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# FORTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

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## BOARD OF CONTROL

1988/1989

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SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY BRANCH

SURF LIFE SAVING BOARD OF CONTROL

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 40th Annual General Meeting of the Sydney Branch Surf Life Saving Board of Control will be held at the Maroubra Seals Club, on Tuesday 25th July, 1989 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the 39th Annual General Meeting, held June 23rd, 1988.
2. Apologies and Leave.
3. Welcome by the Branch Superintendent, Trevor Elliott.
4. Correspondence.
5. Presentation of the 40th Annual Report for the 1988-89 season.
6. Election of Officers and Committees for the 1989-90 season.
7. Confirmation of Radio Officer, IRB Supervisor, JRB/ORB 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



MEMBERSHIP, 1988-89

LIFE MEMBERS (17)

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

LONG SERVICE MEMBERS (20)

|                 |               |               |                |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Bob Avery       | Mick DeLuca   | Ken Manton    | Ron Sandstron  |
| Bob Bridges     | Jon Donohoe   | Dave Medlin   | Rex Sargeant   |
| Ted Brooker     | Bob Horton    | Keith Midson  | Joe Seddon     |
| C. Christiansen | Norm Jamieson | Neil Miller   | Dick Sheldon   |
| Robert Craig    | Len Johnson   | Vince Mulcahy | Harold Spurway |

COUNTRY MEMBERS (3)

|              |              |             |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Pearce Biram | Jim Connolly | Doug Murray |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|

ACTIVE MEMBERS (165)

|                  |                    |                  |                  |
|------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Peter Agnew      | Martin Dashwood    | M. Lloyd-Jones   | Sharon Rudd      |
| Ann Ainsworth    | Ken Davis          | Brett Lockhart   | Rob Russell      |
| Greg Allum       | Felicity Davis     | Kim Loney        | Jack Ryan        |
| Mark Amos        | Peter Davis        | J. Macpherson    | Merle Sargeant   |
| Jenny Anderson   | Carmel Dick        | R. Macpherson    | Usula Say        |
| Mary Andrews     | Denis Dick         | Bill Marshall    | Karen Schenk     |
| Frank Bailey     | Wal Dobrow         | Geoff Martin     | Paul Scullion    |
| Stewart Bailey   | Peter Doolan       | Charlie Matthews | George Shales    |
| Steve Barrett    | Robert Edwards     | John May         | Jack Shaw        |
| Garry Bennett    | Paul Edwards       | Mark McFarlane   | Bill Singleton   |
| Troy Blackmore   | Ken English        | Grant McMahon    | Alf Smith        |
| Ken Blakie       | Warwick Everingham | Peter Melvey     | Craig Smith      |
| Gregory Bodkin   | Jason Ezzy         | Carl Melvey      | Don Smith        |
| Bob Bransdon     | David Falkiner     | Ken Metcalf      | Grahame Smith    |
| Scott Bradley    | Paul Ferguson      | Rod Miller       | Doug Sorenson    |
| Bruce Breadner   | John Fraser        | Robert Milne     | Bernard Staunton |
| Sydney Brooksby  | Bruce Gardiner     | Michael Moran    | Peter Steenson   |
| Graham Bruce     | Bob Gillroy        | Alan Morris      | Stephen Strange  |
| Steven Burgess   | Geoff Gilvear      | Jim Morrow       | Peter Sullivan   |
| Peter Burst      | Ian Goode          | Peter Murphy     | Carolyn Swane    |
| Edward Cahill    | Bill Gray          | P. Murphy        | Brad Taylor      |
| Jeanette Cahill  | Marie Gray         | John Oldham      | Brian Thompson   |
| Peter Calder     | Keith Grima        | Lynette O'Neill  | Ian Toll         |
| Ron Camilleri    | Roger Habib        | Patrick O'Neill  | Jim Traves       |
| Robert Cane      | Wallace Halpin     | David Pacey      | Phil Vanny       |
| Gregory Causer   | Ron Hammond        | Darren Palmer    | Joan Vaughan     |
| Anthony Chandler | Bill Hemmings      | Brian Parsell    | Gaelyn Watson    |
| Mike Clancy      | Dennis Heussner    | John Park        | Allan West       |
| Glen Clarke      | Greg Hewett        | Ron Pears        | Ian White        |
| Nina Colev       | Wayne Hogan        | Peter Pearce     | Arthur White     |
| Paul Cooper      | Walter Holt        | Trevor Perrin    | Robert Williams  |
| David Cooper     | Gloria Howells     | Linda Perrin     | Ross Williams    |
| Tom Cooper       | Rodney Hurst       | Ron Pomeroy      | Kim Wilson       |
| James Corcoran   | Doug Iredale       | David Popplewell | Andy Winters     |
| Ross Cotter      | Paul Johnson       | Peter Quartly    | Bob Woodger      |
| Paul Cox         | Bernard Kelly      | Peter Rennex     | Don Workman      |
| John Cox         | Michael Kelly      | Warren Rennie    | Michael Wright   |
| Trevor Cracknell | Ellis Kirkman      | John Restuccia   | Hank Wytenburg   |
| David Cross      | Gunther Kitzler    | Andrew Roach     | Anthony Yeo      |
| Glenn Cruise     | Rachel Laurenson   | Ray Robinson     |                  |
| Robyn Daley      | John Lavers        | Yvette Roser     |                  |
| Gary Daly        | Robert Lippman     | Keith Rowsell    |                  |



# FOREWORD

This report details the many activities of our Board of Control during the past year and I commend it to your reading.

During the year the Board introduced a number of major structural changes aimed at allowing it to better handle the present day demands of a large and active Branch such as Sydney. The new arrangements appear to be working well and the Board is to be congratulated on its initiative.

Another change was that of the "Patrol Contract" which clubs entered into with the Branch. This facilitated the overseeing of club patrols by Board Officers and appeared to strengthen patrols within the Branch.

The Telecom and Mayne Nickless sponsorship provided the opportunity to conduct worthwhile competitions amongst the Clubs.

On behalf of Branch Officers and members Clubs, I thank all the Board members for the many hours they have devoted to the numerous activities of Surf Life Saving over the past year.

Geoff Forshaw,  
Sydney Branch President



## OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES, 1988-89

Honorary Superintendent.....Trevor Elliott  
Deputy Superintendent.....Ken English  
Honorary Secretary.....Vacant  
Examination and Instruction Supervisor.....Bob Bransdon  
Life Saving Supervisor.....Bruce Breadner  
Carnival and Competition Supervisor.....Ken Metcalf  
Emergency Services Co-ordinator.....Grahame Smith  
Board Gear Steward.....Ann Ainsworth  
New Members Co-ordinator.....Jenny Anderson  
Minute Secretary.....Vacant  
Minute Secretary Carnival & Competition Meetings.....Ann Ainsworth

### SECTIONAL SUPERVISORS

IRB Supervisor.....Bill Singleton  
JRB/ORB Supervisor.....Ron Camilleri  
Radio Officer.....Ian White  
Helicopter Rescue Service - Representative.....Trevor Cracknell

### DISTRICT SUPERVISORS

Royal National Park Clubs.....Steve Strange  
Cronulla-Sutherland District.....Peter Calder  
Randwick District.....Mark McFarlane  
Waverley District.....George Shales

### ASSISTANT DISTRICT SUPERVISORS

Royal National Park Clubs.....Peter Sullivan  
Cronulla-Sutherland District.....Wallace Halpin  
Randwick District.....John Restuccia  
Waverley District.....Peter Agnew

### PROFICIENCY TEST SUPERVISORS

Royal National Park .....Steve Strange  
Cronulla-Sutherland.....Bill Gray  
Randwick.....Felicity Davis  
Waverley.....Carl Melvy

### BOARD OF CONTROL COMMITTEES

#### GEAR INSPECTION COMMITTEE

Ken English (Convenor), Peter Agnew, Ted Cahill, Peter Davis, Denis Dick, Bill Gray, Greg Hewett, Ken Metcalf, Keith Midson, George Shales, Grahame Smith, Peter Steenson, Brad Taylor, John Vaughan O.A.M., Ross Williams, Kim Wilson.

#### MERITORIOUS AWARDS COMMITTEE

Bill Gray (Convenor), Bruce Breadner, Greg Hewett, Ron Howells, Bernie Kelly, Phil Vanny, Ross Williams.

#### RESUSCITATION-RESEARCH-DEVELOPMENT-INSTRUCTION-MEDICAL PANEL

Bruce Breadner (Convenor), Jenny Anderson, Bob Bransdon, Mick DeLuca, Roger Habib, Wallace Halpin, Frank Osborne, John Restuccia, Yvette Roser Sharon Rudd, Ernie Stephens, Brad Taylor.

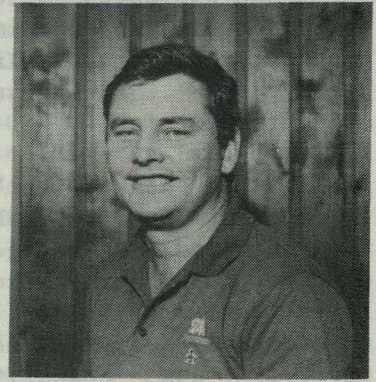
#### MANUAL REVISION COMMITTEE

Jenny Anderson (Convenor), Linda Perrin, John Restuccia, Ernie Stephens.

#### IRB INSTRUCTIONAL PANEL

Peter Agnew, Graham Bruce, Bob Cane, Bruce Gardner, Bernie Kelly, Michael Kelly, Ellis Kirkman, Gunther Kitzler, Peter Pearce, Trevor Perrin, George Shales, M.(Bill) Singleton, Brad Taylor, Jim Travers, Arthur White.





Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Board's Superintendent, Mr. Trevor Elliott and the Executive, I have great pleasure in presenting to you the 40th Annual Report which records the activities, workload and achievements undertaken by the board during the course of the 1988/89 season.

Following what can only be described as a hectic season during the Australian Bicentennial Year, it was considered that activities across the broad spectrum overseen by the Board, would slow dramatically. Nothing could have been further from the truth, as the ensuring pages of this report will describe, your Board Officers and our various Sub-committees, have been extremely active in their duties.

