

SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION  
OF AUSTRALIA

**SYDNEY  
BRANCH**

**17th  
Annual Report  
and  
Financial Statements**



\* SEASON 1965-66

*"Vigilance and Service"*



SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY BRANCH

Notice is hereby given that the 17th 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 6, 1966, commencing at 7.15 p.m.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of the 16th Annual General Meeting, held on Tuesday, September 7, 1965. (Minutes of the 16th Annual General Meeting have been previously 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 17th Annual Report for Season 1965-66.
5. Presentation of Audited Financial Statement for Season 1965-66.
6. Election of Officers.
7. Election of Committees.
8. Confirmation of Board of Examiners' Officers and Committees.
9. Allocation of Carnival dates for Season 1966-67.
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

SYDNEY BRANCH

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

SEASON 1965-66

Patron

The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Ald. Armstrong.

Vice-Patrons

Ald. E. Page, Mayor of Waverley	
Ald. W. Haigh, Mayor of Randwick	
Cr. A. Gietzel, Sutherland Shire Council	
J. Ferguson, Royal Nat. Park Trust	
R. Askin, M.L.A.	H. Alce (Millers Brewery)
J. Renshaw, M.L.A.	F.J. Palmer
D. Curtin, M.H.R.	L.J. Hooker
L. Johnson, M.H.R.	D. Golder (B.P. Aust. Ltd.)
W. Aston, M.H.R.	W. Stephenson (Radio 2SM)
K. Doyle, M.L.A.	R. Delohery (Schweppes)
I. Griffiths, M.L.A.	J. Tier (Sun Newspapers)
L. Walsh, M.L.A.	R. O'Keefe (Lifesavers Equip. Fund)
K. Ellis, M.L.A.	K. Rowlands (Philip Morris)
S. Einfeld, M.L.A.	K. Wilson (Astor Radio)
Judge J. Harvey Prior	G. Doherty (Slazengers)
Sir Norman Nock	C. Jones (Columbia Pictures)
Sir Edward Hallstrom	N. Ridge (Greater Union)
R. McPhillips	D. House (Phillips & House P/L)
J. Jennings	

President

A.R. Loton

Deputy President

D.C. Lucas

Vice-Presidents

W. Crain, W. Marshall, 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. Auditor  
A. Smith

Hon. District Supervisors

No.1 District - F. Osborne

No.3 District - K. Messenger

No.2 District - P. Ainsworth

No.4 District - W. Young

Hon. Assistant District Supervisors

No.1 District - R. Davison

No.3 District - A. Kelly

No.2 District - E. Stephens

No.4 District - B. Walker

Hon. Boat Inspector  
G. Challis

Hon. Gear Steward  
A. Moseley

Delegates to N.S.W. State Centre

G. Staunton (Council and Management), J. Vaughan (Council)

Executive - Delegates

H. Durant (Burning Palms), W. Hodges (Cronulla), R. Horton (Bondi),  
R. Sheldon (Tamarama), R. Spankie (Sth Maroubra), I. Thomson (Cronulla).

Points Recorders

A. Jordan, K. Messenger

Hon. Medical Advisors

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

Judiciary Committee

R. Buist, +W. Crain, D. Lucas, R. McKenna, J. Marsden.

Life Membership Committee

W. Crain, R. Howells, +A. Loton, J. Marsden, J. Switzer.



Boat Committee

+G. Challis, N. Dixon, H. Durant, A. Menzies, N. Oliver.

Constitution Committee

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

Gear Improvement Committee

R. Howells, D. Lucas, J. Marsden, A. Moseley, F. Osborne, R. Sargeant,  
+J. Switzer.

Branch Selection Committee

P. Ainsworth, R. Howells, J. Marsden, A. Moseley, +J. Switzer.

Competition Conditions Committee

P. Ainsworth, +R. Buist, A. Moseley, J. Switzer, J. Vaughan.

Finance, Purchases & Contracts Committee

+K. Lonsdale, J. Needham, R. Buist, D. Lucas, J. Vaughan.

Resuscitation Committee

L. Buck, D. Lucas, J. Marsden, A. Moseley, F. Osborne, J. Switzer,  
B. Walker.

Meritorious Awards Committee

D. Lucas, R. McKenna, J. Marsden, A. Moseley, J. Switzer, J. Vaughan,  
B. Walker.

Gear Inspection Committee

P. Ainsworth, K. Andrews, R. Bear, C. Brady, J. Casey, C. Christiansen,  
R. Davison, N. Dixon, N. Ford, R. Horton, G. Johnson, A. Jordan,  
D. Lucas, L. McNamara, P. McGuiggan, K. Messenger, K. Midson,  
M. Moroney, A. Moseley, W. Neal, D. Park, W. Rennie, M. Santos,  
H. Spurway, P. Stapleton, B. Tyquin, J. Vincent, B. Walker, W. Young.

Beach Football

President: F. Norton

+Convenor.

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



## BOARD OF EXAMINERS

### Life Members

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

### Active Members

P. Ainsworth	P. Dickson	J. Metcalfe	R. Sandstrom
K. Andrews	N. Dixon	A. Metti	M. Santos
R. Avery	J. Donohoe	K. Midson	R. Sargeant
C. Baldock	W. Duffy	J. Minahan	J. Sayle
R. Bear	W. Eady	A. Moseley	V. Sedgwick
R. Bignold	B. Ezzy	P. Murphy	R. Sheldon
C. Brady	N. Ford	D. Murray	R. Shephard
B. Brewin	D. Fryer	W. Neal	P. Simms
R. Bridges	S. Gibson	J. Northmore	V. Sinclair
E. Brooker	R. Halpin	N. Neeld	J. Solomon
E. Brookes	P. Gleeson	D. O'Brien	H. Spurway
J. Brown	W. Hodges	J. Orrell	P. Stapleton
L. Buck	R. Horton	J. Oldham	A. Stenhouse
G. Campbell	A. Kelly	F. Osborne	E. Stephens
J. Casey	K. Lonsdale	D. Park	G. Stubbs
D. Cleary	P. McGuiggan	J. Pelling	T. Trevillian
C. Christiansen	R. McLeland	J. Pepper	B. Tyquin
P. Coles	L. McNamara	P. Phillips	J. Vincent
J. Cooksley	K. Manton	B. Powell	A. Watts
G. Cooper	W. Matthes	W. Rennie	B. Walker
R. Craig	B. May	G. Reeves	J. Weber
B. Crisp	D. Medlin	K. Russell	W. Winzer
R. Davey	K. Messenger	A. Ryan	W. Young
R. Davison			

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

Country Members: K. Grant, G. Hogarth, A. Jordan, R. Leix,  
M. Moroney, B. Vaughan, J. Wardall,  
G. Wilson.



## FOREWORD

I feel sure that after reading the attached report, any person interested in the work of the Surf Life Saving Association must feel justifiably proud of that performed by this Branch and its affiliated Clubs. The increase in awards shows that our Clubs continue to attract members and foundations for the future are being cemented by the increased activity and sponsoring of the "Nipper" movement.

Reduction in the number of rescues performed is attributable to increased vigilance and kindlier sea conditions in the past season.

A.R. LOTON, B.Ec.

President,  
Surf Life Saving Assn. of Aust.,  
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 17th 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 6, 1966, commencing at 7.15 p.m.

