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**SYDNEY BRANCH  
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BOARD OF CONTROL**

**34th ANNUAL REPORT**

**1982—83 SEASON**



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Honorary Superintendent . . . . . Trevor Elliott  
Deputy Superintendent . . . . . Ron Howells  
Honorary Secretary . . . . . Steve Strange  
Examination and Instruction Supervisor. . . . . Bernie Kelly  
Carnival and Competition Supervisor . . . . . Ron Day

### Sectional Supervisors

IRB Supervisor . . . . . Harry Brown  
JRB Supervisor . . . . . Grant Sewell  
Helicopter Director . . . . . Peter MacCormick  
Radio Officer . . . . . John Wardall

### District Supervisors

No. 1 District . . . . . Frank Osborne  
No. 2 District . . . . . Bruce Breadner  
No. 3 District . . . . . Barry King  
No. 4 District . . . . . Charles Matthews

### Assistant District Supervisors

No. 1 District. . . . . Glenn Thomson  
No. 2 District. . . . . Mick De Luca  
No. 3 District. . . . . Gary Bennett  
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Board Gear Steward . . . . . Perce Ainsworth

### Board Committees

#### Gear Inspection Committee

N. Dixon (Convenor), J. Connolly, K. English, R. Williams,  
G. Smith, R. Davison, K. Midson, R. Sargeant, F. Osborne,  
G. Hewett, N. Miller, A. Moseley - Representative from I.R.B.  
Panel, J.R.B. Panel and Radio Panel.

#### Resuscitation, Research, Development, Instruction and Medical Panel

F. Osborne (Convenor), E. Stephens, M. DeLuca, B. Breadner,  
C. Matthews, R. Ford, G. Thomson

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W. Gray (Convenor), R. Davison, R. Sargeant, K. Rowswell, R.  
Howells, A. Moseley , K. Andrews

#### Manual Revision Committee

R. Howells (Convenor), G. Thomson, E. Stephens

#### Patrol Competition Committee

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S. Bailey, B. Fraser.



# MEMBERSHIP

## Life Members (23)

P. Ainsworth	N. Dixon	R. Michaelis	J. Switzer
K. Andrews	R. Howells	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan
V. Besomo	D. Lucas	C. Osborne	J. Wardall
H. Brown	R. McKenna	A. Purcell	K. Watson (decd.)
L. Buck	K. Messenger	E. Sier <del>Heard</del>	J. Young
J. Dewey	L. McDonald	E. Stephens	

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

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S. Bailey	M. Gladstone	C. Matthews	W. Sawyer
J. Baker	F. Gillroy	J. May	J. Seddon
G. Bennett	R. Gilroy	C. Melvey	J. Shaw
M. Berger	W. Gray	N. Miller	R. Sheldon
C. Bissell	K. Grima	P. Murphy	G. Shields
B. Breadner	J. Hammond	J. Oldham	R. Silcock
P. Calder	R. Hammond	R. O'Malley	A. Smith
P. Carney	W. Halpin	D. Pacey	F. Smith
M. Clancy	G. Hewett	R. Pears	G. Smith
J. Connolly	N. Jamieson	T. Perrin	K. Solomonson
P. Cooper	W. Josland	L. Platt	P. Steenson
K. Davis	B. Kelly	D. Popplewell	S. Strange
P. Davis	B. King	L. Potapof	B. Taylor
T. Elliott	L. Love	P. Quartly	B. Thompson
K. English	M. Lucas	W. Rennie	G. Thomson
M. Fischer	P. McGuinn	K. Rowsell	I. Toll
D. Falkiner	K. McKeachie	D. Ryan	B. Tually
B. Fraser	R. McCormack	R. Sandstrom	P. Vanny
J. Fraser	G. Martin	P. Sargeant	D. Wiggins
R. Ford	E. Wallbank	R. Williams	D. Wilson
R. Davison			

## Probationary Members (11)

F. Breen	G. Harte	J. Lloyd	S. Sporle
K. Connell	G. Kitzler	M. Martin	D. Tindall
R. Goodall	M. Lowther	P. Pearce	

## IRB Examiners (7)

G. Bruce	D. Cooper	R. Freer	M. Singleton
R. Camilleri	D. Dick	B. Gardiner	

## JRB Examiners (4)

R. Green	D. McGroder	K. Mogridge	G. Sewell
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## ARC Examiners (6)

R. Cotter	D. Hill	M. Spencer	R. Whitmore
P. Day	S. Lee		

## Competition Members (14)

A. Ainsworth	C. Dick	A. Menzies	R. Taylor
M. Andrews	P. Doolan	L. Raper	B. Townsend
K. Blakie	L. Harris	M. Sargeant	
R. Day	G. Howells		

## Radio Examiner (1)

H. Aikman
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## Helicopter Examiners (2)

I. Badham	A. Morris
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## Examination Members (7)

M. DeLuca	R. Johnson	G. McMahon	D. Wilson
A. Gately	J. Hall	D. Smith	

## Country Members (3)

D. Murray	S. Newman	J. Solomon
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# FOREWORD.

The following report covers another successful season for the Sydney Branch Board of Control. Statistics show that awards are up on last season, but the number of successful bronze medallion awardees have decreased.

This season saw the first lady Examiner, Marion Lucas, from Wanda S.L.S.C. elevated from the probationary ranks.

Co-operation and fellowship with neighbouring Branches again continued at a high level, and it was pleasing to observe the number of Sydney Branch Board members officiating at the Metropolitan Championships, other Branch's Carnivals, State, Australian and International Carnivals.

Their efforts also contributed to the successful running of special events such as the Mazda Surf Boat Marathon, the Rossfield Carnival and the Pier One Harbour Marathon etc.

Again, there was a hard working group within the Board who shouldered the work involved with the examination of candidates for the various awards, including the training and examining for Advanced Resuscitation Certificates.

Congratulations for again conducting Branch Patrol and First Aid Championships, which encourage the maintenance of the high standards achieved in our Branch.

The Board was also well represented at the State Examiners' Conference at Pennant Hills.

On behalf of the Branch Officers and Member Clubs, thank you to the hard working Executive Officers under the leadership of Trevor Elliott and to the various sections of the Board assisting I.R.B.'s, J.R.B.'s, the Sydney Branch Westpac Rescue Helicopter, Radio section and the various District Supervisors and their Deputies for a job well done.

Rex Sargeant  
Sydney Branch President.



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Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Honorary Superintendent, Mr. Trevor Elliott and the other Officers of the Board, I take pleasure in presenting to you the 34th Annual Report, covering the Sydney Branch Surf Life Saving Board of Control's activities for the 1982-83 season.

The year under review, being comparatively condensed due to the early holding of the Australian Championships, has again placed a very heavy burden on the manpower of the Board, both with examinations and instruction and also with the running of carnivals.

During the season there were over 200 examinations held at which 63 members of the Board officiated, additionally, 12 Proficiency Test dates were held at which the whole of the Branch's Active members took part. It is very apparent that all the work involved in examining new members of the Branch is being borne by a dedicated few, when the whole Board membership figure of 179 is taken into account.

