

70 Years of Patronage

A Tribute to HM Queen Elizabeth II
Patron of the Royal Life Saving Society
to mark the Platinum Jubilee



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Madam,

On behalf of the Commonwealth President, Officers, members and volunteers of the Royal Life Saving Society throughout the Commonwealth, as a token of our gratitude for your Patronage, we would like to present this Tribute Book to mark your Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

Your example, support, enthusiasm and interest has been appreciated by the Society not only over the last 70 years, but from your teenage years when you achieved several of the Society's lifesaving and resuscitation awards.

This book is a tribute to your involvement with the Royal Life Saving Society and provides a wonderful account of your Patronage and messages from our Members around the Commonwealth.

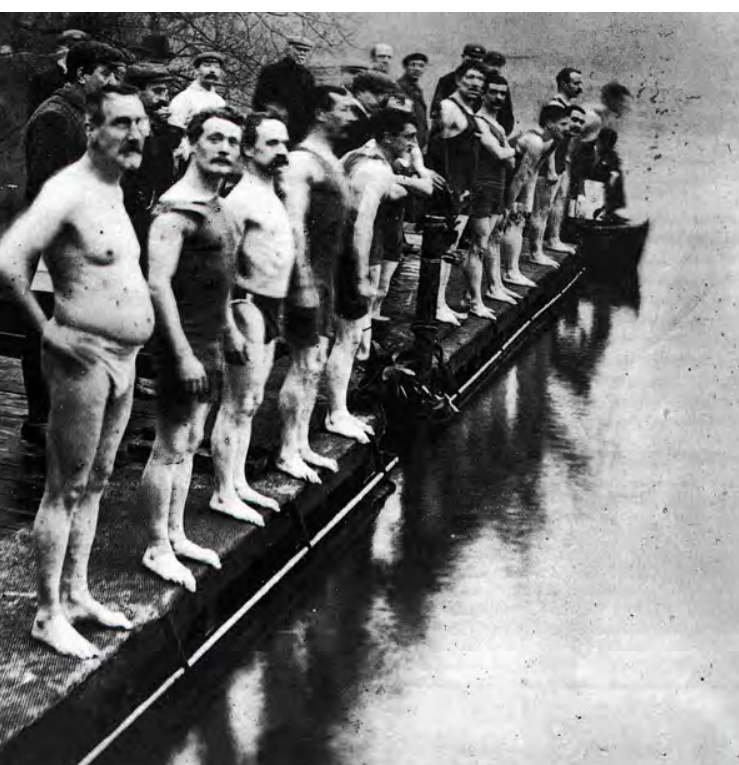
I have the honour to be, Madam, Your Majesty's humble and obedient servant.

Clive Holland
Deputy Commonwealth President

Introduction

The Royal Life Saving Society was formed in London in 1891 to address the appalling loss of life to drowning in the River Thames. Stimulating interest by public lectures, demonstrations and competitions, word spread quickly and key people, including members of the Royal Family, became supporters. Overseas tours quickly spread the enthusiasm for swimming and lifesaving skills and led to the formation of lifesaving organisations and branches of the Society.

The Royal Life Saving Society is a pan Commonwealth organisation, accredited to The Commonwealth, recognised by the Commonwealth Games Federation and now represented in thirty three countries. The impact of the Society, through the work of its Members, extends still further into other Commonwealth and non-Commonwealth countries.



The Society has enjoyed Royal Patronage since 1902 when King Edward VII agreed to support it. Renewed from monarch to monarch, the role of Patron was graciously granted by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in June 1952.

The Society has been governed by a Royal Charter since 1924; Her Majesty has granted two Supplementary Charters in 1960 and 2018. Being able to display the name "Royal" as part of our title bestows rank and status on the organisation and earmarks the Society as a respected association.

Long before she became Queen, Her Majesty had already made significant contributions to the Society, taking part in competitions, achieving proficiency awards which in turn led to significant media coverage and becoming a Vice President of the Society.



Throughout her reign, the Society's members throughout the Commonwealth have benefitted from the support of Her Majesty's representatives who have hosted investitures and other events and, in many countries, acted as in-country Patrons.



To have such a devoted, influential and consistent Patron is a huge honour for the Society. Those who have had the pleasure and privilege of meeting Her Majesty have been very impressed by her knowledge and interest in the Society and have been re-enthused to carry on the Society's work.



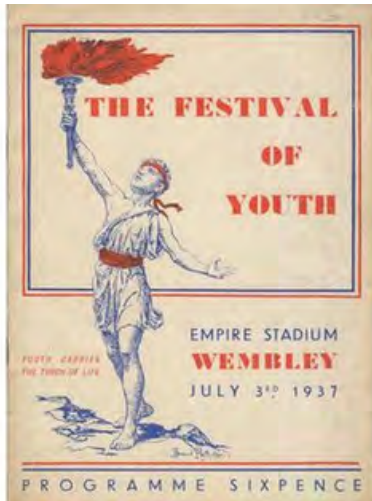
Madam, we offer our loyal greetings and congratulations on your Platinum Jubilee and our sincere thanks for your Patronage and support of the Royal Life Saving Society.



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Highlights

A timeline of Her Majesty's achievements and support of the Royal Life Saving Society



1937 Festival of Youth

On 3rd July 1937, a Festival of Youth was held at the Empire Stadium, Wembley in the presence of Their Majesties the King and Queen and Their Royal Highnesses Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret.

The Society presented a detachment of representatives from all parts of England and from a number of Life Guard Clubs. Perhaps this inspired Her Royal Highness, leading to her lifelong interest in the Society.

1937 Elementary Award

Under the instruction of Miss Amy Daly, a member of the Central Executive, Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth passed the Elementary Certificate examination for lifesaving in 1937. The examiner was Miss M J McConnell and the examination form recorded that "Her Royal Highness carried out the land drill very smartly, worked well in the water and is a strong and graceful swimmer".



1938 Intermediate Award

In 1938, again under the instruction of Miss Amy Daly, Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth was successful in the second of the Society's tests, that for the Intermediate Certificate. The Society's Chief Secretary, Captain Alwyn Briscoe, was the examiner and expressed the view that the land drills and work in the water were carried out exceedingly well.

1939 Lifesaving Competition

In June 1939, at the Bath Club, Dover Street, London, HRH Princess Elizabeth and HRH Princess Margaret competed in the Club's annual Women's and Children's competitions. This was described as their first appearance in a competition. The events included one length breast stroke, judged for style; one width back-stroke, judged for style; one width lifesaving in which competitors had to rescue an apparently drowning person, struggling slightly; and a dive from the side of the bath. Princess Elizabeth won the Children's Challenge Shield Competition for girls over nine and under fourteen against ten other competitors with a score of 35 points out of a possible 40. Her Majesty The Queen was in attendance and presented the prizes.