Mr. President,

Gentlemen,

Hereafter will be found for your perusal and, I trust, for your adoption at the Annual General Meeting, the 17th Annual Report and Balance Sheet of the Sydney Branch, marking the conclusion of our 59th year of operation.

The concluding 1965-66 season has been a truly outstanding one and I am sure that all Officers and members will share with pride the knowledge of a task well completed. Figures contained in this report will indicate that new records have been set in the allocation of awards of this Association; rescues are at the lowest figure of recent years and our membership shows a steady increase, which is both heartening and encouraging in the knowledge that in this day and age with its many outside attractions and interests, members are retaining an active association with lifesaving and the youth of to-day, more and more, is meeting the challenge and discipline of surf club life.

Sydney Clubs and their members have been outstanding in competition, as will be evidenced by the record of titles, both State and Australian, which have been carried in victory back to this Branch and also, the Sydney Branch have been well represented in touring teams.

All Officers have discharged their duties to a very high standard and a most striking feature is undoubtedly the harmony which exists within the Branch between the Council, the Clubs, the Board of Examiners, and the Officers generally, and it is in this atmosphere of harmony that the steady growth and development of the vast resources of the Sydney Branch can be accelerated.

It is difficult in an introduction such as this to single out various items for particular comment and, accordingly, I will retain the style



which has been found most acceptable in previous seasons and will therefore set out in the following pages items of importance which occurred within, or affected the well-being of the Branch during the season.

I trust, therefore, Mr. President and gentlemen, that you will find the details submitted in this report to be factual and easy to follow in style.

#### BRANCH COUNCIL.

The Branch Council, comprising the elected Delegates of the Clubs, the Club Presidents, who occupy the position of Association Vice-President, together with the Association Officers, have met regularly since the previous Annual General Meeting, with the Council Meeting being held on the first Tuesday of each month.

We again extend our appreciation to His Honour Judge Harvey Prior and the Management and staff of the Aquatic Club for their consideration and courtesies in allowing the Council to meet under the most congenial atmosphere of the Conference Room.

A great number of our Officers and Delegates avail themselves of the excellent facilities of the Aquatic Club and dinner before the Branch Council Meeting has become the accepted commencement of the evening.

Full Minutes of the proceedings at the Council are circulated to all Officers, Delegates and Club Secretaries before the following Council meeting; agendas are circulated on the evening and it behoves all Delegates to retain their agendas to assist them in making their reports to their respective Clubs.

Attendances have, on the whole, been of a very high standard and the record of attendances of elected Officers, Club Presidents and Delegates, are set out for perusal.

We again repeat the request that Clubs should particularly peruse the attendances of their Delegates and should not elect to the position of Association Delegates members who are unable or unwilling to fully represent their Clubs in the Association sphere.

A tremendous volume of work is absorbed by the Branch Council, yet meetings are normally concluded well before the meeting dead-line of 10 p.m.

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Possible</u>	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Apology</u>	<u>Absent</u>
A. Loton, President	12	12	-	-
D. Lucas, Deputy President	12	8	3	1
W. Crain, Vice-President	12	9	2	1
W. Marshall, Vice-President	12	11	1	-
E. Sier, Vice-President	12	8	3	1
E. Stephens, Vice-President	12	11	1	-



Officers (Continued)		Possible	Attended	Apology	Absent
G. Staunton, Hon. Secretary		12	11	1	-
J. Vaughan, Asst. Secretary		12	10	2	-
K. Lonsdale, Hon. Treasurer		12	5	7	-
J. Needham, Asst. Treasurer		12	7	2	3
H. Brown, Registrar		12	8	3	1
A. Jordan, Asst. Registrar		12	4	1	7
B. Regan, Insurance Officer		12	7	3	2
M. George, Publicity Officer		12	7	3	2
J. Switzer, Superintendent		12	10	2	-
A. Moseley, Deputy Super.		12	12	-	-
F. Osborne, No.1 Dist. Super.		12	11	1	-
P. Ainsworth, No.2 " "		12	3	-	9
K. Messenger, No.3 " "		12	10	1	-
W. Young, No.4 " "		12	10	-	2
G. Challis, Boat Inspector		12	11	1	-

Club Delegates.		Possible	Attended	Proxy	Apology	Absent
Bondi:	C. Baldock	12	2	1	3	6
	R. Horton	12	9	-	-	3
Bronte:	A. Menzies	12	9	-	-	3
	M. Singleton	12	1	-	-	11
Burning Palms:	H. Durant	12	11	-	-	1
	V. Sinclair	12	6	1	1	4
Clovelly:	B. Brignell	12	4	5	-	3
	P. Gleeson	12	10	-	2	-
Coogee:	K. Gates	12	10	-	-	2
	K. Messenger	12	10	-	1	1
Cronulla:	W. Hodges	12	10	1	1	-
	I. Thomson	12	6	-	-	6
Era:	R. Richards	12	8	-	2	2
	K. Miller	10	2	7	-	1
Garie:	A. Grocott	6	1	-	-	5
	M. Fernley	12	4	-	2	6
	A. Bresnan	6	2	3	-	1
Maroubra:	J. Gallagher	12	7	1	-	4
	G. Thorn	10	5	1	-	4
	P. Coconis	2	2	-	-	-
North Bondi:	W. Hayes	12	3	1	1	7
	D. Baker	12	2	-	-	10
Nth Cronulla:	A. Jordan	12	4	1	1	6
	J. Bourn	12	7	-	2	3



<u>Club Delegates (Cont.)</u>		<u>Possible</u>	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Proxy</u>	<u>Apology</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Sth Maroubra:	J. Jackson	7	5	-	1	1
	R. Spankie	12	8	-	-	4
	D. Duffy	5	2	-	-	3
Tamarama:	R. Sheldon	12	12	-	-	-
	R. Wormleaton	12	5	-	3	4
Wanda:	A. Ryan	12	4	2	-	6
	K. Lonsdale	7	4	1	2	-
	D. O'Sullivan	5	2	-	-	3

<u>Club Presidents</u>	<u>Possible</u>	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Apology</u>	<u>Absent</u>
B. McDonald, Bondi	12	10	2	-
F. Norton, Bronte	12	8	2	2
F. Edmonds, Burning Palms	12	-	1	11
D. Stait, Clovelly	12	-	1	11
B. Cribb, Coogee	12	1	1	10
N. Dixon, Cronulla	12	6	4	2
R. Miller, Era	12	9	2	1
R. Hoffmann, Garie	12	7	1	4
J. Shore, Maroubra	10	3	6	1
C. Molloy, Maroubra	2	-	1	1
C. Christensen, Nth Bondi	12	11	-	1
H. Brown, Nth Cronulla	12	8	3	1
L. Dynan, Sth Maroubra	12	12	-	-
R. Buist, Tamarama	12	9	2	1
K. Garthon, Wanda	12	7	1	4

#### BRANCH EXECUTIVE.

Meetings of the Executive since the previous Annual General Meeting have been infrequent and, indeed, two or three only have been convened.

Since the closing of the Association Office in Hunter Street and possibly coupled with the lighter burden of administration caused by the splitting of the former Sydney Branch, the need has not been found to hold executive meetings regularly and this body now meets only on the specific instructions of the Council.

However, we are indebted to those Officers and Delegates who have made their time available when called upon and because of the small number of meetings involved, we will not record the attendance records from Executive Meetings.

#### BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

We have continued to be most fortunate in the Officers administering the Board of Examiners and the full complement of Officers and members is



set out in the opening pages of this report.

Branch Superintendent Jim Switzer, and Deputy Superintendent Albert Moseley, are constant members of the Branch Council and together with the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, John Vaughan, who is also Assistant Secretary of the Branch, ensure that the Board of Examiners and the Branch Council do not drift apart in opinions or in objectives.

It was unfortunately an acknowledged fact that in the past, harmony between the Board of Examiners and the Branch Council was not of the highest standard, but over recent years, this situation has steadily improved until we find the very amiable and efficient method of operation between the Branch and the Board as it exists to-day.

An enormous number of examinations and carnivals are each season co-ordinated by the Board of Examiners members and they never falter in this task.

Gear Stewards' and Chief Instructors' Conferences were held at the commencement of the season and undoubtedly assisted in their special spheres.

Again we extend to each and every member of the Board of Examiners our sincere appreciation for their assistance and co-operation.

Members of Clubs, wishing to join the Board of Examiners, should direct their enquiries to the Board Secretary, John Vaughan, and ascertain the correct procedure for such an application.

#### AWARDS.

A snap check has been made on past records available to the Sydney Branch and it would appear that the season's total of 616 awards will set an all-time high.

The gaining of such a large number of awards will speak volumes for the enthusiasm and activity of the Club Chief Instructors and also the members of our own Board of Examiners in coping with this ever-increasing demand of examinations.

Under will be found, for comparison and interest, figures of awards gained since 1961-62.

	<u>1961-62</u>	<u>1962-63</u>	<u>1963-64</u>	<u>1964-65</u>	<u>1965-66</u>
Bronze Medallions	224	330	330	321	373
Instructors Certs.	54	60	59	68	82
Qualifying Certs.	<u>97</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>161</u>
<u>Total:</u>	<u>375</u>	<u>456</u>	<u>436</u>	<u>488</u>	<u>616</u>



### RESCUES.

As we are pleased to report that awards are at an all-time high, we are similarly pleased to advise that rescues are the lowest they have been for many seasons and we trust that this low figure reflects the diligent attention to their duties of our rostered patrols.

The season was not a particularly moderate one and, indeed, rough seas assailed the coastline on many occasions and were a constant threat to the average surfer, but nevertheless, our patrols undoubtedly carried out their duties to the highest standard and we are most grateful to them.

Comparison figures since 1961-62 season are set out below for your information .

	<u>1961-62</u>	<u>1962-63</u>	<u>1963-64</u>	<u>1964-65</u>	<u>1965-66</u>
With line	834	627	710	879	753
With surf boat	49	16	66	19	19
Without line	1088	536	656	489	363
With other gear	<u>53</u>	<u>235</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>44</u>
<u>Total:</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>1414</u>	<u>1508</u>	<u>1492</u>	<u>1179</u>

### MEMBERSHIP.

It has been the familiar cry of this Annual report that Clubs should be ever diligent and on the alert re declining membership figures.

With the gradual increase of membership and the steadily improving position, this cry may be heard less frequently and more faintly, but nevertheless, Clubs should ensure that they do not neglect this most important avenue of future lifeblood.

Many Clubs are known to actively seek membership and, indeed, the fostering of the "Nipper" Clubs has done a great deal to alleviate this present situation.

We have seen, as reported previously, a gradual increase in membership over recent years, but this increase has been most noticeable in the category recorded as "others" and is not necessarily in the most important fields of active, reserve active and cadet. Indeed, the increase in active membership is a very nominal one, as is the increase in cadets. Reserve active membership shows a drop of 260.

Special mention will be made elsewhere in this report of the formation of "Nipper" Clubs and a Juvenile Association and we do trust that by our efforts in this regard, we will be rewarded with a steady influx of members for many years to come.



A comparison of this year's membership with previous years is listed below -

	<u>1961-62</u>	<u>1962-63</u>	<u>1963-64</u>	<u>1964-65</u>	<u>1965-66</u>
Active	1526	1523	1546	1561	1589
Reserve Active	808	918	777	949	689
Cadet	272	162	183	191	239
Associate	1194	970	1013	1010	1038
Others			688	790	1070
<u>Total:</u>	<u>3800</u>	<u>3573</u>	<u>4207</u>	<u>4501</u>	<u>4625</u>

### CARNIVALS.

During the concluding season, carnivals were conducted within the Sydney Branch as below -

Garie	December 5, 1965
Cronulla	December 11, 1965
Wanda	January 8, 1966
Bronte	January 15, 1966
North Cronulla	January 22, 1966
Era-Burning Palms	January 30, 1966
Bondi	February 5, 1966 (Branch Championships)
Maroubra	February 26, 1966
Coogee	March 5, 1966 (Metrop. Championships)

We would like to extend to Clubs who held carnivals during the season our congratulations for their efforts in this regard and we would remind all Clubs that regular carnivals are a necessity to ensure our members receive the competition they demand and also to provide the backdrop for the various contests and trophies which are allocated to the Branch from time to time. It was disappointing last season to witness a number of our larger Clubs make no effort to conduct a carnival and we do trust that this situation will be rectified in the coming season.

It is on a sad note that we record that one open carnival conducted in the Branch last season did not receive the whole-hearted support of our Clubs and this is the carnival conducted by the Era and Burning Palms Clubs on Era Beach.

Members who are aware of the location of Era Beach, must also be aware of the enormous amount of effort which is expended by these two small Clubs in conducting a major open carnival and it is to be regretted that the support given last year has now placed this carnival in jeopardy.



SYDNEY BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS, BONDI BEACH, FEBRUARY 5, 1966.

The Branch Championships were this season conducted on the Bondi Beach in most inclement weather conditions and, indeed, certain events had to be postponed and finalised at a later date.

Difficulty appeared to be encountered by the Bondi Club in the seating and entertaining of official guests and this, of course, would no doubt be affected in part by the high seas, gusty wind and rain which prevailed throughout most of the day.

We are indebted to our Branch Superintendent, Jim Switzer, and his team of Carnival officials who gave so unselfishly of their efforts to ensure a successful conclusion of the carnival and we extend our congratulations to the Cronulla Club, who won the outright pointscore on the day.

Minor placegetters in the Club pointscore were - Bondi, 2nd; North Cronulla, 3rd; and North Bondi, 4th. Unfortunately, a trophy was not made available for this purpose this season by the Daily Mirror Newspaper, but nevertheless, a bannerette was presented by the Sydney Branch in recognition of the effort expended.

