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**SURF LIFE SAVING**  
**ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA**

**SYDNEY BRANCH**  
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**BOARD OF CONTROL**



**37th ANNUAL REPORT**



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 37th Annual General Meeting of the Sydney Branch Surf Life Saving Board of Control will be held at the St. George Rowing Club, Marsh Street, Arncliffe, on Friday, June 27, 1986, commencing at 7.30pm.

Agenda:

1. Minutes of the 36th Annual General Meeting, held June 26, 1985.
2. Apologies and Leave.
3. Welcome by the Branch Superintendent, Trevor Elliott.
4. Correspondence.
5. Presentation of the 37th Annual Report for the 1985-86 season.
6. Election of Officers and Committees for the 1986-87 season.
7. Confirmation of Radio Officer, IRB Supervisor, JRB Supervisor and Helicopter Rescue Service Representative.
8. Motions of which due notice has been given.
9. General Business, such as may arise.

Ken English  
Deputy Superintendent  
Sydney Branch  
Surf Life Saving Board of Control.



OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES, 1985-86

Honorary Superintendent . . . . .	Trevor Elliott
Deputy Superintendent . . . . .	Ken English
Honorary Secretary . . . . .	Glenn Thomson
Examination and Instruction Supervisor . . . . .	Peter Davis
Carnival and Competition Supervisor . . . . .	John Vaughan
Emergency Services Co-ordinator . . . . .	Ian Badham

Sectional Supervisors

JRB Supervisor . . . . .	M.(Bill) Singleton
JRB Supervisor . . . . .	Ken Blakie
Helicopter Director . . . . .	Peter MacCormick
Radio Officer . . . . .	John Wardall <sup>1</sup>

District Supervisors

Royal National Park Clubs . . . . .	Frank Osborne
Cronulla-Sutherland District . . . . .	Bruce Breadner
Randwick District . . . . .	Bernie Kelly
Waverley District . . . . .	Stewart Bailey

Assistant District Supervisors

Royal National Park Clubs . . . . .	Glenn Thomson
Cronulla-Sutherland District . . . . .	Ross Griffin
Randwick District . . . . .	Garry Bennett
Waverley District . . . . .	Trevor Perrin

Board Gear Steward . . . . .	Percy Ainsworth
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BOARD COMMITTEES -

Gear Inspection Committee

Nick Dixon (Convener), Stewart Bailey, Graham Bruce, Ted Cahill, Bob Davison, Dennis Dick, Ken English, Greg Hewett, Robert Macpherson, Keith Midson, Neil Miller, Albert Moseley, Trevor Perrin, Peter Steenson, John Vaughan, John Wardall, Ross Williams.

Meritorious Awards Committee

Bill Gray (Convener), Bruce Breadner, Ron Howells, Neil Miller, Albert Moseley, Keith Rowswell, Steve Strange.

Manual Revision Committee

Peter Davis (Convener), Karen Schenk, Sheryl Sporle, Ernie Stephens, Phil Vanny.

Resuscitation, Research, Development, Instruction and Medical Panel

Frank Osborne (Convener), Bruce Breadner, Peter Davis, Peter Quartly, Gaye Rosen, Ernie Stephens, Brad Taylor.

Patrol Championships Committee

Bruce Breadner (Convener), Four District Supervisors, Four Assistant District Supervisors.



# MEMBERSHIP, 1985-86

## Life Members (18)

P.Ainsworth	N.Dixon	F.Osborne	J.Switzer
V.Besomo	R.Howells	A.Purcell	J.Vaughan
H.Brown	K.Messenger	E.Sier	J.Wardall
L.Buck	L.McDonald	E.Stephens	J.Young
J.Dewey	A.Moseley		

## Long Service Members (22)

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

## Members (200)

C.Abruzzese	E	W.Dobrow	I	B.Lockhart	P	J.Ryan	C
A.Ainsworth	C	P.Doolan	C	M.Lucas	E	R.Russell	ER
M.Alvos	P	D.Duddleston	E	P.MacCormick	H	R.Sandstrom	E
J.Anderson	E	G.Dyson	P	R.Macpherson	E	M.Sargeant	C
M.Andrews	C	P.Easson	P	W.Marshall	C	P.Sargeant	E
M.Andrews	P	T.Elliott	EAIR	G.Martin	E	W.Sawyer	P
I.Badham	HR	K.English	E	M.Martin	P	K.Schenk	E
S.Bailey	ER	W.Everingham	E	C.Matthews	EA	J.Seddon	E
F.Bailey	E	D.Falkiner	E	J.May	E	G.Sewell	JR
J.Baker	E	J.Foley	P	R.McCormack	E	J.Shaw	L
G.Bennett	E	R.Ford	FEHAR	D.McGroder	J	G.Shales	E
M.Berger	E	B.Fraser	E	P.McGuinn	E	G.Shields	E
E.Biram	A	J.Fraser	E	D.McHugh	E	R.Silcock	E
C.Bissell	E	R.Freer	I	K.McKeachie	E	M.Sinclair	P
D.Blackler	R	B.Gardiner	I	G.McMah	E	M.Singleton	I
K.Blakie	JR	A.Gately	EA	C.Melvey	EA	P.Singleton	C
R.Bransdon	A	R.Gillroy	E	P.Melvey	E	A.Smith	E
B.Breadner	EA	M.Gladstone	E	A.Menzies	C	C.Smith	P
F.Breene	E	R.Goodall	E	K.Metcalf	JE	D.Smith	E
S.Brooksby	R	M.Gray	C	N.Miller	E	E.Smith	P
G.Bruce	EI	W.Gray	E	R.Miller	E	F.Smith	EI
D.Bunning	F	R.Green	J	C.Moore	P	G.Smith	EJ
G.Burton	P	R.Griffin	E	A.Morris	HJ	J.Solomon	L
E.Cahill	E	K.Grima	EAI	J.Morrow	P	K.Solomonson	E
P.Calder	E	J.Hall	E	L.Mulhall	E	D.Sorensen	J
R.Camilleri	I	W.Halpin	E	P.Murphy	E	S.Sporle	E
M.Campacci	E	J.Hammond	E	D.Murray	L	J.Stansell	C
R.Cane	I	R.Hammond	E	M.Murtagh	P	B.Staunton	P
P.Carney	EAR	L.Harris	C	S.Newman	L	P.Steenon	E
M.Clancy	E	G.Harte	I	Y.Noon	E	S.Strange	E
G.Clarke	P	W.Hemmings	P	R.O'Malley	E	C.Swane	C
R.Colman	P	D.Heussner	PA	J.Oldham	E	P.Sullivan	ER
K.Connell	E	G.Hewett	E	D.Pacey	EI	R.Taylor	CI
J.Connolly	L	W.Hogan	P	J.Park	EA	B.Taylor	ERA
P.Cooper	E	G.Howells	C	P.Pearce	I	B.Thompson	E
D.Cooper	I	R.Hurst	P	R.Pears	E	G.Thomson	EA
J.Corcoran	E	D.Iredale	E	K.Pennell	E	D.Tindall	P
R.Cotter	EA	P.Johnson	E	T.Perrin	ER	I.Toll	E
J.Cox	E	R.Johnson	E	L.Platt	E	B.Tually	E
D.Cross	EI	F.Jordan	C	D.Popplewell	ER	P.Vanny	EA
R.Daley	R	W.Josland	E	L.Potapof	EI	J.Vaughan	C
G.Daly	E	P.Julian	E	J.Poulos	C	G.Wardrop	P
K.Davis	E	B.Kelly	EAIR	P.Quartly	EAI	S.Webb	P
P.Davis	EAR	M.Kelly	I	L.Raper	C	A.White	P
R.Davison	E	B.King	EA	W.Rennie	E	A.White	I
P.Day	A	E.Kirkman	I	F.Ridley	P	D.Wiggins	EA
R.Day	C	G.Kitzler	P	G.Rosen	P	R.Williams	E
M.DeLuca	EA	R.Lippmann	R	A.Ross	ER	D.Wilson	I
C.Dick	E	J.Lloyd	P	K.Rowswell	E	H.Wytenburg	E
D.Dick	I	M.Lloyd-Jones	P	S.Rudd	PR	B.Purdy	F

<b>Legend:</b>	E = Examiner	R = Radio Examiner	P = Probationary Member
	A = ARC Examiner	F = First Aid Examiner	L = Country Member
	I = IRB Examiner	H = Helicopter Examiner	
	J = JRB Examiner	C = Competition Member	



## FOREWORD

Following on from what can only be described as a season of mixed fortunes, the Branch, with the excellent support of the Board of Control, has continued to grow in all the facets of life saving - education, training, patrols, competition and standards have all continued to be encouraged and grow.

