

# **SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA**

**SYDNEY BRANCH  
ANNUAL REPORT SEASON 1976-1977**





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W. G. MARSHALL  
*W. G. Marshall*

**SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA.**  
**SYDNEY BRANCH.**

Notice is hereby given that the 28th Annual General Meeting of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia, Sydney Branch, will be held at the South Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club, on Tuesday, September 13th, 1977, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

**AGENDA**

1. ✓ Minutes of the 27th Annual General Meeting, held on Tuesday, September 7th, 1976.
2. ✓ Club affiliations and accreditation of Club Delegates.
3. ✓ Apologies.
4. ✓ Welcome.
5. ✓ Presentation of 28th Annual Report for Season 1976/77.
6. ✓ Presentation of Audited Financial Statement for Season 1976/77.
7. Election of Officers.
8. Election of Committees.
9. Confirmation of Board of Examiner's Officers and Committees.
10. Consideration of Application for Life Membership of Sydney Branch.
11. Notices of Motion.
12. General Business:—
  - (a) Correspondence
  - (b) Reports
  - (c) As may occur

IAN D. TOLL  
Hon. Secretary,  
Surf Life Saving Association  
of Australia — Sydney Branch.



**SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA  
SYDNEY BRANCH.**

**OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE.  
SEASON 1976/77.**

**PATRON**

Alf Loton

**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  
Lord Mayor — City of Sydney  
Leader of State Parliamentary Opposition  
Director — National Parks & Wildlife Service  
President — Sutherland Shire Council  
President — South Sydney Eastern Suburbs Equipment Fund.  
President — Maroubra Seals  
President — N.S.W. State Centre — S.L.S.A.  
President — N.S.W. Water Safety Council  
Mr. Brimacombe (B.P.)  
B. Chaseling (Bank of N.S.W.)  
K.G. Harvey (Caltex Oil Aust)  
S. Litchfield (Coca-Cola)

K. O'Donohue (2SM)  
Mrs. V. McKenzie (Total Aust Ltd)  
I. Holmes (Channel Ten)  
C.H. Jones  
B. McClenaughan (2UE)  
R.M. O'Keefe

**PRESIDENT**

Ron Buist

**DEPUTY PRESIDENT**

Bill Marshall

**VICE PRESIDENTS**

Peter Stapleton  
John Vesper  
John Vaughan  
Tom Caddy  
John le Marseny

Ernie Wallbank  
Ron Pears  
Harold Fox  
Neville Cooper  
Pat Manning

Jim Poulos  
Peter Caulder  
John Ludlow  
Robert Gilroy  
Norm Jamieson

Gus Staunton  
Joe Seddon  
William Gray  
Frank Osborne

**HONORARY SECRETARY**

Ian Toll

**HON. TREASURER**

Bill Kingston

**HON. ASSISTANT SECRETARY**

Rod Priestley

**HON. ASSISTANT TREASURER**

Kevin Quinn

**HON. REGISTRAR**

Jim Connolly



**HON. PUBLICITY OFFICER**

Jim Parker

**HON. BRANCH SUPERINTENDENT**

John Dewey

**HON. SEC. BOARD OF EXAMINERS**

Jim Switzer

**HON. AUDITOR**

Peter Stapleton

**HON. GEAR STEWARD**

Albert Moseley

**RADIO OFFICER**

Glenn Thomson

**HELICOPTER CAPTAIN**

Ian Badham

**BRANCH TEAM MANAGER**

Gus Reeves

**POINTS RECORDERS**

Bill Marshall

Albert Moseley

**EXAMINATION SUPERVISOR**

Percy Ainsworth

**HON. ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**

P. Parsons

**HON. DEPUTY BCH SUPERINTENDENT**

Keith Messenger, John May

**HON. LEGAL OFFICER**

Jim Poulos

**HON. BOAT INSPECTOR**

Nick Dixon

**CHAIRMAN, POWER BOAT PANEL**

Alan Morris

**ASSISTANT RADIO OFFICER**

Ross West

**DELEGATES TO NSW STATE CENTRE**

Ron Buist, Nick Dixon

**BRANCH TEAM COACH**

Ted Larsen

**TRUSTEES**

Wal Crain, Alf Loton,

Gus Staunton

**BOARD GEAR STEWARD**

Percy Ainsworth

**HON. DISTRICT SUPERVISORS**

No. 1 Dist. — Frank Osborne

No. 2 Dist. — Trevor Elliott

No. 3 Dist. — John Wardall

No. 4 Dist. — Peter Quartley

**HON. ASSISTANT DISTRICT SUPERVISORS**

No. 1 Dist. — Dave Medlin

No. 2 Dist. — Ernie Stephens

No. 3 Dist. — Mick De Luca

No. 4 Dist. — Jack Young

**SECRETARY, POWER BOAT PANEL**

Paull Parsons

**EXECUTIVE DELEGATES**

Mike Clancy, Mark Fisher,

Bill Singleton

**HON. MEDICAL OFFICERS**

Doctors I. Mackie, C. Friendship, E. Loong, P. Malouf, W. Renton.

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

J. Switzer (conv), R. McKenna, A. Moseley, G. Staunton, R. Howells.

**BOAT COMMITTEE**

N. Dixon (conv), J. Connolly, M. Gladstone, A. Johnston, W. Rennie.

**CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE**

R. Buist (conv), J. Switzer, J. Dewey.

**GEAR IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

A. Moseley (conv), F. Osborne, R. Siddons, K. English, D. Kent, J. Vaughan, J. Wardall

**BRANCH SELECTION COMMITTEE**

[ W. Marshall (conv), K. Andrews, R. Howells, A. Moseley, J. Switzer. ]

**COMPETITIONS CONDITIONS COMMITTEE**

W. Marshall (conv), K. Andress, R. Howells, A. Moseley, J. Switzer.

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

W. Kingston, W. Marshall, R. Buist, K. Quinn, J. Parker

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

W. Marshall (conv), R. McKenna, W. Gray, M. Clancy, J. Poulos.

**RESUSCITATION COMMITTEE**

F. Osborne (conv), M. De Luca, K. Messenger, T. Elliott, D. Medlin, A. Moseley.

**MERITORIOUS AWARDS COMMITTEE**

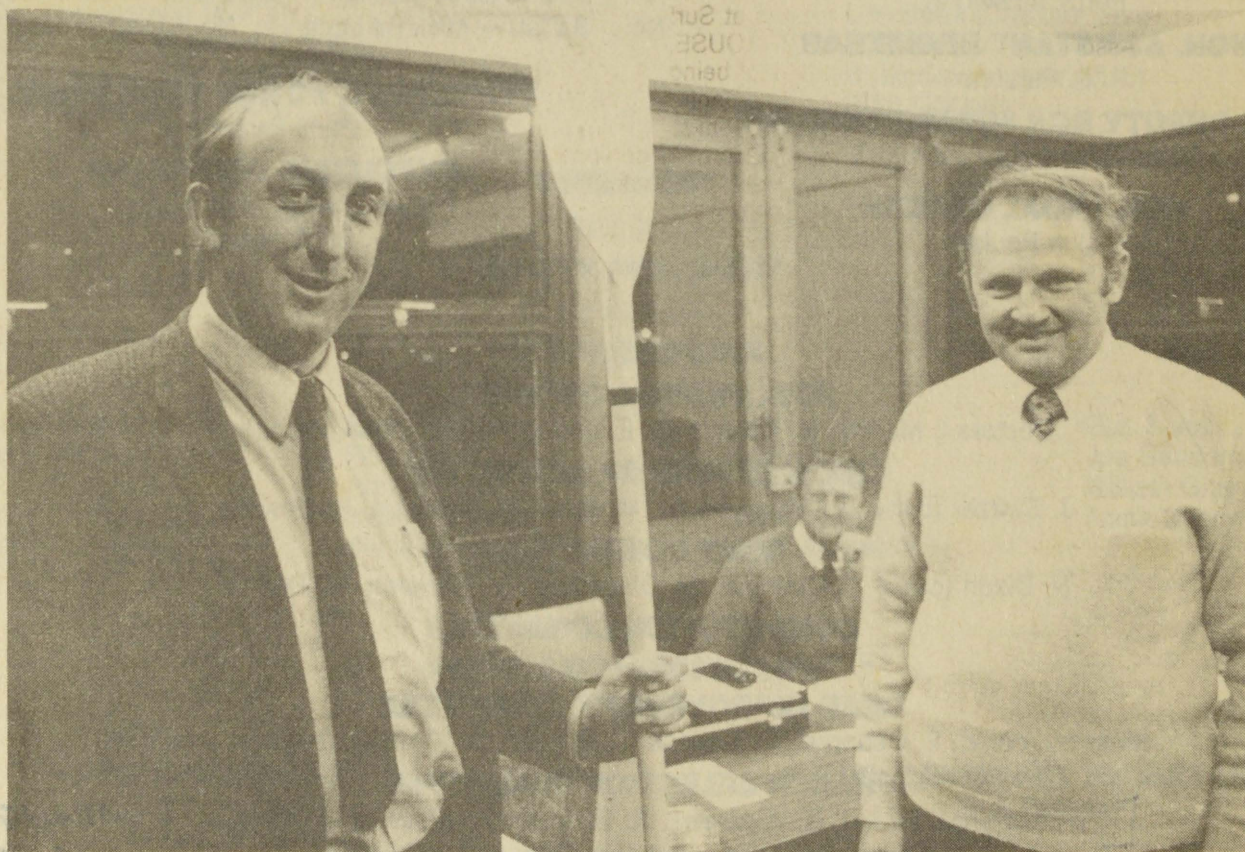
N. Dixon, K. Andrews, C. Christiansen, R. McKenna, A. Moseley, R. Sargeant, J. Young.

