Celebrating with Royal Life Saving NT – 50th anniversary

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Sport and Recreation Minister Gary Higgins has congratulated local recipients of the Royal Life Saving National and Commonwealth Awards.

Minister Higgins was a guest at the Awards ceremony at Government House tonight.

“|’m a big supporter of Royal Life Saving - they do a wonderful job around water safety awareness and program and service delivery,” Mr Higgins said.

“And it’s great to pay tribute to their work and help celebrate the NT branch’s 50th anniversary.

“Royal Life Saving NT is integral to our Learn to Swim voucher program with more than 1800 issued at the six month mark.”

The Minister said he had a personal interest in Royal Life Saving.

“In December 1965 I was awarded a resuscitation certificate from Royal Life Saving in Sydney,” he said.

“Admittedly I’m rusty now but it was a big deal for me at the time and I’m proud to still have that certificate.”

There were eight local recipients of Commonwealth awards and 16 local recipients of Australian awards. The Commonwealth awards represent the Commonwealth countries.

Daphne Read AO obtained life membership to Royal Life Saving Australia.

“Daphne is already a life member of Royal Life Saving NT – she has been awarded this honour as a dedicated and loyal supporter of Royal Life Saving who has worked tirelessly for the cause of water safety in the Northern Territory,” Mr Higgins said.

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