

SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY BRANCH LIFE SAVING

W. G. MARSHALL

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BOARD OF CONTROL

ANNUAL REPORT

SEASON 1977-78

## **THE BILL MARSHALL OAM FOUNDATION**

The Bill Marshall OAM foundation was formed in 2009 following Bill's death on the 30<sup>th</sup> December 2008.

It was Bill's wish that these documents were to be bound and preserved so as to be a vibrant record of the history of Surf Life Saving.

Soon after Bill's death an appeal was launched to raise funds to ensure that his wishes were fulfilled. The fund was very well supported and a substantial amount of finance was received. Thanks to the success of the appeal the Foundation was established, and the binding and preservation of these documents was possible.

Funds were gratefully received from various organisations and individuals. The Foundation wishes to acknowledge the generous donations from the following organisations:-

Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club, North Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club, Wanda Surf Life Saving Club, Elouera Surf Life Saving Club, Surf Life Saving Sydney, Surf Life Saving New South Wales and Surf Life Saving Australia.

The Foundation is most grateful for the generous offer of Sutherland Shire Council to store and to care for these valuable documents in their Central Library at Sutherland, NSW.

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SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA, SYDNEY BRANCH.

BOARD OF SURF LIFE SAVING CONTROL

Notice is hereby given that the 29th Annual General Meeting of the Sydney Branch Board of Surf Life Saving Control will be held at the South Maroubra Surf Club, Maroubra Beach, on Wednesday, August 30th, 1978, commencing at 7.30pm.

**Agenda:**

1. Minutes of the 28th Annual General Meeting.
2. Apologies and leave.
3. Correspondence.
4. Welcome to Visitors.
5. Presentation of 29th Annual Report.
6. Election of Officers.
7. Election of Committees.
8. Urgent General Business.

**PAUL SARGEANT.**  
Honorary Secretary,  
Sydney Branch  
Board of Control.

SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA, SYDNEY BRANCH

BOARD OF SURF LIFE SAVING CONTROL

FOREWORD

The following report is significant in that it reports for the first time the activities of Sydney Branch's Lifesaving Group under a new title - Board of Control.

Prior to the commencement of the season, the Branch had decided to introduce, on a trial basis, this new format of lifesaving administration and has subsequently voted to allow a further season's trial to consolidate its opinion as to whether final acceptance of the scheme is desirable.

It will be evident after analysing the statistics and contents of the report that a vast amount of work has been accomplished in all areas of lifesaving.

It is also more than obvious that with the introduction of a new instruction manual, a momentous task confronts those officers involved with its implementation.

I have great confidence, that with tolerance, co-operation and dedication, this task will be overcome.

On behalf of Branch Officers and Clubs, may I extend congratulations to the Superintendant and his support personnel on a job well done and trust that the forthcoming season achieves much for the advancement of surf life saving.

BILL MARSHALL  
Branch President.



SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA, SYDNEY BRANCH.

BOARD OF SURF LIFE SAVING CONTROL

OFFICE BEARERS

1977-78

Hon. Superintendant	J.Dewey
Hon. Deputy Superintendant	J.May
Hon. Examination & Instruction Supervisor	E.B.Stephens
Hon. Secretary	P.Sargeant
Carnival & Competition Supervisor	J.May

Hon. District Supervisors:

No.1 District:	F.Osborne
No.2 District:	T.Elliott
No.3 District:	D.Popplewell
No.4 District:	K.Andrews

Registrar

J.Connolly

I.R.B. Supervisor

H.Brown

J.R.B. Supervisor

B.Green (Res.)

Radio Supervisor

P.Parsons (Elect.)

Helicopter Director

J.Wardall

Mobile Services Co-ordinator

I.Badham

Boat Inspector

A.Morris

Gear Steward

N.Dixon

P.Ainsworth

Committees

Resuscitation, Research, Development Instruction & Medical Panel:

K.Rowswell, B.Breadner, M.De Luca, T.Elliott, A.Moseley, F.Osborne, P.Quartly, E.B.Stephens, and Hon. Medical Officers.

Meritorious Awards:

P.Sargeant, K.Andrews, C.Christiansen, R.Howells, R.McKenna, A.Moseley, K.Rowswell, J.Young.

Manual Revision:

J.Dewey, A.Moseley, E.Wallbank.

Gear Inspection:

J.Dewey, K.Andrews, J.Connolly, M.De Luca, N.Dixon, K.English, J.May, K.Midson, J.Oldham, E.Wallbank, J.Young, B.Green, J.Brown, J.Wardall.



SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA, SYDNEY BRANCH

BOARD OF SURF LIFE SAVING CONTROL

29TH ANNUAL REPORT

1977-78

Gentlemen,

On behalf of your Hon. Superintendant John Dewey, and the Officers of the Sydney Branch Board of Surf Life Saving Control, I have pleasure in submitting to, for your consideration and adoption, the 29th Annual Report of our Organisation. It endeavours to account and record the activities of the Board over the past 1977-78 season.

