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# **SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA**

## **SYDNEY BRANCH**

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**SYDNEY BRANCH REPRESENTATIVE TEAM  
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SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY BRANCH

Notice is hereby given that the 25th Annual General Meeting of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia, Sydney Branch will be held at the Maroubra Seals Club, Maroubra Beach, on Tuesday, August 27th, 1974 commencing at 7.15 p.m.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of the 24th Annual General Meeting, held on Tuesday August 21st, 1973.
2. Club affiliations and accreditation of Club Delegates
3. Apologies.
4. Welcome
5. Presentation of 25th Annual Report for Season 1973-74.
6. Presentation of Audited Financial Statement for Season 1973-74.
7. Election of Officers.
8. Election of Committees
9. Confirmation of Board of Examiner's Officers and Committees.
10. General Business:-
  - (a) Correspondence
  - (b) Reports
  - (c) As may occur.

R. BUIST,  
PRESIDENT  
SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION  
OF AUSTRALIA - SYDNEY BRANCH.

SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY BRANCH

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

SEASON 1973-74

PATRON

Sir. William Pettingell Esq, C.B.E, B.Sc.

VICE PATRONS

Premier - State of New South Wales

M.L.A's of Branch Seaside Areas

M.H.R's of Branch Seaside Areas

Their Worships the Mayor of

Randwick, Waverley & Woollahra Councils

The Shire President - Sutherland Shire Council

Lord Mayor - City of Sydney

Leader of State Parliamentary opposition

Director - National Parks & Wildlife

President - Lakemba Bowling Club

President - South Sydney Eastern Suburbs Equipment Fund

President - Maroubra Seals

President - N.S.W. State Centre - S.L.S.A.

President - National Council - S.L.S.A.

President - Aquatic Club

President - N.S.W. Water Safety Council

A.R. Loton

W. Stevenson (2SM)

R. McPhilips

B. McClenenhan (2UE)

C.H. Jones (Columbia Pictures)

I. Holmes (Channel TEN)

L.J. Hooker

W. Castleman M.B.E.

Sir William Aston

Mr. Brimacombe (B.P.)

S. Litchfield (Coca-Cola)

K.G. Harvey (Caltex Oil Aust)

J. Bishop (Sydney Committee)

B. Chaseling (Bank of New South Wales)



PRESIDENT

R. Buist

DEPUTY PRESIDENT

P. Stapleton

VICE PRESIDENTS

N.A. Dixon

C.F. Osborne

I.D. Toll

W. Marshall

J.K. Vaughan

F. Holloway

J. Quinn

R.J. Leix

A. Cameron

W.T. Gray

E. Stephens

R. McKeon

P. MacIntosh

J.L. Scott

L. Byrnes

J. Benning

J. Wardell

C.G. Smith

C. Christensen

HON. SECRETARY

G.B. Staunton

(Resigned January '74)

HON. ASSISTANT SECRETARY

R. Sheldon

HON. LEGAL OFFICER

W.A.T. Crain

HON. TREASURER

C.G. Smith

HON. PUBLICITY OFFICER

J. Parker

HON. ASSISTANT TREASURER

J.R. Switzer

HON. BRANCH SUPERINTENDENT

R. Howells (res Oct '73)

J. Dewey (elec Oct '73)

HON. REGISTRAR

S. Newman

HON. DEPUTY BRANCH SUPERINTENDENT

L. McNamara

HON. ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

K. English

HON. SEC. BOARD OF EXAMINERS

J.R. Switzer

HON. AUDITOR

P. Stapleton

HON. BOAT INSPECTOR

G. Challis

HON. GEAR STEWARD

A. Moseley

LIAISON TO JUVENILE ASSCN.

B. McDonald

TRUSTEES

W.A.T. Crain

A.R. Loton

G.B. Staunton



CHAIRMAN POWER BOAT PANEL

N. Rees

SECRETARY POWER BOAT PANEL

A. Moseley

POINTS RECORDERS

A. Moseley & W. Marshall

HON. DISTRICT SUPERVISORS

No. 1 District - W. Winzer (res Nov '73)      No. 2 District - N. Jamieson  
C. Osborne (elec Nov '73)  
No. 3 District - J. Wardall      No. 4 District - J. Young

HON. ASSISTANT DISTRICT SUPERVISORS

No. 1 District - D. Medlin (elec Dec '73)      No. 2 District - R. Williams  
No. 3 District - K. Messenger      No. 4 District - G. Vincent

DELEGATES TO N.S.W. STATE CENTRE

G.B. Staunton (resigned Jan '74)      I.D. Toll (elected Jan '74)  
R. Buist.

EXECUTIVE

Branch Officers plus the following delegates:-

J. Stansell (Cronulla), K. Ryder (Maroubra), L. Hutton (Elouera), R. Priestly (Burning Palms), B. Kingston (Nth Cronulla), C. Little (Burning Palms).

HON. MEDICAL OFFICERS

Dr. B. Clifton, Dr. C. Friendship, Dr. E. Loong

LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

\* A.R. Loton, R. McKenna and J. Switzer

BOAT COMMITTEE

\* G. Challis, G. Johnson, N.A. Dixon, S. Newman and A. Johnston

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

\* J.R. Switzer, A.R. Loton and R. Buist

GEAR IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

\* D.C. Lucas, A. Moseley, W.J. Young, C.F. Osborne, N. Rees & J. Dewey

BRANCH SELECTION COMMITTEE

- \* J. Dewey, A. Moseley, J. Switzer, R. Leix & W. Rennie.

COMPETITION CONDITIONS COMMITTEE

- \* W. Marshall, W.J. Young, J. Switzer, A. Moseley and R. Bignold.

FINANCE, PURCHASE AND CONTRACTS COMMITTEE

- \* C.G. Smith, J. Switzer, R. Buist & P. Stapleton.

RESUSCITATION COMMITTEE

- \* J. Wardall, N. Jamieson, A. Moseley, J. Oldham, F. Osborne, J. Switzer  
and J. Dewey

GEAR INSPECTION COMMITTEE

- \* K. Midson, P. Ainsworth, H. Brown, B. Bucholtz, J. Casey, J. Dewey,  
N. Dixon, G. Johnson, K. Messenger, A. Moseley, F. Osborne, C. Smith  
K. Williams, R. Williams, W. Winzer, W.J. Young.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

- \* W.A.T. Crain, W. Marshall, R. McKenna, J. Switzer and R. Buist

MERITORIOUS AWARDS COMMITTEE

- \* J. Switzer, G. Johnson, R. McKenna, A. Moseley, R. Sargeant, W.J. Young  
and R. Bridges

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



# SYDNEY BRANCH LIFE MEMBERS.

V. Besemo

H. Brown

L. Buck

M.J. Burke

J. Cameron (Dec)

A.W. Castleman M.B.E.

G. Challis

W.A.T. Crain

G. Cohen (Dec)

Sir Adrian Curlewis C.B.E.

F. Dargan (Dec)

J. Dempster

G. Dellitt (Dec)

J.B. Dillon (Dec)

W. Foerster (Dec)

N. Hayton (Dec)

J. Hodge

R. Howells

G. Johnson

G. Lindsay (Dec)

A.R. Loton

D.C. Lucas, O.B.E.

L.S. McDonald

R. McKenna

J. McRorie

C. Mack (Dec)

E.J. Marsden

T. Meagher O.B.E. (Dec)

R. Michaelis

G. Millar (Dec)

T.F. Moran

R. Moroney (Dec)

A. Moseley

A. Olson

A.J. Purcell

E.C. Sier

H. Small (Dec)

G.B. Staunton

J.R. Switzer

L. Turner (Dec)

J.K. Vaughan

K.W. Watson M.B.E.

G. Webb (Dec)

C.W. Whitehead (Dec)

G. Williams

V.J. Williams M.B.E. (Dec)

G. Wilson

## Associate Members (3)

P. McGready

## Country Members (16)

T. Adams

R. Avery

A. Berger

G. Brady

B. Buchanan

H. Budy

M. Ford

D. Fryer

A. Gantrey

K. Grant

C. Hogarth

H. Haskin

M. Hordley

F. Jones

A. Kears

A. Williams

These members have gained the

Advanced Registration Certificate.

