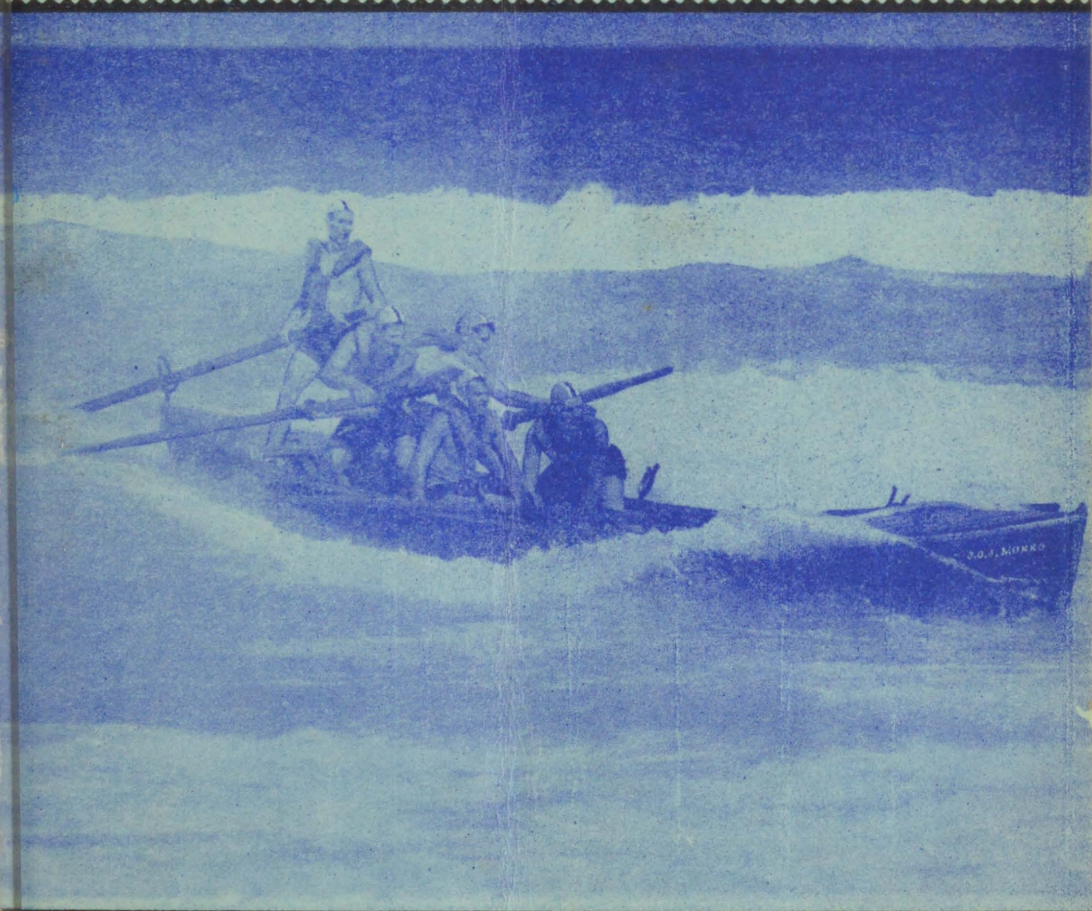


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SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

*Sydney Branch*  
*Annual Report*

SEASON 1955-1956



FORTY-NINTH YEAR OF OPERATION



# VALE! JOHN BEDE DILLON

The surfing movement and Australia generally lost a fine officer and citizen when John Bede Dillon passed away on Friday, 8th June, 1956, at the age of 62 years.

Jack joined the Cronulla Club on 11th November, 1911, and was for a time Secretary of that Club. He was later made a Life Member of the Cronulla S.L.S.C. and in 1926 was a foundation member of the North Cronulla S.L.S.C.

His work in the clubs made history and he later transferred his activities to the Surf Life Saving Association, where, at the time of his death, he was a Life Member of this Branch, also N.S.W. State Centre and of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia. He also occupied the position of National Assistant Secretary, Registrar and National Publicity Officer.

J.B., as he was so well known, found his greatest pleasure in doing something for others, no task was too small or large. He was always a welcome visitor to any club and knew most officials personally over many years.

Many clubs have held a J. B. Dillon Trophy Competition for years and his name will live on because of his fine gestures to clubs large and small.

J.B. was a modest man, his views were indeed respected, his outlook optimistic and cheerful, and he was a man anyone would be proud to call a friend.

His friends were on a wide scale and people in all walks of life were stunned at the news of his untimely passing.

Australia and the surfing world are the poorer for the passing of Jack Dillon, for it is men such as he who have built this country, made Surf Life Saving one of the finest humanitarian organisations in existence and taught us what a friend really is.

His passing will be long mourned and his deeds long remembered. Men like he are all too few and many of us could well take him as a pattern for gracious living.

May he long rest on the big Greenbacks of the Great Beyond, where the Sands of Time run on forever and the Sun never sets on men such as he.

