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BOARD of EXAMINERS

# 17th Annual Report

Hon. Superintendent:

J. SWITZER

Hon. Secretary:

J. VAUGHAN

\* SEASON 1965-66

Hon. Dep. Superintendent:

A. MOSELEY



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SYDNEY BRANCH BOARD OF EXAMINERS

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES

1965-1966

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

District Supervisors:	
No.1 District -	F. Osborne
No.2 District -	P. Ainsworth
No.3 District -	K. Messenger
No.4 District -	W. Young

Assistant District Supervisors:	
No.1 District -	R. Davison
No.2 District -	E. Stephens
No.3 District -	A. Kelly
No.4 District -	B. Walker

Gear Steward:	A. Moseley
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Boat Inspector:	G. Challis
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Committees

<u>Resuscitation:</u>	L. Buck, D. Lucas, J. Marsden, A. Moseley, F. Osborne, J. Switzer, B. Walker.
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<u>Meritorious Awards:</u>	D. Lucas, R. McKenna, J. Marsden, A. Moseley, J. Switzer, J. Vaughan, B. Walker.
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<u>Gear Inspection:</u>	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.
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17th ANNUAL REPORT

SEASON 1965-1966

Gentlemen,

Notice is given of our 18th Annual General Meeting, to be held in the Aquatic Club, 2 Riley Street, Sydney, on August 31, 1966, at 7 p.m. It will be my pleasure at that time to present, on behalf of the Branch Superintendent and Officers of the Board, this 17th Annual Report, covering the activities of the Sydney Branch Board of Examiners for the season 1965-1966.

This season has been a busy one for the Board, both from the point of view of conducting all the Open Carnivals and inter and intraclub carnivals throughout the season, and also assimilating into our activities a large number of new members.

The introduction of new Handbooks the previous season and all the work put in at that time to ensure the Clubs had assimilated the new drill, meant that we did not have to be as active this year in the promulgation of new drill, but every endeavour was made to improve the standard of drill by means of the now Annual Chief Instructors' Conference and also the efforts of our District Supervisors during the preliminary examinations of the various squads.

There was, however, on the competition side, still plenty of room for improvement and high concentration is made in the endeavour to ensure that our R. & R. standards and judging was maintained at the highest level.

The Board, over the years, has encouraged the joining of members still actively competing for their Clubs and in this regard, several of our members distinguished themselves during the year in the competition field. Whilst these members cannot assist at carnivals, they are of great assistance in the conducting of inter and intraclub events and also in Bronze examinations. Our congratulations later in the report go to those who succeeded in annexing Branch, State and Australian Titles.



Early in the season, a committee was formed to stand as a Handbook Revision Committee and this committee has already done preparatory work in preparing a report for suggestions of methods of improving R. & R. points deduction. This has not, as yet, been submitted to higher authorities, but this will be done at the appropriate time when the Handbook is next up for revision. This committee is still standing and will be considering, from time to time, any aspect of the Handbooks which the Board or Branch feel warrants some revision.

### Membership.

During the season, the Board attracted the large number of 23 new members and they are, in order of joining -

P. Gleeson, Clovelly S.L.S.C.  
G. Stubbs, Clovelly S.L.S.C.  
B. May, Clovelly S.L.S.C.  
D. Murray, Clovelly S.L.S.C.  
P. Murphy, Tamarama S.L.S.C.  
S. Gibson, North Cronulla S.L.S.C.  
E. Brookes, Wanda S.L.S.C.  
G. Campbell, Clovelly S.L.S.C.  
J. Metcalfe, Wanda S.L.S.C.  
J. Pelling, Clovelly S.L.S.C.  
B. Powell, Clovelly S.L.S.C.  
P. Simms, Clovelly S.L.S.C.  
R. McLeland, Clovelly S.L.S.C.  
W. Duffy, Clovelly S.L.S.C.  
D. O'Brien, Bronte S.L.S.C.  
P. Dickson, North Cronulla S.L.S.C.  
W. Hodges, Cronulla S.L.S.C.  
R. Bignold, Cronulla S.L.S.C.  
A. Ryan, Wanda S.L.S.C.  
J. Solomon, South Maroubra S.L.S.C.  
R. Halpin, South Maroubra S.L.S.C.  
J. Northmore, Bondi S.B.L.S.C.  
J. Oldham, Bondi S.B.L.S.C.