I must record that for the first time in it's 40 year history as the Sydney Branch Board of Control, the position of Honorary Secretary was not filled. Following successive calls for assistance from the membership and members of the Association, this important Senior Executive position remained vacant and the duties of that office fell to various members of your executive.

Similarly, the position of Minute Secretary, which has been so capably filled by Mrs. Joan Vaughan in past years, remained vacant and this also placed additional strain on the Chairmen of the various disciplines within the Board's ranks.

The outcome of these vacancies reflected in a down turn of communications to the Board membership and created a

number of problems for the Executive. It is the sincere hope that at our Annual General Meeting this situation will not occur again and that all positions on the Board will be filled.

One of the most important tasks undertaken by the Board during the season was to trial a proposed restructure of its activities into three specific areas. These were Lifesaving, Examination and Instruction and Competition. Proposals were submitted in an endeavour to enhance the knowledge and skills of those members who have a particular interest in one of the three strands available to them. Notwithstanding, full Board members retained their right to attend all meetings, training sessions and seminars of the three strands or to specialise in a combination according to their choice.

Three Directors were appointed to head these sections of life saving activities and were Mr. Bruce Breadner, Life Saving Director, Mr. Bob Brandson, Examination and Instruction Director, whilst Mr. Ken Metcalf assumed the role of Carnival and Competition Director. These three officers gave an immense amount of time to their tasks and reported directly to the Superintendent and the Board Executive. They carried out their duties in a competent and efficient manner and thereby ensured that the proposed structure was given a fair and meaningful trial. At the time of compiling this report negotiations were underway with the Sydney Branch Executive in relation to attendance criteria and voting rights at the Branch Management and Branch Council Meeting for those officers.



All board members are sincerely thanked for their co-operation and participation in a programme that may well change the future direction of the Board in the pursuance of its objectives.

During the season the Board conducted 16 meetings for the membership and they were divided into categories consisting of two full Board Executives, two full Board, six life saving, three examination and instruction and three carnival and competition meetings. Whilst attendance varied on each night, the resulting input and output was beneficial to both the Board membership as a whole and to the Clubs which the Board services within the Branch and at other levels of the Association.

The season again saw a highly successful Club Captains Meeting being held prior to the commencement of Beach Patrols. This conference was conducted in the Functions Room of the Prince Henry Hospital on Saturday, 30th July, 1988 and was attended by all Clubs within the Branch with the exception of the Cronulla S.L.S.C. The meeting saw the Club Captains and Board representatives re-shape the Branch's policy on patrol obligations and was universally adopted throughout the Branch. Regrettably, strong criticism was received from the National Superintendent of the Association regarding the finishing time of our patrols outside of daylight saving periods.

Following protracted and lengthy discussions between the National and our Branch Superintendent, patrol hours were extended at the end of the season which created some confusion at Club level. The issue has now been resolved and should not provide any problems during the 1989/90 season.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation is extended to the Executive Officer of the Prince Henry Hospital, Mr. M. Wallace for the use of his facilities and in providing an excellent luncheon which was enjoyed by all present. The location and facilities provided for a meaningful and productive meeting and the hospital is a venue that should be pursued by the Branch when conducting activities of this kind.

The Directors individual reports give a more detailed overview of their activities during the season passed, however, the summary following highlights the events overseen by those officers.

The Life Saving Director in conjunction with the Emergency Services Co-ordinator, Grahame Smith, conducted a highly successful emergency services day on September 3rd, which again demonstrated the depth of rescue resources available within the Branch and the skill of the life savers operating those resources.

Regular contact was maintained with the four district supervisors, who again performed their duties in an efficient and capable manner. They were again given a great amount of support by their respective assistants.

The task of ensuring that Clubs maintain patrols in accordance with and to the standards of the Surf Life Saving Association falls squarely on the shoulders of the district supervisors and it is a role that demands dedication to duty.

As mentioned earlier the Branch implemented a new patrol obligation and several clubs were found in breach of that agreement. whilst difficult decisions had to be made the offending clubs complied with the agreed penalties imposed.

Whilst feelings regarding the patrol obligations have been voiced throughout the Branch, it is certainly true to state that the standards of our patrols have risen to a greater standard because of the implementation of the system.

Our gear inspection panel again continued with its important task of checking all the clubs equipment prior to the commencement of beach patrols.

The South Maroubra Club were the outright recipients of the D.C. Lucas Memorial Gear Inspection Trophy with no faults being found with their equipment. The work of this committee is vital and ensures that when clubs begin patrolling their respective



beaches their gear and equipment is in first class condition and ready for any emergency that may arise.

A Chief Instructors night was held for the Randwick and Waverley Districts on September 19th, 1988 and another for the Cronulla-Sutherland District on September 21st. This was the first time that a meeting of this type was divided on a district basis and enabled Board Officers to give more personal attention to Club Chief Instructors on Board requirements in training and examinations.

Training for all Board members on the air bag resuscitator and an ARC update was conducted on September 28th and was both well attended and highly informative. The new air bag resuscitator being the most important agenda item of the evening.

The Offshore Rescue Boat operated by the Cronulla-Sutherland District had its experimental status lifted and now provides an outstanding service to the Cronulla Beaches and its environs.

Proficiency testing was carried out on seven occasions at 23 locations by the Board to ensure that all life savers were able to carry out the requirements of rescue work within the Branch. A small committee was formed by the Board to review the proficiency testing system within the Branch and their recommendations have been adopted.

Next season will see proficiency testing being done on a patrol basis in lieu of the current set day method. The processing of the administrative side has also been streamlined and will ensure that the testing system is more accurate and efficient.

The Board oversaw the conduct of the Branch Patrol Championships which were conducted on January 29th, 1989. The format conducted by the Branch stipulates that only a recognised patrol can compete and regrettably this competition on patrol skills and knowledge does not align with the Australian Championships. However, our competition is fiercely contested by those clubs who regularly participate. Regrettably, not all clubs within the

Branch compete in this important competition and it behoves all Board members to promote participation at every opportunity.

At the N.S.W State Championships it was pleasing to note that the Tamarama Club attained second place and the silver medal and congratulations are extended to all members of that patrol.

On the Examination and Instruction side of the Board's activities. Board members examined a large number of squads on 15 occasions at some thirty different locations.

Our Examination and Instruction Director, Bob Bransdon, has pointed out the dramatic drop in Awards, particularly Bronze Medallions, that have been gained during this season. All clubs have been advised of this through the regular provision of statistics supplied by Bob at Council meetings and it is a matter of grave concern to both the Board and Branch Executive alike.

It would be remiss of me not to record the Boards sincerest thanks and appreciation to all those examiners who have conducted examinations during this season in weather conditions that can be at best described as pitiful. Their efforts have not gone unnoticed and indeed their contribution and dedication to duty is greatly appreciated.

Our New Members Co-ordinator and recipient of the Boards coveted "Most Valuable Board Member" Award for the 1987/88 Season", Jenny Anderson, has again diligently applied herself to the role of organising new members nights which introduce new board members to the various office bearers of the Board. These meetings serve to assimilate new members into the Board operations and prepare them for the various tasks they will undertake on the Associations behalf.

On a personal note, Jenny's successful nomination at our 39th Annual General Meeting and her acceptance of the "Most Valuable Board Member Award" depicted the depth of quality and brand of enthusiasm that is prevalent throughout our entire membership.



The Superintendent again collated and co-ordinated the Australian Government \$ for \$ gear grant and ensured that our submission for hand held UHF radios was approved under this scheme. Our Clubs gained benefit from assistance towards the conversion of their air bag resuscitator.

The Board places on record its sincerest gratitude to the Australian Federal Government for its continued support of subsidising valuable life saving equipment to clubs within the Sydney Branch.

Radio 2GB sponsored a competition within the Branch and Board members were responsible for the allocation of points during the carnivals that were conducted within the Branch. The sponsorship of 2GB Newstalk '87 is acknowledged by the Board and we trust that it will continue in the seasons ahead.

On the competition side of Board Activities, our membership ran 9 open carnivals, 1 craft carnival, 4 surf boat marathons, 2 IRB carnivals, 1 Iron Man classic and 4 Board Riding Events.

Carnival and Competition Supervisor, Ken Metcalf presided over 3 carnival and competition meetings as well as overseeing special events including the Rossfield Trophy, the Still Water Championships and the Inter District and Inter Club Carnivals

The expertise of our members in competition has been recognised by the Association and it is pleasing to note the number of our members appointed to championship carnivals. At the Metropolitan Championships we provided 4 referees and 26 officials, while 3 sectional controllers and 20 officials participated at the NSW Inter Branch Championships at Manly.

At the NSW State Championships the Board provided the carnival referee and 2 sectional referees as well as 51 officials.

The Australian Championships again saw the Board well represented by providing the carnival referee, two sectional referees and no less than 37 officials

for the many facets of operations that go into running a national championship which has more competitors than the Commonwealth Games.

Ken also conducted a successful carnival organisers meeting which was held at the Branch Office on October 5th 1988.

A special tribute is also made to Kim Wilson who has taken the running of the winter and summer board riding series under his personal supervision. His efforts and those of his colleagues have seen a major increase in the number of board riding competitors and the standard of board riding is a sight to behold.

It is with much sadness that I record the passing of two great stalwarts of Surf Life Saving namely Ron Buist and A.J. "Tony" Purcell.

Whilst Ron was not a Board Member, during his term as President of the Branch, he provided guidance and leadership to the Board during his presidency.

A.J. or Tony as he was more affectionately known, was a Life member of the Board and served in excess of a decade as Branch, State and National Boat Referee. A tribute to A.J. has been compiled by fellow Life Member, Nick Dixon and is placed elsewhere within the pages of this report.

The Board has been involved with and participated in a number of projects during the year and these have included the investigation into coastal development policy, Hepatitis B vaccinations and has been signalled of the ramifications that can occur when disabled persons make application to become fully qualified life savers. We now face the reality of having to come to terms with anti-discrimination legislation and legal challenges to decisions made at competition events.

These new challenges that we now face must be met with clear policies laid down and the knowledge that decisions taken and implemented have been correct and in accordance with the rules and requirements of our Association.



