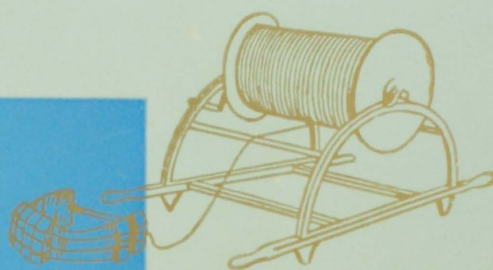


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**SYDNEY
BRANCH**



18th
Annual Report
and
Financial Statements

**BURNING PALMS
ERA
GARIE
CRONULLA
NORTH CRONULLA
ELOUERA
WANDA
SOUTH MAROUBRA
MAROUBRA
COOGEE
CLOVELLY
BRONTE
TAMARAMA
BONDI
NORTH BONDI**

**Season
1966-67**

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SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY BRANCH

Notice is hereby given that the 18th 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 5, 1967, commencing at 7.15 p.m.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of the 17th Annual General Meeting, held on Tuesday, September 6, 1966. (Minutes of the 17th 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 18th Annual Report for Season 1966-67.
5. Presentation of Audited Financial Statement for Season 1966-67.
6. Election of Officers.
7. Election of Committees.
8. Confirmation of Board of Examiners' Officers and Committees.
9. Allocation of Carnival dates for Season 1967-68.
10. General Business -
 - (a) Correspondence
 - (b) Consideration of Life Membership nominations.
 - (c) Reports
 - (d) 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 1966-67

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. Gietzelt, 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. Curton, M.H.R.	L.J. Hooker
W. Aston, M.H.R.	D. Golder (B.P. Aust. Ltd.)
D. Dobie, M.H.R.	W. Stephenson (Radio 2SM)
K. Ellis, M.L.A.	R. Delohery (Schweppes)
S. Einfeld, M.L.A.	J. Tier (Sun Newspapers)
K. Doyle, M.L.A.	R. O'Keefe (Life Savers Equip. Fund)
I. Griffiths, M.L.A.	K. Wilson (Astor Radio)
L. Walsh, M.L.A.	G. Doherty (Slazengers)
Judge J. Harvey Prior	C. Jones (Columbia Pictures)
Sir Norman Nock	Sir Norman 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, R. Howells, W. Marshall, 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
B. Potter

Hon. Assistant Treasurer
J. Needham

Hon. Branch Superintendent
J. Switzer

Hon. Registrar
H. Brown

Hon. Deputy Branch Superintendent
A. Moseley

Hon. Assistant Registrar
R. Spankie

Hon. Sec., Board of Examiners
J. Vaughan

Hon. Insurance Officer
B. Regan

Hon. Auditor
A. Smith

Hon. District Supervisors

No.1 District - R. Davison

No.3 District - K. Messenger

No.2 District - P. Ainsworth

No.4 District - W. Young

Hon. Assistant District Supervisors

No.1 District - W. Winzer

No.3 District - P. Phillips

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), P. Stapleton (Bondi).

Points Recorders

A. Moseley, K. Messenger

Hon. Medical Advisors

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

Judiciary Committee

R. Buist, +W. Crain, R. Howells, D. Lucas, G. Staunton.

Life Membership Committee

R. Howells, +A. Loton, R. McKenna, J. Marsden, J. Switzer.

Boat Committee

+G. Challis, N. Dixon, H. Durant, A. Menzies, L. Trim

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. Horton, R. Howells, A. Moseley, +J. Switzer.

Competition Conditions Committee

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

Finance, Purchases & Contracts Committee

R. Buist, +K. Lonsdale, A. Loton, J. Needham, J. Vaughan.

Resuscitation Committee

R. Howells, J. Marsden, A. Moseley, F. Osborne, J. Switzer, B. Walker,
W. Young.

Meritorious Awards Committee

R. Howells, G. Johnson, R. McKenna, K. Messenger, A. Moseley, J. Switzer,
B. Walker.

Gear Inspection Committee

P. Ainsworth, C. Brady, J. Casey, R. Davison, N. Dixon, W. Hodges,
G. Johnson, K. Messenger, K. Midson, A. Moseley, F. Osborne, J. Solomon,
B. Walker, W. Winzer, 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	R. Davison	K. Manton	A. Ryan
K. Andrews	A. Dickson	D. Medlin	P. Ryan
R. Avery	P. Dickson	K. Messenger	R. Sandstrom
C. Baldock	N. Dixon	J. Metcalfe	M. Santos
C. Bazeley	J. Donohoe	A. Metti	R. Sargeant
R. Bear	S. D'Ornay	K. Midson	J. Sayle
R. Bignold	W. Duffy	M. Moroney	V. Sedgwick
C. Brady	W. Eady	A. Moseley	R. Sheldon
B. Brewin	B. Ezzy	F. Moss	P. Simms
R. Bridges	N. Ford	P. Murphy	M. Sinclair
E. Brooker	D. Fryer	D. Murray	V. Sinclair
J. Brown	S. Gibson	J. Northmore	J. Solomon
L. Buck	P. Gleeson	J. Oldham	H. Spurway
T. Buck	R. Halpin	A. Oliver	P. Stapleton
G. Campbell	W. Hodges	J. Orrell	A. Stenhouse
T. Carter	J. Hollingdale	F. Osborne	E. Stephens
J. Casey	R. Horton	C. Owens	G. Stubbs
C. Christiansen	N. Jennings	D. Park	W. Swingler
D. Cleary	A. Kelly	J. Pelling	B. Tyquin
R. Cocking	R. Leix	A. Pepper	B. Walker
P. Coles	J. Levot	P. Phillips	A. Watts
J. Cooksley	K. Lonsdale	W. Rennie	J. Weber
G. Cooper	P. McGuiggan	G. Reeves	W. Winzer
R. Craig	R. McLeland	J. Rogers	B. York
E. Cross	L. McNamara	K. Russell	W. Young
R. Davey			

Long Service Members: B. Crisp, H. Hodge, L. Johnson,
J. Minahan, V. Mulcahy, T. Wheeler.

Country Members: K. Grant, G. Hogarth, A. Jordan, B. May
B. Vaughan, J. Wardall, G. Wilson.

FOREWORD

In the following pages, Mr. Staunton has submitted his usual comprehensive report covering the past season's activities, one which did, in many ways, require considerable effort on the part of your Executive Officers.

It is pleasing to note that many Clubs are sponsoring the "Nipper movement", a field which, it is hoped, will in the future provide a source of senior membership; likewise, that a number of Clubs are engaging in projects to improve and add to existing amenities in their Clubhouses.

The formation of the new Elouera Club in the Cronulla District will greatly assist in the protection afforded by this Association to the surf bathing public.

Growing demands create the need for more members and it is hoped that we shall see an increase in the number of Bronze Medallion awards during the coming season.

I wish to record my thanks to all Officers and members of the Board of Examiners who conscientiously carried out their at times onerous duties, particularly the Branch Superintendent, Mr. J. Switzer, his Deputy Mr. A. Moseley, and the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, Mr. J. Vaughan.

Finally, I would like to thank our Secretary, Mr. Gus Staunton, for his work throughout the year and his compilation of this report.

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 18th Annual General Meeting of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia, Sydney Branch, to be held in the Aquatic Club, 2 Riley St, Sydney, on Tuesday, September 5, 1967, commencing at 7.15 p.m.

Mr. President, Fellow Officers and Gentlemen,

In presenting this, the 18th Annual Report of the Sydney Branch, I am mindful that the space available in these pages will not be sufficient to do full justice to the very many important happenings which have occurred within the Sydney Branch and, indeed, within the Surf Association generally in the previous twelve months.

