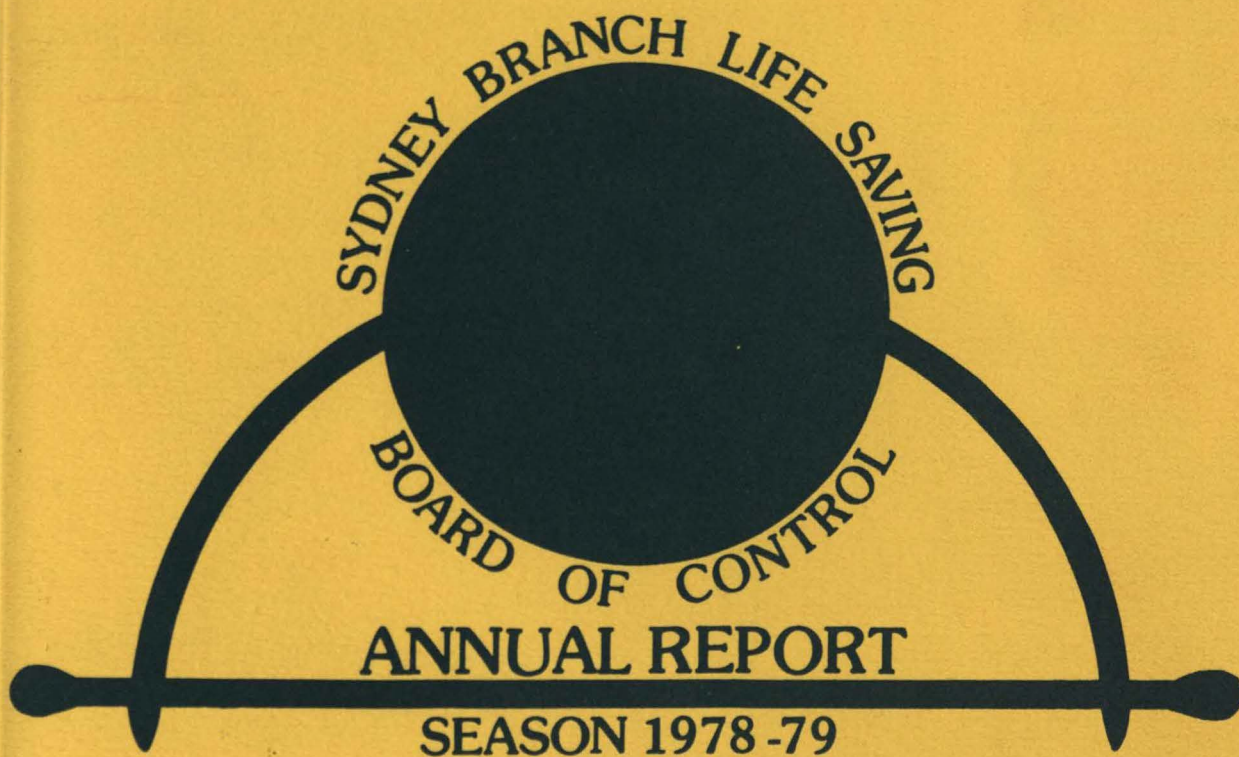


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SURF LIFE SAVING BOARD OF CONTROL

A N N U A L R E P O R T

1978 - 1979

Notice is hereby given that the 30th Annual General Meeting of the Sydney Branch Surf Life Saving Board of Control will be held at South Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club, Byrne Res, South Maroubra Beach, on August 29, 1979, commencing at 7.30pm.

Agenda:

1. Minutes of 29th Annual General Meeting
2. Apologies and Leave
3. Correspondence
4. Welcome to Visitors
5. Presentation of 30th Annual Report
6. Election of Officers and Committees
7. Urgent General Business

Paul R. Parsons
Hon. Secretary

FOREWORD

The pages of the following report proudly review a season of intense activity and sheer hard work performed by the Executive and members of Sydney Branch Life Saving Board of Control.

Just three years ago, members of the Board initiated meetings intent on restructuring its administration and now, after two seasons successful trial, the final draft will be submitted to the forthcoming Branch Annual Meeting for constitutional acceptance.



It is pleasing to note the recent directive by the National Superintendent to all State Centres and Branches, to restructure examining boards, basically incorporates the scheme currently operated by Sydney Branch.

The Branch, and naturally the Board, can feel justifiably proud that their efforts have materially assisted the entire Surf Life Saving Association.

The new format allows all members to participate in one or many areas of activity and consequently, paltry excuses should not be tolerated from those who do not wish to share the burden of duties.

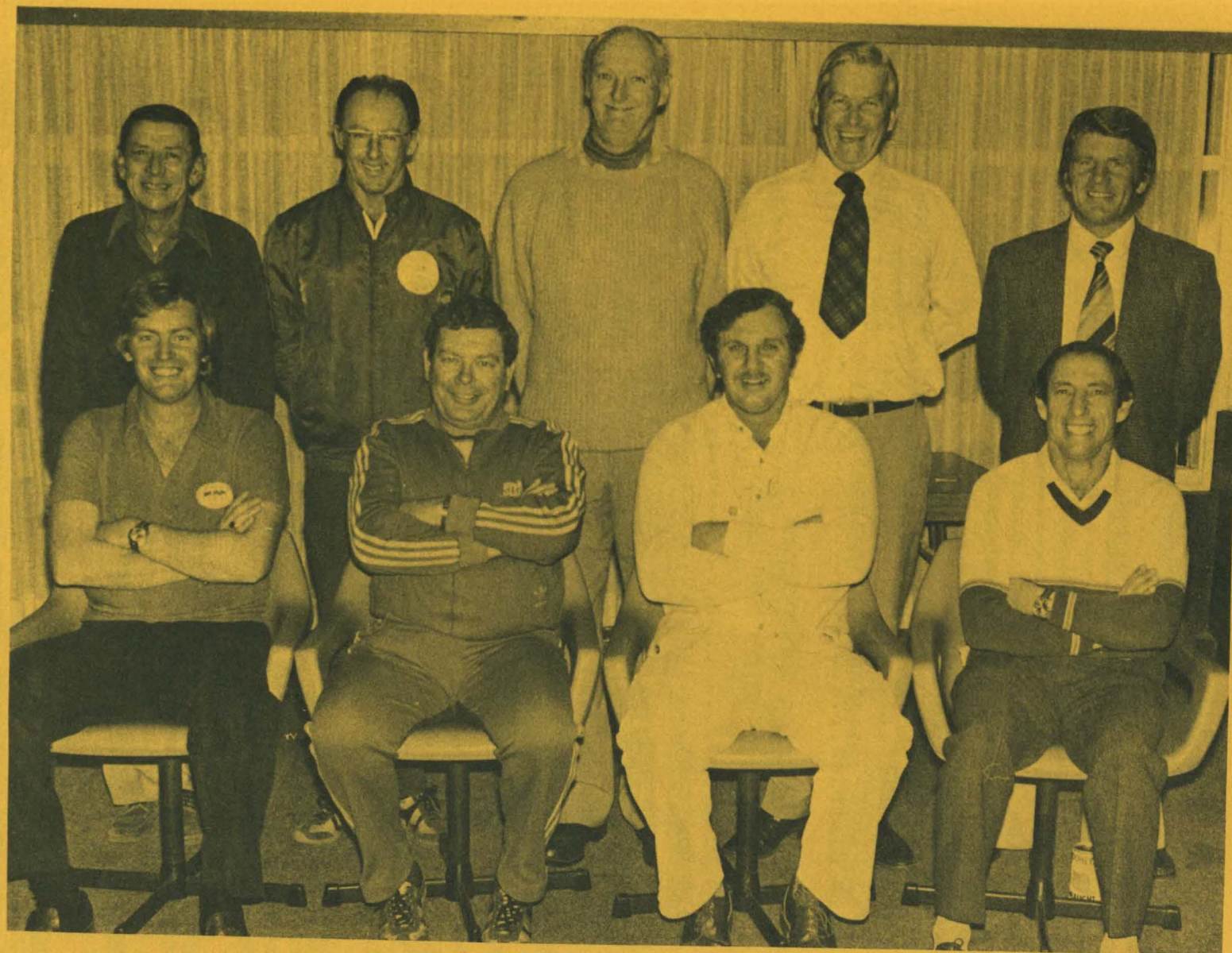
The Branch offers congratulations to Board member, Peter Carney, on his award of "New South Wales Life Saver of the Year", and trusts that his future endeavours will realise much for Surf Life Saving.

