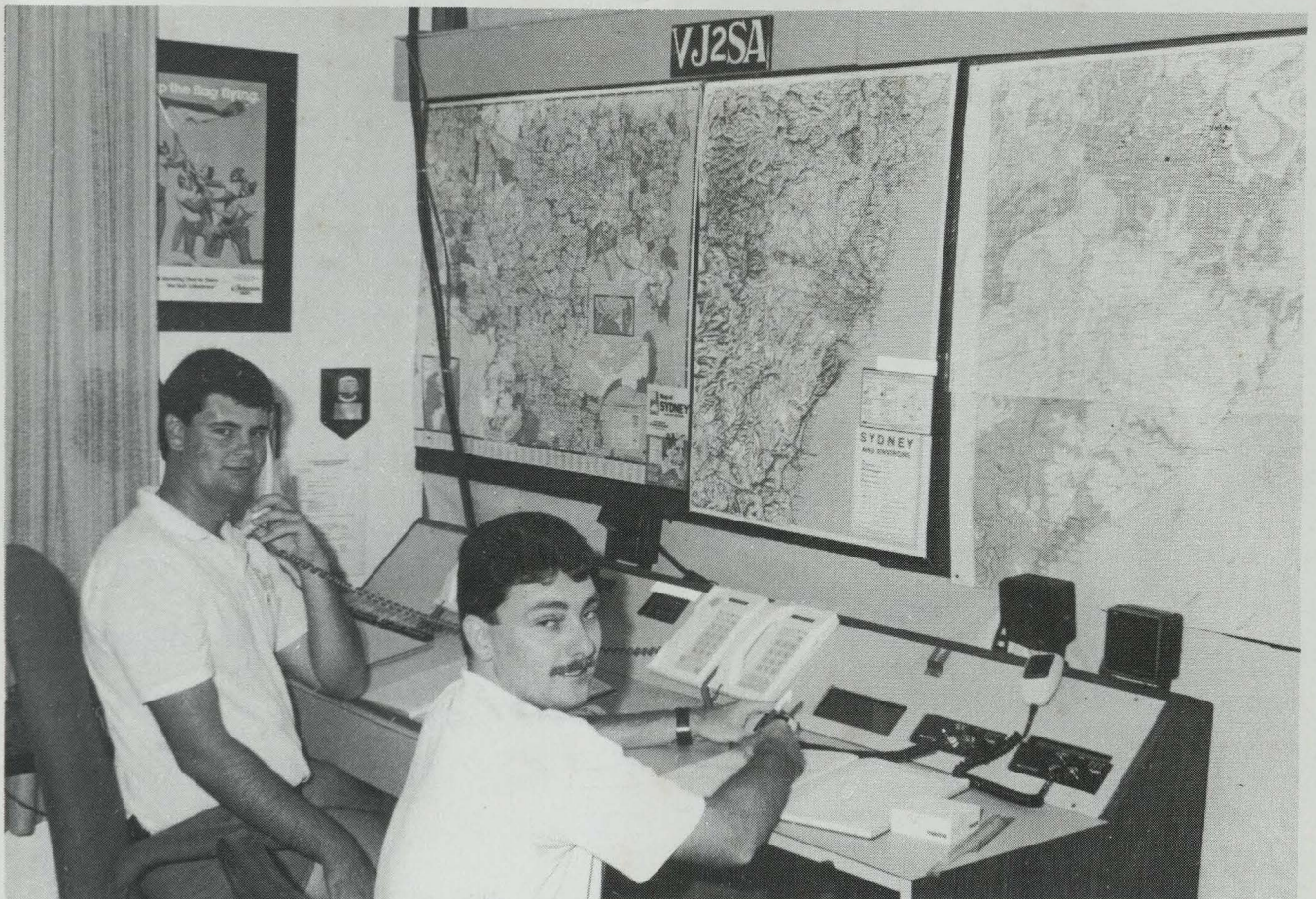


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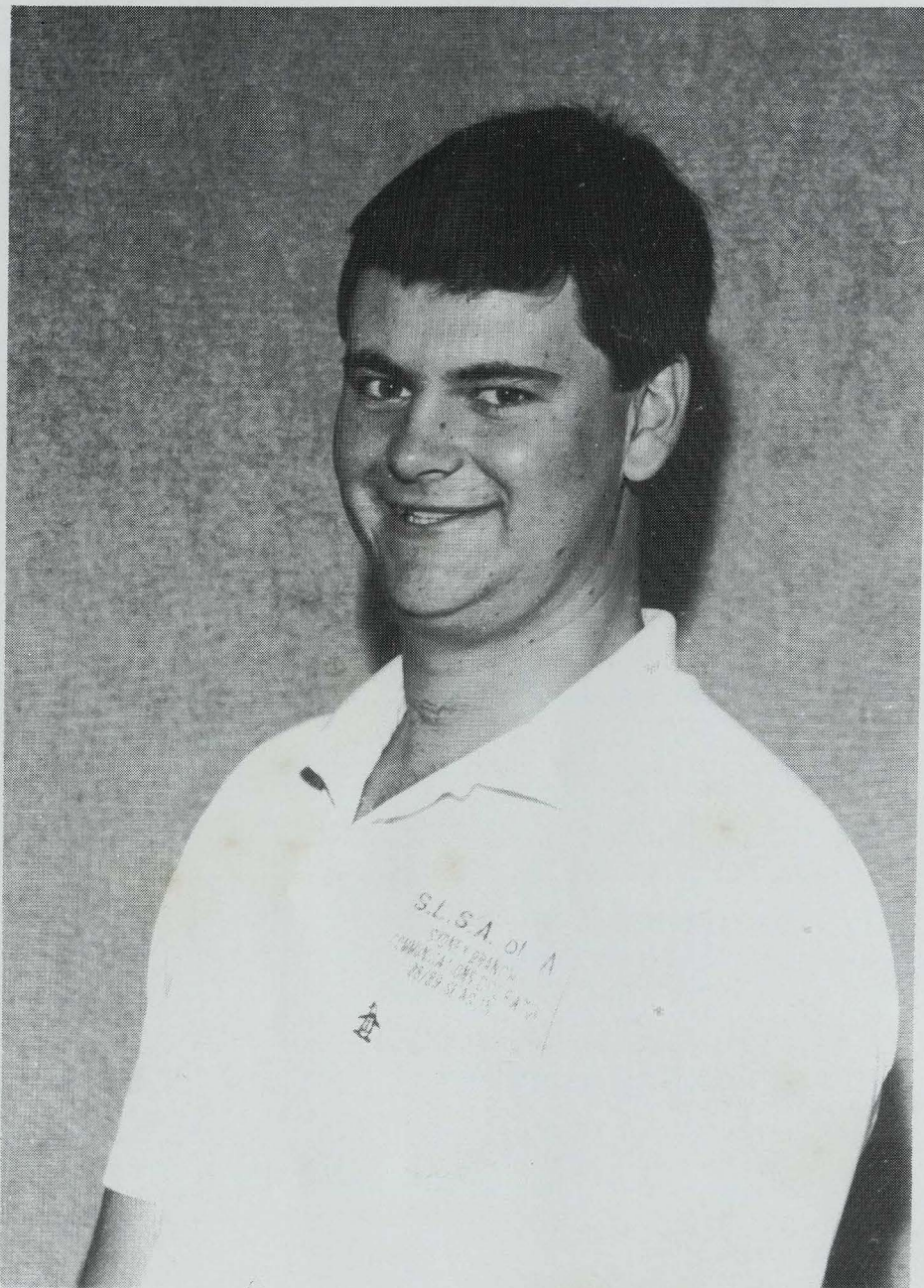
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**SYDNEY BRANCH
SURF LIFE SAVING BOARD OF CONTROL**



**FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT
1989-90**



Peter Agnew — "Most Valuable Board Member, 1989-90 Season"

Front Cover: Depicts Radio Operators Peter Agnew and George Shales on duty in the Sydney Branch Radio Room, Little Bay.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 41st Annual General Meeting of the Sydney Branch Surf Life Saving Board of Control will be held in the Functions Room of The Prince Henry Hospital on Friday, 22 June, 1990 commencing at 7.00pm

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the 40th Annual General Meeting, held July 20, 1989.
2. Apologies and Leave.
3. Welcome by the Branch Superintendent, Trevor Elliott.
4. Correspondence.
5. Presentation of the 41st Annual Report for the 1989/90 Season.
6. Election of Officers and Committees for the 1990/91 Season.
7. Confirmation of Radio Officer, IRB Supervisor, JRB/ORB Supervisor and Helicopter Rescue Service Representative.
8. Presentations — Most Valuable Board Member.
9. Motions of Which Due Notice Has Been Given.
10. General Business, such as may arise.

Ken English
Honorary Secretary
Surf Life Saving Board of Control
Sydney Branch

MEMBERSHIP — 1989/90

LIFE MEMBERS (18)

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

LONG SERVICE MEMBERS (21)

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

COUNTRY MEMBERS (2)

Pearce Biram	Jim Connolly
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ACTIVE MEMBERS (171)

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



OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES — 1989/90

Honorary Superintendent	Trevor Elliott
Honorary Secretary	Ken English
Life Saving Director	Bruce Breadner
Examination and Instruction Director	Bob Bransdon
Carnival and Competition Director	Ken Metcalf
Emergency Services Co-ordinator	Peter Agnew
Board Gear Steward	Dennis Dick
New Members Co-ordinator	Jenny Anderson
Minute Secretary	Pamela Harris
Minute Sec. Carnival & Competition Meetings	Ann Ainsworth

SECTIONAL SUPERVISORS

IRB Supervisor	Bill Singleton
JRB/ORB Supervisor	Ron Camilleri
Radio Officer	Ian White
Helicopter Rescue Service — Representative	Brian Parsell

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS

Royal National Park Clubs	Steve Strange
Cronulla-Sutherland District	Peter Calder
Randwick District	John Restuccia
Waverley District	George Shales

ASSISTANT DISTRICT SUPERVISORS

Royal National Park Clubs	Peter Sullivan
Cronulla-Sutherland	Paul Ferguson
Randwick District	Vacant
Waverley District	Kim Wilson

PROFICIENCY TEST SUPERVISORS

Royal National Park	Steve Strange
Cronulla-Sutherland	Bill Gray
Randwick	Ken Metcalf
Waverley	Carl Melvy

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMITTEES

GEAR INSPECTION COMMITTEE

Ken English (Convenor), Peter Agnew, Ted Cahill, Dennis Dick, Bill Gray, Greg Hewett, Ken Metcalf, Keith Midson, George Shales, Peter Steenson, Ross Williams, Kim Wilson, Don Workman, Andy Winters, Ron Pommering, Albert Moseley, Frank Osborne.

