



SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION
OF AUSTRALIA

FOURTEENTH

ANNUAL: REPORT:

and

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEASON 1962-63

"Vigilance and Service"

SYDNEY BRANCH

SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

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Notice is hereby given that the 14th Annual General Meeting of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia, Sydney Branch, will be held in the Bondi Surf Bathers Life Saving Club House, Bondi Beach, on Tuesday, September 3, 1963, commencing at 7 p.m.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of the 13th Annual General Meeting, held on Tuesday, September 11, 1962. (Minutes of the 13th Annual General Meeting have previously been circulated and on a motion carried at the Branch Council, a recommendation has been made for their adoption.)
2. Club affiliations and accreditation of Club Delegates.
3. Apologies.
4. Presentation of 14th Annual Report for Season 1962-63.
5. Presentation of Audited Financial Statement for Season 1962-63.
6. Election of Officers.
7. Election of Committees.
8. Confirmation of Board of Examiners' Officers and Committees.
9. Motions of which due notice has been given.
10. General Business -
 - (a) Correspondence
 - (b) Reports
 - (c) As may occur

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

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OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

SEASON 1962-63

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. Ferguson, Royal National Park Trust
K. Ellis, M.L.A.
D. Curtin, M.H.R.
G. Cox, M.L.A.
Hon. A. Landa, M.L.A.
I. Griffiths, M.L.A.
L. Johnson, M.H.R.
W. Aston, M.H.R.
Hon. C. Kelly, M.L.A.
Hon. J. Renshaw, M.L.A.
Hon. R. Heffron, M.L.A.
Judge A. Curlewis
Sir Norman Nock
Sir Edward Hallstrom

R. McPhillips
J. Jennings
F.J. Palmer
L.J. Hooker
C.O.J. Monro
W. Stephenson
W. Walkley
W. Fairfax
A. McRae
D. Pearse
R. Bunt
C. Zahara
H. Alce
Representatives of -
Schweppes Aust. Ltd.
Slazengers (Aust.) Pty. Ltd.

President

A.R. Loton

Deputy President

D.C. Lucas

Vice-Presidents

W. Crain, J. Marsden, J. Pearson, J. Perryman
and Presidents of all Affiliated Clubs

Trustees

W. Crain, A. Loton, G. Staunton

Hon. Secretary

G.B. Staunton

Hon. Assistant Secretary
M. Magee (Resigned March)
J. Vaughan (Elect. April)

Hon. Legal Officer
W. Crain

Hon. Treasurer
K. Lonsdale

Hon. Publicity Officer
M. George

Hon. Assistant Treasurer
J. Needham

Hon. Branch Superintendent
J. Switzer

Hon. Registrar
H. Brown

Hon. Deputy Branch Superintendent
A. Moseley

Hon. Assistant Registrar
A. Jordan

Hon. Secretary, Board of Examiners
J. Vaughan

Hon. Insurance Officer
B. Regan

Hon. Auditors
B. Mortensen, B. Pitt

Hon. District Supervisors
No.1 Dist. - R. Liddle (Dec'd March)
J. Casey (Elect. April)
No.2 Dist. - P. Ainsworth
No.3 Dist. - J. Wardall
No.4 Dist. - B. Walker

Hon. Assistant District Supervisors
No.1 Dist. - J. Casey
No.2 Dist. - R. Sargeant
No.3 Dist. - A. Kelly
No.4 Dist. - W. Young

Hon. Boat Inspector
G. Challis

Hon. Gear Steward
A. Moseley

Delegates to N.S.W. State Centre
W.A. Crain (Council), G.B. Staunton (Council and Management)

Executive - Delegates
C. Christensen (Nth Bondi), E. Lawler (Maroubra), R. McClelland (B.Palms),
F. Osborne (Era), R. Steeles (Wanda)

Hon. Medical Advisors
Doctors B. Clifton, G. Cummins, Elliot-Smith, R. Gray, N. Hing,
R. Holland, S. Watson

Points Recorders
D. Miller, K. Messenger

Judiciary Committee
R. Buist, *W. Crain, D. Lucas, J. Marsden, G. Staunton.

Life Membership Committee
*A. Loton, D. Lucas, J. Marsden, J. Switzer, J. Vaughan.

Boat Committee

H. Brown, *G. Challis, D. Fryer, N. Oliver, L. Trim.

Constitution Committee

*W. Crain, A. Loton, J. Switzer.

Gear Improvement Committee

P. Ainsworth, G. Challis, J. Marsden, A. Moseley, R. Sargeant, E. Stephens,
*J. Switzer

Branch Selection Committee

P. Ainsworth, J. Marsden, A. Moseley, J. Switzer, *J. Vaughan.

Competition Conditions Committee

P. Ainsworth, D. Lucas, A. Moseley, J. Switzer, *J. Vaughan.

Finance, Purchases & Contracts Committee

E. Lawler, *K. Lonsdale, A. Loton, D. Lucas, J. Needham.

Resuscitation Committee

L. Buck, J. Casey, D. Lucas, *J. Marsden, A. Moseley, J. Switzer, J. Wardall.

Meritorious Awards Committee

L. Johnson, D. Lucas, *R. McKenna, J. Marsden, A. Moseley, J. Switzer,
J. Vaughan.

Gear Inspection Committee

P. Ainsworth, E. Brooker, J. Brown, J. Casey, C. Christiansen, J. Cooksley,
G. Johnson, A. Jordan, *D. Lucas, L. McNamara, M. Moroney, A. Moseley,
R. Sargeant, B. Walker.

Beach Football

President: F. Norton

Hon. Secretary: G. Staunton

*Convenor.

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

FOREWORD

Although the following report sets out the work of this Branch of the Association from an administrative and instructional angle, it is pleasing to reflect that behind all this, the work of our Clubs has greatly benefitted the country at large.

It appears to me that there is a good influx of young members into our Clubs and that these young men are looking to the older and more experienced members for guidance and help in carrying out the work of the Association.

The co-ordination of both these sections is required in the Clubs. In between lies a gap caused by medallion holders relinquishing their membership for various reasons at an earlier age than in years gone by and this greater turnover in membership could perhaps be bridged if ways and means could be found to make "Club life" more attractive to members in this age group.

The report indicates a year of honest endeavour in this Branch of the Association.

A.R. LOTON,

President

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

REPORT

Although the following report sets out the work of this Branch of the Association from an administrative and financial angle, it is pleasing to reflect that behind all this, the work of our Club has greatly benefited the country at large.

It appears to me that there is a need for more members than our Club has at present, and we are looking for the older and more experienced members for guidance and help in carrying out the work of the Association.

The co-ordination of both these sections is regulated in the Club. In between these two sections, the Club is endeavouring to maintain a balance between the two sections. It is hoped that this report will be of some assistance to the members in this regard.

The report indicates a year of honest endeavour in this Branch of the Association. It is hoped that the members will find it of some assistance in their work.

President

S.E.A. of A. Sydney Branch.

SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY BRANCH

A N N U A L R E P O R T

To be presented to the 14th Annual General Meeting of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia, Sydney Branch, to be held in the Bondi Surf Bathing Life Saving Club House, Bondi Beach, on Tuesday, September 3, 1963, commencing at 7 p.m.

Mr. President,

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting for your perusal and intended adoption this, the 14th Annual Report of the Sydney Branch.

The Season has seen many difficulties beset the Branch and it is of great personal satisfaction to advise that the Officers and members have met each trial, examined it individually and, to the large extent, overcome it to our satisfaction.

The preceding year has seen a number of matters of great importance being discussed by this Branch, the State Centre and the National Council and has also been a year of many alterations; we have witnessed the closing of the Association Rooms in Hunter Street, the non-participation of a N.S.W. Team in the Interstate Contests and moves being instituted for an altered representation on the National Council.