We will always remember John Bede Dillon,

# SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

## SYDNEY BRANCH

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### "VIGILANCE AND SERVICE"

Season 1955-1956

Notice is hereby given that the 7th Annual General Meeting of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia, Sydney Branch, will be held in the Federation House, 166 Phillip Street, Sydney, on Thursday, 4th October, 1956, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

#### AGENDA

1. Club Affiliations and accreditation of Delegates
2. Apologies.
3. Presentation of Seventh Annual Report for Season 1955-56 and Audited Financial Statement.
4. Election of Officers.
5. Motions of which due notice has been given.
6. General Business.

G. B. STAUNTON,  
Hon. Secretary.



# SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

## SYDNEY BRANCH

### OFFICERS

### SEASON 1955-1956

#### Patron:

Alderman P. D. Hills, Lord Mayor of Sydney.

#### Vice-Patrons:

The Hon. R. J. Heffron, M.L.A.	The Hon. J. B. Renshaw, M.L.A.
The Hon. C. A. Kelly, M.L.A.	L. A. Walsh, Esq, M.L.A.
The Hon. A. Landa, M.L.A.	E. Robson, Esq., M.L.A.
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W. C. Wentworth, Esq., M.H.R.	E. G. Whitland, Esq., M.H.R.

The President, National Park Trust, The Hon. J. J. Cahill  
 The Mayor of Mosman, Alderman J. J. Warre  
 The Mayor of Randwick, Alderman L. F. Bowen  
 The Mayor of Waverley, Alderman C. Jeppesen  
 The Mayor of Manly, Alderman M. Paine  
 The President, Warringah Shire Council, Mr. L. J. Fisher  
 The President, Sutherland Shire Council, Mr. R. J. O'Brien

Sir Charles Lloyd Jones	Judge A. H. Curlewis	L. J. Hooker, Esq.
Sir E. J. Hallstrom	Struan M. Smith, Esq.	A. MacRae, Esq.
Sir John Butters	A. E. Church, Esq.	J. T. Jennings, Esq.
Sir Norman Nock	F. J. Palmer, Esq.	Alderman W. Lucas.

#### President:

C. Mack, Esq.

#### Deputy President:

A. R. Loton, Esq.

#### Vice-Presidents:

Messrs. J. V. Comans, J. Dempster, J. R. Geary, C. Rudd, R. Arskins,  
 A. Paterson, J. Vaughan, H. Spurway, C. Gray, R. Mascord, W. Crain,  
 T. Ormsby, Presidents of all Affiliated Clubs.

#### Life Members:

Messrs. G. Cohen, T. Moran, G. Dellitt, K. W. Watson, J. Cameron,  
 R. Moroney, G. Johnson, W. Foerster, J. Hodge, L. S. McDonald,  
 R. Michaelis, A. R. Loton, V. Besomo, A. W. Castleman, A. Olsen,  
 V. Williams, G. Lindsay, J. McRorie, C. Whitehead, L. Turner, N. Hayton,  
 G. Webb.

#### Hon. Secretary:

G. B. Staunton, Esq.

**Hon. Assistant Secretary:**

E. Lawler, Esq.

**Hon. Treasurer:**

Mr. G. Soutar (res. 1/7/56).  
Mr. W. Threlfo (elec. 1/7/56).

**Hon. Asst. Treasurer:**

G. Lindsay, Esq.

**Hon. Registrar:**

R. Bridges, Esq. (res. 27/8/56).

**Hon. Asst. Registrar:**

M. Evans, Esq.

**Hon. Legal Officers:**

Messrs. T. Ormsby, J. Comans,  
W. Crain.

**Hon. Publicity Officer:**

E. C. Sier, Esq.

**Hon. Branch Superintendent:**

E. J. Marsden, Esq.

**Hon. Deputy Branch  
Superintendent:**

A. May Esq.

**Hon. Secretary, Board of Examiners:**

V. J. Williams, Esq.

**Hon. Chief Supervisors:**

North Side: H. McDonald, Esq.      South Side: K. Flannery, Esq.

**District Supervisors:**

No. 1 District—O. Hailey, Esq.	No. 6 District—N. May, Esq.
No. 2 District—J. Switzer, Esq.	No. 7 District—G. Williams, Esq.
No. 3 District—B. Brewin, Esq.	No. 8 District—J. Campbell, Esq.
No. 4 District—M. Black, Esq.	No. 9 District—A. Slevin, Esq.
No. 5 District—R. Matherson, Esq.	No. 10 District—G. Hatten, Esq.

**Hon. Assistant District Supervisors:**

Nos. 1 and 2 Districts—A. Jordan, Esq.  
Nos. 3 and 4 Districts—G. Cavanagh, Esq.  
Nos. 5, 6 and 7 Districts—N. Donkin, Esq. (res. 25/1/56).  
C. Willis, Esq. (elec. 29/2/56).  
Nos. 8, 9 and 10 Districts—R. Cosgrave, Esq.