MERITORIOUS AWARDS COMMITTEE

Bill Gray (Convener), Bruce Breadner, Greg Hewett, Ron Howells, Phil Vanny, Ross Williams, Neil Miller, Albert Moseley.

RESUSCITATION-RESEARCH-DEVELOPMENT-INSTRUCTION-MEDICAL PANEL

Bruce Breadner (Convener), Bob Bransdon, Mick DeLuca, Wallace Halpin, Frank Osborne, John Restuccia, Brad Taylor, Peter Agnew, Keith Grimma.

IRB INSTRUCTION PANEL

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

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with much pleasure that I present to you the so Annual Report of the Sydney Branch Board of Control on behalf of the Sydney Branch Superintendent, Mr. Trevor Elliott, and his Executive Officers. This report details the activities of the lifesaving, competition and administration of the Board during the 1989/90 season.

You will recall at the 40th Annual General Meeting that the Board placed in the hands of our Executive and sub-committees the trial of a new structure for the Boards day to day operations.

The success of this change in organisational structure will only be proved on what we as members as the Board see appropriate.

The trial proposal saw that members of the Board would attend only those functions where they had a particular interest; i.e. lifesaving, examination and instruction or competition. This saw ofcourse a small influx of members to the Board that had a specialty interest without undertaking the requirements of a full Board member.

Meetings of these particular interest groups were held as required or when needed in conjunction with the compulsory full Board meetings of the Boards membership.

Whilst no formal resolution has yet been made, the Board during the coming season will now have to decide if this is the direction that they wish to take and implement the steps necessary to amend the Branch Constitution to put the necessary structure in place.

As is usual of a rescue orientated organisation such as ours, there were many people who contributed to the operations of the Board. Again we continued to hear the call for help from the dedicated few who participate in all spectrums of the Board's activities. However, it should be noted that there are many within our ranks who have specific interests albeit, examination, instruction or competition and these Board members are to be congratulated for their efforts and their continued service to surf life saving in Australia.

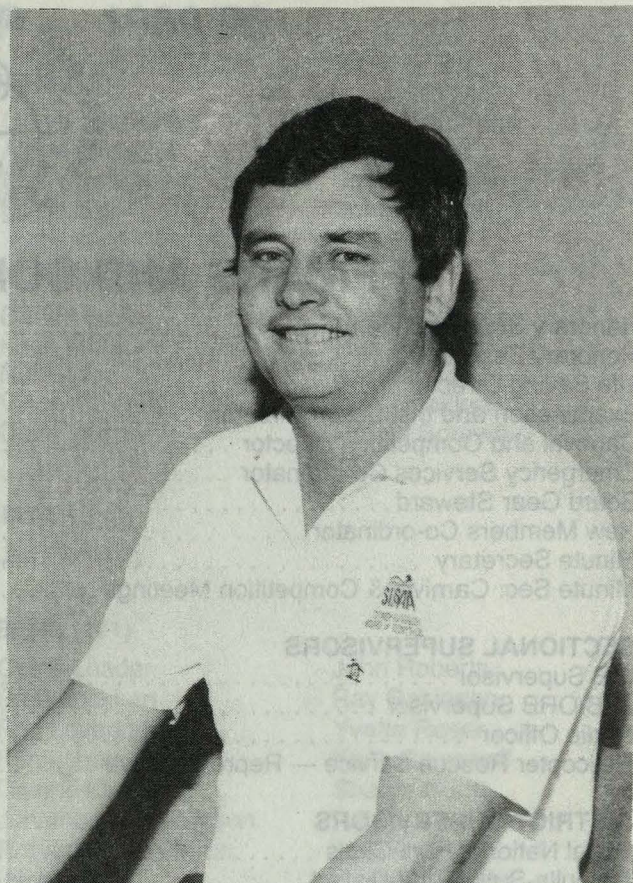
Our senior executive officers again continued to carry out their important work and I would record the efforts of our Life saving Director, Bruce Breadner, Examination & Instruction Director, Bob Bransdon, and Carnival & Competition Director, Ken Metcalf.

Likewise the efforts of the specialty supervisors in IRB's, JRB/ORB'S, Radio and Emergency Services cannot go unmentioned, their individual reports contained within the pages of this document are commended to you.

There can be no doubt that the "front liners" of our Board are the four District Supervisors. These four officers, have been assisted by their deputies to ensure that the standards of surf life saving set by our forebears are maintained and indeed, enhanced and strengthened.

There can be no doubt that our Association has seen in this season major change and issues that have tested the metal and fibre of the clubs and members throughout Australia. It would be fair to say that Sydney Branch has been closely involved in many of those matters.

The ultimate awarding of a bronze medallion to a handicapped lifesaver within the Branch saw many diversified interests of many parties struggle for what



Ken English.

they saw as best for our movement. Ultimately that young lifesaver attained his award and went on to patrol his club's beach and furthermore compete for his club in the field of boat rowing. This issue has now been resolved and the ultimate ongoing of lifesaving activities needs to be addressed.

The season saw a number of Club Captains meetings held at the Branch Office and these again proved highly successful and informative. This method of ongoing communication between the Clubs and the Board is extremely valuable and provides a vital communication link between both parties.

The Lifesaving Director Bruce Breadner, in conjunction with the Emergency Services coordinator, Peter Agnew met regularly and it is indeed pleasing to note that they have now successfully installed a 24 hour emergency call out system. This has been an objective of the Board for several years and the efforts of many has seen its fruition.

Our Gear Inspection Panel under the direction of Convener, Ken English, again continued its important task of checking club equipment prior to the beginning of the seasons beach patrols and congratulations are extended to the recipients of the D.C. Lucas Lucas Memorial Trophy which this year was the Cronulla S.L.S.C.

Proficiency testing was again conducted by the Board at various Clubs throughout the Branch during the early part of the season. It is of concern to the Board and the Branch of the number of proficiency's that were approved by the State Superintendent for Clubs for which both the Board and Branch were not aware. At the time of

printing this report this matter was to be taken up with the State Superintendent at the next Superintendents conference.

Our Examination and Instruction Director, Bob Brandon again took responsibility for this important task and his report outlines his activities during the year. Bob has indicated that he will not be seeking this post again due to overseas travel and on behalf of the Board I would extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for his efforts. Likewise the efforts of all those Board members who undertook examinations and carnival duties in some atrocious weather conditions are commended for their efforts.

On the carnival side of the Boards activities we were again well represented at championship level with many of our members holding senior positions including referees and starters as well as the important positions of marshals recorders and the most important post of judge.

Our fundraisers again continued with their vital role and this year members were issued with a very good all purpose bag screen printed with the Branch badge. As we progress and our bank balance rises I feel sure that more items will be issued to the membership.

It is not my intention to seek the position of Secretary in the coming year and I would take the opportunity to thank all the members of the Board for their help and assistance during my last seven years on the Boards Executive. I trust that there is someone within our ranks that will take up this rewarding post and continue on with the secretarial tasks of the Board. I have enjoyed working with you all and look forward to our meetings at surf carnivals and various functions.

Ken English — Secretary

Life Saving Director's Report

In today's financial climate it is becoming increasingly difficult for Surf Life Saving Clubs to make ends meet.

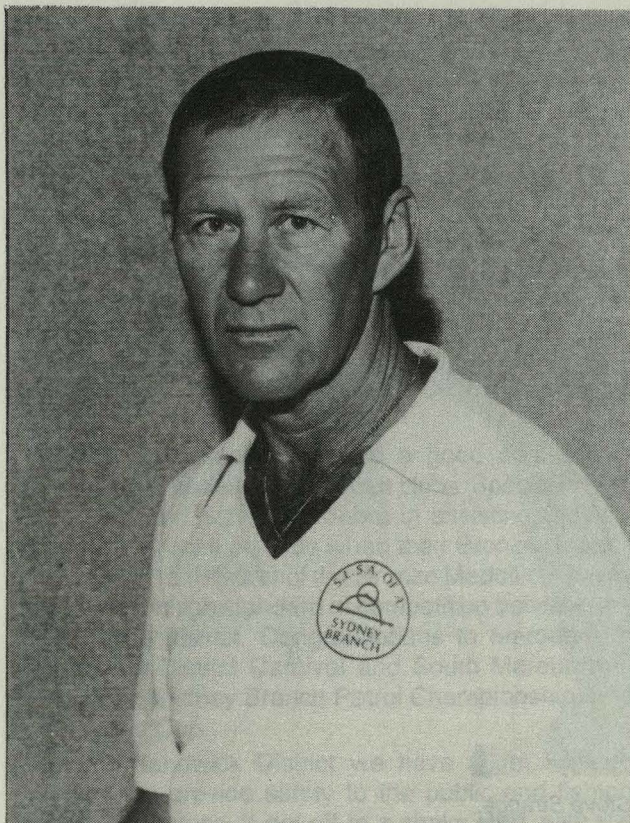
The clubs are looking at computers and full time employees to enable them to be administered effectively. Voluntary organisations such as ours must compete with many other activities for their life blood, which is personnel. A great deal of time and money is spent in training our surf life savers to the levels of expertise which we require of our young people on the beaches. So often we spend this time and money only to lose a large percentage of these people, to other activities, where they are not required to give of their time and energies to provide a public service.

Our clubs must seek sponsorship to survive and unfortunately the sponsors require some return for their investment and most of this money is channelled into the competition area. Life saving is suffering and we need to address the problem before it gets out of hand.

Each year the Sydney Branch has an IRB donated which is balloted for by the clubs at the end of the season.

To be eligible for the ballot, clubs need to satisfy the following criteria:

1. Clubs must enter a rostered patrol in the Branch Patrol Championships.



Bruce Breadner.

2. Clubs must provide personnel to man the Sydney Surf Radio Room for a required number of hours.
3. Clubs are required to gain two IRB drivers awards in the season.
4. Clubs must not incur patrol defaults for contravening the patrol requirements as outlined in our Branch Information Directory.