However, there were some major changes made to the Helicopter Rescue Service, which, although made for very good reasons, have caused a considerable amount of workload on the Branch Executive and Board of Control. It was extremely pleasing to see the support that has been received throughout the Branch and truly shows the strength that we are fortunate to possess in Sydney Branch. The result of those changes now means that the direction of the Helicopter Rescue Service is well within the Branch's control and, of course, that results in the Board of Control having the increased control of the life saving standards of the Service.

It was again pleasing to see the increase in the ranks of our lady Board members. This, coupled with the increase in awards gained by females throughout the Branch, will hold us in good stead with the community in general.

After close examination of the awards statistics, it is obvious that overall the Sydney Branch performed well. Certain Clubs are down on numbers from the previous year and I have been assured that they will make every attempt to pick up the shortfall next season. Congratulations to North Bondi, Bondi, Coogee and Era, for a magnificent increase in their awards gained.

The Board of Control Educational Tour was a great success and all the Board members who attended gained a good deal of knowledge and spread the word of Sydney Branch to areas such as Vancouver and the West Coast of the U.S.A. Sincere thanks go to Bob Bransdon and Phil Vanny, Co-Managers of the Team, and all who participated, for being excellent ambassadors for surf life saving.

When I look back over the last twelve months, it never ceases to amaze me the amount of effort that it takes and all the work that is involved and it is a credit to Trevor Elliott, our Branch Superintendent, and his Executive for a job well done. And, of course, a big thank you to all Board members who have enthusiastically carried out their duties.

This excellent report gives details of all the Board's activities and it is commended to you for perusal.

Rex Sargeant,  
Sydney Branch President.



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37th ANNUAL REPORT

SEASON 1985-1986

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with much pleasure that I present to you the 37th Annual Report, which covers the activities and achievements of this Board for the 1985-86 season.

You may recall at the 36th Annual General Meeting that a comment was made that this Board appeared to be at a standstill. This season's activities have proven that comment to be far from correct.

The season has seen the Executive, Officers, Committees and members undertake a mammoth workload, covering all aspects of examination, instruction, carnivals, competition, research and development.

These activities, coupled with the future planning of the Board and some difficult decision making, has kept the Board and its members extremely active and functioning in top gear.

Superintendent Trevor Elliott has carried a large workload on his own shoulders and the experience and knowledge he has gained during his decade on the Executive, has certainly been brought to the fore this season. His leadership and decisive decision making have welded together a Board of Control that is second to none. All Board members can be justly proud of being a member of the Sydney Branch Board.

Regrettably, there have been a few casualties during the season and I have to report the loss of services of our Secretary, Glenn Thomson. Glenn attained his University degree and a new position of employment which demanded a great deal of his time. Such time was usually outside normal working hours and he was therefore unable to attend the Executive or full meetings of the Board on a regular basis. Whilst Glenn's commitment for next season is not clear at this time, I am sure his expertise will not be lost and that we shall see his presence at various functions in the forthcoming season.

Likewise, the services of our Emergency Services Co-ordinator, Ian Badham, were lost in the latter part of the season. Ian, due to a commercial commitment, was unable to attend meetings or carry out his function to the best interests of the Branch. Whilst he is not seeking re-election, his expertise and knowledge have not been lost and he has given an undertaking to assist and offer guidance wherever possible in relation to the implementation and organisation of the offshore rescue boat proposal.

The very essence of our movement is to patrol the beaches used by the swimming and surfing public. The task of overseeing the Clubs' patrols and ensuring that the services we supply are of the highest standards, is placed squarely on the mantle of the four District Supervisors.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I can record that the efforts of those Supervisors have been excellent and up to the Board's expectations. They have carried out their duties in an efficient and capable manner and elsewhere within the pages of this report, are their own reports on their particular beaches.

Examination and Instruction Supervisor, Peter Davis, has processed and super-



vised a large number of awards. In his first year of office, Peter has been most efficient and streamlined the paperwork process. His report gives in greater detail an indepth look at the number of awards examined and arranged during the year.

John Vaughan assumed the role of Carnival and Competition Supervisor and his boundless knowledge and enthusiasm soon saw statistical data being collected, collated and used, not only by Sydney Branch, but by the NSW State Centre and National Council as well. The information gleaned will be of immense value in the coming years and will not only make our competition arenas more efficient, but will ensure that the Clubs are not wasting their hard-earned funds on unused entries.

All specialist Supervisors in the rescue areas of JRB, IRB and Radio, plus the Helicopter, have reports within the confines of this Report. These Supervisors have been a credit to their sections and represented their specialty at all meetings. Likewise, they have provided leadership, guidance and representation in a commendable manner.

The Sydney Branch Championships conducted this year at the Bondi Beach, were excellent and one of the best run and conducted for many years. The Bondi Surf Club are to be congratulated for their efforts and a suitable presentation is to be made to them at the Branch Annual General Meeting. From the Board's point of view, officials were catered for in a fine manner and sincere thanks and appreciation are extended to the President and members of the Bondi Club for their efforts.

Similarly, the Elouera Club are to be congratulated for their efforts in running the Metropolitan Championships. The day provided an excellent surf, which saw the skills of our life savers in the Metropolitan Area put to the test.

In my role as Deputy Superintendent, I have learned a great deal and have enjoyed working with a team of Board personnel who are dedicated and conscientious to their duties and the Surf Life Saving Association in general.

I would place on record my sincere thanks to Trevor Elliott, who has always been willing to offer advice and expertise when sought. To Karen Schenk goes a very special vote of thanks for her efforts as the Minute Secretary. In taking up this task, Karen saved both Trevor and myself a large amount of work and reports to the Branch Management and Council Meetings were able to be produced much earlier and in far more detail.

I look forward to working with you all again in the coming season.

For and on behalf of the Board of Control,

Ken English,  
Deputy Superintendent.

## MEMBERSHIP.

### New Members -

During 1985-86, the following members gained their Examiners Certificates -

Surf Life Saving Examiner...Charlie Abruzzese, Jenny Anderson, Mila Campacci, James Corcoran, David Cross, Gary Daly, Paul Johnson, Ken Metcalf, Linda Mulhall, Robert Russell, Hank Wytenburg.

Radio Examiner...Robyn Daley, Peter Davis, Trevor Perrin, Sharon Rudd, Robert Russell, Peter Sullivan.

ARC Examiner...Dennis Heussner, Brad Taylor.

First Aid Examiner...David Bunning, Bob Ford, Frank Osborne, Bruce Purdy.

