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FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT



SYDNEY BRANCH
SURF LIFE SAVING BOARD OF CONTROL

1991-1992 SEASON

FOREWORD

Annual Reports are usually a time to reflect on what has been achieved during the season and maybe what we hope to achieve in the season ahead.

As each season passes the demands made on the members of the Board seem to increase and not only at weekends.

Members are involved in various public relation exercises of educating the public in surf awareness and resuscitation techniques. However, it must be noted the number of people joining the Board has not increased during the past seasons and as such has placed a great load on those dedicated members who continue to give untold hours to work for the good of Surf Life Saving. It is also becoming most difficult to conduct Surf Carnivals in this Branch because so few Board Members are able to assist.

It is hoped that in this coming season that the Board will be able to induce someone to stand for Board Secretary and lighten the load on the Superintendent and his Executive.

On behalf of the Branch Officers and Clubs may I thank the Superintendent and his Officers on their achievements and assure them of the Branch's continued and sincere interest in their efforts to advance Surf Life Saving.

In conclusion I would congratulate Peter Agnew for his efforts in his first year as Superintendent and his compilation of this the Board's 43rd Annual Report.

M. (Bill) Singleton
Sydney Branch President

Tom Cooper
Ross Cotter
John Cox
David Cross
Glenn Cruise
Gary Daly
Robyn Daley
Peter Davis

Greg Hawett
Robyn Hughes
Paul Johnson
Bernard Kelly
David Leckie
Raymond Deveridge
Brad McDonogh
Carl Melvey

Linda Perrin
Travis Perrin
Ben Pomeroy
Peter Quartly
John Testuella
Yvette Dwyer
Dorinda Day
Paul Scullion
George Shales

Brad Taylor
Peter Thorne
Ian Toll
Phil Vandy
Nate Vlach
Kyrion Weber
Arthur White
Kia Wilson
Mark Wyttenburg

SYDNEY BRANCH INC.

SURF LIFE SAVING BOARD OF CONTROL

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 43rd Annual General Meeting of the Sydney Branch Surf Life Saving Board of Control will be held in the Functions Room, Prince Henry Hospital, on Friday, 29th May, 1992 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the 42nd Annual General Meeting, held on 31st May, 1991.
2. Apologies and Leave.
3. Welcome by the Branch Superintendent, Peter Agnew.
4. Correspondence.
5. Presentation of the 43rd Annual Report for the 1991-92 Season.
6. Election of Officers and Sub-Committees for the 1992-93 Season.
7. Confirmation of Radio Supervisor, IRB Supervisor and JRB/ORB Supervisor.
8. Motions of which due notice has been given.
9. General Business, such as may arise.

Peter Agnew
Superintendent

MEMBERSHIP - 1991/92

Life Members (18)

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

Long Service Members (24)

Robert Avery	Jon Donohue	Ken Manton	Warren Rennie
Robert Bridges	Ken English	Dave Medlin	Ron Sandstrom
Ted Brooker	John Fraser	Keith Midson	Rex Sargeant
Charles Christiansen	Robert Horton	Neil Miller	Joe Seddon
Robert Craig	Norm Jamieson	Vince Mulcahy	Richard Sheldon
Mick DeLuca	Len Johnson	Doug Murray	Harold Spurway

Country Members (3)

Pearce Biram	Jim Connolly	Grahame Smith
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Active Examination Members (88)

Peter Agnew	Mick DeLuca	Peter Melvey	Barry Shepherd
Jenny Anderson	Denis Dick	Kenneth Metcalf	James Sherratt
Stuart Bailey	Barry Dundas	Neil Miller	Colin Shrubb
Steve Barrett	Trevor Elliott	Jim Morrow	Jill Sims
Harry Brown OAM	Jason Ezzy	Linda Mulhall	Ray Sims
Graham Bruce	Joanne Fahey	Peter Murphy	Bill Singleton
Peter Burst	David Falkiner	Tim Murray	Craig Smith
Stewart Cameron	Colin Fitzgerald	Frank Osborne	Alf Smith
Robert Cane	Hazel Fitzgerald	Darren Palmer	Doug Sorensen
Greg Causer	Barry Gillroy	John Park	Ernie Stephens
Joanne Chapman	Bill Gray	Brian Parsell	Stephen Strange
Mike Clancy	Keith Grima	Margaret Pearce	Karen Strickland
Glen Clarke	Roger Habib	Peter Pearce	Peter Sullivan
Paul Cooper	Wallace Halpin	Linda Perrin	Brad Taylor
Tom Cooper	Greg Hewett	Trevor Perrin	Peter Thorne
Ross Cotter	Robyn Hughes	Ron Pomeroy	Ian Toll
John Cox	Paul Johnson	Peter Quartly	Phil Vanny
David Cross	Bernard Kelly	John Restuccia	Hans Visch
Glenn Cruise	David Leckie	Yvette Roser	Alyson Weber
Gary Daly	Raymond Loveridge	Ursula Say	Arthur White
Robyn Daley	Brad McDonogh	Paul Scullion	Kim Wilson
Peter Davis	Carl Melvey	George Shales	Hank Wytenburg

Active Competition Members (76)

