

Surf Life Saving Association of Australia

SYDNEY BRANCH
36th Annual Report
1984~85 Season

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SYDNEY BRANCH AND OUR INDIVIDUAL CLUBS, OUR THANKS FOR
YOUR SUPPORT OF SURF LIFE SAVING.

SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY BRANCH

Notice is hereby given that the 36th Annual General Meeting of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia, Sydney Branch, will be held at the St George Masonic Club, 86 Roberts Avenue, Mortdale on Tuesday, August 20, 1985, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the 35th Annual General Meeting, held on Tuesday, August 21, 1984.
2. Club affiliations and accreditation of Club Delegates.
3. Apologies and proxies.
4. Welcome.
5. Presentation of 36th Annual Report for the season 1984-85.
6. Presentation of Audited Financial Statement for the season 1984-85.
7.
 - a) Election of Officers.
 - b) Election of Committees
8. Confirmation of Board of Control Officers and Committees.
9. Motions of which due notice has been given.
10. General Business.

STEVE STRANGE,
Honorary Secretary,
Surf Life Saving Association of Australia
Sydney Branch.

FOREWORD

It is with regret we record the passing of Life Members, Sir Adrian Curlewis, C.V.O., C.B.E., First President of Sydney Branch and Life Governor of the S.L.S.A. of Australia on 17th June, 1985, Kevin Andrews on 31st March, 1985, Rupert Michaelis on 10th December, 1984 and young Cronulla member Glen Dravine, during a ski race.

In assessing the projects and activities to compile the following, one could not fail to be impressed by the magnitude and diversification of the Branch's workload this season.

Full details are adequately portrayed in this 36th Annual Report but some highlights are listed as follows:—

- * The appointment of Administrator/Executive Officer has reached the stage where applications through consultants Chandler McLeod will be called for in July, 1985.
- * A number of alternatives for Branch Premises have been investigated and the committee is currently negotiating with a surf club and government department for temporary accommodation pending a permanent home.
- * The restricted Branch Management Committee has worked successfully for a full season and only minor alterations appear necessary.
- * Administration of the Helicopter has been streamlined with the operation of the Sydney S.L.S.A. Helicopter Rescue Service on behalf of the Branch through a Board of Directors and also the establishment on 18th January, 1985 of a National Helicopter Operations Board sets policy for Australian S.L.S.A. Helicopters and we welcome Mr Graham Wright as Operations Manager.
- * A new twin Aerospatiale (AS355F) has been leased and was launched by the Police and Emergency Services Minister, Hon. Peter Anderson on 22nd April, 1985.
- * A successful Sydney Branch Seminar was held at Broken Bay in August, 1984 and a "Think Tank" day was held at Mortdale in March, 1985.
- * The State Championships at Byron Bay gave the Branch a chance to travel by train almost to the beach and many competitors and officials took advantage of this opportunity.
- * L.A. County, U.S.A. Lifeguards visited the Branch during their Australian Tour with Cronulla hosting them and other clubs assisting with transport etc.
- * An inaugural Ladies International Twilight Surf Carnival at Queenscliff in January, 1985 between a New Zealand team, a composite Manly-Warringah and a Sydney Branch team resulted in an outstanding win to the Sydney ladies.
- * Awards for the season show a total increase on last season but club committees are invited to study the adverse trends with some awards and bring about the reversal so necessary for continued satisfactory operations as a vital voluntary community service. It is paramount that clubs place their Patrol/Lifesaving activities as the top priority.

Thank you to all sections and members of this great Branch for your contributions to another successful season, we can be justifiably proud.

REX J. SARGEANT,
President, Sydney Branch S.L.S.A. of Australia.
Chairman, Board of Directors,
Sydney S.L.S.A. Helicopter Rescue Service Pty. Ltd.

SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY BRANCH

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

SEASON 1984 — 1985

PATRON

Alf Loton

VICE-PATRONS

Premier of New South Wales

M.L.A.'s of Branch Seaside Areas

M.H.R.'s of Branch Seaside Areas

The Honorary Leader of the State Parliamentary Opposition

Lord Mayor of Sydney

Director, National Parks and Wildlife Service

President, Sutherland Shire Council

Mayor, Randwick Municipal Council

Mayor, Waverley Municipal Council

Mayor, Woollahra Municipal Council

President, New South Wales State Centre

President, Sydney Junior SLSA of Australia

Alan Lowe, Westpac Banking Corporation

President, Maroubra Seals Club

President, Aquatic Club

John Conde, Radio 2UE

Bob Delamont, TCN Channel 9

P.H. Scanlan, Amatil

Bernie Webb, Rossfield Corporation

N. Olds, TNT Management Pty. Ltd.

John Crabb, W.D. & H.O. Wills

O. Harrison, BP Australia Ltd

Bud Mestern, Buttercup-Vogels

Chief Executive, N.R.M.A.

General Manager, Yellow Pages

Nat Cohen

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Alf Loton, Gus Staunton, M.B.E., John Vaughan

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Rex Sargeant

DEPUTY PRESIDENT

Norm Rees

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HONORARY SECRETARY

Steve Strange

HONORARY ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Joan Vaughan

HONORARY TREASURER

Clive Owens

HONORARY ASSISTANT TREASURER

John Connolly

HONORARY PUBLICITY OFFICER

Jim Parker

DELEGATES TO NSW STATE CENTRE

Norm Rees, Rex Sargeant

BRANCH SUPERINTENDENT

Trevor Elliott

DEPUTY BRANCH SUPERINTENDENT

Ron Howells

HONORARY SECRETARY, BOARD OF CONTROL

Glenn Thomson

EXAMINATION and INSTRUCTION SUPERVISOR

Bernard Kelly

CARNIVAL and COMPETITION SUPERVISOR

Ken English

DIRECTOR, HELICOPTER RESCUE SERVICE

Peter MacCormick

JRB SUPERVISOR

Ken Blakie

IRB SUPERVISOR

Graham Bruce (resigned August); M. (Bill) Singleton (elected November)

RADIO OFFICER

John Wardall

EMERGENCY SERVICES CO-ORDINATOR

Ian Badham

HONORARY DISTRICT SUPERVISORS

Royal National Park Clubs — Frank Osborne

Cronulla-Sutherland District — Bruce Breadner

Randwick District — Keith Rowswell

Waverley District — Stewart Bailey

ASSISTANT DISTRICT SUPERVISORS

Royal National Park Clubs — Glenn Thomson

Cronulla-Sutherland District — Mick DeLuca

Randwick District — Sheryl Sporle

Waverley District — Trevor Perrin

BRANCH GEAR STEWARD

John Dewey

BOARD GEAR STEWARD

Percy Ainsworth

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Bill Marshall, Albert Moseley

BRANCH TEAM MANAGER

Gary Shiels

BRANCH TEAM COACH

Ian Goode

HONORARY LEGAL OFFICER

Peter Terrett

HONORARY AUDITOR

Warren Duncan

LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Bob Davison (convenor), Bill Gray, Ron Howells, Bill Marshall, Albert Moseley.

MERITORIOUS AWARDS COMMITTEE

Bill Gray (convenor), Bruce Breadner, Ron Howells, Neil Miller, Alan Morris, Albert Moseley, Steve Strange.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Bill Marshall (convenor), Norm Rees, Joan Vaughan.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Clive Owens (convenor), Bob Bransdon, John Connolly, Bill Marshall, Rex Sargeant.

RESUSCITATION, RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, INSTRUCTION and MEDICAL PANEL

Frank Osborne (convenor), Bruce Breadner, Peter Davis, Mick DeLuca, Bob Ford, Peter Quartly, Ernie Stephens.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Norm Rees (convenor), Bill Gray, Ron Howells, Albert Moseley, Bill Singleton.

MANUAL REVISION COMMITTEE

Ron Howells (convenor), Peter Davis, Ernie Stephens.

GEAR IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Grahame Smith (convenor), Bruce Breadner, Peter Davis, Frank Osborne, Rex Sargeant, Ernie Stephens, Arthur White.

COMPETITION CONDITIONS COMMITTEE

Ken English (convenor), Trevor Elliott, Ron Howells, Albert Moseley, Gary Shiels.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

Ian Goode (convenor), Peter Davis, Peter Doolan, Len Harris, John Holt.

BOAT COMMITTEE

Nick Dixon (convenor), Ken English, Guy Gillman, Bob McClelland, John Vaughan.

GEAR INSPECTION COMMITTEE

Nick Dixon (convenor), Stewart Bailey, Dennis Dick, Ken English, Bob Davison, Keith Midson, Neil Miller, Albert Moseley, John Oldham, Frank Osborne, Alf Smith, Grahame Smith, Peter Steenson, John Vaughan, Ross Williams, Greg Hewett, representatives from IRB, JRB and Radio Panels.

RESCUES

Sydney Branch	Heli-copter	With-out Gear	Reel	Rescue Tube	Board	Ski	Surf Boat	I.R.B.	J.R.B.	Total	Resuscitation Given	First Aid
Bondi	—	38	3	9	90	—	—	45	—	185	1	62
Bronte	—	31	1	65	127	—	—	54	—	278	—	147
Burning Palms	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	6	—	22
Clovelly	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	1	69
Coogee	—	6	—	3	10	—	—	2	—	21	2	70
Cronulla	—	3	—	15	4	2	—	27	—	51	2	305
Elouera	—	27	2	7	54	2	—	56	3	151	—	133
Era	—	9	1	3	1	—	—	5	—	19	—	30
Garie	—	11	14	12	1	—	—	33	—	71	—	183
Maroubra	—	86	1	100	77	2	—	40	5	311	—	152
North Bondi	—	94	8	107	44	—	—	120	—	373	3	85
North Cronulla	—	66	2	—	26	—	—	65	—	159	—	105
South Maroubra	—	34	—	24	7	—	—	9	—	74	—	177
Tamarama	—	35	14	20	167	—	—	1	—	237	1	71
Wanda	—	13	—	8	82	—	—	48	—	151	1	156
JRB2 Rescue Group	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	9	—	2
JRB3 Rescue Group	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	10	1	2
Helicopter Res. Ser.	80	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	80	6	—
TOTAL	80	455	46	373	690	6	—	511	27	2,188	18	1,771
% Total Rescues	3.65%	20.79%	2.10%	17.04%	31.53%	0.27%	—	23.35%	23%			

AWARDS

Club	B.M.	E.C.	I.C.	S.L.S.C.	R.C.	A.R.C.	A.R.C.I.	A.R.C.E.	I.R.B.C.	I.R.B.D.	I.R.B.I.	I.R.B.E.	J.R.B.C.	J.R.B.D.	J.R.B.I.	J.R.B.E.	R.O.C.	R.I.C.	R.E.C.	H.C.C.	H.I.C.	H.E.C.	H.S.C.	A.L.S.C.	I.T.O.C.	TOTAL
Bondi	13	-	2	10	3	12	1	1	-	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	8	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	59
Bronte	27	-	2	26	16	11	1	-	1	7	2	1	-	-	-	-	16	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	113
Burning Palms	9	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Clovelly	14	-	6	23	-	8	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	57
Coogee	34	2	8	25	-	19	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
Cronulla	62	3	10	25	54	15	2	-	3	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	10	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	195
Elouera	40	-	4	36	-	6	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	90
Era	7	-	-	5	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Garie	28	-	6	5	1	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	3	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	80
Maroubra	22	-	1	19	9	30	2	2	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	99
North Bondi	54	2	3	22	28	16	1	-	2	2	1	-	-	1	1	-	12	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	149
North Cronulla	46	2	5	49	-	22	1	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	8	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	139
South Maroubra	32	3	2	12	-	9	3	1	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	77
Tamarama	6	-	-	15	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	25
Wanda	48	1	8	49	-	14	2	-	4	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	141
Helicopter Res. Ser. Community	-	-	-	-	6	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	4
Total 1984-85	442	13	60	323	118	191	16	6	17	31	10	4	-	1	2	-	110	17	6	-	-	-	4	2	5	1,378
Total 1983-84	451	8	45	285	62	221	15	-	26	30	4	4	14	7	1	2	31	6	4	5	-	1	20	4	-	1,246
Total 1982-83	382	13	56	300	89	220	18	-	27	15	12	4	18	9	5	2	75	9	2	2	1	-	-	1	-	1,262

MEMBERSHIP

Club	Active			Reserve Active	Other Categories	Grand Total	Value	
	Senior and Junior	Cadet	Total				Club Gear \$	Club Premises \$
Bondi	225	17	242	5	251	498	44,000	500,000
Bronte	109	40	149	16	285	450	41,150	370,853
Burning Palms	41	1	42	4	201	247	9,153	98,000
Clovelly	57	27	84	9	192	285	12,500	374,000
Coogee	117	73	190	56	410	656	40,000	1,200,000
Cronulla	148	42	190	34	256	480	16,000	250,000
Elouera	211	51	262	14	74	350	20,000	140,000
Era	50	13	63	3	106	172	25,000	30,000
Garie	63	6	69	9	108	186	16,540	70,000
Maroubra	141	45	186	11	270	467	23,000	815,000
North Bondi	150	50	200	15	408	623	28,000	1,300,000
North Cronulla	160	51	211	20	199	430	39,000	850,000
South Maroubra	102	12	114	22	43	179	18,000	150,000
Tamarama	46	15	61	15	123	199	2,800	100,000
Wanda	132	58	190	10	199	399	6,000	86,122
JRB2 Rescue Group	30	—	30	—	—	30	30,000	—
JRB3 Rescue Group	21	—	21	—	—	21	45,000	60,000
Helicopter Rescue Service	26	—	26	8	4	38	120,000	—
Total 1984-85	1,829	501	2,330	251	3,129	5,710	536,143	6,393,975
Total 1983-84	1,760	447	2,207	411	3,032	5,650	525,300	6,053,500
Total 1982-83	1,717	404	2,121	420	2,852	5,393	396,322	6,601,890

SYDNEY BRANCH LIFE MEMBERS

P.V. Ainsworth
 *K.C. Andrews (dec)
 V.A. Besomo
 H.J. Brown O.A.M.
 L.J. Buck
 R.V. Buist
 M.J. Burke (dec)
 J.R. Cameron (dec)
 A.W. Castleman M.B.E. (dec)
 G.R. Challis (dec)
 W.A.T. Crain M.B.E.
 G.S. Cohen (dec)
 *Sir Adrian Curlewis CVO, CBE (dec)
 F.H. Dargan (dec)
 J.R. Dempster

G. Dellitt (dec)
 J.C. Dewey
 J.B. Dillon (dec)
 N.A. Dixon
 W. Foerster (dec)
 N. Hayton (dec)
 J.N. Hodge
 R.M. Howells
 G.H. Johnson (dec)
 G. Lindsay (dec)
 A.R. Loton
 D.C. Lucas O.B.E. (dec)
 L.S. McDonald O.A.M.
 R.J. McKenna (dec)
 J. McRorie (dec)

C. Mack (dec)
 E.J. Marsden (dec)
 W.G. Marshall
 T.W. Meagher, O.B.E. (dec)
 K. Messenger
 *R. Michaelis (dec)
 G. Millar (dec)
 T.F. Moran (dec)
 D.R.B. Moroney (dec)
 A. Moseley
 A. Olson (dec)
 C.F. Osborne
 A.J. Purcell
 E.C. Sier
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G.B. Staunton, M.B.E.
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 J.R. Switzer
 L. Turner (dec)
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 J.B. Wardall
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 G. Webb (dec)
 C.W. Whitehead (dec)
 S.J. Windon (dec)
 G. Williams M.B.E. (dec)
 V.J. Williams M.B.E. (dec)
 G. Wilson
 W.J. Young

*Deceased since previous Annual Report

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 R.V. Buist

SYDNEY BRANCH — AFFILIATED CLUBS 1984-1985

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President
 Secretary
 Captain

North Bondi SLSC
 Gary Shiels
 Fred Hogan
 Grant McMahon

Bondi SBLSC
 Cliff Ryan
 David Cohen
 Jon Withers

Tamarama SLSC
 Neil Smith
 Chris Cooper
 Peter Davis

Bronte SLSC
 John Maguire
 Stan Vesper
 Alex Menzies

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Clovelly SLSC
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 Mark McGuire

Coogee SLSC
 Michael Oxborrow
 Peter Carney
 Tony Waller

Maroubra SLSC
 Keith Grima
 David Popplewell
 Luke Platt

South Maroubra SLSC
 Lionel Roser
 Peter Murphy
 Brian Ferguson

CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND DISTRICT

President
 Secretary
 Captain

Wanda SLSC
 Jamie Walker
 Debbie Ryan
 Graham Dyson

Elouera PCB SLSC
 Brian Thompson
 Norm Muddie
 Graham Tangye

North Cronulla SLSC
 John Fraser
 Ron Hammond
 John Turner

Cronulla SLSC
 Geoff Forshaw
 Doug Bruce
 Gary Burton

ROYAL NATIONAL PARK CLUBS

President
 Secretary
 Captain

Garie SLSC
 Bill Tapp
 Bruce Plummer
 Brad Taylor

Era SLSC
 Tony Smith
 Tony Murden
 Mark Wood

Burning Palms SLSC
 Tony O'Loughlin
 Steve Strange
 Peter Pearce

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the President and Branch Officers it gives me great pleasure to present, for your consideration, the 36th Annual Report and Financial Statements covering Sydney Branch's activities for the 1984-85 Season.

The Season under review has been dynamic, Rescue, new awards and membership figures have increased and the Branch has acquired a second Helicopter. A management company has been briefed on our requirements for an Administrator and Branch Premises will be a reality early in the 1985-86 Season.

Members of our Board of Control, ably led by Superintendent Trevor Elliott, have maintained our Lifesaving responsibilities at an extremely high level and members of the Board also played important roles by serving on various committees and panels in all areas of the Association.

Total award figures for the Season were 1,378 compared to 1,246 the previous Season. Surf Life Saving Certificates, gained by Cadets who are under 15 years of age have risen markedly, as well as Radio Operators' Certificates. Bronze Medallions, however, were only 442 compared with 451 last season.