IRB Examiner...Bob Cane, David Cross

JRB Examiner...Grahame Smith



In the table below, members are only counted once, even if they hold multiple certificates -

<u>Classification</u>	<u>1981-82</u>	<u>1982-83</u>	<u>1983-84</u>	<u>1984-85</u>	<u>1985-86</u>
Life Members . . . . .	23	23	20	18	18
Long Service Members . . . . .	19	20	20	21	22
Examiners . . . . .	78	88	90	103	113
ARC Examiners. . . . .	6	6	1	2	4
IRB Examiners. . . . .	5	7	14	14	15
JRB Examiners. . . . .	4	4	5	5	5
Radio Examiners . . . . .	2	1	1	3	6
Helicopter Examiners . . . . .	1	2	4	4	2
First Aid Examiners. . . . .	-	-	-	-	2
Competition Members. . . . .	7	14	12	15	18
Probationary Members . . . . .	14	11	29	29	30
Country Members . . . . .	3	3	3	5	5
Total . . . . .	162	179	199	219	240

#### MEETINGS.

This year, the Executive of the Board has met nine times, with the following attendances -

<u>Officer</u>	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Apology/Leave</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Trevor Elliott, Superintendent . . . . .	8	1	-
Ken English, Deputy Superintendent . . . . .	8	1	-
Glenn Thomson, Hon.Secretary . . . . .	5	-	4
John Vaughan, Carnival & Compt S'visor. . . . .	9	-	-
Peter Davis, Exam. & Instr. Supervisor. . . . .	7	2	-
Ian Badham, Emergency Services Co-ord . . . . .	4	1	4
M.(Bill)Singleton, IRB Supervisor . . . . .	6	3	-
Ken Blakie, JRB Supervisor . . . . .	5	4	-
Peter MacCormick, H.R.S. Director . . . . .	2	-	7
John Wardall, Radio Officer . . . . .	5	4	-
Frank Osborne, Dist.S'visor, RNP Clubs. . . . .	5	3	1
Bruce Breadner, Dist.S'visor, Cron-Suth. . . . .	6	1	2
Bernie Kelly, Dist.S'visor, Randwick . . . . .	4	3	2
Stewart Bailey, Dist.S'visor, Waverley. . . . .	7	1	1

The practice of an open invitation to Assistant District Supervisors to attend Board Executive Meetings has been continued and their input to discussion has been beneficial to all concerned.

#### EXAMINATION AND INSTRUCTION SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

In the 1985-86 season, the Board of Control conducted over 200 Bronze Medallion, Surf Life Saving Certificate and Surf Life Saving Instructor's Certificate examinations and as many preliminary examinations. The Board also conducted over 50 Advanced Resuscitation Certificate examinations mid-week and assessed the abilities of over 1,300 Proficiency Test candidates.

Examinations were also carried out for IRB, JRB, Helicopter, Radio and First Aid Awards. These exams were co-ordinated by the various Sectional Supervisors - Bill Singleton, IRB; Ken Blakie, JRB; Crew Chief, Helicopter; John Wardall, Radio; Frank Osborne, First Aid. Thanks, gentlemen, for your efficient work this season.

Proficiency Tests were again handled by District Examiners-in-charge - Frank Osborne, Royal National Park Clubs; Bill Gray, Cronulla-Sutherland District; Sheryl Sporle, Randwick District; Carl Melvey, Waverley District. These Board members have given enormous amounts of time to improving the standards of the examination and of the candidates. Unfortunately, some Clubs have not yet realised that they are responsible for filling out the paperwork. This has resulted in Examiners-in-charge being held up for over three hours just filling out the forms.



A Chief Instructors' Conference was held in the Coogee Clubhouse during September, 1985. Carrying on the tradition of my predecessor and the recommendations of the Board's "Think Tank", a further streamlining of procedures was outlined. Through the co-operation of the Clubs and, in particular, the Chief Instructors, a fail-safe system has been developed, whereby it is virtually impossible for Awards and the respective paperwork to go astray.

Part of the streamlining was the introduction of an Examination Report Form. This is completed by the Examiner-in-charge for all examinations and details the quality of candidates, the readiness of host Clubs and the performance of Probationary Examiners.

The final section allows for Examiners' observations and comments. From this section, there are two observations that are recurring and of major concern to this Board.

The first is that there are a number of Examiners and Instructors who are placing novel interpretations upon what is laid down in the Training Manual. The second is the gradual decline in the standard of squads in the Cronulla-Sutherland District. Both problems can be easily rectified through a co-ordinated education programme, probably a series of field days throughout the Districts.

The Board's "Think Tank" spent a great deal of time considering the initiation of new and inexperienced members into the Board. It was considered that the "sink or swim" approach of previous seasons was not in the best interests of the Probationary Examiner and that the "New Members Night" in the current format was not entirely appropriate.

This saw the formation of a special committee, who brought down the following recommendations -

1. That the Probationary Examiner be required to attend three Bronze Medallion examinations; the first as observer, the second as an assistant, the third under the observation and assessment of a Senior Examiner.
2. That the Probationary Examiner be required to attend an Education Evening.
3. That the Probationary Examiner receive some form of recognition at the Annual General Meeting that he has completed his probation.

All these recommendations have been carried out, with the result that at this Annual General Meeting, 12 well trained and experienced new Examiners will receive a set of "whites" to indicate their ability.

It is hoped that with the gaining of a Board/Branch Sponsor, this issue can be extended to all Board members.

Last November saw the arrival of a State Centre designed Board Proficiency Test. These tests were accordingly distributed to all Full Board Members and several sectional Examiners for completion and, more importantly, comment on suitability of format and questions.

Resulting from these returns, we have been able to design our own Board Proficiency Test, more appropriate to the rules and regulations of this Branch, consistent with the Training Manual and a reflection of competition needs. These will continue to be distributed annually, in a major exercise to increase the ability and knowledge of Board Members.

Whilst the Award tally for last season was the best ever, there are some areas where the Clubs really must lift their game, most notably in Advanced Resuscitation and IRB Driver's Certificates.

The performance of North Cronulla, Bronte and Burning Palms in gaining only six ARC's between the three Club borders upon being a disgrace.

When one considers that nearly one-third of all surf rescues are carried out by an IRB and that all Clubs would be aiming at having at least one IRB Driver in each patrol, the fact that six Clubs did not record any new Drivers, and four Clubs recorded only one, must throw an enormous workload upon their already experienced drivers.

During the 1984-85 season, a 2% drop in Bronze Medallions was seen; this has



been followed by a 1.2% drop last season. While I don't believe it is time to sound the general alarm, many Clubs must reconsider their methods of induction and recruitment if they are to maintain their proud records. The Bondi and Tamarama Clubs were warned to do so and have experienced a 300% increase in Bronze Medallions. All Clubs take note.

Finally, congratulations to the North Bondi and Cronulla Clubs for their phenomenal number of Awards this past season.

Peter Davis,  
Examination and Instruction Supervisor.

The following tables list the Awards gained during the 1985-86 season, compared with the previous three seasons and the total Awards gained by each Club in the Branch.

<u>Award</u>	<u>1982-83</u>	<u>1983-84</u>	<u>1984-85</u>	<u>1985-86</u>
Qualifying Certificate.....	300	78	-	-
Surf Life Saving Certificate.....	-	207	323	342
Bronze Medallion.....	382	451	442	437
Instructor's Certificate.....	56	45	60	60
Examiner's Certificate.....	13	8	13	12
Resuscitation Certificate.....	89	62	118	96
Advanced Resuscitation Certificate...	220	221	191	200
ARC - Instructor's Certificate.....	18	15	16	14
ARC - Examiner's Certificate.....	-	-	6	2
IRB - Crew Certificate.....	27	26	17	24
IRB - Driver's Certificate.....	15	30	31	24
IRB - Instructor's Certificate.....	12	4	10	8
IRB - Examiner's Certificate.....	4	4	4	2
JRB - Crew Certificate.....	18	14	-	11
JRB - Driver's Certificate.....	9	7	1	4
JRB - Instructor's Certificate.....	5	1	2	1
JRB - Examiner's Certificate.....	2	2	-	1
Radio Operator's Certificate.....	75	31	110	139
Radio Instructor's Certificate.....	9	6	17	21
Radio Examiner's Certificate.....	2	4	6	6
Helicopter Crew Certificate.....	2	5	-	3
Helicopter Instructor's Certificate..	1	-	-	1
Helicopter Examiner's Certificate....	-	1	-	-
Helicopter Specialist Certificate....	-	20	4	7
First Aid Certificate.....	-	-	-	30
First Aid Instructor's Certificate...	-	-	-	9
First Aid Examiner's Certificate....	-	-	-	4
Advanced Life Saving Certificate.....	1	4	2	20
International Training Officer's Cert	-	-	5	1
	<u>1270</u>	<u>1246</u>	<u>1378</u>	<u>1479</u>

<u>Club</u>	<u>1982-83</u>	<u>1983-84</u>	<u>1984-85</u>	<u>1985-86</u>
Bondi.....	67	76	59	130
Bronte.....	52	83	113	76
Burning Palms.....	32	16	14	35
Clovelly.....	37	21	57	31
Coogee.....	90	97	100	136
Cronulla.....	131	137	195	183
Elouera.....	117	84	90	113
Era.....	15	27	14	47
Garie.....	69	39	80	46
Maroubra.....	111	114	100	91
North Bondi.....	63	112	149	200
North Cronulla.....	185	131	139	77
South Maroubra.....	111	83	77	78
Tamarama.....	25	54	25	66
Wanda.....	147	116	141	131
Helicopter Rescue Service.....	-	20	4	7
Community.....	39	36	22	32



## CARNIVAL AND COMPETITION SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

The 1985-86 season of carnivals and competition was a fairly intensive one with seven Open carnivals, the four District carnivals and the Interdistrict Championships, as well as our round of marathon boat races and Board Riding. The season culminated with the Branch, Metropolitan and State Championships being organised by Sydney Branch Clubs.