**MANUAL REVISION COMMITTEE**

J. Dewey (conv), A. Moseley, E. Wallbank

**GEAR INSPECTION COMMITTEE**

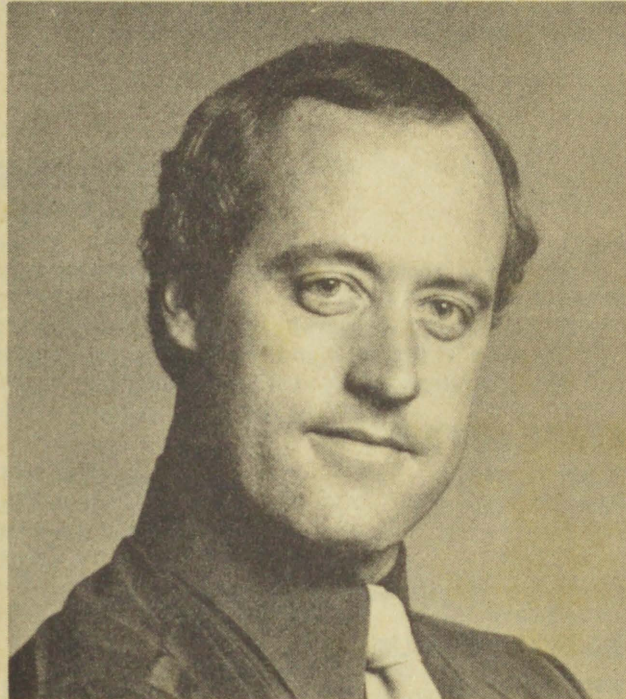
K. Messenger, K. Midson, K. Andrews, W. Dean, M. De Luca, J. Dewey, N. Dixon, T. Elliott, K. English, M. Gladstone, L. Love, D. Medlin, A. Moseley, F. Osborne, E. Wallbank, J. Wardall.



Branch President, Ron Buist, presents the BP award to Cronulla for the Branch Carnival point score.



**SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA  
SYDNEY BRANCH  
28th ANNUAL REPORT — SEASON 1976/77**



Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure of submitting for consideration and adoption, the 28th Annual Report of the Sydney Branch, Surf Life Saving Association of Australia.

Without a doubt, the Season has been a most active one for all Branch Clubs and their members.

The Branch Office, now securely located at Surf Life Saving Association headquarters, SURF HOUSE, has benefitted. Having the distinct advantage of being located within the same precincts as NSW State Centre and National Council, many "fringe benefits" seem to rub off for the benefit of the Branch administration. My personal thanks are sent to 3 ladies who have been grand supports for Sydney Branch once again, in the administrative sphere. I refer, of course, to Joan, Carol and Barbara whose efforts have been really appreciated by us all. Thanks girls!

We suffered a body blow with the enforced resignation of Mobile Services Director, Gus Staunton during the season. His expertise and drive has long been a strong support in this area of Branch activity. We have valued his services and say a sincere thank you to Gus for a job well done.

The "flagship" of the Mobile Services of Sydney Branch, The Wales Surf Rescue Helicopter continued a year long vigil of Sydney and Manly-Warringah beaches. As well, missions inland and to unpatrolled areas gave relief and comfort to many persons in distress. To our sponsors, the BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES who provide the sum of over \$78,000 for the Service, we record our thanks and appreciation on behalf of all surf life savers.

Branch Radio Command control has suffered with a lack of leadership in the early stage of the season. It was fortunate, that Branch stalwart, John Wardall, has stepped into the breach and is presently making a mark in this important area of Branch rescue work.

The Federal Government Gear Grant scheme was a great assistance to Clubs fortunate enough to obtain grants. State and local Government authorities have also been generous in providing funds for vital surf life saving projects. May we say a very hearty thank you to all Government bodies for their recognition of the role being played by surf life saving clubs.

Our working relations with National Executive Director, Gus Staunton and NSW State Centre continue to be most harmonious.

On the beachfront, in the heat of competition, Sydney Branch Clubs and individual members, have once again distinguished themselves in all Championship Carnivals. The Branch colours of blue and gold have been well to the fore all season. It would be no idle boast to state that from the ranks of Sydney Branch surf life savers, come the cream of Australia's competitive talent.

Our Branch Team continued their dominance by winning the recently revived Inter Branch Championship point score competition held this year in the Manly-Warringah Branch by the Collaroy Club.



## **BRANCH MEETINGS**

Conducted on a monthly basis, Branch Meetings have been well attended by both Officers and Delegates. The venue has been both the Maroubra and South Maroubra Clubs on an alternative basis. Our thanks are extended to both these Clubs for providing meeting accommodation throughout the year.

The Branch Executive continues to operate on a monthly basis. Their meetings have proved most fruitful. A volume of business has passed through their hands and on to fruition; thereby ensuring that Branch meetings are not unduly delayed by matters of general administration.

## **NEW SOUTH WALES STATE CENTRE AND NATIONAL COUNCIL**

Being now located in Surf House, alongside our senior administrative bodies, the Branch enjoys the most cordial of relationships with them.

Sydney Branch was represented at all Meetings of State Centre during the Season.

A number of Branch members, give sterling service to both these bodies. We congratulate them on their time and efforts, so provided. We list them hereunder.

### **STATE CENTRE**

Albert Moseley	— Superintendent
Paul Sargeant	— Publicity Advisor
Ron Buist	— Branch Delegate
Nick Dixon	— Branch Delegate

Others are represented on State Centre Committees.

### **NATIONAL COUNCIL**

Harry Brown	— Hon. Secretary
Ian Toll	— Public Relations Advisor
Warren Rennie	— National Educational Consultant C.A.P. Committee Convenor
Wal Crain	— Legal Advisor
Merv Gladstone	— Surfcraft Advisor
Paul Sargeant	— Hon. Photographer

Others are represented on National Council Committees.

Our thanks are extended to National Executive Director, Gus Staunton and State Centre Administrator, Evan Walton for their courtesy and assistance throughout the year.

We offer the best wishes of Sydney Branch and our congratulations to the respective Presidents and Officers of the National Council and the New South Wales State Centre for the past Season and for the future.

### **DISTRICT EXECUTIVES**

The real strength of the Sydney Branch is the unity of Clubs within the respective 4 Districts. The four Districts have continued the good work of the past by meeting as a District Executive and resolving matters in concert.

The Branch says thank you to these District Executives for their demonstration of unity and co-operation. Your concern has made decisions from the Branch acceptable to all Club levels.

### **LIFE MEMBERS**

The attainment of LIFE MEMBERSHIP is held in great esteem throughout the Association. The attached list of Life Members of the Sydney Branch testifies to that statement.

The sincere congratulations of the Branch are offered to NICK DIXON who was raised to this high office at the 1976 Annual General Meeting.



## SECRETARIES CONFERENCE

A well attended Conference was held at the South Maroubra Club in early November, 1976. Working to a prepared Secretarial handbook, those Secretaries in attendance were adamant that the days activities were most fruitful.

A gathering of senior Club officials supported the activities. Guest speakers were well received by the gathering.

A vote of thanks to the South Maroubra Club for accommodation and catering for the Conference.

## BRANCH SPONSORS

Over the years, Sydney Branch has been blessed with generous sponsors. This year has been no exception. We take this opportunity to record our thanks.