1941 Junior Respiration Award

The insignia was a celluloid pin badge, with a Certificate of Ownership. The examination fee was 1 shilling.

Candidates had to demonstrate:

- With others, a drill based on the Society's military style training methods followed by a demonstration of the Schafer method of manual respiration for a continuous period of at least five minutes followed by steps for the promotion of circulation
- Rhythmic working when the casualty is being covered to promote warmth; taking over from another operator; turning the patient from face upwards to face downwards

In addition, candidates had to answer questions to show their understanding of the elementary principles of respiration and circulation of the blood and the reasons for the movements in the Schafer Method

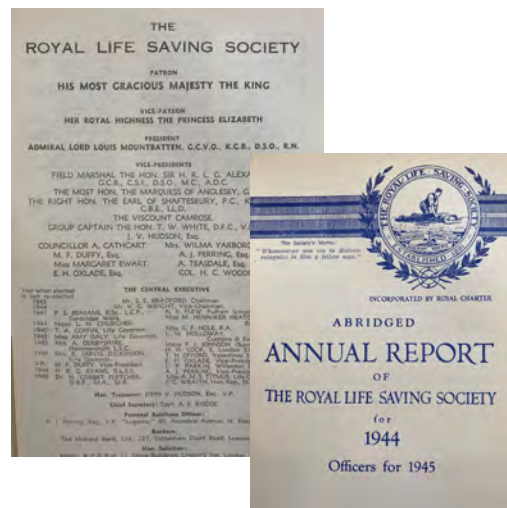
1941 Junior Artificial Respiration Award

In 1941, the Society introduced an artificial respiration instruction to children over the age of 14 years. Whilst they could not be expected to take an active part during air raids or, in fact, immediately after, it was considered that a sound knowledge of Artificial Respiration would be helpful in the school or in the home. Therefore a Junior Artificial Respiration examination was instituted, and a cellulose coat badge together with a Certificate of Ownership was prepared as the award for Juniors. This information was conveyed to Her Majesty the Queen by Miss Amy Daly. Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth on hearing of it expressed her desire to become the first successful candidate to pass this new examination. This desire was realised in February that year when she presented herself for examination. The report of the examiners was that Her Royal Highness proved herself to be extremely efficient. Such an example created great enthusiasm among the younger generation.



1944 Vice Patron

In 1944, Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth, with the permission of His Majesty, graciously consented to become the Society's Vice Patron.



Royal Visit to the Annual Council Meeting

Diamond Jubilee 1951



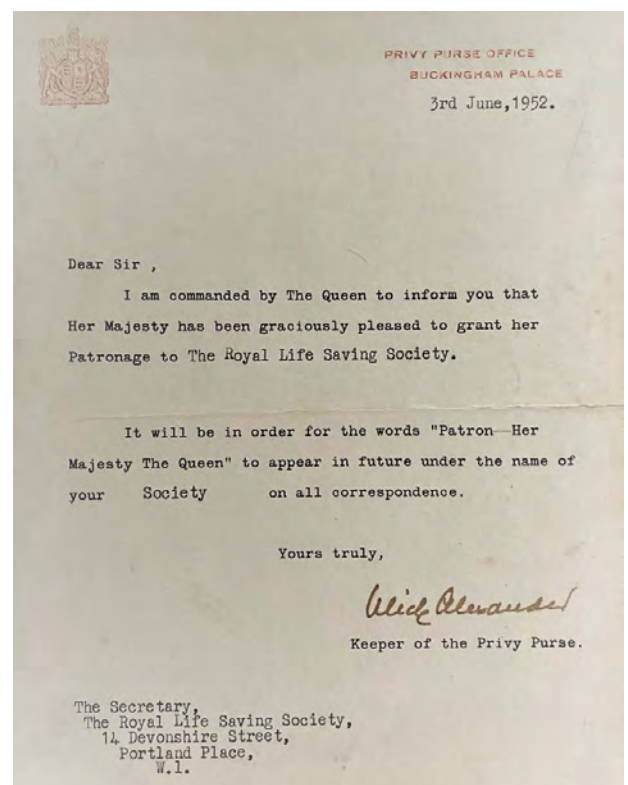
Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth, Duchess of Edinburgh presents Certificates

1951 Diamond Jubilee AGM

In 1951 the Society celebrated its 60th Anniversary. Earl Mountbatten had decided to inaugurate an annual Medal for the bravest rescue of the year. Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth, Duchess of Edinburgh, as Vice Patron, accompanied by Earl Mountbatten and the Countess Mountbatten, honoured the Society by attending the Diamond Jubilee Annual Council Meeting on 3rd June. Her Royal Highness unveiled the Mountbatten Life Savers' Panel and presented Insignias of Honour to honorary workers from all parts of the Empire in recognition of their valuable services in the interests of Life Saving.

1952 Patronage

On 3rd June 1952, Her Majesty honoured the Society by granting it Her Patronage in succession to her late father King George VI.



1954 Visit to Australia

While on a visit to Australia in 1954, Her Majesty and His Royal Highness Prince Philip attended a surf carnival at Bondi Beach.

On 2nd March, the Federal President, Mr P.E. Joske and the Federal President, Mr E.A. Pleydell of RLSS were called to Government House, Melbourne and were presented to Her Majesty by His Excellency,

the Governor of Victoria, Sir Dallas Brooks. During the audience, the Queen showed great knowledge of the work of the Society in Australia and made the request that her congratulations and thanks for the wonderful work they were doing be conveyed to all lifesavers throughout the Commonwealth.



1960 Supplemental Royal Charter

In 1960 Her Majesty approved the granting of a Supplemental Royal Charter. This was the first major governance change since 1924 and created self-governing branches in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa and the United Kingdom under the stewardship of the Commonwealth Council.

1961 First Commonwealth Conference

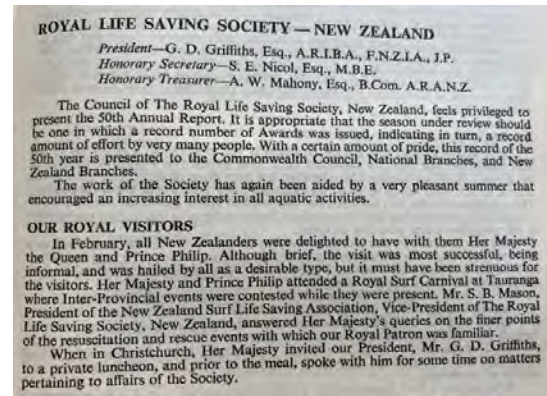
Following the granting of the Supplemental Royal Charter, the Society held its first Commonwealth Conference. By permission of Her Majesty, the opening ceremony was held in St James Palace, where the Conference was formally declared open by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother.

