

SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION
OF AUSTRALIA

THIRTEENTH

ANNUAL REPORT

and

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEASON 1961-62



"Vigilance and Service"

SYDNEY BRANCH

NOTICE is hereby given that the 13th Annual General Meeting of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia, Sydney Branch, will be held in the Association Offices, 4th Floor, Underwood House, 16 Hunter Street, Sydney, On Tuesday, September 11, 1962, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of the 12th Annual General Meeting, Tuesday, September 5, 1961. (Minutes of the 12th Annual General Meeting have previously been circulated and a motion carried at the Branch Council, recommending their adoption.)
2. Club Affiliations and accreditation of Club Delegates.
3. Apologies.
4. Presentation of 13th Annual Report for Season 1961-62.
5. Presentation of Audited Financial Statement for Season 1961-62.
6. Election of Officers.
7. Motions of which due notice has been given.
8. General Business -
 - (a) Correspondence
 - (b) Reports
 - (c) As may occur

GUS B. STAUNTON,
Honorary Secretary,
Surf Life Saving Association of Aust.
Sydney Branch.

SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY BRANCH

OFFICERS

SEASON 1961-62

Patron:

The Right Hon. The Lord Mayor of Sydney, Ald. H.F. Jensen

Vice-Patrons:

Ald. R.M. O'Keefe, Mayor of Waverley
Ald. C. Molloy, Mayor of Randwick
Cr. A. Gietzelt, Sutherland Shire Council
J.A. Ferguson, Esq., President, Royal
National Park Trust
E.G. Whitlam, M.H.R.
D. Curtin, M.H.R.
L. Johnson, M.H.R.
W.A. Aston, M.H.R.
Hon. C.A. Kelly, M.L.A.
Hon. J. Renshaw, M.L.A.
Hon. A. Landa, M.L.A.
I.R. Griffiths, M.L.A.
G. Cox, M.L.A.
K. Ellis, M.L.A.
Sir Norman Nock
Sir E.J. Hallstrom
R. McPhillips, Esq.
P. Tomlinson, Esq. (Club Razor Blades)

Judge A. Curlewis
W. Stevenson, Esq.
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W. Fairfax, Esq.,
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J. Jennings, Esq.
C. Zahara, Esq.
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F.J. Palmer, Esq.
R. Aston, Esq.
L.J. Hooker, Esq.
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C.O.J. Monro, Esq.
Representatives of -
Schweppes (Aust.) Ltd.
Phillips & House P/Ltd.
Drug Houses of Aust. Ltd.
Millers Brewery Pty. Ltd.

President:

A.R. Loton, Esq.

Deputy President:

D.C. Lucas, Esq.

Vice-Presidents:

Messrs. W.A. Crain, R.W. Grant, J. Pearson and E.C. Sier
and Presidents of all Affiliated Clubs.

Trustees:

Messrs. W. Crain, A. Loton, G. Staunton
(Three seasons 59-60, 60-61, 61-62)

Hon. Secretary:

G.B. Staunton, Esq.

Hon. Assistant Secretary:

M. Magee, Esq.

Hon. Legal Officer:

W. Crain, Esq.

Hon. Treasurer:

J. Needham, Esq.

Hon. Publicity Officer:

M. George, Esq.

Hon. Assistant Treasurer:

A.B. Paterson, Esq.

Hon. Branch Superintendent:

J. Switzer, Esq.

Hon. Registrar:

H. Brown, Esq.

Hon. Deputy Branch Superintendent:

A. Moseley, Esq.

Hon. Assistant Registrar:

B. Crisp, Esq.

Hon. Secretary, Board of Examiners:

J. Vaughan, Esq.

Hon. Insurance Officer:

A. Wingrove (Res. July, 1962)

Hon. Auditors:

Messrs. B. Mortensen and B. Pitt

Hon. District Supervisors:

No.1 District - R. Liddle, Esq.

No.3 District - J. Wardall, Esq.

No.2 District - R. Ainsworth, Esq.

No.4 District - B. Walker, Esq.

Hon. Assistant District Supervisors:

No.1 District - R. Hoffmann, Esq.

No.3 District - T. Wheeler, Esq.

No.2 District - A. Jordan, Esq.

No.4 District - W. Young, Esq.

Hon. Gear Inspectors:

Reel - R. Moroney, Esq.

Belt - A. Moseley, Esq.

Boat - G. Challis, Esq.

Delegates to N.S.W. State Centre:

Messrs. W.A. Crain (Council), G.B. Staunton (Council and Management)

Executive:

Messrs. C. Christensen (Nth Bondi), E. Lawler (Maroubra) (Elect. July 62)

K. Messenger (Coogee), F. Osborne (Era), B. Regan (Cronulla).

Hon. Medical Officers:Doctors B. Clifton, G. Cummins, Elliot-Smith, R. Grey, N. Hing,
R. Holland and S. Watson.Gear Improvement Committee:Messrs. P. Ainsworth, G. Challis, R. Moroney, A. Moseley, R. Sargeant,
J. Switzer and J. Vaughan.

Gear Inspection Committee:

Messrs. P. Ainsworth, C. Christiansen, G. Johnson, A. Jordan,
D. Lucas, L. McNamara, A. Moseley, M. Moroney, W. Rennie,
R. Sargeant, P. See, J. Solomon, B. Walker, and G. Wilson.

Life Membership Committee:

Messrs. A. Loton, D. Lucas, T. Meagher, J. Switzer, J. Vaughan.

Constitution Committee:

Messrs. W.A. Crain, A.R. Loton, J. Switzer.

Competition Conditions Committee:

Messrs. P. Ainsworth, H. Brown, A. Moseley, R. Sargeant, J. Switzer.

Point Recorders:

Messrs. R. Grant, W. Marshall.

Meritorious Awards Committee:

Messrs. G. Johnson, L. Johnson, D. Lucas, R. McKenna, A. Moseley,
J. Switzer and J. Vaughan.

Resuscitation Committee:

Messrs. L. Buck, R. Davey, D. Lucas, J. Marsden, A. Moseley,
J. Switzer and J. Wardall.

Judiciary Committee:

Messrs. W. Crain, G. Johnson, E. Lawler, D. Lucas and G. Staunton.

Finance, Purchase and Contracts Committee:

Messrs. C. Christensen, M. Magee, J. Needham, A. Paterson and A. Wingrove.

Boat Committee:

Messrs. H. Brown, G. Challis, N. Dixon, B. Fairfax, G. Johnson.

Beach Football Executive:

Messrs. R. McPhillips, F. Norton, J. Vesper, T. Lee, G. Staunton
and delegates from all clubs participating in the Beach Football
Competition.

Branch Selection Committee:

Messrs. H. Brown, A. Moseley, G. Staunton, J. Switzer.

Carnival Approvals Committee:

Messrs. H. Brown, D. Lucas and M. Magee.

Lifesavers' Week Committee:

Messrs. P. Ainsworth, K. Andrews, J. Bourne, H. Brown, D. Lucas,
M. Magee and J. Switzer.

Branch Gear Steward:

A. Moseley, Esq.

N.B. The Branch Hon. Secretary is ex-officio a member of all Branch
Committees, excluding Board Committees.

FOREWORD

The 1961-62 season has been fraught with some difficulty for the clubs of our Association. New drill procedures introduced imposed some hardship on both instructors and candidates for the Bronze Medallion and a fall in the intake of new members resulted in fewer awards being gained.

To some extent, the coming season may see some compensation by reason of the reduction in the age for candidates and it is to be sincerely hoped that we find an influx of new members into our clubs. Efforts are being made by this Branch and its clubs to effect this result, a very necessary requirement in view of the huge crowds now surfing on our beaches.

The time may well be ripe to effect some simplification in our examination requirements for there is little doubt that present day youth in general is not so prepared to willingly accept arduous training, nor to accept responsibility of office for various cogent reasons. Changes are constantly occurring in our way of living and we must adapt our outlook to meet these changes.

It is to be hoped that young men accept the challenge, for within our clubs there is ample opportunity to find scope for initiative and the basic training requirements in character, leadership and the goodwill and camaraderie of our fellow man, whilst at the same time providing a very necessary volunteer service to the community.

