

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



Northern Territory



SNAPSHOT STATS

324 
PREVENTATIVE ACTIONS

 **2,587**
PATROL HOURS

32 RESCUES 

 **22 FIRST AID TREATMENTS**

600 
MEMBERS

 **535**
PARTICIPANTS COMPLETED SLS TRAINING

 **543 COMMUNITY PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS**

 **107**
NIPPERS

 **917**
SAR TEAM HOURS

 **7**
MARINE STINGS

66 
BRONZE MEDALLIONS

 **19,470**
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.

Formed in 1983, and 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 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 wider community. Accredited education and training courses are run through our Academy and professional Lifeguard services through our branch of the Australian Lifeguard Service.

An aerial photograph of a sandy beach meeting the ocean. A person is seen surfing on a wave. The beach is bordered by a line of trees and a stone wall on the right side. The water is a light blue-green color.

OUR VISION

Zero preventable deaths
in NT coastal waters.

OUR MISSION

We save lives and inspire
Territorians to build
better communities.

VALUES

HONESTY

- Straight talking and straight answer

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



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello to all members and supporters.

I am delighted to share the Annual Report for 2025, marking another productive year for SLSNT. Our organisation has expanded across multiple domains and maintained our commitment to delivering outstanding lifesaving services to the community.

Lifesaving Services - Clubs. SAR Team

Both the quality and frequency of frontline lifesaving efforts have improved, thanks to our dedicated members. The Search and Rescue (SAR) Team within SLSNT has continued to enhance support for public safety, maintaining a consistent callout rate providing responses roughly every two to three weeks. Throughout 2025, the nature and locations of incidents became increasingly varied.

The Offshore Rescue Boat (ORB) underwent vital maintenance at the end of the dry season, which sidelined it for several months. Despite this, the SAR Team responded to a range of emergencies, notably including an inland search at Edith Falls, over 250km from the coastline. Our volunteers demonstrated exceptional professionalism, earning trust and respect from both the community and emergency services.

All three NT clubs sustained excellent patrols throughout the year. Beyond regular patrols, many special events were held.

The Darwin Lions Beer Can Regatta early in the dry season offered new Bronze Medallion recipients invaluable experience for their first exposure to patrols. Darwin SLSC hosted another record-breaking Ocean Swim, with the highest number of competitors and probably power craft yet.

Sport and Events

The beach and paddle series continued in 2025, featuring competitions at Nightcliff, East Point, and Casuarina. Participants competed using a variety of ocean crafts, from SUPs to surfboats and outriggers. East Point's challenging winds and tides tested

competitors, but thanks to our excellent water safety teams, those who withdrew were professionally assisted back to shore.

September saw the return of the SLSNT Championships to Darwin, hosted by Mindil Beach SLSC for the first time since 2018. This was also the debut for the event on East Point Reserve beach, a unique blend of coastal competition and parkland festivities, with club hosted social gatherings on Friday and Saturday evenings. Participant numbers rose, including entries from all three clubs and the Darwin SLSC Starfish Nippers. This was the first championships to run adaptive surf sports program, a highlight of the carnival. After three days of close competition, Darwin SLSC emerged as champion club.

Member Engagement - Conference and Workshop

In 2025, SLSNT built on previous years' collaboration with constituent clubs and individual members. Two major forums, the conference in May and the club/board workshop in October, have now become staple events in the SLSNT calendar. Additional meetings, such as the Lifesaving Advisory Committee and SAR team sessions, increased member engagement, fostering two-way communication. Listening to members' ideas has led to planning new initiatives for the future.

Awards and Recognition

SLSNT and its members received recognition for exemplary contributions both within and outside the organisation. April's annual Awards of Excellence was another fantastic opportunity to celebrate those who went above and beyond.

Congratulations go to all winners and finalists: Ali Snowden (Gove Peninsula) was named Lifesaver of the Year, while Luke Marcroft (Mindil Beach) earned Volunteer of the Year. Andrew "Benchy" McGuinness was honoured as SLSNT's 18th Life Member, acknowledging his 25 years of outstanding service, especially his role in developing the SAR Team.

Financial and Commercial

I am pleased to report that SLSNT returned to profitability in 2025 after a challenging 2024.

Prudent financial management and robust commercial income helped balance expenses.

With aspirations for growth and sustainability, and increasing demands on lifesavers, it is crucial for SLSNT to maintain financial health. Looking ahead, management will focus on diversifying revenue streams, including pursuing increased sponsorships and government funding. While commercial lifeguard and educational services have been successful, relying solely on them is no longer sufficient for future prosperity.

Thank You for 2025

2025's successes would not have been possible without the dedication of our volunteers and staff. This year, the board and management further modernised SLSNT's governance and strategy. Under CEO Andrew McGuinness and managers Sam Edwards, Sarah Fisher, and Josh Mitchener, the team adapted to changing circumstances and launched several new initiatives. The board, Ali Snowden, Sue Barnes, Nathan McCarthy, Lyn Barratt, Garry Williams, and Ian Jackson provided strong, stable leadership and invaluable expertise.

Finally, my sincere thanks go to our clubs and their members. Every volunteer supporting surf lifesaving provides an irreplaceable service to the community. It is an honour to lead SLSNT, and I hope the Board and I can continue creating opportunities that reflect the passion and effort you all contribute.



Adam Traugott
President
Surf Life Saving
Northern Territory



VALE JOHN BAKER AM ESM

John Baker AM ESM, known by many as “JB”, passed away suddenly in August 2025. A committed surf lifesaving volunteer, JB’s “genuine smile, deep care, and generosity” touched many lives on beaches everywhere, including the Northern Territory.

JB had a great connection with the NT as managing director, then group business development director of KWP+ Partners, an Adelaide based company with an office in Darwin.

JB contributed significantly to surf lifesaving, having joined Brighton Surf Life Saving Club in 1977 and serving as president of Surf Life Saving South Australia for a decade. He also served as the seventh president of Surf Life Saving Australia in 2021. Following 14 years on its national board.

JB’s passion for Surf Life Saving was felt at all levels of our organisation. He remained an active volunteer with his Brighton Surf Life Saving Club and the South Australian Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Helicopter Service, performing thousands of hours patrolling our coastlines.

JB was one of the longest-serving volunteer crew members of the South Australian Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Helicopter Service, joining in 1994, and was appointed vice-president of the International Life Saving Federation in 2024, championing water safety across the Asia-Pacific region.

His commitment was celebrated with the Emergency Services Medal in 2017. In 2021, he was inducted into the SLSSA Hall of Fame and in 2024, he became a member of the Order of Australia.

John was a beloved member of our Surf Life Saving community and will be missed. Our thoughts are with his wife Jo, family and friends.



A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Hello to all members and supporters.

As the peak coastal water safety organisation in the Northern Territory, we are dedicated to drowning prevention and providing the safest possible aquatic events for all the community to enjoy the Top End lifestyle. In 2025, we implemented some major innovations and were recognised significantly for our member's contribution to the Northern Territory community.

Our significant contribution to the NT community:

- Providing members of the community the opportunity to gain lifesaving skills, qualifications and water safety knowledge,
- Providing a safe space for the public to visit Top End beaches, water parks, defence pools and some inland waterways to enjoy our tropical lifestyle,
- Partnering with NT Police Search & Rescue Section to assist the community with aquatic and land-based emergencies,
- Providing water safety for major community events,
- Promoting a healthy, active lifestyle, and developing our members to become great citizens, contributing to building better communities.

2025 was a very busy year for the Search & Rescue Team (SAR). SAR team members provided 855 hours of service to the community. The SAR team responded to 22 callouts from police or BERT activations. Three of these callouts were multi day searches for missing persons, where we worked closely with Northern Territory Police Search & Rescue Section (NTPSRS).

The SAR team also provided water safety coordination for major events including the Territory Day fireworks, Darwin

Ocean Swim, SLSNT Championships and the Beach and Paddle Series.

