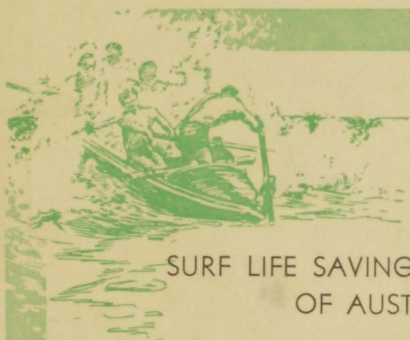


W. G. MARSHALL
Secretary



SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION
OF AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY BRANCH



**ANNUAL
REPORT**

AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Season 1954-55.

(FORTY-EIGHTH YEAR OF OPERATION)



THE BILL MARSHALL OAM FOUNDATION

The Bill Marshall OAM foundation was formed in 2009 following Bill's death on the 30th December 2008.

It was Bill's wish that these documents were to be bound and preserved so as to be a vibrant record of the history of Surf Life Saving.

Soon after Bill's death an appeal was launched to raise funds to ensure that his wishes were fulfilled. The fund was very well supported and a substantial amount of finance was received. Thanks to the success of the appeal the Foundation was established, and the binding and preservation of these documents was possible.

Funds were gratefully received from various organisations and individuals. The Foundation wishes to acknowledge the generous donations from the following organisations:-

Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club, North Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club, Wanda Surf Life Saving Club, Elouera Surf Life Saving Club, Surf Life Saving Sydney, Surf Life Saving New South Wales and Surf Life Saving Australia.

The Foundation is most grateful for the generous offer of Sutherland Shire Council to store and to care for these valuable documents in their Central Library at Sutherland, NSW.

The Bill Marshall OAM foundation is administered and managed by Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club, PO Box 8 Cronulla, NSW, 2230.

**THE SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
SYDNEY BRANCH**

Officers, Season 1954-55

President:

Mr. C. Mack.

Deputy President:

Mr. A. R. Loton.

Vice-Presidents:

Messrs. W. H. Lucas, C. Rudd, J. Dempster, J. Comans, A. Paterson,
E. W. Lawler, R. C. Stevens-Jones, J. R. Geary, J. K. Vaughan, W.
Crain, S. J. Perryman, and the Presidents of affiliated Clubs.

Hon. Secretary:

Mr. G. Staunton.

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W. A. T. Crain.

Hon. Asst. Secretary:

Mr. R. Bridges.

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Mr. E. C. Sier.

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Hon. Branch Superintendent:

Mr. W. H. Foerster.

Hon. Asst. Treasurer:

Mr. G. Lindsay.

Hon. Deputy Branch Supt.:

Mr. E. J. Marsden.

Hon. Registrar:

Mr. G. Davies (res. 3/5/55).
Mr. R. Simmons (elec. 7/6/55).

Hon. Secretary, Board of Examiners:

Mr. V. Williams.

Hon. Asst. Registrar:

Mr. R. Simmons (res. 7/6/55).
Mr. H. Spurway (elec. 7/6/55).

Chief Supervisors:

North—A. May.
South—E. J. Marsden.

District Supervisors:

No. 1 District—Mr. L. Johnson.	No. 6 District—Mr. G. Wilson.
No. 2 District—Mr. J. Switzer.	No. 7 District—Mr. G. Williams.
No. 3 District—Mr. K. Flannery.	No. 8 District—Mr. J. Campbell (22/12/54).
No. 4 District—Mr. M. Black.	No. 9 District—Mr. A. Slevin.
No. 5 District—Mr. R. Burns (Res. 26/1/55).	No. 10 District—Mr. G. Hatten.
Mr. H. McDonald (Elec. 23/2/55).	

Hon. Asst. District Supervisors:

Nos. 1 & 2 Districts—Mr. A. Jordon.
Nos. 3 & 4 Districts—Mr. B. Brewin.
Nos. 5, 6 & 7 Districts—Mr. N. May.
Nos. 8, 9 & 10 Districts—Mr. K. Davidson (22/12/54).