**Hon. Gear Inspectors:**

Reels—Messrs. R. Howells and G. Johnson.  
Belts—Messrs. A. Jordan and A. Moseley.  
Boats—G. Wilson, Esq.

**Delegates to N.S.W. State Centre:**

Messrs. A. R. Loton, J. Comans, E. J. Marsden, M. Evans,  
A. Olsen, G. Staunton.

**Hon. Consulting Engineer:**

D. C. Lucas, Esq.

**Hon. Auditors:**

Messrs. Richardson & Payne.



**Executive:**

Messrs. B. Cribb (Coogee), R. Barker (Collaroy), J. Maher (Warriewood), D. Lyall (Bilgola), C. Christensen (Nth. Bondi), B. Pitt (Dee Why).

**Hon. Medical Advisers:**

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

**Gear Improvement Committee:**

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

**Gear Inspection Committee:**

North Side: Messrs. A. May, N. May, N. Donkin, A. Slevin, R. Moroney.  
South Side: Messrs. W. Foerster, B. Brewin, A. Moseley, G. Johnson, D. Lucas.

**Competition Committee:**

Messrs. A. J. Purcell, D. Renford, L. McDonald, R. Bridges, G. Wilson.

**Constitution Committee:**

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

**Carnival Approval Committee:**

Messrs. D. C. Lucas, C. Gray, M. Evans, J. Marsden, T. Meagher, R. Bridges.

**Meritorious Awards Committee:**

Messrs. E. J. Marsden, R. Howells, A. Olsen, A. Purcell, L. McDonald, A. May, W. Foerster.

**Points Deduction Committee:**

Messrs. E. J. Marsden, L. McDonald, W. Foerster, B. Brewin, K. Flannery.

**Resuscitation Committee:**

Messrs. E. J. Marsden, K. Flannery, D. Lucas, W. Foerster, L. McDonald, R. Burns, B. Brewin.

**Judiciary Committee:**

Messrs. C. Mack, W. Crain, J. Comans, J. Dillon (deceased).

**Finance Committee:**

Messrs. G. Soutar (res. 1/7/56), G. Lindsay, C. Mack, A. Loton, G. Staunton, W. Threlfo (elec. 1/7/56).

**Branch Selection Committee:**

Messrs. J. Marsden, A. May, H. McDonald, K. Flannery, L. McDonald.

**Life Membership:**

Messrs. C. Mack, A. Loton, J. Dempster, T. Moran, T. Meagher.

# THE SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

## SYDNEY BRANCH

### ANNUAL REPORT

FOR SEASON 1955-1956

To be presented to the Annual Meeting of the Sydney Branch to be held at Federation House, 166 Phillip Street, on Thursday, 4th October, 1956, at 7 p.m.

Gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the 7th Annual Report of this Branch which is in its 49th year of operation. From the following matters you will note that we have had yet another year of progress and achievement, made possible only by the unstinted efforts and devotion of all members.

It is pleasing to report that once again no lives have been lost whilst affiliated Clubs have patrolled our beaches. The drop in rescue figures would indicate that our Patrols have been more vigilant in their efforts to prevent the bathing public from exposing themselves to hazardous conditions.

Harmony exists between all Clubs and it is hoped that next season, by such harmony, we can make our Jubilee Season a truly memorable one. Under are set out items of interest and matters of importance which occurred in the Branch during the concluding season.

#### RESCUES

The Association's primary purpose of existence has been once again upheld as the following summary of rescues for this season will show:—

	1955	1956
With Line and Belt .....	1,327	1,455
Without Line .....	1,050	662
With Surf Boat .....	44	100
With Other Gear .....	80	87
Total .....	<u>2,501</u>	<u>1,704</u>



## MEMBERSHIP AND AWARDS

During the season Sydney Branch Clubs gained a total of 771 Association Awards, as follows:—

	1955	1956
Bronze Medallions .....	529	524
Instructors' Certificates .....	112	102
Qualifying Certificates .....	154	145
Total .....	<u>795</u>	<u>771</u>

## SYMPATHIES

Sympathies are extended to all Association members who suffered bereavements during the past season. Special mention must be made of the late Mr. John McKillop who was accidentally drowned at Collaroy Beach on the morning of Sunday, 19th February, 1956. Also the late Mr. Frank Dargan, a Life Member of this Branch, who passed away recently. The untimely death of the late Mr. J. B. Dillon is mentioned elsewhere in this report.

## ATTENDANCE OF DELEGATES

Branch Council meetings were on the whole well attended, but Clubs which have not been well represented should take steps in the coming season to rectify this and ensure that their delegates report on all important matters discussed at these meetings. Many Clubs this season were affected by having no knowledge of matters until they were mentioned in the Branch circular, and, in many cases, the Clubs' monthly meetings were then past. Had their delegates taken away a full report on matters discussed at the Branch these circumstances could have been avoided.

? Elsewhere will be found a list of attendances at Branch Council meetings of all Officers, elected Vice-Presidents and Delegates for the past season.

