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39th ANNUAL REPORT

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 39th Annual General Meeting of the Sydney Branch Surf Life Saving Board of Control will be held at the Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club, Maroubra, on Friday, June 24, 1988, commencing at 7.30pm.

Agenda:

1. Minutes of the 38th Annual General Meeting, held June 26, 1987.
2. Apologies and Leave.
3. Welcome by the Branch Superintendent, Trevor Elliott.
4. Correspondence.
5. Presentation of the 39th Annual Report for the 1987-88 season.
6. Election of Officers and Committees for the 1988-89 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.

Sharon Rudd,
Honorary Secretary

Surf Life Saving Board of Control
Sydney Branch.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES, 1987-88

Honorary Superintendent.	Trevor Elliott
Deputy Superintendent	Ken English
Honorary Secretary	Sharon Rudd
Examination and Instruction Supervisor.	Peter Davis
Carnival and Competition Supervisor.	John Vaughan
Emergency Services Co-ordinator	Grahame Smith
Board Gear Steward	Ann Ainsworth
New Members Co-ordinator	Jenny Anderson
Minute Secretary	Joan Vaughan

Sectional Supervisors

IRB Supervisor - until 22.2.1988.	Brad Taylor
- from 22.2.1988	Bill Singleton
JRB Supervisor	Ron Camilleri
Radio Officer - until 22.2.1988	Grant Sewell
Representative, Helicopter Rescue Service.	Trevor Cracknell

District Supervisors

Royal National Park Clubs	Frank Osborne
Cronulla-Sutherland District	Bruce Breadner
Randwick District	Bernard Kelly
Waverley District	George Shales

Assistant District Supervisors

Royal National Park Clubs	Steve Strange
Cronulla-Sutherland District	Wallace Halpin
Randwick District	John Park
Waverley District	Andy Ross

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMITTEES

Gear Inspection Committee

Greg Hewett (Convener), Peter Davis, Denis Dick, Ken English, Bill Gray, Keith Midson, Albert Moseley, John Oldham, Frank Osborne, Grahame Smith, Ross Williams.
IRB Section - Brad Taylor, Bob Cane, Ian Young, Dave Cooper, Bill Singleton.

Meritorious Awards Committee

Bill Gray (Convener), Bruce Breadner, Bob Davison, Greg Hewett, Ron Howells, Neil Miller, Albert Moseley.

Resuscitation-Research-Development-Instruction-Medical Panel

Bruce Breadner (Convener), Jenny Anderson, Bob Bransdon, Felicity Davis, Mick DeLuca, Wallace Halpin, Yvette Noon, Frank Osborne, Ernie Stephens, Brad Taylor.

Manual Revision Committee

Jenny Anderson (Convener), Felicity Davis, Peter Davis, Ernie Stephens.

IRB Instructional Panel

Bill Singleton (Convener), Bob Cane, Ellis Kirkman, Bernard Kelly, Harry Brown, Michael Kelly, Graham Bruce, Len Potapof, Keith Grima, Jim Traves, Wal Dobrow, Dave Cooper, John Restuccia.

MEMBERSHIP, 1987-88

LIFE MEMBERS (18)

Harry Brown	Trevor Elliott	Frank Osborne	Jim Switzer
Les Buck	Ron Howells	Tony Purcell	John Vaughan
Bob Davison	Keith Messenger	Eddie Sier	John Wardall
John Dewey	Lionel McDonald	Ernie Stephens	Jack Young
Nick Dixon	Albert Moseley		

LONG SERVICE MEMBERS (19)

Bob Avery	Mick DeLuca	Len Johnson	Vince Mulcahy
Bob Bridges	Jon Donohoe	Ken Manton	Rex Sargeant
Ted Brooker	John Hall	Dave Medlin	Dick Sheldon
Charles Christiansen	Bob Horton	Keith Midson	Harold Spurway
Robert Craig	Norm Jamieson		

COUNTRY MEMBERS (2)

Jim Connolly	Doug Murray
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ACTIVE MEMBERS (171)

Charlie Abruzzese	Peter Davis	Kim Loney	Yvette Roser
Peter Agnew	Paul Day	Mark McFarlane	Andy Ross
Ann Ainsworth	Ron Day	Don McGroder	Keith Rowswell
Mark Amos	Carmel Dick	Grant McMahon	Sharon Rudd
Jenny Anderson	Denis Dick	Jonathon Macpherson	Rob Russell
Mary Andrews	Wal Dobrow	Robert Macpherson	Jack Ryan
Ian Badham	Peter Doolan	Bill Marshall	Ron Sandstrom
Frank Bailey	Deborah Duddleston	Geoff Martin	Merle Sargeant
Stewart Bailey	Phil Easson	Charles Matthews	Karen Schenk
Steve Barrett	Paul Edwards	John May	Paul Scullion
Garry Bennett	Robert Edwards	Carl Melvey	Joe Seddon
Pearce Biram	Ken English	Peter Melvey	Grant Sewell
Troy Blackmore	Warwick Everingham	Ken Metcalf	George Shales
Ken Blakie	Geoff Forshaw	Neil Miller	Jack Shaw
Gregory Bodkin	John Fraser	Rod Miller	Bill Singleton
Scott Bradley	Bruce Gardiner	Robert Milne	Alf Smith
Mick Brannock	Bill Gill	Michael Moran	Craig Smith
Bob Bransdon	Bob Gillroy	Alan Morris	Don Smith
Bruce Breadner	Geoff Gilvear	Jim Morrow	Grahame Smith
Sydney Brooksby	Ian Goode	Peter Murphy (Bondi)	Doug Sorensen
Graham Bruce	Bill Gray	Peter Murphy (S.Mar)	Sheryl Sporle
Peter Burst	Marie Gray	John Oldham	Bernard Staunton
Ted Cahill	Keith Grima	Ron O'Malley	Peter Steenson
Peter Calder	Roger Habib	Lynette O'Neill	Steve Strange
Ron Camilleri	Wallace Halpin	Patrick O'Neill	Peter Sullivan
Bob Cane	Ron Hammond	Darren Palmer	Carol Swane
Gregory Causer	Bill Hemmings	David Pacey	Brad Taylor
Mike Clancy	Dennis Heussner	John Park	Brian Thompson
Glen Clarke	Greg Hewett	Brian Parsell	Ian Toll
Dave Cooper	Wayne Hogan	Peter Pearce	Jim Traves
Paul Cooper	Walter Holt	Ron Pears	Phil Vanny
Tom Cooper	Gloria Howells	Linda Perrin	Joan Vaughan
James Corcoran	Rodney Hurst	Trevor Perrin	Allan West
Ross Cotter	Doug Iredale	Ron Pomeroy	Arthur White
John Cox	Paul Johnson	David Popplewell	Robert Williams
Trevor Cracknell	Frank Jordan	Len Potapof	Ross Williams
David Cross	Bernard Kelly	Bruce Purdy	Kim Wilson
Glenn Cruise	Michael Kelly	Peter Quartly	Bob Woodger
Robyn Daley	Ellis Kirkman	Peter Rennex	Don Workman
Gary Daly	Gunther Kitzler	Warren Rennie	Michael Wright
Martin Dashwood	Robert Lippmann	John Restuccia	Hank Wytenburg
Felicity Davis	Michael Lloyd-Jones	Andrew Roach	Anthony Yeo
Ken Davis	Brett Lockhart	Gaye Rosen	

FOREWORD

This report details the manner in which the many facets of Surf Life Saving were conducted within the Sydney Branch by our Board of Control during the past year and I commend it to you.

Changes to the Award Manuals, the extension of the proficiency testing and new events conducted by the Branch, have again increased the activities of the Board.

Knowing the planning and effort that Board members put into arranging activities such as information nights, field days and competitions, it is disappointing at times to see the lack of support received from Clubs.

This year sees the retirement from office of a number of Board members who have given outstanding service over the years and, on behalf of all within the Branch, I congratulate them on their efforts.

The centralisation of the Branch Office and Radio Room at the Prince Henry Hospital, should facilitate the smooth running of the Branch and the benefits should become apparent next season.

In conclusion, to Trevor and fellow members, thank you.

Geoff Forshaw,
Sydney Branch President.

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39th ANNUAL REPORT

SEASON 1987-88

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Now in my second year as Board Secretary, I am delighted to present to you the Sydney Branch Board of Control's 39th Annual Report.