We can hope in this Report to do little else than to record the skeleton of the events which have transpired and to give such brief mention so that these happenings will be recorded in the official history of the Branch and will not be lost to future generations.

We acted as hosts to two overseas touring teams, they being from the Surf Associations of South Africa and the United States of America. No fewer than three Sydney Branch Teams were selected to compete against these Touring Teams and other Branches in a series of carnivals.

We witnessed with deep regret the passing of one of the greatest stalwarts of this Association in the person of Branch Life Member, former President of the Bondi S.B.L.S.C. and of the N.S.W. State Centre, Mr. Tom Meagher.

As living proof of the ever expanding growth of our movement, we had the great pleasure to welcome a new Club formed in the Cronulla District. This Club, the Elouera Police-Citizens Boys S.L.S.C., has the support of the Police-Citizens Boys Club movement and already it is well established and taking impressive strides towards Club premises. Appreciation must be extended to the Cronulla, North Cronulla and Wanda Clubs for the support they have given this new Club in their midst.

The first of what we trust will be an annual Bowls Day was conducted upon our behalf with a very rewarding financial gain to the Branch.

The Branch and Clubs have co-operated in the preparation of a history being prepared upon our Association.

All these items, and others, are expanded upon within this Report, but possibly more important than these, the Branch has played its part as a vigorous and active member of the complex of Branches and Clubs in furthering the aims and objectives of this great Association.

BRANCH COUNCIL.

With the Branch Executive meeting on fewer occasions each season, the role of the Branch Council is assuming one of greater importance. It is acknowledged that the Council has always been the supreme governing body of Surf Life Saving in the Sydney Branch, but many of its routine duties were carried out by the Executive.

Council meetings have continued to be held in the very pleasant surroundings of the Aquatic Club and we are indebted to the President of that Club, His Honour Judge Harvey Prior, also to the Management and Staff, for their continued co-operation in allowing our meetings to be staged in their Conference Room.

Many Officers and Delegates of the Branch are, of course, members of the Aquatic Club and the congenial surroundings and facilities for meals, etc., have combined to make the occasion of the Branch Council meeting a very enjoyable one.

Generally speaking, the attendance of Officers and Delegates has been to a high standard. Attendance records are set out in this report and, as usual, are commended for the attention of Clubs, so that they may ensure that they elect to the important position of Delegate to the Sydney Branch only those members who are enthusiastic and are prepared to undertake the task of adequately representing their own Club.

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month and all meetings, with the exception of the Annual General Meeting, commence at 7.00 p.m.

The activities of the Council have continued to be promulgated to the Clubs, Officers and Delegates by medium of the Sydney Branch Circular and also the Minutes of the Council Meetings.

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Possible</u>	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Apology</u>	<u>Absent</u>
A. Loton, President	12	11	1	-
D. Lucas, Deputy President	12	9	1	2
W. Crain, Vice-President	12	5	4	3
R. Howells, Vice-President	12	7	1	4
W. Marshall, Vice-President	12	12	-	-
E. Stephens, Vice-President	12	11	1	-

<u>Officers (Continued)</u>		<u>Possible</u>	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Apology</u>	<u>Absent</u>
G. Staunton, Hon. Secretary		12	12	-	-
J. Vaughan, Asst. Secretary		12	12	-	-
K. Lonsdale, Hon. Treasurer		12	4	5	3
J. Needham, Asst. Treasurer		12	8	-	4
H. Brown, Registrar		12	11	1	-
R. Spankie, Asst. Registrar		12	7	-	5
B. Regan, Insurance Officer		12	6	3	3
B. Potter, Publicity Officer		10	8	1	1
J. Switzer, Branch Superintendent		12	10	2	-
A. Moseley, Deputy Superintendent		12	12	-	-
R. Davison, No.1 Dist. Supervisor		12	6	4	2
P. Ainsworth, No.2 Dist. Supervisor		12	4	1	7
K. Messenger, No.3 Dist. Supervisor		12	11	-	1
W. Young, No.4 Dist. Supervisor		12	9	1	2
G. Challis, Boat Inspector		12	9	2	1

<u>Club Delegates.</u>		<u>Possible</u>	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Proxy</u>	<u>Apology</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Bondi:	R. Horton	12	6	1	2	3
	P. Stapleton	12	11	1	-	-
Bronte:	A. Menzies	12	9	-	-	3
	P. Perrin	8	2	1	-	5
Burning Palms:	H. Durant	12	9	1	-	2
	B. Potter	5	4	-	-	1
	R. Spencer	7	3	-	2	2
Clovelly:	P. Gleeson	12	6	2	-	4
	W. Charge	12	7	1	-	4
Coogee:	K. Messenger	12	11	-	-	1
	D. Cleary	9	4	2	-	3
	P. McGuiggan	3	1	-	-	2
Cronulla:	R. Cansdell	5	2	1	-	2
	W. Hodges	12	11	-	1	-
	E. Arnold	7	5	-	-	2
Era:	F. Osborne	12	8	-	2	2
	T. Miller	12	9	2	-	1
Garie:	B. Cleary	4	4	-	-	-
	A. Bresnan	12	5	1	5	1
	H. Bretherton	8	5	-	1	2
Maroubra:	A. Johnston	5	-	2	-	3
	J. Gallagher	9	3	-	-	6
	B. Brewin	7	6	-	-	1
	H. Ryan	2	2	-	-	-
North Bondi:	A. Wood	12	8	1	1	2
	R. Carr	4	-	2	-	2
	A. Johnston	8	4	-	2	2

<u>Club Delegates-Continued</u>		<u>Possible</u>	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Proxy</u>	<u>Apology</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Nth Cronulla:	J. Bourn	12	8	-	1	3
	J. Dewey	12	8	-	3	1
Sth Maroubra:	R. Spankie	12	7	-	-	5
	N. Ellard	9	3	-	1	5
	J. Connell	2	1	-	-	1
Tamarama:	M. Hill	9	6	-	2	1
	D. Fryer	3	2	-	-	1
	R. Sheldon	12	6	1	2	3
Wanda:	J. Metcalfe	9	4	1	-	4
	D. O'Sullivan	12	5	1	-	6
Elouera:	J. Gilligan	7	3	-	-	4
	B. Moore	7	2	-	-	5

<u>Club Presidents</u>	<u>Possible</u>	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Apology</u>	<u>Absent</u>
B. McDonald, Bondi	12	3	5	4
F. Norton, Bronte	12	5	3	4
F. Edmonds, Burning Palms	12	-	-	12
E. Hooper, Clovelly	12	-	1	11
B. Cribb, Coogee	12	-	1	11
N. Dixon, Cronulla	12	10	1	1
R. Davison, Era	12	6	4	2
R. Hoffmann, Garie	12	6	1	5
C. Molloy, Maroubra	12	-	-	12
C. Christensen, North Bondi	12	11	-	1
H. Brown, North Cronulla	12	11	1	-
L. Dynan, South Maroubra	12	11	-	1
R. Buist, Tamarama	12	12	-	-
K. Garthon, Wanda	12	7	-	5

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

The Senior Officers of the Board of Examiners have now continued in their present positions for a number of years and under this capable influence, the Board has continued to flourish and grow in strength. To the Superintendent, Mr. Jim Switzer; the Deputy Superintendent, Mr. Albert Moseley; and the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, Mr. John Vaughan, the Branch Officers and member Clubs extend their appreciation for their mammoth task carried out in an untiring fashion.