Fundraising is always a matter that is before the Board. It is again pleasing to record that due to the efforts of Ann Ainsworth and her capable assistants the Board has funds necessary in its account to provide Board members with various items.

This season saw the Board supplied with foul weather clothing in the form of 3/4 length parkas and trousers and which have been an absolute boon in a very wet and soggy season.

The ladies are to be commended for their efforts and the membership for its support of fund raising ventures.

The Board IRB has continued to be maintained by Bill Singleton and his valuable assistance and the help and co-operation of the IRB crews at carnivals is gratefully acknowledged.

As your Deputy Superintendent, I would like to record my sincere appreciation to all those officers and members who have given so freely of their time.

As we proceed into our new direction and restructure, I reflect that I will

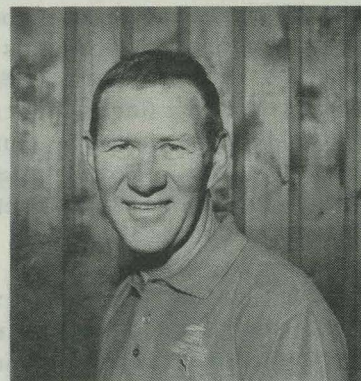
be last Deputy Superintendent of the Branch, as this position will become redundant under our new proposals. I have enjoyed the workload of the past but more importantly enjoyed the pleasure and company of fellow Board Members at our various functions.

My congratulations are extended to Superintendent Trevor Elliott who is seeking his tenth year of office as Superintendent and indeed is now the longest serving Superintendent within the Branch. Life Member Jim Switzer, having served eight years.

I would also place on record my thanks to those officers and members who have made contributions to the compilation of this report.

The Boards continued momentum rests on our shoulders, but more importantly on the shoulders of those younger members who will be the future decision makers. Please, keep up your good work and dedication to an Association that has no equal.

Ken English  
Deputy Superintendent.



#### LIFE SAVING SUPERVISORS REPORT

The restructure of the Board of Control saw the introduction of this new position along with the Supervisors of both the competition area and the instruction and examination area.

My role was to co-ordinate the activities, under the Superintendent, of the Life Saving activities within the Branch. The people involved include the four District Supervisors and their deputies, the Emergency Services Officer, the IRB Supervisor, the ORB

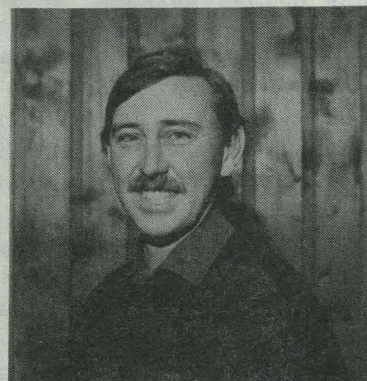
JRB Supervisor and the Radio Officer. This group met on a monthly basis to discuss the life saving activities in the Branch and whilst we had some initial problems, I believe that the concept is a positive effort to increase the effectiveness of these people within the Branch. These officers elected by the Board of Control as the responsible people in their respective areas. The Board and the Branch need to continue to support this as maintaining the life saving standards required by the Association.



Good communications between these elected officers and the clubs will result in a better understanding of the Association requirements and will ensure a continuation of the high

standard of the life saving contribution we provide for the surfing public.

Bruce Breadner  
Life Saving 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 just maintained patrol numbers above the Branch's minimum. Both Era and Burning Palms each provided Garie with a rostered patrol from the start of the season until Christmas.

This worked well and allowed Garie some breathing space to recruit and train new members for awards, which happened in the early part of the season. It resulted in Garie obtaining 13 Bronze Medallions and 5 Surf Life Saving Certificates. Total awards gained by the Club were 32, which included 3 IRB Driver's Certificates.

Awards gained by Era this Season have been very good, with 16 Bronze, 6 Life Saving Certificates and other awards for a total of 29. Geoff Gilvear and Michael Moran, both gained their Examiner's Certificates and are welcome additions to the Board's ranks in the District.

Burning Palms gained 8 awards, including 4 Bronze Medallions. An extra effort by the Club will need to be undertaken next season to ensure more active awards are gained. Burning Palms restructured their patrols mid-Season after incurring a major patrol infringement. This ensured adequate members were on patrol each Saturday during their surveillance patrols.

The District will need to look at some of the benefits of rationalising patrols next Season, including some policy, formulated in conjunction with the Branch, for the occasions when the Park is closed due to both bushfires and flooding, which happened this season. Garie provides a full patrol on Saturday afternoons throughout the Season, while Era and Burning Palms, due to their differing circumstances, provide surveillance patrols only during the daylight saving months of December and January.

There is some justification, taking into account the number of people using these beaches during this period, for not providing Saturday patrols at all. However, Both Era and Burning Palms could combine with Garie to provide an extended coverage on Saturday's, with surveillance of their own beaches by way of IRB Patrols. Whatever the outcome of any rationalisation, both Clubs will most probably have to again help Garie, at least in the early part of the Season.

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. A recently completed new radio room and better facilities for charging batteries have, however, remedied their problems somewhat. Garie and Burning Palms have good paths to Saddleback Mountain for their signals and on a number of occasions the Garie Base has



been used to relay messages through the Saddleback Repeater for other emergency services.

All three Clubs purchased portable UHF Radios using the \$ for \$ Australian Government grant. This gave the Clubs a vital extension from their fixed radio rooms on the occasions they were required to venture far from their Clubhouses to treat and retrieve injured bushwalkers and fishermen.

IRB craft and IRB radio problems for the Clubs meant that on some occasions during the season craft were not always available at all three beaches. However, coverage of the coastline was maintained using those craft that were available. IRB Awards were not gained by Era this season, but the qualified drivers within the Club have continued doing patrols. This situation at Era will need to be addressed next Season to ensure replacements at least maintain their present complement of drivers.

Only one round of the District Competition and Rescue Carnival was held during the Season however, a number of the events had to be cancelled due to a raging thunder and lightning storm. 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 Silver Medal

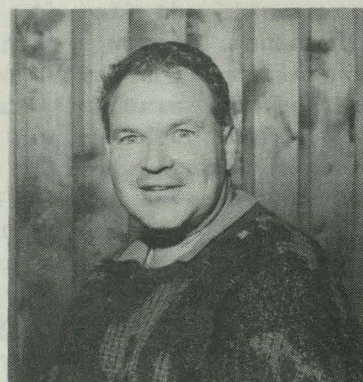
at the Branch Championships. Garie, with the need for members on Saturday patrols were unable to field any competitors other than at the Championship Carnivals.

Results of the one round of District competition, held at Garie on November 27, 1988 resulted in the following:-

Pymble Shield - Burning Palms 14, Era 6, Garie 3  
Bobby Liddle Trophy - Era 16, Burning Palms 11, Garie 7  
Resuscitation Trophy - Garie 1st, Burning Palms 2nd, Era 3rd  
First Aid Trophy - Garie 1st, Burning Palms 2nd, Era 3rd  
Pointscore - Burning Palms 21, Era 20, Garie 16  
Under 18 Trophy - Era 71, Garie 19, Burning Palms 1  
Best Under 18 - Angus Bryant, Era  
Best Under 15 - Paul Hedderman, Era.

Active Board members in the District are my Deputy, Peter Sullivan, Brad Taylor, David Cross, Frank Osborne, Ross Cotter, Geoff Gilvear, and Michael Moran. I would like to sincerely thank them and Board Members from the other Districts who took the time to officiate at both the Era and Garie Carnivals and also those who conducted final examinations.

Steve Strange,  
National Park District Supervisor.



#### CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND DISTRICT SUPERVISORS REPORT

No lives lost whilst patrols were on duty, was the result after a difficult season of surf conditions experienced during 1988/89. The four clubs worked well to achieve this result. The

continuing number of people who pursue the habit of surfing and swimming outside patrol flagged areas increased the likely incidents of drowning. So as a district we must work towards a better surveillance system utilising our resources of equipment, increased



mobility and better communications.

Two topics that raised considerable debate during the season were patrols North of Wanda S.L.S.C. and patrol hours during day light saving.

The patrolling system for North of Wanda appeared ideal on paper but unpredictable in its operation. A wide reaching policy of surveillance patrols will be introduced next season with all clubs in the Cronulla-Sutherland District indicating their support.

The subject of patrol hours during daylight saving raised many comments and I feel and trust that all life savers see the importance of protecting the public at large. Any trial that is conducted should be given a fair chance and discussed openly and frankly in an appropriate forum.

During the season examinations were held on all beaches and the evidence, in some instances, of sub-standard swimmers was depressing and I would expect club chief instructors to bear this in mind when instructing new members on our training syllabus for awards. The overall number of awards fell in the district with Cronulla having the smallest number of bronze medallions and surf life saving certificates and North Cronulla with the highest overall number of awards. However, on reflecting on the overall

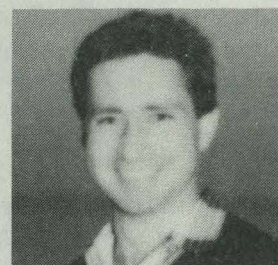
Branch result the clubs obtained in excess of 48% of awards gained in the Branch. It will be very interesting to see the patrols on the beach next year as the two clubs with the best instructional departments and high results, North Cronulla and Elouera fell far short of Cronulla and Wanda in the general patrol efficiency.

During the season I received enormous assistance from Paul Ferguson of Elouera and this was greatly appreciated. My assistant Wallace Halpin, worked with me when required and I thank him for this. The overall co-operation of Board members was excellent and the members who officiated at the district carnival did an excellent job and ensured a trouble free competition.

The season saw the introduction of the ORB2. This unit, working with the Clubs IRB's, showed itself to be valuable asset. I would also like to thank Rons Siddons and his life guards from the Sutherland Shire Council for assistance given during the season.

In closing, my appreciation is given to Trevor Elliott and Grahame Smith for all the background work for the district and we would be looking forward for this type of support next season.