This season we have seen the Board complete yet another successful year in all aspects of surf life saving and continue to embark on new projects within the ever-expanding surf life saving movement. The Board has worked with direction to improve all areas of life saving, instruction and competition. Once again, a few setbacks were encountered; attendance at essential Board meetings was only fair and the implementation of new surf life saving manuals created some problems which examiners had to adjust to. The examiner's proficiency test will also need tightening in the coming season.

On the positive side, the Board worked to achieve high standards in all areas. Of the Officers of the Board, it is with regret that I have to report that our hard-working Carnival and Competition Supervisor, John Vaughan, Royal National Park Clubs Supervisor, Frank Osborne, and Randwick District Supervisor, Bernie Kelly, are all retiring from office. On behalf of the Board, I would sincerely express our appreciation for your excellent dedication and prowess in your jobs.

John Vaughan, our Carnival and Competition Supervisor, efficiently directed a full programme of Branch Carnivals, the Sydney Nutri-Grain Iron Man event and other community events. Once again, John, thank you for the expertise and effort you put into the job. We wish you all the best for the future (and good luck with painting the house!)

In the examination and instruction area, the Board appreciates the valuable work Peter Davis, our Examination and Instruction Supervisor, has done over the season. Peter had a mammoth workload, with the introduction and implementation of the new surf life saving manual, the examiner's proficiency test and two new awards.

The Emergency Services Co-ordinator, Grahame Smith, also took on the task of organising the "Sydney Surf" Radio Room operation, following the resignation of the Radio Officer and some of the operators, and coped well with the extra position.

The Board thanks the people who have worked in the "Sydney Surf" Radio Room, the Westpac Rescue Helicopter, Jet Rescue Boat 3, and Offshore Rescue Boat 2, for their continued high standard of service in protecting the surfing community.

Ron Camilleri, in his first year as Jet Rescue Boat Supervisor, had a successful season, with JRB3 performing at a professional standard and JRB2 being replaced by an Offshore Rescue Boat, the first of this type of vessel in Sydney Branch.

Bill Singleton, the Acting Inflatable Rescue Boat Supervisor, took over the position in February, after the resignation of Brad Taylor. Thanks to both of you.

The District Supervisors, George Shales (Waverley), Bernie Kelly (Randwick), Bruce Breadner (Cronulla-Sutherland) and Frank Osborne (Royal National Park), once again saw that our Clubs retained their high standards. Thank you to all District Supervisors and their assistants for their continued efforts throughout the season.

To all Board members, thank you for your continued support to the Board and the commitment you have all given to surf life saving.

In conclusion, I would propose a special vote of thanks to Joan Vaughan for her assistance as our Minute Secretary and offer, on behalf of the Board, our gratitude for the dedication she has given to surf life saving as a whole. Thank you, Joan.

Ken English, our Deputy Superintendent - thank you for the support you have given us

through the season. To our Branch Superintendent, Trevor Elliott, thank you for the advice and expertise you have given to me through the season.

Reflecting on our past season, it was a season of great achievement and satisfaction. To all Board members and each and every patrol member, thank you for a job well done in making our Board Number One.

Sharon Rudd,
Honorary Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP.

During the 1987-88 season, the following members gained Examiners Certificates -

Surf Life Saving Examiner...Peter Agnew, Glenn Cruise, Martin Dashwood, Darren Palmer, John Restuccia

ARC Examiner.....Peter Agnew, Felicity Davis, Wallace Halpin, Peter Murphy, Darren Palmer, Sheryl Sporle

IRB Examiner.....Brett Gibson, Robert Larkin, Trevor Perrin, Jim Traves

The overall membership of the Board now stands at 210, compared to 243 for the previous season. We had quite a few new members join the Board this season and the difference in figures from last year is explained by quite a few members who felt they were not pulling their weight on the Board, having resigned. We thank them for their past efforts.

Even though we list 171 as "active" members, we must point out that many of our Life Members and Long Service Members are still very active.

MEETINGS.

This year, the Executive of the Board has met 11 times, with a meeting still to be held prior to the Annual Meeting. The record of attendance by the Executive is as follows -

<u>Officer</u>	<u>Possible</u>	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Apologies</u>	<u>Leave</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Trevor Elliott.....	11	9	1	-	1
Ken English.....	11	5	4	1	1
Sharon Rudd.....	11	9	2	-	-
Peter Davis.....	11	9	1	-	1
John Vaughan.....	11	9	2	-	-
Grahame Smith.....	11	9	2	-	-
Frank Osborne.....	11	5	3	-	3
Bruce Breadner.....	11	11	-	-	-
Bernie Kelly.....	11	9	1	1	-
George Shales.....	11	9	2	-	-
Brad Taylor.....	7	5	2	-	-
Bill Singleton.....	4	4	-	-	-
Ron Camilleri.....	11	8	2	-	1
Grant Sewell.....	7	6	-	-	1
Trevor Cracknell, HRS.....	11	5	1	-	5
Joan Vaughan.....	11	11	-	-	-

EMERGENCY SERVICES CO-ORDINATOR

The 1987-88 season has been one of change and improvement for the Sydney Branch Rescue Groups.

The Sydney Surf Radio Room moved into the new base at Prince Henry Hospital and is currently being upgraded to cope with the extra UHF capabilities. Accompanying the Radio Room to the Prince Henry Hospital Base was the Helicopter Rescue Service, which meant a number of rescue facilities are now centralised.

During February, a majority of Sydney Surf radio operators resigned and members from the JRB3 Group, Board of Control and Clubs assisted in maintaining the Radio Room operations for the rest of the season, with the exception of one weekend.

These fill-in operators performed very well indeed, co-ordinating several major Search and Rescue operations. The members who took over the role so well, are to be congratulated on a job well done.

As radio communications are necessary for any rescue group to be effective, this season saw the introduction of UHF radio equipment to Clubs. Although there are some doubters on the value of UHF equipment, all the Clubs who began using the new equipment were totally convinced that UHF equipment is far superior to that already in use.

In fact, a number of Clubs are considering speeding up the recommended timetable of introduction of the new equipment which includes UHF IRB radios.

In the Cronulla-Sutherland District, the purchase of a craft to act as an Offshore Rescue Boat for the area, produced a revitalised Power Boat Group. When the experimental status is eventually lifted from the craft, the Group will be involved in a wide range of rescue work.

With the purchase of the ORB in the Cronulla-Sutherland District, the requirements of the Branch's ORB proposal appear to have changed and also the role of the Randwick District Jet Boat. The Branch's ORB Steering Committee will address these matters promptly.

Both of the Power Craft Groups have been seeking the implementations of an Underwater Search and Rescue Diver Award. Currently, the two Groups can offer a limited underwater SAR capability, but it is difficult for the Groups to further this capability.

The IRB Instructional Panel was quite active throughout the year, assisting Clubs with training programmes and various other matters. A new policy regarding the mode of travel by IRBs to special events, was implemented.

Without a doubt, the highlight of the season for the IRB Group was the First Fleet Re-enactment proceedings in Botany Bay and Sydney Harbour. Our involvement at Botany Bay saw 25 IRBs, JRB3 and ORB2 on the water that day, to perform the anchoring of the First Fleet and water safety.

At Sydney Harbour on Australia Day, nine IRBs were involved with the mooring of the First Fleet. On both days, the operation ran smoothly and on time, a major feat for an event with saw the First Fleet at sea for over six months. The IRB crews performed most creditably, with only the finest comments being made about the crews and Surf Life Saving.

Australia Day 1988 will certainly be remembered forever, by all of the crews who participated.

In August, 1987, Sydney Branch, through the Helicopter Rescue Service, was invited to participate in the International SAREX Forum. Our involvement included static displays of rescue aircraft at Sydney Airport and rescue boats at Garden Island Dockyard. Following the Garden Island display, four IRBs, JRB3 and the Helicopter Rescue Service's aircraft, performed a co-ordinated rescue display, showing International participants Sydney Branch's capabilities with small rescue craft.

This was the first time a Conference of this type had been held in Australia and Sydney Branch, SLISA, was the only volunteer group to participate in the Forum, which is normally reserved for Military Forces, Aerial and Marine SAR Experts.

The Helicopter Rescue Service maintained its high level of service and expertise throughout the season. The Service was involved with several co-ordinated rescues with JRBs and IRBs, which saw a number of people being rescued successfully.

