

3. Who we are

Surf Life Saving Northern Territory (SLSNT) is the peak coastal safety body in the NT. Formed in 1983, and becoming incorporated in 1991, we are part of the largest volunteer-based community service organisation in Australia.

Surf lifesaving began in the NT in 1971 with the creation of the Gove Peninsula Surf Life Saving Club in Nhulunbuy. Today there are three clubs in our organisation – Gove Peninsula, Darwin Surf Life Saving Club and Mindil Beach Surf Life Saving Club.

Surf lifesavers have a very positive contribution to make, on and off the beach and as each year passes we continue to experience strong growth in all our activities.

Why we exist

To save lives.

We believe all Territorians should learn water safety skills, including swimming and resuscitation, and be provided with safe beaches, water environments and aquatic venues.

SLSNT works to achieve this by delivering lifesaving, development and sports programs for our members and the wider community. Accredited education and training courses are run through our Academy and professional Lifeguard services through our branch of the Australian Lifeguard Service.

Our Vision

Zero preventable deaths in NT coastal waters.

Our Mission

We save lives, create great Australians and build better communities.

Strategic Goals

1. Lifesaving coverage matches community needs – using evidence to support decisions regarding community water safety needs, and having resources in place to support these decisions and needs.
2. Develop our people – recruit and retain the best people through support and development of their skills and knowledge.
3. Ensure a relevant & growing movement – to lead by example and develop a flexible and innovative organisation that can respond quickly in an ever-changing environment.
4. Engage the community to participate & support – Increase our public profile and encourage active participation by all community members.

4. Office Bearers & Patrons

Board of Directors

President: Grant Barnett

Director of Lifesaving: Adam Traugott

Director of Education: Ali Snowden

Director of Sport: Vacant

Director: Sue Barnes

Director: Bob Creek

Director: Vacant

Chief Executive Officer: Samantha Farrow^

^non voting position

Club Delegates

Darwin SLSC – Ray Hall and Sheree Russell

Mindil Beach SLSC – Noah Marcroft and Luke Marcroft

Gove Peninsula SLSC – Greg Girle and Peter Richards

Patron

Vacant

Vice- Patron

Mr Brian Measey

Life Members

Badge No 1	Leon Eddy
Badge No 2	Fred Finch AM*
Badge No 3	Colin (Col) Fleming
Badge No 4	Lee-Anne Kelly
Badge No 5	Alex Peters
Badge No 6	Charles Rue
Badge No 7	Robert (Bob) Creek*
Badge No 8	Jo-Anne (Jo) Gardiner
Badge No 9	Patricia (Mandy) Hutchinson
Badge No 10	Gary McKinnon
Badge No 11	Trevor Webb
Badge No 12	Bernie Whelan
Badge No 13	Chris (Putty) Putland
Badge No 14	Craig (Frog) Croke

*SLSA Life member

Committees & Panels

Awards of Excellence Panel

Grant Barnett, Martin Koch, Adam Traugott, Andrew McGuiness, Sue Barnes, Alison Snowden

Officers

Public Officer: Samantha Farrow

Key Staff

Chief Executive Officer	Samantha Farrow
Education Manager	Sam Edwards
Education & Development Coordinator	Bianca Parker (<i>resigned Dec 2020</i>)
Lifesaving Coordinator	Skip Hall (<i>resigned June 2020</i>)
Lifesaving & Sport Manager	Ella Tilling
Finance & Admin Officer	Paris LeGall-Zobec
Lifeguard Manager	Josh Mitchener
Lifeguard Coordinator	Josh Spera
	Jarryd Jeffery
Kiosk Coordinator	Jennifer O'Carroll

5. President's Report

Grant Barnett
President SLSNT

6. CEO's Report

It gives me great pleasure to present to you the Surf Life Saving NT Annual Report for 2019.

SLSNT is a fantastic organisation that makes a difference in people's lives – whether they are our members, sponsors or the public who need our help – and in 2019 SLSNT sustained our contribution to the NT community as a major coastal water safety, drowning prevention and rescue authority.