Figures indicated to the Branch at the conclusion of the season gave testimony to no fewer than 37 examinations requiring the appointment of 176 examiners, being conducted throughout the season. The examination figures as displayed elsewhere in this report show a drop upon previous seasons, but nevertheless, the task is a very formidable one and the challenge has been adequately met.

The large number of carnivals and the other varied duties undertaken by the Board have all been concluded successfully.

The practice of recent seasons of convening Conference of Club Chief Instructors and Gear Stewards was again continued and the Gear Stewards' Conference was held at the Cronulla Clubhouse on September 21, the Chief Instructors' Conference being held at Tamarama Clubhouse on October 30. Both these Conferences were well attended and ensured that these respective Club Officers were "au fait" with their duties and obligations at an early part of the season.

The influx of new members into the Board has been most heartening and Club members wishing to join the Board of Examiners should direct their enquiries through the Branch Office to the Secretary of the Board.

A list of the members of the Board of Examiners is set out in the early pages of this report and to each and every one of these gentlemen, we extend our sincere appreciation of their continued co-operation and assistance.

AWARDS.

Other statistics shown in this report will give evidence of a happy drop in rescue figures and also an equally pleasing increase in Club memberships. However, the sudden decline in award figures does give rise to some concern. To be sure, the 1965-66 season set an all-time high, but our figures for the concluding season of 441 awards gained are the lowest over recent seasons.

Figures are not available from other sections of the Association, but advice from the Manly-Warringah Branch towards the conclusion of the season was that this Branch was approaching a very high figure and the variation between the two Branches which are side by side in the Metropolitan Area, does give rise to some conjecture.

However, with the continued growth of the "Nipper" movement, we do trust that a constant influx of new members will be assured and that the figures of our awards will continue to rise each season. For guidance and information, under will be found a breakdown of figures over recent years.

	<u>1962-63</u>	<u>1963-64</u>	<u>1964-65</u>	<u>1965-66</u>	<u>1966-67</u>
Bronze Medallions.....	330	330	321	373	242
Instructors Certificates..	60	59	68	82	59
Qualifying Certificates...	<u>66</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>161</u>	<u>140</u>
<u>Total.....</u>	<u>456</u>	<u>436</u>	<u>488</u>	<u>616</u>	<u>441</u>

RESCUES.

Whilst some concern is expressed at the drop in figures under the heading of "Awards", we are very pleased to record the gradual decline of rescue figures. We claim this gives evidence to the continued vigilance of our patrols in ensuring that members of the surfing public do not expose themselves unduly to the hazards of surfing and also possibly to the increased awareness of their responsibilities by the members of the public themselves.

The total rescue figures this year of 1,081 are the lowest recorded over recent years and we do trust that this figure will show a gradual decline in years to come.

All too often the efforts of the ordinary Club member are overlooked by the public in general and to these members who man the patrols, we take this annual opportunity of extending our appreciation to them for the wonderful task they have carried out and upon their efforts rests the reputation of this great Association in its self-appointed task of safeguarding the beaches of Australia.

Without the unselfish devotion of the patrol members, our beaches would no longer be the safe playground of millions, as they are at the moment and one of Australia's greatest overseas attractions and advertisements - the image of the Bronze Australian surfer and its marvellous sunswept beaches would be lost forever.

	<u>1962-63</u>	<u>1963-64</u>	<u>1964-65</u>	<u>1965-66</u>	<u>1966-67</u>
With line.....	627	710	879	753	528
With surf boat.....	16	66	19	19	24
Without line.....	536	656	489	363	445
With other gear.....	<u>235</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>84</u>
Total:.....	<u>1414</u>	<u>1508</u>	<u>1492</u>	<u>1179</u>	<u>1081</u>

MEMBERSHIP.

In conflict with the figures indicating a drop in the number of awards gained within the Branch, we find evidence of an overall increase in membership. The somewhat static figure of the "active" category over a number of years dating back to 1961 and before, is a very interesting feature.

Some of the larger Clubs have advised that they consider their facilities, etc., not adequate for a general influx of new members, but the constant recruiting of these new members has afforded the Clubs the opportunity of increasing the standards of their membership and their efficiency. Thus, the more new members who can be recruited, the more efficient the Clubs can insist that their patrols and members be, by rejecting applications which do not meet these standards.

The increase of cadet members is a very pleasing one and is the highest over recent years and may be the commencement of the proof of the success of the Juvenile or "Nipper" Association members.

Other categories show a normal fluctuation which has become the pattern from year to year. Under will be found a comparison of membership figures taken over recent seasons -

	<u>1962-63</u>	<u>1963-64</u>	<u>1964-65</u>	<u>1965-66</u>	<u>1966-67</u>
Active.....	1523	1546	1561	1589	1515
Reserve Active.....	918	777	949	689	752
Cadet.....	162	183	191	239	290
Associate.....	970	1013	1010	1038	1155
Others.....		688	790	1070	980
<u>Total:.....</u>	<u>3573</u>	<u>4207</u>	<u>4501</u>	<u>4625</u>	<u>4692</u>

CARNIVALS.

During the 1966-67 season, the following open carnivals were conducted within the Sydney Branch -

Coogee.....	November 5, 1966
Garie.....	December 4, 1966
Wanda.....	January 7, 1967
North Cronulla.....	January 21, 1967
Bronte (Branch Champs.)	February 11, 1967
Maroubra.....	March 4, 1967

We extend our appreciation to those Clubs who assume the sometimes onerous task of conducting major carnivals and it is only by the continued support of the Clubs who are prepared to stage carnivals that the Branch members can remain at their high competition standard.

From an administration point of view, an active programme of carnivals often gives the opportunity to secure items of gear and equipment for competition, which would otherwise be denied.

In the coming season, the Branch will have a very arduous task of carnivals and these will include, beside our own domestic major carnivals, the Branch Championships, the Metropolitan Championships, also the Interbranch and Australian Championships. We look forward to the wholehearted support and co-operation of all Clubs in ensuring that they do support our own carnivals and also wish them the maximum of success in the coming season.

It is on a sad note that we record that the valiant efforts of the members of the Burning Palms and Era Clubs to conduct an annual carnival

on the Era Beach were not successful, due to the general lack of support from Clubs and the carnival was not applied for and conducted in the concluding season.

SYDNEY BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS, BRONTE BEACH, FEBRUARY 11, 1967.

The success of Bronte carnivals over recent years gave the Club and, indeed, the Branch the confidence to conduct the Sydney Branch Championships on the Bronte Beach this season.

For many years, a complete embargo had been placed across the thought of an open carnival on the Bronte Beach, but the Championships were this season conducted without incident and our congratulations to the Club President, Mr. Frank Norton; the Carnival Organiser and his team of willing workers, for the undoubted success of the Carnival and its preparation.

The Branch Superintendent called for certain special arrangements because of the restricted carnival area available. However, these arrangements all worked quite successfully and the carnival was thoroughly enjoyed by a large contingent of competitors and Club supporters, together with a very large attending crowd of public and distinguished visitors.

At the conclusion of the carnival, the Officials and visitors were entertained to afternoon tea at a very enjoyable social gathering.