Having completed the inaugural twelve months' operation of the Board under the new structure as "Board of Surf Life Saving Control" your Executive Committee can look back over the shoulder and be rightly proud of a progressive year of trial and advancement. The operation of the Board under our new banner and structure has been an educational experience like starting anew, casting a weathered mode of ways and means aside and striding cautiously into an advanced system of administration which has not been tried before. Like the profit chart of company in uncertain times our line graph has steadily climbed with but a few dips. The Board of Surf Life Saving Control has been a success which is being closely watched by many other sectors of our Association. We have had, and indeed still have a few, teething problems, but a strong executive committee combined with the support of our members has carried our concept into fact. Much remains to be done to cement our advancement and correct our numbered faults but if any section of our Association has the power, experience, knowledge and dedication to continue our restructure programme, Sydney Branch is the One.

A keen man at the helm once again this year was John Dewey as our Hon. Superintendant. John had a leading hand in the implementation and continued programming of our re-structure and is to be congratulated on a fine record through a very challenging year. John's able Deputy was John May who was our Deputy Superintendant for a second term. Wearing the new cap of Examination and Instruction Supervisor last season was Solly Stephens who accomplished a mammoth workload in this portfolio and was instrumental in the establishment of an active education plan which was instituted with reasonably encouraging results in the pursuit of bringing our members up to date with the latest techniques and requirements of our rescue network. These three men were all fortunate in having a competent band behind them to the aim of getting to the man on the beach. To District Supervisors Frank Osborne, Trevor Elliott, Dave Popplewell, and Kevin Andrews we cast a vote of thanks and congratulations.

With the integration of our Emergency Services Network into the Board of Control we can be thankful to Alan Morris, Harry Brown, Ian Badham, John Wardall and Paul Parsons who all worked together to abolish that wall which has seemed to separate beach patrols from mobile services in recent



years. They can be pleased with an increased awareness which seems to have precipitated from the man on the beach towards emergency services. Elsewhere, on the plus side, we can record the continued success of our Advanced Resuscitation Panel of Instructors and Examiners who have once again had a fruitful year through dedication to a considerable task. Gratefully, we can report a rather substantial membership boost.

On the other side, the season was marred by a few characteristics including a slow start to the season where attendance rates at examinations and 'compulsory' re-education briefings left something to be desired. Pleasingly this fault and apathy in a small area diminished to a smaller and smaller percentage as the season advanced. One of our greatest problems last year was making people aware of our re-structure and the implications of same. As usual, the majority of our ranks are slow to change and sometimes we find that the individual is merely interested in what change will do to him alone rather than joining the changing scene enthusiastically and 'spreading the word'. Things are gradually moving though and all pointers say it will a further consolidation for the establishment of the Sydney Branch Board of Surf Life Saving Control in '78-'79. We are well and truly close to the right formula and with the support of every member of the board, next season will cement the system we are proving to the rest of the Association.

#### Membership.

During this past season the following men were made probationary members. We welcome them and hope their association with the board is a long and enjoyable one - Jack Parkes (North Cronulla), Keith McKeachie (Wanda), Mark Fischer (Bondi), John Benham (Cronulla), Eric Gauja (Coogee), Owen Smith (South Maroubra), Dave Pacey (Maroubra), Luke Platt (Maroubra), Paul Parsons (Clovelly), and Robert Teal (Bondi).

Our ranks were also bolstered during the season as 23 members became eligible for their Examiner's Certificates. Congratulations fellows and welcome - Trevor Beckett (Burning Palms), Ken Russell (North Cronulla), Peter Steenson (South Maroubra), Col Melvey (North Bondi), Phil Vanny (South Maroubra), Wal Josland (Era), Jim Connally (Cronulla), John Fraser (Nth. Cronulla), Glenn Royall (Wanda), Bill Gray (Elouera), Bill Singleton (Elouera), Jeff Martin (Coogee), Warren Sawyer (Cronulla), Greg Hewitt (Cronulla), Don Smith (Nth. Cronulla), Ken Davis (Cronulla), Shelton Newman (Elouera), Tony Pashalis (Coogee), Col Mulhall (Nth. Cronulla), Peter Carney (Coogee), Bob Ford (Garie), and Mike Clancy (Clovelly).

	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77	1977-78
Life Members	I6	I7	I7	I9
Long Service Members	I7	I8	I7	I6
Active Members	47	47	55	73
Probationary Members	I0	I5	I0	I0
Country Members	I3	3	I	I
TOTAL	I03	I00	I00	II9



## EXAMINATION AND INSTRUCTION SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

The past season under the new Board structure included instruction as one of the duties of the Examination Supervisor. Attempts have been made to improve our standards by instructional field days and lecture nights. It seems that a number of members that have served the Association for some time don't consider that they have to keep up to date with the current procedures which means that candidates are the ones that suffer. It could be a different story in the coming season with the new manual and methods having to be taught to both the candidates and the Board. I personally consider that any member that doesn't present himself on Instructional days should have his membership reviewed.