Our positive contribution to the NT community was achieved by:

- Providing hundreds of people, the opportunity to gain lifesaving skills and knowledge,
- Providing a safe space for members of the public to visit the beach and enjoy our tropical lifestyle,
- Promoting a healthy, active lifestyle, and
- Developing youth to become great citizens.

Our Lifeguard Service continues to grow from strength to strength. In addition to our three ongoing lifeguarding contracts, lifeguards were engaged to provide spectator first aid at the Arafura Games in May 2019. With less than three weeks to prepare, staff performed exceptionally well and received incredible feedback from the organising committee regarding their professionalism, helpfulness and organisation. We hope to be involved again in 2021.

From the exposure at Arafura Games, we were given the opportunity to provide water safety for the Territory Taste Festival at Fort Hill Wharf. A new location for the festival, we were on site in case anyone fell off the wharf and were ably supported by volunteers in Lifesaver 1. We also provided first aid services across two days of competition at the National Indigenous Tennis Carnival in August.

Our Offshore Rescue Boat, Lifesaver 1, continues to be the flagship of our 24/7 Marine Search & Rescue service. Through additional support of Westpac, this service was bolstered by the addition of 2 new Mavik Pro drones that were launched as part of the service in June 2019. I look forward to extending the Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Drone program to our beaches in the near future.

Photos - Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Drone

Samantha Farrow, left, with Lisa Grundy, Westpac Regional General Manager launching the Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Drone service in the NT.

NT Major Events utilised the services of the SAR Team for a stunt bike exhibition at Mindil Beach. Held in the days leading into the V8 supercar weekend, stuntman Robbie Maddison rode his modified bike on water. Two rescue water craft and Lifesaver 1 were on hand for water safety.

Member education is crucial to our continued success as an organisation. SLSNT and the clubs worked hard to deliver a wide range of courses to keep members engaged and ensure lifesavers have the skills needed to patrol.

The capacity of SLSNT and our clubs to deliver quality education to our members was tested in 2019. Changes to VET requirements meant all trainers and assessors had to undertake extensive upskilling

in the past 12 months to continue in these roles. That process is now complete, and thank you to the extra work put in by the volunteers to make sure their qualifications meet the new standards.

Our education delivery service continues to deliver, both a profit and greater recognition in the community of our brand. First aid courses remain the most popular courses businesses engage us to deliver. Why not consider us for your next course?

Unfortunately, the NT Government (NTG) has made no further commitments towards the building of a VHF Marine Radio Network in the NT, despite the submission of the VHF Marine Radio Review in 2018. A letter was received from NTG, supporting the proposal to build a network covering Darwin, Dundee, Cape Don and Melville Island but no funds or timelines were committed to. Since then an NTG working group has been formed to look into the build but this group has only met twice and very little information is available on the group.

Our links with NT Government departments, the NT Water Police, Careflight and the NT Water Safety Advisory Council continue to grow and strengthen. These relationships are important to SLSNT as we strive to reinforce our credibility and relevance as the peak coastal water safety authority and community-based emergency service.

SLSNT continues to have a strong relationship with Surf Life Saving Australia and SLSNT is appreciative of the opportunities we receive to have input into national initiatives and directions.

Thanks to our clubs who do a great job promoting surf lifesaving through their involvement in the community conducting, or supporting, popular public sporting events such as swimming and triathlon events, Darwin's Fannie Bay Classic Swim (Darwin SLSC), Beercan Regatta (Mindil Beach SLSC), Beach Volleyball (Gove Peninsula SLSC).

Appreciation

Our biggest asset is our members who, rain or shine, volunteer their time every weekend of the season to make sure the local beach is safe for the public to enjoy. I wish to pass on my sincerest appreciation to every member of our wonderful organisation; you all do an amazing job.

A highlight of the year is always our Awards of Excellence night, where we get to formally recognise the contribution of our members. Every awardee has a passionate commitment to surf lifesaving and I would like to congratulate them again on their dedication and hard work.