In addition, we ran the Mayne Nickless rounds and final, the rounds of the Tooheys Taplin Relay, the Kent Encouragement Award for Boats and the Pier One March Past Competition.

Similar to last season, Deputy Referees were appointed for carnivals and this is paying off by providing additional experienced personnel. Referees and Deputies at our events were -

Aug.11	...	Boat Show Marathon	...	Ken English	-
Oct.26	...	Wanda - R&R Carnival	...	Ron Howells	-
Nov. 2	...	Era - Craft Carnival	...	Ken English	-
Nov.17	...	Pier One Marathon	...	Ken English	-
Dec. 1	...	Garie Carnival	...	Bill Gray	Peter Davis
Dec. 7	...	Cronulla Carnival	...	Ken English	Karen Schenk
Dec. 8	...	Mazda Marathon	...	Nick Dixon	-
Dec.21	...	North Cronulla Carnival	...	Warren Rennie	Bernie Kelly
Jan.11	...	Wanda Carnival	...	Bernie Kelly	Bob Bransdon
Jan.18	...	North Bondi Carnival	...	Ron Howells	Peter Davis
Feb. 1	...	Coogee Carnival	...	John Dewey	Ron Day
Feb. 2	...	Rossfield Carnival - Bondi	...	Bill Gray	-
Feb. 8	...	Branch Championships - Bondi	...	Trevor Elliott	Ken English
Feb.15	...	Metropolitan Champs - Elouera	...	Trevor Elliott	-
May 3	...	Branch IRB Champs - Bondi	...	Harry Brown	-

At the District Carnivals, the District Supervisor was the Referee and at Board Riding events, the Referee was Peter Doolan.

Officials' attendance was good, but in a couple of areas we are a bit thin and this is being addressed in our pre-season planning for 1986-87.

One group who were always there were the IRB boys under Bill Singleton and the Gear Steward, Arthur White. Without them, we could not run the number of events we do in the time allowed and even then, sea conditions cause us to go "overtime" which leaves the IRB boys and Arthur to be the last off the beach. Thanks, fellers!

Prior to the start of the season, a Club Captains Conference was held at Bronte and was well attended. One item concerned the running of carnivals and the entries from the Clubs. Many of the ideas were incorporated into this year's programme.

The first of these was an R&R carnival at Wanda, with the idea of providing pre-season training for the Club teams and officials. Suffice to say that both Clubs who turned up (one from Victoria) learned a lot, as did the officials. It was a bad day weather-wise and a bad day for future requests of this nature.

Another request was to have a look at entries for carnivals and this was done. Whilst the official closing time is 12 days prior, this was treated with a certain amount of tolerance. This was possible, due to the Branch having access to a computer to do the draw. However, entries did not improve with the percentage of those entered to those starting being over 50% in some events.

The entering Clubs wasted a lot of money in entry fees, but I guess the Club holding the carnival did not complain. However, it makes planning difficult and will lead to changes to the timetable next season to take account of the number of "actual starters" expected at each carnival.

Much was said during the season about events at Championship Carnivals (particularly the State Championships) and the time taken to run the Carnival. Clubs were asked their opinions and it would appear that everybody wants the same number of events, dropping less out of each round, with a two-day State Championships. And, of course, no restriction on entries.

Unfortunately, nobody bothered to tell us how to do it so that we could pass it



on to State Centre. Clubs were also asked to restrict their entries into the State Championships to those who would start. Whilst it is self-evident that, for many reasons, everybody entered will not start, but Sydney Branch had a drop-out of 37% in individual swimming and craft events. And whilst we did better than the average for the whole State, it was not good enough overall and the State Centre is now considering ways to reduce the number of entries at the State Titles.

The planning for next season is well underway and with the experience of last season, we should have a great season of Carnivals and Special Events. Some of the Special Events will be organised by the Branch, with the aim of raising funds for the Branch.

Whilst you may not be involved as a carnival official, you may be interested in helping out with the Special Events, such as a round of the Nutri-Grain Iron Man Grand Prix, or a marathon boat race. So, when you receive the carnival list, let us know what you would like to do so that we can see you on the beach next season.

John Vaughan,  
Carnival and Competition Supervisor.

#### IRB SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

Once again, Sydney Branch Clubs using IRB's have proved their worth in the saving of lives on our beaches.

However, recruitment of IRB personnel is practically at a stand-still in most Clubs using these craft.

After visiting Clubs during the last season and watching the Branch IRB Championships, one sees the same hard core of dedicated people crewing the craft, probably for the last three seasons. We owe these life savers a great debt of thanks; indeed, in some Clubs there have not been any IRB Awards for at least two years.

Now is the time for Club Officers to take stock of their resources and plan for the coming season.

The Sydney Branch IRB Championships were conducted at Bondi Beach; to those Clubs who were successful - our congratulations. The David Chandler Memorial Trophy for the overall pointscore was won by the Bronte Club - our thanks to Mr and Mrs Chandler for being present on the day and presenting the trophy.

To our sponsors on the day, Buttercup-Vogels (who were once again represented by our good friend, Bud Mestern) and Kenwood Appliances, thank you.

Our many thanks also to Outboard Marine Australia for their assistance with technical advice and distribution of their products, and to their Australian Service Manager, Graham Hennicker, for all his help.

The Bondi Club who hosted the Championships put on a first-class effort, which was greatly appreciated. My thanks to the Officials and JRB3 who assisted on the day.

Once again, Harry Brown and his dedicated band of helpers assisted at our carnivals by laying the buoys and as duty boat. On behalf of the Sydney Branch, our great appreciation to Harry and his helpers and to the National Council for the use of the Sanyo IRB.

Unfortunately, during the season I was incapacitated owing to a broken leg. I would like to thank the Branch Officers who assisted me, particularly Wally Dobrow, during my convalescence.

The State IRB Championships will be conducted during August and to those Clubs who qualify from our Branch, our best wishes and may you be successful.

The IRB's everywhere in Australia are being asked to perform many duties over and beyond the patrolling of our beaches, so it is imperative that all Clubs



with IRB's ensure that the training of personnel is paramount for this coming season, in order to maintain the IRB as the No.1 rescue unit of the 80's.

M.(Bill) Singleton,  
IRB Supervisor.

#### JRB SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

With our patrol season for 1985-86 now over, it is time to reflect upon the performances of the two Jet Rescue Boat Services for which I am responsible and it is with a sense of pride that I report on their activities.

Both groups have performed to the very high standard expected of them and despite the limiting factors of ongoing mechanical problems with JRB2 and the reluctance of our own Association rescue co-ordinators to fully utilise the services of these craft, I am sure you will endorse my comments of "Well done" to both crews.

Listed here is a summary of each Group's work throughout the season. Of course, these are only figures and amounts and do not fully record the efforts or expertise that went into achieving these statistics.