Peter Agnew	Paul Edwards	Albert Moseley	Beverley Smith
Ann Ainsworth	Trevor Elliott	Linda Mulhall	Craig Smith
Greg Allum	Ken English	Neil Oliver	Peter Steenson
Mary Andrews	Grahame Evans	Frank Osborne	Ernie Stephens
Jean Baker	Warwick Everingham	Margaret Pearce	Stephen Strange
Steve Barrett	Bob Gillroy	Trevor Perrin	Peter Sullivan
Robert Bransdon	Ian Goode	Linda Perrin	Carolyn Swane
Ted Brooker	Marie Gray	Ron Pomeroy	Brad Taylor
Harry Brown OAM	Bill Gray	John Restuccia	Ian Toll
Graham Bruce	Ron Hammond	Rosemary Ridley	John Vaughan OAM
Robert Cane	Gloria Howells	Jack Ryan	Joan Vaughan
Joanne Chapman	Ron Howells	Rex Sargeant	Gaelyn Watson
Ross Cotter	Bernard Kelly	Merle Sargeant	Arthur White
Robyn Daley	Robert Lippmann	Ursula Say	Ross Williams
Mary-Jane Daley	Bill Marshall	Joe Seddon	Kim Wilson
Peter Davis	Geoff Martin	George Shales	Andy Winters
Bob Davison	Kenneth Metcalf	Richard Sheldon	Bob Woodger
Carmel Dick	Rod Miller	Frances Shore	Don Workman
Denis Dick	Neil Miller	Bill Singleton	Delysia Workman
Peter Doolan			

Other Members (31)

Frank Bailey	Michael Kelly	Michael Moran
Ron Camilleri	Gunther Kitzler	David Newhouse
Anthony Chandler	Dennis Licari	Ron Pears
Paul Cox	Adam McGrath	John Roberts
Martin Dashwood	Brett Lockhart	Raymond Robinson
Bruce Gardiner	Dianne Lovell	Bob Russell
Geoff Gilvear	John May	Michelle Smith
Dennis Heussner	Adam McGrath	Don Smith
Jason Hudson	Grant McMahon	Brian Thompson
Doug Iredale	Patrick O'Neill	Phil Vanny
	Lynette O'Neill	

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES - 1991/92 SEASON

Honorary Superintendent..... Peter Agnew
Honorary Secretary..... Peter Davis
(resigned 11/91)
Life Saving Supervisor..... George Shales
Emergency Services Co-ordinator..... Brad Taylor
Examination and Instruction Supervisor..... Ursula Say
Carnival and Competition Supervisor..... Peter Steenson
Board Gear Steward..... Denis Dick
New Members Co-ordinator..... Bob Bransdon
BJA Superintendent..... Ian Goode

SECTIONAL SUPERVISORS

IRB Supervisor..... Bernard Kelly
JRB/ORB Supervisor..... John Cox
Radio Supervisor..... Brad McDonogh
(resigned 12/91)

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS

Royal National Park Clubs..... Peter Sullivan
Cronulla-Sutherland District..... Linda Mulhall
Randwick District..... Glen Clarke
Waverley District..... Kim Wilson

ASSISTANT DISTRICT SUPERVISORS

Royal National Park Clubs..... Brad Taylor
Cronulla-Sutherland District..... Glenn Cruise
Randwick District..... Alyson Weber
Waverley District..... Paul Cooper

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMITTEES

Gear Inspection Committee

Ken English (Convenor), Peter Agnew, Peter Davis, Denis Dick, Trevor Elliott, Bill Gray, Greg Hewett, Ken Metcalf, Albert Moseley, Frank Osborne, Ursula Say, George Shales, Alf Smith, Peter Steenson, Ross Williams, Kim Wilson,

IRB Inspection Committee

Bob Cane, Wayne Loney, George Shales, Bill Singleton, Arthur White

Meritorious Awards Committee

Bill Gray (Convenor), Ron Camillieri, Peter Davis, Trevor Elliott, Greg Hewett, Neil Miller, Albert Moseley, Bill Singleton, Phil Vanny

Manual Revision Committee

Peter Davis (Convenor), John Restuccia, Ernie Stephens.

Resuscitation-Research-Development-Instruction-Medical Panel

Frank Osborne (Convenor), Peter Agnew, Keith Grima, Linda Mulhall, Ernie Stephens, Brad Taylor.

Apparel Committee

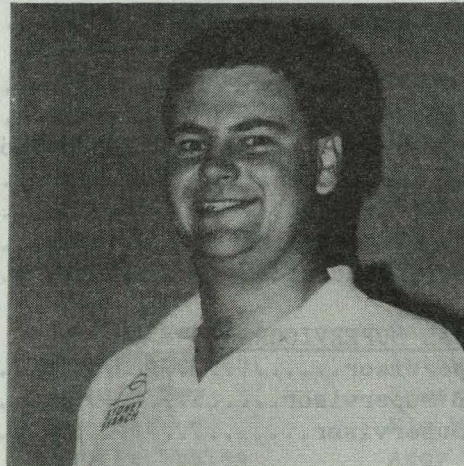
Margaret Pearce (convenor), M.(Bill) Singleton, Peter Agnew

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SEASON 1991/92



Ladies and Gentleman

The presentation of this Report brings to a close yet another very successful season of the Sydney Branch Board of Control and it is with much pleasure that I present to you its 43rd Annual Report for the 1991/92 season.

The season under review will detail the activities of Life Saving, Examination, Instruction, Carnivals and Competitions conducted by the Board in fulfilling its obligations to the Sydney Branch and its Clubs.

As is usual with such a vast organisation such as ours, there are many people who contribute to the activities of the Board. The front line being the 88 Active Examination Members and the 76 Competition Officials who take time out each week-end to participate in the examination of club members and the conducting of carnivals within the Branch.

The season started off with the foundation being laid early with the Club Captains Conference held in July at the Prince Henry Hospital Function Centre. All 15 Clubs were represented in the day's activities. The Meeting concluded with a number of goals for clubs to aim for and policy's set for the season.

Of the goals the following were noted as high priority to Clubs.

- * The increase of IRB Awards
- * Raising the standard of Patrol Captains
- * The implementation of patrol uniforms within clubs.

In the pursuit of these goals the Board conducted numerous activities including:

Formation of District IRB Co-ordinators
M.S.B. Licence Days.

Several Patrol Captains Seminars were held throughout the Districts with a total of 66 Patrol Captains lectured on patrol obligations, uniforms, public liability and the running of a patrol uniform competition, as an incentive, which involved a total of 5 inspections of each club.