Of the fifteen clubs within the branch the following results were obtained:

1. Patrol Championships — 4 Clubs competed
2. Radio Room — 9 Clubs responded
3. IRB Awards — 10 Clubs successful
4. Patrol Infringements — 6 Clubs with infringements.

In the final analysis four clubs only were eligible to enter the draw for the IRB. Interestingly, those clubs were the same four clubs who entered teams in the Patrol Championships.

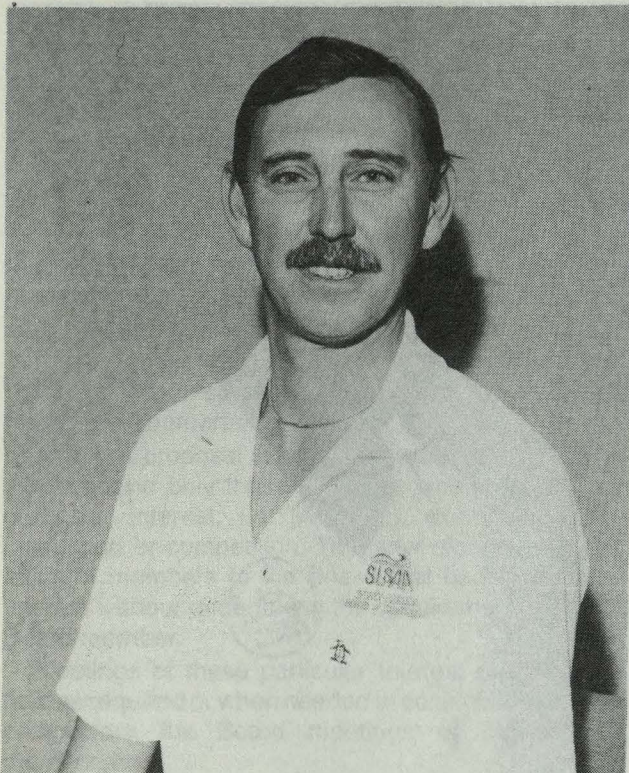
We have excellent training programmes and instructors. We have sophisticated equipment and training personnel and we have problems in maintaining patrols on our beaches.

— Why?

I have been very well supported by the four District Supervisors during the season. These people and their Deputies have a thankless job and I thank them for their support and their big contribution to Surf Life Saving in Sydney Branch. My thanks also to the Superintendent for his support to my Deputy and Emergency Service Officer, Peter for a big job well done.

To the supervisors of our Specialist Areas, IRBs, ORB and Radio, I also pass on my thanks for a job well done.

Bruce G. Breadner



Steve Strange.

Royal National Park District Supervisor's Report

The three clubs of the Royal National Park District, Garie, Era and Burning Palms have maintained satisfactory patrols of their beaches during the past season, with Garie benefiting from increased numbers of active members gaining awards late last season and early this season.

Saturday Patrols, during the Daylight Saving period, of Era and Burning Palms were discontinued as part of a patrol rationalised in the District, however, both clubs, snared with Garie, on a rostered basis, Saturday afternoon patrols for the entire season.

No Patrol Infringements were recorded against the District's Clubs during the season.

Awards at Era this Season have not been as good as the previous season's 29 (16 BM Awards) with only 8 Bronze Awards being gained. Total award figures for the season were 21. Of these, 4 were for Radio Operators Certificates and 5 for IRB Drivers Certificates. Peter Moran, joined the Board as Probationary Examiner and is a welcome addition to the Board's ranks in the District.

Burning Palms gained 32 awards, which included 25 Bronze Medallions. A very great improvement on last season figure of 8 awards. This influx of new awardees was brought about by the Club's liaison with Hurlstone Agricultural High School, through Board Member Jack Ryan.

Radio communication within the District and with Sydney Surf were again satisfactory. New frequencies have been installed by the Clubs and at the Illawarra Ambulance Control to ensure 24 hours radio coverage

in cases of emergencies when Sydney Surf is not operating.

Only one round of the District Competition and Rescue Carnival was held during the Season. In open competition, Era and Burning Palms regularly fielded boat crews, the Era Junior Crew, again having a very good year. Burning Palms' old March Past Team gained a Bronze Medal at the Branch Championships and their first aid team won both the Open and Junior Championships.

Results of the one round of District competition, held at Garie on November 25, 1989 resulted in the following:

Pymble Shield: Era 17, Garie 12, Burning Palms 7

Bobby Liddle Trophy: Era 19, Garie 17, Burning Palms 6
Garie 1st, Burning Palms 2nd

First Aid Trophy: Garie 1st, Burning Palms 2nd

Pointscore: Garie 89, Era 82, Burning Palms 24

Under 18 Trophy: Garie 7, Era 5

Best Under 18: David Cairns, Garie

Best Under 15: Phillip Lloyd, Garie

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Deputy, Peter Sullivan. Other Active Board members in the District were Brad Taylor, David Cross, Frank Osborne, Ross Cotter, Geoff Gilvear, Michael Moran and Bob Davison. Peter Moran joined the Board as a Probationary Member and will gain his Examiners Certificate early next season.

I would like to sincerely thank them all and Board Members from the other Districts, especially Ernie Stephens, who took the time to officiate at both the Era and Garie Carnivals and to conduct final examinations.

Steve Strange

Cronulla-Sutherland District Supervisor's Report

This season I feel has been rewarding for the four clubs in the Bate Bay District without being outstanding. The introduction of the surveillance patrol system was well received by the four clubs and supported by their Management Committees.

The only area of concern is the lack of qualified drivers of IRB's in all clubs and the poor performance in obtaining training of new drivers. I do not believe this is a reflection on the IRB division in each club but the overall attitude of the Clubs towards lifesaving management.

We in New South Wales have still not resolved our radio communications with IRB's and this is a must for the coming season to ensure the total availability of our rescue resources at all times.

The current patrol hours and system are a minimum and I feel it would be responsible of the Clubs to operate from 8 a.m. on Sunday mornings outside of daylight saving hours.

Image of surf life saving is our bread and butter to corporate sponsorship.



Peter Calder.

The profile of competition has certainly helped in this area but I believe the backup of the life saving image is just as important. We do not publicise our current equipment mobility, volunteers and training that befits the image of a uniformed lifesaver.

It is my opinion that the standard of candidates as a whole improved in the District and this is a tribute to the Chief Instructors and their assistants.

The content of our Bronze Medallion award is comprehensive and interesting and in two years I have not had a candidate pass or fail say the content was not what was expected or would they delete something.

It was noticeable that the number of awards were down and this may be a trend with beach pollution, but I also believe we as clubs do not put enough time into the retention of membership and effort would help solve the drain of qualified people of our beaches.

I would like to thank all officers who helped me during the season and special thanks to my Assistant, Paul Ferguson.

Peter Calder

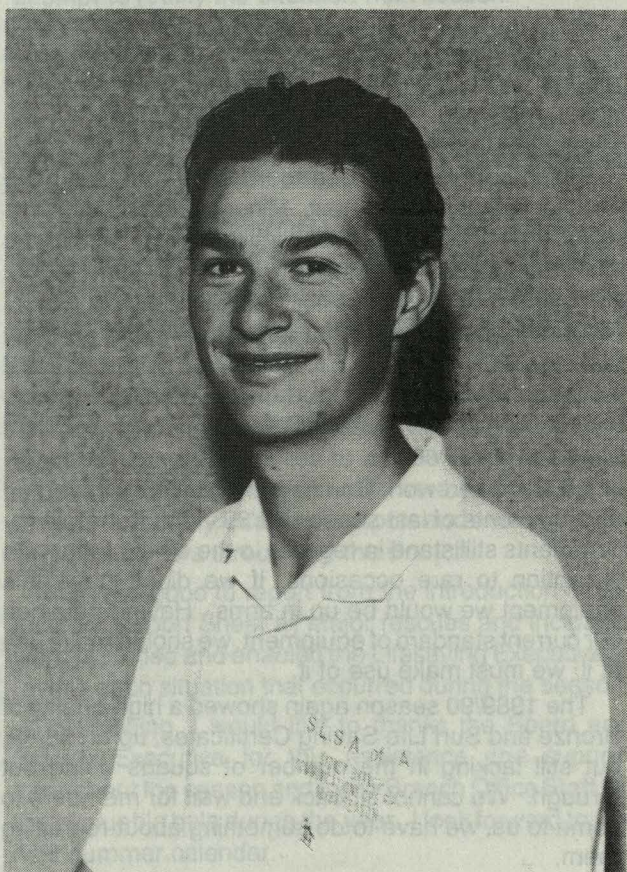
the examiners who helped me throughout the year with prelims in the Randwick District — it was a great help and very much appreciated. From the many visits I made to the clubs in the district, I am pleased to report that the majority of patrols I inspected were well manned and efficient. I was extremely pleased with the high standard of the squads presented in the preliminary exams. This high level of competence ensures that the standards of instruction has once again improved.

Congratulations to the Chief Instructors on a job well done — keep up the good work! A special mention must go to Coogee who were by far the most outstanding. If the other clubs could follow suit the District would reap the benefits.

It was also pleasing to find a good deal of co-operation and assistance between clubs. Special thanks to Coogee and South Maroubra in assisting Clovelly when their Bronze Squads when their Bronze Squads had to fulfill the IRB part of the Bronze Medallion. It was great to see a high standard of competition between the clubs in the district. Congratulations to Maroubra in winning the District Carnival and South Maroubra in winning the Sydney Branch Patrol Championship, and the Mayor's Cup.

In the Randwick District we have a Jet Rescue Service who provide safety to the public and fishing vessels in distress. It got off to a shaky start, with the boat out of commission for the first part of the season, but with the efforts of the group, the boat was back in action to provide assistance to the clubs of Randwick as well as Botany Bay.

On a personal level, my role as District Supervisor



John Restuccia.

Randwick District Supervisor's Report

As the 1989/90 season draws to a close, I would like to thank the efforts of the clubs in the Randwick District for the excellent way in which they patrolled our beaches.

My position as District Supervisor was a little difficult in the early stages as I did not have an assistant to share part of the workload. It was quite a job to fulfill alone. However, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all

gave me the opportunity to view the various aspects of life saving. It was good to know that the clubs took the time to contact me to interpret Branch Policies. This ensured a consistent approach between the various members.

As a duty officer assisting in rescues I saw great team work from all the patrols I worked with in rescue situations, and it was pleasing to see once again in the Randwick District no lives were lost.