After taking on the position in August last year, I undertook to conduct four field days - one in each of the districts for Instructors, Chief Instructors, Board members and interested persons. A squad from Wanda S.L.S.C., was used for demonstrations, to whom I offer my thanks, however over the four days the total attendance was 34 persons, of these 12 clubs were represented by their Chief Instructor or his substitute and only 16 Board members presented themselves. These days were followed up with literature appertaining to Emergency Service Areas, I.R.B. signals and Board Rescue procedures, as it would be expected that these play such a large part in our methods that candidates should be taught and examined on them.

Lecture nights were arranged throughout the season for Board members and interested persons, the attendance of younger members was very pleasing. The first of these was by Warren Rennie on "Methods of Training and Examining". Later in the season, Dr. Ian Mackie presented a lecture on the changes in E.A.R. and E.C.C. This was followed by a lecture and discussion by myself to all probationary members on the conduct and procedure of Examinations. Dr. Sue Rowley, one of our Medical Directors along with Peter Mc Cormack (Wales Rescue Helicopter) and John Park of the Red Cross formed as a team to present a talk upon aspects of first aid and care of patients in emergency situations.

To the above lecturers and their assistants please accept my sincere thanks for giving your services to assist in the improvement of our methods. It is hoped that more members will take an interest in such lectures that may be arranged in the future and in turn pass this new knowledge back to the man on the beach. If there are any lectures which you might feel could be beneficial, then the Board would be only too pleased to arrange the necessary speakers to suit.

Instruction was also given in Advanced Resuscitation in various Clubs in No.3 & 4 Districts as well as Caringbah Community Clinic. I wish to thank those who assisted in this instruction especially Frank Osborne who was the Co-Ordinator in both the Instruction and Examination of this award.

Organisations outside the Association have also been given instruction for various awards by Clubs and members of the Board. Our thanks go to those members for their efforts in this field and also for their promotion of our ideals

Without instruction there would be no examinations and as can be seen by the figures below, the Board has been very active throughout the season



in the examination field.

Dealing first of all with Instrcutors, Bronze Medallion and Qualifying Certificate Examinations, sixty-nine examiners were involved in these averaging four exams each. There were 131 squads squads examined and on most occasions there were two members appointed per squad. Records show that 279 appointments in all were made. Of these, on 55 occasions, members failed to meet their obligations. Altogether this means that at least 900 man hours was spent on the beach examining these squads. There were nine squads failed for various reasons, these being successful on re-examination.

Unaccountable hours were spent in Advanced Resuscitation Training and Examinations. This load has been spread with the acceptance of Examiners from No.3 & 4 Districts as well as those already carrying out the work at the Caringbah Community Clinic. To the following members I offer my thanks for accepting this extra task. Frank Osborne (In Charge), Dave Medlin, Bob Ford, Mick De Luca, Laurie Love, Bruce Breadner, Trevor Elliott, Ern Stephens, Keith Grima, Peter Carney, Eric Guaja, Carl Melvey and Tony Pashalis. The standard of this award has been kept high and up to date with the training and supervision by Dr. Ian Mackie, and on occasions, Dr. Peter Malouf. To these people we offer our thanks for the time they devote to the movement in our interest.

In Conclusion, the Examination Scene has been somewhat easier by the increase in membership and it is hoped that this continues, however we must look at the standards, not necessarily the numbers. When one comes to realise that members training for awards spent about 64 hours each, plus time studying there manuals, it is only fair that all members of the Board take the opportunity to keep up with the standards as the new members joining the movement will be more versatile than those of the past in training with modern techniques.

Thanks one and all for your assistance throughout the 1977-78 season and let's see next season be one of improvement and consolidation.

E.B.STEPHENS.

Superintendent of  
Examination and  
Instruction.

Awards gained during the year are shown below:

	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77	1977-78
Examiners Certificates	5	5	6	23 ✓
Instructors Certificates	47	36	54	61 ✓
Bronze Medallions	240	343	430	376 -
Qualifying Certificates	164	194	212	213
Resuscitation Certificates	300	559	130	173
Advanced Resus. Certificates	242	192	161	168
Power Boat Drivers Medallion	26	3	9	2
I.R.B. Drivers Medallion	-	18	14	20
I.R.B. Crewmans Certificate	-	-	-	10
	1024	1350	1016	1046



REPORT UPON THE CO-ORDINATION OF THE ADVANCED RESUSCITATION COURSES  
IN SYDNEY.

During the past year, 168 Advanced Resuscitation Certificates have been awarded in the Sydney Branch and 42 members have been re-assessed for their Advanced Resuscitation Certificate and are now current for another two years showing that about one quarter of those who gain Advanced Resuscitation Certificate are re-assessed.