SYDNEY BRANCH BOARD OF EXAMINERS

SEASON 1973-1974

Life Members (19)

V. Besomo	D. Lucas	* A. Moseley	* J. Vaughan
L. Buck	L. McDonald	A. Olson	K. Watson
A. Castleman	R. McKenna	A. Purcell	G. Williams
* R. Howells	J. Marsden	E. Sier	G. Wilson
G. Johnson	R. Michaelis	* J. Switzer	

Long Service Members (13)

* P. Ainsworth	B. Crisp	* K. Messenger	T. Wheeler
B. Brewin	H. Hodge	J. Minahan	
E. Brooker	L. Johnson	V. Mulcahy	
R. Craig	A. Jordan	H. Spurway	

Active Members (57)

* K. Andrews	K. English	* J. May	D. Sheldon
* R. Bridges	S. Gibson	D. Medlin	J. Seddon
* H. Brown	S. Goddard	K. Midson	* N. Smith
* P. Calder	* M. Gray	D. Murray	* C. Smith
* J. Casey	* J. Hall	J. Nealon	J. Solomon
* G. Challis	W. Halpin	J. Oldham	* E. Stephens
* C. Christensen	L. Harris	* F. Osborne	* I. Toll
* R. Davison	R. Horton	* R. Pears	G. Vincent
* W. Dean	* N. Jamieson	D. Popplewell	* J. Wardall
* M. De Luca	R. Leix	P. Quartly	J. Weber
* J. Dewey	* E. Larson	W. Rennie	R. West
* N. Dixon	L. Love	K. Russell	* R. Williams
J. Donohoe	* G. McCormick	* R. Sandstrom	J. Wilson
T. Elliott	L. McNamara	R. Sargeant	W. Winzer
			* J. Young

Probationary Members (3)

P. Cooper	P. McCready	* G. Tyrell
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Country Members (16)

R. Adams	B. Bucholtz	R. Greentree	M. Moroney
R. Avery	W. Eady	K. Grant	P. Simms
* M. Berger	N. Ford	G. Hogarth	A. Waters
C. Brady	D. Fryer	D. Hoskin	K. Williams

\* These members have gained the  
Advanced Resuscitation Certificate.



SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY BRANCH

25TH ANNUAL REPORT - SEASON 1973-1974

Gentlemen,

It is a pleasure to present for your consideration this the 25th Annual Report of the Sydney Branch.

This past season has been a most successful one, with perhaps the most important single feature being the introduction of the "Wales" Helicopter Rescue Service. This Service, sponsored by the Bank of New South Wales, will be the subject of a detailed report later in these pages. At the same time as the Helicopter Service got under way, the Branch commenced to operate its Radio Network with all of our Clubs with their own radios and able to transmit to our central base station. A report on our Radio system will appear later in this report.

We commenced the season facing a bleak financial position and some doubt existed as to whether or not the Branch would be able to continue its<sup>1</sup> previous level of activities. With a special grant from N.S.W. State Centre and after quite a few successful fund raising ventures, we are pleased to report that we have weathered the storm and live to fight another day. Without doubt, lack of suitable and consistent funding remains our Branch's most serious problem.

It was with regret that the Branch accepted the resignation of our Honorary Secretary for the past 19 years, Gus Staunton. Gus due to the pressures of his business commitments, found he could not continue in Office and he resigned in January. We know Gus was most reluctant to take this action. The Branch has lost the services of an outstanding administrator and a dedicated servant, and we must recognise that it is going to be most difficult for the Branch to operate without the benefit of his guiding hand. In May, a special function was held to honour Gus, and his family, and many fitting and well earned tributes were paid



to the Guest of Honour. A large gathering of State Branch and Club Officers, and their ladies, were present to support these tributes. Thanks Gus for your many years of endeavour — Sydney Branch owes you a deep and sincere debt of gratitude.

In Lifesaving and Competition our Branch has had an excellent year and we have seen yet again the strength of our Clubs. Our Clubs have again supported the Branch with enthusiasm and great loyalty. As will be seen later in this report, Sydney Branch won the Metropolitan Championships, the Intercities Championships and did exceptionally well in both the N.S.W. and Australian Championships.

At our last Annual Meeting, Alf Loton retired as Branch President after many years of dedicated service to our Association. A Retirement Dinner was held early in the season for Alf and it was most pleasing to see so many of Alf's old friends attend this function to join in the many and richly deserved tributes that were paid to him. The Branch certainly owes Alf Loton a great deal and we take the opportunity here of expressing our sincere thanks and appreciation for a job well done.

At the commencement of the season the Federal Gear Grant came in operation and many of our Clubs, and the Branch, were recipients of grants of money towards their gear purchases. There is no doubt that this allocation of funds by the Commonwealth Government has been of tremendous benefit to our Clubs and to the Association as a whole.

The introduction of the Advanced Resuscitation Certificate, and the use of the oxy-viva, at the start of the season caused for many months, great confusion and concern in our Clubs. It probably should fall to others to make critical comment on the way in which this new method was introduced. Suffice it to say that there must be a better way to do this sort of thing. At the end of the season our Branch finally got classes started and now we have quite a few Advanced Resuscitation Certificate holders.



As with last year the Branch was pleased to co-operate with Channel TEN in staging a special T.V. Carnival. We are very glad to have the opportunity of congratulating Channel TEN on the extensive publicity they gave the Association just prior to Christmas. The Branch co-operated with Australian Tourmakers Co., to produce a special carnival at Elouera Beach for a large party of people from the American Medical Association. The Branch benefited financially from this venture and we gratefully acknowledge the excellent work done by the Elouera Club on this day.

During the early part of the season we received a donation of \$2,000 from AMCO and this money was used to sponsor the Branch Titles, the Metropolitan Championships and the operation of the Branch Power Boat. In view of our financial plight at the start of the season, the donation was most welcome and in fact, was a real "life-saver" to us. We are most grateful to AMCO for their generosity and express our very sincere thanks and appreciation to them.

In December, the Branch joined the Manly-Warringah Branch in a charity night, at the Sydney Opera House, for the Association. Our Branch benefited handsomely from this evening and we are very grateful to the Organising Committee for this most successful function. We take this opportunity of expressing our very sincere thanks to everyone who helped to make this night the success that it was.

At the last Annual Meeting, George Challis, from the Cronulla Club, was elevated to Life Membership of our Branch. This honour was certainly earned by George after his many years of valuable and dedicated service to his club and the Association. Congratulations George on this richly deserved honour.

During the months of May and June our coastline was lashed by mountainous seas, accompanied by very high tides and cyclonic winds. The damage done to our beaches, Clubhouses and life saving gear was, in many cases, catastrophic. Some of our beaches have been almost destroyed and we must all be concerned to see these beaches are rehabilitated as soon as possible. Much gear was lost or damaged and along with Clubhouse damage, our Clubs are faced with a heavy payout to replace their losses.



## BRANCH MEETINGS

The Branch met regularly every month during the season at the Aquatic Club. During the season several Executive Meetings were also held to deal with urgent business.

The work load to be dealt with at Branch Meetings has seemingly increased over the past years and this has resulted in many of our meetings finishing at a very late hour. In the next season we will need to make better use of our Executive Committee to do some of the hack work for the General Meetings, so that these meetings will be more effective.

The attendance at meetings of some delegates left much to be desired and unfortunately it is usually the same Clubs every time that are not properly represented. In a matter of serious concern that one or two of our Branch Officers have not fully accepted their responsibility to the Branch, particularly where support of Branch activities is concerned. This has been most noticeable this year with the absence of a Secretary.

Many delegates and Club Presidents did attend meetings regularly and these gentlemen are to be congratulated on the important roles they have played in the running of our Branch.

