

SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY BRANCH

BOARD OF EXAMINERS

25th

Annual Report

Season 1973-74

"Vigilance and Service"

Hon. Superintendent
J. DEWEY

Hon. Secretary
J. R. SWITZER

Hon. Dep. Superintendent
L. McNAMARA

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Notice is hereby given that the 25th Annual General Meeting is to be held at Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club on Wednesday, 31st July, 1974 commencing at 7.15 p.m.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of May Meeting
2. Business arising from Minutes
3. Apologies and Leave
4. Correspondence
5. Welcome to Visitors
6. Presentation of 25th Annual Report
7. Election of Officers
8. Election of Committees
9. Urgent General Business

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OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES

1973-74

Honorary Superintendent:	R. Howells (Res. Aug '73)
	J. Dewey (Elect. Sept '73)
Honorary Deputy Superintendent:	J. Dewey (Res. Sept '73)
	L. McNamara (Elect Oct '73)
Honorary Examination Supervisor:	J. May
Honorary Secretary:	J. Switzer

Honorary District Supervisors:

No. 1 District	W. Winzer (Res. Oct '73)
	F. Osborne (Elect Nov '73)
No. 2 District	W. Swingler (Res. Aug '73)
	N. Jamieson (Elect Oct '73)
No. 3 District	J. Wardall
No. 4 District	J. Young

Honorary Assistant District Supervisors:

No. 1 District	F. Osborne (Res Nov '73)
	D. Medlin (Elect Nov '73)
No. 2 District	R. Williams
No. 3 District	K. Messenger
No. 4 District	G. Vincent (Elect Sept '73)

COMMITTEES

Resuscitation: J. Wardall (convenor), R. Howells (Res Aug '73),
J. Dewey (Elect Sept '73), N. Jamieson, A. Moseley,
J. Oldham, F. Osborne, J. Switzer.

Meritorious Awards: J. Switzer (convenor), R. Howells (Res. Aug '73)
R. Bridges (Elect. Sept '73), G. Johnson,
R. McKenna, A. Moseley, R. Sargeant, W. Young.

Manual Revision: L. McNamara (convenor), R. Howells (Res Aug '73)
J. Dewey (Elect Sept '73), A. Moseley.

Gear Inspection: K. Midson (convenor), P. Ainsworth, K. Andrews,
J. Dewey, N. Dixon, G. Johnson, K. Messenger,
A. Moseley, F. Osborne, C. Smith, K. Williams,
W. Winzer.

Boat Inspector: G. Challis

Gear Steward: A. Moseley

Custodian of Board Gear: P. Ainsworth.

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25TH ANNUAL REPORT

SEASON 1973-74

Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Branch Superintendent and Officers of the Board I am pleased to present this 25th Annual Report which covers the activities of the Board Members during the 1973-74 season.

This season has again been an active one for Board members. Although the Branch policy of reducing the number of open carnivals continued, a number of special carnivals were held - thus increasing the work load on those Board members who volunteered for carnival duty. Although the number of awards gained is down and the number of examination days is lower more squads were presented for examination thus requiring the attendance of more examiners per examination day.

Apart from open carnivals the usual inter - and intra - club and district competitions were held for which the Board provided officials.

The Advanced Resuscitation Certificate has been introduced and a number of Board Members mainly Officers gained the award at St. Vincents Hospital.

During the winter months training and examinations for this award have been carried out at Wanda and Elouera Clubs during weekday and Sunday evenings. This has resulted in more Board members gaining the Advanced Resuscitation Certificate and these awards will be taken into next season's tallies.

The season started with a number of administrative problems. Ron Howells, after being elected Hon. Superintendent on the retirement of Albert (Ike) Moseley, found he was unable to act which resulted in a further election. Deputy Superintendent John Dewey was then elected and took over the reins. Les McNamara was then elected to the vacant Deputy Superintendent's position.

John May became the first Examination Supervisor.

MEMBERSHIP

During the season the following members became eligible for their Examiner's Certificates and congratulations are extended to them and we give them welcome as active members:-

	Barry Bucholtz	(Cronulla)	
	Bill Dean	(Clovelly)	
	Michael De Luca	(Coogee)	
	John Hall	(Tamarama)	
	Garry McCormick	(South Maroubra)	
	Kym Mogridge	(Maroubra)	
	John Nealon	(Maroubra)	
	Dave Popplewell	(Maroubra)	
	Joe Seddon	(Coogee)	
	John Wilson	(Coogee)	
also	Trevor Elliott	(Wanda)	Ex. W. A. State Centre
and	Gordon Harper	(Nth Cronulla)	Ex. Manly- Warringah Branch

we accepted as active members.