Greater leisure time and an increasing trend by the public to use the whole length of our beaches, not just the flagged area will strain our present manpower levels. To ease this situation and be able to maintain our present high levels of patrols in the Branch, Clubs will need to embark on recruitment campaigns and look towards retaining those members who have already gained awards.

Comparing Membership figures for Active Senior and Junior Members, it would indicate that the figure for Bronze

Medallions gained this Season only just maintains the 'Active Patrol' strength of the Branch. Clubs should seriously consider their individual Award results and strive during the coming season for a worthwhile increase.

Rescue figures for the season of 2,188 show an increase of 22% on the previous season figure of 1,705. Board rescues have dramatically increased from 432 to 690, indicating that the training undertaken with this rescue aid over recent years by new Bronze Members, has been very worthwhile. The Branch's Inshore Rescue Boat fleet is still maintaining a large proportion of the total rescues and the time spent on surveillance possibly prevents more rescues occurring. The Branch's larger mobile rescue craft, the Jet Rescue Boats, performed a total of 27 rescues. They covered over 2,650 kilometers during patrol hours and towed other craft valued at \$420,000 to safety.

During patrol hours, 'Sydney Surf', the Branch's radio room, played a very significant role in co-ordinating and monitoring rescues within the Branch. A regular staff of fourteen, under the guidance of Radio Officer, John Wardall, kept the room operating for sixty-nine days for a total of 1,291 hours. New UHF radio equipment installed now enables the Branch to monitor both channel A & B as well as linking in with the State Radio Repeater network.

The Branch's Emergency Services Co-ordinator, Ian Badham, has been extremely busy during the year co-ordinating the activities of our various rescue groups. Along with JRB Supervisor Ken Blakie and both JRB 2 and 3 a new policy on offshore rescue craft will be reviewed by the Branch in the coming season. Ian acts as the Branch's

Duty Officer and is responsible for initiating rescue units for out of patrol hour rescues with our mobile services and the Westpac Helicopter Rescue Service. This enables our Branch to provide an aquatic rescue service 24 hours a day throughout the entire year to the community. One project of the Emergency Services Co-Ordinator the Branch would like to see effected this coming season is a contract lifeguard service at Wattamolla, in the Royal National Park. The number of drownings and spinal injuries occurring at this popular picnic area gives great cause for concern and the Branch's proposal sent to Mr. Bob Carr, Minister for Planning and Environment will, we believe, see an end to the tragedies that have already occurred.

The Sydney Branch SLSA Helicopter Rescue Service Pty. Limited — the company formed to administer the Branch's Westpac Helicopter Rescue Service — has embarked on an exciting new path of development. In April this year, the Service took delivery of a new aircraft — their second. The twin engined 355F1 Squirrel is Australia's first fully equipped medical, search and rescue twin-engined aircraft. Working in close liaison with Police and Ambulance, our Service is now the primary response unit called to the scene of an accident. Corporate sponsors of the Service, Westpac Banking Corporation, Channel TCN 9, Radio Station 2UE and Esso Australia as well as other people in all walks of life are truly appreciated and thanked for this support.

Such support enables Sydney Branch to provide a community Helicopter Rescue Service, which, unlike similar services in other States, is free of charge to all who are in need of its facilities.

Patrols, by Members of the Branch's Clubs, have been maintained at a high level, however, there is cause for concern, that unless some Clubs take a more positive attitude towards patrols next season, there may be more than two referrals to the Branch Judicial Committee. Patrols are an obligation undertaken by all Members who join our Clubs.

Patrols in Sydney Branch are maintained all day Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays from October to Anzac Day — the longest patrol season in this State. To those Club Members who undertook and completed all their rostered patrols our special thanks. You are the people who enable the whole community, who use our beaches, to enjoy themselves to the fullest and yet know there is a Lifesaver always on hand if the need arises.

Patrols, being the main commitment of a Lifesaver to his Club, Competition is a vehicle for the Lifesaver to demonstrate and test his skills against other Lifesavers. Be it just the Sunday Surf Race, or open competition, with friendly rivalry between Clubs, all Lifesavers are encouraged to participate to maintain and further develop their skills and fitness for rescues.

Seven open carnivals, held at Cronulla, Garie, Wanda, North Cronulla, Elouera, North Bondi and Coogee as well as a specialist Craft Carnival at Era were held at which our Lifesavers were able to compete. The eight open carnival, scheduled for South Maroubra, unfortunately had to be cancelled. The Inter-District Championships, for District Teams of twenty members, was held at Cronulla and the Branch Championships were hosted by the Bondi Club on behalf of the Branch.

Over the long weekend in October, an opening of the season media launch was held at Maroubra, organised by Ian Badham, it provided an opportunity for the Branch to demonstrate its rescue capabilities and, as well as the Maroubra Beach patrol being involved, all of the Branch's Emergency Services — IRB's, JRB's Radio Room and Westpac Helicopter Rescue Service took part in the dramatic rescue demonstrations. This was the second such opening of the season media launch and, although support from the media was not as we would have liked (due, no doubt, to the miserable weather conditions) favourable coverage was obtained. This event will be held again this coming season and hopefully the weather will be more kind.

This Season, the Branch organised and held a weekend Seminar at Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Camp. Emphasis was placed on administration and Executive Members were encouraged to attend. Support from our Clubs was, on the whole, quite good. But, it is disappointing

to find, now at the end of the season, the commitments made to good management by Club Officers, particularly Secretaries, has not been maintained. A Secretary, being the executive officer of a Club has an onerous task to perform — but one which can be enjoyable, as well as rewarding.

The organising Committee are thanked for their efforts and the many people who helped with the logistics of holding the seminar at Broken Bay ensured its success.

Our Board of Control held separate seminars for Club Captains, Chief Instructors and Gear Stewards before the season commenced. Representation by Clubs was good and, no doubt led to an easing of the burden placed on our Board during the season in seeing that the Lifesaving commitments of our Clubs, with patrols, examinations, instruction and training were carried out smoothly.

In September, 1984, after more than two years planning, Frank Osborne, Royal National Parks District Supervisor and State Education Officer, conducted a trial First Aid Course over two days at Burning Palms Club. The course, specifically orientated towards Surf Life Savers, will shortly become an additional Surf Lifesaving Award. Our special thanks to Frank for planning this award, the instructors on the weekend, especially Nick Stepkovitch from Red Cross and all the participants in the course, all of whom passed.

The Annual Gear Inspection of our Clubs' Lifesaving equipment was carried out by our Board of Control, led by Panel Convenor, Nick Dixon, in September. The Panel reported that the overall standard of gear preparation throughout the Branch was most satisfactory. The Panel did, however, bring to the attention of the Branch some manufacturing defects in gear that Clubs had purchased.

In particular, solid type rescue tubes were found to be faulty in quite a number of Clubs. The Branch's Gear Improvement Committee later met to discuss this problem and a report from the Panel, led by Graham Smith, has been forwarded to State Centre and National Council with a view to having an Association specification introduced.

In conjunction with the Gear Inspection, a competition to find the Club with the best presented gear is held. A trophy, kindly donated by the Aquatic Club and known as the Aquatic Club Don Lucas Memorial Gear Trophy was this year won by the Cronulla Club.

Members of the Branch's Board of Control this year attended Competition Seminars with respect to both Marchpast and R & R. The Marchpast seminar, held in October at Corrimal, is aimed at both encouraging teams and lifting judging standards. The R & R Seminar, organised by NSW State Centre, was held at Swansea-Belmont in November. Again, the aim of the seminar was to encourage teams and judges. Both seminars, which deal with disciplined and specialised forms of competition were well represented by Branch teams and Judges from the Board.

This Season, both the Rossfield Corporation and Kent 25's cigarettes again provided an opportunity for our Clubs to win valuable prizes. The Rossfield Carnival, held at Bondi Icebergs swimming pool in February, consists of a series of ten-a-side relay races. Total prizemoney distributed to clubs, for purchase of lifesaving equipment, by the Rossfield Corporation amounted to \$6,800. This was the sixteenth year of sponsorship by the Rossfield Corporation of this Carnival.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Bernie Webb and his fellow Directors at the Rossfield Corporation for this generous sponsorship. The carnival was ably organised by Charles Smith on behalf of the Branch. Thanks Charles.

The Kent 25's Lifesaver's Cup and Kent 25's Southern Beaches Lifesaver's Cup, held in conjunction with the National Coursing Association at Wentworth Park on November 10, 1984 gave two Sydney Branch Clubs the opportunity of winning new surfboats. Clubs are represented in the respective races by greyhounds. Regional Wave, for Tamarama and Gilded Girl for Sydney Branch were the winners of the feature races. Tamarama, already a previous recipient and Sydney Branch, being ineligible, Bondi and Era were presented with the new Kent 25's Surfboats. A number of other events are held on the night and all Clubs who participated shared in prizemoney.

Total value of the sponsorship by Kent 25's and the NCA

for this evening was \$22,000 and I would like to sincerely thank Peter Lambropoulos and John Crabb from W.D. & H.O. Wills and Les Howard from the NCA for their continuing support of our Clubs and their keen interest in the Surf Life Saving Movement.

Arrangements for this year's Lifesaver's Cup, to be held November 9, are well under way and both the Kent 25's Lifesaver's Cup and Kent 25's Southern Beaches Lifesaver's Cup surfboats have been completed.

I would also like to mention at this point that Kent 25's also sponsor the Branch's Carnival Gear Trailer and we are very grateful for this annual donation to the Branch.

Amatil, the ultimate holding company of the Kent 25's group are responsible for financing a large part of the Branch's administrative expenses. The sponsorship over a five year period, is at present being re-negotiated and from indications received from Bob West of Amatil, the Branch's submission for a further five years is assured.

In return for the valuable contribution to Branch funds, advertising space on our Clubs' patrol screens and canopies is made available to Amatil.

On Australia Day, 1985, the Hurstville Westfield Shopping Town held, in conjunction with the Branch, a very successful "Rubber Duckie Road Race". The event consisted of teams of four running inside cardboard boats from Cronulla to Westfield Shopping Town at Hurstville. A number of cash prizes were offered and the team from North Cronulla Club was the winner of a fully equipped Inshore Rescue Boat. Our special thanks to Westfield Shopping Towns, Edwin Benny and Graham Stroud from the Hurstville Store for this extremely popular and valuable promotion. Total value of this promotion exceeded \$8,500 in prizes to our clubs.

December 6, 1984 saw another successful Branch Christmas Party held at the University of New South Wales. Many of our Branch Sponsors and Supporters were able to attend and meet members of Branch Clubs and I trust they had an enjoyable evening. My thanks to John Dewey and others, who helped make this annual event run smoothly and be so entertaining.

During the Christmas period, a visiting team of Lady Lifesavers from New Zealand was hosted by the Queenscliff Club from the Many-Warringah Branch. A twilight carnival was organised on January 2 and Sydney Branch selected a team of ladies to represent us at this Carnival. I am pleased to report here, that our ladies were outstanding, winning the carnival outright and being a credit to the Branch, a fact of which we can all be proud.

In February, a visiting team of United States Lifeguards visited Sydney and were kindly hosted by the Cronulla Club with back-up support from many individuals from the Cronulla-Sutherland District Clubs. The visitors were keen to learn from our Clubs and provided some lively competition at Branch Carnivals. The team later visited other States and was allowed to participate in the Australian Championships at Point Leo.

During the season, the Board of Control selected a team to make an educational tour of the United States. Team Manager, Ken Blakie, members of the team and many other people contributed financially towards the tour. However, as a large proportion of the expenses for the tour would be borne by individual members, the tour was postponed because of the adverse exchange rate of the Australian dollar. Moneys raised so far are invested in a special touring account. Fundraising by members is still continuing and it's planned the team will proceed during 1986.

Members of the Branch's Clubs were among those chosen in representative teams throughout the season and, having regard to this high honour, I would like to mention their names in this report. NSW Overseas Team to England and Wales, Robert Chapman (Elouera), Ron McKeon (South Maroubra) and Len Harris (Bondi) Team Coach; Australian Trans Tasman Test Team to New Zealand, Robert Chapman (Elouera), Rick Pallister (Elouera) and Tod Peachey (Cronulla); Australian Team, 1985 Australia Games Surf Carnival, Ron McKeon (South Maroubra), Robert Chapman (Elouera), Rick Pallister (Elouera), Jodie Larsen (Cronulla);

Australian Junior Educational Team to the U.S., Jodie Larsen (Cronulla), Stuart Dutton (Wanda). Our congratulations to all of you on being selected and of the honour you have brought to this Branch.

Your Branch Officers have worked extremely hard during the past season in the administration of the Branch's affairs. Special mention must be made of the time and efforts put in by our President, Rex Sargeant, and Helicopter Company Director Peter McCormick. Both played a significant role in the establishment of the National Helicopter Operations Board, which has overall responsibility for the Association's rescue helicopter fleet. Our Board of Control undertook an enormous workload during the season.

Our sincere thanks are extended to retiring Deputy Superintendent, Ron Howells, who assumed the duties of Superintendent during Trevor Elliott's period of leave during the season.

Over 130 examinations for basic awards were conducted as well as more than 1200 proficiency tests. Members of the Board also officiated at all Branch Carnivals and again contributed to the successful running of the State and Australian Championships.

To the Branch's sponsors who are mentioned later in the report, my special thanks on behalf of all Clubs in Sydney Branch. Without your tangible financial encouragement we would indeed have a very hard task to provide and maintain the present high level of Lifesaving service the community using our splendid beaches enjoy.

BRANCH SPONSORS

Sponsorship forms an integral part of Surf Life Saving. With the assistance of corporate sponsorship, Australian and State Government grants and Local Government assistance direct to our Clubs, the Branch is able to maintain the high standard of Lifesaving the community expects and deserves.

It is only fitting therefore, that in this Annual Report, we acknowledge proudly our sponsors and say thank you very much for your support and confidence in our work.

Amatil — For the tenth consecutive year Amatil has sponsored the Branch's administration which has eased the burden on Clubs in the running costs. To Bob West, Marketing Manager and the Directors of Amatil, the Branch and its Clubs are indebted and we say thank you very much. We look forward to many more years association with Amatil.

Kent 25's — The Lifesaver's Cup night at Wentworth Park in November 1984 enjoyed its fourteenth anniversary. Through the efforts of Barry Haylock, Peter Lambropoulos and John Crabb, a second boat was available as a prize for the Kent 25's Southern Beaches Lifesaver's Cup. All Clubs in the Branch express their gratitude to W.D. & H.O. Wills for their support during previous years and look forward excitedly to next season's promotion.

National Coursing Association — In conjunction with Kent 25's have been responsible for the staging of the Lifesaver's Cup night since its inception. To the Committee of the NCA and new Secretary, Les Howard our appreciation for your financial support and staging of this special night.

Buttercup Bakeries-Vogels Breads — Have been a sponsor of the Sydney Branch IRB Championships since first being held in the 1980-81 Season. Indeed, Buttercup-Vogels' sponsorship of IRB's throughout the State is recognised by all Lifesavers. Bud Mestern, please accept and convey our thanks to all at Buttercup-Vogels.

Eta 5 Star Margarine — In conjunction with Buttercup-Vogels participated for the first time as a co-sponsor of this seasons very successful IRB Championships held at North Bondi. To people at Eta 5 Star Margarine our special thanks and a hope that you will continue for many years as a Branch sponsor associated with these Championships.

Rossfield Corporation — The Rossfield Carnival, and in particular the main race, the Rossfield Classic has now been held continuously for 16 years. With the prizemoney won, Clubs are able to purchase much needed Lifesaving equipment and for this gesture the Branch's Clubs are extremely grateful.

Aquatic Club — Again, the Gear Inspection Competition was sponsored by the Aquatic Club of Kings Cross. The Aquatic Club Don Lucas Memorial Trophy is sponsored in memory of long time Aquatic Club Director, Branch and Association stalwart, the late Don Lucas.

Estate Late Rupert Michaelis — The Branch received a legacy from the estate of Rupert who passed away on December 11th, 1984. No specific request was made by Rupert and it has been decided that this and any future legacies will be invested by the Branch and income generated used for the Lifesaving objects of the Branch.

TNT have for a number of years made a substantial contribution to the mobile services of the Branch. This season, TNT's donation was used towards the running costs of JRB2 and JRB3 and we are very appreciative of this financial assistance.

Westpac Banking Corporation continue to play a vital role in supporting Helicopter Rescue Services in Sydney Branch and throughout the Association. Westpac's two-year sponsorship agreement with National Council of \$1.4 million has enabled all services throughout Australia to provide a Helicopter Rescue Service to the community, which is free of any charges, to those persons who are in need of its services. Our very grateful thanks to Westpac for their sponsorship of the Sydney Service.

Radio 2UE — Support our Helicopter Rescue Service financially and keep the public informed on rescue missions being undertaken. Radio 2UE is deeply committed to community support and by its sponsorship of the Helicopter Rescue Service achieves its aim. Our thanks for this support.

Channel TCN9 — For the third year TCN9 has been a financial supporter of the Sydney Branch Helicopter Rescue Service. As well, the film coverage given is greatly appreciated and gives some insight to the public of the valuable community service the aircraft gives. To the management of Channel 9, our sincere thanks for your continued support.

Esso Australia is a new sponsor for the Helicopter Rescue Service. The new fuelling facilities provided by Esso are a welcome addition, especially with our second aircraft now in service. To Esso, a special thanks for your support and a hope that it continues for many more years.

Retail Traders Association — The need to update and purchase modern equipment for Lifesaving provides a heavy burden on fundraising activities. It is gratifying to report, that through the efforts of the Retail Traders Association, our Helicopter was able to purchase a Night Sun which expanded their rescue abilities greatly.

Champion Spark Plugs have again made a donation to the Branch. Thank you Champion Spark Plugs and thank you for the support of our Clubs.

Excelsior Publishing for the third year published the Branch's Information Directory. Thank you very much for the provision of this vital booklet which is supplied to all Lifesavers in the Branch.

