

SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION  
OF AUSTRALIA

FIFTEENTH

# ANNUAL REPORT

and

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEASON 1963-64



*"Vigilance and Service"*

**SYDNEY BRANCH**



SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

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Notice is hereby given that the 15th Annual General Meeting of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia, Sydney Branch, will be held in the Aquatic Club, 2 Riley Street, Sydney, on Tuesday, September 1, 1964, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of the 14th Annual General Meeting, held on Tuesday, September 3, 1963. (Minutes of the 14th 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 15th Annual Report for Season 1963-64.
5. Presentation of Audited Financial Statement for Season 1963-64.
6. Election of Officers.
7. Election of Committees.
8. Confirmation of Board of Examiners' Officers and Committees.
9. Allocation of Carnival dates for season 1964-65.
10. General Business -
  - (a) Correspondence
  - (b) Reports
  - (c) As may occur.

GUS B. STAUNTON,

Honorary Secretary,  
Surf Life Saving Assn. of Aust.,  
Sydney Branch.



SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

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OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

SEASON 1963-64

Patron

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

Vice-Patrons

Ald. D. Morey, Mayor of Waverley

Ald. W. Haigh, Mayor of Randwick

Cr. K. Bates, Sutherland Shire Council

J. Ferguson, Royal Nat. Park Trust

D. Curtin, M.H.R.	J. Jennings
L. Johnson, M.H.R.	F.J. Palmer
S. Enfield, M.H.R.	L.J. Hooker
R. Heffron, M.L.A.	C.O.J. Monro
Hon. J. Renshaw, M.L.A.	W. Stephenson (Radio 2SM)
Hon. A. Landa, M.L.A.	A. McRae (Speedo)
Hon. C. Kelly, M.L.A.	D. Golder (B.P. Aust. Ltd.)
L. Walsh, M.L.A.	K. Wilson (Astor Radio)
G. Cox, M.L.A.	H. Alce (Millers Brewery)
I. Griffiths, M.L.A.	R. Delohery (Schweppes)
Judge J. Harvey Prior	G. Doherty (Slazengers)
Sir Norman Nock	J. Tier (Sun Newspapers)
Sir Edward Hallstrom	K. Rowlands (Philip Morris)
R. McPhillips	C. Jones (Columbia Pictures)
	N. Ridge (Greater Union)

President

A.R. Loton

Deputy President

D.C. Lucas

Vice-Presidents

W. Crain, E. Marsden, E. Sier, E. Stephens  
and Presidents of all Affiliated Clubs

Trustees

W. Crain, A. Loton, G. Staunton

Hon. Secretary

G.B. Staunton



Hon. Assistant Secretary

J. Vaughan

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. Sec., Board of Examiners

J. Vaughan

Hon. Insurance Officer

B. Regan

Hon. Auditors

B. Mortensen, B. Pitt

Hon. District Supervisors

No.1 District - J. Casey

No.3 District - A. Kelly

No.2 District - P. Ainsworth

No.4 District - B. Walker

Hon. Assistant District Supervisors

No.1 District - K. Midson

No.3 District - J. Cooksley

No.2 District - A. Jordan

No.4 District - 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

J. Bourn (Nth Cronulla), R. Horton (Bondi), R. Leix (Cronulla),  
K. Messenger (Coogee), J. Poulos (Nth Bondi), A. Staunton (South  
Maroubra, resigned Feb.), F. Norton (Bronte, elected April)

Points Recorders

A. Jordan, K. Messenger

Hon. Medical Advisors

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

Judiciary Committee

H. Brown, R. Buist, \*W. Crain, D. Lucas, J. Marsden.



Life Membership Committee

W. Crain, R. Howells, \*A. Loton, J. Marsden, J. Switzer.

Boat Committee

N. Dixon, \*G. Challis, D. Fryer, T. Lagerlow, L. Trim.

Constitution Committee

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

Gear Improvement Committee

R. Howells, J. Marsden, A. Moseley, R. Sargeant, J. Switzer,  
\*J. Vaughan, J. Wardall.

Branch Selection Committee

P. Ainsworth, J. Marsden, A. Moseley, \*J. Switzer, B. Walker.

Competition Conditions Committee

P. Ainsworth, R. Buist, A. Moseley, J. Switzer, \*J. Vaughan.

Finance, Purchases & Contracts Committee

\*K. Lonsdale, A. Loton, W. Marshall, R. Miller, J. Needham.

Resuscitation Committee

J. Casey, R. Davey, D. Lucas, J. Marsden, A. Moseley, J. Switzer,  
B. Walker.

Meritorious Awards Committee

L. Johnson, D. Lucas, J. Marsden, A. Moseley, E. Sier, J. Switzer,  
J. Vaughan.

Gear Inspection Committee

P. Ainsworth, K. Andrews, R. Bear, J. Casey, C. Christiansen,  
G. Johnson, A. Jordan, D. Lucas, K. Messenger, K. Midson,  
M. Moroney, A. Moseley, M. Santos, B. Vaughan, B. Walker,  
G. Wilson, W. Young.

Beach Football

President: F. Norton      Hon.Secretary: G. Staunton

\*Convenor.

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



## FOREWORD

The following report, prepared by our Honorary Secretary, Mr. Gus Staunton, will, I know from personal observation, show that the past season has been one of achievement by our Clubs and Branch.

The problem of a lack of handbooks early in the season was one fraught with difficulty and your Council's decision to arrange for an independent supply was made at no mean risk of a heavy financial loss. However, history has shown that the correct step was taken and we were able not only to assist our own Clubs, but also those from other Branches and States of the Association.

The influx of a slightly younger membership content into our Clubs will present problems for our leaders, but I am sure that the good judgment of the past will prevail and the joint experience of younger and older members will guide our Clubs to continued prosperity.

Wishing all a successful season,

A.R. LOTON, B.Ec.

President,  
Surf Life Saving Assn. of Aust.,  
Sydney Branch.



Respectfully,  
J. H. [Name], Secretary

The following report, prepared by our Secretary, Mr. [Name], shows that the past season has been one of achievement by our Clubs and Branches. The report is a credit to the work of the Clubs and Branches and shows a heavy financial loss. However, history has shown that the correct way is to have the Clubs and Branches work for the Association, but also to have their own business and to be self-sufficient.

The fact is that a slightly younger membership is coming into the Clubs and Branches and the good judgment of the past will prevail and the joint efforts of the Clubs and Branches will guide our Clubs and Branches to a successful season. We are sure that the Clubs and Branches will be successful in their efforts to bring in a successful season.

Very truly,  
J. H. [Name], Secretary



SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

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A N N U A L    R E P O R T

To be presented to the 15th Annual General Meeting of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia, Sydney Branch, to be held in the Aquatic Club, 2 Riley Street, Sydney, on Tuesday, September 1, 1964, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Mr. President,

Gentlemen,

Hereafter will be found for your perusal and intended adoption the 15th Annual Report of the Sydney Branch.

The season has been a routine one, if indeed one can call the administering of 14 Clubs with over 4,000 members and also the saving of over 1,500 lives all in one season a matter of routine.

All Officers have discharged their duties to a high standard and the most striking feature, I feel personally, within the Branch over recent years has been the extreme harmony which has existed between the Clubs and the Branch and particularly amongst the Officers and Delegates.

Membership of the Clubs has shown a very static figure and the apparent consistency of the membership figures over recent years is of considerable interest. Elsewhere in this report will be set out for your information and quick comparison figures covering previous years. The very slight upward trend of some 23 active members over last year's figure is, I feel, almost negligible, but still we should draw some justifiable pride and satisfaction from the point of view that the Clubs are more than holding their own and whilst they may not be making great leaps forward, they are, nevertheless, withstanding the onslaught of the innumerable recreational pleasures which are available to the youth of to-day.

