



Northern
Territory

2024

ANNUAL REPORT



SNAPSHOT STATS

56



PREVENTATIVE ACTIONS



2,804

PATROL HOURS

9 RESCUES



20 FIRST AID
TREATMENTS

773



MEMBERS



1,430

PARTICIPANTS COMPLETED SLS TRAINING



551 COMMUNITY
PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS



90

NIPPERS



922

SAR TEAM HOURS



6

MARINE STINGS

173

BRONZE
MEDALLIONS



32,312

LIFEGUARD PATROL HOURS

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INTRODUCTION

WHO WE ARE

Surf Life Saving NT is a volunteer, not-for-profit community service organisation and is the peak agency for coastal safety in the NT.

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.

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.

2023 - 2026 STRATEGIC PLAN



VISION

Zero preventable deaths
in NT coastal waters.

MISSION

We save lives and inspire Territorians
to build better communities.

VALUES

HONESTY

- Straight talking and straight answers

RESPECT

- Respect is shown no matter ability or background

TEAMWORK

- The team always has your back
- Serious fun

INCLUSIVE

- All cultural backgrounds are welcome

RESOURCEFUL

- A Territory 'can do' attitude
- Doing a lot with less

SELFLESS

- Small considerate actions make a big impact
- Passionately dedicated

PRIORITY 1

SAVE LIVES

KEY STRATEGIES

Provide services which:

- 1.1 Ensure the highest level of lifesaving services is delivered
- 1.2 Optimise the delivery of Support Operation services
- 1.3 Ensure we continue to be recognised as a leader in the provision of lifeguard services

Seek recognition:

As an Emergency Service and investigate opportunities to collaborate with other like-minded organisation

HOW WE WILL KNOW WE ARE ON TRACK

- 1) Achieve our Vision: zero preventable drowning deaths in NT coastal waters
- 2) Evidence shows ongoing and functional relationship with NT Police
- 3) Increase or stability in retention of lifeguard contracts
- 4) Retain current lifeguard contracts
- 5) Number of new commercial event lifesaving, first aid and lifeguard contracts
- 6) SLSNT recognised by the NT Government as an Emergency Service
- 7) A new lifesaving organisation is created through collaboration of SLSNT with like-minded organisations

PRIORITY 2

DEVELOP AND SUPPORT OUR PEOPLE

KEY STRATEGIES

Provide services which:

- 2.1 Develop a strong and engaging sport culture which provides development opportunities for the Club members, especially youth
- 2.2 Ensure Club's individual needs are met and they are sustainable and viable
- 2.3 Continue to engage with members at all levels of involvement and grow and maintain the membership

Support volunteers and staff so that we:

- 2.4 Grow the capacity of our people to receive and deliver accredited and non-accredited education and training

HOW WE WILL KNOW WE ARE ON TRACK

- 8) Increased membership across all clubs
- 9) Clubs are able to retain more members year on year
- 10) There are at least three healthy SLS Clubs in the NT
- 11) Clubs are solvent and financially stable
- 12) Clubs remain compliant with the NT Associations Act
- 13) Clubs have been offered or have delivered a range of courses relative to core lifesaving skills

PRIORITY 3

GROW AND SUSTAIN OUR BUSINESS

KEY STRATEGIES

SLSNT is a strong business:

- 3.1 Growing and diversifying revenue through maximising commercial opportunities in line with our values and developing our local corporate partnerships
- 3.2 Ensuring best practice Board governance responsible financial management practices and oversee the application of sound policy and procedures
- 3.3 Recruiting and retaining a great SLSNT workforce

HOW WE WILL KNOW WE ARE ON TRACK

- 14) Revenue has grown or remained stable
- 15) Number of new corporate partnerships (local or national)
- 16) Ongoing compliance with the NT Associations Act and unqualified Annual Financial Audit
- 17) SLSNT workforce has remained stable

PRIORITY 4

ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY

KEY STRATEGIES

Effective communications will:

- 4.1 Refine the messaging and mechanisms used to communicate to the clubs and reinforce the role of SLSNT
- 4.2 Ensure positive crocodile and stinger education messaging which is aligned with the NT government messaging

Developing a relationship with NT indigenous communities will:

- 4.3 Grow mutually beneficial opportunities for SLSNT and Indigenous Territorians to work together

Through advocacy and lobbying we will:

- 4.4 Strategically engage with schools, key community partners and sector bodies to advocate for government funded swimming classes in order to raise the level of swimming capabilities of all Territorians

HOW WE WILL KNOW WE ARE ON TRACK

- 18) Annual Club and member survey indicates improved messaging and communication from SLSNT
- 19) Evidence of positive working relationships with indigenous communities via Clubs and other SLSNT initiatives
- 20) Evidence of strategic engagement with schools, community partners and other sector bodies in lobbying for compulsory/funded swimming lessons at NT schools lifesaving skills



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello to all members and supporters

I'm pleased to present the Annual Report for the 2024 year, which has been another successful one for SLSNT. This year has seen growth in many areas, consolidating the efforts of 2023 into material improvements to the organisation.

Lifesaving Services – Clubs, SAR Team

There has been an uplift in both the quality and quantity of frontline lifesaving services provided by our members. Within SLSNT, the Search and Rescue (SAR) Team has had one of its most successful seasons ever. The frequency of callouts has increased significantly over the last 12 months, resulting in a response being provided every 2-3 weeks. To enable this capability, the SAR Team has increased the number of members, especially crew for the Offshore Rescue Boat.

In the latter half of 2024, SLSNT and NT Police Search & Rescue Section drafted a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between our organisations. This MoU will formalise the long-standing relationship between SLSNT and NT Police, including ensuring that SLSNT is recognised as a response capability in emergency situations. It is a credit to all of our members for volunteering their services in a highly professional manner, gaining the trust and respect of the community and emergency services to know that we will respond when required.

All three NT clubs continued to seek further improvement in their services during 2024. Darwin SLSC trialled a new rostering method in an attempt to give more flexibility to their members. Whilst change may present some challenges, the club should be commended for seeking to improve the experience for volunteers. Mindil Beach SLSC increased patrol dates and sought renewal of their patrol equipment, generating increased patrol services. This included consolidating Saturday morning patrols as trialled in 2023, which seem to be

popular for members and the beach-going public. Likewise, Gove Peninsula SLSC provided an increased patrol presence on their beaches in 2024; this was largely as a result of increased membership in the club as a result of new and emerging members joining over the last few years.

Sport and Events

After a disappointing year in 2023 for sport, 2024 saw a recovery in some areas of competition and events. Having made the difficult decision to cancel the 2023 NT Championships, it was very satisfying to be able to return to the event in 2024, hosted by Gove Peninsula SLSC. In the senior events, the competition was one of the closest in recent history, with Gove Peninsula narrowly beating Mindil Beach and Darwin. In the juniors the host club had dominance, resulting in GPSLSC winning the combined championship pointscore. Off the beach, Gove celebrated the club's 50th anniversary with a special event on the Saturday night, which was a great way to relax and socialise after a tough day of competition. Competitors and officials from the visiting clubs camped in the grounds of the surf club, giving the whole event a carnival atmosphere. The fun and inclusive nature of the championships sets the expectation for another great event in 2025 when the Championships return to Mindil Beach SLSC.

Member engagement – conference and workshop

2024 saw a significant increase in the collaboration between SLSNT and the constituent clubs and individual members. There were two major forums conducted, the Lifesaving conference in April and the Development workshop in October. In addition, there were several smaller meetings during the year, including the Lifesaving Advisory Committee, SAR team meetings and a President's meeting. The increased frequency of engagement with our members provided further opportunities for two-way communication, often an area in which Surf Life Saving could improve. Taking the opportunities to listen to the input of our members generated ideas which have already started to be put into planning for the future.

Awards and recognition

Throughout the year SLSNT and its members were recognised for their outstanding contributions both internal and external of SLSNT. In April our annual Awards of Excellence was held at the Hilton Darwin. The event was another excellent opportunity to socialise and recognise those who went above and beyond. Following the awards, our NT winners represented SLSNT as finalists at the National Awards of Excellence in Sydney. It was thrilling to see Sharon Stewart named the SLSA DHL Volunteer of the Year. It was well-deserved recognition of the amazing effort Sharon puts into everything she does in SLS and was great to see the NT amongst the winners.

In August SLSNT members were hosted by our patrons, His Honour The Honourable Hugh Heggie AO, PSM, Administrator of the Northern Territory, and Ms Ruth Jones, for the presentation of the Administrators Medal for Outstanding Services to Surf Life Saving in the Northern Territory. This year's recipient was Alison Snowden of Gove Peninsula SLSC. Ali has been a conspicuous contributor to GPSLSC and SLSNT over the last 10 years, including as an SLSNT director.

SLSNT was proud to be the winner of the Small Employer of the Year at the NT Training awards. This award recognised the Lifeguard Induction Pathway that we provide for our lifeguards as part of their employment induction. It was overdue recognition of the exceptional quality of training delivered by our Education Team, led by the manager Sam Edwards. To add to this impressive achievement SLSNT was named the runner-up at the Australian Training awards.

Financial and Commercial

Throughout 2024 our commercial operations continued to provide exceptional services, regarded across the industry as a very professional organisation. Our lifeguard contracts at NT water parks, Defence bases and Mindil Beach continued, as well as the establishment of a Lifeguard at Nightcliff during the dry season. Commercial education programs were again very popular with businesses looking for workplace training.

Unfortunately, 2024 saw significant inflationary pressures, which SLSNT was not immune to. Whilst our income sources remained stable from 2023 due to mostly fixed prices, our expenses grew more in line with CPI. Additionally, the board made the decision to increase discretionary spending in some areas that impact on member growth and retention. This resulted in a loss for the year of approximately \$20,000. Whilst making a loss is not a desirable outcome, SLSNT was fortunate enough to have been financially stable over the past decade, allow us to absorb the loss without having to cut services to clubs and members. The board have identified areas to address to attempt to return the 2025 budget to profit, whilst still providing the member services.

