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Everyone can be a lifesaver!



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT



On behalf of the Board of Directors, it is my privilege to provide this Annual Report which highlights some of the key results delivered in 2017/18. I would like to begin by advising members His Excellency The Honourable Kim Beazley AC, Governor of Western Australia has graciously agreed to be our Patron. This announcement is a wonderful honour and recognition of the important work we undertake in the community.

The Royal Life Saving Society WA continues to lead efforts to reduce drowning and increase swimming, water safety and lifesaving skills across the Western Australian community. Eliminating toddler drowning and helping the families affected by a tragic drowning incident remain a priority.

This year represents the half-way mark of our 2020 Strategic Plan, which includes several aspirational goals. One is to promote our skills to the Department of Transport and it is pleasing to see progress being made with the Department toward changing behaviours around wearing a lifejacket.

Another is to conduct a regular water safety conference gathering our state-wide network of community trainers to share ideas and collaborate. This was held in March and was a great success in terms of attendance and content.

We also committed to championing investment in swimming pools for remote aboriginal communities, and we therefore welcome the State Government's announcement to build pools in Balgo and Kalumburu. When operational they will deliver a range of positive outcomes for these Kimberley communities.

Inclusion programs have remained a high priority, with thanks extended to members of our Multicultural and Aboriginal Steering Committees for providing context, direction and driving innovation needed to increase water safety skills and participation. Progress has also been made toward achieving diversity and gender equality within our organisation and committees.

The Royal Life Saving Society WA membership totals 39,288 across all categories, (Training, Supporter, Sport and Associate). For many, contact with Royal Life Saving Society WA will be a one-off learning experience; however, for a number, their contribution is substantial and represents the vital work of sharing knowledge and empowering the Western Australian community to be water safe. In total, 75 Members were nominated for Awards in 2017/18 and the Board acknowledges the contribution of the Honours Committee in identifying and recognising these invaluable community members. In October 2017 our Bravery Awards event was held at Government House. Those who received these Awards exemplified the characteristics that we would all hope to find in ourselves should the need arise.

Ultimately all our activities are intended to reduce drowning. In 2017/18, 27 Western Australians drowned and an estimated 140 non-fatal drowning victims were admitted to hospital. While this represents the lowest annual figure in five years, much more needs to be and can be done.

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

On behalf of the Board of Directors.

COLIN HASSELL
President

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT



The facts and case studies in this Annual Report highlight the positive impact Royal Life Saving Society WA has had on many individuals and the broader Western Australian community. These outcomes would not have been possible without significant support and I would like to specifically acknowledge BHP, our Principal Community Partner, and the WA Government.

Innovation has been at the heart of our efforts this year. Driven by a commitment to research and evaluation, we have strengthened our understanding of what works and uncovered areas where more needs to be done.

Empowering Western Australians to safely enjoy the water remains the most significant investment we make. We have created a network of lifesaving clubs, trainers and swim schools based at local pools throughout Western Australia, delivering foundation swimming and lifesaving skills to over 200,000 children each year. It is gratifying that school aged children are now, of all age groups, the least likely to drown.

The challenge we face is to ensure every new generation acquires these foundational water safety skills, and that vulnerable sectors of our community from multicultural backgrounds, disadvantaged circumstances and regional areas do not miss out. Regional Western Australia faces several challenges and it is noteworthy that this year the Society's network of local trainers delivered a record number of programs.

We have helped public swimming pools prevent accidents and prepare when responding to emergencies. This has been achieved, in part, by training a workforce of over 3,500 lifeguards, instructors and operators. This continues to be a vital service, with annual attendance at public pools exceeding 10 million visits each year. The initiatives and innovations we delivered have been recognised not only throughout Australia but internationally.

A report released this year by the WA Ombudsman found that for every toddler who drowns eight are admitted to hospital and another 68 attend an emergency department because of a non-fatal incident. These alarming statistics highlight the importance of our efforts to eliminate toddler drowning, as well as the work we undertake to support families and provide Community Help Grants to victims of non-fatal drowning.

We delivered a sound financial performance in 2017/18. Support from the corporate sector and government combined with funds raised from our social enterprises activities allowed us to invest a total of \$4.5 million in community services and retain \$51,287 for the future.

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

PETER LEAVERSUCH
Chief Executive Officer

“Preventing drowning is the foundation of the Royal Life Saving Society. During the 2017/18 financial year, 27 people lost their life to drowning in Western Australia; 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 FOUNDATION

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

OUR PURPOSE

PRINCIPAL COMMUNITY PARTNER BHP

Water plays an important role in our way of life. It is a catalyst for healthy lifestyles and social inclusion.

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

Key achievements during 2017/18 include:

Education and Training

- **199,018** children participated in Swim and Survive programs resulting in 76% improvement in their swimming and water safety skills
- **23,939** children participated in Infant Aquatics programs

Health and Wellbeing

- **4,714** Aboriginal children participated in our swimming and water safety programs to improve physical activity and overall health and wellbeing
- **146,948** conversations with people in the community about the Keep Watch message.

Enhancing Livelihoods

- **7** local Aboriginal community members employed at swimming pools in the north west
- **46** local Aboriginal community members obtained pre-vocational qualifications
- **225** Aboriginal participants in vocational training programs state-wide

Social Inclusion

- **2,344** multicultural children throughout Western Australia participated in the Swim and Survive Access and Equity program resulting in 73% improvement in swimming and water safety skills
- **42,611** visits to our remote aboriginal community swimming pools.

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



LYNWOOD SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL SWIM AND SURVIVE

A BHP Principal Community Partnership Program

Those arriving in Western Australia from overseas often have limited swimming and water safety skills, as these are not a focus of education in their home countries. This can have tragic consequences, and drowning statistics show that between 1st July 2006 and 30th June 2016 33.3% of drownings in Western Australia involved people from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) backgrounds.

Royal Life Saving Society WA's Access and Equity program, sponsored by Principal Community Partner BHP, is working hard across the community to address this issue. As part of this program we ran two weeks of in-term Swim and Survive lessons in March this year, with the Intensive English Learning Centre at Lynwood Senior High School.

Lynwood describes its student intake as being a multicultural blend, with many students from Asian countries, the Middle East and most recently African migrants. The school had 111 students take part in the program, learning swimming and water safety education skills with experienced instructors. The program was supervised by Liz Fowler from Swim Mechanix, which is a Royal Life Saving Endorsed Swim School with extensive experience in running programs for at-risk students.

Karly Brooks was an instructor at the program and says the change in the students from the beginning to the end of the program was astronomical.

“We had a group of students who were fearful and not confident in or around the water and by implementing the Swim and Survive program we were able to give these kids the skills and confidence they need to stay safe around water. The program is vital as these kids would not typically be enrolled in lessons. All were grateful, well-behaved and eager to learn. The joy on the kids’ faces when they realised they could achieve the skills we were teaching is something really special.”