We trust that in future years this slight upward trend will accelerate and that the Clubs may, in the foreseeable future, vastly multiply their membership to then achieve the benefits of being more selective in their members, lessening the burden



upon the existing members and to generally reap the benefits which large membership brings.

It is difficult in an introduction such as this to single out various items for particular comment and accordingly, I will revert to the style which has been found acceptable in previous years and hereafter will set out a number of items of importance which occurred within the Branch or affected the Branch during the season.

In concluding this introduction, I am sure that all Officers and members will join with me in extending our appreciation and congratulations to all those Club members, Officers and individuals who, by carrying out their designated duties, have allowed us to repeat our claim of yet another successful season concluded.

#### BRANCH COUNCIL.

The Branch Council, comprising the elected Delegates from the Clubs, the Club Presidents, who occupy the position of Association Vice-President, together with the Association Officers, has met regularly on its normal meeting date of the first Tuesday in each month.

Since the previous Annual Report, the Council has met in the Lounge of the Aquatic Club and we are indeed most grateful to His Honour, Judge Harvey Prior and the members of the Aquatic Club for the hospitality which was readily extended to us when we were seeking a regular meeting "home".

The surroundings for the meeting are admirable and a large number of members have joined the Club, with dinner facilities, etc., being available before the commencement of the meetings.

Attendances of Delegates and Officers are set out for your perusal and particular attention of Club Secretaries and Presidents is drawn to the attendance figures of Delegates.

It is to be regretted that, on occasions, Delegates who do not render satisfactory service at the Branch Council when representing their own Club, will again be elected for the position the following year, simply because they present themselves for such re-election, or others cannot be found who are sufficiently concerned with the happenings in the Association sphere.

It has been stressed before and will, I am sure, be stressed again that a Club well represented at the Branch Council is in a very strong position. Incidents which may involve Clubs and possibly lead to judiciary action can be brought to speedy conclusions by the actions of prompt and efficient Club Delegates and Officers who attend the Council meetings.



We thank all the members concerned who have regularly attended and who have given of their best in the various discussions and in all cases, I feel, decisions have been reached at the time under an atmosphere of congeniality and actions taken have been implemented in the best interests of all concerned.

A tremendous number of items are submitted to the Council over a period of a year and such matters are tabulated in the Minutes, which are circulated to all Delegates, Club Secretaries and Officers, together with the Branch monthly circular.

The efficiency of Club Secretaries, from the Branch's point of view has shown a decided improvement upon the previous season and this is due in no small way to the largely attended Secretaries' Conference, which was conducted at the commencement of the season.

It is understood that there are a number of Club Secretaries who will be relinquishing their positions in the coming weeks and, at this juncture, we do wish to thank them on behalf of the Association for their diligent attention to their duties.

Attendances at Branch Council Meetings:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Possible</u>	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Apology</u>	<u>Absent</u>
A. Loton, President	12	10	2	-
D. Lucas, Deputy President	12	9	3	-
W. Crain, Vice-President	12	10	1	1
J. Marsden, "	12	3	-	9
E. Sier, "	12	4	4	4
E. Stephens, "	12	10	2	-
G. Staunton, Hon. Secretary	12	12	-	-
J. Vaughan, Asst. Secretary	12	12	-	-
K. Lonsdale, Hon. Treasurer	12	11	1	-
J. Needham, Asst. Treasurer	12	8	3	1
H. Brown, Registrar	12	11	1	-
A. Jordan, Asst. Registrar	12	5	1	6
B. Regan, Insurance Officer	12	10	1	1
M. George, Publicity Officer	12	7	5	-
J. Switzer, Superintendent	12	11	1	-
A. Moseley, Deputy Super.	12	9	3	-
J. Casey, No.1 Dist. Super.	12	7	1	4
P. Ainsworth, No.2 "	12	3	1	8
A. Kelly, No.3 "	12	5	-	7
B. Walker, No.4 "	12	6	1	5
K. Midson, No.1 Asst. Super.	12	-	-	12
J. Cooksley, No.3 "	12	3	1	8
W. Young, No.4 "	12	-	-	12
G. Challis, Boat Inspector	12	9	-	3



<u>Club Delegates</u>		<u>Possible</u>	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Apology</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Proxy</u>
Bondi:	J. Cooksley	12	4	1	7	-
	R. Horton	12	11	-	1	-
Bronte:	F. Gilroy	12	6	-	4	2
	M. Singleton	10	7	-	3	-
Burning Palms:	B. Morris	12	2	1	1	7
	V. Sinclair	12	5	2	2	3
Clovelly:	G. Stubbs	12	4	-	5	3
	J. Wells	12	4	-	7	1
Coogee:	K. Messenger	12	9	2	1	-
	W. Neal	12	8	-	2	1
Cronulla:	B. Regan	12	10	1	-	-
	R. Leix	12	9	1	-	2
Era:	R. Davison	12	8	1	2	1
	F. Osborne	12	9	2	1	-
Garie:	L. Ford	12	7	2	1	2
	D. Stewart	12	6	1	3	2
Maroubra:	C. Baker	10	-	1	7	2
	R. Causer	10	7	1	2	-
	T. Condon	2	2	-	-	-
	C. Condon	2	2	-	-	-
North Bondi:	J. Poulos	12	4	2	6	-
	L. McNamara	12	3	1	8	-
Nth Cronulla:	H. Brown	12	11	1	-	-
	J. Bourn	12	9	-	1	2
Sth Maroubra:	A. Staunton	12	7	4	-	1
	R. Spankie	12	7	1	4	-
Tamarama:	R. Sheldon	12	12	-	-	-
	A. Roberts	12	3	2	6	1
Wanda:	K. Lonsdale	2	1	-	-	1
	E. Stephens	2	1	-	-	1
	R. McLaughlin	10	9	-	1	-
	A. Ryan	10	7	-	3	-
<u>Club Presidents:</u>						
T. Meagher, Bondi		12	3	-	9	
F. Norton, Bronte		12	11	1	-	
M. Pymble, Burning Palms		12	-	-	12	
A. West, Clovelly		12	-	-	12	
J. Cannot, Coogee		12	2	-	10	
W. Marshall, Cronulla		12	12	-	-	
R. Miller, Era		12	10	2	-	
R. Hoffmann, Garie		12	2	-	10	
S. Baker, Maroubra		12	3	1	8	
C. Christensen, Nth Bondi		12	10	-	2	
N. Rees, Nth Cronulla		12	2	-	10	
W. Lucas, Sth Maroubra		12	-	-	12	
R. Buist, Tamarama		12	12	-	-	
E. Suann, Wanda		12	2	1	9	



#### EXECUTIVE.

The Executive has ceased, over the past 12 months, to meet on a regular basis and has actually been called together on various occasions when the need arose.

A number of Executive meetings were held throughout the summer months, but generally speaking, it would appear that the situation of the Aquatic Club, whilst being in many respects an ideal one, will never replace the former Hunter Street address, which was so close to the heart of the City.

Members attending Executive meetings at the Aquatic Club have to leave sooner than they would have in the past, as time is consumed in travelling from various places of business.

However, I do feel that matters have not been neglected because of the irregularity of the Executive meetings and for that matter, Council meetings have not been extended either, with the exception of one meeting during the 12 months which went until approximately 10.30 p.m.; all other meetings have been concluding between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m.