SPEEDO KNITTING MILLS  
UNITED PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETY  
WAVERLEY COUNCIL  
RANDWICK COUNCIL  
TOTAL AUST.  
RADIO 2SM  
TIGER SHOES

AMATIL  
B.P. AUST. LTD.  
WOOLLAHRA COUNCIL  
SUTHERLAND SHIRE COUNCIL  
BANK of N.S.W.  
DICK'S SHOES  
BONDI WAVERLEY SQUASH CENTRE

## BRANCH CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

A most successful Christmas social was arranged at the High Club, City in early December, 1976. Well supported by Branch and Club officials with wives and girl friends, the evening soon glowed with the Christmas spirit!

We were joined on the night by National Council and N.S.W. State Centre officials and sponsors.

## SYDNEY BRANCH LIFE MEMBERS

K. Andrews  
V. Besemo  
H. Brown  
L. Buck  
M.J. Burke (Dec)  
J. Cameron (Dec)  
A.W. Castleman M.B.E. (Dec)  
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)  
R. McKenna  
N. Dixon

J. McRorie  
C. Mack (Dec)  
E.J. Marsden (Dec)  
T. Meagher O.B.E. (Dec)  
R. Michaelis  
G. Millar (Dec)  
T.F. Moran  
R. Moroney (Dec)  
A. Moseley  
A. Olson (Dec)  
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  
W. Foerster (Dec)  
N. Hayton (Dec)  
J. Hodge  
R. Howells  
G. Johnson (Dec)  
G. Lindsay (Dec)  
A.R. Loton  
D.C. Lucas, O.B.E.  
L.S. McDonald

Another great Branch stalwart and one of our Life Members, HARRY BROWN was honoured with Life Membership of the National Council at the National Titles, held in Victoria over the Easter weekend. To a person who has devoted most of his life to our Association, we say, congratulations and keep up the fine work!



## MEMBERSHIP

SYDNEY BRANCH	Senior	Junior	Active Cadet	Total	Other Categories	Grand Total	Approximate value of Club Gear \$	Premises \$
Bondi	64	67	17	148	570	718	10,000	150,000
Bronte	130	30	40	200	250	450	5,200	130,000
Burning Palms	24	3	—	27	168	195	16,000	1,000
Clovelly	61	37	10	108	190	298	16,075	100,000
Coogee	88	55	61	204	480	684	18,680	68,000
Cronulla	73	64	76	213	445	658	19,000	20,000
Elouera	55	49	28	132	75	207	13,000	150,000
Era	29	8	5	42	73	115	3,770	1,533
Garie	24	7	7	38	91	129	9,000	30,000
Maroubra	60	50	28	138	357	495	12,100	66,100
North Bondi	95	68	29	192	449	641	9,085	350,000
North Cronulla	79	43	42	164	162	326	27,000	500,000
Tamarama	54	12	6	72	162	234	2,000	90,000
South Maroubra	51	31	39	121	98	219	500	28,000
Wanda	66	48	83	197	278	475	12,000	77,503
Totals:	953	572	471	1996	3848	5844	173,410	1762,136

## GEAR INSPECTION 1976/77

The Annual Sydney Branch Gear Inspection took place on the weekend of September 25/26, 1977. All gear presented was in first class condition, with only minor errors being recorded. All I.R.B.'s and S.R.B.'s were inspected by Branch Officer, Bob Green. Council gear was inspected in the Sutherland Shire only. Randwick Council gear was not available and no Inspector was available to inspect the "off beach" gear in the Waverley Council area. The Clovelly Club boat "Sharp" was away being repaired and was inspected at a later date.

### Table of Results.-

Club	No. of Items	Errors	%	Place
Burning Palms	21	Nil	100.00	1st
Era	25	11	97.37	15th
Garie	25	1	99.63	5th
Cronulla	53	1	99.84	4th
Nth. Cronulla	38	6	98.88	10th
Elouera	37	8	98.18	14th
Wanda	28	2	99.53	6th
Sth. Maroubra	28	5	98.50	11th
Maroubra	34	Nil	100.00	1st
Coogee	35	7	98.43	13th
Clovelly	20	3	98.69	12th
Bronte	31	2	99.50	7th
Tamarama	15	2	98.89	9th
Bondi	32	Nil	100.00	1st
Nth. Bondi	47	3	99.375	8th

Congratulations to all Clubs and my thanks and appreciation to all personnel who were involved.

John Dewey  
Hon. Superintendent



# AWARDS

SYDNEY BRANCH	25									Grand Total to Date		
	Yr.	ARC	BM	EC	IC	QC	RC	IRB Med.	ORB Med.	BM	IC	QC
Bondi	—	10	44	—	9	13	47	2	—	1454	323	417
Bronte	12	3	22	—	1	11	1	—	—	1184	196	185
Burning Palms	—	4	6	1	3	—	—	—	—	159	34	12
Clovelly	13	—	28	—	—	10	5	—	1	786	145	217
Coogee	17	12	44	2	4	34	43	—	1	1658	266	407
Cronulla	20	19	50	—	8	21	—	—	—	1598	294	508
Elouera	—	14	46	—	4	22	—	—	2	283	30	113
Era	—	15	7	—	1	5	—	—	—	307	59	49
Garie	—	9	7	—	1	7	8	—	—	299	56	36
Maroubra	5	6	21	2	—	9	—	1	1	1331	207	240
North Bondi	—	33	62	—	8	25	8	—	—	1654	230	263
North Cronulla	1	14	39	1	5	24	15	9	2	1586	306	449
South Maroubra	—	5	21	—	1	4	—	—	1	225	34	38
Tamarama	—	1	8	—	4	4	—	—	—	597	94	112
Wanda	20	13	36	—	7	23	—	4	—	767	141	423
Organisations other than Surf Clubs	—	2	—	—	—	—	11	—	—	5	2	—
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13893</b>	<b>2417</b>	<b>3469</b>

## CHAMPIONSHIP CARNIVALS

Clubs gave the Carnival excellent support. A fine surf and windy conditions made it just that more testing for competitors in all sections.

The Wanda Club were hosts for the day. Congratulations to individuals and Clubs who were successful.

## SYDNEY BRANCH METROPOLITAN

Held this year at Dee Why beach in the Manly Warringah Branch, Sydney Branch Clubs were dominant throughout. Weather conditions were fine and the surf was quite fair even though a strong southerly was blowing. Sydney Branch retained the 2SM Point Score by a wide margin from the Manly/Warringah Branch.

## NEW SOUTH WALES

Corrimal beach in the Illawarra Branch were the hosts for the State Championships. Although a strong southerly wind prevailed for most the the Carnival, the competition was quite intense. Sydney Branch individuals, teams and Clubs were prominent in many victory ceremonies. We congratulate all who attained a State Championship.

## AUSTRALIAN

A Carnival that will long be remembered by all who travelled to Bancoora Beach, Victoria. Owing to high tides, huge seas and strong winds, it was necessary to split the venue. Although this detracted from the Carnival as a spectacle, it was able to be completed on time thanks to the co-operation of officials, competitors and the Bancoora Club organisers.

Members of the Sydney Branch who gained selection in the New South Wales State Team were:-

John HOLT (Cronulla)  
Graham BREWER (Tamarama)  
Ron McKEON (Sth Maroubra)  
Geoff BATES (Nth Cronulla)

Peter TIBBITTS (Cronulla)  
Steve WARREN (Nth Cronulla)  
Graham DYSON (Wanda)



## VALE

The Branch President, Officers and members extend their sympathies to those who have suffered a loss during the Season.

We record the names of two devoted stalwards who passed away during the season and will long be remembered by us all.