I would also like to thank Grant Barnett, SLSNT President and the Board of Directors for their support and commitment. I also need to thank all of the volunteers who gave up their time to conduct the business of SLSNT.

Finally, to the SLSNT staff, thank you. 2019 has been a very successful year for us all and you all deserve high praise for your dedication, professionalism and willingness to assist whenever it is needed.

I wish everyone associated with SLSNT a wonderful 2020 and look forward to seeing you next season.

Samantha Farrow
Chief Executive Officer

7. Lifesaving Services

Key Stats

- 2,943 volunteer patrol hours
- 19 rescues (lives saved)
- 25 first aid treatments

Search and Rescue (SAR) Team

ORB

Wet Season Lifesaver Patrols

Drones

Club Lifesaving

Adam Traugott

Director of Lifesaving SLSNT

**Feature – Surf Life Saver of the Year

Surf Life Saver of the Year: Steve Krohn – Darwin SLSC

Steve is a very valued and respected member of Darwin SLSC. During 2018, Steve contributed 90 volunteer patrol hours and provided water safety for the nipper's program and the Fannie Bay Swim. He also assisted SLSNT with numerous water safety patrols for surf sport and community events. He is well known as the man that's always 'first on the beach, last to leave' showing his impressive dedication and selflessness. Darwin Surf Life Saving Club is honoured to have 'Krony' as a dedicated member.

**Feature – Youth Lifesaver of the Year

Youth Surf Lifesaver: Phoenix Riggs – Darwin SLSC

Phoenix is a very hardworking member of Darwin SLSC, during 2018 he contributed 29 volunteer patrol hours, helping with water safety for multiple events such as the Fannie Bay Open Water Swim, nippers, and the Darwin Harbour Clean up. Phoenix was a finalist in the Somerville Community Service Awards showing his dedication and hard work within the sport. Due to his hard work Phoenix was also made an Age Group Manager.

Both of these use same photo - is this possible? Phoenix in middle, Steve on right.

Photo - SLSA Awards - Bob, Phoenix, Steve

8. Australian Lifeguard Service

Key Stats

- 81 rescues (lives saved)
- 791 first aid treatments
- 8,011 Preventive actions taken

As a member of Surf Life Saving Australia, we are also a member of the Australian Lifeguard Service (ALS) – one of the largest employers of lifeguards in Australia.

ALS NT started in 2006 when the Darwin Waterfront Corporation contracted SLSNT to provide a 365 day a year service at their premier venue. From these humble beginnings ALS NT has grown today boasting a workforce of 45 staff working across 3 contracts and 4 locations – Darwin Waterfront, Leanyer Recreation Park, Palmerston Water Park and Mindil Beach.

2019 was another successful year, with zero drowning deaths occurring in any of our contractual areas. Lifeguards supervised over 600,000 visitors across our four locations, rescuing 81 and performing 791 first aid treatments.

Each location provides a unique set of conditions for our Lifeguards to operate under, so it is important that they undertake regular training and fitness testing to ensure they are equipped with the necessary skills to identify and deal with any scenario. This continual training and testing ensures that that ALS NT Lifeguards are able to promote a safe environment for locals and visitors to enjoy.

Mindil Beach is a popular beach in the NT, home to the famous twice weekly Mindil Beach Sunset Markets through the Dry Season. The number of visitors to this location remain steady. Thanks to the support of the City of Darwin, we provide a Lifeguard service at this popular beach. In addition to providing a watchful eye over beach users, Lifeguards also consistently liaise with visitors and local wildlife, answering queries and providing local knowledge on the area.

Two interstate school groups visiting Litchfield National Park and Berry Springs engaged our services, which was a nice change of scenery for the lifeguards.