Karly Brooks

EMPOWERING ALL WESTERN AUSTRALIANS WITH SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY SKILLS



Teaching children personal survival skills is the most important investment the community can make to reduce drowning. In the past year we had 235,670 participants in our swimming and water safety programs.

This statistic would not have been possible without our state-wide network for 512 local aquatic trainers, 137 endorsed swim schools, 46 Junior Lifeguard and affiliated Pool Life Saving clubs and the involvement of 944 schools.

The challenge we face is to ensure every new generation acquires water safety skills and that no one misses out. Currently, sectors of our community from diverse cultural backgrounds, disadvantaged circumstances and regional areas do not have the opportunity and we have acted by delivering 96 funded programs.



235,670
SWIMMING &
WATER SAFETY
PARTICIPANTS

RANGE OF PROGRAMS

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| 23,939 | Infant Aquatics |
| 199,018 | Swim and Survive |
| 12,713 | Bronze Rescue |
| 2,757 | Junior Lifeguard Club/Sport |

SKILLED AQUATIC INSTRUCTORS

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| 1,102 | Trained Austswim instructors |
| 512 | Aquatic trainers |
| 89 | Volunteer recognition awards |

STATE-WIDE NETWORK OF PROGRAM PROVIDERS

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| 944 | Primary schools |
| 137 | Endorsed Swim Schools |
| 46 | Junior Lifeguard & Life Saving Clubs |

POOL LIFE SAVING SPORTING PATHWAY

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| 35 | Sport and school competitions |
| 10 | Clubs participating at State titles |
| 1 | Representative team at National Titles |

SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES

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| \$49,616 | Swim and Survive grants |
| 20 | Aboriginal programs |
| 55 | Multicultural programs |
| 8 | Disability programs |
| 13 | Regional programs |

ENABLING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS TO SWIM AND SURVIVE WA Swim and Survive Fund

Tragically, in the last 10 years, 15% of all the children aged 0-14 who fatally drowned had special needs. A review of drowning data indicates limited water safety awareness combined with alarming low participation levels in swimming and water safety programs are contributing factors in the over-representation of these children in drowning statistics.

Over the past financial year Royal Life Saving Society WA and our network of Endorsed Swim Schools have provided swimming and water safety programs for children with special needs through our WA Swim and Survive Fund. Two of the local organisations we assisted include the Autism Association of WA and Cystic Fibrosis WA.

About one in 160 Australians has autism, and this condition can lead to children struggling to take part in regular group swimming lessons, with one-on-one lessons required to enable them to fully participate and receive the attention they need.

As these lessons are expensive many children with autism miss out on learning these vital skills due to financial barriers. In the past financial year Royal Life Saving Society WA has funded 20 children with autism to learn to Swim and Survive at their local Royal Life Saving Endorsed Swim School.

Cystic fibrosis (CF) is a life-threatening disease, which has a major effect on the lungs. Swimming is very beneficial to children with CF and Royal Life Saving Society WA is proud to have partnered Cystic Fibrosis WA to enable 15 children with the condition to take part in regular Swim and Survive lessons.

Belmont Oasis Leisure Centre, Mandurah Aquatic, Rockingham Aquatic, Kwinana Recquatic and Next Generation Bibra Lake provided a 20% discount for all children with cystic fibrosis, enabling Royal Life Saving Society WA to fund swimming lessons for more children with the condition through our WA Swim and Survive Fund.

16-month-old Roxane Lily took part in lessons at Belmont Oasis, and mum Kate O'Donovan says it's been amazing! "Swimming is important for her lungs and it's good to have a teacher who understands and is aware of her condition."

“Belmont Oasis is happy to be in partnership with Royal Life Saving Society WA as an Endorsed Swim School, to provide a quality Swim and Survive program that allows all children to participate.”

Lauren Kirwan
Belmont Oasis Swim School Coordinator

Below: Caleb Lee with swim instructor
Jae Barns in the pool at HBF Stadium.



FOSTERING LIFESAVERS IN EVERY COMMUNITY



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

Importantly, to ensure all Western Australians receive this vital education we conducted regional training programs that engaged 4,715 participants in locations from remote Kimberley communities to the Great Southern coast.

Training was also provided to 59 participants living with a disability, 64 from multicultural backgrounds and 225 aboriginal Australians.



26,021
TRAINING
PARTICIPANTS

TRAINED LIFESAVERS

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| 9,941 | participants |
| 1,132 | hours of help supplied by our lifeguards |

TRAINED EMERGENCY CARERS

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| 14,505 | participants |
| 1,580 | hours of help supplied by our first aiders |

TRAINED AQUATIC INSTRUCTORS

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| 1,102 | participants |
| 64 | hours of help supplied by our instructors |

TRAINED POOL OPERATORS

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| 335 | participants |
| 3,556 | hours of help supplied by our operators |

YOUTH TRAINEES

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| 138 | participants |
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RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING ACTS

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| 31 | Bravery Awards |
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CRAIGIE LEISURE CENTRE LIFESAVERS

The value of lifesaving skills became truly evident when a big team effort saved Phil Prosser’s life in March 2017. While training for an Ironman with the Mongrel Instinct Tri Group Swimming Squad at Craigie Leisure Centre, Phil stopped, clutched his chest and blacked out in the water.

Fellow swimmer Bob Edwards stopped immediately and propped Phil up. He called out to swimming coach, Matt Williams, and the two men lifted Phil out of the water. This raised the attention of lifeguard Jade MacDonald, who radioed her supervisor, Rebecca Johnston. Rebecca ran to Phil with oxygen, while Jade raced to get the defibrillator and bring it to the outdoor 50-metre pool.

Mike Tindale, who is also a part of the swimming squad and a retired paramedic, commenced a primary survey of Phil and started CPR. He was joined by David Davies, an anaesthetist swimming a couple of lanes away.

They performed CPR until Rebecca arrived with the defibrillator and connected it up, while Jade went to meet the paramedics and directed them to Phil. Rebecca delivered three shocks with the defibrillator, until it registered that there were some signs of life and Phil was rolled into the recovery position. Phil had been unconscious for 14 minutes and was handed over to paramedics, who took him to hospital.

“I’ve been a lifeguard for seven years. Because of the regular training we do, I felt calm and didn’t panic. No one did – which is why it went like clockwork. It was good to walk away from the situation knowing that we’d done everything we could possibly do.”

Rebecca Johnston

Rebecca met Phil a couple of weeks later, after he returned to the pool with his wife and children. He explained that he had a heart condition of which he’d been unaware and was so grateful to the six people who saved his life!

The group received Royal Life Saving Bravery Awards for their efforts in October 2017, with Jade and Rebecca awarded a Gold Star, while Bob, Mike, Matt and David were awarded a Gold Medallion.

Above: Lifeguard Jade MacDonald, Mike Tindale, Phil Prosser and pool supervisor Rebecca Johnston. Photo by Martin Kennealey, Community News.