Peter Calder,  
Cronulla-Sutherland District  
Supervisor



#### RANDWICK DISTRICT SUPERVISORS REPORT

As the 1988/89 season closes I commend the efforts of the clubs of the Randwick District in the execution of their duties. Once again with "Vigilance and Service" these clubs have seen to the safety of the bathing public who visit our district beaches.

In accepting the position this season of District Supervisor, from my predecessor Bernie Kelly, I did not quite realise it would be as daunting a task as it was made out to look, not easy, yet not as difficult as it truly is, due to the more than capable manner in which it had previously been



administered. At the same time I must also acknowledge the ever present support of my assistant John Restuccia, who continually and capably assisted me in fulfilling the responsibilities of District Supervisor.

When visiting the clubs of the District I was always made most welcome and I am pleased to say that on all except one occasion, met well manned and efficient patrols. Apart from patrol inspections my assistant and I visited clubs to conduct preliminary examinations. It was pleasing to see the high standard of candidates presenting themselves for awards. Congratulations to the Chief Instructors of each club and their instructors. At the close of the season a total of one hundred and ninety six awards had been gained by this district. Numbers did tend to fall off towards the last third of the season and the standard, although still high, was not as good as at the beginning to the season. Chief instructors should give consideration to these items for the forthcoming season.

I was also pleased to find a good deal of co-operation and assistance between clubs. It is excellent to be able to see fierce competition at carnivals one week and then exchanges of man power and expertise the following week. It is good that clubs realise that they are not isolated entities, but part of a vast network of skilled people who can be called upon and who offer their assistance readily. Thanks to South Maroubra and Maroubra for your assistance in Bronze Medallion IRB training with Clovelly. Whilst on interaction, I was fortunate to visit Coogee towards the end of the season and see how well their senior and younger members participate in activities together. Also Maroubra has some interesting ideas for keeping people, especially the younger members active and interested on those (often)

wet weekends. I am sure that both these club captains would be more than willing to offer suggestions.

Still on the subject of working together as a team, the Jet Rescue Boat group are a good example of this. A large amount of maintenance is carried out "in-house" in order to ensure the boat is available each weekend. Their numbers however are falling and I would ask the members of this District to become a part of this group and be involved with this essential piece of lifesaving equipment that they operate. To Clovelly, who as a club have worked hard with low numbers to ensure their beach was patrolled, I am pleased to see that recent awards may be a beginning to alleviating their man power burden. Finally congratulations to those members who were selected to and represented the district in competition and did it well.

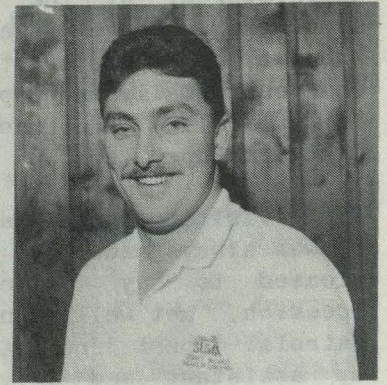
The role of the District Supervisor is one of being an immediate point of contact when it comes to life saving matters, not to be a policeman. I am pleased to say that during the unprecedented number of wet weekends this year all clubs met their patrol obligations. Even more pleasing is that towards the end of the season something that I had been repeatedly striving for was that clubs were contacting me or my assistant if they had any questions or problems rather than waiting for one of us to arrive and then try and explain.

In conclusion, to all the life savers of the District whose dedication towards their voluntary duties is exemplary, your efforts go neither unnoticed nor unrewarded. Strive to continue the high standards and professionalism that I have seen during this last season.

Mark McFarlane

Randwick District Supervisor





#### WAVERLEY DISTRICT SUPERVISORS REPORT

Congratulations North Bondi on winning the Waverley Shield for the sixth year running. Bondi was again runner-up and Tamarama put up a much improved effort and if they continue to improve they will be a force to contend with in the very near future. Bronte also put in a much improved effort. Overall, it was a very strong competition, keep up the good work everyone.

Beach patrols showed an improvement over last season but we are still left with a lot to be desired. All four clubs suffered suspensions, for either gear inspection failure or major patrol infringements, this gives me no cause for satisfaction. Lets see if we can make the 89-90 season suspension free.

In relation to the use of U.H.F. radio, all four clubs can now make use of this advancement in life saving facilities. Although Tamarama and Bronte still have to use the emergency channel, we hope to have their aerials improved for overall use next season. It would be nice if all clubs made full use of this facility by having them on the beach where they are needed, instead of being uselessly confined to the radio room.

What has happened to the I.R.B's? Do our clubs still have them? the conspicuous lack of I.R.B's on our beaches makes this a pertinent point of question. Train crews and drivers, make full use of your equipment. With the standards of the surf clubs in the Waverley District, we should be a force to contend with in I.R.B. competitions, let alone making simple beach patrols.

Unfortunately in the 88-89 season we

had to do without the very necessary assistance of the J.R.B.3. I for one had hoped that the newly elected Council in Waverley would come good with the vital funds needed for this very necessary piece of equipment, the lack of which could very well mean the difference between life and death. I do feel however, the club must also bear part of this responsibility, by not putting their requests for funds forward in the proper manner. Council has to be made to see the absolute need of the J.R.B.3 in our area.

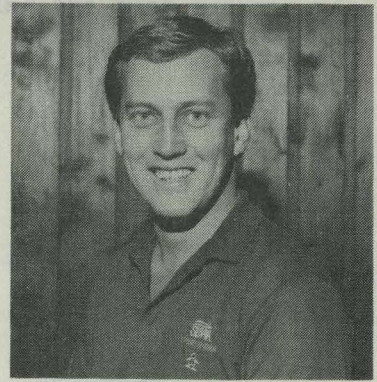
The quality of bronze and surf life saving certificate squads were of a very high standard. Unfortunately the number of squads put through left a lot to be desired.

Congratulations are due to Tamarama on their excellent 2nd in the State Patrol Championships, very well done. How about some participation from the other clubs! Tamarama has shown what can be done, I would like to see some competition from the other clubs now.

During the 1988/89 season, I received invaluable assistance and back-up from my assistant Peter Agnew. Without his help my job would have been very difficult. I would also like to thank the new Life Saving Director, Bruce Breadner. The new board restructuring also assisted my position with their expeditious decisions, thank you to Waverley District Executive, Carl Melvey, Jenny Anderson, Pearce Biram, Kim Wilson, Peter Rennex and the Board of Control.

George Shales,  
Waverley District Supervisor





#### EMERGENCY SERVICES CO-ORDINATOR REPORT

The past season, once again, saw Sydney Branch involved with a number of Bicentennial Projects. During October, the Royal Australian Navy held the Bicentennial Naval Review on Sydney Harbour. Our involvement consisted of advice on water safety requirements.

In November, 10 Inflatable Rescue Boats performed water safety for the "Sound Cloud" held in Farm Cove. "Sound Cloud" was the Japanese Government's Bicentennial's gift to Australia. Towards the end of the concert a vessel strayed towards the main fireworks barge and the swiftness of the I.R.B.'s to remove the vessel no doubt averted a serious incident.

Overall, the Bicentennial year saw a large commitment from the Sydney Branch Clubs and I thank them for being so co-operative.

Operationally, in the Radio Room, Power Boat Groups and Helicopter Rescue Service performed to their usual high standards.

On 3rd September 1988, a field day was held at South Maroubra where we considered and trialled:

1. Transportation of divers through

the surf in an I.R.B.

2. I.R.B. piggy back aboard O.R.B.2

The morning sharpened a number of specialist skills which hopefully will not be required.

The issue of I.R.B. U.H.F. Radios arose again. The Branch is now seeking the availability of the Queensland I.R.B. U.H.F. Radio which has been in operation for a number of seasons.

The role of Surf Life Saving within the general aquatic community is changing at an accelerating pace.

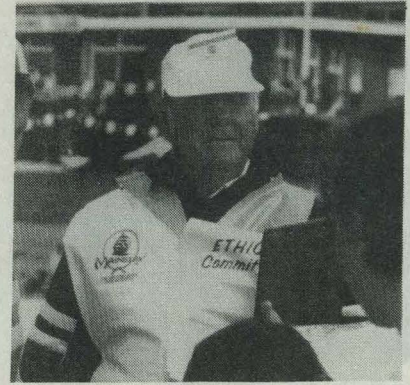
We must now realise that Surf Life Saving possesses an expanding range of resources and skills which can be utilised anywhere. The Life Saving Board must continue to develop strategies to ensure that Surf Life Saving becomes a truly recognised overall aquatic rescue group for near coastal and inland waters around Sydney and surrounds.

I have enjoyed the past three seasons as Emergency Services Co-ordinator and I would like to thank the Board for their support.

Grahame Smith

Emergency Services Co-ordinator.





### IRB SUPERVISORS REPORT

Awards for this season have shown a slight increase over last season. However, the lack of IRB drivers in some clubs continues to be a concern for the Branch.

With this situation in mind the Branch has indicated that the Mayne Nickless Boat and Motor have been approved as a prize to induce clubs to train people for the driver awards.

The season saw a growing demand on the Branch and Clubs to support various surf and Stillwater competitions in the role of safety boats and is a credit of the clubs in the Branch that they have continued to support such events with personnel and craft. In most cases there is no monetary reward for the clubs supporting these events. My personal view is that because of our willingness to support the new surf events we are considered a soft touch by the organisers of such competitions.

However, another organisation who does assist is the Dragon Boat Race Committee. As in other years, the clubs who did see fit to support the Branch in this event, had a great two days at Darling Harbour. Many thanks to those clubs who did assist on those days with water safety.

The image of Surf Life Savers on the beach is of paramount importance to the movement and more so in the IRB section of clubs. The IRB is a "High Profile" piece of equipment and not for "joy riding". Remember we are in the public eye every time we launch our craft.

One area of IRB operation which has caused great concern during this season has been the lack of a UHF IRB radio.

Many promises were made in 1988 and the Branch assumed that Radios would be available by December '88. However, no radio was forthcoming. Excuses were made that the people making such radios were testing microphones (etc), we now find that the Queensland Association has had IRB Radios in operation for most of the season. With this in mind the Board has purchased a radio for tested this winter for next season.