Locations

Darwin Waterfront

- 44 Rescues
- 313 First Aids
- 698 Preventative actions
- 319,341 Attendances

Started Service:	2009
Current Contract:	2017-2021
Days Operating:	365
Lifeguards on site each day:	5-7
Lifeguard Patrol:	9.00 – 18.00

Photo

Leanyer Recreation Park & Palmerston Water Park

Leanyer Recreation Park

- 31 Rescues
- 192 First Aids
- 10,750 Preventative actions
- 203,665 Attendances

Palmerston Water Park

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- 202 First Aids
- 2,513 Preventative actions
- 65,394 Attendances

Started Service: 2017
Current Contract: 2017-2020
Days Operating: 363
Lifeguards on site each day: 9-15
Lifeguard Patrol: 9.00 – 18.00

Photo

Mindil Beach Lifeguard Service

- 6 Rescues
- 73 First Aids
- 145 Preventative actions
- 17, 226 Attendances

Started Service: 2009
Current Contract: 2020-2021
Season Operating: June – September
Lifeguards on site each day: 1
Lifeguard Patrol: 14.00-18.00

Changes to service.

Thurs to Sunday

Mon to Wed on high tide.

First Aid Services

ALS NT continues to expand its presence, and reputation as a reliable First Aid Service, within the community. These events provide Lifeguards with the opportunity to develop their skills and adapt to new working environments, interacting with diverse crowds and placement in sometimes-complex situations that puts their knowledge and skills to the test.

During 2019, ALS NT was engaged to provide First Aid Services at the following community events:

- New Year's Eve, Darwin Waterfront
- Triathlon NT and Swimming NT events
- Territory Day, Mindil Beach
- Arafura Games, Darwin
- Territory Taste Festival, Fort Hill Wharf

Arafura Games

Photo - Arafura Games – Team

Medical team at Marrara Complex for the Arafura Games.

HR photo to follow

Appreciation

I would like to thank all of Lifeguards for their efforts in 2019, their dedication has seen us achieve zero drowning deaths in any of our contractual areas. Their ability to operate all year round, professionally handling the high temperatures (exceeding 35°C), tropical thunderstorm and cyclonic weather that comes with living in the Territory is to be commended.

Joshua Mitchener
Lifeguard Manager

**Feature – Lifeguard of the Year

Lifeguard of the Year:

Anika is a very hardworking, dedicated and positive member of the SLSNT Lifeguard team. She was always happy to help wherever it was needed. She always had a smile on her face, and was always on hand to show new Lifeguards the ropes and teach them the surf lifesaving way. During 2018, Anika completed several major rescues, assisted in a serious CPR situation outside of work and was an active member of the SLSNT Search & Rescue team where she assisted in a 14-hour call out.

Photo

9. Education and Awareness

Key Stats

- 827 participants completed SLS training
- 3,308 units of competency delivered
- 4,800 participants in community awareness programs

SLSNT continued to deliver education and training in both formal and informal settings to its' members and the wider community. Education of the wider community is a vital strategy in achieving our organisational vision of zero preventable deaths in NT coastal waters.

SLSNT through auspicing arrangements with Surf Life Saving SA (RTO 40110), delivers nationally recognised, accredited lifesaving education to the NT community, members, emergency services and local schools. SLSNT has developed a name in the NT for high quality training and education and will continue to deliver this service into the future.

Commercial Education

Surf lifesaving has a strong and proud history of saving lives in Australia, and SLSNT believes our lifesaving skills can be applied to many different environments and circumstances. SLSNT delivers a range of emergency care and aquatic rescue training courses across a range of industries including sport, education, medical, government and administration.

In 2019, 827 members of the public learnt valuable lifesaving skills through First Aid, CPR and Advanced Resuscitation courses.

The impact our commercial education has on the profile of SLSNT in the community is very positive – increasing community awareness of our brand and role – with a partnership being struck with Careflight to share resources and run joint training opportunities.

Photo

Photo - First Aid

Students from St Johns College take part in a first aid course.