This foreword would not be complete without mention of the retiring Branch Superintendent, John Dewey, who, after six years in office, is not seeking re-election to this position.

Over this period, which has been most demanding and one of constant change, John has applied his energies and efforts with the utmost dedication and has represented the Branch in other areas with a high degree of ability - for this, we all express our gratitude.

On behalf of Branch Officers and Clubs, may I extend congratulations to members of the Board on a year of worthwhile accomplishment and sincerely trust that the incoming Superintendent will receive the necessary loyal support to enable the continuation and advancement of the high standard in surf life saving demanded by Sydney Branch.

Bill Marshall
Branch President



Kevin Andrews - Harry Brown - John Wardall - Frank Osborne - Trevor Elliott

Paull Parsons - John Dewey - John May - Ernie Stephens

Absent: Alan Morris - Ian Badham - Jim Fotopoulos - David Popplewell

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OFFICE BEARERS - 1978-1979

Superintendent.....John Dewey
Deputy Superintendent.....John May
Secretary.....Paul Parsons
Examination & Instructional Supervisor....Ernie Stephens
Carnival & Competition Supervisor.....John May

District Supervisors -

No.1 District.....Frank Osborne
No.2 District.....Trevor Elliott
No.3 District.....David Popplewell
No.4 District.....Kevin Andrews

Assistant District Supervisors -

No.1 District.....Trevor Beckett
No.2 District.....John Fraser
No.3 District.....Phil Vanny
No.4 District.....John Oldham

Sectional Supervisors -

Mobile Services Co-ordinator.....Alan Morris
IRB Supervisor.....Harry Brown
JRB Supervisor.....Jim Fotopoulos
Radio Supervisor.....John Wardall
Helicopter Director.....Ian Badham

Registrar.....Jim Connolly
Gear Steward.....Bill Singleton
Boat Inspector.....Ken English

Committees

Resuscitation, Research, Development, Instructional & Medical Panel:
Bruce Breadner (convener), Peter Quartly, Ernie Stephens, John May,
Albert Moseley, Bob Ford, Mick DeLuca, Trevor Elliott, Frank Osborne,
and the Branch Hon.Medical Officers.

Meritorious Awards Committee: John May (convener), Albert Moseley,
Kevin Andrews, Bob McKenna, Bob Davison, Ron Howells.

Manual Review Committee: Peter Carney (convener), John Dewey, Albert
Moseley.

Gear Inspection Committee: John Dewey, John May, Ken English, Ron
O'Malley, Nick Dixon, Mick DeLuca, Kevin Andrews, Trevor Elliott,
Frank Osborne, Peter Carney, Bruce Gardiner, Bob Green, John Oldham,
John Wardall, Harry Brown, Jim Connolly.

SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY BRANCH

SURF LIFE SAVING BOARD OF CONTROL

30th ANNUAL REPORT

1978-1979

Gentlemen,

On behalf of your Hon. Superintendent, John Dewey, and the Officers of the Sydney Branch Surf Life Saving Board of Control, I have great pleasure in submitting to you, for your consideration and approval, the 30th Annual Report of our organisation. It hopes to outlay to you, the members, the activities and the success of the Board over the past season 1978-79.

With the completion of the second season of operation, the Board of Control can be rightly proud - this has truly been a season of achievement.

Last August, with the introduction of a new Instruction and Examination Manual, Sydney Branch selected five members to represent them at Tallebudgera in Queensland, where the Manual was presented for the first time.

John Dewey, Ernie Stephens, Frank Osborne, Peter Carney and Bruce Breadner were the representatives. They returned to organise three very successful seminars in order to pass on their valuable information to all members of the Sydney Branch.

John Dewey, as Superintendent, has again showed the way by example. Through his drive and enthusiasm, John has kept Sydney Branch in its rightful place as the number one Life Saving Branch in Australia.

With the able assistance of John May, the past season has been one of education, innovation and success. On the examination side, "Solly" Stephens has performed a mammoth task, what with the new methods of examination and new structure of exams.

Through these men, the Branch and, in particular, the individual Clubs can be truly grateful for the comprehensive education schemes, the pursuit of innovative examination techniques and a conscientious approach to life saving. These ideas and schemes have been passed through each of the District Supervisors to their respective areas.

The emergency services, too, have prospered under the expert guidance of their co-ordinator, Alan Morris. Alan not only ran the emergency services, but has had a new type of rescue craft to evaluate - the Avon 5 metre Inflatable Rescue Boat. He once again has carried out his assigned tasks with his usual competency.

With the expert aid of Harry Brown (IRB Supervisor) and Ian Badham (Helicopter Director), a formative Emergency Service network has been protecting the off-shore regions of our beaches. In order to provide a link with these services, John Wardall as Radio Supervisor has been untiring in his help.