	<u>JRB2</u>	<u>JRB3</u>
Rescues . . . . .	7	16
Search-Support roles . . . . .	6	27
Vessels towed to safety . . . . .	21	9
	(value \$341,000)	(value \$500,000)
First Aid. . . . .	-	2
Preventative Actions . . . . .	194	15
After-hour Callouts . . . . .	2	2
Water safety demonstrations. . . . .	-	4
Major training days . . . . .	1	4
Awards - Instructor . . . . .	1	-
Driver. . . . .	1	2
Crewmen . . . . .	5	5
Total crew hours on patrol . . . . .	1505	3960
Total kilometres patrolled . . . . .	3930	2710
Total running hours . . . . .	268	250
Total fuel used. . . . .	8734 litres	7680 litres
Total crew hours spent on maintenance . . . . .	n/a	500

In addition to the above, at the close of this report you will find a brief diary record of events as compiled by each Group. I have also enclosed a summary of the 157 operation hours lost by JRB2, due to mechanical breakdown and this factor has been a terrific hurdle to overcome to keep the crew motivated when so much down-time was being experienced. They are to be congratulated for keeping going when the odds seemed to be so much against them.

It is these problems of keeping this craft going that is giving us the added incentive to push ahead with our submissions for a suitable replacement craft as it would appear as though the old JRB2 is just plain, worn out.

JRB3, due to the great effort put in by the crew in carrying out as much preventative maintenance as was possible and to having the craft serviced by experts, has meant that only one day was lost from patrol and this was due to trailer problems only, so, all in all, this craft performed extremely well.

Both crews have a sound grasp of their roles as support groups to the beach and IRB patrols and as search and rescue teams and these skills are being further developed by the introduction of new programmes and by the demands of our coastal recreation users.

The support given by Sutherland Shire and Randwick Municipal Councils should be acknowledged at this point and while this support is given in quite different ways from one Council to the other, it is greatly appreciated and serves to further endorse these local government bodies' commitment to give the swimmers and coastline users the protection they demand.

I believe that Waverley Municipal Council, who have not yet joined fully in this



commitment, are missing out on a strong volunteer service that could one day mean the difference between rescue and tragedy and I strongly urge the Clubs in that District to fully consider the implications in not having such a service on call.

To our sponsors, we also extend our sincere thanks - your support has been great and has always been put to good use.

On a personal note, I record my appreciation of the support given to me throughout this past year by our Branch Superintendent, Trevor Elliott, and the Board of Control and to the Captains of the Groups, Doug Sorensen and Grahame Smith.

We all look forward to the so-called "off season" to identify some of the problems experienced and to find ways to further improve the roles being played to date and to stepping closer to the implementation of Offshore Rescue Boats.

A lot of work has been done so far in the preparation of submissions for such a craft and a whole lot more lies ahead, but I am confident that with the type of support that we have seen forthcoming from the Branch to date, this objective will be achieved so that we will be ready to meet the ongoing challenge of saving life. Thank you.

Ken Blakie,  
JRB Supervisor.

Rescues/Missions performed by the JRB3 Group, 1985/86 season:

- 5.10.85...JRB3 on standby; boat on fire 1km off the Gap. Called off.
- 7.10.85...Boat required for Sydney Branch media display at Bondi.
- 9.10.85...Boat participated in Water Safety Week - Bondi.
- 10.10.85..Callout - Pel Air crash off Botany Bay.
- 18.10.85..Practice for Westpac launching - Bondi.
- 19.10.85..Assisted two boats from Maroubra to Botany Bay.
- 30.10.85..Westpac launching at Bondi - JRB3 participated in a simulated rescue situation with the Sydney Westpac Helicopter.
- 17.11.85..JRB3 called to investigate yacht. Crewman overboard - shot himself.  
..Towed Coogee's IRB back to beach.
- 24.11.85..Picked up windsurfer at Little Bay.
- 8.12.85...Search for Catamaran - Botany Bay.
- 14.12.85..Preventative action - boat anchored close to Wedding Cake Island.
- 15.12.85..Search for broken down boat off Malabar - stoodby until Police boat arrived.
- 21.12.85..Called to large sailing boat taking water and lost stern 8kms off Rosa Gully - stayed with boat until Sydney Heads Water Police took over.
- 22.12.85..Search for person missing off Bronte Beach.
- 26.12.85..Assisted small boat taking in water off the Gap.
- 26.12.85..Assisted windsurfer at Maroubra.
- 1.1.86....Towed Bronte IRB to beach.
- 1.1.86....Shark alarm search - Maroubra.
- 11.1.86....Found a small boat anchored off Thompsons Bay - crew were worried about the sea conditions - assisted them back to Botany Bay.
- 11.1.86....Shark alarm search - Maroubra.
- 12.1.86....Shark alarm search - South Maroubra.
- 18.1.86....Shark alarm search - Coogee.
- 18.1.86....Shark alarm search - Maroubra.
- 19.1.86...Rescue - small boat at Coogee.
- 19.1.86...Support and drowning at Bondi.
- 25.1.86...Shark alarm search - Maroubra.
- 25.1.86...First Aid - surfer cut head.
- 26.1.86...Three rescues - Bondi, and preventative action, Bondi.
- 26.1.86...Called to assist swimmer South Bondi - called off.
- 1.2.86....Preventative actions - Maroubra.
- 1.2.86....Search for demasted yacht on way to Sydney.
- 2.2.86....Towed South Maroubra oared surf boat.
- 2.2.86....Mass rescue - South Bondi.
- 2.2.86....Shark alarm search - Bondi; Preventative actions - Bondi.
- 8.2.86....Towed Bondi's IRB.
- 8.2.86....Rescue - two people in rubber boat near rocks at North Coogee.
- 9.2.86....Rescue - two spear fishermen between Yellow Rock & Dead Horse Gap.
- 9.2.86....Assisted Maroubra Patrol with crowd control - unconscious person on beach with the patrol.



- 15.2.86...Called to Congey Bay to assist HRS and transfer doctor and crewman and gear to Police launch for heart attack victim.
- 15.2.86...Spotted person in difficulties approximately half way up the south point of Thompsons Bay - crewman climbed up to the person to re-assure him. HRS called to finish the job.
- 23.2.86...Preventative action - Coogee.
- 23.2.86...Assisted two small sailing boats westward at Botany Bay Heads.
- 23.2.86...Called to a boat on the rocks at Airport runway - called off at Bear Island.
- 1.3.86....Shark alarm search - Coogee.
- 5.3.86....Standby at Long Reef to assist HRS with "FLIR" evaluation.
- 9.3.86....First Aid - Little Bay - man with blue bottle stings.
- 9.3.86....Re-righting of Hobby craft with rolled in Botany Bay.
- 15.3.86...Preventative actions - South Maroubra.
- 15.3.86...Called to two boats off Maroubra moving very slowly - one boat was being towed by the other.
- 16.3.86...Called to broken down boat one mile off Prince Henry Hospital; stayed with boat until Police launch arrived.
- 23.3.86...Body search Lurline Bay.
- 23.3.86...Called to a drowning in Malabar Pool - false alarm.
- 31.3.86...Located missing diver at Frenchmans Bay.
- 31.3.86...Called to Yacht in trouble off Malabar; yacht going onto rocks; six people on board - seasick; towed sailing boat to Botany Heads, where Police launch took over the tow.
- 12.4.86...Placed on standby for flare sighting off Botany Bay.
- 25.4.86...Called to Yarra Bay - woman attempted suicide - searched with Police.
- 25.4.86...Check on flashing light on boat off Malabar - boat OK.
- 26.4.86...Standby for cliff rescue at Dover Heights.