The Board constantly reviewed the progress via additional meetings and an extensive mid-season survey. I feel the Board has been mildly successful in implementing these goals however they will need to be carried over into the forthcoming season for full advantage.

The first role, and the very essence of our organisation, is Life Saving and I would like to record the efforts of our Life Saving Officers under the leadership of George Shales, Life Saving Director. The Life Saving Board met on 12 occasions and has been instrumental in maintaining a high standard within the clubs. George is not seeking re-election next season and I would like to sincerely thank him for his contribution to the Board and the guidance he has given me over many years. I am sure he will not be far away in future seasons.

The District Supervisors, Peter Sullivan, Linda Mulhall, Glen Clarke, Kim Wilson and their Assistants are the officers most directly responsible for the day to day activities of the Board on a District basis. Conducting patrol inspections, preliminary examinations and ensuring that Surf Life Saving standards are maintained, enhanced and strengthened in their respective areas.

The commitment from the Emergency Services Co-Ordinator, Brad Taylor, has seen this area continue from strength to strength. Operating the Branch 24 hour call-out system, with the assistance of the Branch Duty Officers, Brad has ensured that Surf Life Saving has become the number one authority in surf rescue with statutory authorities.

The Branch Radio Room, under the control of Peter Fuller, was manned throughout the season as we have come to expect and has kept the umbrella of communications in tact. Stage three of the Radio Room has almost been completed to enable a broader range of communication through the Branch for next season. Peter has given the "assistance required" signal, mostly in vain, during the season in the hope of gaining new operators and clubs will need to look at their commitment to the Radio Room in the coming seasons.

Our prime method of rescue, the Inflatable Rescue Boat section, has been maintained by Bernie Kelly during the season. Bernie undertook several projects during the season including the reintroduction of Twilight IRB Carnivals and the co-ordination of IRB District Officers, which proved to be very successful.

The ORB has been well looked after by the ORB Supervisor, John Cox, who has shared his wealth of experience as a Senior Constable with the Sydney Water Police. The JRB3 group was not in operation during the season but has now taken delivery of a new 19ft craft and shall commence training during the off season setting the stage for an unprecedented coverage of Sydney's beaches by both groups next season.

Ursula Say filled the role of Examination Supervisor starting the season off with the Chief Instructors Meeting, followed by an Examiner's Day at South Maroubra which trialed a work station "hands on" format with a number of Board speakers. Input by the examiners made the day quite profitable. The Board was also responsible for the examination of 1167 awards and over candidates for their proficiency test.

Looking after the interests of our Competition Officials Peter Steenson was responsible for the running of our 9 Open Surf Carnivals, 5 Boat and Ski Marathons, 5 Board Riding Events and several championship events. All up, a total of approximately 1500 competitors passing through the Branch Office computer. The season also saw a total of 87 officials completing their Officials' Accreditation course. One of the largest numbers in Australia.

Luckily Peter does not face the daunting task of running Sydney's carnivals alone, he is backed up by such people as the Branch Gear Steward, Arthur White, who fronts up each week-end to personally take care of the carnival gear.

Kim Wilson, the Board Riding Referee, as well as all Carnival Referees and Sectional Referees put so much time into their respective areas.

I must also make mention of Denis Dick our Board Gear Steward who is not seeking re-election next season. Denis and Carmel are moving to Port Macquarie and we thank them for their contribution to the Board over the years and note that they will be sorely missed.

A number of Members served as Honorary Officers of the Association including: Bill Marshall, Deputy President of Surf Life Saving NSW, - John Fraser, Treasurer, Surf Life Saving NSW and the many Board Officers who were appointed to Championships Carnivals and supported the Association by travelling at their own expense.

I also wish to make mention of Mr. M. Wallace, Director of Prince Henry Hospital for his continuing support in the use of the Hospital Function Centre for our Board AGM and Captains Conference.

A New Members Indoctrination Evening was held at the Branch during the season by New Members Co-Ordinator, Bob Bransdon, with a good attendance. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new members to the Board.

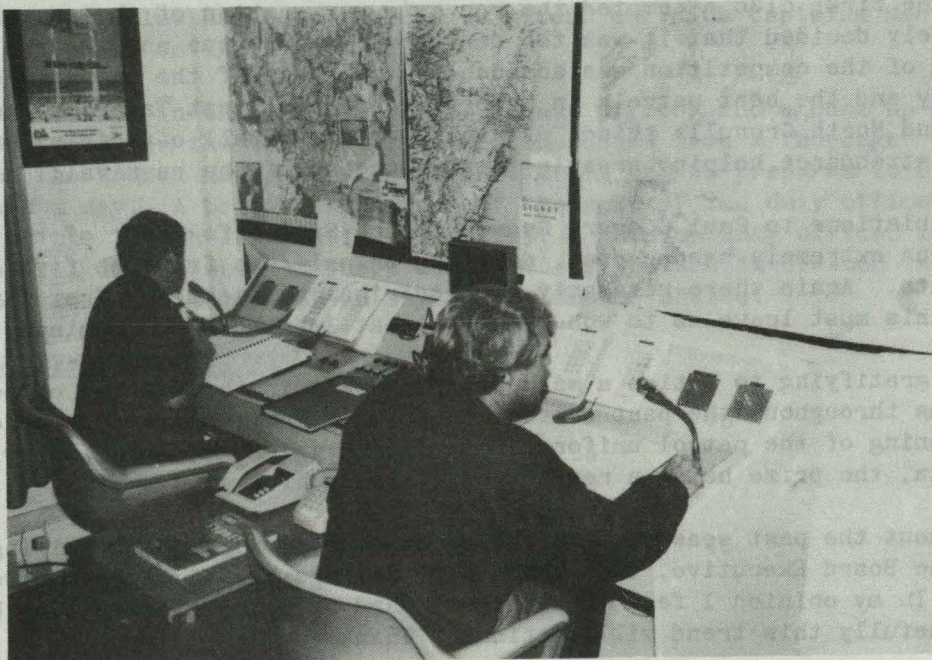
As Board Members we are Life Savers from clubs privileged to gather together with likeminded people to pool ideas and experience for mutual benefit, satisfaction and companionship.