After 14 years of Sydney Branch running the Helicopter Rescue Service and, in fact, originally introducing civilian rescue helicopters to the community, the National Council has taken over the running of the Service; some operational aspects still need resolving for next season.

The past season has been the busiest I have ever encountered and I would like to thank the Board for trying to make it that much easier.

Grahame Smith,
Emergency Services Co-ordinator.

HELICOPTER RESCUE SERVICE.

During the period October 1, 1987 until May 30, 1988, the Service completed 191 missions; 60 of these were Primaries, 76 were Secondaries and 55 were Search and Support.

Currently, our crew statistics are -

Full Time...General Manager, three Pilots, two Rescue Crewmen and two Doctors.
Volunteer Crew...Ten SLISA Rescue Crewmen and seven Specialist Doctors.

Training - We have flying training every second month at Long Reef, with static training on alternate months.

A Crew Meeting is held on the first Monday of each month. Through the organisation of Dr. Adrian Cohen, Friday nights have been organised for our crew to work in the Accident Emergency Unit at Prince Henry Hospital and the Royal North Shore Hospital.

Further, the HRS crew are doing an Emergency Medical Technicians Course, of eight weeks duration. This Course has been endorsed by the Red Cross.

All volunteer crew have a six-monthly requalification Day. The most recent was held in April, with the crew being examined by John Skeen, the Newcastle HRS Operations Manager and Examiner.

Trevor Cracknell,
Rescue Crew Chief.

JRB SUPERVISOR.

With our patrol season for 1987-88 now over, it is time for us to look back and reflect upon the achievements and performances of the two Rescue Boat Groups. There have been changes in our boundaries of operation and the methods used in performing our duty of safeguarding the swimming public who utilise our coastline.

Both Groups met the challenges head on and are now utilising the manpower available. A considerable number of certified divers have performed search and recovery missions. Both Groups agree that an SLISA Award in this area would be most useful to cover this new role.

JRB3 have again enjoyed a most successful season of operation, led by their Captain, Robert Russell. The Group carried out their pre-season preventative maintenance programme which allowed the craft and crew to be 100% ready for the commencement of the season. With a most professional attitude, the JRB3 Group have performed well and their craft recorded no down time.

Down South, the JRB2 Group, or should we now call them the ORB2 Group, have finally achieved their goal of the last four years and replaced their jet boat with an "Offshore Rescue Boat", which was launched in February 1988. Since it commenced service, and under the leadership of Captain John Cox and Doug Sorensen, this twin-engined Shark Cat has demonstrated some of its capabilities and adaptability to various situations. Most importantly and unlike the old jet boat, this new craft has logged no down time due to hull or motor breakdown. I feel the Group, as a whole, should be congratulated for raising the money and working towards achieving the goal they set for themselves.

Sydney Branch can now boast one of the best covered coastal areas, with JRB3 and ORB2 at its disposal.

At this point, we should keep in mind the support given to both Groups by their respective Councils, namely Sutherland Shire and Randwick Municipal Councils and also the strong support the Groups receive from their own individual sponsors. I am sure these Groups would find it most difficult to operate if it was not for the generous assistance received from such bodies.

I offer my personal congratulations and thanks to both Groups for the way they have carried out their operations over the past season. I wish them all the best for the challenges of the forthcoming season.

To the Board of Control Executive, thank you, it's been great working with you and being part of you.

Ron Camilleri,
JRB Supervisor.

JRB - Summary Statistics:

	JRB3	ORB2 (from 2/88)
Call-outs	3	
Surf Rescues	20	2
Boating rescues	50	3
Boat Tows	18	5
	(value, \$400,000)	
Search and support	29	
First Aid	9	3
Resuscitations	2	
Preventative Actions	572	120
Engine Hours	270.3	127.4
Total fuel used - litres	7,285	
Total kilometres patrolled	3,528	4,460
Total crew hours patrolled	862	
Total crew hours - Maintenance	2,356	

IRB REPORT.

The season 1987-88 should be viewed with grave concern by both Branch and Club Officers. Drivers Awards for the season were an all-time low. We are all aware of the most important role that the IRB performs in this Branch. We must be most concerned if this trend is allowed to continue.

Clubs should ensure that candidates must be put forward for the Driver's Award before next season. Of the 14 Clubs in this Branch who possess an IRB, six Clubs did not attempt to train members for Driver's Awards. Only 28 Driver's Awards were gained by Clubs this season.

Analysis of Awards on a District basis were - Waverley, 3; Randwick 14; Cronulla-Sutherland, 11; Royal National Park Clubs, Nil.

The cost of maintaining craft and motors is high, but if we are to continue to use this form of rescue unit, we must also be prepared to bear any costs involved.

IRB radios also continued to be a major problem, particularly towards the end of the season, when it was difficult to find a Club with an IRB radio that was serviceable. Clubs should be taking urgent steps to overcome this major problem, as the IRB is practically useless without communications with the patrol on the beach.

The Branch IRB Championships were conducted at Maroubra Beach. Once again, this event was very poorly supported by Clubs and the entries were the lowest since IRB competition commenced; only eight Clubs competed. The Maroubra Club put on a very good day, which augurs well for their hosting of the Australian IRB Championships in August. The most successful Club at the Branch Championships was North Cronulla, who gave a very professional performance during the day.

The first round of the Regional pointscore for Clubs to qualify for the State and Australian IRB Championships was to be held at the South Maroubra Beach. However, the competition had to be abandoned because of an apparent drowning and all efforts had to be put into search and rescue by the Club.

South Maroubra Club had prepared for this day in their usual competent manner and it was most unfortunate for them when the events had to be abandoned. It has been decided that the events will be run at South Maroubra on Sunday, 19.6.1988.

During the season, the Mayne Nickless company gave five IRBs for competition in New South Wales. Sydney Branch decided to use the IRB won by the Branch for Life Saving Instruction, Seminars and competition rescue duties.

It would be remiss of me if we did not recognise the great help given to this Branch by the National Council for the use of the Sanyo IRB, under the direction of Harry Brown. Harry organised drivers and crewmen to assist at our Branch carnivals and I thank him personally for his efforts in assisting both this Branch and IRB personnel during the season.

I am pleased to announce that the IRB Panel has awarded the inaugural Harry Brown Trophy to the South Maroubra Club.

We offer our thanks to - Bruce Gardiner, the NSW State Centre Motorised Services Officer

for his help and guidance at our IRB carnivals; the IRB Examiners for their services during a most exasperating year; the North Cronulla Club's IRB Section, especially Craig, Ziggy, Wayne and Brett, for their help with the Branch IRB; Trevor Elliott and the Board who were most helpful when problems arose; and Brad Taylor, who carried the IRB Supervisor's role for the greater part of the season.

Lastly, a special thank you to our sponsors - our old friend, Bud Mestern, from Buttercup-Vogels, and Peter Pearce from Kenwood Appliances - may they continue to support our cause for many years to come.

To sum up, the majority of Clubs must improve their Awards for the coming season, if we are to adequately protect the surfing public who use our beaches.

M.(Bill) Singleton,
Acting IRB Supervisor

ROYAL NATIONAL PARK DISTRICT REPORT.

The three Clubs of the Royal National Park District - Garie, Era and Burning Palms - have maintained satisfactory patrols over the season. However, Garie have had problems maintaining patrol numbers above the Branch's minimum.

Garie, this season, has had a membership drop-off, not offset by the induction of sufficient new members. A recruitment programme, instituted at the start of the season, was fairly successful. However, the Club's inability to provide enough instructors from their own ranks, combined with a poor response from the Board, meant that many potential members were not retained in the Club.

A further recruitment campaign will be commenced on a District basis and it is hoped that members will be gained from the Canterbury area. Alderman Andrew Thorn, from Canterbury Council, has shown a keen interest in the project.

Awards gained by Era this season have been good, but Burning Palms will need to ensure more are gained next season. Burning Palms restructured their patrols mid-season from five to four to ensure adequate numbers were on patrol each weekend.

The District will need to look at the benefits of rationalising patrols next season. Garie is required to provide a full patrol on Saturdays throughout the season, whilst Era and Burning Palms, due to their differing circumstances, provide surveillance patrols during the daylight saving months of December and January. Some help will need to be given to Garie by the other two Clubs, at least in the early part of the season, until new Awardees are gained.