A.R. LOTON,
President

S.L.S.A. of A., Sydney Branch.

THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN COLLEGE TEACHERS
has been organized for the purpose of
promoting the interests of the American
college teacher and of the American
college student.
The Association was organized in 1900
and has since that time been active
in promoting the interests of the
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American college student.
The Association has been successful
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Mr. President,

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting for your perusal and intended adoption this, the 13th Annual Report of the Sydney Branch.

I have no doubt that the first impression the report will make will be the departure from the hitherto printed Annual Reports to this Report in a duplicated style.

The reasons for this departure are many, not the least of which is the considerable financial saving to the Branch. The past publications have cost in the vicinity of £130 and it is felt that the present form will result in a saving of approximately £100. I am sure that all will agree that if the report material is still presented in a clear and orderly manner, the Branch can use this money to better ends.

The Branch has continued to function in a most smooth and orderly fashion and all Officers have carried out their duties to a standard that has been set and maintained over the years.

The problems that beset the Branch, our Clubs and indeed, the movement throughout Australia, are not decreasing and again I stress the need for examination of our membership figures.

A most significant move was made during the season by a number of Clubs to form licensed clubs. It is to be regretted that unfavourable publicity was afforded this movement by the Daily Press and alleged misquotation were made of senior Association Officials. The most common misinterpretation which was given this suggestion of licensed clubs was that the surf club premises would be given over to poker machines, bars, etc. Such suggestions would be amusing if they had not been taken seriously by parties who should have known better.

Even to the man in the street with the basic knowledge of the strict

Government control upon the conducting of licensed premises, it was plain that the necessary permission would never be given unless the premises were separate from the surf clubhouse and because most land surrounding the clubhouses is either Local Government or Crown land, it was doubtful if the licensed club would even be in the same locality.

Following upon a request by the National Council, this Branch asked all its clubs to advise their views upon this matter, such opinions to be directed through the State Centre back to the National body. Following the resulting discussion at the Branch Council, the Branch adopted as its official view "that we have no objection to the formation of licensed clubs, provided they are separate from the surf clubhouse".

The members of the public and many club members are entitled to ask of the whole suggestion, Why? The reasons set forward by the clubs were many and varied, but basically could be brought back to a number of factors, the most important of these being, firstly, finance and secondly, social contact for members who would normally have been lost to the surfing environment.

The complete pros and cons are too lengthy to commence within the limited scope of this Annual Report, but in as far as the already expressed opinion of the Sydney Branch will allow, we wish venturing clubs every success.

I have set out the important items which occurred during the year in the style that has been found successful and acceptable in the past and I trust you will agree that the following pages give a record of the Sydney Branch during the 1961-62 season.

BRANCH COUNCIL.

The Branch Council has continued in its designated duty as the governing body of the Branch and has continued to meet on the first Tuesday of each and every month.

Branch Council Meetings were held in the Association Rooms and the smaller membership of the Sydney Branch since the departure of the Manly-Warringah clubs has eased the seating problem somewhat and plans have been suggested from time to time to further improve these arrangements.

However, the future of the rooms has become somewhat clouded because of building developments in the area and it has been consistently suggested that the Branch may, sometime in the near future, have to vacant the premises and this suggestion has forbidden any further

attempt or expenditure in the rooms for improvements, etc.

An enormous number of matters have been finalised at the Branch Council and a pleasing feature has been the regular submission of reports from Officers and Committees to these meetings.

The attendance record of delegates and officers has been of a comparatively high standard, but in a large number of cases, a great deal is yet to be desired. Special attention is drawn to the sub-heading 'Attendances' and we again request clubs to carefully examine the attendance figures shown with a view to improving the standing of their club in the Branch Council.

The monthly circular has continued to be the main organ of the Branch and matters affecting clubs as they arise have been promulgated in this fashion. Club delegates are, however, urged to contact their own clubs immediately after Council meetings on matters of importance, even to ensure their club Secretary contacts the Branch Secretary for further particulars, since, in many cases, the Branch circular is not despatched until after club monthly meetings are held.

ATTENDANCES.

Hereafter will be set out a number of attendance records of both Officers and club delegates at Branch Council meetings. The most careful attention of clubs is drawn to these attendance records, since clubs should be fully represented at all Council meetings and they can see at a glance the true position of the representation concerning their club. The individual records of the various delegates and the club Presidents have been shown, but particular attention is drawn to the record of attendances of clubs themselves at the Council.

The three headings - 'Full Representation', which means two delegates in attendance, 'Half Representation' and 'Not Represented', speak very clearly for themselves and the obvious category that should be aimed for by all clubs is the fully represented group.

A comparison of last year's figures with the concluding season will show that Bondi and Burning Palms show an increase upon the previous attendances and, with the exception of Maroubra and Garie, who remained at 3 and 4 respectively, all other clubs showed a marked decline in the number of Council meetings at which they were fully represented.

This drift of delegates away from the Branch Council meetings is something to which the Association can only draw clubs' attention and then possibly expel the delegates after they have missed three meetings without an apology, but the real place of correction is with the clubs

themselves, in assuring that their delegates do attend and in regularly calling for delegates' reports from the Branch Council.

It is pleasing to note, however, the consistently good attendances of the vast majority of elected officers and some of the Vice-Presidents.

These gentlemen, who carry the main responsibility of the functions of the Branch, have met this responsibility in a most praiseworthy fashion and their diligent attention to their duties is appreciated by fellow Officers and clubs alike.

The attendances of the Club Presidents, who are ex-officio Vice-Presidents of the Branch, also bear careful scrutiny and we find that in no one case was a Club President present at all Council meetings, which could be quite understandable, but it is noted with alarm that there are seven Presidents out of the fifteen clubs who have never attended a Branch Council meeting throughout the current season.

One can only think back to when the present Constitution was adopted and it will be remembered that in the original draft, the Club Presidents were deprived of their position and their vote on the Branch Council and in answer to the general outcry from the clubs that their Presidents did value this position and what is more, did wish to exercise their right of vote, the voting power was restored.

Record of Attendance by Clubs at Council Meetings
(Based on Delegates' or Proxies' Attendances)

<u>Club</u>	<u>Full Representation</u>		<u>Half Representation</u>		<u>Not Represented</u>	
	<u>1961-62</u>	<u>1960-61</u>	<u>1961-62</u>	<u>1960-61</u>	<u>1961-62</u>	<u>60-61</u>
Bondi	3	1	3	7	6	4
Bronte	3	8	7	4	2	-
Burning Palms	5	-	5	9	2	3
Clovelly	-	3	5	5	7	4
Coogee	2	11	7	1	3	-
Cronulla	3	4	5	7	4	1
Era	5	8	4	3	3	1
Garie	4	4	3	1	5	7
Malabar	-	-	6	2	6	10
Maroubra	3	3	4	6	5	3
North Bondi	2	4	8	8	2	-
North Cronulla	4	7	4	5	4	-
South Maroubra	1	9	10	3	1	-
Tamarama	4	7	7	4	1	1
Wanda	7	12	4	-	1	-

Attendance Record of Club Delegates at Branch
Council Meetings

<u>Club and Delegates</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Apology</u>	<u>Proxy</u>	<u>Absent No Apology</u>
Bondi -				
J. Cooksley	3	2	1	6
W. Williams	6	2	-	4
Bronte -				
A. Paterson	8	1	1	2
V. Adams	5	3	-	4
Burning Palms -				
A. O'Loughlin	7	3	-	2
R. McClelland	8	2	1	1
Clovelly -				
B. Mortensen	4	3	-	5
C. Powell	1	-	-	11
Coogee -				
K. Messenger	9	-	-	3
H. Lawless	2	-	-	10
Cronulla -				
B. Regan	4	3	-	5
D. Stewart	7	2	-	3
Era -				
F. Osborne	8	1	-	3
R. Davison	6	1	-	5
Garie -				
R. McDermott	5	1	-	6
P. Collins	6	-	-	6
Malabar -				
R. Mascord	6	4	-	2
K. Carley	-	-	-	12
Maroubra -				
W. Langford (Res. May)	4	-	-	5
C. Baker (Res. May)	1	2	-	6
E. Lawler (Elect. June)	2	-	-	1
H. Ryan (Elect. June)	3	-	-	-

