



Regional Network Group: Minutes

Date: 7 December 2018	Time: 10.00am-11.30am	Venue: Injury Matters, Leederville
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1. Welcome and apologies

The meeting was hosted from Injury Matters in Leederville and chaired by Sam Dowling (Injury Matters).

Attendees:

Name	Organisation	Region
Rachel Meade	Injury Matters	Metro
Alyson Elari	Injury Matters	Metro
Sam Dowling	Injury Matters	Metro
Ann-Maree Lynch	Poisons Information Centre	Metro
Rachel Murray	Royal Life Saving Society WA	Metro
Louise Watson	WACHS	Pilbara
Peter Buzzacott	Curtin University	Metro
Russ Milner	Department of Health	Metro

Apologies:

Name	Organisation	Region
Nicky Smith	WALGA Roadwise	South West
Bradley Isbister	Neami National	Metro
Rebecca Carman	Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital	Metro
Engel Prendergast	WALGA Roadwise	Metro
Kade Simms	WACHS	Great Southern
Amber Giblett	WACHS	Great Southern
Kianna Barker	WACHS	Pilbara
Greg Bentley	WACHS	Wheatbelt
Gretchen Waddell	Kidsafe WA	Metro
Kath Blackman	Royal Perth Hospital	Metro
Kellie Christie	Royal Perth Hospital	Metro
Emily Anderson	Injury Matters	Metro

2. Personal Choice Inquiry Update- See attached submission

Injury Matters was invited to appear before the Select Committee on Personal Choice & Community Safety on Friday 23 November. Topics addressed within the IM Submission included e-cigarettes, bike helmets and pool fencing. Ann-Maree Lynch from Poisons Information Centre WA also attended with IM CEO, Sandy Lukjanowski.

3. WA Country Ambulance Service Strategy Draft- Submissions close Monday 10 December

https://wacountryambulance.com.au/?fbclid=IwAR2WnzsEDRJTnFf940jNmtRXjOnALcxbiZjwBQt7JfmWrMcDZni8E_22bg

4. Safety 2018 World Conference wrap up- Russ Milner

- World Safety 2018 Conference hosted from Bangkok Thailand 5-7 November.
- Conference focused on a range of injury issues including drowning, transport, falls, violence etc.;
- Broad range of attendees including researchers, policy makers, governments, practitioners etc.
- Three main themes to come from conference include: Government involvement support for Injury Prevention is essential, robust data needed, the importance of cross-sectoral partnerships.
- Next conference scheduled for Adelaide 2020.

5. Peter Buzzacott, Curtin University, Recent Injury Prevention Projects

See attached slides.

6. Program Updates

Injury Matters

- Local Governments and Public Health Planning- presentations to WALGA and LG Health Promotion Network
- Regional travel to Wheatbelt, South West and Kimberley early 2019
- Delivered Stepping On Program to older residents from the Town of East Fremantle.
- Strengthen Your Legs campaign wrapped up November 30th- focus on media print and radio media.
- Check Your Medicines Campaign February to April 2019
- Developing the Falls Report 2016-2017: funded by Department of Health
- 2 staff attended the ANZ Falls Conference in Tasmania late November.
- Fear of Falling forum February 2019
- Grassroots Falls Festival September 2019, abstracts open January 2019, <http://grassrootsfallsfestival.com.au/sponsorship-and-exhibition/>

Poisons Information Centre

- New report published in the Medical Journal of Australia on Poisonings from E-cigarettes.
- Retrospective study on food safety caffeinated beverages- reviewing data from the last 10 years.
- Retrospective study on Poisonings from intentional and non-intentional Opioid use- reviewing data from the last 15 years.
- Button Batteries and management of ingestion- still an issue.
- Pokeweed discovered in South West- Department of Health will be making a statement over the coming weeks.



Royal Life Saving Society WA

- National Drowning Report 2018 released September
<https://royallifesavingwa.com.au/your-community/facts-and-figures/drowning-reports>
- A 10 Year National Study on Overseas Born Drowning Deaths
https://www.royallifesaving.com.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0018/23274/RLS_OverseasBorn_10YearReport_FINAL_single_page_LR.pdf
- Trends in Child Drowning Over the Last 25 years
https://www.royallifesaving.com.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/23494/RLS_ChildDrowning_25yrReport.pdf
- RLSSWA launched the Portable Pool Safety Campaign in partnership with Consumer Protection in November <https://www.dmirs.wa.gov.au/makeitsafe/>

Department of Health

- Erica Davidson is back in her role after 14 months on secondment to the Sustainable Health Review
- Department of Health Procurement process for Injury Prevention Programs

WACHS Pilbara

- Louise Watson is the new Health Promotion Officer in the Pilbara and will hold the Injury portfolio.

7. Regional Network Group date and location for next meeting

- Friday 22 February, WACHS Wheatbelt or Injury Matters, Leederville.

8. Close of Meeting