ALLAN KENNEDY

DICK McPHILLIPS

## BRANCH MEETING ATTENDANCE

(11 Monthly Meetings)

OFFICERS	PRESENT	APOLOGY	OFFICERS	PRESENT	APOLOGY
R. Buist	11	—	J. Seddon	11	—
W. Marshall	11	—	N. Dixon	5	6
I.D. Toll	7	4	I. Badham	3	8
R. Pears	11	—	D. Kent	2	—
J. Dewey	10	1	A. Morris	3	—
R. Priestley	10	1	K. Messenger	1	1
R. Parsons	9	2	J. May	2	2
J. Switzer	4	7	P. Quartly	3	3
K. English	9	2	H. Brown	10	—
J. Connolly	10	1	A. Edwards	2	—
J. Parker	8	3	G. Wilson	1	—
G. Thompson	3	8	K. Quinn	10	1
R. West	5	6	J. Poulos	8	3
B. Green	2	1	T. Elliott	6	—
A. Moseley	1	3			
G.B. Staunton	8	3			
F. Osborne	8	3			
W. Gray	11	—			
P. Ainsworth	3	—			
J. Wardall	10	1			

Bill  
Kingston

## CLUB DELEGATES & VICE-PRESIDENTS

	PRESENT	APOLOGY	PROXY
<b>BURNING PALMS</b>			
J. Vaughan	—10	1	—
R. Priestley	10	—	—
J. Richards	3	—	—
G. Spellman	9	—	1
<b>ERA</b>			
H. Fox	—3	1	—
G. Staples	7	—	—
I. Craig	2	—	—
<b>GARIE</b>			
N. Cooper	—9	—	—
P. Johnson	—	4	1
R. Law	9	1	—
<b>CRONULLA</b>			
E. Wallbank	—8	1	—
J. Stansell (Proxy)	1	—	—
I. Provan	5	5	2
R. Simmons	7	1	2
<b>NORTH CRONULLA</b>			
P. Calder	—7	2	—
W. Rennie	7	2	1
G. Donovan	4	1	4
S. Woodlands	2	—	—
<b>ELOUERA</b>			
R. Pears	—11	—	—
B. Singleton	9	2	—
A. White	4	1	1



## Delegates (Cont.)

### WANDA

N. Jamieson	—	6	3	—
A. Freeman		9	1	—
G. Dyson		1	2	4

### SOUTH MAROUBRA

J. Ludlow	+	—	—	—
K. Arthur		1	1	—
P. Vanny		5	—	1
B. Elliott		1	—	—
P. Steenson		6	—	—

### MAROUBRA

P. Manning	—	7	—	—
T. Symonds		9	2	—
A. Sparrow		5	2	1

### COOGEE

J. LeMarseny	—	5	—	—
R. Middledorp		4	—	—
P. McGuiggan		4	—	—

### CLOVELLY

T. Caddy	+	—	—	—
M. Clancy		11	—	—
R. Marchisio		7	—	—

### BRONTE

J. Vesper	—	8	3	—
M. Gladstone		9	2	1
G. Reeves		9	2	—

### TAMARAMA

B. Gillroy	—	5	1	—
D. Sheldon (Proxy)		2	—	—
J. Wall		3	3	—
B. Copas		9	—	—

### BONDI

P. Stapleton	—	6	2	—
M. Fisher		11	—	—
F. Smith		4	2	—

### NORTH BONDI

J. Poulos	—	10	1	—
F. Gilroy		7	—	—
C. Melvey		6	4	1



## BOARD OF EXAMINERS

Last Season, the Board membership was 100, divided into 17 Life members, 17 Long Service members, 55 Active members, 10 Probationary members and 1 Country member.

John Dewey continued at the helm as Hon. Superintendent whilst the Season commenced with Keith Messenger as Hon. Deputy Superintendent. Keith moved away from Sydney and then John May took the position. Percy Ainsworth was our Examination Supervisor, though working under difficult conditions due to a bout of ill-health.

The following is a summary of the Board members' main activities for the Season:-

- \* \* 61 Examination days at 93 locations when 161 squads were examined.
- \* \* Weekly instruction and examination for the Advanced Resuscitation Certificate.
- \* \* Instruction and examination of candidates for the Advanced Resuscitation Certificate in other Branches.
- \* \* Sydney Branch Championships and five Open Carnivals.
- \* \* Sydney Inter-District Carnival.
- \* \* Inter-Branch Championships.
- \* \* Metropolitan Championships.
- \* \* N.S.W. Championships.
- \* \* Australian Championships.
- \* \* Board and Branch Meetings.
- \* \* Board and Branch sub-Committee Meetings.
- \* \* Annual Gear Stewards' and Gear Inspectors' Conference.
- \* \* Gear Inspection at all Branch Clubs.
- \* \* Chief Instructors' Conference.
- \* \* One Day seminar.
- \* \* Conduct of restricted, interclub and intra-club events.
- \* \* Demonstrations to outside organisations.
- \* \* Power rescue boat service.
- \* \* Manning Sydney Command Radio Centre.

The re-structure of the Board has been one of the main aims during the year and the special sub-committee has spent many hours in conference with Branch Officers. It is hoped that next Season, the "new look Board of Control" will be in operation.

The Board has been somewhat handicapped due to the lack of members officiating at Carnivals. However, with the increase in the number of Active members and the re-structure, it is to be hoped the situation will be greatly improved in the future.

It is disappointing to note that only 55 holders of the Advanced Resuscitation Certificate from a total of 250 have presented themselves for re-examination after the lapse of the statutory two year period. This, of course, means that the remainder cannot use the oxy-viva for resuscitation purposes. Some 390 ARC holders will have to be re-examined next Season.

On the other hand it is pleasing to see the large number of candidates who sat for the Advanced Resuscitation Certificate Examination last season. Our hard working group of Examiners and Instructors have been kept busy during that time.

It is stressed however, that with the constant up-dating of techniques and improvement in methods, constant revision and practice are required to remain proficient in resuscitation at the advanced level.

In conclusion, on behalf of the Board of Examiners members and Officers, many thanks are extended to the Branch Officers for their assistance and support over the Season.

As I shall not be seeking nomination for the position of Hon. Secretary of the Board of Examiners next Season, I too add my thanks and appreciation to the Branch Officers for assistance and co-operation during the five years of my tenure of office.

Jim Switzer  
Hon. Secretary  
Board of Examiners.



## SYDNEY BRANCH TEAM MANAGER

Interbranch Championships Collaroy Beach,  
Saturday 12th February

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Graham Brewer (Tamarama)  
Geoff Bates (Nth. Cronulla)  
Graham Dyson (Wanda)  
Paul Gately (Coogee)

Max Metzker (Maroubra)  
Gary Parkes (Nth. Cronulla)  
Mick Pora (Coogee)  
Steve Warren (Nth. Cronulla)  
Merve Gladstone (Bronte)

### SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA,

#### BALANCE SHEET as at JUNE 30, 1976

<u>1976</u> \$		\$	\$	<u>1976</u> \$	
	<u>Current Liabilities -</u>				<u>Fixed</u>
400	Deposits on Branch Gear	450.00		777	Carnival
1,220		4,818.51		19	Office
	<u>PRES</u>				<u>Invest</u>
		3,800.00			United
		3,318.32			Society
		850.00	7,968.32	1,375	NSW Pe
					Society
			12,667.10	25,903.93	<u>Curren</u>
					Cash a
				7,844	General
				5,197	Helico
				1,674	Radio
				578	Medica
					Pane
				100	Cash o
				123	Sundry
				-	Loan -
			<u>48,046.10</u>	<u>17,687</u>	

#### AUDITOR'S REPORT

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The co-operation and assistance from the Honorary Treasurer, Mr Bill Kings  
acknowledged.

Sydney August 4, 1977.

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EMULATE RVB.



SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA, SYDNEY BRANCH

BALANCE SHEET as at JUNE 30, 1977.

<u>1976</u> \$		\$	\$	<u>1976</u> \$		\$	\$
<u>Current Liabilities -</u>				<u>Fixed Assets - At Cost less Depreciation</u>			
400	Deposits on Branch Gear	450.00		777	Carnival Gear	761.00	
1,230	Sundry Creditors	4,818.51		19	Office Equipment	-	761.00
	Power Boat Reserves				<u>Investments -</u>		
-	S.R.B. 1	3,800.00		-	United Permanent Building		
-	S.R.B. 3	3,318.32			Society Ltd.	13,000.00	
550	S.R.B. 4	850.00	7,968.32	1,375	NSW Permanent Building		
					Society Ltd.	1,375.00	14,375.00
5,008	Helicopter Rescue Service				<u>Current Assets -</u>		
	Trust Fund	12,667.10	25,903.93		<u>Cash at Bank of NSW</u>		
	<u>Accumulated Funds -</u>			7,844	General Account	3,592.66	
	Balance July 1, 1976	10,498.85		5,197	Helicopter Account	13,350.71	
	Add: Surplus of Income			1,674	Radio Account	4,642.55	
	Expenditure for year			578	Medical Advisory		
	transferred from				Panel Account	2,878.55	24,464.47
	General Account	8,375.38		100	<u>Cash on Hand</u>	100.00	
10,499	Radio Account	3,267.94	11,643.32	123	Sundry Debtors	7,345.63	
				-	Loan - Era S.L.S.C.	1,000.00	32,910.10
<u>17,687</u>			<u>48,046.10</u>	<u>17,687</u>			<u>48,046.10</u>

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I wish to report that I have verified the existence of all Sydney Branch moneys at June 30, 1977, and have certified to the correctness of the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended June 30, 1977, and the Balance Sheet of the Sydney Branch, the Radio Account and the Helicopter Rescue Service Account as at June 30, 1977.