The Branch is most fortunate to have Officers of the calibre that we have serving us. There is no doubt that the efficiency of our Branch is, in large measure, due to the dedication of our Officers. Special mention must be made of the efforts of Ian Toll, Jim Parker, Charlie Smith and Jim Switzer. The Branch owes a hearty vote of thanks to all of our Officers for their work over the past season. Dick Sheldon has done a creditable job in his first year as Assistant Secretary. John Solomon, our first radio Officer, has done a first class job with a difficult and complicated position. Ian Badham, our Helicopter Captain, put many many hours of effort into making his service work efficiently and he deserved great credit for an outstanding success. Our Superintendent, John Dewey has done an excellent job and is deserving of our congratulations and thanks for this.



## AWARDS AND MEMBERSHIP

The membership of our Clubs totalled 5401 as compared to 5179 last season. Although this shows an overall increase it is disturbing to note that active membership has fallen from 1837 to 1750. The most serious fact to come out of statistics for the year is the drastic reduction in Bronze Medallion awards from 356 last year to 265 this year. The Qualifying Certificate award showed a similar trend, 154 down to 128.

This situation must be of concern to all of us and it would be as well for all Clubs and the Branch to investigate thoroughly the "whys" of our decrease in awards.

## RESCUES

Rescues by our Clubs totalled 1630 compared with 1124 carried out last season. Of particular note there was a total of 205 rescues recorded by the Power Boats operating in our Branch. The Helicopter service, in its inaugural year of operation made 27 rescues — 13 in Sydney Branch.

## COCA-COLA BOAT RACE-WARATAH FESTIVAL

This boat race was contested again, from Rose Bay to Farm Cove, in October 1973. The Coca-Cola Bottlers Company sponsored this event, as they did last year, and we are indeed grateful to them for their continued valuable support. The race was contested by fifteen crews and results were as follows.

First:	Bronte "A"
Second:	Warriewood
Third:	The Entrance

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS

The current membership of the Board of Examiners is 108 comprising 19 Life Members, 13 Long Service Members, 57 Active Members, 3 Probationary Members and 16 Country Members.

John Dewey moved into Ike Moseley's shoes as Hon. Branch Superintendent and under his guidance the Board has functioned smoothly and has been responsible for seeing it through a large volume of work.

The following is a summary of the Board Members' activities for the season:-

- ..... 58 Examination Days involving 145 squads
- ..... Sydney Branch Championships and five open carnivals
- ..... Waratah Spring Festival Marathon Boat Race
- ..... Metropolitan Championships in the Branch
- ..... Sydney Interdistrict Carnival
- ..... Intercities Championships
- ..... Special T.V. Carnival
- ..... Special A.M.A. Carnival
- ..... N.S.W. State Championships
- ..... Australian Championships
- ..... Board and Branch Monthly Meetings
- ..... Board and Branch Sub-committee meetings
- ..... Annual Gear Steward's and Gear Inspector's Conference
- ..... Gear Inspection at all Branch Clubs
- ..... Annual Chief Instructors' Conference
- ..... Two Instructional Field Days
- ..... Conduct of restricted, interclub and intra club events
- ..... Demonstrations and lectures to outside organisations on lifesaving techniques
- ..... Instructor and Examination of Members in the Advanced Resuscitation Certificate

Arising from two rescues on 26th March, 1972, one at Wanda and one at North Cronulla, a number of Club members including five Board Members were granted



## Meritorious Awards.

Citations for these rescues were printed in the National Council Annual Report for the 1972-73 season and presentation of the awards was made at the Australian Championships at Glenelg at Easter 1974.

The Board Members concerned are:-

John May

Ernest (Sollie) Stevens

Nick Dixon

Kerry Williams

Ross Williams

One of the major activities of the Board was a training and examination programme organised by Hon. Superintendent, John Dewey and Examination Supervisor, John May for Board Members to gain the Advanced Resuscitation Certificate. As a result of this programme, 36 Board Members had gained the award up to 30th June, 1974.

Another task undertaken by the Board was the detection and collection of errors in the newly issued Instruction and R & R Manuals. A large number of anomalies was found and these were passed on to the N.S.W. State Centre for consideration.

In conclusion on behalf of the Board Members and Officers sincere thanks are extended to the Branch Officers for their assistance and support over the season.

J. R. Switzer,  
Honorary Secretary,  
Sydney Branch Board of Examiners.

## ADVANCED RESUSCITATION CERTIFICATE.

During the many years that the Surf Life Saving Association has been patrolling the beaches of Australia, many systems of resuscitation for use on rescued and persons involved in accidents have been used to revive the people concerned by it's members.

It is only in the last decade that a firm attachment has been achieved with the Medical profession to explain, research and implement the types of treatment which are synonomous with the Members of every Surf Lifesaving Club in Australia.

The Association over its many years of activity has now standardised on the Oral Resuscitation type of treatment, called Expired Air Resuscitation (E.A.R.) Mouth-to-mouth or Mouth-to-Nose are the types now used by all Surf Lifesavers in their quest to revive unconscious patients, with the former Mouth-to-Mouth being the method preferred. The principles for which all Lifesavers are trained incorporate all facets of this technique and enable them to obtain their respective awards - Bronze Medallion or Qualifying Certificate. Persons desirous of only doing the Resuscitation section, may achieve their Resuscitation Certificate.

In 1971 the Surf Life Saving Association introduced External Cardiac Compression (E.C.C.) to further assist their personnel in their methods of reviving injured patients. During the 1972-73 Season a further addition was made to the resources of the Lifesaver; this being the Oxy-Viva. Lifesavers over the age of 17 years may now be trained in its use for therapy and removal of fluid etc. and after further intensive training over a period of usually four weeks under medical supervision may obtain their Advanced Resuscitation Certificate.

The Surf Life Saving Association is proud of its record established on the beaches of Australia, and now that its members may attain these high qualifications the surfing public may feel sure they will receive the best treatment there is if the need ever arises whilst waiting for professional medical treatment.



WALES HELICOPTER SURF RESCUE SERVICE

The spectacular and successful introduction of Sydney Branch's own 'baby' — the Wales Helicopter Surf Rescue Service — this season added a new dimension to surf life saving in Sydney.

Hardly a beachgoer missed seeing it, if not making a rescue or coastal search, then undertaking a training exercise at one of our beaches.

The Helicopter Service's operational tally for the inaugural season speaks for itself:

27 persons lifted from the ocean  
a further 12 persons flown to hospitals  
in excess of 100 searches in response to surf club, beach  
inspector and police requests.

This work was completed by the 28-man life saver crew, over 94 whole-day patrols, in 209 flying hours.

Operating in close liaison with district power rescue boats and surf club patrols through the new Sydney Branch 'Surf Command' radio network, the Helicopter Service surpassed every expectation as an airborne life saving task force.

Similarly, the Helicopter Service, through the radio network, was on call to the council beach inspectors, N.S.W. Police, Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol, National Parks & Wildlife Service, Ambulance and others to assist in coastal searches and rescues.

The extension of SLSA co-ordination with other civil emergency services is of vital importance. The Sydney Branch, and its clubs, must be prepared to offer the community the widest service from our expertise and rescue knowledge in order to justify the public expenditure on our movement.

Pioneering the Wales Helicopter Surf Rescue Service, and the 'Surf Command' radio network are examples of the forward thinking and implementation of advanced techniques the SLSA can offer the community.

The Helicopter Service would not have been possible but for a bold decision by the Bank of New South Wales.

The Wales elected to sponsor the Service -- the first of its kind in Australia -- through a grant of \$25,000 to the Sydney Branch. The Wales' involvement did not end there. Through assistant general manager Russell Prowse, the staff of the Wales' Development and Marketing Division, and in particular the executive public relations manager Brian Chaseling and his assistant Jim Screen, have maintained a 'low key' but close personal contact with the entire Service. The N.S.W. Minister for Education The Honorary Eric Willis M.L.A. officially 'launched' the helicopter at Maroubra at the start of the season.

The greatest tribute to pay such a sponsor is to record their agreement to provide the Wales Helicopter Surf Rescue Service again for the coming season.

The Helicopter Service's impact on the general public, and its rescue efforts, were portrayed through very extensive television, radio, newspaper and magazine coverage. This showed the SLSA as a body skilled and willing to operate an efficient helicopter service for the people of Sydney a service long overdue for a city this size.