Gear Inspectors:

Reels—Messrs. R. Howells and G. Johnson.
Belts—Messrs. A. Moseley and A. Jordon.

Delegates to N.S.W. State Centre:

Messrs. J. V. Comans, J. K. Vaughan, M. Evans, A. Olsen, J. Dempster
and T. Meagher.

Hon. Consulting Engineers:

Messrs. D. C. Lucas and R. Howells, Luke Murns & Co.

Hon. Auditors:

Messrs. L. J. Richardson, Payne & Co.

Executive:

Messrs. A. Ormsby (Warriewood), C. Christensen (Nth. Bondi), H. Cranfield (Nth. Steyne), H. McCallum (Dee Why), H. Spurway (Cronulla).

Hon. Medical Advisers:

Prof. Cotton, Drs. Elliott Smith, V. Coppleson and D. Humphries.

Meritorious Awards Committee:

Messrs. A. J. Purcell, D. Lucas, L. McDonald, R. Howells, E. Sier, E. Marsden, W. H. Foerster.

Gear Improvement Committee:

Messrs. E. J. Marsden, G. Williams, R. Moroney, A. Moseley, G. Wilson.

Gear Inspection Committee:

North Side—Messrs. R. Moroney, G. Wilson, N. May, E. Marsden.
South Side—Messrs. D. Lucas, A. Moseley, G. Johnson, W. Foerster.

Judiciary Committee:

Messrs. C. Mack, W. Crain, J. B. Dillon, T. Meagher, J. Comans.

Constitution Committee:

Messrs. K. Watson, W. A. Crain, J. Comans, I. Curlewis, A. Castleman.

Finance Committee:

President, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary, Messrs. A. R. Loton and Lindsay.

THE SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA



"VIGILANCE AND SERVICE"

SYDNEY BRANCH

ANNUAL REPORT

Season 1954-55.

To be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Branch, to be held at Federation House, 166 Phillip Street, on Thursday, 6th October, 1955, at 7 p.m.

Gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the Sixth Annual Report of this Branch which, you will note, shows yet another year of progress and achievement made possible only by the unstinted efforts of all members.

Again, it is our proud boast that no lives have been lost whilst affiliated Clubs have patrolled the beaches.

Branch Council Meetings were held on the first Tuesday of each month, and on the whole were well attended.

At the May meeting it was decided to enforce the Branch Constitution regarding the attendance of Delegates, and eight Delegates' positions were declared vacant. The majority of these positions have since been filled.

Executive meetings were held regularly every week, and all Officers are to be congratulated on their attendance.

Matters that are of particular interest are as follows:—

RESCUES.—This Association's primary purpose of existence has once again been upheld as the following summary of rescues for the year will show.

With Line and Belt	1,327
Without Line	1,050
With Surf Boat	44
With Other Gear	80
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	2,501

The over-all drop in figures compared with last year would indicate that the surfing public is becoming more alert to the safety precautions, i.e. bathing between flags etc., and that Club patrols are more vigilant in their measures to protect the bathing public when conditions are hazardous.

MEMBERSHIP AND AWARDS.—During the season, Sydney Clubs gained a total of 795 awards as follows:

Bronze Medallions	529
Instructors' Certificates	112
Qualifying Certificates	154
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	795
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BOARD OF EXAMINERS.—The Board of Examiners once again was a tower of strength to the Branch, and under the leadership of Mr. Bill Foerster, our Branch Superintendent, it was responsible for the usual large number of Examinations, Carnivals, etc., being successfully conducted. The Gear Inspection Committee did valuable work, and their efforts were instrumental in bringing Club gear to a high standard early in the season.

It was decided at the June meeting that a gear inspection trophy be presented next season. Mr. Lucas has very generously donated such a trophy. It is hoped with this incentive that all Clubs will make the necessary efforts to ensure rescue worthy gear early in the season.

ATTENDANCE OF DELEGATES.—Concern is felt at the attendance of Club Delegates at Council Meeting. Clubs should insist on their delegates' attendance, and thus ensure that matters which may affect their Clubs do not pass unnoticed.