Lifesaver 1. our Westpac Offshore Rescue Boat, had a busy nine months clocking up over 80 hours up to September. Unfortunately, corrosion was found in the hull near the keel that required extensive repairs. The upside to these repairs was the hull is now near new, the fuel tanks have been inspected and cleaned, new floor covering installed and survey has been extended for the next five years.

Our Australian Lifeguard Service continues to provide professional lifeguard and first aid services to the community. 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, local & interstate school camps, venturing as far as Katherine and Litchfield National Park for water safety and first aid.

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, provide water safety and first aid for community events and utilise these skills in everyday life when required. Members who completed the Silver Medallion Aquatic Rescue course were called upon to assist with a two-day search and rescue operation for a missing person at Edith Falls. This is not our usual aquatic environment and required members to adapt their skills to an inland water way with additional hazards. This included many hours in 23-degree water, not something our members normally encounter.

Our commercial education and training service continues to deliver increased

recognition in the community of our brand and the quality training we provide. SLSNT provided training to a variety of businesses and non-for-profit organisations.

Our commercial first aid and advanced resuscitation techniques training is recognised by businesses in the Top End as engaging and high quality, with many clients returning year on year.

Our lifeguards are the best trained in the Northern Territory. Our Lifeguard Induction Pathways is recognised as industry leading and many of our lifeguards go onto gaining successful careers in emergency services such as paramedicine, firefighting, policing and maritime surveillance and search & rescue.

Our collaborations with NT Government departments, NT Police Search & Rescue Section, CareFlight and the NT Water Safety Advisory Council continue to have significant positive outcomes for the Northern Territory community.

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. SLSNT contributed significantly to international cubozoan (box jellyfish) research in 2025 providing logistics to researchers in Darwin & Weipa.

I would like to thank all three clubs for their contributions and collaboration in 2025. Special thank you to the three presidents, Michelle Taylor (DSLSC), Lavinia Fotukava (GPSLSC) and Luke Marcroft (MBSLSC). Together we have achieved significant results in 2025.

Highlights include the largest ever participation ever in Darwin Ocean Swim (DSLSC), conducting the SLSNT Championships for the first time at East Point Beach, rolling out Lifesaving CPR to all members, club workshop in

the new training room and increasing membership in the MBSLSC.

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. I was very humbled to receive life membership for SLSNT at the Awards of Excellence.

I am extremely grateful for the recognition of my contribution to surf lifesaving in the Northern Territory.

We have a dedicated Board of Directors who are committed 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 achieved significant strategic goals in 2025. The staff and I enjoy an amazing collaborative working environment with the Board which and I want to thank them for their friendship and collegialism.

Appreciation

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.

Our most valuable assets are our members who, rain or shine, volunteer their time every weekend of the dry season to make sure our local beaches are safe for the public to enjoy.

Many club members also volunteer for the Search & Rescue Team, responding to callouts 24/7 /365 on top of their regular club duties. I wish to pass on my sincerest appreciation to every member of our wonderful organisation; your dedication to the safety of the public in the aquatic environment is exemplary.

To the SLSNT staff, a massive thank you. I thought 2024 was huge but we have achieved so much more in 2025. SLSNT could not have achieved all it did without your dedication, professionalism and willingness to step up whenever it is needed.



Andrew McGuinness
Chief Executive Officer
Surf Life Saving Northern Territory



OFFICER BEARERS & PATRONS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

^non voting position



CLUB DELEGATES

Darwin SLSC - Sharon Stewart, Bob Creek and Michelle Taylor
Mindil Beach SLSC - Luke Marcroft, Samantha Ratley and Marcus Chen
Gove Peninsula SLSC - Grant Barnett, Marcia Barnett and Meg Irvine

PATRONS

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

COMMITTEES & PANELS

Honours Committee:
Chair - Craig Croke, Moira Wigley and Grant Barnett

Lifesaving Advisory Committee:
Chair - Nathan McCarthy, Nathan Gibson, Michael O'Donnell, ex officio Sam Edwards

Education Advisory Committee:
Chair - Sharon Stewart, Marcus Chen ex officio Sam Edwards

Finance Audit & Compliance Committee:
Lyn Barrett, Anmol Gupta, ex officio Andrew McGuinness

Surf Sport Advisory Committee:
Adam Traugott, ex officio Maddi James positions vacant

Development Advisory Committee:
Ali Snowden, ex officio Maddi James positions vacant

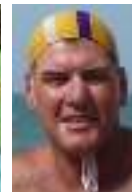
STAFF

Chief Executive Officer:	Andrew McGuinness
General Manager:	Sarah Fisher
Education & Lifesaving Manager:	Sam Edwards
Lifeguard Manager:	Josh Mitchener (finished October)
Education Coordinator:	Jarryd Jeffrey (finished in March)
	Courtney Gyoles (April to September)
Development Officer:	Maddi James
Finance & Office Coordinator:	Jessika Squire
Event & Marketing Officer:	Elle Staykov (commenced March)
Lifeguard Coordinator:	Jamila Cernovskis (finished April)
	Elsie Roberts (March - August)
Defence Lifeguard Coordinators:	Chelsea Everingham (commenced August)
	Poppy Goat (commenced December)
Water Parks Coordinantor:	Oscar Callander (commenced November)
Operation Support Officer:	Lee Shearer

OFFICERS

Public Officer:	Andrew McGuinness
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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	 Badge No. 18 Andrew (Benchy) McGuinness

*SLSA Life member

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

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 Oaks Darwin with 70 members, supporters and guests coming together to celebrate the efforts of our volunteers during the 2024 season.



AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE 2024

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Finalists

Grant Barnett, Gove Peninsula Surf Life Saving Club
Luke Marcroft, Mindil Beach Surf Life Saving Club
Wayne McMahon, Darwin Surf Life Saving Club

Recipient

Mr Luke Marcroft, Mindil Beach Surf Life Saving Club



OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

Finalists

Mr Nathan McCarthy, Mindil Beach Surf Life Saving Club
Miss Sheree Russell, Darwin Surf Life Saving Club

Recipient

Miss Sheree Russell, Darwin Surf Life Saving Club

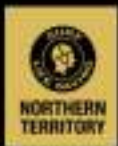


EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Recipient

Ms Sharon Stewart, Darwin Surf Life Saving Club





AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE 2025

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Nominees

Mr Hamish Dale, Gove Peninsula Surf Life Saving Club

Mr Adam Traugott, Mindil Beach Surf Life Saving Club

Recipient

Mr Adam Traugott, Mindil Beach Surf Life Saving Club



YOUTH ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Recipient

Mr Cooper Smythe, Gove Peninsula Surf Life Saving Club



YOUTH SURF LIFESAVER OF THE YEAR

Recipient

Mr Lewis Smythe, Gove Peninsula Surf Life Saving Club



SURF LIFESAVER OF THE YEAR

Nominees

Miss Kara Pease Mindil Beach Surf Life Saving Club

Ms Alison Snowden, Gove Peninsula Surf Life Saving Club

Recipient

Ms Alison Snowden, Gove Peninsula Surf Life Saving Club





AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE 2025

LIFESAVING COMMENDATION - TEAM

Recipient

Skye Robinson & Piers Coulter
Australia Lifeguard Service NT



LIFEGUARD OF THE YEAR

Recipient

Lee Shearer



PRESIDENT'S AWARD

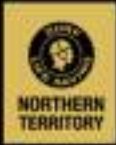
Nominees

Gove Peninsula SLSC 50th Anniversary function
Rob Van Wessel
Lee Shearer
SLSNT Development Workshop

Recipient

Rob Van Wessel





AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE 2025



LIFE MEMBERSHIP #18

MR ANDREW MCGUINNESS, DARWIN SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

Andrew McGuinness - affectionately known to many as "Benchy" joined Darwin Surf Life Saving Club in August 1999 starting a 26-year journey that has led to his appointment as a Life member of Surf Life Saving Northern Territory.