Also during the season the following new members were welcomed as Probationary members to the Board:-

Paul Cooper	(Tamarama)
Bill Dean	(Clovelly)
Michael De Luca	(Coogee)
Peter McCreedy	(Bronte)
Joe Seddon	(Coogee)
Geoff Tyrell	(Elouera)
John Wilson	(Coogee)

It should be noted that the majority of these Probationary members have already been granted Active membership.

During the year seven members resigned from the Board. They were:-

Mick Arnold, Ian Badham, Mark Byrne, Mark Chapman, Kym Mogridge, Manuel Santos and Peter Stewart.

They are thanked for their past services.

The following members were granted country membership:-
Bob Avery, Barry Bucholtz and Kerry Williams.

The Board's Membership now stands in the following categories:

	<u>1970-71</u>	<u>1971-72</u>	<u>1972-73</u>	<u>1973-74</u>
Life Members	21	20	20	19
Long Service Members	14	15	15	13
Active Members	66	61	57	57
Probationary Members	7	14	11	3
Country Members	10	17	15	16
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL:	<u>118</u> =====	<u>127</u> =====	<u>118</u> =====	<u>108</u> =====

The members were distributed amongst the Clubs in the following manner:-

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>1970-71</u>	<u>1971-72</u>	<u>1972-73</u>	<u>1973-74</u>
Burning Palms	4	3	2	1
Era	4	4	4	4
Garie	3	3	4	3
Cronulla	26	28	27	22
North Cronulla	19	21	16	14
Elouera	4	10	5	6
Wanda	9	4	8	9
South Maroubra	1	1	2	2
Maroubra	4	4	7	5
Coogee	7	7	4	6
Clovelly	2	2	4	3
Bronte	7	7	5	6
Tamarama	7	7	8	7
Bondi	8	13	10	9
North Bondi	5	5	5	4
Life Members affiliated with other Branches.	8	8	7	7
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VALÉ VINCENT J. WILLIAMS M.B.E.

During the year we learnt of the death of esteemed Life Member Vincent J. Williams M.B.E. Vince was a member of the Maroubra Club and a Life Member of the Sydney Branch of long standing, having joined the Board in 1932. Older members of the Board will remember him as a past

Secretary of the Board and as carnival announcer for many years.

To his widow the Board extends its sincere sympathy.

EXAMINATIONS AND AWARDS.

Requests submitted from Branch Clubs resulted in 58 examination days being held where 145 squads were presented to the Examiners. This compares with 78 examination days and 115 squads in the 1972-73 season.

The larger number of squads and fewer examination days resulted in part from the practice of clubs submitting only two or three candidates in a squad with substitutes to make up the full squad number. This practice thus leads to the use of examiners more frequently.

The following table indicates the number of examination days conducted and their location.

Burning Palms	1
Era	4
Garie	2
Cronulla	10
North Cronulla	5
Elouera	4
Wanda	5
South Maroubra	-
Maroubra	2
Clovelly	4
Coogee	9
Bronte	2
Tamarama	-
Bondi	2
North Bondi	8
TOTAL:	<u>58</u> =====

Awards gained during the year are shown below with three previous years' records for comparison.

	<u>1970-71</u>	<u>1971-72</u>	<u>1972-73</u>	<u>1973-74</u>
Examiners Certificates	10	7	12	11
Instructors Certificates	41	74	68	50
Bronze Medallion	325	472	356	281

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	<u>1970-71</u>	<u>1971-72</u>	<u>1972-73</u>	<u>1973-74</u>
Qualifying Certificates	148	206	154	129
Resuscitation Certificates	140	50	20	64
Advanced Resuscitation Certificates	-	-	-	11
TOTALS:	<u>664</u>	<u>809</u>	<u>610</u>	<u>546</u>

After the drive for members in the 1971-72 season which resulted in a high number of awards being gained the number this year is back to the level existing in the season before the drive and represents a drop of 10% on the last season.

The appointment of Examiners was in the competent hands of Examination Supervisor - John May.

Congratulations are extended to the District Supervisors for a job well done. As a result of their diligence the failure rate of examinations was minimal.