In my opinion, the Accounts presented to the meeting have been properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and fair view of the affairs of the Sydney Branch, according to the best of my information and explanations given to me and as shown by the Books and Accounts, and I have obtained all the information and explanations required.

The co-operation and assistance from the Honorary Treasurer, Mr Bill Kingston, during the course of the audit is acknowledged.

Sydney August 4, 1977.

P.R. Stapleton, F.T.I.A., Honorary Auditor.



SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA, SYDNEY BRANCH.

INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, for the year ended JUNE 30, 1977.

<u>1976</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
\$			\$			
5,300	Secretarial Services	5,492.09	1,405	NSW State Government Grant		4,125.00
1,188	Printing & Stationery	1,626.48	749	Australian Government Gear Grant		-
398	Depreciation	380.36	921	Capitation Fees		986.20
314	Telephone	391.38	9,000	Sale of Advertising Rights - Amatil		9,000.00
710	Postages	736.87		<u>Donations Received -</u>		
1,302	Board of Examiners -		1,755	Medical Advisory Panel	4,320.00	
	Subsidies & Expenses	321.21	-	Radio 2SM	2,000.00	
582	Social Functions	778.05	1,567	Sundry	<u>996.55</u>	7,316.55
32	Repairs & Maintenance	16.00				
50	Insurances	189.05	600	Affiliation Fees		600.00
176	General	111.78	504	Examination Fees		644.00
100	Loss on Handbooks, Badges &					
	Ties Trading	-		<u>Interest Received -</u>		
1,107	Power Boat Expenses - S.R.B. 1	483.01	282	Bank of NSW	513.91	
5	Trophies & Presentations	-	121	NSW Permanent Building Society	<u>123.76</u>	637.67
1,503	Medical Advisory Expenses	2,025.35				
-	Branch Carnival & Team Expenses	1,269.00	88	Profit on Branch Carnivals		-
-	Phillipines Tour Subsidy	1,060.00	368	Profit on Branch Team		-
-	Lifesaving International '76	100.00	-	Profit on Handbook Trading		12.00
12,767	Total Expenditure	14,980.63	-	Profit on Sale of Office Machine		34.59
	Surplus of Income over Expenditure					
4,593	transferred to Accumulated Funds	8,375.38				
<u>17,360</u>		<u>23,356.01</u>	<u>17,360</u>			<u>23,356.01</u>



SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA, SYDNEY BRANCH.

RADIO ACCOUNT for the year ended JUNE 30, 1977.

<u>1976</u>		<u>\$</u>	<u>1976</u>		<u>\$</u>
\$			\$		
3,113	Radio Equipment Maintenance	2,002.70	3,500	Donations Received - Radio 2SM	1,500.00
13	General	-	-	NSW State Government Grant	4,620.00
15	Insurances	15.00	3,500	Total Income	6,120.00
56	Printing & Stationery	-			
514	Telephone	534.36			
120	Licence Fees	300.00	331	Excess of Expenditure over Income transferred to Accumulated Funds	-
3,831	Total Expenditure	2,852.06			
	Surplus of Income over Expenditure transferred to Accumulated Funds	3,267.94			
-		6,120.00	3,831		6,120.00
3,831					

HELICOPTER RESCUE SERVICE ACCOUNT for the year ended JUNE 30, 1977.

<u>1976</u>		<u>\$</u>	<u>1976</u>		<u>\$</u>
\$			\$		
54,009	Flying Charges - Helicopter Hire	50,103.14	430	Balance Brought Forward, July 1, 1976	5,007.77
-	Salary & Allowances - Pilot	13,438.80	63,000	Donations - Bank of NSW	65,500.00
254	Printing & Stationery	992.99	-	Radio 2SM	4,000.00
1,143	Crew Uniforms	-	210	Sundry	1,384.00
605	Administrative Grant	756.45	-	NSW State Government Grant	1,641.37
1,208	Helicopter & Radio Equipment	3,990.87	-	Crew Uniform Reimbursement	752.90
1,309	Insurances	183.00	-	Outside Services Flying Charges	6,345.38
99	Postages	25.38			
7	Presentations	55.00			
-	Hire of Pagers	104.99			
-	Office Accommodation	1,100.00			
113	Maintenance	229.09			
15	Sundry & First Aid	160.70			
-	Telephone	398.11			
-	Educational Scholarships	426.00			
58,762	Total Expenditure	71,964.32			
5,008	Balance Carried Forward, June 30, 1977	12,667.10	63,770		84,631.42
63,770		84,631.42			



## BOARD OF EXAMINERS

Last Season, the Board membership was 100, divided into 17 Life members, 17 Long Service members, 55 Active members, 10 Probationary members and 1 Country member.

John Dewey continued at the helm as Hon. Superintendent whilst the Season commenced with Keith Messenger as Hon. Deputy Superintendent. Keith moved away from Sydney and then John May took the position. Percy Ainsworth was our Examination Supervisor, though working under difficult conditions due to a bout of ill-health.

The following is a summary of the Board members' main activities for the Season:-

\* \* 61 Examination days at 93 locations when 161 squads were examined.



## SYDNEY BRANCH TEAM MANAGER

Interbranch Championships Collaroy Beach,  
Saturday 12th February

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Geoff Bates (Nth. Cronulla)  
Graham Dyson (Wanda)  
Paul Gately (Coogee)  
Chris Gately (Coogee)  
Tony Graham (Nth. Cronulla)  
Dennis Huessner (Maroubra)  
Mark McGuire (Clovelly)  
Brian McCarthy (Maroubra)

Max Metzker (Maroubra)  
Gary Parkes (Nth. Cronulla)  
Mick Pora (Coogee)  
Steve Warren (Nth. Cronulla)  
Merve Gladstone (Bronte)  
Warren Graham (Bronte)  
Jack Domas (Bronte)  
Peter Purcell (Bronte)  
Pat McDonald (Bronte)

Team Captain — John Holt (Cronulla)  
Team Manager — Gus Reeves (Bronte)  
Team Coach — Ted Larsen (North Cronulla)

Prior to the First Team Training Session, Alan Coates — Board & Ski, Ted Booker — March Past, Ray Fox — Beach events, were co-opted by team coach Ted Larsen to assist in the coaching of the team, this was a very good move as it gave the team a more thorough and professional preparation in the short time that was available for training.

The Saturday before the Interbranch Carnival, Paul Graham, an original member of the team was injured at the Elouera Carnival and was replaced by Tony Graham.

A function was held on Wednesday 9th February at Bondi-Waverly Squash Club, Denison Street, Bondi Junction in order to present the gear to Team Members and introduce the team to Branch Officials, the Branch was represented by Ian Toll. The function was an outstanding success and liquid refreshments and food was made available at no charge to the team by the courtesy of the club through the Secretary/Manager, Bob Horton.

During the presentation of gear which was made in front of the Club's members, a donation of \$100.00 was made to the team by an anonymous donor and I would suggest that the donation go towards an after season B.B.Q. for the team and Branch Officers.

The team assembled at 9.00 a.m. on the morning of the Championships to have a team briefing and warm up, the championship proper commenced at approximately 10.00 a.m. Throughout the day, team members competed with tremendous success against very strong opposition and by the end of the day were too strong all round and went on to a convincing win.

The team were a very determined lot, their conduct, appearance and dedication to training as well as the experience and expertise of Coach, Ted Larsen left nothing at all to be desired.

I would suggest that the team be picked at least 4 weeks before the championships are held so as to give the coach more time with the team.

The team itself had a tremendous amount of support all round, with "Harpo" from North Cronulla Unofficial Gear Steward, Paul Sargeant from the Wanda Club must be thanked for his time and efforts in taking the team's photo as well as presenting a copy to each team member.

Also the various sponsors of team gear, including Speedo and Tiger Footwear. There are three points that I would ask the Branch to consider very seriously:

- (1) That the Interbranch Carnival in its present format of including an open carnival is hopeless. The Branch Team of 20 members walked onto the beach at 10.00 a.m. and finished at 6.00 p.m.  
The Championship itself should be conducted as a separate carnival on a separate day from Open Events as previous. Possibly on the Sunday after the Open Carnival or vice-versa.
- (2) That the Branch as a matter of necessity, purchase another March Past Flag, the present flag without being unkins, as seen better days a long while ago.
- (3) That the Branch consider obtaining a March Reel, this reel could serve two purposes:
  - i) At Interbranch Championships.
  - ii) Official Branch Functions or Presentations that may arise.

Once again, I would like to thank everyone connected with the team.

Gus Reeves  
TEAM MANAGER





### **WALES HELICOPTER RESCUE SERVICE**

Increased sponsorship from the Bank of New South Wales allowed the Wales Helicopter Rescue Service to operate over the full 1976-77 season.

