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**SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA**

**SYDNEY BRANCH  
SURF LIFE SAVING  
BOARD OF CONTROL**

**31st ANNUAL REPORT**

**1979-80 SEASON** \_\_\_\_\_

SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY BRANCH

SURF LIFE SAVING BOARD OF CONTROL

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SEASON 1979-80

Notice is hereby given that the 31st Annual General Meeting of the Sydney Branch Surf Life Saving Board of Control will be held at South Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club on Wednesday, 13th August, 1980 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

BUSINESS

1. Minutes of the 30th Annual General Meeting held 29th August, 1979.
2. Apologies and Leave.
3. Correspondence
4. Welcome.
5. Presentation of the 31st Annual Report for the Season 1979-80.
6. Election of Officers and Committees.
7. Confirmation of IRB, JRB and Helicopter Supervisors.
8. Motions of which due notice has been given.
9. General Business.

Steve Strange,

Honorary Secretary,

Sydney Branch

Surf Life Saving Board of Control

MEMBERSHIP 1979 - 80

Life Members (21)

P. Ainsworth	D. Lucas	A. Moseley	J. Switzer
K. Andrews	L. McDonald	C. Osborne	J. Vaughan
V. Besomo	R. McKenna	A. Purcell	J. Wardall
L. Buck	K. Messenger	E. Sier	K. Watson
N. Dixon	R. Michaelis	E. Stephens	J. Young
R. Howells			

Long Service Members (18)

R. Avery	J. Donohoe	K. Manton	R. Sargeant
R. Bridges	H. Hodge	D. Medlin	H. Spurway
C. Christiansen	R. Horton	K. Midson	T. Wheeler
R. Craig	L. Johnson	J. Minahan	
B. Crisp	A. Jordan	V. Mulcahy	

Full Members (68)

J. Baker	W. Everingham	L. McNamara	W. Rennie
T. Beckett	M. Fischer	G. Martin	K. Rowswell
G. Bennett	J. Fraser	C. Matthews	G. Royall
M. Berger	R. Ford	J. May	K. Russell
B. Breadner	M. Gladstone	C. Melvey	R. Sandstrom
E. Brooker	F. Gilroy	N. Miller	P. Sargeant
H. Brown	W. Gray	R. Miller	W. Sawyer
P. Carney	K. Grima	R. Miller	J. Seddon
J. Casey	J. Hall	M. Munsami	R. Sheldon
M. Clancy	L. Harris	J. Oldham	P. Steenson
J. Connolly	G. Hewett	R. O'Malley	S. Strange
P. Cooper	R. Johnson	D. Pacey	B. Thompson
K. Davis	W. Josland	P. Parsons	G. Thomson
R. Davison	B. Kelly	R. Pears	I. Toll
J. Dewey	L. Love	L. Platt	P. Vanny
T. Elliott	P. McGuinn	D. Popplewell	E. Wallbank
K. English	K. McKeachie	P. Quartly	R. Williams

Probationary Members (5)

P. Easson	L. Potapof	K. Solomonson	D. Wilson
C. Lloyd			

IRB Examiners (6)

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

JRB Examiners (8)

R. Cocking	R. Green	P. Meeham	A. Tuit
J. Fotopoulos	P. Hoolahan	A. Morris	N. Vinson

Helicopter Examiners (3)

I. Badham	A. Edwards	P. Gard
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Examination Members (5)

J. Benham	D. Smith	G. Mulhall	R. Teal
M. DeLuca			

ARC Examiners (2)

E. Gauja	R. Whitmore
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Radio Examiner (1)

G. Sewell
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Competition Members (9)

R. Day	B. King	A. Menzies	J. Stansell
R. Gilroy	E. Larsons	W. Singleton	E. Topper
B. Grantham			

Country Members (5)

R. Leix	S. Newman	A. Pashalis	J. Solomon
D. Murray			

## OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Superintendent . . . . . John May  
Deputy Superintendent . . . . . Trevor Elliott  
Secretary . . . . . Steve Strange  
Examination & Instructional Supervisor . . . . . Ernie Stephens  
Carnival & Competition Supervisor . . . . . John Dewey

### Sectional Supervisors

IRB Supervisor . . . . . Harry Brown  
JRB Supervisor . . . . . Jim Fotopoulos  
Radio Supervisor . . . . . John Wardall  
Helicopter Director . . . . . Ian Badham

### District Supervisors

No. 1 District . . . . . Frank Osborne  
No. 2 District . . . . . John Fraser  
No. 3 District . . . . . Dave Popplewell  
No. 4 District . . . . . Kevin Andrews

### Assistant District Supervisors

No. 1 District . . . . . Trevor Beckett  
No. 2 District . . . . . Ron O'Malley  
No. 3 District . . . . . Phil Vanny  
No. 4 District . . . . . Mike Clancy

Boat Inspector . . . . . Ken English  
Gear Steward . . . . . Percy Ainsworth

### Committees

Resuscitation, Research, Development, Instruction & Medical Panel  
Bruce Breadner (c), Peter Carney, Mike DeLuca, Bob Ford,  
Dave Medlin, Neil Miller, Frank Osborne, Peter Quartly,  
Ernie Stephens and Branch Honorary Medical Officers.

### Meritorious Awards

Paull Parsons (c), Kevin Andrews, Bob Davison, Bob McKenna,  
Albert Moseley, Keith Rosewell, Trevor Elliott.

### Manual Revision

John Dewey (c), Bruce Breadner, Peter Carney.

### Gear Inspection Committee

Keith Midson (c), Kevin Andrews, Mike Clancy, Jim Connolly,  
John Dewey, Nick Dixon, Trevor Elliott, Ken English, John May,  
Albert Moseley, Frank Osborne, Paull Parsons, Ross Williams,  
John Oldham, Harry Brown (IRB), Peter Squire and Alan Morris (JRB),  
John Wardall (Radio).

## FOREWORD

Current records show that nearly 900 awards were gained in the Branch over the season and while not reaching the totals of recent years, still required a great deal of time and energy from the various Board Examiners.

The Branch, as always, is most appreciative of these efforts and congratulates all Members, some of who take on the additional burden involving carnival duty.

An aspect which is causing concern, personally, is the fact that last season a miserable total of 3 basic Examiners Certificates were gained compared with 23 gained in Season 1977-78. The continuing decline in Qualifying Certificates and Bronze Medallions and a further drop in Instructors Certificates - from 61 to 31 over two seasons reinforces my agitation and fear that future instruction and life saving potential may be endangered.