Rescues/Missions performed by the JRB2 Group, 1985/86 season:

- 19.10.85...Three boats towed out of channel.
- 20.10.85...Towed 17m yacht, "Sydney", off rocks at Oak Park.
- 27.10.85...Assisted IRB, Wanda.
- 23.11.85...Assisted sailboard; towed IRB Wanda.
- 23.11.85...Towed North Cronulla IRB; small yacht towed to safety.
- 1.12.85...Search in Alley for suspected missing Nipper; helicopter called, John Bourn attended - nothing found - Nipper safe.
- 8.12.85...Assisted Mazda Surf Boat Race from Taren Point to Cronulla Beach.  
...Attended Bundeena re elderly woman who had a heart attack - assisted Helicopter 2, Police and Ambulance.
- 26.12.85...Covered Sydney to Hobart fleet from Botany to Wattamolla.
- 4.1.86....Towed Shark Cat off rocks at Bundeena.
- 11.1.86...Towed vessel - Oak Park to Bundeena.
- 11.1.86...Assisted in mass rescue north of Wanda.
- 12.1.86...Called to overturned catamaran off Elouera - towed to Boat Harbour.
- 18.1.86...No.1 training day.
- 18.1.86...Put on standby by "Sydney Surf" re plane coming down at Mascot - plane landed safely.
- 19.1.86...Called by "Sydney Surf" 14.15 to assist in search for person missing off boat in Port Hacking River at Yowie Point - assisted Police and MSB - left area 19.30.
- 26.1.86...Towed yacht to RMYC from Mainbar.
- 2.2.86....1 swimmer rescued at Cronulla; 5 preventative actions carried out;  
2 swimmers rescued at North Cronulla; 8 preventative actions;  
1 catamaran towed to safety; 1 yacht towed to safety.
- 8.2.86....2 sailing vessels towed to safety.
- 9.2.86....3 preventative actions - board riders, North Cronulla.
- 22.2.86...Supervised Bronze exam at Cronulla; 10 preventative actions.
- 23.2.86...Towed 2 houseboats to safety; 15 preventative actions with board riders
- 1.3.86....Duties at State Nipper carnival; 3 preventative actions - swimmers;  
5 preventative actions - board riders.
- 9.3.86....Boat attended service for the late Norm Rees and scattered ashes.
- 15.3.86...Shark sighted at Elouera - boat assisted with search; 1 woman rescued at Cronulla Point on ski; 30 preventative actions; assisted at Beaurepaires Surfing Contest at Elouera.
- 16.3.86...Called to Bass & Flinders re diver missing; 1 boat towed to safety.
- 22.3.86...11 preventative actions - 8 board riders, 3 swimmers.
- 23.3.86...Assisted at Triathlon from Audley; 1 boat towed to safety.
- 5.4.86....Towed boat to safety.
- 6.4.86....4 preventative actions; towed boat to safety.



20.4.86...Duty at carnival at Cronulla.  
25.4.86...Rescue male swimmer off Cronulla.  
26.4.86...Towed jet ski to safety.

Summary of operation hours lost by JRB2, due to mechanical breakdown:

7.10.85...	2	hours down - oil in bilge.
12.10.85...	8	" " - motor problem.
2.11.85...	3	" " - faulty fire alarm.
3.11.85...	2	" " - broken bucket.
9.11.85...	8	" " - broken bucket.
10.11.85...	9	" " - broken bucket.
16.11.85...	9	" " - broken bucket.
17.11.85...	10	" " - broken bucket.
28.12.85...	7	" " - drive shaft.
29.12.85...	10	" " - drive shaft.
30.12.85...	10	" " - drive shaft.
1.1.86....	8	" " - starter motor.
5.1.86....	8	" " - steering cable.
26.1.86...	2	" " - steering cable.
1.2.86....	3	" " - ignition switch.
28.3.86)		
31.3.86)	35	" " - blown head gaskets.
5.4.86....	2½	" " - solenoid on starter.
12.4.86...	17	" " - blown head gaskets.
20.4.86...	4	" " - oil in distributor.
27.4.86...	1½	" " - electrical problem.

Total.....157 hours down.

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Over the past year, our Service has again increased its operations, attending over 500 missions.

Finally, I would like to express our appreciation to the Board for their continued encouragement and valued assistance throughout the year.

David Jones,  
Chief Pilot.

RADIO OFFICER'S REPORT.

"Sydney Surf Rescue" was again fully operational over the 67 patrol days, plus the Gear Inspection days during the 1985-86 season.

The 12 regular operators continued to perform their duties to a very high standard and, at various times during the season, co-ordinated some difficult rescues and I thank them sincerely for their efforts.

Also during the season, it was pleasing to introduce three trainees to our operational procedures and I look forward to their full-time services for the 1986-87 season.



A significant number of Radio Awards were gained, with training and exams alternating between Surf Clubs and the Control Room. All candidates exhibited a very pleasing standard and I hope that their Clubs benefit in the long run. I would like to congratulate their Club Radio Officers for their efforts.

Our equipment continues to perform at a very high level, and despite some lightning damage to our antenna, we had no time off the air throughout the season.

The Repeater System became operational during February 1986 and, whilst it is not the simple system it was proposed to be, at least our Royal National Park Clubs are no longer isolated.

Following the ongoing problems with the performance of some IRB radios, negotiations have been proceeding with an alternate supplier for delivery in time for the 1986-87 season, at a price which I am sure the Clubs will find most acceptable.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board Executive for the level of co-operation extended to me.

John Wardall,  
Radio Officer.

#### ROYAL NATIONAL PARK CLUBS SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

The First Aid Course has at last been approved and the first weekend course was held at Garie with great success. However, this is only a first. It has shown that individual Clubs may be unable to run a complete course and in order to use our Instructors' potential to the fullest, it behoves Clubs to combine to have at least 20 members to a course.

The Clubs have been busy training members for numerous Awards. However, some unusual patterns are beginning to show up which I hope will disappear next season. One Club in the District, whilst gaining no Bronze Medallions this season, requalified 27 members in their ARC and the other two Clubs, whilst gaining Bronze Medallions, were very weak on requalifying in ARC.

I would make it mandatory that all Chief Instructors are current ARC holders and they vigorously push for requalification in this important Award. I would be remiss if I did not exhort the Clubs in my isolated District to continue to gain qualification as IRB Drivers, Radio Operators and First Aid Operators.

It is to be hoped that in the coming season, we will have direct access to "Sydney Surf" Radio if required when patrols cease.

The District Carnival was a great success, due to the support of the District Executive, Board members and competitors. We also ran a Rescue Carnival for the first time; the normal patrol members coped well with the situations, whilst many of the normal competitors found it difficult.

Although the patrols of all three Clubs ranged from adequate to very good over the season, the general standard was down on last year. The major problem we have to overcome next season is patrol strength and patrol member responsibility.

I would like to thank my assistant, Glenn Thomson, for his support when we were under pressure and the members of the Board of Control who assisted in running the carnivals, examinations and, particularly, the Proficiency Tests.

Frank Osborne,  
Royal National Park Clubs Supervisor.

#### CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND DISTRICT SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

Not necessarily our best, but unquestionably our most efficient life savers, are our competitors. There is no doubt that our competitors are our strongest, fittest and most capable life savers. Unfortunately, we only appear to have them on our patrols for that part of the season - prior to the Australian Championship Carnival.



Our rules, which require these members to tally up a certain number of patrol hours prior to competing at our major carnival, are causing us problems on our beaches. The argument is - "If I am required to do so many hours prior to the carnival, then I have fulfilled my life saving commitment" - a hard statement to argue against.

Perhaps a patrol commitment which requires a certain number of patrol hours from one Australian Championship carnival to another, would be more realistic and spread our patrol strength more evenly over the entire season.

The Association is looking at the problem and we trust that a more equal distribution of membership strength will be represented on our beaches in future.

Not for one moment do I downgrade the members who carry out their patrols at the latter end of the season; rather, I suggest that these same people would feel more secure with a few stronger members on patrol, particularly on a big day.

Whilst our patrols over the season ranged from excellent to adequate, we all must agree that there is always room for improvement and we have a responsibility to provide the best service possible to the surfing public.

The District has enjoyed another big year with membership and Awards again on the increase. We all owe a debt to our Club Captains and Chief Instructors for another big effort.

Competitively, the District has also enjoyed a record year, with all four Clubs being successful at carnivals throughout the season. The Wanda Club, for the first time, have had both Senior and Junior Clubs as current State Champions, and Cronulla Club are again the Australian Champion Club.

More importantly, from my point of view, is the fact that Wanda were the State Champion Club in the inaugural State Patrol Championships and Cronulla and North Cronulla were placed first and third respectively, in the Sydney Branch Patrol Championships.

