

**SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA**

**SYDNEY BRANCH**

**BOARD OF EXAMINERS**



**27th**

**Annual Report**

**Season 1975-76**

*"Vigilance and Service"*

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Hon. Superintendent  
J. DEWEY

Hon. Secretary  
J. R. SWITZER

Hon. Dep. Superintendent  
J. MAY  
K. MESSENGER



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Notice is hereby given that the 27th Annual General Meeting of the Sydney Branch Board of Examiners will be held at the Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club, Maroubra Beach, on Wednesday, July 28, 1976, commencing at 7.15pm.

Agenda:

1. Minutes of June Meeting
2. Business Arising from Minutes
3. Apologies and Leave
4. Correspondence
5. Welcome to Visitors
6. Presentation of 27th Annual Report
7. Election of Officers
8. Election of Committees
9. Urgent General Business

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



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OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

1975-76

Hon. Superintendent: J. Dewey  
Hon. Deputy Superintendent: J. May (res. Feb) K. Messenger (elect. Mar)  
Hon. Examination Supervisor: P. Ainsworth  
Hon. Secretary: J. Switzer

Honorary District Supervisors:

No. 1 District: F. Osborne  
No. 2 District: N. Jamieson (res. Oct)  
T. Elliott (elect. Jan)  
No. 3 District: J. Wardall  
No. 4 District: J. Young

Honorary Assistant District Supervisors:

No. 1 District: D. Medlin  
No. 2 District: T. Elliott (res. Jan)  
E. Stephens (elect. Jan)  
No. 3 District: K. Messenger (res. Mar)  
W. Dean (elect. Mar)  
No. 4 District: P. Quartly

Committees

Resuscitation:

F. Osborne (convener), M. DeLuca, J. Dewey, J. May, D. Medlin,  
K. Messenger, A. Moseley

Meritorious Awards:

J. Switzer (Convener), R. McKenna, J. May, A. Moseley, R. Sargeant,  
J. Seddon, J. Young.

Manual Revision: J. Dewey (Conv), J. May, A. Moseley.

Gear Inspection: K. Midson (Conv), R. Davison, M. DeLuca, J. Dewey,  
N. Dixon, K. English, L. Love, J. May, D. Medlin, K. Messenger,  
A. Moseley, J. Oldham, F. Osborne, P. Quartly, C. Smith, J. Wardall,  
R. Williams, J. Young.

Hon. Boat Inspector: N. Dixon  
Hon. Gear Steward: A. Moseley  
Hon. Custodian, Board Gear: P. Ainsworth



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Gentlemen,

I now present the 27th Annual Report, which covers the activities of the Board members during the 1975-76 season. This report is submitted on behalf of the Branch Superintendent and his Officers for consideration by the Board members at the Annual General Meeting.

This season has again been a busy one for the members of the Board, as will be seen from the number of examinations conducted where there was a considerable increase from last season. This, of course, has resulted in a sizeable increase in the number of awards. Included for the first time among the awards are Inshore Rescue Boat Bronze Medallions.

In respect to carnivals, the usual number of open carnivals, including the Metropolitan Championships, was held, together with a number of inter and intraclub and district competitions, officials for which were provided by the Board.

John Dewey was once again at the helm as Honorary Superintendent, with John May as his Deputy. Unfortunately, John May found it necessary to resign from office in February, and his place was taken by Long Service Member, Keith Messenger.

These men have worked well during the season, though at times lacking the full support of the members.

Perc Ainsworth was elected again as Examination Supervisor and was kept busy by the increased examination activity.

Membership.

Life Membership. First in the membership category comes the Board's congratulations to Kevin Andrews (Tamarama SLSC) on his election as a Life Member of Sydney Branch. Kevin has been a keen and busy member of the Board for many years and deserves the honour conferred. We know he will continue the good work in the seasons to come.



Our congratulations, also, go to Albert (Ike) Moseley, on being elected a Life Member of the Surf Life Saving Assn of Australia. His election is a just reward for the tremendous amount of work he has done for Surf Life Saving.

During the season, the following were elected Probationary Members of the Board and they are given a hearty welcome -

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John Baker (Elouera)	Bill Gray (Elouera)
Bruce Breadner (Wanda)	Col Mulhall (Nth Cronulla)
Barry Bulmer (Wanda)	Ron O'Malley (Nth Cronulla)
Merv Gladstone (Bronte)	Keith Rowswell (Maroubra)
Peter Glenmon (Nth Cronulla)	Paul Sargeant (Wanda)

Further, two former members of the Board, Len Harris (Bondi) and Ken McNamara (Wanda), together with Steve Naylor (Bronte) from the Newcastle Branch, were accepted as Active Members.