Detailed results of the Championships are -

<u>March Past:</u>	1. Coogee; 2. North Bondi; 3. Maroubra.
<u>Senior R. & R.:</u>	1. North Cronulla; 2. Wanda; 3. Bondi.
<u>Junior R. & R.:</u>	1. Wanda; 2. Bondi; 3. North Cronulla.
<u>Senior Belt:</u>	1. G. Elliott (Cronulla); 2. B. Hutchings (Bondi); 3. R. Hardie (Clovelly).
<u>Junior Belt:</u>	1. L. Emery (Bondi); 2. R. Duncan (North Cronulla); 3. G. Mowbray (North Cronulla).
<u>Senior Surf:</u>	1. G. Rogers (Clovelly); 2. P. Smiles (North Bondi); 3. J. Rodgers (Maroubra).
<u>Junior Surf:</u>	1. R. Silcock (Clovelly); 2. P. Berry (Clovelly); 3. L. Emery (Bondi).
<u>Senior Teams:</u>	1. North Bondi; 2. Clovelly; 3. North Cronulla.
<u>Junior Teams:</u>	1. Clovelly; 2. Bondi; 3. North Cronulla.
<u>Cadet Surf:</u>	1. N. Rogers (Clovelly); 2. K. Neilson (Cronulla); 3. G. Oakley (Maroubra).
<u>Senior Boat:</u>	1. Cronulla; 2. North Bondi; 3. Maroubra.
<u>Junior Boat:</u>	1. North Bondi; 2. Coogee; 3. Clovelly.
<u>Single Ski:</u>	1. B. Stewart (South Maroubra); 2. P. Coles (North Bondi); 3. D. Green (South Maroubra).
<u>Double Ski:</u>	1. B. Stewart/D. Green (Sth Maroubra); 2. P. Coles/D. McGuire (North Bondi); 3. K. Rowsell/Simpson (Clovelly).

Long Board: 1. D. Heussner (Maroubra); 2. A. Menzies (Bronte);
 3. J. Salmon (Wanda).
Malibu Board: 1. D. Heussner (Maroubra); 2. A. Coates (Maroubra);
 3. S. Mangin (North Cronulla).
Iron Man: 1. B. Rodgers (Maroubra); 2. A. Coates (Maroubra);
 3. D. Heussner (Maroubra).
Beach Sprint: 1. B. Maiden, (Coogee); 2. M. Cleary (North Bondi);
 3. P. Frew (Nth Bondi), P. Silvester (Cron.) D-H
Cadet Beach Sprint: 1. R. Hillard (Wanda); 2. P. Keirnan (Wanda);
 3. W. Geddes (Maroubra).
Beach Relay: 1. Coogee; 2. North Cronulla; 3. North Bondi.
Musical Flags: 1. R. Fox (Nth Cronulla); 2. G. Calnan (North Cronulla);
 3. L. Cleall (Cronulla).
Cadet Musical 1. Simms (Clovelly); 2. Thomas (Maroubra);
Flags: 3. D. Killen (Coogee).
Pillow Fight: 1. M. Johnson (Nth Cronulla); 2. A. Metti (Bondi);
 3. R. Bignold (Cronulla).

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, LONG REEF, FEBRUARY 18, 1967.

On the rotation system of the conducting of the Metropolitan Championships, the venue this year fell to the Manly-Warringah Branch and the Carnival was duly conducted quite successfully by the Long Reef S.L.S.C.

The Branch was again adequately represented in the competition sphere and our congratulations to all those Clubs and their members who competed so successfully and ensured that the Branch again secured the 2SM Challenge Trophy, a trophy which has not been taken from the Sydney Branch since its inception some years ago.

The highest pointscorer of the Sydney Branch Clubs was the North Cronulla S.L.S.C. and this Club will now hold the trophy until it is competed for next season.

Detailed results of the Carnival have not been published by the Manly-Warringah Branch and cannot therefore be recorded at this time.

N.S.W. CHAMPIONSHIPS, NEWPORT BEACH, FEBRUARY 25 & 26, 1967.

With full credit to the various Officials, particularly the State Superintendent and Carnival Referee Mr. Lionel McDonald, a number of the difficulties associated with the previous State Championships at North Wollongong Beach were largely absent from the carnival conducted this season at Newport.

The weather conditions at the carnival left a great deal to be desired and did, particularly on the Sunday, make the task of Officials and competitors much more onerous than would have been desired.

The Sydney Branch was, of course, represented by a large contingent of competitors and our particular congratulations to the North Cronulla S.L.S.C. for winning both the Bank of N.S.W. Reel and the "Viscount" Boat; also to Cronulla S.L.S.C. for securing the R. & R. Premiership. Indeed, the "Viscount" Boat was a Sydney clean sweep, with minor placings going to Bondi and North Bondi.

Our appreciation is extended to the Carnival Organiser and members of the Newport S.L.S.C. for the staging of well organised and efficiently run carnival and also to the members of the various Boards of Examiners who officiated.

Finally, our congratulations are extended to all those Clubs who competed with such success and results of Sydney Branch Clubs and their members are recorded as under -

<u>Senior R. & R.:</u>	1. Cronulla; 2. North Cronulla; 3. Bondi.
<u>Junior R. & R.:</u>	2. Bondi; 3. North Cronulla.
<u>Senior Belt:</u>	1. R. Hardie (Clovelly); 2. B. Rodgers (Maroubra); 3. B. Hutchings (Bondi).
<u>Junior Belt:</u>	2. L. Emery (Bondi).
<u>Senior Surf:</u>	2. P. Smiles (North Bondi).
<u>Junior Surf:</u>	3. B. Fretten (North Cronulla).
<u>Senior Teams:</u>	2. North Bondi; 3. North Cronulla.
<u>Junior Teams:</u>	1. North Cronulla; 2. North Bondi; 3. Clovelly.
<u>Open Surf:</u>	2. G. Duncan (North Cronulla).
<u>Cadet Surf:</u>	1. G. Oakley (Maroubra); 2. R. Hart (North Cronulla); 3. G. Dewes (Wanda).
<u>Junior Boat:</u>	1. Cronulla.
<u>Single Ski:</u>	1. G. Johnson (Maroubra); 2. G. Dover (Coogee); 3. D. Green (South Maroubra).
<u>Double Ski:</u>	1. Stewart/Green (South Maroubra); 3. Coles/McGuire (North Bondi)
<u>Board Race:</u>	1. R. Mollier (North Cronulla); 3. J. Salmon (Wanda).
<u>Beach Sprint:</u>	2. B. Maiden (Coogee).
<u>Beach Relay:</u>	3. Coogee.
<u>Malibu Board:</u>	2. D. Heussner (Maroubra); 3. Garthon (Wanda).
<u>Iron Man:</u>	1. D. Heussner (Maroubra); 2. B. Rodgers (Maroubra).
<u>Junior Beach Relay:</u>	2. Cronulla.
<u>Junior Open Surf:</u>	2. B. Winslade (North Bondi); 3. P. Berry (Clovelly).

INTERBRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS, WOLLONGONG BEACH, FEBRUARY 4, 1967.

The N.S.W. Interbranch Championships were this season conducted at the Wollongong Beach and a strong team under the Management of Mr. Bill Eady, represented the Sydney Branch.

Members of the Sydney team were as follows - C. Baldock (Bondi), G. Elliott (Cronulla), R. Hardie (Clovelly), L. Harris (Bondi), I. McLachlan (North Cronulla), J. Rodgers (Maroubra), L. Emery (Bondi),

B. Fretten (North Cronulla), D. Heussner (Maroubra), R. Fox (North Cronulla), T. Buchan (Wanda), I. Chandos (Wanda), T. Dowers (Wanda), J. Folwell (Wanda), K. Sadler (Wanda).

The carnival was conducted in good weather conditions and congratulations should be extended to the members of the South African Touring Team who took part on the day for their victory in the R. & R. and in the overall pointscore.

Results of the Interbranch Championships were originally awarded to Illawarra, but after a number of confusing factors had been clarified, the Championship was awarded to the Newcastle Branch.