The Sydney Branch Annual Report in the past has been subject to certain criticisms because it has consistently drawn attention to the declining memberships of the Clubs and of the lack of drive in many of the activities of the Association. The writer has repeated in the past and can only repeat again that the vital statistics of this Association do not show a substantial increase from one year to another and accordingly, they must be subject annually to the most thorough examination.

In a material age such as ours, it is not sufficient to be complacent about matters and by and large, we are finding that more and more of the youth of to-day are turning their back upon the companionship and the spirit of public service for which the surfing movement has become world renowned and are turning to their own pleasures and to the other environments which offer less restraint and less discipline. I am not, of course, denying the large numbers and the many thousands of young Australians who annually join the surfing movement and find in it the fulfillment of personal satisfaction for carrying out a public service

and also find the exhilaration of the organised competition and the companionship which only Club members can explain.

The writer feels that it is true that the surfing movement stands at the crossroads and enlightened leadership will be necessary to guide it in the future if we are to say confidently and we are to build upon the assumption that the movement will still be in existence and flourishing 20 years hence.

It will be noted that the Annual Report is being presented in a style similar to last Season and the corresponding financial saving is, I feel, sufficient justification for such a method of publishing.

I have set out the important items which occurred during the year in the manner which 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 Season 1962-63.

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.

Meetings up to the August Council were held in the Association Rooms, Hunter Street, and following upon the closure of those premises, the Council has met upon one occasion in the Public Service Association Building in Castlereagh Street and plans are in hand for future meetings to be held in the Aquatic Club, Riley Street, Sydney.

We are indeed grateful for the interest and hospitality extended to us by His Honour Judge Harvey Prior and the members of the Aquatic Club for the invitation to hold the Board of Examiners and Branch Council monthly meetings in their Board Room.

An enormous number of matters have been finalised at the Branch Council and a pleasing feature has been the regular submission of reports from the Officers and Committees to these meetings. The attendance record of Delegates and Officers has been of a comparatively high standard, but in a number of cases, a great deal is left to be desired and in the instance of some Clubs, they have been virtually unrepresented in the Branch Council at all. We again request all Clubs to elect to the position of Delegate to the S.L.S.A. of A. competent Delegates and to take the precaution of calling for monthly reports from these Delegates and thus ensure that Clubs are kept abreast of the latest developments.

The Branch monthly circular has continued to be the main method of contact between the Branch and the Clubs and matters of general interest have been promulgated in this fashion. Club Delegates, however, are urged to contact their own Clubs immediately after a Council meeting on

matters of pressing importance and even to ensure that their Club Secretaries contact the Branch Office for further particulars since, in many cases, the Branch circular is not despatched until after Clubs' monthly meetings.

This Season has seen probably more Clubs receive disciplinary action from the Branch than any other Season and the reason for this could be laid to the fact that the Delegates are not taking a personal interest in matters affecting their Clubs. It has become commonplace for Delegates to be advised at a meeting that their Club is in arrears to the Branch with some particular information and apparently no attempt is made to obtain such information and the same Delegates will then be present at future meetings when their Club receives a suspension or a disciplinary motion. We urge the Delegates to establish a firm contact with their own Secretary and Club Officers and immediately the Branch Council meeting is concluded, to pursue personally matters affecting their own Club.

The efficiency of Club Secretaries, from a Branch point of view, has this Season left a great deal to be desired and it is hoped that with a Conference at the commencement of the Season and an appeal for more earnest co-operation, difficulties similar to this in the coming Season will be overcome.

EXECUTIVE.

Throughout the Summer months, the Branch Executive have met, as in previous Seasons, on the Monday of each week and matters of a routine or pressing nature have been dealt with and finalised with token reports upon these activities being submitted to the Branch Council.

A similar scheme was introduced this Season as in 1961-62 and the Executive, throughout the Winter months, met on the basis of once each month, midway between the Council meetings and such a scheme was found entirely satisfactory.

The future activities and meeting arrangements of the Executive are, at the moment, completely under conjecture, since the closure of the Hunter Street address, as mentioned previously, has virtually made the Executive homeless and some thorough investigation will be necessary in this respect before the Season has progressed too far.

It is pleasing to report that the attendance records of the Officers and some of the Delegates are of the highest standard, but in many cases other figures could surely be improved upon and the difficulties of previous Seasons in Clubs nominating persons for the Delegates' positions on the Executive have apparently been repeated and the Executive has not been completely filled this Season.

Our thanks and appreciation are extended to all those Officers and

Delegates who, by their diligent attention to their duties, have assisted in bringing the Season to a successful conclusion and materially assisted the Executive in its operation.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

The Branch has continued to be fortunate in having members on our Board of Examiners who have the ability, the patience and the time to devote to their particular exacting standards. Our congratulations are extended to the Superintendent, Mr. Jim Switzer, his Deputy, Mr. A. (Ike) Moseley, and to the Secretary of the Board, Mr. John Vaughan and also to the District Supervisors, Assistant District Supervisors and members who have carried out their duties in such a praiseworthy fashion.

Special mention must be made again of Mr. A. Moseley, who coupled with his Deputy Superintendent's duties, has undertaken to be the custodian of the Branch gear and equipment and his able organisation of this Office is appreciated by all.

The Board of Examiners meetings have been well attended and the Branch Superintendent and the Board Secretary have submitted regular reports to the Council upon their activities.

The Branch again extends its sincere appreciation to Mrs. Joan Vaughan for her assistance in the compilation of the Board Minutes and general correspondence of the Board of Examiners and her ready response to these tasks has considerably lessened the burden upon the Branch's facilities.

Following will be found a list of the members of the Sydney Branch Board of Examiners for the concluding 1962-63 Season -

SYDNEY BRANCH BOARD OF EXAMINERS

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

District Supervisors:

No.1: R. Liddle (Dec'd March)
J. Casey (Elected April)
No.2: P. Ainsworth
No.3: J. Wardall
No.4: B. Walker

Assistant District Supervisors:

No.1: J. Casey
No.2: R. Sargeant
No.3: A. Kelly
No.4: W. Young

Life Members

V. Besemo
A. Castleman
W. Foerster
R. Howells
G. Johnson
D. Lucas

L. McDonald
R. McKenna
J. Marsden
R. Michaelis
R. Moroney
A. Olson

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

Active Members

P. Ainsworth	K. Goodsell	W. Rennie
K. Andrews	W. Hayes	R. Sandstrom
R. Avery	R. Hoffmann	M. Santos
R. Bear	J. Horton	A. Sargeant
B. Brewin	R. Horton	R. Sargeant
R. Bridges	F. Jefferson	V. Sedgwick
E. Brooker	A. Jordan	R. Shephard
J. Brown	A. Johnston	E. Sier
L. Buck	A. Kelly	H. Spurway
J. Casey	R. Leix	N. Stenhouse
C. Christiansen	L. McNamara	E. Stephens
J. Cooksley	J. McNeil	R. Swinney
G. Cooper	P. Manning	J. Switzer
R. Craig	J. Manny	T. Trevillian
B. Crisp	K. Manton	B. Vaughan
R. Davey	J. Matthew	J. Vaughan
R. Davison	D. Medlin	B. Walker
J. Donohoe	K. Messenger	J. Wardall
P. Doolan	K. Midson	A. Watts
W. Eady	J. Minahan	J. Weber
K. Flannery	A. Moseley	T. Wheeler
N. Ford	G. Mould	G. Wilson
R. Fraser	N. Neeld	W. Young
D. Fryer	N. Papworth	

Reserve Active Members: H. Hodge, L. Johnson, V. Mulcahy.

Country Members: K. Grant, G. Hogarth, M. Moroney,
K. Russell, P. Seaton.

Attached Members: J. Beasley - Central Coast Branch
J. Rosewell - Central Coast Branch

N.S.W. STATE CENTRE.

The Branch has continued to play a vital part in the functioning of the N.S.W. State Centre and has been represented at all meetings of that body.