To those Delegates who sought position upon the Executive and did readily present themselves at the meetings, we extend our appreciation for their interest in this regard and trust that their commitments will allow them to seek similar positions next season.

#### BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

I have advised over recent years of the very fortunate position of the Sydney Branch in having the members of the Sydney Board of Examiners which are available to us.

I can, on this occasion, do no more than reiterate these previous remarks and extend our appreciation to the Branch Superintendent, Jim Switzer, Deputy Superintendent Albert 'Ike' Moseley, the Secretary John Vaughan, and to all the District Supervisors and members who give so unselfishly of their time and efforts during the year.

A tremendous number of carnivals are attended, examinations conducted and various matters brought to successful conclusion by the Board of Examiners and figures recently published in the Board's Annual Report tabulate in actual man-hours these commitments and one then begins to fully appreciate the efforts being expended upon our behalf.



The harmony existing between the Board and the Branch has, I feel, continued and actually increased in the concluding season. This is due in no small way to the large number of Board of Examiners Officers and members who are represented at the Branch Council under various categories, or who attend under their own duties.

Following will be found a list of the members of the Sydney Branch Board of Examiners for the concluding 1963-64 season.

Honorary Branch Superintendent: J. Switzer  
Hon. Deputy Branch Superintendent: A. Moseley  
Honorary Secretary: J. Vaughan  
District Supervisors: Assistant District Supervisors:  
No.1: J. Casey No.1: K. Midson  
No.2: P. Ainsworth No.2: A. Jordan  
No.3: A. Kelly No.3: J. Cooksley  
No.4: B. Walker No.4: W. Young

Life Members:

V. Besemo	D. Lucas	R. Moroney	J. Switzer
A. Castleman	L. McDonald	A. Olson	K. Watson
W. Foerster	R. McKenna	A. Purcell	G. Williams
R. Howells	J. Marsden	E. Sier	V. Williams
G. Johnson	R. Michaelis	H. Small	G. Wilson

Active Members:

P. Ainsworth	R. Davison	J. Manny	M. Santos
K. Andrews	N. Dixon	K. Manton	R. Sargeant
R. Avery	J. Donohoe	W. Matthes	V. Sedgwick
R. Bear	W. Eady	J. Matthew	R. Shephard
B. Brewin	B. Ezzy	D. Medlin	R. Simmons
R. Bridges	N. Ford	K. Messenger	H. Spurway
E. Brooker	R. Fraser	K. Midson	N. Stenhouse
J. Brown	D. Fryer	J. Minahan	E. Stephens
L. Buck	R. Hoffmann	A. Moseley	T. Trevillian
J. Casey	J. Horton	W. Neal	B. Vaughan
C. Christiansen	R. Horton	N. Neeld	J. Vaughan
J. Cooksley	A. Jordan	F. Osborne	A. Watts
G. Cooper	A. Kelly	N. Papworth	J. Weber
R. Craig	R. Leix	A. Pepper	W. Winzer
B. Crisp	K. Lonsdale	W. Rennie	W. Young
R. Davey	L. McNamara	R. Sandstrom	

Reserve Active Members:

H. Hodge, L. Johnson, V. Mulcahy, T. Wheeler

Country Members:

K. Grant, G. Hogarth, M. Moroney, K. Russell, P. Seaton, B. Walker, J. Wardall, G. Wilson.

Attached Member:

J. Beasley - Central Coast Branch.



## AWARDS.

Following will be found a comparison of the various Association awards gained by the Clubs within the Sydney Branch over the concluding season and for your convenience, figures are also shown for previous 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 similarity of the figures for this season to those of 1962-63 are really only in keeping with the overall pattern established in the figures shown and one must wonder if we have reached a saturation point or, alternatively, if we have arrived at the ideal figure for administering to our duties and these figures will never show any substantial increase accordingly.

Congratulations are extended to the Clubs who did have a large number of recruits successfully present themselves for various examinations and in this respect, the North Cronulla Club must again be mentioned with a total of 62 Bronze Medallions being obtained during the season.

### Comparison List of Awards:

	<u>1959-60</u>	<u>1960-61</u>	<u>1961-62</u>	<u>1962-63</u>	<u>1963-64</u>
Bronze Medallions	343	301	224	330	330
Instruct. Certs.	77	55	54	60	59
Qual. Certs.	<u>147</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>47</u>
<u>Total:</u>	<u>567</u>	<u>441</u>	<u>375</u>	<u>456</u>	<u>436</u>

## RESCUES.

The figures for rescues carried out by individual Clubs are set out at the conclusion of this Annual Report in the summaries. However, for the purpose of examination at this juncture, totals for previous seasons, compared to the current season, are listed hereafter.

All figures show a slight increase upon 1962-63, with the exception of the category "with other gear".

In the previous Annual Report, we remarked upon the sudden influx of rescues under this particular category and now find the somewhat interesting situation of where the figures have reverted back to their trend established since 1959. The conditions of the seas on the coast during the concluding season were not particularly clement and this no doubt contributed to the number of rescues being slightly higher than the preceding



year. The overall figures, however, fit well within the trend established since 1959 and our congratulations are extended to all those Clubs who performed so magnificently in this regard.

I feel that it is with justifiable pride that we can advise our many supporters and the public in general that all Clubs have had the Association motto of "Vigilance and Service" uppermost in their minds in carrying out their patrol duties, which is the basic fundamental of our existence.

Comparison List of Rescues:

	<u>1959-60</u>	<u>1960-61</u>	<u>1961-62</u>	<u>1962-63</u>	<u>1963-64</u>
With line	432	713	834	627	710
With surf boat	38	64	49	16	66
Without line	335	514	1088	536	656
With other gear	<u>32</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>235</u>	<u>76</u>
<u>Total:</u>	<u>837</u>	<u>1372</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>1414</u>	<u>1508</u>

MEMBERSHIP.

In the introduction to the Annual Report, I did touch briefly upon the membership figures and they do show little or no variation on the preceding years. The trend apparently is for a somewhat static membership and also as has been stated, if the Clubs and Association can cater for the interests of modern-day youth and, indeed, if we can compete and more than hold our own against the manifest attractions and distractions which are available to the young men of to-day, then we must take pride in this achievement.

All Clubs within the Sydney Branch are in an adequate position for carrying out their patrol duties and whilst some Clubs may require additional members for the purpose of enlarging their patrols or lessening the burden upon some of the members concerned, we do repeat that the Clubs appear to have adequate members to carry out their duties in their present form; nevertheless, complacency cannot be tolerated and every effort must be made to attract new members into our ranks.

The most obvious field for such potential membership are the various schools in the districts of the surfing beaches and also the members of the various amateur swimming clubs. We understand that a number of Clubs already make overtures into these respective spheres and indeed, it could be a matter well worth developing and investigating by all Clubs.

Following will be found a comparison list of memberships over preceding seasons -



Comparison List of Membership:

	<u>1959-60</u>	<u>1960-61</u>	<u>1961-62</u>	<u>1962-63</u>	<u>1963-64</u>
Active	1769	1531	1526	1523	1546
Reserve Active	776	950	808	918	777
Cadet	279	184	272	162	183
Associate	1120	992	1194	970	1013
Others	-----	-----	-----	-----	688
<u>Total:</u>	<u>3932</u>	<u>3357</u>	<u>3800</u>	<u>3573</u>	<u>4207</u>

HANDBOOKS.

At the commencement of the season, advice was received through the N.S.W. State Centre from National Council that supplies of handbooks would be seriously curtailed for the duration of the 1963-64 season.