Following the opening of the Conference, members of the Commonwealth Council, the delegates and representative members of the Society were honoured to be entertained by Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh at a sherry party in Buckingham Palace, during which Her Majesty graciously accepted from Earl Mountbatten, as Grand President, the Patron's Badge of the Society in gold and enamel.



1963 Visit to New Zealand

During a visit to New Zealand in 1963, Her Majesty and His Royal Highness Prince Philip attended a Royal Surf Carnival in Tauranga and met representatives of the Society. In Christchurch, they invited Mr G. D. Griffiths, the President of RLSS New Zealand, to a private luncheon, and, prior to the meal, spoke with him for some time on matters pertaining to the affairs of the Society.



1964 Use of St Edward's Crown

Following a suggestion made at a meeting of the Council of the Royal Life Saving Society at which he was present, the Grand President, with the unanimous support of the Commonwealth Council, sought the Queen's permission to add a Royal Crown to the badge of the Society. Her Majesty was graciously pleased to approve the use of the St Edward's Crown with the badge used by the Commonwealth Council.

1966 Commonwealth Conference

The Second Quinquennial Commonwealth Conference of the Royal Life Saving Society was opened at St James Palace on the afternoon of 18th July 1966 by Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowden. That evening Her Majesty The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh honoured the Society by giving a reception at Buckingham Palace.



1970 Visit to New Zealand

In 1970 Her Majesty hosted a small dinner party on board HMS Britannia in Christchurch, New Zealand and invited members of Royal Life Saving New Zealand.



1971 Commonwealth Conference

The Third Quinquennial Conference was held in London and opened by Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra at Marlborough House. The Conference included a reception at Buckingham Palace hosted by Her Majesty and His Royal Highness Prince Philip.



1975 Visit to Hong Kong

In May 1975 Her Majesty and HRH Prince Philip visited Hong Kong and toured Morse Park Swimming Pool and watched a series of lifesaving demonstrations by members of the Hong Kong branch and the Children's Swimming Programmes.



1976 Commonwealth Conference

The Fourth Quinquennial Commonwealth Conference was opened on the 17th May 1976 at St James Palace by the Grand President of RLSS, Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra, the Honourable Mrs Angus Ogilvy.

On the following evening, as a practical demonstration of her continued active patronage of the Society, Her Majesty The Queen held a reception at Buckingham Palace for the Conference delegates and special invited guests.

1977 Silver Jubilee

As part of the Silver Jubilee Tour, Her Majesty visited Tasmania and, at Hobart, was hosted by the Lord Mayor, Mr Doug Plaister. Mr Plaister was a key official in the RLSS Tasmania Branch and a member of the RLSS Australia Board of Trustees.





1981 Commonwealth Conference

The Fifth Commonwealth Quinquennial Conference was held in London in 1981. Her Majesty and His Royal Highness Prince Philip hosted delegates at a reception at Buckingham Palace.

1983 Unveiling Mountbatten Statue

In 1983, Her Majesty unveiled the Mountbatten Statue at Horse Guards Parade, London. Besides being a member of the Royal Family, a distinguished military leader and the last Vice-Roy of India, Earl Mountbatten was successively President, Grand President and Honorary Grand President of the Royal Life Saving Society between 1945 and 1979.



1986 RLSSA UK Tour

In May 1986, the touring team from RLSS Australia arrived at Birmingham to commence a month long tour of the UK. This entailed visits to many regions, four separate competitions, many civic and cultural events and culminated in a visit to Buckingham Palace and a presentation to Her Majesty, HRH Prince Philip and HRH Prince Michael.

1986 Commonwealth Conference

The Sixth Commonwealth Quinquennial Conference was held in London in 1981. Her Majesty and His Royal Highness Prince Philip hosted delegates at a reception at Buckingham Palace.

During the Reception, Her Majesty presented the King Edward VII Cup to Sir Basil Osborne, President RLSS Australia, who received it on behalf of George W.H. Turnbull OAM of Australia.



1991 Centenary Commonwealth Conference

The Centenary Commonwealth Quinquennial Conference was held in London in 1991. Her Majesty and His Royal Highness Prince Philip hosted delegates at a reception at Buckingham Palace. During the Reception, Her Majesty presented the King Edward VII Cup to J. Allen Lee, President RLSS New Zealand, who received it on behalf of Stuart E. Nicol QSO, MBE of New Zealand.

1992 RLSS UK Life Support Presentation

In 1992, the Royal Anniversary Challenge to find the most innovative community based projects awarded a Gold Medal to RLSS UK for its Life Support Campaign. The medal was awarded jointly to the National Federation of Women's Institutes and was presented by Her Majesty at a ceremony held in St James's Palace on 26th November. Her Majesty praised the campaign in particular for its partnership between two voluntary organisations in the service of the community.

1992 Visit to Malta

During a State visit to Malta to inaugurate the Siege Bell Memorial in Valletta, members of RLSS Malta were invited to meet with Your Majesty.



1996 Commonwealth Conference

The 8th Commonwealth Quinquennial Conference was held in Stratford on Avon in 1996. Her Majesty and His Royal Highness Prince Philip hosted delegates at a reception at Buckingham Palace.

1996 Presentation of King Edward VII Cup

At the Buckingham Palace Reception, Her Majesty presented the King Edward VII Cup to Brian Morrissey OBE, QPM the Honorary President of RLSS United Kingdom.



1996 Ascot Race Day

In 1996, the Society benefited from Ascot Charity Race Day by gracious permission of Her Majesty.

2001 Commonwealth Conference

The 9th Commonwealth Quinquennial Conference and Commonwealth Lifesaving Championships were held in Eastbourne in 2001. Her Majesty and His Royal Highness Prince Philip hosted delegates, officials and competitors at a reception at Buckingham Palace.



2001 Presentation of King Edward VII Cup

At the Buckingham Palace Reception, Her Majesty presented the King Edward VII Cup to Dr Ian Mackie AM, FRACP, the Medical Advisor to RLSS Australia and Dato' Teoh Teik Lee, the Deputy President of Life Saving Society of Malaysia.