1st: Newcastle	6th: Far North Coast
2nd: Illawarra	7th: Mid North Coast
3rd: Sydney	8th: North Coast
4th: Manly-Warringah	9th: Lower North Coast
5th: Central Coast	

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, SOUTH PORT BEACH, SOUTH AUSTRALIA,
MARCH 24, 25 and 26, 1967.

The 1966-67 Australian Championship Carnivals were conducted at the South Port Beach in South Australia and again, a large contingent of competitors and supporters from the Sydney Branch were in evidence.

Our congratulations are extended to the Carnival Organiser, Mr. Denis Conlon, together with the large number of supporters and workers from the South Australian State Centre and the South Port Club who combined to stage a most successful carnival.

Weather conditions were in favour of the organisation and generally flat seas and light winds did not lend to the most spectacular of displays, but did ensure that the carnivals were conducted without incident.

Our congratulations should also be extended to the Carnival Referee, National Superintendent Mr. Jack Dearlove, for the completion of his first Australian Championships in his new position and also to his large band of Board of Examiner members who carried out their duties to the usual high standard.

Interest in the competition provided at the carnivals was undoubtedly heightened by the representation of the U.S.A. Team which took part in the Interstate Contest as a full unit and virtually as another "State".

Our congratulations are finally extended to all those members of the Sydney Branch who competed with such outstanding success and for the great credit they brought upon the Sydney Branch.

A great deal of interest also centred around the Iron Man Championship

because of the support and publicity given to this event by the Renault Automobile Company and the intimation that the winner's Club would receive a Renault vehicle and the winner the opportunity of competing in a World Iron Man Championship. Barry Rodgers of the Maroubra S.L.S.C. secured this title with a magnificent display of surfing prowess and our congratulations to this competitor for his well earned victory.

It is disappointing that the Renault Company do not appear to have completely upheld their end of the bargain and the "World Iron Man Championship" has not come to fruition.

Results of the carnival, as affecting members of the Sydney Branch, are set out under -

Australian Championships:

<u>R. & R. Premiership:</u>	2. Cronulla.
<u>Senior Belt:</u>	2. R. Hardie, (Clovelly).
<u>Senior Teams:</u>	1. Clovelly; 3. North Bondi.
<u>Junior Teams:</u>	1. North Cronulla; 3. North Bondi.
<u>Surf Race:</u>	3. P. Smiles, North Bondi.
<u>Junior Surf Race:</u>	3. R. Silcock (Clovelly)
<u>Surf Boat:</u>	2. Wanda
<u>Surf Board:</u>	1. D. Heussner (Maroubra)
<u>Single Ski:</u>	3. P. Coles (North Bondi).
<u>Double Ski:</u>	1. D. Green/B. Stewart (South Maroubra); 2. G. Johnson/J. Baker (Maroubra).
<u>Beach Relay:</u>	1. Coogee.
<u>Musical Flags:</u>	3. R. Fox (North Cronulla)
<u>Pillow Fight:</u>	2. M. Johnson (North Cronulla)
<u>Open Surf Race (Non-Championship):</u>	2. G. Rogers (Clovelly).
<u>Open Junior Surf Race (Non-Championship):</u>	3. A. Shaw (North Bondi).
<u>Cadet Surf Race:</u>	2. K. Nielson (Cronulla); 3. R. Hart (Nth Cronulla).
<u>15-man State Team:</u>	N.S.W.: 1st handicap; 2nd outright.

CARNIVALS, 1967-68.

The Sydney Branch will have a most ambitious and arduous task of carnivals to be conducted in the coming season and these will include the Australian Championships, which are to be held on April 12, 13 and 14 at North Cronulla; the N.S.W. Interbranch Championships, to be held at a venue yet to be decided on February 3 or 4; the alternating venue of the Metropolitan Championships will this season cause the event to be conducted at a venue yet to be finalised within the Sydney Branch confines; and, of course, a venue has also to be decided for the Sydney Branch Championships themselves.

The N.S.W. State Championships will be held at Cudgen Headlands on the Far North Coast on the week-end of March 16 and 17.

Mention could also be made at this stage of the 1968-69 Australian Championships, which are to be held in Tasmania and at the present time, it has not been resolved if the carnivals will be conducted over one or two week-ends.

The Tasmanian State Centre has submitted a case to the National Council and to all State Centres and Branches seeking support for the two week-ends system, but the Sydney Branch Council have recently considered the matter and have rejected the idea and instructed their Delegates to the N.S.W. State Centre to oppose the granting of the carnival venues on the basis of being conducted on consecutive week-ends.

OVERSEAS VISITORS.

As mentioned briefly in the introduction to this Report, the Branch had the opportunity of acting as host to Touring Teams representing the Surf Associations of South Africa and the United States of America.

The South African Team, which arrived first, were in Australia on a reciprocal visit arrangement with the Manly-Warringah Branch.

Some controversy raged concerning the visit of the South African Team and of the invitation extended to them, particularly in view of the fact that Australia was receiving a visit from the American Team in the same year. However, we must extend congratulations to the Manly-Warringah Branch and to the other sections which supported and granted permission for the visit of the South African Team and I am sure all quarters will agree that the manner in which this Team conducted itself and the sportsmanship which was displayed has done a great deal to cement the friendly relationships between these two great Associations.

The South African Team were hosted for a week-end in the Sydney Branch and our appreciation is extended to the Cronulla S.L.S.C. for billeting the Team and also to the Clubs of the No.1 District and, in particular, the Burning Palms Club for the day's outing and welcome given to the visitors in the typical Australian bushland setting.

Mention has been made elsewhere of the success of the South African Team during their visit to Australia and the Sydney Branch had the pleasure of fielding a team to compete against the South Africans and the Manly-Warringah Branch Team at a carnival conducted at Whale Beach on January 29.

This team comprised Messrs. C. Baldock (Bondi), G. Elliott (Cronulla), L. Emery (Bondi), R. Fox (North Cronulla), D. Green (South Maroubra), R. Hardie (Clovelly), L. Harris (Bondi), D. Heussner (Maroubra), B. Maiden (Coogee), S. Mangin (North Cronulla), R. Moller (North Cronulla), J. Rodgers (Maroubra) and B. Stewart (South Maroubra), under the capable management of Mr. Bill Eady.

The visit of the American Team was the result of discussions between the two National bodies and the Team were invited to Australia by the National Council. A very arduous tour was laid out for the visitors and this included visits to most States and also various trips to points of interest.

Our congratulations are extended to Mr. John Beasley who was appointed as the Liaison Officer for the Team whilst in N.S.W. and also to Mr. Lionel McDonald, the Team's Instructor within the N.S.W. area.

The Sydney Branch extended an official welcome to the visitors at a carnival especially staged at the North Cronulla Beach on Sunday, March 5. The highlight of this day was the competition between teams representing the Sydney Branch and the U.S.A. Touring Team, also representative teams of each one of the Districts in the Sydney Branch.

The visitors were not outstandingly successful upon the day and our congratulations to the members of the Sydney Branch Team who secured victory upon this occasion. The competitive and social success of the District Teams was discussed at subsequent Branch Council meetings and the desire was expressed that some system would be evolved whereby a continuation of this form of contest could be in evidence in future seasons.

At the conclusion of the Carnival, a social gathering and official welcome was staged in the North Cronulla Clubhouse whereupon welcomes were extended by various Branch Officers to the visitors and suitable responses and mutual exchanges of mementos of the occasion were made.

ANNUAL GEAR INSPECTION.

The annual inspection of gear and equipment of the Clubs within the Sydney Branch was carried out by two committees of the Board of Examiners on the week-end of October 15 and 16.