Andrew started out his Surf Life Saving journey with the Darwin Surf Life Saving Club paddling skis and sweeping surf boats - his background and skills in white water transferred easily into the surf environment. In 2004 Andrew undertook his certificate IV in training and assessment and began Bronze Medallion instructing with the Darwin Surf Life Saving Club. Andrew took on various roles within the Darwin Surf Life Saving Club including the Chief Instructor and President.

In 2010 Andrew joined the search and rescue team as a skipper of the original Westpac Rescue Lifesaver vessel. Andrew's time mentoring and guiding the Search and Rescue team was invaluable to the growth and sustainability of the team. Andrew has been involved in countless search and rescue missions and given up his time as a duty officer on call carrying the 13SURF callout phone.

Andrew has also spent time as both president and treasurer on the Surf Life Saving Northern Territory board. His time volunteering as a Lifesaver in many different roles shows his sustained commitment to the Lifesaving movement in the Northern Territory.





LIFESAVING SERVICES


32 RESCUES

 **22**
FIRST AID TREATMENTS

 **2,587**
PATROL HOURS

CLUB LIFESAVING

Our frontline Lifesaving services continued to keep our beaches safe in 2025. Once again, no lives were lost between the flags and regular lifesaving patrols clocked up over a combined 1676 hours of volunteer patrol hours in 2025. The Northern Territory frontline Lifesaving services are valued at over \$49,179,577 (NCSS2025) according to the National Coastal Safety Report. With over 150 thousand coastal visitations to Territory beaches the need for Lifesaving clubs cannot be understated. Locally the expansion of Lifesaving service is considered to be a high priority with more and more people using the coastline.

Darwin SLSC

The Darwin Ocean Swim celebrated its 20th year and had the highest number of participants ever. The Starfish Nipper program participant numbers increased and seven members competed at the SLSNT Championships in the Adaptive Surf Sports Program.

After years of negotiation, the club and the Crown Lands signed a combined lease incorporating the existing land and a new parcel, doubling the land the club can now utilise. The Honourable Chief Minister, Lia Finocchiaro, accepted our request to become a club patron.

Mindil Beach SLSC

Mindil Beach SLSC successfully hosted the SLSNT Championships in September with East Point Beach the venue for the first time. All three clubs had competitors in both senior and junior events. The unique social outdoor pop-up bars and food van were a highlight for competitors. Patrolling members continued to increase in 2025 with the club recording an additional 200 patrol hours from 2024.

Gove Peninsula SLSC

The Gove Peninsula SLSC Board had a major influx of new directors in 2025. The club sent a small but strong team to the SLSNT Championships with the men's surf boat team winning the gold medal and Xavier Blythe being awarded the TJ Tilley Memorial Trophy for outstanding sportsmanship and perseverance in all competition.





LIFESAVING CONFERENCE

Surf Life Saving Northern Territory hosted the annual lifesaving conference on Saturday 12th of April bringing together Lifesavers from across the Territory. This year SLSNT hosted SLSA and ILS Medical Advisor Group member, Lisa Equid to rollout Lifesaving CPR training. The conference was well attended from members of all three Territory Surf Life Saving Clubs which involved upskilling both frontline lifesavers and trainers and assessors in the new CPR techniques.

The conference also hosted an emergency management forum delivered by SLSNT CEO Andrew McGuinness updating clubs and members on the current capabilities of Surf Life Saving in the Territory and providing an overview of how other state surf lifesaving support operations contribute extensively to emergency management. The movement is increasingly called upon to assist in floods, bushfire evacuation and marine rescue.

SLSNT President Adam Traugott facilitated a session on member recognition. He presented current SLSA and SLSNT member recognition and highlighted some little used, in the Northern Territory, awards and dispelled myths and workshopped other opportunities for member recognition.

2024 Surf Life Saving Australia DHL Volunteer of the Year Sharon Stewart presented a session on her journey as a volunteer and also discussed how SLSNT could recognise non patrolling members who contribute significantly through volunteering in Northern Territory clubs.



CUBOZOAN RESEARCH

Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) research team conducted marine stinger research in 2025, focusing on cubozoans stings, their treatments and processes, with a specific push to understand the impact of vinegar as treatment for beachgoers and testing other first aid protocols. This is workplace health and safety issue for our members, as well as being a primary first aid treatment that our members provide.

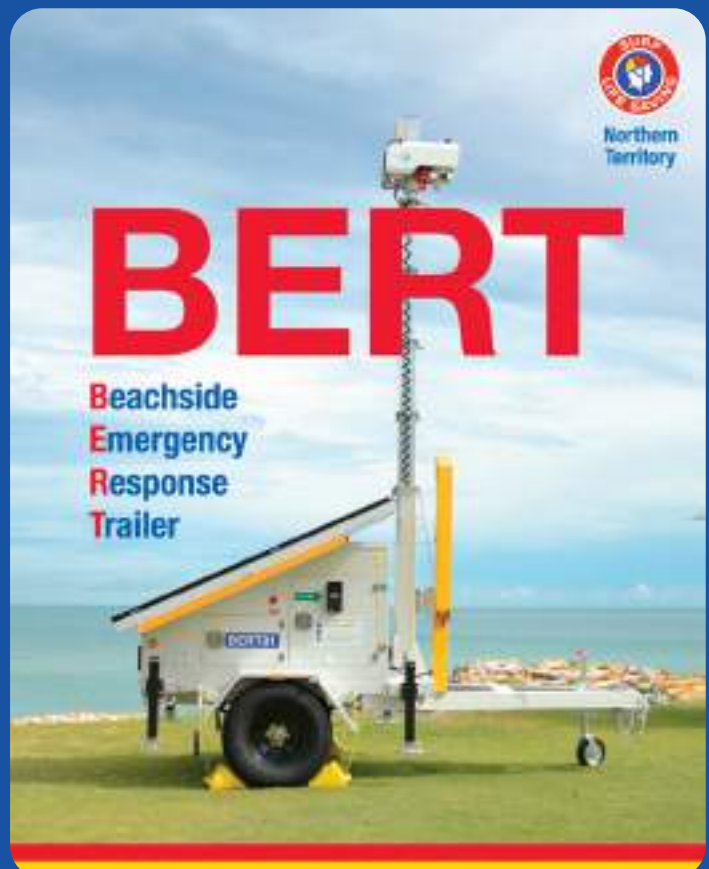
The research was a collaboration between SLSA, Surf Life Saving Queensland, Surf Life Saving Northern Territory, James Cook University & the University of Hawaii with assistance from Australian institute of Marine Science.

Field studies were conducted in Darwin in January with follow up studies in Weipa (QLD) in November. SLSNT staff and members provided logistical support and assisted with catching Chironex Fleckeri specimens to test first aid protocols. Sometime in 2026, results will be published that may inform new first aid and clinical treatments.



BERT

The First Emergency Response Beacon in the NT was launched in April 2025 and stationed at Nightcliff Beach. Surf Life Saving NT developed a media campaign to support the rollout of the ERB affectionately known as “BERT” or a Beachside Emergency Response Trailer. The ERB trial has been developed to measure the effectiveness of permanent ERB stations in the NT and will be active across the local Darwin coastline until September 2026. Early indications show BERT has been a positive community asset with several emergency activations requiring the use of vinegar and a first aid kit.





SEARCH & RESCUE TEAM

The Search and rescue team were extremely busy in 2025 expanding our capabilities and continuing to develop relationships with NT Police. A standout deployment was 7 silver medallion aquatic rescue (SMAR) members sent to Edith Falls (3 hours inland from Darwin) to assist NT Police in the search of a person who had gone missing whilst swimming in the National Park. NT Police commended the work of the search team who were able to assist covering significant areas of the waterway using adapted search techniques from the aquatic rescue course. This deployment showed the resourcefulness of the search and rescue team being deployed to a challenging inland location.