<u>Club and Delegates</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Apology</u>	<u>Proxy</u>	<u>Absent No Apology</u>
North Bondi -				
C. Christensen	10	1	-	1
J. Comans	2	1	-	9
North Cronulla -				
H. Brown	5	1	-	6
J. Bourne	7	1	-	4
South Maroubra -				
A. Parker (Res. Oct.)	-	-	1	1
R. Spankie	3	-	-	9
A. Staunton	9	-	-	3
Tamarama -				
G. Johns (Res. Feb.)	3	-	1	2
B. Wilson (Elect. Mar. Res. June)	2	1	1	-
D. Carroll (Elect. July)	2	-	-	-
D. Fryer	8	1	1	2
Wanda -				
R. Steeles	9	1	-	2
E. Stephens	9	1	1	1

Attendance Records at Council Meetings of Club Presidents, who are
Branch Vice-Presidents.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Apology</u>	<u>Absent No Apology</u>
T. Meagher	Bondi	8	2	2
F. Norton	Bronte	8	2	2
M. Pymble	Burning Palms	1	-	11
F. Burns	Clovelly	-	-	12
J. Cannot	Coogee	-	-	12
H. Spurway	Cronulla	3	5	4
R. Miller	Era	10	1	1
L. Ford	Garie	1	-	11
V. Marshall	Malabar	-	-	12
S. Baker	Maroubra	-	-	12
J. Hendy	North Bondi	-	-	12
G. Woodcock	North Cronulla	1	4	7
W. Lucas	South Maroubra	-	1	11
R. Buist	Tamarama	9	2	1
E. Suann	Wanda	-	-	12

Attendance Records at Council Meetings of Branch Officers, Senior Board
Officers and Elected Vice-Presidents.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Apology</u>	<u>Absent</u>	
				<u>No Apology</u>	
A. Loton	President	10	2	-	
D. Lucas	Deputy President	10	2	-	
W. Grain	Vice-President	11	1	-	
R. Grant	Vice-President	1	2	9	
J. Pearson	Vice-President	10	-	2	
E. Sier	Vice-President	2	1	9	
G. Staunton	Honorary Secretary	11	1	-	
M. Magee	Hon. Asst. Secretary	11	1	-	
J. Needham	Honorary Treasurer	9	2	1	
A. Peterson	Hon. Asst. Treasurer	8	1	3	
H. Brown	Hon. Registrar	10	1	1	
B. Crisp	Hon. Asst. Registrar	5	5	2	
A. Wingrove	Hon. Insurance Officer	5	1	2	
	(Resigned June)				
M. George	Hon. Publicity Officer	9	2	1	
J. Switzer	Hon. Branch Superintendent	11	1	-	
A. Moseley	Hon. Deputy Branch "	4	7	1	
J. Vaughan	Hon. Secretary,				
	Board of Examiners	10	2	-	
R. Middle	No.1 District Supervisor	2	2	8	
P. Ainsworth	No.2 " "	6	4	2	
J. Wardall	No.3 " "	7	1	4	
B. Walker	No.4 " "	8	1	3	
G. Challis	Hon. Boat Inspector	7	3	2	
R. Moroney	Hon. Reel Inspector	5	-	7	

BRANCH EXECUTIVE.

Throughout the summer months, the Branch Executive met, as has been its previous custom, on the Monday of each week and an enormous number of matters of routine or pressing nature have been dealt with and finalised, or, alternatively, referred to the Branch Council for its attention.

At the close of the season, the Branch Secretary tabled a motion that the Executive should meet approximately every second Monday and this course was carried out throughout the winter months and apparently worked highly successfully. In all, two meetings were held each month, they being, in theory, the Branch Council and, midway between Council meetings, a Branch Executive. The motion, moved and carried, was for this practice to continue for the winter only and it is anticipated that with the opening of the season, the Executive meetings will again be held weekly.

Our thanks and appreciation are extended to all those Officers and delegates who, by their regular attendance, have assisted in bringing the season to a successful conclusion.

An alarming feature of the Executive Committee over recent years has been the inability or lack of interest of the Branch delegates to occupy the full six delegate positions available to them on the Executive Committee.

It is hoped that at the Annual General Meeting, delegates will step forward who are both prepared and able to attend regularly the Branch Executive meetings and thereby carry out their designated task of representing their own clubs and, more importantly, the general delegates as a whole, at the Executive level.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

The Sydney Branch is indeed most fortunate in having the members on its Board of Examiners whom we do have and our thanks and appreciation and, indeed, our congratulations are extended to the Superintendent, Mr. Jim Switzer, his Deputy, Mr. A. Moseley, to the Board Secretary, Mr. J. Vaughan, and to all those District Supervisors and Board members who have carried out their duties throughout the year in such a praiseworthy fashion.

It is pleasing to again report that the previously present friction which had marred Branch and Board relationships has continued to be absent and the most amiable conditions exist between these two bodies.

The Board of Examiner meetings have been well attended and the Branch Superintendent has submitted as a regular item to the Branch Council his report covering each month's activities.

The smaller number of carnivals conducted and the lower number of awards gained throughout the season only slightly lessened the burden upon these gentlemen and we trust that we will again in the future be favoured with their enthusiastic support as we have in the past.

The Deputy Superintendent, Mr. A. Moseley, has been responsible for the appointment of officials for examinations beside his other Deputy Superintendent's duties and has carried out these functions to a high standard.

Special congratulations should be extended to the Secretary of the Board, Mr. J. Vaughan, who has continued to carry out his duties to the high standard which we have come to expect from him. It is again my pleasing duty to convey to Mrs. Joan Vaughan our very sincere appreciation for her assistance in the compilation of Board minutes and general Board correspondence and her ready response to these tasks has considerably lessened the burden on the Branch's facilities.

Following will be found a list of the members of the Sydney Branch Board of Examiners for the concluding 1961-62 season.

SYDNEY BRANCH BOARD OF EXAMINERS MEMBERSSEASON 1961-1962

Hon. Branch Superintendent: J. Switzer
 Hon. Deputy Superintendent: A. Moseley
 Hon. Secretary: J. Vaughan

District Supervisors:

No.1: R. Liddle
 No.2: P. Ainsworth
 No.3: J. Wardall
 No.4: B. Walker

Asst. District Supervisors:

No.1: R. Hoffmann
 No.2: A. Jordan
 No.3: T. Wheeler
 No.4: W. Young

Life Members:

V. Besemo
 A. Castleman
 W. Foerster
 G. Johnson

R. McKenna
 R. Michaelis
 R. Moroney
 A. Olson
 A. Purcell

H. Small
 K. Watson
 G. Williams
 V. Williams
 G. Wilson

Active Members:

P. Ainsworth
 K. Andrews

W. Hayo
 R. Hoffmann

G. Pidgeon
 W. Rennie

R. Bear

J. Horton

R. Sandstrom

B. Brewin

R. Horton

M. Santos

R. Bridges

R. Howells

A. Sargeant

E. Brooker

M. Irving

R. Sargeant

J. Brown

A. Jordan

V. Sedgwick

L. Buck

A. Johnston

P. See

J. Casey

A. Kelly

R. Shephard

C. Christiansen

J. Kirkland

E. Sier

J. Cocksley

R. Liddle

H. Spurway

G. Cooper

L. McNamara

N. Stenhouse

R. Craig

J. McNeil

E. Stephens

B. Crisp

P. Manning

P. Sweet

R. Davey

J. Manny

J. Switzer

R. Davison

K. Manton

T. Trevillian

J. Donohoe

D. Martin

B. Vaughan

P. Doolan

W. Matthes

J. Vaughan

D. Drinkwater

J. Matthew

B. Walker

W. Eady

D. Medlin

K. Walker

J. Fisher

K. Messenger

J. Wardall

K. Flannery

K. Midson

A. Watts

N. Ford

J. Minahan

J. Weber

R. Fraser

A. Moseley

T. Wheeler

D. Fryer

G. Mould

G. Wilson

K. Goodsell

N. Papworth

W. Young

O. Hailey

Reserve Active Members:

H. Hodge

L. Johnson

E. Marsden

V. Mulcahy

Country Members:

K. Grant

M. Moroney

P. Seaton

R. Swinney

G. Hogarth

K. Russell

R. Simmons

Attached Members to Sydney Branch Board of Examiners:

J. Beasley - Central Coast

J. Rosewell - Central Coast

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MEMBERSHIP.