The concluding Season has seen a large number of important matters discussed by the State Centre and decisions reached in these cases have not always been in accordance with the views of the Sydney Branch, but nevertheless have been the result of democratic discussion and exercise of vote by the Branches.

It is a disconcerting fact that a number of Branches take a very parochial outlook upon matters dealt with by State Centre and if there is no direct meaning of these matters to their own Branch, the matter

receives no more than a cursory investigation and is, in many cases, dominated by such a vote.

Undoubtedly, one of the most stormy items discussed by the State Centre this Season was the motion carried at the National Council that for future Interstate Contests, States should be responsible for the entire expense of the State Teams upon a prorata basis and the full impact of this motion on N.S.W. was that our expenses for the Contests over a period of years jumped many thousands of pounds. It became obvious that the State Centre could not finance such an increase and correspondingly it was anticipated that levies would have to be made on the Branches and eventually the Clubs.

At the Mid-Yearly Meeting held in the Hotel Pacific, Manly, this matter was discussed and upon the resolution of the Sydney Branch, it was carried that the N.S.W. State Centre would not field a Team in the Interstate Contest at the Australian Championships to be conducted at Warrnambool.

It was well known to the Officers and Delegates of the State Centre that the motion carried by National Council would be binding upon N.S.W. even if we did not field a Team, but we felt that the motion to withdraw our Team would firstly, concentrate attention upon the unfairness of the motion that had been carried and would secondly, reduce any payments to be made to the National Council at least by the expenses of our own Team and thirdly, and to many the most important, it again highlighted the actual voting strength in the National Council where such a motion which was obviously unfair to the larger States could have been forced and carried by the domination of the vote of the smaller State Centres. Criticism was levelled at the State Centre for its actions, but it has been the considered opinion of this Branch that the action was justified and obviously was also the opinion of other Branches, since the motion was successfully carried and successfully implemented.

Following upon this matter, the Illawarra Branch have suggested that the present Interstate Contests should be abandoned and Sydney have supported this and further suggested that a Contest could be devised whereby the States are represented at the Interclub Carnival by their current Titleholders and not by a specific specially picked State Team. This suggestion of ours has now received the endorsement of the State Centre and is currently being drafted for the National Council.

Such a State Contest if agreed to by the National Council could solve many problems and could financially benefit the State Centre and at the same time, financially benefit those Clubs who have State Titleholders amongst their ranks. It could further be developed to the stage of Open Australian Championships.

A motion has been prepared by the Sydney Branch for submission to the State Centre recommending the abandonment of the current method of holding State Championships and placing a recommendation that future contests should be conducted on an open basis. A very convincing presentation of the facts surrounding such a move has been prepared and

circulated in quantity to all Branches and indications to the present show that those Branches who have discussed and examined the proposal thoroughly, favour its implementation. The final vote upon this matter will, of course, rest with the Branches and it is to be hoped that they examine the proposal carefully and fully realise that it will not give the City an unfair advantage over the Country, but rather, by using the argument that the Country Clubs like to be represented at the State Championships, it will add weight to the proposal since, under the new scheme, every Club can nominate direct to compete at the Championships.

The N.S.W. State Centre have now closed their Offices in Hunter Street and are currently operating from a newly established Office in the Public Service Association Building, 201 Castlereagh Street, Sydney.

NATIONAL COUNCIL.

The National Council has continued to function under the chairmanship of His Honour Judge Adrian Curlewis and an enormous number of matters have been dealt with by this body and promulgated to the States, Branches and Clubs by means of National Council Bulletins.

Mention has already been made of the levy for Interstate Teams which was originally implemented by the National Council and following a number of rescission motions, was subsequently abandoned in favour of a more popular scheme. Questions were asked re the validity of the motion of National Council in imposing the levy but the National Chairman, Judge A.H. Curlewis, ruled that the matter was in order.

Plans are currently in hand for the holding of an Instructional Conference next year and already such material has closed with the N.S.W. State Centre and is being prepared for submission to the National Council.

Much publicity was afforded to the decision of the National Council Annual General Meeting which lowered the requirements of the Bronze age by one year and this lowering has now been implemented right throughout Australia.

During the Season, attention was drawn to the method of representation by the States on National Council and following discussion at the Sydney Branch, a resolution has eventually been designed and is currently being submitted to the State Centre with the desire it be tabled in National Council for a more equitable means of representation.

The scheme which has been designed will not mean an actual increase in the Delegates in number and correspondingly, will not increase the financial arrangements of the National Council, but does give to the States a numeral number of votes based upon the largest States having six and the smaller States scaled accordingly. For example, if the N.S.W. State Centre, as the largest member State in the National Council

cast its vote through its two Delegates, they would cast the numeral six each. Special attention has also been given to the Officers having a vote more in proportion to their number in respect to the Delegates' vote, since at the moment, such Officers exercise a potential vote equal to two States.

Undoubtedly, the most important development in the National Council throughout the year has been the acquiring of land, the erection of premises and the subsequent occupation of same by the National Council.

Much discussion has been given to this establishment on a Branch and State level and it is understood that enquiries were made if accommodation was to be provided in the building for the State Centre and the advice received was in the negative. When such a move was first suggested or reported, Sydney Branch moved a motion in State Centre that National Council should be asked to establish a Surf Headquarters with facilities of meeting rooms for the Clubs, secretarial and duplicating services, etc., to be made available at token cost and generally to provide for the secretarial needs of the Clubs, similar to the basis of a co-operative.

The State Centre were subsequently informed that the motion had never been moved in the National Council and accordingly, none of these items have been implemented into the National Headquarters and it is solely the establishment of an Office for the National Council itself.

One cannot help but question the wisdom in the establishment of all these separate offices and when considered in comparison to some five years past when the office in 16 Hunter Street housed the National Council, the N.S.W. State Centre and the Sydney Branch, who then also comprised the Manly-Warringah Branch, and compared with to-day of where the National Council, the N.S.W. State Centre and the Sydney Branch all occupy separate offices and Manly-Warringah have not an established office at all, it introduces some serious thoughts upon the matter.

As this report goes to print, advice has been received from the National Council through the State Centre that handbooks are to be seriously rationed in the coming Season and the Branch has expressed alarm at this situation which will possibly ration Sydney Branch to some 250 handbooks for the coming Season, when our awards for last year were in excess of 500 and we anticipate a natural increase on these figures.

CONGRATULATIONS.

The Branch has extended its congratulations to Branch Life Member, President of the Bondi S.B.L.S.C. and State President, Mr. Tom Meagher, for being awarded the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (O.B.E.) by Her Majesty the Queen. The Officers and Members of the Association see in the Award recognition of the many years of Tom's life devoted to the ideals of this great movement.

COMPETITIONS, 1962-63.

The Branch has been most fortunate in receiving a number of items of gear and equipment for competition or allocation within the Branch and to our donors, we sincerely extend our appreciation of their continued valuable support and to the winning Clubs, our congratulations upon their outstanding efforts.

Astor Radio Corporation Rescue Skis.

One of our most consistent supporters over recent years, the Astor Radio Corporation, this year made available four rescue-type skis for a Club Efficiency Competition, conducted throughout the Summer months.

The Branch was divided into four zones for the contest and an Examining Panel made surprise inspections at all Clubs and examined members on patrol upon all aspects of their work. Special mention must be made in thanking the members of the Inspection Panel of the Board of Examiners for their diligent attention to their duties and their willing sacrifice of the loss of personal time entailed.

Our congratulations have been extended to the winning Clubs and we trust that the skis will now have many years of fruitful operation within the Clubs' activities.