This situation had apparently been caused by the existing stocks of the handbooks being depleted and since an Instructional Conference was anticipated in March and most certainly the book would be altered, reprints would not be undertaken by the National Council because of the economic implications.

Needless to say, such advice had serious repercussions within the Sydney Branch, where our minds were still fresh upon the confusion caused some few seasons ago by the late issue of the handbooks following the previous Instructional Conference.

Equally dismaying to the Branch was the apparently fatalistic attitude of the N.S.W. State Centre in accepting the advice from the National Council and, most dismaying of all in Sydney Branch's opinion, was the National Council's refusal to accept responsibility and make an emergency edition of the handbook available.

Accordingly, after serious discussion and a number of quotations being called, the Branch financially committed itself to the extent of some hundreds of pounds and had the handbook reprinted in sufficient quantity to cater for the needs of the Sydney Branch and the Manly-Warringah Branch.

Additional copies were also available and were ultimately distributed to various State Centres, including Queensland and Victoria, and to other Branches throughout N.S.W.

We have rarely witnessed the Branch so unified upon a particular issue and all members joined unanimously in the move to make



these books available to the Clubs and the very slight increase in cost was negligible and the Branch was fully prepared and committed to incur a financial loss in fulfilling its obligations to its Clubs.

#### OPEN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

As I am sure every member of the Association in Sydney and, possibly, throughout N.S.W., is now aware, at the Mid-yearly meeting of the N.S.W. State Centre, held at the Cronulla Clubhouse, it was resolved that Open State Championships would be introduced for the 1964-65 season.

The introduction of these carnivals is particularly gratifying to the Sydney Branch and its members, since we have been championing such a cause over a period of years and did witness, some few years past, a somewhat similar motion being carried, only to be rescinded shortly afterwards.

Lengthy discussion took place at the State Conference, but a majority of Branches felt that the carnival could be successfully conducted and, indeed, almost unanimously the Branches agreed that the scheme should be given a trial to test its efficiency and appeal to the competitors.

The State Superintendent, Mr. L.S. McDonald, is currently preparing suggestions for the method of conducting the carnival for next season, which will be held at Coogee Beach and the Branch has recently reiterated its original suggestions and a suggested programme of events.

Particular mention must be made at this stage of the Secretary of the Sydney Branch Board of Examiners, Mr. J.K. Vaughan, who was the main motivating force behind the introduction of the Open State Championships and did prepare in detail the Branch's case for submission to State Centre and other Branches.

#### AFFILIATED CLUBS.

All Clubs who affiliated in the preceding season were again affiliated with the Branch and have continued to carry out their duties to a high degree of efficiency.

Unfortunately, in dealing with these Clubs, items can become confused and considerable embarrassment was caused to a number of Clubs at the commencement of last season due to the late receipt of their capitation lists.

When the Branch issues directives in matters and various deadlines



are then made, little remains for the Branch except disciplinary action against the offenders and we do trust that in the coming season, all Clubs will keep their commitments to the Branch up to date and that the relationship will continue to be harmonious.

We would also at this juncture, express our appreciation to the Officers and rank and file members of all Clubs for their attention to their duties and for the diligent manner in which they assist their domestic Clubs in carrying out their duties.

#### CARNIVALS, 1963-64.

Carnivals conducted in the Branch during the Season were as follows -

Bondi	November 16, 1963
Garie	December 1, 1963
North Bondi	December 7, 1963
Cronulla	December 14, 1963
Wanda	January 11, 1964
North Cronulla	January 18, 1964
Coogee	February 8, 1964 (Branch Champs)
North Cronulla	February 22, 1964 (Interbranch)
Maroubra	March 21, 1964

#### SYDNEY BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS, Coogee, February 8, 1964.

The Branch Championships were this season conducted at the Coogee Beach under somewhat trying sea and weather conditions.

A number of Branch Championships over recent years have been conducted at Coogee and we again extend to the Officers and members of that Club our appreciation for their interest in this carnival and their co-operation which is always forthcoming.

Unfortunately, the spectacle of the carnival was marred by showers throughout the morning and some hardship was caused on the beach, particularly to the Board of Examiners members in the marking of their various cards, and to the competitors in general.

The carnival was successfully concluded, which bears ample testimony to the diligence of the Board of Examiners members and the enthusiasm of the competitors and the conditions of the sea at other beaches were such that it raised serious doubts if the carnival could have been conducted and concluded at any other beach than Coogee.

We extend to the Carnival Organiser, Mr. Barry Cribb, the Club



President, Mr. Jack Cannot, and to the other members of the Carnival Committee, our appreciation for the manner in which they assisted the Branch Officers during the conducting of the Carnival.

At the conclusion of the carnival, Official guests were welcomed in the Clubhouse and the Branch President, Mr. A.R. Loton, suitably replied to the messages of welcome from the Coogee Officials.

Under will be found results of the carnival -

- Senior R.&R.: 1. Cronulla; 2. Wanda; 3. Bondi.  
Junior R.&R.: 1. Nth Cronulla; 2. Bondi; 3. Wanda.  
Senior Belt: 1. N. Cox (Wanda); 2. B. Hutchings (Bondi);  
3. B. Rodgers (Maroubra).  
Junior Belt: 1. R. Green (Clovelly); 2. L. Harris (Bondi);  
3. P. Edwards (Nth Cronulla).  
Senior Surf: 1. T. Buck (Clovelly); 2. B. Rodgers (Maroubra);  
3. P. Smiles (Nth Bondi).  
Junior Surf: 1. R. Hardie (Clovelly); 2. R. Green (Clovelly);  
3. K. Spud (Bondi).  
Senior Teams: 1. Clovelly; 2. Bondi; 3. Cronulla.  
Junior Teams: 1. Bondi; 2. Clovelly; 3. Wanda.  
Cadet Surf: 1. G. Rogers (Clovelly); 2. A. O'Neill (Bondi);  
3. R. Barrie (Coogee).  
Senior Boat: 1. Cronulla; 2. Wanda; 3. Coogee.  
Junior Boat: 1. Coogee; 2. Nth Cronulla.  
Surf Board: 1. S. Mangin (Nth Cronulla); 2. J. Salmon (Wanda);  
3. R. Firkin (Sth Maroubra).  
Single Ski: 1. D. McGuire (Maroubra); 2. B. Stewart (Maroubra),  
3. E. Maloney (Coogee).  
Double Ski: 1. Howells & Bourn (Nth Cronulla); 2. Stewart &  
Green (Maroubra); 3. Baker & Johnson (Maroubra).  
March Past: 1. Maroubra; 2. Nth Bondi; 3. Coogee.  
Beach Sprint: 1. J. Annand (Tamarama); 2. D. Cross (Clovelly);  
3. P. Manning (Maroubra).  
Beach Relay: 1. Coogee; 2. Nth Cronulla; 3. Maroubra.  
Musical Flags: 1. D. O'Bryan (Wanda); 2. R. Bugden (Cronulla);  
3. N. Jones (Cronulla).  
Pillow Fight: 1. G. Meredyth (Wanda); Martin Johnson (Nth Cronulla);  
3. Max Johnson (Nth Cronulla).  
Cadet Beach Sprint: 1. I. Goode (Cronulla); 2. A. Farmer (Wanda);  
3. P. Spies (Clovelly).  
Cadet Musical Flags: 1. P. Spies (Clovelly); 2. R. Simpson (Tama.)  
3. I. Goode (Cronulla).

N.S.W. CHAMPIONSHIPS, March 1, 1964.

Tremendous preparation was given to the conducting of the N.S.W. Championships this year by the Swansea-Belmont Club at Blacksmiths Beach.