I have enjoyed the workload of the past season in my first year as Superintendent but, more importantly, I extend my thanks and gratitude to all the Officers and Members of the Board in helping to make Sydney Branch the best branch in Australia, if not the world.

Peter Agnew
Superintendent

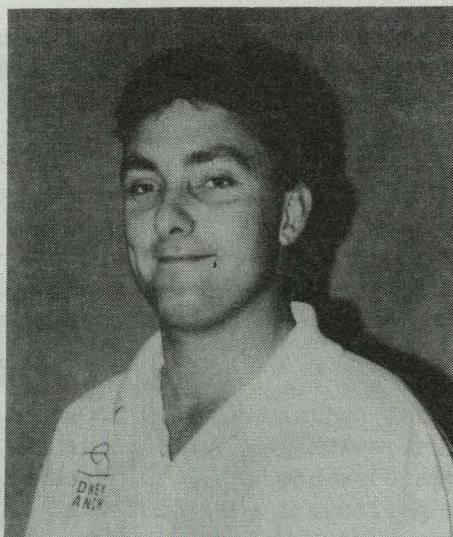


LIFE SAVING



LIFE SAVING SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Firstly, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the Branch Management, the Board Executive and all Board Officers, particularly to Brad Taylor for standing in for me, when I was unavailable. My thanks also to the District Supervisors, Peter Sullivan, Linda Mulhall, Glen Clarke, Kim Wilson and their Assistants for their courtesy and generous support throughout the year.



Patrol hours, both at the beginning and end of the season left a lot to be desired. After tough negotiation at the Club Captains Conference, the finishing time for patrols was set at 4:00 p.m. I feel that the clubs have let the Board down badly as patrols were leaving the beach at exactly 4:00 p.m., regardless whether the public was still in the water or not. A timetable should not apply when public safety could be at risk and I therefore feel obligated to suggest patrol hours be set back to a 5:00 p.m. finish, afterall, the dangers of the surf do not go away just because it is 4:00 p.m., commonsense should prevail.

Over many past seasons, it has been noticed that the most important people in life saving, the patrol captains, are suffering from the "I don't know" syndrome. So it was decided at the Club Captains Conference to hold three Seminars for the Patrol Captains. These Seminars were found to be of great interest to the Patrol Captains who attended the Patrol Captains Conference as the topics were aimed solely at the Patrol Captains.

The Patrol Championships which were held at Wanda Beach turned out to be quite a dangerous exercise, due to the treacherous conditions of the surf. After the first club attempted the run swim run section of the competition it was wisely decided that it was too dangerous to continue and the run swim run section of the competition was abandoned. The rest of the competition ran smoothly and the best patrols in Sydney Branch are first Tamarama, second Wanda and North Cronulla third. It was a credit to all officials for their strong attendance helping greatly to the success of the carnival.

Congratulations to Paul Cooper, Sydney Branch Surf Life Saver of the Year. It was an extremely hard choice, deciding on only one from the five excellent finalists. Again there were only nine original nominees and from fifteen clubs this must leave us to wonder why not at least fifteen nominees.

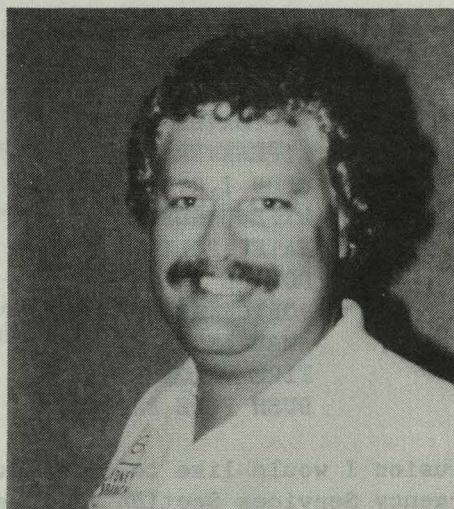
It was gratifying to notice a marked improvement in the wearing of patrol uniforms throughout the past season. Hopefully this was not due solely to the running of the patrol uniform competition, which was duly won by North Cronulla, the prize being a new set of patrol uniforms.

Throughout the past season, with the exception of two clubs requiring to meet with the Board Executive, the standard of patrols by all clubs was very good. In my opinion I feel that the standard of patrols is getting better and hopefully this trend will continue. Thank you.

George Shales
Life Saving Director

**EMERGENCY SERVICES CO-ORDINATOR'S
REPORT**

This season has seen a few changes to the Emergency Services Section. J.R.B.3 was sold and replaced by a new Shark Cat similar to the O.R.B.2 boat. The Branch Radio Room has had a face-lift making it easier for two operators to use during rescues and the duty officers were placed on alphanumeric pagers making it easier to reach them at any time. The season also saw a greater acceptance of the duty officers by clubs due to a better understanding of their role at major incidents and a closer



working relationship with the Helicopter Rescue Service. If we could gain the co-operation of every club in the Branch by providing I.R.B., radio and experienced (local knowledge) lifesavers to be placed on an emergency call out list, the Sydney Branch 24 hour emergency call out system would be complete and remain as the best Surf Life Saving Call Out System in Australia.

During winter I will be endeavouring to have the 24 hour call out system accredited as an emergency rescue group and then make the police, ambulance, coast guard, etc. aware of our service. I also intend to try and come up with a way to use the service to help attract the ever elusive dollar.

The Branch has been approached by the Wollongong Aerial Patrol to see if we would like them to extend their surveillance area to cover the Sydney Branch. This service has been operating successfully in the Illawarra Branch for some time now. They offer a free service which does regular flights over the beaches to watch for sharks, boats in distress, etc. and report any problems to the clubs via Sydney Surf. The service will also add another group that can be called upon by clubs to help with searches, etc. The President of their club has been invited to attend our Club Captains Meeting in June to elaborate on their service.