## SYDNEY BRANCH BOARD OF EXAMINERS

The Board of Examiners was once again a "tower of strength" to the Branch and to them we are indebted for their unfailing assistance at all times. Under the leadership of Branch Superintendent, Mr. Jack Marsden, and Board Secretary, Mr. Vince Williams, the Board conducted successfully a tremendous amount of examinations and all Branch Carnivals. The Gear Inspection Committee carried out their annual inspection efficiently and, as a result of their report, Club gear was brought to a high standard early in the season. Details of the Gear Inspection Trophy will be mentioned under "COMPETITIONS".

Membership of the Board of Examiners stands at:—

Active .....	122
Life Members Active .....	12
Attachments .....	<u>3</u>
Total .....	<u>137</u>



## CARNIVALS

27 Inter-Club Carnivals were conducted in the Sydney Branch during the past season. The matter of such a large number of Carnivals has been discussed repeatedly at Council meetings and it is likely that a move will be made to reduce the number for the coming season. It is felt that the number of Carnivals, particularly in the 8, 9 and 10 Districts, reduce the patrol numbers and in some cases will leave beaches inadequately protected.

International Test matches will be held in the Branch next season at Maroubra Beach on the 8th December, 1956, and at Collaroy on the 9th December, 1956. The Branch welcomes this opportunity to greet the overseas teams and is confident that the Tests will produce some spectacular all round surfing.

## METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1955-56

This season's Branch Championships were conducted at Collaroy Beach and our thanks are extended to the officers and members of that Club for their very successful conducting of the Carnival. Results were as follows:—

Senior R. & R. ....	1st, Manly; 2nd, Freshwater; 3rd, Conulla.
Junior R. & R. ....	1st, North Cronulla; 2nd, Cronulla; 3rd, Freshwater.
Senior Belt Race .....	1st, B. Bourke (Cronulla); 2nd, B. Smith (Bondi); 3rd, R. Twilight (Collaroy).
Junior Belt Race .....	1st, J. Rodgers (Maroubra); 2nd, C. McFarlane (Manly); 3rd, K. Hiscoe (North Bondi).
Senior Teams Race .....	1st, Freshwater; 2nd, Manly; 3rd, North Bondi.
Junior Teams Race ....	1st, Manly; 2nd, North Bondi; 3rd, Bronte.
Senior Surf Race .....	1st, Winram (North Bondi); 2nd, Riddington (Manly); 3rd, Hutchings (Bondi).
Junior Surf Race .....	1st, Rodgers (Maroubra); 2nd, Hiscoe (North Bondi); 3rd, Donohoe (Bronte).
Cadet Surf Race .....	1st, Rodgers (Maroubra); 2nd, Hutchings (Bondi); 3rd, Simpson (Freshwater).
Senior Surf Boat Race ..	1st, North Bondi; 2nd, Maroubra; 3rd, Whale Beach.
Junior Surf Boat Race ..	1st, Freshwater; 2nd, North Bondi; 3rd, Bondi.
Surfboard Race .....	1st, Bevan (Coogee); 2nd, Denman (Bronte); 3rd, Jackson (Maroubra).
Single Surk Ski Race ...	1st, Green (Maroubra); 2nd, Stuart (Maroubra); 3rd, Howell (North Bondi).
Double Surf Ski Race ..	1st, Green and Brown (Maroubra); 2nd, Dover and Hosking (Coogee); 3rd, Stuart and Powell (Maroubra).
Beach Sprint .....	1st, Stevenson (Maroubra); 2nd, Manning (Maroubra); 3rd, Foy (Maroubra).
Beach Relay .....	1st, Queenscliff; 2nd, Maroubra; 3rd, Bilgola.
Musical Flags .....	1st, Walker (North Curl Curl); 2nd, Bugden (Cronulla); 3rd, Brown (North Cronulla).
Pillow Fight .....	1st, Mitchell (Avalon); 2nd, Ogle (North Curl Curl); 3rd, Ferguson (South Narrabeen).
Open Surf Race .....	1st, Mackie (North Cronulla); 2nd, Cox (Wanda); 3rd, Boswarva (Bronte).
(Non-Championship)	

## N.S.W. STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

This season's State Championships were conducted under very trying weather conditions at Freshwater Beach. Part of the Championships had to be postponed and conducted the following day at Manly. Congratulations are extended to State Superintendent, Mr. Bill Foerster, to the Freshwater Club and all officers who worked so hard to conduct the Championships successfully. Branch members who were successful are as follows:—

