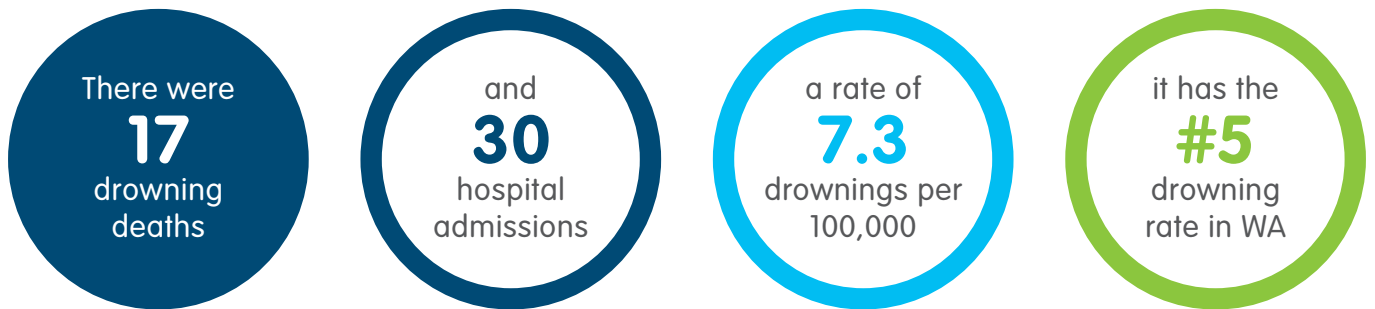




Photo: Hammersley Gorge

There were **47 drowning incidents** recorded in the Pilbara region



Males (8.9/100,000) were **1.6 times more likely to drown** than females (5.6/100,000)



Top 3 local areas (/100,000)	Top 3 locations (%)	Top 3 activities (%)
5.2 Shire of Karratha	58.8 Ocean/Harbour	47.1 Boating
1.8 Shire of Port Hedland	11.8 River/Creek/Stream	11.8 Non-aquatic transport
1.8 Shire of Ashburton	5.9 Lake/Dam/Lagoon	11.8 Swimming



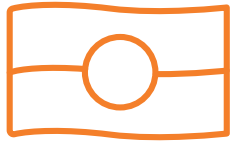
80.9% were born in Australia



19.2% were born overseas



Of these, **57.1%** were from a non-English speaking country



Overall, **25.5% of people who drowned were Aboriginal**, with drowning rates for Aboriginal (14.4/100,000) 2.3 times greater than non-Aboriginal Australians (6.3/100,000).



35.3% of fatal drowning involved a **tourist and/or visitor** to the area, which is lower than overall state trends (36.6%).



Drowning risk was greatest amongst toddlers 0-4 years and young people 15-24 years
(Rate per 100,000)



Toddlers (0-4 years)



Children (5-14 years)



Young People (15-24 years)



Adults (25-64 years)



Older Adults (65+ years)

High-risk times for drowning



38.3%
Summer months



52.9%
Weekdays



35.3%
Early mornings

Key risk factors for drowning

- > Presence of a pre-existing medical condition (23.5%)
- > Participating alone (23.5%)
- > Lack of supervision by a responsible adult (5.9%)
- > Environmental factors such as poor weather/water conditions (58.8%)
- > Poor swimming ability (5.9%)
- > Inexperience/unfamiliar with location (29.4%)
- > Consumption of alcohol (BAC >0.05) (11.7%) with an average BAC more than three times the legal limit for driving (0.167%)
- > Injury including head injury (29.4%)
- > 100.0% occurred at remote or very remote locations
- > 23.5% resided in a low socio-economic area