Results of the contest are as under:

<u>Zone</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Possible Points</u>
1	1	Era	386.00	420
	2	Burning Palms	375.00	420
	3	Garie	365.25	420
2	1	Wanda	353.50	420
	2	Cronulla	327.50	420
	3	North Cronulla	317.00	420
3	1	Coogee	262.50	315
	2	Clovelly	242.75	315
	3	South Maroubra	153.25	315
	4	Maroubra	152.50	315
4	1	Bronte	376.76	420
	2	Bondi	339.25	420
	3	Tamarama	328.75	420
	4	North Bondi	288.25	420

Schweppes Reel.

A fully equipped surf reel was very kindly made available for competition by the Schweppes Company and was conducted over all Open Carnivals in the Branch, including the Championships and covered almost all events conducted at a carnival. Our congratulations are extended to the winning Club, Bondi, for the effort put forward by

their members and also to the Schweppes Company and, in particular, to Mr. Delohery, the General Sales Manager, our appreciation of their continued and willing support of the movement and our Clubs.

Letona Trophy.

Approaches were received from the Leeton Co-operative Cannery at the commencement of the Season for a contest to be run with considerable financial benefits to the participating Clubs, the contest being based upon the collection of labels of this particular Company's product.

The Branch endorsed and supported the scheme upon the principle that financial benefit was available to those Clubs who wished to participate and the scheme was non-compulsory upon the remainder.

Cash prizes of £100 outright and £100 handicap were allocated for each period of December 15 to January 15 and from January 16 to February 15. A further £100 was made available for ballot at the conclusion of the contest, such ballot taking place between all Clubs who had taken part in the competition with an entry of more than 25% of the winning Club's total labels.

Results of the contest are as under -

1st period - Outright winner - Cronulla; Handicap winner - Era.
2nd period - " " - Cronulla; " " - Wanda.
Ballot at the conclusion of the contest - Burning Palms.

Philip Morris (Marlboro) Reel Covers and Surf Reel.

Through the kind co-operation of Mr. Ken Rowland, N.S.W. Manager of the Philip Morris Company, each Club received a new P.V.C. Reel Cover at the Branch Championships, conducted at North Cronulla.

In addition to the reel covers, a fully equipped surf reel, to a total value of £90 was also made available for a handicap competition, to be conducted and finalised on the day of the Branch Championships. The presentation of the covers during the March Past event was a highlight of the day and following a very close competition, the surf reel was won by Maroubra, 47.5 points, with North Cronulla, 42 points 2nd, and Cronulla, 41.5 points 3rd.

D.C. Lucas Gear Inspection Trophy.

The Annual Gear Inspection was conducted in the Branch on the week-end of Saturday, October 20 and Sunday, October 21 by two committees operating simultaneously. No.1 Committee, Messrs. Lucas, Ainsworth, Jordan, Moseley, Christiansen and Casey inspected beaches from Wanda to Burning Palms. No.2 Committee, comprising Messrs. Walker, Sargeant, Moroney, Cooksley, McNamara and Johnson, inspected beaches from North

Bondi to South Maroubra.

Our appreciation is extended to the members of this panel for their attention to their duties and their report was most informative and very pleasing, since 11 of the 14 Clubs obtained over 90% efficiency in their gear and equipment. Clubs were subsequently advised of the errors in their equipment and District Supervisors again inspected and remedied such imperfections.

We are appreciative to the Deputy President, Mr. D.C. Lucas, for continuing to make available a trophy for this most important inspection and the results are as under -

<u>Place</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Nth Cronulla	98.78	8	Era	94.55
2	Coogee	96.72	9	Clovelly	92.73
3	Bronte	96.39	10	Garie	91.22
4	Cronulla	96.04	11	Nth Bondi	90.00
5	Wanda	95.84	12	Maroubra	87.60
6	Bondi	95.09	13	Tamarama	80.60
7	Burning Palms	95.00	14	South Maroubra	75.60

Daily Mirror Newspaper Trophy.

As in previous Seasons, the Daily Mirror have kindly made available a trophy for competition upon the day of the Branch Championships, being taken on a point score championship basis.

Our congratulations are extended to the winning Club, Cronulla S.L.S.C., for their outstanding victory. Place-getters were -
Cronulla, 41.5 points; Maroubra, 34.5 points; Bondi, 19 points.

G.B. Staunton Trophy.

The manufacturing firm of G.B. Staunton made available a Downs & Sons' Nylon boat line for competition during the Season, such competition being based upon the results of boat races. To the winning Club, Bronte, we again extend our congratulations for their victory in this trophy.

COMPETITIONS, 1963-64.

As the Annual Report goes to print, arrangements are in hand and advice has been received that a B.P. surf boat will be available for competition within the Sydney Branch next Season.

Following upon discussion on a number of occasions at the Council, it has been resolved that the competition should be based upon general Club efficiency, together with performance at surf carnivals conducted within the Branch during the Season.

CARNIVALS, 1962-63.

Concern has been expressed within the Branch at the apparent lack of interest of many Clubs in conducting a carnival and it does seem strange that of those Clubs who have the facilities and the beach to conduct a highly successful carnival, only six, including the Branch Championships, were held during the concluding Season. A number of suggestions were put forward by Officers and Clubs to remedy this situation, one of which was to make a compulsory ruling that Clubs must hold a carnival within a certain period of years, but to date, nothing further has transpired in this regard. The Delegates and Clubs were warned that it was becoming increasingly difficult to obtain donors and offer to them a full competition over a Season for their equipment and if the number of carnivals are not substantially increased in the future, these donors and lists of equipment which have been taken for granted by the Sydney Clubs, will be seriously curtailed. Carnivals conducted within the Branch during the Season are as under -

Coogee	November 24, 1962
Garie	December 2, 1962
Cronulla	December 15, 1962
Wanda	January 12, 1963
North Cronulla	January 19, 1963 (Branch Championships)
Maroubra	February 16, 1963

Sydney Branch Championships, North Cronulla, January 19, 1963.

Under ideal weather conditions, the Branch Championships were this year conducted at North Cronulla Beach and our appreciation is extended to the President, Mr. Norm Rees, the Officers and members of that Club, for their able organisation and prior preparation of the carnival area. Moderate sea conditions ensured a successful carnival being concluded at an early hour and our congratulations have already been extended to those Clubs who competed so successfully.

As in previous years, trophies were presented on the day and the presentation will, in the future, require some more efficient co-operation between the officials and the competitors to present themselves for their trophies.

Mention has already been made of the fully equipped surf reel made available for competition at the Branch Championships and also other contests conducted on the day. Results of the Championships are as under -

<u>Senior R. & R.:</u>	1. Wanda; 2. Cronulla B; 3. Clovelly.
<u>Junior R. & R.:</u>	1. Bondi A; 2. Nth Cronulla; 3. Cronulla.
<u>Senior Belt Race:</u>	1. B. Rodgers (Maroubra); 2. B. Hutchings (Bondi); 3. N. Cox (Wanda).
<u>Junior Belt Race:</u>	1. R. Greenaway (Cronulla); 2. G. Elliott (Cronulla), and R. Green (Clovelly) Dead-Heat.