This year, 7 open carnivals, a craft carnival, the Interdistrict Carnival and Branch Championships were conducted for the Branch Clubs' benefit. In addition, the Board conducted the Pier 1 and Cronulla Mazda Marathon Boat races as well as the successful Rossfield Carnival at the Bondi Icebergs. Our members also attended the Metropolitan Championships at Dee Why, 32 members went to the State Championships at Mollymook and 17 travelled to the Australian Championships at Clifton, Tasmania.

At Maroubra Beach, after the patrol season had finished, Maroubra Club hosted the very successful State IRB Championships for 1982-83. They were held in very demanding surf conditions, particularly on the Sunday when a 4m to 5m surf was running.

I would like to thank the dedicated band of helpers who supported Ron Day in successfully running all of these carnivals and I would take this opportunity to thank the Branch for their support with travel allowances paid to members who attended the State and Australian Championships.

As can be seen from the above figures for examinations and the number of carnivals as well as proficiency tests, there is a considerable workload during the patrol period of the season. It means for many of our Active members of the Board a full day carnival on the Saturday and then, backing-up for examinations or proficiency tests and Club commitments the next day. There is a continuing need for us all to attract new members to the Board and also to encourage those members only doing examinations or carnivals to help each other. This action will be imperative if the workload even just maintains its present level, let alone starts to decrease.

This coming 1983-84 season could perhaps be a good opportunity for those members attending carnivals only to take on some of the examination work. The Association will be introducing a new Examination and Instruction Manual



in August, which means all members who conduct examinations will have to re-learn the examination procedures anew. Introduction of the Manual will, in itself, be a major task for the Board for the coming year. In previous years where a new Manual has been introduced, awards are slow to start as Club Instructors also have to re-learn their techniques. The Branch will be holding a special full day seminar on July 23, at Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club commencing at 10.45 a.m. to introduce the new Manual to all members of the Board. Also in attendance on the day will be Club Instructors and the Active Lifesaving Officers of Clubs. I hope there will be a good attendance from the members of our Board on this important day.

During the year there were a number of seminars organised at which the attendance of Board members was either exclusive or with the participation of Clubs. New South Wales State Centre organised a live-in weekend State Board of Examiners Conference at the Pennant Hills Scout Camp, on similar lines to the Board's successful seminar a year previous. Sydney Branch had an attendance of 14 members, at which turned out to be an excellent conference. Subjects covered all aspects of Board activities and there was ample opportunity in question and answer sessions to learn from the examples of other Branches. I thank the members who attended and brought back information relevant and helpful to the running of this Board. I recommend to other members that if future opportunities to attend conferences such as this arise, every endeavour should be made to attend.

Bernie Kelly organised 2 Examination Field days in September, 1982. One at Cronulla and the other at Clovelly. I attended the day at Cronulla along with about 20 other members and the day was a success. Topics ranged from a standardised set of questions for examinations to trying to formulate some type of entire examination format relatively standardised throughout the Branch. Input from members was positive and sometimes forthright in attitude and since this field day a number of new policies involving examinations have been implemented. The second day scheduled for Clovelly was abandoned on the day due to lack of interest! Thanks to both Cronulla and Clovelly who made their Clubhouses, facilities and equipment available and for providing their own members to organise refreshments and lunches.

State Centre organised a R & R field Weekend in November 1982 at Forster for judges - both new and experienced - competitors, coaches and spectators. Five members of the Board attended along with the North Bondi and Wanda Teams. The opportunities for both new judges and also competitors to be shown the finer points in judging has been highly beneficial and I hope that more Board members will be able to attend the weekend which will again be held at Forster on November 26 and 27, 1983. It was indeed good to see the enthusiasm with which country clubs have taken up R & R, especially 4 man competition and a little disappointing that only 2 Clubs from the whole of the metropolitan area attended.

The Branch held its Lifesaving Seminar in August 1982. The morning session concentrated on Lifesaving activities within the Branch and involved Club Captains, Vice Captains, Chief Instructors and senior Club Executive Officers. The afternoon session this year was devoted to competition with coaches, team captains as well as interested competitors being in attendance. Guest lecturers gave talks on all aspects of training, coaching methods and competition in various areas.

In September, 1982 a Carnival Organisers Meeting was organised by Ron Day so that the whole programme of Branch carnivals could be finalised and the Carnival Poster circulated. Attendance at this meeting was poor and Ron spent many weeks chasing Clubs to ascertain their carnival events. The meeting is essential if all involved in the actual running of the carnival



are to be brought together and a successful conclusion to the carnival reached. It may be that, if Clubs do not attend this meeting, events will be allocated without any Club preferences being taken into consideration.

Also, during the month of September, the Resuscitation, Research, Instruction and Medical Panel conducted ARC Updates for all Clubs in the Branch. The programme was an overall success, being marred only by a lack of examiners at Maroubra's night, however, that Club's own instructors made it a worthwhile night. A register of all those who completed Updates has been re-started and it is to be hoped that a similar programme can be arranged for the coming season and again be supported wholeheartedly by our Clubs. At the first full meeting of the Board, this same ARC Update programme saw 37 of our own members complete their updates.

The IRB and JRB Panels again held a very successful winter training and evaluation day at South Maroubra. The Sydney Branch Westpac Helicopter was in attendance and provided some very spectacular simulated rescues using both IRB's and JRB's. Lifting and towing techniques were demonstrated which proved very enlightening for the many spectators who came to watch. As well a number of different types of IRB craft were used for evaluation. Members from other Branches were in attendance and their experiences with both craft, equipment and problems encountered were very valuable to members of our own Branch Clubs.

The Sydney Branch Westpac Helicopter Rescue Service again continued to play a significant role in the Branch's emergency mobile services. The Branch at present is leasing the aircraft and a company is soon to be formed so that Branch ownership of the aircraft can be achieved. This has been made possible through the generous major sponsorship of Westpac Banking Corporation, Radio 2UE and Channel NINE. The Service now provides a 24 hour call out service, all year round and during the past season performed 404 missions, a total of 2,486 since the Service's inception in 1973. I might add, also, that a memorable 10th Anniversary re-union dinner was held at the Sheraton Wentworth Hotel in June 1982.

Both JRB 3 and JRB 2 performed a worthwhile surveillance and rescue service for the No. 2, 3 and 4 Districts during the year. JRB 3 Group took delivery of their new craft and after early teething problems have maintained consistent patrols. JRB 2 Group have been able to help JRB3 as both Groups now have the same type of craft. JRB 2 has performed a number of spectacular rescues and is mainly responsible for the overall surveillance of the area north of Wanda. I would like to thank the crews of both Groups for their dedicated service to the Branch and I would ask for the support of all Club members in helping both maintain their valuable patrols next season.

