non-fatal drowning incident; however, statistics can never truly describe the tragic impact that drowning has on families and friends.

In addition to driving action in drowning prevention we continued to invest in our Community Help Grants initiative, which provides practical financial support to families of children who have survived a drowning incident.

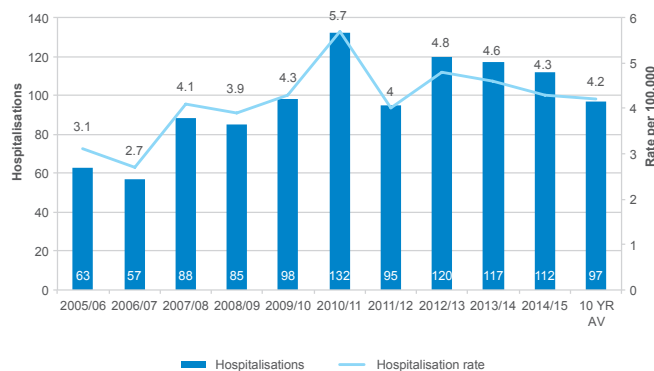
Last year we provided grants to two families whose toddlers fell into backyard swimming pools and suffered severe hypoxic brain injuries. Both of these children require around the clock medical care and these incidents have placed an immense physical and emotional burden on their families. In one instance we were able to assist by providing funding for cognitive therapy, an iPad to continue therapy at home, practical needs such as nappies, and swimming lessons for siblings. In the other instance we provided funding for a nanny for the child's siblings to enable his parents to spend time with him at the hospital during his recovery.

We also assisted two Perth families whose children fatally drowned, by donating to appeals that had been set up to assist them financially through these tragic events. Additionally, we offered peer support counselling services to the families.

To help prevent these tragic incidents from occurring our Swim and Survive fund has been established to ensure all children in Western Australia have an opportunity to learn to Swim and Survive. During 2015/16 we've conducted programs at Mirrabooka Senior High School, Gin Gin, Mount Magnet and the Geraldton Flexible Learning Centre providing Swim and Survive lessons for children from different backgrounds, including aboriginal and CaLD children, and those with special needs who would otherwise have missed out.

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.

HOSPITALISATIONS FOLLOWING A NON-FATAL DROWNING IN WA OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS



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NEHANA PORTER

SWIM AND SURVIVE GRANT RECIPIENT

ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY WA believes all children living in Australia have the right to access swimming and water safety education. With our beautiful climate and ready access to water for recreation it's vital that children have basic swimming and water safety skills.

The Royal Life Saving Swim and Survive Fund aims to provide free or subsidised swimming and water safety lessons for children who would otherwise miss out due to social or economic disadvantage, cultural barriers or lack of access.

One young boy who benefited from this program this year is four year old Nehana Porter. Nehana is a little boy who faces a plethora of challenges in daily life. He has autism, hypotonia (low muscle tone), Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (connective tissue disorder), anxiety, speech development delay, thermoregulatory dysfunction (can't control his temperature), and sensory processing disorder. With all of this in play it is very difficult, if not impossible, for Nehana to attend regular swimming lessons with other children.

We were able to assist Nehana and his family by providing one-on-one swimming lessons during the first half of 2016 at Wanneroo Aquamotion to enable him to learn vital swimming and water safety skills. We also provided fuel vouchers to assist his family in taking him to attend these lessons.

For Nehana, term one was a real challenge, as the water created some discomfort for him that he was unable to verbally express. It was during this term that he was diagnosed with Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, which helped his family to understand his unexpected reaction to the swimming lessons.

Nehana's mum Angelique explains "While the water soothes his autism, it agitates his muscles and causes pain. The team at Aquamotion Wanneroo were very patient with Nehana, and made some adjustments to allow him to enjoy the lessons a lot more."

"We really appreciate the two terms of swimming lessons and we're so thankful to everyone at the Royal Life Saving Society WA."