<u>Senior Teams Race:</u>	1. Cronulla; 2. Maroubra; 3. Bondi.
<u>Junior Teams Race:</u>	1. Cronulla; 2. North Bondi; 3. Bondi.
<u>Senior Surf Race:</u>	1. J. Rodgers (Maroubra); 2. B. Rodgers (Maroubra); 3. J. Donohoe (Clovelly).
<u>Junior Surf Race:</u>	1. G. Elliott (Cronulla); 2. R. Greenaway (Cronulla); 3. B. Powell (North Bondi).
<u>Cadet Surf Race:</u>	1. P. Edwards (Nth Cronulla); 2. G. Battle (Maroubra); 3. N. McDonald (Bondi).
<u>March Past:</u>	1. Coogee; 2. Maroubra; 3. North Bondi.
<u>Senior Boat:</u>	1. North Cronulla; 2. Bronte A; 3. Bronte B.
<u>Junior Boat:</u>	1. Bronte A; 2. Clovelly; 3. Cronulla.
<u>Surf Board:</u>	1. D. Huessner (Maroubra); 2. J. Salmon (Wanda); 3. R. Furkin (Mar.) and A. Dorman (Wanda) Dead-Heat.
<u>Single Ski:</u>	1. P. Coles (Nth Bondi); 2. D. McGuire (Maroubra); 3. E. Maloney (Coogee).
<u>Double Ski:</u>	1. Stewart & Green (Maroubra); 2. Bourn & Green (Nth Cronulla); 3. Dover & McGrath (Coogee).
<u>Malibu Hot-Dogging:</u>	1. A. Dorman (Wanda); 2. R. Davie (Nth Cronulla); 3. R. Brown (Wanda).
<u>Beach Sprint:</u>	1. J. Loader (Tamarama); 2. P. Cross (Clovelly); 3. H. Ellis (Coogee).
<u>Beach Relay:</u>	1. Tamarama; 2. Cronulla; 3. North Cronulla.
<u>Musical Flags:</u>	1. J. Loader (Tamarama); 2. D. Peutherer (Cronulla); 3. D. O'Bryan (Wanda).
<u>Pillow Fight:</u>	1. G. Meredyth (Wanda); 2. R. Case (Cronulla); 3. M. Bartlett (Bondi).

N.S.W. CHAMPIONSHIPS, PORT KEMBLA, FEBRUARY 9, 1963.

The N.S.W. Championships were conducted under moderate surfing conditions this Season at the Port Kembla beach and officials and competitors present on that occasion report a carnival conducted to a high degree of efficiency.

The State Superintendent, Mrs. L.S. McDonald, and the Board of Examiners members were present at an early hour and are to be congratulated on the conducting of the carnival. Results of those Sydney Clubs who competed so successfully in the Championships are as under -

Senior R. & R.:	4. Wanda.
Junior R. & R.:	2. Bondi; 4. North Cronulla.
Senior Belt Race:	1. B. Hutchings (Bondi); 2. B. Rodgers (Maroubra).
Junior Belt Race:	2. R. Greenaway (Cronulla).
Senior Teams Race:	1. Cronulla; 4. Maroubra.
Junior Teams Race:	3. North Bondi.
Senior Surf Race:	1. B. Rodgers (Maroubra); 4. 1. Thompson (Cronulla).
Junior Surf Race:	2. B. Powell (North Bondi); 3. R. Hardie (Clovelly).
Surf Board:	2. D. Huessner (Maroubra).
Single Ski:	1. P. Coles (Nth Bondi); 2. B. Stewart (Maroubra).
Double Ski:	1. Stewart & Green (Maroubra); 3. Bourn & Green (Nth Cronulla)

Beach Relay: 2. Tamarama.
 Cadet Surf Race: 3. P. Edwards (North Cronulla); 4. G. Rodgers (Clovelly)
 Musical Flags: 2. D. O'Bryan (Wanda).
 Open (Non-Championship) Surf Race: 1. J. Rodgers (Maroubra);
 3. R. Green (Clovelly); 4. C. Baldock (Bondi)
 Open (Non-Championship)
 Junior Surf Race: 2. G. Elliott (Cronulla); 3. R. Hardie (Clovelly).

AUSTRALIAN INTERCLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS, WARRNAMBOOL, VIC., MARCH 10.

The Branch was again represented by a large contingent of competitors at the Australian Championships and a predominance of placings at the carnival were successfully obtained by competitors from Sydney Clubs.

Results of the carnival are listed below -

Junior R. & R.: 1. Bondi.
 Senior Belt Race: 1. B. Hutchings (Bondi).
 Senior Surf Teams: 1. Cronulla.
 Senior Surf Race: 1. B. Rodgers (Maroubra); 3. I. Thompson (Cronulla).
 Junior Surf Race: 1. R. Greenaway (Cronulla).
 Senior Surf Boat: 3. Cronulla.
 Junior Surf Boat: 3. Wanda.
 Surf Board: 2. A. Menzies (Bronte).
 Double Ski: 1. Green & Stewart (Maroubra).
 Beach Relay: 2. Tamarama
 Beach Sprint: 3. J. Annand (Tamarama).
 Musical Flags: 1. J. Loader (Tamarama).
 Open (Non-Championship)
 Surf Race: 1. A. Wood (Cron.); 2. J. Rodgers (Mar.); 3. K. Koorey (Cronulla)
 Open (Non-Championship)
 Junior Surf Race: 1. G. Elliott (Cronulla)

Manly-Warringah Branch versus Sydney Branch Carnival.

This carnival, which had received considerable discussion and publicity over recent seasons, eventually came to fruition during the Season and the Sydney Branch were unable to obtain a venue and accordingly, the carnival was given to Manly-Warringah Branch who staged it at Newport Beach, on Saturday, February 23. The carnival was conducted along the lines as required by the Manly-Warringah Branch and entries were free and individual trophies were not presented. The Sydney Branch was represented by a large contingent of competitors and the very narrow points success of the Sydney Branch (111 points to 107) speaks volumes of the standard of competition displayed by Clubs from both sides of the Harbour.

Radio Station 2SM very kindly made available a trophy for this competition and the trophy shall be known as the "2SM Interbranch Trophy".

Our congratulations and thanks are extended to the Officials of the Manly-Warringah Branch and the Newport Club who staged the carnival and also to our own Clubs who competed so successfully. It has been resolved that the Trophy shall be held in the Sydney Branch by the Club who individually scored the most points on the day and a count back of such points resulted in the trophy being held by the Bronte S.L.S.C.

Coming Carnivals.

N.S.W. State Championships, 1963-64: February 29, 1964 - Sunday
Venue - Swansea-Belmont.

Australian Championships, 1963-64: March 28 and 29, 1963 (Easter)
Venue - Collaroy.

Australian Championships, 1964-65: Date to be decided.
Venue - W.A.

RESCUES.

The rescue figures for all Clubs are set out at the conclusion of the Annual Report (figures not available from Clovelly S.L.S.C.), but for the purpose of examination at this juncture, totals for previous seasons, compared to the current one, are listed below. Figures are down on the preceding year in all categories excepting "with other gear" and this figure is the highest for many years and is most certainly an interesting feature of the summary.

We extend our appreciation to all those Clubs who carried out their duties on the beach to such a high standard and have done all within their power to maintain the Association's zealously guarded 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>	<u>1962-63</u>
With line	983	432	713	834	627
With surf boat	63	38	64	49	16
Without line	536	335	514	1088	536
With other gear	<u>46</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>235</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>1628</u>	<u>837</u>	<u>1372</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>1414</u>

(Figures for Season 1962-63 not available from Clovelly S.L.S.C.)

AWARDS.

Following will be found a comparison of the awards gained by the Clubs within the Sydney Branch over preceding Seasons. Fluctuations are found in these figures from one Season to another, but over a period of time, an overall pattern begins to emerge.

The considerable rise in the figure of Bronze Medallions gained is most

heartening since this award is the fundamental of our movement and with the figure of 330, it is the highest for some years. Other awards of the Instructors' Certificates and the Qualifying Certificates are also set out in the summary for information.

Comparison list of Awards:

	<u>1959-60</u>	<u>1960-61</u>	<u>1961-62</u>	<u>1962-63</u>
Bronze Medallions	343	301	224	330
Instructors' Certificates	77	55	54	60
Qualifying Certificates	<u>147</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>66</u>
<u>Total:</u>	<u>567</u>	<u>441</u>	<u>375</u>	<u>456</u>

MEMBERSHIP.

Extractions have been taken from the Annual Report Summaries to highlight the position of membership in the Clubs at the present time. In the opening remarks of this Report, attention was drawn to the non-increase in these membership figures and again we stress the importance of Clubs examining remedies in this regard. The most important group within the Surf Club is most certainly the active members, who include the senior and junior members who carry out patrol work and the figure is now the lowest since 1958. Also worthy of special attention is the figure of 162 cadet members which is lower than other years recorded.