CARNIVALS

The Branch Superintendent, John Dewey, was in charge of the appointment of Carnival Officials and he is to be congratulated on his efforts which were hampered by the lack of Board members applying for carnival positions.

In accordance with the Branch's policy six carnivals including the Branch Championships at South Maroubra were conducted in the Branch plus the Inter-District Carnival at Tamarama.

In addition it was Sydney Branch's turn to hold the Metropolitan Championships and the location was Elouera. Two special carnivals were approved by the Branch, a T.V. Carnival at Bronte and a Surf Spectacular at Elouera for visiting members of the American Medical Association. This event was marred by lack of attendance due to an Industrial dispute in the oil industry.

Board members again assisted at Manly-Warringah Branch carnivals.

Sydney Branch Board also provided members to assist in the running of the Intercities Championships at Dixon Park, the State Championships at Tathra and the Australian Championships at Glenelg, South Australia.

The Board extends its thanks to those Clubs within the Branch who organised carnivals sometimes under somewhat difficult circumstances. Without carnivals to keep our clubmembers fit

the Association would surely remain stationary. The Board appreciates the hospitality extended to its members after each carnival.

Included with 'carnivals' are the many restricted events held in Districts and also Intra-Club events which require the services of Board members. Often these events are more keenly contested than those at open carnivals.

MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

During the season meetings have been held as follows:

General	11
Executive	1
Gear Inspection Committee	1
Resuscitation Committee	Nil
Manual Revision Committee	Nil
Meritorious Awards Committee	1

Although the Manual Revision Committee did not meet as such a special committee was formed to collate errors detected 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.

Thanks are extended to the Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club for making their facilities available to the Board for its meetings.

Apart from meetings the Board organised the following:-

Chief Instructors' Conference at Wanda
Gear Stewards' and
Gear Inspectors' Conference at Coogee
Two Field Days, one at Maroubra and one
at Elouera.

The Annual Gear Inspection and D.C. Lucas Trophy Competition were conducted by the Gear Inspection Committee on the 13th and 14th October, 1973.

The competition was won by Cronulla with 99.91% whilst Clovelly was second with 99.49% and North Cronulla third with 99.22%.

The Board extends its congratulations to Cronulla for its fine win.

The hospitality extended to the Gear Inspection Committee members by the various Clubs is greatly appreciated.

MERITORIOUS AWARDS

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 and awards 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 (Wanda)
Ernest (Sollic) Stephens (Wanda)
Nick Dixon (Cronulla)
Kerry Williams (Cronulla)
Ross Williams (Cronulla)

The Board heartily congratulates these members upon receipt of the "Association Meritorious Certificate of Merit".

MEMBERS EXTRA ACTIVITIES

It is interesting to note that apart from activities with the Sydney Branch Board a number of members enter into the administration of the Association.

Harry Brown is National Secretary
George Challis is Branch Boat Inspector and
National Boat Advisor
John Vaughan is Deputy President of State Centre
Albert Moseley is State Superintendent and and
Secretary of the Branch Power Boat Panel
Nick Dixon is a Vice President of the Branch and
Secretary of State Centre
Ian Toll is a Vice President of the Branch and
Public Relations Officer to National Council
Charles Smith is Branch Treasurer
Dick Sheldon is Branch Assistant Secretary
Jim Switzer is Branch Assistant Treasurer
Ken English is Branch Assistant Registrar

The Board extends its congratulations to Alber (Ike) Moseley on being elected N.S.W. Superintendent after a long and distinguished career as Branch Superintendent.

Congratulations are also extended to Ian Toll on his election as Manager of the N.S.W. State Team for the 1974-75 season.

Also in our ranks we have five Club Presidents and they are:-

Charles Smith - Bondi S.B.L.S.C.
John Wardall - Tamarama S.L.S.C.
Ernie Stephens - Wanda S.L.S.C.
Bob Leix - Cronulla S.L.S.C.
John Vaughan - Burning Palms S.L.S.C.

THE YEARS' WORK

The Board's sole purpose is to further the aims of the Association by supplying members to officiate at carnivals and conduct examinations in an efficient manner.