Royal North Shore Hospital has provided base facilities for the Westpac Helicopter Rescue Service and The Ladies Committee this season donated a Lifepak 5 monitor. Thank you very much for this support of our Helicopter Rescue Service.

Waverley, Randwick, Sutherland Councils and Royal National Park — Our special thanks and appreciation to the support given our Clubs both financially and materially during the year and especially your commitment to the continuation of financial support of the Branch's two Jet Rescue Boats.

Bruce & Duncan, Chartered Accountants are the Branch's Honorary Auditors. We sincerely appreciate the time spent by members of your firm in auditing the Branch's books of account and would like to thank you for this service.

Maroubra Seals Club has supported both Maroubra and South Maroubra Clubs and has, through the provision of accommodation for the Branch office and radio room, made the task of administering the Branch so much easier. Thank you to the Directors, Members and Manager, John McCormack of the Maroubra Seals Club.

State Bank — Sponsored the State Bank Carnival held at Elouera and made a donation to the Branch in appreciation of the work of our Board of Control Members in running the Carnival. Our appreciation for this donation and your continuing support of Surf Life Saving throughout the State.

United Permanent Building Society, long time sponsors to our State Centre, again sponsored the Branch's Marchpast Competition. On behalf of all our Clubs I would thank you very much for your continuing support of this competition and also of the State wide Marchpast Competition.

NSW Egg Corporation was a sponsor of the Royal National Surf Life Saving Clubs for the past two seasons and has again indicated the sponsorship will continue for another year. The Branch's sincere appreciation for your tangible support of these isolated Clubs.

NSW and AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT GRANTS

During this season the Branch and its Clubs were greatly supported by Government Grants and it is pleasing to be recognised this way for the services our Association voluntarily provides to the community. On behalf of the Branch and our Clubs I would like to sincerely thank both the State and Australian Government for their assistance.

From the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation, the Branch received a grant of \$7,208 for administration. Bondi and Coogee clubs received Capital Assistance Grants of \$10,000 and \$8,000 respectively for building improvements.

The Australian Government supports the Association by making grants available for administration and a number of specialist projects including the funding of Field Officers. Clubs and Branches receive the benefit of Australian Government support through the \$ for \$ Gear Grant. During this season the Branch and the following Clubs benefited from the Australian Government \$ for \$ Gear Grant.

Sydney Branch	UHF Repeater Network	\$3,962
Bondi	Rescue Board	205
Bronte	Rescue Board and Radios	377
Clovelly	Waterproof Radio	280
Coogee	Waterproof Radio	280
Cronulla	Zodiac IRB	2,750
Era	Zodiac IRB	2,615
Maroubra	IRB Hull Conversion	1,250
North Cronulla	Arancia IRB	1,905
South Maroubra	Zodiac IRB and Motor	2,972
Tamarama	Rescue Board	205
JRB2	UHF Radio	575

REMEMBRANCE

It is with deep regret that I report the passing of *three* Life Members of Sydney Branch during the Season. Their loss to the Branch and Association is deeply felt by all Members and our sincere sympathy is expressed to their relatives and friends.

Rupert Michaelis passed away on December 11, 1984, aged 83. Rupert joined Cronulla SLSC on December 21, 1919 and during his 65 years membership rendered distinguished service to the movement, joining the Board of Examiners in 1935. In Cronulla Club he wore the executive mantle of President and Captain and in 1966 was honoured with election to Club Patron.

Rupert, a dedicated swimmer-boat competitor and practical Lifesaver, was privileged to be the recipient of two meritorious awards of the Association. The first, a Certificate of Merit, for his participation at a fishing boat tragedy at Pipers Point on October 1, 1933 and again a similar award for assisting in the rescue of a capsized surf boat at South Curl Curl on January 1, 1938.

Rupert enlisted with the AIF and served as a Warrant Officer in the Middle East during World War II. He was elected a Life Member of Cronulla, Sydney Branch and New South Wales State Centre.

Kevin Andrews passed away on March 31, 1985. Kevin joined North Bondi SLSC on February 5, 1943 as a Cadet and went on to gain the Bronze Medallion and Instructors

Certificate with that Club. He transferred to Coogee SLSC in 1949 and finally to Tamarama SLSC in 1964, in which Club he was elected to Club Captain and Senior Vice President.

Kevin, an above average swimmer, pursued an interest in R & R coaching and instructed teams from Manly, Bondi as well as Tamarama. He became a full Member of the Board of Examiners in February 1955, serving as District Supervisor, a member of various Board Committees and as a regular Official at Carnivals up until last season. Kevin was appointed a belt inspector for NSW State Centre and was elevated to Life Membership of Sydney Branch.

Sir Adrian Curlew, C.V.O., C.B.E. passed away on June 16, 1985, aged 84. Sir Adrian was the Association President from 1933 to 1975. As well as his dedication to the surf life saving movement, Sir Adrian, a Judge of the District Court, served on many public bodies and commissions, all of which were of ultimate benefit to the Community. Sir Adrian served his Country in World War II, and spent time as a prisoner of the Japanese.

In recognition of his long and distinguished service to the Association and the Australian public, he was made a Knight Commander Order of the British Empire and in a personal private audience with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Sir Adrian was presented with the Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

Upon his retirement as President of the Association, in 1975, Sir Adrian was fittingly elevated to the special position of Life Governor. Sir Adrian was also a Life Member of Palm Beach SLSC, Sydney Branch and NSW State Centre.

The Branch also notes with regret the death of Cronulla Member, Glen Dravine during a Club Ski Race and Tom Thomson, a crewman of the Illawarra Branch Helicopter Rescue Service who was killed while undertaking a rescue mission.

BRANCH MEETINGS

The re-structures management system introduced two years ago continues to work well. Attendance by Officers and District Representatives at monthly Management Meetings has been very good, however, there can still be some improvement by Clubs in attending Council Meetings as the following attendance figures indicate.

Branch Management meetings are held monthly on the first Tuesday of the month and the Branch is grateful to the Maroubra Seals Club for allowing us to hold them at their premises.

The Seals Club also provides space in their building to house the Branch Office and the Branch Radio Room, for which we are extremely grateful.

Full Council Meetings of the Branch were held in the months of September, October, December, January, February, May, July and the Annual General Meeting in August. These meetings have been hosted by both Maroubra and South Maroubra and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking them very much for this service. Next season, on a trial basis, full Council Meetings will rotate through the four districts of the Branch, commencing with the Royal National Park Surf Lifesaving Clubs who will host our Annual General Meeting followed by Cronulla Sutherland District, Randwick District and Waverley District.

Clubs should be aware, when electing delegates to represent them at meetings that important decisions affecting them are made at Council meetings and, as well, business processed by the Management Committee is explained and endorsed by the Council.

TABLE OF ATTENDANCES

OFFICERS	Present	Written Apology
Rex Sargeant	7	1
Norm Rees	8	—
Steve Strange	8	—
Clive Owens	8	—
Trevor Elliott	5	3
John Connolly	6	2
Bill Gray	8	—

TABLE OF ATTENDANCES continued

OFFICERS	Present	Written Apology
Bill Marshall	8	—
Bill Singleton	5	2
Joan Vaughan	8	—
Glenn Thomson	5	2
Ron Howells	5	3
Peter McCormick	1	5
Bernie Kelly	6	2
Ken English	6	1
Ian Badham	8	—
Ken Blackie	1	1
John Wardall	6	1
Frank Osborne	4	4
Bruce Breadner	2	—
Keith Rowsell	7	1
Stewart Bailey	5	—
Jim Parker	4	—

CLUB PRESIDENTS and DELEGATES

CLUB		Present	Proxy
BONDI	President	5	2
	Delegate	3	1
BRONTE	President	3	2
	Delegate	4	1
BURNING PALMS	President	6	—
	Delegate	7	1
CLOVELLY	President	3	4
	Delegate	8	—
COOGEE	President	1	1
	Delegate	7	—
CRONULLA	President	8	—
	Delegate	6	—
ELOUERA	President	5	—
	Delegate	7	—
ERA	President	7	—
	Delegate	1	—
GARIE	President	4	3
	Delegate	8	—
MAROUBRA	President	6	—
	Delegate	8	—
NORTH BONDI	President	3	3
	Delegate	2	—
NORTH CRONULLA	President	3	2
	Delegate	6	—
SOUTH MAROUBRA	President	6	1
	Delegate	7	—
TAMARAMA	President	2	1
	Delegate	6	—
WANDA	President	4	2
	Delegate	4	—

BRANCH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(11 meetings held to time of Annual Report going to print)

OFFICERS	Present	Apology	Leave of Absence
Rex Sargeant	9	1	1
Norm Rees	10	1	—
Steve Strange	11	—	—
Clive Owens	8	3	—
Trevor Elliott	7	1	3
John Connolly	11	—	—
Bill Gray	11	—	—
Bill Marshall	10	1	—
Bill Singleton	10	1	—
Glenn Thomson	10	1	—
Ron Howells	10	1	—
Peter McCormick	8	3	—
Ian Badham	5	6	—
DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES:			
Bill Tapp	5	3	Proxy-2
Geoff Forshaw	10	1	Proxy-1
Lionel Roser	10	1	Proxy-1
Andy Winters	6	5	Proxy-5

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

From time to time, special committees are elected to perform special duties. Sydney Branch is appreciative of the time and effort given to these duties by the members of these committees. These were —

Special committee, elected to investigate having uniforms for Sydney Branch Officers . . . Norm Rees, Bill Singleton, Steve Strange.

Special Committee, elected to look at all aspects of carnival entries . . . John Vaughan, Steve Strange, Ken English, Peter Doolan, Joan Vaughan.

Special committee, elected to formulate the submission to be forwarded to State Centre re the inclusion of Junior and cadet Malibu Relays in the State and Australian Championships . . . Peter Davis, Gary Burton, Peter Doolan.

Special Committee (from the Board of Control), elected to investigate ways and means of "selling" the concept of patrol uniforms to Club Committees and Club Members . . . Gaye Rosen, Rex Sargeant, Ross Griffin, Robert Macpherson, Stewart Baily, Bruce Breadner, Frank Osborne, Keith Rowswell.

Special committee, elected to investigate premises for the Branch . . . Gary Shiels, Harry Brown, Joe Seddon, Jim Parker, John Vaughan.

BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Branch Championships were held February 9 and appreciation is extended to Bondi SBSLSC for hosting them. The Championships were held in rather trying conditions caused by large seas. There were a number of exciting finishes and overall the Championships were a great success.

Our congratulations to Clubs and the individual winners on the day and our thanks to Bondi Club for ably hosting the Championships on behalf of the Branch.

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Metropolitan Championships were held at Collaroy Beach, in the Manly Warringah Branch, this season and were a huge success. The day of the carnival was magnificent and the seas provided some very close competition. Collaroy Club are to be congratulated on running the Carnival so successfully.

The Manly-Warringah Branch won the overall pointscore competition with Manly LSC winning the club pointscore.

Our Elouera Club will host the Championships in 1985-86 and we look forward to an equally successful Carnival being held.

INTERDISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Cronulla Club hosted the Interdistrict Championships on January 6, 1985. Twenty-five events were contested by our Four District Teams which each contained twenty-one members, including juniors and cadets. A very enjoyable day was had by competitors and spectators alike. Our congratulations are extended to the Cronulla-Sutherland District for winning the Championships with 82 points. The other District results were:

2nd Waverley	61
3rd Randwick	56
Royal National Park SLSC	27

It is pleasing to record that, although coming fourth, the points gained by the Royal National Park Clubs were their best to date.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The New South Wales State Surf Life Saving Championships were held at Byron Bay in the Far North Coast Branch over the weekend of 15, 16, 17 February, 1985. The weather was fine and hot with the sea conditions providing some very spirited competition. Our congratulations are extended to the Wanda Club on winning both the Open 6 and Open 4 Man Rescue and Resuscitation Championships.

The results of the Metropolitan Pointscore competition held as part of the Championships were:

Manly LSC	43 points
Freshwater	35 points
Cronulla	31 points

MISS NSW SURF LIFE SAVING

In conjunction with the State Championships, a competition to find Miss NSW Surf Life Saving was held. The competition, open to all ladies who hold their Bronze Medallions, stressed knowledge of Surf Life Saving in the judging. It was with great pride that the nominee from Sydney Branch, Bronwyn Elford of Elouera Club won this inaugural event. Bronwyn went on to represent NSW in the Australian Championships and was runner up to the Australian winner, Miss Judy Vine from South Australia.

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

This season's venue for the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships was Point Leo in Victoria. They were held over four days from February 28 to March 3, 1985. Weather conditions were very unfavourable with rain, wind and cold being endured. Sea conditions were extremely flat, hardly lending themselves for our competitors to show their skills as Lifesavers. For the tenth successive year, New South Wales was victorious in the Interstate Teams Competition. Members of this team from Sydney Branch Clubs were:—

Phil Vanny (South Maroubra) (Manager), Len Harris (Bondi) (Coach), Stephen Swane (North Cronulla) (Captain), Jenny Saunders (South Maroubra) (Doctor), Matthew Donnelly (North Cronulla), David Dworjanyn (Bronte), John Leard (North Cronulla), Bradley Miles (North Cronulla), Todd Peachey (Cronulla), Michael Smith (North Cronulla).

Pointscore for the Interstate Teams Competition was NSW 76, Queensland 74, SA 61, Victoria 52, Tas 26.

The winners of the Speedo Association Premiership 6 Man R & R were Wanda and they were also the runners up in the Open 4 man. The Bondi Junior Team won both the Junior 6 and Junior 4 Man R & R Championships. Other wins by competitors from Sydney Branch were Jodie Larsen (Cronulla) in the inaugural Open Women's Surf Race, Tod Peachey (Cronulla) Junior Surf Belt, Elouera — Cadet Surf Teams Race, Rodd Kerr (Bronte) Open and Junior Surf Board Riding Competition, Cronulla — Open Beach Relay Race, David Dworjanyn (Bronte) Junior Beach Sprint.

Sydney Branch once again lead the Gold Medal count with 11, one ahead of the South Coast Queensland Branch who won 10 Gold Medals. The winner of the Carnival Pointscore was Southport Qld, 91, Surfers Paradise QLD, 83, Manly 60, Cronulla 59, Bronte 44 and North Cronulla 41.

Next season's Australian Championships will be held at Moana in South Australia, followed by Western Australia and the Bicentennial Championships hopefully being held in Sydney Branch.

Our National Council have, currently before them for decision, a proposal, that from 1990 onwards Australian Championships will be held alternately between New South Wales and Queensland with the Interstate Competition being held in different States. There are many questions which remain unanswered in the proposal and our State Centre will support the present system of rotation but with a further review at a later stage.

SYDNEY BRANCH IRB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Championships were held at North Bondi over two evenings, January 30 and 31, 1985. Our good friends, Buttercup Bakeries-Vogel Breads again co-sponsored the Championships along with Eta 5 Star Margarine. Both evenings saw exciting competition, although the seas were somewhat calm. A new flag starting system was used for the first time which ensured everything ran smoothly.

With over 23% of total rescues being made by IRB, the competition gives our crews an opportunity to demonstrate their skills in simulated rescue conditions.

A large crowd of spectators attended both evenings and the results of the competition were:—

Rescue Event	A Grade	B Grade
	1 Maroubra	1 North Bondi
	2 Elouera	2 South Maroubra
	3 Bronte	3 North Cronulla
Assembly	1 North Cronulla	1 Maroubra
	2 Maroubra	2 Bronte
	3 —	3 Wanda
Mass Rescue	1 Bronte	1 Maroubra
	2 North Bondi	2 North Bondi
	3 South Maroubra	3 North Cronulla
Team Rescue	1 Maroubra	1 South Maroubra
	2 Bronte	2 Bronte
	3 North Cronulla	3 —

A special Trophy, donated by the Chandler family of Cronulla, known as the David Chandler Memorial Trophy, named in memory of their late son who was keenly involved in all aspects of IRB patrols, is awarded to the winners of the Overall Pointscore at the Championships. Congratulations to North Cronulla who won with 29 points, Bronte 25 points, Maroubra 25 and North Bondi 22 points.

Our special thanks to Mr and Mrs Chandler for donating this special trophy. Thanks also to Buttercup-Vogels and Eta 5 Star Margarine for co-sponsoring the Championships and also Outboard Marine for on-the-spot service of motors and the donation of supplies to our clubs.

North Bondi Club ensured that the Championships were well run, by providing workers on both evenings and hosting competitors and guests of the Branch on Thursday, when the finals were held.

ROSSFIELD CARNIVAL

Our sincere appreciation is extended to the Rossfield Corporation and its Directors for once again sponsoring this very popular swimming Carnival, which was held on February 3rd at the Bondi Icebergs Pool. The Carnival is restricted to the Branch's fifteen Clubs and consists of a number of relay races. Total prizemoney distributed by the Rossfield Corporation on the day to winning Clubs was \$6,800 and, what now seems a tradition, Clubs who attended the carnival but were not winners of the races, also received \$100 donation courtesy of Rossfield Corporation.

Results of the day's carnival were:

Classic Relay (previous winners Maroubra 1982, Bondi 1983, Wanda 1984)

1 Wanda 2 North Cronulla 3 Elouera

Boaties Relay (Bondi 1983, North Bondi 1984)

1 South Maroubra 2 Elouera 3 Bondi

All-Age Relay (Wanda 1983, Cronulla 1984)

1 Elouera 2 Bondi 3 North Cronulla

Once again, our thanks to Bernie Webb and his fellow Directors from the Rossfield Corporation for so generously sponsoring this Carnival — and to Charles Smith, the Branch's Liaison Officer for undertaking the arrangements to hold the Carnival at Bondi Icebergs.

PIER ONE SURF BOAT MARATHON

The Pier One Organisation has sponsored this harbour boat race for four years and I would like to extend the Branch's appreciation for their support. The course, for the race, is from Pier One, around Fort Denison, down the harbour and around Goat Island, finishing in front of Pier One.