ELIMINATING TODDLER DROWNING



Drowning remains the leading cause of preventable death for children under five years of age. Tragically, for every fatal drowning eight children are admitted to hospital and another sixty-eight attend an emergency department as a result of a non-fatal drowning incident.

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

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



146,948
COMMUNITY
CONVERSATIONS
ABOUT KEEP WATCH

VIGILANT PARENTAL SUPERVISION

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| 906 | TVC's |
| 41,043 | handouts |
| 114 | parent workshops |
| 146,948 | community conversations about the Keep Watch message |

WATER FAMILIARISATION AND MODELLING OF SAFE BEHAVIOURS

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| 23,939 | infant aquatics participants |
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SAFE HOME

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| 5,883 | home barriers assessed |
| 92% | compliance rate |

ABILITY TO RESPOND IN AN EMERGENCY

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| 6,560 | CPR & Heart Beat Club participants |
| 106 | Heart Beat Club trainers in WA |
| 2,323 | CPR charts |

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES AND NON-FATAL VICTIMS

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| \$40,000 | fund for HELP Grants |
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HEART BEAT CLUB GRANTS

The Heart Beat Club community education course is specifically designed for parents and carers of children under the age of five. The three-hour session covers child and infant CPR and first aid for common childhood injuries such as choking, poisoning and burns.

Thanks to funding from the WA Department of Health, through our Keep Watch toddler drowning prevention program, Royal Life Saving Society WA provides grants to enable high-risk parents and carers to take part in this program for free. The goal is to increase their ability to respond in an emergency and ultimately reduce the number of fatal drownings and serious drowning-related injuries in children under the age of five in Western Australia.

In 2017/18, a total of 458 parents and carers of young children attended these courses, through grants provided to 33 different community organisations. These organisations work with parents from Aboriginal, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse and Low socio-economic backgrounds, along with adolescent parents who may otherwise have not taken part in first aid training.

“The single most important drowning prevention strategy is supervision of young children, but unfortunately we know that at times adult supervision lapses, allowing a child to find their way into water. In many cases of child drowning, a parent will be the first person on the scene. In these situations, a parent applying basic CPR skills can genuinely be the difference between life and death. The Heart Beat Club grants are one way we are working to increase the number of people in the community with these lifesaving skills.”

Rachel Murray
Keep Watch Program Coordinator

SAFER POOLS, RIVERS, LAKES AND DAMS



Western Australia is dotted with pools, lakes and criss-crossed with rivers. Not all aquatic environments can be monitored by lifeguards, but all can be made safer: with better guidelines, targeted action in black spots, and greater community awareness of the risks.

SAFER HOME POOLS

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|-------|-----------------|
| 5,883 | pools assessed |
| 92% | compliance rate |
| 2,323 | CPR charts |

SAFER PUBLIC POOLS

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|-------|--------------------------|
| 1,775 | trained lifeguards |
| 51 | pools assessed |
| 97% | compliance rate |
| 131 | Watch Around Water pools |
| 6 | operation plans |
| 335 | trained pool operators |

SAFER INLAND WATERWAYS

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| 6 | risk assessments |
| 47 | community events |
| 561 | Old for New lifejackets exchanged |

RELEVANT SAFETY GUIDELINES

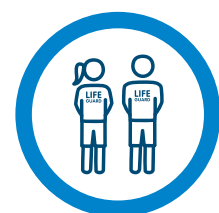
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| 2,188 | News subscriptions |
| 42 | Guideline registrations |

ADVOCACY AND LAND OWNER/ FACILITY MANAGER ENGAGEMENT

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| 1 | Membership to SPASAWA, Leisure Institute of WA |
| 13 | Industry and injury reports published |

“Re-connecting with the Swan Rover to deliver water safety programs.”

Strategic Plan 2020



1,775
TRAINED LIFEGUARDS



561
OLD LIFEJACKETS
EXCHANGED FOR NEW

SCOUTS WA PARTNERSHIP

Over the past year Royal Life Saving Society WA has been working closely with Scouts WA, providing Bronze Medallion programs at inland waterway locations, water safety talks, donations of lifejackets and rescue equipment.

These programs are vital as we aim to teach young Western Australians to “Respect the River” and understand the unique dangers that are present in inland waterway locations. Participants in our Bronze Medallion programs with the Scouts have learnt how to negotiate survival situations, through swimming and survival skills that are applicable to a great range of aquatic activities.

We’ve run 11 different events with the Scouts, involving a total of 800 participants. We’ve also donated 300 lifejackets and given rescue equipment to nine Scouts groups.

The biggest event was held in October last year, with nearly 400 adventurous Western Australian Scouts learning about inland waterway safety in a fun few days on the Swan River during their annual Campwest event. Royal Life Saving Society WA ran activities and talks focused on canoeing safety, with the Scouts learning how to use throw ropes and rescue tubes while canoeing.

“It was great to incorporate Royal Life Saving Society WA’s activities with our canoeing,” Scouts WA canoe guide David Brown said.

“The trainers adapted and evolved the activities to be more engaging, and even got the Scouts who didn’t want to go canoeing involved in their activities, which was great to see. This was all despite some cold mornings and warm afternoons!”

It’s hoped “Respect the River” initiatives such as this will play a part in reducing the number of drowning deaths occurring around Western Australia’s inland waterways and enable young people to enjoy activities in and on our many rivers, lakes and dams for years to come.

Pictured: Scouts at Campwest.



COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND ACTION



Royal Life Saving Society WA has developed a range of innovative safety messages to reach key audiences. In 2017/18 we made it easier for people to access this vital information incorporating interactive content including videos, how-to information, news and interviews.

To drive action and change risk-taking behaviours Royal Life Saving Society WA also hosted workshops and attended events throughout Western Australian. We undertook research to identify problems, inform policy and improve practice.



2,784
TELEVISION ADS



830,421
WEBSITE
PAGE VIEWS

AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

| | |
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| 2,784 | Television Ads |
| 192 | Radio Ads |
| 386 | Print |
| 147,868 | info-handouts |

COMMUNITY EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

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| 268 | workshops |
| 3,512 | participants |

INCREASE MEMBERSHIP

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| 22,598 | Award Members |
| 13,532 | Supporter Members |
| 1,959 | Sport Members |
| 274 | Associate Members |
| 1,849 | Affiliated Organisations |

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

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| 159,289 | website users |
| 830,421 | page views |
| 5,644 | social media followers |
| 3,274 | promotions on local sites |

RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING ACTS

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|----|----------------|
| 31 | Bravery Awards |
| 75 | Member Awards |



MERMAID TAILS RESEARCH

Royal Life Saving Society WA partnered with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission late last year to conduct a study into the drowning risks associated with mermaid tails and monofins.

The research, which was widely publicised in the media across Australia, tested the swimming performance of 25 girls and boys aged 2 to 12 years before and while wearing either a mermaid tail or monofin, finding that they significantly hinder a child’s ability to swim.