Much impact was generated through crew members' direct voice reports from the helicopter over Radio 2UE. It was Radio 2UE, through manager Brian McClenaghan -- himself a surf life saver -- which donated funds backed by an Australian government subsidy to allow the Sydney Branch 'Surf Command' to be installed so quickly.



Mostly, the helicopter and its crew of two life savers and the pilot spent each day on standby at the Army's School of Artillery, North Head, in radio contact with 'Surf Command'. When rescue or search calls came, they often provided a challenge to the initiative and training of the crew. Typical rescues, outlined, illustrate this:

Boxing Day: Cliff fall at Whale Beach. A fisherman was badly injured. Recovered by the 'copter crew and flown to Mona Vale hospital. The helicopter took off each time a wave broke over the rocks as crew prepared the patient. The fisherman lived, thanks to prompt attention and quick transport to hospital.

March 24th: Mass rescues at Cronulla. In two separate incidents well out to sea the 'copter rescued a group of board riders in trouble. Later it took ashore patients from the power boat which was overloaded in heavy seas.

Easter weekend: Big seas overturned boats in Broken Bay. The 'copter flew 14 hours in search and rescue operations with police, power boats and the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol.

January 15th: At Bronte a 14-year-old youth was rescued from a strong rip by beach inspectors. They were swept out to sea, and supported the patient there rather than risk lose him attempting to reach the beach. The 'copter completed this 'classic' style rescue.

Sydney Branch chartered the helicopter — VH CSW — from the Airfast

Helicopters Group, Australia's foremost general aviation group. For the Airfast staff and pilots the Service involved far more than a standard business operation. Much time and effort was involved to get it 'off the ground'. Airfast pilot George Sobiecki, who pioneered the surf rescue technique for the Auckland branch of the New Zealand SLSA, did the initial flying, with Alan Edwards at the controls for most of the remainder.

Many people and groups gave time and advice to launch the Wales Helicopter Surf Rescue Service as an effective unit. All who helped have earned the appreciation of the Sydney Branch, and the community at large. Thanks goes, in particular, to:

Gus Staunton, George Sobiecki, Department of Transport, Mona Vale Hospital, Prince Henry Hospital, HMAS Penguin, the School of Artillery, North Head, aldermen and staff of local councils, St. John Ambulance, National Parks & Wildlife Service, Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol, Police Communications Branch, Water Police, Police Rescue Squad, life savers on "Surf Command" duty at Sydney and Northern Commands, Radio 2UE and the Bank of New South Wales.

Without a dedicated team of volunteers from Sydney and Manly-Warringah branch clubs, the helicopter could not have been manned so effectively during its weekend, public holiday and seven weeks of mid-week standby patrols. The crew which undertook intensive training and who were not found wanting were:

Cec Bond, Ian Badham, Tony Busch, Phillip Carter, John Casey, Jim Connolly, Nick Dixon, Leigh Emery, Robert Ford, Stephen Ford, Peter Gard, Barry Grantham, John Hall, Harry Klouzal, Paul Langley, Ian MacBeth, Peter McCormick, Garry McCormick, Lex McNab, Richard Mailey, Alan Morris, Paul Neilsen, Frank Osborne, John Tucker, Peter Tucker, John Walsh, Eddie Westdorp and Kerry Williams.

Ian Badham  
Captain  
Wales Helicopter Surf Rescue Service.



## RADIO OFFICER'S REPORT

When the Sydney Branch Radio Network shut down on the 15th of April, 1974, a very successful first year of operations was finished. During the season our Radio Control participated in many rescues carried out by the Helicopter Service and our Power Boats.

We believe a highly professional standard of radio operation was developed and maintained by our operators, thus making our Radio Command Station a most efficient part of our Life Saving activities.

It was somewhat disappointing that more of our senior Branch Members did not offer themselves for service as Radio Operators in our Command Room. I do hope more Members will assist us in the new season. Whilst most of our operators worked to their rostered duties without a hitch, we did have a few who failed to show up for duty - these men threw an unfair burden on their fellows. Some Clubs showed an uncompromising attitude to their Members who had conflicting Radio and Patrol duty and refused to allow such Members to attend for Radio duty. I would appeal to all Clubs to be more understanding about such situations.

I suppose it was inevitable but it was still annoying when we got our first hoax calls. This happened when the Power Boat in No. 4 District was attempting a rescue at Bondi and was, via the hoax call, directed to Tamarama on no less than two occasions. Fortunately no lives were lost. What a demented soul the hoaxer must have been.

On Sunday the 14th of April, the Radio Room was operating at full load from 8.00 a.m. till after 6.00 p.m. - when the Helicopter was involved in attending no fewer than 16 pleasure craft in trouble.

I would like to express my very sincere appreciation to the 36 men who manned the Radio room during the season. They did an excellent job and the Branch owes them a hearty note of thanks. Special mention must be made of 7 Operators who manned the Radio Command Room on no less than 6 occasions, and they are Geoff Tyrrell, Jim Connelly,

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Phillip Carter, Tony Bush and Gary Clapson.

In conclusion I would especially like to express my appreciation of the assistance I received from Ian Badham, Gus Staunton, Ian Toll, Ron Buist and the Radio Officers of each of our Member Clubs.

JOHN SOLOMON.  
RADIO OFFICER.

Within the Branch three boats are operating as follows:-

Sydney Branch Boat carrying out Sunday Patrols in No. 3 District and operating at all Sydney Branch Carnivals and functions.

No. 2 District Boat carrying out Patrols in the Sutherland Shire Area and adjoining areas.

No. 4 District Boat carrying out Patrols in the Waverley Municipality.

During the season several heavy seas were encountered and all boats were either swamped or damaged to various degrees. The boats either have been overhauled or are in the process of overhaul ready for the coming season.

It is pleasing to note that a new boat is at present on order for use in the No. 3 District. This boat should be delivered prior to the commencement of the season and so all areas within the Branch will be covered by Power Surf Rescue Boats.

Also several Clubs are currently obtaining Inshore Rescue Craft which when integrated with the Power Surf Rescue Boats and the Helicopter Service will give the Branch a most efficient Rescue Service.

The craft in No. 4 and No. 2 Districts are both reaching the end of their



## THE POWER BOAT PANEL

The Power Boat Panel met regularly during the season where the various aspects of Power Surf Rescue were discussed among the operators attending. Some of the topics discussed this season were improved life jackets, radio problems, suggestions for jet improvements such as an alternate inlet, reports on operations, malfunctions of various units, suggestions for improvement of specification of craft, motor and accessories.

The operation of the Power Surf Rescue Boats within the Branch this season was greatly improved by the introduction of a common radio network within the Branch. Efficient communications are a must for the proper functioning of Power Surf Boat and Helicopter Rescues.

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useful Rescue life and some moves have already taken place to implement their replacement.

During the season the Boats were responsible for performing numerous rescues both of persons and of craft. The boats were always on call to Clubs, Police and other rescue bodies throughout the season. Details of rescues performed were:-

Sydney Branch Boat	3	Rescues
	2	Craft
No. 2 District Boat	65	Rescues
	3	Craft
	4	Police Calls
No. 4 District Boat	137	Rescues

The mobility and efficiency of these craft is demonstrated by the performance of the No. 4 District Boat on Boxing Day (26th December, 1973) when it carried out 68 rescues.

Total Rescues performed by Power Surf Rescue Boats with the Branch were:-

205	Rescues
5	Craft
4	Police Calls



## REGISTRARS REPORT

It is easy to sum up a years activities by saying everything is going great, everyone's a "beaut bloke" and so on.

I am far from happy with the general apathy I find within Clubs as a whole. It is very hard for any person to conduct himself in an efficient manner when continually confronted by a lack of interest attitude.