Presently the number of Active Members of the Board appears reasonable however when averaged over individual Clubs, would indicate that some of the larger Clubs could well consider taking a greater part of the load.

The many duties now handled by the Board demands much time and dedication, and not only at weekends, and in this respect congratulations are extended to those Members involved in the various public relations exercise of educating people in Surfing Awareness and Resuscitation Techniques.

The recently introduced Saturday morning surveillance patrols has not been without teething problems, however, with mutual co-operation I feel confident that District Supervisors will ably monitor and consult Clubs in their individual areas and keep the Branch well advised.

It was indeed most unfortunate, and the Branch records its sincere regrets, that John May should suffer an illness late in the Season causing his inactivity during the initial year as Branch Superintendent.

The situation momentarily created problems, however with the initiative and assistance of the Board Executive and the capacity of Deputy Superintendent, Trevor Elliott, the position was resolved tentatively.

In conclusion, may I thank the Board of Control Secretary for the opportunity to record this foreward, congratulate the Board Executive on their achievements and assure them of the Branch's continued and sincere interest in their efforts to advance surf lifesaving.

Bill Marshall  
Branch President

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SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY BRANCH

SURF LIFE SAVING BOARD OF CONTROL

31ST ANNUAL REPORT

1979-1980

Fellow Board Members,

I am pleased on behalf of the Honorary Superintendent and the other Officers of the Board to present to you for your consideration the 31st Annual Report covering our activities for the 1979-80 Season.

The year under review has been one of constant challenge to Board Members since its commencement. It has encompassed among other activities, the running of 215 examinations for basic awards and Proficiency Tests; the organisation and conducting of 10 carnivals including the Metropolitan and Inter-Branch Championships and the many educational nights and lectures held for both Board Members and the community.

The season saw the introduction of the Policy on Rescue Operations as adopted by State Centre and all lifesaving activities in New South Wales are covered by the Policy. It is the most important milestone in lifesaving and sets for the first time the basic obligations of the Branch towards the surfing community.

Saturday morning and surveillance patrols were implemented by Clubs - some for the first time. After the initial problems, all now seems to be running smoothly. It is up to individual Clubs and Districts to decide how to best use the manpower and equipment available to their best advantage and at the same time serving the needs of our beach-users.

Proficiency testing for all active club members came under the direct control of the Board this season. These, together with award examinations caused some strain on Board Members who undertake examination duties. Next season will have to see some active recruitment by Board Members so this burden can be eased.

The proficiency tests brought with them the inevitable problems of conducting them on an organised and fair basis. However, with this first experience and the suggestions put forward at various meetings with Clubs and Board Members, there will be few problems in the future.

The emergency services within the Branch have taken a further step forward towards closer co-operation and integration. Meetings have been held between the four services and proposals put forward, including a 24 hour call-out, will be implemented during next season.

All emergency services have been active this season, and reports of their full activities can be found in the respective Officers' reports. In brief, the Wales Helicopter Rescue Service, sponsored by the Bank of New South Wales, Radio 2UE and Channel TEN completed a record 346

missions. The District Jet Rescue Boats completed over 160 search and rescue operations and Club Inshore Rescue Boat patrols were responsible for making a total 489 rescues.

General co-operation between Clubs and the Board has again been good this season and all District Supervisors have throughout the year commented on this fact. Clubs have been willing to undertake and adopt suggestions without complaint and the Board Executive look forward during the coming season to the same good attitude from the new Club management committees.

#### MEMBERSHIP

During the year the following Members joined the Board with specialist examiners qualifications: D. Cooper, B. Gardiner, J. Kentwell, F. Smith, all as IRB Examiners; G. Sewell, Radio Examiner; R. Whitmore, ARC examiner, and C. Matthews who transferred from Newcastle as a Full Member. R. Day and B. Grantham joined as Competition Members.

There were only 5 Probationary Members nominated from Clubs this season and we welcome: P. Easson, C. Lloyd, L. Potapof, Karl Solomonson and D. Wilson. Next year there will have to be a concerted effort on the part of Board Members to introduce new men to bolster our ranks.

Full Examiners Certificates were awarded to G. Bennett and B. Kelly of South Maroubra and C. Lloyd of Garie.

During the year four members resigned from the Board. They were: P. Calder, J. Benham, J. Parkes and D. Renford. On behalf of the Board I would like to sincerely thank these men for their past time and efforts on our behalf.

The present categories of Board Membership as compared to the past three seasons is listed in the table below:

Category	1976-77	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80
Life Members	17	19	19	21
Long Service Members	17	16	16	18
Full Members	55	73	90	68
Probationary Members	10	10	5	5
IRB Examiners			5	6
JRB Examiners			11	8
Helicopter Examiners			4	3
ARC Examiners				2
Radio Examiners				1
Examinations Only				5
Competition Only				9
Country Members	1	1	3	5
	100	119	153	151

These figures only show the present classification of membership and not the full examination strength of the Board. Under the new Awards and the Re-Structure of the Board, many members act in a dual capacity and hold specialist Examiners Certificates in addition to Full Membership.

The distribution of Board Membership in Clubs is shown in the following table:

Active Members in Clubs

Club	No.	Club	No.
Bondi	10	Garie	4
Bronte	3	Maroubra	10
Burning Palms	5	North Bondi	5
Clovelly	2	North Cronulla	14
Coogee	12	South Maroubra	5
Cronulla	13	Tamarama	6
Elouera	10	Wanda	12
Era	5		

MEETINGS

At the date of this Report, the Board Executive had met on nine occasions during the past season. Attendance at these meetings is listed below:

Name and Position	Possible	Apology	Attended
J. May - Superintendent (Note 1)	5		5
T. Elliott - Deputy Superintendent	8	1	7
S. Strange - Secretary (Note 2)	6		6
E. Stephens - Examination Super.	8		8
J. Dewey - Carnival Super.	8	1	7
H. Brown - IRB Super.	8	1	4
J. Fotopoulos- JRB Super.	8	1	3
I. Badham - Helicopter Director	8	1	5
J. Wardall - Radio Officer	8		8
F. Osborne - No.1 District	8	2	5
J. Fraser - No.2 District	8		6
D. Popplewell - No.3 District	8	2	4
K. Andrews - No.4 District	8	1	3

Notes:

No record of attendance is available for September Executive meeting.