The annual Gear Inspection of Club's rescue equipment was held in September, 1982. The very capable Panel was again led by Nick Dixon. Attendance over the 3 days the inspections took place was very good and the members of the Panel are to be congratulated on their efforts. The report of the Panel indicated that the standard of gear throughout the Branch was the best for many seasons. The result of the Gear Inspection Competition was indeed difficult for the Panel to decide, in view of the general good standard, but eventually Maroubra and North Cronulla were declared joint winners with Clovelly being highly commended.

The Board for the second year, conducted the Branch's Patrol Competition during March, 1983 at South Maroubra and Cronulla beaches. The competition is a major demonstration of the Lifesaving capabilities of the Clubs within the Branch and it was pleasing to note that out of the 15 Clubs in the Branch, 12 entered the competition. The report of the Patrol Competition



Committee indicates that the standard of all patrols was good and showed a somewhat improvement over last year. It was good to see the No.1 District enter the competition with Burning Palms who, maintained a patrol standard with Clubs of the other Districts. Results of the competition placed Wanda 1st for the second year with 381 points, Coogee 2nd with 347 points and Maroubra 3rd with 317 points. I would like to thank the members of the Committee for the considerable time and efforts put into the organisation of the competition and I hope next season, that all of the Clubs in the Branch will compete.

The Sydney Branch United Permanent Marchpast Competition was held over 3 rounds - Garie, Elouera Branch Championships and Coogee Carnivals. Only 4 teams (Burning Palms, Clovelly, Elouera and North Cronulla) competed in all rounds. The results which were on a handicap basis similar to the State-wide competition were Burning Palms 1st, Elouera and North Cronulla equal 2nd and Clovelly 3rd. Thank you teams for supporting this competition and let's hope for a better effort from Clubs next year.

### Membership

Membership of the Board has marginally increased during the past season with an influx of new recruits. Total membership is now 179. It is however disappointing that those persons gaining specialist Examiner Certificates are not joining the Board as Active members - I refer here mainly to the specialised mobile Examiners and Radio Examiners Certificates.

A total of 18 new members joined the ranks of our Probationary members during the past season. Examiners certificates have been awarded to 13 members and I would congratulate the following new Full Members: Bruce Tually, Grant McMahon, Craig Bissell, Brad Taylor, Peter Davis, John Shaw, Dave Falkiner, John Hammond, David Wiggins, Trevor Perrin and Robert Gilroy. Marion Lucas, the first female member of the Board has gained her Certificate along with Debbie Ryan and I would especially welcome these two ladies. Rocky Freer of Bondi gained his IRB Examiners Certificate and has joined the Board. Probationary Members who have still to complete their probationary period next season are Gunter Kitzler, Kym Pennell, Michael Martin, John Lloyd, Gary Harte, Michael Lawther, Rod Goodall, Katherine Connell, Peter Pearce, Des Tindall, Sheryl Sporle and Felicity Breene.

A membership form was sent to all members in March 1983 in an endeavour to compile an updated mailing list and telephone directory but to date response has been very poor, perhaps indicating that more than half of the Board membership is no longer interested in our activities.

The following table indicates the current membership classifications of the Board, It does not take into consideration members holding more than one Examiners Certificate.

Membership Classification	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83
Life Members	22	22	23	23
Long Service Members	18	19	19	20
Full Members	68	68	75	81
Probationary Members	5	6	14	11
IRB Examiners	6	3	5	7
JRB Examiners	8	4	4	4
Helicopter Examiners	3	1	1	2
ARC Examiners	2	1	6	6
Radio Examiners	1	1	2	1
Examinations Only	5	3	3	7
Competition Members	9	6	7	14
Country Members	5	4	3	3
	152	139	162	179



A more sincere representation of the actual Active role our members play in the overall activities of the Board - both examinations and carnivals - is shown in the table below. It is these figures that each member must earnestly strive to increase.

Club	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83
Bondi	10	7	4	2
Bronte	3	6	3	1
Burning Palms	5	5	5	4
Clovelly	2	3	1	2
Coogee	12	7	7	6
Cronulla	13	14	10	9
Elouera	10	10	8	7
Era	5	5	4	4
Garie	4	2	2	2
Maroubra	10	12	11	11
North Bondi	5	4	5	5
North Cronulla	14	11	15	13
South Maroubra	5	5	6	7
Tamarama	6	6	4	3
Wanda	12	10	10	8
	116	104	95	84

Members of the Board will have to consider very seriously the above figures. When it is considered that the 13 new Examiners have been included in this year's figure the role we play in the administration of the Branch's Lifesaving functions is facing a very real problem.

#### Meetings

At the date of compiling this annual report the Board Executive had met 8 times and the Full Board 4 times. Overall attendances at all meetings have remained constant compared to the previous season, however, there is always scope for improvement.

The first Full Meeting, held at Wanda on September 22, 1983 had an attendance of 37 (1981-82 - 34) and as mentioned previously an ARC Update was combined with the normal business of the meeting. The second Full Meeting, held at Maroubra on November 24, 1982 dealt with reports of Officers and items of general interest. The Branch Patrol Competition Committee was elected and commenced its task of organising the successful competition. There were 53 members in attendance compared to 40 the previous season.

The third meeting, held at North Cronulla on January 26, 1983 had 47 members present (44) and the executive of the Australian Professional Surf Lifeguards Association gave a lecture on the TAFE education course running at Wollongong for the training of lifeguards. The final meeting of the year was held at Maroubra with an attendance of 45 (37). Reports of Officers were discussed and there was an opportunity for general business to be discussed by those present. The meeting was held March 23, 1983.

Because of the condensed season and also by bringing the Annual General Meeting of the Board forward, there were only 8 Executive meetings out of a total 9 held this year, however, Officers have met informally on many occasions throughout the season.

A table of your Officers' attendance at these 8 meetings is contained in the table following.



Officers' Name and Position		Meetings Attended
Trevor Elliott	Honorary Superintendent	7
Ron Howells	Deputy Superintendent	6
Steve Strange	Honorary Secretary	8
Bernie Kelly	Examination and Instruction	6
Ron Day	Carnival and Competition	4
Harry Brown	IRB Supervisor	6
John Wardall	Radio Officer	7
Grant Sewell	JRB Supervisor	5
Peter MacCormick	Helicopter Director	2
Frank Osborne	No.1 District Supervisor	6
Bruce Breadner	Cronulla Sutherland Supervisor	5
Barry King	Randwick District Supervisor	7
Charlie Matthews	Waverley District Supervisor	3

#### EXAMINATION AND INSTRUCTION SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Last season 63 Examination members conducted over 200 examinations for basic awards of Bronze Medallion, Qualifying Certificates. Proficiency tested over 1,200 Club members and spent countless hours instructing squads, conducting ARC Updates and examinations. It was an imposing task and we should all feel some satisfaction. It is also interesting to note that a lot of these members are still doing patrols and hold management positions within their own Clubs.

Nine out of 14 of the Chief Instructors in our Clubs are now Board members. The 15th Club, Clovelly, at present has no Chief Instructor, however, I trust this situation will be corrected at their forthcoming Annual Meeting.