With the acquisition of these new members, less those who have resigned or who have been deleted, the Board has a total membership at the end of the 1965-66 season of 126.

It will be noted that the strength has improved in some Clubs as regards Board membership and all Clubs are now represented on the Board and the distribution, by Clubs, is shown, together with the figures for the previous season.



<u>Club</u>	<u>1964-65</u>	<u>1965-66</u>
Bondi.....	10	12
Bronte.....	9	10
Burning Palms.....	2	2
Clovelly.....	3	12
Coogee.....	13	12
Cronulla.....	23	20
Era.....	4	4
Garie.....	4	3
Maroubra.....	6	6
North Bondi.....	5	6
North Cronulla.....	11	13
South Maroubra.....	-	2
Tamarama.....	3	4
Wanda.....	6	10
Life Members, affiliated with Clubs in other Branches.....	10	10
Attached Member.....	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>110</u>	<u>126</u>

During the year, some queries were raised as to whether the categories of membership and conditions of same were satisfactory for our current needs and a committee was formed, which is currently reviewing the conditions of membership, with a view to recommending any changes in the Constitution which will cover our current needs. However, at this stage, the conditions remain unchanged and the membership of the Board, broken up into the various categories, is listed below for the last four seasons -

	<u>1962-63</u>	<u>1963-64</u>	<u>1964-65</u>	<u>1965-66</u>
Life Members.....	18	20	21	21
Active Members.....	71	63	78	93
Reserve Active Members.....	3	4	4	4
Country Members.....	5	8	6	8
Attached Members.....	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>99</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>126</u>

Our active strength is on the increase and this augurs well for the Board in the coming season, as we will have fairly heavy commitments during the year for interclub carnivals, as well as for the smaller intraclub events conducted by the Clubs.

Members are reminded of their obligations as far as attendances at examinations are concerned, these being compulsory, and they are requested to assist at as many of the other functions the Board has to attend, as possible.



Once again, an invitation is extended to any members of Sydney Branch Clubs who are eligible to join the Board of Examiners and we would point out that the promulgation of the work done by the Board through the various Club members who are members of the Board, is one of our most important facets of our work. For members of other Boards who may, for a time, be in Sydney and may wish to attend our meetings, an invitation is extended to them to attend any meeting which may coincide with their visit to Sydney. Meetings are normally held on the last Wednesday of each month, but confirmation of the date can be obtained from the Honorary Secretary.

During the year, our meetings were held at the Aquatic Club and the Board would like to thank the Club for the facilities made available to us.

#### Awards.

The following members were successful in gaining their Examiners' Certificates during the last twelve months and congratulations are extended to -

J. Vincent, Bronte S.L.S.C.	P. Phillips, Coogee S.L.S.C.
V. Sinclair, Burning Palms S.L.S.C.	J. Sayle, Coogee S.L.S.C.
R. Sheldon, Tamarama S.L.S.C.	C. Brady, North Cronulla SLSC
P. Coles, North Bondi S.L.S.C.	A. Metti, Bondi S.B.L.S.C.
P. Stapleton, Bondi S.L.S.C.	D. Cleary, Coogee S.L.S.C.
C. Baldock, Bondi S.B.L.S.C.	P. McGuiggan, Coogee S.L.S.C.
J. Orrell, Bondi S.B.L.S.C.	G. Reeves, Bronte S.L.S.C.
B. Tyquin, Bondi S.B.L.S.C.	D. Park, Coogee S.L.S.C.

Other awards which were gained by the Branch during the last season are listed below, with a comparison over the last four seasons -

	<u>1962-63</u>	<u>1963-64</u>	<u>1964-65</u>	<u>1965-66</u>
Examiners' Certificates.....	14	4	8	16
Instructors' Certificates....	65	59	68	82
Bronze Medallions.....	361	330	321	373
Qualifying Certificates.....	68	47	99	161
Resuscitation Certificates...	18	26	42	42
	<u>526</u>	<u>466</u>	<u>538</u>	<u>674</u>

The increase in the number of Qualifying Certificates is very pleasing as it shows the increase in the number of young members attracted to the movement.