A very comprehensive report was submitted to the Branch Council by these committees and evidence was given of a generally high standard of equipment. Copies of this report were promulgated to the various Clubs and the local Government authorities whose equipment had been inspected.

Our appreciation is extended to the members of the committees who carried out their task so successfully and ensured that the essential lifesaving equipment was to a high standard of efficiency so early in the season.

Results of the D.C. Lucas Gear Inspection Trophy are set out under -

1st:	Bronte.....	99.57	points
2nd:	Cronulla.....	99.35	"
3rd:	Maroubra.....	98.70	"
4th:	Coogee.....	98.29	"
5th:	Wanda.....	98.23	"
6th:	Bondi.....	98.14	"
7th:	Burning Palms.....	98.05	"
8th:	North Cronulla.....	98.00	"
9th:	Clovelly.....	97.87	"
10th:	Tamarama.....	97.29	"
11th:	Era.....	96.08	"
12th:	South Maroubra.....	94.67	"
13th:	Garie.....	94.35	"
14th:	North Bondi.....	94.20	"

VALE - TOM MEAGHER

During August, the Branch heard with deep regret of the passing of Branch Life Member and Association stalwart, Tom Meagher.

Recent annual reports have referred to the illhealth which plagued the latter years of Tom's life, but this knowledge of his illness did not prepare any of his life-long friends for his ultimate passing.

Tom Meagher had a most remarkable career in the Surf Life Saving Movement and was one of the best known identities in our ranks. Ever conscious of the "man on the beach", Tom made a practice of touring the coastal areas and calling upon Clubs and was, in many respects, one of the best informed senior Association Officers on the every-day happenings of the Surf Clubs.

He was for many years President of the Bondi Surf Bathers Life Saving Club, a position which brought him into the ranks of the Sydney Branch and also for many years was a very active Vice-President of the Branch.

Originally, he strongly opposed the National Council, but later became one of its staunchest allies and represented the South Australian State Centre until recent years.

His interest in Association affairs led him to the N.S.W. State Centre and ultimately to the Presidency of that body.

His convictions were always sufficient to see him through a debate and if he felt a course of action was required, nothing could swerve him. One did not always agree with Tom Meagher, but most certainly, one had to respect him.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Our congratulations are extended to Sydney Branch Superintendent and Life Member, Jim Switzer, for his elevation to Life Member of the N.S.W. State Centre at the Annual General Meeting held at Moruya at the commencement of this season.

Our congratulations are also extended to Mr. Jack O'Reilly, N.S.W. State Centre Registrar, and Assistant Secretary of many years, for a similar elevation in this respect.

Congratulations also to the N.S.W. State Centre President, Mr. Con Asmussen, for successful nomination as Life Member of the Surf Life Saving Association, this Life Membership having been conferred by the Annual General Meeting of the National Council, held in Sydney in November of last year.

Two nominations are currently before the Sydney Branch for Life Membership of this Branch, they being Mr. Albert Moseley and Mr. Leslie Buck, both members of the Board of Examiners and Mr. Moseley a Branch Officer of many years standing. These nominations will be submitted to the vote at the coming Annual General Meeting.

Life Members of Sydney Branch are -

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

N.S.W. STATE CENTRE.

Under the capable Chairmanship of its President, Mr. Con Asmussen, the N.S.W. State Centre has continued to carry out its administration task to a very high standard.

Our appreciation goes to these gentlemen, including the Treasurer, Mr. Alan Whelpton; the Superintendent, Mr. Lionel McDonald; the Deputy Superintendent, Mr. Bill Carr; the Assistant Secretary/Registrar, Mr. Jack O'Reilly; the Purchasing Officer, Mr. John Rosewell; to the time of his resignation, the Secretary, Mr. Norman Steele, and Mr. Bruce Brewin, since his election as Secretary; also to the Deputy President, Mr. E. Lawler, and to all the other Officers and Delegates

who have carried out their duties to such a high standard.

The Sydney Branch was represented on the N.S.W. State Centre by the Secretary and also by the Assistant Secretary, Mr. J.K. Vaughan.

During the season, under the capable guidance of the State Legal Advisor, Mr. W.A.T. Crain, and a Constitution sub-committee, a complete redrafting of the present State Constitution was successfully guided through the State Centre. The many pages of amendments and alterations to the Constitution speak volumes for the tremendous work carried out by Mr. Crain and his sub-committee and we do extend our appreciation and congratulations for their task well done.

The State Centre carried a great deal of the burden of the reception, accommodation and tour arrangements of the visiting Teams during the concluding season and to the various Officers and Delegates who assisted in this task, the thanks and appreciation of the Touring Teams themselves will speak ample testimony of their success.

Unfortunately, during the height of the season, some disruption was caused by the sudden illness of the State Secretary, Mr. Norman Steele, and his subsequent resignation from that position. The duties of the Secretary and administration were carried out by the Deputy President, Mr. Lawler, to a very high standard and our congratulations to Mr. Bruce Brewin, a member of the Sydney Branch and a former State Secretary, for his re-election to that position.

Activities of the N.S.W. State Centre have been promulgated to Branches and Officers by regular issue of Minutes and Bulletins and where necessary, contents of these bulletins have further been promulgated to Clubs.

During the summer months, the N.S.W. State Centre co-operated with the Ampol Petroleum Company and the Sydney Telegraph in staging a Beach Girl Quest. The contest was conducted, of course, in the Sunday Telegraph and rested upon votes lodged by readers accompanied by a small voting fee. The N.S.W. State Centre retained 20% of the income from the Quest to cover administration expenses and the balance was returned to the Clubs.

Clubs within the Sydney Branch who partook and benefited from the Contest were - North Cronulla (\$344.86); Wanda (\$809.60); Cronulla (96c) Garie (\$77.20); Bondi (\$43.68). It is understood that a similar contest is presently being considered for the 1967-68 season.

NATIONAL COUNCIL.

During the concluding season, such contact as is necessary between the Sydney Branch and the National Council has been carried out under most harmonious circumstances. It is pleasing to report that the friction

which was often evident between the National Council and indeed, the N.S.W. State Centre, and the Branch appears to be a thing of the past and we look forward to a further continuance of this situation which is congenial to a more efficient working basis.

We take this opportunity of extending to the National President, His Honour Judge, Sir Adrian Curlewis, our warmest congratulations upon his Knighthood conferred recently by Her Majesty the Queen. In our congratulatory message conveyed to Sir Adrian, we advised that the honour would reflect great glory upon the Association as a whole and, in his reply, Sir Adrian has agreed with these sentiments.

The National Council has commissioned a history of the Surf Life Saving Association to be prepared and through requests received from the N.S.W. State Centre, the Sydney Branch has co-operated in every way and, indeed, has now supplied the histories of all the Sydney Clubs and also the history of the Sydney Branch since its formation at the time of the disbanding of the Head Centre.

The affairs of the National Council have been communicated to State Centres and Branches by issue of regular bulletins and lately we have evidenced the issuing of a special bulletin, titled "National News". This news bulletin is given over to various general activities of the Associations overseas, also such other domestic items of interest which would normally not be included in a National bulletin and the Officers responsible are to be congratulated.

Through the efforts of the National Council and, in particular, the National Secretary and Mr. W.A.T. Crain, the Rothmans Insurance coverage, effective upon all Association members, has now become a reality. The Policy commenced on April 1, 1967 and with the commencement of the new season, a large range of items of literature, etc., have been prepared for circulation. It is intended that each member of the Clubs will receive a copy of the Policy benefits. Further, each member will receive a certificate of Rothmans Insurance and a small wallet inscribed with the Association emblem.