BELOW: Nehana Porter learns to Swim and Survive with Wanneroo Aquamotion Instructor Shannon.





INCREASED PUBLIC AWARENESS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR OUR PURPOSE

Royal Life Saving Society WA is active in the Western Australian community promoting the importance of first aid and water safety education. During 2015/16 we provided workshops for 5,146 parents, carers and children, provided staff and volunteers to more than 400 events attended by over 1 million members of the Western Australian community, more than doubled our social media following and received strong media exposure for our programs through media articles and our annual Keep Watch television campaign.

In January 2016 we also launched a brand new website, making it easier for people to access vital water safety and drowning prevention programs and information. The new site is more focused on providing easy to access interactive content including videos, how-to information, news and interviews about our drowning prevention programs and strategies.

It has resulted in a significant increase in engagement across the community, and has had almost 300,000 page views since the site was launched.

During 2015/16 we've also been working hard to develop our relationships within CaLD communities throughout the state, in order to address statistics that show almost a quarter of all drowning deaths recorded in Western Australia involved people from these communities.

Our Multicultural Steering Committee meets twice a year to discuss and implement strategies to ensure multicultural communities have access to suitable, culturally appropriate swimming and water safety programs and resources. The committee has added a new member this year, William Chi, Vice-President of Chung Wah Association to represent Western Australia's Chinese community.

435,233

**SWIMMING AND WATER
SAFETY RESOURCES
HANDED OUT**

5,146

PARTICIPANTS AT FREE
WORKSHOPS, EDUCATION
AND INFORMATION SESSIONS

1,499

TELEVISION
ADVERTISING SPOTS

255

RADIO ADVERTISEMENTS

140

PRINT ADVERTISEMENTS

CHUNG WAH ASSOCIATION

MULTICULTURAL STEERING COMMITTEE

FOR BORN AND RAISED AUSTRALIANS, it's easy to take our vast waterways, pools and love of water activities for granted. In fact, most of those who've grown up in Western Australia have received swimming lessons as part of the school curriculum.

But for many of the more than 680,000 migrants living in our state swimming and water safety education is something that isn't prevalent in their country of birth, and sadly this is reflected in drowning statistics. For this reason Royal Life Saving Society WA's Multicultural Steering Committee was established to ensure all Western Australians, no matter where they have migrated from, learn vital swimming and water safety skills.

Recently, Western Australia's leading Chinese association, Chung Wah, has taken a role on the committee, with Vice President William Chi a regular attendee at committee meetings. William says water safety is a major issue in his community.

"A lot of Chinese people don't have much experience with water safety. Many never had any chance to swim in the homeland because there is no such facility. This is the reason water safety is a big issue when they come to Australia because we're surrounded by sea, lakes and so many places with water and they don't know how to swim."

The first Chinese came to Western Australia in 1836, and there are now about 140,000 ethnic Chinese living in the state, from a range of countries—not just China, but Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, the Philippines, and Hong Kong.

Dr Yow Yit Seng sits on the Chung Wah Council of Elders and says "Those second generation migrants who are born in Australia have no problem because they learn about water safety through school. The main issue lies with the first generation because they have come from their homeland where there isn't such a concept of water safety and there are cultural and language barriers, too."

William Chi is determined to spread the water safety message across his community;

"You are the first society to help us to build the knowledge to help our people. We are going to help our members to know how to be water safe. Over our life we have multiple thousands of minutes, but under water you just have one and you will be gone. So that's the very important message we need to get to our people."

BELOW: L-R Catherine Kuang (Chung Wah), Trent Hotchkin (RLSSWA), Dr Yow Yit Seng, William Chi (both from Chung Wah) and Jen Mickle (RLSSWA) at RLSSWA's head office in Mt Claremont.