Note 1. Leave granted due to illness.

Note 2. Secretary elected November Full Meeting.

Four full meetings of the Board were held during the past season. The first, in November 1979 was attended by 34 members and the instructional part of the evening dealt with carnival referee duties and set-up of competition area. A video presentation of the proposed new R & R competition and highlights of the 1978-79 Metropolitan Championships was shown.

The second full meeting in January saw 41 members attend and the instructional segment covered marshalling at carnivals with video of IRB Rescue Procedures.

The third full meeting held in March was attended by 37 Members. A lecture and movie presentation was given by Superintendent Ken Baret of the Police Rescue and Disaster Branch on delegation of authority and rescue procedures.

The fourth and final meeting was attended by 40 members. At this meeting the question of the number of full meetings was raised. It was the consensus of the meeting that next season's number of full compulsory meetings remain the same. Current general items were discussed and a video of highlights of the 1980 Australian Championships was shown as well as a resuscitation demonstration by the Education Panel.

Overall, attendance at these compulsory meetings as required by our Constitution was very good. It has also been noted that the numbers of members attending is greater than when full monthly meetings were held under the old constitution.

#### EXAMINATION AND INSTRUCTION SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The past season has seen a drop in the number of awards, however, with the innovation of the Proficiency Tests being carried out by the Board of Control, the actual work-load of our Members increased.

Whilst awards are down, I feel that the standards in most cases have improved, this coming about by most of the instruction being given by more qualified instructors.

In all there were approximately 138 Bronze and Qualifying squads examined which entailed the appointment of about 200 Examiners and it is pleasing to note the improved attendance of our Members in comparison with our previous season. As well as basic award examinations, there were 49 Advanced Resuscitation examinations carried out within the Branch. The examiners in this sphere are actually carrying out a double task, being involved with the basic awards as well. Records show that a number of specialist awards were also gained which actually brings the total of examinations to 215 for the season.

With regards to the Proficiency Tests, active members of Clubs appeared reluctant to present themselves until they were certain of what was required. Ultimately it was expressed in many circles that the Test was one of the best things brought under the Association's control for a long time. There were reports of inconsistency of some of our Members however this being the inaugural year I am sure it will improve in future seasons. The system under which we do these Tests gave each Club the opportunity to apply for three dates prior to November 25. As well, club members were able to carry out their tests at other clubs on their dates. After November outstanding members were able to do their tests at any venue where basic examinations were being carried out.

At the conclusion of the season, Clubs were circulated for criticisms or ideas for improving the system. There were only four replies to this so it should be assumed that most Clubs were generally satisfied with the way in which the tests were carried out.

As in past seasons, quite a number of our Board Members have involved themselves with instructional work. This has a twofold advantage.

The first being the higher standards of our candidates and the other being a closer relationship and understanding in the training and examining of squads.

It is pleasing to note that members of our Resuscitation, Research, Development, Instructional and Medical Panel have once again been involved with the training of instructors in the field of advanced resuscitation, not only within our own Branch, but they have travelled to most Branches throughout the State. I wish to express our thanks to those Branches for the way in which we were received and the keenness shown by their members. Also my thanks go to Frank Osborne for his co-ordination of this section of instruction.

Experiments, lectures and displays in the handling of spinal and neck injuries in patients from pools and the surf have been organised by Dr. Ian Mackie and Bruce Breadner who has been elected to the position of State Educational Officer. These have involved lectures by Dr. John Yeo (Royal North Shore Hospital, Mr. Bruce Purdy (Deputy Superintendent Central District Ambulance) Bob Ford (Chief crewman Wales Helicopter Rescue Service), Dr. Philip Conroy (Prince Henry Hospital) and demonstrations by members of No. 2 District Clubs. Our thanks go to these gentlemen for their time and effort spent in this regard and to Cronulla Surf Club who made their club and pool available.

Another interesting lecture and film presentation was given by Superintendent Ken Baret, who is the officer in charge of any major civil disaster or emergency in New South Wales. To Ken and Ian Badham who arranged the talk please accept our thanks.

In conclusion, I would like to express to those members of our Board who have played their part, and in a number of cases, more than their part, in the examination and instructional side of the Sydney Branch Surf Life Saving Board of Control.

E. B. STEPHENS  
Examination and  
Instructional Supervisor

The following table lists the Awards gained during the 1979-80 Season compared to the last three seasons.

AWARDS - SEASON 1979-80

<u>Awards</u>	<u>1976-77</u>	<u>1977-78</u>	<u>1978-79</u>	<u>1979-80</u>
Resuscitation Certificate	130	173	56	66
Qualifying Certificate	212	213	227	172
Bronze Medallion	430	376	341	307
Advanced Resuscitation Cert.	161	168	162	192
Advanced Resuscitation Inst.	-	-	6	10
Advanced Resuscitation Exam.	-	-	-	1
Instructors Certificate	54	61	42	31
Examiners Certificate	6	23	13	3
IRB Crewman Certificate	-	18	6	30
IRB Drivers Certificate	9	23	14	25
IRB Instructors Certificate	-	-	3	4
IRB Examiners Certificate	-	-	-	6
JRB Crewman Certificate	-	-	20	12
JRB Drivers Certificate	9	2	8	2
JRB Instructors Certificate	-	-	4	-
JRB Examiners Certificate	-	-	3	-
Radio Operators Certificate	-	-	18	24
Radio Instructors Certificate	-	-	-	1
Helicopter Crewmans Certificate	-	-	-	1
Advanced Lifesaving Certificate	-	-	-	1
	<u>1016</u>	<u>1057</u>	<u>923</u>	<u>888</u>

No. of Awards per Club

<u>Club</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>No.</u>
Bondi	70	Garie	53
Bronte	60	Maroubra	130
Burning Palms	12	North Bondi	63
Clovelly	20	North Cronulla	70
Coogee	54	South Maroubra	44
Cronulla	40	Tamarama	22
Elouera	74	Wanda	100
Era	10	Miscellaneous	66

## SYDNEY BRANCH BOARD OF CONTROL

Nominations for Office and Committees, to be elected at the Annual General Meeting, at South Maroubra SLSC, August 13, 1980.

