

Member Communiqué

The Board of Directors met on 24th September 2026 to review organisational performance, consider governance matters, prepare for the upcoming Annual General Meeting and discuss strategic priorities for the year ahead. Below is a summary of key decisions and discussions.

National Drowning Report 2026

The Board reviewed the findings of the 2025/26 National Drowning Report, which showed 313 drowning deaths nationally, a reduction from the previous year. In Western Australia, 35 drowning deaths were recorded, representing a decrease on the 10-year average and making Western Australia the only jurisdiction to record an improvement against its long-term average. The Board noted the importance of continuing targeted prevention efforts, particularly in higher-risk regional communities.

Annual Report and Annual General Meeting

Preparations for the 2025/26 Annual Report and Annual General Meeting are on track. The Annual Report has been aligned to the organisation's new Strategic Plan and includes an enhanced governance statement. Members will have the opportunity to review the report ahead of the AGM.

The Board also considered director nominations and endorsed recommendations to ensure continued leadership and governance capability while recognising the importance of future board renewal and diversity.

Organisational Performance

Key achievements included:

- Confirmation of significant new philanthropic support through a two-year funding commitment from Telethon.
- Strong results from the annual Tax Appeal campaign.
- Successful delivery of the LIWA Conference and Splash professional development event for swim teachers.
- Implementation of new ICT systems to strengthen performance monitoring and alignment between operational activities and strategic priorities

Finance

Review of the August financial results and noted a budget variance that will be examined as part of a broader first-quarter financial review. A detailed update will be considered at the next Board meeting to support ongoing financial stewardship and performance monitoring.

Looking Ahead

The Board will be focusing on:

- Finalisation of the Annual Report.
 - Delivery of the Annual General Meeting.
 - Strengthening work health and safety systems.
 - Community recognition through the upcoming Bravery Awards.
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The Board thanks members, volunteers, staff, partners and supporters for their ongoing contribution. If Members have any questions or feedback on the matters raised, contact the Board Secretary via Board@royallifesavingwa.com.au

On behalf of the Board of Directors