In addition, the following members were examined and now are eligible for their Examiners' Certificates:

Paul Cooper (Tamarama)  
Merv Gladstone (Bronte)  
Bob Pepper (Burning Palms)  
Brian Thompson (Elouera)

Our congratulations are extended to them and we welcome them as Active Members.

During the year, Bob Avery (Cronulla) was granted Long Service Membership and John Solomon (South Maroubra) transferred to Country Membership, whilst Norm Smith (Wanda) transferred to the Central Coast Branch.

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Three members resigned from the Board during the season and they were - Barry Bucholtz (Cronulla), George Challis (Cronulla) and Charles Smith (Bondi).

We thank them for their past services.

The Board's membership now stands in the following categories -

	<u>1972-73</u>	<u>1973-74</u>	<u>1974-75</u>	<u>1975-76</u>
Life Members	20	19	16	17
Long Service Members	15	13	17	18
Active Members	57	57	47	47
Probationary Members	11	3	10	15
Country Members	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u>118</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>100</u>



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

<u>Club</u>	<u>1972-73</u>	<u>1973-74</u>	<u>1974-75</u>	<u>1975-76</u>
Burning Palms	2	1	3	3
Era	4	4	4	4
Garie	4	3	2	2
Cronulla	27	22	23	18
North Cronulla	16	14	11	14
Elouera	5	6	7	8
Wanda	8	9	10	11
South Maroubra	2	2	2	2
Maroubra	7	5	5	5
Coogee	4	6	7	6
Clovelly	4	3	3	2
Bronte	5	6	4	6
Tamarama	8	7	6	5
Bondi	10	9	6	6
North Bondi	5	4	4	2
Life Members affiliated with other Branches	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
	<u>118</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>100</u>

#### Examinations and Awards.

Requests submitted from Branch Clubs resulted in 95 examination days being held and, due to a number of examinations being held on different beaches on the one day, there were 105 examination locations. At these examinations, 197 squads were presented. This is exclusive of Advanced Resuscitation Certificate examinations.

All Advanced Resuscitation Certificate examinations, with the exception of 19 awards granted in New Zealand as a result of a visit by Dr. Ian Mackie, were carried out at the Community Centre, Caringbah.

The following table indicates the number of examinations conducted and their location -

Burning Palms	1	Maroubra	7
Era	1	Clovelly	1
Garie	1	Coogee	24
Cronulla	7	Bronte	4
North Cronulla	25	Tamarama	-
Elouera	3	Bondi	6
Wanda	10	North Bondi	11
South Maroubra	4	<u>Total:</u>	<u>105</u>



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

	<u>1972-73</u>	<u>1973-74</u>	<u>1974-75</u>	<u>1975-76</u>
Examiners Certificates	12	11	5	5
Instructors Certificates	68	50	47	36
Bronze Medallions	356	281	240	343
Qualifying Certificates	154	129	164	194
Resuscitation Certificates	20	64	300	559
Advanced Resus.Certs	-	11	242	192
Power Boat Bronze Medallion				
Offshore	-	-	26	3
Inshore	-	-	-	18
Totals:	<u>610</u>	<u>546</u>	<u>1024</u>	<u>1350</u>

It should be noted that under the terms of granting the Advanced Resuscitation Certificate, re-examination must be carried out every two years, unless the holder is a current member of a Board of Examiners. Accordingly, with this award now two years old, increasing numbers of holders will be coming forward for refresher courses and re-examination. This is a problem which still has to be solved in relation to administration efficiency.

The large number of Resuscitation Certificates is again mainly due to the various "Pool Safety" courses held during the season.

It is pleasing to see that the number of awards has risen by over 30% and even more pleasing to note a 43% increase in Bronze Medallions and an 18% gain in Qualifying Certificates, despite a 23% decrease in Instructors Certificates.

The lack of Instructors and Trainee Instructors was noted early in the season by the Board and a recommendation was made to the Branch in this regard.

It should be noted that the Inshore Rescue Boat Bronze Medallion appears in the statistics for the first time.

The appointment of Examiners was efficiently handled by Examination Supervisor, Perc Ainsworth, but it is necessary to report that examiners were not so efficient in their attendance at examinations.

With the increase in the number of squads presented, more work was thrown onto the District Supervisors and their Assistants. They rose to the occasion and, as a result of their diligence, examination failures were minimal.



## Carnivals.

As is the usual practice, John Dewey, the Branch Superintendent, was in charge of the appointment of Carnival Officials. Lack of Board members applying for carnival duty was again evident and it was necessary for non-volunteering members to be appointed to positions at several carnivals.

The Branch continued with its policy of six open carnivals and these included the Branch Championships at South Maroubra and the Metropolitan Championships at Wanda, plus the Inter-Districts Carnival at Cronulla.