This has allowed the helicopter to become the first SLSA rescue unit to remain on patrol over the full year, summer and winter.

Over the first nine months of the 1976-77 season, October to June, the crew of the Wales helicopter undertook 174 responses to calls, including 23 after the end of the surfing season.

The 174 separate responses resulted in:

- 27 people being rescued (21 from the sea, 5 from cliffs),
- 56 patients receiving medical or first aid (44 flown to hospital),
- 101 search and other missions.

Typical missions included:

Wattamolla, 31.12.76: Three men were trapped on rocks at the base of a cliff in the Royal National Park after their boat was wrecked. The helicopter crew treated the men then lifted them to safety.

Cronulla, 11.4.77: a 12-year-old boy was swept out to sea in a heavy surf. Three club members supported the boy until the helicopter arrived to lift him to the beach.

Boat Harbour, 19.12.76: A man suffered spinal injuries when dumped by a wave at isolated Boat Harbour, Kurnell. The helicopter crew treated the man, then flew in two ambulance officers to assist as he was loaded into the helicopter to be flown to Prince Henry hospital.

Bald Hill, 31.1.77: A youth fell over a cliff at Bald Hill, Stanwell Park, suffering serious injuries. The helicopter crew and duty doctor administered emergency treatment at the cliff base then flew him to hospital. The prompt treatment and quick transport allowed him to resume work only four and a half months later.

Granville, 18.1.77: The helicopter flew the Police emergency officer to the site of the Granville rail disaster and later was used to fly seriously injured patients to hospital.

As well, the helicopter flew a number of missions to help Water Police locate boats in difficulty, and on 10 mid-week days the helicopter and crew responded via the 24-hour alert system to assist in emergency situations.

In its operation, the Wales helicopter achieved close liaison with various civil emergency authorities including Police, hospitals, State Emergency Service, Coastal Patrol and council beach inspectors in Surf Life Saving's provision of the helicopter as a wide ranging community facility.

In addition to the principle support from the Bank of New South Wales, financial support also was provided by the Sport & Recreation Service of NSW and from Radio Station 2SM, who also helped by contributing to offset the cost of the "Sydney Command" radio base and jet boat duties.

The helicopter crew, drawn from surf clubs in the Sydney Branch and Manly-Warringah Branch, undertook additional training in advanced first aid through special courses organised through the Australian Red Cross Society. In addition to their patrol duty over summer, training and other SLSA duties, the crew members gave their time to allow the Service to be extended over the entire winter.

With the increased scope of duty, the Branch was able to employ a fulltime pilot, Alan Edwards, who had previously flown the helicopters on most weekends since the Service started in 1973.

Through the efforts of the Rotary Club of St Ives and the International Rotary Foundation, two members of the crew — Lex McNab and Paul Neilsen, were able to travel to New Zealand in January to link with the Auckland SLSA rescue helicopter. This allowed the Service to actively observe developments in operational techniques, and in exchange two Auckland crew members spent 10 days on duty with the Sydney crew.

The Bank of New South Wales is expected to again fund the Sydney Branch helicopter operations for the 1977-78 season.

Ian Badham  
CAPTAIN



## RESCUES

	PATIENTS GIVEN											
	With line	With- out line	With Torpedo Buoy	With Surf Boat	With Board or ski	With Power Boat	With IRB	With Hel- copter	Total	Resuscitation Revived	Fatal	First Aid
SYDNEY BRANCH												
Bondi	72	130	—	—	57	—	29	—	288	2	—	—
Bronte	35	59	6	20	78	—	—	—	198	2	—	—
Burning Palms	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	11
Clovelly	—	5	1	—	2	—	—	—	8	—	—	93
Coogee	15	40	—	—	—	—	—	—	55	—	—	—
Cronulla	12	60	—	2	22	—	—	—	96	1	—	135
Elouera	39	29	—	—	45	—	—	—	123	2	—	58
Era	6	8	1	—	5	—	—	—	20	1	—	167
Garie	18	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	28	—	—	41
Maroubra	4	344	32	—	166	—	21	—	567	—	—	—
North Bondi	11	39	—	5	3	—	18	—	76	—	—	38
North Cronulla	16	44	—	—	29	—	23	—	112	—	—	164
Tamarama	63	13	—	—	43	—	—	—	119	—	—	—
South Maroubra	13	31	3	1	11	—	—	—	59	—	—	175
Wanda	15	21	—	—	13	—	20	—	69	—	—	19
Helicopter												
Rescue Service								26	26			
No. 1 District												
Jet Rescue Boat						32						
No. 2 District												
Jet Rescue Boat						36						
No. 3 District												
Jet Rescue Boat						13						
Totals:	320	846	43	28	474	81	111	26	1929	8	—	901

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## RADIO OFFICER

Unfortunately, the Branch had to "change horses in mid race" and a large amount of work fell upon the Assistant Radio Officer, Ross West at the height of the Season. We do owe Ross a vote of thanks for his efforts during that period.

The staffing of the Branch Radio Room was again a major problem. This problem will remain until all Clubs co-operate more fully at the top level. The Branch has the responsibility of the Mobile Services in service throughout the 15 Clubs.

Radio servicing has long been a Branch problem. Since February we have been fortunate in having the services of Mr Nathan Cohen. He is a technician with wide experience in both AM and FM fields and also the problems associated with Mobile and Marine radio application. So far, the quality of his work and the priority he gives Branch Clubs is something we have waited a long time for. May I propose a vote of thanks to Nathan for his efforts so far. It certainly heralds the end of "the do-it-yourself" era with the limited type of tools to be found around Surf Clubs.

In closing may I say how pleasing it is to report that, with the co-operation of the Wollongong Division of the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol, No. 1 District are now in contact with the Branch Radio Room. During the approaching Season, all Branch Clubs will now be in contact with our Base Radio Room and this is very satisfying.

John Wardall  
 BRANCH RADIO OFFICER



## POWER CRAFT PANEL

This year has been an extremely fruitful one for the Power Craft Panel. Under the guidance of our new Chairman, Alan Morris, we have reached new heights of efficiency and co-operation with other Branches of the Life Saving Movement.

Our season started off with a bang, with the successful staging of a Power Craft Field Weekend at Wanda. Representatives from as far as Ballina in the north to Moruya in the south; also life savers from West Germany, New Zealand and South Australia were in attendance. Specialist lecturers gave talks on their own fields of life saving. Thanks to all those who made the weekend a success.

The Sydney branches patrol boats again protected the coastline to the extent that no lives were lost.

### **J.R.B. 1. (Sydney Branch Duty Boat)**

Due to carnival duties the craft rarely patrolled on Saturday afternoons, but under the control of Albert Mosely, it performed its duties to the utmost until its unfortunate burning in January 1977.

### **J.R.B. 2. (Cronulla-North Cronulla-Elouera-Wanda)**

Under the captaincy of Bob Green, J.R.B. 2. performed 38 rescues and towed 7 disabled craft to safety. The craft has been plagued with mechanical failure throughout the season and has missed some patrol days because of this. However, you can be assured that all problems will be rectified during the winter maintenance programme. The crew of J.R.B. 2. stands at about 25 with slight inflections and recessions throughout the season.

### **J.R.B. 3. (South Maroubra-Maroubra-Coogee-Clovelly)**

It is pleasing to see that the 1976/77 season saw an increase in crew members to boost their strength to 21. With Andy Tuite in the Captain's chair, J.R.B. 3. operated more efficiently this season, mainly due to the use of their new ramp at Malabar. The craft performed 13 rescues, towed 3 disabled craft and was involved in 3 searches for missing bodies during the season. Also a new addition to the J.R.B. 3, equipment was a new short wheel base land rover to act as a prime mover for the craft. After the winter maintenance programme, full crew training will commence with the view of giving a better service in 1977/78.

### **J.R.B. 4. (Bronte-Tamarama-Bondi-North Bondi)**

After the unfortunate burning of J.R.B. 1. off Bondi in January '77, the crew have still showed their keenness and interest, mainly due to the loyalty of Paul Hoolahan and his senior crew members. The new J.R.B. 4. has arrived from Queensland and will be operational for 1977/78 season. Before the craft burnt, this group performed 32 rescues in its area. With a crew strength of 20 and winter training under way an exciting season looks assured.

The 1976/77 season has been a "season of innovation". Since the unfortunate incident at Bondi on New Years Day, Jim Poulos and Sid Stone of North Bondi have worked undyingly towards the development of an Inshore Rescue Boat powered by a small jet unit. Senior members of this panel viewed this craft in action and were amazed to see it operate in one inch of water and handle 6-8 foot waves with ease. With further work, it's easy to see that one day this will be a regular piece of life saving equipment — a job well done.