IRB Competition is gaining increased support around Australia, however it is of some concern that we see clubs using all sorts of reasons for trying to get around regulations as laid down in the Competition Manuals. We don't allow this to occur in other sections of competition in this Association unless it can be tested and proved that such changes are beneficial to the improving of rescue technics in Life Saving.

The cost of maintaining Club's IRB's and Motor are a great burden. I would sincerely thank those sponsors who have supported clubs in this regard.

I would like to sincerely record my thanks to all with who assisted me during the season. The examiners who responded to my many requests at short notice. To the crews who assisted at carnivals and to those people who helped in many ways through out the year particularly Arthur White, Trevor Perrin, Wayne "Ziggy" Young and the Nth Cronulla Club who always offered their



facilities so readily when requested.

To the officers of the Branch and the Board of Control many thanks for their

assistance during the past season.

Bill Singleton,  
IRB Supervisor

#### JRB/ORB SUPERVISORS REPORT

The patrol season for the 1988/89 season is now over and I would like to take this opportunity to reflect upon the achievements and performances of the Branch's two rescue boat groups.

Both groups have spent the past season covering the coastline controlled by Sydney Branch, in the main, areas covered by their own respective districts.

The capabilities of these craft and their geographical location allow them to respond speedily to most rescue situations where called upon.

JRB3 has once again enjoyed a most successful season of operation led by Captain Robert Russell and Vice Captain Brett Lockhart. Continued maintenance prior to and during the season saw the group record minimal down time.

ORB2 have now operated their craft for a full season and like JRB3 have also recorded minimal down time. Under their Captain, John Cox and Chairman, Doug Sorenson, the craft has proved its versatility in varied rescue and

patrolling situations.

An important point brought home to me during the season was the advantages of having two engines. Whilst on route to a rescue situation ORB2 had a motor failure on its starboard motor. The craft continued at speed with the remaining motor, completed the task and was directed back to base. This in itself is a clear advantage of a dual engine system.

Sydney Branch can again boast one of the best covered coastal areas with the JRB3 and ORB2 at its disposal. We should keep in mind the strong support offered to both groups by their respective councils being Randwick Municipal Council and Sutherland Shire Council and especially the generous support the groups receive from their own individual sponsors.

I congratulate both groups on the way they have operated their rescue service during the past season and wish them all the best for seasons ahead.

Ron Camilleri  
JRB/ORB Supervisor

#### RB/ORB - SUMMARY STATISTICS

|                       | <u>JRB 3</u> | <u>ORB 2</u> |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| CALL OUTS.....        | 2            |              |
| SURF RESCUES.....     | 7            | 19           |
| BOAT RESCUES.....     | 10           | 34           |
| (VALUE OF CRAFT)..... | \$169,000    | \$1,585,000  |



SEARCH AND SUPPORT.....  
 FIRST AID.....  
 RESUSCITATION.....  
 PREVENTIVE ACTIONS.....  
 ENGINE HOURS.....  
 TOTAL FUEL USED/LITRES.....  
 TOTAL KILOMETRES PATROLLED.....  
 PATROL HOURS.....

JRB 3

ORB 2

6 5  
 4 11  
 NIL NIL  
 345 51  
 200.4 286 EACH MOTOR  
 5121 8060  
 1847 3000  
 710 640

RADIO OFFICER'S REPORT

It was gratifying to take on the position of Radio Supervisor for the 1988/89 season and to be given the opportunity to establish Sydney Branch Radio as an essential section of Surf Life Saving.

I would like to thank the members of Sydney Branch who came forward and volunteered their time to man Sydney Surf during the initial start of the season and to congratulate Peter Rennex in obtaining "Communications Operator of the Year" award.

During the past weeks after the end of

the season the Sydney Surf Radio Operations Room has been re-designed and additional communications equipment installed to enable us to keep up with the ever increasing demand that the bathing public places on our surf clubs.

As I will not be standing for Radio Supervisor for the next season I would like to pass on my best wishes to the Operators and to the next Radio Supervisor.

Ian T. White.

Sydney Branch Radio Officer





## EXAMINATION AND INSTRUCTION SUPERVISORS REPORT

After three seasons at the helm Peter Davis opted not to stand for this position for the 1988/89 season. After some persuasive words from a former examination supervisor, Bernie Kelly, I decided to take up the position, more or less in a caretaker role. The season had started and Branch Superintendent Trevor Elliott had laid all the groundwork.

As the season progressed I found the position both challenging and enlightening. It was not until I settled into that position that I realised the amount of work which is put in by a number of people to ensure surf life savers in Sydney Branch obtain awards and maintain proficiency.

The early stages of the season were taken up with proficiency testing of the many active lifesavers in Sydney Branch. This is a difficult part of the season which put a lot of pressure on examiners and clubs. With the proficiency tests being co-ordinated in two sections the pressure was right on the Board members to firstly ensure the club section of the proficiency was correctly carried out then, for many, back up to conduct the second part, at the nominated venues.

It must be borne in mind that in excess of 1500 active members are tested for proficiency in Sydney Branch. To say this is a heavy work load on Board Members is an understatement. These Board members, many of whom hold responsible positions in their club and in the Board are to be congratulated for their tireless work and persever-

ance during this period of the season.

Special thanks must be given to the four district proficiency co-ordinators and to this end I extend my gratitude to Carl Melvey (Waverley), Felicity Davis (Randwick), Bill Gray (Cronulla) and Steve Strange (National Park).

The whole subject of proficiencies is being reviewed during the off season to try and streamline the process, without lowering the standard and to reduce the amount of paperwork. A subcommittee has put forward proposals for 1989/90 which, at the time of writing, is going through the normal channels prior to introduction.

The task of examining Bronze Medallions and Surf Life Saving Certificates candidates is always an onerous one and season 1988/89 was no exception. With exams commencing in October and running on a fortnightly basis through to the end of April it certainly taxes the resources of the Board of Control. Sydney Branch is fortunate to have examiners of the calibre of those who conduct our exams.

With very few exceptions the standard of the examiners remained very high throughout the season. It is a credit to Board members who stuck to their task in some very trying conditions throughout the season. Absenteeism from exams was minimal and it was pleasing to note that punctuality was also very good. Punctuality by the examiners sets a good example for the candidates and is good promotion for the Board.

Another pleasing aspect of the season was the standard of candidates being



presented for examination. One of the reasons for this high standard is the efforts of the District Supervisors and their assistants during preliminary exams. Some criticism has been levelled at the length of some preliminary exams however, the proof of the benefits is in the standard of the candidates at the final exams.

My sincere thanks are extended to the District Supervisors and their assistants. I refer to George Shales and Peter Agnew (Waverley), Mark McFarlane and John Restuccia (Randwick), Peter Calder and Wallace Halpin (Cronulla-Sutherland), Steve Strange and Peter Sullivan (Royal National Park).

Obviously the level of instruction within the clubs is the major reason for the high standard of candidates within the Branch. In fact there were very few failures from the candidates, although problems were very evident in one particular club. On the whole clubs should be congratulated for the efforts put into their instruction.

Overall the flow of paperwork for exams was good with most club instructors following the guidelines. There were a couple of club officials however, who insisted on putting in late paperwork without prior notice, which makes it very difficult to organise extra examiners on very short notice.

Another pleasing aspect through the season was the ability of the clubs to be prepared for re-examinations on the respective days. On only two occasions were clubs caught short. Given the conditions throughout the season I wish to express my thanks to all clubs for their assistance during examinations. With particular thanks to club captains and patrol captains who were rostered on the day.

Whilst the standard of examinations is high the number of awards for the season is well down on last year. Total number of awards was 24% lower with Bronze Medallions an alarming 25% down. ARC awards were 30% lower and resuscitation certificates were down by 55%.

It seems to be the larger clubs whose

award figures represented the greatest reductions from last season. The clubs which appear to have instructional problems are Cronulla, Bondi and Bronte, whose awards are well down on last season. North Bondi also showed a large shortfall from last season.

Three clubs worthy of mention are Garie, Tamarama and Clovelly. These clubs have all experienced difficulties over the last couple of seasons and it is great to see the substantial increase in awards this season. It is hoped that these clubs can continue to build their membership and increase their awards.

With the emergence this season of the air bag resuscitator, replacing the R.M. Head on the Oxy Via, a major training programme was instituted to assist clubs with the transition. ARC panels have been set up to instruct examiners. The reasoning behind the panels is to ensure that all ARC examiners are up to date with current resuscitation trends and methods and maintain a standard (and high) level of examination. With a 30% reduction in the number of ARC candidates many examiners were not conducting exams, thus losing touch with the award. There was a danger that the ARC standards in the Branch would fall away hence the introduction of the ARC examiners panel.

Bruce Breadner in the Cronulla and National Parks Districts and Keith Grima in the Randwick and Waverley Districts are conducting examiners training courses with successful examiners becoming part of the ARC panel. Bruce and Keith have put in a great deal of time with ARC instruction at all levels including the introduction of the air bag resuscitator and my thanks are extended to them and those who have worked with them.

One of the few awards to show an increase in numbers during the season is the IRB Drivers awards. This reflects highly on IRB Supervisor Bill Singleton and his small band of IRB examiners. Even so a total of 34 awards represents an average of only 2 drivers per club. In fact six clubs did not gain any new drivers this season and



all clubs are reminded that the IRB is the most used piece of rescue equipment. More emphasis must be placed on training new drivers.

As mentioned early in this report, the work load on the Board of Control Examiners is very large and all the examiners who gave up their time to conduct examinations, whatever variety, are thanked and congratulated.

In particular I would like to welcome the following new members to the examination section of the Board:

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Tom Cooper        | Nth Cronulla |
| Patrick O'Neill   | Sth Maroubra |
| Lynette O'Neill   | Sth Maroubra |
| Paul Ferguson     | Elouera      |
| Anthony Chandler  | Elouera      |
| Roger Habib       | Maroubra     |
| Geoff Gilvear     | Era          |
| Michael Moran     | Era          |
| Rachael Laurenson | Elouera      |

At the time of writing there are two probationary examiners still to complete their required number of exams. They are Jason Ezzy of Cronulla and Ursula Say (ARC) of Clovelly.