Radio communications within the District and with Sydney Surf, provided a mixed blessing. Era has had problems on a number of occasions with their UHF radio, even though new cabling and new aerials have been installed. A recently completed new radio room and better facilities for charging batteries will hopefully remedy their problems. Garie and Burning Palms have good paths for their signals and on one occasion the Garie Base was used to relay messages through the Saddleback Repeater during a Police search for missing bushwalkers.

All three Clubs purchased portable UHF radios using the \$ for \$ Australian Government grant. These will give the Clubs a vital extension during the times they are required to treat and retrieve injured bushwalkers and fishermen.

IRB and IRB radio problems for the Clubs meant that on some occasions craft were not available on all three beaches. However, coverage was maintained using those craft that were available. IRB Awards were not gained, but the qualified drivers within the Clubs have continued doing patrols. This will need to be addressed next season, to ensure replacement maintains at least the present number of drivers.

Only one round of the District Competition was held during the season and the Rescue Carnival was postponed, due to sea conditions, but later abandoned because of the unavailability of a suitable date. In open competition, Era and Burning Palms regularly fielded boat crews, the Era Junior crew having a very good year. Burning Palms' old March Past Team gained a Bronze Medal at the Sydney Branch Championships. Garie had two ski paddlers competing, but with the need for members on Saturday patrols, were unable to field any other competitors.

Results of the one round of District competition, held at Garie on November 28, 1987, were -

Pymble Shield - Burning Palms 19, Garie 13, Era 10
Bobby Liddle Trophy - Era 19, Burning Palms 15, Garie 3
Resuscitation Trophy - Garie 1st, Burning Palms 2nd, Era 3rd
Pointscore - Era 136, Burning Palms 69, Garie 49
Under 18 Trophy - Era 71, Garie 19, Burning Palms 1
Best Under 18 - T.Josland, Era
Best Under 15 - P.Hedderman, Eta

It was unfortunate that before the Carnival, the District Supervisor, Frank Osborne, broke his foot. Frank was unable to visit the District, apart from Garie, until February this year. When he was finally able to get around, he had the honour of showing a Burning Palms squad the new patient carry, and promptly broke the foot again. He is, however, right again - although a little more cautious travelling around the District.

Some Board members have helped out within the District this season, patrolling on Saturdays at Garie and also with training squads for them as well. I would particularly like to mention Solly Stephens in this latter aspect. There will be a need to help Garie even more next season, for it will be beyond the resources of all three Clubs in the District to provide the instruction necessary to ensure their membership drive is successful.

Steve Strange,
Assistant District Supervisor.

My sincere thanks to Steve Strange for stepping in at literally a moment's notice and taking over the supervision of the District on November 21.

Prior to this, most of the proficiency testing had been completed with consistent checks by myself and Steve of the section done in the Clubs by the selected Examiners. They were efficient, impartial and conscientious.

Era seemed to have trouble early in the season by the Life Saving Management section being too rigid in adhering to the patrols which were made up, leaving some patrols poorly attended and others overstaffed. When the District Supervisor attempted to see them regarding this problem, the Captain, Vice-Captain or President were not available.

With regard to instruction being given by the Clubs in the District, if the membership drive is successful, the best Instructors are heavily involved in the proficiency evaluation for the first two months of the season. I think the Board of Control should obtain an Instructional Panel to assist all Clubs in need at this period.

I would like to have handed over a District without any problems; however, I have complete faith in the ability of my successor to cope with any problems.

Frank Osborne,
District Supervisor.

CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

The first objective of the SLSA of A is to promote, advance and control Surf Life Saving and the resuscitation of the apparently drowned and the application of First Aid on surfing beaches.

Who decides today what constitutes a surfing beach? There is no doubt that the surfing public are now making the decisions. The public are no longer obeying the rules and are swimming in areas which we Club members are designating as safe zones. In fact, the public are using the entire coastal area to pursue their individual activities.

We are not playing a numbers game and we can no longer ignore drowning and accidents which occur elsewhere, by saying it was outside our patrolled boundaries. Our record on our patrolled sections of beaches is impeccable; however, we must be concerned over the continuing incidents which have been occurring elsewhere along the beach.

Some of our people say - bad luck, they should know that the safe areas are between the flags and if they wish to swim outside, they do so at their own risk. Is this the answer? Or should we rethink our position?

There is no doubt that our surf life savers are amongst the best trained in the World. We may be efficient, but are we effective? "Efficiency" is defined as doing things

right; "effectiveness" is defined as doing the right thing. No amount of efficiency can make up for a lack of effectiveness.

If Surf Life Saving in this country was beginning next season and a team of consultants was called in to recommend the most effective methods of promoting, advancing and controlling our activities, with a view to optimising our patrol methods, I wonder if their recommendation would be to patrol in fixed areas in front of a Clubhouse with a 10-15 person patrol for 4-5 hours, or would they recommend some other method which may be better for all concerned?

Under the current system, our Clubs were "efficient" throughout the 1987-88 season. Patrol members in the District provided safe surfing areas for the public in sea conditions which, at times, were the worst we have witnessed in many years.

The tragic drowning of a young man at the southern end of North Cronulla Beach during the season, has highlighted the problems which are ever present for the patrol members on the beach and saddened the Club members who are justifiably proud of their safety record over the years.

The number of Awards in the District has again been very positive and it ensures the Clubs new blood to carry out the life saving requirements on our busy beaches.

The Offshore Rescue Boat was on trial throughout the season and credit must go to all concerned for the professional attitude and application of the people involved. The boat is innovative and we look to the boat to provide continued support to our life saving function in the Bay.

My thanks to all the Chief Instructors and their Assistants who have worked so hard throughout the season and to the Club Captains and Vice Captains for their co-operation and support. Thanks also to the Board members who have given their time to carry out the examinations and proficiency testing over the year.

Special thanks, again, to my Deputy, Wallace Halpin, who has been a strong right arm and always available to assist whenever required.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the support and assistance I have so generously received, over the years, from Joan Vaughan at the Branch Office. Joan has been the lady on the spot for so long that it will be hard to think of the Branch Office without her presence. Enjoy your retirement, Joan, and thank you for all your assistance to myself and the Cronulla-Sutherland District.

Bruce Breadner,
Cronulla-Sutherland District Supervisor.

RANDWICK DISTRICT SUPERVISOR.

All Clubs in the Randwick District can report no lives lost whilst a patrol was on the beach. In general, all Clubs had a successful season.

Coogee put through enough Bronze Medallions to ensure adequate numbers on patrol next season. Coogee also qualified a large number of IRB drivers for the first time in many seasons. These drivers were trained by the South Maroubra Club and the Board's IRB Instructional Panel. Coogee's patrols always satisfied the Branch's minimums, but their standards dropped towards the end of the season. They also had some problems with their Proficiency Tests.

Maroubra, again, did the excellent job with their patrols that we have come to expect. Their instructional side was good, but unfortunately, they were let down by equipment failure keeping their IRBs out of the water for some time.

Although the Clovelly beach was patrolled when inspected, the Club is in a critical situation. They have no currently qualified patrolling IRB drivers, no IRB Captain, no Chief Instructor, attained no Bronze Medallions last season and there is a general lack of interest down there.

The South Maroubra Club had a good season - their patrols are good, Awards good and their IRB section very reliable. The patrol flag situation at South Maroubra has improved, but is still not satisfactory.

The 1987-89 season saw a revolution in the radio network. The introduction of UHF handsets puts the Patrol Captain directly in contact with Sydney Surf without relaying through a Radio Room. There were problems with Coogee and Clovelly; however, the problem seems to be the location of the Sydney Surf aerial. The Clubs have not yet been granted

access to the Repeater channel, which must be done as soon as possible.

Patrol uniforms were supplied by the Maroubra Seals Club, but were not always worn. All Clubs will have to put more emphasis on patrol uniforms. Uniforms give the public the impression of a well disciplined, professional life saving service. Surf Life Saving has become a very technical, highly trained and capital intensive service in the Randwick District; however, it is a pity to see such things as non-use of patrol uniforms, skylarking on patrol, poor logkeeping, etc., detract from our successes.

This season saw a short extension of the surfing season to cover school holidays. I believe this is a good move, despite poor attendances in the early weeks of the season. Towards the completion of the season, crowd attendances were down, due to terrible weather; however, the crowds came back for the Anzac weekend, which was fine, warm and sunny.

The 1987-88 season saw the integration of the Junior Association and the senior Association. This caused the Club Captains and myself many headaches with the Juniors not fulfilling their responsibilities with regard to water safety and Awards.