The Search and Rescue Team accrued over 917 hours of service in the 2025 season supporting our frontline Lifesavers and the Territory community, collaborating with NT Police Search & Rescue Section, CareFlight, Toll Aviation and PHI Aviation.



KEY STATISTICS FROM 2025

- 22 callouts
- 3 multi-day searches for missing persons
- 2 rescues
- 6 Search & Rescue exercises
- 4 BERT activations





AUSTRALIAN LIFEGUARD SERVICE



The Australian Lifeguard Service NT had a successful year in 2025 with zero drowning deaths in any of our contractual areas. In addition, lifeguards supervised over 300,000 visitors across nine regular locations, including 12 and performing 172 first aid treatments.

ALSNT has a consistent workforce of approximately 70 lifeguards working across two contracts and nine regular locations - Leanyer Recreation Park, Palmerston Water Park, Defence Base pools, Mindil Beach and Nightcliff Beach.

ALSNT also provided event water safety for many community organisations, local and visiting interstate schools. Locations ranged from greater Darwin, Lake Bennett, Litchfield National Park and Katherine.

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.

LEANYER RECREATION PARK & PALMERSTON WATERPARK

Started Service: 2017

Current Contract: 2021-2027

Days Operating: 363

Lifeguards on site each day: 9-15 Lifeguard Patrol: 9.00 -18.15

Leanyer Recreation Park

- 11,321 patrol hours
- 92 First Aids
- 5,616 Preventative actions
- 188,736 Attendances



Palmerston Waterpark

- 7,324 patrol hours
- 61 First Aids
- 2,981 Preventative actions
- 46,005 Attendances



MINDIL BEACH LIFEGUARD SERVICE

Started Service: 2006

Current City of Darwin Sponsorship: 2024-2029

Season Operating: June - September

Lifeguards on site each day: 1 Lifeguard Patrol: 14.00-18.00 every Thursday & Sunday, and Friday & Saturday when there was an afternoon high tide

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.

In addition to providing a watchful eye over beach users, Lifeguards also consistently liaise with visitors, answering queries and providing local knowledge on the area.

Mindil Beach

- 277 patrol hours
- 4 First Aids
- 15 Preventative actions
- Over 40,000 Attendances



NIGHTCLIFF BEACH LIFEGUARD SERVICE

Started Service: 2024

Current City of Darwin Sponsorship: 2024-2029

Season Operating: June - September Lifeguards on site each day: 1 Lifeguard Patrol: 14.00-18.00 Thursday to Saturday

Nightcliff Beach has become Darwin's most popular beach with afternoon attendance sometimes exceeding 200. Thanks to the support of the City of Darwin, we provide a Lifeguard service at this popular beach.

Again in 2025, SLSNT lifeguards and Darwin SLSC patrolling members worked seamlessly sharing resources in providing lifesaving patrols throughout the season at Nightcliff Beach.

Nightcliff Beach

- 209 patrol hours
- 6 First Aids
- 65 Preventative actions
- Over 18,000 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: 2022-2026

Days Operating: 365

Lifeguards on site each day: 7-10

FIRST AID & WATER SAFETY SERVICES

ALSNT 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 2025, ALS NT lifeguards provided First Aid & Water Safety Services at the following community events:

- Darwin Triathlon Club & Triathlon NT events (Lake Alexander, Darwin Waterfront, Lake Bennett)
- Swimming NT and Masters NT events
- Territory Day, Mindil Beach
- SLSNT water safety programs
- Territory Family Day
- Jingili Water Gardens
- Lifeguard & first aid services for several school camps
- Cicada Lodge event, Katherine Gorge.



ALS Events

- 339 patrol hours
- 9 First Aids
- 7 Preventative actions
- 11,035 Attendances



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 year-round, while professionally handling high temperatures (exceeding 35°C), tropical thunderstorms, and cyclonic weather that comes with living in the Territory, is to be commended.

MEMBERS & CLUBS



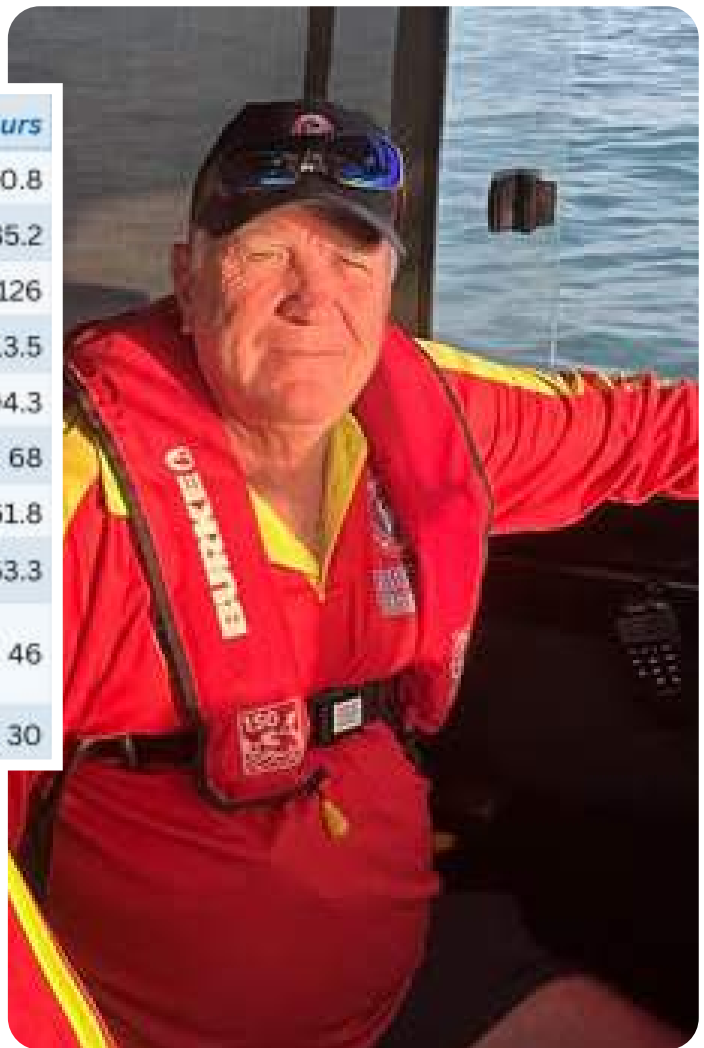
Club active membership recorded a drop in 2025 with 528 financial members across all clubs, down from 708 in 2024. However, the number of active lifesavers increased slightly in 2025.

Leading patrol members in the NT showed strong commitment to Lifesaving, with a special mention to Steven "Krohny" Krohn for breaking the 200-hour mark.

Female Patrol Hours	Hours
Alison Snowden	76
Meg Irvine	52.4
Carla Podgornik Zanon	50.8
Beryl Edwards	49.8
Belinda Doman	38.3
Samantha Ratley	38.3
Nicole Tisdale	37
Anne-Marie	35.5
Carly Smith	32.3
Jojo Wreford	31.3



<i>Male Patrol Hours</i>	<i>Hours</i>
Steven Krohn	200.8
Lee Shearer	185.2
Adam Traugott	126
Andrew McGuiness	113.5
Greg Edwards	94.3
Wayne McMahon	68
Sam Edwards	61.8
Lewis Smythe	53.3
Federico Boede Sanchez	46
Luke Marcroft	30



DEVELOPMENT

BOARD & SKI DEVELOPMENT WEEK

Julian from Paddle to Fitness delivered two three-day skill development workshops for Surf Life Saving Northern Territory members, with one workshop held in Darwin and the other in the Gove Peninsula. These workshops supported member development by focusing on board and surf ski performance.

Participants learned practical strategies and drills to enhance existing skills, including quick starts, correct positioning, efficient paddling techniques, and effective stroke mechanics. The workshops provided members with targeted techniques to apply in training and competition, supporting preparation for the NT Championships and contributing to overall performance and skill development.



NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS WORKING GROUP

Lewis and Cooper Smythe from GPSLSC proudly represented Surf Life Saving NT on the national Young Leaders Working Group, contributing to discussions that ensure youth perspectives remain central to the future direction of Surf Life Saving. Throughout their involvement, both representatives received positive feedback from the Chair for their professionalism, engagement and valuable contributions during meetings.

Lewis and Cooper actively participated in national meetings, where they demonstrated strong communication skills and a collaborative approach when engaging with youth leaders from across Australia. Their input supported the ongoing development of inclusive, relevant and evidence-based learning and development initiatives.

Their representation highlighted the strength of youth leadership within Surf Life Saving NT and reinforced the importance of empowering young members to have a meaningful voice in decision-making at a national level.

AGE MANAGER WORKSHOP

This workshop focused on basic coaching skills, providing new Age Managers with the support and guidance needed to feel confident in their role and effectively assist with club programs. Participants were introduced to key skills and resources they can refer to throughout the season, as well as opportunities for shadowing prior to the season start, supporting them to work toward being signed off as an Age Manager.

The workshop also helped to strengthen club communication, allowing members to learn from one another and share experiences.

A total of 8 participants attended the workshop with 5 participants successfully achieving their Age Manager accreditation.

CLUB/BOARD WORKSHOP

2025 Club Workshop brought together members and representatives from all Northern Territory clubs to discuss strategic direction and how best to support clubs. The workshop provided a timely opportunity to engage clubs as SLSA's new strategic plan was presented to attendees as SLSNT prepared to renew its own strategic plan in 2026.

Discussions focused on shared strategic priorities, including making it easier to be a lifesaver, ensuring clubs were inclusive and welcoming for all, and improving long-term sustainability. A key emphasis was placed on attracting and retaining members by enhancing the volunteer experience through improved onboarding, innovative and flexible training pathways, effective use of technology, clear communication and stronger recognition of volunteer contributions.

The day also acknowledged recent surf sports engagement and how to increase participation. Overall, there was a total of 23 members participating which highlighted strong collaboration and commitment across Northern Territory clubs.



RECOGNITION

NT NEWS TERRITORY LEADER OF THE YEAR

MEG IRVINE

Meg is a dedicated and influential leader within Surf Life Saving NT, making a significant impact through her ongoing commitment to youth development, education and community engagement.

As Director of Youth Activities and Director of Education at Gove Peninsula Surf Life Saving Club, she has strengthened youth pathways, improved member retention and enhanced water safety knowledge across the community.

Meg's innovative leadership in a remote and resource-limited environment has created inclusive, high-quality programs that support young people to build skills, confidence and a sense of belonging. Her passion, professionalism and commitment to personal development continue to strengthen both GPSLSC and the broader Northern Territory community.



NT YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARDS

LUKE MARCROFT

Luke has been actively involved in Surf Life Saving since 2013, growing up in clubs across Darwin and Queensland. From his early involvement in Nippers to becoming a qualified and dedicated patrolling lifesaver. Luke has contributed over 647 hours of lifesaving service and played a key role in search and rescue operations across the Northern Territory.

A passionate surf sports competitor and committed leader, Luke became President of Mindil Beach Surf Life Saving Club in 2023, where he successfully strengthened governance, increased member engagement and grew club membership from 5 to over 50 members.

Through his inclusive leadership, strong community focus, and commitment to Surf Life Saving NT's vision of zero preventable deaths, Luke has made a significant and lasting impact on both local and regional communities.



STARFISH NIPPERS

DARWIN SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

The Starfish Nippers program at Darwin Surf Life Saving Club delivered strong outcomes in participation, inclusion and performance throughout the 2025 season. Four Starfish Nippers achieved Age Champion titles at the NT Surf Life Saving Championships, demonstrating the effectiveness of the program in supporting skill development and confidence in a competitive environment.

A key milestone was their first adult who participated throughout the season and successfully competed at the NT Championships, reinforcing DSLSC's commitment to providing inclusive and accessible pathways for all members. Program participation increased significantly, with regular attendance growing to 12 Starfish Nippers and one adult participant, compared to five regular participants in the previous years. Ongoing interest from additional participants highlights the program's positive reputation and continued community demand.



6 WEEK NIPPER PROGRAM

MINDIL BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

Mindil Beach Surf Lifesaving Club ran their first nipper program for many years with 8 participants, with two participating in SLSNT championships with only 6 weeks of experience. Thank you to all the volunteers at MBSLSC who help made this happen especially Federico Boede for taking on Nipper Coordinator. Without these volunteers. MBSLSC wouldn't have been able to have a successful program.

MBSLSC juniors and families engaged well with the 6 week program. SLSNT looks forward to an even more successful Nipper program at MBSLSC in 2026!

SURF SPORTS

BEACH & PADDLE

Beach and Paddle is a three-event series where participants can compete in either short or long-distance events, whether they are experienced surf sports competitors or simply looking to improve their skills and fitness.

Participants competed on surf skis, surf boats, outriggers, single skull, stand up paddle board and competition mals or boards, providing a great experience for both new and returning participants. It created an inclusive environment where everyone could take part, with water safety support throughout.

SLSNT saw an increase of member participation competing throughout the Beach and Paddle Series. Overall, we had 27 individual registrations it contributed to a fun and inclusive series.



NT SURF LIFE SAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2025 SLSNT Championships were proudly held at Mindil Beach Surf Life Saving Club and marked a significant milestone with the introduction of our first ever Adaptive Sports competition. More than half of the Junior competitors participated in adaptive events with over 69 competitors competing across the three-day championships.

A sincere thank you goes out to all competitors and volunteers for their outstanding efforts and commitment to inclusivity, ensuring the event was welcoming and supportive for all participants. We would also like to acknowledge the competitors who assisted with adaptive sports, as well as our dedicated water safety personnel and officials. Without their support, SLSNT would not have been able to deliver such a successful event.

A special thank you to Grant Barnett for refereeing and Beryl Edwards for delivering an outstanding job on results management and Tania Sloane for coordinating and supporting Adaptive sports events. 2026 NT Championships will transition to full technology-based operations, allowing for an even smoother and more efficient event schedule.

It was fantastic to see strong community spirit and communication throughout the championships with clubs working together alongside volunteers who supported the event in non-official roles, further strengthening collaboration across SLSNT.





Under 8 Female	Harper Monteith
Under 8 Female (special mention)	Audrey Huggins
Under 8 Male	Braelyn Stock
Under 9 Female	Stella Zamolo
Under 9 Male	William Schofield
Under 10 Female	Sienna Monteith & Olivia Gibson
Under 10 Male	Sean Kenzo Dani
Under 11 Female	Daisy Christie - Johnston
Under 11 Male	Lachlan Wight
Under 12 Male	Jayden Pirie
Under 13 Female	Sienna Matison
Under 14 Male	Xavier Blythe
Under 17 Female	Morgan Parkes
Under 19 Male	Cooper Smythe
Veterans Female	Moir Wigley
Veterans Male	Wayne McMahon
Masters Female	Heather Standley
Masters Male	Nathan Gibson
Open Female	Isabelle Girando
Open Male	Henry Tollner
U11 Ironwoman	Daisy Christie - Johnston
U13 Ironwoman	Sienna Matison
U14 Ironman	Xavier Blythe
Open Female Ironwoman	Moir Wigley
Open Male Ironman	Nathan Gibson
Masters Female Ironwoman	Heather Standley
Masters Male Ironman	Nathan Gibson
Veterans Male Ironman	Wayne McMahon
TJ Tilley Memorial Trophy	Xavier Blythe, Gove Peninsula
2025 Champion Club	Darwin Surf Life Saving Club

It was fantastic to see strong community spirit and communication throughout the championships with clubs working together alongside volunteers who supported the event in non-official roles, further strengthening collaboration across SLSNT. We look forward to an even bigger and better NT Championships in 2026!