In the majority of Clubs, sufficient members are available to carry out their duties to the standard requirements and this situation appears to be sufficient in these Clubs. Surely some consideration should be given to a membership drive aimed at least doubling all membership figures and by the resulting increase of members, the responsibilities and the patrol requirements, etc., of the ordinary member should be substantially reduced and possibly the entire picture of becoming a lifesaver may then be enhanced to the recruit.

Clubs are urged to investigate and seek out ways of increasing their membership and many instances have been brought to the Branch's attention of where introductory talks are given at local High Schools, tours of the Surf Club are arranged and attempts are made to entice the youth of to-day into becoming a lifesaver of to-morrow. As stated previously, the demands made and the opportunities available for young people to-day are enormous and the Surf Association will have to enter this highly competitive field and vie on the open market for the services of these young people along with other organisations who claim their recreation time.

Comparison List of Membership:

	<u>1958-59</u>	<u>1959-60</u>	<u>1960-61</u>	<u>1961-62</u>	<u>1962-63</u>
Active	1496	1769	1531	1526	1523
Reserve Active	772	776	950	808	918
Cadet	239	279	184	272	162
Associate	<u>1035</u>	<u>1120</u>	<u>992</u>	<u>1194</u>	<u>970</u>
<u>Total:</u>	<u>3542</u>	<u>3932</u>	<u>3557</u>	<u>3800</u>	<u>3573</u>

MALIBU BOARDS.

As reported previously, the N.S.W. State Centre formed a Committee to make investigations into the inroads being made into surf club membership by board-riding groups.

Over a period of time, reports have been submitted to the N.S.W. State Centre and the Sydney Branch have taken a deep interest in this problem and during the Season, requested a Club to conduct a purely board-riding carnival on the lines suggested to the State Centre by the Committee, on an experimental basis.

Permission was sought from the State Centre to conduct a N.S.W. State Malibu Board Display Championship and was successfully obtained. The carnival was duly held on Saturday, March 16, and comprised divisions for members of surf clubs and also a special division was made available for non-Association competitors.

It is felt that valuable contact was made with the Board-riding groups through this carnival and it became obvious that the Association could meet and cope successfully with the problems entailed in running a carnival of this nature and we do trust that it will be the forerunner of many others to follow.

This report should almost be the final chapter in the duties of the Committee since they have discussed the problem, they have suggested means of overcoming it, they have suggested point-scores for a competition system and have suggested a style of carnival that can be conducted and finally, have obtained a Club to conduct the carnival and all this information has been placed at the disposal of the State Centre.

Our sincere appreciation is extended to the Officers and members of the Wanda S.L.S.C., for their ready co-operation available at all times in staging the carnival and we congratulate them upon their foresight in this matter.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Throughout the life of the Association, certain members distinguished themselves from their companions by their outstanding service and their devotion to the ideals of this movement. The Association honours such men by bestowing upon them the coveted office of Life Member.

Our congratulations are extended to Ron Howells and Jack Marsden for their successful obtaining of Life Membership at the previous Annual General Meeting. Both of these gentlemen have given distinguished service to the Branch and the Association over a long period of time, particularly in their chosen sphere of the Board of Examiners and it is with pleasure that we welcome them to the ranks of our Life Members.

Our Life Members are -

Besemo, V.
Castleman, A.
Crain, W.
Curlewis, Judge A.
Dempster, J.
Foerster, W.
Hayton, N.
Hodge, J.
Howells, R.
Johnson, G.

Lindsay, G.
Loton, A.
Lucas, D.
McDonald, L.
McKenna, R.
McRorie, J.
Mack, C.
Marsden, J.
Meagher, T.
Michaelis, R.

Moran, T.
Moroney, R.
Olson, A.
Purcell, A.
Small, H.
Turner, L.
Watson, K.
Williams, G.
Williams, V.
Wilson, G.

'LEARN TO SURF SAFELY' CAMPAIGN AND LIFESAVERS' WEEK.

The Branch was indeed fortunate this Season in receiving the whole-hearted support of the Sun Newspaper in conducting our Lifesavers' Week between November 10 and November 17, 1962 and also with respect to the conducting of a 'Learn to Surf Safely' campaign throughout the Summer months.

The Sun Newspaper adopted the 'Learn to Surf Safely' Campaign completely and daily publicity was made available for the Clubs, their instructors and their activities and a coupon was made available in every newspaper suitable for an applicant to apply for further details of the Surf campaign. The majority of Clubs within the Sydney Branch actively participated in the scheme and, on the whole, reported that they had found the response from the public to be most heartening and in some cases, they have benefitted by an increase in Club membership. It became obvious that in a scheme such as this, particularly in its inception year, difficulties would be encountered and a number of Clubs experienced the problem of preparing for classes which did not eventuate and still others had in excess of their allocated number present at the surfing classes. However, discussions are already in hand with the Sun Newspapers to continue the scheme next season and it is anticipated that with the elimination of these difficulties, the campaign can be exploited as a very valuable public relations aspect by the surfing movement and can potentially swell our ranks and also create a better public image.

In conformity with previous resolutions carried, a procession was not conducted through the City streets this Season, but displays were held in a number of shopping centres, exhibitions of resuscitation, etc., were given and a large quantity of printed leaflets made available by the Sun Newspaper were distributed.

Our special thanks and appreciation must be extended to Mr. Jack Tier the Editor of the Sun Newspaper and also Mr. Lindsay Clinch for their whole-hearted support in this scheme and we do trust that future operations will mutually benefit both participants.

Special mention must be made of the Deputy President, Mr. Don Lucas,

who, by his ready co-operation and liaison with the Sun Newspaper, actively participated towards the successful conclusion of the campaign.

Mention should also be made of the Branch Registrar, Mr. Harry Brown, who laid the foundations for the scheme, but unfortunately could not be present during its operation, due to business commitments overseas.

LONG SERVICE AWARDS.

As previously advised in Annual Reports and Branch circulars, a Long Service Award has been instituted for all members who have 25 years or excess service to the surfing movement. Considerable difficulty has been experienced in obtaining these awards from the National Council and indeed, our first applications were lodged prior to our last Annual General Meeting. The matter was finally resolved at the State Centre when it was decided that National Council be approached with the suggestion that the State Centres should implement the scheme and should be responsible for the distribution of the Awards as distinct from the National Council itself.

As the report is being prepared, confirmation has been received that the National Council have agreed to this scheme and are currently preparing for the N.S.W. State Centre a bulk issue of badges and it is anticipated their early distribution to those applicants already to hand.

Clubs are reminded that when applying for a Long Service Award, it is necessary to advise the name and address of the applicant and also the exact period of time he has been in service with his respective Club. It is further pointed out that the Bronze Medallion is not necessary for the receipt of this Award and Club Secretaries should ensure that the details made in the applications, particularly with respect to the length of service, are correct and should be endorsed accordingly.

BEACH FOOTBALL.

A Beach Football competition has again been conducted within the Branch this Season and to our donor, Mr. R. (Dick) McPhillips, we are indebted for his ready support of the Association in this and other matters. The competition is known as the Dick McPhillips Beach Football Competition and in addition to the very substantial trophy made available for the senior and junior divisions, Mr. McPhillips has further made available two transistorised Walkie-Talkies to the winning Club this Season. The monetary value of this additional trophy is quite considerable and their potential use to the Club is enormous.

Unfortunately, the Clubs do not, on the whole, actively support the Beach Football Competition and in many cases, this is understandable, since their members partake in District Football. Clubs contesting this Season's contest are - Maroubra 'A', Maroubra 'B', Bondi,

North Bondi and Bronte.