Recollection from Dato' Teoh Teik Lee, recipient of the 2001 King Edward VII Cup

“ In 2001 I was awarded the King Edward VII Cup by Her Majesty at Buckingham Palace, a momentous occasion that brought pride and joy to the Malaysian delegation that witnessed the ceremony. As for myself, it was pride softened with humility. I attribute my success to the contribution of the wonderful personalities, who work with dedication in the humanitarian cause of life saving. Foremost among them is the late Lord Mountbatten, who in his inimitable style, "persuaded" me to organise the formation of a national life saving society. ”

2002 Presentation to mark Golden Jubilee

In 2002 the Society marked Her Majesty's Golden Jubilee. HRH Prince Michael presented Her Majesty with a Sterling Silver Dish on behalf of the Society.

2002 Special Awards to mark Golden Jubilee

Her Majesty's Golden Jubilee was celebrated throughout the Commonwealth in a variety of ways. For example, RLSS UK launched a series of Golden Jubilee Awards. The Canadian Government provided Golden Jubilee Medals to organisations, including the Life Saving Society, Canada to award to Canadians who had made outstanding and exemplary contributions to their communities or to Canada as a whole.

2006 Presentation of King Edward VII Cup

At a private audience held at Buckingham Palace in October 2006, Her Majesty presented the King Edward VII Cup to Dr Anthony Handley the Chief Medical Advisor to RLSS United Kingdom.



Recollection from Anthony Handley MD FRCP recipient of the 2006 King Edward VII Cup

“ On the day, my wife, daughter, and three representatives from RLSS Commonwealth and UK, were presented to Her Majesty at Buckingham Palace. We spent many minutes in relaxed conversation with the Queen, making it a truly momentous occasion, one which we shall never forget. What stood out most was the obviously genuine interest Her Majesty has in the work of the Society. In this Platinum Anniversary year of her patronage of the RLSS, we can reflect on how fortunate and honoured we have been to have such support and wisdom. ”

2007 Presentation to mark Diamond Wedding Anniversary

In 2007 the Society was honoured to present a Crystal Goblet to HM Queen and HRH Duke of Edinburgh to mark their Diamond Wedding Anniversary

2009 Presentation of King Edward VII Cup

At a private audience held at Windsor Castle on 12 April 2012, Her Majesty presented the King Edward VII Cup to John Long the former RLSS Commonwealth Secretary.

Recollection from John Long, former Commonwealth Secretary of the Royal Life Saving Society and recipient of the 2009 King Edward VII Cup

“ I was very honoured to attend a private audience with HM The Queen at Windsor Castle to receive the King Edward VII Cup. After brief introductions we discussed in some detail the development of the Society over the 18 years I had been Commonwealth Secretary. Her Majesty stated she well remembered taking Society awards in her youth. This presentation was one of the most memorable events of my life and it was delightful to have such an opportunity to discuss with our Patron the valuable work the Society does in saving lives from drowning across the Commonwealth. ”



2015 Garden Party

Over the years, the Society has been privileged to receive invitations to Her Majesty's Garden Parties at Buckingham Palace. In 2015 two young members of RLSS UK, Christopher Harper and Aaron Dhanda, represented the Society and had the honour of meeting and talking to Her Majesty.

Being asked if we'd like the opportunity to meet Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at a Buckingham Palace Garden Party in 2015 is a moment I will never forget. Meeting the Patron of the Royal Life Saving Society Commonwealth and hearing firsthand of Her Majesty's own lifesaving experiences of swimming in pyjamas to retrieve sunken objects from beneath the surface is a treasured experience shared with myself and fellow lifesavers across the UK and Commonwealth.

Aaron Dhanda

I had the pleasure of meeting Her Majesty at a Buckingham Palace Garden Party as part of a small group. I was struck by how knowledgeable she was about the Society and its work, and by how interested she was to learn more about our own journeys through lifesaving. She recalled her own experiences of awards and spoke with us about the role she and others in her family have played in promoting lifesaving. Her remarkable ability to put us at our ease in an environment that had the capacity to overwhelm, was appreciated by us all. I reflect very fondly on her kindness and how valued she made us all feel. That experience gave us all a renewed enthusiasm to return to the projects we were involved in with pride and to work hard to promote the aims of the Society with renewed vigour. *Christopher Harper*

2016 125th Anniversary Reception

In November 2016, Her Majesty and His Royal Highness Prince Philip hosted a reception at Buckingham Palace to mark the 125th Anniversary of the Society. In attendance were the Commonwealth President, HRH Prince Michael of Kent, HRH Princess Michael of Kent and Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester.





2016 Presentation of the King Edward VII Cup

At the Reception held at Buckingham Palace, Her Majesty presented the King Edward VII Cup to Surgeon-General Professor John Pearn AO, RFD, The Chief Medical Advisor to RLSS Australia. Her Majesty also presented the Society's Mountbatten Medal to Zak Dominique of St Lucia and the Russell Medal to Tyler Bailer of Canada.

2016 Patron's Lunch

In June 2016, Society volunteers and guests attended The Patron's Lunch, a huge picnic in The Mall, celebrating Her Majesty's patronage of charities and organisations in the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth - what a memorable day!

Following the Patron's Lunch, the Society received a gift of £2,500 from the Patron's Fund, which was used towards running Regional Development Workshops in Africa, Asia Pacific and the Caribbean.



2018 Supplemental Royal Charter

In 2018, Her Majesty granted a Supplemental Royal Charter to the Society. This built on the provisions of the 1960 Supplemental Charter and modernised the governance of the Society.

2021 Virtual Presentation of King Edward VII Cup

In May 2021, during the Covid-19 pandemic, Her Majesty graciously presented the King Edward VII Cup to Dr Stephen Beerman of Canada in a virtual ceremony. Two previous Russell Medal recipients, Tanner Gorille from South Africa and Sarah Downs from the UK also joined the presentation. During the call, Her Majesty spoke of her own experiences of taking the Society's Awards when she was younger.

**Recollection from Dr Stephen Beerman,
recipient of the 2020 King Edward VII Cup**



“ This was a humbling, inspirational presentation and discussion with HM The Queen, recalling her RLSS Junior Resuscitation Award as “hard work to achieve” and proud to receive and display the badge of recognition. It was a remarkably natural conversation that honoured the participants' contributions. The meeting provided an opportunity of reflection on the contribution of our RLSS Patron, HM The Queen who is a role model of devotion to service. This is a foundational value that she shares with the RLSS. We have been very fortunate to have HM The Queen as our RLSS Patron. ”

2022 Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

To mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee as our Patron, the Society developed a commemorative Certificate which Member Organisations could award for attendance at a drowning prevention or lifesaving event held during 2022. Kenya Lifesaving Federation has linked this to their competition events and RLSS UK have developed a special award reflecting the elements of the awards taken by Her Majesty in her youth. In this way, Her Majesty's influence continues.