Sydney Branch Board also supplied members to assist in the running of the State Championships at Kempsey-Crescent Head/South West Rocks and the Australian Championships at Clifton Beach, Tasmania.

The Sydney Branch was also the venue for the first National Inshore Rescue Boat Carnival and the Board supplied the Referee and officials for this carnival.

Several Board members were also regular attenders at Manly-Warringah carnivals.

A number of members also travelled to Avoca Beach to help with the Intercities Championships.

The Board supplied members for the many restricted competitions held in Districts and for intraclub events, when requested. These restricted competitions are now becoming major events and in the future, when Board members are required, it will be necessary for a full programme of events to be submitted, so that these mini-carnivals can be fully staffed.

In completing this section, mention must be made of the Clubs running carnivals. Without these, the competition so necessary for the efficiency of Club members would not be available. The Board extends its thanks to these Clubs and expresses its appreciation for the after-carnival hospitality so often provided.

## Meetings and Conferences.

During the season, meetings were held as follows -

General	10
Executive	1
Gear Inspection Committee	1
Resuscitation Committee	1
Manual Revision Committee	Nil
Meritorious Awards Committee	1



There was one matter considered by the Meritorious Awards Committee and it has been postponed, awaiting further information. Another application for an award has been received, which has yet to be discussed.

The Resuscitation Committee had one formal meeting together with a number of informal ones relating to the Advanced Resuscitation Certificate.

The Life Membership Review Committee elected in the 1974-75 season continued with its activities with the result that a number of members could be nominated for that honour.

The majority of meetings was held at the Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club and the Board's thanks are extended to Maroubra for making their facilities available.

Apart from the regular monthly meetings, the Board organised the following functions,

Chief Instructors' Conference at Coogee

Gear Stewards' and Gear Inspectors' Conference at Cronulla

Carnival Organisers' Conference at Coogee

Two R. & R. Seminars at Wanda

Board Seminar weekend at Caldercott, Royal National Park

Board Emergency Services Field Day at Coogee

It is disappointing to report that the Seminar and Field Day were poorly attended by Board members, thus detracting somewhat from the effectiveness of these functions.

As a result of the Branch's decision to have the annual gear inspection before the start of the season, the inspection and D.C. Lucas Trophy competition were conducted by the Gear Inspection Committee on September 27 and 28, 1975.

The competition resulted in an amazing quadruple dead-heat, with four Clubs scoring 100%. These were Bondi (37 items examined), Coogee (27 items examined), Garie (24 items examined) and North Cronulla (44 items examined).

The Board congratulates these Clubs for their fine efforts.

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



### Members' Extra Activities.

As has been the case for some years, a number of members are active in other avenues of the Association's administration, apart from normal Board activities.

Harry Brown is Hon. Secretary to the National Council.  
Nick Dixon is Branch Boat Inspector and a Sydney Branch Delegate to NSW State Centre.  
Ken English is Sydney Branch Registrar.  
Merv Gladstone is National Council Surfcraft Adviser.  
Albert Moseley is NSW Superintendent and NSW Gear Development Adviser.  
Frank Osborne is a Vice President of Sydney Branch.  
Ron Pears is Branch Treasurer.  
Paul Sargeant is NSW State Centre Publicity Adviser.  
Joe Seddon is a Vice President of Sydney Branch and Hon. Treasurer of National Council.  
Jim Switzer is Assistant Treasurer of Sydney Branch.  
Glenn Thomson is Branch Radio Officer.  
Ian Toll is Branch Secretary and Public Relations Adviser to National Council.  
John Vaughan is Secretary and Deputy President of NSW State Centre.

The number of Club Presidents in our ranks is dwindling and last season we had only three -

Ernie Stephens....Wanda  
Box Leix.....Cronulla  
John Vaughan.....Burning Palms

### The Year's Work.

The Board has continued its aim of furthering the ideals of the Association by providing members to conduct examinations and officiate at carnivals.

Furthermore, a number of members took part in manning the Sydney Command Radio Centre, the Power Surf Rescue Boat Service and the Wales Helicopter Surf Rescue Service.

To illustrate the varied activities, a summary follows -

- ...95 examination days at 105 locations involving 197 squads.
- ...Weekly instruction and examination for the Advanced Resuscitation Certificate.
- ...Instructing and examining candidates for the Advanced Resuscitation Certificate in other Branches.
- ...Sydney Branch Championships, Metropolitan Championships and four open carnivals.