Also during the year, four resuscitation courses were run for members of the Intensive Therapy Courses of the Health Commission of NSW together with six special revision nights for members of the Wales Helicopter Rescue Service.

We are receiving more interest from outside organisations in the Surf Life Saving Advanced Resuscitation Certificate, particularly from Ambulance officers, St Johns Ambulance Service, Electricity Commission, MSW&DB, nurses in industry, pool supervisors and now a big influx of the Bush Fire Brigade.

Additional duties taken on by the Resuscitation Team were a demonstration to 70 girl guides at Tara Guide Camp at the request of the State president.

The training and examination of 55 girls in resuscitation at Sydney Girls High School and the training and examination of a number of boys in fifth and sixth class for their resuscitation certificate.

These were to try out the syllabus for the junior resuscitation handbook by Dr Ian Mackie.

A special Think Tank of six successive Wednesday nights went into the problems of teaching Advanced Resuscitation.

Dr Ian Mackie, "Solly" Stephens, Trevor Elliott, Dave Medlin, Mick De Lua, Bob Ford, Tony Pashalis, Eric Gauja, Peter Carney, Carl Melvey, Laurie Love and myself making up the attendance.

From this Think Tank it was decided to teach instructors to instruct the Advanced Resuscitation Certificate in the clubs, arrange the examination and thus the resuscitation panel would be able to spend more time on revision and research, particularly on methods of teaching teachers to teach.

One course for instructors was held and nine people were trained.

The people from No 3 and 4 Districts seem to appreciate this facility, and a number of members have now been examined there.

A party went to Bega last June at the request of the State Superintendent Ike Moseley to instruct and examine members of the Far South Coast Branch in their Advanced Resuscitation Certificate and the re-assessment of members who have gained the award. In this endeavour I was assisted by Dave Medlin and Laurie Love, however at the last minute Dr Peter Malouf was not able to go so I had to spend most of the time, whenever a doctor was able to come in, to break off and explain our methods of instruction showing slides and trying to gain a Medical Officer for the Far South Coast Branch. I am pleased to report that this venture was successful in getting several doctors to form a medical panel there.

I would like to advise that during the year there were 65 nights or days held and I am indebted to Dr Ian Mackie, Dr Peter Malouf, "Solly" Stephens



Trevor Elliott, Mick De Luca, Dave Medlin, Bob Ford and Laurie Love for their continued support on most of these occasions as instructors and examiners. Also, to Tony Pashalis, Eric Gauja, Peter Carney and Carl Melvey for their assistance in instructing and examining in the No 3 and 4 Districts.

C F OSBORNE  
Co-ordinator

#### MEMBER'S EXTRA ACTIVITIES:

Quite a few members of the Board of Control are involved in the machinery of our Association at all levels and carry the name of Sydney Branch proudly as they contribute heavy workloads into the security and future of surf life saving:

Harry Brown is Hon. Secretary of the National Council.  
Ron Buist is one of N.S.W.'s two delegates to the National Council.  
Jon Donohue is National Council Hon. Promotions Adviser.  
Merv Gladstone is National Council Surf Craft Adviser.  
Bill Kingston is Sydney Branch Hon. Treasurer.  
Alan Morris is N.S.W. Power Craft Adviser.  
Mark Fischer is a Vice President of Sydney Branch.  
Frank Osborne is a Vice President of Sydney Branch.  
Bill Gray is a Vice President of Sydney Branch.  
Albert Moseley is N.S.W. Superintendent.  
Ian Badham is National Council Hon. Helicopter Consultant.  
Bill Marshall is President of Sydney Branch.  
Warren Rennie is National Council Coaching Advisory Panel Co-ordinator,  
National Council Education Consultant & N.S.W. Coach.  
Paul Sargeant is National Council Hon. Photographer.  
Ron Sandstrom is Sydney Branch Coach.  
Joe Seddon is National Council Hon. Treasurer.  
Ian Toll is National Council Public Relations Adviser.  
John Vaughan is Sydney Branch Hon. Secretary.  
Bill Singleton is an Executive Delegate to the Sydney Branch.

Six members of the Board were also Club Presidents last season:

Mike Clancy (Clovelly), Joe Seddon (Coogee), Ernie Wallbank (Cronulla),  
Ron Pears (Elouera), Bob Gilroy (Tamarama), Norm Jamieson (Wanda).



## MOBILE SERVICES CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

During the past season bad luck has struck all of the Jet Rescue Boats in the Branch, none of which was due to the personnel in the craft. No 4 District boat since its delivery has suffered a number of faults. At the State championships the boat suffered major engine failure. After inspection it was found that excessive wear throughout the engine had caused the failure. Reports from the NRMA, Ford Motor Co and myself have been sent to the Waverley Council on these faults. It has been recommended that a new motor be fitted into the boat. At this time a meeting is to be held with Council with regard to this matter.

