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THE SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION
OF AUSTRALIA



SYDNEY BRANCH



ANNUAL REPORT

AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

(FORTY-FOURTH YEAR OF OPERATION)

SEASON 1950-1951

THE SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA



SYDNEY BRANCH

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THE SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA



SYDNEY BRANCH

Season 1950-1951

To be presented at the Annual Meeting of the
Branch to be held at the Association Room, 16
Hunter Street, on Tuesday, 2nd October, 1951.

GENTLEMEN—

Herewith is submitted the Second Annual Report of the Sydney Branch of the Surf Life Saving Association for adoption. During the past year this Branch has continued to operate as an integral part of the Association along with the State Centre and National Council. As the birthplace and hub of the movement, Sydney occupies a predominant place in surfing affairs. On the officials rests a large share of the administrative work of the Association and the results achieved speak volumes for the application to duty which has been displayed by all concerned. There exists in the minds of some officers, however, considerable doubt as to whether the division of control has reacted to the benefit of the movement to the extent that was first anticipated, and time and experience alone will provide the answer.

During the year regular monthly meetings of the Council and weekly meetings of the Executive have been held and a considerable volume of business has been transacted. In order that we may be duly authorised in our actions a Branch Constitution has been drafted and adopted and this will operate for the ensuing season commencing as from this meeting. Messrs. Comans and Crain were largely instrumental in compiling the document and are to be congratulated on their excellent work. It is material to observe that it is necessary to have strong clubs within the Branch as a condition precedent to a strong Association. In this regard the co-operation of clubs is sought in the calibre of the men sent to represent them on the Branch Council which is the administrative body set up by the associate clubs to administer, control and direct their affairs as legislated by club delegates. It will be readily seen that the strength of this movement lies in the fact that it is directed and controlled primarily by the active member through his club to the Branch, State Centre and National Council. Criticism can be levelled at some clubs, fortunately few, whose delegates rarely attend Branch meetings, and also on the score that they do not provide officers for the executive work of the Branch, and, most importantly, the Board of Examiners. It is hoped that all clubs will adopt an Association outlook and carry out obligations beyond the immediate province of club work.

Speaking generally, the season has been most successful for this Branch. Matters of particular interest are herein recorded under separate headings.

RESCUES.—The primary purpose of the Association's existence, that of protecting the lives of the surf bathing public and rendering first aid, has been assiduously conducted by the clubs throughout the season. The total number of reported rescues is as follows:—

With Line and Belt	1,666
Without Life Line	873
With Surf Boat	81
With Other Gear	150
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The appended schedule gives details of rescues performed by the individual clubs, and of the cases where resuscitation was required (120), and the number of patients given first aid (4,070). Unfortunately, two deaths occurred whilst clubs were on duty. In the first instance K. Jones, a probationary member of the Avalon Club, lost his life whilst undergoing a belt swim in his Bronze Medallion test. Subsequent medical advice disclosed that he died from a heart attack. It had not been revealed to the Club that he had suffered from a heart condition for many years. In the second instance, a bathers lost his life at Cronulla when carried out in a heavy undertow. Others were rescued at the same time. A subsequent inquiry by the Association confirmed the finding of the coroner that the Club had done everything in its power to avoid the unfortunate circumstance. The general public and Governmental bodies are beginning to realise the value of the work carried out by this Association, although the vast majority of people still accept our work as a matter of course and not at its true value of being a highly important public service performed in a voluntary capacity.

MEMBERSHIP, AWARDS.—During the season Sydney clubs gained a total of 562 Awards as follows:—

Bronze Medallions	454
Instructors' Certificates	80
Qualifying Certificates	28
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	562
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compared with 559 for the previous season.

One new club was formed at Long Reef on the northern end of Dee Why beach and is progressing favourably.

Statistics reveal that there has been a slight falling off in the active membership of some clubs. This is somewhat disquieting but the principal feature is that it is in keeping with the lack of interest shown by the community in what used to be known as public spiritedness of the nation. Nevertheless, with the increasing population, our task is becoming heavier and it behoves all clubs to make efforts to instil into the minds of the young men of Sydney a love of surf life-saving and further to attract the right type into our movement.