The District Carnival - The Molloy Shield - was hosted by South Maroubra and won by South Maroubra. Congratulations to South Maroubra. Other Districts are envious of the smooth running of this Carnival and the friendly but keen competition that exists.

Congratulations to the Maroubra Club for winning the Mayor's Cup for the best patrol in the District.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Dave Pacey and Jack Shaw, Club Captains of Maroubra and South Maroubra respectively; my Assistant, John Park; and the Branch Superintendent, Trevor Elliott, for their commitment and work to the progress of Surf Life Saving in Randwick.

Bernard Kelly,
Randwick District Supervisor.

WAVERLEY DISTRICT SUPERVISOR.

Congratulations, North Bondi, on your superb effort in winning the Waverley Shield. Very well done, Bondi, in making the competition so close - keep up the good work. I was a little disappointed in the lack of attendance from Tamarama and Bronte - I will look forward to an improved showing next season.

Beach Patrols of the past season left a few things to be desired. Patrol caps must be worn by all patrol members, especially the Patrol Captains, who must set the example. Also, during patrols, all patrol members must be on the beach. Otherwise, 1987-88 was a highly successful season, with no fatalities.

Regarding the introduction of the new Manual, it is my observation that most of the workload still falls on the Chief Instructors, instead of being shared between the various specialist Instructors, as should be. The adaption is taking a long time in a couple of the Clubs.

The introduction of the UHF radios will be of great benefit to everyone next season. Unfortunately, most Clubs did not receive their UHF radios until very late in the season, so their benefit will not be realised until 88-89. Hopefully, the transmitting and receiving problems experienced by Tamarama and Bronte will be completely ironed out by then so the Clubs concerned will be able to make full use of all the advantages that the UHF system has to offer.

Well done, all IRB crews in the Waverley District. These crews excelled themselves in what can only be described as an extremely difficult season. A particularly unenviable task fell to the Bondi IRB crew who were called to rescue a fisherman off the rocks at the Bondi sewerage outfall; unfortunately, the man was dead on their arrival.

On behalf of the Waverley District, I would like to extend our gratitude to the crews of JRB3 for their untiring assistance throughout 87-88. It was sad to see the ending of the JRB3 patrols, due to lack of funding from the Waverley Council.

The Bronze and Surf Life Saving Certificate squads were a bit slow to start off, due to the introduction of the new Manual. But, all credit to the Chief Instructors - through their untiring dedication and perseverance, and with the substantial assistance of the Examiners, they managed to bring the standard of the squads back to normal. Well done, everyone.

During the 1987-88 season, I received a great deal of assistance and would like to thank Carl Melvey, Jenny Anderson, Peter Agnew, Pearce Biram, Kim Wilson and Walter Holt, the Waverley District Executive for their support and the Board Executive, in particular, Trevor Elliott, Ken English, Grahame Smith and especially Joan Vaughan for her unselfish, invaluable assistance.

George Shales,
Waverley District Supervisor.

EXAMINATION AND INSTRUCTION SUPERVISOR.

The season commenced with a number of challenges to be faced by the examination and instruction members of this Board. These included the introduction of the "new" Training Manual, the expansion of the Proficiency Test, the implementation of two new Instruction Awards and the formulation of a Proficiency Test for Examiners.

At the end of the season, I can report that all our goals have been achieved, though not without a number of "teething problems".

The first project for the season was the introduction of the new Training Manual. To gain the widest possible opinion, a group of Board members and Club Instructors met for several Saturday mornings to achieve a consistent understanding of the Manual and to formulate this Branch's examination policy with regard to the expanded content of the Bronze Medallion. The final decision raised a few eyebrows and the cynics said it could never work. The basis of the policy is that the reel, line and belt, inflatable rescue boat and radio are assessed at Club level. Having completed testing in these sections, the candidate is appraised at the Preliminary Examination, where all sections of the Award are assessed. At this stage, every candidate has been evaluated in every facet of the Award.

The format of the Final Examination is based specifically on patrol operations and thus the run-swim-run and belt swimming has no place in this stage of the examination. Questions are based upon "What would you do if?" or "Show me how you would" and the very important question of "How would you go about missing a patrol in your Club?"

As previously stated, there were some problems during the implementation of this structure, the greatest being quality - and not quantity - assurance from the Club-based assessors. We believe this has been solved in four positive ways. Firstly, by having the candidates "prelimmed" by examiners from outside their own Club; secondly, by having the Preliminary Examiner re-assess the squad in reel, line and belt, inflatable rescue boat operations and radio operation; and thirdly, the Club assessors obtain Board membership and undergo annual retraining and accreditation as Club assessors. Lastly, this has been achieved by the introduction of paperwork for the assessors, reminding them of their responsibility to each candidate.

The "new" Bronze Medallion caused an initial stir among the IRB ranks, who believed (some still believing), that it is inappropriate to train Bronze Medallion candidates to crew an IRB. Similarly, there was a dedicated, if somewhat misinformed, band of Examiners who refused to believe that the Final Examination did not contain every component of the Bronze Medallion syllabus. I believe this to show scant regard for the ability and professional nature of the Examiner who carried out the Preliminary Examination.

The second task to be confronted was the initiation of the expanded Proficiency Test for patrolling members. The calculations were carried out to discover how the Board of Control could test the 1600 patrolling members of the Branch without examining for more than four hours in a day, and having everyone processed by November 30. The outcome was we could either increase our Board membership threefold, or say it is all too hard and give the testing to the Clubs. By selecting the first option, we were obviously biting a very large bullet, but the surprise is that at the end of the season, this is effectively what has happened. We now have Club members with expertise in instruction, examining in life saving theory and one-man rescue techniques - all under the watchful eye of the District Proficiency Co-ordinators, the District Supervisors and their Assistants and the Examination and Instruction Supervisor. The gratifying aspect of this was the manner in which the Clubs approached the task, using this time for the updating and upgrading of their patrols. The Board continued to test the run-swim-run, signals and resuscitation components of the Proficiency Test.

It is believed this is our only option for the continued efficiency and quality assurance of the Proficiency Test.

The Training Officer's Certificate and the Surf Life Saving Certificate - Instructor's

Awards have just completed their first year of operation and have shown themselves to be worthwhile Awards to be obtained in this Branch. The Training Manual tells us that the candidates are to attend a lecture provided by the Board of Control, to become eligible for this Award. However, to date, guidelines for the content or operation of these lectures have not been uniformly structured through the Association.

In the face of this lack of guidelines, a programme was developed for Training Officer's Certificate candidates, which covered recruitment, training, lesson preparation, examination procedures and membership retention. All but a few attendees have found these lectures to be of great assistance in the preparation of a squad for examination. The lecture has also been an encouragement for new and young members to accept the responsibility of instruction.

The Board Proficiency programme was instituted for the first time during this season and though it was entered into with the best of intentions, the response from the Board members was only slightly better than miserable. The test is designed to refresh Examiners' knowledge of the Manual and examination procedures in Sydney Branch. The test is, after all, open book and based upon what this Board expects as the behaviour of its members.

In coming seasons, the test will be extended to cover all areas of examination and competition and will soon form part of the Officials' accreditation to participate in State and National Titles and to progress to examiner-in-charge or a Sectional Referee within the Branch.

In the three seasons I have held the position of Examination and Instruction Supervisor, there have been a number of changes in the direction of the Board. At this time, I would like to thank all those who have contributed to make these changes both appropriate and practical. In particular, I must thank Bernie Kelly, Keith Grima, Solly Stephens, Carl Melvey, Frank Osborne, Bruce Breadner and Steve Strange, for their imparting of knowledge and experience, and at all times putting the good of the Association and its members ahead of their own aims. Lastly, I must thank Trevor Elliott for his guidance and patience during this period and hope to continue this co-operation in coming seasons.

Peter Davis,
Examination and Instruction Supervisor.

The following tables list the Awards gained during the 1987-88 season, compared with the previous three seasons and the total Awards gained by each Club in the Branch.