Thank You for 2024

SLSNT would not have been able to achieve the results of 2024 without the contributions of our volunteers and staff. This past year the board and management have worked closer than any other year I can recall. Under the leadership of our CEO, Andrew McGuiness, the management team of Sam Edwards, Sarah Fisher and Josh Mitchener have become a more integrated group and have experienced increased responsibility in the management of the business. Our board, comprising Ali Snowden, Sue Barnes, Nathan McCarthy, Lyn Barratt, Garry Williams and Ian Jackson have consolidated after forming as a group in 2023, providing valuable guidance and experience to the whole SLSNT organisation. Thank you all for the contributions throughout the year.

Lastly, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our clubs and their members. Every single member who volunteers their time to support surf life saving is offering an invaluable service to the community, one that we can never fully repay. It is a privilege to lead SLSNT, and I hope that the Board and I can work together to create opportunities that honour the time and effort you all dedicate.



Yours in Surf Life Saving,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Adam Traugott'. The signature is stylized with a large 'A' and a long horizontal stroke.

Adam Traugott
SLSNT President





A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

It gives me great pleasure to present to you the Surf Life Saving NT Annual Report for 2024.

My first year as CEO has been extremely rewarding, sometimes challenging, but overall, it has been a hugely successful year for surf lifesaving in the Northern Territory.

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. In 2024 we increased our contribution to the NT community significantly. As the peak coastal water safety organisation in the NT, we are dedicated to drowning prevention and providing the safest possible aquatic events.

Our positive contribution to the NT community was achieved by:

- Providing members of the community the opportunity to gain lifesaving skills, qualifications and knowledge,
- Providing a safe space for members of the public to visit the beach, water parks and defence pools to enjoy our tropical lifestyle,
- Providing a 24 hour, 7 day a week call out service to assist the community with marine emergencies,
- Providing water safety for major community events,
- Promoting a healthy, active lifestyle, and
- Developing youth to become great citizens.

Our Australian Lifeguard Service continues to grow from strength to strength. In addition to our ongoing lifeguarding contracts, lifeguards were engaged to provide water safety and first aid for community events including Triathlon NT, Swimming NT, Masters Swimming NT, Masters Swimming Australia, Territory Day at Mindil Beach, Pitch Black Air Demonstration, local & interstate school camps, Territory Family Day at Lake Alexander and many more.

Our Westpac Offshore Rescue Boat, Lifesaver 1, continues to be the flagship of our 24/7/365 Marine Search & Rescue service. Lifesaver 1 clocked up over 140 hours patrolling, search & rescue exercises (SAREX), 8 callouts and provided water safety at many community events.

2024 was a very busy year for the SAR team. SAR team members provided 922 hours of service to the community. The SAR team collaborated extensively with Northern Territory Police Search & Rescue Section (NTP SRS) with Lifesaver 1 and Rescue Water Craft (RWC) provided water safety and participating in 8 SAREX's. Lifesaver 1 collaborated with CareFlight, Toll Aviation, CHC Helicopters and PHI Aviation in winch training and providing water safety and rescue swimmers for training purposes.

The SAR team also provided water safety coordination for major events including the Territory Day fireworks, Darwin Ocean Swim, Pitch Black Air Demonstration, Sand Bar Party and the Beach and Paddle Series.

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 our beaches and provide quality first aid when required. There was a significant increase in new members to all three clubs and the SAR team, so our trainers and assessors have been very busy in 2024.

Our commercial education and training service continues to deliver increased recognition in the community of our brand and the quality training we provide. This was recognised at the Northern Territory Training Awards where SLSNT won the Small Employer of the Year for our Lifeguard Induction Pathway training program.

Whilst First aid and CPR remain the most popular courses businesses engage us to deliver, the quality of training provided to our lifeguards was also recognised with a silver medal at the National Training Awards in Canberra.

Many of our lifeguards go onto successful careers in emergency services such as Paramedicine, firefighting, policing and maritime surveillance and search & rescue.

Our partnerships with NT Government departments, NT Police Search & Rescue Section, Careflight and the NT Water Safety Advisory Council continue to develop and strengthen. Two of these partnerships have had significant impact for the Northern Territory community.

As a member of the NT Drowning Prevention Alliance, lobbying from the alliance resulted in the implementation of a funded water safety swimming program for all primary students in the Northern Territory. We thank the Northern Territory government for this commitment to the safety of our children.

Our ongoing collaboration with NTP SRS will lead to formal recognition as an emergency service, with a memorandum of understanding drafted in 2024 that will be ratified in 2025. This is 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. Whilst we are a smaller entity compared to some of our larger states, we have an equal contribution at the SLSA board and executive management group. All states have worked positively together with SLSA and SLSNT to provide the best possible outcomes for members and the wider community.

I would like to thank all three clubs for their contributions and collaboration in 2024. Special thankyou to the three presidents, Michelle Taylor (DSLSC), Grant Barnett (GPSLSC) and Luke Marcroft (MBSLSC). Together we have achieved significant results in 2024. Highlights include the largest ever participation in Darwin

Ocean Swim (DSLSC), conducting the SLSNT Championships in Nhulunbuy (GPSLSC) and the amazing increase in membership in the MBSLSC, over 500% increase in membership.

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 all of them on their dedication and hard work.

An additional highlight was the SLSA National Awards of Excellence, where our nominations were recognised, and Sharon Stewart was awarded the SLSA DHL Volunteer of the Year. A deserved result for such an outstanding club lifesaver, BBQ cook, training facilitator, major event organiser and someone who always puts their hand up to assist. Congratulations Sharon.

Another highlight is the Northern Territory Administrators Award, which recognises a member for having rendered outstanding service to the advancement, growth or development of surf lifesaving at any level in the NT. Alison Snowden was the deserving recipient of this award in 2024. Alison's sustained and ongoing contributions to surf lifesaving in the NT over the years are numerous and include SLSNT Board member, Gove Peninsula SLSC Board Member, Trainer, Assessor, SLSNT representative on SLSA working groups, patrolling member, just to name a few.

I would also like to acknowledge the Board of Directors for their support and commitment to furthering the goals of surf lifesaving in the Northern Territory. The Board has been collaborative, supportive and given up huge amounts of their time to achieve significant governance and strategic goals in 2024. I would like to thank the Board for being extremely welcoming, supportive and collaborative since I was employed by them as CEO.

Appreciation

Our most valuable assets are our members who, rain or shine, volunteer their time every weekend of the dry 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. You increased volunteer water safety contribution by over 1000 hours compared to 2023. That is truly amazing!

On behalf of the board and the staff, I would also like to acknowledge the commitment and professionalism of our dedicated members, who patrol our beaches and provide safety messages, first aid and water safety for community events throughout the year. This extends to all our parents, volunteers and administrators who keep our clubs running, seek grants and raise funds, manage and train our nippers who are our next generation of lifesavers.

Finally, to the SLSNT staff, a huge thank you. You welcomed and supported me throughout 2024. We could not have achieved all we did without your dedication, professionalism and willingness to step up whenever it is needed.

I wish everyone in our surf lifesaving family a wonderful 2025 and look forward to working with and supporting you all throughout the season.



A handwritten signature of Andrew McGuinness in black ink.

Andrew McGuinness
SLSNT CEO

OFFICER BEARERS & PATRONS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President:	Adam Traugott
Director:	Nathan McCarthy
Director:	Ali Snowden
Director:	Sue Barnes
Appointed director:	Lyn Barratt
Appointed director:	Gary Williams
Appointed director:	Ian Jackson
Chief Executive Officer:	Andrew McGuiness ^

^non voting position

CLUB DELEGATES

Darwin SLSC – Sharon Stewart and Sam Creek

Mindil Beach SLSC – Luke Marcroft and Phillip Miller

Gove Peninsula SLSC – Grant Barnett and Marcia Barnett

PATRONS

His Honour the Honourable Hugh Heggie AO PSM and Ms Ruth Jones

COMMITTEES & PANELS

Honours Committee:

Chair - Adam Traugott, Nathan McCarthy and Garry Williams.

Lifesaving Advisory Committee:

Chair - Nathan McCarthy, Kara Pease, Michael O'Donnell, ex officio Sam Edwards & Tameya Martin

Education Advisory Committee:

Chair – Sharon Stewart, Marcus Chen ex officio Sam Edwards

Finance Audit & Compliance Committee:

Lyn Barrett, ex officio Andrew McGuiness

Surf Sport Advisory Committee:

Adam Traugott ex officio Maddi James positions vacant

Development Advisory Committee:

Ali Snowden ex officio Maddi James positions vacant

STAFF

Chief Executive Officer:	Andrew McGuiness
Education Manager:	Sam Edwards
Lifeguard Manager:	Josh Mitchener
General Manager:	Sarah Fisher
Training Officer:	Jarryd Jeffrey
Development Officer:	Maddi James
Lifesaving Officer:	Tameya Martin (finished 31st of October 2024)
Office Coordinator:	Clarissa McLennan (finished 29th of September 2024) Jessika Squire commenced 4th of November 2024
Lifeguard Coordinators:	Jessika Squire (finished 1st of November 2024) Gabby Sutton (finished 22nd of November 2024) Jamila Cernovskis commenced 5th of December 2024
Asset Officer:	Steven Krohn

OFFICERS

Public Officer:	Andrew McGuiness
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LIFE MEMBERS

 Badge No 1 Leon Eddy OAM	 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 Charlie 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 Nixon	 Badge No. 13 Craig (Frog) Croke	 Badge No. 14 Chris (Putty) Putland	 Badge No. 15 Greg (Hendy) Edwards	 Badge No. 16 Adam Traugott	 Badge No. 17 Grant Barnett	<i>*SLSA Life member</i>



LIFE SAVING
TRAINING
IN
PROGRESS

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

ADMINISTRATOR MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

2024 Administrator Medal - Alison Snowden, Gove Peninsula SLSC

Alison, commonly known as 'Ali', has been a valued member of Gove Peninsula Surf Life Saving Club since 2010 and has held numerous Board positions during that period, both at club and state level.