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Education and training is the backbone of our Lifesaving services. Without staff and volunteer trainers and assessors, Surf Life Saving Northern Territory wouldn't be able to function as a successful lifesaving organisation. In 2025 SLSNT education department underwent some big changes in both the commercial education and member education space.

SLSNT launched a brand-new training facility in Coconut Grove thanks to support from the Northern Territory Government and invested in more quality training resources moving to an online friendly platform for participants to access the latest eLearning.

Our Education Coordinator role went through some changes with Jarryd Jeffery finishing up his studies and moving into a paramedicine role with St John ambulance. Jarryd's dedication to the role was shown in his expertise as both a Lifeguard and studying paramedic; he made a significant contributions to SLSNT and will be sorely missed. Our clubs continued to grow capacity in the training space with members from both Darwin and Mindil Beach achieving their training officer qualifications.

SLSNT facilitated the rollout of Lifesaving CPR, a Surf Life Saving Australia initiative to improve CPR performance amongst members. In 2025, 125 Northern Territory Lifesavers and Lifeguards undertook Lifesaving CPR upskilling supporting our vision of zero preventable deaths in NT coastal waters.

Lifeguard inductions continued with 4 separate programs rolled out in 2025, inducting over 35 new Lifeguards into employment with SLSNT continuing our presence as leaders in the aquatic safety industry.





Provide First Aid and Provide CPR continue to grow in the commercial space, SLSNT is recognised as having a premium product in the delivery of these courses in the Northern Territory.

We are the provider of choice for NT Police Search and Rescue section and RAAF Base Tindal in Katherine.

SLSNT director Garry Williams was able to facilitate the new and improved RWC resource rollout in the NT after a national refresh of the RWC resources. Powercraft operators continue to be a valuable resource to both water safety and our Search & Rescue operations in the NT.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

MICHAEL LONG LEADERSHIP & LEARNING CENTRE

Our ongoing partnership with the AFL Michael Long Leadership & Learning Centre (MLLLC) Camp continues to create meaningful opportunities for Indigenous youth from remote communities. The program delivers vital water safety education and resources, alongside an introduction to surf sports.

The hands-on camp experience includes practical First Aid training, with a strong focus on marine life and snake bite response, skills that are particularly relevant in the Northern Territory. Surf Life Saving NT has delivered more than 16 camps in collaboration with the AFL MLLLC.

In 2025 the program engaged over 197 students, including participants from two new schools, Dhupuma Barker and Manunda Terrace. Across the camps more than 21 languages were spoken, highlighting the diversity of the participants involved. The program supports the development of leadership, communication and confidence. This empowers young people to respond in emergency situations and step into first responder roles within their communities when required. Throughout 2026, the program will be expanded to include practical water based activities, focusing on water safety and survival skills.



BEYOND THE SHORE

Beyond the Shore is a comprehensive water safety program designed to build participants knowledge, skills and confidence to stay safe in and around aquatic environments. The program is one full week of practical and theory-based learning across water safety awareness, swimming skills, lifesaving, rescue and survival strategies.

A strong focus is placed on life jacket safety, including how to correctly fit and wear a life jacket, where to locate one and how life jackets can be used for flotation, warmth and energy conservation to support survival in emergency situations. Participants also learn safe swimming practices, lifesavers awareness and how to recognise and respond to hazards such as changing conditions, safety signage and environmental dangers.

Emergency preparedness is reinforced through Everyday Lifesavers content, including basic CPR awareness and emergency response. Sun safety, rescue strategies using appropriate equipment/ everyday objects and safe bodyboarding practices are integrated throughout the program, empowering participants with the skills and confidence to make safe decisions and survive in and around the water.

SA/NT FREEMASONS PROGRAM

The Surf Life Saving NT Education Program delivers engaging, age-appropriate water safety education to primary school students across the Northern Territory.

Through interactive sessions for years 1 - 2, years 3 - 4 and year 5 - 9, students learn about the role of surf lifesavers, safe swimming environments, beach hazards, SunSmart behaviours, lifesaver signals and local marine life awareness.

Older students are also introduced to basic first aid, emergency response and CPR through the DRSABCD process. SLSNT delivered this program in 45-60-minute sessions using videos, discussions and hands on activities.

The program supports the development of safer behaviours around aquatic environments and strengthens community awareness of surf lifesaving services.



YOUTH COMMUNITY FIRST AID

Community First Aid was designed to educate youth on basic first aid skills, giving them the ability to assist and supporting 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 & Survive program was delivered for the second consecutive year across six sessions, engaging over 45 youth participants.

The program focused on building water safety and First Aid awareness through the introduction of basic rescue techniques and fundamental first responder skills, delivered in a practical settings.

Through structured, hands-on activities, participants developed board handling skills and learned effective rescue strategies in and out of the water.

The program fostered healthy habits, strengthened resilience, and contributed to positive social and personal development while enhancing overall community safety.



SURF & SAIL

Australian Sailing Northern Territory, Darwin Sailing Club and Surf Life Saving Northern Territory, organised to run two sessions for Surf and Sail.

Come and try day for the community with over 80 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 youth the opportunity to experience these activities in a safe and supportive environment.

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.



EXPO ATTENDANCE

TOP END DEFENCE EXPO

Surf Life Saving NT 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 inquiries about the Nippers program having club reps involved in this activity would enhance the recruitment of future Nippers.

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

HEALTH AND WELLBEING EXPO

In 2025 Surf Life Saving Northern Territory participated in the Darwin High School Health and Wellbeing Expo. The expo aimed to inspire and empower nearly 1,300 students aged 15-18 by providing information about local community services, promoting healthy choices, and raising awareness of issues that impact young people's health-including physical, mental, social, emotional, spiritual, and environmental wellbeing.

SLSNT provided students with brochures about its clubs, sporting events, and volunteering opportunities.

EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY PRECINCT (CDU CITY CAMPUS)

This expo was part of Charles Darwin University's orientation program, welcoming new students to the university and the broader Darwin community, and helping them feel connected and supported.

The expo also provided a valuable opportunity to showcase SLSNT's services, connect with both new and current students, and strengthen engagement with the university community.

SLS COASTAL SAFETY SNAPSHOT

NORTHERN TERRITORY

2024/25: VISITATION & CAPABILITY

In the last twelve months, 150 thousand Northern Territory residents (16 years and above) visited the coast on average 3.9 times each month (NCSS2025). This equates to approximately 7 million individual visitations to the coast.



150K
COASTAL VISITORS



3.9
VISITS/MONTH



1.9
HOURS/VISIT



100K
COASTAL ACTIVITY PARTICIPANTS



PROFICIENT MEMBERS 113

PATROLLING MEMBERS 113

LIFEGUARD PATROL HOURS 36,909

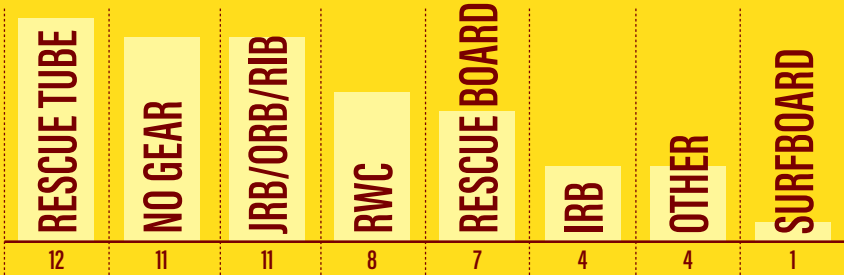
VOLUNTEER PATROL HOURS 3,222

CAPABILITY

\$49,179,577

VALUE TO COMMUNITY

58
RESCUES



10,579
PREVENTATIVE
ACTIONS



10,571
Preventions



7

Lost children



1

Shark alarm

233
FIRST AID
TREATMENTS



215
Cuts & abrasions



7

Marine stings



2

Major Wounds



MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

Surf Life Saving Northern Territory continued to strengthen its marketing and communications to increase community awareness of beach safety, support membership engagement and highlight the contribution of our volunteers.