The 1977/78 season promises to be a very exciting season for this panel, commencing with a major public display at the M.I.C. Centre in September, and several field days organised with the I.R.B. Section and the Helicopter Rescue Service of the S.L.S.A.

We would like to thank all donors to our craft, the Branch and all the Clubs in the Branch, who have assisted us in our service during the season.

Paull R. Parsons,  
HON. SECRETARY.

## TREASURER

The exact financial position of the Branch is fully set out in the Income & Expenditure Accounts and the Balance Sheet elsewhere in this Report.

As a result of sponsorships, donations, advertising rights and assistance from Government Grants, the actual Branch Income has considerably exceeded expenditure. Also taken into consideration must be the untimely destruction of SRB-1 by fire.

Low expenditure for R & M and operation, coupled with the income from Insurance and the sale of the wrecked hull, have resulted in the Branch funds being inflated in an area originally budgeted for payments to exceed income.

**The branch is now in a sound financial position** and will no doubt be assured of a stable immediate future.



Assistance from the Bank of New South Wales, Randwick Council, Sutherland Shire Council and Radio Station 2SM has enabled the Sydney Branch Emergency Services to operate during the Season with the necessary equipment and those organisations have our sincere thanks.

Increased assistance from Government Grants has also assisted in the above mentioned area of surf life saving activities.

The 'Medical Advisory Panel Account' is indebted to the contributions of Dr Ian Mackie. The instructional areas of the Branch have benefitted from Ian Mackie's efforts to provide necessary training aids.

My personal appreciation is extended to all Branch and Club Officers for the assistance and co-operation made available to me during the past season.

Bill Kingston  
HON. TREASURER

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### CONCLUSION

The Sydney Branch concludes the 1976/77 Season in a most healthy state from an administration outlook, competition results and Club stability viewpoint.

President, Ron BUIST continues to set a cracking pace and does not spare himself in the interest of all within our ranks. We are indeed fortunate to have a leader of his great capacity.

Deputy President, Bill MARSHALL is the perfect "back stop" and never fails to respond to the call on behalf of the Sydney Branch. He is a man of real dedication and depth.

Treasurer, Bill KINGSTON maintains a firm hand on the financial side of Branch activities and his work is meticulous. His first year as Branch Treasurer, has revealed his true value.

The work of the Executive has been most heartening and we thank all those elected representatives who gave freely of their time to assist in the smooth running of the Branch.

May I say a warm thank you to all Clubs and persons who have co-operated to make my position that much easier over the year.

As I will not be seeking nomination for the position of Hon. Secretary of the Branch in the new Season, I do express my best wishes to the Branch and its Officers for next Season.

It has been a most rewarding experience over 2 years and the completion of this Annual Report is a satisfactory achievement.

Ian D. TOLL  
Hon. Secretary  
Sydney Branch of S.L.S.A. of A





### **SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

The British Commonwealth is at present celebrating the 25th year of the reign of Her Most Excellent Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Second.

We of the Sydney Branch, Surf Life Saving Association of Australia, are proud to be a member Branch of an Association that boasts as its Chief Patron, His Royal Highness, the Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh.

Over the years, the Royal Family, in their visits to our Country, have requested to view a Surf Life Saving Carnival. Our Branch member Clubs have participated proudly in such Royal Surf Carnivals.

On behalf of all Sydney Branch Clubs, we say a hearty congratulations to Her Majesty, The Queen, on this the Silver Jubilee of Her Reign.



## PUBLICITY AND PROMOTIONS

The season under review received a vast coverage of news topics throughout the various networks. The role fulfilled by our Wales Helicopter Rescue Service backed up by power boats and radio command stole the limelight with their gallant efforts.

This unique service has been called upon on numerous occasions to aid distress calls outside of Surf Life Saving. Not to forget the January rail disaster. We offer our sincere appreciations to the various reporters, newspapers, radio and television stations for their accurate coverages which has reflected highly for our organisation. Much credit must also be passed on to Ian Badham (Captain), Alan Edwards (Pilot) and various crew members for their cooperation with the news media in making reports.

As to our sporting image — it is a real pity with the wealth of talent that dwells within our ranks and competes each week in keenly contested open carnivals, individual or team efforts and who receive next to no publicity. As it now stands with the abundance of sportswriters available one would imagine a switched-on reporter would stumble upon a harvest of newsworthy topics if they presented themselves to an open carnival. Many competitors are well known on the national and international scene in a crosscut of various events, but as it now stands continuous dramatised ghosted stories are rammed all year round upon the media of two seasonal sports while other deserving organisations, such as ourselves, are played down.

I feel it would be fitting to mention in my report the recent efforts of South Maroubra Junior, Ronald McKeon. Ronald is just one of the many young talents within our ranks. Others include Max Metzker (Maroubra), Graham Dyson (Wanda), Graham Brewer (Tamarama), Paul Gately (Coogee) and no doubt their abilities will make attractive publicity and gain valuable members for their respective clubs.

Channel 2's direct cover of the branch championships were forced to be cancelled due to an error in recording correct dates. Although alternative arrangements were made to assist their programming the branch and host club Wanda were jeopardised further when the sponsor withdrew their offer to concentrate their efforts at the National Championships.

Each season the Wanda Club through the efforts of John Salmon and his wife Kerin, organise a Sutherland to Surf road race. The publicity and coverage gained with this promotion reflects highly for our association and no doubt the Wanda Club's coffers are boosted accordingly.

With regard to branch promotions we extend our gratitude to the following:

**National Coursing Association (NCA)** for organising the annual Life Savers Cup Night (winning greyhound, Village Swallow — Bronte Club).

**Boating Industries Association (BIA)** for their invitation to attend and display equipment at the Sydney Boat Show.

**Willard King Organisation** for approaching our organisation in the setting up of "ALMOST ANYTHING GOES" television series.

**Channel 10** for their annual fund-raising drive around our beaches and promoting Surf Life Saving.

**'Sun' Newspaper** for setting up of surf safety course — special vote of thanks to Roger Bush for his welcome comments in his column.

**Traveland Travel Service & Qantas** for organising the second Life Savers Equipment Fund appeal.

**South Sydney Eastern Suburbs Gear & Equipment Fund** for providing valuable Life Saving equipment to kindred clubs within our branch.

**Royal Life Saving Society** for use of promotional equipment and assistance rendered at Sydney Boat Show.

**Sydney Opera House Trust** for the invitation extended to our Branch to represent the Surf Life Saving Association at the Splish Splash Exhibition organised to commemorate the era of swimming in Australia.

Special vote of thanks to assistance rendered by members of Clovelly and South Maroubra Surf Clubs — Paul Parsons, David Faulkner, Ross West, Ray Marchisio, Mick Clansey, Peter Steenson and also John Wardall from the Board of Examiners, for the assistance they have rendered me with various promotions throughout the season.

Jim Parker

PUBLICITY & PROMOTIONS



## REGISTRAR

Despite the fact that the numbers of awards gained by examination has decreased by 289 from the previous Season, there are several pleasing aspects to report.

Nine Surf Clubs have either equalled or increased the numbers of awards gained from last Season. These Clubs are to be congratulated for their efforts. Also pleasing, was the fact that numbers of Qualifying Certificates, Bronze Medal lions and Instructors Certificates increased from the previous Season.

I am also pleased to advise that, in line with last Season, organisations such as the Nurses Association, and public utilities hold our Advanced Resuscitation and Resuscitation Certificates in such high regard. These groups continue to take advantage of the awards.

May I extend my thanks to my Assistant, Paull Parsons, Surf Club Carnival organisers and all others who assisted throughout the year.

I would be remiss to close without particularly mentioning COOGEE, NTH. BONDI and BONDI Clubs for outstanding efforts in the area of increasing awards from last Season.