Detailed results of the Championships are -

<u>March Past:</u>	1. North Bondi; 2. Coogee; 3. Cronulla.
<u>Senior R. &amp; R.:</u>	1. Cronulla A; 2. Wanda.
<u>Junior R. &amp; R.:</u>	1. Cronulla; 2. Bondi; 3. Wanda A.
<u>Senior Belt:</u>	1. L. Harris (Bondi); 2. G. Elliott (Cronulla); 3. B. Ezzy (Cronulla).
<u>Junior Belt:</u>	1. Falson (Wanda); 2. P. Edwards (Nth Cronulla); 3. G. Rogers (Clovelly).
<u>Senior Surf:</u>	1. P. Gleeson (Clovelly); 2. L. Harris (Bondi); 3. B. Hutchings (Bondi).
<u>Junior Surf:</u>	1. S. Davidson (Maroubra); 2. G. Rogers (Clovelly); 3. R. Brattan (Maroubra).
<u>Senior Teams:</u>	1. Bondi; 2. Clovelly; 3. Cronulla.
<u>Junior Teams:</u>	1. Nth Cronulla; 2. Bondi; 3. Clovelly.
<u>Cadet Surf:</u>	1. G. Richardson (Nth Bondi); 2. R. Rogers (Clovelly); 3. L. Biram (Nth Bondi).
<u>Senior Boat:</u>	1. Coogee C; 2. Cronulla A 3. Sth Maroubra.
<u>Junior Boat:</u>	1. Cronulla; 2. Maroubra; 3. Coogee.
<u>Single Ski:</u>	1. J. Gibbons (Wanda) and D. McGuire (Nth Bondi) Deadheat. 3. B. Stuart (Sth Maroubra).
<u>Double Ski:</u>	1. Green/Stuart (Sth Maroubra); 2. R.Green/J.Bourn (Nth Cronulla); 3. Rowsell/Sampson (Clovelly).
<u>Board:</u>	1. J. Salmon (Wanda); 2. R. Firki (Sth Maroubra); 3. W. Dews (Wanda).
<u>Beach Sprint:</u>	1. B. Maiden (Coogee); 2. D. Senior (Nth Bondi) 3. J. Loader (Tamarama).



METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, COOGEE BEACH, MARCH 5, 1966.

In keeping with the rotation system, the Carnival this season was conducted at the Coogee Beach, under ideal weather conditions and we were again successful in annexing the trophy and, indeed, it is with a certain amount of pride that we record that this trophy has not been wrested from the Sydney Branch since its inception. It was particularly pleasing on this occasion of the Metropolitan Championships to entertain the Board of Directors of the E.M.I. Company and to have the official party as our guests at afternoon tea provided at the conclusion of the carnival.

Following are detailed results of the carnival -

<u>March Past:</u>	1. Collaroy;	2. Coogee;	3. Nth Bondi.
<u>Senior R. &amp; R.:</u>	1. Bondi;	2. Freshwater;	3. Wanda.
<u>Junior R. &amp; R.:</u>	1. Nth Cronulla;	2. Manly	3. Wanda.
<u>Senior Belt:</u>	1. T. Buck (Clovelly);	2. B. Rodgers (Maroubra);	
	3. W. Moore (Manly).		
<u>Junior Belt:</u>	1. G. Rogers (Clovelly);	2. B. Worthington (Collaroy);	
	3. J. MacFarlane (Nth Narrabeen).		
<u>Senior Surf:</u>	1. G. Rogers (Clovelly);	2. B. Hardie (Clovelly);	
	3. T. Buck (Clovelly).		
<u>Junior Surf:</u>	1. G. Rogers (Clovelly);	2. B. Worthington (Collaroy);	
	3. R. Silcock (Clovelly).		
<u>Senior Teams:</u>	1. Clovelly;	2. Nth Bondi;	3. Maroubra.
<u>Junior Teams:</u>	1. Nth Cronulla;	2. Collaroy;	3. Clovelly.
<u>Cadet Surf:</u>	1. M. Anderson (Collaroy);	2. R. Rogers (Clovelly);	
	3. A. Glenn (Nth Steyne).		



However, the N.S.W. State Superintendent, Mr. L.S. McDonald, and the State Centre are aware of the difficulty encountered with this carnival and it is understood that adequate plans are being made to avoid a



repetition of these circumstances in the coming season.

Under will be found results of successful competitors and Clubs of the Sydney Branch and we particularly extend our congratulations to the Clovelly S.L.S.C. for their outstanding performance in again top-scoring in the individual Club pointscore. Unfortunately for the Clovelly Club, a system of handicapping was introduced and the Club found itself in the position of granting 10 points start to most other Clubs in N.S.W. The Collaroy S.L.S.C. were successful in the competition for the "Viscount" Surf Boat and we extend our congratulations to this Club also.

The State Championships will be held next season at the Newport Beach in the Manly-Warringah Branch.

<u>Senior R. &amp; R.:</u>	1. Cronulla; 2. Bondi.
<u>Junior R. &amp; R.:</u>	2. Bondi.
<u>Senior Belt:</u>	1. T. Buck (Clovelly);
<u>Junior Belt:</u>	1. G. Rogers (Clovelly); 2. W. Bond (Nth Bondi); 3. R. Bratton (Maroubra).
<u>Senior Surf:</u>	2. R. Hardie (Clovelly); 3. T. Buck (Clovelly).
<u>Junior Surf:</u>	1. G. Rogers (Clovelly); 2. B. Fretton (North Cronulla, dead-heated)
<u>Senior Teams:</u>	1. Clovelly A; 2. Maroubra; 3. Cronulla.
<u>Junior Teams:</u>	1. Nth Cronulla; 2. Clovelly A; 3. Bondi.
<u>Cadet Surf:</u>	2. J. Emery, (Bondi);
<u>Senior Boat:</u>	2. North Bondi.
<u>Junior Boat:</u>	2. North Cronulla.
<u>Single Ski:</u>	1. D. McGuire (Nth Bondi); 2. Green (Sth Maroubra); 3. B. Stuart (Sth Maroubra)
<u>Double Ski:</u>	1. P. Coles/D. McGuire (Nth Bondi); 2. Green/B. Stuart (South Maroubra); 3. Johnson/Baker (Maroubra).
<u>Board:</u>	1. D. Heussner (Maroubra); 2. Moller (Nth Cronulla);
<u>Beach Sprint:</u>	2. B. Maiden (Coogee).
<u>Musical Flags:</u>	2. J. Stansell (Cronulla).
<u>Senior Open Surf (non-championship):</u>	1. R. Hardie (Clovelly).
<u>Junior Open Surf (non-Championship):</u>	2. Silcock (Clovelly), 3. R. Leitch (Bondi).

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS AND INTERSTATE CARNIVALS, COOLANGATTA, QLD.,  
APRIL 8, 9 and 10, 1966.

The series of Australian Championships conducted in Queensland over the Friday, Saturday and Sunday, were attended by one of the largest contingents of competitors and Club supporters in recent years and indeed, the atmosphere in Coolangatta on Queensland's Gold Coast could not have been better for the staging of an event of this nature.



The carnivals also saw the introduction of a number of new events, the most notable of these being the Malibu Board Championships, the Iron Man Race and the Taplin Relay. We extend our congratulations to Mr. W. Dews of the Wanda Club who annexed the Senior Malibu Board Title and also to Mr. R. Smiles of the North Bondi Club who was third. Similarly, to Mr. G. Turnbull of North Bondi S.L.S.C., who was second in the Junior/Cadet Malibu Board Title; and to the N.S.W. Team who were successful in the State Malibu Board Team Championship.

To well known Sydney surfer and member of the Maroubra S.L.S.C., Mr. Barry Rodgers, our congratulations for gaining second in the Iron Man Race in the initial year of this contest and our congratulations to the N.S.W. Team for taking second place in the Taplin Relay.

We must especially congratulate the Cronulla S.L.S.C. for their success in securing the R. & R. Premiership. To coach, Bill Eady, and his team, we say, "Well done"!