<u>Award</u>	<u>1984-85</u>	<u>1985-86</u>	<u>1986-87</u>	<u>1987-88</u>
Qualifying Certificate.....	-	-	-	-
Surf Life Saving Certificate.....	323	342	352	241
Bronze Medallion.....	442	437	493	516
Instructor's Certificate.....	60	60	61	-
Surf Life Saving Certificate - Instructor..	-	-	-	25
Training Officer's Certificate.....	-	-	-	53
Examiner's Certificate.....	13	12	10	5
Resuscitation Certificate.....	118	96	76	143
Advanced Resuscitation Certificate.....	191	200	144	225
ARC - Instructor's Certificate.....	16	14	19	15
ARC - Examiner's Certificate.....	6	2	3	6
IRB - Crew Certificate.....	17	24	45	20
IRB - Driver's Certificate.....	31	24	46	28
IRB - Instructor's Certificate.....	10	8	14	7
IRB - Examiner's Certificate.....	4	2	3	4
JRB - Crew Certificate.....	-	11	4	1
JRB - Driver's Certificate.....	1	4	3	-
JRB - Instructor's Certificate.....	2	1	3	-
JRB - Examiner's Certificate.....	-	1	3	-
ORB - Crew Certificate.....	-	-	-	1
ORB - Driver's Certificate.....	-	-	-	1
ORB - Skipper's Certificate.....	-	-	-	1
Radio Operator's Certificate.....	110	139	92	41
Radio Instructor's Certificate.....	17	21	12	4
Radio Examiner's Certificate.....	6	6	2	-
Helicopter Crew Certificate.....	-	3	4	1
Helicopter Instructor's Certificate.....	-	1	-	1
Helicopter Examiner's Certificate.....	-	-	-	1
Helicopter Specialist Certificate.....	4	7	-	18

Awards gained over last four seasons, continued....

<u>Award</u>	<u>1984-85</u>	<u>1985-86</u>	<u>1986-87</u>	<u>1987-88</u>
First Aid Certificate.....	-	30	49	41
First Aid Instructor's Certificate.....	-	9	1	-
First Aid Examiner's Certificate.....	-	4	-	3
Advanced Life Saving Certificate.....	2	20	8	2
International Training Officer's Cert.....	5	1	-	-
	<u>1378</u>	<u>1479</u>	<u>1448</u>	<u>1404</u>

Awards gained by Clubs:

<u>Club</u>	<u>1984-85</u>	<u>1985-86</u>	<u>1986-87</u>	<u>1987-88</u>
Bondi.....	59	130	168	145
Bronte.....	113	76	66	65
Burning Palms.....	14	35	13	7
Clovelly.....	57	31	32	13
Coogee.....	100	136	122	55
Cronulla.....	195	183	160	195
Elouera.....	90	113	126	166
Era.....	14	47	21	18
Garie.....	80	46	24	11
Maroubra.....	100	91	94	64
North Bondi.....	149	200	178	194
North Cronulla.....	139	77	130	155
South Maroubra.....	77	78	87	82
Tamarama.....	25	66	52	51
Wanda.....	141	131	160	130
Helicopter Rescue Service.....	4	7	-	-
Community.....	22	32	15	53

CARNIVAL AND COMPETITION SUPERVISOR.

The procedures trialled over the last two seasons have enabled the Branch and Board to produce a more flexible approach to carnivals being held in our Branch this season. Due to our experiences, we were able to run more events at Open Carnivals and provide more competition for our members.

Meetings were again held of Referees to review the carnivals and, together with the statistics gathered, the "fine tuning" of the carnival timetables continued.

The introduction of the Mayne Nickless IRB events at Open carnivals caused some problems, but the flexibility of timetabling was such that we were able to accommodate these events inside the normal hours for a carnival.

Meetings have already been held to review the 87-88 season and to plan for the 88-89 events.

The list which follows, records the events conducted by the Sydney Board of Control. In addition, our members were prominent at the NSW Titles at North Curl Curl, the Australian Titles at Bate Bay and the World Championships in Queensland.

Our members also officiated at the State IRB Championships at Hawkes Nest and the National IRB Championships at North Cronulla.

We also supervised the running of the Mayne Nickless IRB and surf boat competitions held in Sydney Branch. The events conducted this season, together with Referees and Deputy Referees, were -

Oct 17 ...	Fosters Iron Man -North Bondi	Charlie Matthews	John Vaughan
Oct 31 ...	Botany Bay Bash - Marathon Boat	Ken English	
Nov 1 ...	Nutri-Grain Iron Man -Elouera	John Vaughan	Charlie Matthews
Nov 7 ...	Era Craft Carnival	Ken English	
Nov 15 ...	PierOne Marathon Boat & Ski Race	Ken Metcalf	
Dec 6 ...	Garie Open Carnival	Ron Howells	Bill Gray
Dec 12 ...	Cronulla Open Carival	Ken Metcalf	
Dec 13 ...	Commonwealth Bank Marathon Boat Race		
	- Bate Bay	Nick Dixon	

Dec 19 ...	North Cronulla Open Carnival	Ken English	
Jan 10 ...	Interdistrict Championships-Tamarama.	Trevor Elliott	
Jan 16 ...	North Bondi Open Carnival	Bernie Kelly	Ken Metcalf
Jan 24 ...	Bicentennial Stillwater Craft Championships - Yarra Bay	Ken English	Bernie Kelly
Jan 30 ...	Wanda Open Carnival	Bill Gray	Ron Howells
Feb 6 ...	Coogee Open Carnival	John Dewey	Grahame Smith
Feb 7 ...	Rosssfield Carnival	Grahame Smith	
Feb 13 ...	Bondi Open Carnival	Bernie Kelly	
Feb 14 ...	Branch Patrol Championships	Bruce Breadner	
Feb 20 ...	Branch Championships - Elouera	Trevor Elliott	Ron Howells
Feb 27 ...	Metropolitan Championships - South Maroubra	Trevor Elliott	Gordon McNaughton(MW)
Mar 13 ...	All States Masters Carnival - Bondi .	Ken English	Bill Gray
May 31 ...	Branch IRB Championships - Maroubra .	Harry Brown	Bill Singleton
Jun 19 ...	Qualifying Round for State IRB Championships - South Maroubra	Bill Singleton	

The four District carnivals were held and the District Supervisors were the Referees. At the Board Riding Rounds and Championships, Kim Wilson was the Referee.

Thanks go to all those who officiated at our events during the season and especially to the Manly-Warringah Branch officials, led by their Competition Director, Ray Brown, who assisted at our Open Carnivals on many occasions.

The numbers nominating as Carnival Officials are not quite enough and, since we are trying to maintain a high standard, it is difficult to train members in different tasks and thus promote them up the ladder. Please tell the members of your Club (and others) that an Examiner's Certificate is not required to be a Competition member of the Board.

Once again, the burden of setting up the buoys and moving them during the carnivals fell on the IRB Group, led by Brad Taylor, the IRB Supervisor during the competition season. This group, together with our Gear Steward, Arthur White, is a significant part of the reason we can run carnivals to the standard we do and they are to be congratulated on a job well done.

We obtained some new gear during the season and more at the end of the season, including two new tents for the officials on the beach. A day has been set aside for a total review of the gear to ensure that we start the season with all the equipment needed to comply with the new Competition Manual.

Communications at carnivals are always a problem and for any number of reasons, we had continual problems with the radios. This matter is being addressed during the winter.

The Clubs' approach to carnival entries improved over previous seasons and the "additional entry" system worked well. From observations made at various carnivals, it would appear that the Clubs are using it for the genuine "forgets" and not attempting to abuse the rule for the Club's financial gain.

Some Clubs, however, are putting in too many entries and wasting a lot of their money and the effort of the Marshalls, etc., who have to call for competitors who were never going to be there. A thank you to the people who did much to improve the general level of entries, but please check on those who don't compete.

The diversification of events and the increase in the number of "conventional" events to be run, have placed a pretty heavy load on a few and I have proposed that additional "supervisors" be appointed (to work with the Carnival and Competition Supervisor) to oversee these. The areas in addition to our Open carnivals, are -

- ...Board Riding Competition
- ...Marathon Craft Events
- ...Multiple Endurance Events (including Nutri-Grain Iron Man)
- ...IRB Competition

This matter will be part of the review of the Board's possible restructure being examined during these winter months.

Most of the ideas we decided to try this season were a success, but lack of "manpower" prevented the trial of some new methods of instruction of our carnival officials and recruitment of additional members.

There is, however, one type of event/happening/statement that wastes a huge amount of

time and that is when a group/person makes statements which have no basis of fact and the official whose area of responsibility it falls in, has to spend time to ensure that it doesn't come into effect. Fortunately, in the competition area, we now have the facts and figures to quickly put ridiculous suggestions to rest.

The "let's hold all events at all carnivals" syndrome is still with us and to this has been added "let's start at 12 and finish by 4.30".