The question of membership should again occupy serious thought by member clubs and their officers and, indeed, by the Association generally, right to the National level. As repeated in previous reports, the membership of the clubs is remaining somewhat static, showing only slight fluctuations from year to year and this does not indicate, of course, a healthy growth in the Association as we know it.

Possibly, some indication could be obtained by a special committee that the various clubs have reached a strength which is sufficient to their functions and indeed, additional members are not necessary and are not particularly sought.

However, if this is not the case, it would appear obvious that our membership should be showing greater increases than it is in reality. It is incorrect, I feel, to compare memberships from one year to the immediate year following, but they should be taken over a period of time and for this reason, we have set out as under figures from 1958 to the present season. It will become obvious that the active membership, which is, surely, the most important category of the clubs' complement, shows an increase of 30 only since 1958. The Active Reserve shows an increase of 36 only and the Cadet membership shows an increase of 33 over the same period of time. The Associate membership is not a healthy indication towards the strength of the clubs since, despite the fact that many Associate members are most valued assets to the club, they are not patrolling members who carry out the fundamental aims of the Association.

Mention will be made elsewhere in this report of the inroads which are being made into our membership by the Malibu Board riding groups and board riding individuals and urgent attention will have to be paid to this matter on a State and also a local level.

It is felt, however, that the Malibu Board menace is only one aspect

of the entire changing pattern of the likes and dislikes of today's youth and unless this Association can find within the next few years some ready answer, it would appear obvious that we are doomed to be stalemated at our present doubtful strength, or we are to decline.

Comparison List of Membership:

	<u>1958-59</u>	<u>1959-60</u>	<u>1960-61</u>	<u>1961-62</u>
Active.....	1,496	1,767	1,531	1,526
Reserve Active.....	772	766	950	808
Cadet.....	239	279	184	272
Associate.....	<u>1,035</u>	<u>1,120</u>	<u>992</u>	<u>1,194</u>
<u>Total.....</u>	<u>3,542</u>	<u>3,932</u>	<u>3,357</u>	<u>3,800</u>

RESCUES.

The rescue figures for all clubs are set out at the conclusion of this Annual Report, but for the purpose of examination at this juncture, the totals for previous seasons are listed below.

It will appear obvious that the statement made in the past is again, in effect, insofar as the figures fluctuate only slightly, rising and falling from year to year, but showing no marked increase or decrease.

We extend our congratulations to all those clubs who have carried out their duties on the beach to such a high standard and have done all within their power to maintain the Association's motto of 'Vigilance and Service'.

Comparison List of Rescues:

	<u>1958-59</u>	<u>1959-60</u>	<u>1960-61</u>	<u>1961-62</u>
With life line.....	983	432	713	834
With surf boat.....	63	38	64	49
Without life line.....	536	335	514	1,088
With other gear.....	<u>46</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>53</u>
<u>Total.....</u>	<u>1,628</u>	<u>837</u>	<u>1,372</u>	<u>2,024</u>

AWARDS.

Following will be found a comparison of the awards gained by the clubs comprising the Sydney Branch over the past three seasons and it will be found that a continued drop over this period of time has been encountered in the category of Bronze Medallions. The Instructors' Certificates show a drop also, but not to the same extent as the Bronze Award. The Qualifying Certificate has dropped and then again risen very slightly over this period of time.

However, our particular attention should be focused upon the Bronze Award which is the fundamental basis of this Association and a drop of more than 100 awards over the previous three seasons is surely worthy of consideration from the highest members of this Association to the club level.

Comparison List of Awards:

	<u>1959-60</u>	<u>1960-61</u>	<u>1961-62</u>
Bronze Medallions.....	343	301	224
Instructors' Certificates.....	77	55	54
Qualifying Certificates.....	147	85	97

ANNUAL GEAR INSPECTION.

The Board of Examiners elected at their Annual General Meeting the members of the Sydney Branch Gear Inspection Committees and these gentlemen carried out their duties to a high standard and inspected all equipment belonging to both clubs and the various local Government authorities.

The Committees comprised Messrs. P. Ainsworth, C. Christensen, G. Johnson, A. Jordan, D. Lucas, L. McNamara, A. Moseley, M. Moroney, W. Rennie, R. Sargeant, P. See, J. Solomon, B. Walker and G. Wilson.

The Deputy President, Mr. D.C. Lucas, very kindly again made available a trophy for the Annual Gear Inspection and this trophy was won by the Bronte club in what proved to be a very close finish.

District Supervisors returned to the various beaches to inspect gear which had been originally found faulty and, in the majority of cases, such adjustments and replacements were made without delay.

In a number of cases, it is to be regretted that the club equipment was not displayed in the required fashion and valuable time, and indeed, points in the competition were lost because of this lack of interest in the Association's instructions.

However, on the whole, the standard of gear was high and under will be found the placegetters in the competition.

D.C. Lucas Trophy for Gear Inspection:

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| 1. Bronte | 9. North Cronulla |
| 2. Clovelly | 10. Wanda |
| 3. Coogee | 11. Malabar |
| 4. Bondi | 12. Garie |
| 5. Tamarama | 13. Era |
| 6. Cronulla | 14. Maroubra |
| 7. North Bondi | 15. South Maroubra |
| 8. Burning Palms | |

OFFICE ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF.

The scheme as outlined in the previous Annual Report has been continued and the Branch do not now employ directly for themselves office staff. However, the Branch Secretary has continued to have all clerical and secretarial matters affecting the Branch carried out in his office at 335 Illawarra Road, Marrickville, and the scheme which was originally commenced on a trial basis, has apparently worked quite successfully and has resulted in a lessening of the burden upon the Branch Secretary and also has benefitted the Branch by the more constant attention that can be given to their matters and also in the financial savings.

To the secretarial staff at G.B. Staunton's, the Branch extends its appreciation for their attention to many and varied matters.

The Association Rooms at 16 Hunter Street, Sydney, have been continued and are presently staffed by the N.S.W. State Centre, and the Sydney Branch, National Council and State Centre all jointly meet the rental charges. The telephone rental of the rooms has also continued to be shared by the three bodies, despite the non-attendance of Sydney Branch and National Council in these premises on a business basis.

The presence of the Association Rooms in Hunter Street is something which is quite necessary and it is felt that the present scheme should be continued, if only to present a city office to the many members of the public who constantly seek information concerning the activities and affairs of this Association.

CARNIVALS.

Seven carnivals were conducted in the Branch last season and were generally to a very high standard of organisation and competition.

It was most unfortunate that bad weather and heavy seas dogged the Garie and the Coogee carnivals and caused their postponement from the original dates scheduled.

A record of the carnivals conducted during the season is set out hereafter for record purposes.

Coogee	18.11.1961 and 25.11.1961
Garie (scheduled)	3.12.1961 (held) 4.2.1962
Cronulla	9.12.1961
North Cronulla	16.12.1961
Wanda	13. 1.1962
Maroubra	20. 1.1962
Bondi	17. 2.1962

The carnival fixture card was again prepared by the Sydney Branch through the kind co-operation of Jantzen (Australia) Limited and this fixture card was distributed right throughout the State and included carnival dates and venues from nine Branches.

BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Wanda Beach, Saturday, January 13, 1962.

The Branch Championships were this season conducted under near ideal weather conditions and the venue of the Wanda Beach left little to be desired from a spectator's viewpoint and also the area for conducting events.

The Wanda Club is to be congratulated upon the prior preparation of the beach and with only a few exceptions, the carnival was conducted without incident.

One particular feature of this carnival worthy of mention at this juncture was the Malibu Board Hot-Dogging Contest which was held as a full part of the Championship Carnival programme and it is felt that this is possibly the first time that such an event has been held at an Association Championship Carnival. The event roused great spectator interest and was conducted quite successfully in a designated area which ensured full viewing by the spectators.

Sea conditions were such that they ensured many thrilling conclusions to events, specially in the boat races.