To all people living in the Waverley area, a duty officer and a back up duty officer are needed for the Waverley area. Both should have a thorough knowledge of the Branch Emergency Service Protocols and be prepared to be on call 24 hours a day. A brief description of the role of the duty officer is on page 19 of the Branch Information Directory; a back up duty officer is required to fill in the duty officers absence. If you are interested in one of these positions contact me (Brad Taylor) or George Shales.

RECORDED INCIDENTS FROM 4/7/1991 - 26/4/92

TOTAL INCIDENTS	75
THROUGH SYDNEY SURF	55
CALL OUTS	20

TOTAL DUTY OFFICER RESPONDED	45
CO-ORDINATOR 1	13
DUTY OFFICER 1	1
DUTY OFFICER 2	3
DUTY OFFICER 3	10
DUTY OFFICER 4	19

SERVICES RESPONDED

O.R.B.2	20
O.R.B.3	N/A
LIFESAVER 1	18
LIFESAVER 2	3
CLUB I.R.B.	10
LIFEGUARDS	8
WATER POLICE	11
POLICE	13
POLICE RESCUE	5
AMBULANCE	32
FIRE BRIGADE	2
BUSH FIRE BRIGADE	1

In conclusion I would like to thank everyone who was part of or helped out with the Emergency Services Section this season. Together we achieved a lot and next season we will do more.

Brad Taylor

Emergency Services Co-Ordinator

IRB SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

I nearly started this report with "the season under review..." but have changed my mind after a recent introduction to the "KISS" technique. As I contemplate "KISS" I realise that most management sort of people know to "keep it simple stupid".

As I further contemplate "Kiss" I wonder how far the principle has extended into Surf Life Saving and the IRB sphere.

The glossary of terms we use, for instance

HB MAT, UHF Channel 3, IRB, ORB, Bladder, PJI/KPA, Doing a solo, MSB Licence, ARC equivalent Ressuc, 27 Meg, He's in the turtle club, Drilled in the shore dump, Punching a wave, Lay the buoys, Tiller, Soft Hull, Rigid inflatable Pick up in Death Alley.

Is our vocabulary jargon? Does it isolate us from the "ordinary man on the beach", whoever that is. Does this isolation deter prospective drivers. Have we become "too elite" or do we think of ourselves as "too elite".

Then I think of competition, what a nightmare of rules, regulations, specifications, handbooks, bulletins, minutes, alterations, additions, interpretations that are all in a continual state of flux.

This leads me back to the "Halcyon" days of IRBs. An IRB was a "Duck", simply a sort of 2 man rescue board with motor.

In our search for perfection have we over complicated the IRB. Is it simply too hard for new people to understand. How many prospective new drivers just don't bother after looking at joining the elite?

Getting back to my Report and "KISS"

Highs of the Season:

- * Demonstrations by three clubs at Darling Harbour for over 50,000 people at the "Spirit of Australia" launch.
- * Awards and competition interest by Clovelly.
- * High standard of gear inspection.
- * Twilight IRB Carnivals
- * Commencement of introduction of womens, novice and masters events.
- * The high calibre of operators performing IRB rescues.
- * The high standard of new drivers.

Lows of the Season:

- * Terrible award figures
- * Some clubs patrol hours

Thanks

Peter Agnew - Covering me when I am away (too often)
Ken Hudson - Maintenance of motors, Ken saved the Branch a motza and me a lot of time!
Bill Singleton - For his advice and for "pushing IRBs
Bob Cane & Peter Burst for most of the duty boat commitments
Arthur White - Referee of entire Twilight series
Margaret & Ros - Sydney Branch Office
Greg Goodsall and the "South Maroubra" Blokes
For storing and looking after the Branch boat.
Trevor Perrin, Peter Burst, Arthur White and Brad Taylor
The District IRB Exam Co-ordinators
All the Carnival Officials who back up after normal carnivals to run IRB Carnivals.

Bernie Kelly
IRB Supervisor

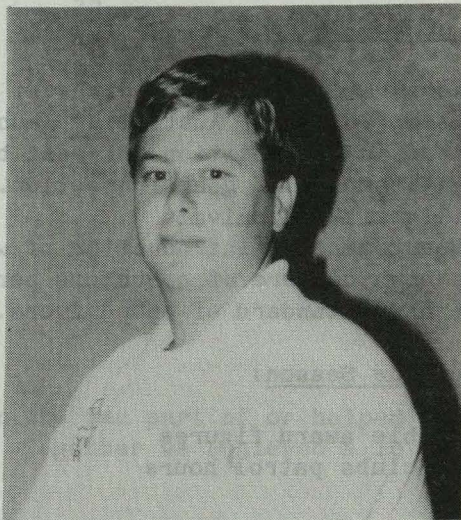


RADIO SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

With the resignation of Radio Supervisor, Brad McDonogh, mid-way through the 1991/92 season I took great pleasure in filling in for the remainder of the season.

The Branch Radio Room has had yet another busy season answering over 55 calls from clubs requesting emergency services and assistance.

This season has seen some major changes in the communication side of Surf Life Saving. The Branch Radio Room introduction of a more advanced radio communication network system.



With the introduction of the IRB radio last season this has seen Surf Life Saving take a step forward in protecting and serving the public with the IRBs performing rescues away from their home beaches thus allowing the IRBs to communicate with the patrol and other services within the Branch.

With the upgrading of the Branch Radio Room we hope to have the split channels in operation for the 1992/93 season thus allowing Sydney Surf operators to conduct a rescue and clubs to still call Sydney Surf for whatever needs.

The Radio Room recruited their first Community Radio Operator, Julia Carter, who we all wish the best of luck in the coming season.