Please find enclosed a list of the attendance of all Officers, elected Vice-Presidents, and Delegates for the past season.

HON. REGISTRAR.—At the May Council Meeting the resignation of Mr. Gordon Davies from the position of Branch Hon. Registrar was accepted with regret.

Nominations were called for the position, and Mr. Simmons the then Assist. Registrar, was elected at the June Council Meeting. In the short time elapsed before this report went to print, Mr. Simmons had shown that we have discovered another capable and valued officer.

HON. AUDITORS.—Unfortunately early this season, we were faced with the resignation of the Hon. Auditors Messrs. R. A. Irish and Michelmores. To these gentlemen was extended the gratitude of the Branch for a task well carried out over a number of years. Special mention is due to Mr. Peter Crosthwaite of the firm for his personal contribution towards the conduct of the Annual auditing of our accounts.

Through the efforts of Mr. Soutar, we were fortunate in obtaining the services of Messrs. L. J. Richardson, Payne and Co. The Branch is grateful to this Company for its ready acceptance of the position, and for the excellent auditing of our books this season.

NYLON LINES.—A postal vote on this matter was conducted by National Council, resulting in favour of the use of nylon lines being permitted for competition in the 1955-56 season.

An estimated cost of such lines is in the proximity of £33 each.

GEAR HAND BOOK.—Compiling work is under way on the new gear hand book, which will embrace all gear used by our Association. Mr. Besomo and all who contributed to the excellent preparation of the

book are to be congratulated. Latest reports indicate the Gear Book will be available early next season.

1954-55 COMPETITIONS.—Last season we were fortunate in having trophies donated by the following Companies:

Coo-ee Palmer Clothing Pty. Ltd.
Red Hand Compositions Co.
Hallstroms Pty. Ltd.

The results of these competitions are as follows:

PALMER BOAT	HALLSTROM BOAT	RED HAND REEL
	(Nth. Side Clubs)	

1st Freshwater	1st Manly	1st Cronulla
2nd Queenscliff	2nd Queenscliff	2nd Nth. Bondi
3rd Manly	3rd Nth. Curl Curl	3rd Whale Beach

To the Directors of these Companies go our sincere thanks and appreciation of their generosity in making available these very valuable and most essential trophies.

To the winning Clubs, the Branch extends its congratulations.

COMPETITIONS FOR THE COMING SEASON.—"Pontiac Chieftain." The Branch is most indebted to the Directors of Stack & Co. of York Street, City, for their generous donation of the "Pontiac Chieftain," a fully equipped Tuck-Surf Boat to standard specifications.

Details of the competition together with handicapping etc., will be circularised to the Clubs as soon as they are available.

Sir Edward Hallstrom Boat. Once again we are indebted to Sir Edward Hallstrom for a generous donation of a Surf Boat to be contested by Clubs north of the Harbour. Results of this year's Hallstrom Boat Competition have been mentioned previously.

Graham Timber Shield. The excellent Shield has been donated by the management of Messrs. Graham Timber Pty. Ltd., of Narrabeen.

Competition for this Shield will be run in conjunction with the Acme Cup and will be open to all Clubs between and including Dee Why and North Palm Beach.

Dick's Shoes Beach Football Competition. A Beach Football Competition has been organised and the final match will be played at the Health Week Carnival at Bondi, on Saturday, 15th October.

The excellent trophy donated by Mr. Dick McPhillips has been accepted for a five year period. The Club holding the trophy the longest or with the greatest aggregate of points at the conclusion of this period will be the ultimate winner.

SYDNEY SURF CLUB

The response from members of the Branch to form a Members' Club was disappointing. 153 members subscribed, which is below the minimum number required by law of 200. The resulting lack of finance made it difficult to negotiate to obtain suitable premises.

The average attendance at meetings was only 30 resulting in a proposal to wind up the affairs of the Club, but this was postponed pending a decision of the New South Wales State Centre to acquire a city property, in which event, the Sydney Surf Club would become a tenant of portion of the space available.

In the meantime, members were notified that those who wished to draw their subscriptions could do so and this was availed of by some members.