First of all the matter of carnival draws again. I say again as this year "history has repeated itself" in this aspect. At the beginning of the year time and effort was put into the circulation of a simple format for Clubs holding carnivals to follow. Attendance at a meeting called was negligible. Thereafter it was found that there were particular problems with certain Clubs with respect to the draw. Whilst the policy of Sydney Branch is to have closing dates and draws, Clubs must realise that by being lax in their attitude to entries, that they are making it hard for fellow Clubs and quite often put the Branch on the spot with respect to late entries. The classical example this season was the Club members who advised Clubs particularly outside the Branch that entries are being taken on the day.

I would like to see the matter of carnival responsibilities with respect to draws and late entries placed on the Agenda for the first Branch Executive meeting after the Annual Meeting. I would also like to see the areas and responsibilities for carnival draws, late entries etc completely resolved before the beginning of the season.

On the matter of awards. Overall this area is quite smooth. Clubs who mislay or loose awards can apply for copies and, generally as long as a good informative history is given, there is no problem. We must recognise that the State Registrar needs this information, particularly in the case of Bronze Medallions as these take some time to engrave, pick up and deposit and suitable time should be allowed for this.

PUBLICITY OFFICER

The number of awards gained is down this season. Not a good picture. Clubs must ask themselves honestly what they are doing, and be critical of themselves instead of turning a blind eye.

I hope that this report is taken with the honesty in which it has been written and in ending I wish to sincerely thank the Assistant Registrar, Ken English, who has taken on the job of looking after the awards and other items. To Ron Buist, I say a big thank you. Ron has had a full year and throws himself into all and sundry to make sure it is done. I must also thank Gus Staunton who although not officially our Secretary is also available for advice and counselling.

A big thank you to Jack O'Rielly and Joan Vaughan from State Centre. Jack is always on the ball and never hesitates to help, particularly with late requests for awards. State Centres live computer Joan also never hesitates in help and advice.

SHELTON NEWMAN  
HON. REGISTRAR.

The Annual Bowls Day at Lakemba when finished should bring offerings to the coffers of our Treasurer around £1,000.00. Over the years this day has continued to grow in popularity and we sincerely wish to thank the Lakemba Bowls Club, Canterbury League Social Bowling Club and particularly Bowls Secretary Warrick Towle for organising this venture. A second charity day was organised by the Pedestal Bowling Club and we thank them for their keen interest.

In conclusion I sincerely wish to thank the Officers of the Branch who have readily given me assistance when called upon most of all my fellow club member from South Maroubra, Kevin Quinn for his sterling support.

JIM PARKER

PUBLICITY OFFICER



PUBLICITY OFFICER:

The year under review provided a complete new image for the Surf Life Saver within the Sydney Branch. The introduction of the Wales Helicopter Rescue Service backed up by Power Boats took pride of place within the various news medias. Through this network the general public were well informed of the many gallant rescues performed by our voluntary lifesaver. We offer our gratitude to the various newspaper, consolidated press, radio and television stations for their co-operation. Special mention to Radio 2UE for their on the spot reports.

Amco (the name on everyone's hips) sponsored this seasons successful Branch & Metropolitan Championship Carnivals also the running of the Branch Power Boat. Many thanks to Paul Saviloff and Valery Parv from "Complete Promotions" for their assistance. Once again our National Television Station ABC Channel 2 took keen interest in providing live telecasts of both Carnivals which we were very elated.

Channel 10 for the second successive season televised live the Carnival Spectacular before a capacity crowd at Bronte Beach. Feature of the Carnival was the final of the Beach Girl Quest. The Carnival was highly acclaimed with public response and we sincerely thank their Sporting Editor Kerry Buckride and the cast from 96 for their interest.

Arrangements are well under way for our Branches Exhibition at the 1974 Sun 7 Annual Boat Show. This seasons display will feature a striking typical beach scene. We thank the organisers for inviting us each season to participate.

The Annual Bowls Day at Lakemba when finalised should bring offerings to the coffers of our Treasurer around \$1,000.00 Over the years this day has continued to grow in popularity and we sincerely wish to thank the Lakemba Bowling Club, Canterbury Leagues Social Bowling Club and particularly Bowls Secretary Warrick Towle for organising this venture. A second charity day was organised by the Padstow Bowling Club and we thank them for their keen interest.

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PUBLICITY OFFICER:

## N.S.W. STATE CENTRE & NATIONAL COUNCIL

The Branch is pleased to acknowledge the very cordial relations that exist between our Branch and the Officers of both State Centre and National Council. The co-operation that has developed over the years between our organisations, was further strengthened during the year and this is as it should be.

Our Branch was represented at all State Centre Meetings and took an active role in the affairs of that organisation.

A number of our Members are Officers of both State Centre and National Council and they are as below:-

### State Centre

John Vaughan	-	Deputy President
Ike Moseley	-	Superintendent
Nick Dixon	-	Honorary Secretary
Ian Badham	-	Publicity Advisor
Wal Crain	-	Legal Advisor
Peter Stapleton	-	Honorary Auditor

### National Council

Harry Brown	-	Honorary Secretary
Peter Stapleton	-	Honorary Treasurer/Registrar
Wal Crain	-	Legal Advisor
Phil Coles	-	Publicity Advisor
George Challis	-	Surf Craft Advisor
Ian Toll	-	Public Relations Advisor

We would offer our congratulations to the President and Officers of both State Centre and National Council on the successes both enjoyed during the past season. We extend to Joan Vaughan, Office Secretary of State Centre, our thanks and appreciation for many favours.



## MAJOR CARNIVALS

Two major carnivals were conducted in the Sydney Branch towards the end of the season, and these were the Sydney Branch Championships on Saturday, 2nd March, at South Maroubra and the Metropolitan Championships at the Elouera beach on Saturday, 9th March.

Both Carnivals were held in near perfect conditions, although the surf at Elouera was a little quiet for what we expect in this area. Record entries were received for both Carnivals, and during the course of the Carnivals, some ourstanding achievements were witnessed.

The Carnival Organising Committees under the control of Kevin Quinn, Alan Morris of South Maroubra and Ron Pears of the Elouera Clubs left nothing to be desired, the gear for all the respective sections was in position will before the commencement of the programs. The Gear Stewards of both Clubs are both to be congratulated for their efforts.

The Taplin Relay, Reserve Grade Boat Race, Cadet Single Ski and Junior Double Ski were new events added to the program this year. These extra events brought the Championships in line with the State and Australian Championships held a few weeks later. These new events brought the number of events conducted at the Championships to 42.

The success of both these Carnivals was in no small way attributed to the sponsors. Amco partly supported the Branch Championships, but fully sponsored the Metropolitan Championships. To all our sponsors we are indeed indebted. A.B.C. T.V. covered both Carnivals "live" and presented a special taped edition later in the evening.

To the Carnival Referee, Deputy Referees and all the Carnival Officials who conducted the events so smoothly we record our sincere appreciation.

Branch Medallions and Bannerettes were presented at the conclusion of each event, and our congratulations are extended to successful Clubs and Competitors.

N.S.W. STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

TATHRA BEACH, FAR SOUTH COAST BRANCH.

MARCH 16 AND 17, 1974.

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Sydney Branch Clubs were well represented in the State Championships held on the Far South Coast at beautiful Tathra Beach.

State Superintendent Ike Moseley was able to ensure that all events ran smoothly thanks to the excellent preparatory efforts of the local organising Committee.

The Branch was well to the fore in most finals and the March Past saw our Branch well represented.

Congratulations to the members of the Sydney Branch Board of Examiners for their efforts during the Titles. The Branch extends best wishes to all Sydney Branch Club members who gained placings during the Championships.

At the conclusion of the Titles, the New South Wales State Team was selected and Sydney Branch representatives were:-

Steven Warren, Gary Steed (North Cronulla), John Holt (Cronulla), Graham Dyson (Wanda).

Sincere congratulations from the Branch on their selection and performances in the Australian Championships.

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## AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

GLENELG BEACH - SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

APRIL 12, 13 AND 14, 1974.

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The Australian Championships were held this year at Glenelg Beach, South Australia, and many thousands of competitors and spectators travelled from throughout Australia to this picturesque venue.

Held over a three day period, Sydney Branch competitors distinguished themselves both in the New South Wales Team and in individual events.