Last season the Board conducted two Examination Field Days, two New Members Nights' and an ARC Update for Board Members. Unfortunately not all of these activities were well attended.

This winter sees the introduction of a new Manual and many of our Board members are involved with its release, not only in the Branch, but throughout the whole State as well. The new Manual will be introduced at our Branch Seminar, "Lifesaving '84" at Maroubra. All Board members will have to attend this day if they are to carry out examinations next year.

Last season, some Clubs were a pleasure to have examinations carried out on their beaches. They made Examiners very welcome, but, other Clubs continually need reminding of their requirements for examinations.

I would like to thank the Chief Instructors of Cronulla, North Cronulla, Burning Palms and North Bondi for their hosting and organising of examinations this year, your efforts on behalf of the candidates is greatly appreciated.

Last season saw the introduction of the Branch Information Directory which detailed patrol requirements, examination procedures and emergency services in the Branch. Eight hundred copies were distributed and this year's edition looks like being even bigger and better.

I would like to thank Steve Strange and Trevor Elliott for their continued support and advice. Also the District Supervisors and their Deputies for their work with preliminary examinations. To Frank Osborne and Bruce Breadner for their efforts with Advanced Resuscitation, my thanks.



I would also like to personally thank Greg Hewett, Carl Melvey, Peter Carney, Niel Miller and Bill Gray for their enormous effort in the amount of exams they conducted as Examiners in Charge. Henry from State Centre and Peter Steenson, Branch Registrar, for their work on award figures and records are much appreciated. To Joan Vaughan, my thanks for her great help in the administrative and secretarial side and to my mother whom most people have spoken to for her help with messages and phone calls and for not kicking me out of home.

Bernie Kelly

Examination and Instruction

Supervisor

The following tables list the awards gained during the 1982-83 season, compared with the previous 3 seasons and the total awards gained by each Club in the Branch.

Award	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83
Resuscitation Certificate	66	61	44	89
Qualifying Certificate	172	278	272	300
Bronze Medallion	307	414	378	382
Instructors Certificate	31	38	49	56
Examiners Certificate	3	8	7	13
Advanced Resuscitation Certificate	192	187	175	220
Advanced Resuscitation Instructors	10	10	9	18
Advanced Resuscitation Examiners	1	5	3	-
IRB Crewmans Certificate	30	61	39	27
IRB Drivers Certificate	25	48	21	15
IRB Instructors Certificate	4	8	7	12
IRB Examiners Certificate	6	3	2	4
JRB Crewmans Certificate	12	3	-	18
JRB Drivers Certificate	2	1	4	9
JRB Instructors Certificate	-	1	-	5
JRB Examiners Certificate	-	-	1	2
Radio Operators Certificate	24	62	59	75
Radio Instructors Certificate	1	2	9	9
Radio Examiners Certificate	-	2	-	2
Helicopter Crewmans Certificate	1	2	-	2
Helicopter Instructors Certificate	-	1	-	1
Advanced Lifesaving Certificate	1	1	-	1
	888	1210	1079	1270

Club	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83
Bondi	70	74	66	67
Bronte	60	30	76	52
Burning Palms	12	9	28	32
Clovelly	20	26	11	37
Coogee	54	115	68	90
Cronulla	40	89	68	131
Elouera	74	127	105	117
Era	10	25	14	15
Garie	53	38	56	69
Maroubra	130	65	68	111
North Bondi	63	112	80	63
North Cronulla	70	103	179	185
South Maroubra	44	65	103	111
Tamarama	22	58	21	25
Wanda	100	153	96	147
Miscellaneous	66	55	40	39



## CARNIVAL AND COMPETITION SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Our competitive season has been successful in as much as I believe we maintained a good level of efficiency at all our carnivals. We had our problems mainly the old chestnut, lack of officials for one, but we managed to overcome our obstacles and give our competitors a fair go. There will always be events in different areas that clash etc. But in starting carnivals last year at 10.00 a.m. and sometimes earlier, we eliminated a lot of problems and most competitors I spoke to appreciated this move.

The Board was involved in running the following carnivals this year: Era Craft, which unfortunately had to be abandoned due to very big seas, Cronulla, South Maroubra, a United Permanent Marchpast Carnival, Garie, North Cronulla, Bondi, North Bondi, the Branch Championships at Elouera and the Mayne Nickless Carnival at Coogee. Additionally, Board members officiated at the Rossfield Carnival, the Cronulla Mazda and Pier 1 Boat Marathons, the Interdistrict at Wanda and the successful IRB State Championships at Maroubra.

I would like to thank our referees this year: Jim Switzer, Rex Sargeant, Ernie Stephens, Ron Howells, Jim Connolly, John Dewey, Joe Seddon and Trevor Elliott who gave their full support to the Clubs running the carnivals.

The loss of Jim Connolly from the Boat area put a lot of added pressure on the "boaties" however, my thanks to all for a job well done, particularly "Rooster" Vaughan who I had to call upon to cover extra responsibilities.

There is a Rock of Gibraltar and Don Lucas in the Beach area, because without Don we may not have a Beach area. There is only a few officials to assist him and as a result we have had to call for judging from the Clubs. So to all those older competitors and past competitors your area needs your help. To Jim Stansell, Geoff Martin, Solly, Steve and Mick Clancy and those other officials my thanks.

The water area again was amply covered by the stalwarts with some new blood coming through, but more is needed especially for R & R judging. Ron Howells, Kevin Andrews, Niel Miller, John May and Rex Sargeant, just a few of a number of regulars who run this area, thank you for your assistance.

To my own area, the Craft area, which is probably the hardest to run mainly due to the number of competitors, I would like to thank Bill Gray, Glenn Thomson, Peter Doolan, Bob Gilroy, Bernie Kelly and those other officials whom I haven't mentioned by name please accept my appreciation for your efforts.

To the ladies, now an official part of the team, I know your assistance was fully appreciated by all concerned.

Carnivals wouldn't be carnivals without Harry Brown and his crews there to lay the buoys. I think a lot of Clubs don't appreciate just how much effort they put into a carnival, I certainly do! My sincere thanks.

Branch Gear Steward John Dewey, who relentlessly keeps the gear spot-on, considering his other duties, deserves great credit. Our own Gear Steward, Perce Ainsworth, has an onerous job looking after all the gear required with the administration of carnivals and also the starting guns. Thank you Perce, your efforts are really appreciated. Thanks to Tolly, Len Harris and those others of the microphone team who do our spruiking.

I have worked with a number of efficient secretaries but I must say none could do a more efficient job than Steve Strange. The Board is very lucky



to have his services. I would like to offer my thanks for all his assistance.

To our fearless leader, our Superintendent, Trevor Elliott, what can I say?  
Thank you Trevor!

Finally to the Clubs and their various committees engaged in running of carnivals my thanks and especially to Bondi's Len Hawkins for a first - frozen sandwiches. To our competitors, many I have now got to know quite well, thank you for your assistance and at times understanding, we can't be right all the time, but we certainly try.