A final decision re the future activities of the Club should be known in the early part of the coming season.

NATIONAL COUNCIL AND STATE CENTRE.—This Branch has continued to take a most active interest in the matters of State Centre and National Council.

To Messrs. Arthur Castleman and Ken Watson, State and National Council Secretaries respectively, I extend my appreciation for co-operation extended during the past season.

NOTICES OF MOTION.—The following notices of motion were passed during the season, and will be enforced in the forthcoming 1955-56 season.

- (a) "That in future all R. & R. and belt races be drawn in the same manner as boat races."
Moved Hatten seconded Soutar—Council meeting, 1st March, 1955.
- (b) "That Marathon Ski and Marathon Board races be not allowed at future restricted carnivals."
Moved Hatten and seconded—Council meeting, 5th April, 1955.
- (c) "That in all future Metropolitan Championship Carnivals, events No. 1 to 8 be conducted on the open entry basis."
Collaroy S.L.S.C.—Council meeting, 5th April, 1955.
- (d) It was decided at the July Council meeting that Cadet Surf Championships would be conducted at all future Branch Championships. A similar course of action has been recommended to State Centre for their consideration.

INSURANCE.—This Branch views with concern the apparent inadequate coverage of members under the present policy.

A motion has been placed with State Centre recommending a substantial increase in the coverage of injured members.

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS.—Our thanks are extended to the officials and members of the Dee Why Club for their excellent conducting of the Metropolitan Championships.

The results are as follows:

Senior R. & R.	1st, Manly; 2nd, Sth. Narrabeen; 3rd, Freshwater.
Junior R. & R.	1st, Nth. Bondi; 2nd, Freshwater; 3rd, Nth. Cronulla.
Senior Belt Race	1st, R. Matheson (Freshwater); 2nd, B. Brown (Coogee); 3rd, T. Horton (Queens-cliff).
Junior Belt Race	1st, J. Rogers (Maroubra); 2nd, D. Williams (Freshwater); 3rd, M. Vercoe (Dee Why).
Senior Surf Teams Race ..	1st, Nth. Bondi; 2nd, Bronte; 3rd, Freshwater.
Junior Surf Teams Race ..	1st, Nth. Bondi; 2nd, Manly; 3rd, Bronte.
Senior Surf Race	Dead Heat 1, B. Hutchins (Bondi) and B. Bourke (Nth. Cronulla); 3rd, B. Darke (Nth. Steyne); 4th, E. Gill (Dee Why).
Junior Surf Race	1st, J. Rogers (Maroubra); 2nd, B. Parsons (Nth. Bondi); 3rd, P. Rayner (Manly).
March Past	1st, Freshwater; 2nd, Bronte; 3rd, Nth. Curl Curl.
Cadet Surf Race	1st, R. Carruthers (Malabar); 2nd, R. Tonnett (Bronte); 3rd, P. Dobson (Nth. Bondi).

Senior Surf Boat Race	1st, Bilgola; 2nd, Whale Beach; 3rd, Cronulla.
Junior Surf Boat Race	1st, Nth. Bondi; 2nd, Whale Beach; 3rd, Maroubra.
Surf Board Race	1st, S. Denman (Bronte); 2nd, G. Jackson (Maroubra); 3rd, W. Wallace (Bronte).
Single Ski Race	Dead Heat 1st, B. Stuart (Maroubra); D. Green (Maroubra); K. Howell (Nth. Bondi); 4th, K. Roswell (Maroubra).
Double Ski Race	1st Stuart-Powell (Maroubra); 2nd, Hughes-Lewin (Coogee); 3rd, Hackett-Simpson (Maroubra).
Beach Sprint	1st, C. Boyd (Tamarama); 2nd, G. Forsyth (Queenscliff); 3rd, E. Stapleton (Cronulla).
Beach Relay	1st, Queenscliff; 2nd, Maroubra; 3rd, Col-laroy.