Most of the children taking part experienced an average decrease of 70% in their swimming ability while using monofins, and a 60% decrease while using mermaid tails. Younger children experienced greater difficulty than those in older age groups.

Royal Life Saving Society WA Senior Manager Health Promotion and Research Lauren Nimmo said “Children are the greatest risk group for drownings in Western Australia and any product that further increases this risk is a major concern. The study highlights the extent to which mermaid tails and fins reduce a child’s ability to swim by making it significantly more difficult for them to float, restricting their movement and increasing tiredness – factors that could easily lead to a drowning tragedy,”

The report encouraged parents and carers to carefully consider their child’s age and swimming ability before use. It recommended that mermaid tails only be used by children aged seven years or older, or who had achieved Swim and Survive Stage 6 (can swim 50 metres freestyle, float on front and back, scull on back and tread water), while monofin products should only be used by children aged 10 and over.

“In all cases children should always be directly supervised by a responsible adult while wearing either tails or fins, and they should only be used in controlled environments such as home swimming pools.”

Royal Life Saving Society WA is proud to be able to work with government agencies to educate the community on timely and relevant drowning prevention issues. We’re pleased to see the local and national media assist us in sharing such vital information with all Australians.

SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS AND FAMILIES

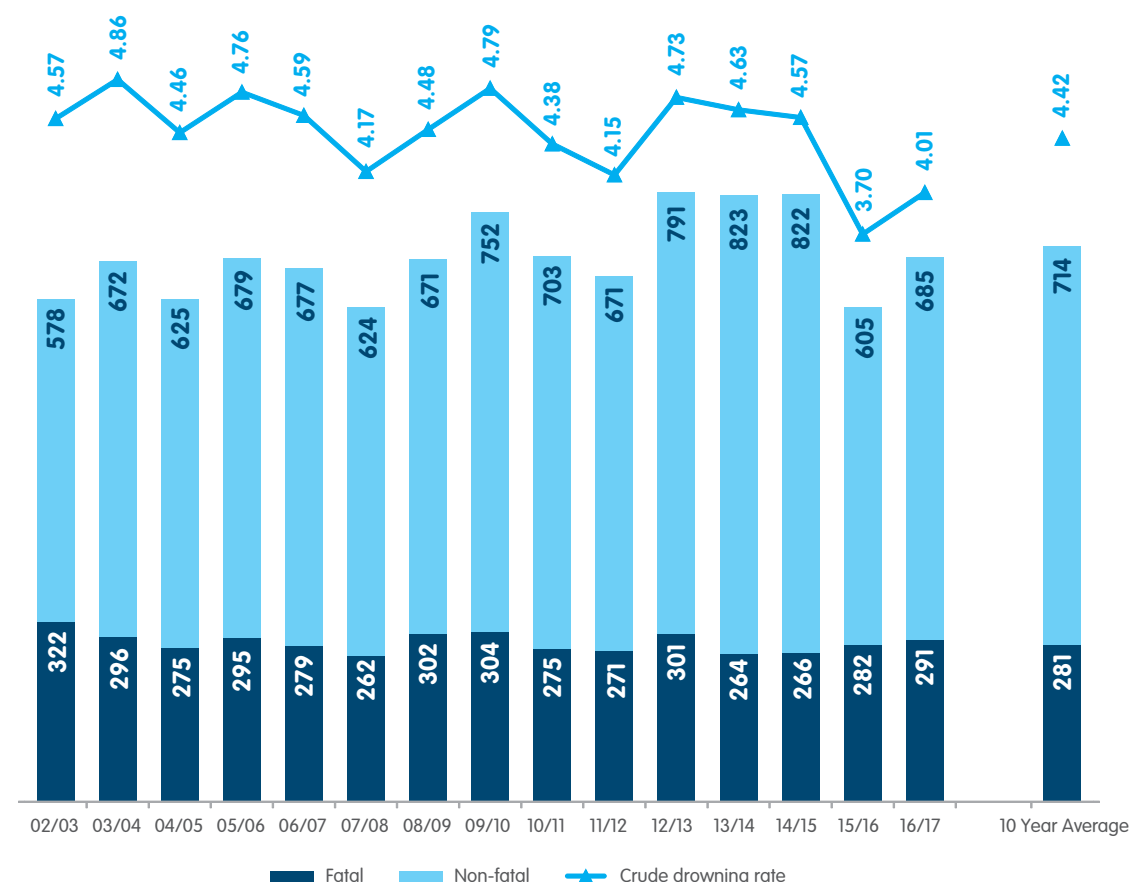


“Drowning, whether fatal or non-fatal, has a devastating impact on victims, family and friends. In 2017/18 there were 27 fatal drownings in Western Australia and hundreds more were affected by a non-fatal drowning incident, some suffering severe life-long injuries.”

A report released this year by the WA Ombudsman found that for every toddler who drowns eight are admitted to hospital and another sixty-eight attend an emergency department because of a non-fatal incident.

Royal Life Saving Society WA is working hard to support those impacted by providing direct help for non-fatal drowning victims and counselling and peer support services for families and friends. This support is funded by the generous support of our members and the Western Australian community through a range of fundraising programs including raffles, donation appeals, Royal Life Saving Day, point of sale donation containers (Quackers) and our Royalty VIP program.

The impact of fatal and non-fatal drowning in Australia: Trends over time



MELANIE MITCHELL Keep Watch Ambassador

Melanie Mitchell joined the team at Royal Life Saving Society WA last year, as a Keep Watch Ambassador. She knows all too well the tragedy of toddler drowning, having lost her two-year-old son Lachlan on the 9th November 2015.

Melanie left Lachlan playing happily at the family day care he attended in Carramar. But at 10.30am she received a call that would change her life. “The carer said there had been an accident. She was quite hysterical, so it took a while to get to the point that he’d fallen in the pool.”

Melanie headed to the hospital and was quickly ushered in. “When I got through the emergency-room doors there was a lady waiting there, which was my first indication that things weren’t right. No words could have prepared me for what I saw next. Lachlan was lying on the bed with heating pads all over his body, tubes in and out of him, they were working on his chest trying to get his heart started, and a bag was on his face breathing for him.”

Doctors stabilised Lachlan enough to transfer him to Princess Margaret Hospital, where Melanie and husband Luke spent two days hoping their little boy would pull through. But three tests were conducted and there was no brain activity - Lachlan’s organs were starting to shut down.

The night after the accident Lachlan was unhooked from his tubes and monitors, and for the first time in two days Melanie and Luke were able to hold him. “We held him until his heart stopped beating in our arms. After that we had to just take his teddy bear with us and leave him there.”

Since Lachlan’s death, Melanie’s been an active advocate for drowning prevention. She’s called for a ban on pools at family day care centres and urged the community to focus more on pool safety.