The Wanda Club is to be further congratulated, particularly their Ladies Committee, for the manner in which they entertained the official guests at the conclusion of the carnival.

Branch Superintendent, Jim Switzer, and his Board of Examiner members were in attendance at an early hour and ensured the successful conducting of all events.

Under will be found the results of the Championships and the Branch again extends its congratulations to those members and clubs who competed so successfully.

Our thanks go to the following donors towards trophies for the Branch Championships - Millers Brewery Pty. Ltd., D.H.A. Limited, Schweppes (Australia) Limited, Daily Mirror Newspaper and Mr. D.C. Lucas.

<u>Senior R. & R.:</u>	1. North Cronulla; 2. Maroubra; 3. Cronulla.
<u>Junior R. & R.:</u>	1. Bondi; 2. North Bondi; 3. Wanda 'A'.
<u>Senior Belt Race:</u>	1. B. Hutchings (Bondi); 2. B. Rodgers (Maroubra); 3. N. Cox (Wanda).
<u>Junior Belt Race:</u>	1. T. Eady (Wanda); 2. G. Elliott (Cronulla); 3. V. Paul (Bondi).
<u>Senior Teams Race:</u>	1. Maroubra 'A'; 2. Bronte; 3. Clovelly.
<u>Junior Teams Race:</u>	1. Bondi 'A'; 2. North Bondi; 3. Coogee.
<u>Senior Surf Race:</u>	1. J. Rodgers (Maroubra); 2. J. Donohoe (Clovelly); 3. B. Ezzy (Cronulla).

- Junior Surf Race: 1. J. Hardie (Clovelly); 2. P. Smiles (Nth Bondi);
3. J. Broadhurst (Coogee).
- March Past: 1. Bronte; 2. North Bondi; 3. Maroubra.
- Cadet Surf Race: 1. R. Hardie (Clovelly); 2. R. Green (Clovelly);
3. R. Goodsell (Clovelly).
- Senior Boat: 1. Bronte 'A'; 2. Maroubra; 3. South Maroubra.
- Junior Boat: 1. North Bondi; 2. Nth Cronulla; 3. Wanda.
- Surf Board: 1. D. Huessner (Maroubra); 2. J. Huessner (Maroubra);
3. A. Menzies (Bronte).
- Single Ski: 1. P. Coles (Nth Bondi); 2. K. Rosewell (Maroubra);
3. B. Hooper (Cronulla).
- Double Ski: 1. Green & Stuart (Maroubra); 2. Cansdell &
Hooper (Cronulla); 3. McGuire & Trouville
(Maroubra) and Thomas & Holmes (Wanda)-Deadheat.
- Beach Sprint: 1. K. Baker (Maroubra); 2. J. Leader (Tamarama);
3. P. Manning (Maroubra).
- Beach Relay: 1. Maroubra; 2. Cronulla; 3. Tamarama.
- Musical Flags: 1. D. O'Brien (Wanda); 2. J. Riley (Nth Cronulla);
3. A. Quigley (Coogee).
- Pillow Fight: 1. T. Fanning (Nth Cronulla); 2. G. Meredyth (Wanda);
3. A. Metti (Bondi).
- Open Surf Race (Non Championship): 1. I. Thompson (Cronulla);
2. R. Foster (Bronte); 3. P. Halyard (Cronulla).
- Malibu Board Display: 1. R.E. Brown (Wanda); 2. C. Davis (Bronte);
3. R. Sutherland (Cronulla).

N.S.W. STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS,

Manly Beach, January 27, 1962.

The State Championships this year were conducted at the Manly Beach in the Manly-Warringah Branch and our congratulations are extended to the organisers in the Manly club and also to the State Superintendent, Mr. Lionel McDonald, and his Board of Examiner officials for a fine carnival well conducted.

Certain mishaps occurred throughout the day and undue delays were experienced with respect to certain events, but however, the overall spectacle of the carnival was most pleasing from a spectator's point of view and was well attended of course by clubs from the Sydney Branch.

It is interesting to note the outstanding success of the Sydney Branch competitors at the Championships and an unofficial point score taken from the results shows that Sydney Branch is undoubtedly the strongest competitive Branch in the State and very possibly, in Australia.

Particularly are these statements worthy of note when one bears in mind the gloomy forecasts which were predicted for the Branch follow-

ing the departure of the Manly-Warringah clubs.

Points were allocated on a system of 3-2-1 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places, results being as under:

Sydney Branch	40 points	22 placings
Newcastle Branch	19 "	8 "
Manly-Warringah Branch	19 "	9 "
Illawarra Branch	18 "	9 "
Central Coast Branch	5 "	2 "

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS and AUSTRALIAN INTERCLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Australian National Championships were conducted at Hobart Carlton Beach in Tasmania on Sunday, February 25, in the presence of His Excellency, Lord Rowallan, the Governor of Tasmania.

Beach conditions ensured a successful carnival and the weather conditions were found to be satisfactory.

A most pleasing feature, from a N.S.W. and a Sydney Branch point of view, of this carnival was the success of the N.S.W. team in defeating all other states to become the Premier State for the 1961-62 season. N.S.W. won both the outright Championship pointscore with a total of 66 points and also won the handicap pointscore with a total of 77 points. A number of Sydney Branch members were in the complement of the team and we again congratulate these gentlemen and, indeed, the entire team upon their successes on this occasion.

Particular mention should be made and congratulations extended to the Manager and Coach of the team, Mr. W. Foerster and Mr. H. McDonald respectively. These two gentlemen spared no effort in ensuring that the team was trained in preparation for this most important carnival and also that they were completely outfitted in a fashion which would befit the state of N.S.W.

Our congratulations are also extended to the other States who gained places in the events, they being, on the outright pointscore, Queensland second, Victoria third, W.A. fourth, Tasmania fifth and S.A. sixth.

The Australian Interclub Championships were conducted at West Beach, Burnie, Tasmania, on Sunday, March 4, 1962.

It is to be regretted that rather windy and inclement weather marred the conducting of the second of these carnivals, but despite such adverse conditions, some 10,000 members of the general public attended the carnival.

Sydney clubs were represented in strength at these carnivals despite

the enormous cost involved in transporting the teams and equipment to Tasmania. Our congratulations are extended to all those individuals and clubs who competed so successfully and it is pleasing to see the large number of placings which have been credited to Sydney Branch. Under will be found a list of the Branch competitors and clubs who competed so successfully.

Australian Championships:

Junior R. & R.: Bondi, 2.
 Belt Race: B. Rodgers (Maroubra), 2.
 Junior Surf Teams: North Bondi, 2; Bondi, 3.
 Surf Race: J. Donohoe (Clovelly), 2.
 Junior Surf Race: G. Elliott (Cronulla), 3.
 March Past: Maroubra, 3.
 Senior Boat: Wanda, 1; Cronulla, 3.
 Surf Board: D. Huessner (Maroubra), 1.
 Single Ski: P. Coles (Nth Bondi), 2; B. Stuart (Maroubra), 3.
 Double Ski: D. Green and B. Stuart (Maroubra), 1.
 Musical Flags: J. Loder (Tamarama), 1; H. Brown (Nth Cronulla), 3.
 Pillow Fight: G. McDougall (Nth Cronulla), 3.
 Open Surf Race (Non Championship): J. Rodgers (Maroubra), 2.
 Open Surf Race, Junior, (Non Championship): V. Paul (Bondi), 2.
 Wilhelmsen Surf Boat Contest: Maroubra D-H 3.

Interstate Events:

Interstate Boat Race: N.S.W., 1.
 Aust. - West Pacific Surf Boat Trophy - N.S.W., 1.
 Surf Boat Race: Wanda, 3.
 Single Ski: B. Trouville (Maroubra), 2; P. Coles (Nth Bondi), 3.
 Double Ski: D. Green & B. Stuart (Maroubra), 1;
 B. Trouville & D. Maguire (Maroubra), 3.
 Open Surf Race: I. Thompson, (Cronulla), 1.
 Junior Surf Race: G. Elliott (Cronulla), 1; D. Murray (Cronulla), 2;
 R. Telfer (Cronulla), 3.
 Pillow Fight: R. Ward (Garie), 3.
 Chariot Race: Cronulla, 1.