Ali has been GPSLSC primary training officer for over 10 years and has been awarded the SLSNT Trainer of the Year twice and was nominated for SLSA Volunteer of the Year in 2018. Ali has been a member of the SLSA Advisory panels for education and development for many years as well as a member of the National Leadership Class of 2016.

Contributing 447.5 patrol hours over the past 10 years without her dedication the GPSLSC would have simply stopped attracting and training new members.



SURF LIFE SAVING AUSTRALIA AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

DHL Volunteer of the Year - Sharon Stewart, Darwin SLSC

Sharon has been an active member of the Darwin Surf Life Saving (DSLSC) since 2004, also serving with dedication at North Burleigh SLSC and Mullaloo SLSC. As DSLSC's Director of Education, she plays a vital role in training members, ensuring they have access to high-quality development opportunities, and fostering strong, skilled lifesavers who enhance community safety.

A testament to her resilience, Sharon took on the role of organising the Darwin Ocean Swim following the sudden passing of her husband during the 2021 event. Her efforts in relocating and managing this event has received strong community support, highlighting her dedication to both the club and local open-water swimmers.

To increase patrol numbers, Sharon introduced the Bronze Observer Award, allowing members to contribute while awaiting full Bronze certification, which has been successful. Her exceptional dedication to volunteering strengthens her club, inspires members, and builds a supportive, connected community.



NORTHERN TERRITORY TRAINING AWARDS

Surf Life Saving Northern Territory (SLSNT) has had an outstanding year, achieving notable success at both the Northern Territory and Australian Training Awards.

A standout achievement was winning Gold in the Small Employer category at the Northern Territory Training Awards, recognising the excellence of our training programs. This accolade highlights our commitment to high-quality education, particularly through our lifeguard induction program, which remains a foundation of our training efforts.

Our success continued on the national stage, where SLSNT earned the Silver Award at the Australian Training Awards. Competing against leading training organisations from across the country, SLSNT finished second to Gunggandji-Mandingalbay Yidinji Peoples Prescribed Body Corporate Aboriginal Corporation (GMYPPBC) from Queensland, who took home Gold. Howrah Plumbing from Tasmania secured the Bronze award in this highly competitive category.

These achievements reflect the hard work of our trainers, the effectiveness of our programs, and our ongoing commitment to developing skilled and confident lifeguards. SLSNT remains proud to be a leader in training excellence and looks forward to continuing to set the standard in lifesaving education.



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. The annual Awards of Excellence for 2024 celebrated another successful event at the Hilton Darwin with other 70 members, supporters and guests that came together to celebrate the efforts of our volunteers during the 2024 season.



AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE 2024

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR Sharon Stewart - DSLSC	YOUTH VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR Ashton Bayard-Hewitt - DSLSC	ATHLETE OF THE YEAR Phillip Miller - MBSLSC
SURF LIFESAVER OF THE YEAR Grant Barnett - GPSLSC	LIFESAVING COMMENDATION - INDIVIDUAL Steven Krohn - DSLSC	PRESIDENTS AWARD Nathan McCarthy - MBSLSC
LIFEGUARD OF THE YEAR Didier Rouer	YOUTH SURF LIFESAVER OF THE YEAR Lewis Smythe - GPSLSC	LIFESAVING COMMENDATION - TEAM Andrew McGuinness Rob Van Wessel Giorgio Romano







LIFESAVING SERVICES



CLUB LIFESAVING

Surf Life Saving NT is a volunteer, not-for-profit community service organisation and is the peak agency for coastal safety in the NT. We believe all Territorians should learn water safety skills and be provided with safe beaches, water environments and aquatic venues to enjoy.

Reflecting on 2024 our club Lifesaving services have been on expanding in membership, a busy year for all 3 Surf Life Saving Clubs each building on the previous year.

- Mindil Beach Surf Life Saving Club filled a brand-new board and had a membership increase of around 500%
- Darwin Surf Life Saving Club hosted another successful Ocean Swim with record competitor numbers
- Gove Peninsular Surf Life Saving Club filled a brand-new board and put through a record number of new Bronze Medallion holders.
- Lifesaver 1 recorded a significant increase in operational hours exceeding our quota outlined in our Westpac contract.
- Our local Lifesavers have been upskilling in advanced courses such as Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue (SMAR) and Silver Medallion Patrol Captain (SMPC). We have also rolled out a new and improved IRB course with help from Gary and Megan Williams spearheading the pilot course in the NT.

Key Statistics from 2024

- 2804 volunteer patrol hours (almost 1,000hr increase from 2023)
- 9 rescues (lives saved) on our coast
- 20 first aid treatments

The aspirational vision for Surf Life Saving Northern Territory to have zero preventable deaths in Northern Territory waters is one that needs to be maintained and championed if we are to successfully reduce deaths and injuries on our coastline and beyond in the future.



LIFESAVING CONFERENCE

Surf Life Saving NT held a Lifesaving Conference on Saturday 11th May alongside the Awards of Excellence and Annual General Meeting. The conference brought together members from all 3 x Surf Life Saving Clubs and gave members the valuable opportunity to hear from some prominent interstate speakers.

This included SLSA President John Baker, Emma Aktins General Manager of People & Culture at Lifesaving Victoria, General Manager of Culture and Capability for SLSNSW Lousie Cooke and SLSA Coastal Safety Manager Shane Daw.

The Lifesaving Conference covered topics on national IT systems and the importance of recording accurate statistics along with members opportunity to have an open discussion on the future of NT clubs.

A highlight was Lousie Cooke SLSNSW delivering a presentation of the National Member Satisfaction Survey findings and actionable to increase volunteer retention. These findings inform our clubs and volunteers on best practise when retaining volunteers withing our movement.



FLOOD RESCUE RESPONDER COURSE

Surf Life Saving Tasmania has established the Centre of Excellence to educate and equip volunteers with the necessary skills to safely undertake flood and swift water rescues. The ability to deliver courses related to flood and swift water rescue not only upskills our membership, it has a real-life impact when Surf Life Saving is called upon to assist with an emergency response. While the core focus of Surf Life Saving remains delivering coastal safety services, the ability of our volunteers to be leaders in other emergency service operations is an invaluable asset to the community across the country.

SLSNT SAR Team members Rob Van Wessel and Nicole Webb travelled to Tasmania in to attend the Centre for Excellence in flood and swift water training. Rob and Nicole received qualifications in Flood Boat Operations and Flood Rescue Responder.



SEARCH & RESCUE TEAM

SLSNT also operates a 24/7 365 day a year volunteer Search & Rescue Team. The SLSNT SAR team has been instrumental in developing Lifesaving services and In 2025 the SLSNT Search and Rescue Team contributed over 922 volunteer hours, the most ever since its inception in 2007.

The SAR team has 35 active members who respond to activations via our national 13SURF callout system. 13SURF is carried by volunteer Duty Officers who are able to liaise with Police and other emergency services.

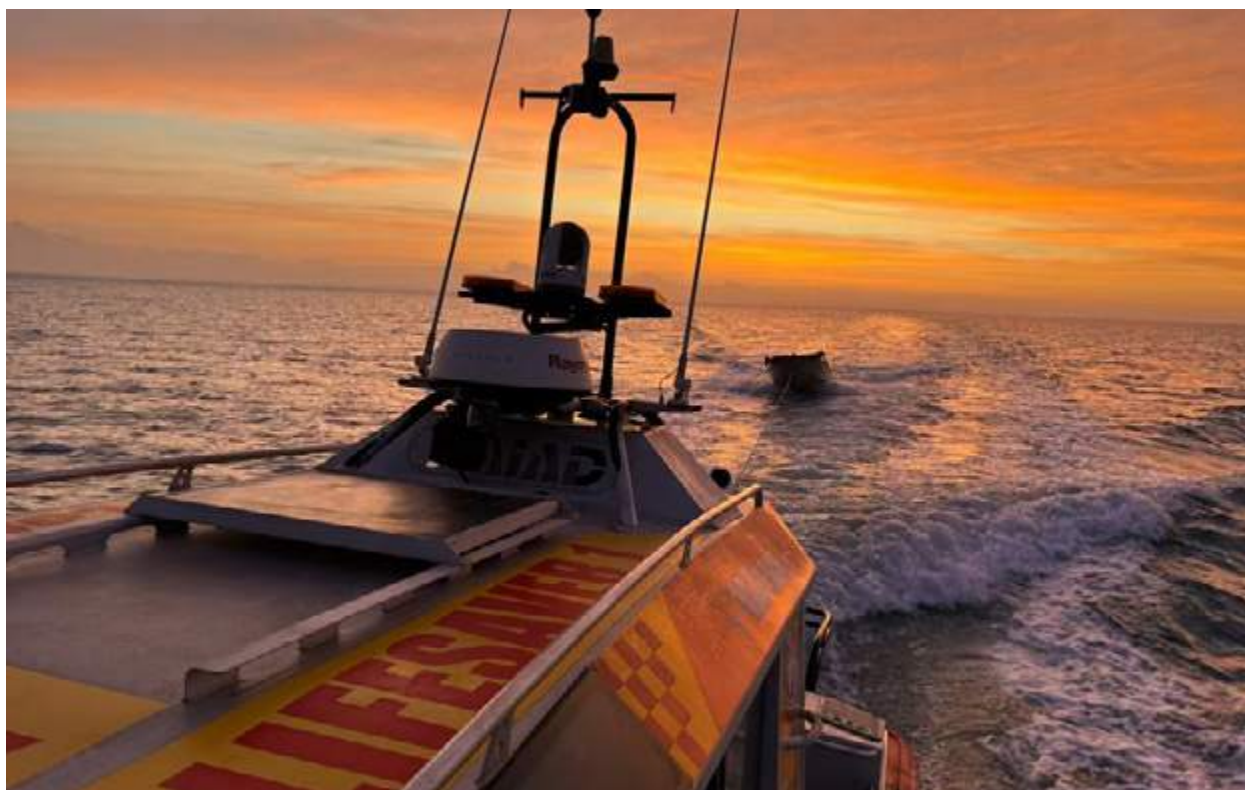
SLSNT search & rescue members respond to missing persons, vessel assistance and EPIRB activations. The SAR team also participated in beach simulations with CareFlight, winching exercises with Toll Airservices, PHI Aviation and marine SAR with NT Police strengthen our ties with other emergency services across the territory.