In order to expand our ranks to make this Board's job a lot easier, it is up to you, the members, to spread the word. As we are all aware, there are different sections that a person can go into without tying himself down to strictly exams, carnivals and education.

So, let's get our act together and "aim for the 80's" - after all, there's an old saying - "We're not getting any younger".

On the question of membership, the figures set out below show the increase in Board members. The Board still needs new members and surely we could, through our own endeavours, increase these figures in the next season.

	<u>1974-75</u>	<u>1975-76</u>	<u>1976-77</u>	<u>1977-78</u>	<u>1978-79</u>
Life Members.....	16	17	17	19	19
Long Service Members..	17	18	17	16	16
Active Members.....	47	47	55	73	90
Probationary Members..	10	15	10	10	5
Country Members.....	<u>13</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
Total.....	103	100	100	119	133

JRB Examiners.....	11
IRB Examiners.....	5
Radio Examiners.....	17
Helicopter Examiners.....	4

Because some Board members act in dual capacities, the total strength of the Board is 157 members.

Over the past season, we said welcome to the following men who have joined the Board as Probationary Members...

Garry Bennett (South Maroubra); Bernard Kelly (South Maroubra); Chris Lloyd (Garie)

and the following who became eligible for their Examiners' Certificates Mark Fischer (Bondi); Robert Gillroy (Tamarama); Phillip Mendes (North Bondi); Robert Johnson (Cronulla); Alex Menzies (Bronte); Rene Miller (Coogee); Keith McKeachie (Wanda); Paul McGuinn (Coogee); Paull Parsons (Clovelly); Luke Platt (Maroubra); David Pacey (Maroubra); Steve Strange (Burning Palms); Peter Steenson (South Maroubra).

Board Members' Extra Activities.

Within our ranks, there are Board members who have taken on some additional tasks to ensure that this Branch remains at the forefront of life saving in Australia -

Harry Brown...National Council Hon.Secretary
Joe Seddon....National Council Hon.Treasurer
Merv Gladstone...National Council Surf Craft Advisor
Ian Toll.....National Council Public Relations Officer
John Vaughan..State Centre Deputy President and
Sydney Branch Hon.Secretary

Albert Moseley...State Superintendent
Alan Morris.....NSW Power Craft Panel
Paull Parsons....NSW Power Craft Panel
Clyde Copley.....NSW Power Craft Panel
Jim Switzer.....Sydney Branch Deputy President
John Dewey.....Branch Delegate to NSW State Centre
Ian Badham.....National Council Helicopter Advisor
Warren Rennie....National Council Education Officer
Kevin Andrews....NSW Belt Inspector
Don Lucas.....NSW Reel Inspector
Bruce Breadner...National Junior Superintendent

Examination and Instruction Supervisor's Report

The 1978-79 season has seen the phasing in of the new Manual and associated techniques of training and teaching in the field of life saving.

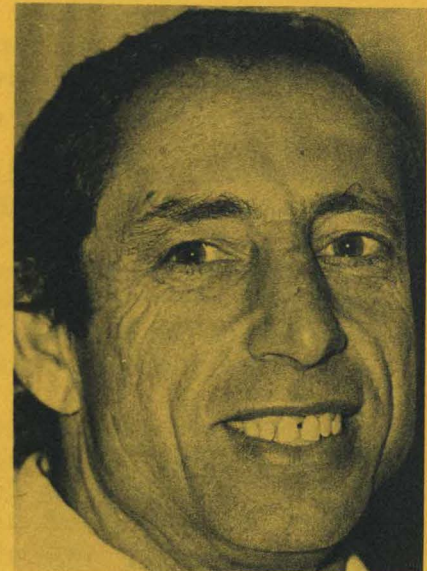
This was carried out over three stages, the first of which was the "Update '78" Seminar, conducted at Tallebudgera (Qld) over five days in August 1978 by the National Council. Five members (John Dewey, Frank Osborne, Peter Carney, Bruce Breadner and myself) were selected to represent Sydney Branch. We were fortunate to have Warren Rennie, Harry Brown, Barry Fretten, Bob Ford and Paul Sargeant there as organisers and/or lecturers on behalf of the National Council.

On our return, it was up to us to organise the teaching of the Club and Board of Control within Sydney Branch. This was carried out over three weekends in August-September, 1978, and, as in Queensland, it included practical participation. The venue for these weekends was the NSW University - Department of Admin. and Business Management - at Little Bay. This was an ideal place to conduct such seminars, with its sleeping accommodation, catering, lecture rooms, group discussion rooms, social lounge and, of course, the water and beach within 300 metres for our practical work.

Thirty members from the Clubs and Board were able to attend each weekend and then return to their own Clubs to organise similar seminars, or other methods to update the rank and file members of their Clubs. On these occasions, the lecturers at the Branch seminars were called upon to assist at Club level.

The methods, as taught, have taken all season to become fully acceptable to a number of members and examiners. The biggest problem is realising the flexibility which is to be allowed in both training and examining. As a whole, the updating has been an outstanding success and those involved are to be congratulated in this regard.

The Resuscitation, Research, Development, Instruction and Medical Panel have once again been very active at the Caringbah Community Clinic, mainly teaching resuscitation at the advanced level to persons outside the surfing movement, as well as our own members.



More emphasis has been placed upon "Instructors Courses" in order to ease the burden of those few members who are carrying those responsibilities at the moment; also, to make sure that our candidates are taught similar methods and standards. Once again, I offer my thanks to Frank Osborne (co-ordinator) and his boys for their continuous efforts with these classes.

In addition, the Resuscitation Panel has conducted three evenings, titled "Evening with the Experts". These have been a series of lectures and demonstrations by such people as Dr.Ian Mackie, Dr.Don Harrison, Dr.Wright, Bruce Purdy, Dr.Eddie Loong and Bob Ford.

These lectures have proved highly successful, as they attract people from outside our own movement, such as the Bushfire Brigade, St.John Ambulance, State Emergency Services, Pool Survival, Resuscitation and Nursing Groups, etc, all of whom have some interest common to our own.

Congratulations and thanks must go to Dr.Ian Mackie and Bruce Breadner for their efforts in organising these nights.

Examinations have been carried out on a varied system from previous years. Eleven dates were nominated at the beginning of the season and venues on both the North and South of Botany Bay were selected to conduct the exams on these days.

Statistics show that whilst there has been a drop in the number of awards for the season, the number of appointments and squads remain similar. This is due to the fact that we are mainly training four-man squads instead of six, for the Bronze and Qualifying Awards. There were approximately 141 squads, examined by some 70 examiners. In most cases there were two examiners appointed to each squad, thereby giving an average of four exams to each member of the Board for the season. It is pleasing to note that, under the new methods, the time taken for exams has dropped considerably.