Members of Sydney Branch Board of Examiners were most prominent in the smooth running of the Carnival.

The Grand Parade and March Past showed many Sydney Branch Clubs at a high standard in their performance.

There is no doubt that the Clubs throughout the Sydney Branch have distinguished themselves throughout the Season in competition and have maintained the high standard enjoyed for many seasons.

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The result was in doubt until the final event, the March Past. The team marched well and gained third place, Sydney thus won the Championships gaining 80 points from a strong Manly Warringah Branch on 74 points with Illawarra third on 73 points.

INNER-CITIES CHAMPIONSHIP 1974.

DIXON PARK, NEWCASTLE BRANCH.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 23, 1974.

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The Sydney Branch Team was selected in late January and commenced regular training under Coach Dick Bignold until the team assembled on Friday evening February 22 at Cronulla Surf Club prior to travelling to Newcastle by bus.

A reception was held at the C.O.J. Munro Room, Cronulla Club on the Thursday evening and the Branch President presented gear and equipment to selected members.

The Team arrived in Newcastle on the Friday evening and stayed at the Newcastle Police and Citizens Boys' Club overnight. After a hearty breakfast, the team travelled to Dixon Park Beach and were confronted with enormous seas.

The Carnival commenced at 9.45 a.m. and concluded at 3.05 p.m. It was felt that the Carnival did not run as smoothly as was previously hoped. The seas' condition did not assist of course.

All Sydney Branch Team members competed throughout with great vigour and distinguished themselves with obvious teamwork. In a 22 event programme, Sydney gained placings in 17 events. There were several brilliant efforts by team members which deserve due praise for their skill.

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The presentation was held on the Beach directly after the Carnival and all team members enjoyed the hospitality of Dixon Park in the Clubhouse during the afternoon. The team returned separately to Sydney.

The Branch was well served by Coach Dick Bignold and Brian Trouville, the Captain. Our thanks to Bill Gray who drove the bus. Newcastle and Newtown Police-Citizens Boys' Clubs for providing facilities for the team. Thanks also to Gordon Harpur for his assistance on Branch gear.

The team was a great credit to the Branch and performed at top level at all times. They always acted in a creditable manner. Ian Toll proved to be an excellent Team Manager and the spirit and cohesion of the team was due in no small part to his efforts.

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VALE VINCENT J. WILLIAMS M.B.E.

During the season we learnt of the death of esteemed Life Member Vincent J. Williams M.B.E.

Vince was a member of the Maroubra Club and joined the Board of Examiners in 1932.

Members of the Branch will remember him as a past Hon. Secretary of the Sydney Branch Board of Examiners and as a carnival announcer for many years.

To his widow the Branch extends its sincere sympathy.

## SYNOPSIS

The Branch would like to express its sympathies to all those Members and Friends who have supported the Branch over the past year.

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## THANKS AND APPRECIATION

### INTER-CITY PREMIERS

The Branch wishes to express its very sincere thanks and appreciation to all of those organisations and people who helped us during the past season, and particularly:

IAN TOLL (MANAGER) - ELOUERA  
DICK BIGNOLD (COACH) - CRONULLA  
BRIAN TROUVILLE (CAPTAIN) - NTH. CRONULLA

To the Commonwealth Government and N.S.W. State Government for their support of the Branch.

P. TIBBITS	(CRONULLA)	G. STEED	(NTH. CRONULLA)
J. HOLT	(CRONULLA)	M. STEED	(NTH. CRONULLA)
I. GOODE	(CRONULLA)	S. WARREN	(NTH. CRONULLA)
D. SCUTTS	(CRONULLA)	G. PYNE	(NTH. CRONULLA)
G. TOWNSEND	(CRONULLA)	A. GRAHAM	(NTH. CRONULLA)
W. GRAHAM	(BRONTE)	G. BATES	(NTH. CRONULLA)
M. GLADSTONE	(BRONTE)	N. ROGERS	(CLOVELLY)
P. MacDONALD	(BRONTE)	A. FERGUSON	(NTH. BONDI)
P. GATELY	(COOGEE)	G. BREWER	(TAMARAMA)
G. DYSON	(WANDA)		

To the Aquatics Club for their financial support of our Branch.

To Australian Tourmakers for their financial support of the Special A.M.A. Carnival.

To the National Canoeing Association for their continued support of our No. 3 and 4 District Clubs.

To the Anonymous Donors Fund for the generous support of our Radio Network Development.

To Channel TEN for their wide and excellent promotion of Surf Life Saving on their channel.

To Norburn S.L.S.C. for allowing the Branch to use their Radio Station to be set up in their Clubhouse.

To T.R.T. for their donations to our Tower Boat Crews.

To Padstow and Labrador Rowing Clubs for the charity days they each held for our Branch.



## SYMPATHIES

The Branch would like to express their sincere sympathies to all those Members and Friends who have suffered bereavement over the past year.

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To the Commonwealth Government and N.S.W. State Government for their financial support.

To the Councils that support our Clubs and our Branch.

To the Bank of New South Wales for their tremendous effort in getting our Helicopter Service in the air.

To AMCO for their generous contribution to the running of our Power Boat and Championships.

To A.G.L. for their financial support of the Branch Team.

To Radio 2UE for their valuable financial support for our Radio Network.

To the Organisers of the Surf Life Saving Charity Night at the Sydney Opera House.

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To T.N.T. for their donations to our Power Boat Crews.

To Padstow and Lakemba Bowling Clubs for the Charity days they each held for our Branch.

To Elouera S.L.S.C. for their excellent efforts in conducting the A.M.A. Carnival.

To John Vaughan, Ian Toll and Jim Parker for their work in the Charity Bowls Days.

To Peter Stapleton, Hon. Auditor, for his work in auditing the Branch's books of account.

To Charles Smith for his efforts in the demanding position as Honorary Treasurer.

To John Dewey for the first class job he has done in his first year as our Honorary Superintendent.

To Jim Switzer for his continued good work as Secretary of the Board of Examiners.

To our Vice Patrons for their continued support of our Clubs and Branch

To Ian Badham for his valuable efforts in the conduct of Branch Affairs.

To Gus Staunton for his great assistance to the Branch and his continued interest in our activities.

To Our Branch Office Secretary Mrs. Lin. Winnell for her co-operation and attention to the Branch business.

To Canterbury Bankstown Leagues Club

Penrith Leagues Club

Nth. Sydney Leagues Club

Western Suburbs Leagues Club

Newtown Leagues Club

To Canterbury District Bowling Club

Canterbury Diggers Bowling Club

Canterbury Leagues Club Social Bowling Club

Monckton & Graham Meat Co Pty. Limited

for their support and interest with the Branch Bowls Day.

To Branch Officers not mentioned elsewhere in this report, for their work and efforts on behalf of our Branch.

To the following people and Organisations for their generous contributions to our funds:-