WESTERN POWER ROYAL LIFE SAVING BRAVERY AWARDS

Each year Royal Life Saving Society WA recognises outstanding acts of bravery at the Western Power 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 acknowledge people in our community who have taken extraordinary actions to save another person's life. In 2015/16, 21 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: 2015 Western Power Royal Life Saving Bravery Award winners at Government House.

GOLD CROSS

Murray Dillon
Sheldon McFarlane

GOLD MEDALLION

Gavin Bunbury
Kristian Hawkless
Dr Jane McCulloch
Samantha Russell
Bella Gilliland
Miranda McKee
James Forshaw
Jodie Millroy
Daniela Goncalves

Simon Yuto
Mary Butler
Alec Kickett
Pablo Caceres
Alexander Kovalenko
Corey Hollow
Les Bellman
David Hain
Amy Giltrow

GOLD STAR

Paul O'Connor



Royal Life Saving
THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY - WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INC.





BELLA GILLILAND

GOLD MEDALLION WINNER

A FRIDAY AFTERNOON in July 2015 started out normally for nine year old Bella Gilliland and her younger brothers, five-year-old Duke and 18-month-old Jobe. The older children were playing outside while Jobe was indoors helping his mum Danielle vacuum the house.

Danielle says "I suddenly realised Jobe wasn't with me anymore so I checked around to see where he was and saw the back door was open. Then I noticed a little chair up against the pool gate and everything was slow motion from there."

Jobe had made his way into the pool area and fallen in the chilly water. Bella was on the trampoline at the time and says "I noticed something was in the pool and then I thought, 'Oh, that's Jobe, why is he in there?' I ran straight in and got him out."

For Danielle it's a moment that is etched in her mind. "I just remember Bella yelling 'Jobe's in the pool!'" Back then she was a very anxious, nervous kid and if anyone got hurt she'd run to me, but in this case she just ran straight in there to get him out. I grabbed him from her, he was conscious but foaming at the mouth so I reckon in seconds, if she would have run inside to get me, it could have been a different story."

Jobe had hypothermia but after treatment from paramedics and a short stay in hospital he made a full recovery. Danielle says "I'm really conscious that in our case we were so lucky, and the outcome could easily have been immensely different. My heart goes out to families who weren't as lucky."

Bella was awarded a Gold Medallion at the 2015 Western Power Royal Life Saving Bravery Awards for rescuing her brother and she says that was a very special moment. "I was a bit scared and nervous but I felt very proud of myself, and I'm just really happy that Jobe is ok."

Danielle says if one message can come out of her family's experience it's about vigilance.

"It doesn't matter what time of year it is—this happened in mid-winter—you just need to be so careful and teach your kids about what can happen around water, especially if they have younger siblings. Just two seconds of turning your back is all it takes!"

ABOVE: L-R, Luke, Bella, Danielle and Jobe Gilliland.

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, while promoting safe enjoyment of the wonderful aquatic activities and lifestyle we have here in Western Australia.

During 2015/16, 25 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

Loris Harding – Taste Bud Tours
The Swim School WA

ASSOCIATE AWARD

Sally Bower

LONG SERVICE ORDER

Josh Koontz

SERVICE ORDER

Matthew Merritt
Eleanor Lee
Mark Nelli
Jacqui Forbes
Jodi Tholon
Mel Warren
Krisna Wardana

CERTIFICATE OF THANKS

Kallan Lewis
Jenny Van Aslst
APPCO Group
Bayswater Waves
Michael Wrenn
Sharlyn Rahman
Matthew Haslam
Veera Haslam
Maddie Brown
Lachlan Harcourt
Joe Salt
Maddie Turtle

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Tyler Hill
Josh Pickett

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
C Barnett
Alex McKenzie
Greg Tate
Ian Brown
Peter Leaversuch
Jacqui Lamb
Colin Hassell



BRYCE STEELE
WA HONOURS AND AWARDS
COMMITTEE MEMBER

THE SWIMMING POOL and Spa Association of WA (SPASA WA) aims to ensure our state's pools and spas are installed and maintained to the highest standards and for Western Australians to enjoy them in the safest possible manner.