N.S.W. STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS.—The State Championships were conducted at North Wollongong Beach, and members of the Branch who were successful are as follows:

Senior R. & R.	Bondi
Junior R. & R.	North Bondi
Junior Belt Championship	D. Williams (Freshwater)
Senior Teams Championship	Bronte
Junior Teams Championship	North Bondi
Senior Surf Race	G. Taylor (North Bondi)
Junior Surf Race	J. Rogers (Maroubra)
March Past	Freshwater
Senior Surf Boat Race	Bronte
Junior Surf Boat Race	Bondi
Surf Board Race	G. Jackson (Maroubra)
Double Ski Race	Stuart-Powell (Maroubra)
Beach Relay	Maroubra
Beach Sprint	P. Manning (Maroubra)
Musical Flags	C. Boyd (Tamarama)
Pillow Fight	H. Gee (Dee Why)
Open Surf Race	K. Hiscoe (North Bondi)

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS.—The Australian Championships this year were conducted at North Steyne Beach, and hazardous surfing conditions ensured a spectacular Carnival. Branch members were once again prominent amongst place getters, and the results are as follows:

Junior R. & R.	North Bondi
Junior Surf Belt Race	D. Williams (Freshwater)
Senior Surf Teams Race	North Bondi
Junior Surf Teams Race	Manly
Junior Surf Race	M. Garritty (North Bondi)
March Past	Freshwater
Junior Surf Boat Race	Bronte
Surf Board Race	B. Keane (Cronulla)
Beach Relay Race	Queenscliff
Pillow Fight	H. Gee (Dee Why)
Senior Open Surf Race	B. Lumsdaine (Freshwater)
Junior Open Surf Race	R. Griffiths (Manly)

COOK TERRACE DIS-AFFILIATION.—Unfortunately circumstances arose during the season whereby the Cook Terrace Club was dis-affiliated from this Branch.

Continued reports of inadequate patrols etc., from District Supervisors and the Branch Superintendent forced the Branch, in order to preserve faith with the surfing public, to advise the Warringah Shire Council that there was no longer an affiliated Surf Life Saving Club on that beach.

An application for re-affiliation has been made by the officers of Cook Terrace, and this matter is to be discussed at the October meeting of the Branch.

STAFF.—During the last year considerable changes have been made in the arrangements of the office staff. After many channels had been investigated State Centre employed a typist, and Sydney Branch was fortunate in securing the services of Miss Ellen Boseley.

Under the present arrangement, and with Miss Boseley's efficient services, the needs of the Branch are well cared for. To the other two ladies, Miss Finlayson and Miss Hopwood, our thanks go for occasional services rendered.

THANKS.—We acknowledge with thanks financial assistance rendered by the Commonwealth and State Governments to the movement: also assistance by Local Government authorities to our affiliated clubs and donations by various bodies and persons.

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

I would like to take this opportunity of personally thanking our President, Mr. Mack, the Deputy President, Mr. Loton, and all Officers who by their assistance have rendered my task so much easier.

On behalf of the Branch Council,

G. B. STAUNTON,

Honorary Secretary.

ADDENDUM

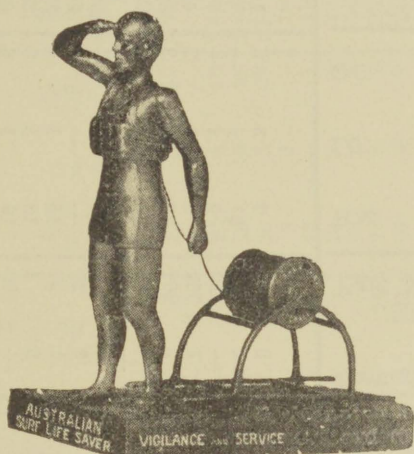
The past season has imposed a strenuous burden upon the officers of Sydney Branch, and it is pleasing to record that everybody has responded enthusiastically and loyally to the demands.

To our Honorary Secretary, Mr. Gus Staunton, I say "Thank You for a job well and worthily performed."

This young officer has proved a worthy successor to Mr. A. Loton, and the Branch is much indebted to him for courteous and diligent attention to his onerous duties.

C. MACK,

President.