Member Education

Our three surf lifesaving clubs regularly deliver training for members and in 2019, successfully delivered 3 courses, Bronze Medallion and Surf Rescue Certificates resulting in 11 members obtaining their Bronze Medallion or Surf Rescue Certificate. Clubs also completed 47 junior awards – I thought there were 100 nippers?

For the third year, SLSNT ran a combined skills maintenance day open to all members. Numbers have been steadily increasing each year and a thank you needs to go out to the assessors that volunteer their time to make this day a success.

SLSNT ran a total of seven courses for 39 participants, including two Bronze Medallion courses, two powercraft operators courses and a silver medallion aquatic rescue course.

Photo - Skills Maintenance

Good numbers at the SLSNT skills maintenance.

Photo - Gove RWC

Members undertook RWC in Gove in August.

Photo - Member Training – IRB

Members undertaking their powercraft training award.

Continuing to develop quality trainers and assessors is crucial to our continued success, both at club level and for SLSNT. 2019 was a busy year with current trainers and assessors undergoing extensive upskilling. Four upgraded their Certificate IV in Training and Assessment to the new standards and all took part in workshops with our RTO, SLSSA, to ensure they were up to date with the latest delivery techniques and course work. Local VET facilitator, and ex-surf lifesaver, Sharon Stewart, ran one trainer skill set and one assessor skill set course for ___ new trainers and assessors that have already begun shadowing SLSNT during commercial training.

Community Awareness

SLSNT, with the support of the clubs, attended a number of expos throughout the year to increase the awareness of SLS in the NT. The process was certainly a learning experience as each expo provided a different audience in regards to ages and interests.

The most successful expos, in terms of generating interest in surf lifesaving, were the Defence Welcome to the Top End Expo, Darwin High School Healthy Living Expo and the Darwin Middle School Health and Sport Expo. The Darwin Business and Lifestyle Expo was a new event on the calendar and had probably the least impact on raising our profile in the community but it did give SLSNT the opportunity to put out our new Get Involved messaging.

2019 saw the return of the Surf n' Sail program to the Darwin Waterfront, a joint initiative between Australian Sailing NT, Darwin Sailing Club and SLSNT. The program involved three sessions during the January school holidays and aimed to encourage participation in and around water, as well as build the profile of surf lifesaving and sailing in the community. The two-hour sessions provided children with the opportunity to participate in Nipper activities such as board paddling, beach and water flags and the opportunity to learn the basics of sailing. The attendance for this program, was once again

amazing. Many participants returned from 2018, and then came back each week for the January sessions.

Photo - SnS – 1

Participants learn board paddling skills during Surf n Sail.

The Water Awareness Sessions continued throughout the year, running up to three times a week during the school holidays. Held at Leanyer Recreation Park, other sports were invited to participate by providing activities on the grass including AFL, hockey, tennis, softball and touch football. Based in the lagoon, lifeguards ran fun and interactive games and activities to encourage participants to get in the water and be safe. Armed with a host of new exciting pool toys and games, the sessions were a great success. There were three sessions in January, three in April, nine in July and four in October school holidays – all with great turn out and positive feedback from parents and participants.

Photo - WSA – 1

All smiles at Leanyer Recreation Park for the Water Safety Awareness sessions.

Water Safety Week, is an NT Government initiative that focuses on creating awareness about keeping ourselves and others safe in, around and on the water. Splash Fest, a key event during Water Safety Week, is a one-day event at the start of the week and this continues to be a fun and important event on the SLSNT Calendar. Held on the 22 September at the Darwin Waterfront, over 1,500 members of the public attended to learn about keeping ourselves and others safe in, around and on the water. SLSNT provided a great activity which encouraged children to identify items you SHOULD take on a boat, and items you SHOULDN'T. Great feedback from accompanying parents was received, with the opportunity to have a photo on the jet ski in full rescue gear being a highlight.