#### Australian Championships:

<u>Senior R. &amp; R.:</u>	1. Cronulla.
<u>Senior Belt:</u>	2. T. Buck (Clovelly).
<u>Junior Belt:</u>	2. G. Rogers (Clovelly).
<u>Senior Teams:</u>	1. Clovelly.
<u>Junior Teams:</u>	1. Clovelly.
<u>Surf Race:</u>	1. R. Green (Clovelly); 2. B. Rodgers, (Maroubra)
<u>Junior Surf:</u>	3. G. Rogers (Clovelly).
<u>Surf Boat:</u>	1. North Bondi; 2. Cronulla.
<u>Junior Boat:</u>	1. Maroubra; 2. Coogee.
<u>Double Ski:</u>	2. D. Green/B. Stuart (Maroubra); 3. P. Coles/D. McGuire (North Bondi).
<u>Beach Relay:</u>	2. Coogee.
<u>Beach Sprint:</u>	3. B. Maiden (Coogee)
<u>Open Junior Surf Race</u> (non-championship):	1. W. Bund (North Bondi); 2. R. Silcock (Clovelly); 3. G. Jones (Nth Cronulla).
<u>Cadet Surf:</u>	1. L. Emery (Bondi).
<u>15-man State Team:</u>	N.S.W.: 4th outright; 5th handicap.

#### National Titles:

<u>March Past:</u>	3. Coogee (dead-heated with Swansea-Caves)
<u>Surf Board:</u>	1. A. Coates (Maroubra); 3. J. Salmon (Wanda)
<u>Single Ski:</u>	1. B. Stuart (Maroubra).
<u>Open Surf:</u>	1. R. Hardie (Clovelly)
<u>Junior Surf:</u>	1. B. Fretten (Nth Cronulla); 2. R. Silcock
<u>Cadet Surf:</u>	2. R. Rogers (Clovelly); 3. L. Emery (Bondi).



#### Future Australian Championship Carnivals:

The Australian Championships, over the next six years, will be held in the following States - 1967, South Port Beach, South Australia, on March 25 and 26; 1968, N.S.W.; 1969, Tasmania; 1970, Victoria; 1971, Western Australia; 1972, N.S.W.

#### INTERBRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS, SWANSEA, MARCH 26, 1966.

It was to be regretted that inclement weather conditions forced the postponement of the majority of water events at the Interbranch Championships and, accordingly, the carnival was inconclusive in its full purpose of ensuring competition between all Branches, but nevertheless, we extend our congratulations to those Branches who were successful within the events contested.

Details of the results are under and we also extend our congratulations to the Sydney Team Manager, Mr. A. Moseley, and the members of the Sydney Team for the fine efforts on their part.

Overall point score - Sydney, 3rd.

#### FINANCE.

We are appreciative of the Treasurer, Mr. K. Lonsdale, and the Assistant Treasurer, Mr. J. Needham, both very energetic Officers of the Branch and also office-bearers in the Wanda S.L.S.C., for their efforts in the sphere of finance.

It was not anticipated in the budget at the commencement of the season that the loss of the previous year would again be repeated and latest figures in the preparation of the Balance Sheet as this report is prepared for print, indicate that we will have a slender margin of income over expenditure.

The Finance Committee, comprising the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary, together with John Vaughan, Ron Buist and Don Lucas, met on two occasions during the latter part of the season and brought down a number of recommendations to the Council as intentions to improve the financial standing of the Branch.

Every thinking Officer and Delegate must agree that this tightrope walking in the financial sphere is not healthy, to allow the development of the Branch and most certainly curtails any expenditure not rigidly budgeted for. In the coming season, we have already allocated a figure to assist in the formation of the Juvenile Association here in Sydney Branch and this figure alone would account for the majority of our profit margin for the year.

Among a number of suggestions brought down by the Finance Committee



were the holding of a Bowls Day and the Assistant Secretary, John Vaughan, has already made overtures in this regard; also, the conducting of a "Holden Dinner". It is anticipated that the majority will understand the meaning of the term "Holden Dinner", but briefly, it will comprise a Dinner held at some suitable venue with tickets being sold at \$20.00 per double. The evening will be a multi-course dinner with top artists of T.V. and radio entertaining the guests non-stop throughout the evening and at the conclusion, a ballot is conducted and a Holden Sedan is presented to one of the guests present.

Indications received from parties who have conducted these dinners would lead us to expect a profit margin somewhat in the proximity of \$1,400.

It has been resolved that a meeting of all Club Presidents and other interested parties, together with the Branch Executive will be held very early in the coming season, in an attempt to have a committee formed and have such a dinner organised.

The Treasurer's report follows, and the financial statement and audited Balance Sheet are set out elsewhere in this report for your attention.

#### Treasurer's Report.

I have pleasure in presenting for your approval the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended June 30, 1966. This year the Income and Expenditure Statement shows an excess of Income over Expenditure of \$154, a marked improvement on the loss of \$171 in the previous financial period. This is attributable not only to an increase in revenue, but also a decrease in expenses. A note-worthy effort in this day and age.

It is disappointing however, to note that even though we have curtailed our expenditure, the increase in revenue was not greater. In the field of donations, we had a further decrease of \$159 this year.

In the coming financial period, we will be committed for heavy expenditure, for the South African tour and the pledged support of the Juvenile Association. I hope that the Clubs will support the Branch in its money-raising campaigns, which the Finance Committee recommended to the Branch in the latter months of last year.

In conclusion, I would take this opportunity to thank John Needham, the Assistant Treasurer, who capably deputised for me at Council Meetings owing to my tech. obligations. To my other fellow Branch Officers, I thank them for their continued support, especially Gus Staunton, our Secretary.

Finally, to the Presidents and member of the Clubs within our Branch, I wish them success for the coming season and trust that they will continue to support the Branch to the fullest of their ability.

K. Lonsdale,  
Hon. Treasurer.



Donors for season 1965-66:

Trophies: B.P. (Aust.) Limited, W.W. Campbell & Co. Pty. Ltd.  
Branch Championships: Millers Brewery Pty. Ltd.  
General: Butler & Norman, J. Jennings, Champion Spark Plugs,  
Municipality of Woollahra, G.B. Staunton.

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

It is my pleasant duty to report the steady improvement of the harmonious position with the N.S.W. State Centre and National Council, particularly in comparison to that situation which existed some few seasons past.

The Branch has been fully represented at all meetings of the State Centre and the attitude has greatly improved from the time when Sydney Branch was considered the giant Colossus and almost open hostility reigned continually.

The emergence of a new group of Officers in the State Centre must, of course, have some bearing upon this improvement and the Sydney Branch has been able to act on numerous occasions fully in support of and with the full support of the country branches.

Unfortunately, it must be a recognised fact that the Sydney and Manly-Warringah Branches do, on occasions, nullify their votes in State Centre by voting for and against various items, thus leaving the real decision to the other representatives.

However, this is, of course, the simple danger of the dismembering of the original Branch and probably little can be done and, more to the point, little should be done to again organise a unified front to the country and other near-city branches.

It is with regret that we note the continued absence of the State President, Mr. Tom Meagher, from his duties and it would appear that the speedy return to his usual vigorous self which all had anticipated, will not become a reality for some time.

For the greater part of the season, Mr. Meagher's duties were very capably carried out by the Deputy President, Mr. Con Asmussen, and we must sincerely extend our congratulations to this gentleman, not only for the manner in which he has carried out his assumed task, but has represented the N.S.W. State Centre most capably as a member of the National Council.