The Carnival Organiser, Mr. Geoff Murray, and Club Officials had a



tremendous task in front of them which included the actual sealing off of a number of public roads and also a very ambitious programme of allied functions concerned with the carnival.

Weather conditions, whilst not entirely ideal, were quite comfortable and the carnival, through the efforts of the State Superintendent, Mr. L.S. McDonald, and his capable team of Board of Examiners members, brought the carnival to its successful conclusion.

The apparent financial success of the carnival is also a very pleasing feature and one of which we feel the Swansea-Belmont Club are justifiably proud.

The Clovelly Club were successful on the day in winning the Viscount Surf Boat, which was made available for point-score competition amongst all clubs competing.

After their outstanding success at the Sydney Branch Championships, the Maroubra competitors made a very strong bid for success in this particular trophy, but the overwhelming successes of the Clovelly competitors, especially in the swimming events, left little in doubt and indeed their overall victory was one of the finest seen in many years. Clovelly were also successful in winning the Bank of N.S.W. reel.

It is worthy of note that the members of the Clovelly Club and also individual members of the Maroubra Club who were successful at the State Championships were ultimately given a Civic Reception by the Mayor of Randwick at a function attended by Club and Association dignitaries.

Under will be found a list of the Sydney Branch competitors who were successful on this day and again, our congratulations to those Clubs and members who competed with such distinction.

Senior R.&R.: 1. Cronulla.  
Junior R.&R.: 1. Nth Cronulla.  
Junior Belt: 1. R. Green (Clovelly); 2. L. Harris (Bondi).  
Senior Teams: 1. Clovelly.  
Junior Teams: 1. Bondi; 2. Clovelly.  
Open Surf: 1. T. Buck (Clovelly);  
Junior Surf: 1. R. Hardie (Clovelly).  
March Past: 2. Nth Bondi (dead-heat with Collaroy)  
Board Race: 1. D. Heussner (Maroubra); 2. S. Mangin (North Cronulla); 3. J. Salmon (Wanda).  
Single Ski: 1. P. Coles (Nth Bondi); 2. R. Green (North Cronulla); 3. D. McGuire (Maroubra).  
Double Ski: 1. Stewart & Green (Maroubra).  
Cadet Surf: 2. G. Rogers (Clovelly).  
Viscount Boat: Clovelly.  
Bank of N.S.W. Reel: Clovelly.



AUSTRALIAN INTERCLUB AND INTERSTATE CARNIVALS, March 28 and 29, 1964.

The allocation of the Australian Championships to the Collaroy Club had originally raised in some spheres a great deal of misgivings and doubt that the beach would be capable of staging a carnival of the magnitude of an Australian Championships.

Fortunately, such sceptics did not calculate upon the resourcefulness of the members of the Collaroy Club and upon their intention to actually move the carnival area well northward from the Surf Club into an area which is much bigger.

The Club President, Mr. Dick Twilight, who was a very well known member of the Sydney Branch Council before the formation of the Manly-Warringah Branch, and his team of carnival organisers, left no stone unturned to ensure that the carnival was a most outstanding success.

The weather conditions were ideal, the arrangements for the comfort of the competitors and officials were of the highest standard and words cannot praise sufficiently the efforts of the Collaroy Club in bringing the Australian Championships for 1964 to a very successful conclusion.

Figures have recently been released which show the carnival to be very successful financially.

Members of this Branch acquitted themselves with distinction and under will be found results of all events conducted at the Championships. Special congratulations must be extended to the members of the N.S.W. team, who successfully annexed the Interstate Premiership. To the coach, Mr. Alan May, and the Manager, Mr. Hec McDonald, the Branch has already extended its appreciation and congratulations.

Junior R.&R.: 3. Nth Cronulla.  
Senior Teams: 1. Clovelly.  
Junior Teams: 2. Bondi; 3. Clovelly.  
Senior Surf: 2. T. Buck (Clovelly);  
Junior Surf: 1. R. Green (Clovelly); 2. R. Hardie (Clovelly).  
Senior Boat: 1. Cronulla.  
Junior Boat: 2. Bronte.  
Surf Board: 1. D. Heussner (Maroubra); 2. W. Graham (Bronte);  
3. G. Elliott (Cronulla).  
Surf Ski: 1. B. Trouville (Maroubra); 3. D. Green (Maroubra).  
Double Ski: 1. Stewart & Green (Maroubra)  
Open Surf (Non-championship): 3. A. Wood (Cronulla).  
Open Junior Surf (Non-championship): 3. R. Hardie, Clovelly.  
Interstate Point-Score: 1. N.S.W.



2SM INTERBRANCH CARNIVAL, North Cronulla Beach, Feb. 22, 1964.

Working to the original schedule, the carnival for 1964 was to be a southside venue and, accordingly, same was allocated to the North Cronulla S.L.S.C.

It was to be regretted that a larger contingent of competitors did not journey from the north side of the Harbour and when one bears in mind the very close finish in the overall competition in the preceding carnival, the run-away victory by the Sydney Branch this year is not as entirely pleasing as it would normally be.

We do, however, wish to thank all those Clubs of the Branch who attended in strength and represented Sydney and again left little doubt that Sydney is the premier competition Branch in Australia.

To the members of the North Cronulla Club, we thank them for the hospitality extended on the occasion and the venue for season 1964-65 will be on the north side and the allocation will not be known until following the Annual General Meeting in that area.

Following will be found the results of the contest and appreciation is again extended to Radio Station 2SM and its General Manager, Mr. Bill Stephenson, for their continued interest in our activities by maintaining this trophy.

- Senior R.&R.: 1. Cronulla; 2. Manly; 3. Wanda.  
Junior R.&R.: 1. North Steyne; 2. Manly; 3. Bondi.  
Senior Belt: 1. B. Rodgers (Maroubra); 2. B. Hutchings (Bondi);  
3. A. Ward (Manly).  
Junior Belt: 1. G. Hardie (Clovelly); 2. R. Green (Clovelly);  
3. P. Edwards (North Cronulla).  
Senior Surf: 1. B. Rodgers (Maroubra); 2. D. Murray (Clovelly);  
3. T. Fitzgerald (North Steyne).  
Junior Surf: 1. R. Hadie (Clovelly); 2. R. Green (Clovelly);  
3. C. Clingan (Nth Bondi).  
Senior Teams: 1. Manly; 2. Clovelly; 3. Cronulla.  
Junior Teams: 1. Bondi; 2. Wanda; 3. Clovelly.  
Cadet Surf: 1. P. Whitfield (Nth Narrabeen); 2. E. Baldock (Bondi);  
3. G. Rodgers (Clovelly).  
Novice Surf: 1. R. Steeles (Wanda); 2. J. Fleming (Nth Cronulla);  
3. L. Dryden (Manly).  
Senior 'A' Boat: 1. Freshwater; 2. Nth Narrabeen; 3. Nth Steyne.  
Senior B&C Boat: 1. Bronte D; 2. Bronte B; 3. Manly.  
Junior Boat: 1. Dee Why; 2. Wanda; 3. Bronte.  
Surf Board: 1. S. Mangin (Nth Cronulla); 2. R. Moller (Nth  
Cronulla); 3. B. Regan (Cronulla).  
Single Ski: 1. Gibbons (Wanda); 2. E. Maloney (Coogee);  
3. K. Howell (North Cronulla).