Sam Edwards
Education and Training Manager

Laura McGrane
Development Coordinator

10. Surf Sports

Key Stats

- 339 participants in surf sport activities
- 120 events run at NT Championships
- 35 Nippers, 5 Youth, 27 Senior Athletes at NT Championships

Surf Sports is a great outlet and opportunity for surf lifesaving members to participate in unique activities, whilst improving their essential skills required to be a lifesaver. Surf sport is also seen as a key to recruiting and retaining members.

Unfortunately, we were once again unable to hold any other championship events, bar the NT Championships. With no functioning sport committee and no Director of Sport, it was difficult to develop new initiatives or get ideas off the ground. SLSNT made attempts to run a beach flag spectacle at the Darwin Waterfront under lights, but was unfortunately pulled due to a low number of registrations.

This didn't stop clubs from growing surf sports within their own clubs. Darwin SLSC introduced FASSsT (Friday Arvo Social Surf Sport) which encompassed team events, rotating through each discipline each week. Points were given not only to those who participated, but to those who assisted as water safety. The races and formats were adopted from SLISA's Modified Sports initiative which was showcased in 2018.

Mindil had great attendance for their weekly ski and board training sessions, with many athletes working hard to achieve great performances at the 2019 NT Championships. A special mention must go to Tia Brain who became the first Mindil competitor to compete in the prestigious Coolangatta Gold, held annually on the Gold Coast each year. Tia finished in the top 10 for her age group, in very cold and windy conditions.

Beach and Paddle Series

SLSNT ran yet another successful Beach & Paddle Series in 2019, with four events contested over 3 courses. It was generally seen as a success, with some minor course amendments on the way to cater for conditions and accessibility. A downside to the series was the cancellation of one event due to a clash with the Katherine Ultra Challenge that significantly affected numbers – this will be avoided in 2020.

Overall feedback was that the competitors were happy with the variety of courses and distances selected. Across the series there was 48 competitors, from a variety of craft: surf ski, outriggers (OC1, OC2, OC6) ocean skull, SUP's and surf boat crews.

Photo - BAPS – SUPS

Racing about to get underway with Geoff James, and his team of SUP paddlers.

2019 Sea Swift NT Surf Life Saving Championships

The 2019 Sea Swift NT Surf Life Saving Championships were hosted by our friends across the border at Broome Surf Life Saving Club from the 6-8 September.

The Sea Swift NT Surf Life Saving Championships return to Mindil Beach in 2020.

Officials

The core officials who were trained and guided by interstate officials Dennis Mathison and Mick Lafferty in 2018, continued their interest in officiating. The number of officials in the NT is growing, but we still need more people to put their hand up if we want to continue to grow the sport and the level of competition we run in the NT.

A big thankyou to the officials who travelled to Broome just to officiate at the 2019 Sea Swift NT Surf Life Saving Championships. Without your assistance the Championships would have been impossible to run.

Photo - Surf Sport – Officials

Coaches

Appreciation

SLSNT wishes to thank all coaches and officials for giving up their time all year and our fantastic water safety volunteers who make our events safe for all competitors.

SLSNT would also like to acknowledge the NT Government's Department of Sport & Recreation and our sponsors Sea Swift, Thrifty and Schweppes for their continued support of surf lifesaving sport in the NT.

11. Fundraising and Our Partners

SLSNT, as a not-for-profit organisation, relies heavily on the generosity and support of the local community to ensure our skilled volunteer lifesavers are able to continue patrolling our beautiful Top End beaches. In these difficult economic times, SLSNT is extremely appreciative of all support received.

All funds raised go towards the continuation of our lifesaving activities, through the maintenance and purchase of rescue equipment, enhancing our training and development programs and expanding community safety initiatives.

Surf Life Saving Foundation

The Surf Life Saving Foundation's Grant Seeking Unit (GSU) is a national grant research and writing support unit for Surf Life Saving entities across Australia. The GSU's focus is to research appropriate grant opportunities from private trusts, foundations and relevant government agencies.

More importantly, the GSU provides grant writing support to SLSNT and the clubs - this service is greatly appreciated by all of us.