Senior R. & R. ....	1st, Freshwater; 3rd, Manly.
Senior Belt Race .....	1st, B. Smith (Bondi); 3rd, B. Bourke (Cronulla).
Senior Surf Race .....	1st, M. Riddington (Manly); 2nd, B. Lumsdaine (Freshwater); 3rd, G. Winram (North Bondi).
Senior Teams Race .....	1st, North Bondi; 2nd, Freshwater.
Junior R. & R. ....	1st, North Cronulla.
Junior Belt Race .....	1st, McFarlane; 2nd, J. Rodgers (Maroubra).
Junior Surf Race .....	3rd, J. Donohoe (Bronte); 4th, R. Cooke (Bondi); 5th, J. Rodgers (Maroubra).
Junior Teams Race .....	1st, Manly; 2nd, North Bondi.
March Past .....	1st, Freshwater and North Narrabeen; 3rd, North Curl Curl; 5th, North Bondi.
Open Surf .....	1st, M. Riddington (Manly); 2nd, B. Lumsdaine (Freshwater); 3rd, G. Winram (North Bondi).
Senior Boat .....	2nd, South Curl Curl; 3rd, Manly.
Single Ski Race .....	1st, P. Marrott (Tamarama); 2nd, J. Le Marsney (Maroubra); 3rd, K. Howell (North Bondi).
Double Ski Race .....	3rd, Stuart—Powell (Maroubra); 4th, Simpson—Phillby (Maroubra).
Surf Board Race .....	1st, Jackson (Maroubra); 2nd, Hazelton (Maroubra); 3rd, Bevin (Coogee); 4th, Ferkin (Maroubra); 5th, Ragan (Cronulla).
Junior Boat Race .....	1st, Bondi; 3rd, Bronte.
Beach Sprint .....	1st, B. Manning (Maroubra); 2nd, Stevenson (Maroubra); 3rd, Kavanagh (Bondi); 4th, Boyd (Tamarama).
Beach Relay .....	1st, Maroubra; 2nd, Queenscliff.
Pillow Fight .....	1st, A. Hyde (Avalon).
Musical Flags .....	1st, Bugden (Cronulla); 5th, Brown (North Cronulla).

## STOP THE STATE CARNIVAL — 1/4/56

This Branch co-operated with the Road Safety Council of N.S.W. by staging a "Stop the State" Surf Carnival held on the Sunday of the "Stop the State" campaign week-end. The Carnival, which was held at Whale Beach, was one of the most successful of the season and appreciations are extended to Mr. Tom Jacobs and to all persons who promised Mr. Jacobs trophies, etc., for the Carnival. A surf boat was generously donated by a group of city businessmen, and the competition was conducted on the day and won by the Maroubra Club.

A fully-equipped surf reel was donated by Jantzen & Co. and won in a ballot by the Mona Vale Club. Other trophies, too numerous to mention here, were distributed at the Carnival by the Commissioner for Road Transport, Mr. A. Walsh.



## COMMONWEALTH PRESS CARNIVAL — 27/11/55

The Branch, co-operating with the organisers of the Commonwealth Press Conference, arranged a Surf Carnival which was to be held at the Long Reef Beach. Heavy rain the evening before the Carnival severely damaged the beach and the Carnival was subsequently held at Collaroy Beach.

Thanks are extended to the Long Reef Club for the preparation put into the Carnival and to the Collaroy Club for its ready acceptance of the actual staging of this Carnival.

### PONTIAC CHIEFTAIN BOAT

This fully-equipped tuck stern boat was very generously donated by Stack & Co. of York Street, Sydney. With the withdrawal of the Mills boat from competition, the conditions as drawn up for that boat were transferred to the Pontiac Chieftain. This competition entailed the pairing of "A" and "B" grade Clubs and the joining of their handicaps so that the Clubs worked in the competition as a single unit.

The competition was conducted very successfully and had the additional benefit of drawing the larger and smaller Clubs together. Congratulations are extended to the winning pair, Bondi S.B.L.S.C. and Warriewood S.L.S.C., with a total of 390 points. Other place-getters were as follows:—

Cronulla and Wanda .....	368½	points
Coogee and Bilgola .....	360	"
Maroubra and South Curl Curl .....	357	"

The boat was presented by Mr. A. S. W. Hurd, Chairman of Board of Directors of Stack & Co., and launched by Miss E. Goodwin, of the Bondi Club, at the "Stop the State" Carnival.

### HALLSTROM BOAT

The competition was conducted for North-side Clubs only on conditions very similar to previous years. The Branch is most indebted to Sir Edward Hallstrom for his donation of these boats and for his interest in Association matters at all times.

This year's boat was won by Mona Vale S.L.S.C. with a total of 186 points.

### MILLS CIGARETTES BOAT

As previously mentioned, the offer of this boat had to be withdrawn by Mills & Co. owing to other business commitments. The Branch thanks Mr. Church, Managing Director of Mills & Co., for his efforts in this matter and trust that the day is not too far distant when they will be again in the position to make such a generous offer.

### ACME CUP

The 12th Annual Acme Cup Carnival was conducted in conjunction with the Commonwealth Press Conference Carnival which was subsequently held on the Collaroy Beach. Following a close struggle, South Narrabeen defeated Collaroy by only 1 point to win this coveted trophy.