Last season the Board recommended to the Clubs that water drill be



commenced immediately the squad is started and this, combined with the fact that Club Instructors were more familiar with the drill which has now been in operation for two seasons, increased the general standards of the squads this year.

Our Deputy Superintendent, Mr. Moseley, was once again in charge of the appointment of examiners and the compilation of the necessary paper work and whilst Ike has been on a few members' backs about late return of papers, his comment was that the return of paper work was generally good and the exams had proceeded in a very well-organised fashion.

### Conferences.

Prior to the Annual Gear Inspection on October 16 and 17 last, a Gear Stewards' Conference was held to familiarise the current Gear Stewards of the Clubs with the requirements of the Board regarding the maintenance and presentation of gear. It was held at Bondi on September 15 and, in general, a high level of gear competency was observed at the annual inspection. The D.C. Lucas Trophy competition took place as in previous years and this was won by Cronulla S.L.S.C. with 100%; North Cronulla, with 98.97% were second; Era, with 98.04%, were third; and Burning Palms, with 98.00%, were fourth. Our congratulations are extended to these Clubs and the others for a very excellent presentation of gear.

On October 24, at Clovelly, a Chief Instructors' Conference was held, with a view to ironing out any difficulties which may have arisen over the past season, regarding the Blue Handbook and the conducting of examinations. At this Conference, the Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent met with the Chief Instructors of the Sydney Branch Clubs. It is felt that this has been a benefit, particularly to new Chief Instructors, and that this will be an annual affair.

The Board's thanks to the Bondi and Clovelly Clubs for making their facilities available for these two most important conferences.

### Gear.

Last year it was reported that the aluminium surf boat was one of the new innovations onto the surfing scene and, thanks to the efforts of the people concerned, the aluminium surf boat has now been Nationally approved.

During the season, the Branch found difficulty with some of the Ross Safety Belts and the Pins associated with them and a meeting of the Gear Improvement Committee made recommendations to the Branch, and



through them, to the State Board of Examiners, with a result that this was considered at the State Board of Examiners' Meeting and a new modified pin has been suggested for use in N.S.W.

The Committee have had several requests to consider gear and alterations to gear by the Branch and some of the work they are currently performing is the writing of a specification for the wooden surf reel, which is not fully covered as to specifications, in the Handbook, for recommendation to the N.S.W. State Centre, and the consideration of alternative methods of safety belt release devices.

Also during the season, a demonstration was given at the March meeting of resuscitation apparatus called "Automan Automatic Resuscitator" and this has been referred to the Resuscitation Committee and the Gear Improvement Committee for reports on its effectiveness and the practicability of its use on surfing beaches.

### Carnivals.

The lifeblood of any organisation which attracts young men to its ranks is undoubtedly competition and the Board would like to thank all the Clubs who held competitions over the past season. In Sydney Branch, open carnivals were held by Garie, Cronulla, Wanda, Bronte, North Cronulla, Era-Burning Palms and Maroubra; the Sydney Branch Championships were held at Bondi.

These Clubs are to be congratulated on their initiative in holding carnivals and the Board would like to thank the Clubs for providing the competition which is so necessary and for the hospitality extended to the Board members who were officiating on the various days.

In the last season, the four Championship Carnivals were held and Sydney Branch had officials at all major titles. They were - the Metropolitan Titles, the N.S.W. Titles held at North Wollongong and the Australian Titles held this year in Queensland.

The Metropolitan Titles are now a regular feature of our programme and were, this year, held at Coogee. This provided an opportunity for officials from both sides of the Harbour to work together and obtain the degree of co-operation necessary to conduct large carnivals of this nature and also gave the various teams the chance of competing against each other prior to the State Titles. Congratulations to the Coogee S.L.S.C. on their organisation of the carnival.

For the second time, the N.S.W. Titles were held on an open basis, this time at North Wollongong, and this open feature has now become a regular part of the programme. Last year, ideas were asked to improve the con-



ducting of the carnival and there were some new innovations this year. Once again, ideas have been called for on how to improve the carnival and in particular, with regard to the order in which events will be held.