Placings in this year's event were: North Cronulla, Wanda and Austinmer.

Sponsorship by pier One amounted to \$2,500 and was distributed to all Clubs who participated. Our thanks again to Pier One and we look forward to your continuation with this extremely popular event next season.

MAZDA SURF BOAT MARATHON

For the fourth year, the Cronulla Club organised this marathon boat race from Botany Bay to Cronulla Beach. The event was kindly sponsored by Mazda Australia, Caringbah Inn, Suntory, Schweppes and Carlton United.

Twenty crews participated in the event with two coming from New Zealand and one from Tasmania. The race was held in very poor conditions, with wind and rain being encountered by all crews for most of the race. Our congratulations to North Cronulla for winning the event and Burning Palms who were the only Junior Crew to finish the race.

SYDNEY BRANCH LADIES TEAM

A Twilight Carnival was hosted by the Queenscliff Club on January 2, 1985. Our team of nineteen Ladies competed against the visiting Ladies Team from New Zealand and, I am pleased to report, they had an outstanding success and won the carnival outright.

This was the first time that a Ladies Team has represented the Branch in competition and they can be justly proud of their results. Members of the Team to represent the Branch were:

Sharon Dutton (Wanda)	Helen Finn (North Cronulla)
Lisa Giles (Cronulla)	Karen Hain (North Cronulla)
Rowenna Harris (Cronulla)	Belinda Hardy (Elouera)
Lisa Hardy (Elouera)	Jodie Larsen (Cronulla)
Dianne Lovell (Cronulla)	Tracey Lovell (North Cronulla)
Kate McGrath (Elouera)	Kelly Murphy (Elouera)
Lisa Newham (Cronulla)	Sarah Reilly (Cronulla)
Michelle Rennie (N. Cron)	Jenney Roser (Cronulla)
Kym Rutherford (S.Mar)	Kellie Smith (Wanda)
Jenny Whitford (North Cronulla)	

Our appreciation to Branch Team Coach Ian Goode and our Board of Control on the selection of the Team and congratulations to all the ladies on a fine effort.

TOOHEYS 'MAN OF THE CARNIVAL' AWARD AND TOOHEYS TAPLIN RELAY COMPETITION

Through the kind sponsorship of Tooheys Limited, at every Sydney Branch Carnival, an outstanding competitor was selected to be honoured with the title 'Man of the Carnival'.

Awards of a medal and tee-shirts were made to the following:

Garie	Steve Swaine (North Cronulla)
Cronulla	Andrew McEncroe (Bondi)
North Cronulla	Tod Peachey (Cronulla)
Elouera	Rick Pallister (Elouera)
North Bondi	Darryl Goldsworthy (Cronulla)
Coogee	J. Reilly (Cronulla)
Branch (Bondi)	Steve Warren (North Cronulla)

The Taplin Relay Competition, is a pointscore run over all Sydney Branch Carnivals throughout the season. This year's winners were Maroubra A Team, Elouera 2nd, North Cronulla 3rd.

Our congratulations to all winners and our appreciation to Tooheys Limited for their continuing sponsorship of these two events in Sydney Branch.

UNITED PERMANENT MARCHPAST COMPETITION

Long time supporters of Lifesaving in this State, the United Permanent Building Society were once again instrumental in sponsoring the state-wide handicapped Marchpast Competition and, as well, a handicapped Marchpast Competition in each Branch.

In Sydney, the competition was run at the Garie, Cronulla and North Bondi carnivals with the final round being held at the Branch Championships at Bondi. Results of the competition were:

1 North Cronulla (32)	4 North Bondi (9)
2 Burning Palms (21)	5 Cronulla (7)
3 Elouera (18)	6 Clovelly (5)

The state-wide competition, held over 3 rounds at Freshwater, Coogee and Byron Bay was won by:

North Narrabeen, 2nd Freshwater, 3rd North Cronulla, 4th Burning Palms.

UNITED PERMANENT LIFE SAVER OF THE YEAR

For the eleventh year, this competition was conducted by the NSW State Centre, sponsored by the United Permanent Building Society.

The winner this year was Phillip Watt, from the Merewether SLSC in the Newcastle Branch. Phil was presented with a plaque at the NSW Championships held at Byron Bay on February 17, 1985.

Other finalists were —

Elton Cummings — Ballina SLSC

Peter Davis — Tamarama SLSC

Grant Rodgers — Port Kembla SLSC

Patrice Stroud-Watts — Byron Bay SLSC

Craig Vipond — Camden Haven SLSC

Congratulations to Phil Watt on his win, and to Peter Davis on being a finalist for the second successive year. Thanks, United Permanent, for your continued interest and sponsorship.

SYDNEY BRANCH PATROL COMPETITION

The fourth Sydney Branch Patrol Competition, was conducted by our Board of Control Members, under the control of Bruce Breadner, Cronulla-Sutherland District Supervisor.

Clubs are encouraged, to send a patrol to compete where a variety of rescue situations are simulated. Points are awarded on the ability of the Patrol Captain and his patrol to assess the situation, affect the rescue, and care for patients. Only situations normally expected to be encountered by any Beach Patrol are simulated and neither the number in the patrol nor their physical abilities are a pre-requisite to winning the competition.

This seasons competition, held April 14, 1985, was scheduled to be staged at Maroubra but owing to difficult sea conditions was eventually transferred to Clovelly.

Congratulations to Coogee SLSC's 6 man patrol (R. Coleman Captain, S. McDonald, K. Campbell, S. Oxborrow, M. Byrne and C. Allison) who won embroidered Branch Track-suits. Congratulations to the other Patrols who entered and gained greater knowledge from the competition.

Coogee	285 points	South Maroubra	244 points
Cronulla	279 points	North Cronulla	195 points
Maroubra	269 points	Clovelly	186 points
Wanda	254 points		

Next season, New South Wales State Centre will run a State wide competition along similar lines to that of our own Branch Patrol Competition.

SYDNEY BRANCH POINTSCORE

At every Sydney Branch Carnival, two pointscore competitions are conducted for our Clubs. The winner of the Open Pointscore receives an order for \$300 to purchase rescue equipment and for the Handicapped Pointscore, the winner receives a donated B.P. Rescue Board. Results of this year's competition are tabled below and our thanks to the Branch's Point recorder, Bill Marshall for their compilation.

Open Pointscore		Handicapped Pointscore	
North Cronulla	114	Coogee	77½
Elouera	105	Bondi	73
Cronulla	104	North Bondi	73
Wanda	94½	Maroubra	72½
Maroubra	80½	Elouera	71½
Bondi	70	Cronulla	67
North Bondi	68½	Burning Palms	64½
Coogee	66	Era	64
Bronte	58½	Wanda	63
Burning Palms	39	Garie	58
South Maroubra	33½	South Maroubra	56
Clovelly	30	Bronte	55
Tamarama	30	North Cronulla	53½
Garie	26½	Clovelly	53
Era	22	Tamarama	52½

Congratulations to North Cronulla and Coogee.

B.P. AUSTRALIA RESCUE BOARD

Each year, B.P. Australia kindly denote a number of Rescue Boards to NSW State Centre for allocation to Branches. A draw was made and Sydney Branch was one of the lucky recipients.

This Season, the B.P. Australia Rescue Board was allocated, by the Branch, to be the prize for the winner of the Handicapped Pointscore held in competition with Branch Open Carnivals.

Congratulations to Coogee and thank you B.P. Australia for your annual donation of Boards to the States Branches.

This year, the presentation will be made to Coogee at the Branch's Annual General Meeting.

KENT 25's LIFE SAVERS CUP

We are indebted to Kent 25's and the National Coursing Association for both sponsoring and staging this extremely popular annual event. Again, this season two surfboats were the major prizes for the Kent 25's Life Saver Cups.

The results of the night's races and after events were:—

Kent 25's Life Savers Cup

Place	Dog	Club	Prize
1	Regional Wave	Tamarama (Boat)	\$7,500.
2	Janarlee Jazz	Clovelly	200
3	Rapid Supreme	Bondi	150
4	Chienne De Vol	Maroubra	100
5	Instant	South Maroubra	100
6	Golden Tivoli	Coogee	100
7	Supreme Attack	North Bondi	100
8	Canadian Wave	Bronte	100

Clovelly were the rotating winners. However, due to them not having an immediate need, Bondi took their place.

Only two Clubs are eligible to win next season — Clovelly and Maroubra.

Kent 25's Southern Beaches Cup

1	Gilded Girl	Sydney Branch (Boat)	\$7,500
2	Linens Best	Era	200
3	Canadian Spark	Elouera	150
4	Matchless Mari	Wanda	100
5	Ho Choy	North Cronulla	100
6	Astradyne	Burning Palms	100
7	Keep Alert	Cronulla	100
8	High Country	Garie	100

Flipper Race Relay

1	Bronte	75
2	North Cronulla	50
3	Coogee	25

Beach Girls Dash

1	North Cronulla	75
2	Maroubra	50
3	Elouera	25

Again the Branch would like to thank Barry Haylock, Peter Lambropoulos and John Crabb from W.D. & H.O. Wills and Les Howard of the NCA. With sponsorship such as this from Kent 25's all Clubs look forward to this year's event.

Our thanks are also extended to Charles Christensen, and Bruce Purdy, result recorders, and Jim Parket, the Branch's Publicity Officer for their efforts.

MAYNE NICKLESS SURF BOAT RACE

The 1985 Champion of Champions Surfboat competition was sponsored again this season by Mayne Nickless. The Final was held at Coogee Carnival on February 2, 1985. Prior to this, Sydney Branch held elimination rounds to find the crew who would represent the Branch in the Finals.

North Cronulla became this Branch's representative along with Coffs Harbour, Redhead, Soldiers Beach, Freshwater and Austinmer. The race ended in a photo finish with only inches separating first and second and with only a narrow margin to third place. Our congratulations to Freshwater on winning the Final, Soldiers Beach second and North Cronulla third.

SURF LIFE SAVING BOARD OF CONTROL

The Sydney Branch Board of Surf Life Saving Control has again, in the season just past, enjoyed steady success, with significant growth in the Board's membership and a steady upgrading of the calibre and standards of life saving within the Branch.

Problems which arose were faced squarely and the Board as a whole continued to actively plan for future growth, improvement and changes to meet the needs of the surfing public.

This season, a total of 1,378 awards were gained, significantly more than last season, with the total number of Bronze Medallions gained just slightly down on last season, but maintaining the recent trend of new Bronze's approximating 25% of the Branch active membership.

Some comment has been raised on the effect that extended retail hours is having on the ability of some members to do regularly rostered patrols, particularly on Saturdays — a matter which Clubs need to consider, to work out a solution acceptable to themselves.

The number of Radio Operators' Certificates is up by 300% to 110 awards, which, if the impetus is maintained, should rapidly solve any problems in this area.

Clubs need, however, to take stock of the situation with IRB Crew Certificates; the season total was barely over one per Club, whereas it is reasonable to expect that to maintain a viable craft operation, a Club might be looking towards one new Crewman's Certificate per season for each patrol rostered.

Towards the beginning of the coming season, a listing of current Advanced Resuscitation Certificates will be published for each Club, which could be quite a shock to some Clubs, as the regular update process does not seem to be used by many and, as a result, there are a large number of members holding expired certificates.

Bernie Kelly has retired this season as Examination and Instruction Supervisor, and is succeeded by Peter Davis. Bernie can look back with satisfaction at his term as Supervisor, during which the number of awards gained increased by 30% and the strength of the Board increased by 36%; a new Manual was successfully introduced and major changes to exam methods and training needs successfully absorbed and implemented.

The Carnival and Competition side of our activities under Ken English's able supervision ran successfully and smoothly. A total of eight Open Carnivals were scheduled, plus the Pier One and Mazda Boat Marathons, the Rossfield Carnival and the Branch IRB Championships. Members of the Sydney Board also officiated at the Metropolitan, State, Australian and State IRB Championships.

Currently, an in-depth review of Carnivals is underway, with particular emphasis on the training of officials and the scheduling of events, with a view to upgrading the experience of officials, but more importantly, to attempt to get away from the problems and delays caused by clash of events, particularly in the Water, Craft and Board Riding areas. Already some steps have been taken in this area and more will follow in the new season.

The Board is currently taking positive steps to recruit and train additional R & R Judges and March Past Judges to allow more substantial panels to be provided at competitions. However, the Board is concerned at the major "drop off" in entries in the Beach area which, whilst not causing us problems, raises the question as to whether such an area of beach can be justified in the face of increasing numbers of competitors in other areas.

The season past was not kind to the JRB Groups, despite thorough off-season overhauls and craft preparation. Both boats suffered major engine failures mid-season, which kept them out of service for a very long period and repairs were extremely expensive.

As a result of this situation, the increasing age of both craft, the reluctance of Police to call out single-engine craft at night and the abilities of Club IRB's, Ken Blakie and the JRB Panel have undertaken a major review of operations to allow them to identify the future role of both groups, the

service to be provided, types of craft suitable and the structures needed within the Branch to accommodate this.

At this time, a number of papers have been discussed by the Branch Management Committee and the JRB2 Group have submitted a proposal regarding a new craft and major revisions to facilities and operations. The matter has a high priority and detailed discussions are now underway, which should allow a new policy to be formulated and implemented for the coming season.

The IRB Panel commenced the season with Graham Bruce as Supervisor, but it was necessary for Graham to re-arrange his priorities in the face of a major work promotion and M. (Bill) Singleton took over as Supervisor in October 1984.

Bill and the Panel have continued the good work in this area, reflected in the fact that 24% of all rescues in Sydney Branch were made with IRB's.

Few of us now remember clearly the problems and difficulties involved in running a surf carnival with an oared duty boat. The measure of the crew ability and craft flexibility is that with our current carnival programmes, IRB's are essential; but few of us realise that the duty crew at a carnival is the first to arrive — often at 6.00 a.m. — and the last to leave the beach. It is fitting that some Clubs who host carnivals are recognising the effort of crews and actively catering for their needs.

A major concern expressed by the IRB Panel is in the area of integration of Club IRB's into the patrol structure; in some Clubs, this is the case, but in others, the IRB is the province of a special interest group. The point must be made to all that if a Club owns an IRB, it should be an integral part of the patrol structure and its crew come under the jurisdiction of the patrol captain, when on patrol.

Given the demands currently being made on Government Gear Grants from all sections, major capital items such as IRB's and motors can be expected to come under fairly close scrutiny when funds are allocated. The Club which can justify its request for funds by pointing to patrol integration, patrol hours in service, rescues performed, drivers' licences and crew certificates per patrol, is making its case in terms of effective use of funding resources and could reasonably expect funding approval without problems.

Clubs also need to look at their internal structures regarding IRB's — unfortunately these things consume money on fuel and/or maintenance — to ensure that the craft is always available for patrols.

Occasionally, we still hear stories of craft developing problems one weekend, which are not found until the craft captain arrives the following weekend, which then cannot be repaired until the committee meets to approve the funds. Meanwhile, the IRB is out of service — not really good enough, but a matter for the Clubs to resolve internally.

The Helicopter Rescue Service, under Peter MacCormick's direction, has continued to grow and to prove its worth as a service, both to the surfing public and the community at large.

Highlight of the year was the purchase of a new twin-engine Squirrel aircraft, which has allowed significant increase in the operations and flexibility of the service.

A total of 513 missions were flown, reflecting the increasingly close relations with Police, Ambulance and Hospitals' Commission in the provision of a cost-effective emergency medical and rescue service in the Sydney and nearby regions.

Any rescue service of a mobile nature needs communications and the Radio Panel, under John Wardall's supervision, has done an excellent job to provide this. "Sydney Surf" is operated by a team of fourteen, who manned the room for a total of 1,291 hours on-air time last season.

We are beginning the slow process of re-evaluating the existing radio network and its equipment levels, in the face of the problems with 27MHz equipment and interference. Trials have already been carried out on a waterproof UHF set which may suit an IRB and further investigation is underway.

A lot of the work involved is to find a suitable IRB radio, which can give greater reliability than now; but any proposed solution will be expensive and, as a result, we are

attempting to identify the most economical systems and methods.

The UHF repeater network should be completed before the start of next season, finally allowing direct communication between the Clubs in the Royal National Park and Sydney Surf — a long saga drawing to what is, we hope, a satisfactory end.

Ian Badham, as Emergency Services Co-ordinator, has had his hands quite full with the needs of liaison with the helicopter, assistance to Jet Boat groups, the ufh radio network, on-site rescue co-ordination, and the formulation of proposals for protection of the public at Wattamolla and Garie (mid week).

This is very much a behind-the-scenes role, but crucial to the future roll of life saving within Sydney Branch, ensuring that the resources we have are used effectively and that the opportunities to expand our public role are identified and, where possible, exploited.

The District Supervisors, Stewart Bailey, Bruce Breadner, Frank Osborne and Keith Rowswell, all had a busy but eminently satisfactory year. The system of a panel of Trials Examiners has proven successful and this has relieved them of some of the workload with exams and allowed them to get around the Clubs more often. All District Supervisors were able to report that Club patrols were satisfactory, patrol members were well trained and that all Clubs were performing their patrol obligations.

The Resuscitation, Research and Instruction Panel continued its good work in teaching and examining the Advanced Resuscitation Certificate within Sydney Branch and ensuring that the required standards of proficiency are maintained. In the coming season, the panel, under Frank Osborne's leadership, will be launching the SLSA First Aid Certificate, which will be available to all Clubs.

We are currently awaiting final approval from National Council to go ahead and then we will be faced with the task of not only teaching and examining in our own Branch, but also in the other Branches in New South Wales, until such time as they have sufficient trained instructors and examiners to meet their needs.

The Board's thanks to the Burning Palms Club for hosting the original first aid course, at which the format and curriculum were tested, during September 1984.

We must record our thanks to the assistance the Board and Branch have received from the Red Cross V.A.D., both at Surf Carnivals and in the conduct of competitions within the Branch during the past season.