My congratulations to all Clubs on a great season.

My personal thanks to all patrolling members in the District for your efforts over the season and to the Club Captains and Vice-Captains for their support.

Thanks also to the District Executive for their support and special thanks to all the members of the Board of Control for their assistance at Proficiency Tests, examinations and carnival duties throughout the season.

Bruce Breadner,  
Cronulla-Sutherland District Supervisor.

#### RANDWICK DISTRICT SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

At the start of the season, I spoke to some of our previous District Supervisors - John Wardall, Dave Popplewell, Barry King and Keith Rowsell. I would like to thank them for advice, especially Dave and Barry - your help was most appreciated.

I also had a lot of help and advice from two men this season - Ken English, our Deputy Branch Superintendent and Garry Bennett, my Assistant District Supervisor. Both these Board members put a lot of effort into maintaining the high standards of surf life saving normally enjoyed by this District; especially Ken, who came numerous times from Cronulla to meet with the Life Saving Committees of the Clubs.

I will report on each Club's life saving activities as I saw them during the season just past -

Maroubra SLSC....I congratulate Maroubra for an exceptional job well done; the Maroubra patrols are a credit to the Association and should be an example to other Clubs. The instructional side of Maroubra was a little up and down; however, many fine squads were produced. Maroubra's IRB was always on the beach and manned during patrol hours.

Coogee SLSC....Coogee's patrols were, as usual, excellent. I believe that Coogee now leads the way in patrolling large areas of beach. However, their IRB was not



often utilised, due to lack of trained drivers. The Coogee instructional side was not quite what I expected this season; however, I believe that most of their problems were corrected internally, to everyone's satisfaction.

Clovelly SLSC....Clovelly did have problems during last season. The most alarming was a severe shortage of patrol members. Clovelly also had problems with a lack of Bronze squads and they still only have one IRB driver. A close watch will have to be kept on the situation at this beach.

South Maroubra SLSC....South Maroubra also had some early problems with patrol numbers, but these were soon sorted out with a restructure of their patrols. South Maroubra now has an IRB driver in each patrol and a very efficient instructional team.

JRB3....The jet boat again had a good season. They did not do a large amount of surf rescues, but were always on call.

The District Competition for the Molloy Shield was keenly contested at Coogee Beach, Maroubra SLSC being the victors.

Bernie Kelly,  
Randwick District Supervisor.

#### WAVERLEY DISTRICT SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

I am pleased to report that the Waverley District Surf Life Saving Clubs have improved in many ways over the past 12 months, such as the standards of and numbers on beach patrol. The increased numbers of Awards, especially the Bronze Medallion, which is what Clubs survive on.

These improvements are due to the hard work of the Chief Instructors and instructors such as Mick Clancy, Paul Johnson, Charlie Abruzzese of Bronte SLSC; Dave Radford of Tamarama SLSC; Peter Murphy, Paul O'Keefe of Bondi SBLSC, and Charlie Matthews, Bill Gill, Jenny Anderson, and Warren Burton of North Bondi SLSC; plus many others who assisted in the training of the many squads.

It is very good to see that many of the instructors that are active in the Clubs are very active new and old members of the Board of Control. I would like to thank the many examiners who assisted me this season in carrying out preliminary exams and other exams, including Charlie Matthews, Mila Campacci, Paul Johnson, Peter Davis, Carl Melvey, Peter Melvey and Jenny Anderson.

I would also like to thank sincerely Trevor Perrin, my Assistant District Supervisor, for all the assistance which he gave during the season, most of which was at short notice.

I would like to congratulate the Clubs in the District for holding the following events, which were all a great success for the respective Clubs, members, and image of surf life saving....

- Fosters Sydney Iron Man Classic - North Bondi
- Westpac sponsorship announcement - Bondi
- Cole Classic 2km swim - North Bondi
- Travelscene Biathlon - Bronte
- Branch Championships - Bondi
- Branch IRB Championships - Bondi
- State Bank Surf Spectacular - North Bondi
- Waverley Shield Surf Carnival - Bondi

I would finally like to thank all the members of the Waverley District Executive, Trevor Elliott, Ken English, Rex Sargeant, Frank Vardanega, the Board of Control Executive and, of course, Joan Vaughan, the quiet achiever in the Branch Office.

Stewart Bailey,  
Waverley District Supervisor.



### BOARD TOURING TEAM.

In 1985, a number of Board members were selected for an educational tour of the USA and Canada. Unfortunately, a shortage of funds prevented the tour from taking place and it was postponed for 12 months.

The new dates were set for May 1986, to coincide with Rescue 86 - an International Aquatic and Water Safety Seminar - and the World Life Saving Championships to be held in Vancouver. The initial team of 30 reduced to a final composition of 15 members.

Apart from Rescue 86, the itinerary included "look and learn" visits to the Los Angeles and San Diego Chapters of the USA Lifeguards. Some members of the team were entered in the World Championships at Vancouver, while others were selected as Officials for the carnival.

National Council was sending a team to Rescue 86 and the entire Sydney Branch team was included as part of the Australian Delegation, under the guidance of Team Manager Cliff Marsh and his assistant, Phil Watt, whose assistance is greatly appreciated. At the time of writing, the team was preparing for its May 7 departure to Vancouver via Hawaii.

This is an historic event for the Sydney Branch, as it is the first team ever to tour overseas under the Branch banner. It was a very ambitious tour, which we hope will reap long-term benefits for the Branch and the team members involved.

Whilst the team members were responsible for their own funds, various sponsors kindly donated items of apparel and other equipment to the team. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the following organisations for their assistance -

Kenwood Appliances; Acta Pty. Ltd; Bonds; Winlo Hair and Skin Care;  
Tooheys Ltd; Stubbies Pty. Ltd; Carmen Furniture; Supertex Industries;  
Van Huessen & Co. (Aust); Shulton (Aust) Pty. Ltd;  
Global Trading Services Pty. Ltd.

We would also extend our thanks and gratitude to the Branch for providing us with official shirts, name bars and badges and to Paul Sargeant for donating his time to take the official team photographs.

The official team was....

Phil Vanny (South Maroubra) Co-Manager;  
Bob Bransdon (Clovelly) Co-Manager/Secretary;  
Felicity Breene (Coogee) Treasurer;  
Stewart Bailey (North Bondi); Ted Cahill (North Cronulla); John Cox (Cronulla);  
Paul Cox (Cronulla); Peter Davis (Tamarama); Graham Dyson (Wanda);  
Trevor Elliott (Wanda); Peter Gill (Maroubra); Paul O'Keeffe (Bondi);  
John Oldham (Bondi); Dave Pacey (Maroubra); Ernie Stephens (Wanda);  
plus Ted Cahill's wife, Jeanette (Secretary, North Cronulla SLSC).

### CONCLUSION.

The forerunning pages have given in detail the activities of the Board, its Officers and members during what can only be described as a very busy season.

To conclude this Annual Report, I would like to list just some of the highlights that have occurred during the year -

\*\*The appointment of Karen Schenk as our Minute Secretary, who has become one of the first female members of the Board to hold office.

\*\*The first of many marital alliances of Board members - at the time of writing this report, Felicity Breene and Peter Davis, and Karen Schenk and Grahame Smith, have announced their engagements.

\*\*Karen Schenk was selected by the NSW State Centre to attend a reception and be introduced to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II during her recently conducted tour of Australia.



**\*\*The successful completion of three major surf carnivals, being the Branch, Metropolitan and State Championships at the Bondi, Elouera and South Maroubra Beaches.**

**\*\*The first Sydney Branch team to tour overseas in a representative capacity.**

**\*\*1,479 Surf Life Saving Awards conducted and examined in the Branch at our 15 Clubs.**

**\*\*A highly successful Gear Inspection, which saw four Clubs declared equal winners.**

**\*\*Karen Schenk and Felicity Breene elected as Probationary Members Officers and thus became the Board's first Den Mothers.**

**\*\*A successful Branch Patrol Championships.**

Finally, I would extend, on behalf of your Executive, the sincere thanks and appreciation to our Office Staff for all their help and assistance during the year -

Frank Vardanega, our Chief Executive, for his help with advice, ideas and fundraising programmes, which help to promote our image.