Tributes from our Member Organisations throughout the Commonwealth





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Her Majesty The Queen
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Dear Madam,

It is my pleasure to write to you on behalf of the Board and Members of Royal Life Saving Society – Australia on the occasion of your Platinum Jubilee. As Patron of the Royal Life Saving Society, your dedication to water safety and prevention of drowning across the Commonwealth has been tireless and we thank you for your commitment and service.

We consider ourselves fortunate to be part of the larger Royal Life Saving Society Commonwealth organisation and to be able to contribute to drowning prevention efforts in low- and middle-income countries. We remain grateful for your support, and for making time to meet with some of our dedicated volunteers on the occasion of the 125th year of the Royal Life Saving Society – Australia in 2019.

As one of the oldest not-for-profit organisations in Australia, we continue to serve our community with the same vision that our founders set – that drowning is preventable and we continue to work towards a nation free from drowning.

Regrettably, drowning continues to be a significant cause of death in Australia. Among the emerging challenges we must face is the impacts of a long period where water safety and swimming lessons could not be accessed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We led the development of the Australian Water Safety Strategy 2030, working with government and other drowning prevention stakeholders to design and implement strategies to reduce drowning across Australia. This includes prioritising under-served communities and driving research to inform evidence-based policy.

We are proud of the work that we do in communities right across Australia, including in geographically remote and Indigenous communities. As an example of our current work, the Talent Pool program in Western Australia offers Indigenous young people training and employment on country, with career paths that ensure local young people are equipped and empowered to participate in the local economy as paid professionals.

In April, Royal Life Saving Society – Australia released water safety information in written and audio formats for 11 additional multicultural communities in Australia, to ensure that fluency in English is not required to be able to enjoy our waterways safely.

The challenges of a large and diverse country, with countless bodies of water are many, but we are encouraged by your continuing interest in our work. Thank you for your exemplary service and leadership.

I have the honour to be, Madam, Your Majesty's humble and obedient servant.

Dr Mitchell Hartman
President





Your Majesty,

On the glorious occasion of the Platinum Jubilee, on behalf of The Center for Injury Prevention and Research, Bangladesh we would like to thank you for your continued support and patronage to the Royal Lifesaving Society and the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. It is through the partnership and support provided by these organisations that CIPRB continues to grow from strength to strength, and is able to work to prevent child drownings in Bangladesh. We are proud to be the RLSS member organisation in Bangladesh.

Your Majesty, as a young person, you were the first in the Commonwealth to get the Royal Life Saving Society's Junior Respiration Award, which serves as a model for young people and helps to build lifesaving and resuscitation credentials throughout the network of Commonwealth countries.

We would like to use this occasion to wish Your Majesty the Queen a happy anniversary in all your splendor. May God always bestow his blessings upon the most gracious beloved Queen of England.



Centre for Injury Prevention and Research, Bangladesh (CIPRB)

On the glorious occasion of celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen, 15 community awareness campaigns have organized in Kalapara, Taltali and Betagi Upazila of Patukhali district in Bangladesh. During these events drowning prevention awareness messages were delivered and land-based rescue techniques from drowning have been demonstrated. A total of 300 community people had attended the demonstration sessions where around 100 were children.

The picture was taken in one of the demonstration sessions, organized in Kalapara upazila of Patuakhali district. A total of 10 children and 10 parents performed the land-based rescue techniques there.



Centre for Injury Prevention and Research, Bangladesh (CIPRB)



To celebrate the glorious Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen, a mass awareness campaign has been organized on March 12, 2022 on Shugandha beach at Cox's Bazar. A total of 27 lifeguards and 3 community educators conducted a drowning rescue demonstration to showcase the rapid actions of lifeguards during drowning incident on the beach. By this event around 350 tourists came to know about the importance of lifeguard patrolling on the beach along with beach safety messages.



Centre for Injury Prevention and Research, Bangladesh (CIPRB)



“Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, as the President of Lifesaving Botswana, allow me to first and foremost say on behalf of Lifesaving Botswana and Botswana at large, CONGRATULATIONS are in order for becoming the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking a historic 70 years on the throne. Your Majesty, we are delighted and honoured to be sending out this message to you as our Patron. We are very much excited to be a part of this commemoration, especially being one of the newest member organizations of Royal Life Saving Society sending out a tribute to you. Lifesaving Botswana would like to acknowledge you for your continued interest in, and support of the Royal Live Saving Society. You, The Queen, are an epitome of leadership. Your unwavering dedication and support to your nation has been out of this world. You have made a clear mark throughout your seven decade reign, touching millions of lives and being an inspiration and role model to the upcoming generations in this ever-changing world, always representing security and stability. We salute you and wish nothing but the utmost best for you. We love you.”

Mr Tselapedi

Lifesaving Botswana President

(On behalf of Lifesaving Botswana and Botswana at large)



Douala, 2022

TO
HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II
Buckingham Palace, London
United Kingdom

Her Majesty The Queen's "Platinum Jubilee"

Your Majesty,

Allow me to join the congratulations to you and to the people of the United Kingdom on Your Majesty's "Platinum Jubilee" and also thank you for your continuing interest in, and support of the Royal Life Saving Society. On behalf of the Royal Life Saving Society Cameroon Branch (RLSS Cameroon) Members I wish You and the Royal Family good health and continued happiness.

I wish You, Your Majesty, the Royal Family and all the people of the United Kingdom a happy celebration. Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration and the best wishes of the Royal Life Saving Society Cameroon Branch Members.

Yours Faithfully,



Justin BAKINGA
President
RLSS Cameroon Branch





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Your Majesty,

Lifesaving Society Canada is delighted to extend congratulations on the occasion of your Platinum Jubilee.

As a National Branch of the Royal Life Saving Society, our mission is to save lives and prevent water-related injury through our training programs, Water Smart public education, drowning research, aquatic safety management and lifesaving sport. We set the standard for aquatic safety and certify Canada's National Lifeguards.

The Lifesaving Society Canada is a national volunteer organization and registered charity composed of ten provincial/territorial branches, tens of thousands of individual members, and over 4,000 affiliated swimming pools, waterfronts, schools and clubs.

Founded in 1908 we trace our roots to the late 19th century in London, England where we began as The Swimmer's Life Saving Society.