### DICK'S SHOE BEACH FOOTBALL COMPETITION

The Beach Football competition for season 1954-55 aroused tremendous interest amongst the Clubs and public in general, the grand final being played between South Curl Curl and Maroubra Clubs at Bondi Beach on the day of the Health Week Carnival. The winners,

Maroubra, were presented with a splendid trophy by Mr. Dick McPhillips and the Branch extends to that gentleman our appreciation and sincere thanks for the manner in which he has joined in our Association activities, and for the Beach Football Trophy which is doing so much to keep our Association members together throughout the winter months.

This season's competition was conducted on slightly different conditions and the grand final was played between Maroubra "A" and Maroubra "B" at Maroubra Beach on Sunday, 15th July, 1956, with the "A" team winning. Congratulations are extended to the Maroubra Club for their victory two years in succession.

#### **GEAR INSPECTION TROPHY**

This year's Gear Inspection Trophy as donated by Mr. Don Lucas was keenly contested for by Clubs during the Annual Gear Inspection. Congratulations are extended to the winners: Bungan Beach, with a total of 10 points. Other place-getters were as follows:—

Avalon .....	9.78 points
Freshwater .....	9.75   "
Wanda .....	9.66   "

#### **AUSTRALIAN SURF CHAMPIONSHIPS AND INTERNATIONAL CARNIVAL**

This season's Australian Championships will be conducted at Torquay Beach, Victoria, on December 2nd, 1956. An International Surf Carnival will also be conducted at Torquay on 25th November, 1956. As these Carnivals will be held during the period of Olympic Games, it is essential that they are conducted successfully and will no doubt prove an excellent opportunity to bring the activities of our Association before the notice of so many overseas visitors. Teams to compete in the International Carnival include Ceylon, Union of South Africa, New Zealand and the Hawaiian Islands.

Organisation of these Carnivals has placed a tremendous burden and responsibility upon the National Council and the National Secretary and Chief Superintendent in particular. The position that this Branch will take in these Carnivals will be outlined elsewhere in this report.

#### **BRANCH CLUB TEAMS TO TORQUAY**

This Branch will have approximately 800 competitors at the International and Australian Surf Championships at Torquay.

To look after the interests of these teams and organise them on a suitable basis, the Branch decided to elect a General Manager and two Liaison Officers. Nominations were duly called for and Mr. G. Staunton, Branch Secretary, was elected General Manager, with Mr. E. Lawler, Branch Assistant Secretary, and Mr. J. Bradshaw, Captain of the Bondi Club, being elected as Liaison Officers.

Directors of Stack & Co. have very generously offered the Branch Managers loan of a vehicle for the duration of the trip.

A meeting of all team Managers has already been held, and it is hoped that by their co-operation the trip may be conducted successfully and without any discredit being brought on the Association by members of this Branch.

#### **HON. TREASURER**

The resignation of Mr. Gordon Soutar was accepted with regret by the July Council meeting. Mr. Soutar has been Treasurer of this Branch for many seasons past and to him was extended the appreciation



for the excellent manner in which he had carried out his duties. Nominations were subsequently called for and Mr. W. Threlfo of the Maroubra Club was duly elected. The Branch trusts that Mr. Threlfo's association with us will be a long and enjoyable one.

### **RADIO SESSIONS**

The Association was fortunate last season in having two regular Radio Sessions. Cecil Scott of Station 2UW and "Tiger" Black of Station 2KY both conducted very enjoyable and interesting sessions.

Thanks are extended to Mr. E. C. Sier for his regular compiling of data for these programmes and we trust that we may be as fortunate next season.

Clubs on the whole did not take the full benefit of advertising their beaches and informing the stations of their surf and weather conditions, etc. Once again thanks are extended to the Directors of Stations 2KY and 2UW and those gentlemen mentioned.

### **SYDNEY SURF CLUB**

Unfortunately this season we saw the disbanding of this Club. Subscriptions were returned to members and the books of the Club lodged with the Sydney Branch. It is unfortunate that the difficulty in obtaining suitable premises prevented this Club from expanding, but should the position arise in the future where the Association can obtain larger rooms, etc., it is intended to attempt to re-organise the Club.

### **ASSOCIATION HAND BOOKS**

It is pleasing to report that the full complement of Association hand books are now available as follows:—

1. Constitution (Green)
2. Instructors and Examination (Blue)
3. Competition (Red)
4. Gear and Equipment (Brown)

The Branch extends its congratulations to those officers who put so much effort into the compiling and preparation of these books.

### **JUBILEE YEAR CELEBRATIONS**

The 1956-1957 season will see the Jubilee Year of our Association. Australian Surf Championships will be held at Bondi Beach and many other functions are planned for these important celebrations.

Many of our Clubs are this year celebrating their Jubilee Anniversary and to those Clubs are extended the congratulations of our President, Officers and members on attaining their first 50 years.

### **BRANCH'S TIERED SEATING**

This year the Branch's tiered seating was not used for as many Carnivals as in previous seasons and moves are being taken to reduce the size of the seating so that it may be more easily handled and erected. The Branch is indebted to Mr. Jim Dempster for his care of the seating and the capable manner in which he has looked after it. The seating will be loaned to the Victorian State Centre for use at the International and Australian Carnivals at Torquay.