As well as Bronze and Qualifying examiners, we have a group of members who double up and carry out Advanced Resuscitation Certificate examinations. I must make special mention and offer my thanks to the following for their assistance when called upon - Frank Osborne, Dave Medlin, Bob Ford, Laurie Love, Bruce Breadner, Trevor Elliott, Ernie Stephens, Keith Grima, Eric Gauja, Mick DeLuca, Peter Carney and Carl Melvey.

This award has only been kept to such a high standard through the training and supervision of Dr.Ian Mackie, to whom we offer our thanks for the time he devotes to the movement.

The season has been 12 new members join the Board - not all are carrying out exams. So I feel we should make a big effort in the forthcoming season to encourage new members to assist in this field.

My thanks to all members for their efforts throughout our successful 1978-1979 season and I hope to see you again next season.

....E.B. Stephens

Awards gained during the past season:
(compared with the previous four seasons)

	<u>1974-75</u>	<u>1975-76</u>	<u>1976-77</u>	<u>1977-78</u>	<u>1978-79</u>
Examiners Cert.....	5	5	6	23	13
Instructors Cert.....	47	36	54	61	42
Bronze Medallions.....	240	343	430	376	341
Qualifying Cert.....	164	194	212	213	227
Resuscitation Cert.....	300	559	130	173	56
Advanced Resus. Cert.....	242	192	161	168	162
Adv. Resus. Instr. Cert....	-	-	-	-	6
IRB Drivers Cert.....	-	18	14	20	14
IRB Crew Cert.....	-	-	-	10	6
IRB Instr. Cert.....	-	-	-	-	3
JRB Drivers Cert.....	26	3	9	2	8
JRB Crew Cert.....	-	-	-	-	20
JRB Instr. Cert.....	-	-	-	-	4
JRB Examiners Cert.....	-	-	-	-	3
Radio Operators Cert.....	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18</u>
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>1024</u>	<u>1350</u>	<u>1016</u>	<u>1046</u>	<u>923</u>

SYDNEY BRANCH SURF LIFE SAVING BOARD OF CONTROL

MEMBERS, 1978-1979

Life Members

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	W.Young ✓
N.Dixon	R.McKenna ✓	E.Stephens ✓	

Long Service Members

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

Active Members

J.Baker	M.Fischer	D.Medlin ✓	G.Royall
T.Beckett	J.Fraser ✓	K.Midson	K.Russell
J.Benham	R.Ford	P.Mendes	R.Sandstrom
M.Berger	E.Gauja	A.Menzies	P.Sargeant
B.Breadner	M.Gladstone ✓	N.Miller ✓	W.Sawyer
R.Bridges ✓	F.Gilroy	R.Miller	J.Seddon
H.Brown ✓	R.Gillroy	R.Miller	R.Sheldon ✓
P.Calder	W.Gray	C.Mulhall	D.Smith
P.Carney ✓	K.Grima ✓	D.Murray	O.Smith
J.Casey	J.Hall	J.Oldham ✓	M.Singleton ✓
M.Clancy ✓	L.Harris ✓	R.O'Malley ✓	P.Steenson ✓
C.Christiansen	G.Hewett	F.Osborne ✓	S.Strange ✓
J.Connolly	N.Jamieson	D.Pacey ✓	R.Teal
P.Cooper	R.Johnson	R.Pears	B.Thompson
K.Davis	W.Josland ✓	J.Parkes	G.Thomson ✓
R.Davison ✓	L.Love ✓	P.Parsons	I.Toll ✓
W.Dean	P.McGuinn	D.Popplewell ✓	E.Topper
M.DeLuca ✓	K.McKeachie	L.Platt ✓	P.Vanny ✓
J.Dewey ✓	L.McNamara	P.Quartly	E.Wallbank
T.Elliott ✓	G.Martin ✓	W.Rennie ✓	J.Wardall ✓
K.English ✓	J.May ✓	K.Rowswell ✓	R.Williams
W.Everingham	C.Melvey		

Probationary Members

G.Bennett	C.Lloyd	M.Munsami	D.Renford Jnr ✓
B.Kelly ✓			

Country Members

S.Newman	T.Pashalis	J.Solomon
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IRB Examiners

H.Brown	C.Copley	J.Kentwell	P.Squire
D.Cooper	B.Gardiner	F.Smith	

JRB Examiners

R.Cocking	P.Hoolahan	P.Meehan	A.Tuite
J.Fotopoulos ✓	A.Moseley	P.Parsons	N.Vinson
R.Green	A.Morris ✓	P.Squire	

Helicopter Examiners

I.Badham ✓	R.Ford	P.Gard	A.Morris
A.Edwards			

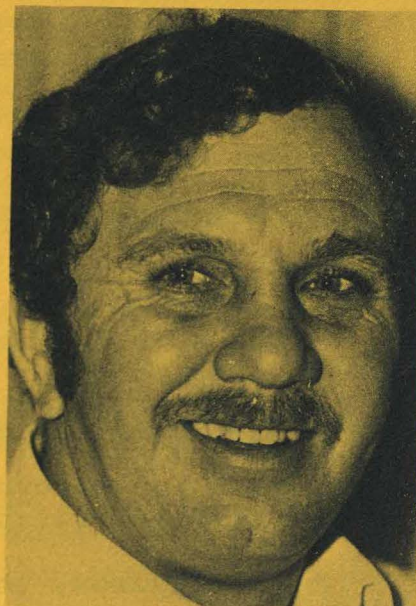
Deputy Superintendent's Report.

Once again the Supervisors of each District have maintained a very high standard throughout the Branch. I fully appreciate the efforts of them and the members of Club patrols.

This coming season will be a challenge to all Clubs, especially with the new requalifications for patrol members. I therefore expect to see a higher standard throughout the Branch.

Finally, I would like to thank all members of the Board of Control who have helped me through the season and would like to congratulate the Superintendent, John Dewey, for the great effort he put in this year. Not forgetting the JRB's and IRB's, for their fine efforts throughout the season.

John May
Deputy Superintendent



Carnival and Competition Supervisor's Report.

To the judging panel who helped me in conducting the carnivals throughout the season, I thank you. However, there is still a great deal of work to be done on carnivals - I would like to see more co-operation between judges, competitors and the Clubs conducting the carnivals.

Special thanks to the IRB and JRB crews for their efforts in helping lay each area out prior to the commencement of carnivals.

I would also like to thank each Carnival Referee and Sectional Referee for their time-consuming efforts this year - a period of ten hours a day on the beach each carnival is quite an effort.