We would take this opportunity of extending to the Rothmans Company our profound appreciation for their continued interest in our affairs and we have witnessed over recent years many fine donations from this Company, particularly from their Sports Foundation.

Following the Mid-Yearly meeting of the National Council held in South Australia at the conclusion of the Australian Championship Carnival, a request was made to all State Centres, Branches and Clubs to indicate their opinions concerning the continuance of the Interstate Contests and other alterations to aspects of the Australian Championship Carnivals.

The Sydney Branch had been for some time toying with the idea of preparing proposals for a more Open Australian Championship and this request from the

National Council gave impetus to our efforts and we are pleased to advise that the Committee's findings have been ratified by the Sydney Branch Council and are now in their final preparation stage. It is hoped that the scheme submitted by Sydney Branch, together with a very practical timetable of events, etc., will result in the support of the N.S.W. State Centre and eventually the implementation of the National Council in a more open Australian Championship which will retain a form of Interstate Contest.

At the present time, plans are afoot for the conducting of a meeting of the International Council of Surf Life Saving. This Conference, which will be the first held by this body for some considerable time, will undoubtedly have a great deal of bearing upon the standardisation of methods of lifesaving throughout the affiliated surf life saving world.

To the Officers of the National Council and, in particular, to the Honorary Secretary/Treasurer, Ken Watson; the Chief Superintendent, Jack Dearlove, we extend our congratulations upon the completion of another successful year of activity and another term of Office.

REPORT FROM THE SYDNEY BRANCH HONORARY TREASURER.

I have pleasure in presenting for your approval the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended June 30, 1967.

This year, we have shown a further increase in revenue over expenditure to the amount of \$285.00, even though the Branch continued with the assisting of members selected in teams to represent overseas. The increase in our Income was due to the increase in donations, and a further allocation received from State Centre.

It is with a great deal of regret to me that I must step down from Office in the coming year, but due to other commitments, I find that I am unable to perform the task of Branch Treasurer as it should be done, so I would take this opportunity to thank the members of the Council and Clubs for the manner in which they have carried out their tasks, thus making the job of Treasurer a relatively easy one.

I would make a special mention of Gus Staunton, our Secretary, who has been a considerable help to me in the years I have held Office, and also John Needham, who unfortunately like myself, is also retiring from Office this year.

Finally, to members of our Branch which I feel must be the best in Australia, I wish them success for the coming season and trust they will not rest on their laurels, and continue to support the Branch to the fullest of their ability.

K. Lonsdale,
Hon. Treasurer.

SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY BRANCH

STATEMENT NO.1

BALANCE SHEET, as at JUNE 30, 1967.

<u>Our Assets were -</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Fixed Assets: (at cost less depreciation)		
Carnival Gear	122	182
Office Equipment	168	84
Current Assets:		
Handbook Stock	53	111
Cash at Bank - Commonwealth Savings Bank		
No.1 A/c	1,707	772
No.2 A/c	1,282	1,236
Cash on hand	40	40
Sundry Debtors	188	725
	<u>£3,560</u>	<u>£3,150</u>

From which must be deducted our

Current Liabilities -

Sundry Creditors	<u>-</u>	<u>29</u>
	<u>£3,560</u>	<u>£3,121</u>

This is represented by Accumulated Funds:

Balance June 30, 1966	3,121	2,967
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure (as per Statement No.2)	<u>439</u>	<u>154</u>
	<u>£3,560</u>	<u>£3,121</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 Aust., 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, 1967.

North Bondi, August 10, 1967.

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, 1967.

	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>
	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
Our Income was -		
Affiliation Fees	280	280
Capitation Fees	731	749
Carnival Charges	50	70
Donations	310	46
Examination Fees	202	291
Interest	78	65
N.S.W. State Government Grant	1,124	758
Profit on Branch Championships	76	74
Profit on Metropolitan Championships	-	81
Sundry Income	16	-
	<u>\$2,867</u>	<u>\$2,414</u>

From which must be deducted our Expenses -

Beach Football Competition	-	24
Carnival Expenses and Subsidies	140	20
Depreciation	144	131
Handbooks and Badges	62	26
Instructional Expenses	7	80
Insurance	8	8
Loss on Sale of Office Equipment	-	5
Social Functions & Presentations	169	14
Postages	179	189
Printing and Stationery	403	468
Repairs and Maintenance	29	41
Secretarial Allowance	1,040	1,040
Telephone	247	214
	<u>\$2,428</u>	<u>\$2,260</u>

Leaving an Excess of Income over
Expenditure, which is added to
Accumulated Funds

\$439 \$154
Profit Profit

DOOR KNOCK AND PUBLIC APPEAL, NOVEMBER 4 and 5, 1967.

The Branch has considered for some time the conducting of a major appeal for funds, this consideration having arisen from the suggestions put forward by the N.S.W. State Centre concerning the Aqua Bowl contest and similar ideas of Art Unions, etc.

Mr. John Pope, who has had a great deal of experience in this type of fund raising, has been retained by the Branch as the Organiser of the Public Appeal and the date, as advised previously, has been set down for the week-end of November 4 and 5. It is not necessarily intended that the Appeal will restrict itself to a Door Knock and, indeed, already a number of meetings of Clubs have been held to plan the best means of placing the Appeal before the public in general.

It is to be hoped that all Clubs will co-operate with the Branch and each other in the staging of this Appeal, which could net the various sections involved a very handsome reward and will ensure funds for much needed equipment and other administrative requirements.

A corner-stone of the decision to conduct the Appeal has been the intention to avoid conducting the Appeal along the seaside areas, where residents and business houses are constantly approached by the surfing fraternity, but rather to conduct the Appeal in areas further afield.

JUVENILE ASSOCIATION.

The Juvenile Association has now completed its first year of operation under its administrative structure and we extend our appreciation to those Clubs and Officers who have given of their efforts in ensuring that the Juvenile Association will flourish and will thus provide the surf life saving movement with lifesavers in the years to come.

At the present time, a request is before the N.S.W. State Centre from the State Juvenile Association for a form of affiliation and this matter will be decided at the Annual General Meeting of the State Centre.

Unfortunately, some confusion did exist during the majority of the season concerning "Nipper" insurance and it is only recently that this matter has been resolved. It is to be hoped that some improved system will be used in the coming season, thus ensuring that the "Nipper" members are afforded the maximum coverage their insurance policy will allow.

AUSTRALIAN TOURING TEAM TO VISIT SOUTH AFRICA, 1969.

Advice has been received that an invitation has been extended and accepted for an Australian Touring Team to visit South Africa in 1969. However, the National Council have advised of the serious deficiency of funds available for this purpose and it would appear necessary for each

State to raise approximately \$1,000 for each member of that State who is selected as a member of the Team. The Sydney Branch, being mindful of the great benefits derived by virtue of publicity and increased interest in our Association from Touring Teams, has suggested a number of schemes to the National Council whereby additional funds can be raised. It is hoped that some solution to this problem will be forthcoming, since it will not only affect this particular team in 1969, but will affect all future Australian Touring Teams.

CHARITY BOWLS DAY, MAY 7, 1967.

Through the efforts of the Officers of the Canterbury-Bankstown League Club Social Bowls Club, a Charity Bowls Day was conducted at the Lakemba Bowling Club on Sunday, May 7. A number of Clubs were represented by Bowling Teams, but in the majority, the Teams fielded on the day were solicited by the Lakemba Bowling Club themselves.

A number of Branch Officers and members were present to represent the Association and it was very pleasing at the conclusion of the Day to receive a cheque for \$220.00 as a donation to Branch funds.