Board membership now stands at 219 members, with 28 Examiners Certificates being gained in the last season. The Sydney Board is now quite definitely a "young" Board, which, of course, can lead to manpower problems, particularly as many members are still Active Club members and also involved as competitors.

On the whole however, the majority of examinations are being done now by the younger members who are keenly aware of the day to day patrol problems faced by Clubs and this has resulted in a significant lifting of standards throughout the Branch and, in particular, excellent rapport between the examiners and Club instructors.

This season, we record with regret the passing of Life Members Kevin Andrews and Rupert Michaelis, both of whom had been active on the Board for many years.

At the end of the season, the Board held a full day "Think Tank" at which members were free to raise and discuss issues which they felt were problems, either to the working of the Board, or needed to be tackled to improve our life saving standards. A number of major initiatives were discussed and endorsed on the day and a general and frank discussion of both the strengths and weaknesses of the Board and life saving was held. The report will be circulated shortly and the actions endorsed will begin to be implemented.

The Board thanks the Clubs in Sydney Branch for the co-operation and hospitality extended to the Board and its members during the past season.

Glenn Thomson,
Board Secretary.

EXAMINATION and INSTRUCTION SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Last season, the Board of Examiners conducted 130 Bronze and Surf Life Saving Certificate examinations and as many preliminary exams. The Board also conducted 42 Advanced Resuscitation Certificate exams on weeknights and examined over 1200 Proficiency candidates.

Examinations were also carried out for IRB and Radio awards. These exams were all co-ordinated through myself or the various Supervisors — Bill Singleton, IRB; John Wardall, Radio and Frank Osborne, ARC. Thanks for a job well done.

Proficiencies were again handled by District Examiners-in-Charge — Frank Osborne, Royal National Park Clubs; Greg Hewett, Cronulla-Sutherland District; Peter Carney, Randwick District and Carl Melvey, Waverley District. These men gave a lot of time to improving proficiency standards and the conduct of the exam. Unfortunately, new-style Proficiency Books have made their job harder.

Last season saw the lowest number of failures at first attempt to gain an award. Eleven squads initially failed and all passed on the second attempt. This shows the dedication of the Chief Instructors in our Branch. Unfortunately, the Elouera Club had to complete the season without a Chief Instructor.

The Branch Seminar at Broken Bay and a Chief instructors' Conference at South Maroubra, were also run for Instructors. Out of these meetings, some streamlining procedures were implemented and are working satisfactorily.

Board of Control New Member's Nights were conducted in November and May. These nights see new members inducted into the Board and members completing their probationary periods are examined. The nights are open to all Board members and it is a very satisfying experience to see keen, new members, become qualified and so ensure the future of the best Board in Australia.

The award tally for last season was respectful, if not record-making. It shows most Clubs are ensuring their future and taking seriously their role in Life Saving. However, there are some glaring omissions. Bronze Medallion figures are a guide to the, not very distant, future active membership of a Club.

I have enjoyed my term as Examination and Instruction Supervisor; I have met a lot of people and gained some good friends. I hope all who helped me will help my successor as much.

Bernard Kelly,
Examination and Instruction Supervisor.

CARNIVAL and COMPETITION SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The past season in the Carnival and Competition arena of the Board has seen major improvements overall. The most important was the inclusion of a Deputy Referee at carnivals conducted. The concept was, of course, to have less experienced Board members educated in the artforms of successfully running an open surf carnival under the guidance of the more expert and experienced within our ranks.

Members who officiated as Referees, some under difficult conditions, were — Ron Howells (Era, North Bondi and the Branch Championships), Albert "Ike" Moseley (Cronulla), Peter Calder (Garie), Ron Day (Wanda and South Maroubra), Warren Rennie (North Cronulla), Ron Pears (Elouera), John Dewey (Coogee), Ken English (Interdistrict Championships and Rossfield Trophy), Nick Dixon (Mazda Marathon), John "Rooster" Vaughan (Pier One Marathon).

It would be remiss not to record the efforts of Bill Singleton's dedicated band of IRB drivers who are first to arrive and last to leave at surf carnivals. Their expertise in placing, removing and relaying the buoys ensures a smooth-flowing carnival every time.

One of the 'quiet achievers' at surf carnivals is regular First-Aid Referee, Frank Osborne, who carries out a thankless task in the First-Aid arena. Regretfully, on all too many occasions, Frank, who gives freely of his time and indeed, comes up from "down the track" at his beloved Era to officiate, arrives only to find the nominated competitors failing to report. It is hoped that through encouragement,

this important aspect of surf life saving will see a strong and consistent competition during future seasons.

During the season, correspondence was received regarding the lack of 6-man R & R events. Preparatory work is now underway which will hopefully encourage this event in the Branch. It is envisaged that an R & R carnival will be held early in the season, probably October, and will serve two main purposes. The idea is that all sections of R & R be run and the competition be used as a training programme for prospective R & R judges. It is hoped that by the time this report is received, approval of the concept will have been granted.

The Branch Championships concluded the season's activities on Bondi Beach, under some of the most pitiful conditions seen all season. A large chopped-up surf, coupled with cool windy conditions and broken areas, created some decisive moments for Referee Ron Howells. The craft section did not finish until early evening and both officials and competitors in the area deserve a commendation for seeing all events through to the finish. The Bondi Club and the Carnival Organiser worked well and the Board appreciates their efforts.

Next season, greater pressure will be placed on the Board's shoulders, with the addition of the Metropolitan and State Championships being conducted in the Sydney Branch. I look forward to seeing as many Board members as possible on the beach, to ensure the smooth and efficient running of carnivals and competitions organised within our precinct.

Ken English,
Carnival and Competition Supervisor.

IRB SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The 1984-85 season has closed and we can summarise the season's activities with some concern.

The failure of some Clubs to realise the importance of the IRB's in their Club is viewed with concern. The initial cost of the IRB is high, so Clubs should ensure that this valuable asset is adequately maintained; further, that the number of drivers in their Club is adequate to cover all patrol duties. Quite often it is left to the dedicated few to carry the load that the Club Committee should be carrying.

The IRB crews in Sydney Branch carried out 511 rescues during the season, which represents 23% of rescues performed in the Branch.

The IRB inspection was carried out during the annual Gear Inspection and it is with some dismay that I record that some IRB's were not prepared for inspection on the day, requiring Inspectors to return to Clubs to pass craft and motors. It is the responsibility of Club Committees to ensure that all gear, including IRB's, are ready for inspection.

The laying of buoys at Sydney Branch carnivals was accomplished utilising National Council's "Sanyo" IRB and we are indebted to Harry Brown and his band of helpers. We record our thanks to National Council for their continued support.

The Branch IRB Championships were successfully conducted at a Twilight Carnival on January 30 and 31, 1985, at North Bondi beach. All events were conducted under a new system put forward by the Referee on the night, Harry Brown, which proved to be most efficient and events were completed in the shortest possible time.

To IRB Inspectors and Examiners who helped out during the season and to all who participated in IRB activities, Sydney Branch thanks you and hopes for your continued support in the coming season.

M. (Bill) Singleton,
IRB Supervisor.

JRB SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

As the saying goes, "Hope springs eternal", and so it is at the commencement of each new season and the start of the 84-85 season was no exception.

During the winter period, every possible piece of maintenance that was considered necessary was carried out by both groups on their boats, prime-movers and equipment,

as well as special training and exercises were held for the crews, to ensure that this season was going to be as trouble-free as possible and that every crewperson would be as skilled as possible.

Twenty-four-hour-call-out rosters were finalised and everyone looked forward to giving their best and to proving again that our JRB's were really special craft and the crews, special life savers, dedicated to their role and cause.

For the first time in a number of seasons, funding didn't appear to be a problem, due to the efforts of the crews and assistance from sponsors and support from councils.

The season got underway in the manner hoped for and all looked well until "Murphy's Law" took over.

JRB2 started to show signs that all was not well in the primary drive area. This problem continued to develop, despite all-out efforts by the mechanics from Sutherland Shire Council and the crew, eventually leading to the boat having to be taken out of service in early January 85, for a major engine overhaul.

The boat returned to service, only to find the same problem re-occurring. Despite engine X-rays and every type of test possible, it took until early March before the fault could be rectified. No blame could be placed on any party and it was only by chance that the fault showed up during a test run by the mechanics.

As if all of that wasn't enough, a similar type of problem appeared to be occurring in the JRB3 in March and it, too, had to be pulled out of service and was found to be in need of a new motor, so we have been without an operating Jet Boat since.

While these events sadden us all, I feel that the following statistics must be taken into account —

	JRB2	JRB3
Rescues	9	10
Search and Support	2	14
Boat Tows	13	4
	(\$296,200)	(\$30,000)
Preventative Actions	76	12
First-Aid	2	2
Water Safety Demonstrations	3	5
Action involving CPR	—	1
Kilometres patrolled	1636	1015
Litres of fuel used	4200	4000
Engine hours	135	140
Total patrol hours (crew)	922	

These facts more than show the worth of our JRB groups. The need for such groups to continue their role as semi-offshore rescue and patrol groups is obvious. We now need to prepare for the eventual replacement craft that will give us maximum performance and reliability.

As an overall group, we have looked at possible alternatives and it is hoped that by late August 1985, a full detailed proposal and costing can be presented to the Branch.

I wish to record my sincere thanks to the crews of both groups for the seemingly endless hours of work that they put into fundraising, maintenance and preparation, in addition to their patrols. I know that the satisfaction gained by those who were involved in some of the dramatic rescues, is enough to drive them on toward an even better life saving service and to ensure that their crewmates strive to reach that standard as well.

My thanks must also go out to the sponsors who came forward and supported these groups financially and, of course, to the Randwick Municipal Council and Sutherland Shire Council, for the funding of so much of these operations.

Ken Blakie,
JRB Supervisor.

RADIO OFFICER'S REPORT

Once more it is my pleasure to report that the Branch Radio Room was operational for a total of 1,291 hours, over sixty-nine days, including the Gear Inspection period.

The sixty-nine days were operated by a regular staff of 14, and listed below are the individual hours performed.

Mrs R. Daley	90 hours	Burning Palms
Mr B. Harris	56 hours	Burning Palms
Miss J. Johnson	84 hours	Burning Palms

Mrs J. Wardall	110 hours	Burning Palms
Mr J. Oldham	50 hours	Bondi
Mr T. Gately	19 hours	Coogee
Mr D. Blacker	105.5 hours	Cronulla
Mr C. Knowles	80.5 hours	Cronulla
Mr P. Gray	39 hours	Elouera
Mr K. Brown	121 hours	Garie
Mr G. Sewell	153.5 hours	Maroubra
Mr P. Gauley	111 hours	North Cronulla
Mr D. Benson	64.5 hours	Tamarama
Mr J. Wardall	207 hours	Tamarama

I would like to thank all the staff for their dedication to their rostered Patrols, and particularly those who were able to do additional hours when required.

During the Season two major equipment improvements occurred. The first was the installation of new U.H.F. Simplex equipment incorporating a remote channel changing facility, which has afforded us much greater flexibility.

The second was the installation of the long awaited Repeater system throughout our Jet Rescue Boats and the Rescue Helicopter.

Unfortunately, the National Park Clubs are still waiting for their link to be installed, but at least Sydney can relay messages to and from them for the first time since Radios were introduced in 1973.

The availability of U.H.F. equipment to these remote Clubs is most timely, as following the deregulation of the 27 MHz A.M. system by the Department of Communication in 1981, I predicted and reported to the Branch that the C.B. System could no longer be regarded as our first line or exclusive Channel.

The interference from irresponsible boating enthusiasts and C.B. operators has already rendered the 27-980 frequency useless for up to four hours at a time on a number of days last Season. I have a number of tapes which are available to any "Doubting Thomas" in the Association.

I have reported in past years and repeat again that there are still some Clubs within the Branch without Radio Room facilities at all, or at best some that are barely minimal. These Clubs seriously weaken the overall Rescue network and place extra work on their neighbouring Clubs.

The servicing of our A.M. Radios was again carried out by Nat Cohen in his usual thorough manner, to which we have become accustomed.

The Maroubra Seals Club management again continued the Radio Operators lunch subsidy, which is most appreciated by all concerned.

John Wardall,
Radio Supervisor.

EMERGENCY SERVICES CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Efficient communications is the key to search and rescue co-ordination and, to this end, the season marked a milestone in the Sydney Branch's development. The provision of a UHF repeater network — after so many years of promise — during the season, at last allowed metropolitan-wide communication between the SLSA's main rescue groups. This was achieved after Sydney Branch funded the provision of repeater frequencies to existing UHF equipment to allow all groups to come on line.

Early fears by NSW State Centre that the system would be overloaded were put aside and formal permission was granted for the power rescue boats also to use the wider-coverage radio. As soon as Council Lifeguards are permitted to have the repeater frequency installed in their UHF radios, it will be possible for the first time, to effectively co-ordinate major rescue units both mid-week and weekends, around the clock throughout Sydney.

While the surf rescue radio bases co-ordinate activities during weekends over summer, this is not possible at other times. Thanks to the assistance from crew at the Sydney helicopter base, and the nominated duty officers, the SLSA can offer prompt response to rescue calls at all times.

Also awaited is the link to allow the Royal National Park Clubs UHF radios to tie into the Sydney repeater network. The State Centre has indicated this may be operational

early next season and will bring these isolated Clubs in direct contact for emergencies at all times.

In the meantime, the tree Park Clubs have been able to use the UHF radios to make twenty-four-hour contact with Wollongong Ambulance Service Co-ordination Centre (2KJ Illawarra) and through this, the Westpac-SLSA rescue helicopter was responding to a number of missions.

Detailed study has been carried out into the type of offshore launch best suited to take over duty from the present generation of jet rescue boat. Both the JRB2 (Cronulla) and JRB3 (Randwick/Waverley) are awaiting the Board's approval on craft type, before preparing sponsorship submissions to obtain replacement boats. When the new generation of boat is introduced, it will allow the Association in Sydney to meet the safety requirements of emergency authorities for response to sea and at night.

This will have a dramatic effect on response to near coastal rescues, and provide long-awaited support for Water Police, coastal groups and our own helicopter. With the new boats will come additional training for their crews, and extra demands on the Sydney duty officers.

Before the season started in September, craft from Sydney and Manly-Warringah Branches combined to stage Operation Shelly, off Shelly Beach. This amply demonstrated to crews the difficulties imposed by search and rescue at night, while allowing interchange between the crews on techniques.

The role of the jet boats, inflatable rescue boats, helicopter and radio — in supporting Club patrol members — was highlighted in a demonstration held for the news media to mark the opening of the surfing season. A number of media attended at Maroubra Beach despite adverse conditions.

Observers from both jet rescue boat groups and the Emergency Services Co-ordinator attended an exercise held in November on Port Hacking by the Australian Volunteer Coast Guard. In a dramatic way, "Operation Naudic Nightmare" displayed the difficulties generated by very long lines of communication using 27MHz radio, a large number of craft and units from many services.

A new checklist has been provided to the Sydney and Warringah Surf Rescue Radio Bases to assist operators respond appropriate SLSA units, and outside support, to situations where persons are missing in the water. With more units now having rescue diving experience, the Association's ability to assist has increased. But the real need to make initial use of snorkel equipment should not be overlooked.

A study which was resumed during the season concerns the capacity of the Sydney Branch to provide a contracted lifeguard service at popular Royal National Park locations during school holidays.

More incidents outside Club patrol hours at Wattamolla and Garie Beach show the community need for such safety patrols. Due to the limited resources of surf clubs in the region, this cannot be provided by rostered volunteer duty. The Board awaits consideration of the proposal by the State Government.

Ian Badham,
Emergency Services Co-Ordinator.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Board of Control Executive functioned as a cohesive unit and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their efforts. Particular thanks go to Ron Howells, the Deputy Superintendent, for taking over during the period from October to December when I was forced to apply for leave from my duties.

The District Supervisors, Frank Osborne, Bruce Breadner, Keith Rowswell and Stewart Bailey, and their Deputies, have been most actively involved and provided sound assessment of the Clubs in their areas.

Some Clubs have been identified as having problems and these have been signalled for action. The main concern with these Clubs is that they are not performing — not quite failing but causing continued concern — only having minimum numbers on patrol, not effectively training new members, having problems with gear inspections, not attending meetings or seminars, failing to support the Association with minimum

involvement as Examiners or Carnival Officials. All or any of these symptoms indicate that a Club should be seriously examining its priorities and looking at its "grass roots" level of life saving.

The new technology and planning of the '80's, will not help Clubs in the '90's that can't identify existing problems or support viable patrols, train and hold members who can take the Club into the future.

The Branch Patrol Competition, specifically designed to involve all Clubs and provide incentive for the patrol member — "the backbone of the Association" — saw only seven Clubs participate. Congratulations to the winning Coogee patrol and the other six patrols that performed so creditably. But, what of the other eight Clubs? We should wonder what they are doing at the "grass roots"; what commitment their leaders have to their members; what motivation they are using for the future?

In the broad field of "Emergency Services", I would like to thank Ian Badham; Ken Blakie — JRB Supervisor; Graham Bruce, then Bill Singleton, as IRB Supervisor; John Wardall, Radio Officer; Peter McCormick and Bob Ford of the Helicopter Rescue Service; for their leadership and the dedication and service of their various groups. These groups have identified particular challenges and are actively pursuing solutions. This area is unlimited in its potential, particularly when we see —

- * The second helicopter in service with the Helicopter Group and the increased recognition gained with Ambulance and Police.
- * The Jet Rescue Groups identifying a need for more capable twin-engined craft for offshore work and pursuing this line.
- * The final commissioning of the repeater radio network, bringing all Clubs into direct communication in the Branch.
- * Initiatives being taken to set up a life saving system at Wattamolla and provide midweek life saving at Garie during school summer vacation.

To Bernie Kelly and the band of Examiners who undertook the mammoth task of conducting the various Proficiency and Association examinations — thanks and congratulations on a job well done. The number of exams speak for the amount of work carried out and we can only admire those who shouldered this load and did more than their share.