Ron Day  
Carnival and Competition  
Supervisor

#### SYDNEY BRANCH WESTPAC HELICOPTER RESCUE SERVICE

Since the beginning of the season, the Helicopter Rescue Service has retired its Bell 2068 helicopter which has shown over 4 years service, for a new Aerospatiale AS350B French helicopter.

This new helicopter cost in excess of \$500,000 and is being leased through the Westpac Leasing Division and will eventually be a fully-owned asset of Sydney Branch. The capabilities of the new helicopter will allow the Service to respond quicker to rescue situations on land and in the water.

The radio capabilities of the new machine will allow the Service to be in touch with all volunteer and professional rescue organisations.

This season, the Helicopter Rescue Service completed 40 rescue missions, 174 medical support missions and 191 search and support missions, making a total of 404 missions for the year and a grand total of 2,486 missions since the inception of the Service in 1973.

The Service celebrated its 10th anniversary at the beginning of this season's operations and we look forward to the future where the helicopter will continue to work in close relationship with the Clubs on the beaches.

On behalf of the Rescue Service, I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Officers of the Board of Control for their support and help over the last year.

Peter MacCormick  
Helicopter Director

#### IRB SUPERVISOR'S REPORT - 1982-83 SEASON

The 1982-83 season has now closed and we can look back upon the activities of our Inflatable Rescue Boat section with pleasure in some quarters and with some concern in other quarters.

Fourteen of the Branch's fifteen clubs now operate IRB's. The last club to join being Clovelly. Most clubs participated in training programmes during the year and their individual efforts are reflected in the IRB Activities Schedule at the end of this report.

The majority of the recommendations originally made by our Branch in 1981, which were endorsed at the National IRB Conference that year, have been approved by the National Superintendents' Conference in 1982 and will be implemented in our new training manuals.



IRB inspections were carried out by our honorary inspectors during the Annual Gear Inspection in September and it is pleasing to record that apart from some minor maintenance work being required, all IRB's were operational and ready for the start of the season.

IRB Examiners carried out examinations through last winter and the summer. The standard of driving and crewmanship was found to be very high and the IRB Instructors of Clubs are to be congratulated for their efforts.

The IRB's have been confirmed as the "rescue tool of the 80's". The Sydney Branch clubs' crews performed a total of 467 rescues (1981-82 - 600) which represents 23.6% (25%) of all rescues performed in the Branch. On many occasions the IRB's worked in co-ordination with the No.2 and No.3 District JRB's in carrying out difficult rescues and surveillance operations. Indeed, many IRB Drivers and Crewmen have joined District JRB's. Certainly, IRB rescue work is a good grounding for the larger rescue craft.

The laying of buoys at all Sydney Branch carnivals was accomplished utilising the National Council "Sanyo" IRB in conjunction with the local club IRB. This arrangement allowed the local crews to see how it is done and has proved very successful over the past five years. Our thanks are recorded to National Council, Outboard Marine Australia, Total Australia and Zodiac Australia for their continued interest and support.

The Branch IRB Championships were conducted as a twilight carnival on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th February, 1983. All events were successfully conducted and congratulations are extended to all winners, placegetters and participants.

The most important fact that emerges from competition is the improvement of the crew's ability to negotiate the surf under rescue conditions. We are also grateful to Siebers Vogel Breads for their continued financial support and to the North Bondi Club for the venue.

The New South Wales IRB Championships were held at Maroubra on Saturday 30th April and Sunday, 1st May, 1983. On the Saturday the surf was 3m to 4m and on the Sunday 4m to 5m. The conditions placed a great strain on all officials and the rescue crews, but full marks to all who participated, it certainly showed what "Rubber Duckies" are all about and the skill of the drivers and crew were breathtaking to say the least. Congratulations to all Sydney Branch Officials and Competitors who participated.

On an unhappier note, there appears to be some clubs who expect too much from their IRB Captain, without any encouragement or financial help from their Committee, and on the other hand, some Clubs who elect their IRB Captain without too much thought as to whether he has the qualities to successfully conduct this most important rescue section of their Club.

Some attributes of a good IRB Captain are:-

- a) he must have leadership qualities;
- b) he must have the time to ensure (with the help of others) the craft is operational throughout the season;
- c) he must have the membership resources to train drivers and crew to gain their awards;
- d) he must have the full support of his club committee;
- e) he must have the full support of his club captain and other qualified drivers who can assist in the training of crews.



It is imperative that every club ensures that their IRB's are properly maintained and that a realistic number of crew personnel are being trained to ensure that their IRB is effectively integrated with their surf patrols and rosters.

In conclusion I wish to extend my personal thanks and appreciation to all members who participated in our IRB activities during the past season. In particular, Graham Bruce, Gary Harte, Arthur White, John Dewey and Bill Singleton for their help and assistance at Carnivals.

Finally, to my IRB Inspectors and Examiners and the club IRB Captains and Instructors, thanks for a job well done.

I shall not be seeking re-nomination at the forthcoming Annual Meeting of the IRB Panel and trust that my successor is given the same support that the Branch has given me over the past years in carrying out the role of Branch IRB Supervisor

Harry Brown  
IRB Supervisor

#### IRB Activities Schedule, 1982-83

Club	IRB's	Motors	IRBE	IRBI	IRBD	IRBC	Rescues
Burning Palms	1	1	-	1	2	3	6
Era	1	2	-	-	-	-	6
Garie	1	2	-	-	-	-	37
Cronulla	2	3	1	2	4	6	35
North Cronulla	2	3	2	2	2	2	67
Elouera	3	5	-	3	-	4	36
Wanda	5	3	-	3	3	-	80
South Maroubra	1	2	-	-	-	2	36
Maroubra	2	2	-	-	-	3	60
Coogee	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Clovelly	1	1	-	-	-	-	5
Bronte	1	2	-	-	-	-	73
Bondi	2	3	1	-	3	3	9
North Bondi	1	2	-	1	-	3	24
	23	31	4	12	14	26	476

#### RADIO OFFICER'S REPORT

"Sydney Surf" commenced the season with a total of 15 experienced operators able to accept a regular roster of patrols. The control room was fully operational for a total of 67 days and the personnel had a combined total of 1,353 hours, which involved a number of late finishes due to helicopter and jet boat operations.

In conjunction with the Randwick District JRB Group, some crewmen attended the room for a number of hours to obtain the Radio Operators "view" of the patrol scene, and this proved beneficial to all concerned. A number of Club personnel attended the room as part of their basic radio training and radio examinations were frequently carried out from there, as well as being conducted locally.

All the radio equipment continued to perform well, with the only repairs necessary being of a minor nature. This reliable performance is a must for



a Branch control room, and some of the Clubs are following our lead and purchasing similar brand equipment.

Our 10 year old antenna system was completely renewed prior to the commencement of the season and this was the only major expense. Another example of quality paying off with service rendered.