Z. Lazarus, R. Michaelis, Dick's Shoes, Cyanamid Pty. Ltd.,

Merck Sharp and Dohme Pty. Ltd. Champion Spark Plugs,

C. Moyle, C. V. Oates, the Aquatic Club.



	RESCUES							Resuscitation	First Aid	AWARDS				AWARDS				Approx. value of Club Gear in \$	MEMBERSHIP					
	With Line	With Boat	With Torpedo buoy	Without Line	With brd or ski	With Power Boat	Other gear			Bronze	Instructors	Qualifying C.	Resuscitation	Grand Total					Active	Reserve Active	Cadets	Associate	Life	Others
														Bronze	Instructors	Qualifying C	Resuscitation							
Burning Palms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	9	3	-	-	145	28	11	-	6,745	23	17	-	122	7	8
Era	9	-	1	11	2	-	-	-	167	10	1	1	3	296	57	41	4	1,000	19	8	4	31	7	-
Garie	20	-	-	9	-	3	-	-	-	10	1	2	1	282	54	27	8	5,000	42	32	-	20	5	7
Cronulla	41	8	-	53	37	65	-	-	27	18	7	19	-	1482	279	463	2	6,550	112	149	37	103	25	169
Nth Cronulla	23	-	-	8	18	-	-	1	11	41	10	19	-	1490	294	407	113	7,500	139	91	16	61	13	103
Elouera	19	8	-	69	46	-	-	-	32	21	5	22	6	203	22	91	6	14,000	93	22	20	18	-	15
Wanda	19	-	-	20	2	-	-	-	5	28	4	16	7	678	121	310	9	7,330	140	85	29	51	13	108
Sth Maroubra	12	1	-	13	8	-	-	-	140	3	-	1	-	168	29	18	-	3,750	48	16	2	6	-	67
Maroubra	4	-	25	279	35	-	-	-	22	8	1	8	-	1234	210	185	-	13,289	109	173	32	85	30	50
Coogee	4	1	-	15	-	-	-	-	48	23	5	17	3	1556	175	319	3	5,400	110	156	32	300	18	-
Clovelly	2	2	4	16	6	-	-	-	35	17	3	6	22	729	143	171	68	5,000	112	48	44	98	11	46
Bronte	32	2	-	26	7	-	-	2	65	21	4	6	-	1136	188	149	-	5,800	117	97	7	66	25	43
Tamarama	63	-	-	21	-	12	3	-	56	10	2	-	-	571	88	105	-	1,865	76	69	11	32	23	41
Bondi	10	4	11	92	12	107	-	6	163	8	2	2	-	1370	35	380	-	5,500	127	125	8	199	28	-
Nth Bondi	45	2	-	141	4	18	-	4	135	39	1	9	12	1537	220	221	44	7,200	220	179	21	211	19	100
TOTAL	403	28	41	773	177	205	3	13	920	265	49	128	58	12877	1943	2898	257	95,929	1487	1267	263	1403	224	757

HELICOPTER RESCUES:- 13 (6 TO HOSPITAL)



# ANNUAL GEAR INSPECTION

The Annual Gear Inspection Competition for the D. C. Lucas trophy resulted in a win for the Cronulla Club, with Clovelly second and North Cronulla third. It was indeed pleasing to hear the reports that Club gear was in excellent condition and our congratulations go, not only to the winning Club, but to all Clubs for this achievement. Points gained were:-

Club	Points	Place
North Bondi	94.83	15
Bondi	98.49	10
Tamarama	99.11	4
Bronte	94.90	14
Clovelly	99.49	2
Coogee	98.79	7
Maroubra	98.91	5
South Maroubra	97.87	11
Wanda	97.89	9
Elouera	98.35	8
North Cronulla	99.22	3
Cronulla	99.91	1
Garie	97.76	12
Era	97.06	13
Burning Palms	98.87	6



# RESULTS - SYDNEY BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS

2nd March, 1974.

Senior R & R	1st	Nth Cronulla 'A'
	2nd	Wanda
	3rd	Bondi
Junior R & R	1st	Wanda
	2nd	Nth Cronulla
	3rd	Bondi
Senior Open Belt	1st	P. Tibbetts - Cronulla
	2nd	G. Romei - Cronulla Nth.
	3rd	G. Steed - Nth Cronulla
Junior Belt	1st	M. Steed - Nth Cronulla
	2nd	R. Parkes - Nth Cronulla
	3rd	G. Dyson - Wanda
Senior Open Surf	1st	P. Tibbetts - Cronulla
	2nd	G. Romei - Nth Cronulla
	3rd	P. Smiles - North Bondi
Junior Surf	1st	M. Mulder - Maroubra
	2nd	G. Dyson - Wanda
	3rd	M. Steed - Nth Cronulla
Cadet Surf	1st	C. Hayes - Wanda
	2nd	G. Brewer - Tamarama
	3rd	G. Steed - Nth Cronulla
Senior Open Surf Teams	1st	Wanda
	2nd	Nth Cronulla 'A'
	3rd	Nth Cronulla 'B'
Junior Surf Teams	1st	Wanda 'A'
	2nd	Nth Cronulla 'A'
	3rd	Bondi
Cadet Surf Teams	1st	Wanda 'A'
	2nd	Maroubra
	3rd	Nth Cronulla
Veterans Surf	1st	R. Bouffler - Nth Cronulla
	2nd	A. Langford - Maroubra
	3rd	R. McKeon - Sth Maroubra
Restricted Surf	1st	R. Wilcox - Nth Cronulla
	2nd	B. Fretten - Nth Cronulla
	3rd	L. Harris - Bondi.

Senior Iron Man	1st	J. Holt - Cronulla
	2nd	G. Kendale - Wanda
	3rd	G. Allum - Wanda
Junior Iron Man	1st	R. Champman - Wanda
	2nd	B. Dillon - Nth Cronulla
	3rd	M. Mulder - Maroubra
Senior Boat 'A'	1st	Bronte
	2nd	North Cronulla
	3rd	Wanda
Senior Boat 'B' and 'C'	1st	Bronte 'B'
	2nd	Maroubra 'B'
	3rd	Sth Maroubra 'B'
Junior Boat	1st	Cronulla
	2nd	Bronte
	3rd	Nth Cronulla
Chariot Race	1st	Cronulla
	2nd	South Maroubra
	3rd	Wanda
March Past	1st	Nth. Cronulla
	2nd	Coogee
	3rd	Wanda
Senior Open Beach Sprint	1st	I. Goode - Cronulla
	2nd	T. Moseley - Nth Cronulla
	3rd	R. Miller - Coogee
Junior Beach Sprint	1st	G. Bates - North Cronulla
	2nd	K. Wright - Coogee
	3rd	V. Aprilovic - Nth Cronulla
Cadet Beach Sprint	1st	A. Ferguson - Nth Bondi
	2nd	M. McGuire - Clovelly
	3rd	R. Green - Clovelly
Senior Open Beach Relay	1st	Coogee
	2nd	Cronulla
	3rd	Nth Cronulla
Junior Beach Relay	1st	Coogee 'A'
	2nd	Nth Cronulla
	3rd	Cronulla
Cadet Beach Relay	1st	Clovelly
	2nd	Wanda
	3rd	Maroubra



Senior Open Beach Flags	1st	P. Ellis - Nth Cronulla
	2nd	I. Goode - Cronulla
	3rd	R. Asken - Tamarama
Junior Beach Flags	1st	A. Graham - Nth Cronulla
	2nd	P. Graham - Nth Cronulla
	3rd	D. Hunt - Wanda
Cadet Beach Flags	1st	M. McGuire - Clovelly
	2nd	S. Topper - Wanda
	3rd	R. Green - Clovelly
Pillow Fight	1st	P. Glaggs - Wanda
	2nd	R. Flack - Wanda
	3rd	R. Crossley - Wanda
Single Ski Relay	1st	Maroubra 'A'
	2nd	Nth Cronulla 'A'
	3rd	Maroubra 'B'
Long Board Relay	1st	Nth Cronulla 'A'
	2nd	Maroubra
	3rd	Cronulla
Taplin Relay	1st	Maroubra 'A'
	2nd	Nth Cronulla 'A'
	3rd	Wanda
Junior Ski	1st	G. Carter - Cronulla
	2nd	D. Carrott - Cronulla
	3rd	C. Iredale - Wanda
Cadet Ski	1st	D. Copas - Tamarama
	2nd	D. Iredale - Wanda
	3rd	J. Brown - Wanda
Single Ski	1st	D. Heussner - Maroubra
	2nd	B. Stewart - Maroubra
	3rd	R. Green - Maroubra
Double Ski	1st	Cahill & Shields - Bronte
	2nd	Heussner & Stewart - Maroubra
	3rd	Lewis & Murdock - Nth Cronulla
Malibu Board	1st	W. Cavanagh - Nth Cronulla
	2nd	A. Oakley - Maroubra
	3rd	S. Warren - Nth Cronulla
Long Board	1st	S. Warren - Nth Cronulla
	2nd	D. Oakley - Maroubra
	3rd	W. Cavanagh - Nth Cronulla