To this end a summary of the Members' activities for the season is:-

- 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 Inter-District 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 Stewards' and Gear Inspectors' Conference
- Gear Inspection at all Branch Clubs
- Annual Chief Instructors' Conference
- Two Instructional Field Days
- Conduct of restricted, interclub and intra events
- Demonstrations and lectures to outside organisations on lifesaving techniques

CONCLUSION

With a general change in office bearers and the introduction of the position of Examination Supervisor this has been a 'shakedown' season.

John Dewey has moved into Ike Moseley's shoes as Branch Superintendent and has been faced with quite a difficult season following the somewhat hastily prepared changes in the Instruction Manuals.

Nevertheless he settled down to the task of running the Board in an efficient manner with the members who volunteered for duty. To the normal duties of a Superintendent were

added the exacting task of implementing a training scheme for Board members to obtain the Advanced Resuscitation Certificate. Due to his efforts Sydney Branch Board leads the field in this activity.

Les McNamara has completed his first year as an officer of the Branch in the position of Deputy Superintendent in a most efficient manner.

John May, as first Examination Supervisor, has been keenly active in his position and has adequately fulfilled the important roll of appointing examiners and dealing with the paperwork associated with examinations.

This report would not be complete without an expression of appreciation for the help given by the Power Boat Panel and crews at carnivals.

Mention must also be made of the contribution to life saving of the newly introduced "Wales" Helicopter Rescue Service.

On behalf of the members of the Board I would like to thank the Branch Officers and the secretarial staff at Illawarra Road, Marrickville together with Gus Staunton for their assistance and support.

Finally to the Officers and Members who have helped with the activities of the Board, I would offer my thanks for their efforts.

In conclusion I offer this thought, have you been a useful member of the Board, remember the Board demands service, have you given it? Could I have done a little more?

For and on behalf of the

SYDNEY BRANCH BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

J. R. SWITZER.

HONORARY SECRETARY.

SUPERINTENDENT'S ADDENDUM

After perusal of the 1973-74 Annual Report of the Sydney Branch Board so capably compiled by our Secretary, Jim Switzer, one is impressed by the amount of activity that has taken place. After a few set-backs in the early part of the season involving the filling of several Executive positions the Board was fully functional at the start of the surfing season.

Most Members of the Board fulfilled their duties to the utmost, unfortunately the attendance at carnivals of some members left a lot to be desired. The same few members were present at all Surf Carnivals week after week, and on many occasions the few were on the beach upward to ten hours.

I honestly feel that there are members who could officiate at carnivals if they really wanted to. As this is one of the main functions of the Board, I feel that if members do not fulfill these duties they are better off not being on the Board.

A further innovation this season was the introduction of the Advanced Resuscitation Certificate. After the preliminary problems were sorted out, Sydney Branch now has a first class training programme and examination system in operation, and it is the wish of the writer that all members of the Board obtain this award prior to the next season. To date at all the classes enrolled, we have had a 100% attendance, and I sincerely hope that more members will take advantage of this winter period to obtain this important award. In the operation of this scheme I am extremely indebted to Dr. Ian Mackie. Dr. Mackie has been in attendance of up to four nights a week to instruct and examine candidates for this award.

Finally I wish to thank several of my co-Board Members, Jim Switzer as Hon. Secretary has been meticulous in his duties and the compilation of this report is further evidence of his worth to any organisation. Thanks Jim for a job very well done. John May, Examination Supervisor has organised and completed all the many duties associated with the many exams conducted over the year. The District Supervisors and their Assistants for maintaining their interest and control over all pertinent matters which have to be done throughout the year. John Vaughan for his research and assistance on the Safety Belt release pins as well as his unswaying interest in the efficient running of all things that make Lifesaving go. "Doredevil" Ike Moseley my immediate Superintendent go my thanks for his advice and assistance and especially his work with the Power Boat at all of our carnivals together with his crews over the season. Maroubra S.L.S.C. for the use of their Clubhouse for our meetings.

Officers and Members of the Sydney Branch for their help, go my thanks. Last but not least, all the Members of the Board and Surf Club members for their co-operation I sincerely tender my thanks.

Summing up, we have had a very busy year, and the future looks to be the same, so I earnestly ask each and every member to do his duty to the utmost.

Once again my sincere appreciation to all who have assisted, and I look forward to a continuation of this support in the future. I have enjoyed the honour of being your Superintendent, and I trust my efforts have met with your accord.

JOHN DEWEY.
HONORARY SUPERINTENDENT.

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

Country Members (16)

R. Adams	B. Bucholt	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.