COMING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Sydney Branch Championships, 1962-63: January 19, 1963 - Saturday -
 Venue - Club to be selected.

N.S.W. State Championships, 1962-63: February 9, 1963 - Saturday -
 Venue - Port Kembla.

Australian Championships, 1962-63: March 9, 1963 - Saturday -
 Interstate events.
 Venue - Warrnambool, Victoria.
 March 10, 1963 - Sunday -
 Interclub events.
 Venue - Warrnambool, Victoria.
Australian Championships, 1963-64: Date to be decided.
 Venue - Collaroy, N.S.W.

DONORS AND COMPETITIONS.B.P. Boat.

This season, the Branch was pleased to receive the third of these trophies, having been allocated by B.P. Australia to the Association the current trophy being a fully equipped surf boat.

Following upon discussion towards the close of last season, it was decided that the boat should be contested for amongst the clubs on a general efficiency and gear standard basis.

A number of inspection committees were elected and they visited beaches upon unscheduled dates and examined the members on patrol for their general knowledge of handbook matters and also examined club equipment, etc.

It became obvious during the conducting of the competition that despite handicapping, the style of contest favoured the smaller clubs over the larger clubs, but this should in no way detract from the congratulations of the Branch and its clubs to the ultimate winner, Burning Palms, with a total of 416 points from a possible of 440.

The answer to the success of the smaller clubs would possibly lay closer to the statement that they were able to organise and instruct their members more thoroughly than were the larger clubs.

The Inspection Committees submitted to the Branch regular reports upon their inspection findings and these reports were summarised and circulated to the clubs. It became obvious that certain categories left a great deal to be desired amongst the clubs, particularly so were the standards of resuscitation and also the fundamental knowledge of the equipment used by the patrols.

Our thanks and appreciation once again are extended to British Petroleum Australia Limited for their wonderful support of this Association over the past three years, in which time they have given a total of £18,000 of equipment to the Association throughout Australia and especially pleased are we to note that they have again made a further donation which will enable a continuation of the competitions for an extension of time.

It is understood that three additional boats have been allocated to N.S.W. and the dispersement of these boats is not yet known to the Branches.

Other placegetters in the competition are to be congratulated and hereafter will be set out the individual results of all clubs and the points awarded.

Results - B.P. Boat Competition:

Burning Palms	416.0 points	Coogee	286.0 points
Era	383.0 "	South Maroubra	277.0 "
Garie	373.5 "	Malabar	269.5 "
Clovelly	359.5 "	North Bondi	266.0 "
North Cronulla	325.5 "	Maroubra	262.0 "
Wanda	323.5 "	Bondi	258.0 "
Cronulla	321.5 "	Tamarama	218.5 "
Bronte	310.0 "		

Millers Brewery Pty. Ltd., Donation.

Our very sincere appreciation is again extended to the General Manager of Millers Brewery Pty. Ltd., Mr. Alce, for his continued support of this Branch in a most tangible fashion, in particular with respect to the acquiring of trophies for the Branch Championships. This financial assistance thereby enabled the Branch to turn what has been a financial loss in previous years into a very welcome profit.

D.C. Lucas Trophy.

As mentioned elsewhere, the Deputy President, Mr. D.C. Lucas, made available a trophy for the winner of the Branch Annual Gear Inspection and our thanks and appreciation are extended to Mr. Lucas for his continued interest and support in this regard.

Mr. Lucas also made available a trophy for the winner of the March Past Event at the Branch Championships and to the successful club, Bronte, we again extend our congratulations.

Daily Mirror Trophy.

As in previous seasons, the Daily Mirror Newspaper has kindly made available a trophy for competition at the Branch Championships, being allocated upon a general pointscore for all events conducted throughout the day.

It is pleasing to report that last year's winner, Maroubra S.L.S.C., was again successful this season and our congratulations are extended to Maroubra and its competitors who competed so successfully upon the day.

Our appreciation is also extended to the Daily Mirror Newspaper for their continued support and interest in our activities.

Miss Gidget Competition, 1962.

Following upon the previously successful Miss Gidget competition conducted some seasons ago, the Branch was again approached by Greater Union Theatres and Columbia Pictures to conduct a Miss Gidget Competition to coincide with the local release of a film.

Clubs gave this matter their enthusiastic support and conducted film nights at local theatres besides having a large representation at the Premiere.

To the successful club who nominated a Miss Gidget for 1962, Tamarama S.L.S.C., we extend our congratulations.

The sponsors of the contest also made available for ballot between represented clubs a fully equipped surf reel and to the winners, Burning Palms, we also extend our congratulations.

Our appreciation is extended to Greater Union Theatres and Columbia Pictures and, in particular, to the Sun Newspaper for their continued interest and support of this Association.

Special mention must be made of the Deputy President, Mr. D.C. Lucas, who did so much work in this Miss Gidget Competition and its ultimate success is due, in no small fashion, to Mr. Lucas' efforts.

MANLY-WARRINGAH AND SYDNEY BRANCH CARNIVAL.

The Sydney and Manly-Warringah Branches have been discussing for some considerable time the proposal to conduct an inter-branch carnival during the currency of the season.

The matter almost reached a conclusion last season and was rejected by the Sydney Branch in the form that it had been suggested and the matter was then re-opened for what we anticipated would be more full and more detailed discussions of what was proposed.

The Sydney Branch drew up a list of proposals and submitted them to the Manly-Warringah Branch with the request that they have a number of representatives to meet a similar number from Sydney Branch, at which time the matter could be finalised and final proposals drafted for both Branches.

At the time this report goes to print, we have been awaiting the advice of the Manly-Warringah Branch for some months and it is unfortunate that the allocation of carnivals for the season 1962-63 will apparently now be done without any reservation of a date or calling for the venue of the holding of such a carnival.

The Sydney Branch proposed, amongst other matters, that the carnival

should be conducted on a championship basis with entries being called, trophies being awarded and the carnival, in effect, being conducted as a full championship carnival to be known, amongst other suggested titles, as 'The Metropolitan Area Surf Championships'. However, all these matters are apparently still under discussion in Manly-Warringah and it does seem unlikely that the carnival will be conducted in the coming season.

STATE MALIBU BOARD COMMITTEE.

Some time past, the N.S.W. State Centre set up a committee to investigate the alleged inroads into club membership that were being made by board-riding clubs or groups and also, to a lesser extent, by water skiing clubs and groups.

The water skiing aspect was most difficult to estimate and shortly after the committee originally met, this section was dropped from their terms of reference.

Considerable investigation has been carried out on the Malibu board question and whilst it is obvious that it is only one phase of an overall pattern of declining membership, in comparison to increases in population, etc., the committee recommended that some urgent attention should be paid to this growing menace.

It should be understood that the committee themselves do not condemn the board riders who, in many cases, are young teenagers and have acquired their board and, after finding the thrill of the surf, without any of the obligations of a surf club, have naturally continued in their chosen fashion. However, the committee feels that some attempt should be made for the Association to introduce competition for these riders and we feel that since their competition is at the moment not particularly well organised and not frequently held, the Association may be able to capitalise on this before it is too late.

International rules of surfboard riding contests were consulted and a number of regulations have been drawn up for submission to the State Centre and we trust, ultimate adoption throughout this State and possibly interstate as well.

It would be of paramount importance in the effort to try to curb the inroads board riding is making into our clubs, that we present some uniform set of rules and conditions throughout the Association.

It is to be regretted that many members of the Association itself refuse to recognise the fact that 18,000 board riders in the Sydney Metropolitan Area alone, can constitute a menace to our clubs and the whole question is not receiving the urgent consideration and co-operation it should.

As mentioned elsewhere, the Sydney Branch conducted a Malibu Board

riding Championship along 'hot-dogging' lines at its Branch Championship Carnival and the event was held quite successfully. A number of other Branches throughout the year conducted contests with varying degrees of success and we feel that if persevered with and if given prominence along with other events at carnivals, or in the staging of exclusive board riding carnivals, then some steps can be taken in the answering of this question.

BEACH FOOTBALL.

The beach football season for 1962 has now been concluded and was a most interesting competition, well contested by all clubs. The season commenced with the following clubs taking part - Dee Why, Collaroy, Bondi, North Bondi, Maroubra, Bronte and Clovelly.