Some criticism has been levelled at a minority of examiners for not turning up after nominating for an exam and it must be said that the image of the Board suffers on these occasions. Our "professionalism" is judged on our attendance, punctuality, appearance and general presentation. On most occasions we achieve this standard, but members must realise that in nominating for a task, a responsibility also exists to carry it out and not let the team down.

Thanks to Ken English, the Carnival and Competition Supervisor, and the Referees, Officials, Judges and workers, another successful competitive season has been completed. Ken's appointments to carnivals ensured that experience was blended with the enthusiasm of our newer officials and the Branch now has a pool of personnel to ensure the efficient running of our competitions. Additional support and encouragement in the R & R and Beach arenas will complete our team of judges and guarantee the running of our carnivals is second to none.

The Branch's carnival gear was again improved and maintained by John Dewey and his team, while Perc Ainsworth was always on hand with starting guns, timing watches and needed stationery. These, along with the dedicated IRB Group, who put in long sessions laying/adjusting buoys and often judging, must be thanked separately for their contributions to carnivals.

It has been a pleasure to see the strength of our newer members and the continued interest in joining the Board. Programmes are underway to provide effective training and supervision for new members during their probationary period, which will fully equip them to join our ranks as full members.

To these people, I hope the Board gives them everything they expect and I hope they can full share the enthusiasm and dedication so apparent in our members over a long and rewarding terms of service.

A highlight of this season is to record that the Executive has voted to recognise Bill Gray as the outstanding member of the year. Bill carried out full Board duties and made an exceptional effort in the examination area, to become a worthy recipient of this Award.

It is noted that Sydney Branch, in the Board sphere, is larger than most State Centres in our Association. It is a credit to the Honorary Officers, that they have been able to complete their tasks, working out of briefcases and car boots. A central office with areas to work and plan, where information is readily accessible is surely a priority that should be pursued to the fullest.

In closing, I would like to thank all members of the Board of Control for a job well done and again thank Ron Howells, my Deputy.

If everyone continues to pull together, we will keep Sydney Branch Board of Control in the fore.

Trevor Elliott,
Superintendent.

SYDNEY SLSA HELICOPTER RESCUE SERVICE PTY LTD REPORT

The last year has proven, without a doubt, that the Westpac SLSA helicopter is truly a community helicopter with the tremendous support we have received, not only from our corporate sponsors — Westpac, Channel 9, 2UE and Esso, but from people in all walks of life.

Recently, the Ladies Committee of the Royal North Shore Hospital donated a Life Pak 5 monitor, while the Retail Traders Association purchased a Night Sun and the St. Leonards Rotary Club, in co-operation with the Royal North Shore Hospital Board, agreed to increase our office and stand-by accommodation. The installation of the new fueling facilities at our helipad by Esso will be a tremendous cost-saving to us in the years to come.

The season saw a continued increase in the Service's call out, with the helicopter being responded to over 513 calls. This, again, would not have been possible without the continued close liaison and support of all the Clubs on the north and south side of the Harbour.

The rapid response of the Service to road accidents in inaccessible areas has been achieved by the close co-operation between the Ambulance Service and ourselves.

I would be remiss in not thanking the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, the Honorable Peter Anderson, for his support for such a close working arrangement with the Police.

In April, 1985, the Service took delivery of their second aircraft — a twin-engined 355F1 Squirrel, Australia's first fully-equipped Medical, Search and Rescue twin-engined aircraft.

The formation of the new National Helicopter Operations Board, with the assistance of the National Executive Director, Gus Staunton, will continue to ensure the close co-operation and development of all our helicopters around Australia.

Recently, the Service employed their second full-time rescue crewman, doctor and pilot, making the total of seven full-time employees. This would not have been possible without the continued support of the volunteer rescue crewmen and doctors.

In conclusion, I would like to personally thank our Branch President, Rex Sargeant; our Financial Controller, John Connolly; and Ian Badham, for their support in making this a successful year.

Peter McCormick,
Helicopter Director.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The year saw a great improvement in the Branch's finances resulting in a surplus of \$406 as compared with a loss of \$4,000 for the previous year. This was achieved after allowing \$5,036 for depreciation and \$5,000 for provision for a Chief Officer and Premises.

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

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MAY, 1985

1984 \$		1985 \$
	RESERVES and ACCUMULATED FUNDS	
	RESERVES	
\$ 20,403	Asset Revaluation Reserve	\$ 20,403
50,000	Helicopter Contingency Reserve	—
7,500	Provision for Research, Development and Education	7,500
—	Provision for Chief Officer and Premises	5,000
<u>77,903</u>		<u>32,903</u>
	ACCUMULATED FUNDS	
75,932	Balance — 1st June, 1983	\$ 79,037
	Add: Surplus of Income Over Expenditure	
45,109	— Helicopter	—
(4,004)	— General	5,406
<u>117,037</u>		<u>84,443</u>
—	Less: Provision for Chief Officer and Premises	5,000
<u>38,000</u>	Transfer to Helicopter Contingency Reserve	—
<u>79,037</u>		<u>79,443</u>
<u>\$156,940</u>		<u>\$112,346</u>
	Represented by:	
	FIXED ASSETS	
1,579	Carnival Gear — at Cost	1,579
877	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	1,111
<u>702</u>		<u>468</u>
969	Furniture and Fittings — at Cost	969
147	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	266
<u>822</u>		<u>703</u>
22,825	Plant and Equipment — at Cost	25,868
3,739	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	8,688
<u>19,086</u>		<u>17,180</u>
11,102	Motor Vehicles — at Cost	13,402
3,302	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	2,221
<u>7,800</u>		<u>11,181</u>
<u>28,410</u>		<u>29,532</u>
	INVESTMENTS	
160,370	Cash on Deposit	54,795
	CURRENT ASSETS	
1,050	Cash on Hand	550
10,637	Cash at Bank — Westpac Banking Corporation Ltd.	8,972
351	Sundry Debtors	7,205
705	Stock	1,411
429	Outstanding Deposit	392
—	Prepayments	9,500
<u>13,172</u>		<u>28,030</u>
	NON-CURRENT ASSETS	
500	Loan — S.L.S.A. Helicopter Rescue Service Pty. Limited	7,500
<u>202,452</u>	Total Assets	<u>119,857</u>
	CURRENT LIABILITIES	
32,230	Creditors and Accruals	7,227
13,282	Cheques in Transit	284
<u>45,512</u>		<u>7,511</u>
<u>\$156,940</u>		<u>\$112,346</u>

AUDITOR'S REPORT

We report that we have examined the book of account and supporting vouchers of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia — Sydney Branch for the year ended 31st May, 1985 and that we have obtained all the information and explanations required by us.

In our opinion, the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Branch at 31st May, 1985 according to the best of our information and explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Branch.

BRUCE & DUNCAN
Chartered Accountants

W.A. Duncan, Partner
Registered under the Public Accountants Registration Act, 1945, as amended

SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA – SYDNEY BRANCH
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1985

1984 \$		1985 \$
	INCOME	
600	Affiliation Fees	1,500
1,894	Capitation Fees	3,189
4,218	Examination Fees	6,506
5,469	NSW Government Grant	7,208
56,738	Sponsorships and Donations	65,777
5,641	Interest	9,089
—	Sundry	383
<u>74,560</u>		<u>93,652</u>
	LESS – EXPENSES	
—	Presentation and Promotion Expenses	1,473
16,968	Board of Control and Carnival Gear	12,304
4,669	Depreciation	5,036
4,305	Examination Expenses	6,759
1,311	Insurances	1,364
2,550	Postage	2,863
4,173	Printing, Stationery and Photocopying	4,820
12,465	Secretarial Services	17,973
1,140	Telephone	933
23,481	Distribution of Sponsorship Monies	25,978
—	General Expenses	851
4,508	Trophies and Carnival Expenses	2,310
2,949	Radio Room Expenses	3,407
45	Bank Charges and Interest	—
—	Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets	764
—	Meeting Expenses	1,411
<u>78,564</u>		<u>88,246</u>
(4,004)	SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) of Income over Expenditure	5,406
—	Less: Provision for Chief Officer and Premises	5,000
<u>\$ (4,004)</u>		<u>\$ 406</u>

STATEMENT OF SOURCES AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MAY, 1985

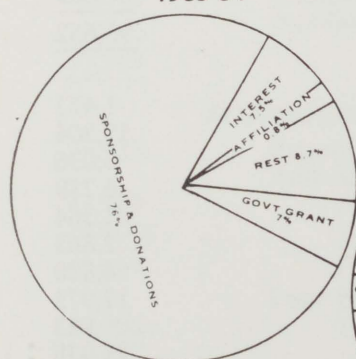
	SOURCE OF FUNDS		
	Funds From Operations		
	Surplus of Income Over Expenses for the Year		
7,109	— Helicopter	—	
(4,004)	— General	5,406	
	Add: Non-Fund Items –		
5,062	Depreciation	5,036	
38,000	Transfer to Helicopter Contingency Reserve	—	
—	Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets	764	
<u>46,167</u>		<u>11,206</u>	
	Reduction in Assets		
—	Cash on Deposit	105,575	
—	Cash on Hand	500	
—	Cash at Bank	1,665	
—	Outstanding Deposits	37	
2,019	Sundry Debtors	—	107,777
	Increase in Liabilities		
32,230	Sundry Creditors	—	
13,282	Cheques in Transit	—	
—	Proceeds of Sale of Fixed Assets	200	
<u>\$93,698</u>			<u>\$119,183</u>
	APPLICATION OF FUNDS		
	Increase in Assets		
78,897	Cash on Deposit	—	
7,355	Purchases of Fixed Assets	7,122	
—	Sundry Debtors	6,854	
—	Stock	706	
—	Prepayments	9,500	
500	Loan SLSA Helicopter Rescue Service Pty. Limited	7,000	
6,517	Cash at Bank	—	
429	Outstanding Deposits	—	\$ 31,182
	Decrease in Liabilities		
—	Sundry Creditors and Accruals	25,003	
—	Cheques in Transit	12,998	38,001
—	Discharge of Helicopter Contingency Reserve	—	50,000
<u>\$93,698</u>			<u>\$119,183</u>

INCOME

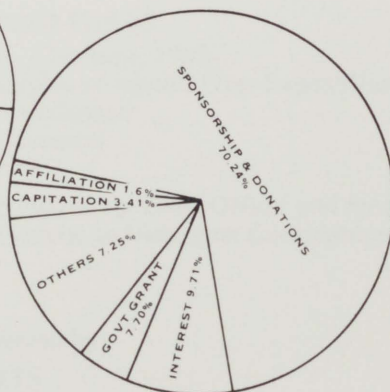
Income increased 25.61% from \$74,560 in 1984 to \$93,652 in 1985. This was due to an increase in real terms in the NSW Government Grant and an increase in Branch charges. We express our appreciation and thanks to the NSW Government for this.

The biggest increase in income was interest received. This rose 61.09% and is the result of the previous year where investments were placed in higher interest brackets.

Source of Income
1983-84



1984-85



EXPENDITURE

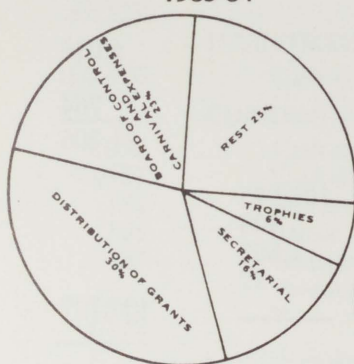
In my report last year I said the rate of increase in expenditure would have to be curtailed strenuously if the Branch was to be viable. An increase rate of over 100% was not on.

I am pleased to report the warning was headed and the rate of increase in expenditure for this year was only 12.32%. Expenses up from \$78,564 in 1984 to \$88,246 in 1985.

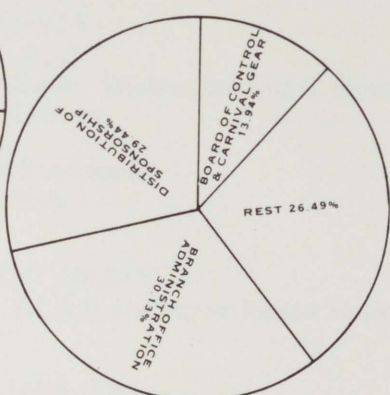
Members will be pleased to see a more detailed list of expenses. It is hoped to continue this trend next year.

The largest items of expenditure were distribution of sponsorship money to the Clubs and Branch Office Administration.

Source of Expenditure
1983-84



1984-85



Whilst 1985 showed a turnabout we cannot afford to rest. The rate of improvement must be maintained and I appeal to all for assistance in this task.

It would be remiss of me if I did not express my thanks to the members of the finance committee — namely John Connolly, Bill Marshall, Bob Brandson, Rex Sargeant and Steve Strange — for the manner in which the difficult tasks and decisions were made. The results bear fruit in the audited statement. To Shaun Simmons of Bruce & Duncan for carrying out the audit I say thanks.

Finally to my wife Sandra and daughter Kerrie, for without their devotion and love I could not perform my duties to the fullest. To them and all I say thanks.

Clive Owens,
Honorary Treasurer.

SYDNEY BRANCH JUNIOR SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION REPORT

The 1984/85 season will go on record as one of the most successful seasons experienced by the Junior Branch since its inception. In December our Inter Branch team was successful in retaining the Inter Branch Title and in doing so had ten competitors selected in the New South Wales team that competed in Western Australia. It was quite a feat for the Branch to supply one-third of the members of the New South Wales team and a great deal of the credit must go to the branch coaches.

The Branch championships were successfully staged by the Cronulla Club and sponsored by MAZDA. The Metropolitan Titles were hosted by Sydney and staged at South Maroubra. On the competition side the season ended on a high note with clubs from the branch filling the first four placings at the Annual State Titles held at Fingal beach.

Away from the competitive area an Inaugural Branch Presentation Night was held at the Gympie Trade Union Club and a Testimonial Dinner held for our immediate past president Wal McNamara at the Marrickville District Lawn Tennis Club. The most satisfying achievement however was the gaining of an overall sponsor for the Branch in the coming season in the form of Streets Ice Cream. We look forward to a long association with this company.

Finally, I wish to thank the Sydney Branch Senior Officials on the success achieved in the 1984/85 season and on behalf of the Junior Branch thank them for their understanding of our mutual problems and for their support and encouragement of the Juniors.

I wish your incoming Committee every success in the coming 1985/86 season. You can be assured that the Junior Branch will continue to work successfully side by side with the Senior Branch with the ultimate aim of strengthening the life saving movement and producing competent life savers for the future.

John McAuliffe,
President, Sydney Branch,
Junior Surf Life Saving Association.

PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT

Unfortunately, despite our wealth of talented competitors, we were unable to secure a sponsor to cover costs entailed with running our Branch Championships. Within our ranks are the cream of the Australian Surfing scene and many competitors have made their mark at Commonwealth, International and Olympic levels — names like Brewer, McKeon, Pallister, Chapman, Allum, should sell as a promoters dream.

It is only fair to say our main objective is to patrol and protect our beaches, but, on the other hand, we encourage interest towards various types of competitions e.g. "swimming, running, rowing, paddling and the Iron Man events to maintain a certain fitness. With this in mind it is only fair to assume there is a demand for our efforts. However, due to the lack of media exposure, particularly direct telecasts, it seems we are only a sundry proposition.

When this question is put each year to the management of our national television channels the same old answers of their pre-programmed commitment to a Sheffield direct game and all associated equipment will be needed are received. A huge crown of 200 may attend. Its just not cricket!

Let's hope we are looked upon more sympathetically in the coming season and sponsors see the value in the many projects we have to offer.

To our current sponsors we extend our gratitude and the projects they support.

We also gratefully acknowledge the assistance we receive from some sections of the media on our rescue achievements particularly our suburban newspapers.

Jim Parker,
Publicity Officer.

ROYAL NATIONAL PARK DISTRICT REPORT

The three Clubs in our District, Garie, Era and Burning Palms have again recorded another successful Season.

It is with great pride that I am able to report that no lives were lost at any of our three beaches, whilst patrols were manned. Total rescues performed for the District were 106 with 231 people being treated for minor first aid injuries.

Active membership has been maintained and all Clubs report a good influx of new Members. Garie Club has been particularly successful in gaining new Members. Total awards gained during the Season was 108, an increase of 26 Awards over the previous season.

Financial support for our Clubs is often hard to find. No immediate, local area of population, exists and our Clubs have to go far afield to obtain sponsors to help defray operating costs. During the past two seasons, the NSW Egg Corporation has sponsored the District's emergency mobile services and it is with great pleasure that I am able to announce that the NSW Egg Corporation will again sponsor the District for the coming season.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the management of the NSW Egg Corporation for this sponsorship, valued, over the three years, at \$30,000. The money is used to run our Inshore Rescue Boats and provide fuel and repairs for motors. Additionally, funds are also used for this District's vital radio network and the provision of first aid supplies. Money is also set aside from the Egg Corporation sponsorship to fund community resuscitation programmes that are run by our District Supervisor, Frank Osborne.

Meetings of the Executive have been held on a regular basis under the Chairmanship of Garie Club President Bill Tapp. Bill also represented the District at the Branch Management Meetings. Next season, the chairmanship will rotate and the President of the Era Club will be in the chair.

By far, the highlight of activities in our District, was the opening by Club President, Tony O'Loughlin, Burning Palms Club, in October 1984, of their new Clubhouse. More than two hundred Members, friends and guests made the trip to the 'Palms to witness the opening ceremony. The opening, culminated a saga in the Club's history, which began in 1978, when they received permission in principal by the National Parks and Wildlife Service to construct a new Clubhouse at Burning Palms Beach.

All Clubs participated at open carnivals held in the Branch, as well as the State and Australian Championships. Although not highly successful in open competition, Robert Cooper of the Garie Club did manage to reach the finals in the Cadet Beach Sprint at the State Championships.