### **BEACH UMBRELLAS**

The Directors of Phillips and House, 111 Union Street, North Sydney, have very generously donated a set of beach umbrellas to be used by our Clubs for patrol duties. The umbrellas are attractively

finished with a white shade and the words "Surf Patrol" in blue are written across them. The umbrellas will be distributed to all Branch Clubs early in the coming season.

### **SHARK MENACE**

Owing to an unusual influx of sharks into coastal waters in February this year, the Branch instructed all Clubs to take every possible precaution with the lives of the public and Club members alike.

Instructions were given that patients at Carnivals were to be taken into the boats whilst awaiting the arrival of beltmen, and it is pleasing to report that there were no fatalities over this difficult period.

### **NATIONAL COUNCIL AND N.S.W. STATE CENTRE**

This Branch has continued to act in as close harmony as possible with the National Council and N.S.W. State Centre. The Branch, being conscious of its large complement of members and Clubs, has followed with the closest interest all matters in these spheres.

During the season a move was made by Central Coast Branch to have N.S.W. State Centre re-organise on a similar basis to that of National Council. This Branch, however, with others opposed such a move and the motion was subsequently defeated.

### **SNOWY MOUNTAINS HYDRO-ELECTRIC TOUR**

In late January this year a group of Officers and members of this Branch were the guests of the Cooma and District Chamber of Commerce for a very enlightening tour of the above Hydro-Electric Scheme. Under will be found an extract from a report of this trip, and once again to the Cooma and District Chamber of Commerce we extend our thanks and appreciation.

"After an uneventful trip to Cooma by steam train, the party was met at Cooma Station by representatives of the Cooma and District Chamber of Commerce and Judge Adrian Curlewis.

"The party was conducted by cars to the Monaro Hostel controlled by the S.M.A. where, after a brush-up and a very enjoyable breakfast, the team was introduced to the members of the Cooma and District Chamber of Commerce who were to be our hosts for the next three days. Also in the party as official guests were Mr. Justice McClemens and Mr. Gilbert Mant (journalist).

"The Liaison Officer for the S.M.A., Mr. A. Johns, was then introduced and, after certain formalities, the tour commenced.

"We were first taken to the Information Centre where a most interesting film depicting the Snowy Scheme was shown. Mr. Johns gave a short discourse on the scheme, and with the aid of contour maps we were given some idea of the tour we were to undertake. At this juncture we were honoured by Sir William Hudson, the Commissioner for the Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Scheme, giving the party welcome and briefly outlining interesting parts of the project.

"The tour as detailed in the attached itinerary was then commenced, and proved as interesting and instructive as was anticipated.

"We would like to especially refer to the courtesy and attention given by the Conducting Officer, Mr. Johns, and the kindness and consideration by the members of the Cooma and District Chamber of Commerce who made their own cars available for the trip.

"After the tour finalised at the Monaro Hostel on Monday afternoon we were greeted by the Mayor of Cooma. Judge A. Curlewis and the Team Manager, Mr. Stevens-Jones, suitably responded, after which they made a broadcast over the local radio station, 2XL.



"The team later that afternoon embarked on the diesel train to Sydney, and all agreed that a most enjoyable and instructive tour had been arranged by our hosts."

### RESIGNATION OFFICE SECRETARY

The Branch accepted with regret the resignation of the Office Secretary, Miss Ellen Boseley, in June this year. Miss Boseley was with the Association for a number of years and our appreciation of her services was suitably commented upon by our President.

The Branch is most fortunate in having obtained the services of Miss Irene Skribins, and we trust that this young lady's connection with the Association will be a long and enjoyable one.

### THANKS

We acknowledge, with thanks, financial assistance rendered by State and Commonwealth Governments to the movement, also assistance by Local Government authorities to our Branch Clubs and donations of various bodies and persons. Our appreciation is also extended to the following:—

To the Press and Radio Sessions our thanks also for the publicity given.

To Mr. K. Watson and Mr. A. Castleman, Hon. Secretaries of National Council and N.S.W. State Centre, respectively, our thanks for their interest and assistance at all times.

To Business Houses for their donations of gear and moneys.

To Miss B. Finlayson and Miss M. Hopwood of the office staff for their many courtesies during the season.

I would like to take this opportunity of personally thanking our President, Mr. C. Mack, the Deputy President, Mr. A. Loton, and my Assistant Secretary, Mr. E. Lawler, and to all other officers and Club members who by their assistance have rendered my task so much easier.

For and on behalf of the Branch Council,

G. B. STAUNTON,

Honorary Secretary.

### ADDENDUM

This report marks the close of another successful year's operations of the Sydney Branch of the Association—the cradle of surf life saving.

The enthusiasm and loyalty evinced by Officers and Delegates is most gratifying and augurs well for the incoming year—the threshold of our Golden Jubilee.