CARNIVALS.—During the year many successful carnivals were conducted by clubs. The Board of Examiners co-operated with club officials to make these as bright and smooth-running as possible, but there is still scope for more attractive displays. Clubs benefited financially in most cases.

TROPHIES.—Magnificent trophies for competition over the various carnivals were presented by David Jones Limited (in the form of a completely equipped surf boat), by L. J. Hooker Limited (two equipped reels), and Polaroid (one reel).

The Branch sincerely thanks these donors for their support. The trophies have undoubtedly added zest to our competitions which are so important from the angle of raising the standard of efficiency of our members. The trophies were won as follows:—

David Jones Boat	North Curl Curl
L. J. Hooker Reels	Cronulla and Wanda
Polaroid Reel	Freshwater

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS.—These were conducted by North Bondi Club in perfect weather. An interesting sea and probably the best laid out arena and most efficient organisation seen to date made the Championships most successful from the competitive point of view. It is disappointing to record that a financial loss resulted from the Carnival after the splendid efforts put forward by S. Price and A. Laidlaw (Beach Organisers), the North Bondi Club and Association officials. Results were as follows:—

March Past: 1st, Maroubra; 2nd, South Narrabeen; 3rd, North Bondi.
 Senior R. & R. Championship: 1st, Dee Why; 2nd, Freshwater; 3rd, Bondi.
 Junior R. & R. Championship: 1st, Bondi; 2nd, North Cronulla; 3rd, Cronulla.
 Senior Belt Championship: 1st, A. Williams (Queenscliff); 2nd, C. Hendy (North Bondi); 3rd, R. Twight (Collaroy).
 Junior Belt Championship: 1st, J. Clark (South Narrabeen); 2nd, N. Dixon (Cronulla); 3rd, R. Phillips (Bronte).
 Senior Surf Teams Championship: 1st, Freshwater; 2nd, Bondi; 3rd, Manly.
 Junior Surf Teams Championship: 1st, North Bondi; 2nd, Bondi; 3rd, Cronulla.
 Senior Surf Championship: 1st, P. McMahon (Freshwater); 2nd, M. Riddington (Manly); 3rd, J. Jenkins (North Steyne).
 Junior Surf Championship: 1st J. Moony (North Bondi); 2nd J. McPhee (Freshwater); 3rd, B. Lumsdaine (Freshwater).
 Senior Boat Race: 1st, Freshwater.
 Junior Boat Race: 1st North Curl Curl; 2nd, North Narrabeen.
 Single Ski Race: 1st, H. Booth (Coogee); 2nd, B. Jones (Coogee).
 Double Ski Race: 1st, Brown and Rosewell (Maroubra); 2nd, Goodwin and Elliott (Maroubra); 3rd, Muleahy Bros. (Maroubra).
 Beach Sprint Championship: 1st, J. Bliss (North Narrabeen); 2nd, P. Hickman (Cronulla); 3rd, Jackson (South Narrabeen).
 Beach Relay: 1st, North Narrabeen; 2nd, Collaroy; 3rd Cronulla.
 Surf Board Race: 1st Wilson (Coogee); 2nd, D. Trumper (Coogee); 3rd, Reynolds (North Bondi).
 Musical Flags: 1st, H. Sullivan (North Curl Curl); 2nd, J. Tennyson (Collaroy).
 Pillow Fight: 1st, H. Gee (Dee Why); 2nd, R. Bourke (Dee Why).

It has been decided to conduct the Championships on a different financial basis this coming season and already applications have been called from clubs to conduct the titles on the basis of the club concerned taking the net proceeds.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS.—These were conducted at the Freshwater Beach on 3rd March, 1951. The Freshwater Club is thanked for the excellent arrangements made in preparing the area. Sydney Branch was most successful in that it won ten of the 16 major titles contested. Winners of State titles who are to be congratulated are as follows:—

Senior R. & R.	Dee Why
Senior Belt Race	A. Williams (Queenscliff)
Senior Surf Teams Race	Freshwater
Junior Surf Teams Race	North Bondi
Junior Surf Race	J. McPhee (Freshwater)
March Past	North Bondi
Senior Boat Race	Cronulla
Junior Boat Race	Cronulla
Surf Board Race	K. Hurst (North Bondi)
Beach Relay	Maroubra

Considerable dissatisfaction exists in connection with the representation accorded this Branch in State titles, and efforts are to be made in the coming season to rectify this anomalous position having regard to the overwhelming numerical strength of the Branch.