To the State Secretary, Mr. Norman Steele, our congratulations go for the diligent attention to his duties.

Mr. Hector McDonald, Superintendent of the Manly-Warringah Branch, and indeed a former Superintendent of the Sydney Branch, was success-



ful at the last Annual General Meeting of State Centre in seeking the position of Deputy Superintendent and to this gentleman and also to Mr. Lionel McDonald, the State Superintendent, we extend our congratulations for the manner in which they have attended to the various matters falling within their sphere.

Finally, to all other Officers including the Treasurer Mr. Ernie Lawler, a former Officer of the Sydney Branch, and his assistant Mr. John Rosewell, and all other members of the State Council, we extend our appreciation and congratulations for a task well done.

As mentioned previously, the N.S.W. State Centre is represented on the National Council by the Deputy President, Mr. Con Asmussen, and the Sydney Branch was again successful last season in nominating the Branch Secretary, Mr. Gus Staunton, for the co-delegate's position on the Council. These gentlemen have attended all meetings of the National Council, where applicable, and it must be agreed, have continued the task of harmonising the relationship between the National and State spheres.

The activity in the National sphere at the present time is intense and this has undoubtedly thrown a great burden on the National Council Officers and particularly the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Ken Watson.

The mid-yearly meeting of the National Council held in Coolangatta at the conclusion of the Australian Championships witnessed the approval being given to the N.S.W. invitation for South Africa to visit Australia next season and particularly the N.S.W. and Manly-Warringah area. Also, because commitments were well advanced in both regards, the National Council approved the visit of a team from the U.S.A. to our shores in the coming season and, finally, over the Christmas period an Australian representative team will tour New Zealand.

This influx and exodus of touring teams in 1967 must surely mark the coming season as a glamour one reminiscent of the multi-visits of teams at the time of the Olympic Games.

To the Chairman of the National Council, His Honour Judge Adrian Curlewis; to the Superintendent, Mr. Bob Brydon; to the Assistant Secretary, Mr. Kevin Weldon; to the other Officers and Delegates who have supported the N.S.W. State Centre during the season, we say "thank you".

We understand that the National Superintendent will not again be seeking nomination in this regard and we must go on record of extending our congratulations to Mr. Brydon for a task well done over a number of years and wish his successor every success and pledge him every assistance in his mammoth task.



## INSURANCE.

The insurance affairs of the Branch have again been very ably conducted by the Insurance Officer of previous seasons, Mr. Barry Regan. We extend to Mr. Regan our congratulations for a task well done and must under this general heading caution all Clubs to conduct their affairs of insurance with the most proper regard for procedure and also for the time table of events.

Unfortunately, the Association Office and, we are sure, Mr. Regan, is constantly assailed during the season by members who are seeking clarification of their present standing of a non-existent insurance claim, such claim being non-existent because the appropriate Club Officer has failed to lodge same, or the claim has been lodged well outside the time limit.

It would be, unfortunately, in some cases a proven fact that Club Secretaries have not conveyed the information concerning the insurance scheme to their respective Club members; particularly members have not been advised that the entire responsibility of the financial obligations arising from accidents, etc., must be met by the claimant and will not be met directly by the Government Insurance Office. The G.I.O. will reimburse amounts to the claimant but, as stated, the direct responsibility for the settling of these claims will lay with the Club member and not with the Office. Consequently, the practice of Club members instructing Ambulance Brigades, hospitals, doctors, etc., to forward their accounts to the Insurance Company, should cease.

We are led to believe that the Rothmans Company will be expanding its already large donation for insurance purposes to cover all Club members.

Following is a report upon matters of insurance prepared by the Insurance Officer.

"During the past season, Sydney Branch members made a total of 39 claims for injuries received during the course of duty. This compares with a figure of 27 for the previous season. It is interesting to note that of these 39 claims, only 9 persons received head or facial injuries and these occurred as follows - beach football 2, surfboard and ski 5, surfboat 2. The remaining 30 were made up as follows - 14 leg, 1 back, 5 shoulder and 10 cases of arm and hand injuries.

"I would like to thank the many Branch Officers for their assistance during the season.

Barry Regan,  
Insurance Officer. "

## COMPETITIONS.

### B.P. REEL COMPETITIONS.

The Branch was indeed most fortunate in the concluding season to have had two B.P. reels for competition within our boundaries. The reels were competed for at all open carnivals conducted in the Branch and



were for two competitions -

- (a) R. & R. Pointscore
- (b) Handicap Boat Race Pointscore.

We extend to the winners of these trophies - the Wanda and Coogee Clubs respectively - our very sincere congratulations and also to the placegetters and, indeed, to all Clubs who competed, our congratulations for their efforts.

Results of the competitions were -

Senior & Junior R. & R. Pointscore:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Wanda	96
2	Cronulla	94
3	Bondi	56
4	North Cronulla	46
5	Clovelly	13
6	Bronte	7

Senior A, Senior B, and Junior Surf Boat Race Handicap Pointscore:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Coogee	86
2	Era	60
3	North Cronulla	43½
4	Maroubra	38
5	Bondi	38
6	South Maroubra	37

D.C. Lucas Gear Inspection Trophy.

As in previous seasons, the Deputy President, Mr. D.C. Lucas, again made a trophy available for competition between all Sydney Branch Clubs in the annual gear inspection.

The members of the Board of Examiners were active very early in the season and apart from the conducting of a Gear Stewards' Conference, did in many other ways, materially assist in the raising of the lifesaving equipment to the necessary standard by the commencement of the season.

Results of the D.C. Lucas Gear Inspection Trophy competition were -

<u>Club</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Place</u>
Cronulla	100.00	1
North Cronulla	98.97	2
Era	98.04	3
Burning Palms	98.00	4
Wanda	95.56	5
Garie	95.29	6
Tamarama	93.64	7
Bondi	93.33	8
Maroubra	92.00	9
Clovelly	90.57	10
Bronte	90.48	11
South Maroubra	90.00	12
North Bondi	88.52	13
Coogee	83.12	14



### Beach Football.

The Beach Football competition for the "Dick McPhillips Trophy" has now been a long-standing competition within the Sydney Branch and it is unfortunate that we must report that the interest appears to be waning in this particular winter activity and we have arrived at the point where only the "old faithfuls" present themselves for the competition each season.

Whilst ever two or more teams wish to play and conduct the competition, it is possibly worth while and benefits the Clubs and the Branch by keeping our members together during the winter months. However, we must, in the coming season, look very searchingly at the position and make efforts possibly before the conclusion of the surfing season, to ensure a fuller participation in this activity.

We are indeed grateful to Mr. Dick McPhillips for his continuing interest in the beach football and for the presentation of his numerous trophies over a long period of time.

We would be remiss if we did not record at this juncture our very sincere appreciation to Mr. Frank Norton, a Vice-President of the Branch and President of the Bronte S.L.S.C. Frank has given unselfishly of his time and effort over many years in his established position as Chairman of the Beach Football Competition and we do trust that future seasons will see his perseverance and efforts in this regard amply rewarded.

### LIFE MEMBERS.

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

No successful candidates were submitted for life membership at the last Annual General Meeting and the list of life members remains as in the previous season.

As this report is prepared for print, we are advised that well-known stalwarts and supporters of years gone by - George Lindsay and Bill Foerster - are not enjoying the best of health and we take this opportunity of extending to these gentlemen our very best wishes for a speedy recovery.