Era Club won the Kent 25's Southern Beaches Lifesavers Cup, a promotion held at the National Coursing Associations Wentworth Park. The night, held in November, 1984, was sponsored by Kent 25's Cigarettes and the NCA. The major prizes offered are new surfboats. Both Garie and Burning Palms Clubs received prizemoney for their participation in the other events.

Our Clubs also competed at the Rossfield Corporation Carnival in February this year and although outclassed by the competition from other Clubs, did, courtesy of the Rossfield Corporation receive a donation for their participation.

Our District Competition, held at Garie in December, 1984 resulted in Era Club winning the Bobby Liddle Trophy and Garie, the Pymble Shield.

During the Season, our Clubs had occasion to call on the services of the Westpac Helicopter Rescue Service. When the need arises to call the helicopter, radio contact is made with Illawarra Surf, during patrol hours and with the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol at Wollongong, at other times. I would like to thank these three groups for their support of our District and make particular mention of Mr Jack Attwood, of the RVCP, who maintains a listening watch for our emergency calls.

It is expected that the Clubs will be able to participate in the State Radio Repeater Network, with direct contact to Sydney Surf and the Westpac Helicopter, when the links between Saddleback Mountain and Bronte Inn repeaters are finally installed.

Our Lifesaving Director, Frank Osborne and His Deputy Glenn Thomson have worked extremely hard with trial, full

examinations and proficiency tests during the Season. Frank conducted a trial First Aid Course, for the Association in September 1984, at Burning Palms Beach. Members of Clubs from Sydney and Manly-Warringah Branches took part and the course has now been adopted as a National Award. Our thanks are extended to Frank and Glenn for their time and efforts during the year on behalf of our Clubs.

As reported last season, the Clubs would look towards the problems which are occurring at Watamolla. Many injuries have resulted, from picnickers jumping into the lagoon and, there have been a number of drownings. In co-operation with the Branch's Emergency Services Co-ordinator, Ian Badham, a submission has been forwarded to Mr Bob Carr, Minister for Planning and Environment, whose portfolio includes the National Parks and Wildlife Services, for contract lifeguards to be stationed at Watamolla and Garie during the peak summer period.

Finally, on behalf of our Clubs, I would like to thank Sydney Branch for their continued interest and involvement with our District, also to thank all Sydney Clubs for their keen competition, friendship and help during the season.

Peter Pearce,
District Secretary.

CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND DISTRICT REPORT

The District has been well served by its officers and the membership of its four clubs and here we include a most important part of those clubs — the Junior Surf Lifesaving Association.

Representing the District on Branch Management level has been the task of Geoff Forshaw, President of Cronulla SLSC. His demeanor, attitude and loyalty has marked him as an exceptional officer and with his retirement this year, after four years of great service to his Club and the District, he will leave a high standard for his successor to follow.

District Supervisor, Bruce Breadner, has carried out his duties in an exemplary manner earning the respect of the four clubs and the Sutherland Shire Council Lifeguard's organisation.

High seas on occasions have kept the patrols busy particularly the IRB crews whose value and expertise continue to grow. Patrols on the main beaches were augmented by outpost patrols north of Wanda and south of Cronulla around to Shelly Beach and here we saw the value of the radio network supervised by our hardworking District Radio Officer, Keith Schreuder. We understand other Branch Districts will follow our example and elect District Radio Officers next season.

Rescues averaged around the 200 mark with the IRB figuring prominently and in some cases, leading the other rescue sections.

Cronulla Club endured a tragic situation when an active senior, Glen Dravine, in apparent good health at the start of a Club Ski Race, later fell from his ski and was found a short time later on the seabed by clubmate Alan Metti.

Close liason was maintained during the season with the lifeguards and monthly meetings were held on the beach between Club Captains, the District Supervisor and Council's Beach Superintendent to iron out any problems.

Club memberships have been maintained and SLSA Awards show a rise this season of 97 with a total of 565, included in this total are 200 Bronze Medallions averaging 50 per club and Cronulla's Chief Instructor Wal Halpin with his 195 awards, considered to be the highest in Australia, deserves special commendation.

On the competitive side and commencing with our great bunch of kids in the Junior SLSA we saw the results of a years hard work at the Junior State Championships held at Fingal Bay. The official pointscore placings were — Wanda 1st, North Cronulla 2nd, Elouera 3rd, Cronulla 4th, a district effort worth noting.

This close ranking showed up in the Branch Carnival Open Pointscore reading; North Cronulla, Elouera, Cronulla and Wanda.

Each Club won gold at the State Championships with Wanda taking home the NSW Pennant for Open 6 Man R & R

and also the Open 4 Man R & R. Elouera's Rick Pallister shared the Open Belt with S. Dawson of Kiama and their great little Cadet Surf Team also won their event. Cronulla's Tod Peachey won the Junior Belt and North Cronulla won the March Past and the Reserve Boat Championships. Lovely Bronwyn Elford of Elouera won Miss NSW Surf Lifesaving in its inaugural year.

The Australian Championships at Point Leo, Victoria saw Wanda show its supremacy in R & R and win the Association Premiership. Cronulla's top youngsters Jodie Larsen won the Open Women's Surf Race and Tod Peachey won the Junior Belt Championship for the third successive year and entered the history books. Their cadet relay side also won gold. Elouera's champion cadet surf team took out the Australian Championship.

North Cronulla, Branch and Interstate Champions, had to be content with being the first boat crew from our district to be selected in the NSW Interstate Team and Sweep. Steve Swane was elected captain. But they can be proud of their record for the season. Nine wins, finalist in every carnival and winner of the Era, Mazda, Pier One and Freshwater Marathons, a wonderful effort.

The Clubs kept healthy by holding and competing in various winter athletic events such as Wanda's "Sutherland to Surf" (4,500 competitors) Elouera's Tri-athlon (109) and their first Half and Mini Marathon (1100 competitors) and North Cronulla entered a team in the Rugby Union.

Elouera Club has completed extensive additions and alterations to their Club and all is in readiness for the Metropolitan and Junior State Carnivals in the coming season. All four Clubs are waiting to see if wisdom will prevail and the 1985 Bicentennial Australian Championships will be held in the Cronulla-Sutherland District — the "Birthplace of Australia".

We look forward to the coming season and wish all Sydney Branch Clubs good luck for 1985-86.

Norm Rees,
District Secretary.

WAVERLEY DISTRICT REPORT

The Annual General Meeting was held at Bronte SLSC on 31st August, 1984, with Andy Winters being elected to the position of Chairman for his first term, as was Peter Davis who was elected Secretary. Grant McMahon was again elected Treasurer.

The Executive meets once a month to discuss District matters and over the last nine years has become a clear and single voice, with respect to all matters pertaining to the three beaches in the area and the four Clubs which patrol them. With the re-structuring of the Sydney Branch the District Executive has become the arena for debate on a great variety of issues. It is a pleasure to report that in all cases resolutions have been taken with unanimous acceptance.

Our thanks are recorded to Bill Singleton for representing Sydney Branch at these meetings and for his words of wisdom.

Meetings with the Waverley Municipal Council Life Saving Committee have been very fruitful to the District in both monetary terms and in understanding. Council has continued to support the Waverley Shield, presenting this year's winner with a Rescue Board.

The Club's each receive \$2,500 as a direct grant for Life Saving equipment from Council, plus approximately \$20,000 annually for the maintenance of Clubhouses. This sum is allocated by the Executive in accordance with each Club's need. Council also provides one fully equipped IRB to the District annually. This donation is very gratefully accepted by the four Clubs of the Waverley District.

A meeting with Waverley Beach Inspectors took place in the pre-Christmas period and the evening was very well received. It is to be hoped this will become an annual event and lead to greater understanding and efficiency on the beach.

Our thanks are recorded to Stewart Bailey, Waverley District Supervisor and his assistant Trevor Perrin. Stewart and Trevor were regular participants at our meetings and showed a great deal of stamina and resilience over what must have been a most difficult season for them.

Thanks are also expressed to the JRB 3 Group for their continued off-shore surveillance of the Waverley District.

Thank you also to Winlo Cosmetics for their support in the outfitting of the Waverley District Team to the Inter-District Carnival held at Cronulla Beach.

In conclusion, special thanks must be given to our Chairman, Andy Winters, who has continued the professional approach of his predecessors.

Peter Davis,
District Secretary.

RANDWICK DISTRICT REPORT

The 1984/85 Season for the Randwick District has been a most successful one. We can again report that the primary purpose of life saving in the District has been fulfilled that is "no life lost" whilst patrols were on duty. The District Executive continued to meet on a regular basis and earlier in the year submitted to Council a detailed budget covering the next four years with regard to capital improvements in the various clubs. We are pleased to note that Randwick Council have once more offered their assistance and have agreed in principle to a submission. The first of the clubs in our District to receive this grant will be Coogee Surf Club with their extensions well under way now.

It would be most remiss of me not to endorse and recognise the tremendous assistance given to the surf clubs in our District by the Randwick Council and its officers and Aldermen. They set an example that is often the envy of many others.

Competitively clubs in our District were not as successful as we have been in previous seasons however the Randwick District Clubs as always have provided a steady flow of solid competition. Congratulations to the more successful clubs this year and it is obvious that the rewards for hard work have been achieved by them.

The Randwick District Executive has been ably chaired by Lionel Roser, President of the South Maroubra Surf Club and we wish to acknowledge also the generous donations and help given to us by various organisations within the District. At the risk of offending anyone that we miss out on we would simply say that regular donations are very hard to come by and the appreciation and support given to us by organisations especially those associated with the JRB3 have been most welcomed. I would also make a special note of the tremendous efforts put in by the crews of JRB3 in patrolling our own District and, for a large degree of time, the Waverley District. The work as everyone noticed has been voluntary and we would not be able to run this boat without our volunteers' efforts together with the financial efforts of Randwick Council and the negotiating and administrative skills of the Sydney Branch.

I would take this opportunity to wish all other clubs in other Districts the best wishes for the 1985/86 season.

Ken Arthuer,
District Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S ADDENDUM

It would be hard to find a more dedicated, hard working community minded group than Australian surf lifesavers. This season's achievements were only made possible by a team effort which included assistance from Federal, State, Local Governments, our Sponsors and Supporters, Member Clubs, District Executive Committees, Board of Control Personnel including Radio, IRB, JRB Groups, Helicopter Rescue Service, Volunteer and Full-time Personnel, Branch Sub-Committees, Neighbouring Branches, Junior Association, Allied Organisations, State Centre, National Council, Members of the Management Committee, particularly by Deputy Norm Rees, Secretary Steve Strange, Treasurer Clive Owens, Superintendent Trevor Elliott, Assistant Treasurer and Helicopter Finance Director John Connolly, Managing Director Peter MacCormick and Co-Directors of the Sydney SLSA Helicopter Rescue Service Pty Ltd, Joan Vaughan (Branch Office and Assistant Branch Secretary) and last but not least the Ladies and Men on patrol, wives, husbands, girlfriends and boyfriends for their support, understanding, patience and assistance to the members of the Branch and Club personnel.

Sydney Branch has concluded half of this decade and the workload last season for a basically voluntary organisation has been continually "backbending" at all levels, but the load has been carried. Sydney Branch pioneered Helicopter Rescue in the SLSA and continue to set the pace for the future and play a major role towards policy making at the national level. History will determine that we have followed the correct path. Some Clubs and sections of the Association in the past have chosen to ignore the long term benefits of the Helicopter Rescue Service and declined to assist or shoulder their fair share of responsibilities to help the Branch achieve our objectives, let us see a change in this attitude.

The slow but sure progress Surf Life Saving has worked under in the past has carefully given way to a blend of the necessary business methods approach and the proven way, to keep pace with current developments and company requirements.

The Branch is fully aware of its future needs and has plans to resolve some important current issues in the emergency services field and at club level.

The final half of this decade will see Sydney Branch more involved in the community and I challenge individual Branch members and clubs to assist the Branch with projects that require a team effort for success — the future benefits will flow to the clubs automatically.

Rex Sargeant,
Branch President.

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

The Waverley and Randwick Municipal Councils, Sutherland Shire Council and the Royal National Park for your assistance to our Clubs.

The Maroubra and South Maroubra Surf Life Saving Clubs for regularly hosting the Branch Council Meetings.

All Clubs who have allowed the Branch to hold meetings of various kinds throughout the year, often at short notice.

The Directors of the Maroubra Seals Club for the provision of space for Sydney Surf Radio Base and the Branch Office.

The Members of Clubs and Board of Control who conducted a number of public demonstrations and displays on behalf of the Branch.

The Branch's and Clubs' sponsors for your contribution towards Surf Life Saving and our hope of its continuation for many years to come.

The Officers and Staff of National Council and the New South Wales State Centre for your help and support during the year.

Every Club Member who supported the objects of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia.

Our very sincere thanks to all.

CONCLUSION

The season under review has indeed been one of marked progress, for the Branch. We must, however, not be complacent, but strive to consolidate our achievements. The Branch administration is moving in a more business-like manner with the operation of the Branch Management Committee and it would be well, for Clubs themselves, to consider this approach in conducting their own operations.

The need, to take action on issues, and not wait for monthly meetings, seems to be a clearly developing pattern within the Association. If Clubs do not respond they clearly will be disadvantaged.

The Executive and Officers of the Branch have worked extremely hard, putting into the Branch many long hours. They can take great satisfaction in the achievements already made.

The past year, as Secretary, has been extremely demanding and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who has helped make the job a little easier. In particular, I would like to personally thank my Assistant Secretary and Branch Office Manager, Joan Vaughan, for her help and encouragement.

To all of our Clubs, I wish you success with the Challenges all will undertake in the 1985-86 Season.

Steve Strange,
Honorary Secretary.

RESULTS — 1985 SYDNEY BRANCH SURF CHAMPIONSHIPS — 9th FEBRUARY, 1985

1 Open 6-man R & R 1 Cronulla 2 North Cronulla 3 Wanda	15 Open Surf Teams 1 Elouera 2 North Cronulla 3 Wanda	29 Open Beach Flags 1 P. Broadhurst (Cronulla) 2 S. Collins (Clovelly) 3 M. McGuire (Clovelly)	43 Junior Malibu Board Relay 1 Bondi 2 North Bondi 3 Cronulla
2 Junior 6-man R & R 1 Bondi 2 Cronulla 3 —	16 Junior Surf Teams 1 Elouera 2 Wanda 3 Coogee	30 Junior Beach Flags 1 M. Criticos (North Bondi) 2 M. Wright (North Bondi) 3 S. Gibson (North Bondi)	44 Cadet Malibu Board Relay 1 Elouera 2 Coogee 3 North Bondi
3 Open 4-man R & R 1 Wanda 2 North Cronulla A 3 Coogee	17 Cadet Surf Teams 1 Wanda A 2 Elouera 3 Cronulla	31 Cadet Beach Flags 1 P. King (Elouera) 2 S. Topper (Wanda) 3 T. Courtney (Wanda)	45 Open Single Ski 1 M. Roye (Cronulla) 2 D. Simpson (Maroubra) 3 D. Iredale (Wanda)
4 Junior 4-man R & R 1 Bondi B 2 Coogee A 3 Bondi A	18 Open Iron Man 1 R. Chapman (Elouera) 2 D. Iredale (Wanda) 3 M. Hampson (Wanda)	32 Chariot Race 1 Cronulla 2 North Bondi A 3 Clovelly	46 Junior Single Ski 1 P. Gill (Maroubra) 2 M. Canteralla (Coogee) 3 S. Allchin (Bronte)
5 Cadet 4-man R & R 1 North Cronulla 2 Bondi 3 Coogee	19 Junior Iron Man 1 B. Pritchard (Elouera) 2 G. Thompson (North Cronulla) 3 M. Banister (Cronulla)	33 Open Boat Race 1 North Cronulla 2 Bondi 3 Bronte	47 Cadet Single Ski 1 T. Latter (Bronte) 2 S. Allen (Wanda) 3 B. Cannavo (North Bondi)
6 Open Surf Belt 1 R. Pallister (Elouera) 2 D. McCabe (Cronulla) 3 R. Rowlands (Wanda)	20 Open Taplin Relay 1 Wanda 2 North Cronulla A 3 Maroubra	34 Reserve Boat Race 1 Maroubra 2 North Cronulla 3 Bronte	48 Open Double Ski 1 B. Dillon/D. Schofield (Nth Cron) 2 D. Simpson/P. McGuigan (Mar) 3 A. Clark/S. Kirkman (Elouera)
7 Junior Surf Belt 1 T. Peachy (Cronulla) 2 A. Weir (Cronulla) 3 C. Wilson (Coogee)	21 March Past 1 North Cronulla 2 Elouera 3 Burning Palms	35 Junior Boat Race 1 Coogee 2 Bronte 3 Maroubra	49 Junior Double Ski 1 G. Thompson/M. Stuart (Nth Cron) 2 M. Colquhoun/P. Saffron (Nth Bon) 3 A. Clark/S. Kirkman (Elouera)
8 Open Surf Race 1 G. Parkes (North Cronulla) 2 P. Graham (North Cronulla) 3 R. Walker (Cronulla)	22 Open Beach Sprint 1 D. Dworjany (Bronte) 2 D. Meredith (Coogee) 3 G. Buncombe (North Cronulla)	36 Long Board 1 S. Warren (North Cronulla) 2 N. Johnstone (Cronulla) 3 P. McDonough (North Cronulla)	50 Open Ski Relay 1 Wanda 2 North Cronulla 3 North Bondi
9 Women's Surf Race 1 J. Larsen (Cronulla) 2 K. Rutherford (South Maroubra) 3 B. Hardy (Elouera)	23 Women's Beach Sprint 1 D. Lovell (North Cronulla) 2 K. Smith (Coogee) 3 S. Senior (North Bondi)	37 Long Board Relay 1 North Cronulla A 2 Cronulla 3 North Cronulla B	51 Junior Ski Relay 1 Bondi 2 Coogee 3 Cronulla
10 Junior Surf Race 1 C. Wilson (Coogee) 2 B. Pritchard (Elouera) 3 D. Barnes (Coogee)	24 Junior Beach Sprint 1 A. Wirianski (Bronte) 2 R. Anderson (North Cronulla) 3 J. Diamond (Cronulla)	38 Open Malibu Board 1 S. Warren (North Cronulla) 2 G. Workman (North Cronulla) 3 D. Schott (Maroubra)	52 Open Wave Ski 1 D. Pacey (Maroubra) 2 M. Colquhoun (North Bondi) 3 A. Blake (Tamarama)
11 Cadet Surf Race 1 S. Dutton (Wanda) 2 G. Patricks (Elouera) 3 J. Reilly (Cronulla)	25 Cadet Beach Sprint 1 R. Manauzzi (Bronte) 2 P. King (Elouera) 3 R. Cooper (Garie)	39 Women's Malibu Board 1 L. Hardy (Elouera) 2 S. Reilly (Cronulla) 3 K. Smith (Wanda)	53 Junior Wave Ski 1 S. Kirkman (Elouera) 2 P. Gill (Maroubra) 3 N. Gillroy (Tamarama)
12 Over 24 Surf Race 1 T. Cracknell (Maroubra) 2 G. Allum (Wanda) 3 P. Banister (Cronulla)	26 Open Beach Relay 1 Coogee 2 Cronulla 3 North Cronulla A	40 Junior Malibu Board 1 A. Payne (Maroubra) 2 S. Green (North Cronulla) 3 S. Whitford (North Cronulla)	54 Cadet Wave Ski 1 B. Cannavo (North Bondi) 2 T. Walker (Bronte) 3 T. Latter (Bronte)
13 Over 30 Surf Race 1 C. Baldock (Bondi) 2 B. Green (Cronulla) 3 W. Reilly (Cronulla)	27 Junior Beach Relay 1 Bronte 2 Coogee 3 Cronulla	41 Cadet Malibu Board 1 B. Cannavo (North Bondi) 2 D. Green (Coogee) 3 P. O'Sullivan (Elouera)	55 Open First Aid 1 B. Staunton/W. Halpin (Cronulla) 2 G. Burton/R. Macpherson (Cronulla) 3 —
14 Cadet Run-Swim-Run 1 A. Hill (Bondi) 2 G. Patricks (Elouera) 3 S. Lovell (Coogee)	28 Cadet Beach Relay 1 Bronte 2 North Bondi A 3 Elouera	42 Malibu Board Relay 1 North Cronulla A 2 Maroubra 3 North Cronulla B	56 Junior First Aid 1 M. Colquhoun/R. Hatton (Nth Bon) 2 P. Bruner/J. Macpherson (Cronulla) 3 M. Wright/S. Gibson (North Bondi)