The National Titles were held in Coolangatta and saw the innovation of the National Malibu Titles conducted in conjunction with the Championships. Another innovation was the introduction of the Iron Man Race and Taplin Relay on the day of the Interstate Carnival. Consideration is currently being given to the running of these as permanent features of our National Carnival.

At the State Titles, seventeen of our members were appointed to officiate and this is a comparatively large number for a carnival outside our own Branch. On the National scene, however, only the Branch Superintendent, Mr. Switzer, was appointed from this Branch and only four Board of Examiners members were appointed from N.S.W. It is pleasing to note that N.S.W. State Centre have made recommendations that the system of appointment of judges for the National Titles, in relation to events other than R. & R., be changed, so that any member who is available for a Championship and has the recommendation of his Branch and State Centre, can at least be considered for an appointment.

In an endeavour to improve the amount of competition available to the members of Sydney Branch, a Committee was formed during the year comprising members of the Manly-Warringah Branch and the Sydney Branch, who investigated the possibility of co-ordinating the carnival dates from the two Branches.

It is pleasing to report that the recommendations of the Committee have been adopted by both Manly-Warringah and Sydney Branches and this will mean that in the current season, there will be no clash of major carnivals on both sides of the Harbour. This will almost double the amount of competition available to Sydney Branch and will mean that the Clubs holding carnivals can look forward to bigger entries from outside our own Branch.

This may encourage some of the Clubs who do not, at present, hold carnivals to hold a carnival to increase the amount of competition available and also the financial rewards to the Clubs.

As quite a number of our carnivals are held on the comparatively smaller beaches in the Branch, the Board will have to constantly look at its technique of running carnivals for large numbers of entries on these beaches and ensure that we maintain a constant, if not accelerated, rate of improvement, into our already good systems of conducting and balloting for carnivals.



The Board would like to congratulate those who were successful at the various Titles held throughout the season, particularly those who are members of the Board.

Several of our members are prominent competitors and won honours at the National Titles, but special mention should be made of Barry Ezzy, who was a member of the winning team in the Australian R. & R. Titles and Bill Eady, who coached the winning team, Cronulla.

Our congratulations also go to Phil Coles on leading the Australian Team in the U.S.A. last year and members of the Board were treated to a very fine showing of slides taken by Phil, which gave us some idea of the type of work and the conditions prevailing in the United States where the boys competed.

On the note of International Visits, next year the Manly-Warringah Branch will be playing hosts to the South Africans and it is expected that they will be spending some time in Sydney Branch and will be competing at some of our carnivals and the Board looks forward to meeting these visitors and comparing notes on techniques, etc.

The Interbranch Carnival was again held this year and was scheduled to be held at Swansea-Caves Beach on March 26, 1966, but due to heavy seas and inclement weather, it had to be transferred to Blacksmiths Beach. This carnival is now on our regular schedule and next season it has been set down for the Illawarra Branch. In future, it will be held on a rotation basis amongst the Branches eligible to hold it and the following year, 1967-68, will be held at a Sydney Beach.

Congratulations go to Ike Moseley, who was elected Manager-Coach of the Sydney Branch Team and to Barry Ezzy of the Board, who was a member of the team.

During the season, at Sydney Branch carnivals, competitions were held for two reels donated by B.P. Australia; one for R. & R. pointscore and the second one for a Handicap Boat Race pointscore.

Both reels were keenly contested and it is possibly the first time that an R. & R. pointscore event has been held. The competition was keen and Wanda S.L.S.C. ran out the winners with 96 points, from Cronulla with 94, with Bondi third with 56.

In the boat races for the handicap pointscore, Coogee came home eventual winners with 86 points, Era with 60 second, and North Cronulla with  $43\frac{1}{2}$ , third.

The reels made the competition just that much keener for the season and



our appreciation goes to B.P. on donating the reels and our congratulations to the Clubs who won the trophies.

### The Year's Work.

In order to compare from year to year how the Board is performing, with regard to the total number of appointments and the work that has been performed throughout the year, the following has been set out as a brief summary of our main activities for the year -

49 examinations involving 217 attendances.  
Sydney Branch Championships and 7 carnivals.  
Metropolitan Championships.  
N.S.W. Championships.  
Australian Championships.  
Board and Branch monthly meetings.  
Board and Branch sub-committee meetings.  
Annual Gear Inspection.  
Chief Instructors' Conference.  
Gear Stewards' Conference.  
Lectures on lifesaving techniques.  
Demonstrations of our lifesaving techniques to outside organisations and the public.  
Restricted, interclub and intraclub events.