John May
Carnival & Competition Supervisor

Mobile Services Co-ordinator's Report.

This past season in mobile services has come ahead, as far as technical advancement is concerned. The UHF radio in the JRB's has proven very successful, with the ability to communicate with "Sydney Surf Rescue".

With the JRB's, the No.2 District boat has had its share of problems in the motor department - these have now been sorted out. No.3 District had problems with the fuel tank in their old boat - it split at the start of the Christmas holidays; this period was covered by the Avon Searider. A new JRB for No.3 District is now in service and is running very well.

The No.4 District JRB has had problems with water in their fuel, and being stored out in the open at the Council yard.

The IRB's have been running very efficiently during the past season under the guidance of Harry Brown.

The Avon 5-metre IRB which was given to Sydney Branch for testing and evaluation, has been operating in the No.2, 3 and 4 Districts with some success.

The position of Mobile Services Co-ordinator this season has given me a great insight into the possibilities of all the mobile services in the Sydney Branch.

Alan Morris
Mobile Services Co-ordinator

Helicopter Surf Rescue Service's Report.

It was a record-breaking season for the Sydney Branch Wales Helicopter Rescue Service.

Over the season, the Service responded to 214 calls for assistance - the greatest number of responses carried out in a single season since the helicopter was introduced in 1973.



Of these, 17 results in people being rescued from the surf, bush and other areas, 82 people received medical aid or were flown to hospitals, and the Service conducted 115 search and other responses.

Increased financial support from the Bank of New South Wales, Radio Station 2UE and Channel TEN, allowed the Service to enter a full seven-day per week operation in March. Our helicopter service thus became the first fulltime civil helicopter operation in New South Wales.

The fulltime operation was achieved through the employment of Crew Chief Bob Ford as the fulltime rescue crewman during weekdays, in addition to our own pilot and back-up pilot.

In November, the base for the helicopter was moved from Sydney Airport to the Royal North Shore Hospital - and became Australia's first hospital-based helicopter service.

Over the season, a balance of volunteer and professional crew members and organisers maintained the reputation for the Service's efficiency in rendering community support. Whilst surf and coastal emergencies have remained the prime concern of the Service, assistance again this season has been rendered in many other areas.

In particular, the Service was called on to render assistance with urgent medical transports from locations including Nowra, Goulburn, Orange, Bowral, Katoomba, Newcastle and Taree. Assistance was given during bush fires, boat and aircraft searches and even rescues from the Blue Mountains.

The 14 volunteer life savers who form the rescue crew and 10 volunteer

doctors who form the medical crew members, completed all required training, and excelled in many and varied search, rescue and medical aid missions. When Chief Pilot Alan Edwards left after six years with our Service to become the first Police pilot, his place was taken by Peter Howe, who quickly demonstrated his ability. The support of Channel TEN has provided us with regular back-up pilot Dan Tyler. On the administrative side, Dr Sue Rowley filled the position of honorary Medical Director in a most efficient manner.

The Sydney Branch was able to provide the helicopter as a community service through the support of its sponsors.

The Bank of New South Wales continued as the major sponsor, and this season 2UE joined with Channel TEN as a support sponsor. In addition, assistance was provided from the Department of Sport and Recreation and the Royal North Shore Hospital. To all, goes the thanks not only of the Sydney Branch Board of Control, but the community in general.

The inclusion of the helicopter as part of the mobile services co-ordination through the Board of Control has worked smoothly and efficiently.

Ian Badham
Helicopter Director

Radio Officer's Report.

This past season was quite notable and, I feel, certainly one of progress.

Our new Radio Room, provided by the Management of the Maroubra Seals Club on the top floor of their premises, was completed before the season started, enabling all gear to be installed in good time.

Early in the season, I attended various Club instructional seminars, which, I think, together with those run by some Club Radio Officers, contributed to a record low number of repairs.

Instruction in radio use, in anything but absolute basics, has been virtually impossible, due to the non-arrival of the Radio Manual. The text and illustrations shown in the Instruction and Examination Manual are certainly not sufficient to gain the Radio Instructor's Certificate. In my opinion, I hope that whoever is sitting on the Radio Manual gets off it soon, as the questions drawn up by Sydney Branch in the interim are purely local content.

Whilst not wishing to conduct a recruiting campaign for "Sydney Surf Rescue" operators, as the Branch has a very efficient team, I would point out that North Bondi, Bondi, Clovelly, South Maroubra, Elouera and Cronulla Clubs are not contributors. Some of our operating procedures could rub off and improve theirs.

SURF RESCUE RADIO



It is also interesting to note that the majority of "Sydney Surf Rescue" operators are not members of the Board of Control, a further limiting factor in the promulgation life saving radio information.

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to all the "Sydney Surf Rescue" operators and particularly my Deputy, Grant Sewell, for a job well done.

Much satisfaction was gained during the year when we were able to assist the Far North Coast, Newcastle, Central Coast and Manly-Warringah Branches in their assessment of their UHF radio needs. We were only too happy to help.

John Wardall
Radio Officer

IRB Supervisor's Report.

Ten Clubs now have IRB's, including the Burning Palms Dory Rescue Boat.

<u>Club</u>	<u>Qualified Drivers</u>	<u>Drivers in Training</u>
Bondi.....	9	3
Coogee.....	4	3
Maroubra.....	5	4
Wanda.....	3	8
Elouera.....	10	5
North Cronulla.....	13	5
Cronulla.....	3	1
Garie.....	5	9
Era.....	-	2
Burning Palms.....	1	3



There has been steady progress with some Clubs in increasing their driver strength, which is so essential if the IRB is going to be fully intergrated into the patrol scene at Club level.

Clubs are now realising the potential of these craft and it is pleasing to note that currently, most Clubs have ordered a waterproof radio, which should be operable in the forthcoming season. The potential use of an IRB is practically doubled if it is fitted with radio inter-communication.

It is pleasing to note the enthusiasm of the current drivers to obtain their Instructors and Examiners Certificates and this augers well for the 1979-80 season.

It is imperative that Clubs carry out winter training if they are going to produce new drivers for next season and drivers must allow newcomers plenty of time in the boat. "Hog" drivers will only retard the progress of training with the result that their Club will lack qualified operators and the burden is placed on too few.

On behalf of all the Branch, I extend my thanks to the IRB Examiners,

Inspectors, Captains and Drivers, for their support in the past season.

The following nominations have been endorsed for the forthcoming 1979-80 season....