The addition of conducting helo exercises with PHI Aviation and TOLL Aviation in 2024 was a boost to the skills of our crews and highlighted our versatility in the marine rescue space.

Key Statistics from 2024

- 16 emergency SAR activations
- 6 x SAREX training events
- 2 x major rescues
- 1 x recovery of missing person
- 8 x helicopter winch exercises

Our continued partnerships with other organisations such as CareFlight and Northern Territory Police SRS directly increased community awareness as well as providing further valuable opportunities to share resources and run collaborative training in emergency response. Developing and maintaining these interoperational relationships provides great benefit to the wider NT community and to the SLSNT brand that cannot be underestimated.





AUSTRALIAN LIFEGUARD SERVICE



The Australian Lifeguard Service NT had a successful year in 2024 with zero drowning deaths in any of our contractual areas. In addition, lifeguards supervised nearly 500,000 visitors across nine locations, rescuing 21 and performing 377 first aid treatments.

Ventia is a major contract partner to the Australian Defence Force. Ventia contracts SLSNT for lifeguard services for five Darwin defence base pools. This contract was due to renewal in July 2024, ALSNT was successful in negotiations with the contract being extended for a further 12 months.

ALSNT had a workforce of approximately 99 staff working across three contracts and nine locations – Leanyer Recreation Park, Palmerston Water Park, Defence Base pools, Mindil Beach and the newest location, Nightcliff Beach.

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 assessment ensure ALSNT Lifeguards promote a safe environment for locals and visitors to enjoy.

LOCATIONS

Leanyer Recreation Park & Palmerston Water Park

Leanyer Recreation Park & Palmerston Water Park are the two main water parks in the NT.

Started Service: 2017

Current Contract: 2021-2026

Days Operating: 363

Lifeguards on site each day: 9-15

Lifeguard Patrol: 9.00 – 18.15

Leanyer Recreation Park

- 156 First Aids
- 9319 Preventative actions
- 220,312 Attendances



Palmerston Water Park

- 106 First Aids
- 9536 Preventative actions
- 78,550 Attendances



Mindil Beach Lifeguard Service

Mindil Beach is a popular beach in the NT, home to the famous twice weekly Mindil Beach Sunset Markets through the Dry Season. Thanks to the support of the City of Darwin, we provide a Lifeguard service at this popular beach, with the success of this service ALSNT has had the opportunity to create and addition beach Service (Nightcliff Beach) that is very popular among the locals.

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.

Started Service: 2006

Current Contract: 2021-2024

Season Operating: June – September

Lifeguards on site each day: 1

Lifeguard Patrol: 14.00-18.00

To ensure the best use of our lifeguards, changes were made to the patrol days. Lifeguards were on site from 1400-1800 every Thursday & Sunday, and Wednesday & Friday when there was an afternoon high tide.



Mindil Beach

- 11 First Aids
- 98 Preventative actions
- 38,395 Attendances



Nightcliff Beach Lifeguard Service

This year lifeguards made use of a trial on Nightcliff Beach to make sure there was adequate beach use and visibility. In the new year changes will be made to our standard beach patrol. This year lifeguards were on site from 1400-1800 Thursday to Sunday. Going forward in the early months ALSNT will be looking to adjust the hours to suit the beach usage.

Started Service: 2024

Current Contract: 2024 – 2028

Season Operating: June – September

Lifeguards on site each day: 1

Lifeguard Patrol: 14.00-18.00

A special mention to Darwin Surf Life Saving Club and the patrolling members who worked seamlessly with lifeguards in sharing resources across the season.



Nightcliff Beach

- 16 First Aids
- 295 Preventative actions
- 14,309 Attendances



Defence Base Pools

Defence Base pools provide a wide range of activities from the general lap swimmer to large defence exercise with over 100 people swimming.

Started Service: 2022

Current Contract: 2022-2025

Days Operating: 365

Lifeguards on site each day: 7-10

Lifeguard Patrol:

FIRST AID & WATER SAFETY SERVICES

ALS NT continues to expand its presence, and reputation as a reliable First Aid & Water Safety Services, 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 2024, ALS NT was engaged to provide First Aid & Water Safety Services at the following community events:

- Triathlon NT events (Lake Alexander, Darwin Waterfront, Lake bennet)
- Swimming NT and Masters NT events
- Master's National Australian Open Water Championships
- Territory Day, Mindil Beach
- Holi Festival, Lake Alexander
- Territory Family Day
- Lake Alexander
- Jingili Water gardens
- Lifeguard & first aid services for several school camps.



APPRECIATION

We would like to thank all of Lifeguards for their ongoing efforts. 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.

MEMBERS & CLUBS



MEMBERSHIP

Overall our club memberships has increased from 2023 and it was great to see an injection of members across all three clubs again this year. In order to sustain the lifesaving movement here in the territory, this needs to be a primary focus for SLSNT.

Darwin SLSC hosted another successful Darwin Ocean Swim and Mindil Beach SLSC saw an increase in active members. Both Gove SLSC and Darwin SLSC ran successful Nipper programs with a slight increase in overall junior participants.

After COVID impacting prior years plans, GPSLSC held a belated 50 years celebrations since the club inception over the NT Championships weekend. It was great to celebrate where surf lifesaving in the Territory began. All three clubs were represented at the NT Championships which was incredible too see!

We highlight that SLSNT continues to retain members with an almost even 50/50 gender split, and although SLSNT continued to primarily focus on retention of younger members, the conversion from implemented community programs has been low. This will continue to drive the SLSNT strategic direction.



DEVELOPMENT

SURF BOAT DEVELOPMENT WEEKEND

Tash Tunney president of Australia Surf Rowers League, ran a week of surf boat workshops in Darwin and Gove Peninsula. This gave members the opportunity to enhance participants' abilities and knowledge in sweeping and rowing disciplines. It was also an opportunity for members who have completed their Development Coach e-learning to be assessed. Tash ran a 3 day workshop in Darwin and 2 day workshop in Gove Peninsula with 23 participants. Tash also ran private training sessions outside of workshop hours, giving members the opportunity to build their skills in other surf sport activities, which was great timing as it led into NT Champs. This gave members time to train and practice their skills before competing. SLSNT greatly appreciate Tash's hard work and effort in putting this program together.

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP COLLEGE

Luke Marcroft from Mindil Beach SLSC attended the 2024 SLSA National Leadership College along with other surf lifesavers from across Australia and NZ. The week-long intensive program provides an opportunity for members to enhance their leadership skills to contribute to the overall success of Surf Life Saving. It is a chance to make connections with like-minded individuals from across the country who share a passion for making a meaningful impact within the movement. Fantastic to hear that it was a valuable program for Luke and we encourage eligible members to apply in 2026.



COACHING & OFFICIALS

A result of the development weekend with Tash Tunney was that two coaches reaccredited and two coaches' accredited, along with other members working towards getting there Development coach sign off. A great week of development for our local lifesaving movement.

A big thank you to all the officials who travelled and/or were on the beach to officiate at the 2024 NT Championships, as well as Grant Barnett for volunteering as Carnival Referee for the weekend. Without this assistance and dedication the championships would not have been able to run. Special mention of Garry and Megan Williams who travelled over from WA for the weekend. Thank you for continuing to dedicate your time so that activities within surf sports are supported.



SURF SPORTS

BEACH & PADDLE

Beach and Paddle participants can compete for short or long-distance whether you're a surf sport competitor or just someone wanting to increase your skills or fitness. This included craft such as stand up paddle boards, surf skis, surf boards, outriggers and even a single skull. This was a great experience for all the new and old participants, giving everyone the opportunity to do it as a group and have support such as water safety. There were more non-members competing throughout the Beach and Paddle Series. Overall, we had 25 individual registrations it was a fun and inclusive series finishing with a breakfast BBQ.



NT SURF LIFE SAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

After the cancellation of the 2023 NT Championships it was incredible that our 2024 NT Championships was a great success with a strong turnout. Gove Peninsula SLSC were host club for the weekend and allowed travelling members to camp on the club grounds for the weekend. A big thank you Gove Peninsula SLSC for hosting and the hospitality in the lead up and over the weekend.

2024 saw all three clubs compete in this major event. There were over 55 competitors with Gove Peninsula SLSC taking away the overall club championship.