There is a definite need for more examiners on the Board and I urge all members to promote the Board activities and entice others to join the Board. Remember, the more members we have the more we can share the workload.

In closing I would like to expressly thank Branch Superintendent Trevor Elliott for his guidance and support and also the office Staff, Joan Vaughan (until her retirement) and Pamela Harris for their assistance. I look forward to the challenges of 1989/90 and in particular working with the clubs and Board of Control members.

Bob Bransdon,  
Examination and Instruction  
Supervisor

The following table lists the Awards gained during the 1988/89 season, compared with the previous three seasons and the total Awards gained by each club in the Branch.

| <u>AWARD</u>                  | <u>1985/86</u> | <u>1986/87</u> | <u>1987/88</u> | <u>1988/89</u> |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Surf Life Saving Certificate  | 342            | 352            | 241            | 257            |
| Bronze Medallion              | 437            | 493            | 516            | 391            |
| SLSC - Instructor             | -              | -              | 25             | 23             |
| Training Officers Certificate | -              | -              | 53             | 51             |
| Examiners Certificate         | 12             | 10             | 5              | 11             |
| Resuscitation Certificate     | 96             | 76             | 143            | 81             |
| Advanced Resuscitation Cert.  | 200            | 144            | 225            | 163            |
| ARC - Instructors Certificate | 14             | 19             | 15             | 14             |
| ARC - Examiners Certificate   | 2              | 3              | 6              | 1-             |
| IRB - Crew Certificate        | 24             | 45             | 20             | 1              |
| IRB - Driver's Certificate    | 24             | 46             | 28             | 45             |
| IRB - Instructors Certificate | 8              | 14             | 7              | 8              |
| IRB - Examiners Certificate   | 2              | 3              | 4              | -              |
| JRB - Crew Certificate        | 11             | 4              | 1              | 5              |
| JRB - Driver's Certificate    | 4              | 3              | -              | 1              |
| JRB - Instructors Certificate | 1              | 3              | -              | 1              |
| JRB - Examiners Certificate   | 1              | 3              | -              | 1              |
| ORB - Crew Certificate        | -              | -              | 1              | -              |
| ORB - Drivers Certificate     | -              | -              | 1              | -              |
| ORB - Skippers Certificate    | -              | -              | 1              | -              |
| Radio Operators Certificate   | 139            | 92             | 41             | 28             |
| Radio Instructors Certificate | 21             | 12             | 4              | 7              |
| Radio Examiners Certificate   | 6              | 2              | -              | 7              |
| Radio Controllers Certificate | -              | -              | -              | 1              |
| Helicopter Crew Certificate   | 3              | 4              | 1              | -              |
| Helicopter Instructors Cert.  | 1              | -              | 1              | -              |
| Helicopter Examiners Cert.    | -              | -              | 1              | 1              |
| Helicopter Specialist Cert.   | 7              | -              | 18             | 4              |



| <u>AWARD</u>                 | <u>1985/86</u> | <u>1986/87</u> | <u>1987/88</u> | <u>1988/89</u> |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| First Aid Certificate        | 30             | 49             | 41             | 5              |
| First Aid Instructors Cert.  | 9              | 1              | -              | -              |
| First Aid Examiners Cert.    | 4              | -              | 3              | -              |
| Advanced Life Saving Cert.   | 20             | 8              | 2              | 4              |
| Int. Training Officers Cert. | 1              | -              | -              | 1              |
| TOTAL                        | <u>1479</u>    | <u>1448</u>    | <u>1404</u>    | <u>1112</u>    |

| <u>AWARDS GAINED BY CLUBS</u> | <u>1985/86</u> | <u>1986/87</u> | <u>1987/88</u> | <u>1988/89</u> |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Bondi                         | 130            | 168            | 145            | 71             |
| Bronte                        | 76             | 66             | 65             | 29             |
| Burning Palms                 | 35             | 13             | 7              | 8              |
| Clovelly                      | 31             | 32             | 13             | 36             |
| Coogee                        | 136            | 122            | 55             | 62             |
| Cronulla                      | 183            | 160            | 195            | 116            |
| Elouera                       | 113            | 126            | 166            | 154            |
| Era                           | 47             | 21             | 18             | 29             |
| Garie                         | 46             | 24             | 11             | 32             |
| Maroubra                      | 91             | 94             | 64             | 69             |
| North Bondi                   | 200            | 178            | 194            | 81             |
| North Cronulla                | 77             | 130            | 155            | 166            |
| South Maroubra                | 78             | 87             | 82             | 48             |
| Tamarama                      | 66             | 52             | 51             | 80             |
| Wanda                         | 131            | 160            | 130            | 108            |
| Helicopter Rescue Service     | 7              | -              | -              | -              |
| Community                     | 32             | 15             | 53             | 23             |



#### CARNIVAL AND COMPETITIONS REPORT

The 88-89 season in Competition has been very successful due to Competitors and Carnival Officials working closer together. As competition started I asked the referee's to confide in me as to their suggestions to improve any

section. Commonsense prevailed and a minimum of problems were sorted out by this approach.

The IRB Competition at carnivals is very successful and the timetabling for these events has caused no problems.

The list to follow records events conducted in the Sydney Branch Board of Control:

| <u>Date</u>   | <u>Carnival</u>                  | <u>Referee</u> |
|---------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| November 6th  | Fosters Iron Man - North Bondi   | C. Mathews     |
| November 12th | Botany Bay Marathon - Botany Bay | K. Metcalf     |
| November 13th | Board Riding - Wanda             | K. Wilson      |
| November 19th | Craft Carnival - Era             | K. English     |
| November 20th | Pier One - Boat & Ski Marathon   | K. English     |



| <u>Date</u>   | <u>Carnival</u>                               | <u>Referee</u> |
|---------------|---|----------------|
| December 3rd  | Garie Open Carnival                           | R. Howells     |
| December 10th | Cronulla Open Carnival                        | K. Metcalf     |
| December 11th | Bate Bay Marathon - Sponsor Commonwealth Bank | K. Metcalf     |
| December 11th | Board Riding - Bondi                          | K. Wilson      |
| December 17th | North Cronulla Open                           | K. English     |
| January 7th   | Elouera Open                                  | B. Gray        |
| January 8th   | Board Riding - Burning Palms                  | K. Wilson      |
| January 15th  | Inter-District Open Carnival South Maroubra   | J. Vaughan     |
| January 21st  | North Bondi Open                              | B. Kelly       |
| January 29th  | Wanda Patrol Championships                    | P. Calder      |
| February 4th  | Coogee Open                                   | J. Dewey       |
| February 5th  | Wanda Branch Championships                    | T. Elliott     |
| February 12th | Board Riding Championships-Garie              | K. Wilson      |
| February 25th | Bondi Open                                    | B. Kelly       |
| February 26th | Bondi Masters Premier Carnival                | R. Howells     |
| March 18th    | Yarra Bay Marathon - Yarra Bay                | K. English     |
| May 6th       | Bondi IRB Round One                           | G. Bruce       |
| May 27th      | Maroubra IRB Branch Championships.            | W. Singleton   |

The four district carnivals were held and the referee's reported, all went well after minor problems were eliminated.

During the off season a full stock-take of the gear trailer will be undertaken to assess the shortage of equipment that arose during the season. Some clubs seem to think that we have plenty to supply as shortages came from clubs not returning the gear after their carnival. This coming season it will be recommended that the deposit be withheld to replace what they have not returned. So please help us to help you by returning all the gear.

Branch Competition is continually under review and should continue to be so, in all facets of competition.

I have enjoyed the season and would like to thank the Officials and Management of Sydney Branch for passing their knowledge on to me with their expertise which has given me confidence and a wider scope to examine and improve our standards in competition.

A scrutineering night was held for new members and I would like to pass their names on to you now that they are fully qualified to assist at future carnivals.

Tevor Elliott  
Ken Metcalf

Doug Iredale  
Dennis Dick  
Graham Evans  
Kim Wilson  
Don Workman

These new members now represent the State Centre and National Council upon being qualified. Congratulations on your accreditation.

In closing, the competition arena is still short of members. If you are interested in joining, please contact us and discuss what you are interested in as we are interested in you.

Ken Metcalf  
Carnival and Competition Supervisor

#### SYDNEY BRANCH BOARD RIDING - SUMMER SERIES REPORT

It is indeed a pleasure to be able to express my thoughts concerning the operation of the Sydney Branch Board Riding Summer Series of the 1988/89 Surf Season.

In digesting the many and varied details contained in the 40th Annual Report it will be obvious to the reader that the competitors and officials have contributed to a very strong and viable summer series.

However in accepting this fact it does not necessarily mean that it cannot be improved or that officials and



competitors should become complacent. Therefore, we must continue to improve our performance and become more effective and efficient.

Now for a recoup on the Board Riding Series: I have learned a great deal this season and from the assistance of my officials we have become every accustomed to the standard of weather:

1st Round Wanda- 13th November: The day was windy with rain. Good competition, officials worked hard under these conditions. The number of competitors at Wanda totalled 68. I commend Wanda on their hospitality.

2nd Round Bondi - 11th December: The weather was windy with rain. Seas 1 to 1-1/2 metre swell. Obviously our competition within the Branch must have a reputation for individual competitors. A record number of 94 competitors turned up at Bondi. I had to take into consideration the weather and the large number of competitors and it was an impossible task to finish round two at Bondi. Instructing the officials we completed the under 15yrs finals and 1/4 finals under 18yrs and opens at Bondi. Next was the enormous task to stage the event so we moved the series to North Cronulla the following weekend. This went ahead without disruption and we managed to complete both under 18yrs and open finals. One of the factors contributing to the success of round two at North Cronulla was the Boaties allowing the Board Riders to use their area in a very sportsmanship manner.

3rd Round Burning Palms - 8th January: With an opportunity in hand I approached the Palms to stage round three of the series to make a commitment to the Board Riding. The role was to host the series and the clubs within the Sydney Branch whom have never been to the Palms to visit. We all made our way by foot plus most of the competitors stayed over night plus the officials.