Jim Connolly  
Branch Registrar

Awards Clubs	Resuscitation Certificate	Qualifying Certificate	Bronze Medallion	Advanced Resuscitation Certificate	Instructors Certificate	Board of Examiners Certificate	Power Surf Rescue Boat Crewman's Cert.	Power Boat Drivers Medallion		25 Year Long Service	TOTAL
								IRB	ORB		
Burning Palms	—	—	6	4	3	1	—	—	—	—	14
Era	—	5	7	15	1	—	—	—	—	—	28
Garie	8	7	7	9	1	—	—	—	—	—	32
Cronulla	—	21	50	19	8	—	—	—	—	20	118
Nth Cronulla	15	24	29	14	4	1	—	5	2	1	95
Elouera	—	22	46	13	4	—	—	—	2	—	87
Wanda	—	23	36	13	7	—	—	4	—	20	103
Sth Maroubra	—	4	21	5	1	—	—	—	1	—	32
Maroubra	—	9	21	6	—	2	2	1	1	5	47
Clovelly	5	10	28	—	—	—	—	—	1	13	57
Coogee	43	34	44	12	4	2	—	—	1	17	157
Bronte	1	11	22	2	1	—	—	—	—	12	49
Tamarama	—	4	7	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	15
Bondi	40	13	44	9	9	—	1	2	—	—	118
Nth Bondi	8	25	62	33	8	—	—	—	—	—	136
Miscellaneous	10	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>1104</b>



## RESULTS, 1977 SYDNEY BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS, 12.2.77

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|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. <b>Senior R &amp; R:</b><br>1. Nth Cronulla 'B' 7.7      | 2. Nth Cronulla 'A' 8.78  | 3. Wanda 8.98             |
| 2. <b>Junior R &amp; R</b><br>1. Coogee 12.62               | Nth Cronulla 13.2         | 3. Wanda 14.80            |
| 3. <b>Senior/Open Belt</b><br>1. G. Dyson, Wanda            | 2. N. Rogers, Clovelly    | 3. G. Steed, Nth Cron.    |
| 4. <b>Junior Belt</b><br>1. G. Brewer, Tamarama             | 2. R. Pallister, Elouera  | 3. R. Mayers, Cronulla    |
| 5. <b>Senior/Open Surf</b><br>1. G. Brewer, Tamarama        | 2. G. Allum, Wanda        | 3. G. Dyson, Wanda        |
| 6. <b>Junior Surf</b><br>1. R. Pallister, Elouera           | 2. G. Lightfoot, Elouera  | 3. G. Brewer, Tamarama    |
| 7. <b>Cadet Surf</b><br>1. C. Gatley, Coogee                | 2. A. Wakefield N.Bondi   | 3. R. Snell, Cronulla     |
| 8. <b>Senior/Open Surf Teams</b><br>1. Wanda 12             | 2. Nth Cronulla 32.2      | 3. Wanda 34               |
| 9. <b>Cadet Surf Teams</b><br>1. Wanda 'A' 28               | 2. Coogee 31              | 3. Cronulla 47            |
| 10. <b>Junior Surf Teams</b><br>1. Nth Cronulla 25          | 2. Elouera 26             | 3. Wanda 'A' 38           |
| 11. <b>Veterans Surf</b><br>1. L. Harris, Bondi             | 2. R. Bouffler, Nth Cron. | 3. J. Broadbent, Coogee   |
| 12. <b>Senior Iron Man</b><br>1. John Holt, Cron.           | 2. Greg Allum, Wanda      | 3. Greg Smith, Bondi      |
| 13. <b>Junior Iron Man</b><br>1. J. Brown, Wanda            | 2. D. Iredale, Wanda      | 3. D. Dillon, Nth Cron.   |
| 14. <b>Restricted Surf</b><br>1. J. Holt, Cron.             | 2. L. Harris, Bondi       | 3. P. Smiles, N.Bondi     |
| 15. <b>Senior Boat A</b><br>1. Sth. Maroubra                | 2. Wanda                  | 3. Bronte                 |
| 16. <b>Senior Boat B &amp; C</b><br>1. Wanda                | 2. Sth Maroubra           | 3. Bronte                 |
| 17. <b>Junior Boat</b><br>1. Nth Cronulla 'A'               | 2. Nth Cron. 'B'          | 3. Bondi                  |
| 18. <b>Boat Relay</b><br>1. Nth. Cronulla                   | 2. Wanda                  | 3. Cronulla               |
| 19. <b>March Past</b><br>1. Nth. Cronulla 10                | 2. Clovelly 11            | 3. Coogee 22              |
| 20. <b>Senior Relay</b><br>1. Coogee                        | 2. Cronulla               | 3. Clovelly               |
| 21. <b>Junior Beach Sprint</b><br>1. M. Sargeant, Wanda     | 2. R. Jurd, Coogee        | 3. W. Burton, N.Bondi     |
| 22. <b>Cadet Beach Sprint</b><br>1. B. McCarthy, Mar.       | 2. B. Dooley, Bronte      | 3. M. Pepper, Wanda       |
| 23. <b>Senior/Open Beach Sprint</b><br>1. R. Miller, Coogee | 2. W. Everingham, Coogee  | 3. G. Tattersal, Cronulla |



<b>24. Junior Beach Relay</b>	1. Wanda	2. Clovelly	3. Coogee 'A'
<b>25. Cadet Beach Relay</b>	1. Clovelly	2. Wanda	3. Bronte
<b>26. Senior/Open Musical Flags</b>	1. P. Grahame, N.Cron.	2. M. McGuire, Clovelly	3. R. Askew, Tam.
<b>27. Junior Musical Flags</b>	1. Steve Topper, Wanda	2. R. Green, Clovelly	3. S. Topper, Wanda
<b>28. Cadet Musical Flags</b>	1. B. McCarthy, Maroubra	2. Scott Topper, Wanda	3. M. Pepper, Wanda
<b>29. Pillow Fight</b>	1. J. Kentwell, Wanda	2. B. Stumbles, Cron.	3. D. Clelland, Wanda
<b>30. Charlot Race</b>	1. Cronulla	2. Wanda	3. Sth. Maroubra
<b>31. Ski Relay</b>	1. Maroubra	2. North Bondi	3. Tamarama
<b>32. Malibu Relay</b>	1. North Bondi	2. Nth Cronulla	3. Wanda
<b>33. Long Board Relay</b>	1. North Bondi	2. Cronulla	3. N. Cronulla
<b>34. Single Ski</b>	1. J. Denning, N.Bondi	2. G. McCoy, Maroubra	3. J. Cahill, N.Bondi
<b>35. Double Ski</b>	1. J. Denning-J. Cahill N.Bondi	2. D. Garrett-B. Dillon N.Cronulla	3. G. Shiels-R. Stevens N.Bondi
<b>36. Long Board</b>	1. S. Warren, N.Cron.	2. G. Oakley, N.Bondi	3. W. Buchan, Cron.
<b>37. Malibu Board Senior</b>	1. S. Warren, N.Cron.	2. I. Wallace, N.Cron.	3. N. Johnstone, Cron.
<b>38. Taplin Relay</b>	1. Wanda	2. Nth. Cronulla	3. Cronulla
<b>39. Cadet Ski</b>	1. S. Vials, Cronulla	2. Jeff Rogers, Cron.	3. J. McClennan, Cron.
<b>40. Cadet Malibu</b>	1. D. Kingston, N.Bondi	2. N. Buchan, Cron.	3. C. Adams, Maroubra
<b>41. Junior Malibu</b>	1. M. Porra, Coogee	2. W. Buchan, Cron.	3. N. Johnstone, Cron.
<b>42. Junior Ski</b>	1. B. Copas, Tamarama	2. C. Shepherd, Cron.	3. J. Brown, Wanda
<b>43. Open Wave Ski</b>	1. G. Allum, Wanda	2. J. Sorrell, Coogee	3. M. Reid, Coogee

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## ADDENDUM

I am pleased to add a few words to this Annual Report of our Sydney Branch for 1976-77.

The Branch has had a most successful year and this is, in no small measure, due to the continued dedication of our Clubs to the work of Surf Life Saving. The interest, and indeed the full participation of our various Clubs' Officers, in the Branch, is undoubtedly one of the major reasons for the Branch's success. Equally of course, the untiring efforts of your Branch Officers have contributed greatly to the welfare and success of the Branch. I would, on behalf of all Branch Members, record here a very sincere vote of thanks to all Branch Officers for their support of the Branch. In particular, I must thank Ian Toll, Bill Kingston, John Dewey, and Gus Staunton, for their great effort over the past year. I would record also a special vote of thanks to the Executive Committee Members who, without complaint, took on a very heavy workload of extra meetings to transact the business of the Branch. The co-operation and support of these men made life much easier for all Branch Officers and I cannot speak highly enough of them. To Bill Marshall, Deputy President, a special thank you for his dedication to the Branch and the tremendous support he has given me.

It would be remiss of me if I did not acknowledge with grateful thanks the great job done by our Members on patrol. Many lives were saved by these men and they must receive our tribute for a job well done.

I am sure that Sydney Branch will continue to meet the challenge of progress and will continue to strive to perfect our Life Saving facilities. I am grateful to have had, once again, the opportunity of serving as President of a great Branch and I am pleased to have been associated with such fine fellow Lifesavers.

RON BUIST  
President



Ron Buist.



## NOTES