AUSTRALIAN TITLES.—History was made when it was decided to hold the Jubilee Australian Surf titles in Western Australia. For the clubs who were entitled to represent New South Wales this provided a considerable financial problem. The Branch is indeed thankful to State Centre and National Council for the financial assistance rendered from the grants made to these bodies (including a special Jubilee Travel Grant by the Federal Government). Clubs faced the problem and many and varied were the functions arranged to raise the necessary balances to cover expenses. It is certain that the visit by Eastern States has benefited the movement in the West. All Sydney visitors are indeed grateful to the clubs and people of the West for their magnificent hospitality. Members travelled by train, plane, ship, car, truck and motor bike and many an interesting experience has since been related.

Sydney Branch again acquitted itself well, not only by its success in the titles, but by the manner in which its representatives conducted themselves as ambassadors of surf life-saving. Ten of the 16 major titles went to clubs within this Branch. We were well represented in the N.S.W. teams chosen for the inter-state Carnival. Winners of titles were as follows:—

Senior R. & R.	Dee Why
Junior R. & R.	Bondi
Junior Surf Race	J. McPhee (Freshwater)
Junior Surf Teams Race	North Bondi
March Past	South Narrabeen
Surf Board Race	R. Calnan (Coogee)
Senior Boat Race	Cronulla
Junior Boat Race	Cronulla
Beach Sprint	N. Montgomery (Collaroy)
Beach Relay	Collaroy

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.—A large volume of work was performed by this, our largest and most important standing Committee. Examinations, competitions, carnivals, conferences and coaching meant many hours of work for the various Board members and officials and they are heartily congratulated on their efforts. Beyond the Branch's own requirements, here again the Board bears the main burden of work for State Centre and National Council. Seventy-two examinations were conducted. Gear inspections covered equipment possessed by clubs to the extent of 211 reels, 48 boats, 241 belts, 247 lines and 37 Eve rockers.

The importance of the work of the Board cannot be over-emphasised and all clubs should encourage their leading life-saving performers to aspire to membership of the Board when past the competitive stage.

TIERED SEATING.—This valuable asset is in need of a complete overhaul and steps are being taken to have it placed in order for the coming season, although the cost will probably be heavy.

OBITUARY.—It is with regret that we record the passing of two great stalwarts of the Association in the person of the late Stan Windon and the late Ted Hatley. Deepest sympathy is extended to the relatives of these two fine workers for the movement.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.—A number of our members took part in the spectacular Jubilee March on Anniversary Day and W. Crain is to be thanked for his efforts in organising the display.

CLERICAL ASSISTANCE.—Due to the large volume of clerical work, and the loss of the services to the staff of the late George Millar, arrangements were made with State Centre and National Council to share the cost of employing a full-time typist and purchasing certain office equipment. Discussions, originated by the National Council, are in train on the subject of the Association employing a full-time Secretary to relieve the main Executive officers of the over-burden of work. The cost of employing the typist, office equipment and rent of the rooms is shared by the Branch, State Centre and National Council.

FINANCE.—Due to the late closing of the books and illness of the Auditor, it is regretted that the material was not available for inclusion in the printing of this report. A financial statement and balance sheet is to be reneued and submitted separately.

THANKS.—We acknowledge with thanks the financial assistance rendered by the Commonwealth and State Governments. Acknowledged also is the measure of financial support rendered by local Government authorities to our affiliated clubs.

We likewise convey sincere appreciation to all those bodies and persons who have made monetary and gear donations.

The Press and Radio we similarly thank for their continued interest and support.

The Hon. Auditors, Messrs. R. A. Irish and Michelmore, are especially thanked for their valued services.

A. R. LOTON,

Hon. Secretary.

ADDENDUM

The year of operations now closed has been a strenuous one for all officers of the Branch and I desire to personally thank my colleagues for their fine efforts towards our voluntary cause.