SPASA WA State Manager Bryce Steele recognises that an important part of that aim is his organisation's partnership with Royal Life Saving Society WA, and over the past two and a half years has collaborated with us towards a common goal. "We want people to enjoy and be safe around water and swimming pools, so it's important that we work together to not only promote swimming but also promote it safely. We don't want a stigma around swimming pools because they can be a great environment for people to connect and enjoy time together as families."

"One of the first things we did is enclose information about Royal Life Saving and their first aid and CPR classes when we send a letter of congratulations to a new pool purchaser. We've also built a better presence within our pool shop members, having a display box on the counter explaining how SPASA WA and Royal Life Saving work together for home pool safety, developing the home pool safety checklist."

Bryce has taken on a volunteer role as a member of our Honours and Awards Committee. One of the committee's roles is to assess applications for Royal Life Saving's Community Help Grants. The grants provide financial assistance to families with a child affected by a non-fatal drowning incident.

Bryce says the role is one that has been an eye opener; "Interesting, challenging, emotional, and having a family myself it's hard to imagine what it would be like to be put in the position of these families. I've seen the impact it has on them and their children's lives and that's what the Help Grants are about—to help them and make a difference."

Looking towards the future Bryce says his hope is to see our state free from the tragedy of drowning.

"Swimming is a part of the Western Australian way of life and we'd like to see a future where people can enjoy that safely, with zero drownings! So getting the education and understanding out there about water safety is something we want to see happen and be able to assist with."

Financial Report





THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC

ABN 28 083 676 266
FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2016

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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, 2016.

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 Western Australia 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 DAVID CUMMINS (2007–PRESENT)

During a 40 year involvement in the aquatics industry David has served as President of Masters Swimming WA from 1987 – 1992 and been a member of Masters Swimming Australia's Board for 20 years. He served as Chairman of the 1999 Pan Pacific Masters Swimming Championship and has also chaired many State, National and Masters Games Championships.

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 JAMES SHERIDAN (OCTOBER 2015–PRESENT)

James is the Manager, Organisational Risk Services at Jardine Lloyd Thompson Australia; Echelon Australia and LGIS. James has specific skills in relation to risk management, leadership, organisational culture as well a general background in aquatic recreation and aquatic facility management.

MRS CAROL HARPER (OCTOBER 2015–PRESENT)

Carol is the Manager at Pool Spa Outdoor and Pool Spa Outdoor Expo. Carol has extensive knowledge and networks in relation to outdoor living in Western Australia 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 amounted to \$84,203.

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	8
Jeff Fondacaro	10	8
David Cummins	10	7
Mark Gubanyi	10	9
James Sheridan	7	6
Carol Harper	7	4

Signed on the 29th September, 2016 in accordance with a resolution of the Board by:



PRESIDENT
ROSS PETERS



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 accompanying Income and Expenditure Statement gives a true and fair view of the surplus or deficit of RLSSWA for the financial year; and
(b) 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 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:



PRESIDENT
ROSS PETERS



DIRECTOR
DAVID CUMMINS

Dated 29th September, 2016

AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC

NICK DEL POPOLO
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT
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NORTH PERTH WA 6006
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29th September, 2016

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 2016, pages 28-34. 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 material 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 its financial position and the results of its 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 2016 and the results of its operations for the year ended 30 June 2016 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 & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2016