AGE CHAMPIONS

Under 8	Female Theodora Rozaklis
Under 8	Male William Schofield
Under 9	Female Olivia Gibson
Under 10	Female Hannah Lawrie
Under 10	Male Harry Condon
Under 11	Female Angela-May Maiho
Under 12	Female Lilli Power
Under 13	Female Angel Kelsell
Under 13	Male Xavier Blythe
Under 17	Male Cooper Smythe
Veterans Female	Carrie Turner
Veterans Male	Andrew McGuiness
Masters Female	Heather Christie-Johnson / Carly Smith
Masters Male	Adam Traugott
Open Female	Gigi Dadds
Open Male	Luke Marcroft
Open Female	Ironwoman Ruby Warne
Open Male Ironman	Adam Traugott
TJ Tilley Memorial Trophy Angela-May Maiho - Gove Peninsula SLSC	
Champion Club 2024 Gove Peninsula SLSC	

We appreciate all the members who participated and extend a special thank you to those who travelled and assisted in organising the NT Championships. This event would not have been such a success without the dedication of our volunteers and members, who came together to create a fun and competitive atmosphere.

We look forward to an even bigger and better NT Championships in 2025!



EDUCATION & TRAINING

Education is a vital part of the Surf Life Saving movement – our organisation is renowned for providing high-quality education and training around Australia and in the Territory. SLSNT has built a strong reputation for delivering exceptional education and training to our members, commercial clients, and the community. This is reflected in the academy's long term commercial client list which continues to grow year on year and supports our growing membership with the local Surf Life Saving Clubs and SAR team.

Clubs have a strong training and assessing cohort and managing to deliver most core in-house training such as the Bronze Medallion and SRC courses as required. SLSNT has provided support to surf clubs and will continue to assist all SLSNT affiliated clubs to deliver quality training and assessment to our members.

Over 2025 SLSNT supported clubs with; SRC, Bronze Medallion, IRB crew, IRB driver, RWC, SMAR, First Aid and Skill Maintenance courses.

Commercial education and training have seen significant growth, which in turn supports each Surf Club in the Territory. Our ability to deliver specific training in First Aid and the aquatic industry has furthered our reputation amongst emergency services and the community. Our expanding scope of training includes disaster response, swift water rescue, and incident management.

Partnerships with other organisations, such as Care Flight and Northern Territory Police, have driven increased community awareness as well as provide further valuable opportunities to share resources and run collaborative training sessions. Developing and maintaining these interorganisational relationships provides great benefit to the wider NT community and to the SLSNT brand that cannot be underestimated.





A huge thank you to Garry and Meghan Williams who assisted in the delivery of the new pilot IRB crew and driver course. It was a great day on the water learning new techniques and strengthening existing skills.



Our education team continued to strengthen partnerships through collaboration with Surf Life Saving South Australia and the Department for Education South Australia. Together, we delivered courses to remote communities in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands. This collaboration not only demonstrated our commitment to providing education in extremely remote areas but allowed us to share resources, knowledge, and best practices.

SLSNT will continue to support our members in the education space and look at innovate ways to engage our community, working towards our goal of zero preventable deaths in coastal waters. Our commitment to collaboration, innovation and excellence in training will ensure that we are equipped to meet the evolving needs of our members and the community.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & ENGAGEMENT

MICHAEL LONG LEADERSHIP & LEARNING CENTRE

Our partnership with the AFL Michael Long Leadership & Learning Centre (MLLLC) Camp provides Indigenous youth from remote communities with education and resources on water safety, along with an introduction to surf sports.

This practical camp includes basic First Aid and marine life/ snake bite First Aid, skills relevant to the Northern Territory. Surf Life Saving NT has conducted over 18 camps in collaboration with AFL MLLLC, helping participants develop leadership and communication skills. This program builds their confidence to assist in emergencies or take charge as first responders, if needed.

Assisted by SEDA college students, who helped with water safety and individually supported participants to gain the most out of their sessions. SLSNT would like to further build this connection and for MLLLC session participants to get the most out of these shorter session structures.



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COMMUNITY PROGRAM
PARTICIPANTS



YOUTH COMMUNITY FIRST AID

Community First Aid was designed to educate youth on basic first aid skills, giving them the ability to assist and support in a first responder role. Participants gain confidence and develop proactive communication skills. Surf Life Saving provided two sessions with 35 youth participants during school holidays. This program was made possible thanks to the Northern Territory Government, Darwin Youth Activity Grant.



SURF AND SURVIVE

Surf Life Saving Northern Territory developed Surf & Survive program to help increase First Aid and water awareness along with introduction to Surf Sports. This program teaches students healthy habits and builds on existing skills in a fun atmosphere. The included water components, include board handling and rescue strategies to enhance community safety, and build resilience in youth. This program positively impacts both social and personal development.

Surf Life Saving Northern Territory ran three sessions in 2024, with 43 participants with positive feedback from St John staff member whose child participated in the school holiday program. "Your course was well presented and education with simplified explanations that I could see the kids were learning from. Some of the simple early interventions that you taught lead to better outcomes."

SURF & SAIL

Australian Sailing Northern Territory, Darwin Sailing Club and Surf Life Saving Northern Territory, organised to run two sessions for Surf and Sail with over 140 participants. Surf Life Saving Northern Territory delivers a range of fun units, including board skills and beach activities, offering an excellent introduction to nipper's program.

Surf and Sail raises awareness for healthy lifestyles and offers youths the opportunity to experience these activities in a safe and supportive environment. As a direct result of this program, Australian Sailing Northern Territory, has had a significant increase of junior members sign ups. This shows that providing an administrator to help actively sign up members on the day can be very beneficial for clubs.



SPLASH FEST

Water Safety Week, is a NT Government initiative that focuses on creating awareness about keeping ourselves and others safe in, around and on the water. Splash Fest is a key event during Water Safety Week running for a full day marking the start of the week. This continues to be a fun and important event on the SLSNT calendar. Held annually at Darwin Waterfront, over 1,200 members of the public attend and are always keen to learn about water safety.

SLSNT provided another engaging stall with both staff and members there on the day to actively promote programs and clubs. This will continue to be a great opportunity for community engagement for the movement.

TOP END DEFENCE EXPO

Australian Defence Force attended another year of the Top End Defence Expo which is designed to welcome new families to the Northern Territory. Surf Life Saving Northern Territory participated with a stall focused on our Search and Rescue (SAR) Team. On the day we received a high volume of enquiries about the Nippers program having club reps involved in this activity would enhance the recruitment of future Nippers.

SLSNT will move forward and develop some more comprehensive information about our clubs and Nippers programs for opportunities like this one.

The Australian Defence Force also added a 'Family Fun Day' to their schedule to support new families to the Territory and help make connections with organisations and the general local community. Surf Life Saving NT were involved by organising activities for youth and information about local clubs.

LITTLE LIFESAVERS

Little Lifesavers was held over two sessions; however, participation numbers decreased compared to previous years, with only 10 participants throughout. This program is designed to increase awareness of the Nippers program.

Due to location and timing challenges, Surf Life Saving NT will reassess the sessions for 2025 to better suit the public. This program provides a great opportunity for clubs to get involved by assisting participants, creating connections with families, and helping to organise sign-on days, ensuring a smooth and welcoming experience.



SLS COASTAL SAFETY SNAPSHOT

As the leading coastal safety authority in the Northern Territory, SLSNT collects drowning and coastal facility data to help inform decision making regarding the delivery of Surf Life Saving services. The data below and the following has been collected by Surf Life Saving Australia for the period of 2018-2023.

NORTHERN TERRITORY

2023/24: VISITATION & CAPABILITY

In the last twelve months, 150,000 Northern Territorians (16 years and above) visited the coast on average 4 times each month (NCSS2024). This equates to approximately 7 million individual visitations to the coast.



150K
COASTAL VISITORS



4.0
VISITS/MONTH



2.2
HOURS/VISIT



0.1M
COASTAL ACTIVITY PARTICIPANTS

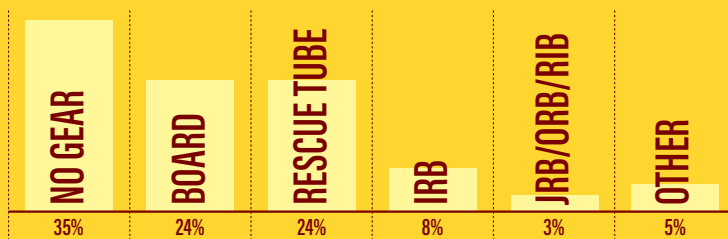


CAPABILITY

\$28,551,480

VALUE TO COMMUNITY

37
RESCUES



6,393
PREVENTATIVE
ACTIONS



5
Searches



0
Shark alarms



9
Lost children

368
FIRST AID
TREATMENTS



3
Marine stings



2
Fractures/
Dislocations



337
Cuts & abrasions

COASTAL DROWNING

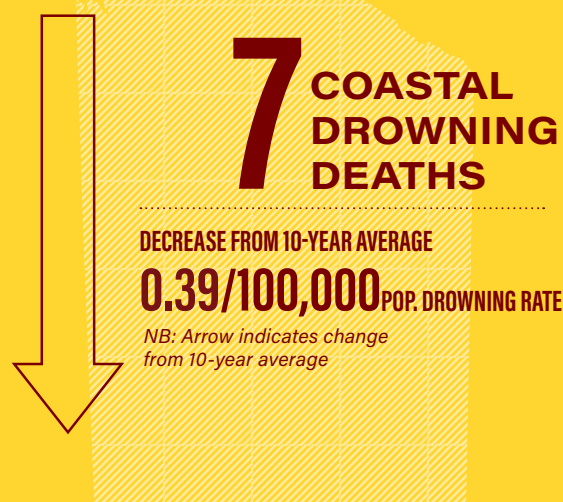
NORTHERN TERRITORY 2020-24: 5 YEARS IN REVIEW

Across the Northern Territory, 25 drowning deaths were recorded from 2020-24, 28% of which occurred in coastal environments (n=7). This is 30% lower than the preceding 5 years (n=10), and 18% below the ten-year average (n=1.7).

