


**WORKING TOGETHER TO
PREVENT DROWNING DEATHS IN
WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

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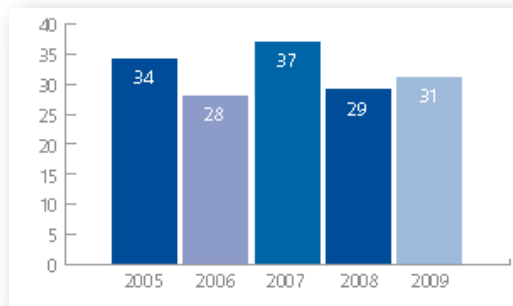
ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY WA

- Prevent drowning deaths and promote safe participation in aquatic activities
- In 2010 celebrated 100 years of community lifesavers




DROWNING IN WA

- Average of 31.8 drowning deaths/year
- 1.36 deaths/100,000 population (2009)




CHALLENGES

- Alcohol and water safety
 - Regional Areas
 - Tourists and CaLD groups
 - Boating and Fishing
 - Older adults
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PARTNERSHIPS

- Government – Local, State and Federal
- Corporate
- Other injury prevention and water safety organisations
- Industry groups
- Local communities


“Working together to improve water safety and reduce drowning deaths.”



CPR ONLINE

- Developed in partnership with RACGP to improve access to CPR training courses amongst GP network in WA
 - Online interactive training tool
 - Provides audio and visual instruction based on course run by RLS with practical assessment completed in person
 - Benefits for regional areas
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REMOTE SWIMMING POOLS PROJECT

- Indigenous Australians are at a higher risk of drowning than other Australians
 - Swimming pool facilities managed in 6 remote aboriginal communities in north west of WA
 - Pool manager employed and live in community for nine months of the year
 - Program provides opportunity to provide access to programs, services and information to communities
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Swim for Fruit Program
Over 200 children participated in pilot project



HAS IT WORKED...?

- Health benefits
 - Improved ear, nose and throat health outcomes
 - Increased physical activity
 - Improved nutrition
- Educational benefits
 - Access to water safety and drowning prevention
 - No School. No Pool
- Broader community benefits
 - Social cohesion
 - Social hub for programming





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