# RESULTS - MAROUBRA SURF CLUB - 20th MARCH 1974

Junior Malibu	1st	L. Cochrane - Cronulla
	2nd	B. Dillon - Nth Cronulla
	3rd	D. Scotts - Cronulla
Junior Double Ski	1st	Carrot & Carter - Cronulla
	2nd	White & Lee - Nth Cronulla
	3rd	Ryan & McNeil - Maroubra
Cadet Malibu	1st	G. Brewer - Tamarama
	2nd	R. Ryan - Nth Cronulla
	3rd	D. Franklin - Maroubra
Malibu Relay	1st	Cronulla
	2nd	Nth Cronulla 'A'
	3rd	Maroubra 'A'
Junior Surf	1st	G. Dwyer - Wanda
	2nd	J. Stockpole - Nth Cronulla
Cadet Surf	1st	G. Brewer - Tamarama
	2nd	M. Mettler - Maroubra
	3rd	G. Parker - Maroubra
Senior Open Surf Teams	2nd	Cronulla
	3rd	Wanda
Junior Surf Teams	1st	Nth Cronulla 'A'
	2nd	Wanda 'A'
	3rd	Nth Cronulla 'B'
Cadet Surf Teams	1st	Nth Cronulla
	2nd	Maroubra
	3rd	Wanda 'A'
Veterans Surf	1st	R. Bouffier - Nth Cronulla
	3rd	R. McKean - Nth Maroubra
Toplin Relay	1st	Maroubra 'A'
	2nd	Cronulla
	3rd	Nth Cronulla 'A'
Junior Iron Man	1st	R. Chapman - Wanda
	2nd	B. Dillon - Nth Cronulla
	3rd	M. Mulder - Maroubra
Open Iron Man	1st	J. Holt - Cronulla
	2nd	C. Bradale - Wanda
	3rd	B. Rodgers - Maroubra



# RESULTS - METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - 9th MARCH, 1974.

Senior R & R	1st	Nth Cronulla
Junior R & R	1st	Nth Cronulla
	2nd	Bondi
	3rd	Coogee
Senior Open Belt	1st	P. Tibbetts - Cronulla
	2nd	G. Romei - Nth Cronulla
Junior Belt	2nd	G. Dyson - Wanda
	3rd	P. Cateley - Coogee
Senior Open Surf	1st	G. Steed - Nth Cronulla
	2nd	P. Tibbetts - Cronulla
	3rd	L. Hopkins - Wanda
Junior Surf	1st	G. Dyson - Wanda
	2nd	J. Stackpole - Nth Cronulla
Cadet Surf	1st	G. Brewer - Tamarama
	2nd	M. Metzker - Maroubra
	3rd	G. Parkes - Maroubra
Senior Open Surf Teams	2nd	Cronulla
	3rd	Wanda
Junior Surf Teams	1st	Nth Cronulla 'A'
	2nd	Wanda 'A'
	3rd	Nth Cronulla 'B'
Cadet Surf Teams	1st	Nth Cronulla
	2nd	Maroubra
	3rd	Wanda 'A'
Veterans Surf	1st	R. Bouffler - Nth Cronulla
	3rd	R. McKeon - Sth Maroubra
Taplin Relay	1st	Maroubra 'A'
	2nd	Cronulla
	3rd	Nth Cronulla 'A'
Junior Iron Man	1st	R. Champman - Wanda
	2nd	B. Dillon - Nth Cronulla
	3rd	M. Mulder - Maroubra
Open Iron Man	1st	J. Holt - Cronulla
	2nd	C. Iredale - Wanda
	3rd	B. Rodgers - Maroubra

Restricted Surf	1st	R. Wilcox - Nth Cronulla
	2nd	B. Rodgers - Maroubra
	3rd	B. Fetten - Nth Cronulla
Senior Boat 'A'	3rd	Bronte
Senior Boat Reserve	1st	Nth Cronulla
	3rd	Maroubra
Junior Boat	1st	Coogee
March Past	2nd	Nth Cronulla
Senior Open Beach Sprint	1st	W. Everingham - Coogee
	3rd	R. Asken - Tamarama
Junior Beach Sprint	2nd	G. Bates - Nth Cronulla
	3rd	K. Wright - Coogee
Cadet Beach Sprint	1st	A. Ferguson - Nth Bondi
	2nd	R. Green - Clovelly
Senior Open Beach Relay	1st	Coogee
	2nd	Cronulla & Nth Narrabeen D/H
Junior Beach Relay	1st	Nth Cronulla
Cadet Beach Relay	1st	Clovelly
	2nd	Wanda
Senior Open Beach Flags	2nd	S. Ellis - Nth Cronulla
	3rd	R. Asken - Tamarama
Junior Beach Flags	1st	P. Graham - Nth Cronulla
Cadet Beach Flags	1st	E. Grothe - Wanda
	2nd	S. Topper - Wanda
Pillow Fight	1st	R. Crossley - Wanda
	3rd	A. Mangioni - Nth Bondi
Chariot Race	1st	Cronulla
	3rd	Wanda
Malibu Relay	1st	Nth Cronulla 'A'
	2nd	Maroubra
	3rd	Cronulla
Junior Double Ski	1st	C. Carter - Cronulla
	2nd	W. Dillon - Nth Cronulla
Open Single Ski	2nd	D. Heussner - Maroubra
	3rd	J. Cahill - Nth Bondi



Open Double Ski	2nd	D. Heussner - B. Stewart - Maroubra
	3rd	J. Cahill - G. Shiels - Nth Bondi
Open Long Board	1st	P. Kirkwood - Maroubra
	2nd	G. Oakley - Maroubra
	3rd	S. Warren - Nth Cronulla
Open Malibu Board	1st	G. Oakley - Maroubra
	2nd	K. Watson - Nth Cronulla
Junior Single Ski	1st	D. Carrott - Cronulla
	2nd	L. Cochrane - Cronulla
	3rd	M. Ryan - Maroubra
Cadet Single Ski	2nd	B. Copas - Tamarama
	3rd	T. Riley - Maroubra
Cadet Malibu	1st	G. Pyne - Nth Cronulla
	2nd	D. Iredale - Wanda
	3rd	T. Cracknell - Maroubra
Junior Malibu	1st	D. Sutts - Cronulla
	2nd	L. Cochrane - Cronulla
	3rd	M. White - Nth Cronulla
Single Ski Relay	1st	Maroubra 'B'
	2nd	Maroubra 'A'
	3rd	Wanda
Long Board Relay	1st	Nth Cronulla 'A'
	2nd	Maroubra
	3rd	Nth Cronulla 'B'

## CONCLUSION

The Branch has had a most successful and fruitful year despite the occurrence of a number of problems, not the least of which has been our being without a Secretary for six months or so. Perhaps our success can be best measured by those who view us from the outside. It is inevitable that some business of the Branch has not received the full attention that it may have deserved but hopefully the important matters did not suffer thus.

As President of the Branch, attempting also to be its Secretary I have felt some inadequacies in my handling of some matters and I would offer an apology to any Club or Member who feels they have been neglected. The burden of both Offices has caused me to call on a number of people to help and I am pleased to record my thanks and appreciation to those who have answered this call.

I am particularly grateful to Ian Toll for his many favours and ready acceptance of extra duties. I would also like to thank Dick Sheldon, Charles Smith and Jim Parker for their help. It would be remiss of me not to also record my thanks and appreciation of Gus Staunton's many favours. Despite his resignation, Gus has not lost any of his enthusiasm for our Branch and it's wellbeing. Both John and Joan Vaughan have earned my appreciation for their assistance and considerable help. I would also like to thank everyone of the Officers who has helped me by contributing to this report.

Peter Stapleton ably performed my duties whilst I was ill at the beginning of the season and I am grateful to him for this.

On behalf of the Branch I wish to place on record the thanks and appreciation to the Board of Examiners and its Officers for the usual Excellent services they performed for our Branch. We are indeed fortunate that we have a Board that is so dedicated to their work.



It is to be hoped we will have an Honorary Secretary for the new season and that our Branch, undoubtedly the strongest in the State, will have yet another successful season. Let all of us do our best for our Branch for it can only be as strong as us, it's Members, want it to be.

On behalf of the Sydney Branch

RON BUIST,  
PRESIDENT.