In 1894, Arthur Lewis Cochrane brought to Canada the lifesaving skills he learned in his homeland, and passed them along to students at Upper Canada College in Toronto, Ontario.

In June 1896, eighteen of his students were the first recipients of our distinguished Bronze Medallion award.

Today over 1,200,000 Canadians participate annually in our swimming, lifesaving, lifeguard and leadership training programs.

We are very grateful for Your Majesty's support to our lifesaving mission and send our sincere best wishes in this anniversary year.

Martin Forcier

President, Lifesaving Society Canada





April 12, 2022

Her Majesty The Queen
Buckingham Palace
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May it please Your Majesty,

The newly incorporated Royal Life Saving Society, Cayman Islands would like to congratulate Your Majesty on her Platinum Jubilee! It is a momentous occasion of celebration and reflection on your in-calculable contributions during your reign.

The Cayman Islands has had Lifesaving training in its history as several former Cadets recall receiving Lifesaving training in the late 60s and early 70s. Sadly no records exist nor was an organisation established. In 2018 Lifesaving training was started in earnest for a water park needing certified Lifeguards to secure international tours. Several dozen staff received Lifesaving, Lifeguarding and First Aid training and Bronze Medallion camps were run for Cayman youth interested in Lifesaving training.

With encouragement and support by the RLSS Commonwealth and RLSS Canada the RLSS Cayman Islands became registered as a Non-Profit Organisation by the Cayman Islands Government in May 2021. Lifesaving training is growing on island and we have also partnered with the Cayman Islands Health Services Authority and the Cayman Islands Coroners Office to initiate an inaugural Cayman Islands Drowning Report.

Finally we extend our enduring gratitude as it was Your Majesty's words of encouragement that set in motion the founding of this new Companion Member of the RLSS family. We thank you for your continuing interest in, and longstanding support of, the Royal Life Saving Society.

We have the honour to be, Madam, Your Majesty's humble and obedient servants.

Yours in Lifesaving,

Craig Amundsen
Executive Director,
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HM Queen Elizabeth II

Your Majesty,

On behalf of the Royal Life Saving Society Gibraltar lifeguards and lifesavers and indeed the general population in Gibraltar, I would like to congratulate you on this occasion, your Platinum Jubilee; 70 glorious years and wish you many more.

The Royal Life Saving Society Gibraltar is the leading organisation in Gibraltar responsible for training and assessing lifeguard and lifesavers. We are also instrumental in providing various programmes within the community on water safety and the prevention of drowning.

As an integral part of the Commonwealth life saving family, we are very involved in discussing ideas and promoting programmes with other Commonwealth countries.

We are all very proud to celebrate with you such a significant milestone.

Our best wishes.

Yours,

**Norbert N Sene MBE
President
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Her Majesty The Queen

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM THE GHANA LIFESAVING AND DIVING ASSOCIATION ON YOUR PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Compliments from the Ghana Lifesaving and Diving Association- GHALDA

Our warmest congratulations to HM The Queen on this day of the Platinum Jubilee Celebration.

As member of the lifesaving fraternity in Ghana we are thankful for the continuing support you render as through the auspices of the Royal Life Saving Society in the training of personnel, acquisition of rescue tools and equipment, anticipating our performance during the commonwealth lifesaving sports, and some grants we are able to access for the growth and development of lifesaving in Ghana.

We are most grateful. And wish above all that you may live long, be in good health and prosper in your continued reign. "Ose ye" - locally translated as best wishes from Ghana to you.

Long live the Queen! Long Live Lifesaving!

Yours faithfully,

Dennis Kweku Moore
General Secretary



LIFE SAVING
INDIA

As we, from the Rashtriya Life Saving Society (India) wish Her Majesty The Queen and "Patron" of Lifesaving in the Commonwealth, continued good health and congratulate Her Majesty on completion of 70 years of her glorious rule and interest in "Lifesaving" to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of the event, kindly allow me to submit that lifesaving in India, as branch of RLSS (CW) has grown. Her Majesty would be pleased to know that RLSS (I) working under slogans, "Train a lifesaver In every Home", "Erase the stigma that life is cheap in India" is inducting every State (28) and Union Territory (9) as 'RLSS Associations' to do the same, making India the largest 'Lifesaving Focused' country in the world, thus making it the Jewel in the Crown of Commonwealth Lifesaving.

Rear Admiral PD Sharma AVSM NM IN Retd.
Founder President, RLSS (India)



Rescue Training- Manikin Tow



Lifesaving Sports



CPR Training for Women from Underprivileged Communities



First-Aid for School Students



Swimming Training for Specially-abled Children

JAMAICA LIFE SAVING SOCIETY

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April 25, 2022



Your Majesty,

The Jamaica Life Saving Society has the pleasure to extend to Your Majesty our warm congratulations on achieving 70 years of exemplary reign as Monarch of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth of Nations.



Branch of LSSC

Despite Your Majesty's many other accepted responsibilities and duties, we remain assured of your commitment to and Patronage of the Royal Life Saving Society, and of your great interest in the lifesaving and drowning prevention activities of the Society and its members, and for this we thank you.

We have been privileged to be visited by and host on more than one occasion the Commonwealth President of the Society, HRH Prince Michael of Kent, GCVO.



The Jamaica Life Saving Society commenced operations as a Branch of the Royal Life Saving Society in 1955 and received its certification of full membership from Lord Mountbatten when Jamaica became an independent nation in 1962. In 2008 the organisation was renamed the Jamaica Life Saving Society.

As the legislated statutory body given responsibility for the national certification of lifeguards, our prime focus has been the training of lifeguards for Jamaica's beaches, hotels, and pools. To date we have trained more than fifteen thousand (15,000) lifeguards and life savers, and currently recertify and train an average of eleven hundred (1100) annually. The "Jamaica" model, which benefitted significantly from the Canadian Life Saving Society since the mid-1990s, is now under implementation in other countries and territories, including the Cayman Islands.

We thank you for your continued interest in and support of the Royal Life Saving Society and its members around the Commonwealth and wish for Your Majesty continued good health and happiness.

I have the honour to remain,

Yours faithfully,

Lt Cdr John A. McFarlane, OD, JP
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Your Majesty,

On behalf of the National Executive Board and members of the Kenya Lifesaving Federation, I would like to send you our congratulations on your Platinum Jubilee. During your time as Patron, your support of the Royal Life Saving Society, and drowning prevention in the Commonwealth, has been appreciated by all involved.