I extend my appreciation to all the Board Officers for their co-operation and to my assistant Keith Schroeder, for his efforts particularly in the Cronulla Sutherland District. Particular mention should be made of Randwick District JRB crewman, Ian White, who had a total of 50 hours supervised radio room time and JRB Supervisor, Grant Sewell, also totalled 50 hours.

John Wardall  
Radio Officer

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

Over the season the Clubs in the District all gained a number of awards, more in the Radio, IRB and ARC areas than Bronze Medallions and Qualifying Certificates, but even here all Clubs gained many new members.

Patrol keenness seemed to diminish after the Australian Titles but it may have been the weather conditions, football or lack of Club Captains' encouragement. This was not as noticable in Burning Palms because of the enthusiasm to get on and complete the Clubhouse now all the impediments have been removed. Did I say all, well almost all. Lack of finance is raising its ugly head, but it is hoped that it will be finished to lock-up stage for the beginning of next season.

In open competition, Era's Junior Boat Crew gained several firsts, third in the Branch Championships, equal sixth at the State and the Semi-Finals at the Australian Championships. Burning Palms cut down on carnival competition to concentrate on building the Clubhouse. Garie were a bit slow starting their boat crews this year but hope to compete in many carnivals next year.

All Clubs agreed to hold a single carnival for the District Inter-Club competition which was keenly contested with the following results:

Pymble Shield	1st Burning Palms, 2nd Era, 3rd Garie
Bobby Liddle Trophy	1st Era, 2nd Burning Palms, 3rd Garie
Junior Trophy	1st Era, equal 2nd Burning Palms, Garie
Resuscitation Trophy	1st Garie, 2nd Burning Palms, 3rd Era
Cadet Trophy	1st Garie, 2nd Burning Palms, 3rd Era
Most Outstanding Junior	N. Piccinelli (Era)
Most Outstanding Cadet	R. Cooper (Garie)

Next season all Clubs are looking forward to a better competitive season, the introduction of a radio link with Sydney Branch through the UHF Repeater network, the sharpening up and improvement of patrols and the completion of building projects.

C.F. Osborne  
No.1 District Supervisor



## CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND DISTRICT SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Once upon a time I used to wonder why the Surf Life Saving Association did not have a clearly defined job specification for positions at all levels. After my initial season as District Supervisor, I now know the reason! What you do not know cannot frighten you. Having no formal list of duties, you discover as you go along, most of the areas you are responsible for. On some occasions, well-meaning people are held responsible and, in some instances, criticised, for failing to perform some duty of which they were not aware. I consider that we should be compiling a list of duties for Board Officers to educate them as to their responsibilities and to save them the embarrassment of unearned criticism, due to ignorance.

Having said that, however, I must say that the position of District Supervisor has been my most satisfying job in the Association. The direct contact with the man on the beach and with the people who determine life saving policy in the Clubs, has been a shot in the arm.

Patrols in the District have been generally good. Some problems arose during the season which required some action on the part of individual Clubs to remind some members of their responsibilities to the Association. The North Cronulla Club has again set the standard with patrols and I congratulate the Club on the fact that at no time in all my visits to the beach, did I find any shortage or discrepancy in the rostered patrols.

The IRB Group has been very active and is providing a much needed fast, mobile rescue facility for the District. Similarly the JRB Group has been very active and the District is indeed fortunate to have the service of this craft and its operators.

Awards in the District have again been good and my thanks go to the Board members who officiated at the exams for maintaining the standards of the Association. The chief instructors of the Clubs must be congratulated for their efforts in this area.

The attitude towards proficiency tests has improved and Clubs have taken a positive attitude to this important aspect of Surf Lifesaving.

My thanks go to the Club Captains for their co-operation during the season and to the District Executive for their assistance. I also wish to acknowledge the assistance of the Superintendent of Lifeguards in the Sutherland Shire and his staff for their assistance in the area, particularly for the equipment positioned north of Wanda, and for their advice and help with Council ordinances.

Finally, I would like to thank my deputy, Michael DeLuca, for his assistance and back-up throughout the season.

Bruce G. Breadner  
Cronulla-Sutherland District  
Supervisor

## RANDWICK DISTRICT SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

I am very pleased with the high standard of Surf Lifesaving in the Randwick District, especially the effort put in by Clovelly and Dave Falkiner in his first year as Club Captain. This standard is reflected throughout the District and is shown by Coogee coming 2nd and Maroubra, 3rd in the Sydney Branch Patrol Competition.



The standard of candidates for awards has been high and for this we thank Peter Murphy of South Maroubra, Len Potapof of Maroubra, Tim Ricketts of Coogee and Dave Falkiner of Clovelly with the Penrith squads he trained.

The patrols on the beach have been excellent and the Clubs in the District have given me no problems whatsoever. For this I would like to thank Phil Vanny, Luke Platt and Tony LeMarsney.

Unfortunately, Coogee lost their IRB during the season and I hope they have a new one next year. However, we still have four craft in the District, with Clovelly beginning IRB training and they will cover their own beach as well as Coogee Beach.

It was very good to see both South Maroubra and Maroubra finish equal 3rd in the Sydney Branch IRB Championships and Coogee do so well in the World Life-saving Club Championships in Hawaii.

My thanks also to Gary Bennett for the job well done as Assistant District Supervisor and to the members of the Randwick District Executive for their support during the 1982-83 season.

Barry King  
Randwick District Supervisor

#### WAVERLEY DISTRICT SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

In all areas of the District patrols were adequately manned and rescues were efficiently and successfully performed.

While the patrol standard was very good the dress of patrol members could be greatly improved. On some occasions at a couple of Clubs, patrol caps were not worn because it was claimed that there were not enough caps available. This is simply not good enough for the safety of our members. It has been proven in the past that the safety of the rescuer and patient are at risk by not being entirely recognisable in the water. The practice of not wearing uniforms when they are provided and untied patrol caps should be discouraged as its continual practice may lead to other slack attitudes which will effect the standard of performance of those patrols. Despite their cost, Club's should ensure that their patrols are correctly attired.

The number of awards gained are down on previous years but the standard of the candidates remained high. It is also pleasing to note that there were several new Examiners from this district joining the Board.

Successful carnivals were held at Bondi and North Bondi and the Sydney Branch IRB Championships held over two evenings at North Bondi. Congratulations to the Clubs and their competitors on their successes at Branch, State and Australian Championships as well as the World Championships in Hawaii.

Special congratulations to Tamarama, one of the smallest Clubs in Sydney Branch for winning the Sydney Branch Carnival Handicap Pointscore.

To my Assistant, Stewart Bailey, District Chairman, Bob Gilroy, Club Executives and others who assisted me throughout the season, I thank you for giving me your support.

Charlie Matthews  
Waverley District Supervisor



## DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The summary of the 1982-83 year's work once again illustrates the heavy programme achieved by the Active Members of the Board of Control and the successes and pitfalls of an early start and a compact competitive season.

District Supervisors, Examiners and Instructors must be congratulated for their untiring work in achieving the high number of awards gained, an increase over last season. It is disappointing that, once again the number of Bronze Medallion awards gained are only marginally higher than the previous season. A concerted effort and a target plan must be had and carried out, during the coming season, by each Club.