Mr. Dick McPhillips, who for many years has given the beach football his enthusiastic and tangible support, again expressed his interest in doing more than maintaining the perpetual trophy and donated a fully-equipped surf reel to the winning club.

As this report goes to print, the Grand Finals have now been concluded with the Bondi club being successful.

A disconcerting feature of the competition this year was in the increase in insurance premiums by the Government Insurance Office, such fees increasing from £10 to £20 per team, which is £2 per head for the season and this increase in their commitments was found to be difficult by the clubs.

Our congratulations are extended to the Officers of the beach football competition - Mr. Frank Norton, Chairman; Mr. John Vesper, Secretary; and Mr. Ted Lee, Recorder; and in particular to our referee panel for their co-operation and assistance throughout the season.

Special mention must of course be made again of Mr. Dick McPhillips, who has taken such a lively interest in the beach football since it was originated in the Sydney Branch some years past.

To all these gentlemen, we again say, "Thank you".

COUNCIL ON LIFESAVING TECHNIQUES, N.S.W.

During the year, the above Council was formed as a direct result of instructions and recommendations carried by the International Convention on Lifesaving Techniques held in Sydney in 1960. It was pleasing to note that the Deputy President of Sydney Branch, Mr. D.C. Lucas, has been elected as Secretary of this Council and to this gentleman and to the other Surf Association Officials who have accepted office on the Council, we extend our congratulations and trust for a fruitful future for the body.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Throughout the years, certain members have distinguished themselves by their outstanding services to the Association and their devotion to its ideals. The Association honours such men by bestowing upon them the coveted office of Life Member.

Our Life Members are -

Besemo, V.	McRorie, J.
Castleman, A.	Mack, C.
Crain, W.	Meagher, T.
Curlewis, Judge A.	Michaelis, R.
Dempster, J.	Moran, T.
Foerster, W.	Moroney, R.
Hayton, N.	Olson, A.
Hodge, J.	Purcell, A.
Johnson, G.	Small, H.
Lindsay, G.	Turner, L.
Loton, A.	Watson, K.
Lucas, D.	Williams, G.
McDonald, L.	Williams, V.
McKenna, R.	Wilson, G.

Our congratulations and apologies are extended to Mr. W. Crain, who gained Life Membership before the previous Annual Report, but owing to a typographical error, was omitted. Mr. Crain's activities in this Association, particularly his valued opinions and advice in legal matters, are well known throughout the Association and we are pleased to congratulate him and welcome him to the ranks of Life Members of the Sydney Branch.

Congratulations are extended to Board of Examiner member, Mr. Bob McKenna, for his elevation to Life Membership of the Branch at its last Annual General Meeting, an honour well deserved.

BRANCH COCKTAIL PARTY.

City Tattersalls Club, Venetian Room, July 20, 1962.

Following upon resolutions carried at the Branch Council, a cocktail party was organised along similar lines to previous years and it was most pleasing to see the large number of club members and official guests who gathered on this occasion.

Approximately 80 members were present, including seven official guests, representing the firms of Millers Brewery Pty. Ltd., Dick's Shoe Stores, Jantzen (Australia) Limited and British Petroleum. A presentation was made by the President, Mr. Loton, to these donors, of a set of glasses bearing the badge of the Sydney Branch and all recipients suitably replied.

We extend our appreciation to Mr. Jack Sullivan, the Secretary of the City Tattersalls Club for his co-operation in the organisation of this function.

LIFESAVERS' WEEK.

During the season, a most enthusiastic committee, comprising the Deputy President, Mr. D.C. Lucas; the Branch Superintendent, Mr. J. Switzer; the Branch Registrar, Mr. H. Brown; the Assistant Secretary, Mr. M. Magee; Board of Examiner members, Messrs. K. Andrews and P. Ainsworth; and a delegate from the North Cronulla club, Mr. J. Bourne, were elected by the Branch to bring down recommendations re the conducting of Lifesavers' Week.

In the past, it has been obvious that the Lifesavers' Week has done little to focus public attention upon the clubs or upon the various themes adopted, such as 'Surf Safely this Summer', 'Learn Resuscitation', etc.

The committee have now recommended that Lifesavers' Week for 1962 should be conducted between 10th and 17th November and the previous decision of the Branch Council that we would not again hold a procession through the city streets has been reiterated. A number of displays are being sponsored by business houses with a view to attracting members into the surf clubs and also quantities of handbills are being prepared for general distribution by the clubs during their own displays, such leaflets setting out brief requirements of membership and names and addresses of where further enquiries can be made.

Approaches are also being made to the daily press to give this matter their support and together with the co-operation that has already been extended by the clubs, we trust that Lifesavers' Week in 1962 will be the most successful yet.

LONG SERVICE AWARD.

Throughout the season, discussion has taken place between the Branches, State Centre and the National Council, re the introduction of a Long Service Award. This suggestion originally arose as a 25 year service club and was intended to be available to members who were possibly ineligible for obtaining Life Membership, but nevertheless their outstanding service over a long period of time was worthy of some special recognition from the Surf Association.

The National Council have indicated that they will make the award and clubs have been requested to submit the names and the records of members whom they wish to nominate for the receipt of this Long Service Award. It is understood that a badge is being struck and will be worn by all the members of this 25 year service group.

INSURANCE.

The Insurance scheme has continued to be maintained by the National Council and the N.S.W. State Centre with the Government Insurance Office.

Benefits of this scheme have continued to be paid to the Association members upon the correct procedure being observed.

The Branch Insurance Officer, Mr. Alan Wingrove, has carried out his duties to a high standard and it was with deep regret that the Branch accepted his resignation during the latter part of the season.

Following Mr. Wingrove's resignation, it was resolved that we would not call for nominations for the position at that stage and the Branch Secretary has undertaken to continue the duties of Insurance Officer in the intervening time.

FINANCE.

The financial affairs of the Branch have been very capably administered by the Treasurer, Mr. John Needham and his assistant, Mr. A. Paterson.

John has now completed his first year in this office and holds a similar position in the Wanda S.L.S.C.

Archie (Banjo) Paterson needs no introduction to the members of this Branch, having been a long-standing Vice-President and also having held executive office in the Bronte S.L.S.C. for a near-record period of time.

The Branch is appreciative of the diligent attention to their duties of these two members and the financial statement which has been set out following, bears careful scrutiny, since it again shows a deficit, a continuation of the trend which has now been in progress for some years.

Careful consideration shall have to be given to the financial affairs of the Branch early next season and the answer does not apparently lay in again cutting expenditure and endeavouring to save on matters, since we are then faced with the choice of either administering a well organised Branch, or of curtailing our expenditures to such an extent that we can no longer claim to be the administrative body in this area. The answer would obviously lay in seeking additional finance, either from the State grant or from donors or by conducting one of a number of fund-raising programmes our clubs and other Associations do so successfully.

SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY BRANCH

STATEMENT NO. 1

BALANCE SHEET as at JUNE 30, 1962

<u>Our Assets were -</u>	1962 £	1961 £
Cash on Hand and Deposits	16. 1. 4	41.15. 0
Cash at Bank:		
Current Account	911.14. 9	632. 2. 5
Jubilée Appeal Account	542. 1. 8	522.17. 7
Sundry Debtors	343. 0. 3	1,460.10.10
Stop Watches, Binoculars and Carnival Gear (At Valuation less Depreciation)	195. 8. 3	180. 0. 0
Office Furniture, Fittings & Equipment (At Cost less Depreciation)	158. 2. 0	186. 0. 0
	<u>£2,166. 8. 3</u>	<u>£3,023. 5.10</u>

From which must be deducted our Liabilities -

Sundry Creditors	165. 7. 2	233. 7.10
	<u>£2,001. 1. 1</u>	<u>£2,789.18. 0</u>

This is represented by Accumulated Funds:

Balance as at June 30, 1961	2,789.18. 0	2,736.15. 4
Less: Excess of Expenditure over Income (as per Statement No.2)	788.16.11	516.17. 4
	2,001. 1. 1	2,219.18. 0
Add: Profit on sale of tiered seating	-	570. 0. 0
	<u>£2,001. 1. 1</u>	<u>£2,789.18. 0</u>

A.R. Loton G.B. Staunton J. Needham
President Hon. Secretary Treasurer

AUDITORS' REPORT

We report that we have examined the Books of Account and Vouchers of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia, Sydney Branch, for the year ended June 30, 1962, and that we have obtained all the information and explanations required by us. In our opinion the above Balance Sheet and attached Income and Expenditure Account are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Sydney Branch as at June 30, 1962, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the Books of the Branch.