I would like to congratulate Karen Strickland on receiving "Radio Operator of the Year". Karen put a lot of time and effort into the Radio Room over the last season. Also, congratulations on receiving her Radio Examiners Award this season.

I would like to thank all the examiners who conducted exams over the last year, without them I would not have been able to cope. I would also like to thank the Club Radio Officers for a job well done during the past season.

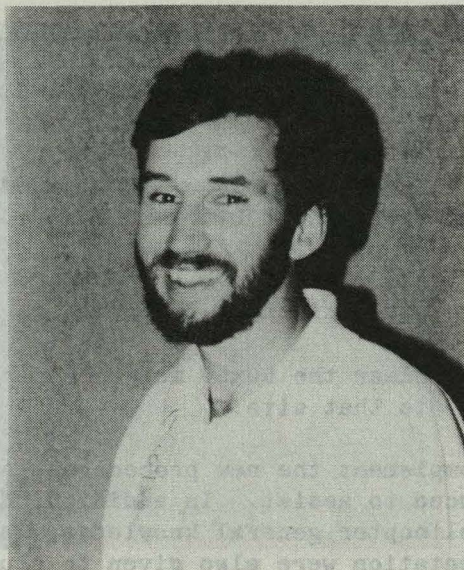
In finishing, I would like to thank all the operators of Sydney Surf for their help and support throughout the season and I hope to see them all return next season.

Peter Fuller
Acting Radio Supervisor

ORB SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

At the close of the 1991-92 season it gives me great pleasure to report that the Sydney Branch now can boast two Offshore Rescue Boats to support the patrols and assist the water users of Sydney.

For the Cronulla-Sutherland group it has been a busy season with patrols and involvement with community activities including the Cronulla Fair and Water Safety Week at Darling Harbour. The group has also undertaken a number of training days with the Life Saver Helicopter which has been interesting.



The group has also done a lot of work to have their boat shed facilities upgraded at Gunnamatta Bay to give the crew better amenities and allow in the future for the next craft to have a hard top. Both Doug Sorensen and Graham Bruce have put a lot of effort into this upgrade.

The Executive of the Cronulla-Sutherland group have once again run the group in an effective and efficient manner, which they must be congratulated for.

The Randwick group while being without a boat for the season, were busy behind the scenes to have a new boat. I must extend my thanks to National Council and State Centre for their financial support for the new boat. Also, to the Branch for giving the group an interest free loan for the boat.

The new boat, a six metre "Shark Cat" with two 140 horsepower outboards, arrived at the end of the season. The group is going to be training over the winter period, to be ready to approach the 1992-93 season. Karl Solomonson and Dave Wilson did a lot of work over the years to get the new boat and their efforts have now paid off. My thanks to them and the crew who carried out the work at the shed in the disposal of the old boat and modifications to house the next boat.

This Branch is now unique that there is no other Branch in Australia that have two Offshore Rescue Boats.

Both the Sutherland Shire Council and Randwick Municipal Council have supported both groups throughout the year. Our thanks to sponsors of both groups without whose support our service would be restricted.

Finally, I would like to congratulate both groups for their efforts and wish them the best for the coming season.

John Cox
ORB Supervisor

Sydney Branch SLISA Helicopter Report

080 SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

New operating procedures for the SA365 Dauphin were introduced at the beginning of the season. In summary they are

1. The helicopter will not land on a beach but will instead winch the doctor and paramedic down to the scene.
2. A 40x40 metre winch area is still to be provided around the patient.
3. Clear the 50x50 metre landing site and the approach paths to that site.

To complement the new procedures, a helicopter beach landing site book was produced to assist. In addition, duty officers were provided with training in helicopter general knowledge, safety and landing areas. A talk and video presentation were also given to club captains prior to the start of the season.

It is my intention that this basic course be conducted at the beginning of each new season with as many senior Branch personnel as possible in attendance.

Most helicopter operations in the Sydney Branch were conducted along South Head and in the Royal National Park and involved cliff rescue and medivacs respectively.

The Sydney Branch after hours call out number is now part of Helicopter Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) with duty officers liaising with the helicopter direct on channel one.

As yet a date has not been set for the intake of new volunteer crewmen into the Service.

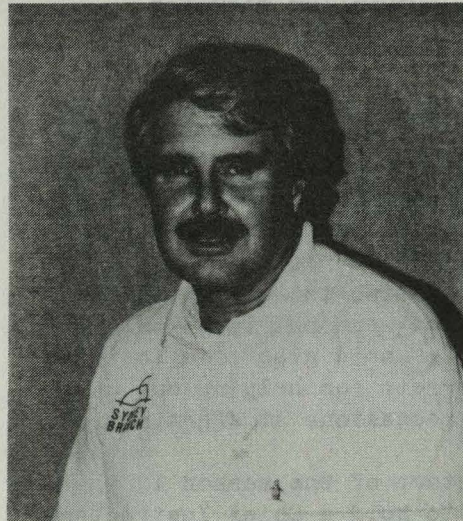
On behalf of all the crew of the Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter I would like to thank all of the radio operators, duty officers and the crew of the off-shore rescue boat for their assistance with the helicopter rescues and training programmes conducted during the season.

Paul Newland
Crew Chief

John Cox
080 Supervisor

ROYAL NATIONAL PARK DISTRICT
SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Unfortunately this season the three clubs in this district received patrol penalties consisting of reprimands, Garie and Era received infringements. So Club Captains, let's make next season penalty free please. Garie had some problems with the Christmas patrols but hopefully this will be overcome by the plan put forward by Garie.



Awards this season were up on last year for Burning Palms and Era but down for Garie. All clubs gained Bronze Medallions with Garie and Burning Palms gaining Training Officer Certificates. This certificate is important because we require people who can instruct new members. We have two new members to the Board of Control. The District Clubs also gained 9 ARC, 2 RC, 2 IRBD, 1 ORBC and 8 FAC. Congratulations to the Chief Instructors of the three clubs, but for next season let's see more awards gained in ARC and IRBD.