We press upon our life members the invitation to remain active in the affairs of the Branch and to attend the Branch Council Meetings and, indeed, give us the benefit of their council and their experience gained over many years. Unfortunately, only a very few



of the life members are still active in the affairs of the Branch and these are, in the majority, life members who also currently hold office. One notable exception to this Officer/Life Member is that of Mr. Roger Moroney and we are most pleased to welcome Roger as a constant member of the Branch Council and we trust that we will have his company for many seasons to come.

Life Members of Sydney Branch are -

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

#### GEAR.

##### Aluminium Surf Boat.

Since reporting in the previous annual report, the aluminium surf boat situation has developed to the point of where the National Council at its mid-yearly meeting, held in Queensland, approved aluminium surf boats for competition and are currently seeking standard specifications.

The two previously manufactured surf boats are still giving excellent service, one being in the possession of the Cronulla S.L.S.C. and the other boat, which had toured America with the Australian team last season, eventually was allocated to the N.S.W. State Centre and, in turn, to one of the northern branches. We are led to believe that a sponsor ordered a further boat to be manufactured by the De Havilland Company and this boat has been delivered to the Portsea Club in Victoria.

It would appear that all future aluminium boats will be made by the De Havilland Company, the previous manufacturers Highgate Engineering, being a company which simply develops products to the betterment of the aluminium industry.

The Boat Inspector of the Sydney Branch, Mr. George Challis, who is also a member of the National Boat Advisory Committee, has kept the Branch and its Clubs au fait with the situation in this particular sphere and we take the opportunity of extending to Mr. Challis our congratulations for the manner in which he has carried out his duties in this and many other matters.



#### Ross Safety Belt.

During the concluding part of the season, considerable concern was expressed re the suitability of the four-pronged type Ross Safety belt pin, which had been approved by the Association and, indeed, now made mandatory for manufacturers. The Branch called upon the State Centre to act with a degree of urgency in rectifying this situation but from the report of the State Board of Examiners' meeting, it would appear that Sydney Branch was almost alone in its fears concerning this particular item of equipment. Other Branches reported satisfactory service from the belt and it will therefore lay to Sydney Branch to satisfy itself that every precaution and safety is taken within our own boundaries.

The acquiring of the metal fittings for Ross Safety Belts and the material from which they are manufactured, also the continuity of supply, has unfortunately been a point of contention for many years. The N.S.W. State Centre now has a most wonderful opportunity to establish their own set of dies and tools for these most essential items of equipment and also for the metal fittings for surf reels, which have also come under criticism from time to time. This opportunity has been presented to the State Centre in the guise of a special grant for the development and experimenting with gear.

The National Council received during the season, and has since allocated to the States, funds from an anonymous donor who has indicated that this money should be used in gear experimenting and development.

It will be agreed, I am sure, that the State Centre could do a great deal worse than consider the acquiring of its own tools and dies and hold in stock a nominal number of sets of metal fittings which can be called upon by the various manufacturers of surf reels and Ross Safety Belts and thus do away with the chaotic state of affairs which existed at the commencement of last season when the new specification Ross Belts were not available for many months.

#### Gear Improvement Committee.

The Gear Improvement Committee has met on a number of occasions during the season and has considered various items, ranging from proposed "crash" helmets for surf boat crews to new specifications for fins on surf skis, etc. The shark attack kit which had previously been submitted to and endorsed by the Sydney Branch, and indeed, virtually endorsed by the N.S.W. State Centre and National Council, has remained a virtual unknown factor on the beaches, since the cost involved, approximately \$45.00, has apparently deterred most Clubs from the acquiring of this excellent item of equipment.

#### LONG SERVICE AWARD.

It is with pleasure that we report that the situation of the Long Service Award has improved enormously since our previous annual report and we now witness a flow of Long Service Award badges from the National Council through the N.S.W. State Centre to the various



applicants.

It must be mentioned, however, that this flow is, at times, erratic and there are, on many occasions, delays which we find, in our limited knowledge of the distribution and acquiring problems, difficult to understand, but nevertheless, the badges are now becoming available in increasing numbers and Clubs should not anticipate any undue delay in this regard.

#### REGISTRAR.

To the Branch Registrar, Mr. Harry Brown, we extend our congratulations for a duty well done. Harry has occupied this position now over a number of seasons and has undoubtedly brought a degree of solidarity to its activities which are very heartening and which are efficient, to say the least. This gentleman has continued as President of the North Cronulla S.L.S.C. and these duties, coupled with the duties of Registrar in the Sydney Branch, must indeed take their toll of his uncommitted time.

We do trust that in future seasons we will be as well served in this particular sphere as we have been during the past season.

#### SOUTH AFRICANS' VISIT.

As mentioned under the National Council and N.S.W. State Centre heading, the National Council did extend an invitation to the South African Surf Lifesaving Association to send a touring team to Australia in the coming season as the specific guests of the N.S.W. State Centre and the Manly-Warringah Branch.

This visit follows on the recent visit to South Africa of a team from the Manly-Warringah Branch itself and it is anticipated that the South Africans will visit a number of other States during their tour.

Undoubtedly, the acquiring of the finance and the multi organisational problems of acting as hosts to the South African team has presented the Manly-Warringah Branch with many problems and we must extend our congratulations to these gentlemen for their fortitude and their persistence in this regard. The Sydney Branch has indicated to the appropriate authorities that we would be pleased to have the South Africans as our guests over a week-end in the coming season and it is understood that this invitation has now been accepted.

#### SYMPATHIES.

The President, Mr. A.R. Loton, Deputy President Mr. D.C. Lucas, Branch Officers and member Clubs, express their sincere condolences to all those members of the Association and our Clubs who have suffered bereavement throughout the concluding season.



#### B.P. GEAR TRAILERS.

As this report is prepared for print, advice has been received that the B.P. Company will be continuing its donation in a slightly curtailed form to this Association for some seasons to come.

A number of gear trailers, suitable for towing behind vehicles, have been made available to the N.S.W. State Centre and the Sydney Branch will not be successful in acquiring one for the coming season, but we will receive a trailer, presumably for competition, in the 1967-68 season.

It is understood that the present allocation of trailers, which will number 18, will cover the N.S.W. Branches at the rate of six per year for the next three years.

Again, our sincere appreciation to the British Petroleum Company for their continuing support of this association which already marked them as the largest donor this Association has known.

#### OFFICE ADMINISTRATION.

As in previous seasons, the Branch Office has been conducted at the business establishment of the Honorary Secretary, at 335 Illawarra Rd, Marrickville. Undoubtedly, there are some drawbacks to not having a central office in the City, but these deficiencies must surely be more than offset by the large financial saving to the Branch of not having to meet commitments involving office rent, telephone, office staff, etc., all of which would be applicable to a City office. Clubs are again reminded that stocks of handbooks and other printed matter are available from the Association Office, nominally between the hours of 9-5 on week-days and also on Saturday mornings until 11.30 a.m.

I am sure I express on behalf of all Officers our very sincere appreciation and thanks to Mrs. Joan Vaughan, wife of the Branch Assistant Secretary, for her untiring efforts on our behalf.