Superintendent.....Trevor Elliott ✓  
Deputy Superintendent.....Ron Howells/~~Trevor Elliott~~  
Hon. Secretary.....Steve Strange ✓  
Carnival & Competition  
Supervisor.....John Dewey ✓  
Examination & Instruction  
Supervisor.....Ernie Stephens ✓

### Honorary District Supervisors:

No.1 District.....Frank Osborne ✓  
No.2 District.....Mick Berger ✓  
No.3 District.....David Popplewell ✓  
No.4 District.....Mike Clancy ✓

### Assistant District Supervisors:

No.1 District.....Standover.  
No.2 District.....Standover.  
No.3 District.....Phil Vanny ✓  
No.4 District.....Frank Gilroy ✓

Honorary JRB Supervisor.....Paul Parsons ✓  
Honorary IRB Supervisor.....Harry Brown ✓  
Honorary Helicopter Director.....Ian Badham ✓  
Honorary Radio Officer.....John Wardall ✓  
~~Board of Control~~  
Honorary Gear Steward.....Percy Ainsworth ✓

### Committees:

Meritorious Awards:.....Ron Howells, Albert Moseley, Robert McKenna,  
(7 to be elected) Kevin Andrews, Bob Davidson, John Fraser  
Trevor Elliott (C)

Manual Revision Committee:.....Peter Carney, John Dewey, Albert Moseley  
(3 to be elected) (C)

Resuscitation Research, etc Panel:.....Ernie Stephens, John May, Peter Carney, (C)  
(7 to be elected, plus Secretary) Albert Moseley, Frank Osborne, Bruce Breadner  
~~Medical Panel~~ Bob Ford, M de Luca, ~~Percy Ainsworth~~

Gear Inspection:.....Jim Connolly, Mike Clancy, Albert Moseley,  
(16 to be elected) (C) Nick Dixon, Ken English, Ross Williams

~~A. Morris~~: D. McGroder: B. Gardmer  
J. Dewey, K. Midson, P. Stevenson.  
J. Wardall, B. Kelly, A. Morris  
L. Howells, Bob Davidson.

## ADVANCED RESUSCITATION INSTRUCTIONAL GROUP

The ARC courses were held at Caringbah Community Clinic each Wednesday night at 7.30 p.m. This year the main concern of the Group has been ARC courses for community groups and Instructors' courses for SLSA members. The course is programmed so these Instructors can return to their clubs to teach ARC and upgrade resuscitation generally.

I am more than a little dissatisfied at the number who attend these courses and the small number who eventually gain the ARC Instructors Certificate (on completion of the course they have to train a squad for their ARC). What is the problem? A little feedback might help.

We had 14 Examiners and Instructors attend our refresher night and these members are preparing club members for their ARC refresher.

At Tullabudgera Update '78 I was shocked at the variation in resuscitation in Australia. I suggested to our State Superintendent that a series of lecture weekends be held in the various Branches to demonstrate techniques of instruction. This was rather slow in beginning with the first weekend at Mollymook in July 1979, for the South Coast and Far South Coast Branches. This was followed by 3 Wednesday nights in Illawarra which was not a great success due to the lack of continuity of candidates. The third seminar in Lower North Coast was well attended and successful.

Once the surfing season commenced, there was a falling-off in participation and availability of equipment. Twenty-one members representing five clubs were at the Far North Coast seminar and only eight members attended when the seminar was held at Coffs Harbour in North Coast Branch. Newcastle and Mid-North Coast Branches did not hold the seminar and the one in Central Coast attracted a disappointing fourteen members.

Of the people that attended, most were pleasantly surprised that instead of being lectured, they were deeply involved in assessment, communication, uniformity and fluency of operators and instructors in the advanced resuscitation certificate training.

During the year instruction was given to members of the Bush Fire Brigade, Red Cross, the dental profession, school teachers and intensive care nurses. As well, two revision courses were held for the Helicopter Crews.

Frank Osborne  
Co-Ordinator

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

Big seas and bright sunshine provided the ingredients for many of arduous patrols carried out by the IRB's during the past season.

Statistics reveal that IRB Crews performed 489 rescues out of a total of 1,989 performed by members throughout the Branch. Thus averaging 25% of all rescues effected. This is a splendid achievement by a truly dedicated section of our Clubs.

At the Annual Gear Inspection all IRB's and motors were found to be in excellent condition and full marks to the members responsible.

With the 1980-81 season rapidly approaching, now is the time for Clubs to have any major repairs effected as there could be a considerable delay if all boats were returned to the supplier for repairs at the last moment.

During the season an IRB Field Day was conducted at Maroubra, which was highly successful and we are indebted to the Wales Helicopter Rescue Service for its involvement.

A disaster exercise was conducted in Botany bay in collaboration with the Police and Ambulance, simulating various methods of rescuing people out of the Bay following an air crash. The results of the exercise were very enlightening and will significantly assist the Police in their future exercises.

An instructional weekend was held at Era, with a very enthusiastic team of operators and it is obvious that their new craft will provide an effective life saving tool in this area.

Several examinations were carried out during the season which resulted in 29 IRB Crewmans' Certificates, 24 IRB Drivers' Certificates, 4 Instructors' Certificates and 6 Examiners' Certificates.

Congratulations to all the recipients and a special thank you to my co-examiners, Bruce Gardiner, Arthur White, David Cooper, Peter Squire and John Kentwell.

It is interesting to record in summary the activities during the past season of each Club which operates an IRB.

CLUB	IRB		AWARDS		
	RESCUES	IRBC	IRBD	IRBI	IRBE
Bondi	22				2
Burning Palms	1				
Coogee	29				
Cronulla	17				
Elouera	50	3	2		2
Era	3	4	3		
Garie	5	4	3	1	
Maroubra	219	8	6	2	1
North Bondi	53	2	2		
North Cronulla	55	4	4	1	
South Maroubra	7	1	1		
Wanda	1	3	3		1
	489	29	24	4	6

The successful operating of IRB's is dependant upon a sufficient number of qualified drivers to be available to carry out the surveillance duties required by each Club.

Unless new members are being continually trained and introduced into the patrol work, the IRB performance will ultimately suffer in that particular Club. Accordingly, each Club must review its activities and ensure that this situation is not reached.

The Sydney Branch is currently formulating a policy on a 24 hour emergency call-out system and when this is finally evolved, I feel sure that IRB's will play an important part.

In conclusion, I wish to personally record my sincere assistance to our IRB Honorary Secretary, Peter Pearce for his efforts and assistance during the past season.

Harry Brown  
IRB Supervisor.