SYDNEY BRANCH PLACEGETTERS at 1985 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Speedo Association Premiership and R & R Championship 1 Wanda 5 North Cronulla	Junior Surf Teams Race 2 Cronulla 5 Elouera	Long Board Relay Race 2 Maroubra 4 North Cronulla	"James Hardie 100" Open Beach Sprint 4 P. Broadhurst (Cronulla) 6 D. Turnbull (Cronulla)
Open 4-man R & R 2 Wanda 3 Coogee 5 Cronulla	"Kellogg's Nutri-Grain" Junior Iron Man 4 M. Bannister (Cronulla)	Open Malibu Board Paddle Race 5 S. Holman (North Cronulla) 6 N. Johnstone (Cronulla)	Open Beach Relay Race 1 Cronulla 5 Coogee
"BP" Open Surf Belt Race 3 P. Tibbetts (Cronulla)	Cadet 4-man R & R 1 Bondi 2 North Cronulla	Open Women's Malibu Board Paddle 3 L. Hardy (Elouera)	Open Beach Flags 5 M. Schnabel (North Cronulla) 6 Greg Steele (Coogee)
"Speedo" Open Surf Race 5 R. Pallister (Elouera)	Cadet Surf Race 4 C. Street (Elouera) 6 S. Dutton (Wanda)	Open Malibu Board Teams Relay 4 North Cronulla 6 Maroubra A	Open Women's Beach Sprint 5 D. Lovell (North Cronulla)
Open Women's Surf Race 1 J. Larsen (Cronulla)	Cadet Surf Teams 1 Elouera 3 Wanda 5 Cronulla	Junior Malibu Board Paddle Race 4 G. Thompson (North Cronulla) 5 B. Smith (Tamarama) 6 N. Gillroy (Tamarama)	Junior Beach Sprint 1 D. Dworjany (Bronte) 3 F. Provenzano (Bronte)
Open Surf Teams Race 5 North Cronulla	Cadet Run-Swim-Run 2 J. Reilly (Cronulla) 4 G. Patricks (Elouera)	Open Surf Board Riding Competition 1 R. Kerr (Bronte) 4 S. Allchin (Bronte)	Junior Beach Relay Race 5 Coogee
Open Taplin Relay Race 4 Maroubra 6 Wanda	Veterans Surf Race (over 30) 2 B. Green (Cronulla)	Junior Surf Board Riding Competition 1 R. Kerr (Bronte) 2 S. Wilson (Cronulla) 4 M. Maidment (Bronte) 5 A. Maquire (Bronte) J. Roney (Tamarama)	Cadet Beach Sprint 3 P. King (Elouera) 5 R. Manauzzi (Bronte)
Junior 6-man R & R 1 Bondi 4 Coogee	"Gadsden" Open Surf Boat Race 5 North Cronulla	Cadet Surf Board Riding Competition 2 J. Boon (Bronte) 3 C. Sharplay (Coogee) 5 M. Maguire (Bronte)	Cadet Beach Relay Race 2 North Bondi 3 Elouera 6 Bronte
Junior 4-man R & R 1 Bondi A 2 North Cronulla 4 Bondi B	Reserve Grade Boat Race 5 North Cronulla	March Past 6 North Cronulla	Cadet Beach Flags 2 S. Topper 6 P. King
Junior Surf Belt Race 1 T. Peachy (Cronulla) 2 C. Wilson (Coogee)	Cadet Single Ski Race 2 B. Cannavo (North Bondi)		Inter-Club March Past 2 North Cronulla 5 Elouera
Junior Surf Race 2 C. Wilson	Long Board Race 5 S. Warren (North Cronulla) 6 D. Schott (Maroubra)		

The "Johnson Wax" Outright Carnival Point Score —

4th Cronulla 59; 5th Bronte 44; 6th North Cronulla 41; 7th Elouera 34; 8th Wanda 27; 9th Coogee 26.

RESULTS, 1985 METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS — 10th February, 1985

Open 6-man R & R

- 1 Wanda
- 2 Coogee
- 3 North Cronulla

Junior 6-man R & R

- 1 Bondi
- 2 Cronulla

Open 4-man R & R

- 1 Cronulla
- 2 North Cronulla A
- 3 Coogee

Junior 4-man R & R

- 1 Coogee
- 2 Bondi B
- 3 Queenscliff

Open Belt

- 1 S. Taylor (Manly)
- 2 P. Tibbets (Cronulla)
- 3 M. Scully (Freshwater)

Junior Belt

- 1 T. Peachey (Cronulla)
- 2 A. Weir (Cronulla)
- 3 J. Frize (Manly)

Open Surf

- 1 C. Martinson (Manly)
- 2 M. Venis (Freshwater)
- 3 D. Turner (Wanda)

Junior Surf

- 1 M. Venis (Freshwater)
- 2 S. Kenny (Warriewood)
- 3 A. McCauley (Manly)

Cadet Surf

- 1 S. Sutton (Wanda)
- 2 J. Reilly (Cronulla)
- 3 G. Patricks (Elouera)

Surf 24 years and over

- 1 M. Scully (Freshwater)
- 2 T. Cracknell (Maroubra)
- 3 G. Parkes (North Cronulla)

Surf 30 years and over

- 1 B. Green (Cronulla)
- 2 P. Taylor (Freshwater)
- 3 L. Harris (Bondi)

Surf 40 years and over

- 1 W. Harris (Bondi)
- 2 W. Reilly (Manly)
- 3 R. Watkins (Queenscliff)

Open Surf Teams

- 1 Manly
- 2 Freshwater
- 3 North Cronulla

Junior Surf Teams

- 1 Elouera
- 2 Manly
- 3 Cronulla

Cadet Surf Teams

- 1 Wanda (Red)
- 2 Cronulla
- 3 Wanda (White)

Open Iron Man

- 1 C. Riddington (Manly)
- 2 J. Taylor (Manly)
- 3 B. Newman (Queenscliff)

Junior Iron Man

- 1 S. Kenny (Warriewood)
- 2 J. Robinson (Warriewood)
- 3 S. Riddington (Manly)

Cadet 4-man R & R

- 1 Bondi
- 2 Coogee B
- 3 North Cronulla

Women's Surf Race

- 1 K. Rutherford (South Maroubra)
- 2 J. Venis (Freshwater)
- 3 S. Ferguson (Manly)

Cadet Run-Swim-Run

- 1 J. Reilly (Cronulla)
- 2 K. Hardy (Elouera)
- 3 J. Venis (Freshwater)

Women's Surf Teams

- 1 Elouera
- 2 Manly
- 3 Freshwater

Cadet Board Rescue

- 1 North Curl Curl
- 2 Freshwater
- 3 Cronulla

March Past

- 1 Freshwater
- 2 North Cronulla
- 3 Newport

Open Beach Sprint

- 1 D. Dworjajn (Bronte)
- 2 G. Theodore (Freshwater)
- 3 G. Buncombe (North Cronulla)

Junior Beach Sprint

- 1 R. Anderson (North Cronulla)
- 2 P. Provenzana (Bronte)
- 3 G. Monkton (North Steyne)

Cadet Beach Sprint

- 1 R. Mananzzi (Bronte)
- 2 R. Cooper (Garie)
- 3 P. King (Elouera)

Open Beach Relay

- 1 Queenscliff
- 2 North Narrabeen A
- 3 North Bondi

Junior Beach Relay

- 1 Bronte
- 2 North Steyne
- 3 Coogee

Cadet Beach Relay

- 1 North Bondi A
- 2 Elouera
- 3 Wanda

Open Beach Flags

- 1 J. Kirk (Avalon)
- 2 C. Pearce (North Steyne)
- 3 M. McGuire (Clovelly)

Junior Beach Flags

- 1 J. Kirk (Avalon)
- 2 G. Monkton (North Steyne)
- 3 A. O'Dwyer (North Steyne)

Cadet Beach Flags

- 1 S. Topper (Wanda)
- 2 P. King (Elouera)
- 3 M. Curll (Freshwater)

Women's Beach Sprint

- 1 D. Baker (North Narrabeen)
- 2 K. Smith (Coogee)
- 3 S. Warner (North Steyne)

Cadet Girl's Beach Sprint

- 1 K. Saladi (Manly)
- 2 B. Gedz (Freshwater)
- 3 C. Yates (North Curl Curl)

Over 35 Beach Sprint

- 1 I. Goode (Cronulla)
- 2 P. Booth (Cronulla)
- 3 P. Burke (North Steyne)

Women's Beach Relay

- 1 North Cronulla
- 2 North Cronulla
- 3 Elouera

Cadet Women's Beach Flags

- 1 K. Saladi (Manly)
- 2 S. Senior (North Bondi)
- 3 B. Dunn (North Narrabeen)

Open Boat

- 1 Collaroy
- 2 North Cronulla
- 3 Bronte

Reserve Boat

- 1 Warriewood B
- 2 Queenscliff C
- 3 Collaroy C

Junior Boat

- 1 Queenscliff
- 2 Manly
- 3 Freshwater

Women's Beach Flags

- 1 S. Warner (North Steyne)
- 2 K. McGrath (Elouera)
- 3 K. Davorem (North Curl Curl)

Long Board

- 1 L. Howard (Queenscliff)
- 2 S. Warren (North Cronulla)
- 3 D. Schoot (Maroubra)

Open Malibu Paddling

- 1 M. Porra (Manly)
- 2 D. Scott (Maroubra)
- 3 B. Newman (Queenscliff)

Junior Malibu Paddling

- 1 G. Thomson (North Cronulla)
- 2 N. Gillroy (Tamarama)
- 3 W. Harper (Maroubra)

Cadet Malibu Paddling

- 1 S. Mortimer (Freshwater)
- 2 J. Burkett (North Curl Curl)
- 3 T. Walker (Bronte)

Open Single Ski

- 1 G. Bennett (Manly)
- 2 S. Wood (Manly)
- 3 W. Clair (Maroubra)

Junior Single Ski

- 1 B. Wilson (Freshwater)
- 2 S. Thomson (Freshwater)
- 3 P. Gill (Maroubra)

Cadet Single Ski

- 1 T. Latter (Bronte)
- 2 S. Allen (Wanda)
- 3 B. Cannavo (North Bondi)

Open Wave Ski

- 1 M. Fleming (Freshwater)
- 2 G. Payne (Collaroy)
- 3 J. Newman (Freshwater)

Junior Wave Ski

- 1 B. Wilson (Freshwater)
- 2 A. Clark (Elouera)
- 3 M. Colquhoun (North Bondi)

Cadet Wave Ski

- 1 M. Kendall (Freshwater)
- 2 G. Scott (Collaroy)
- 3 B. Cannavo (North Bondi)

Open Double Ski

- 1 Wood/Bennett (Manly)
- 2 Pepper/Iredale (Wanda)
- 3 Fernly/Fleming (Freshwater)

Junior Double Ski

- 1 Wilson/Thomson (Freshwater)
- 2 Boyd-Skinner/Herring (Manly)
- 3 Johnson/Markein (Dee Why)

Single Ski Relay

- 1 Wanda
- 2 Maroubra
- 3 North Bondi

Junior Single Ski Relay

- 1 Maroubra
- 2 Warriewood
- 3 Manly

Long Board Relay

- 1 Queenscliff
- 2 Manly
- 3 Maroubra

Malibu Paddling Relay

- 1 Maroubra
- 2 North Cronulla A
- 3 Manly

Taplin Relay

- 1 Manly A
- 2 Freshwater A
- 3 Manly B

Women's Malibu

- 1 S. Reilly (Cronulla)
- 2 P. Fookes (Manly)
- 3 M. Anderson (North Bondi)

Junior Malibu Relay

- 1 Maroubra
- 2 North Cronulla
- 3 Tamarama B

Over 35 Ski

- 1 D. Green (Maroubra)
- 2 M. Georgoris (Coogee)
- 3 B. Bennett (Manly)

Open Malibu Display

- 1 R. Kerr (Bronte)
- 2 G. Horner (Dee Why)
- 3 M. Clements (Bronte)

Junior Malibu Display

- 1 R. Kerr (Bronte)
- 2 A. Maguire (Bronte)
- 3 S. Wilson (Cronulla)

Cadet Malibu Display

- 1 C. Sharpley (Coogee)
- 2 S. Topper (Wanda)
- 3 M. Williams (Bronte)

Open First Aid

- 1 South Curl Curl
- 2 North Palm Beach
- 3 North Narrabeen

Junior First Aid

- 1 North Palm Beach
- 2 North Narrabeen
- 3 Bondi

Reserve First Aid

- 1 North Narrabeen

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Open 6-man R & R

- 1 Wanda
- 2 Cronulla

Junior 6-man R & R

- 1 Bondi

Open 4-man R & R

- 1 Wanda
- 2 Cronulla

Junior 4-man R & R

- 1 Bondi B
- 2 North Cronulla
- 3 Bondi

Cadet 4-man R & R

- 1 Bondi B
- 2 North Cronulla

Open Surf Belt

- 1 R. Pallister (Elouera)
- 3 P. Tibbets (Cronulla)

Junior Surf Belt

- 1 T. Peachey (Cronulla)

Open Surf Race

- 3 P. Graham

Women's Surf Race

- 1 K. Rutherford (South Maroubra)

Junior Surf Race

- 1 C. Wilson (Coogee)

Cadet Surf Race

- 1 C. Street (Elouera)
- 2 S. Dutton (Wanda)
- 3 G. Patricks (Elouera)

Over 24 Surf Race

- 3 G. Parkes

Over 30 Surf Race

- 2 S. Warren (North Cronulla)
- 3 B. Green (Cronulla)

Cadet Run-Swim-Run

- 2 J. Reilly (Cronulla)
- 3 G. Patricks (Elouera)

Junior Surf Teams

- 1 Cronulla A
- 3 Elouera

Cadet Surf Teams

- 1 Elouera
- 2 Wanda A
- 3 Cronulla

Junior Iron Man

- 3 G. Thomson (North Cronulla)

Taplin Relay

- 2 Wanda A
- 3 Maroubra

March Past

- 1 North Cronulla

Open Beach Sprint

- 1 P. Broadhurst (Cronulla)
- 3 D. Meredith (Coogee)

Women's Beach Sprint

- 2 D. Lovell (North Cronulla)
- 1 A. Wirianski (Bronte)

Junior Beach Sprint

- 1 R. Manauzzi (Bronte)
- 2 P. King (Elouera)

Cadet Beach Sprint

- 1 North Cronulla
- 2 North Bondi A
- 3 Wanda

Open Boat Race

- 2 North Cronulla

Reserve Boat Race

- 1 North Cronulla B

Long Board Relay

- 2 North Cronulla A

Open Malibu Board

- 2 N. Johnstone (Cronulla)
- 3 D. Schott (Maroubra)

Women's Malibu Board

- 2 S. Reilly (Cronulla)
- 3 L. Hardy (Elouera)

Malibu Board Relay

- 1 North Cronulla A
- 2 Maroubra

Junior Wave Ski

- 2 A. Clark (Elouera)
- 3 A. Sumegi (Bondi)

Open Surf Board Riding

- 1 R. Kerr (Bronte)

Junior Surf Board Riding

- 1 R. Kerr (Bronte)

Cadet Surf Board Riding

- 1 J. Kitzler (North Bondi)
- 3 S. Topper (Wanda)

Junior First Aid

- 3 Ryan/McEncroe (Bondi)