Double Ski: 1. Bourn & Howell (Nth Cronulla); 2. Gibbons & Carl (Wanda);  
3. Maroubra.  
Malibu Board: 1. C. McLean (Freshwater); 2. J. Dews (Wanda);  
3. J. Salmon (Wanda).  
March Past: 1. Nth Bondi; 2. Coogee; 3. Collaroy.  
Beach Sprint: 1. I. Coppard (Manly); 2. D. Newman (Collaroy);  
3. D. Burke (Nth Steyne).  
Beach Relay: 1. Collaroy; 2. Wanda "A"; 3. North Cronulla.  
Musical Flags: 1. B. Daveron (Nth Curl Curl); 2. R. O'Loughlin (Nth  
Cronulla); 3. Newman (Collaroy).  
Pillow Fight: 1. M. Johnson (Nth Cronulla); 2. D. McManus (Nth Cronulla);  
3. M. Johnson (Nth Cronulla).

#### CARNIVALS FOR 1964-65:

Championship Carnival dates allocated for the next season are as follows -

Sydney Branch Championships - January 24, venue to be decided.

N.S.W. Championships - February 13 and 14, Coogee Beach.

Australian Championships - March 13 and 14, City of Perth Beach, W.A.

#### COMPETITIONS.

##### B.P. Boat.

During the winter months before the commencement of the season, considerable discussion took place concerning the allocation of the B.P. boat for competition and the manner in which it should be conducted.

Ultimately, a very ambitious scheme was settled upon, whereby a patrol efficiency contest and a carnival point score were incorporated to give an overall figure of a Club's competition and efficiency powers.

The members of the Board of Examiners were most diligent in carrying out their duties in this contest throughout the season, particularly with the efficiency section, which necessitated a number of inspections and visits to the Clubs by the B.P. Panel.

Congratulations must be extended to the North Cronulla Club who gained the boat with the highest points in both sections of the competition. Second was the Wanda Club and the results of the competition follow -



<u>Club</u>	<u>Efficiency Points</u>	<u>Carnival Points</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Place</u>
North Cronulla	100	100	200	1
Wanda	94	82	176	2
Clovelly	86	88	174	3
Era	96	77	173	4
Bronte	86	81	167	5
Bondi	92	68	160	6
Burning Palms	89	69	158	7
Garie	77	72	149	8
Cronulla	86	62	148	9
Tamarama	85	67	142	10
South Maroubra	66	75	141	11
Coogee	77	59	136	12
North Bondi	81	52	133	13
Maroubra	74	54	128	14

We extend our appreciation to the Clubs who took part in the contest and to the Board of Examiners members who administered it and finally, but by no means least, to B.P. Australia Ltd., for their continued support of the Association; their very welcome long line of surf boats and reels have been the most outstanding feature of competition in the Association over recent years and would mark the B.P. Company as one of the greatest donors to this Association for all time with donations to date being in excess of £40,000.

#### D.C. Lucas Gear Inspection Trophy.

The Deputy President, Mr. D.C. Lucas, has presented annually a trophy to the Club most successful in the annual gear inspection.

Winner of this season's trophy was the North Cronulla Club with a total of 98.65 points, and second was Cronulla with 96.79 points. Placings in the contest are set out as follows -

<u>Club</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Place</u>
North Cronulla	98.65	1	Nth Bondi	93.40	8
Cronulla	96.79	2	Coogee	93.20	9
Wanda	96.47	3	Burning Palms	90.40	10
Clovelly	94.87	4	Garie	87.90	11
Bronte	94.71	5	Tamarama	87.20	12
Bondi	94.68	6	Sth Maroubra	87.00	13
Era	94.64	7	Maroubra	84.30	14

We extend our appreciation again to Mr. Lucas for his continued support in this regard and our congratulations to the Clubs.

Dates have already been promulgated to Clubs for the gear inspect-



ion in the coming season and also a special Conference has been called of all Club Gear Stewards. It is intended at this meeting that the gear stewards will be made conversant with all the latest developments in Association equipment and allied matters concerning the annual inspection.

To the Branch Superintendent, Mr. Jim Switzer, and the members of the Gear Inspection Committee, we extend our appreciation for the manner in which the contest was conducted.

#### LIFE MEMBERS.

At the previous Annual General Meeting, Messrs. E.C. Sier and J. Switzer were submitted to the Branch for Life Membership and it was with a great deal of pleasure that we witnessed their election upon that occasion.

Mr. Sier had previously occupied a large number of positions in the Association in the various stages from Head Centre and also in his own Club of Cronulla.

The current Branch Superintendent, Mr. Jim Switzer, also has a very distinguished record of activities within the Association in the Board of Examiners sphere and also within the Cronulla S.L.S.C.

The many years of service attributed to these gentlemen leave no doubt of their worthiness for the elevation to the position of Life Member and we again record our congratulations to them.

We also record with a great deal of pleasure the fact that two Sydney Branch identities, Messrs. W.A.T. Crain and J. Dempster, were elevated to Life Membership of the N.S.W. State Centre at the Annual General Meeting held in Ballina. Mr. Crain, a member of the Freshwater Club and already a Life Member of the Sydney Branch, has occupied a number of positions in the National and State spheres and also has, for many years, been the legal advisor for Sydney Branch and our Delegate to the N.S.W. State Centre.

Mr. Jim Dempster has not been as frequent a visitor to the Sydney meetings as in the past, but has been well known for his Association activities; the most notable, over recent years, was as the custodian of the Association tiered seating and in this category, he was responsible for maintaining this very valuable asset over the final years of its ownership by the Branch.

To these gentlemen, we extend our congratulations and trust that their interest in the Association will not wane and that we will be given the benefit of their council for many years.



Under will be found a list of the Life Members of the Sydney Branch to the present time -

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

#### BEACH FOOTBALL.

The Beach Football competition is currently being conducted again this season for the trophy very kindly made available by Mr. Dick McPhillips.

It is to be regretted that more Clubs within the Branch do not take part in the Beach Football Competition, but we are mindful of their own commitments in some cases into District Competition, and also of the heavy commitments of the individual Club members in various codes of football.

However, the five competing teams this season - Maroubra, Bondi, North Bondi, Coogee and Bronte - leave nothing to be desired in their enthusiasm and the current competition has not yet reached its concluding stage.

Special mention must be made at this juncture of the Chairman of the Beach Football Competition over recent years, Mr. Frank Norton, and we feel that it is largely due to the efforts of this gentleman that the competition is currently being conducted so successfully.

Insurance of players for the beach football appears to be a snowballing problem and each season the insurance premium is increased, or some aspect of the insurance appears to have added difficulties.

Currently, all Clubs in the competition are paying £20 per team



per season and at the rate of injuries being claimed in the Government Insurance Office, it is possible that this figure may be increased before the next beach football competition.

N.S.W. STATE CENTRE.

Under the chairmanship of Sydney Branch Life Member and President of the Bondi Club, Mr. Tom Meagher, the State Centre has continued to meet regularly, all meetings being well attended by Branches and Officers and it is with pleasure I advise that the Sydney Branch has been fully represented on all occasions.

Our sympathies were extended to the State Secretary, Mr. Bruce Brewin, who during the latter part of the season suffered an unfortunate illness, and additional burdens were then thrust upon the Assistant Secretary/Registrar, Mr. J. O'Reilly, and the Treasurer, Mr. E. Lawler; these gentlemen rose to the occasion and our appreciation is extended to them.

Branch Life Member, Mr. Lionel McDonald, has again occupied the position of State Superintendent and his regular issue of bulletins and attention to matters in his own sphere have been welcomed by the Branches.

During the season, the Illawarra Branch raised proposals in State Centre that a full-time paid Secretary should be employed as Secretary of State Centre.