Beach Safety Equipment Fund

The Australian Government, through the Beach Safety Equipment Fund (BSEF) continues to provide each NT Surf Life Saving Club with \$5 000 annually to purchase vital safety equipment. This grant is

part of a national program to ensure that Australia's Surf Life Saving Clubs are better equipped to reduce the nation's coastal drowning toll.

Major National Partners

***All logos must be in proportion to each other and equally spaced*

DHL Logo

DHL

As a Major National Partner of Surf Life Saving Australia, DHL has been helping Surf Lifesavers deliver safer beaches since 2003. DHL is the global market leader in the logistics and transportation industry and shares many core values with Surf Life Saving Australia including speed, passion and a can-do attitude.

Holden Logo

Holden is proudly flying the flag for Surf Life Saving Australia through its partnership. Holden believe in possibilities, now volunteer surf lifesavers are better equipped to keep Australian beaches safer, in Holden Colorado's. Holden are helping Australians with their journey, and Surf Life Saving Australia's mission is about saving lives. These two iconic Australian organisations, whose history are a part of the fabric of this country and share a commitment to safety, have partnered to strive to keep all Australians safe on the road and at the beach.

Westpac Logo

Westpac

Westpac has been proudly partnering with Surf Life Saving Australia for 42 years. In what is the longest corporate community partnership in Australia, Westpac has supported the Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Helicopter Service (WLRHS). The oldest civilian search and rescue service in Australia WLRHS has performed more than 70,000 missions nationally. Since its inception in 1973, no one has paid to be rescued. With a rescue fleet of 16 helicopters and 2 rescue boats across 13 bases nationally, the Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Helicopter Service is a vital extension of SLSA's front-line services.

NT Partners (logos needed)

NT Government Logo (proudly supported by)

NT Government

The continued support of the NT Government through the Department of Sport and Recreation enables SLSNT to develop and deliver programs that encourages active participation from both our members and the wider community.

BRP logo

Since 2009, BRP has been a proud National Partner of Surf Life Saving Australia, providing funding and rescue powercraft for affiliated clubs and services across the country. As the official powercraft supplier, BRP has delivered over \$1 million worth of essential lifesaving equipment to over 160 Surf life Saving clubs. BRP products are powerful lifesaving tools and enable lifesavers to move around the beach and water quickly ensuring they are rescue ready and that performing rescues can be performed with greater efficiency.

Schweppes Australia Logo

Schweppes Australia is a leading company in the Australian non-alcoholic beverage market and has been in partnership with SLSNT since 2013 supporting our surf sports activities.

Thrifty Logo

Darwin Thrifty Car Rental is a prominent locally owned business and long-standing partner of SLSNT, whose support ensures SLSNT is able to provide valuable lifesaving training and education to the wider community.

Sea Swift logo

Major sponsor of our annual Sea Swift NT Championships, this event was not possible in 2020.

Sea Swift is Australia's largest privately owned shipping company. It operates in Northern Australia, mainly servicing remote and regional communities in Far North Queensland and the Northern Territory.

City of Darwin logo

Long standing supporter of SLSNT, City of Darwin provides an operational subsidy that supports the provision of a lifeguard service at Mindil each as well as access to storage sheds at Lake Alexander.

NT Supporters (no logos)

A number of organisations generously supported SLSNT by providing value in kind or greatly discounted items that helped to keep our operating costs to a minimum.

BRP

NTG Community Benefit Fund

City of Darwin

Cullen Bay Estate

ITS Communications

Sea Swift

Uniprint

12. Membership

Key Stats

- 919 members
- 107 members under 18
- 41.2% of membership is female

2019 Membership

Membership remains stable in 2019. Whilst aim is to continue to grow membership and SLSNT needs to see growth in order to be sustainable for the long term, this is preferable to a decrease.

It is pleasing to note that surf lifesaving in the NT continues to attract members at an almost 50/50 gender split. There has been a significant drop in the number of members under 18 when compared to previous years and this would be affected by the limited ability of Gove SLSC to run patrols during the season.