	2016	2015
INCOME		
Sales	583,564	351,189
Programs & Operations	8,605,893	8,644,905
Donations	267,803	197,576
Investment Income	65,873	60,381
Sponsorship / Grants (Note 9)	1,517,349	1,534,312
TOTAL INCOME	\$11,040,482	\$10,788,363
EXPENDITURE		
Cost of Sales	429,450	279,808
Programs & Operations	9,048,454	9,660,294
Depreciation	231,619	142,517
Employee Costs	304,967	398,625
Provisions	96,016	121,104
Administration Costs	845,773	109,754
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$10,956,279	\$10,712,102
Net Surplus / (Deficit) before tax	84,203	76,261
less Income Tax expense / (credit)	-	-
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) AFTER TAX	\$ 84,203	\$ 76,261
APPROPRIATIONS		
TRANSFER TO ACCUMULATED FUNDS	643,042	76,261
TRANSFER TO ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	(558,839)	-
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) AFTER TAX	\$ 84,203	\$ 76,261

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
 AS AT 30TH JUNE 2016

	Note	2016	2015
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash	2	2,322,507	1,756,384
Receivables	3 & 5	1,431,105	604,831
Inventories	4	177,700	196,405
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		\$ 3,931,312	\$ 2,557,620
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property Plant & Equipment	6	2,154,987	2,606,404
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		\$ 2,154,987	\$ 2,606,404
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 6,086,299	\$ 5,164,024
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors & Borrowings	7	1,460,406	718,695
Provisions	8	740,519	644,158
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		\$ 2,200,925	\$ 1,362,853
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 2,200,925	\$ 1,362,853
NET ASSETS		\$ 3,885,374	\$ 3,801,171
RETAINED FUNDS			
Accumulated Funds		2,904,378	2,828,117
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		643,042	76,261
Asset Revaluation Reserve	10	337,954	896,793
TOTAL FUNDS		\$ 3,885,374	\$ 3,801,171

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2016

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 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.

	2016	2015
NOTE 2. CASH		
Petty cash	800	800
Cash at bank - Head Office	2,119,231	1,702,675
Cash at bank - Program	-	562
Cash at bank - Fundraising	-	4,137
Cash at bank - Bonus Account	-	2,537
Cash at bank - CBA	202,476	45,673
	\$2,322,507	\$ 1,756,384
NOTE 3. RECEIVABLES		
CURRENT		
Trade Debtors	1,059,437	485,053
Provision for doubtful debts	(26,395)	(12,057)
Security Deposit	53,328	31,150
	\$ 1,086,370	\$ 504,146
NOTE 4. INVENTORIES		
Stock on Hand at Cost	\$ 177,700	\$ 196,405
NOTE 5. OTHER ASSETS		
Prepayments and other debtors	\$ 344,735	\$ 100,685

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED

	2016	2015
NOTE 6. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Building and Improvements (at independent valuation - 31 December 2015)	1,569,265	2,621,215
Less Provision for Depreciation	(6,796)	(448,879)
	1,562,469	2,172,336
Plant and Equipment at cost - Head Office	1,145,469	860,617
Less Provision for Depreciation	(552,951)	(426,549)
	592,518	434,068
	\$2,154,987	\$2,606,404
NOTE 7. CREDITORS AND BORROWINGS		
CURRENT		
Income in advance	1,161,597	401,814
Creditors - Trade	141,738	182,507
Creditors - Other	157,071	134,374
	\$ 1,460,406	\$718,695
NOTE 8. PROVISIONS		
CURRENT		
Annual Leave	256,431	246,569
Long Service Leave	361,982	275,827
Accrued Wages	122,106	121,762
	\$ 740,519	\$ 644,158
NOTE 9. SPONSORSHIP / GRANTS		
Grants received for operations or capital works purposes are included as income		
Department of Sport & Recreation	277,335	225,000
Health Department of WA	453,695	456,793
Leisure Institute of WA	18,182	40,908
Healthway	71,500	64,000
Office of Crime Prevention	35,000	28,856
BHP Billiton Minerals Pty Ltd	475,000	543,211
Western Power	60,000	70,000
Commercial Aquatics Australia	15,000	15,000
Royal Life Saving Society National	72,547	65,543
Office of Multi Cultural Interests	30,000	15,000
National Australia Bank Community Grant	9,090	10,000
	\$1,517,349	\$1,534,312
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		
Balance B/Fwd	896,793	896,793
Revaluation decrement NOTE 1(h)	(558,839)	-
	\$ 337,954	\$ 896,793

The asset revaluation reserve records revaluation of non current assets.