“Even if you don’t have children, you need to be sure no child entering your yard can access the pool unsupervised, whether it’s neighbourhood children, grandchildren or visitors. At the end of the day there’s no bigger grief, no bigger consequence than losing a child - you live it every day.”



BETTER OUTCOMES FOR REMOTE ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES

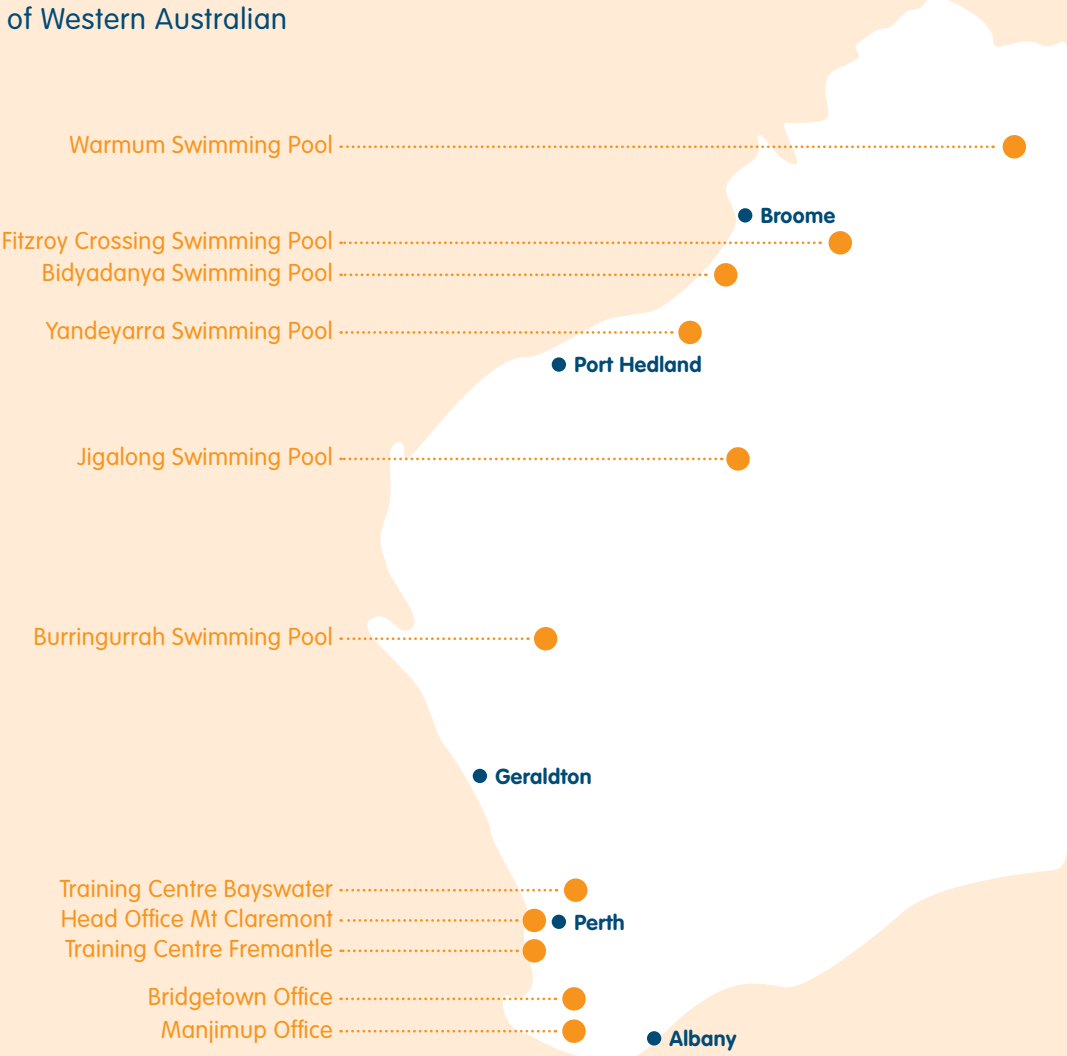
“Royal Life Saving Society WA is proud to support remote aboriginal communities pursue a lifestyle that maintains their traditional culture while encompassing components of modern society.”

Our swimming pools are not just about being physical active they are a place where educational, health, well-being and social cohesion outcomes are achieved.

We refer to the pools as ‘Cool Pools’ a recognition that creating social impact is not something we can compel people to do instead the activities delivered have been built from the bottom up through grassroots opportunities which appeal to motivations and interests.

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| 42,611 | total patronage |
| 4,080 | students achieved a lifesaving award |
| 46 | participants in pre-vocational training |
| 7 | creation of local jobs |
| 3,192 | participants in healthy eating, health lifestyle initiatives |
| 83 | hosting of education classes |
| 40 | events fostering social cohesion |

Map of Western Australian



GO FOR 2&5 SWIM FOR FRUIT PROGRAM

A key part of Royal Life Saving Society WA’s work in our state’s aboriginal communities is the Go for 2&5 Regional and Remote Aboriginal Communities Swimming and Lifesaving Program (Swim for Fruit). The program sees children swimming laps at their local community pool in return for a healthy snack of fruit and is designed to not only teach children vital swimming skills, but also provide education on healthy lifestyle choices.

A total of 5,285 children took part in Swim for Fruit across remote and regional areas of Western Australia in 2017/18, at our six remote aboriginal swimming pools and 13 other regional community pools.

One of the highlights of the year was the Swim for Fruit Waterwise Education Family Fun Day, which was held at the Vic Hayton Memorial Pool in Tom Price in March 2018.

Over 120 Indigenous community members attended, with the younger children learning new swimming techniques as part of the Go for 2&5 Swim for Fruit program, while older children learnt CPR and river/ floodway survival, under the instruction of Jen Aberle from the Little Starfish Swim School. Families enjoyed a feed of healthy fruit, salads and a barbecue, and an afternoon of pool fun.

The participants then splashed out with free pool time on the inflatables, and received Go for 2&5 merchandise, including hats, frisbees and drink bottles. Organisers Jen Aberle, Trish Chapman and Olivia Smith said support from local volunteers, businesses, organisations and Tom Price Emergency Services Cadets made for a fun-filled and successful day.

“To see the excitement on the children’s and families’ faces was the highlight of the day, and the feedback has been overwhelming. We are so humbled by the efforts of all involved who worked tirelessly to make this a day to remember.”

Trish Chapman

The Go for 2&5 Regional and Remote Aboriginal Communities Swimming and Lifesaving Program is supported by Healthway.

ROYAL LIFE SAVING BRAVERY AWARDS

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

Our Honours and Awards Committee receives nominations and recognises members of our community who have gone to the aid of someone in distress, sometimes at risk to themselves, who have shown initiative in rescuing someone from the water and outstanding efforts in providing emergency care to those who have been injured.

“In 2017/18, 31 individuals were honoured for their outstanding acts. 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.”

Below: 2017 Royal Life Saving Bravery Award winners at Government House.