Males continue to be overrepresented, accounting for 86% of drowning deaths, with 25-34 (29%) and 55-64 (29%) year olds identified as high-risk age groups in Northern Territory coastal drowning deaths.

Swimming/wading, falls and boating accounted for 57%, 29% and 14% of coastal drowning deaths, respectively. Most coastal drowning deaths occurred at beaches (57%), with a further 29% at port/marina locations.

Regional and remote areas, which are harder to access and often have limited resources, recorded 100% of coastal drowning deaths, and 86% occurred more than 1km from a Surf Life Saving service.



57%
BEACH



29%
PORT/MARINA



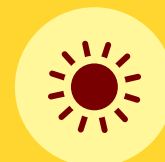
43%
WET SEASON



86%
>1KM FROM SLS



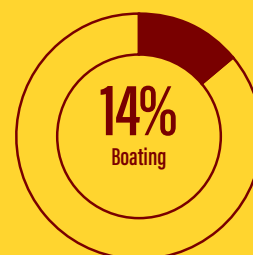
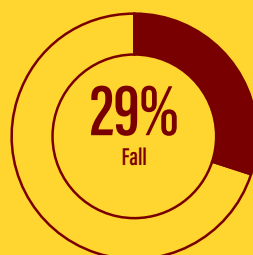
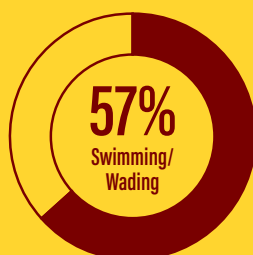
100%
REGIONAL/REMOTE



57%
DRY SEASON

29%
55-64 YEAR OLDS

29%
25-34 YEAR OLDS



NORTHERN TERRITORY

2014-24: COASTAL DROWNING DEATHS

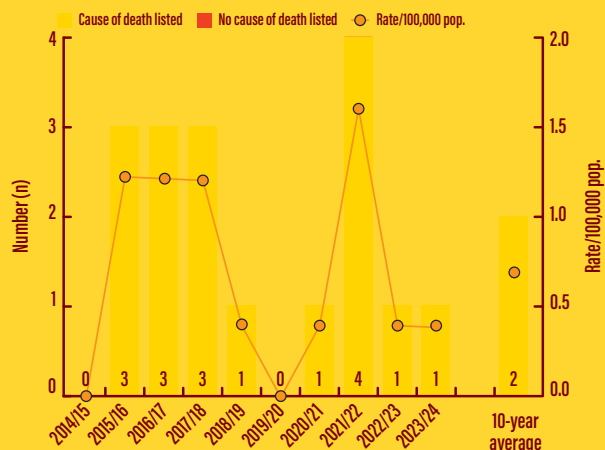


Figure 96

2014-24: COASTAL DROWNING DEATH TRENDS

NT coastal drowning deaths and drowning rates are illustrated above. Coastal drowning deaths and drowning rates recorded between 2019-24 (n=7; 0.56/100,000 pop.) were below the 10-year average.

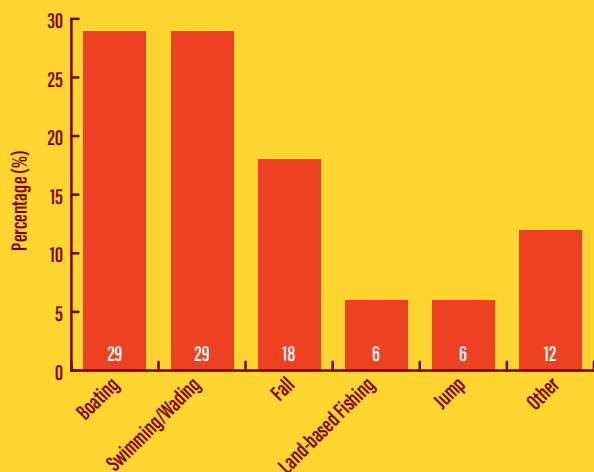


Figure 97

2014-24: DROWNING DEATHS BY ACTIVITY

Drowning prevalence varies by activity and over time. Since 2014, boating and swimming and wading have recorded the equal most coastal drowning deaths (29%, n=5), followed by falls (18%, n=3).

KEY DEMOGRAPHICS

88%

MALE



35%

30-39 YEAR OLDS

35%

55-64 YEAR OLDS

CAUSAL FACTORS



82%

>1KM AWAY FROM SLS



12%

RIP-RELATED



47%

MEDICAL/INJURY



100%

REGIONAL/REMOTE



24%

OVERSEAS-BORN



24%

PORT/MARINA



35%

BEACH



29%

WINTER



29%

AUTUMN

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

MARKETING

This year Surf Life Saving Northern Territory proudly continued to uphold and enhance its iconic brand. After substantial marketing spend in 2023, this year SLSNT continued with the 'Safer to Swim with Us' overarching slogan for patrol season messaging however did not invest in a paid campaign.

Instead, SLSNT focused on cementing relationships with key traditional media stakeholders, and this resulted in regular interviews with radio and television. Throughout the season these varied in focus from promotion of major events and key safety messaging.

In the lead up to patrol season SLSNT did some paid print and digital media in 'Territory Savvy' a free community magazine that has reach of over 1.4 million per quarter. In conjunction with these ads, SLSNT distributed pamphlets to the Darwin Information Centre and is currently working with Tourism NT on a water safety landing page for their own website. A great result of engaging with local entities to further build our SLSNT's local profile.

Our digital platforms continued to produce great engagement and growth over the year. It's exciting to see the local community resonating with the key safety messages and content shared. Our primary platform, Facebook, saw an increase of 24.5% for content interactions showing just engaged our audience are. Instagram also saw organic growth with the channel growing by just over 200 followers over the year. The content interactions were up by 100% and click through to profile increased by 34.5%.

Internally, the member newsletter distributed fortnightly with great feedback from members. After the club workshop late in 2024, it has been agreed that an overarching calendar of events on the website would be beneficial for members. This is something that we will work on integrating into the future.



FUNDRAISING & PARTNERS

FUNDRAISING

SLSNT, as a second most trusted charity in Australia and 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 access to \$10 000 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

AMPOL

Ampol is proud of its new partnership with Surf Life Saving Australia, which sees the two iconic Australian brands join forces to help deliver safer beaches and to save lives. The partnership underpins Ampol's commitment to being a positive contributor in the communities where it operates, and to use its scale, network and employee base to improve the lives of all Australians.

A number of Ampol employees are long-term surf lifesaving volunteers at their local clubs, and the company will also be activating the partnership through its retail network and broader infrastructure assets to promote surf safety messages and to support Surf Life Saving Australia's important work.

In addition to branding on patrol shirts across the country, the new partnership will see Ampol have a presence at major surf lifesavings events.

DHL

As a Major National Partner of Surf Life Saving Australia for over 30 years, 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.

ISUZU UTE

Isuzu UTE Australia, home to the award-winning Isuzu D-MAX Ute and 7-seat MU-X SUV, is taking their safety-centric approach to a whole new level, as a Major National Partner and the Official Automotive Supplier of Surf Life Saving Australia.

At the heart of every Isuzu vehicle lies over 100 years of automotive experience and the tried and tested tough truck DNA—making them the pragmatic choice for SLSA with its proven reputation for durability and reliability. Providing our lifesavers across the country with a fleet of D-MAX and MU-X's, Isuzu UTE Australia is proud to support SLSA's mission and commitment to keeping our beaches safe.

WESTPAC

Westpac has been proudly partnering with SLSA for over 50 years since the inception of the Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Helicopter Service (WLRHS) in 1973. It is the longest corporate community partnerships in Australia.

The WLRHS is a vital extension of SLSA's front line services operating in Southern NSW, QLD, VIC, WA, SA and a offshore rescue boat in the NT. The national operation also incorporates the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Northern NSW and Tasmanian Services.

Over 300 rescue professionals and volunteers make up the national operation, which has 15 helicopters and one rescue boat across 13 bases. During summer, the Service covers over 84% of the Australian population and to date, the WLRHS has performed more than 80,000 missions across Australia, with no one ever having to pay to be rescued. The Northern Territory proudly remains the only state to have the Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Boat, Lifesaver 1.



NT PARTNERS

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.

THRIFTY

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.

GOLD



SILVER



NT SUPPORTERS

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.



Surf Life Saving Northern Territory Incorporated

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended 31 December 2024



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Surf Life Saving Northern Territory Incorporated

Committee Declaration
31 December 2024

The committee present their report on Surf Life Saving Northern Territory Incorporated for the financial year ended 31 December 2024.

Committee members

The names of the committee members in office at any time during, or since the end of, the year are:

Names	Position	Appointed/Resigned
Adam Traugott	President	Member for full year
Alison Snowden	Elected Director	Member for full year
Sue Barnes	Elected Director	Member for full year
Nathan McCarthy	Elected Director	Member for full year
Lyn Barratt	Independent Director	Member for full year
Garry Williams	Independent Director	Member for full year
Ian Jackson	Independent Director	Member for full year

Committee members have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Principal activities and significant changes in nature of activities

The principal activities of Surf Life Saving Northern Territory Incorporated during the financial year were:

- Participate as a member of a single uniform entity, through and by which, surf lifesaving and the preservation of life in the aquatic environment in Australia is conducted, encouraged, promoted and administered;
- To provide for the conduct, encouragement, promotion and administration of surf lifesaving through the Northern Territory for the mutual and collective benefit of the members and surf lifesaving in the Northern Territory.

There were no significant changes in the nature of Surf Life Saving Northern Territory Incorporated's principal activities during the financial year.

Operating result

The surplus/(deficit) of the Association for the financial year amounted to \$ (20,737)(2023: \$ 554,175).