Finally, I must congratulate those members who were selected to represent in the inter-district carnival. My thanks also go to all the lifesavers of the district whose voluntary duties go towards making our beaches continually safe to the public.

John Restuccia

Waverley District Supervisor's Report

Having completed my final season as District Supervisor, I feel that I have nothing more to offer in this position and intend to nominate for a more senior position for next season. I would feel remiss if I didn't thank everyone for their invaluable assistance during the 1989/90 season. My assistant Kim Wilson made my burden of responsibility seem a whole lot lighter, he certainly took a load off my shoulders, thank you. The Waverley District Executive, Bruce Breadner, Carl Melvey, Peter Agnew, Jenny Anderson, Pearce Biram, John Restuccia and Roger Habib were once again to the fore with their assistance and inestimable support, thank you hardly seems adequate.

Congratulations again to North Bondi, having won the Waverley Shield yet again, making it seven (7) years running. Bondi, Tamarama and Bronte put in very good efforts, well done, congratulations to everyone involved. Keep up the good work.

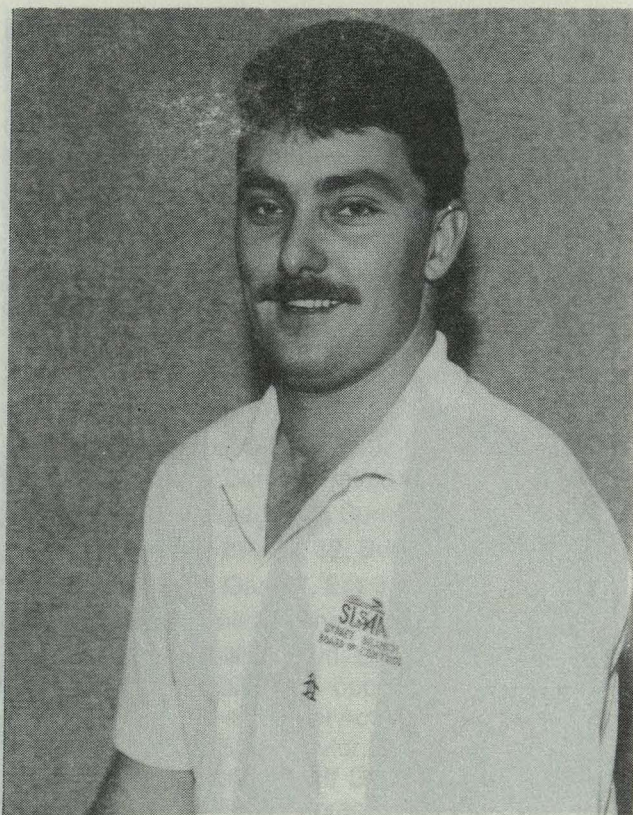
Beach patrols continued to improve, but, still have room for further improvement. Minor patrol infringements still occurred, I feel we could eliminate these with a little more thought and responsibility. Overall, not too bad, strive for better next season.

I am happy to report that all four (4) clubs are now making full use of the UHF radio facility. However, I feel that I should stress the importance of maintenance, so that can continue to make full use of this very important aspect of life saving.

IRB's. Good work Bondi, you completely reversed my comments of last season 88/89. Unfortunately my comments still stand in regards to the other clubs, with exception to rare occasions. If we didn't have this equipment we would be up in arms. Having obtained our current standard of equipment, we should make use of it, we must make use of it.

The 1989/90 season again showed a high quality of Bronze and Surf Life Saving Certificates, up on 88/89, but still lacking in the number of squads being put through. We cannot sit back and wait for members to come to us, we have to do something about recruiting them.

Once again Tamarama has shown we can compete



George Shales.

in the State Patrol Championships, another excellent second, well done Tamarama. Where were our other three (3) clubs? You do have beach patrols, don't you? Lets see some spirit of competition from you.

George Shales

Radio Supervisor's Report

The 1989/90 season has been one of the busiest seasons for some years. During the winter break the Radio Room was fitted with a new console which was donated by the Australian Broadcasting Commission and it was erected with the assistance of various trade persons within our Group.

In excess of 30 major rescues were controlled from the Branch Radio Room in conjunction with the Police, Ambulance, Helicopter Rescue Service, Offshore Rescue Boat 2 and Jet Rescue Boat 3.

With the introduction of the after hours call out system late in the season, the workload is expected to increase next season.

I would like to thank the clubs that have assisted the Radio Room with personnel for the 30 hours of service and I would like to remind the other clubs that if you don't support the Branch Radio Room you cannot complain when you are asked to stand by due to lack of man power.

Finally, I would like to thank my assistant, Peter Rennex for his efforts this season and to the operators for their constant time and effort that they have put in this season.

Ian White

Emergency Services Report

It is satisfying to report yet another very successful season in the field of Emergency Services with a number of major projects undertaken.

Of the projects, the setting up and running of the new 24 hour emergency call-out system was high priority.

The system allows Clubs and statutory authorities to call our own SLSA Emergency Rescue Services for out of hours rescues and emergencies via an integrated paging and answering system.

Less than twelve hours after the system was put into operation the first call was received. It was a Mayday at Wedding Cake Island (Coogee). Sydney Water Police and JRB 3 rushed to the Island with a Duty Officer on stand by on the beach. Upon arrival there was no sign of the boat as it was dark, a grid patten search commenced with JRB 3 finding the boat 3 miles off the rifle range at Maroubra with motor, radio and mast useless.

Over the past 2 months the call-out system has been in operation, thirteen call-outs of such services as ORB 2, JRB 3, Duty Officers and club personnel in the way IRB's have been recorded with the majority of the calls for missing persons washed off rocks and beached areas. The system has proven to be an asset for aquatic users to be able to fully utilise the services at hand for out of hours activities.

At the start of the season the annual Emergency Services Field Day was held at Yarra Bay in which a number of new procedures took place. The day involved a number of workshop discussion groups and simulated rescues including for the first time the opportunity to be able to transfer a doctor aboard Offshore Rescue Boat 2 which proved to be a great success in being able to work as an extensive working platform.

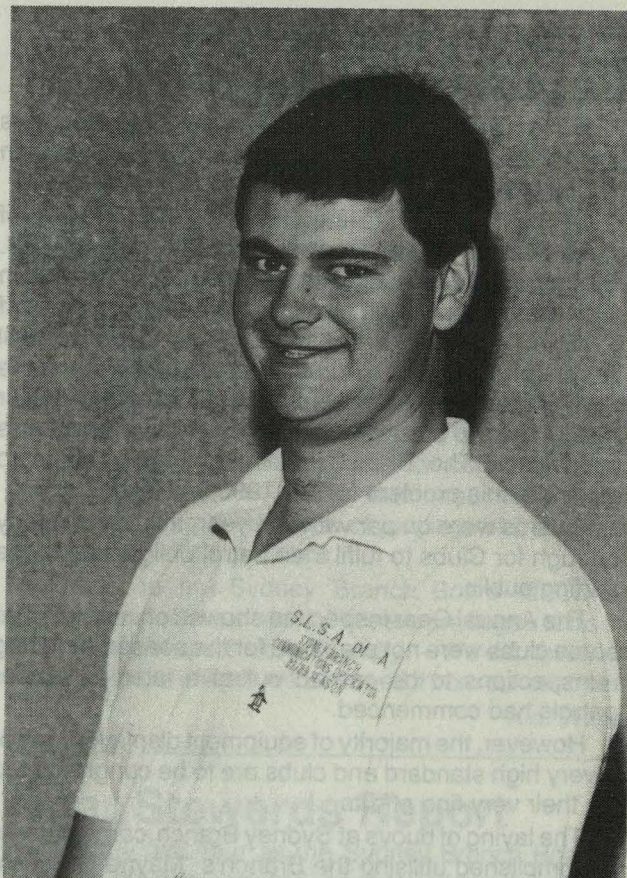
In the field of communications the Sydney Branch Radio Room operated to its usual high standard under the supervision of Ian White.

The reformation of the Sydney Surf Radio Room early last year enabled the full utilisation of the equipment to the specification of the operators and made working in the room a pleasure.

The installation of the Channel 1 aerial on top of the Prince Henry Hospital nurses quarters also greatly improved the strength of the communications with all Clubs being able to use a simplex channel for the general duties.

The ORB/JRB section headed by Ron Camilleri proved that this section was one of great strength with both boats attending a number of major search and rescues, also seeing its members seeking to gain further qualifications in the way of technical courses such as coastal navigation and Department of Communication Radio Certificates to further the knowledge of the operational aspects of their craft.

The IRB section under the guidance of Bill Singleton ran rather smoothly with some concern by Bill at the lack of IRB's appearing on patrol this season. Bill has now



Peter Agnew.

put forward a number of proposals to the Board in an attempt to rectify the situation next season.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the Duty Officers comprising of Steve Strange, Ron Camilleri, John Restuccia and George Shales who worked tirelessly throughout the season being on patrol with UHF radios each weekend and for rostered periods during the week.

The role of the Duty Officers is a very diverse one, it ranges from supporting Patrol Captains in major rescue and search situations, to being a liaison officer between kindred services in areas not covered by the beach patrol.

This season saw the Duty Officers equipped with an extensive 200 page information directory to enable them to have easy access to a wide range of rescue information. Familiarisation walks were also held during the year to identify local fishing spots and areas covered by aquatic users throughout the Branch.

It is also good to report from the introduction of the Incident Report Sheet all major rescues and incidents were recorded and enabled the Lifesaving Executive to review each situation that occurred during the season.

In finishing, I would like to thanks the Board and Branch Executive for this assistance and support throughout the season and to the Branch Office Staff for their valuable help during the year. I look forward to the next summer calendar.

P. Agnew

Inshore Rescue Boat Supervisor's Report

With the 1989/90 patrol season now completed, it is time to reflect upon the performances of our IRB Section of Clubs during the season.

Of great concern to the Branch was the failure of some Clubs to fulfil their patrol obligations with the IRB. A number of Clubs did not have craft on the beach during patrol hours and also failed to notify Sydney Surf of their availability. In most cases the failure to fulfil patrol obligations was due to the lack of drivers in the club. Blame for this can be directly aimed at the Senior level of clubs to ensure the training of suitable candidates as Drivers. The Branch is already taking steps to eliminate this problem for the 1990/91 Season.