On 26 March KLF held a National Lifesaving Pool Championship in Nakuru County to mark the Jubilee, this competition was well attended and all participants were issued with Commonwealth Platinum Jubilee Certificate of Participation. To mark the Jubilee we will also hold a Beach lifesaving sports clinic and in Mombasa a beach water safety and drowning prevention awareness campaign and our National Beach championships in April.

We send you our very best wishes for a wonderful celebration and once again thank you for your Patronage to the Royal Life Saving Society.

Yours sincerely

Job Kania

President, Kenya Lifesaving Federation



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Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
Buckingham Palace
London



12th April 2022

Madam,

PLATINUM JUBILEE

I write to congratulate you on being the only Monarch in British history to have achieved a Platinum Jubilee.

Throughout these years, you have remained Patron of the Royal Lifesaving Society, and you have shown a continuing interest in the affairs of lifesaving organisations around the Commonwealth.

Lesotho is one of the smaller countries in the Commonwealth, but due to its geography it has one of the highest per capita drowning rates.

We in the Royal Lesotho Lifesaving Association are trying to do something about this. All our instructors are unpaid volunteers, some of them still in high school themselves. It is our ultimate aim that all Basotho should be able to swim, and to rescue others in danger of drowning, but this will take many generations to achieve.

I attach photos showing some of our activities over the years. Most of them show training in swimming pools, either for the Bronze Medallion or other Awards.

I have the honour to be, Madam, Your Majesty's humble and obedient servant,

Colin G. Macdonald
COLIN G. MACDONALD
PRESIDENT

ROYAL LESOTHO LIFESAVING ASSOCIATION





THE LIFE SAVING SOCIETY OF MALAYSIA

The Life Saving Society of Malaysia sends their congratulations to Her Majesty The Queen on your Platinum Jubilee.

The formation and subsequent development of the Life Saving Society of Malaysia was driven by four illustrious personalities: Lord Mountbatten of Burma, The Grand President of the Royal Life Saving Society; Tunku Abddul Rahmann, the first Prime Minister of Malaysia; Tan Sri Hamdan Sheikh Tahir and Dato' Teoh Teik Lee.

In 1963, Lord Mountbatten in his personal mission to encourage youth to take up lifesaving in the Commonwealth countries, arrived in Malaya and threw a challenge to a young lecturer to start a national life saving society in Malaya. In 1964 the society was formed and headed by Teoh Teik Lee with the then Prime Minister of Malaysia, Tunku Abdul Rahman, the Patron of the Society in Malaysia.

This year marks 58 years of the organisation in Malaysia, and we continue to serve the community in the prevention of drowning. Throughout our long history, hundreds of thousands of youngsters have undergone our multilevel programs to qualify as competent life savers, lifeguards and water safety personnel.

We thank Your Majesty for your continued support of the Royal Life Saving Society and its members and volunteers, and we send you our very best wishes in this anniversary year.

GEH THUAN TEK

PRESIDENT OF THE LIFE SAVING SOCIETY OF MALAYSIA



The Royal Life Saving Society – Malta Branch

The Royal Life Saving Society, Malta Branch was founded in 1924 most likely by the British Services at that time stationed on the island. This is further confirmed through the historical Shield which the Branch still presents to the organization/club with the highest number of awards gained during a particular year. The Shield started to be used in the early 1930s and the first names that appear on it are British army and navy units. For many years RLSS awards were mostly gained by British personnel and the Malta Police. In the 1950s, St. Michael's Training College for teachers (later renamed, St. Michael's College of Education) run by the De La Salle Brothers was founded. The Brothers, great educators and experts in the formation of teachers in all social aspects, introduced RLSS awards to the training teachers. Through later teachers, the Branch was opened to the Maltese society in general. Since then, the Branch has been called to teach, besides individuals not affiliated to any organization, personnel from various institutions including the Armed Forces of Malta, the Malta Police, the Civil Protection Department, hotel staff, youth organizations, Girl Guides, Scouts and many others.

Your Majesty has always had a special attraction for Malta and lived on the island even when you were a princess. You have made various State visits but for the Branch one of the most memorable landmarks in its history is when in 1992, when on your State visit to Malta to inaugurate the Siege Bell Memorial in Valletta to commemorate Malta's important part in WW11, the Branch was invited to meet you. It was a great honour for the Malta Branch and the individuals present on that occasion. A day never that will surely never be forgotten!

The Committee and all members of the Malta Branch congratulate Your Majesty on your Platinum Jubilee and wish you many more years as Queen of Great Britain and Head of the Commonwealth States, also as the patron of the Royal Life Saving Society of which the Malta Branch is proud to be a Member of.





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Your Majesty,

The Royal Life Saving Society, New Zealand thank you for your lifetime interest in the Royal Life Saving Society and we would like to offer you our congratulations on reaching your Platinum Jubilee. We note that from an early age you obtained several awards and therefore understand the importance of learning lifesaving skills.

Over the years in New Zealand, awards have been adapted to cater for the ever-evolving interest of the community but with this COVID 19 pandemic the Society has found activities immensely restricted.

From all of us at Royal Life Saving New Zealand we would like to wish you a very happy Platinum Jubilee.

Judi Jessop (MNZM)
Secretary RLSSNZ

On behalf of Marie Baker (ONZM)
President RLSSNZ





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Your Majesty
Queen Elizabeth II
United Kingdom

25th March, 2022.

Your Majesty,

LETTER OF CONGRATULATION TO YOUR MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II ON YOUR CELEBRATION OF THE HISTORIC PLATINUM JUBILEE AND RECOGNITION OF YOUR SUPPORT TOWARDS LIFESAVING IN SIERRA LEONE AND WORLD.

Sierra Leone Life Saving Society is an integral member of the Royal Life Saving Society (Commonwealth) do hereby wishes to join the rest of world and express our Society's gratitude and congratulatory message to the Patron of Lifesaving in the world on the celebration of **YOUR MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLATINUM JUBILEE** and recognition of unmeasurable, consistent, undeniable, pervasive and dynamic support towards lifesaving around the world, especially in Sierra Leone.

Your Majesty, the Queen **has** invested heavily into lifesaving since its establishment in which all of us have become the benefactors including myself and the rest of Sierra Leoneans up till this moment.

We hope that our unilateral relationship would continue through YOUR MAJESTY, wherein our confidence is reposed in your unique leadership that would take us to a sustainable lifesaving programs that the Society's is crawling for in Sierra Leone.

Your Majesty you are **ONE** in all, I can assure that the message of drowning has spread across the world, **positively NOBODY deserved to be drowned while drowning is preventable** through your countless effort.

Thank you, Your Majesty.