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee:

Committee member: 
Adam Traugott

Committee member: 
Alison Snowden

Dated this 20th day of March 2025

Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 60-40 of the Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 to the Committee of Surf Life Saving Northern Territory Incorporated

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 31 December 2024, there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in section 60-40 of the *Australia Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



Adam Dohnt (FCA)

Registered Company Auditor

Darwin

Dated: 20 March 2025

Surf Life Saving Northern Territory Incorporated

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

		2024	2023
	Note	\$	\$
Revenue	4	2,542,011	2,410,264
Finance income		66,342	48,654
Other income	4	387,047	920,582
Employee benefits expense		(2,459,679)	(2,238,783)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(100,457)	(130,434)
Club Disbursements		(15,436)	-
Other expenses		(437,593)	(449,966)
Finance expenses		(2,972)	(6,142)
Surplus (deficit) for the year		(20,737)	554,175
Total comprehensive income (loss) for the year		(20,737)	554,175

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Statement of Financial Position

As At 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	2,462,463	2,290,755
Trade and other receivables	6	405,499	323,319
Inventories	7	-	2,858
Other assets	8	76,351	83,171
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		2,944,313	2,700,103
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	9	286,541	291,813
Right-of-use assets	10	37,383	89,551
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		323,924	381,364
TOTAL ASSETS		3,268,237	3,081,467
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	11	450,169	271,364
Lease liabilities	10	39,099	55,729
Employee benefits	12	109,276	85,344
Other financial liabilities	13	100,000	48,681
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		698,544	461,118
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Lease liabilities	10	-	36,239
Employee benefits	12	20,292	13,972
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		20,292	50,211
TOTAL LIABILITIES		718,836	511,329
NET ASSETS		2,549,401	2,570,138
EQUITY			
Reserves		882,045	882,045
Retained earnings		1,667,356	1,688,093
TOTAL EQUITY		2,549,401	2,570,138

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Surf Life Saving Northern Territory Incorporated

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

2024

	Retained Earnings	General Reserve	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January 2024	1,688,093	882,045	2,570,138
Deficit for the period	(20,737)	-	(20,737)
Balance at 31 December 2024	1,667,356	882,045	2,549,401

2023

	Retained Earnings	General Reserve	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January 2023	1,133,918	882,045	2,015,963
Surplus for the period	554,175	-	554,175
Balance at 31 December 2023	1,688,093	882,045	2,570,138

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
Note	\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Receipts from customers	2,368,629	2,775,762
Payments to suppliers and employees	(2,762,648)	(2,625,830)
Interest received	66,310	48,921
Receipt from grants	582,252	535,841
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	17 254,543	734,694
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Proceeds from sale of plant and equipment	17,040	-
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(47,006)	(44,892)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	(29,966)	(44,892)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Payment of lease liabilities	(52,869)	(80,606)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities	(52,869)	(80,606)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held	171,708	609,196
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	2,290,755	1,681,559
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	5 2,462,463	2,290,755

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

The financial report covers Surf Life Saving Northern Territory Incorporated as an individual entity. Surf Life Saving Northern Territory Incorporated is a not-for-profit Association, registered and domiciled in Australia.

The functional and presentation currency of Surf Life Saving Northern Territory Incorporated is Australian dollars.

Where applicable, comparative information has been restated to provide consistency with current year disclosures.

1 Basis of Preparation

In the Committee's opinion, the Association is not a reporting entity since there are unlikely to exist users of the financial statements who are not able to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. These special purpose financial statements have been prepared to meet the reporting requirements of the *Associations Act 2003* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards and Accounting Interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*, AASB 107 *Statement of Cash Flows*, AASB 108 *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors*, AASB 124 *Related Party Disclosures*, AASB 1048 *Interpretation of Standards* and AASB 1054 *Australian Additional Disclosures*.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

The financial statements and material accounting policies all comply with the recognition and measurement requirements in Australian Accounting Standards.

2 Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The Committee makes estimates and judgements during the preparation of these financial statements regarding assumptions about current and future events affecting transactions and balances.

These estimates and judgements are based on the best information available at the time of preparing the financial statements, however as additional information is known then the actual results may differ from the estimates.

The significant estimates and judgements made have been described below.

3 Summary of Material Accounting Policies

(a) Revenue and other income

The core principle of AASB 15 is that revenue is recognised on a basis that reflects the transfer of promised goods or services to customers at an amount that reflects the consideration the Association expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services.

Generally the timing of the payment for sale of goods and rendering of services corresponds closely to the timing of satisfaction of the performance obligations, however where there is a difference, it will result in the recognition of a receivable, contract asset or contract liability.

None of the revenue streams of the Association have any significant financing terms as there is less than 12 months between receipt of funds and satisfaction of performance obligations.

Grant income

Where grant income arises from an agreement which is enforceable and contains sufficiently specific performance obligations then the revenue is recognised when control of each performance obligations is satisfied.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

3 Summary of Material Accounting Policies

(a) Revenue and other income

The performance obligations are varied based on the agreement but may include management of education events, vaccinations, presentations at symposiums.

Each performance obligation is considered to ensure that the revenue recognition reflects the transfer of control and within grant agreements there may be some performance obligations where control transfers at a point in time and others which have continuous transfer of control over the life of the contract.

Where control is transferred over time, generally the input methods being either costs or time incurred are deemed to be the most appropriate methods to reflect the transfer of benefit.

Revenue in the scope of AASB 1058 is recognised on receipt unless it relates to a capital grant which satisfies certain criteria, in this case the grant is recognised as the asset is acquired or constructed.

Surf Life Saving Northern Territory Incorporated receives non-reciprocal contributions of assets from the government and other parties for zero or a nominal value. These assets are recognised at fair value on the date of acquisition in the statement of financial position, with a corresponding amount of income recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

Other income

Other income is recognised on an accruals basis when the Association is entitled to it.

(b) Income Tax

The Association is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*. It has been recognised as a Public Benevolent Institution by the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission. The Association has received an endorsement from the Australian Taxation Office as an income tax exempt charity.

(c) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payable are stated inclusive of GST.

Cash flows in the statement of cash flows are included on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as operating cash flows.

(d) Property, plant and equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment.

Items of property, plant and equipment acquired for significantly less than fair value have been recorded at the acquisition date fair value.

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are measured using the cost model.

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For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

3 Summary of Material Accounting Policies

(d) Property, plant and equipment

Depreciation

Property, plant and equipment, excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life to the Association, commencing when the asset is ready for use.

Leased assets and leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or their estimated useful life.

(e) Financial instruments

Financial instruments are recognised initially on the date that the Association becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

On initial recognition, all financial instruments are measured at fair value plus transaction costs (except for instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss where transaction costs are expensed as incurred).

Financial assets

All recognised financial assets are subsequently measured in their entirety at either amortised cost or fair value, depending on the classification of the financial assets.

Classification

On initial recognition, the Association classifies its financial assets into the following categories; those measured at amortised cost.

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the Association changes its business model for managing financial assets.

Amortised cost

The Association's financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise trade and other receivables and cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position.

Subsequent to initial recognition, these assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method less provision for impairment.

Interest income, foreign exchange gains or losses and impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in profit or loss.

Trade receivables

Impairment of trade receivables have been determined using the simplified approach in AASB 9 which uses an estimation of lifetime expected credit losses. The Association has determined the probability of non-payment of the receivable and multiplied this by the amount of the expected loss arising from default.

Other financial assets measured at amortised cost

Impairment of other financial assets measured at amortised cost are determined using the expected credit loss model in AASB 9. On initial recognition of the asset, an estimate of the expected credit losses for the next 12 months is recognised. Where the asset has experienced significant increase in credit risk then the lifetime

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For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

3 Summary of Material Accounting Policies

(e) Financial instruments

Financial assets

losses are estimated and recognised.

Financial liabilities

The Association measures all financial liabilities initially at fair value less transaction costs, subsequently financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

The financial liabilities of the Association comprise trade payables, and lease liabilities.

(f) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

(g) Leases

At inception of a contract, the Association assesses whether a lease exists.

Lessee accounting

The non-lease components included in the lease agreement have been separated and are recognised as an expense as incurred.

At the lease commencement, the Association recognises a right-of-use asset and associated lease liability for the lease term. The lease term includes extension periods where the Association believes it is reasonably certain that the option will be exercised.

The right-of-use asset is measured using the cost model where cost on initial recognition comprises of the lease liability, initial direct costs, prepaid lease payments, estimated cost of removal and restoration less any lease incentives received.

The right-of-use asset is depreciated over the lease term on a straight line basis and assessed for impairment in accordance with the impairment of assets accounting policy.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments at the commencement of the lease. The discount rate is the rate implicit in the lease, however where this cannot be readily determined then the Association's incremental borrowing rate is used.

Subsequent to initial recognition, the lease liability is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. The lease liability is remeasured whether there is a lease modification, change in estimate of the lease term or index upon which the lease payments are based (e.g. CPI) or a change in the Association's assessment of lease term.

Where the lease liability is remeasured, the right-of-use asset is adjusted to reflect the remeasurement or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero.

Exceptions to lease accounting

The Association has elected to apply the exceptions to lease accounting for both short-term leases (i.e. leases with a term of less than or equal to 12 months) and leases of low-value assets. The Association recognises the

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For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

3 Summary of Material Accounting Policies

(g) Leases

payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

(h) Employee benefits

Provision is made for the Association's liability for employee benefits, those benefits that are expected to be wholly settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

(i) New Accounting Standards and Interpretations

The AASB has issued new and amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have mandatory application dates for future reporting periods. The Association has decided not to early adopt these Standards.