IRB Supervisor.....Harry Brown (North Cronulla)
IRB Secretary.....Peter Pearce (Burning Palms)
IRB Examiners.....Harry Brown (North Cronulla)
Bruce Gardiner (North Cronulla)
David Cooper (North Cronulla)

Probationary
Examiners.....Fred Smith (Bondi)
Peter Squire (Bondi)
John Kentwell (Wanda)

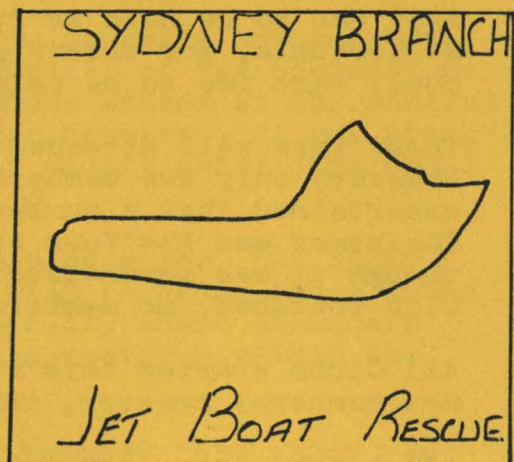
IRB Inspectors.....Arthur White (Elouera)
David Cooper (North Cronulla)
Bruce Gardiner (North Cronulla)
David Pacey (Maroubra)

Harry Brown
IRB Supervisor

JRB Supervisor's Report.

This season has been a difficult one in respect to mechanical breakdowns. All boats had extensive periods out of the water, due to major problems. It has shown that a fourth craft is required to take the role of a back-up and training vessel within the Branch. Secondly, all craft have developed major problems after their third or fourth season.

However, in spite of this, all groups performed their rostered patrols to the best of their abilities and made every attempt to have their equipment operational prior to their next patrol.



The rescues performed by each group are as follows...

	<u>Swimmers</u>		<u>Boats</u>		<u>Number on Board</u>
JRB 2	38	.....	9	.....	24
JRB 3	2	.....	2	.....	6
JRB 4	32	.....	1	.....	2

In October, 1978, two of our operators, Paull Parsons (JRB3) and Peter Squire (Captain, JRB4), represented the JRB groups in the NSW Team which toured New Zealand. It was educational for both our personnel and for the New Zealanders and I hope this liaison between New Zealand and ourselves continues in the future.

The JRB3 boat was replaced by a grant from the Randwick Council and the Australian Government \$ for \$ Gear Grant. It is the latest design Smith-type surf rescue craft, and it is powered by GMH V8 coupled to a 2 stage course pitch Hamilton Jet Unit.

Also purchased by the Branch with assistance from the \$ for \$ Grant were boat trailers for JRB3 and JRB4.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the JRB Captains - Bob Green (JRB2), Bob Cocking (JRB3) and Peter Squire (JRB4) - and their crews for their tremendous efforts throughout the 1978-79 season.

Also, from all our personnel, thank you to all our supporters - Sutherland Shire Council, Randwick Council, Waverley Council, Total Oil Company, Caltex and Rheem Australia Ltd.

Gentlemen, I foresee a greater 1979-80 season.

Jim Fotopoulos
JRB Supervisor

No.1 District Supervisor's Report.

All Clubs in the District were well represented at the "Update '78" seminars held at Little Bay. From this, it was decided by the representatives that a District Seminar be held at Garie (they being the only Club with a Clubhouse and electricity) with a back-up two-part seminar for those unable to attend, to be run by Burning Palms; Part One to be held at Ryans Rumpus Room and Pool at Mortdale, for theory and demonstrations in the pool; Part Two to be held at Burning Palms Beach.



These were well attended by members of Garie and Burning Palms Clubs. However, only two members of Era SLSC attended. Ross Cotter (Era) then ascertained that a number of Era members would be at the Beach between Christmas and New Year and he arranged an "Update" at this time. Although it was advertised for three weeks and notices were posted in the Club boatshed, no members came.

All Clubs started this season with (for No.1 District) large numbers of new members; however, there was no follow-up.

All beaches were patrolled when inspected; however, as the season progressed, it was apparent that Era was battling to mount a patrol and a request, in January, that the President arrange a meeting as a matter of urgency between himself, the Club Captain and Vice-Captain, with the District Supervisor, did not come off.

Garie and Burning Palms Clubs are endeavouring to arrange for Saturday patrols next season.

Era and Burning Palms Clubs had some difficulty with the National Parks & Wildlife Service in getting the proposed plans for new Clubhouses approved.

On Garie and Burning Palms beaches, the number of swimmers was small on Saturdays, when inspected. On several occasions, Era had more people in the water between 9 and 10am Saturday, than any other time on the weekend. (This may change radically, as Burning Palms was closed to camping from 1.7.78 to 30.6.79, which threw all the campers on the National Park beaches to Era and North Era.)

Frank Osborne
No.1 District Supervisor

No.3 District Supervisor's Report.

Take Clovelly, Coogee, Maroubra, South Maroubra; add the problems (different in each Club) they had throughout the season; throw in a jet boat; peruse "Sydney Surf Rescue's" home base (Maroubra Seals Club Limited); what do you have? An interesting season.



Let me say firstly that all sections within the District have performed creditably for the Surf Life Saving Association during the past season.

Special congratulations go to Peter Carney of the Coogee Club for his award as "Life Saver of the Year". A "well done" is also due to David Pacey, a new member of the Board this year, and Chief Instructor of his Club, for steering it to a record number of awards gained during the season.

But aspects to be worried about abound - South Maroubra had no Bronze candidates throughout the season; the JRB3 continues to suffer a staff shortage (particularly No.1 operators); while the hours logged up by John Wardall and Grant Sewell in the Radio Room would make most of us life savers blush. If only all would pull their weight!

Reflection on a past season, though, provides in general, nothing but contention - of "what went wrong"; of "whose fault"; of "it couldn't be helped"; enough to keep mouths flapping throughout winter at the various drinking holes, but often not enough to engender honesty - "I was wrong" "I didn't try hard enough"; "I needed help, but didn't ask"; "How can I do better for the Association".

With the above thoughts in mind (which are aimed at a few, but could strike many), I and my assistant, Phil Vanny, wish to thank those Clubs and individuals who have assisted us, and especially those examiners who conducted numerous preliminary and final examinations within the area.

Last, but not least, to the District Team, its Manager Phil Vanny, and its selectors - congratulations on a fine win.

David Popplewell
No.3 District Supervisor

No.4 District Supervisor's Report.

During the past season, the Clubs have performed reasonably well. Bronte would have the most impressive record, as patrols were always in good attendance and most efficient.



Tamarama's patrols at times were poor, but with a back-up of Reserve Active members in attendance, they were mostly covered. With the disappearance of McKenzie Bay Beach, extra duties for this Club were eliminated.