Sincerely yours,

Patrick Olumide Campbell 25/03/2022
Patrick Olumide Campbell
Chairman

Sierra Leone Life Saving Society



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To Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II,

We offer our congratulations and wishing you a very wonderful Platinum Jubilee year; may you enjoy good health and many more years to reign.

From The Singapore Life Saving Society



Representative from Singapore in United Kingdom for the RLSS Commonwealth meeting in 1983 for the name change of RLSS (Singapore branch) to Singapore Life Saving Society (SLSS).

Warm Regards,

Tan Lii Chong
President (2022-2024)

Liang Yaowen, Fitzkhooon
Hon. Secretary General (2022-2024)



Patron
Her Serene Highness
Princess Charlene
of Monaco

LIFESAVING SOUTH AFRICA



Your Majesty

Lifesaving South Africa wishes congratulate you on your Platinum Jubilee and thank you for your continuing interest in, and support of the Royal Life Saving Society.

Lifesaving South Africa, although no longer carrying the Royal terminology, still carries the ethos and values instilled in the Lifesaving and Drowning Prevention movement begun in South Africa in 1913 by the Royal Life Saving Society and retains strong relations with the Commonwealth and their Nations across the world.

The Drowning Prevention message has continued to grow through South Africa with the support and guidance given and we can report that over the past 109 years over 120 000 lives have been saved by the voluntary lifeguards across the country. The Voluntary Lifeguards are contributing an estimated 120 000 community service hours annually and donating a saving to the South African Local Governments and Tourism Industry of approximately R24 000 000.00. (Twenty-Four Million Rands)

Lifesaving South Africa has brought the message of Drowning Prevention to the most vulnerable groups through our Watersmart Programme, educating learners in primary schools on living safely around water. Our programme which is still in its infancy and requiring additional resources has reached over 115 000 learners in over 577 schools. The programme has created temporary and part time employment for over 30 facilitators across the country. The Watersmart Programme is now recognised by the Kwa-Zulu Natal Department of Education as the preferred Water Safety Curriculum for their Schools.

Lifesaving South Africa once again thanks yourself for the Patronage of the Royal Life Saving Society, which has enabled us to continue the humanitarian and life saving activities across South Africa.

Yours in Lifesaving
Lifesaving South Africa.



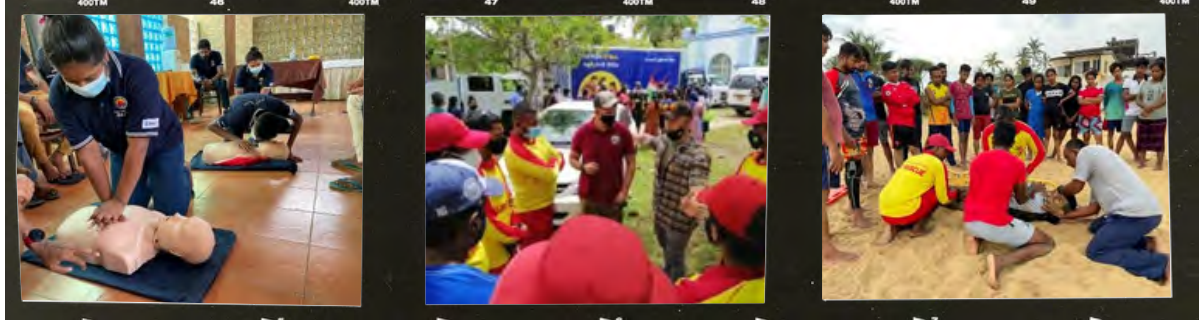
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(National Body for Life Saving and Water Safety, Registered with the Ministry of Sports and Youth)
County Representative - International Life Saving – ILS, Commonwealth Drowning Prevention, IMRF UK & UITEMATE Japan



Sri Lanka Life Saving (SLLS) extends our heartiest congratulations to Her Majesty the Queen on her Platinum Jubilee, and conveys our sincerest wishes for a happy and healthy journey through life ahead. SLLS has been a member of the Royal Life Saving Society since our inception in 1947, and have been the recipients of continuous support and guidance from the Society ever since. As the national body for lifesaving and water safety related activities in Sri Lanka, SLLS offers you our utmost gratitude and appreciation for your continued interest in, and support rendered to the Royal Life Saving Society in conducting their service within the Commonwealth and beyond.

As a token of our gratitude, we would like to include some photographs of our activities conducted within the past few years, which would not have been possible without the assistance of the Royal Life Saving Society that functions under your patronage.

Thanking You,
Yours Faithfully,

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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO LIFE SAVING SOCIETY

FULL MEMBER I.L.S.



National Member—The Royal Life Saving Society, Commonwealth
Full Member of International Life Saving Federation

To our Patron, Her Majesty the Queen, The Trinidad & Tobago Lifesaving Society would like to send warmest congratulations on this milestone celebrating your Platinum Jubilee. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued interest and support in the work of RLSS. After two years of lockdown Ministry of Sports and Culture in collaboration with TTLSS embarked on a community outreach program in Drowning Prevention. This program entailed CPR, First Aid and Water Rescue Skills.

This program was successfully completed by 120 participants spearheaded by Mr. Wayne Drysdale Education Officer for TTLSS.

Yours in Lifesaving

Trinidad & Tobago Life Saving Society



Enjoy Water **Safely**



Your Majesty,

All at RLSS UK would like to congratulate Her Majesty on her Platinum Jubilee and thank her for her continued support of RLSS across the Commonwealth of which we are proud to be a part.

Her Majesty completed RLSS UK awards as a child and, to mark her 70 years of service, we are delighted to announce we are launching a unique Platinum Jubilee Medallion. The medallion is based on a modern take of the award Her Majesty completed in 1941 and celebrates the incredible milestone in her reign.

We are looking forward to marking the event with a number of activities to recognise this historic occasion.

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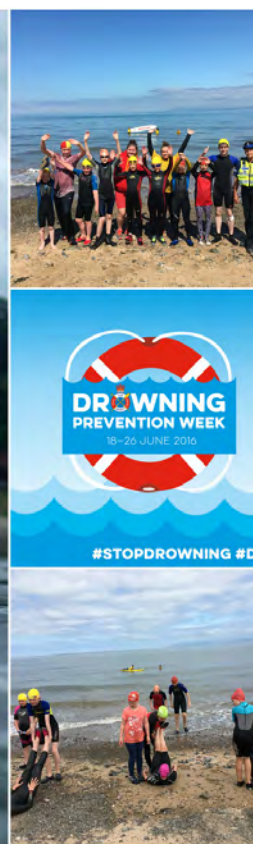
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