Some surprise was expressed at the commencement of the Season when advice was received that Manly-Warringah were conducting a competition of their own and those one or two Clubs who normally partake in our own contest were thus eliminated. It had been anticipated that some attempt may have been made to amalgamate the two competitions, but unfortunately, such overtures were not forthcoming and the Sydney competition was conducted within our own boundaries. At the time of the Report going to print, the competition is still in progress and results will be made available in future publications.

LICENSED CLUBS.

As advised in the previous Annual Report, moves are afoot within the Branch to establish Licensed Clubs and these moves stem from one or a group of Clubs desirous of establishing social headquarters for themselves and also of reaping the benefits of the financial rewards. The move for a Licensed Club in the Cronulla District, made jointly by the Wanda, North Cronulla and Cronulla Clubs, has apparently come to a standstill, following a number of applications being refused on technical grounds. The latest move in this regard has come from the Maroubra Club who are actively participating with the Maroubra Seals Winter Swimming Club in applying for a licence and have as their premises the Squash Courts immediately opposite the Surf Club. Their latest application has been refused upon technical grounds and it is understood that the Club is currently redrafting their case for presentation and the Branch extends to this Club and others its best wishes.

It is interesting and worthy of note that the Royal Lifesaving Society have now successfully formed and established their licensed club, known as the "Aquatic Club" and their premises in Riley Street have kindly been offered to this Branch for future meetings and it is anticipated that a large number of our members will actively take membership in this Club.

OFFICE STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION.

The position of the Sydney Branch Office has remained unchanged since last Season and the Branch still continues to function from the Office of the Secretary, at 335 Illawarra Road, Marrickville.

Office staff are available during normal business hours to answer the enquiries of the Clubs or be of service to the Branch Officers and the scheme has apparently functioned smoothly and to the satisfaction of all.

It was with regret, however, that the Branch witnessed the closing of the premises in 16 Hunter Street, Sydney, since these Offices had been

looked upon as the home of the Surf Movement in this State and, indeed, in Australia and the eventual disbanding of the various parties which occupied these Rooms will undoubtedly cause some confusion in the minds of our Clubs and the general public for some time to come.

Clubs should particularly pay attention to the fact that in future all enquiries, contacts and requests for handbooks, etc., which may have, in the past, been made to Hunter Street, will now be directed to the Marrickville address.

We extend our appreciation to the secretarial staff of G.B. Stauntons' and particularly to Miss Judith Comyns for her helpful attention on many occasions and to Mrs. Joan Vaughan for her diligent attention and assistance in the compilation of Association matters.

RESUSCITATION RESEARCH COUNCIL OF N.S.W.

During the Season, the Branch was advised of the formation of the Resuscitation Research Council of N.S.W., which has been formed to carry out the various recommendations of the International Convention on Lifesaving Techniques. The Branch has requested of the N.S.W. State Centre that the Surf Association be represented in the Council and also the Sydney Branch itself is currently represented.

Our congratulations are extended to Mr. Don Lucas for his outstanding work in this respect, particularly in the position of Honorary Secretary of the Council.

SURF BOAT SPECIFICATIONS.

During the Season, the Branch's very able and competent Boat Inspector, Mr. George Challis, brought to our attention the allegations that surf boats used at the Australian Championships conducted in Warrnambool had not been made according to Association specifications. These deviations were claimed to be not insignificant and would materially affect the weight of the craft.

Subsequently, approaches were made to the N.S.W. State Centre for guidance in this matter and the request to the State Centre was immediately misinterpreted by many Branches as a complaint by the Sydney Branch against these particular surf boats. Actually, such was not the case and we merely requested State Centre's clarification that if the boats were correct, then the Sydney interpretation of the specifications could be relaxed accordingly. The N.S.W. State Centre procrastinated with this matter for a considerable length of time and eventually a request was made to the Newcastle Branch to have the surf boat belonging to the Caves Beach Club made available for inspection. The State Centre were eventually advised by the Newcastle Branch that the boat would not be made available and apparently there the matter has now rested.

It does appear that the surf boat specifications, which were built up over a long period of time and were introduced to overcome many discrepancies in the construction of boats, are on the threshold of again being discarded by the individual interpretation of boat inspectors. The Sydney Branch Inspector has stated clearly the position that Sydney cannot continue to implement a set of specifications which are to the detriment of the Sydney Clubs in respect to those boats being made elsewhere.

It is to be trusted that the State Centre and National Council will take some immediate and firm steps in this regard in an attempt to have the matter finalised and to have a certain standard implemented right throughout Australia in the construction of the surf boat. It is to be regretted that when a Branch appeals to the N.S.W. State Centre for guidance in a matter, they are refused such guidance and left apparently to their own devices.

MALABAR L.S.C.

It was with regret that the Branch learnt at the commencement of the Season that the Malabar Club would not be seeking affiliation with the Surf Association for the current Season. Officers and Clubs were well aware over recent years of the difficulties being encountered by the Malabar Club in maintaining its high standards to the requirements of the Surf Association and it was with regret that the Club advised they would not again seek affiliation with this Branch. The Club has, however, continued to function actively within the Royal Lifesaving Society and the Branch trusts that the day will not be too far distant when they will again seek affiliation with the surfing movement and add the word "Surf" into their name.

SYDNEY BRANCH BALL, APRIL 19, 1963.

During the Season, a very generous offer was made to the Branch by the Era S.L.S.C., that the Sydney Branch may conduct in conjunction with the Era Club an Annual Ball and all profits from the sale of tickets would be retained by the Branch. As the Branch would pay only for the supper and not for the orchestra, the hire of the hall, etc., potentially the scheme could have returned the Branch a very handsome profit.

The matter received full discussion at the Council and despite the appeal by Officers for Clubs not to vote in favour of the Ball unless they intended themselves to actively support same, the motion was carried and the resulting small representation did place the Branch in a somewhat embarrassing situation.

Despite the small numbers, the Branch still benefitted by a sum in excess of £20 and had the matter been actively supported, a much

greater financial benefit would have resulted.

Our appreciation has already been extended to Mr. Ron Miller, the President of the Era Club and the Officers and members for their thoughtful consideration in this matter and their earnest desire to assist the Branch's financial position.

INSURANCE.

The insurance scheme has again been effected with the Government Insurance Office and to our own Insurance Officer, Mr. Barry Regan, we are indeed appreciative of his diligent attention to his duties and all insurance matters have apparently been brought to a successful conclusion.

REGISTRAR.

Our congratulations are extended to the Branch Registrar, Mr. Harry Brown, and his Assistant Mr. Bert Jordan, for their capable handling of the Registrar Duties throughout the year. During the summer months, Mr. Brown had business commitments overseas and for the greater part of this time, his duties were ably conducted by his assistant. Both these gentlemen are members of the North Cronulla S.L.S.C. and the Branch is indebted to them for their efficient discharge of their duties.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

During the Season, the Branch received with regret the resignation of Mr. Mike Magee from the position of Assistant Secretary, a position which he had held for a number of Seasons. Mr. Magee has continued in his duties as Secretary of the Wanda Club and the Branch recorded its sincere appreciation of his service throughout the years.

We were indeed most fortunate in receiving the nomination of Mr. J.K. (Rooster) Vaughan, Secretary of the Board of Examiners, to fill the position of Assistant Secretary and he has carried out his duties in the short time since his election to the high standard which has become expected of this gentleman through his duties as Board Secretary.

FINANCE.

The Branch has been fortunate in again obtaining the services of Messrs. K. Lonsdale and J. Needham as Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Assistant Treasurer respectively and these gentlemen have carried out their duties to a high standard. The financial position of the Branch has continued to show a gradual decline and at the commencement of the Season, a number of schemes were implemented in

an attempt to curtail expenses and it is pleasing to report that these, on the whole, have been successful, but the position will require constant attention and it has become obvious that additional sources of revenue will have to be obtained if the Branch is to continue to function in an efficient manner and serve the Clubs.