Due to the persistent approach of Bernie Kelly and the various District Examiners, proficiency tests were effectively carried out to provide for the early season's activity. Both the Patrol Competition and the First Aid Competition attracted more Clubs this season however, there are still some Clubs not participating.

The results of the pre-season examination procedure and judging and competition instructional field days was disappointing and all Board Members will need to update in the coming season, as the load will be heavier, due to the changes to the examination and competition manuals, to be introduced at the commencement of next season. A panel of competent instructors have been co-opted and are already studying the new work.

With progress in communications taking place at all levels, IRB at Club level, JRB intra district and Helicopter inter-branch level, we still have been unable to provide any additional communication assistance for the No.1 District during the past season.

The Board has had a good intake of new members during the season they have been inducted at 2 New Board Members Nights, organised by our Examination and Instruction Supervisor. Even with an influx of new members during the past year, Ron Day still has a lack of officials seeking appointment at carnivals. The too few regular hard core officials still carrying the load are dwindling. Early in the new season there should be a review of Board Members activities.

There is a growing concern for the end of season's Club patrol activities. A number of Clubs appear to be having difficulties manning full and effective patrols required by the Branch Constitution. Two of the factors are:

- a) following the conclusion of the competitive season (during an early and short season - the problem is more acute);
- b) the football seasons are also commencing earlier.

Clubs well need to look at this problem a lot earlier and plan their way through it as the Board will be watching the situation very closely.

It is encouraging to note that Randwick District Supervisor, Barry King, has reported his satisfaction with the efforts and enthusiasm by the Clovelly Club to patrols during the season.

My appreciation to Trevor Elliott and members of the hard-working Executive of the Board of Control for their co-operation and enthusiasm. Special thanks to our retiring Board Secretary Steve Strange for the assistance during the past 4 seasons.

Ron Howells  
Deputy Superintendent



## THE YEAR'S WORK

The various undertakings and activities of the Board during the 1982-83 Season are summarised below. This involved a considerable effort on all members concerned.

- \* Appointment of examiners to conduct over 200 basic award examinations
- \* A total of 300 Bronze Medallions, 28 more than last season
- \* 1,270 Active awards for the year
- \* 12 Proficiency Test examinations which qualified over 1200 Branch Lifesavers
- \* 7 Open Carnivals, Interdistrict, Pier 1 and Mazda Marathon Boat Races and Rossfield Carnival
- \* Branch Championships at Elouera
- \* New South Wales State IRB Championships at Maroubra
- \* Participation by members at the Metropolitan, State and Australian Championships
- \* ARC Updates for all Clubs and Board Members
- \* Branch Lifesaving Seminar '83
- \* Participation in State Board of Examiners Conference
- \* Participation in State R & R Field Weekend and Conference
- \* 2 New Members Induction Nights at Maroubra
- \* 4 Full Meetings of the Board of Control
- \* 8 Meetings of the Board Executive
- \* Gear Inspection of the Branch Clubs' rescue equipment
- \* IRB Field Day held at South Maroubra
- \* Instruction by the ARC Group to outside organisations
- \* Lectures and demonstrations by the Sydney Branch Westpac Helicopter Rescue Service
- \* Conduct of Club and Intra-Club competition
- \* Running of the Branch Patrol Competition

## CONCLUSION

First and foremost I would like to thank the Presidents and Committees of All Clubs in the Branch who have hosted Board Meetings, seminars and field days for their co-operation and for the use of their equipment and facilities. The Board is indeed fortunate to be able to call on Club, often with little notice, and be so warmly welcomed. I would especially like to mention the Maroubra Club who, because of their location, seem to have the Board as guests more often than most other Clubs.

The forthcoming season will see no lessening of the workload of Board Members. The introduction of new Instructional and Competition Manuals will mean all members will have to update to the new techniques if the Board is to maintain its role as the Lifesaving Administrators of the Branch. This alone is a daunting task, let alone the other activities which are also undertaken throughout the year.

A bold new experiment in the organisation and running of the Branch will commence following the Branch Annual General Meeting. I refer to the implementation of the Branch Restructure which will effect all sections of the Branch. Under the restructure, Branch Meetings as we know them now will cease and a Branch Council will meet 6 times during the year. Club representation will be by President and 1 Delegate. A new Branch Management Committee will be established which will meet monthly and will be responsible for business of the Branch between Branch Council Meetings.



The Board will be represented on the Management Committee by the Superintendent, and the Board Secretary. The Deputy Superintendent, with the expanded role of being responsible for the mobile services of the Branch apart from Helicopter administration will also be appointed.

The main aim of the restructure is to streamline the efficiency and decision making process of the Branch. It is a bold new step forward which I believe will work well.

To my fellow Board members, who have worked so hard this year to maintain the prestige and working efficiency of the Board and who have borne most of the hard labour involved thank you very much. Your Board Executive have strived throughout the year to keep the Board running smoothly and have succeeded remarkably well. I would like to thank the Executive for their support and would mention the retiring Officers, Harry Brown, Ron Day and Charlie Matthews especially for the contribution they have made during the past season.

I will not be seeking nomination for the position of Honorary Secretary again this season. My 4 years as your Honorary Secretary have been very special ones. The advice, information gleaned and support from all Board Members has been truly remarkable for someone such as myself who has been a Lifesaver for so short a time.

Your comradeship over these years has been tremendous, making my task all the easier to manage. I know that with the same support and help my successor will indeed be very fortunate.

Steve Strange  
Honorary Secretary.

#### Remembrance

It is with deep regret that members learned of the passing of three of our number during the past year.

Mr. K. Watson, a Life Member of the Branch, State Centre and of the Association was a former National Superintendent and first Secretary of the National Council. He was instrumental in obtaining premises for the Association in Buckingham Street Surry Hills. Ken was a member of the Manly Life Saving Club.

Mr. E. Sier, a Life Member of the Branch and a member of the Cronulla Club was a very hard worker for the Board in the early 1950's and 60's.

Mr. T. Beckett, a member of the Burning Palms Club and a past Secretary of the Board of Control was a Full Active Member until his sudden death.

Vale, Ken Watson, Eddie Sier, Trevor Beckett, you have all played an impressive role in Lifesaving and we shall not forget you.



## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The completed season was marked by our Member's wholehearted participation in controlling the practical aspects of Lifesaving within Sydney Branch and contributing at wider levels within the Surf Life Saving Association.

The District Supervisors, Frank Osborne, Bruce Breadner, Barry King, Charlie Matthews and their Deputies have seen that patrols were maintained at a satisfactory level in their areas and have been of assistance in guiding Clubs to the standards required. On this point, it must be noted that the majority of Clubs recognise the "Lifesaving" in their title and have performed well during the season. On the other occasions these men have seen to the Branch's interests.