The residents observed the best Board Riders within the Branch and Australia. Number of competitors at Burning Palms was 76. My personal thanks to Margaret

Pearce, Steve Strange plus the Burning Palms Club and members for their outstanding hospitality towards the officials and competitors. Thank you ORB2 for your support at the Palms.

Branch Championship - Garie - 12th February: Saturday night at Garie officials stayed over night for briefing and working out carnival conditions. Weather on the day was overcast with good surf conditions. Set up two competition areas with all officials ready to take on their appointments. The gathering of all competitors throughout the Sydney Branch was well represented.

Throughout the summer series all competitors proved great ambassadors toward their clubs. I can only express my sincere thanks to all to the competitors who supported the series. Number of competitors at Branch championships 93. A point to mention is the total number of competitors over the summer series was 331 from Sydney Branch. Total of competitors at the Australian Championships was 316. I must emphasize our standard in this event can only display high marks on what we have achieved.

In conclusion a sincere thank you to all of the Sydney Branch Board Riding Officials who served so unselfishly throughout the Summer Series: Peter Doolan, Bill Singleton, Steve Barrett, Bill Gill, Robert William, Jun Kato, Peter Sullivan, Frank Osborne, George Shales, John Restuccia, Peter Agnew, Joe Seddon, Gary Yelland, Nina Colev, Gaelyn Watson, and Wayne Loney. Your support towards the summer series has made this series successful with a high standard of judging. This has been maintained with excellence.

Finally, I would like to place on record a sincere thank you to Nigel Jones of Grace Jones Film Company who covered the series at Bondi, Burning Palms and Garie. Many hours of his own time were given to put together a Board Riding video which will help to maintain momentum within the Sydney Branch movement.



In summarising this seasons achievements, the coverage of the Summer Board Riding Series by members and officials was successful. Best wishes for the season to come.

Kim Wilson

Sydney Branch Board Riding Referee

RESUSCITATION, RESEARCH AND MEDICAL  
PANEL REPORT 1988/89

The past season has been particularly busy for our panel members. The State Centre decision to introduce the air bag resuscitator during the winter period, resulted in a concentrated effort from all concerned. Five oxy-viva machines were converted and instruction in the use of the new equipment began in earnest in June of 1988. Initially the panel was involved in the instruction of club chief instructors and senior instructors with an interest in teaching the new techniques. This work was carried out on a weekly basis at the Cronulla Health Care Centre under the watchful eye of Dr. Ian Mackie.

In time we had instructed enough people to enable those individuals to supervise teaching in the four districts of our Branch. The overall result was a smooth transition from the oxy-viva to the air bag resuscitator. All clubs now have capable conscientious instructors who are passing on the information to candidates from Bronze Medallion squads up to and including the ARC candidates.

Because of the work load, some problems were evident with the degree of teaching we could pass on to the club members who were involved with ARC updates. However, the problem of updates will be addressed more fully in the coming season.

In addition to the air bag instruction, a course was conducted by myself and Dr. Mackie, for people interested in becoming ARC examiners. The course was extensive and Dr. Mackie is currently checking each of these people as examiners when ARC examinations are being conducted.

Keith Grima is in the process of conducting a similar course in the Rand-

wick and Waverley Districts and the standard of examiners has risen accordingly.

Keith has put forward a proposal for examiner accreditation in the Branch and the proposal is being considered by the Board for next season.

A system of colour coding of the air bag components is being tested in two areas and the results will be discussed with recommendations being made at the end of the season.

My thanks to all the panel members who have assisted in a very busy programme and particularly I wish to thank Dr. Ian Mackie and Keith Grima for their important contribution to the Branch resuscitation training programme.

Bruce Breadner

For the Panel

GEAR INSPECTION COMMITTEE

The gear inspection for the 1988/89 season was conducted on Saturday, 17th September, 1988, in the Cronulla/Sutherland District with the Randwick and Waverley Districts being inspected the following day, Sunday, 18th September. The Royal National Park Clubs were inspected on Saturday, 24th September, 1988.

During the three days of inspection the panel were accompanied by the Branch President, Superintendent and District Supervisors which afforded an excellent medium for communication between the clubs and Branch Executive Officers.

A meeting of Gear Stewards was held at the Coogee Club on Friday, 19th August, 1988, with all clubs in attendance with the exception of the North Cronulla S.L.S.C. This meeting provided for an exchange of information between the panel and Gear stewards and was most productive. Following the meeting the Club extended an invitation to all present to participate in their Friday night social which was greatly appreciated.

Decals were again used to validate approved equipment and such mechanisms are now recognised as a valuable part of the gear inspection procedure.



The majority of gear inspected was excellent with minor faults rectified immediately. Presentation of equipment was also much improved making the panels task considerably easier.

Regrettably, the panel saw fit to suspend the North Bondi Club for lack of attention to maintenance during the off season. The suspension was soon lifted as the North Bondi Club resolved the problems and they are now aware of the requirements of the panel for future years.

It was with much pleasure that the panel awarded the D. H. Lucas Memorial Trophy, donated by the Aquatic Club to the South Maroubra Club whose gear and equipment was in faultless condition.

Additionally, they were also pleased to highly commend the Bronte and Elouera Surf Life Saving Club's for the major improvements they have made at the Gear Inspection from past years.

Indeed the Bronte Clubs patrol organisation for patrol uniforms is commended all Clubs within the Branch.

The panel would place on record its appreciation to the following clubs for their hospitality and assistance:

Era, Coogee, Elouera and Wanda Clubs for much appreciated luncheons and high teas.

Elouera Surf Life Saving Club for the use of their mini bus to transport the panel.

Coogee Surf Life Saving Club for the use of their Clubhouse and Equipment at the conference.

Club gear stewards for their efforts in ensuring that all life saving equipment was ready for the 1988/89 season.

Ken English  
Convenor Gear Inspection Panel

#### QUEENS BIRTHDAY HONORS LIST

On June 12th, 1989, The Queens Birthday Honours List announced that our esteemed life member, John Kendall Vaughan, had been awarded the Order of

Australia Medal, General Division for Services to Surf Life Saving.

John, who is a Life member of his club, Burning Palms, the Sydney Branch, NSW State Centre and the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia has given many dedicated years to Surf Life and his expertise and knowledge of the Association and its operations are widely known and respected.

When not attending to the business of Surf Life Saving he has had a strong interest in motor sport and in particular the Mini Car Club of N.S.W. In the world of motor sport John, Joan and their two children, Arlene and Allan are all Life members of the Mini Car Club, which indicates their dedication and enthusiasm.

However it is Johns' services to Surf Life Saving that have been recognised and on behalf of all the Board and the Sydney Branch we congratulate John Kendall Vaughan O.A.M. on attaining such recognition from Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Australia.

#### SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA - LIFE MEMBERSHIP

It is with much pleasure that the Board records the elevation of Nick Dixon to Life Membership of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia.

Life Membership is the highest honour that the Association can bestow on a Surf Life Saver and the National Council elected Nick to that office at the National Council Meeting held in Hobart on 28th to 30th April, 1989.

Nick is a long standing member of the Board who is a Life Member of the Cronulla Club, the Sydney Branch and the New South Wales State Centre.

A president of Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club for eight years Nick has also served as our Board Deputy Superintendent, New South Wales State Centre Secretary and as a Boat Inspector at National Council for many years. He is currently the President of the Far South Coast Branch.

As a four times Australian Surf Boat Champion, Nick has officiated as Boat Referee and starter for many years at



major surf carnivals where his expertise and knowledge is well known and respected.

His elevation to this coveted position is in recognition of his past and continued dedicated service to the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia at all levels.

The Board extends its warmest congratulations to Nick on a well deserved and well earned Life Membership.

#### SIR ADRIAN CURLEWIS SCHOLARSHIP

It was most pleasing to the Board to be able to record that one of our younger members, Roger Habib, was successful in obtaining this most prestigious award. The awarding of the scholarship to Roger enabled him to attend the Australian Youth Surf Lifesaving Training Camp at Lake Ainsworth. Not content with this, Roger applied himself to other facets of Lifesaving and his efforts, achieved him the distinction of being a finalist in the New South Wales BP Lifesaver of the Year Award.

The Board congratulates Roger on his achievements and looks forward to his continued dedication to Surf Lifesaving at both Board and Branch level.

#### VALE - ANTHONY JOHN (TONY) PURCELL

With the passing of Anthony John (Tony) Purcell in August 1988 the Board of Control lost one of its very long serving Life Members. A Life Member of the Cronulla Club, Tony joined the Board in the days of Head Centre. Other long serving members will remember him for his forthright, incisive and positive contributions at meetings of the Board.

Being a former Australian Champion boat sweep his foremost competitive interest was surfboat racing and for many years he was boat referee at all major carnivals including the Royal Carnival at Bondi in February, 1954. His last official position was referee of the George Bass Surfboat Marathon in 1977 and 1979.

Tony Purcell was a dynamic official - his no nonsense approach and his

rapport with and his understanding of boat crews transformed the boat area (which included boards and skis) into a well organised area. He gathered around him a highly efficient team of officials which included John Vaughan, Bob Bridges, Bob Young, Jack Purcell and George Johnson.

Tony abandoned the arrangement of fixed heats and introduced the "step up" start system which is a feature of all Association events. He was responsible for the introduction of the "B" Grade (Reserve) division which has proved so successful over the past 40 years.

Although moving to Tea Gardens in 1961 he maintained a close interest in Association affairs. He became the first Life Member and Patron of the Hawkes Nest S.L.S.C. and in 1983 Patron of the Cronulla Club. He was a familiar figure at Championship carnivals always with a friendly word to those with whom he served as a board member for many years. He was a man of firm convictions and high ideals - he will be missed by the Hawkes Nest and Cronulla Clubs and the Association which he loved and served faithfully.

N.A.D.

#### BIRTHS

It is with much pleasure that we record the birth of Nathaniel John Davis, first son to Peter and Felicity Davis. Felicity's activities with the Board were drastically reduced towards the latter part of the season, but I'm sure that in the years ahead all three of the Davis family will be in attendance at Board functions. Congratulations on a healthy baby boy to you both!