It reached the stage where I prepared a special discussion paper "Quo Vadis" on what should happen at carnivals and how this Branch should make up its own mind what is right in this field and not be dictated to by others outside the Branch. This is in the process of being discussed.

Branch competition is continually under review and should continue to be do, as it should at all levels of competition.

I have enjoyed the three seasons as the Carnival & Competition Supervisor of Sydney Branch, but will not be standing for re-election this season. To all those who assisted and/or joined in the numerous discussions on how competition should be run in this Branch, I would record my thanks and look forward to seeing all competition in this Association continue to increasing levels of excellence.

John Vaughan,
Carnival & Competition Supervisor.

RESUSCITATION, RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, INSTRUCTION AND MEDICAL PANEL

The Board Seminar at the beginning of the season highlighted the need for uniformity of instruction and uniformity of examination of the Advanced Resuscitation Certificate. The instruction had become fragmented into separate areas and, as a result, the emphasis of our instruction was, in some cases, being misplaced.

Dr. Ian Mackie generously agreed to become involved with the Instruction Panel and, as a result, classes were held on a regular basis at his Fitness Centre in Woollooware. All members of the Panel were re-assessed and examiners and instructors from all over the Branch were given the opportunity to become involved.

We are currently holding instructional sessions to standardise the teaching of the new Air Bag Resuscitator and all instructors will have the opportunity to participate in these classes.

As a result of these sessions, we have returned to our basic instructional techniques and the standard across the Branch is again uniform.

My sincere thanks go to Dr. Mackie for his continued support and to the Branch Superintendent and the Panel for all their effort during the season.

Bruce Breadner,
Convener.

MANUAL REVISION COMMITTEE

Report on review of SLSA Training Manual, 1987-88.

Introduction...Two meetings were held between Jenny Anderson (Convener), Peter Davis and Felicity Davis, at North Bondi Surf Life Saving Club in December, 1987, and at the Davis house in January, 1988, to review the SLS Training Manual No.1 (Edition 28, 1987). Apologies were received from Solly Stephens, who was unable to attend, but who read the reports arising from the meetings. Comments received from many Instructors were taken into account in this review.

Overall outcome of review...Though the Committee felt that the Manual had been used with considerable success in its first season, radical changes in layout, arrangement of data and content were suggested, along with a mass of smaller changes and corrections. All members of the Committee were in agreement with the changes. In the time allotted for the first meeting, the Committee only managed to review to Page 65, reflecting the number of changes discussed. Hence, a second meeting was required and informal discussions continued to May, 1988, when a report was submitted to the National Council, via Sydney Branch.

Jenny Anderson,
Convener.

GEAR INSPECTION COMMITTEE.

The annual Gear Inspection was conducted as follows:

Saturday, September 19, 1987....Cronulla-Sutherland District
Sunday, September 20, 1987.....Waverley and Randwick Districts
Saturday, September 26, 1987....Royal National Park Clubs

This year's results have shown a great improvement in all equipment inspected at Sydney Branch Clubs. From the disappointment of last year's inspection, it is most satisfying to see the effort put in by our 15 Clubs.

The result of this year's Gear Inspection Competition was very pleasing to all members of the Panel, with five Clubs ending up being selected as this year's winners. It was decided by the Panel to draw the trophy winner from a hat, with the Burning Palms Club being the eventual winners. The five winning Clubs were -

Burning Palms
Cronulla
South Maroubra
Clovelly
Bronte

All Clubs are to be congratulated for the overall success of the inspection, as it was evident that the majority of Clubs made a concerted effort to have their gear in excellent condition for the start of the season.

The Panel is most appreciative of the efforts of the Elouera, Bondi and Garie Clubs for their hospitality on the three days of the inspection and special thanks to the North Bondi SLSC for the loan of their Club bus, which was given at such short notice to the Board.

My thanks must go to the other members of the Committee, those elected and the Board members who came when we were down on numbers, all of whom made this inspection a resounding success for Sydney Branch.

Greg Hewett,
Convener.

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT.

The season closed has indeed been one to be remembered, due to our activities in the 1988 Australian Bicentennial Year.

The organisation and efforts of all Officers and members who participated are to be applauded by Branch and Board members alike.

In the true tradition of our Board, our members conducted themselves in a manner which is befitting the Association. The performance of those members who officiated at carnivals and, in particular, the various Championships, was second to none and your expertise and efficiency has again been recognised by the Association.

University commitments during the season forced me to seek leave of absence from meetings for part of the year and I would extend my thanks and appreciation to the Branch and the Board for granting such leave.

I was most honoured to be able to nominate our Superintendent for Life Membership of the Branch at last year's Annual General Meeting of the Board. A unanimous vote supported that motion at the Branch Annual Meeting and to all Officers and members concerned, I thank you for your support in granting Trevor the highest honour our Branch can award.

Again, during the season, the Executive has been consistent in its endeavours in efficiently managing the Board's affairs and they are to be congratulated.

I record with the deepest regret, that our Carnival and Competition Supervisor, John "Rooster" Vaughan, will not be seeking office this coming season and I believe that this is our Board's loss. His efforts have been untiring in any task he has undertaken and his enthusiasm for Surf Life Saving knows no bounds. His retirement from active duty will be sorely missed.

Last year, I indicated that fundraising activities would be undertaken during the year and the success of this venture has proved rewarding. Those evergreen ladies of the

Board; Ann Ainsworth, Gloria Howells and Marie Gray, who carry out a number of duties, including timekeeping, have, through their efforts and time, raised much needed funds for the Board's activities and I would thank them personally for their achievements both past and future.

Our two-day forum at South Maroubra during the early stages of the season was, I believe, a most valuable insight to our workings and proved that our train of thought is united as is our direction in Surf Life Saving and its future whilst we strive to meet the objectives being set for us.

The District Supervisors have again carried out their tasks with efficiency and enthusiasm and I thank them for their continued efforts.

To my fellow Executive Officers, I would extend my thanks and appreciation for your continued support and congratulate you on a job well done. It has indeed been a pleasure to work with you.

I would take this opportunity to record the work and effort of those officials who worked with me in the boat arena at carnivals and Championships. We were placed under considerable pressure this season, due to a shortage of officials and their performance was excellent. The IRB crews who moved and adjusted the boat buoys as required, with a minimum of fuss, again helped the officials on the beach make the boat area one of the most efficient all season.

I look forward to our activities during the 1988-89 season and to seeing you all again "at the water's edge".

Ken English,
Deputy Superintendent.

VALE.

JAMES (HARVEY) STANSELL, 1940-1987.

It is with much sadness that the Board records the passing of its Competition member, Jim (Harvey) Stansell on November 19, 1987, aged 48 years.

Jim was a member of the Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club, which he joined on October 29, 1956. He held numerous positions, including that of Deputy President and on May 29, 1978, was elevated to Life Membership of his Club.

The National Council of the Surf Association recognised his ability as a Coach in the beach events arena and, accordingly, he was offered a position on the Coaching Advisory Panel, a position he was to occupy for seven years. Indeed, in recognition of his efforts to the Coaching Advisory Panel, the National Council has dedicated the recently produced Coaching Manual in his honour for services rendered to Surf Life Saving.

It was, however, in his capacity of Beach Coach for the Cronulla Club, and later the Bronte Club, that he was to leave his mark. Jim successfully coached Australian Championships to Gold Medals on 13 occasions. Ten were in the Beach Relay Championship and three in the Beach Sprint.

In 1981, he successfully coached the Cronulla Beach Relay Team to a Gold Medal at the World Life Saving Championships held in Bali.

A champion coach and a dedicated life saver, the Board extend to the family and Club memberships of the Late James Stansell, its deepest sympathy on the loss of a loved one and a member of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia.

SUPERINTENDENT'S ADDENDUM.

This report marks a year of change in Sydney Branch and the Board of Control, with the introduction of a new Award syllabus, and following the National Council takeover of the Helicopter Rescue Service, a major re-appraisal of the direction of our Emergency Services Group.

The Branch was also heavily committed to a full programme of bicentennial events, the culmination being the Australia Day celebrations and the involvement with the First Fleet re-enactment in both Botany Bay and Sydney Harbour.

The major life saving project undertaken was the introduction of UHF radio communications on the beach and saw \$ for \$ funding of handsets to the Club, giving the patrol captain direct communication from the beach to the Sydney Surf Radio Room.