Bondi's patrols were rather poor, due to extenuating circumstances, with extension of bathing facilities at the southern end of the beach,

even though signs are erected to prohibit bathing. The Club did their utmost to cover this additional area, which is usually a surf craft area only.

Basic requirements at this portion of beach would be three patrol members with torpedo tube and 1-watt radio essential.

North Bondi patrols were reasonably good, but here again, due to extenuating circumstances (rebuilding of the Clubhouse) membership did not grow as in previous years. As well, the lack of a Chief Instructor for a major portion of the year did not assist.

With a build up of membership in all Clubs, an improvement in patrols is expected.

Kevin Andrews
No.4 District Supervisor

Report from the Co-ordinator of the Advanced Resuscitation Section at Caringbah Community Centre.

The past year has seen a very marked change in the training conducted at the Centre, as we have concentrated on training instructors from the Clubs to (hopefully) go back to their Clubs and train life savers for their Advanced Resuscitation Certificates in their own Clubs, and to upgrade resuscitation generally.

All Clubs, with the exception of Tamarama, now have someone who has been trained to instruct Advanced Resuscitation. These instructors will also be able to bring the Club members who are required to do a refresher, up to date so that an ARC examiner can be sent to the Club to re-assess a number of candidates instead of six or seven examiners allotting a night for a refresher course and having only one or two turn up.

Classes are still being held at Caringbah Community Centre and people from St. John, Red Cross, Bush Fire Brigades, Scuba Divers and Nurses are being trained in Advanced Resuscitation.

I have made an offer to the State Centre, through the Branch Superintendent to run training weekends for other Branches in Advanced Resuscitation instruction, in order that New South Wales will have a uniform method of training.

My thanks to Dr. Ian Mackie, Bob Ford, Mick DeLuca, Bruce Breadner, Ernie Stephens and Dave Medlin, for their assistance at the Caringbah Centre. My thanks to Keith Grima, Peter Carney, Eric Gauja, Trevor Elliott and Carl Melvey, for their assistance in training and examining Advanced Resuscitation away from the Centre. Last, but not least, my thanks to the new instructors who are beginning to instruct in their own Clubs.

Frank Osborne
Co-ordinator

Secretary's Summary.

I trust this, the 30th Annual Report, met with your approval. However, after looking at the Examination and Instruction Supervisor's figures, you must agree that there is much to do in 1979-80. It surprises me to find that after a revamp of the examination process, making it easier, these figures are down. It's time for us, as a group, to pull together to educate, to recruit, to innovate and to become as involved as much as we possibly can to boost these figures. We must aim for the 80's.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank John Dewey and John May for their assistance during my first season as Secretary. I would like to give special thanks to Harry Brown, Ron Howells and Owen Ramsay, who taught me that there was a lot more to life saving than driving a jet boat.

I extend my appreciation to Joan Vaughan and Kerry McKenzie at Surf House for their assistance.

I trust I have not let past Secretaries down with my presentation of this report; thanks to Jim Switzer and Paul Sargeant for giving me such good guidelines to follow.

Aim for the '80's.

Paull Parsons
Hon. Secretary.

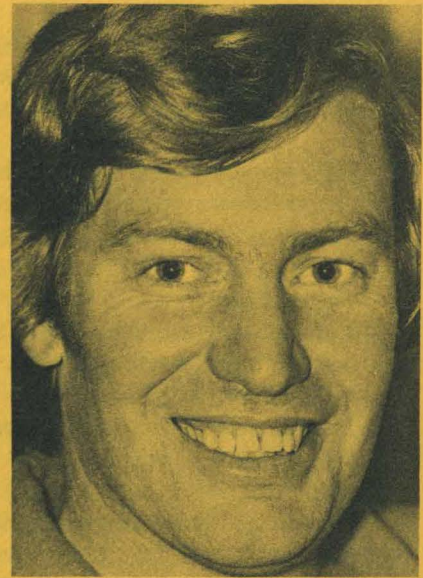
Superintendent's Addendum.

Gentlemen,

The 1978-79 season must go down in the annals of Surf Life Saving as a Year of Change. All sections of the Association were affected in one way or another.

With the introduction of the new Instruction and Examination Manual, life saving has taken a more revolutionary and progressive step. To keep in time with this change, the Sydney Branch Board of Control conducted three seminars last August and September at the University of New South Wales, Institute of Administration at Little Bay, at which 108 Board and Club members were briefed on how to introduce and maintain the values and standards demanded by this new Manual. On this facet of our operation, all Board members must feel satisfied.

The other main change has been our own structure. Following on from the previous season, most of the Executive members of the Board got down to work to ensure this new system would succeed and, in most areas, it has been highly successful. The final format of the Board of Con-



trol has now been submitted in constitutional form to the Sydney Branch for approval. I have no doubt that this is the way we will operate for several years in the future.

All sections of the Board were operating under experimental conditions this year and it is a credit to the people concerned to see the results at the end of the season.

John May, as Deputy Superintendent, maintained strict control in conjunction with his District Supervisors on the surveillance of our beaches through our patrol system.

Instruction and Examination was thoroughly looked after by Ernie "Solly" Stephens; although the number of awards was not as high as last year, the number of examinations was about the same. The re-introduction of central examination venues and predetermined dates has assisted all concerned in the examination of Club members for their respective awards.

The Mobile Services area was monitored by Alan Morris. One of the fastest growing sections of life saving, Alan maintained a strong communication link between the JRB, IRB, Radio and Helicopter sections, to the satisfaction of all concerned.

The JRB section was represented by JRB Supervisor, Jim Fotopolous, who in his first year in a senior position on the Branch, has most certainly gained some very valuable experience, which will greatly assist him in the future.

Harry Brown again took up the reins of the IRB Supervisor; it was a pleasure to see this section functioning the way it has. There is much enthusiasm in this group and it is only hoped that all Clubs within the Branch recognise the importance of both the IRB's and JRB's in the life saving sphere and encourage members to join their ranks and ensure their place on our beaches.

The Radio Section has had a few problems, mainly with the lack of man and/or woman power; here again, it is the responsibility of the Clubs as well to maintain our Sydney Surf Rescue base. John Wardall, the Radio Officer, has ensured that the equipment we use within the Branch is A1 and that all Clubs maintain radio surveillance when required.

Ian Badham, our Helicopter Director, has turned in a first-class performance. Ever ready to assist whenever possible, Ian has ensured the helicopter operation within the Branch is second to none.

Carnivals last season have shown a great improvement over the last few years. This has been due to some very hard work by Board members, such as - Harry Brown, Paull Parsons, Bill Singleton, Jim Switzer, Percy Ainsworth and John May - just to name a few - who have made sure our carnivals start on time, with the buoys and equipment being in place and the gear and equipment maintained in excellent condition.