#### BRANCH SPONSORS

The continued success of the Branch and the Board can be in many ways attributed to the continued support of the Branch sponsors who have continued to provide much needed financial support and encouragement to the Boards activities.

On behalf of the Branch and indeed the Board of Control the continued support of the following sponsor is greatly acknowledged:



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The continued support of all Board members to these sponsors and their products is actively encouraged.

#### THANKS AND APPRECIATION

The compilation of this report would not be possible without the contribution of many people in ways large and small and I would record thanks and appreciation to the following:

- . Pamela Harris, Sydney Branch Office Manager, for typing the report and her energetic support.
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- . Branch Superintendent, Trevor Elliott.
- . The many contributors to the report's compilation.
- . The sponsors of Sydney Branch and

in particular the Board of Control.

- . Paul Melrose, for his photographic efforts.

#### CONCLUSION

The preceding pages of this report have detailed the workload and activities carried out by the Board during another busy and demanding season.

The Board, now in its 40th year will be able to farewell the 1980's and can proudly reflect upon it's achievements which have been worthwhile and outstanding.

As we move into the 90's and race headlong into the 21st century we will need to continue to stand united as one, giving our support and loyalty to our Branch and its officers as we meet the changes and new challenges before us.

It is of paramount importance that we continue to seek out new members to ensure an equitable distribution of the workload required of us and to ensure that those new members who join our ranks are imparted with the traditions and knowledge of who we are and what goals and objectives are being sought.

With the knowledge and experience that is prevalent throughout our Board, I'm sure that this will be the case.

Ken English,  
Deputy Superintendent,





#### SUPERINTENDENT'S ADDENDUM

This Fortieth year of Life Saving for Sydney Branch has witnessed another year of dedication by the Clubs and the Members of your Board.

You have read from these reports the challenges of the season and the criticisms and encouragements of the respective officers.

The major internal changes to the Board of Control which involved the splitting of the roles of the Board into three streams, namely Life Saving, Examination/Instruction and Competition, I believe, have been successful and allowed the concentration of efforts of the officers and the panel members on their respective duties. The regime of meetings under each particular chairman has encouraged valuable informed discussion and lead to a better performance by the Board.

The year of operation of this system under an arrangement where the Constitution was suspended has proved beneficial and a final recommendation is now formulated for review by the Branch Constitution Committee and your endorsement in due course.

This proposal will include a revised list of duties for the officers and a more structured recognition by the Board in the areas of Special Events, Endurance Events, Displays, Board Riding and IRB Competition. The Emergency Services Officers' Duties will include acting as Deputy to the Life Saving Supervisor. It will be necessary for the Branch to recognise the three Supervisors at Executive and Branch level as representing their sections

and being directly answerable to the Branch in their areas of expertise. In recognition of this added responsibility it has been decided that the previously vital role of Deputy Superintendent has been over taken by these Officers and they will now act as Deputies to the Superintendent in their own right.

The experience of this year has also meant that a revised arrangement of meetings will be put in place with the provision that attendance at designated meetings or field days will be compulsory if Board Members wish to maintain their currency.

The Board Executive feels confident that these changes will put in place a most efficient structure for the Board to satisfactorily answer the current and future challenges of Life Saving.

During the Winter months meetings were held to reformat the Branch Information Directory and to revise the Branch Patrol Hours of Duty to represent the needs of the public and the obligation we owe as Surf Life Savers.

Out of these meetings, and with the positive contributions of the Club Captains, the Branch was able to put in place an agreement which acknowledged the duty to protect the public who swim at surfing beaches and the obligation and awareness of the responsibility to maintain efficient patrols.

This document was designed as a tool for the betterment of life saving and gave guidance for local conditions outside those areas covered in the Association Manuals.



A major segment of this agreement was the requirement that clubs advise the Branch of shortcomings in any particular patrol.

The document also set up a milestone system of patrol infringement reporting that could lead to the recording of a major infringement and the possible suspension of a club. The mechanism was also put in place for the prompt handling of appeals through a Tribunal, circumventing the lengthy process involved in Branch Judiciary Committees.

It was disappointing that after the necessary approvals had been gained from State Centre, and all aspects implemented, questioning of the document appeared in National Council Minutes. The subsequent querying of the Patrol Hours from the National Level, in February, saw it necessary for the Branch to capitulate and agree to extend patrols by one hour outside daylight saving hours. This countered the much professed policy of flexibility and patrolling to the needs of the public and we saw patrols at the end of April finishing at the same time, after discounting for daylight saving, as was required in the peak of the season. Practice proved that the Branch Hours were more than adequate.

As your Superintendent, I have regularly attended the Life Saving meetings under the Chairmanship of Bruce Breadner. These monthly meetings have allowed positive review of lifesaving in the Branch and given Bruce the opportunity to tie together the "Life Saving" duties of the Board. This group has had a successful season and they are to be thanked for their efforts.

In particular the District Supervisors, Steve Strange, Peter Calder, Mark McFarlane, George Shales and their Assistants have borne the brunt of the workload and have been most active ensuring patrol standards were upheld and in conducting preliminary examinations. Their efforts were commented upon by the Examination Supervisor as contributing to the high standard of candidates presented for examination.

An important development pioneered by Graham Smith, our Emergency Services Co-ordinator, was the appointment of District Rescue Co-ordinators. These people, who in some cases were the District Supervisors, were available to oversee the involvement of Branch facilities and were also available to expedite communications via the UHF portable radios made available through a donation by the Aquatic Club and the \$ for \$ Grant. In this area and in the development and growth of the Emergency Services role, Graham has proved his worth and if, as indicated, will not be standing for an elected position in the coming season. I would like to thank him for his efforts over the last three seasons.

The Radio Network and the operation of the Branch Radio Room have had major revitalisation this season. Ian White as the Branch Radio Officer has overseen this with a keen band of operators. The Branch was able to recognise this duty and present these people with Branch Shirts in recognition of their services.

Ron Camilleri continued his work with the Cronulla-Sutherland Offshore Rescue Boat and the Randwick Jet Rescue Boat and both these craft saw a minimum downtime during the season and the members of the groups spread the horizons of rescue work.

The lifting of the experimental status from the Offshore Rescue Boat and the recent qualification of John Cox as an ORB Examiner will now see the examination of suitably qualified members of this group for their ORB awards.

The Inflatable Rescue Boat Panel have again performed enthusiastically under the leadership of Bill Singleton. The numbers of drivers examined from Clubs has shown a 25% increase although more candidates should be expected if clubs are to fully roster IRB's to patrols.

The efficiency of these craft has again been limited by the non-availability of reliable waterproof radios. The Branch has now taken the initiative to find the best of the components available in an attempt to produce a suitable unit during the winter months.



The IRB section continued to strongly advocate the need for higher training of crew persons after obtaining the Bronze Medallion, and the re-introduction of a Crewmans Certificate.

Mention should also be made that the Mayne Nickless IRB which is operated by this group has given invaluable service as a training boat and also in carnival work.

The most conspicuous area of the Board of Control activities is that of Examinations and Bob Brandson and all the examiners have performed the duties expected of them. The recorded downturn in awards is of obvious concern particularly in the overall Bronze Medallion figures. A major factor was that the North Bondi, Bondi, Bronte and Cronulla Clubs only achieved half or less Bronze's than in the previous year. The smaller Clubs of Clovelly, Era and Garie showed good growth.

The revamped meetings of the Examiners provided Bob with excellent feedback of the exam situation and provided the opportunity for detailed analysis of exams and examiners. Included in the meetings were detailed discussion of reports from Examiners-in-Charge which proved valuable to those in attendance.

In the Carnival and Competition area a very full programme of events has been run under the supervision of Ken Metcalf. Ken was backed up by an expert panel of referees and officials who have drawn favourable comments from competitors from both within and outside the Branch. I can only concur with their opinion of a job well done.

The avenues for competition seem to be forever expanding and we have seen an unsurpassed growth in the Board Riding area which has been steered by Kim Wilson and his band of officials

following on the good ground work of Peter Doolan.

The IRB area of competition has also attracted extra participation under Bill Singleton's stewardship.

At carnivals we would not be able to operate without the backup that is provided by Arthur White as Branch Gear Steward and his care of the carnival gear. Ann Ainsworth was again responsible for the Board gear and stationery and also acted as Minute Secretary for Ken as well as organising the fund raising that saw members equipped with the wet weather gear so necessary this season.

Finally at Carnivals we had the support of the IRB panel in the buoy laying team and the use of the Mayne Nickless IRB.

Ken English, the Deputy Superintendent, deserves thanks for his efforts during the season. These were exemplified by the way, in the absence of a Board Secretary, he has stepped in and prepared this excellent report for your consideration. Ken has been active in all areas of the Board's endeavours and again successfully convened the Gear Inspection Panel.

I would also record on your behalf thanks to the Branch Office for its support during the season. Firstly to Joan Vaughan, now in retirement, and to Pamela Harris for their assistance during the year and for Pamela's contribution to this report.

In closing, I would like to thank all members of the Board, both old and new for their efforts during the season.

Trevor Elliott  
Hon. Superintendent



# BOARD OF CONTROL OFFICERS 1949-50 to 1988-89

| 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<br>W. Foerster | W. Foerster<br>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<br>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<br>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. 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<br>R. Leix      | W. Walton<br>J. Wardall  | J. Young                 |
| 1972-73 | A. Moseley              | J. Dewey                   | T. Beckett<br>J. Switzer<br>J. Vaughan |                        |                                     | S. Newman               | W. Winzer                | R. Leix                   | J. Wardall               | J. Young                 |
| 1973-74 | R. Howells<br>J. Dewey  | J. Dewey<br>L. McNamara    | J. Switzer                             |                        |                                     | S. Newman               | W. Winzer<br>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<br>K. Mesenger      | J. Switzer                             | P. Ainsworth           |                                     | K. English              | C. Osborne               | N. Jamieson<br>T. Elliott | J. Wardall               | J. Young                 |
| 1976-77 | J. Dewey                | K. Messenger<br>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. Rowswell              | 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                              | P. Davis               | J. Vaughan                          |                         | C. Osborne               | B. Breadner               | B. Kelly                 | S. Bailey                |
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