GOLD MEDALLION

Molly Coldwell
Jack Cox
David Davies
Bob Edwards
Samuel Hicks
Thomas Hicks
Joel Keeble
Jesse Liddon
Sam Liddon
Stanley McFarlane
Mike Tindale
Matt Williams

GOLD STAR

James Annetts
Jen Bannerman
Anthony Dos Santos
Sarah Fuller
Max Goldsmith
Corey Hollow
Bec Johnston
Parris Laurie
Jade Macdonald
Matthew Merritt
Sandra Reardon
Finnley Regler
Taylia Ryan
Tia Stonehill
Andrea Thackray
David Trotter

COMMENDATION

Colleen Clark
Tyler Guelfi
Owen Pomfrett



JEN BANNERMAN
Gold Star Winner

Jen Bannerman’s holiday in Maui took an unexpected twist last year, when she spotted a family stranded in Twin Falls River.

The Californian family had crossed the river in the morning when it was only ankle-deep, but when they returned later the rain had filled the river and the stream was moving rapidly.

Jen, a Pool Manager from Wagin, realised it would be impossible for even the strongest swimmer to make it across. A park officer came to help, but he was unable to cross due to the heavy stream. He threw a rope to the other side of the river, and the family then tied it around a tree.

Jen then crossed the river for the first time, using the rope as an aid to check for any alternative ways for the family to come across. She realised the river was their only option, and after assessing the conditions decided to take the three children back to shore on separate trips before assisting the mother.

“At the time it seemed the safest option. I did briefly consider my safety, but to me, kids are worth more and I needed to get them across.”

Jen Bannerman

It took almost an hour for Jen to get the family back to safety, an effort that was physically and emotionally exhausting. “I was shattered! I was shaking and crying. Even the next day, I felt as if I had no energy and was mentally exhausted.”

Royal Life Saving Society WA promotes the safe use of inland water ways with programs such as Respect the River, funded by the Federal Government. The family was very fortunate to have such an experienced and strong swimmer in the right place at the right time.

“We always need to be aware of our surroundings,” Jen says. “There were signs there warning of flash flooding.”

For her amazing lifesaving effort Jen Bannerman was awarded a Gold Star Bravery Award by Royal Life Saving Society WA at our annual Bravery Awards in October last year.

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 2017/18, 75 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.

COMMONWEALTH HONOURS AWARDS

RUSSELL MEDAL FOR BRAVERY
Stanley McFarlane

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL HONOURS AWARDS

ASSOCIATE AWARD
David Cummins

FELLOW AWARD
Mark Gubanyi
Ray Holt

OUTSTANDING SERVICE ORDER
Wendy Cole
Maureen Lasisz

MERITORIOUS SERVICE ORDER
Marion Price
Sallie Watson

WESTERN AUSTRALIA HONOURS AWARDS

MERITORIOUS SERVICE ORDER
Bev Annesley
Leanne Coverly-Brandis
Michael Faasen
Margaret Fraser
Robert Fraser
Mark Gubanyi
Tanja Luck
Rhonda McCullough
Di McDermott
Stephen O’Meara
Michael Phillips
Don Smailes

LONG SERVICE ORDER
Lori Buchanan
Heather Freeman
Samantha Harnett
Jeanette Hooper
Graham Sharp
Ann Southall
Jodie Thompson

SERVICE ORDER
Dionne Adams
Kellie Battilana
Lee Duffy
Jane Green
Marlis Grosseholz
Jules Halliday
Billy Vibart
Jaqueline Wright

WA PRESIDENT’S AWARD
Kalamunda Senior High School
Kolbe Catholic College

CERTIFICATE OF THANKS
Ascot Kayak Club
Henre De Wet
Sue Howard
Philip Raston
Rebecca Ross
Amy Tyers
Noelene Usher

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
JM O’Brien
Michen Nicholas
Alf Peacock
David Anderson AM
R Davies
Lily Dale
Vic Dennis
Anita Eifler
David Smith
Fran Murphy
Crystal Humphrey
John Fussell
Dave Roberts
Margaret Davies
Joan Kent
Lester Marston
Hilta Billstein
Rae Blanchard
Noelene Maciejewski
Lilian Aiken
David Millington
Lydia Whittle
Gill Murrish
Greg McLennan
Ross Peters
Dr Heather MacGowan OAM
Audrey Cahill
Tom Ballantyne
Colin Barnett
Alex McKenzie OAM
Greg Tate
Ian Brown
Peter Leaversuch
Jacqui Lamb
Colin Hassell
Jeff Fondacaro



WESTERN AUSTRALIA’S STATE POOL LIFE SAVING TEAM

Western Australia’s State Pool Life Saving team made an amazing impression at the Australian Pool Life Saving Championships in January this year, ending the meet in overall third place. As one of the smaller teams competing this was an incredible result!

Our men were named overall champions in their category, thanks to the remarkable efforts of TJ Chong Sue, Harrison Hynes, Lachlan Meldrum, Jake Smith, Josh Windsor and Adam Moore. Our Under 16s won overall gold for their age group and our Under 19s won overall bronze.

15-year-old TJ Chong Sue, a first-time team member, was named Male Lifesaver of the meet, after individually claiming four gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze medal along with an Australian record at the meet. TJ was also involved in team events that claimed three gold, one silver and two bronze along with two Australian records.

The performances of four of our team members saw them named in Australian squads, with TJ Chong Sue, Chalise Pratt and Harrison Hynes making the Junior Australian Barras squad, while Jake Smith was named in the Open Australian Barras squad.

Western Australia’s overall medal tally was 15 gold, 11 silver and 10 bronze, while we claimed 4 new Australian records and 1 new meet record over the three days of competition.

“Royal Life Saving Society WA is extremely proud of our athletes, with the amazing results directly attributed to their dedication in preparation and training for the event, and the fantastic individual and team efforts put in over the three days of competition.”

We’d also like to pay tribute to team coach Sarah Hamilton, and managers Jennifer Jones and Jonnine Rowe for their efforts in ensuring our athletes were able to prepare and compete so incredibly well!

The WA State Pool Life Saving team is supported by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.

Above: 2018 WA State Pool Life Saving team members TJ Chong Sue, Chalise Pratt, Dayna Tindall and Harrison Hynes.



FINANCIAL REPORT

THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC

ABN 28 083 676 266

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2018

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“
Creating a
cohesive and
sustainable
organisation.”

Strategic Plan 2020

The Directors present the financial report of The Royal Life Saving Society Western Australia Inc (RLSSWA) for the year ended 30th June, 2018.

DIRECTORS

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

MR ROSS PETERS (1998–OCT 2017)

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 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 and was awarded Life Membership of RLSSWA 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 and he has been President of RLSSWA since October 2017.