The Board has maintained good relations with the Clubs and had excellent input to both the preseason Captains meeting which outlined the requirements for the year and a recent meeting of review which saw some frank submissions on patrol methods and obligations and the hours of duty.

The relocation of the Radio Room as part of the Branch premises at Prince Henry Hospital has brought the operation closer to the Branch and provided better access out of hours. Reception difficulties were experienced with some Clubs which the proposed relocation of the aerial should rectify.

On the emergency services side, Grahame Smith has maintained a high level of co-operation between all groups and also put major efforts into maintaining the Branch radio operation, after the Radio Officer and several of the radio operators resigned during the season. The radio operation was maintained through the increased efforts of the remaining operators and the response of several new personnel.

The performance of the Power Rescue Groups was a credit to their dedication and Ron Camilleri, in his first year as Supervisor, was able to regularly report the efficiency of these services. The Cronulla-Sutherland Offshore Rescue Boat was successfully introduced into service with its "experimental" status expected to be lifted in the near future. This craft is paving the way for a new era in our rescue capacity and the group is already developing techniques appropriate to its operation.

Bill Singleton willingly stepped into the position of IRB Supervisor when Brad Taylor found it necessary to spend more time with his Club. Bill headed up a keen band of people on the IRB Instructional Panel and also arranged for the buoy team at all Branch carnivals.

Peter Davis was faced with a challenging season as Examination and Instruction Supervisor. The introduction of the new Manual caused a re-assessment of our examination procedures to cope with the added content of the Awards. The response to the introduction of the IRB and other areas has been positive, although some fine tuning to the system was required.

The proficiency testing also came under major review, with the introduction of extra segments. There have been well publicised difficulties in this examination in other areas of the Association and we need to ensure that our methods of examination keep us apart from these controversies.

On the competition side, the efforts of John Vaughan have been recorded. He handled a full competition season and was deeply involved with special events, including the Nutri-Grain and the development of a stillwater programme of endurance events. Our members are also now involved in a full range of summer and winter board riding and IRB competition. The Branch benefitted from the summer IRB events at carnivals by gaining a fully equipped IRB from Mayne Nickless. Members of the Board were involved in the All States Masters Carnival, successfully held at Bondi, as well as the State and Australian Championships.

The District Supervisors, George Shales, Bernie Kelly, Bruce Breadner, Frank Osborne and his able Deputy, Steve Strange, have been towers of strength to the Board and the Clubs in their Districts. They have again put themselves in positions where they have had to ensure that policy and standards are maintained which has not always been popular with Clubs. These men have carried out this task without fear or favour.

To the Officers not seeking re-election in their respective positions, namely, Joan Vaughan, Bernie Kelly, Peter Davis, John Vaughan and Frank Osborne, I thank you for your efforts and involvement on behalf of all members of the Board. Frank Osborne, in particular, has held the position of District Supervisor in the No.1 District continuously for 15 seasons and before that, for a season in 1965-66. This is only a small part of Frank's record and I believe he will continue to be involved in resuscitation and first aid teaching and examination.

We were saddened by the passing of Patsy Singleton in October 1987. Patsy keenly involved herself in carnival activities, joining the Board with the wives of other members when membership rules were opened up. To her husband, Bill, and family, our sincere condolences.

Joan Vaughan has again been of invaluable assistance to the Office and always is available to put herself out when things are late and deadlines have to be met. She

has also been part of our carnival team and carried out the position of Minute Secretary to the Board.

Sharon Rudd has completed her second year as Board Secretary and has been actively involved with the South Maroubra Club and the Cronulla-Sutherland Offshore Rescue Boat Group. Thanks, Sharon.

Ken English, the Deputy Superintendent, has again been an able assistant. Ken has fulfilled his duties to the Board and managed to combine a demanding course of study necessary for his working career.

To all members of the Board, I would thank you on behalf of life saving in Sydney Branch for your efforts during the season and look confidently forward to the 88-89 season.

Trevor Elliott,
Superintendent.

BOARD OF CONTROL OFFICERS 1949-50 to 1987-88

Season	Superintendent	Deputy Superintendent	Board Secretary	Examination Supervisor	Carnival and Competition Supervisor	Registrar	No.1 District Supervisor	No.2 District Supervisor	No.3 District Supervisor	No.4 District Supervisor
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	W. Foerster L. McDonald	A. Castleman			G. Davies	J. Vaughan	J. Switzer	B. Cribb	M. Black
1952-53	W. Foerster	L. McDonald	V. Williams			G. Davies	J. Vaughan	J. Switzer	K. Flannery	M. Black
1953-54	W. Foerster	L. McDonald	V. Williams			G. Davies	J. Vaughan	J. Switzer	K. Flannery	M. Black
1954-55	W. Foerster	J. Marsden	V. Williams			G. Davies R. Simmons	L. Johnson	J. Switzer	K. Flannery	M. Black
1955-56	J. Marsden	A. May	V. Williams			R. Bridges	O. Hailey	J. Switzer	B. Brewin	M. Black
1956-57	J. Marsden	H. McDonald	B. Brewin			D. Lucas	O. Hailey	J. Switzer	G. Cavanagh	J. Wardall
1957-58	J. Marsden	H. McDonalds	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 J. Casey	P. Ainsworth	J. Wardall	B. Walker
1963-64	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	J. Casey	P. Ainsworth	A. Kelly	B. Walker
1964-65	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	R. Davison	P. Ainsworth	B. Brewin	J. Young
1965-66	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	C. 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. Swingler			H. Brown	W. Winzer	W. Rennie	K. Messenger	J. Young
1969-70	A. Moseley	J. Dewey	W. Swingler			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 R. Leix	W. Walton J. Wardall	J. Young
1972-73	A. Moseley	J. Dewey	T. Beckett J. Switzer J. Vaughan			S. Newman	W. Winzer	R. Leix	J. Wardall	J. Young
1973-74	R. Howells J. Dewey	J. Dewey L. McNamara	J. Switzer			S. Newman	W. Winzer C. Osborne	N. Jamieson	J. Wardall	J. Young
1974-75	J. Dewey	J. May	J. Switzer			K. English	C. Osborne	N. Jamieson	J. Wardall	J. Young
1975-76	J. Dewey	J. May K. Mesenger	J. Switzer	P. Ainsworth		K. English	C. Osborne	N. Jamieson T. Elliott	J. Wardall	J. Young
1976-77	J. Dewey	K. Messenger J. May	J. Switzer	P. Ainsworth		J. Connolly	C. Osborne	T. Elliott	J. Wardall	P. Quartly
1977-78	J. Dewey	J. May	P. Sargeant	E. Stephens	J. May	J. Connolly	C. Osborne	T. Elliott	D. Popplewell	K. Andrews
1978-79	J. Dewey	J. May	P. Parsons	E. Stephens	J. May	J. Connolly	C. Osborne	T. Elliott	D. Popplewell	K. Andrews
1979-80	J. May	T. Elliott	S. Strange	E. Stephens	J. Dewey	J. Connolly	C. Osborne	J. Fraser	D. Popplewell	K. Andrews
1980-81	T. Elliott	R. Howells	S. Strange	E. Stephens	J. Dewey	P. Steenson	C. Osborne	M. Berger	D. Popplewell	M. Clancy
1981-82	T. Elliott	R. Howells	S. Strange	B. Kelly	R. Day	P. Steenson	C. Osborne	M. Berger	D. Popplewell	J. May
1982-83	T. Elliott	R. Howells	S. Strange	B. Kelly	R. Day	P. Steenson	C. Osborne	B. Breadner	B. King	C. Matthews
1983-84	T. Elliott	R. Howells	G. Thomson	B. Kelly	K. English	P. Steenson	C. Osborne	B. Breadner	B. King	S. Bailey
1984-85	T. Elliott	R. Howells	G. Thomson	B. Kelly	K. English		C. Osborne	B. Breadner	K. Rowsell	S. Bailey
1985-86	T. Elliott	K. English	G. Thomson	P. Davis	J. Vaughan		C. Osborne	B. Breadner	B. Kelly	S. Bailey
1986-87	T. Elliott	K. English	K. Schenk S. Rudd	P. Davis	J. Vaughan		C. Osborne	B. Breadner	B. Kelly	S. Bailey
1987-88	T. Elliott	K. English	S. Rudd	P. Davis	J. Vaughan		C. Osborne	B. Breadner	B. Kelly	G. Shales