Digital channels remained a key platform for reaching the community. Social media and website communications were used to deliver timely safety messaging, promote programs and events, and showcase the work of members across the Territory. Content highlighting volunteer patrols, training and community engagement continued to resonate strongly with audiences and helped reinforce the vital role of surf lifesavers in keeping our coastline safer for recreational activities.

Media engagement also delivered strong outcomes throughout the year. Surf Life Saving NT established a particularly positive relationship with ARN and ABC Radio, creating regular opportunities to share relevant and timely updates to a wider audience across the Northern Territory.

Surf Life Saving NT invested in a short campaign alongside implementing BERT into the community. This campaign used two strategies: one focused on showing ads to as many people as possible, and the other focused on getting people to watch the videos. The budget was split evenly between both. Overall, the campaign performed very well, with advertising costs lower than typical for the Northern Territory.

The reach-focused ads were the most cost-effective for getting the message in front of people. The video campaign generated almost 900,000 video views, with viewing costs sitting within the normal benchmark range. There is no surprise that shorter videos performed the best. The 6-second video generated the most views, while the 15-second video was the most cost-efficient per view. Static image ads also performed well for getting people to click through and explore our BERT info landing page on the website. The 30-second video had very little engagement, suggesting audiences preferred shorter content.

For future campaigns, SLSNT plans to focus more on short-form videos, test more creative formats like carousel ads, and introduce more varied creative ideas to see what resonates best with the audience. With the development of proposed 3 year marketing strategy SLSNT looks forward to continuing to grow our reach and provide opportunities for member acquisition and engagement.



FUNDRAISING & PARTNERS

FUNDRAISING

SLSA, 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

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.

QANTAS

Qantas, Australia's national carrier, is proud to be embarking on a monumental new partnership with Surf Life Saving Australia to promote water safety ahead of summer and support their mission to achieve zero preventable deaths in Australian waters.

At the heart of the partnership is a new online training tool called the Beach Passport. Launched in time for the peak summer holiday period, Beach Passport provides the public with basic water safety knowledge. It is free and available to every Australian citizen and visitor.

The partnership builds on more than seven years of support from the Flying Kangaroo to Surf Life Saving through its 'Side-by-Side' employee grants program.

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

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 lifesaving events.

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 for 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.



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025



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Surf Life Saving Northern Territory Incorporated

ABN: 77415570719

Board's report

31 December 2025

The board members presents their report on Surf Life Saving Northern Territory Incorporated ("the Association") for the financial year ended 31 December 2025.

Information on board members

The names of each person who has been a board member during the year and to date of the report are:

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

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

Principal activities

The principal activities of the Association 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.

No significant changes in the nature of the Association's activity occurred during the financial year.

Operating results

The surplus of the Association amounted to \$114,292 (2024: Deficit \$20,737).

Events after the reporting date

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Association, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Association in future financial years.

Surf Life Saving Northern Territory Incorporated

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Board's report

31 December 2025

Auditor's Independence Declaration

The lead auditor's independence declaration in accordance with section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, for the year ended 31 December 2025 has been received and can be found on page 4 of the financial report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the members of the board:



Board member Adam Traugott



Board member Alison Snowden

Dated this 15th Day of April 2026

Auditor's independence declaration under section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* to the board members of Surf Life Saving Northern Territory Incorporated

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 31 December 2025, there have been:

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



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Surf Life Saving Northern Territory Incorporated

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Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
Revenue			
Revenue from contracts with customers	5	3,259,834	2,888,809
Finance income	6	67,221	66,342
Other income	5	11,477	40,248
Employee benefit expenses		(2,413,306)	(2,459,679)
Other expenses		(471,590)	(393,636)
Repairs and maintenance		(152,159)	(43,956)
Depreciation expense		(101,654)	(100,457)
Club Disbursements		(84,133)	(15,436)
Finance expenses	6	(1,398)	(2,972)
Surplus / (deficit) before income taxes		114,292	(20,737)
Income tax		-	-
Surplus / (deficit) for the year		114,292	(20,737)
Other comprehensive income, net of income tax		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		114,292	(20,737)

Surf Life Saving Northern Territory Incorporated

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Statement of financial position

As at 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	2,405,903	2,462,463
Trade and other receivables	8	426,434	404,257
Other assets	9	54,186	77,593
Total current assets		2,886,523	2,944,313
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	10	381,383	286,541
Right-of-use assets	11	109,101	37,384
Total non-current assets		490,484	323,925
Total assets		3,377,007	3,268,238
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	12	331,022	450,170
Employee benefits	13	104,485	109,276
Contract liabilities	14	153,198	100,000
Lease liabilities	11	63,222	39,099
Total current liabilities		651,927	698,545
Non-current liabilities			
Employee benefits	13	15,239	20,292
Lease liabilities	11	46,148	-
Total non-current liabilities		61,387	20,292
Total liabilities		713,314	718,837
Net assets		2,663,693	2,549,401
Equity			
Retained earnings		1,781,648	1,667,356
Reserves	15	882,045	882,045
Total equity		2,663,693	2,549,401

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Statement of changes in equity

For the year ended 31 December 2025

2025	Retained earnings \$	General reserve \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 January 2025	1,667,356	882,045	2,549,401
Surplus for the year	114,292	-	114,292
Balance at 30 December 2025	1,781,648	882,045	2,663,693

2024	Retained earnings \$	General Reserve \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 January 2024	1,688,093	882,045	2,570,138
(Deficit) for the year	(20,737)	-	(20,737)
Balance at 30 June 2024	1,667,356	882,045	2,549,401

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Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Receipts from customers	3,639,590	2,950,881
Payments to suppliers and employees	(3,568,077)	(2,762,648)
Interest received	67,221	66,310
Interest paid	(1,398)	(2,972)
Net cash flows from operating activities	137,336	251,571
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Proceeds from sale of plant and equipment	4,045	17,040
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(154,200)	(47,006)
Net cash (used in) investing activities	(150,155)	(29,966)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Payment of lease liabilities	(43,741)	(49,897)
Net cash (used in) financing activities	(43,741)	(49,897)
Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents	(56,560)	171,708
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	2,462,463	2,290,755
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	2,405,903	2,462,463

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1) Introduction

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.

The financial report was authorised for issue by the Board members on 15 April 2026.

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

2) Basis of preparation

In the opinion of the board, 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 *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* ("ACNC Act") and the following material accounting policy information, which is consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise.

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 following Australian Accounting Standards have been applied in the preparation of these financial statements, as required by the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2022* ("ACNC Regulations:):

- AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements
- AASB 107 Statement of Cash Flows
- AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
- AASB 1048 Interpretation of Standards
- AASB 1054 Australian Additional Disclosures
- AASB 124 Related Party Disclosures (with applicable exemptions)

Statement of compliance

The financial statements comply with the recognition and measurement requirements of all applicable Australian Accounting Standards as required under the ACNC Regulations for Special Purpose Financial Statements.

The Association has elected to apply the disclosure requirements of the standards listed above only to the extent necessary to ensure the financial statements provide a true and fair view and meet the minimum disclosure requirements under the ACNC framework.

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3) Material accounting policy information

a) Revenue

i) Revenue from contracts with customers

The core principal of AASB 15 is that revenue is recognised on a basis that reflects the transfer of control 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.

ii) Grant revenue

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

Grant income arising from non-enforceable contracts or those without sufficiently specific performance obligations is recognised on receipt unless it relates to capital grants which meet certain criteria.