No 3 District boat has been running well except for a motor failure half way through the season. Due to this failure the boat was out of the water for only one weekend during the season. This is the fourth year that the boat has been in operation and Randwick Council are subsidising the purchase of a new boat for next season. It is pleasing to note that the new boatshed at Malabar should be operational by next season.

The No 2 District boat has suffered its share of problems, as have the other two boats, but is back in operation again.

The No 2 and No 4 District boats were fuelled by TOTAL, while No 3 District boat was fuelled by CALTEX. It is hoped that these companies will again subsidise the fuel in this coming season.

The Sydney Branch JRB panel annual meeting was held on 24th July with the following officers being elected - JRB Supervisor J. Fotopolos; Secretary S. Stone; JRB Inspector R Green.

The five-metre Avon inflatable rigid hull boat is underway and progressive reports will be forthcoming to each Board of Control meeting.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all the officers of the Branch and sub-committees for their assistance and guidance during the past season.

ALAN MORRIS

Mobile Services Co-ordinator



## I.R.B. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

The introduction of Inflatable Rescue Boats into the Sydney Branch has gained momentum during the past season and we now have a total of nine Clubs with I.R.B.s together with the 'Dory' Rescue Boat of Burning Palms.

<u>Club</u>	<u>Craft</u>	<u>Motor</u>	<u>Qualified Drivers</u>
Nth. Bondi	R.F.D.	Jet	1
Bondi	1 X Zodiac	2 X Johnson 25 H.P.	8
Coogee	1 X Dunlop	1 X Johnson 25 H.P.	2
Maroubra	1 X Beaufort	2 X Johnson 25 H.P.	5
Wanda	2 X Zodiacs	2 X Johnson 25 H.P.	4
Elouera	1 X Zodiac	2 X Johnson 25 H.P.	6
Nth. Cronulla	2 X Zodiac	3 X Johnson 25 H.P.	18
Cronulla	1 X Zodiac	2 X Johnson 25 H.P.	3
	1 X Beaufort		
Garie	1 X Zodiac	1 X Johnson 25 H.P.	6
Burning Palms	1 X McClelland	1 X Mariner 28 H.P.	0
	Dory		

It is pleasing to record the training and progress of many clubs who have just acquired I.R.B.s. Their winter training programmes have provided their Club with a nucleus of qualified drivers who can impart instruction and thus further expand their I.R.B. team.

In Clubs where I.R.B.s are firmly established they are effecting between 20% and 33% of all rescues performed and are proving their worth as an important tool in life saving.

Like all other equipment that relies on mechanical contrivances, electricity and petrol to operate, they can fail at the most inopportune time and therefore maintenance by Club I.R.B. personnel is extremely important.

A Sydney Branch Outboard Motor Training School was conducted at Johnson Outboard Marine during the summer.

The one day school, (Wednesday January 25th, 1978) was well attended and gave members advanced training sufficient for them to :

- Carry out grease and oil changes
- Remove and repair gear box assembly
- Remove and repair water pump
- Change motor bracket assembly
- Clean and adjust carburettor
- Tune motor

We are indeed grateful to Outboard Marine for providing the facility and personnel for this highly successful course.

The Branch was honoured at the venue for the Johnson Zodiac N.S.W. Advanced I.R.B. Training School held at North Cronulla on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th, 1978, and was attended by members from Garie, Cronulla, North Cronulla, Elouera, Wanda, Maroubra, Coogee and Bondi.

The school was an outstanding success and gave invaluable information in driving and rescue techniques, and boat and motor maintenance to those who attended. The school also set a standard for the I.R.B. Instructor's and Examiner's Certificates to be introduced at the start of next season.



We also record our appreciation to Total Australia for providing fuel to those clubs fortunate enough to gain the Total Fuel Subsidy.

During the past season, a total of 20 I.R.B. Driver's Medallions and 10 I.R.B. Crewman's Certificates were gained.

It is important that each Club with an I.R.B. appoints an I.R.B. Captain for the forthcoming season to ensure that proper progress is made in co-ordinating their I.R.B. into the Club's patrol activities.

With more drivers, the I.R.B. will become more effective with less burden on a few individuals.

Clubs must conduct a continual training programme to introduce new members into I.R.B. activities and to cater for drop-outs.

On behalf of the Board of Control I wish every Club success in their I.R.B. operations in the forthcoming season.

HARRY BROWN

I.R.B. Supervisor.

#### WALES HELICOPTER RESCUE SERVICE

In its fifth season of operation over 1977-78, Sydney's Wales Helicopter Rescue Service responded to 208 calls for assistance.

These were achieved over the full season with the helicopter crew forming the Branch's only operational unit to again be on duty every weekend over the full 12 months.