#### SYDNEY BRANCH POWER CRAFT PANEL

The Sydney Branch Power Craft Panel was constituted so that the Sydney Branch jet rescue boats could be represented on the Board of Control as having a common goal in their approach to power craft in general and to the safety of the public.

The Panel had a good start with plenty of interest. Pre-season exercises were carried out and the JRB's were involved in the air disaster simulation in Botany Bay. Participation in this exercise brought home the need for the development of night rescue operations and the 24 hour call-out system.

JRB-4 made an advertisement for Mobil Oil and gained a 4,000 litre fuel sponsorship. More significantly this allowed an increase in search operations for missing persons and boats off Sydney. A number of these were performed at dusk highlighting the need to develop night operations.

Details of Rescues and Operations for the 1979-80 Season are:

	JRB 2	JRB 3	JRB 4
Rescues - Persons	80	36	18
- Boats	7	2	2
Searches	1	20	1
Crew - Drivers	6	4	6
- Crewmen	10	14	10
- Reserves		2	2
Hours Run	234	144.9	117.7
Fuel Used (litres)	6,274	3,125	2,161
Litres per hour used	26.81	21.57	18.36

I would like to thank the three Group Captains, Peter Squire, JRB-4, Alan Morris, JRB-3 and Don McGroder, JRB-2 and their crewmen for their efforts and co-operation during the past season in training and boat maintenance.

Anthony Foley  
Secretary, Power Craft Panel

## SYDNEY WALES HELICOPTER RESCUE SERVICE

The last season has proved the busiest on record for the Wales Helicopter Rescue Service operated by the Surf Life Saving Association in Sydney.

The helicopter and its carefully trained crews once again were on duty every day throughout the year, and responded to assist with a record 346 missions. These resulted in 36 people being rescued, 146 people were treated by the crew or flown to hospital and the Service completed another 164 search and support operations.

That brings to 1,257 the total number of missions completed by the Service since its inception in October 1973.

On two missions, rescue crewmen and a doctor were hoisted down to boats to render emergency aid to seamen injured or seriously ill over 5km off shore. The patients were then hoisted up to the hovering helicopter in a special stretcher and flown direct to hospital.

Reflecting the rise in popularity of boating, and the lack of preparation that many undertake before heading out on the water, the helicopter was called out 60 separate times to assist boats in distress or lost.

The helicopter played a vital role with accurate aerial observation and medical support during bush fires in Sutherland Shire, and during the bush fire emergencies in December in Warringah and Hornsby Shires.

This level of community support was achieved through the dedicated efforts of the service's pilots, rescue crewmen, doctors, divers and support personnel including the staff of SLSA surf rescue radio bases. Apart from the employment of one full-time rescue crewman and the services of professional pilots, all rescue and medical crew undertake duty in a volunteer capacity.

Close liaison was maintained with all emergency authorities, and in particular the police, ambulance, hospitals, bush fire brigades, council lifeguards, boating groups and, through the SLSA radio network, the various surf life saving clubs.

Rescue crewmen this winter, in addition to completing their normal duty in hospital wards, have been undertaking an advanced first aid certificate course organised by the Service through the Red Cross Society.

The Service and its members were involved in a wide variety of seminars, demonstrations and disaster exercises. In all, some 40 separate lectures were presented, including sessions at the Third Helicopter Aviation Medical Seminar, presented by the Aviation Medical Society of Australia and New Zealand at the Army Aviation Centre at Oakey in Queensland.

A close watch was kept on overseas developments in this specialised field of aviation. Honorary medical director Dr. Sue Rowley visited helicopter groups in England and Europe in December, chief pilot Peter Howe attended the annual Helicopter Association of America convention in the United States in February, and director Ian Badham and crewman Tony LeMarseny were selected in the SLSA's first national helicopter study team which visited New Zealand and the United States in April and May.

The result has been continued development of the Sydney Wales Helicopter Rescue Service, voted by an overseas helicopter expert during a conference in Sydney during the season as "equal to the world's best rescue/medical helicopter services".

Liaison within the SLSA system was maintained through Ian Badham as the Sydney Branch/Board helicopter director, Mark Fraser serving as Manly-Warringah Branch liaison officer, crewman Peter Gard again held the post of NSW State Centre helicopter adviser, Dr. Sue Rowley was a member of the State medical panel, and Ian Badham also continued as national aerial facilities officer.

Without major support and sponsorship the helicopter could not operate in this efficient manner to assist the community, without cost or obligation, when life or property is subject to serious threat.

The efforts of the Bank of New South Wales should be applauded, in contributing to all seven SLSA helicopter operations in Australia after the initial development in Sydney. The support sponsorship from Radio 2UE and Channel TEN not only contributed to the funding, but allow direct media coverage of many dramatic incidents.

This sponsorship was assisted by assistance from the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation with special items of equipment, and the Royal North Shore Hospital and St. Leonards Rotary Club for providing an excellent standby helipad, storage facilities, office and medical support.

Ian Badham  
Helicopter Director

#### RADIO OFFICER'S REPORT

The Branch Radio Room was operational throughout the season for a total of 68 days and commenced with 14 full time operators. They performed their duties of co-ordinating the emergency services and the Clubs in their various rescue tasks with professionalism and they are to be congratulated.

During the season, we lost the services of two very competent operators, namely Miss Carole Wilson (working holiday) and Stefan Boris (business committments) who had many seasons' experience, and I would personally thank them wholeheartedly for their past efforts.

Apart from myself, Sydney Surf operators are members of the following Clubs:

Bronté*	Wanda*
Coogee	Garie*
Maroubra	Burning Palms*

\* associate members.

On the instructional side, requests for examinations were received from Radio Officers of the following Clubs:

North Bondi	North Cronulla
Bronte	Garie
Wanda	Burning Palms.

As well, lectures were given to four Scuba Diving Clubs on basic radio use.

Ironically, no surf club except the No. 1 District, saw a similar need, which is difficult to believe when one hears some Club operators, and sees some of the equipment that is returned for repairs.

It is intended to hold a one day Radio School before the following season commences for all categories of Club and Board members as well as IRB and JRB crews.

My sincere thanks are extended to my Deputy, Grant Sewell for his efforts during the season and his diligence when conducting examinations.