4 Revenue and Other Income

(a) Revenue from continuing operations

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Revenue from other sources		
- Club income	52,335	59,397
- Academy income	99,780	106,729
- Lifesaving services	2,205,762	2,060,587
- Sponsorship	184,134	183,551
	<u>2,542,011</u>	<u>2,410,264</u>

(b) Other Income breakup

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Other Income		
- Perpetuity fund distributions	-	486,387
- In-kind contributions	7,729	38,747
- Equipment sales	273	3,169
- Donations	57,870	47,118
- Grants	306,738	345,161
- Net gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	14,437	-
	<u>387,047</u>	<u>920,582</u>

5 Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Cash at bank and in hand	762,463	1,590,755
Short-term deposits	1,700,000	700,000
	<u>2,462,463</u>	<u>2,290,755</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

6 Trade and Other Receivables

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Trade receivables	404,257	319,592
Other receivables	1,242	3,727
	<u>405,499</u>	<u>323,319</u>

7 Inventories

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
At cost:		
Inventories on hand	-	2,858
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,858</u>

8 Other assets

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Prepayments	70,211	77,063
Accrued interest income	6,140	6,108
	<u>76,351</u>	<u>83,171</u>

9 Property, plant and equipment

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Plant and equipment		
At cost	503,237	498,036
Accumulated depreciation	(272,634)	(243,442)
Total plant and equipment	<u>230,603</u>	<u>254,594</u>
Motor vehicles		
At cost	-	28,518
Accumulated depreciation	-	(18,236)
Total motor vehicles	<u>-</u>	<u>10,282</u>
Computer equipment		
At cost	17,681	17,681
Accumulated depreciation	(17,681)	(17,681)
Total computer equipment	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

9 Property, plant and equipment

Leasehold Improvements		
At cost	38,203	38,203
Accumulated depreciation	(38,203)	(38,203)
Total leasehold improvements	-	-
Other Lifesaving Equipment		
At cost	68,384	32,342
Accumulated depreciation	(12,446)	(5,405)
Total Other Lifesaving Equipment	55,938	26,937
Total property, plant and equipment	286,541	291,813

10 Leases

Right-of-use assets

	Buildings \$	Motor Vehicles \$	Total \$
Year ended 31 December 2024			
Balance at beginning of year	82,182	7,369	89,551
Depreciation charge	(44,799)	(7,369)	(52,168)
Balance at end of year	37,383	-	37,383
	Buildings \$	Motor Vehicles \$	Total \$
Year ended 31 December 2023			
Balance at beginning of year	126,981	44,112	171,093
Depreciation charge	(44,799)	(36,743)	(81,542)
Balance at end of year	82,182	7,369	89,551

Lease liabilities

The maturity analysis of lease liabilities based on contractual undiscounted cash flows is shown in the table below:

	< 1 year \$	1 - 5 years \$	> 5 years \$	Total undiscounted lease liabilities \$	Lease liabilities included in this Statement Of Financial Position \$
2024					
Lease liabilities	39,099	-	-	39,099	39,099
2023					
Lease liabilities	55,729	36,239	-	91,968	91,968

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

11 Trade and Other Payables

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Trade payables	53,445	26,615
Deposits	6,947	20,160
GST payable	142,786	76,036
Sundry payables and accrued expenses	12,041	24,322
Accrued wages & superannuation	89,576	76,691
Credit cards	5,001	692
PAYG withholding payable	87,476	28,035
Other payables	52,897	18,813
	450,169	271,364

Trade and other payables are unsecured, non-interest bearing and are normally settled within 30 days. The carrying value of trade and other payables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances.

12 Employee Benefits

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Long service leave	40,635	33,315
Annual leave provision	68,642	52,029
	109,277	85,344
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
NON-CURRENT		
Long service leave	20,292	13,972
	20,292	13,972

13 Other Financial Liabilities

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Unexpended government grants	100,000	41,181
Deferred income	-	7,500
	100,000	48,681

14 Reserves

The general reserve records funds set aside for future expansion of Surf Life Saving Northern Territory Incorporated.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

15 Contingencies

In the opinion of the Committee members, the Association did not have any contingencies at 31 December 2024 (31 December 2023:None).

16 Related Parties and Key Management Personnel Remuneration

The remuneration paid to key management personnel of Surf Life Saving Northern Territory Incorporated during the year is as follows:

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Short-term employee benefits	156,976	117,540
Total remuneration	156,976	117,540

During the year, there were no related party transactions.

17 Cash Flow Information

(a) Reconciliation of result for the year to cashflows from operating activities

Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by operating activities:

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Surplus for the year	(20,737)	554,175
Cash flows excluded from profit attributable to operating activities		
Non-cash flows in profit:		
- depreciation	100,457	130,434
- net gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(14,437)	-
- Asset traded in on repair costs	2,927	-
-Asset cost adjustment to asset for GST error	(1,540)	-
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
- (increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(82,882)	(37,009)
- (increase)/decrease in prepayments	6,820	15,332
- (increase)/decrease in inventories	2,858	2,269
- increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	230,825	67,804
- increase/(decrease) in employee benefits	30,252	1,689
Cashflows from operations	254,543	734,694

18 Statutory Information

The registered office and principal place of business of the association is:

Surf Life Saving Northern Territory Incorporated
16 De Latour St, Coconut Grove NT 0810

Committee's Declaration

The Committee members declare that in the their opinion

- 1. The financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the *Associations Act 2003*, the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. and;
 - a. comply with Australian Accounting Standards applicable to the Association; and
 - b. give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Association at 31 December 2024 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.
- 2. There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2022*.

Committee Member 
Adam Traugott

Committee Member 
Alison Snowden

Dated this 20th day of March 2025

Independent Audit Report to the members of Surf Life Saving Northern Territory Incorporated

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Qualified Opinion

I have audited the financial report of Surf Life Saving Northern Territory Incorporated, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2024, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the statement by the management committee.

In my opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the *Basis for Qualified Opinion* section of my report, the financial report of Surf Life Saving Northern Territory Incorporated is in accordance with the *Associations Act 2003* and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of association's financial position as at 31 December 2024 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2022*.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

Income

It is not practical for the association to establish accounting controls over all sources of income prior to its receipt and accordingly it is not possible for my examination to include audit procedures to extend beyond the amount recorded in the accounting records of the association.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of my report. I am independent of the association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Associations Act 2003*, the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act) and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my qualified opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

I draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared to assist the Association in fulfilling the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Act 2003*, the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and its constitution. As a result, the financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose. My report is intended solely for the Association and should not be distributed to or used by parties other than the Association. My opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance

Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements that gives a true and fair view and have been determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial statements is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Associations Act 2003* *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits*

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Director: Adam Dohnt (FCA)

Commission Act 2012 and the Association's constitution. It also includes such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the registered entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by responsible entities.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the responsible entities' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the registered entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the registered entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with the responsible entities regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

TDH Chartered Accountants



Adam Dohnt (FCA)
Registered Company Auditor
Darwin

20 March 2025

**Surf Life Saving Northern Territory Incorporated
For the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

Disclaimer

The additional financial data presented on pages 20-21 is in accordance with the books and records of the Association which have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in my statutory audit of the Association for the year ended 31 December 2024. It will be appreciated that my statutory audit did not cover all details of the additional financial data. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on such financial data, and I give no warranty of accuracy or reliability in respect of the data provided. Neither the firm nor any member or employee of the firm undertakes responsibility in any way whatsoever to any person (other than Surf Lifesaving Northern Territory Incorporated) in respect of such data, including any errors of omissions therein however caused.



Adam Dohnt (FCA)
Registered Company Auditor
Darwin

20 March 2025

Surf Life Saving Northern Territory Incorporated
For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Detailed Income and Expenditure Statement

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Income		
Sale of goods	152,115	166,126
Perpetuity fund distributions	-	486,387
Lifeguard services revenue	2,205,762	2,060,587
Interest income	66,342	48,654
Grants	306,738	345,161
Donations	57,870	47,118
Sponsorship	184,134	183,551
Other income	8,002	41,916
Total income	2,980,963	3,379,500
Less: Expenses		
Accounting fees	21,625	21,923
Advertising	2,847	36,965
Bad debts	330	1,273
Bank charges	1,548	1,138
Catering expenses	8,102	15,536
Cleaning	3,036	3,526
Computer expenses	69,033	71,467
Depreciation	100,457	130,434
Equipment costs	64,351	29,588
Finance costs	2,972	6,142
First aid and lifesaving expenses	54,036	20,714
Fringe benefits tax	1,835	4,972
Freight and cartage	3,947	445
Hire	2,847	20,849
Insurance	62,286	65,895
Facilitator Hire Fees	990	11,070
Lifesaving vessels expenses	19,985	17,322
Movement in leave provisions	30,252	1,689
Legal expenses	6,000	6,036
Motor vehicle expenses	19,878	14,831
Other employee costs	634	18,526
Office equipment	2,212	2,043
Postage	187	249
Printing and stationery	4,808	4,360
Rent	3,764	1,227
Salaries	2,160,847	1,990,335
Subcontracting costs	8,730	12,877
Subscriptions	4,053	3,496
Sundry expenses	2,848	5,815
Superannuation contributions	234,268	208,698
Telephone and fax	8,988	8,624
Training & development	7,181	15,381
Travel - domestic	34,196	39,777
Uniforms	12,245	4,926
Utilities	5,705	7,641

Surf Life Saving Northern Territory Incorporated
For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Detailed Income and Expenditure Statement

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Workers compensation insurance	33,678	19,535
Donation/contribution to SLS Foundation Perpetuity Trust	15,436	-
Total Expenses	3,016,137	2,825,325
	(35,174)	554,175
Gain on disposal of assets	14,437	-
Surplus/deficit for the year	(20,737)	554,175

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Darwin SLSC

1982

Gove Peninsula SLSC

1971

Mindil SLSC

1996