MR JEFF FONDACARO (2006–PRESENT)

Jeff has worked in the aquatic industry since 1976 and is a Life Member of Royal Life Saving Western Australia. He moved to WA in 1988 and has worked at a number of aquatic centres during this time. He is currently employed at the Beatty Park Leisure Centre as the Coordinator Aquatic and Operations. Jeff has been on the board of the Leisure Institute of Western Australia since 1990 and LIWA President since 2008 to present. He was the winner of the prestigious John Graham Award for 2016/2017, winner of the 2009 Sport and Recreation Special Services Award and also the recipient of The Royal Life Saving Society Commonwealth Council Service Medal.

MR DAVID CUMMINS (2007–PRESENT)

With over 40 years' involvement in the aquatics industry David has served as President of Masters Swimming WA from 1987-1992. In addition, has been a member of Masters Swimming Australia's Board for 20 years over two terms. Served as Chairman of the 1999 Pan Pacific Masters Swimming Championships and has also chaired many State, National and Masters Games Championships and held many club positions with both The Cottesloe Crabs Winter Swimming Club Inc and Claremont Masters Swimming Club Inc. David was an instigator of the annual open water Swim Thru Rottnest after 1976 and has been the event coordinator for 40 years, retiring from the position at the end of 2017.

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

MR MARK GUBANYI (OCT 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 (OCT 2015 – PRESENT)

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

MRS CAROL HARPER (OCT 2015 – PRESENT)

Carol has worked in the Swimming Pool industry for over 25 years. Currently working as an Independent Consultant and Project Manager in the residential aquatic industry drawing from her experience as owner/manager of the Pool Spa & Outdoor Living Expo and prior to that being co-owner/manager of Exclusive Pools for ten years winning over 50 industry awards for individually designed swimming pools Carol has extensive knowledge and networks in relation to outdoor living in WA.

MS KATHLEEN LOWRY (OCT 2017 – PRESENT)

Kathleen holds a Masters of Business in Sport and HR and is currently the Principal Policy Officer within the Office of the Director General at the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions. She is responsible for the provision of policy advice to the Director General on current government priorities and assists with strategic development of the department. Kathleen commenced her career as a RLSS swimming instructor in Sydney and later in the USA. Kathleen previously worked in Human Resources in the corporate sector and the sport and recreation industry both in Sydney and Perth. Previously she managed the recreation branch at the former Department of Sport and Recreation and worked with LIWA Aquatics and RLSSWA on strategic development and funding opportunities. Kathleen has led State strategic planning processes for communities to access recreation facilities for mountain biking, tracks and trails etc and is currently working with traditional owners in the Kimberley on joint management initiatives. Kathleen is a keen surf ski paddler and active Surf Life Saving member.

MR VAUGHAN DAVIES (OCT 2017 – PRESENT)

Currently Assistant Director General at the Department of Planning Lands and Heritage, Vaughan manages the business and corporate services division. Prior to this, Vaughan spent six years at the Department of Aboriginal Affairs, beginning as a regional manager based in Kununurra before moving to Perth in 2013 to take up an executive role in the department, culminating in the Director General role. Vaughan has also held positions at Tourism WA as well as 10 years in local government authorities where he worked in the community services field and was responsible for the management of a number of aquatic facilities in Far North Queensland, the Pilbara and the Kimberley.

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 that increase the number of Western Australians who possess water safety, swimming, survival and rescue skills.
- Training of lifesavers and first responders in every local community.
- Eliminating toddler drowning.
- Making pools, rivers, lakes and dams as safe as they can be.
- Provision of support for victims and families impacted by a drowning incident.
- Increasing public awareness and community support.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

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

OPERATING RESULT

The surplus after providing for income tax for the 2018 financial year amounted to \$51,287.

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 11 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 | 4 | 2 |
| Colin Hassell | 11 | 10 |
| Jeff Fondacaro | 11 | 11 |
| David Cummins | 11 | 8 |
| Mark Gubanyi | 11 | 10 |
| James Sheridan | 11 | 10 |
| Carol Harper | 11 | 8 |
| Kathleen Lowry | 8 | 7 |
| Vaughan Davies | 8 | 7 |

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

The auditor's independence declaration for the year ended 30 June 2018 has been received and can be found on page 30 of the financial report.

Signed on the 27th September, 2018 in accordance with a resolution of the Board by:



PRESIDENT
COLIN HASSELL



DIRECTOR
DAVID CUMMINS

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

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

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

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

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



PRESIDENT
COLIN HASSELL



DIRECTOR
DAVID CUMMINS

Dated 27th September, 2018

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

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2018 there have been no contraventions of:

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

Name of firm: N DEL POPOLO
Name of partner: N DEL POPOLO
Date: 1st July, 2018
Address: 9 CARRINGTON STREET
NORTH PERTH WA 6006



AUDITOR

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

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

27th September, 2018

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 2018, pages 30-37.

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

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

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

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

INDEPENDENCE

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

AUDIT OPINION

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly the financial position of The Royal Life Saving Society Western Australia Inc (the Society) as at 30 June 2018 and the results of its operations for the year ended 30 June 2018 in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1. In addition;

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

EMPHASIS OF MATTER – BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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



NICK DEL POPOLO
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT
REGISTERED COMPANY AUDITOR

Liability limited by a scheme approved under professional standards legislation.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2018

| | 2018 | 2017 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| INCOME | | |
| Sales | 412,715 | 462,947 |
| Programs & Operations | 9,895,054 | 8,995,714 |
| Donations | 361,294 | 373,939 |
| Investment Income | 55,569 | 53,659 |
| Sponsorship / Grants (Note 9) | 1,573,843 | 2,079,974 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$12,298,475 | \$11,966,233 |
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| Cost of Sales | 229,300 | 237,660 |
| Programs & Operations | 11,314,839 | 10,538,835 |
| Depreciation | 361,270 | 380,730 |
| Employee Costs | 308,461 | 295,702 |
| Provisions | 63,404 | 9,051 |
| Administration Costs | (30,086) | 273,190 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | \$12,247,188 | \$11,735,168 |
| Net Surplus / (Deficit) before tax | 51,287 | 231,065 |
| less Income Tax expense / (credit) | - | - |
| NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) AFTER TAX | \$ 51,287 | \$ 231,065 |
| APPROPRIATIONS | | |
| TRANSFER TO ACCUMULATED FUNDS | 51,287 | 231,065 |
| NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) AFTER TAX | \$ 51,287 | \$ 231,065 |

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30TH JUNE, 2018

| | Note | 2018 | 2017 |
|----------------------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------------|
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Cash | 2 | 2,693,010 | 2,394,137 |
| Receivables | 3 & 5 | 1,097,309 | 1,519,968 |
| Inventories | 4 | 252,085 | 205,331 |
| Investments | 2 | 50,014 | - |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | | \$ 4,092,418 | \$ 4,119,436 |
| NON CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Property Plant & Equipment | 6 | 1,894,850 | 2,049,981 |
| TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS | | \$ 1,894,850 | \$ 2,049,981 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | \$ 5,987,268 | \$ 6,169,417 |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | |
| Creditors & Borrowings | 7 | 999,082 | 1,323,348 |
| Provisions | 8 | 820,460 | 729,630 |
| TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES | | \$ 1,819,542 | \$ 2,052,978 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | | \$ 1,819,542 | \$ 2,052,978 |
| NET ASSETS | | \$ 4,167,726 | \$ 4,116,439 |
| RETAINED FUNDS | | | |
| Accumulated Funds | | 3,778,485 | 3,547,420 |
| Surplus / (Deficit) for the year | | 51,287 | 231,065 |
| Asset Revaluation Reserve | 10 | 337,954 | 337,954 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | | \$ 4,167,726 | \$ 4,116,439 |