John Wardall  
Radio Officer

#### CARNIVAL AND COMPETITION SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The Sydney Branch conducted five open carnivals; Garie, Maroubra, North Bondi, North Cronulla and Coogee, plus the "Rossfield" carnival at Bondi Pool, the Inter-District Championships at South Maroubra, Branch Championships at Bondi and the Metropolitan Championships at Wanda. As well as these open carnivals the Branch assisted with the Inter-Branch Championships at Elouera. All four Districts conducted inter-club carnivals throughout the season. The North Bondi Carnival was also the venue for the Trans-Tasman Test between New Zealand and Australia.

This would have been the first season for many years, when the majority of carnivals were held with sufficient Officials. This point is made clear now that we have Competition Members on the Board. It is encouraging to find just how many people are interested in assisting at Carnivals. New Officials were instructed mainly at carnivals but several training and lecture evenings were held during the year.

All Referees and Officials who were appointed gave their utmost to ensure that each Carnival was a success and from comments received, all carnivals within the Branch were successful. Certainly, there were mistakes, but without these mistakes we would not learn and therefore improvements would cease. The Referees, Jim Switzer, Garie and North Cronulla; Harry Brown Maroubra; John May, North Bondi, Bondi and Wanda; and John Dewey, Coogee; and Ernie Stephens, South Maroubra, ensured success of their respective carnivals by holding meetings prior to carnival day, and in several cases were members of the Carnival Committee.

Following from the report of the Carnival Review Committee, events and the timetable were restricted to achieve a balanced programme. This was achieved for most competitors, but again, someone must lose out. All in all, the restricted format proved its worth.

There were no restrictions of events at any of the championship carnivals, and with the experience gained and further experimentation with timetables we will soon iron out most of the wrinkles.

The Branch ably assisted the smooth operation of our carnivals by the allocation of funds to maintain the carnival gear. Clubs were asked to lodge a deposit and were invoiced for any losses. Fortunately losses were at a minimum this year. Timetables and Officials' appointment sheets were promulgated and the assistance of the staff at Surf House is acknowledged for this service.

Sydney Branch would probably have the finest carnival gear in Australia, and this is due to the efforts of several Board members, but mainly through the dedication of Bill Singleton. Sydney Clubs should be more than thankful for the outcome of their carnivals due to Bill's efforts. However, it is heartbreaking to see the way the gear is returned to him. In many cases it is just thrown into the trailer.

Percy Ainsworth looked after our stationery, flags, stopwatches and starting pistols. Again, he has turned in a first class job, but it was not unusual to see Perc and members of his family chasing Officials for the return of gear.

Harry Brown - A carnival these days without him laying the buoys or assisting or training someone to place this very important equipment in the right place to suite every competitor, Official or spectators would not be a carnival. In most cases he has his team on the beach at 6.00 a.m. for championships or a later start, 8.00 a.m. for open carnivals. The team stand-by all through the day to adjust the gear and at the conclusion of the carnival remove it again. To Harry and his team, thanks for an efficient job well done.

It is now time the Branch should look at the possibility of purchasing two important items of gear. Firstly, a truck or caravan, or both, so as gear may be efficiently stored and transported. Secondly, the Branch should decide on purchasing its own public address system. Most of the problems at carnivals over the past two years have been caused by suspect P.A. equipment.

Many people and a great deal of equipment is needed to conduct a successful carnival and for Sydney Branch, both of these prerequisites were fulfilled. Clubs generally were successful in their endeavours. Both the Coogee and Wanda carnivals were televised on the ABC and all open and championship carnivals were backed by sponsors. I feel sure that with the results of the carnivals, the sponsors must be satisfied as most are supporting Clubs again next season.

Unfortunately, Clubs tend to forget the Officials. At most carnivals, the Officials start arriving before club members to set up the areas and assemble the gear. They then go onto the beach to conduct the carnival on behalf of the Club - sometimes all day without a break - and at the conclusion are treated like second-class citizens. Clubs should be aware that Officials are equally important as the competitors. Lunches and a few refreshments should be budgeted into each Club's carnival account for the catering of these Officials.

Last season saw the introduction of the Cadet Iron Man event. Whilst only held once it aroused tremendous interest and is to be included in several carnivals next year. The Malibu Board Display was held on the morning of the Branch and Metropolitan championships and this proved a good decision as the attendance was excellent.

Next year will see the introduction of more new events - mainly in the water area. R & R will now be Open 6 man, Open 4 man and Cadet 4 man. The Board will endeavour to instruct Clubs and Officials in the new format for these new events for introduction in the coming season.

It is imperative a carnival organisers' meeting be held each year and that gear stewards also attend. After the meeting held early in the season, the improvement in these officials was most noticeable and this ensured the success of each Club's carnival.

It has been a successful season for the Branch in conducting carnivals and this is due in no small way to the following:

The Council and Shire beach inspectors, who advised and assisted us wherever possible; the Branch Officers who have helped in the liaison with Clubs and provided the secretarial services; the IRB's and JRB's who again played a major role; to the many Officials from other Branches who helped, Central Coast, Manly-Warringah, Illawarra, and during the Test, South Australia and Queensland we extend our thanks.

Without the competitors, there would be no carnivals, to all these men and boys who took part go our sincere thanks for their co-operation.

Last but not least, our own Board members. This year was a good one, our standards have improved and Clubs have appreciated this fact. The competitors have appreciated it and the Board should feel proud of a job well done.

John Dewey  
Carnival & Competition Supervisor

#### No. 1 DISTRICT SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Saturday patrols were attempted for the first time this year in No. 1 District. Garie patrolling with a full patrol for the whole season and Burning Palms and Era a surveillance patrol of three members during daylight saving months. All three Clubs had an IRB on patrol or stand-by during these Saturday patrols. None of the Clubs seemed to be overworked and the patrols proved effective.

The radio situation in the district has not been good on several occasions. Interference was sustained on the rescue frequency once from South Coast Branch and once from Illawarra. However, their teething troubles were ironed out and were probably due to over enthusiasm during their first year's use of the equipment.

Era's participation has deteriorated since the theft of their solar cell early this season and any check of Garie or Burning Palms logs will show it was almost non-existent. On each occasion when there was a need to use the radio to contact the helicopter a trip to Burning Palms was required.

Patrols in the district at Garie and Burning Palms showed an even consistency but patrols at Era seemed very poor except No. 1 patrol. This fact has been brought to the Branch Superintendent's attention and suggesting a meeting be held with their Club Officials. Unfortunately, because of some problems this meeting has not come about.