I must congratulate the Era and Burning Palms Clubs for their participation in the Surf Carnivals and congratulate Burning Palms U/18 First Aid Team, consisting of Megan Chisholm and Alex McRae who gained gold in the Branch Championships and Silver in the State Championships, well done girls. I have found that when a club is competing regularly the club goes well in all fields of Life Saving.

It was good to see that the three clubs all ran some type of carnival during the season and that the district had a team in the Inter-District Championships. The District Carnival was held at Garie but hosted by Era.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Telecom for the donation of the mobile phones to the three clubs which are of great help in many ways and to Brad Taylor my, Assistant District Supervisor and, also, all the examiners who assisted me during the season. Thank you, for as I said in my last report without you the District would not function.

To all Clubs, the best for next season.

Peter Sullivan
Royal National Park District Supervisor

CRONULLA SUTHERLAND DISTRICT
SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

As the 1991-92 season has drawn to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to firstly thank my two assistants Glen Cruise and Joanne Chapman. Without their tireless efforts I would never have been able to examine the amount of squads that were put forth this season. I would also like to thank Steve Barrett for helping out on numerous occasions at short notice.

At the start of the season I decided to hold a Chief Instructors

and Instructors meeting which proved beneficial and lifted the standard of Life Saving. I would like to mention at this stage how impressed I was with Elouera SLSC. The standard of training for the Bronze Medallion and Life Saving Certificate was excellent, this effort is attributed to Col Shrubbs and Jill Sims training, whom are both new Board Members this season.

Congratulations must also be extended to North Cronulla for their fine win at the Inter-Club. The day went off without a hitch and the weather was most favourable.

The Bate Bay area has had a very active season this year with carnivals held at all four clubs, AMP Surf Challenge with North Cronulla and Cronulla in a dead heat for first, Sydney Branch Patrol Competition, Surf Board Riding Tag Team. the under 18 Inter Branch, the N.S.W. B.J.A. State Nipper Carnival won by North Cronulla, the Interclub and preliminary and final exams almost every week-end, with the number of candidates up from last year. Finally proficiencies exams which were run by Bill Gray and without his time and effort proficiencies would not have run as well as they did.

In regards to patrols on the beach, I am pleased to report that the majority of the time the patrols were well manned. I am very pleased to say that all clubs worked well in performing numerous amounts of rescues, and no lives were lost this season. Furthermore I would like to thank the four Clubs for extending themselves and helping out the other clubs with their IRB, when they needed it.

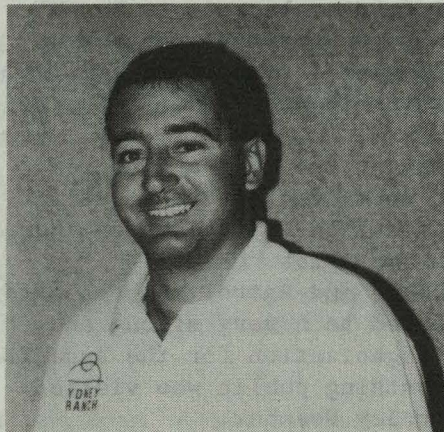
In conclusion, I would like to congratulate Cronulla S.L.S.C. in their outstanding win at the Australian Titles held this season

Linda Mulhall
Cronulla-Sutherland District Supervisor



RANDWICK DISTRICT SUPERVISOR'S
REPORT

As Supervisor of Randwick I would like to boast of a successful season the District has had. The purchase of an Offshore Rescue Boat to replace the outdated jet rescue, Maroubra Surf Club with the acceptance of female members and the outstanding effort in the gaining of awards by all four clubs ranging mainly SLSC, Bronze Medallion, ARC and IRB Drivers.



My first season with the District Executive proved fruitful and, in particular, the co-operation between

clubs working together as one. The selection of the District Team was made up from strong competition out of the Molloy Shield held at Clovelly. The District Team finished 2nd in the Inter-District Carnival.

Congratulations to Maroubra holding the Branch Titles, South Maroubra on the Metropolitan Titles and Coogee on their allocated carnival. A special thanks to my Assistant, Alyson Weber, who took over responsibilities of the District late in the season keeping the clubs on their toes and to examiners in the District who assisted in prelims and proficiencies.

Patrols were of a reasonable to high standard and the patrol uniforms need to be pushed for next season.

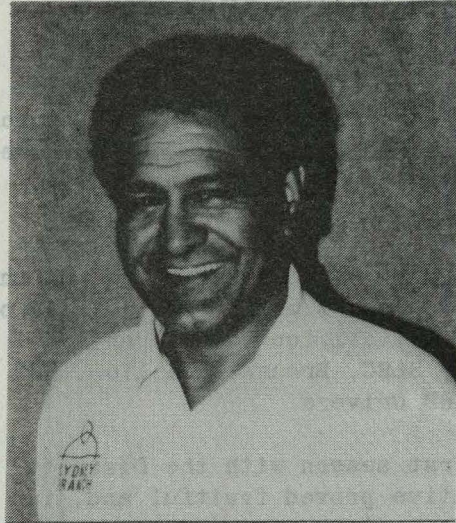
My thanks to the District again and have another strong season in 1992-1993.

Glen Clarke
Randwick District Supervisor

WAVERLEY DISTRICT SUPERVISOR'S
REPORT

It is indeed a pleasure to be able to express my thoughts concerning the operation in the Waverley District during the 1991/92 season.

In digesting the many and varied details contained in my Report, it will be obvious to the reader that the Club Captains, Chief Instructors and Patrol Members all contributed to a very strong and viable organisation for the benefit of the bathing public who visited our Waverley Beaches.