Rescues ranging from surf and cliff areas, to rendering aid to people injured in isolated areas, beaches and on boats, to flying injured patients to hospitals in Sydney from as far afield as Goulburn, Katoomba and Newcastle, to assisting with bush fire control and a wide range of search and support missions. The range demonstrated the wide community role achieved by this Sydney Branch facility.

Co-operation was even further improved with other civil emergency groups during the year, with the helicopter now being fitted with ambulance in addition to police radios.

The SLSA switch to UHF radio equipment for Helicopter and Jet Boats has greatly improved communications, and this should be reflected in even better rescue co-ordination this coming season.

My appreciation is extended to:

The volunteer surf lifesavers and doctors who gave their time to crew the helicopter on weekends and during mid-week missions,

The support provided by Board and Branch officers during the season,

The wonderful donation from the Bank of NSW, and other support from 2SM, Channel TEN and the Department of Sport & Recreation.

The switch to forming part of the Mobile Services section of the Board of Control has now been completed, and is working well.

IAN BADHAM

Helicopter Director



## RADIO OFFICER'S REPORT.

I have much pleasure in submitting the following report on the Branch Emergency Services Radio Network, as it was a season of much activity and general advancement.

Sydney Branch now has a Team of Operators who are mature, experienced in rescue control, show attention to detail and a dedication that the Branch can be very proud of indeed.

The Group, arrived at following a determined culling out operation, totals 18 persons and includes our first lady operator Miss Carol Wilson from Sydney Branch Office who has been most efficient and conscientious.

There were four occasions during the season when the Rostered Operator failed to arrive for duty, requiring the use of standins.

Whilst this situation is regretted it is a vast improvement over past years, and hopefully, can be completely eliminated now that the team has a new operations room and facilities.

The Operations Room has been made available, and constructed at no cost to the Branch, by the Board of Directors of the Maroubra Seals Club Ltd., and is situated on the upper floor level, adjacent to the pool, sauna, and gymnasium, and has a complete view of the Maroubra Beach area. Our operators should now be, not only the best situated in the state, but also the fittest.

A noticeable improvement in A.M. Radio performance is also anticipated, with the antennae now at an elevation of some 50 metres.

On Saturday, 11th March 1978, after many delays and much frustration, extending throughout the season, our base and branch power boats had their U.H.F. Radio System finally installed and operational.

Although the season was virtually at an end, all crew members and operators expressed total satisfaction with the system's range, clarity, and interference free performance. Already two of the more progressive Clubs have shown interest in purchasing their own U.H.F. sets.

On the subject of progressive clubs, I am amazed that some clubs' attitude towards radio still appears to be one of - "It's a flash in the pan, it won't last", to the extent that they still do not have a radio room at all, and one has not had a radio officer elected for last season at least.

Bearing in mind the old saying about 'Strong as the weakest Link', we are not too strong at all in this area.

Once again, repairs were quickly and capably done by Nat Cohen at Bondi who said on quite a few occasions that the repairs were required only because of neglect or stupidity, and cost some clubs and power boat groups unnecessary time and expense.

During the season, the branch kindly allocated \$300, to assist Harry Brown and his club to develop a radio suitable for use in IRB's. It is pleasing to report that the project has turned out very successful through Harry's efforts, and that a waterproof radio should be available to IRB's for the forthcoming season.

The radio division received a great deal of help from many areas during



the year, and I would like to record my appreciation to the following individuals and companies, for their efforts to assist the clubs and the Branch:

St. George District Scout Association	- Radio Operators for No.2 District.
Nat Cohen & Co.	- Radio Repairs and Service.
Scalar Industries	- Antenna Supplies and Advice.
Mr. Ray Watts	- Base Antenna removal and re-erection on the Seals' roof.
Strato Communications	- Radio Spares Supplies.
Sensolid Ansafone	- Telephone Answering machines.
Mr. Chris Rose-Lands Dept.	- Photos and Map supplies.

A special word for Mr. John McCormack the Secretary Manager of the Maroubra Seals Club, and his directors for their very generous offer, and assistance with the new radio room.

Also,

Mr. Barry McFadzean of Motarola for his help, and particularly his patience, during the prolonged U.H.F. Radio Installation.

And finally, to the District Supervisors and the Club Radio Officers for their efforts in ensuring, that to the best of their ability their patrols and rescue units were not deprived of emergency communications.

JOHN WARDALL.

Radio Officer.



## CARNIVAL AND COMPETITION SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

This season was extremely busy with carnivals, owing to the fact that not only did we have the Open Surf Carnivals but we had restricted and State Championship Carnivals, which were very difficult in certain instances. I felt the greatest problem in running carnivals this year was the lack of manpower once again. There should be no more emphasises on judges for Surf Carnivals, made from within the Surf Carnivals, to help the efficiency of running these events.

To my Carnival Referees and Sectional Referees, I thank you for a job well done and hope that in the forthcoming season that with more manpower and more education on judging of surf carnivals, the standard should improve greatly.