It will be realised from the above that in order to maintain the amount of work which has to be performed by each individual member at a reasonable level, we must constantly strive to improve our membership both from the quantity available and also the quality of the members of the Board.

The Board, from time to time, has to supply members on very short notice and whilst this is not encouraged, it nevertheless has to be, and the more active members we have, the better chance we have of meeting the needs and demands of the Branch in this very swift-moving age.

Our congratulations go to all the Board members who actively participated in the year's work and it is to be hoped that the foregoing figures will give them some satisfaction in knowing a job well done.

### Social.

With the success of last year's cocktail party, another one was arranged for the evening of our regular June meeting and it was pleasing for the organisers to have 90 members and their wives and friends attend this function.



We played host to the Branch President, Mr. Alf Loton; the Branch Hon. Secretary, Mr. Gus Staunton and his wife, Ellen; and a number of our Life Members, amongst whom were Mr. George Johnson, Mr. Bill Foerster, Mr. Don Lucas and Mr. Roger Moroney. The night went on, and on, and even after the official part of the function was completed, the members stayed together for some more conviviality.

Our thanks go to the Aquatic Club for enabling us to stage this function and thanks to the members who turned up to make it such a memorable evening.

Advance notice is given that it will probably be on again next year, but we can't take many more than the 90, or the place will be overflowing, so it will be a case of "book early" - like now.

### Conclusion.

During the season, I had to be away from Board activities for some two months, due to business commitments and, during this time, Mr. Warren Rennie stepped forward and filled the gap of Board Secretary created by my absence. I would like to thank Warren for taking on the task and also congratulate him on the able manner in which he fulfilled the duties during my absence.

On this matter, it is always pleasing to note that to date we have not had any difficulty filling positions on the Board of Examiners; but this should not discourage members from standing for any position they may feel they are qualified to hold and, in fact, it is a healthy sign in a voluntary organisation when every position goes to the ballot.

I would also like to thank the Officers and members of the Sydney Branch Council who have been most helpful to the Board over the past years, particularly the President, Mr. Alf Loton, and the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Gus Staunton. This Board is only a standing sub-committee of the Branch, but receives the fullest backing of the Branch and its member Clubs whenever it requires assistance in the way of new innovations, etc.

The secretarial side of the Secretary's work has been carried out once again during the year by my wife, Joan, and the Board and its Officers would like to thank Joan for her efforts in this regard and particularly in the production of this report and the production and mailing of the monthly Minutes and circulars.

Finally, the presentation of a report such as this, which records the activities of a century of men, as our Board has stood at over 100



members for some years now, is a very pleasing duty, but it would not be possible without the members of the Board willing to step in and do the work which is required to conduct our carnivals, to give the lectures, to spend the time with the various Club and, in general, to promulgate the work of the Association.

To all those who assisted throughout the year, thank you very much.

For and on behalf of the

Sydney Branch Board of Examiners,

J.K. Vaughan

Honorary Secretary.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S ADDENDUM

After study of this report, there can be no doubt that the Board members have been most active during the past season. Unfortunately, during that time, there were several instances of Board Members not acting in the best interests of the Board and it is hoped that in the future, members will be more prudent in their approach to Board problems and act to help the strength of the Board, rather than undermine its efficiency.

Once again, Board Officers and the Executive have given me their support and many matters relating to gear and competition have been the subject of sub-committee deliberation.

This addendum cannot be concluded without recording the fine efforts of my Deputy, Ike Moseley, who has once again handled the examination section with his usual efficiency. In addition, Board Secretary, John Vaughan, has filled his office with credit and credit and thanks are also due to Warren Rennie who acted as Secretary during John Vaughan's absence overseas.

Finally, I offer my thanks to the District Supervisors and other Officers for their help and co-operation.

J.R. Switzer,

Hon. Branch Superintendent.



SYDNEY BRANCH BOARD OF EXAMINERS

SEASON 1965-1966

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.