Awards were on par with last year, this is not nearly enough for Clubs to fulfil their patrol obligations to the surfing public.

The Annual Gear Inspection showed once again that some clubs were not prepared for the season requiring reinspections to be carried out at a later date after patrols had commenced.

However, the majority of equipment displayed was of a very high standard and clubs are to be congratulated for their very fine efforts.

The laying of buoys at Sydney Branch carnivals was accomplished utilising the Branch's "Mayne Nickless" IRB and the Branch is greatly indebted to those members of clubs who came forward and offered their help for carnivals and special events in which the Branch was asked to assist with water safety.

The Branch IRB elimination round for the State Championships was conducted at the Bondi SBLSC and the Branch Championships were held at South Maroubra. Thanks are extended to both the host clubs for the use of their facilities and assistance in the conduct of these events.

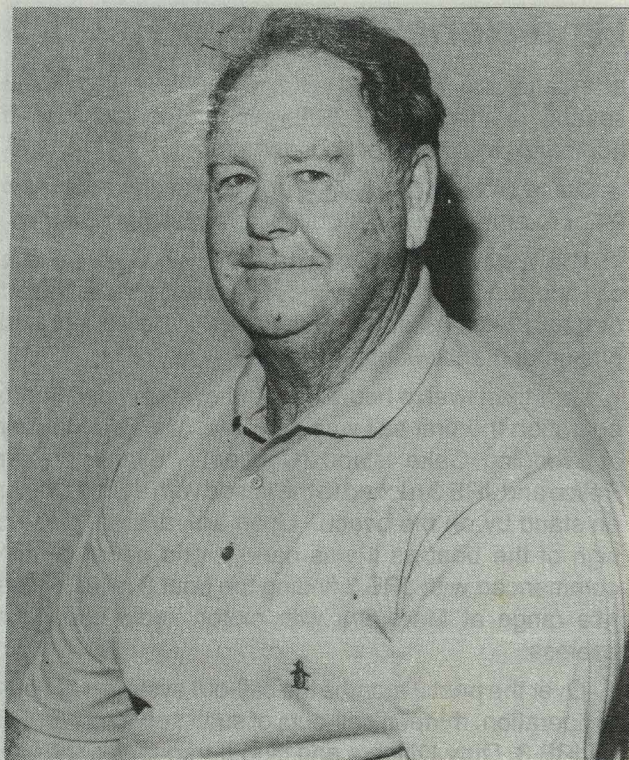
The sponsors for the IRB events were Kenwood and Buttercup Vogel Breads and we ask them to please accept our sincerest gratitude for their continued support of the Branch.

To the clubs who won medals at our Championships, congratulations, the overall pointscore for the David Chandler Trophy was won by the Bondi Club — well done Bondi. In all, nine clubs competed and the most pleasing feature of the carnivals was the co-operation of the competitors. Their good humour and assistance in the running of the events showed through. The medal presentations and social after the events were the ingredients of surf life saving at its best.

To the officials who attended please accept my thanks for their efforts.

The State IRB Championships were held at Soldiers Beach on the Central Coast in a boisterous two meter surf. A number of Sydney Branch Clubs attended meeting with mixed success, however, the signs are there that we are no longer the "also rans" in IRB competition and the Clubs who attended had a great weekend.

Congratulations to those Clubs who were successful and to those Sydney Branch officials who gave their time to attend.



Bill Singleton.

For the past few seasons throughout Australia continued experiments with hulls and motors for IRB's with an emphasis on competition has prevailed and this in itself is not detrimental to surf life saving.

Throughout its existence the S.L.S.A. of A. has always encouraged experiment in methods and equipment. e.g. resuscitation, propguards etc. However, it seems to be generally thought that the changes are only being considered for the IRB competition side of surf life saving. I hope in Sydney Branch that we never lose sight of the reason for our existence; that is the continued saving of lives on our beaches and any changes in craft or motors be arrived at that end.

During the season I received great help from a number of fellow IRB personnel and I thank them sincerely.

To the Board Executive, thanks for putting up with me. I have enjoyed working with you.

To my successor for the coming season be assured of my continued support to you and the IRB panel.

Bill Singleton

New Member's Report

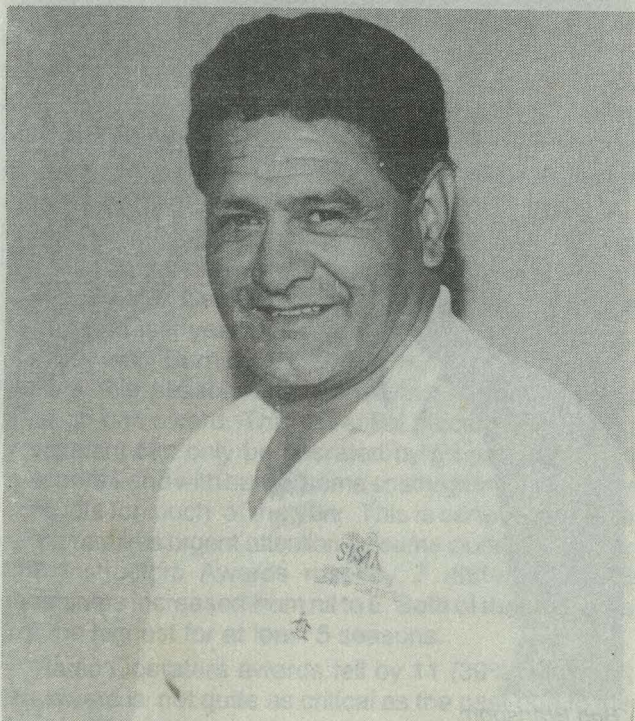
One New members welcome function was held this season in June 1990. The venue was the Branch Office in Cottage 4 at Prince Henry Hospital, Little Bay. New members were welcomed by Board Officers which was followed by a light lunch.

New members are the life blood of the Board and it is with great pleasure that we welcome them to our ranks and hope that others will follow in their footsteps.

My thanks to Bob Bransdon for being so patient with my many absences from Sydney this year.

Jenny Anderson.

Board Riding Report



Kim Wilson.

The 1989/90 season was successful for the Sydney Branch. Success is the key to excellence, winter, summer both State and Australian Championships.

Now for a recap of the seasons winter championship at Bondi on 2nd and 3rd September, 1989. Proudly sponsored by In the Raw, Speedo, North Sails, Isidors, Bennett Surfboards, Gracy Jones, and Bondi Video there were prizes valued in excess of \$4000.00. A green contest t shirt was won by the winner of the open division, G. Vandenberg of Taree Old Bar S.L.S.C. and is considered a status symbol by all the contestants. To Bondi Club thanks very much for your hospitality to the 154 competitors that competed at the two day carnival.

Six carnivals were held in the Branch during the summer competition at Maroubra, Elouera, Wanda, Burning Palms, Garie and Wand for as second time.

My thanks to Margaret Pearce and the Burning Palms members for their hospitality.

Our achievement to be able to host the Metropolitan along with our Branch Championship and win both carnivals was wonderful.

At Garie Beach we held a tag team competition against Garie Board Riders Club and won this competition also. Thank you Garie S.L.S.C. and Peter Sullivan for your hospitality we will definitely be back next year. Referee on the day was Steve (Honky) Barrett.

At the State and Australian Championships held at North Wollongong saw a high standard of competition and the Branch performed exceptionally well taking gold in both the Under 18 and Under 15 with many Sydney Branch surfers in the finals.

To obtain the high standard at championship level the Branch again conducted the Peter Doolan Tag Team event which has become highly popular. The

event was held at Wanda Beach on March 25th. 1990 with competitors from the Lower North Coast, Manly-Warringah, and Illawarra Branches while Sydney Branch entered an A & B team.

Our A team won back the shield from Manly-Warringah whilst the B team came home with the bronze medal. The managers of the teams were Steve Barrett — A Team and George Shales — B team.

In conclusion a sincere thank you to all the Clubs from the Sydney, Manly - Warringah, Illawarra and Lower North Coast Branches board riding officials for their assistance. To Steve Barrett, George Shales, Gary Yelland, Joe Seddon, Peter Sullivan, Wayne Loney, Peter Agnew, Gaelyn Watson, Nina Colev, your support towards the Sydney Branch competitors both winter and summer series has made this series successful with a standard of judging that has been maintained with excellence.

Finally to my Sydney Branch Board of Control colleagues "old wise saying" We are privileged to be the custodians of sport in this Country — We did not inherit sport from our officials we borrowed it from our members.

Kim Wilson

Gear Stewards Report

This is my first year as the Sydney Branch Board of Control Gear Steward and I have found that the position does commit the gear steward to certain responsibilities during the year, but it is a job I am pleased to be able to carry on with.

During the year it was pleasing to note that the protest book at surf carnivals was only used in one event—there may be more in sectional referee's pockets; but it was disappointing to note that the results of those protests were not recorded.

I have a weight problem, not mine, my wifes arms are getting longer carrying the weighty gear to our carnivals. I do not want to appear "Scroogey" but next season we will only carrying to carnivals only the minimum necessary soft and hardware required. If any section runs short, please let me know for remedial action.

It would be appreciated if Officials could obtain their own pencils and note paper to lighten the load.

Hygiene is a problem with whistles, and they are also hard to retain. Would officials who are likely to use them during the year please obtain one and keep it in your own kit bag. We may be able to do a bulk purchase through the Branch.

Our six starting pistols have stood up quite well and are nearly indestructible after watching Bill "Wyatt Earp" Singleton and Bill "Hopalong" Gray in action. You can actually hear the sound under water.

Regrettably, they may soon be obsolete as the ammunition for them is very difficult to obtain. There is only enough in stock for half of next season. The ammunition is very expensive, last season we used 1660 rounds which cost \$664.00 or 40 cents per shot. Now might be a good time to put ideas together for alternative starting devices such as air horns, cap pistols.

Denis Dick

Examination & Instruction Supervisor's Report

The 1989/90 season got under way with a joint meeting of club Chief Instructors and Board Examiners. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the ensuing season and highlight any changes to procedures to all concerned.

Unfortunately the attendance, particularly by the Chief Instructors, was very disappointing. Lack of a representative from the larger clubs was most disturbing. Either their Club Secretaries failed to pass the details of the meeting on to them or they did not feel it was necessary to attend.