On behalf of the Branch I extend hearty thanks and appreciation to Mr. Gus Staunton, the Honorary Secretary, for the efficiency and zeal manifested by him in the performance of a wide range of duties and responsibilities.

C. MACK,

President.

## CLUBS, RESCUES, AWARDS, CLUB GEAR, MEMBERSHIP

## Sydney Branch

	SURF RESCUES, SEASON 1955-56						SURF AWARDS						Approximate Value of Club Gear £	CLUB MEMBER-SHIP	
	With Life Lines	With Life Boat	With other Gear	Without Life Lines	Patients Given:		Season 1955-56			Grand Total to Date				Active	Other
					Resuscitation	First Aid	B.M.	I.C.	Q.C.	B.M.	I.C.	Q.C.			
North Side:															
Avalon .. .. .	32	1	2	24	6	150	8	2	4	171	26	28	605	57	102
Bilgola .. .. .	26	—	—	15	—	4	9	1	—	66	10	29	1200	77	70
Bungan .. .. .	13	—	—	2	—	7	9	—	1	16	3	2	100	15	8
Collaroy .. .. .	20	3	4	50	3	35	8	2	6	466	62	37	350	71	150
Dee Why .. .. .	84	—	—	16	—	250	13	1	—	862	122	130	1000	90	70
Freshwater .. .. .	26	8	10	140	2	16	29	5	7	951	146	70	1800	136	179
Long Reef .. .. .	3	5	—	2	—	23	5	1	3	40	7	4	420	27	15
Manly .. .. .	84	—	5	129	—	—	16	1	3	1082	152	21	108	125	
Mona Vale .. .. .	6	—	—	18	1	16	8	1	3	223	30	5	950	43	15
Newport .. .. .	2	—	—	55	—	20	5	1	6	278	32	26	700	40	17
Nth. Curl Curl .. .. .	4	—	—	7	—	56	9	2	11	394	57	47	720	115	72
Nth. Narrabeen .. .. .	28	1	—	18	2	—	14	2	—	706	81	17	1500	79	58
Nth. Palm Beach .. .. .	18	—	—	27	—	150	9	2	2	91	13	7	504	79	26
North Steyne .. .. .	27	—	—	15	7	78	20	1	—	835	129	66	600	146	28
Palm Beach .. .. .	26	1	3	10	1	5	20	1	—	405	60	2	350	85	383
Queenscliff .. .. .	13	—	—	28	—	1	22	4	1	644	145	52	200	137	105
Sth. Curl Curl .. .. .	13	—	—	30	—	—	17	1	8	298	50	48	1200	80	68
Sth. Narrabeen .. .. .	12	—	2	3	—	4	9	—	—	245	35	9	857	44	4
Warriewood .. .. .	19	1	1	8	—	15	17	4	—	61	13	5	670	50	4
Whale Beach .. .. .	25	—	—	5	3	6	19	1	5	132	26	13	214	50	110



		SURF RESCUES, SEASON 1955-56						SURF AWARDS						Approximate Value of Club Gear £	CLUB MEMBER-SHIP	
		With Life Lines	With Life Boat	With other Gear	Without Life Lines	Patients Given:		Season 1955-56			Grand Total to Date				Active	Other
						Resuscitation	First Aid	B.M.	I.C.	Q.C.	B.M.	I.C.	Q.C.			
South Side:																
Bondi	.. . . .	88	—	—	34	3	6	29	16	12	1003	208	130	1048	370	140
Bronte	.. . . .	93	—	15	11	—	—	31	7	4	767	114	63	208	89	
Burning Palms	.. . . .	—	—	—	2	—	12	—	—	—	71	8	4	166	13	31
Clovelly	.. . . .	1	—	—	21	7	260	5	2	5	441	58	22	650	90	170
Coogee	.. . . .	51	3	1	23	16	33	20	3	7	1109	130	133	750	235	200
Cronulla	.. . . .	131	30	9	54	16	1641	19	5	11	896	151	110	800		
Era	.. . . .	16	—	5	6	—	63	15	1	—	115	19	3	362	42	58
Garie	.. . . .	19	3	—	3	5	125	6	2	—	124	32	8	85	42	49
Malabar	.. . . .	—	—	—	6	—	64	14	6	7	142	40	19	260	86	10
Maroubra	.. . . .	152	—	—	—	—	—	15	3	4	763	119	51	900	342	117
Nth. Bondi	.. . . .	211	10	10	45	5	106	11	7	4	964	153	63	1400	338	105
Nth. Cronulla	.. . . .	117	28	20	110	—	350	42	8	14	697	149	76	738	205	137
Tamarama	.. . . .	64	6	3	5	4	135	18	2	—	258	35	41	276	99	76
Wanda	.. . . .	31	—	—	46	2	50	21	7	13	154	30	13	658	140	35
TOTALS		1455	100	87	962	83	3681	512	102	141	15,470	2445	1354	21,529	3789	2826

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