Two rounds of competition were held in the district this season and resulted in a win in the Pymble Shield and Bobby Liddle Trophy to Era, the Resuscitation Trophy to Garie and the Best Junior and Best Cadet to Graham Smith (Burning Palms) and Andrew Josland (Era) respectively.

I must congratulate Garie Club for their sustained effort to gain 50 Awards this season - a magnificent effort on the part of a small Club.

Frank Osborne  
No. 1 District Supervisor

No. 2 DISTRICT SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

This season was rather important for the four Clubs in the No. 2 District with the introduction of Saturday morning patrols and Proficiency Tests.

Generally the Clubs handled their patrols well. Any criticism tended to come from Club Officials rather than from the man on the beach. Now we have had one season of Saturday patrols under our belts, any problems encountered should be overcome in the next season.

During the season, the guidelines laid down for surveillance patrol hours were generally successful in providing a more flexible approach to patrols. The only problem seemed to be a lack of communication from Club Officials to the men on the beach.

Proficiency Tests - some teething troubles were encountered in conducting these tests and from my observations the following points were noted:

- lack of awareness of the requirements by some Board members;
- the standard of the tests were sometimes below that set for qualifying certificate examinations;
- a lack of co-operation, both with the examiner in charge (not arriving on time or just not turning up) and the Clubs.

I think that if the system is to continue as last season, Board members who conduct the tests should have a revision themselves as to the requirements. However, consideration should be given to letting Clubs conduct their own tests with their own Board members with arrangements made with Clubs who have a shortage of Board members or none at all.

Overall, the standard of patrols in the No. 2 District were very high and I believe this will continue in the coming years.

John Fraser  
No. 2 District Supervisor

No. 3 DISTRICT SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The 1979-80 season was one of which the No. 3 District as a whole can be well pleased with its contribution to surf life saving.

With the introduction of the Proficiency Tests along with the need to train Bronze Medallion and Qualifying Certificate candidates, the instructional side of Clubs were heavily stretched from the start of the season, but all managed to cope adequately, some tremendously.

The new patrol hours made things difficult too, but the problems in general were quietly eroded and efficiently maintained. It was pleasing to note the improvements of South Maroubra under the retiring Captain, Jack Wade, their awards were up a great deal while their patrols were heavily attended - nearly 70% of active members gained full patrol efficiency.

Clovelly too, although experiencing a lot of difficulty early in the season has managed to improve under the guidance of its Club Captain, Des Renford and President, Richard Wendt. Their next season is now looking to be even better.

Both Coogee and Maroubra have maintained their momentum, which keeps them in the forefront of the Association. A special thanks to their retiring Captains Keith Grima from Maroubra and Ron Day of Coogee.

It was good to see more No. 1's in the Jet Boat with more to come. Thank you to the Captain and crews of JRB-3 in your efforts. As long as we all remember that reflections on the past don't create improvements in the future, all augments well for the coming season.

My thanks go to Phil Vanny who has done an excellent job as my Assistant throughout the season and to those Clubs and individuals who have assisted us, especially the numerous examiners who conducted preliminary and final examinations and proficiency tests within the area.

Dave Popplewell  
No. 3 District Supervisor

#### DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The past season was again one of change and saw the introduction of Proficiency Testing conducted by the Board of Control as well as Surveillance Patrols with duty extended to Saturday mornings. Both these changes caused major discussion and alteration within Clubs and the Board, but to the credit of all concerned were generally accepted as forward steps for lifesaving.

The new policies were explained at meetings with Club Captains and then the District Supervisors, Kevin Andrews, Dave Popplewell, John Fraser and Frank Osborne. They were called upon to see the standards were maintained.

The Board was available to guide and assist weaker Clubs which was done in a constructive manner. If these Clubs can not show improvement in the coming season, District Executives must show a positive attitude to situations within their District and take an active part in assisting them.

More reliance was placed on the Mobile Services, Radio Network and Club IRB's which has been recognised in an extensive call-out structure heralded for the coming season. This system was in part motivated by a successful lecture to the Board by Superintendent Ken Baret of the NSW Police.

The Examination Supervisor, Solly Stephens, handled the extra workload brought about by the proficiency tests with his usual thoroughness and dedication and it was pleasing to see him ably assisted by the Active members of the Board. Steve Strange in particular along with John Dewey and the other members of the Board Executive assisted me immensley during the latter part of the season.

The illness of John May was unexpected and a loss to lifesaving and all wish him a complete recovery and return to full duties after such a successful initial year as Superintendent.

Trevor Elliott  
Deputy Superintendent.

## THE YEAR'S WORK

The Board has continued its aim of furthering the ideals of surf life saving, although hampered by the casual attitude of some members. The various activities of the Board during the past season are summarised below.

- Appointment of 200 examiners for Bronze and Qualifying examinations in the Branch
- 217 Squads examined with total Awards of 888
- Weekly instruction of ARC in the Branch with 49 examinations plus instruction in other New South Wales Branches by the Panel
- 5 Open Carnivals, the Inter-District, Inter-Branch, Metropolitan and Branch Championships as well as the Australian Titles
- Club Captains meeting, Carnival Organisers meeting, Chief Instructors meeting
- Annual Gear Inspection throughout the Branch
- Participation in Botany Bay disaster exercise
- Lectures and Demonstrations by Wales Helicopter Rescue Service
- 4 Full Meeting of the Board with lectures and video presentations on current items
- Conduct of restricted Club and Inter-Club carnivals
- Demonstrations and lectures to outside organisations including those conducted by Department of Sport and Recreation
- Hosting the Trans-Tasman Test between New Zealand and Australia with the Welsh team participating.
- Meetings organised for Proficiency Tests, Emergency Call-out and Carnival Judges instructional panel formed.

## CONCLUSION

All members of the Board Executive have played their part this year to make it the success it has been. Under the guidance of Honorary Superintendent, John May, we saw the introduction of the Association's policy on rescue operations by Clubs, and with some problems that have now been greatly overcome, we will progress more smoothly into future seasons.

The untimely illness suffered by John in March this year saw much of the burden placed on Deputy Superintendent Trevor Elliott. However, the co-operation and rapport between these two men has meant that Board activities have not suffered. I join with all Board Members in wishing John a speedy recovery and return to Board activities in the coming year.