For those Chief Instructors and Examiners who did make the effort to attend, the meeting proved most successful. Perhaps the most pertinent part of the meeting was the discussion and practical demonstration of the Air Bag Resuscitator by Keith Grima and Roger Halib. Thanks are extended to Clovelly SLSC for hosting the meeting.

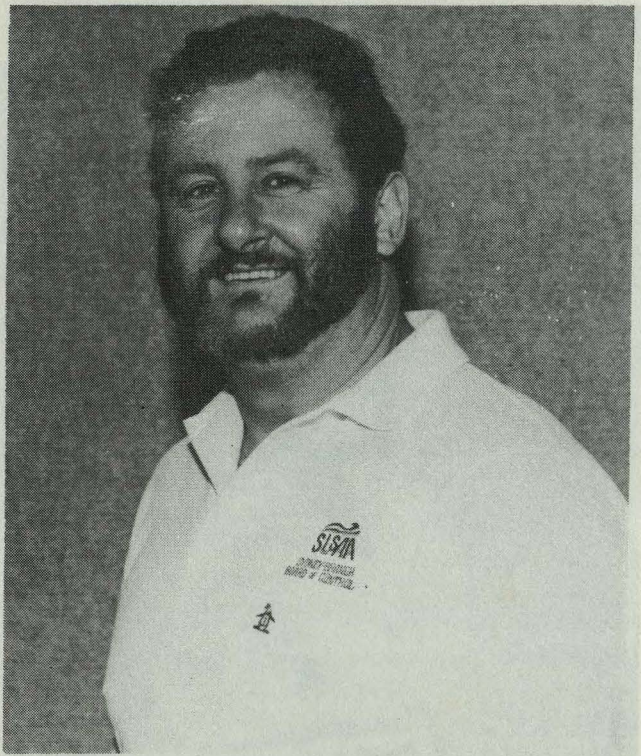
Let us hope that the meeting prior to the commencement of next season is much better supported. It can only benefit the clubs involved and the Examiners. The concept of a joint meeting between Chief Instructors and Examiners proved most successful as it allowed inter-action between the two groups, whose ultimate aim is identical, i.e. to increase membership of clubs through obtainment of Surf Life Saving Awards.

Proficiency Tests once again proved to be an absolute drain on the resources of the Board, with tests being conducted each day of each weekend from 14th October through to 30th November. This season saw a change in the format whereby the Proficiency Test was conducted as one single exam rather than split into 2 parts as in the past. Whilst this concept proved popular with the clubs, the work load on the Examiners was great. Generally, clubs are to be congratulated on their co-operation in preparing and arranging their members for the Tests however, a distinct shortage of Examiners created gaps in some instances. Full credit must go to the Proficiency supervisors, Carl and Peter Melvey in the Waverley District, Ken Metcalf in the Randwick District, Bill Gray in the Cronulla District and Peter Sullivan in the National Parks District for the amount of work they put in to ensure proficiencies were completed. The Examiners who spent countless hours at various beaches during this period are also to be thanked.

With the huge number of life savers to be tested each season in relation to the number of board members who actively participate in these tests, a complete review of overall Proficiency Testing is required. The Board is now reviewing the situation.

Awards for the season were down a total of 43 (4%) overall however, the major shortfall was apparent in the Resuscitation Certificate which showed a downturn of 67 awards. Perhaps this has some bearing on the overall concern being shown by the Association on the flow through of Junior Association members to the senior ranks. This is a matter which is subject of discussion within the Association at the present.

Surf Life Saving Certificates numbered exactly the same as the previous season. The pleasing aspect of



Bob Bransdon.

the season was the increase in Bronze Medallion awards of 40. This represents a 10% increase on last year. This increase was particularly pleasing in a season where bad weather and more importantly media emphasis on pollution, turned many people away from the beaches, particularly in the Eastern Suburbs. South Maroubra appeared to be the worst affected with a downturn on 15 Bronze Medallion awards. Other clubs who suffered a downturn were Maroubra, Era, North Cronulla and Tamarama.

A significant improvement in Bronze Medallion awards was seen from Burning Palms and Garie, both who have struggled to obtain new members over recent seasons. The efforts of these two clubs is to be commended. Cronulla also increased their Bronze Medallion members by 18 over last season. Both Bondi and Bronte showed improvements although their numbers are still a little down and it is hoped that there is a continued upward trend in both clubs.

Generally, the standards of the candidates continues to be at a high level and this reflects well on the Chief Instructors and Training Officers of the clubs. The District Supervisors and their assistants, have continued to ensure candidates are presented for final exams at the required standard through their thorough examination at trial level.

Advanced Resuscitation Certificates showed a decline of 12 (7%) over last season and this is an area where clubs need to concentrate to improve their numbers. The introduction of the Air Bag Resuscitator seems to have frightened people off and this is particularly evident in the huge reduction in members coming forward for ARC updates, which are required to be done annually. This is certainly an area that needs to be attended by clubs. Perhaps in line with the downturn in awards, only one new ARC Examiners Award was

achieved this season. There has been some conjecture as to the standard required in Sydney Branch being too high however, the ARC and associated awards are as they state, Advanced Awards, therefore high standards must be maintained. Bruce Breadner and Keith Grima are to be congratulated for their efforts in co-ordinating all ARC awards. Their assistance was invaluable to me as they were able to totally control this aspect of examination and instruction.

Similarly, Bill Singleton is especially thanked for his control of the IRB awards during the season. A total of 44 IRB Drivers' Certificates were awarded, which is one fewer than last year. It is quite alarming that 2 clubs, Clovelly and Burning Palms did not obtain any new drivers this season and three other clubs only put through one award. This essential piece of life saving equipment can only be operated by properly qualified personnel and with same, some costly gear is obviously lying idle for much of the year. This is certainly an area which requires urgent attention by some clubs. Pleasingly IRB Instructors Awards rose by 7 (88%) and IRB Examiners increased from nil to 6. Both of these figures are the highest for at least 5 seasons.

Radio Operators awards fell by 11 (39%) although this award is not quite as critical as the past due to the Radio Operation section contained in the Bronze Medallion. Ian White is thanked for his assistance in co-ordinating all Radio Awards.

Obviously all the awards gained during the season would not happen without the efforts of the Board of Control Examiners. A total of 62 Examiners, including probationary, conducted exams at the 31 examinations (BM & SLSC) held during the season of these, 27 attended less than three, many were also involved in other aspects of surf life saving at various levels, which restricted their time for these exams. These figures reflect firstly the dedication of the Board Members who are prepared and able to conduct exams and secondly the critical shortage of Examiners in the Branch. A large recruitment drive is required to entice new Examiners and some incentive is needed. If anyone knows a sponsor who is able to donate some shorts/skirts and shirts etc to our Examiners as reward for their efforts please contact the Branch/Branch of Control urgently.

To those Examiners who contributed so much to the success of Sydney Branch this season, our gratitude and thanks are extended. Special thanks are given to those who were able to fill in at short notice during times of shortage.

It is very pleasing to be able to welcome the following new members of the Board of Control as Examination Members:

Ursula Say — Clovelly
 Ian Goode — Cronulla
 Paul Scullion — Maroubra
 David Newhouse — North Bondi
 Joanne Chapman — North Cronulla
 Dianne Lovell — North Cronulla
 Steve Barrett — Wanda
 John Roberts — Wanda

Other members who have yet to complete their probationary period are Cathy Loader, Jason Ezzy, Ray

Loveridge, Ray Robinson and Bernard Staunton. We look forward to welcoming you as full Board Members early next season.

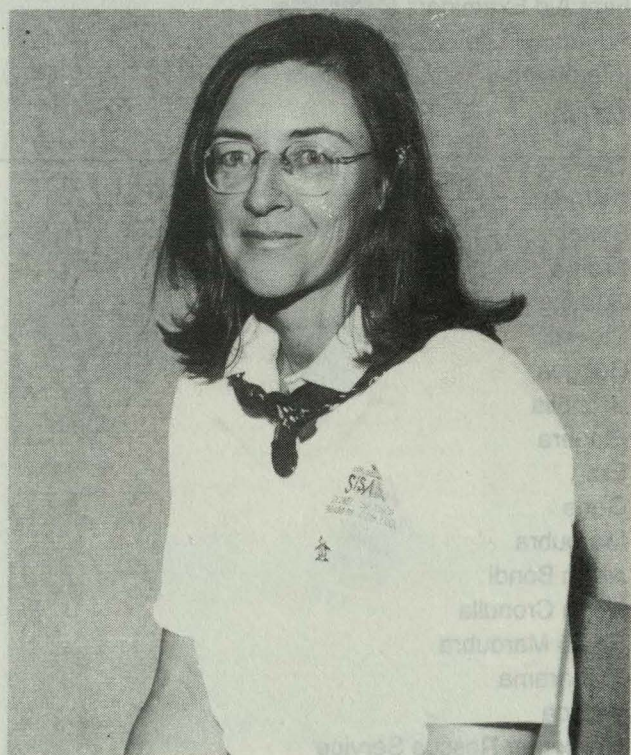
Clubs who conducted Examinations were generally well prepared and there were only a couple of minor hiccups. Some exams needed to be either transferred or postponed due to inclement weather and/or dangerous conditions and those clubs who conducted these exams at short notice were of great assistance to the Board. Special mention is given to the Elouera Club for their hospitality to the Board.

Whilst most clubs observed the requirements for paperwork etc there are still a couple who persist in presenting late requests for exams or special exams to cater for competitors. Clubs must realise that the requirements are for their benefit, to allow proper flow of paper work and sufficient time to allocate the required number of Examiners to cater for all candidates. Unfortunately, it will be the candidates who suffer if there is a shortage of Examiners due to late notice. There is also an apparent upsurge in candidates around championship carnival entry cut-off time. Perhaps some clubs should plan their season a little better.

Overall, the season was a good one and whilst my ulcer did receive the occasional jolt, it was a satisfying season. To all who assisted me in any way, my sincere thanks are extended. I would particularly like to say thank you to Margaret Pearce whose assistance and back-up in the Branch Office was absolutely invaluable. I am sure all Club Chief Instructors appreciate the manner in which Margaret handled and controlled paperwork, as much as I do.

Due mainly to overseas travel, I will not be standing for this position next season, and I wish my successor all the very best.