I hope in the future that when a carnival judging lectures are held, that all judges will attend to help Sydney Branch maintain their high efficiency in the running of carnivals.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Paul Parsons and his JRB crews for the great assistance he gave me this season.

JOHN MAY  
Carnival and  
Competition  
Supervisor.

## DEPUTY SUPERINTENDANT'S REPORT.

As Honorary Deputy Superintendant, I would like to congratulate John Dewey for an excellent and tireless season. I feel sure that John and myself were very pleased with the way the Re-structure commenced this season.

To my District Supervisors, I thank you very much for your endless work and dedication on maintaining patrol standards, but I feel that there is still alot more work to be done in this area in the forthcoming season.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all IRB and JRB Operators for their diligent service to the beaches of Sydney this season.

And in conclusion I would like to congratulate the Helicopter crew on a magnificent job this season.

I would like to congratulate all new members who obtained their certificates thsi season and hope that they will find fulfillment on the Board of Control. To all other officers I congratulate them on a fine effort.

JOHN MAY  
Hon. Deputy  
Superintendant.



SYDNEY BRANCH BOARD OF SURF LIFE SAVING CONTROL  
SEASON 1977-78

Life Members (20)

✓ P. Ainsworth ✓	✓ R. Howells ✓	R. Michaelis	✓ J. Switzer ✓
✓ K. Andrews ✓	D. Lucas	✓ A. Moseley ✓	✓ J. Vaughan ✓
V. Besomo	K. Messenger	A. Purcell	K. Watson
L. Buck	L. McDonald	E. Sier	G. Williams*
N. Dixon	✓ B. McKenna ✓	✓ E. Stephens ✓	J. Young

Long Service Members (16)

B. Avery	J. Donohue	A. Jordon	V. Mulcahy
T. Brooker	H. Hodge	R. Leix	R. Sargeant
R. Craig	B. Horton	K. Manton	H. Spurway
B. Crisp	L. Johnson	J. Minahan	T. Wheeler

Active Members (73)

J. Baker	K. English ✓	G. Martin	W. Rennie ✓
T. Beckett ✓	W. Everingham	J. May ✓	K. Rowsell ✓
M. Berger ✓	J. Fraser ✓	D. Medlin	G. Royall
B. Breadner ✓	B. Ford	K. Midson ✓	K. Russell
B. Bridges		N. Miller	R. Sandstrom ✓
H. Brown ✓	M. Gladstone	R. Miller	P. Sargeant ✓
B. Bulmer	F. Gilroy	C. Mulhall	W. Sawyer
P. Calder	B. Gilroy	D. Murray	J. Seddon
P. Carney ✓	B. Gray	S. Newman	D. Sheldon
J. Casey ✓	K. Grima ✓	J. Oldham ✓	D. Smith
M. Clancy ✓	J. Hall	R. O'Malley	P. Steenson ✓
C. Christiansen	L. Harris ✓	F. Osborne ✓	W. Singleton ✓
J. Connolly ✓	G. Hewett	T. Pashalis	B. Thompson
P. Cooper	N. Jamieson	R. Pears	G. Thomson
K. Davis	W. Josland ✓		E. Topper
B. Davison ✓	L. Love		I. Toll ✓
B. Dean	C. Melvey ✓	D. Popplewell ✓	P. Vanny
M. De Luca ✓	L. McNamara	P. Quarlty	E. Wallbank ✓
J. Dewey ✓			J. Wardall ✓
T. Elliott ✓			R. Williams.

Country Members (I)

J. Solomon ✓

Probationary Members (10)

J. Benham	K. Mc Keachie	P. Parsons ✓	R. Teal
M. Fischer	D. Pacey	L. Platt	
E. Gauja	J. Parkes	O. Smith	

\* Deceased



## CONCLUSION.

After reading this, the 29th Annual Report of the Sydney Branch Board of Surf Life Saving Control, I feel sure that every member will agree that the 1977-78 season was one of this organisations finest for quite some time. With the re-structure our horizons have become broader and a positive step has been made to divorce that old myth of the Men in White. We have moved into today's modern era of administration and advancement and we have consolidated upon a formula that will ensure the continued growth, respect and dedication of the Board. I trust that all members will move with the re-structure and make their express purpose in doing so to make the Sydney Branch an even more dynamic sector of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia.

I would like to thank John Dewey, and the Officers and members of the Board for their tolerance, advice and assistance over the past season. I have enjoyed the experience and learnt a great deal in the twelve months past. Unfortunately, I must record that I would have liked to have spent much more time and effort in my allotted task however I fell victim to that age old catch of having too much to do and too little time to do it in. I found out the hard way that shift work and regular meetings do not mix. Yes, I've learnt alot these past 12 months.

May I extend my appreciation also to Joan Vaughan and the Office workers of Surf House for the enormous amount of assistance they have rendered me this past season. In presenting this annual report for your consideration I trust that it comes, in some small way, close to the standard that have been set in bygone years by some great secretaries. It's been a hard act to follow the calibre of Switzer & Co.