Joan Vaughan, for her very professional secretarial services and being able to complete our reports and Minutes with a minimum of fuss, also for the typing of this report.

Kim Loney, for her assistance with the tables and statistics contained in the report.

The Branch Executive for their help and guidance during the season.

The members of the Board in total, for without their assistance, the workload being carried out in the Branch would not happen.

Ken English,  
Deputy Branch Superintendent.



#### SUPERINTENDENT'S ADDENDUM.

The past year saw a mixed season of achievement and difficulty for the Board of Control and Sydney Branch.

I feel proud that through the controversies and debate on patrol hour requirements for competitors and the difficulties with maintaining the helicopter operations, the Board was able to fulfil with credit the task involved with life saving, examination, and competition, as well as maintain a close working relationship with Clubs and their members.

The historic educational visit by the Board of Control Team to the West Coast of the U.S.A., in conjunction with attendance at World Life Saving's Rescue 86 Conference in Vancouver, will definitely bear fruits in the future, through the experience and learning of those Delegates who so ably represented Sydney Branch, under the management of Phil Vanny and Bob Bransdon.

We congratulate the Executive and Officers of the Board for the 1985-86 season. Peter Davis and his team of examiners successfully carried out the exam duties for candidates within the Branch. John Vaughan managed a full carnival season which included the Metropolitan Championships at Elcuera and saw the trend towards high profile sponsored events continuing. John was instrumental in compiling entry statistics during the season, which will be invaluable for planning future carnivals at all levels of the Association.

The District Supervisors were untiring in their efforts to ensure that the Association's standards were maintained by the Clubs and were available to positively offer guidance and advice when required.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bill Singleton for his efforts as IRB Superintendent, particularly as Bill received a very serious injury at work during the year and was able to continue his duties during recuperation assisted by Wal Dobrow.

John Wardall completed another successful year as Radio Supervisor and Ken Blakie again ably represented the JRB Groups and steered the submission for future operation of power boats to the point where its recommendations should be implemented in the coming season.

The achievements of the Board are listed in the particular reports. Special thanks to Arthur White, as Branch Gear Steward, Ann and Percy Ainsworth for looking after the Board's gear and to Karen Schenk for acting as Minute Secretary at our Board meetings.

In closing this report, I would like to record the efforts of Joan Vaughan and the Branch Office for their assistance during the year and, in particular, congratulate Ken English on his season as Deputy Superintendent and thank him for his efforts in compiling this report on behalf of the Board.

The coming season will be most successful with your continued support and membership of the Sydney Branch Board of Control.

Trevor Elliott,  
Superintendent.



# BOARD OF CONTROL OFFICERS 1949-50 to 1984-85

Season	Superintendent	Deputy Superintendent	Board Secretary	Examination Supervisor	Carnival and Competition Supervisor	Registrar	District Supervisors			
							No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4
1949-50	D. Lucas	W. Foerster	A. Castleman			T. Moran	G. Johnson	H. Small	V. Williams	G. Wild
1950-51	D. Lucas	W. Foerster	A. Castleman			G. Davies	G. Johnson	J. Switzer	B. Cribb	P. Hickman
1951-52	D. Lucas	W. Foerster	A. Castleman			G. Davies	J. Vaughan	J. Switzer	B. Cribb	M. Black
1952-53	W. Foerster	L. McDonald	V. Williams			G. Davies	J. Vaughan	J. Switzer	K. Flannery	M. Black
1953-54	W. Foerster	L. McDonald	V. Williams			G. Davies	J. Vaughan	J. Switzer	K. Flannery	M. Black
1954-55	W. Foerster	J. Marsden	V. Williams			R. Simmons	L. Johnson	J. Switzer	K. Flannery	M. Black
1955-56	J. Marsden	A. May	V. Williams			R. Bridges	O. Hailey	J. Switzer	B. Brewin	M. Black
1956-57	J. Marsden	H. McDonald	B. Brewin			D. Lucas	O. Hailey	J. Switzer	G. Cavanagh	J. Wardall
1957-58	J. Marsden	H. McDonald	B. Brewin			D. Lucas	O. Hailey	J. Switzer	R. Davey	R. Young
1958-59	J. Marsden	H. McDonald	A. Moseley			H. Brown	R. Liddle	J. Switzer	R. Davey	B. Brewin
1959-60	H. McDonald	J. Marsden	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	R. Liddle	J. Switzer	R. Davey	B. Elliott
1960-61	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	R. Liddle	P. Ainsworth	J. Wardall	B. Elliott
1961-62	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	R. Liddle	P. Ainsworth	J. Wardall	B. Walker
1962-63	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	R. Liddle	P. Ainsworth	J. Wardall	B. Walker
1963-64	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			J. Casey	J. Casey	P. Ainsworth	A. Kelly	B. Walker
1964-65	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	R. Davison	P. Ainsworth	B. Brewin	J. Young
1965-66	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	F. Osborne	P. Ainsworth	K. Messenger	J. Young
1966-67	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	R. Davison	P. Ainsworth	K. Messenger	J. Young
1967-68	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	W. Winzer	W. Rennie	K. Messenger	J. Young
1968-69	A. Moseley	N. Dixon	W. Swingle			H. Brown	W. Winzer	W. Rennie	K. Messenger	J. Young
1969-70	A. Moseley	J. Dewey	W. Swingle			H. Brown	W. Winzer	W. Rennie	J. Casey	J. Young
1970-71	A. Moseley	J. Dewey	T. Beckett			S. Gibson	W. Winzer	W. Rennie	J. Casey	J. Young
1971-72	A. Moseley	J. Dewey	T. Beckett			S. Gibson	W. Winzer	W. Rennie	W. Walton	J. Young
			J. Vaughan					R. Leix	J. Wardall	
1972-73	A. Moseley	J. Dewey	J. Switzer			S. Newman	W. Winzer	R. Leix	J. Wardall	J. Young
1973-74	R. Howells	J. Dewey	J. Switzer			S. Newman	W. Winzer	N. Jamieson	J. Wardall	J. Young
1974-75	J. Dewey	L. McNamara	J. Switzer			K. English	F. Osborne	N. Jamieson	J. Wardall	J. Young
1975-76	J. Dewey	J. May	J. Switzer	P. Ainsworth		K. English	F. Osborne	N. Jamieson	J. Wardall	J. Young
		K. Messenger						T. Elliott		
1976-77	J. Dewey	K. Messenger	J. Switzer	P. Ainsworth		J. Connolly	F. Osborne	T. Elliott	J. Wardall	P. Quartly
		J. May								
1977-78	J. Dewey	J. May	P. Sargeant	E. Stephens	J. May	J. Connolly	F. Osborne	T. Elliott	D. Popplewell	K. Andrews
1978-79	J. Dewey	J. May	P. Parsons	E. Stephens	J. May	J. Connolly	F. Osborne	T. Elliott	D. Popplewell	K. Andrews
1979-80	J. May	T. Elliott	S. Strange	E. Stephens	J. Dewey	J. Connolly	F. Osborne	J. Fraser	D. Popplewell	K. Andrews
1980-81	T. Elliott	R. Howells	S. Strange	E. Stephens	J. Dewey	P. Steenson	F. Osborne	M. Berger	D. Popplewell	M. Clancy
1981-82	T. Elliott	R. Howells	S. Strange	B. Kelly	R. Day	P. Steenson	F. Osborne	M. Berger	D. Popplewell	J. May
1982-83	T. Elliott	R. Howells	S. Strange	B. Kelly	R. Day	P. Steenson	F. Osborne	B. Breadner	B. King	C. Matthews
1983-84	T. Elliott	R. Howells	G. Thomson	B. Kelly	K. English	P. Steenson	F. Osborne	B. Breadner	B. King	S. Bailey
1984-85	T. Elliott	K. English	G. Thomson	P. Davis	J. Vaughan	—	F. Osborne	B. Breadner	B. Kelly	S. Bailey