Several members from Clubs have assisted us this year in the conduct of carnivals and, with the introduction of Competition Members, I see no reason why surf carnivals in the future won't be a pleasure to attend, by having just that few extra people available to share the load.

The Branch, at present, has a Carnival Review Committee investigating ways and means of further improvements to our carnival system and, from reports to hand, there could be some radical changes in the near future.

Throughout last season, there were several State and one Australia-wide Superintendent's Conferences. The Sydney Branch was always represented and many thoughts, ideas and changes for the better, have been discussed and are now being, or shortly will be, utilised within the Branch.

One of the most important changes due to be introduced next year is a result of the Policy on Rescue Operations which was discussed last season. Proficiency tests - Saturday morning patrols - mobile services availability, etc., will have far reaching effects on every life saver in the Branch.

Every life saver, somehow or other, will be communicated with by the Branch, through the responsible personnel, to outline how it will operate, and why.

I have only touched briefly on the future, but I feel we should look even further. The dogma that we should have a Clubhouse on each beach we patrol should be really looked at. Maybe we should pool our manpower and resources; one strong Club to patrol three beaches or one Club to patrol one beach in the bay; strong administration would then ensure strong projects so that every facet of the life saving sphere is utilised; use Reserve Active members; recruit for the future; do not stagnate; forget how we did it in the past - how will we do it in the future?

These are questions we must look at now; if we are not prepared to do so, then I feel we are wasting our time and would be better off getting out and letting someone who wants to get on with the job, do so.

Gentlemen, it has been a good season; many members have worked very hard to achieve the end result - success. For this, I must thank many people.

Firstly, my fellow Board members, supervising exams, conducting carnivals, public education lectures, resuscitation classes, etc., all carried out to a very high standard. It is a pleasure to work with you all.

The Clubs - it is always a pleasure to visit the Clubs; you are always more than well looked after. The free discussion of what is right and wrong with the people who matter is what it is all about. Thanks to you all - patrolmen - competitors - committees - the lot.

The District Supervisors - Frank Osborne, Trevor Elliott, Dave Popplewell and Kevin Andrews - have been of immense assistance both to the Board, as well as the Clubs. Thanks.

The Branch Executive, ably led by President Bill Marshall, continued to assist the Board whenever possible, along with Jim Switzer, Deputy President; John Vaughan, Secretary; and Bill Kingston, Treasurer; these dedicated men helped to guide us and also seek our advice on many matters throughout the year. To the members of the Executive and also the Officers of the Branch, go the sincere thanks and appreciation of

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John Dewey
Hon. Branch Superintendent

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LIAISE w/ BRANCH PRIOR TO USE.
GOING TO FAR.:

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ON STATUS OF CLUBS INTEREST
IN BOARD AFFAIRS

RECAP QUARTERLY TO ASSESS
RECRUITMENT: PROGRESS

DIST SUPV → LIAISE → DIST EXEC.

EXCITING — CHALLENGING

ENTERING 80'S — AWARENESS

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT + EDUCATION
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NOT ROBB SLIGHT OF FACT
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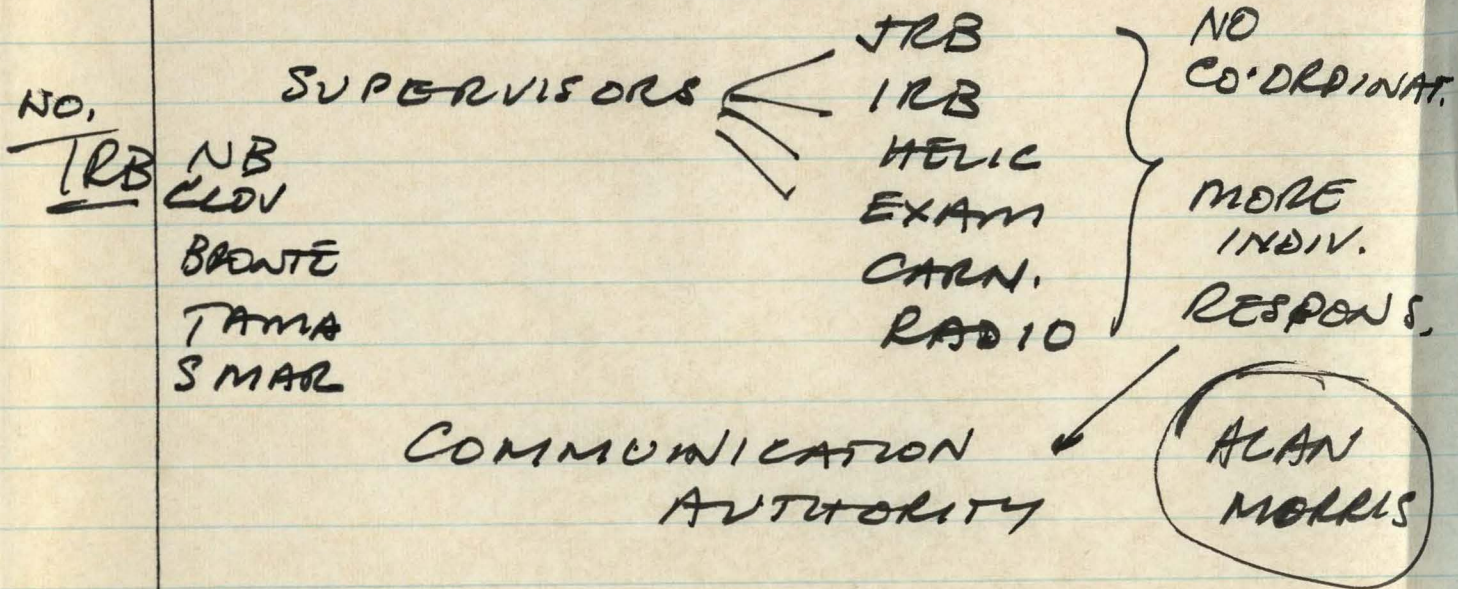
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Hon. Branch Superintendent

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OFFICERS

Nº2 REPORT: DAVE POPPENEWELL Nº3.

BOARD RESTRUCTURE



PERSONNEL MIN/MAX

POTENTIAL. + RECRUITMENT

MONITOR + CORRECT

TOP OF WAVE.

FLEXIBILITY

SUP'T'S RULING ON PATROLS

DIST. SUPV. TO OVERSEE TO ACHIEVE
SUCCESS.

EACH AREA OF BOARD TO
RESPECT OTHER SECTIONS,
INTEGRATE - COMMUNICATE