Gentlemen - to a mighty fine '79,

PAUL SARGEANT

Hon. Secretary.



## SUPERINTENDENT'S ADDENDUM

The 1977-78 season is now closed, and with it another historic chapter in the records of the Sydney Branch Board of Control.

During September of last year the Branch gave permission for the Board of Examiners to try out several innovations which could have a bearing on active surf life saving far into the future. This trial period has proved that many of the ideas were successful and also pointed out where improvements could be made. Steps are presently under way to take advantage of our downfalls and the members will appreciate this very shortly. But all is not gloomy. This season saw the intake of new members to the examination section (ie, the Board of Examiners) being the biggest in the history of the Branch - 22 fully active members, and the most encouraging aspect of this is that they are all young men. This indeed augurs well for the future.

Contrary to what is whispered around the non-active areas of the Branch, Sydney Branch carnivals have shown an improvement over the past few years. This was indeed evident at the Branch championships conducted at Coogee where to all reports to hand, it was one of the best conducted carnivals held for many years. Congratulations to all who assisted in any way at this carnival.

The Examinations Section, while not having a record year in figures, certainly has shown a marked improvement. The standard of squads has improved and because of the change in our procedure a better understanding now exists between instructor, examiner and examinees.

The Mobile Services group is now fully integrated within the Branch Board of Control. Regular executive meetings have been held and any problems have been sorted out promptly and efficiently.

The 1978-79 season is another year of change. As from 1st October, the new Manual comes into operation. With the change, the Branch in keeping step with the rest of the Association has decided to ensure that as many Branch members, officials and examiners as possible be fully conversant with its introduction. To this end, three live in seminars have been arranged for August and September, where each weekend the members participating will be given first hand knowledge and instruction, so as they may instruct in their various respective areas. These seminars have been arranged so as each individual will be assisted as much as possible, and for this the Branch is contributing in excess of 60 per cent of the total costs. These seminars are to follow the visit of a team of five from the Branch to a special introduction conference at Tullabudgera for a period of five days. This again at the cost to the Branch.

Gentlemen, It has been a hard year and many people are to be thanked. For an organisation such as ours to run smoothly you must have complete co-operation from all officers and members. If you do not obtain this co-operation, someone else has to do extra work, which then affects his own work, and so it goes on. Therefore, ensure your officials are prepared to do their allocated duties and we can do nothing but succeed. Finally, to my fellow officers "Solly" Stephens, Examinations Supervisor, John May, Deputy Superintendent and Carnival Superintendent, Alan Morris a very hard worked Mobile Services Co-ordinator, Ian Badham, Helicopter Director, Harry Brown, IRB Supervisor, and John Wardall, our Radio Officer, go my sincere thanks for a tremendous job well done.



Our Secretary, Paul Sargeant, has done a year of hard work. Paul has followed on from some great secretaries and maybe this made it even harder for him. He is all Surf Life Saving, for he is actively involved at Club, Branch and National level in the secretarial and photographic side. The experience he gained this year will, I hope, be greatly appreciated. Thanks Paul.

The four District Supervisers, Frank Osborne, Trevor Elliott, Dave Poppelwell and Kevin Andrews have performed their duties well and I trust that with their new role they may become even greater assets in the future.

The Branch Executive, Officers and Delegates have helped us no end this year. Financially, the Branch has given us record amounts for equipment, conferences and seminars. Truly an indication that the Board of Control is an efficient body. To Bill Marshall, President, John Vaughan, Secretary, and Bill Kingston, Treasurer, I extend my sincere thanks for their never ending advice and support.

To club officials, members and competitors for their co-operation throughout the season, I extend my appreciation.

Albert Moseley, Percy Ainsworth and Jim Switzer are to be sincerely thanked for maintaining all the gear to successfully conduct a surf carnival.

To the Boys of the Manly Warringah Branch Board of Examiners I congratulate you all for the support you have given Sydney Branch this season.

Jim Connolly, Branch Registrar, has worked for both the Branch and the Board; to you Jim thanks for all you have achieved for us. To the South Maroubra SLSC and Brighton-Le-Sands Amateur Fishermans Club we are indebted for the use of their premises for meetings.

Last but not least, my fellow members of the Board, my thanks. It has been a fruitfull year and a frustrating year. Each and every member will decide which is which. To those who have had the fruitfull year my congratulations to a job well done. To those who have had a frustrating year, let us work a little harder and we will achieve the former. To those who achieved neither, it is about time to sit down and ponder, then ask a few pertinent questions, when given the answers get stuck into it and join the team. Many pleasant, knowledgable and lasting associations have been gained from being a member of the Board.

Gentlemen, I thank you for letting me have the honour of being your Superintendent and I look forward to another prosperous year.

JOHN DEWEY  
Hon Branch Superintendent