Bob Bransdon

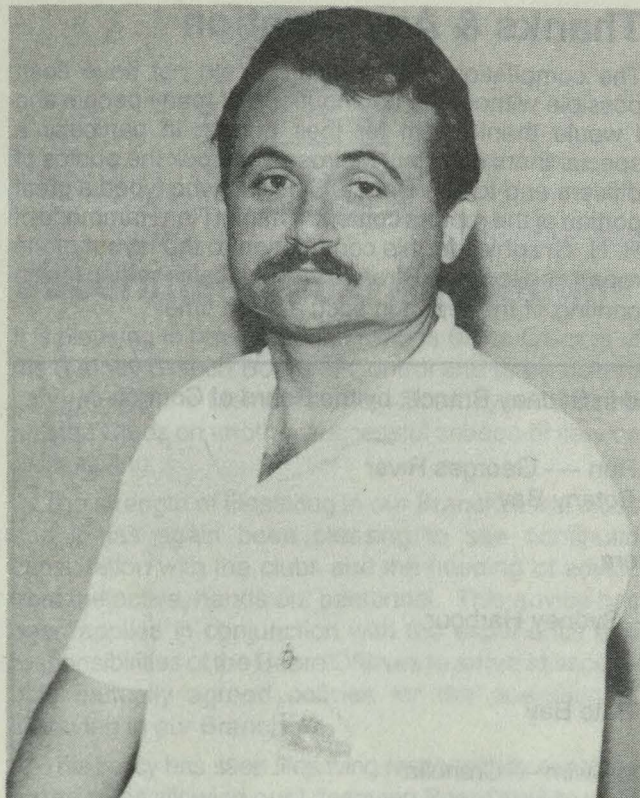


Jenny Anderson, Membership Co-ordinator.

The following table lists the Awards gained during the 1989/90 season, compared with the previous three seasons and the total Awards gained by each club in the Branch.

AWARD	1986/87	1987/88	1988/89	1989/90
Surf Life Saving Certificate	352	241	257	257
Bronze Medallion	493	516	391	431
SLSC Instructor	—	25	23	20
Training Officers Certificate		53	51	37
Examiners Certificate	10	5	11	8
Resuscitation Certificate	76	143	81	17
Advanced Resuscitation Certificate	144	225	163	149
ARC — Instructors Certificate	19	15	14	15
ARC — Examiners Certificate	3	6	1	1
IRB — Crew Certificate	45	20	1	—
IRB — Driver's Certificate	46	28	45	44
IRB — Instructors Certificate	14	7	8	15
IRB — Examiners Certificate	3	4	—	6
JRB — Crew Certificate	4	1	5	—
JRB — Drivers Certificate	3	—	1	3
JRB — Instructors Certificate	3	—	1	1
JRB — Examiners Certificate	3	—	1	1
ORB — Crew Certificate	—	1	—	3
ORB — Drivers Certificate	—	1	—	7
ORB — Skippers Certificate	—	1	—	1
Radio Operators Certificate	92	41	28	17
Radio Instructors Certificate	12	4	7	6
Radio Examiners Certificate	2	—	7	1
Radio Controllers Certificate	—	—	1	—
Helicopter Crew Certificate	4	1	—	—
Helicopter Instructors Certificate	—	1	—	—
Helicopter Examiners Certificate	—	1	1	—
Helicopter Specialist Certificate	—	18	4	—
First Aid Certificate	49	41	5	16
First Aid Instructors Certificate	1	—	—	2
First Aid Examiners Certificate	—	3	—	1
Advanced Life Saving Certificate	8	2	4	3
International Training Officers Certificate	—	—	1	—
TOTAL	1448	1404	1112	1062

AWARD	1986/87	1987/88	1988/89	1989/90
Bondi	168	145	71	69
Bronte	66	65	29	58
Burning Palms	13	7	8	32
Clovelly	32	13	36	33
Coogee	122	55	62	126
Cronulla	160	195	116	81
Elouera	126	166	154	147
Era	21	18	29	21
Garie	24	11	32	43
Maroubra	94	64	69	52
North Bondi	178	194	81	86
North Cronulla	130	155	166	118
South Maroubra	87	82	48	39
Tamarama	52	51	80	31
Wanda	160	130	108	97
Helicopter Rescue Service	—	—	—	—
Community	15	53	23	29



Ron Camilleri.

JRB/ORB Supervisor's Report

With the patrol season for 1989/90 now over, it is time for us to look over the past season and reflect upon the operations of the Branches JRB and ORB.

The season saw much in the way of progress and achievements for both groups but at the same time there were their fair share of problems and drawbacks. In particular the mechanical setbacks suffered by JRB 3 in the first half of the season.

JRB 3 had served faithfully for several years but mechanical problems, major ones started to affect the groups operation it became evident that the craft needed to be replaced and a new craft put into service prior to the 1990/91 season.

With this in mind the group have been looking at various craft recommended to them by their Randwick District Executive Sub committee and other surf lifesaving groups similar to themselves. At this stage a decision has to be made on the final selection of either a Rigid Twin Hull, twin motor vessel or a Large Twin Motor Inflatable.

Much investigation and evaluation has been carried out by the JRB 3 group. Their determination and dedication have kept their group alive, and the knowledge that ORB 2 were in the same situation 3 years ago and that today the ORB 2 are running a very successful Rescue Service with a very reliable craft.

The JRB 3 group still have their main asset, that is their strong membership.

I congratulate all of them for their efforts in particular Captain Peter Rennex and Dave (Blackie) Wilson.

Further down the coast ORB 2 has had a great season. "All ahead Full Steam". Their craft recorded no down time.

Early in the season ORB 2 covered most of the Branch while JRB 3 was out of action. The quick response capability of the craft proved itself when called to jobs in the Randwick District.

My congratulations to Captain John Cox and Chairman Davy Sorenson for running the group in such a professional manner.

Amongst our main achievements this year was the strong bond built between both Rescue Boat groups, also that the groups are seen as major players in the branches 24 hour call out. Both groups can be easily contacted via the Branches pager system and boats put into action within minutes of a distress call being received.

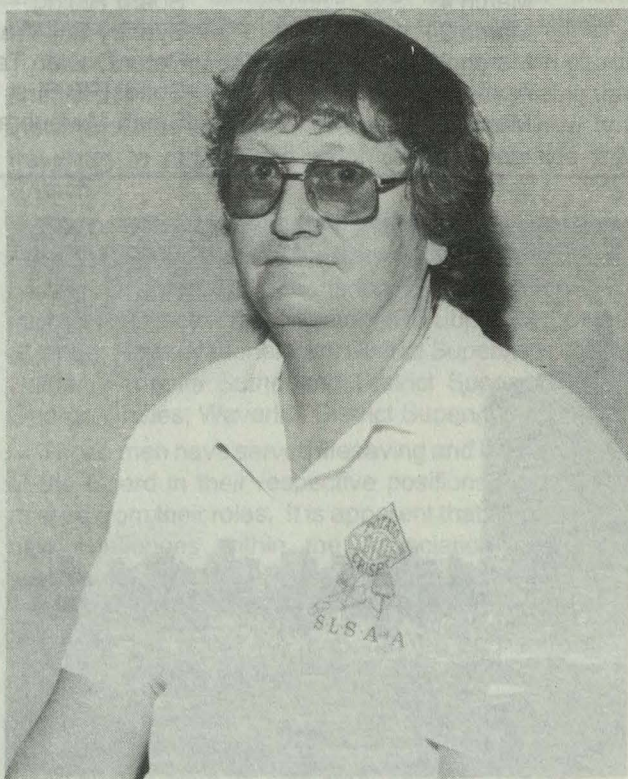
At this point we should keep in mind the strong support offered Municipal Council and Sutherland Shire Council and especially the generous support the groups receive from their own individual sponsors.

Finally, I would like to congratulate both groups on the way they have operated their Rescue Services and wish them all the best for the season ahead.

Ron Camilleri

Carnival & Competition Report

The 1989/90 season has shown us once again that a restructure of Carnivals and Timetabling is needed to accommodate the many events that we have on our calendar. Trying to accommodate all these events is



Ken Metcalf.

becoming quite hard to do as time is of the essence, and with the shortage of officials it is hard to please our clubs continually in this Branch, but never the less, with our liaison together we will finally achieve our goals.

The four district Carnivals we also held with the Board providing officials to conduct same. Once again I would like to congratulate the Officials who assisted our Branch in conducting the Carnivals, and would wish them all prosperity in the coming season.

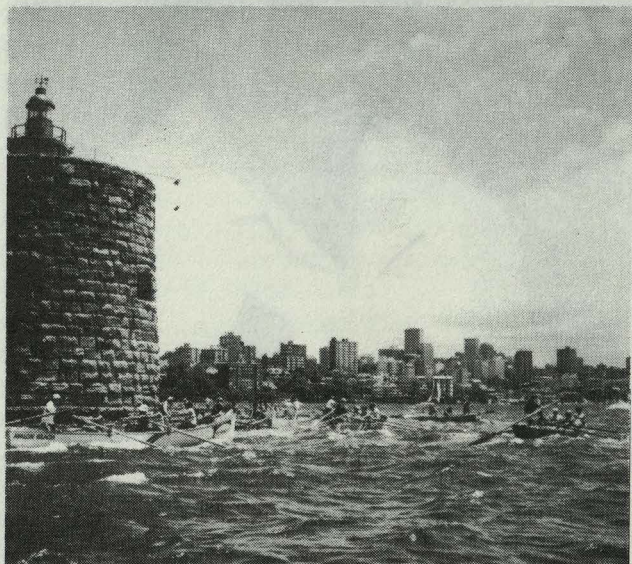
Ken Metcalf

Thanks & Appreciation

The compilation of this report would not have been possible without the contributions of many people and I would thank them for their efforts. In particular a special thanks to Paul Melrose who took the photos of officers and to Mrs Debbie Schilling who typed a great portion of the reports content. Thanks Ron Hammond of R. H. Graphics for his contribution to the layout of the report and to Steve Strange and Huxdale Printing for the printing of the report in such a short time.