Next season will again herald a great change in surf life saving and will create new situations for all members of the Association to overcome. The introduction of Active membership to female members and the resultant opening of competition will have to be treated slowly and professionally. Whatever the personal ideals of Board Members may be, we must be guided by the policy of the Association without exception.

Many novel and good ideas and suggestions have been brought forward at various meetings during the year and by individual Board members. It is up to these members to see that they are followed through and evaluated by the Board as a whole. The need of all members to go out to their own Clubs and recruit new members is borne by the fact that only three new Full examiners certificates were awarded this season. A concerted effort will be needed if our vital participation and leading is to continue.

I would like to thank all Board members for their co-operation, suggestions and help during my first year as Board Secretary. The task has been very rewarding and I hope that it has been well done.

Special appreciation must be mentioned of the help that the Board has received from all Branch Officers during the past year and especially to Joan Vaughan and her secretarial staff, Kerry McKenzie, Henry Hendra and Julie McKenzie. With the increasing workload of Board paper work it is pleasing to know that any requests will be followed through.

To John May and Trevor Elliott and all members of the Board Executive, thank you for your co-operation and assistance.

To the Presidents and Committees of South Maroubra, Maroubra, Coogee and all the other Clubs that have hosted Board meetings and functions during the year I would thank you for your co-operation on behalf of the whole Sydney Branch Surf Life Saving Board of Control and look forward to its continuation in the future.

Steve Strange  
Honorary Board Secretary

SUPERINTENDENT'S ADDENDUM

Gentlemen,

With the conclusion of this season, I feel it has once again been a challenging one, not only for the Board and the Association, but also for the Patrolman on our beaches. Again, with the co-operation of Board members and Clubs it has been a successful one. I am sure next season will also have it's challenges. With the new re-structure starting to function in its first full year and the great deal of expertise that is coming from all sections of the Board, no challenge will be too great for our members.

For all the members of the Board the workload was immense but was overcome efficiently. To those who put all of their time, patience and co-operation into what was asked of them, I thank each and every one of you for a fine effort.

This season the area of surf life saving has greatly changed. With the introduction of Saturday morning patrols and the Proficiency tests it took a great deal of understanding to achieve the success we did in the Branch. To all of the Clubs I thank you.

To all of my Board of Control Executive, I thank each and every one of you for a job well done.

Trevor Elliott, my Deputy, was always there for advice and guidance, not only to myself but to each Club in the Branch. I would also like to thank Trevor for his efforts in finishing the season for me whilst I was ill.

Ernie Stephens, Examination and Instructional Supervisor. Sollie had a tremendous burden of paper work to get through over the season but through his methodical and endeavours nature it was handled most proficiently.

Although I still think that there should be more uniformity between the squads in the Branch and the Examiners to achieve this we need a little more help from our Assistant District Supervisors.

Steve Strange came forward this season to be Board Secretary and I would like to thank him for his handling of all matters of the Board. I am sure all of the Board Members will join with me in congratulating you on your efforts and a fine Annual Report.

John Dewey, as my Carnival and Competition Supervisor, has shown great enthusiasm in conducting the Sydney Branch carnivals which I feel all concerned have seen a great improvement. I am sure we will see the benefit of this in the forthcoming season.

Bruce Breadner took over the reins of the Resuscitation Panel at Caringbah Hospital. To all of his Panel members we thank you for your stirring efforts and your time.

Ian Badham, Helicopter Director. Once again he, along with his crewmen and doctors did a tremendous service not only to Sydney Branch and the SLSA but also to the community at large. To you Ian, keep up the good work and we, the Board, wish you and all your members every success in the future.

IRB Supervisor, Harry Brown, is always to the fore where surf life saving needs updating. He is able to produce new ideas and to assist in all facets of life saving, most of all with the IRB's. I also know Harry and the JRB's are putting a great deal of time and effort into 24 hour emergency services. To you Harry, a job well done.

John Wardall, Sydney Branch Radio Officer. Unfortunately John had a few problems over the year and they were overcome only with the help of a few. I would like to see more assistance given to John and I thank him and all his operators for the work put in during the year.

JRB Supervisor, Jim Fotopoulos had a very trying year due to a great many minor inefficiencies at the beginning of the season. It was pleasing to see all the JRB members combine to overcome these problems. This could not have been achieved without the co-operation of the Group as a whole and to Jim and his Officers, thank you for your efforts.

To the four District Supervisors and their Assistants, once again they maintained a very high standard throughout the Branch. I fully appreciate their time, approach and their responsibility to the Clubs the Branch and the community. To you gentlemen, a job well done.

Co-operation between the Board and the Branch has left nothing to be desired. To all of the Branch Officers, in particular, Branch President, Bill Marshall, go my sincere thanks.

To the professional lifeguards, I would like to thank you for your co-operation and assistance throughout the season. I hope this will continue to become a stronger relationship in the future as I feel that the lifesaver and the professional have a great deal to offer each other.

To the Branch Superintendents from Wollongong and Manly, Bob Little and Lindsay Paton, I would like to thank these two gentlemen for their

assistance and guidance through the season. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish to you gentlemen all the best in the future.

To all my fellow Board members and Club Officials, I thank you for your co-operation. It will be needed again next season, now that we have female life savers, introduction of the new R & R Manual, the updating of patrol efficiency tests and the smoothing out of Saturday patrols.

Finally gentlemen, I have really enjoyed the challenge of the season and I feel it has made me a better lifesaver. Due to my health, unfortunately, I will not be able to continue in this position. To the new Superintendent, I offer all of my assistance whenever required.

John May.

Branch Superintendent

#### No.4 DISTRICT SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

This season with the introduction of proficiency tests, all Clubs in the area were well aware of the conditions and necessity for conducting them.

Bronte, Tamarama and North Bondi all complied with a reasonable number of passes but Bondi were very low on figures with their Reserve Active being poorly represented.

Once again, Bondi were hard pressed with regards to patrols of the southern end of Bondi Beach. At the commencement of the season over discussions, it was agreed that this end would be classified as a surveillance area only. Minimum requirements to be three men, radio, rescue board and rescue tube. On several occasions it was found that only one or two men were on patrol and that the equipment was not complete.

The District Jet Boat again had some problems. Approaches must continue to be made to Waverley Council for a launching ramp and accommodation at North Bondi for JRB-4. This will eliminate the necessity of launching at Rose Bay and making the hazardous and unnecessary trip to the No. 4 area.

Kevin Andrews

No. 4 District Supervisor