The Branch Patrol Competition, held at South Maroubra and Cronulla, was an excellent demonstration of the depth and efficiency at patrol level. Every Club participating gained from the experience and deserve congratulations for contributing creditable performances. This Competition will achieve even more prestige when patrols are supported by senior officials of Clubs on the day.

The compilation and distribution of an Information Directory to every lifesaver in the Branch was a landmark for this season. This up-to-date information, covering all Branch activities and requirements, allows the new member, new committeeman and more senior people to see and understand the concept of Lifesaving and administration in Sydney Branch.

Lifesaving in the 80's requires the back-up of the motorised services, Inshore Rescue Boats, Jet Rescue Boats, the Rescue Helicopter and the use of Radio. These groups have allowed us to extend our operation and back-up to new areas and situations. With this responsibility has come the added need for more stringent supervision and training and we, and the Association, have been most fortunate to have Harry Brown at the helm of the IRB Group since the inception of the Board under its new structure. Harry is vacating the position of IRB Supervisor this year and deserves congratulations and our thanks for his efforts on behalf of this section. The high standard and enthusiasm of IRB operators in the Branch, whether on patrol or at demonstrations, is a tribute to Harry Brown.

With Grant Sewell as JRB Supervisor, these craft continue to play a valuable role in an integrated Lifesaving system. While being the "unsung" service of the Association, these craft prove vital and gain prestige with the formulation of the envisaged emergency service response policy.

Peter MacCormick, as Director of the Helicopter Rescue Service has kept this group to the fore and they have continued to increase their potential with the acquisition of a larger and more versatile aircraft. The Sydney Branch Westpac Helicopter is the "flagship" within the Association and all those connected with its operation are a credit to their service.

The Radio Room personnel have provided reliable communications through the Sydney Surf Radio Room at Maroubra Seals Club and John Wardall has kept this Service manned during patrol hours and beyond with his small team of dedicated operators.

The examination load has again been high with over 200 examinations conducted, resulting in a pleasing increase in the number of awards gained. To every Examiner, a job well done for your efforts on behalf of the Sydney Branch Clubs and for the support you have given Bernie Kelly, the Examination and Instruction Supervisor. Bernie has led this group to maintain a standard







# BOARD OF CONTROL OFFICERS 1949-50 to 1982-83

Season	Superintendent	Deputy Superintendent	Board Secretary	Examination Supervisor	Carnival and Competition Supervisor	Registrar	District Supervisors			
							No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4
1949-50	D. Lucas	W. Foerster	A. Castleman			T. Moran	G. Johnson	H. Small	V. Williams	G. Wild
1950-51	D. Lucas	W. Foerster	A. Castleman			G. Davies	G. Johnson	J. Switzer	B. Cribb	P. Hickman
1951-52	D. Lucas	W. Foerster	A. Castleman			G. Davies	J. Vaughan	J. Switzer	B. Cribb	M. Black
1952-53	W. Foerster	L. McDonald	V. Williams			G. Davies	J. Vaughan	J. Switzer	K. Flannery	M. Black
1953-54	W. Foerster	L. McDonald	V. Williams			G. Davies	J. Vaughan	J. Switzer	K. Flannery	M. Black
1954-55	W. Foerster	J. Marsden	V. Williams			G. Davies R. Simmons	L. Johnson	J. Switzer	K. Flannery	M. Black
1955-56	J. Marsden	A. May	V. Williams			R. Bridges	O. Hailey	J. Switzer	B. Brewin	M. Black
1956-57	J. Marsden	H. McDonald	B. Brewin			D. Lucas	O. Hailey	J. Switzer	G. Cavanagh	J. Wardall
1957-58	J. Marsden	H. McDonald	B. Brewin			D. Lucas	O. Hailey	J. Switzer	R. Davey	R. Young
1958-59	J. Marsden	H. McDonald	A. Moseley			H. Brown	R. Liddle	J. Switzer	R. Davey	B. Brewin
1959-60	H. McDonald	J. Marsden	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	R. Liddle	J. Switzer	R. Davey	B. Elliott
1960-61	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	R. Liddle	P. Ainsworth	J. Wardall	B. Elliott
1961-62	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	R. Liddle	P. Ainsworth	J. Wardall	B. Walker
1962-63	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	R. Liddle	P. Ainsworth	J. Wardall	B. Walker
1963-64	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	J. Casey	P. Ainsworth	A. Kelly	B. Walker
1964-65	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	R. Davison	P. Ainsworth	B. Brewin	J. Young
1965-66	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	F. Osborne	P. Ainsworth	K. Messenger	J. Young
1966-67	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	R. Davison	P. Ainsworth	K. Messenger	J. Young
1967-68	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	W. Winzer	W. Rennie	K. Messenger	J. Young
1968-69	A. Moseley	N. Dixon	W. Swingle			H. Brown	W. Winzer	W. Rennie	K. Messenger	J. Young
1969-70	A. Moseley	J. Dewey	W. Swingle			H. Brown	W. Winzer	W. Rennie	J. Casey	J. Young
1970-71	A. Moseley	J. Dewey	T. Beckett			S. Gibson	W. Winzer	W. Rennie	J. Casey	J. Young
1971-72	A. Moseley	J. Dewey	T. Beckett			S. Gibson	W. Winzer	W. Rennie	W. Walton	J. Young
1972-73	A. Moseley	J. Dewey	T. Beckett J. Switzer J. Vaughan			S. Newman	W. Winzer	R. Leix	J. Wardall	J. Young
1973-74	R. Howells	J. Dewey	J. Switzer			S. Newman	W. Winzer	N. Jamieson	J. Wardall	J. Young
1974-75	J. Dewey	L. McNamara	J. Switzer			K. English	F. Osborne	N. Jamieson	J. Wardall	J. Young
1975-76	J. Dewey	J. May	J. Switzer	P. Ainsworth		K. English	F. Osborne	N. Jamieson	J. Wardall	J. Young
1976-77	J. Dewey	K. Messenger	J. Switzer	P. Ainsworth		J. Connolly	F. Osborne	T. Elliott	J. Wardall	P. Quartly
1977-78	J. Dewey	K. Messenger	J. Switzer	P. Ainsworth		J. Connolly	F. Osborne	T. Elliott	D. Popplewell	K. Andrews
1978-79	J. Dewey	J. May	P. Sargeant	E. Stephens	J. May	J. Connolly	F. Osborne	T. Elliott	D. Popplewell	K. Andrews
1979-80	J. May	J. May	P. Parsons	E. Stephens	J. May	J. Connolly	F. Osborne	J. Fraser	D. Popplewell	K. Andrews
1980-81	T. Elliott	T. Elliott	S. Strange	E. Stephens	J. Dewey	P. Steenson	F. Osborne	M. Berger	D. Popplewell	M. Clancy
1981-82	T. Elliott	R. Howells	S. Strange	B. Kelly	R. Day	P. Steenson	F. Osborne	M. Berger	D. Popplewell	J. May
1982-83	T. Elliott	R. Howells	S. Strange	B. Kelly	R. Day	P. Steenson	F. Osborne	B. Breadner	B. King	C. Matthews