Local design agency, Boab Design provided a strategy and imagery to assist in our endeavour to improve the community's understanding of what surf lifesaving is. Ads were run at the Deckchair cinema from April to June, member videos shared on Facebook and new marketing collateral was provided to all clubs.

Received on the eve of the 2019 season, the impact of this collateral was limited so it is hoped that this collateral will have a better impact in 2020 to increase the appeal of our organisation to the community and help replenish the number of members at each club.

In a positive for membership, the annual Fannie Bay Swim, held by Darwin SLSC, saw massive jumps in participation with the event having to be capped at 250 participants. Previous highs were in the order of 180 participants.

Awards of Excellence

Without our members there is no surf lifesaving in the NT, so it is important that the dedication and professionalism shown by our members each season is recognized. Held at Trailer Boat Club on the 30 March over 80 members, supporters, sponsors and guests came together to celebrate the efforts of our volunteers during the 2019 season.

The winners in 2020 were:

Lifeguard of the Year

Youth Volunteer of the Year

Volunteer of the Year

Youth Lifesaver of the Year

Lifesaver of the Year

I know there are more

Darwin Harbour Clean Up

SLSNT continued our participation in the annual Darwin Harbour Clean Up. 2019 marked the tenth year of the event, this time run by Larrakia Nation.

Lifesaver 1, two RWC's and twelve volunteers took part in the event, focused on cleaning the area around the Esplanade between Lameroo Beach and Frances Bay.

Well done to all involved, it was a hot day, but we were able to assist in removing tonnes of rubbish from the Darwin Harbour. We should pride ourselves on our involvement and SLSNT encourages more volunteers to take part in this unifying event in 2020.

Photo – DHCU

Volunteers on rubbish patrol for the 2019 Darwin Harbour Clean up.

**Feature – Volunteer of the Year

Volunteer of the Year:

Greg has been a hands on, dedicated member of Gove Peninsula SLSC where he has been a member since 2013. Greg selflessly contributes his time to the club, driving IRB's, volunteering for patrols, and at the bar and bbq's. He often carries out maintenance on all mechanical equipment and provides advice for any other maintenance that may be required. Greg is the current Vice President of Gove SLSC and still competes and supports others at NT champs.

Photo - Greg Girle

**Feature – Youth Volunteer of the Year

Youth Volunteer:

Mahlia Snowden is a very dedicated and valued member of the Gove SLSC, she has been an active member of the Gove Peninsula club since 2011. Mahliah is a regular patrolling member, spending many hours patrolling both on the beach and as a IRB crew member. Mahliah has also been an Age Group Manager which shows her willingness to help others and her club.

Photo - Mahlia Snowden – Award 1
Mahlia, left, with Hon. Lauren Moss MLA.

13. Statistics, Results & Financials

	Darwin			Gove Peninsula			Mindil Beach			Surf Life Saving NT			Total Membership		
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
Active (15-18 yrs)	0	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	4	1	3	4	3	8	11
Active (18yrs and over)	21	23	44	7	10	17	5	10	15	12	17	29	45	60	105
Associate	70	69	139		2	2	1	1	2			0	71	72	143
Award Member			0		1	1			0	1		1	1	1	2
Cadet Member (13-15 years)	10	6	16		1	1			0			0	10	7	17
General			0	68	57	125	1		1	2		2	71	57	128
Junior Activity Member (5-13 years)	38	35	73	2	2	4	1	1	2			0	41	38	79
Life Member	4	6	10	5	16	21	1	2	3	4	10	14	14	34	48
Non Member Participants			0			0			0	123	272	395	123	272	395
Probationary			0			0	9	4	13			0	9	4	13
Reserve Active	1		1			0			0			0	1	0	1
Total Members	144	140	283	83	90	173	19	21	40	143	302	445	389	553	942

2020 Sea Swift NT Surf Life Saving Championships

Not held due to COVID 19

2020 Beach & Paddle Series

Any other results?

Audited financials to be included – separate file.