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
AS AT 30TH JUNE, 2018

| | Note | 2018 | 2017 |
|--|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Receipts from sales, donations and raffles | | 12,104,578 | 9,829,619 |
| Sponsorship and Grants | | 1,547,342 | 2,653,085 |
| Payments to suppliers and employees | | (13,097,674) | (12,126,522) |
| Interest received | | 38,229 | 40,115 |
| Net cash from operating activities | 11 | \$ 592,475 | \$ 396,297 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| Payment for plant and equipment | | (243,588) | (324,666) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | | \$ (243,588) | \$ (324,666) |
| Net increase in cash held | | 348,887 | 71,631 |
| Cash on hand at the beginning of the financial year | | 2,394,137 | 2,322,506 |
| Cash on hand at the end of the financial year | 2 | \$ 2,743,024 | \$ 2,394,137 |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2018

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial reports are special purpose financial reports prepared for the members in order to satisfy the accounts preparation requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act 2015 and the Royal Life Saving Society Western Australia Inc (RLSSWA) constitutional reporting requirements. The Directors' have determined that RLSSWA is not a reporting entity. The following specific accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this report.

Reporting Basis and Conventions

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

(a) Income Tax

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

(b) Revenue Recognition

Grants/Government Funding and Sponsorship Income

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

Interest Income

Interest income is recognised as it accrues.

Trading and Fundraising Income

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

(c) Income Received in Advance

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

(d) Receivables

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

(e) Non Current Assets

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

(f) Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

(g) Depreciation of Property, Plant and Equipment

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

(h) Amortisation of Building

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

(i) Employee Benefits

RLSSWA provides for its Long Service Leave liability in respect of all employees with service in excess of five years. As RLSSWA is not legally bound to provide for long service leave until the employees' service exceeds ten years (subject to ill health etc.), RLSSWA's policy is to phase in its provision for Long Service Leave during the five to ten year period of service. Annual leave has been provided for in the financial report on the basis of employee's accumulated net entitlements at year end.

(j) Accounts Payable

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

(k) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

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

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

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

(l) Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

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

m) Trophies

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

| | 2018 | 2017 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| NOTE 2. CASH | | |
| Petty cash | 800 | 800 |
| Cash at bank - Head Office | 2,611,935 | 2,209,208 |
| Cash at bank - CBA | 80,275 | 184,129 |
| Cash at bank – Term Deposit | 50,014 | - |
| | \$ 2,743,024 | \$ 2,394,137 |
| The amounts held in the Fundraising accounts are exclusively applicable to raffles not yet finalised. | | |
| NOTE 3. RECEIVABLES | | |
| CURRENT | | |
| Trade Debtors | 901,697 | 1,367,678 |
| Provision for doubtful debts | (14,508) | (23,834) |
| Security Deposit | 54,279 | 53,216 |
| | \$ 941,468 | \$ 1,397,060 |
| NOTE 4. INVENTORIES | | |
| Stock on Hand at Cost | \$ 252,085 | \$ 205,331 |
| NOTE 5. OTHER ASSETS | | |
| Prepayments and Other Debtors | \$ 155,841 | \$ 122,908 |
| NOTE 6. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT | | |
| Building and Improvements | 1,616,679 | 1,569,154 |
| (at independent valuation - 31 December 2015) | | |
| Less Provision for Depreciation | (232,021) | (106,114) |
| | 1,384,658 | 1,463,040 |
| Plant and Equipment at cost - Head Office | 1,356,483 | 1,225,429 |
| Less Provision for Depreciation | (846,291) | (638,488) |
| | 510,192 | 586,941 |
| | \$ 1,894,850 | \$ 2,049,981 |
| NOTE 7. CREDITORS AND BORROWINGS | | |
| CURRENT | | |
| Income in advance | 764,068 | 901,274 |
| Creditors - Trade | 125,430 | 128,991 |
| Creditors - Other | 109,584 | 293,083 |
| | \$ 999,082 | \$ 1,323,348 |
| NOTE 8. PROVISIONS | | |
| CURRENT | | |
| Annual Leave | 312,022 | 262,799 |
| Long Service Leave | 378,846 | 364,664 |
| Accrued Wages | 129,592 | 102,167 |
| | \$ 820,460 | \$ 729,630 |

| | 2018 | 2017 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| NOTE 9. SPONSORSHIP / GRANTS | | |
| Grants received for operations or capital works purposes are included as income | | |
| Department of Sport & Recreation | - | 69,500 |
| Health Department of WA | 464,535 | 460,709 |
| Leisure Institute of WA | 36,364 | 36,364 |
| Healthway | 65,000 | 65,000 |
| Office of Crime Prevention | 35,000 | 35,000 |
| BHP Billiton Minerals Pty Ltd | 475,000 | 475,000 |
| Royal Life Saving Society National | 125,000 | 170,000 |
| Office of Multicultural Interests | 25,000 | 40,000 |
| Lotterywest | 94,415 | 545,401 |
| Shire of Collie | - | 5,000 |
| Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet | - | 1,000 |
| Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor | - | 177,000 |
| Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries | 240,500 | - |
| Australian Competition & Consumer Commission | 8,293 | - |
| City of Armadale | 910 | - |
| City of Belmont | 3,826 | - |
| | \$ 1,573,843 | \$ 2,079,974 |
| 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 | 337,954 | 337,954 |
| | \$ 337,954 | \$ 337,954 |
| The asset revaluation reserve records revaluation of non current assets. | | |
| NOTE 11. CASH FLOW INFORMATION | | |
| Reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities with net current year surplus | | |
| Net current year surplus: | 51,287 | 231,065 |
| Non-cash flows in current year surplus | | |
| - Depreciation and amortisation | 361,270 | 380,730 |
| - Bad and doubtful debts | (7,526) | - |
| - Net loss on disposal of plant and equipment | 11,084 | - |
| Changes in assets and liabilities | | |
| - Decrease in accounts receivable and other debtors | 455,592 | (310,688) |
| - Increase in inventories on hand | (46,754) | (27,631) |
| - Increase in prepayments | (32,933) | 221,827 |
| - Decrease in grants received in advance | (103,315) | (211,383) |
| - Decrease in accounts payable and other payables | (96,230) | 112,377 |
| | \$ 592,475 | \$ 396,297 |

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