CLUBS, RESCUES, AWARDS, CLUB GEAR, MEMBERSHIP

Sydney Branch

	SURF RESCUES, SEASON 1954-55						SURF AWARDS						Approximate Value of Club Gear £	CLUB MEMBERSHIP	
	With Life Lines	With Life Boat	With other Gear	Without Life Lines	Resuscitation	Patients Given: First Aid	Season 1954-55			Grand Total to Date				Active	Other
							B.M.	I.C.	Q.C.	B.M.	I.C.	Q.C.			
North Side:															
Avalon	95	—	1	5	2	67	7	3	8	163	24	24	200	46	16
Bilgola	12	—	4	8	1	32	21	4	—	57	9	1	1,200	60	70
Bungan	1	—	1	4	—	12	2	1	—	7	3	1	68	13	15
Collaroy	27	2	—	57	1	1,782	9	1	2	458	60	31	500	81	76
Dee Why	67	4	9	33	2	267	13	3	3	849	121	130	700	140	108
Freshwater	56	4	1	185	4	5	22	3	8	922	141	63	1,102	126	139
Long Reef	17	3	—	4	—	46	5	1	—	34	6	1	450	38	16
Manly	66	—	11	71	—	—	25	4	—	1,066	151	18	—	106	118
Mona Vale	19	—	—	26	8	22	—	—	—	215	29	2	700	24	24
Newport	11	1	1	12	1	27	15	1	4	273	31	20	720	53	12
North Curl Curl	27	—	4	17	2	3	15	5	3	385	55	36	1,045	95	64
North Narrabeen	28	—	—	19	—	106	19	1	6	692	79	17	1,000	90	48
North Palm Beach	15	—	—	6	1	70	8	1	—	82	11	5	360	33	70
North Steyne	8	—	—	5	—	201	14	5	—	815	128	66	95	70	94
Palm Beach	14	—	2	25	3	200	17	1	—	395	59	2	380	86	342
Queenscliff	24	1	2	11	4	—	20	5	4	622	141	51	200	216	42
South Curl Curl	14	—	1	5	3	3	10	1	1	281	49	40	800	73	52
South Narrabeen	10	—	—	6	2	—	14	1	—	236	35	9	310	40	20
Warriewood	25	1	1	10	2	50	14	3	1	44	9	5	126	36	35
Whale Beach	8	—	1	3	—	23	3	—	—	113	25	8	464	35	76

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	With Life Lines	With Life Boat	With other Gear	Without Life Lines	Resuscitation	Patients Given: First Aid	Season 1954-55			Grand Total to Date						
							B.M.	I.C.	Q.C.	B.M.	I.C.	Q.C.				
South Side:																
Bondi	178	5	—	48	18	—	39	4	5	974	192	118	865	360	100	
Eronte	76	5	8	35	1	—	27	7	11	736	107	59	400	239	103	
Burning Palms	—	—	2	—	—	9	5	—	—	71	8	4	150	18	32	
Clovelly	4	—	—	25	—	275	20	4	10	436	56	17	400	70	182	
Coogee	37	—	—	19	4	9	32	12	24	1,089	127	126	750	205	306	
Cronulla	35	—	2	110	1	1,648	20	5	20	877	146	99	1,200	155	288	
Era	9	—	—	1	—	54	5	3	—	100	18	3	361	33	41	
Garie	11	1	—	3	1	73	10	—	1	118	30	8	105	39	38	
Malabar	1	3	2	5	—	—	19	6	5	127	36	12	875	70	12	
Maroubra	130	—	—	184	—	—	16	8	9	748	116	47	1,700	321	143	
North Bondi	66	4	11	21	—	11	24	6	7	953	146	59	1,654	372	138	
North Cronulla	115	8	13	64	3	250	28	4	8	655	141	62	1,300	135	90	
Tamarama	101	—	2	13	2	190	17	4	8	240	33	41	78	86	64	
Wanda	20	2	1	10	—	35	24	5	6	133	23	—	700	110	18	
TOTALS	1,327	44	80	1,050	66	5,470	529	112	154	14,942	2,327	1,192	£20,238	3,674	2,992	

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