The following list is a record of Events conducted in Sydney Branch, by the Board of Control:

Dates	Carnival
October 28	Burning Palms River Run — Georges River
November 4	Botany Bay Bash — Botany Bay
November 11	Era Craft Carnival
November 12	Board Riding — Elouera
November 18	Tamaama District
November 19	Pier One Marathon — Sydney Harbour
December 3	Garie Open Carnival
December 9	Cronulla Open Carnival
December 10	Bate Bay Marathon - Bate Bay
December 16	North Cronulla Open
December 17	Shark Island Marathon Swim — Cronulla
January 6	Elouera Open Carnival
January 14	Maroubra Interdistricts Championships
January 20	North Bondi Open Carnival
January 27-28	Board Riding — Burning Palms
February 3	Coogee Open Carnival
February 4	Rosfield - Bondi Baths — Icebergs Pool
February 17	South Maroubra Open + Metropolitan Championships
February 18	Bondi Open + NSW Interbranch Championships
February 24	Wanda Open Carnival
February 25	Wanda Beach Patrol Championships
March 3	Maroubra Branch Championships
March 4	Board Riding — Garie
March 24	Sydney Still Water Championships — Yarra Bay
March 25	Peter Doolan Tag Team — Wanda
April 29	Bondi IRB First Round
May 20	South Maroubra IRB Championships



Boat action at the Pier One Marathon.

Conclusion

The preceeding pages of this report have detailed the workload and activities of the Board during another hectic season. We now progress into the 90's with many exciting changes within our Association before us and I feel surr that this Board will be ready to meet those changes.

May I take this opportunity to congratulate all for their efforts during the past season and trust that you will continue your fine work in the season before us. It would appear that a number of officers are not seeking re-election and to them we thank you for your past edneavours. To the new incoming officers we wish all the success in the world and trust that you will continue the good work done by your predecessors.

Ken English — Secretary



Superintendent's Addendum

It is pleasing to have read the reports of the Officers of the Sydney Branch Board of Control and to be able to congratulate the Members of the Board, your Officers and the Clubs on another successful season of service to lifesaving.

The strength of lifesaving in our Branch is the clubs and it has again been pleasing to see continued consultation with the clubs and the heeding of advice from the active, hands on, personnel. This advice has been applied in conjunction with the experience and responsibilities of the Board Officers to arrive at acceptable mutually agreed policies for the operation of lifesaving in our Branch.

This policy has seen lifesaving responsibility accepted by the clubs allowing our Lifesaving Board able to work through the District Supervisors as partners rather than a "big brother".

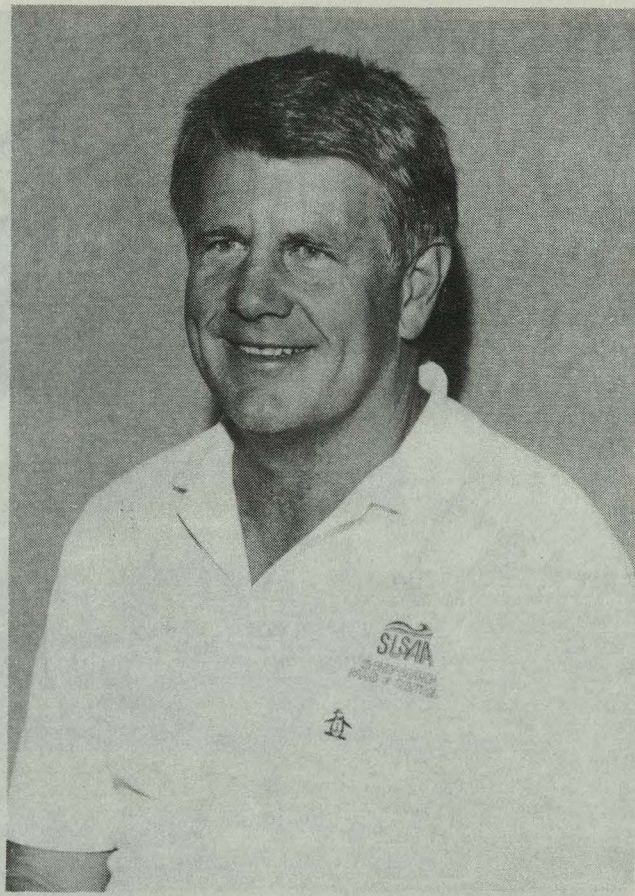
Keys to this have been the successful 'patrol agreement' which has been modified by our experience and now represents the lifesaving expectations of the Board to the Branch Clubs and the publication of the Branch Information Director each year. This landmark document which includes the Patrol agreement, is well recognised for its efficient dissemination of information and rules and is available as a reference to all lifesavers within the Branch.

There is a new confidence in the Emergency Service Groups of the Branch which I feel is indicative of the support given to Peter Agnew in the setting up of our successful 24 hour communication system. This allows the ORB, JRB, IRBs and club personnel contact with statutory services and the knowledge that there are rescue communications in place via telephone and Radio to allow us to reach our potential in major rescue support.

Bob Bransdon has reported that the Examination tasks have again been diligently carried out by the Board according to the availability of our membership. Again it is apparent that more members will always be required to fulfil this obligation. The reworked Proficiency Test Exam procedure applied this year, where each patrol was tested, imposed unacceptable and unworkable loads on the available examiners and for the fourth year is subject to review.

Competition within the Branch has been extremely well supported with a full programme of events culminating in the successful holding of the Metropolitan Pointscore Carnival combined with an Open Carnival with clubs in attendance.

This summer programme combined with the Winter



Trevor Elliott.

IRB displays and various Board Riding Competitions now see our Officials involved in year round competition.

The ongoing programme of review of carnivals brought to light changes in attitudes to our competition with clear messages that competitors are looking for more structured timetables and a known time commitment.

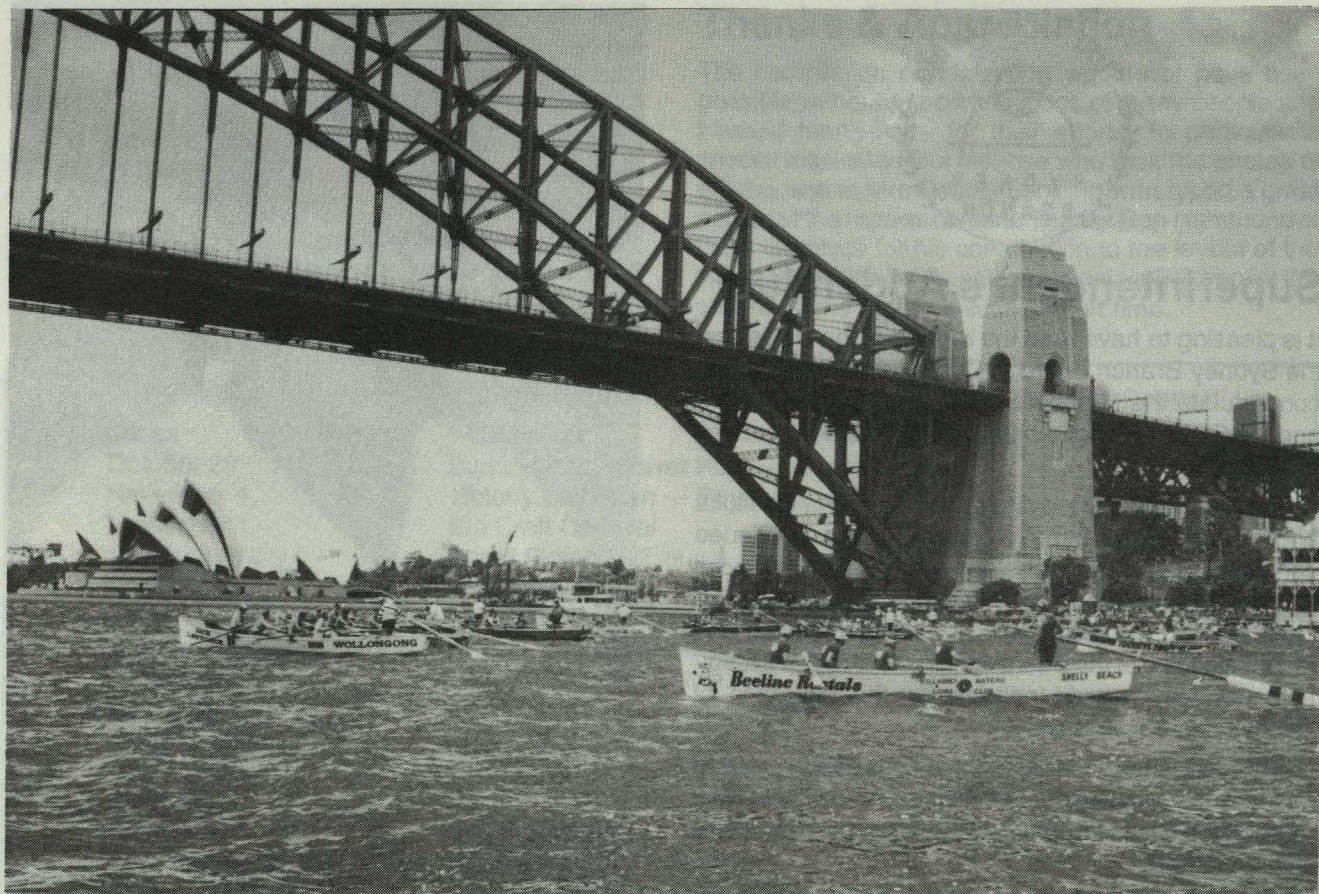
This accommodation will require major structural changes to what we have known, also recognising the indicators that a majority of competitors are now not travelling to other than major carnivals outside the Branch.

Senior Officers retiring from their respective positions are Ken English, Board Secretary, Bruce Breadner, Life Saving Director, Bob Bransdon, Examination and Instruction Director, Bill Singleton, IRB Supervisor, Steve Strange, Royal National Park District Supervisor, Peter Calder, Cronulla Sutherland District Supervisor and George Shales, Waverley District Supervisor.

These men have served lifesaving and been leaders of the Board in their respective positions and will be missed from their roles. It is apparent that they will find new challenges within the Association and their experience and input will not be lost to the Board. I would thank them all for jobs well done.

In closing I would like to thank Ken English for the preparation of the report and Pamela Harris and Margaret Pearce for their wholehearted assistance to members of the Board in the roles as Branch Office Managers and again all members for their contribution in 1989/90.

Trevor Elliott — Superintendent



Preparing for the start of another Pier One.



Senior Officers of the Board outside the Branch Office — Left to right: Bob Bransdon, Ken Metcalf, Trevor Elliott, Ken English and Bruce Breadner.



Marshalling Area for the 1989-90 Pier One.



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