Mrs. Vaughan is heavily committed in other activities, but nevertheless is responsible for the preparation of all duplicated matter and the vast majority of correspondence from the Sydney Branch and Board of Examiners. Her capacity for work has us all speechless and the presentation of this Annual Report itself is ample testimony of the high standard of work which we have come to expect from this young lady.

#### 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 their support of our Clubs and the Branch.

The business houses of B.P. Australia Limited, Radio Station 2SM,



Millers Brewery, Butler & Norman, Champion Spark Plugs and to all other parties and business houses mentioned previously in this report for their continued support and assistance throughout the season. Particularly to the Eastern Suburbs & South Sydney Lifesavers Equipment Fund who have continued in their self-appointed task of acquiring and distributing funds between the Surf Life Saving Clubs in the Eastern Suburbs and South Sydney areas. To the Chairman of this Fund, Mr. Ray O'Keefe, and to his band of willing workers, we must express our profound appreciation.

Those licensed Clubs and other organisations who have assisted individual Clubs in the most tangible manner. Under this category, we extend our thanks to the organisation assisted by the Sutherland Shire Council and membered by various licensed Clubs in the Sutherland Shire who are assisting the Surf Life Saving Clubs in that area.

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

The Hon. Legal Advisor of the National Council, N.S.W. State Centre and the Sydney Branch, Mr. Walter Crain, we extend our individual and sincere appreciation for his continuing efforts upon our behalf. Mr. Crain bears the brunt in the Sydney Branch of the preparation of all Notices of Motion to be submitted to the N.S.W. State Centre and other matters similarly involved. We have come to accept as standard a high degree of efficiency from this gentleman and we do trust that the many tasks which we place in his path will not become too burdensome for him.

Judge Harvey Prior and the Committee of the Aquatic Club for many considerations and tangible assistance by providing at no charge venues for the Board of Examiners and Council meetings. Also to the Manager, Mr. Wagstaff, and his staff, we extend our gratitude.

Mr. Monty George, our Publicity Officer, for his efforts upon our behalf.

Our Auditor, Mr. A. Smith, for his precise and able audit of our books.

In conclusion, I would extend my personal thanks to the President, Mr. Alf Loton, and the Deputy President, Mr. D.C. Lucas, for their personal assistance to myself and their understanding on innumerable occasions. To my assistant Secretary, Mr. John Vaughan, I profoundly express my sincere appreciation of his ready assistance which has never been withheld and so voluntarily given 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 the Sydney Branch affairs, my thanks.

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 Branch Officers who conscientiously carried out their duties and to remind those seeking office that plans for the coming year entail even greater activity than in the past.

A.R. LOTON,  
President,

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



SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY BRANCH

STATEMENT NO.1

BALANCE SHEET, as at JUNE 30, 1966.

Our Assets were -	1966	1965
	£	£
Fixed Assets: (at cost less depreciation)		
Carnival Gear	182	272
Office Equipment	84	60
Current Assets:		
Stock on hand (handbooks & badges at cost)	111	18
Cash at Bank - Commonwealth Savings Bank		
No.1 A/c	772	1,403
No.2 A/c	1,236	1,194
Cash on hand	40	40
Sundry Debtors	725	382
	<u>£3,150</u>	<u>£3,369</u>

From which must be deducted our  
Current Liabilities -

Sundry Creditors	<u>29</u>	<u>402</u>
	<u>£3,121</u>	<u>£2,967</u>

This is represented by Accumulated Funds:

Balance June 30, 1965	2,967	3,138
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure		
(as per Statement No.2)	<u>154</u>	<u>171</u> Dr.
	<u>£3,121</u>	<u>£2,967</u>

A.R. Loton  
President

G.B. Staunton  
Hon.Secretary

K. Lonsdale  
Hon.Treasurer

HONORARY AUDITOR'S REPORT

I report to the members of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia, Sydney Branch, that I have examined the books, accounts, and other records of the Sydney Branch and have obtained all the information and explanations required by me. In my opinion the above Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Statement are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the above Association, as at June 30, 1966.

North Bondi, August 18, 1966.

Allan G. Smith, Chartered Accountant.  
Honorary Auditor.



SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY BRANCH

STATEMENT NO.2

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1966.

	1966 \$	1965 \$
<u>Our Income was -</u>		
Affiliation Fees	280	280
Bad Debts Recovered	-	24
Capitation Fees	749	771
Carnival Charges	70	60
Donations	46	205
Examination Fees	291	246
Interest	65	76
N.S.W. State Government Grant	758	638
Profit on Branch Championships	74	-
Profit on Metropolitan Championships	81	-
Sundry Income	-	16
	<u>\$2,414</u>	<u>\$2,316</u>
<u>From which must be deducted our Expenses -</u>		
Beach Football Competition	24	-
Carnival Expenses and Subsidies	20	158
Depreciation	131	136
General Expenses	-	40
Handbooks and Badges	26	-
Instructional Expenses	80	94
Insurance	8	3
Loss on Branch Championships	-	52
Loss on Sale of Office Equipment	5	-
Loss on Social Functions	14	32
Postages	189	228
Printing and Stationery	468	526
Repairs and Maintenance	41	15
Secretarial Allowance	1,040	1,040
Telephone	214	163
	<u>\$2,260</u>	<u>\$2,487</u>
Leaving an Excess of Income over Expenditure, which is added to Accumulated Funds	<u>\$154</u> Profit	<u>\$171</u> Loss



CLUBS, RESCUES, AWARDS, CLUB GEAR, MEMBERSHIP

SYDNEY BRANCH, SEASON 1965-66

	Rescues				Resuscitation	First Aid	Awards						Approx. Value Club Gear \$	Membership				
	With line	With boat	Other gear	Without line			Bronze	Instructors	Q.C.	Grand Total to date				Active	Others	Reserve Active	Cadets	Associate
										Bronze	Instr.	Q.C.						
Burning Palms	3	-	-	2	-	11	2	2	-	106	16	8	1156	31	10	-	-	76
Era	15	3	1	24	-	53	17	-	-	220	46	16	3000	49	29	2	4	67
Garie	39	1	-	16	-	28	7	1	2	217	46	23	394	54	55	20	2	2
Cronulla	6	-	-	10	-	9	36	5	7	1244	228	310	3474	138	207	90	29	84
Nth Cronulla	24	8	2	15	-	42	35	6	18	1147	226	202	9432	160	119	34	19	15
Wanda	43	-	1	38	-	20	47	15	38	427	82	141	2261	129	26	58	43	16
Sth Maroubra	30	-	10	54	-	25	22	4	-	82	12	6	780	78	-	4	-	10
Maroubra	274	-	7	30	-	-	40	7	11	1066	181	110	6000	166	131	137	24	75
Coogee	5	-	1	14	1	-	28	10	12	1354	195	197	1344	134	95	44	18	240
Clovelly	3	-	8	45	-	163	39	7	14	596	110	102	4000	113	75	33	34	74
Bronte	64	2	6	25	-	-	21	4	3	999	158	109	2000	118	30	38	-	8
Tamarama	104	-	-	4	-	43	18	6	6	450	68	74	850	118	68	26	6	33
Bondi	58	-	-	56	1	7	30	9	16	1237	268	330	4178	148	204	40	27	151
North Bondi	85	5	8	30	-	52	31	6	34	1187	193	164	4000	153	21	163	33	187
<u>Total:</u>	753	19	44	363	2	453	373	82	161	10332	1829	1729	42869	1589	1070	689	239	1038