LIFE SAVING UNIT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

	COMMUNITY SERVICES										SOCIAL ENTERPRISE						Head Office Operations
	TOTAL (\$)	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			
INCOME																	
Sales	583,564			60,092								50		523,422			
Programs & Operations	8,605,893	12,002	83,276	106,469	30,971	1,144,540	448,226	13,910	319,603	577,760	1,765,748	2,138,541	1,247,351		717,496		
Donations	267,803											40,672	227,131				
Investment Income	65,873										18,391				47,482		
Sponsorship	453,635			335,000		30,000		28,635	60,000								
Grants (Note 2)	1,063,714	47,911	564,421	339,047			92,000								20,335		
TOTAL INCOME	11,040,482	59,913	647,697	840,608	30,971	1,174,540	540,226	42,545	379,603	577,760	1,784,139	2,179,263	1,474,482	523,422	785,313		
EXPENDITURE																	
Cost of Sales	429,450			47,984								3,548	53,057	324,861			
Programs & Operations	9,048,456	183,337	685,070	722,454	182,952	1,033,576	700,189	251,692	224,474	507,931	1,645,782	2,062,727	780,191	68,081			
Depreciation & Amortisation	231,619	6,508	7,469	15,195	12,653	24,328	41,430	7,513	17,452	3,525	62,584	29,438		3,524			
Employee Costs	304,967														304,967		
Provisions	96,016	(166)	(166)	(234)	(315)	(603)	(518)	(185)	(241)	(92)	(1,012)	18,412		(93)			
Administration Costs	845,771														845,771		
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	10,956,279	189,679	692,373	785,399	195,290	1,057,301	741,101	259,020	241,685	511,364	1,707,354	2,114,125	833,248	396,373	1,231,967		
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	84,203	(129,766)	(44,676)	55,209	(164,319)	117,239	(200,875)	(216,475)	137,918	66,396	76,785	65,138	641,234	127,049	(446,654)		
less: Income Tax expense/(Credit)																	
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) after tax	84,203	(129,766)	(44,676)	55,209	(164,319)	117,239	(200,875)	(216,475)	137,918	66,396	76,785	65,138	641,234	127,049	(446,654)		

WE'RE LEADING THE WAY IN WATER SAFETY

↓ **20.5%** **\$1.785**

DECREASE IN WA DROWNING DEATHS SINCE 2005/06

MILLION RECEIVED TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS IN 2015/16

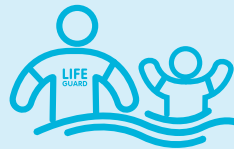


218,585

PEOPLE LEARNED WATER SAFETY, SWIMMING AND LIFESAVING SKILLS



43,194
PEOPLE VISITED A REMOTE ABORIGINAL SWIMMING POOL



20,599
CHILDREN PARTICIPATED IN THE INFANT AQUATICS PROGRAM



25,029
PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN LIFESAVING TRAINING PROGRAMS



10,549
PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN BRONZE RESCUE PROGRAMS



6,230 HOME SWIMMING POOL BARRIER ASSESSMENTS



2,850 ATTENDED KEEP WATCH WORKSHOPS



1,656 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN CALD PROGRAMS



1,215 TEENAGERS AT DON'T DRINK AND DROWN PRESENTATIONS



593 COMMUNITY TRAINERS THROUGHOUT WA



159 ENDORSED SWIM SCHOOLS AND JLCS

DROWNING DEATHS BY AGE GROUP IN WA DURING 2015/16

3

0-4 AGE GROUP

0

5-14 AGE GROUP

4

15-24 AGE GROUP

20

25-54 AGE GROUP

10

55+ AGE GROUP

Our target is ZERO in every age group!

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