- ...Sydney Inter-District Carnival
- ...Intercities Championships
- ...NSW Championships
- ...Australian Championships
- ...National Inshore Rescue Boat Carnival
- ...Board and Branch monthly meetings
- ...Board and Branch sub-committee meetings
- ...Annual Gear Stewards' and Gear Inspectors' Conference
- ...Gear Inspection at all Branch Clubs
- ...Chief Instructors' Conference
- ...Board Seminar Weekend
- ...Board Emergency Services Field Day
- ...Two R. & R. Field Days
- ...Conduct of restricted, interclub and intraclub events.
- ...Demonstrations and lectures to outside organisations.
- ...Helicopter Service
- ...Power Rescue Boat Service
- ...Manning Sydney Command Radio Centre

### Conclusion.

John Dewey, as Hon. Superintendent, has been untiring in his efforts to further the work of the Board and was instrumental in organising the Board's Seminar Weekend and Emergency Services Field Day. It is a pity he did not have the wholehearted support of the members.

John May, as Deputy Superintendent, was an able assistant to John Dewey and we regret that he had to relinquish his position during the season. His replacement, Keith Messenger, has been most active in the Advanced Resuscitation field.

Again, as Examination Supervisor, Percy Ainsworth has been extremely busy as a result of greater examination activity. Perc suffered some ill health during the season and it is pleasing to see that he has made a good recovery and is once again fully active with the Board.

The District Supervisors have again been efficient in their activities and have attended to the many duties associated with their position. Jack Young, No. 4 District Supervisor, has also suffered ill health during the season, but has been able to attend to his duties satisfactorily.

The Board expresses its appreciation to the members of the Power Surf Boat Panel and the crews which manned the Branch and District Power Surf Boats at carnivals. Without their



help, carnivals would be more difficult to stage.

On the Board's behalf, I would like to thank Branch Officers and the secretarial staff at Illawarra Road, Marrickville, early in the season, and at "Surf House", currently, for their assistance and support.

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

For and on behalf of,

Sydney Branch Board of Examiners

J.R. Switzer

Hon. Secretary

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S ADDENDUM

Gentlemen,

The 1975-76 season is now completed and with it, another step in the history of the Board of Examiners. The Board, this year, has consolidated many of its activities in that the Advanced Resuscitation Certificate course is now conducted in three areas; Board meetings have been cut down, whilst the Executive meetings have increased, and so taken the mundane business from the General Meetings.

Jim Switzer, as Secretary, has again completed the year very successfully - the compiling of this Report is evidence of Jim's endeavours. Thanks, Jim.

Unfortunately, midway through the season, my Deputy, John May, was forced to resign, due to family commitments. This was a severe blow to all concerned with life saving in the Sydney area. I trust that John will return to resume his Board activities in the future.

Keith Messenger has ably carried out the role of Deputy since John's resignation. Thanks, Keith.

The rostering of examiners for examination was more than capably carried out by Perc Ainsworth. Sincere appreciation is



extended to Perc for a job well done.

Co-operation between the Branch and Board has been 100% and to all the Branch Officers, particularly President Ron Buist, go my sincere thanks.

The District Supervisors have again maintained a very high standard throughout the Branch. To them and the members of the affiliated Clubs, I am deeply indebted.

Thanks are extended to my fellow Board members and all Club members who have assisted over the year at carnivals, examinations and the various other functions that were held.

What of the future? At a weekend Seminar held recently by our Board of Examiners, many new ideas were brought forward to revolutionise or restructure the Board. These ideas will be promulgated in the very near future.

The ideas are sound and have had a lot of thought put into them, so it behoves all interested parties to give this innovation their fullest co-operation.

Gentlemen, thank you for a very good year, and I eagerly look forward to the coming season.

John Dewey,  
Branch Superintendent.



SYDNEY BRANCH BOARD OF EXAMINERS

SEASON 1975-76

Life Members (17)

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

Long Service Members (18)

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

Active Members (47)

M.Berger	T.Elliott	J.May	R.Sandstrom
R.Bridges	K.English	D.Medlin	J.Seddon
H.Brown	M.Gladstone	K.Midson	R.Sheldon
P.Calder	J.Hall	D.Murray	E.Stephens
J.Casey	G.Harper	R.Norman	B.Thompson
C.Christiansen	L.Harris	J.Oldham	I.Toll
P.Cooper	N.Jamieson	F.Osborne	E.Wallbank
R.Davison	R.Leix	R.Pears	J.Wardall
W.Dean	E.Larsen	R.Pepper	R.Williams
M.DeLuca	L.Love	D.Popplewell	J.Wilson
J.Dewey	K.McNamara	P.Quartly	J.Young
N.Dixon	L.McNamara	W.Rennie	

Probationary Members (15)

J.Baker	P.Glennon	R.Miller	K.Rowswell
B.Breadner	W.Gray	C.Mulhall	P.Sargeant
B.Bulmer	K.Grima	S.Naylor	G.Thomson
W.Everingham	N.Miller	R.O'Malley	

Country Members (3)

G.McCormick	J.Solomon	K.Williams
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