This proposal, along with the suggestion that an Assistant Secretary should be elected annually independent of the duties of Registrar, was referred to a Branch Secretaries' Conference, which was held on Saturday, August 22, 1964. Discussion at this conference travelled from the original proposals of the duties of a full-time Secretary, into a general criticism of the Secretarial administration of the State Centre and the consensus of opinion was that under different circumstances and with officers being available during normal business hours, that many of the difficulties would be overcome.

The Conference recommended the election of an Assistant Secretary and a Registrar as two separate identities and further recommended that the suggestion of a full-time Secretary be stood over for 12 months.

A most important recommendation was then carried to the effect that the Branch Secretaries and Officers present were not satisfied with the present functioning of the Secretarial sphere and that a set of standards be approved for this office. They are that the Honorary Secretary and most likely his Assistant, should be available during



normal business hours for telephone contact and that also personal commitments be such that the rooms can be visited during business hours on a regular basis. Finally, the recommendation suggested that the sum of £250 per annum be paid to an Honorary Secretary as out-of-pocket expenses and reimbursement.

#### NATIONAL COUNCIL.

The Officers of the National Council have continued unaltered since the previous season, they being - the Chairman, His Honour Judge Curlewis; the Secretary/Treasurer, Mr. K. Watson; the Assistant Secretary/Registrar, Mr. J. O'Reilly; and the National Superintendent, Mr. R. Brydon.

The National Council is now established in its new premises, "Surf House", which is located in Buckingham Street, Sydney. The establishment of this building and, more precisely, the basis under which it was established - that it would be reserved for exclusive use of the National Council - was widely criticised during the season and received a tremendous amount of adverse criticism in the daily press.

It was envisaged originally by this Branch and in other spheres, that the establishment of a National headquarters would contain facilities for Clubs to meet, possibly a Secretarial Pool and generally, facilities to be made available to Clubs and Association members, irrespective of their locale.

Such overtures were strongly resisted by the National Council and, as reported in the previous Annual Report, the system of administration from a public point of view, has deteriorated from the previous central Hunter Street offices to separate National, State and Sydney offices with the Manly-Warringah Branch having no office facilities at all.

Figures released by the National Council in bulletins intimate the total cost of the establishment of Surf House to be in excess of £23,500.

Business space on the premises has been leased to the firm of Kenny & Watson, Commercial Printers.

A proportion of the National Council grant received from the Commonwealth Government has been allocated for a number of future seasons to meeting the financial commitments and overdraft incurred in the purchase of the building.

This Branch, along with other Branches in N.S.W. and the N.S.W. State Centre itself, protested most strongly against



the conducting of an appeal by the National Council to raise funds for the proposed visit to the U.S.A. by a surfing team. The proposal of such a touring team had the firmest support of the Sydney Branch, but the method of raising funds by approaching the various Municipal and Shire Councils throughout the State of N.S.W., particularly the local seaside bodies, has caused confusion and has been considered to be in bad taste. Surfing authorities, particularly in country areas received advice that allocation of funds to the National Council appeal would most certainly be deducted from grants to local Clubs.

At the latter part of the season, the scheduled Instructional Conference was conducted under the chairmanship of the National Superintendent, Mr. R. Brydon, and to this gentleman, the State Superintendents and other Officers concerned, our appreciation and congratulations are extended for a tremendous number of items dealt with. Findings of the Conference have now been promulgated and most are imminent in their implication in the coming season.

Assurances have been received that the new instruction handbooks will be available in time for the commencement of the 1964-65 season and we trust that this will be the case, since great confusion and disharmony is associated with the late issue of a handbook.

#### MALIBU BOARDS.

During the season, a number of steps were taken in an attempt to implement the recommendations of the Malibu Board Committee which was appointed by the N.S.W. State Centre and it is with some regret that we report only mediocre success in these matters.

A N.S.W. Championship Carnival was conducted at Avalon Beach at the conclusion of the season and the very small field of starters was disappointing. Subsequently, attempts were made by the Sydney Branch to stage a Malibu Board Display, but unsuitable sea conditions on two occasions forced its abandonment.

Whilst lamenting the small attendance of Board riders at the various functions, we should look further afield and particularly with respect to the N.S.W. Championships, some responsibility will have to be taken by that body for the unattractive and ineffective method of calling for nominations. The Malibu Board Committee had stressed on a number of occasions that these particular members are not accustomed to regular competition for their special skills and unless the Club Secretaries and the Association agencies do more than produce the normal duplicated bulletin, a large number of board riders are not even aware of the functions being held.



#### OFFICE ADMINISTRATION.

The system under which the Sydney Branch has operated over recent seasons has remained unchanged, with the office of the Branch being the Secretary's personal office at 335 Illawarra Road, Marrickville.

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

Our special thanks and appreciation must be extended to Mrs. Joan Vaughan, wife of the Assistant Secretary, who now processes the bulk of the Association secretarial matters. Her prompt and speedy attention to all matters has contributed extensively to the smooth operation of the Branch during the concluding season.

#### LONG SERVICE AWARDS.

The matter of the 25-year Long Service Awards has now drawn out over a long period of time and the confusion surrounding this badge, which should be a triumph and culmination of an Association member's long years of service, is almost unbelievable.

At least two years past, the Branch applied to the N.S.W. State Centre for an issue of awards and to date, that original application has not been filled and numerous other applications on behalf of Clubs appear to be no closer to fulfilment.

The confusion apparently lies with the inability of the State Centre and the National Council to settle their differences concerning the badge.

In its original proposals, the National Council intimated that the badges were to be issued on a State basis and the National Council was to be advised accordingly of the badges issued and the States were to keep accurate records. Since that time, the situation appears to have been reversed to the stage that the National Council are administering the distribution and are imposing regulations and forms which were never part of the original scheme.

It is with regret we advise, therefore, that the distribution for the original and subsequent applications appears no closer to fruition.

#### REGISTRAR.

The Registrar, Mr. Harry Brown, and his assistant, Mr. Bert Jordan, both members of the North Cronulla Club, have con-



tinued to carry out their duties to the degree of efficiency to which we have become accustomed. All awards have been processed and distributed to Clubs in ample time for their presentations.

I feel we should record at this juncture our congratulations to these gentlemen who have recently been elevated to Life Membership of their Club, along with the retiring President, Mr. C.N. Rees.

#### FINANCE.

The financial "team" of the previous season, Messrs. Kevin Lonsdale and John Needham, have continued to fulfil the duties of Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer respectively.

Both these gentlemen are members of the Wanda Club and occupy similar positions in that Club. Their regular reports to the Council on all matters affecting finance have always been presented in a concise manner and it was with pardonable pride that the Treasurer advised the August Council Meeting that our deficit from the previous year of over £400 had been turned into a slender profit of some £20.

Again, our thanks to these gentlemen for their attention to their duties.

#### EASTERN SUBURBS AND SOUTH SYDNEY LIFE SAVERS EQUIPMENT FUND.

It is with pleasure that we record for the first time in the pages of an annual report some brief details concerning this Equipment Fund.

Being set up within the Eastern Suburbs and South Sydney area, it has co-opted the financial and moral assistance of a large number of licensed clubs and much valuable equipment and finance is channelled into the Surf Clubs in the area from North Bondi to South Maroubra.

Under the chairmanship of the former Mayor of Waverley, and a strong supporter of the surfing movement - Ald. R. O'Keefe - the Fund, last season, distributed in excess of £700 to the Clubs upon application.