I also take this opportunity of paying an especial tribute to Mr. Alf Loton, the Honorary Secretary to the Branch, for the capable and enthusiastic manner in which he has performed his many arduous duties.

C. MACK,

President.

The Surf Life Saving Association of Australia
CLUBS, RESCUES, AWARDS, CLUB GEAR, MEMBERSHIP

SURF RESCUES, SEASON 1950-1951														SURF AWARDS						Approximate Value of Club Gear	CLUB MEMBERSHIP	
With Life Lines	With Life Boat	With Other Gear	Without Life Lines	Patients Given:		Season 1950-1951			Grand Total to Date			Active	Other									
				Resuscitation	First Aid	B.M.	L.C.	Q.C.	B.M.	L.C.	Q.C.											
North Metropolitan (N.S.W.)																						
Avalon	28	4	1	1	3	300	5	2	—	128	13	5	£360	36	48							
Bilgola	17	4	—	1	—	—	15	4	—	28	4	—	115	32	38							
Collaroy	88	33	5	10	2	25	22	3	—	383	44	17	450	107	74							
Dee Why	52	49	4	—	3	278	22	2	4	762	110	102	250	147	62							
Freshwater	97	60	15	22	15	25	27	2	—	842	130	49	600	170	165							
Long Reef	3	—	—	—	—	—	10	2	—	10	2	—	40	24	5							
Manly	134	107	5	7	3	—	10	—	—	953	133	10	500	104	126							
Mona Vale	9	21	2	2	1	189	14	3	—	182	23	2	360	67	11							
Newport	8	12	—	1	—	9	11	—	1	217	27	12	587	60	10							
North Curl Curl	23	11	—	—	—	1	18	1	2	276	32	17	950	98	68							
North Narrabeen	43	—	—	—	1	—	15	1	—	615	72	11	145	110	31							
North Palm Beach	37	19	6	8	15	132	5	5	—	45	8	1	600	24	70							
North Steyne	10	40	5	—	10	100	17	2	—	750	118	57	1,000	148	59							
Palm Beach	46	13	1	—	1	10	9	1	—	332	52	2	350	75	235							
Queenscliff	30	8	—	—	1	252	12	2	—	516	122	28	41	97	83							
South Curl Curl	16	12	2	—	—	5	9	2	—	241	46	36	800	58	40							
South Narrabeen*	8	1	—	—	1	47	5	1	—	200	27	3	540	62	33							
Warriewood	2	1	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	4	—	—	—	6	12							
Whale Beach	22	14	—	—	3	6	—	—	—	83	20	5	350	25	60							

South Metropolitan (N.S.W.)

Bondi	235	67	—	—	29	10	17	8	6	864	176	103	298	241	118
Bronte	120	24	1	6	1	1	16	3	4	653	91	29	175	208	83
Burning Palms	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	63	8	1	90	—	—
Clovelly	—	20	—	—	5	525	12	4	2	397	44	3	250	109	113
Coogee	96	11	5	1	4	97	31	4	2	959	96	74	750	241	102
Cronulla	78	104	19	—	2	1,841	18	4	5	762	121	49	1,260	153	209
Era	7	3	4	—	2	27	—	—	—	73	14	3	140	18	42
Garie	13	8	2	1	—	42	17	4	—	85	24	7	460	46	16
Malabar	3	2	2	—	1	2	24	2	—	57	5	—	180	69	44
Maroubra	74	48	—	—	6	—	29	6	—	638	85	24	1,300	205	150
North Bondi	131	39	1	10	—	2	19	3	—	855	120	31	850	348	138
North Cronulla	193	129	—	75	11	30	26	4	1	527	110	22	750	132	106
Tamarama	30	3	1	5	—	100	6	—	—	163	22	25	455	40	54
Wanda	13	3	—	—	—	14	9	5	1	41	8	—	720	50	43

TOTALS	<u>1,666</u>	<u>873</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>4,070</u>	<u>454</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>12,704</u>	<u>1,913</u>	<u>728</u>	<u>£15,716</u>	<u>3,310</u>	<u>2,448</u>
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