Sydney, August 31, 1962.

B. Pitt B. Mortensen Hon. Auditors.

SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIASYDNEY BRANCHSTATEMENT NO. 2INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1962.Our Income was -

	1962	1961
	£	£
From:		
Affiliation Fees	63. 0. 0	63. 0. 0
Capitation Fees	228.12. 0	262. 6. 0
Donations	42. 7. 0	285. 4. 0
Bank Interest	50. 4. 6	24.16. 3
Examination Fees	95.10. 0	70. 5. 0
Profit on Sale of Gear	-	5. 5.11
Gear Hire	-	13.18. 8
N.S.W. State Government Grant	319.15. 0	300. 0. 0
Profit on Metropolitan Carnival	55.19. 6	-
Carnival charges	30. 0. 0	-
Sundry Income	12.14. 0	-
	<u>£898. 2. 0</u>	<u>£1,024.15.10</u>

From which must be Deducted our Expenses -Of:-

General Expenses	57.14. 7	66.18. 1
Allowances for Gear & Handbook Returns		
ex 1961	66. 3. 6	-
Electricity	2. 5. 0	-
Examination & Instructional Expenses	89.16. 3	54.15.10
Badges and Boat Signal Boards	52.11. 0	-
Insurance	1.13. 0	-
Postages	72.19.11	126. 4. 8
Printing and Stationery	375. 0. 4	292. 4. 0
Repairs and Maintenance	30.19. 6	-
Rent	151. 3. 9	166. 1. 4
Salaries	-	531. 0. 0
Secretary's Allowance	594.16. 8	130. 0. 0
Telephone	136.17. 5	126.12.10
Depreciation	54.18. 0	44.11. 2
Loss on Metropolitan Carnival	-	3. 5. 3
	<u>£1,686.18.11</u>	<u>£1,541.13. 2</u>

Leaving an excess of Expenditure over

Income which is deducted from

Accumulated Funds on Statement No.1

£788.16.11£516.17. 4

THANKS AND APPRECIATION are extended to

The Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of New South Wales for their financial assistance to our Association.

Local Government bodies for their support of our clubs and the Branch.

The Government Insurance Office for their efficient handling of our claims.

Our Auditors, Messrs. B. Pitt and B. Mortensen, for their precise and able audit of our books.

Mr. R. Bunt, Advertising Manager of Jantzen (Australia) Limited for his ready assistance on many occasions and in particular with respect to the printing of the carnival fixture cards.

The business houses of D.H.A. and Schweppes for their financial assistance with respect to trophies at the Branch Championships.

Mr. J. O'Reilly, Honorary Assistant Secretary of N.S.W. State Centre and National Council, for his co-operation and interest at all times.

Messrs. H. Brown and B. Crisp, the Branch Registrar and Assistant Registrar, whose efforts have ensured that a precise and correct record is kept of the awards gained by our member clubs.

Mrs. Joan Vaughan, wife of our most efficient Board Secretary, for her most valuable assistance in the preparation of the Board circulars and in many other matters.

Mr. 'Monty' George for his efforts in the field of publicity and trusting that he makes a speedy recovery from his recent illness.

The Officers of the N.S.W. State Centre for their individual assistance and co-operation on many occasions.

All Companies and Citizens who donated so generously towards the activities of the Association and our clubs.

Mr. R. Moroney, Branch Reel Inspector, who has given unselfishly of his time and inspected all surf reels manufactured in this Branch throughout the season.

Mr. A. 'Ike' Moseley, for his numerous and tiresome duties, particularly as Branch Gear Steward and Belt Inspector.

Mr. George Challis, for his competent handling of the duties of Boat Inspector.

Mr. Jack Hopper and Mr. Hec. McDonald, Secretary and Superintendent respectively of the Manly-Warringah Branch for their co-operation on many occasions.

Mr. W.A.T. Crain, Hon. Legal Officer, who has carried out his numerous duties in the Association and particularly within this Branch, with a high degree of efficiency that we have come to expect from this gentleman.

In conclusion, I extend my personal thanks to my assistant secretary, Mr. 'Mike' Magee, who has carried out all his duties in a competent fashion and has assisted me personally on numerous occasions. In particular, I extend my thanks to our able President, Mr. Alf Loton, who has given his ready assistance and guidance on many occasions and made my task so much lighter. To the Deputy President, Mr. Don Lucas, I extend my personal thanks, along with the thanks of each and every member of the Branch for his tireless efforts in many regards.

It is to be regretted that during the latter part of the season, I was beset by numerous difficulties that forbid my attendance at a large number of club functions which I would normally attend and also for the first time in some years, I was forced to apologise for a number of Association meetings. I do particularly thank the Officers who assisted me during these times and I trust that such difficulties will shortly be overcome and will allow a complete resumption of activities and interest in the Association's affairs.

Finally, to all Association Officers, Club Delegates and members, who, by their ready assistance, have contributed towards the efficient conducting of Branch affairs.

On behalf of the Branch Council,

G.B. STAUNTON,

Honorary Secretary, Sydney Branch,
S.L.S.A. of A.

ADDENDUM

I wish to thank all Officers of the Branch and the Board of Examiners for the efficient manner in which they have carried out their duties, particularly the Secretary, Mr. G.B. Staunton, the Branch Superintendent, Mr. J. Switzer and the Board Secretary, Mr. J. Vaughan.

A.R. LOTON,
President,
S.L.S.A. of A., Sydney Branch.

CLUBS, RESCUES, AWARDS, CLUB GEAR, MEMBERSHIP
SYDNEY BRANCH, SEASON 1961-62

Clubs	Surf Rescues				First Aid	Surf Awards						Approx. Value Club Gear £	Membership					Year Club Formed
	With life line	With boat	Other Gear	Without line		Bronze	Instructors	Q.C.	Grand Total to date				Active	Reserve Active	Cadet	Associate	Total	
									Bronze	Instruct- ors	Q.C.							
Bondi	75	2	7	66	8	16	7	8	1126	237	275	1611	130	26	17	130	303	1906
Bronte	49	1	2	22	5	14	3	2	901	139	98	375	172	119	18	67	376	1903
Burning Palms	1	-	2	3	24	5	1	-	89	10	7	1198	19	-	-	53	72	1939
Clovelly	-	-	2	10	305	6	4	4	509	81	60	400	81	22	13	82	198	1906
Coogee	25	4	2	15	-	19	11	14	1231	164	173	646	101	129	46	227	503	1907
Cronulla	61	7	-	627	1863	26	5	15	1115	205	250	2142	133	83	44	268	528	1907
Era	5	-	-	2	29	13	2	-	168	38	13	800	39	2	1	51	93	1937
Garie	14	-	2	-	48	14	-	3	184	42	21	480	54	21	4	11	90	1938
Malabar	-	-	-	7	97	-	-	-	171	43	27	500	13	1	33	3	50	1949
Maroubra	95	4	16	60	30	14	2	5	893	161	88	3000	142	151	12	100	405	1906
North Bondi	174	14	-	37	-	25	4	22	1070	179	119	1000	138	145	34	125	442	1907
North Cronulla	180	16	16	123	8	38	10	21	951	198	154	1310	199	45	33	19	296	1946
Sth Maroubra	62	-	4	83	12	7	2	1	37	5	4	800	55	1	12	8	76	1959
Tamarama	51	-	-	8	60	8	-	-	346	49	62	287	93	36	5	39	173	1906
Wanda	42	1	-	25	169	19	3	2	325	54	75	1200	157	27	-	11	195	1946
1961-62 TOTAL:	834	49	53	1088	2658	224	54	97	9116	1605	1426	15749	1526	808	272	1194	3800	
1960-61 Total:	713	64	81	514	3129	301	55	85	8892	1551	1229	31158	1531	950	184	992	3357	