It is worthy of note at this juncture that a similar scheme is being fostered in the Sutherland Shire, the motivating force in that area being the Sutherland Council itself. All licensed clubs have been approached for their support, but because of other commitments, etc., the initial period of time has not raised anything like the expected figure - nevertheless, some



£260 is to be distributed. Special mention must be made of the foresight and generosity of this particular scheme in adopting the Clubs of Garie, Era and Burning Palms, who are within the Royal National Park and the City of Greater Wollongong and receive limited support from these bodies.

#### SYMPATHIES.

The President, Mr. A.R. Loton, Branch Officers and members sincerely express their condolences to all those members of the Association and our Clubs who suffered bereavement throughout the concluding season.

#### 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 B.P. Australia Limited, Millers Brewery, Daily Mirror Newspapers, Radio Station 2SM, and to all those other parties mentioned previously in this report for their continued support and assistance throughout the season.

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

Messrs. Alan Fitzgerald, Jack Hopper and Hec McDonald, President, Secretary and Superintendent respectively of the



Manly-Warringah Branch, for their co-operation on many occasions and support in the N.S.W. State Centre.

Mr. W.A.T. Crain, Honorary Legal Advisor, who has carried out his numerous duties in the Association, particularly within this Branch and the N.S.W. State Centre, to the high degree of efficiency customary with this gentleman. Mr. Crain has, for a number of seasons, been a delegate from Sydney Branch to the State Council and has been instrumental in concluding many constitutional matters within this Branch.

Our Points Recorders, Bert Jordan and Keith Messenger, for their efficient recording of the points in various competitions throughout the season.

Mr. Barry Regan, Honorary Insurance Officer, for his diligent attention to his duties throughout the season.

All those members and 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 tasks so much lighter. To the Deputy President, Mr. Don Lucas, I would also extend personal thanks along with the members of the Branch, for his attention to many matters and efforts upon our behalf. Don has continued as Secretary of the Resuscitation Research Council of N.S.W. and has done much valuable work in this sphere. To the Assistant Secretary, Mr. John Vaughan, for his personal attention to a large number of matters and his ready co-operation at all times.

Finally, to all Association Officers, Club Delegates, Secretaries and members who, by their ready assistance, have contributed to 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 congratulate the Honorary Secretary, Mr. Gus Staunton, and other Officers whose work has been responsible for the compilation of this report and, in particular, our Clubs whose work has been responsible in preserving our Association motto.

A.R. LOTON  
President

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



CLUBS, RESCUES, AWARDS, CLUB GEAR, MEMBERSHIP  
 SYDNEY BRANCH, SEASON 1963-64

Clubs	Rescues				Total	First Aid	Awards					Approx. Value Club Gear	Membership						
	With line	With boat	Other Gear	Without line			Bronze	Instructors	Q.C.	Grand Total to date			Q.C.	Active	Reserve Active	Cadet	Associate	Others	Total
										Bronze	Instr.								
North Bondi	30	11	9	38	94	-	17	-	-	1118	178	120	2460	119	191	2	154	50	516
Bondi	82	-	-	81	163	7	15	8	17	1174	252	297	2317	129	34	34	131	204	532
Tamarama	104	-	3	12	119	250	16	2	2	389	54	68	350	99	25	3	39	53	219
Bronte	113	5	2	99	219	-	27	5	4	956	149	104	3000	169	106	4	54	50	383
Clovelly	-	-	2	30	32	182	18	5	2	546	95	67	900	90	24	8	69	52	243
Coogee	61	-	1	36	98	300	32	7	-	1303	178	183	200	130	48	7	267	-	452
Maroubra	134	35	41	126	336	200	22	4	2	945	171	96	1500	155	140	51	100	-	436
Sth Maroubra	30	-	4	106	140	36	13	1	1	55	6	5	400	27	1	22	10	-	60
Wanda	25	7	2	21	55	12	40	9	14	365	63	89	780	197	45	21	9	46	318
Nth Cronulla	17	4	8	34	63	-	62	7	3	1076	216	176	1834	176	37	12	14	51	290
Cronulla	10	2	-	48	60	3	29	5	2	1185	217	266	1050	138	108	8	67	178	499
Garie	40	2	2	7	51	-	20	3	-	205	45	21	400	52	18	-	2	-	72
Era	42	-	-	16	58	34	13	2	-	188	43	13	1500	37	-	11	35	-	83
Burning Palms	22	-	2	2	26	23	6	1	-	100	12	7	821	28	-	-	62	4	94
<b>Total:</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>1508</b>	<b>1047</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>9605</b>	<b>1679</b>	<b>1492</b>	<b>17512</b>	<b>1546</b>	<b>777</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>1013</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>4207</b>



SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY BRANCH

STATEMENT NO.1

BALANCE SHEET, as at JUNE 30, 1964.

<u>Our Assets were -</u>	1964 £	1963 £
Cash on Hand and Deposits	17.16. 1	8. 7. 2
Cash at Bank - Common. Savings Bank:		
Current Account	766.19. 6	529. 6. 9
Jubilee Appeal Account	577.18.10	560.16. 6
Sundry Debtors (after writing off Bad Debts)	76.11. 9	145. 0. 3
Stop Watches, Binoculars and Carnival Gear (at valuation less depreciation)	141. 0. 0	166. 2. 3
Office Furniture and Fittings (at cost less sales scrapped and depreciation)	<u>43. 0. 0</u>	<u>138. 4. 3</u>
	£1,623. 6. 2	£1,547.17. 3

From which must be deducted our  
Liabilities -

Sundry Creditors	<u>54. 7. 5</u>	<u>3.11. 5</u>
	<u>£1,568.18. 9</u>	<u>£1,544. 5. 9</u>

This is represented by Accumulated Funds:

Balance June 30, 1963	1, 544. 5. 9	2,001. 1. 1
<u>Add: Excess of Income over     Expenditure (as per Statement No.2)</u>	<u>24.13. 0</u>	<u>465.15. 4 Cr.</u>
	<u>£1,568.18. 9</u>	<u>£1,544. 5. 9</u>

A.R. Loton  
President

G.B. Staunton  
Hon.Secretary

K. Lonsdale  
Hon. 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, 1964, 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, 1964, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the Books of the Branch.

Sydney, August 22, 1964.

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, 1964

<u>Our Income was -</u>	1964 £	1963 £
Affiliation Fees	140.10.0	54.12.0
Capitation Fees	345.12.0	233.16.0
Donations	157.1.0	20.10.0
Bank Interest	36.19.4	46.1.6
Examination Fees	111.4.6	121.14.0
N.S.W. State Government Grant	255.0.0	255.0.0
Profit on Branch Championships	32.14.4	38.14.6
Carnival Charges	35.0.0	25.0.0
Sundry Income	1.13.10	6.13.7
	<u>£1,115.15.0</u>	<u>£802.1.7</u>

From which must be Deducted our Expenses -

General Expenses	4.3.0	2.2.0
Carnival Charges (N.S.W. & Interbranch)	25.11.6	5.6.0
Electricity	-	3.16.11
Examination Expenses	84.12.8	73.3.6
Insurance	1.13.0	1.13.0
Postages	80.6.1	109.16.10
Printing and Stationery	172.15.10	218.5.3
Repairs and Maintenance	1.8.9	12.7.6
Rent	26.0.1	162.17.6
Office Commitments	520.0.0	520.0.0
Telephone	52.11.10	85.4.8
Depreciation	35.2.3	53.13.9
Bad Debts written off	39.2.9	-
Loss on sale of Office Furniture and Fittings	47.14.3	10.10.0
	<u>£1,091.2.0</u>	<u>£1,258.16.11</u>

Leaving an Excess of Income over  
Expenditure which is added to  
Accumulated Funds on Statement No.1     £24.13.0     £456.15.4 Cr.