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.

iii) Lifesaving services

Lifesaving services income is recognised over time as the services are provided. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration receivable and is recognised on an accrual basis. Lifesaving services are billed monthly, and income is brought to account in the period to which the services relate, regardless of when payment is received.

iv) Foundation distributions

Foundation distributions represent funding received from Surf Life Saving Australia. The distributions comprise a minimum guaranteed amount received each year, together with an additional profit share where applicable. Revenue from the minimum guaranteed component is recognised on an accrual basis when Surf Life Saving NT obtains control of the funds and the amount can be reliably measured. Additional profit share distributions are recognised as income when the entitlement to the distribution is established and the amount can be reliably measured, which is generally when advised or confirmed by Surf Life Saving Australia.

v) Specific revenue streams

Interest

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method.

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3) Material accounting policy information (continued)

a) Revenue (continued)

v) Specific revenue streams (continued)

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 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 are measured using the cost model.

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.

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3) Material accounting policy information (continued)

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 amortised cost.

i) 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.

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 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 and contract assets have been determined using the simplified approach in AASB 9 which uses an estimation of lifetime expected credit losses.

ii) 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, contract liabilities and lease liabilities.

f) Leases

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

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

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3) Material accounting policy information (continued)

f) Leases (continued)

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, depreciated over the lease term on a straight-line basis.

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.

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

g) 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 subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

h) Impairment of non-financial assets

At the end of each reporting period the Association determines whether there is evidence of an impairment indicator for non-financial assets.

Where an indicator exists the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated.

Where the recoverable amount is less than the carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

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3) Material accounting policy information (continued)

i) 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, plus related on-costs.

Employee benefits expected to be settled more than one year after the end of the reporting period have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. Long service leave is only recognised when an employee reaches 7 years of service. The Board has determined that excluding employees with less than 7 years of service does not have a material effect on the financial report.

4) Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The board members make 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.

a) Key estimates - impairment of property, plant and equipment

The Association assesses impairment at the end of each reporting period by evaluating conditions specific to the Association that may be indicative of impairment triggers. Recoverable amounts of relevant assets are reassessed using value-in-use calculations which incorporate various key assumptions.

b) Key estimates - revenue recognition

To identify a performance obligation under AASB 15, the promise must be sufficiently specific to be able to determine when the obligation is satisfied. The Board exercises judgement to determine whether the promise is sufficiently specific by taking into account any conditions specified in the arrangement, explicit or implicit, regarding the promised goods or services. In making this assessment, the Board includes the nature / type, cost / value quantity and the period of transfer related to the goods or services promised.

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5) Revenue and other income

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Revenue from contracts with customers		
Lifesaving services	2,368,944	2,205,762
Sponsorship	169,910	184,134
Course fees	119,645	99,780
Club income	48,950	52,334
Grants	291,526	306,738
Foundation distributions	260,859	40,061
Total revenue from contracts with customers	3,259,834	2,888,809

6) Finance income and expenses

Finance income	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Interest income		
Interest income	67,221	66,342
Total finance income	67,221	66,342

Finance expenses	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Interest expense	1,398	2,972

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7) Cash and cash equivalents

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Cash at bank	705,903	762,463
Term deposit	1,700,000	1,700,000
Total cash and cash equivalents	2,405,903	2,462,463

8) Trade and other receivables

Current	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Trade receivables	426,434	404,257
Total current trade and other receivables	426,434	404,257

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the fair value of each class of receivable in the financial statements.

9) Other assets

Current	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Prepayments	54,186	71,453
Accrued income	-	6,140
Total other assets	54,186	77,593

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10) Property, plant and equipment

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Motor vehicles		
At cost	510,508	490,287
Accumulated depreciation	(289,581)	(259,684)
Total Motor vehicles	220,927	230,603
Leasehold improvements		
At cost	172,181	38,203
Accumulated depreciation	(53,986)	(38,203)
Total Leasehold improvements	118,195	-
Other life saving equipment		
At cost	68,384	68,384
Accumulated depreciation	(26,123)	(12,446)
Total other life saving equipment	42,261	55,938
Total property, plant and equipment	381,383	286,541

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11) Leases

The Association has lease over a property at 265 Bagot Road, Coconut Grove, NT. The lease commences on 1 December 2025 and has a 2 year term with no option of renewal.

a) Right-of-use assets

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Right-of-use assets	109,101	37,384
Total right-of-use assets	109,101	37,384

Movements in carrying amounts of right-of-use assets:

2025	Buildings	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January 2025	37,384	37,384
Depreciation charge	(42,296)	(42,296)
Additions	114,064	114,064
Adjustment to right-of-use assets	(51)	(51)
Balance at 31 December 2025	109,101	109,101

b) Lease liabilities

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

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
< 1 year	63,222	39,099
1 - 5 years	57,954	-
Total undiscounted lease liabilities	121,176	39,099
Lease liabilities included in the statement of financial position	109,370	39,099

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12) Trade and other payables

Current	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Trade payables	262,229	316,496
GST payable	39,225	32,056
Employee benefits	-	89,576
Accrued expenses	29,568	12,042
Total current trade and other payables	331,022	450,170

13) Employee benefits

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Current		
Provision for long service leave	43,213	40,635
Provision for annual leave	61,272	68,641
Total current employee benefits	104,485	109,276
Non-current		
Provision for long service leave	15,239	20,292
Total non-current employee benefits	15,239	20,292
Total employee benefits	119,724	129,568

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14) Contract balances

The Association has recognised the following contract liabilities from contracts with customers:

Current contract liabilities	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Grant monies received in advance	55,921	-
Unexpended grants	97,277	100,000
Total contract liabilities	153,198	100,000

The balance of unexpended grant funds represents amounts received from funding providers where all performance obligations have not been satisfied.

Grant monies received in advance represent annual funding from the Department of Sport and Recreation. The funding period spans annual periods 1 July - 30 June and therefore 50% of annual amounts relate to the period 1 January - 30 June.

15) Reserves

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
General reserve	882,045	882,045

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

16) Related parties

a) The Association's main related parties are as follows:

The remuneration paid to key management personnel of the Association is \$153,250

(2024: \$146,345).

Other related parties include close family members of key management personnel and entities that are controlled or significantly influenced by those key management personnel or their close family members.

b) Transactions with related parties

There were no other transactions with related parties.

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17) Auditor's remuneration

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Remuneration of the auditor, Perks Audit Pty Ltd (2024: TDH Chartered Accountants) for;	-	-
Auditing the financial statements	12,500	6,500

18) Contingencies

In the opinion of the board members, the Association did not have any contingencies at 2025 (2024: None).

19) Events occurring after the reporting date

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Association, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Association in future financial years.

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Board members' declaration

In accordance with a resolution of the board of Surf Life Saving Northern Territory Incorporated ("the Association"), the board members declare that, in their opinion:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 5 to 21, satisfy the requirements of 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 as at 31 December 2025 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay 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 Regulations 2022*.



Board member Adam Traugott



Board Member Alison Snowden

Dated this 15th day of April 2026

Independent auditor's report to the members of Surf Life Saving Northern Territory Incorporated

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Surf Life Saving Northern Territory Incorporated ("the Association"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2025, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of cash flows and the statement of changes in equity for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information and the board members' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Association is in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* ("the ACNC Act"), including:

1. giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 31 December 2025 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and
2. complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 2 and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2022*.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of matter - basis of accounting

We draw attention to Note 2 of the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report is prepared to assist the Association in meeting the reporting requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon

The board members are responsible for the other information. The other information obtained at the date of this auditor's report is included in the Board's Report, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard

Responsibilities of the board member's for the financial report

The board members are responsible for the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 2 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the ACNC Act and the needs of the members. The board members' responsibility also includes such internal control as the board members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the board members are 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 the board members either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The board members are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

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Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our 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 the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We 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 our 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 Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the board members.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the board members' 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 Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial reporter, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association 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.

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Independent auditor's report to the members of Surf Life Saving Northern Territory Incorporated

We communicate with the Board regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit



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NICK BROMELL

Director
Registered Company Auditor

Dated this 15th day of April 2026.

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