A number of recommendations were made during the year which have now been incorporated in the Constitution and these did include an increase in the affiliation fees and also a widening of the scope of the annual capitation fees. It has now been resolved that the Clubs shall pay capitation fees upon all members of their own Clubs who subscribe annually a fee to their Club for membership.

The financial statements of the Branch will be found later in this Report.

SYMPATHIES.

The President, Mr. A.R. Loton, Branch Officers and members sincerely express their condolences to all those Officers, Delegates and Club members who suffered bereavement throughout the concluding Season.

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of Mr. Bob Liddle, the No.1 District Supervisor. Bob's devotion to duty was well known to all and his pleasant personality and cheerful approach to his tasks will be long remembered by all who knew him.

THANKS AND APPRECIATION are extended to....

The Governments of the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of N.S.W. for their financial assistance to our Association.

Local Government bodies for the 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. Mortenson for their precise and able audit of our books.

The Business Houses of Schweppes, Astor Radio, Millers Brewery, Letona, Philip Morris, the Sun Newspaper and all those other parties mentioned previously for their continued support and assistance throughout the Season.

Mr. Bruce Brewin, Honorary Secretary of the N.S.W. State Centre and Mr. J. O'Reilly, Honorary Assistant Secretary, for their co-operation and assistance at all times.

Mr. Monty George, for his efforts in the field of publicity.

The President, Mr. T. Meagher, Officers and members 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 our Clubs.

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, Honorary Legal Officer, who has carried out his numerous duties in the Association and particularly within this Branch to a high degree of efficiency which we have come to expect from this gentleman. During the concluding Season, there appeared to be more and more matters being referred to Mr. Crain and his speedy and efficient attention on all occasions has left nothing to be desired.

Our Points Recorders, Messrs. D. Miller and K. Messenger for their efficient attention to their duties throughout the Season.

Mr. Frank Norton for his many duties in the position of Chairman of the Beach Football Competition.

To all those Committees of the Branch who carried out their duties in a most efficient and praiseworthy manner.

In conclusion, I would extend my personal 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 also extend personal thanks along with the thanks of each and every member of the Branch for his tireless efforts in many regards. To the former Assistant Secretary, Mr. Mike Magee, who before his resignation carried out his duties to a high standard and a particular mention of Mr. John Vaughan, who since his election into this office, has assisted me on many occasions.

Finally, to all Association Officers, Club Delegates, Secretaries 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.

PRESIDENT'S ADDENDUM

I wish to thank all Officers of the Branch and Board of Examiners whose work during the past Season has contributed to the progress of our Movement, particularly the Secretary of the Branch, 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.

SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY BRANCH

STATEMENT NO.1

BALANCE SHEET, as at JUNE 30, 1963

<u>Our Assets were -</u>	1963 £	1962 £
Cash on Hand and Deposits	8. 7. 2	16. 1. 4
Cash at Bank:		
Current Account	529. 6. 9	911.14. 9
Jubilee Appeal Account	560.16. 6	542. 1. 8
Sundry Debtors	145. 0. 3	343. 0. 3
Stop Watches, Binoculars and Carnival Gear (At valuation less depreciation)	166. 2. 3	195. 8. 3
Office Furniture and Fittings (AT Cost less Depreciation)	138. 4. 3	158. 2. 0
	<u>£1,547.17. 2</u>	<u>£2,166. 8. 3</u>
<u>From which must be deducted our</u>		
<u>Liabilities -</u>		
Sundry Creditors	3.11. 5	165. 7. 2
	<u>£1,544. 5. 9</u>	<u>£2,001. 1. 1</u>
<u>This is represented by Accumulated Funds:</u>		
Balance June 30, 1962	2,001. 1. 1	2,789.18. 0
<u>Less: Excess of Expenditure over</u>		
<u>Income (as per Statement No.2)</u>	<u>456.15. 4</u>	<u>788.16.11</u>
	<u>£1,544. 5. 9</u>	<u>£2,001. 1. 1</u>

A.R. Loton
President

G.B. Staunton
Hon.Secretary

K. Lonsdale
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, 1963, 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, 1963, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the Books of the Branch.

Sydney, August 28, 1963.

B. Pitt
B. Mortensen) Hon. Auditors

SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY BRANCH

STATEMENT NO.2

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1963.

Our Income was -

From:	1963 £	1962 £
Affiliation Fees	54.12. 0	63. 0. 0
Capitation Fees	233.16. 0	228.12. 0
Donations	20.10. 0	42. 7. 0
Bank Interest	46. 1. 6	50. 4. 6
Examination Fees	121.14. 0	95.10. 0
N.S.W. State Government Grant	255. 0. 0	319.15. 0
Profit on Metropolitan Carnival	33. 8. 6	55.19. 6
Carnival Charges	25. 0. 0	30. 0. 0
Sundry Income	6.13. 7	12.14. 0
	<u>£796.15. 7</u>	<u>£898. 2. 0</u>

From which must be Deducted our Expenses -

Of:

General Expenses	2. 2. 0	57.14. 7
Allowances for Gear and Handbook Returns	-	66. 3. 6
Electricity	3.16.11	2. 5. 0
Examination & Instructional Expenses	73. 3. 6	89.16. 3
Badges and Boat Signal Boards	-	52.11. 0
Insurance	1.13. 0	1.13. 0
Postages	109.16.10	72.19.11
Printing and Stationery	218. 5. 3	375. 0. 4
Repairs and Maintenance	12. 7. 6	30.19. 6
Rent	162.17. 6	151. 3. 9
Secretary's Allowance	520. 0. 0	594.16. 8
Telephone	85. 4. 8	136.17. 5
Depreciation	64. 3. 9	54.18. 0
	<u>£1,253.10.11</u>	<u>£1,686.18.11</u>

Leaving an Excess of Expenditure over
Income which is deducted from
Accumulated Funds on Statement No.1

£456.15. 4 £788.16.11

CLUBS, RESCUES, AWARDS, CLUB GEAR, MEMBERSHIP
SYDNEY BRANCH, SEASON 1962-63

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	Instructors	Q.C.							
Bondi	119	1	2	55	5	33	7	5	1159	244	280	1675	124	150	26	127	427	1906
Bronte	55	0	0	31	0	28	5	2	929	144	100	3000	196	96	2	24	318	1903
Burning Palms	0	0	0	0	14	5	1	0	94	11	7	1209	26	0	0	64	90	1939
Clovelly	Not Reported					19	9	5	528	90	65	423	87	16	6	115	224	1906
Coogee	3	0	0	4	0	40	7	10	1271	171	183	2000	149	124	32	239	544	1907
Cronulla	5	3	3	49	26	41	7	14	1156	212	264	1323	138	98	25	59	320	1907
Era	14	0	0	8	42	7	3	0	175	41	13	1400	34	0	0	52	86	1937
Garie	14	0	3	12	62	1	0	0	185	42	21	450	44	21	0	7	72	1938
Maroubra	145	0	200	0	30	30	6	6	923	167	94	2000	128	132	10	92	362	1906
North Bondi	16	0	0	26	0	31	1	1	1101	178	120	2000	126	167	8	129	430	1907
Nth Cronulla	196	11	23	213	0	63	11	19	1014	209	173	1360	182	33	32	10	257	1946
Sth Maroubra	70	0	4	90	12	5	0	0	42	5	4	200	33	21	4	7	65	1959
Tamarama	7	0	0	47	100	27	3	4	373	52	66	239	102	25	4	36	167	1906
Wanda	28	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	325	54	75	625	154	35	13	9	211	1949
1962-63 Total:	627	16	235	536	291	330	60	66	9275	1620	1465	17904	1523	918	162	970	3573	
1961-62 Total:	834	49	53	1081	2561	224	54	97	8945	1562	1399	15249	1513	807	239	1191	3750	