To the Officers and members of the League Social Bowling Club and also the Lakemba Bowling Club, we do extend again our very sincere appreciation for their interest in our welfare and we place great hope upon their intimation that this charity bowling day could become an annual affair.

RESIGNATION, PUBLICITY OFFICER, BRUCE POTTER.

Towards the conclusion of the season, the Branch accepted with regret the resignation of Bruce Potter from the position of Publicity Officer. Bruce has accepted an appointment overseas with the Rothmans Company and it was resolved that the position of Publicity Officer be not filled because of the lateness in the season, but rather it be stood over and nominations called in the normal fashion at the Annual General Meeting.

We extend our appreciation to Bruce for his efforts upon our behalf and wish him well in his new position.

BRANCH OFFICERS.

The Branch is, indeed, most fortunate in having the services of the Officers and Committee members as defined in the introduction to this report. Our appreciation and congratulations are extended to all these gentlemen - to our President, Alf Loton, for his continued and capable influence as Chairman of the Branch; Mr. Loton has attended a large number of social functions and has most capably represented the Branch on all occasions. To the Deputy President, Don Lucas, our appreciation also for

his continuing interest in the affairs of the Branch and these interests are combined with his additional task of Councillor in the Sutherland Shire and it is understood that his influence in the Sutherland Shire Council has done a great deal to further the aims and objectives of the Surf Life Saving Club in that area.

The Registrar, Harry Brown, has continued to carry out his duties to a high standard; indeed, a standard which we have come to accept from this particular gentleman. Mr. Brown is also the President of the North Cronulla S.L.S.C. and has assumed the mammoth task of directing the organisation for the Australian Championships which will be staged at North Cronulla Beach next Easter.

The Assistant Secretary, John Vaughan, has continued to do more than has been asked of him and combines the duties of this Office in the Branch with those of the Secretary of the Board of Examiners and a most active officiating member of that Board.

The Treasurer, Kevin Lonsdale, and Assistant Treasurer, John Needham, have indicated their inability to again seek office in these positions in the coming season and we therefore take the opportunity of extending to these gentlemen our appreciation for the manner in which they have carried out their tasks over the years. Both these gentlemen have had their time available for Branch affairs curtailed during the concluding season because of other commitments, but they have nevertheless not failed to attend to the affairs of the Branch in their usual competent fashion.

Barry Regan has continued in Office as Branch Insurance Officer for a number of years and has carried out his duties in a capable and efficient manner. It is not known what effect upon the requirements of the duties of Insurance Officer will be brought about by the introduction of the scheme with Rothmans, but we do trust that Mr. Regan will accept our appreciation for his efforts upon our behalf.

The Branch Superintendent, Jim Switzer, and Deputy Superintendent Albert Moseley, have been mentioned elsewhere in this report and are again congratulated for their continued efforts in the best interests of the Branch and the Board of Examiners. Mr. Moseley has combined the position of Honorary Gear Steward and has been accountable to the Branch for the wide range of carnival equipment and other items which are a necessity of our existence.

The Boat Inspector, George Challis, has been instrumental in carrying out the duties of inspecting all boats manufactured within the Sydney Branch to the high standard we have come to expect of this gentleman and Mr. Challis currently holds a position as a member of the National Council Boat Advisory Committee and has submitted regular reports to the Branch Council.

Special mention must be made of the Honorary Legal Advisor, Walter Crain,

who has never failed to respond in the most praiseworthy of manners to a request from the Branch for his legal and constitutional assistance. As mentioned elsewhere, Mr. Crain was largely responsible for the preparation of the large number of alterations to the N.S.W. State Centre Constitution and we again extend our appreciation to this gentleman for his long and outstanding service. We also take the opportunity to extend our best wishes to Mr. Crain in his nomination for Life Member of the Association.

BRANCH ADMINISTRATION.

As in previous seasons, the Branch has continued to be administered from the business establishment of the Honorary Secretary, at 335 Illawarra Road, Marrickville.

We would be remiss if we did not at this stage extend our very sincere appreciation to Mrs. Joan Vaughan for the many tasks which she carries out on behalf of the Branch and the Board of Examiners in her most capable and efficient manner. As stated in previous annual reports, the presentation of this report itself is ample testimony to the high standard of work which we have become accustomed to receive from Mrs. Vaughan.

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.

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, Rothmans of Pall Mall, 2SM, Champion Spark Plugs and other donors as mentioned in this report.

Special appreciation to Millers Brewery Pty. Ltd., for their continuing tangible support of this Branch by making available the cost of the trophies at the Branch Championships.

His Honour Judge Harvey Prior and the Committee of the Aquatic Club for the many considerations and tangible assistance provided to the Branch by the facilities of the Aquatic Club.

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

Mr. Frank Norton, Chairman of the Beach Football Committee, and Mr. Dick McPhillips of Dicks Shoe Stores, for their continued interest and support of the Beach Football Competition.

To the Chairman, Officers and members of the South Sydney and Eastern Suburbs Life Savers Equipment Fund, our very special appreciation for the continuation of their self-appointed task of ensuring that the Clubs within their respective areas are supplied with efficient lifesaving equipment. This Fund has now been in existence for six seasons and without exception, every Club in the South Sydney and Eastern Suburbs area has felt the enormous benefits from the £8,368 raised by this interested band of organisations and public-spirited members.

In conclusion, I extend my personal appreciation and thanks to the President, Alf Loton; the Deputy President, Don Lucas; the Assistant Secretary, John Vaughan; and to all those other Officers who have assisted me throughout the concluding season.

Finally, to all those Club Delegates, Secretaries and members who, by their ready assistance, have contributed towards the efficient conducting of the Sydney Branch and the Sydney Branch's affiliated Clubs, my thanks.

On behalf of the Branch Council,

G.B. STAUNTON

Honorary Secretary, Sydney Branch,

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CLUBS, RESCUES, AWARDS, CLUB GEAR, MEMBERSHIP

SYDNEY BRANCH, SEASON 1966-67

	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	5	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	106	16	8	1283	31	8	-	-	65
Era	5	1	1	11	-	137	12	4	2	232	50	18	4717	44	-	-	2	54
Garie	22	-	2	7	1	75	6	1	-	223	47	23	8853	60	57	20	-	2
Cronulla	29	4	-	42	1	6	28	7	23	1272	235	333	13620	143	196	104	33	104
Nth Cronulla	49	13	-	44	2	-	40	8	43	1187	234	245	33467	149	75	39	63	23
Wanda	20	4	-	12	-	7	27	6	13	454	88	154	14299	120	92	63	41	26
Sth Maroubra	52	-	1	5	1	73	5	1	-	87	13	6	375	52	37	8	14	10
Maroubra	64	-	15	119	1	7	16	3	9	1082	184	119	28222	117	78	137	23	66
Coogee	1	-	-	32	1	-	31	15	16	1385	110	213	19709	176	-	48	21	280
Clovelly	4	-	6	38	-	126	12	4	7	608	114	109	5000	103	64	34	34	96
Bronte	57	1	17	21	2	16	20	5	12	1019	163	121	1500	123	23	62	1	17
Tamarama	173	1	38	53	-	93	13	3	1	463	71	75	20875	109	70	34	4	34
Bondi	27	-	-	29	1	1	10	-	8	1247	268	338	5434	149	188	42	29	162
North Bondi	20	-	4	32	-	-	22	2	6	1209	195	170	4060	139	92	161	25	216
<u>Total:</u>	528	24	84	445	10	544	242	59	140	10574	1788	1932	161414	1515	980	752	290	1155



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