The Club Captains Conference, held at Prince Henry Hospital in July, allowed Club Captains in attendance to formulate the 1991/92 patrol obligations to maintain Surf Life Saving responsibilities in order to ensure early organising via their clubs seminar at the commencement of the season. Communications plays a prime part in Surf Life Saving and those Club Captains who did not pass on this information from this Conference unfortunately suffered difficulties.

UHF radio is a major piece of life saving equipment for the modern life saver on the beach and strengthens the link in communications when in the hands of the Patrol Captains.

Late sign ons were found to be a problem, in some instances, with the lack of communication being the big problem, i.e. radio room locked up, no phone.

Sydney Surf Radio Room number is 311 3298. A number all Patrol Captains need to know. Remember communication plays a big part.

Congratulations

Paul Cooper, Surf Life Saver of the Year and finalist at the State Championships at Thirroul. Paul is a strong supporter to his club, Tamarama, and has been an invaluable Assistant to me throughout the season. Congratulations and thank you.

Chief Instructors

North Bondi, Bob Peterson, Chief Instructor. What makes this person excel? Dedication and his great rapport with everyone he comes in contact.

Bondi, Peter Murphy. A hard working person for his club with high calibre standards.

Bronte, Paul Johnson. Streamline without lowering his guard.

Patrol Uniform:

Regimental Trooping the colours around the fox hole. The Australian flag flying while patrol on duty with full numbers. A pleasure to do inspections. Congratulations to you and your club members Bronte Club Captain, Hans Visch.

Competition AND INSTRUCTION

Winner of the Waverley Shield held at Bondi was North Bondi, then Bondi, Bronte, and Tamarama.

A sincere thank you to my Assistant, Paul Cooper, for his hard work throughout the season. Also to the Board of Control Members who helped out with preliminary examinations - George Shales, Peter Agnew, Paul Johnson, Barry Dundas, Hans Visch, Peter Murphy, Peter Quartly, Jim Morrow, Peter Melvey, Ursula Say, John Restuccia.

Finally, I would like to note in presenting my Report that it does not necessarily mean Clubs cannot improve, or that Club Captains, Chief Instructors and Club Officers should become complacent. We must always strive to continue to improve our performance and become more effective and efficient.

I will not be seeking re-election to this position in the forthcoming season.

Good Luck.

Kim Wilson

Waverley District Supervisor

We then started the main portion of the season. It was run the same way as the previous season, whereby the testing of the candidates was to be done by the Chief Instructors and Instructors, with only 2 Board Members required to oversee all went well. It was held at the Branch Office to outline requirements and running of the season and to answer any queries they may have. It would have been nice to see all clubs represented but I suppose 12 out of 15 wasn't too bad.

Proficiency testing never ends. Clubs still request them right up to the middle of March when the season ends.

Examinations on the other hand went well. It is still the case of an extreme lack of examiners to meet the large number of candidates, especially in the early part of the season.

Throughout the season we pursued for new members and as a result we now see a good number of new faces, who are in the main very good examiners, and I look forward to working with them next season.

Another group of people to be thanked are the people who do most of the examining, in fact most of the District Supervisors and their Assistants.

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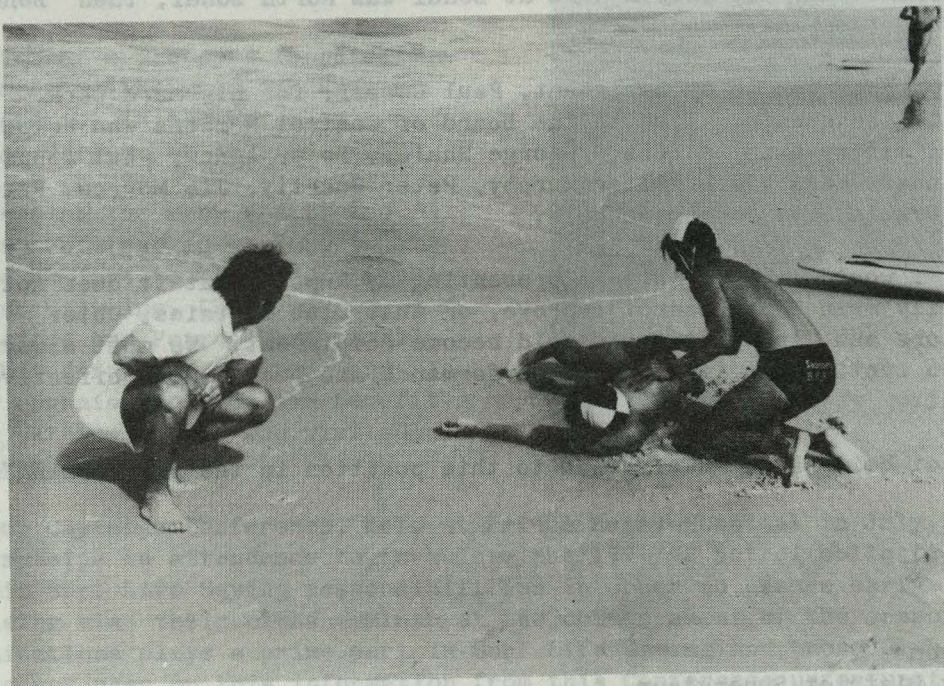
Kim Wilson/Paul Cooper

Glen Clarke/Alyson Cohen

Linda Mitchell/Glen Cruise

Patricia Sullivan/Brian Taylor

These people should be thanked for a great effort.



EXAMINATION AND INSTRUCTION

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Chief

North Island, and the person who has been a person of high calibre and dedication to the club with high calibre standards. A strong supporter to his club, Tamarana, and has been an invaluable Assistant to me throughout the season. Congratulations and thank you.



EXAMINATION AND INSTRUCTION
SUPERVISOR

With the 1991/92 season at an end, it now comes time to report on the season as a whole.

The season began with an Examination Seminar conducted as a day course at South Maroubra. Based mainly on new techniques in certain areas, training and discussions on various other areas of examination, the day went extremely well, considering we had to put a lot of work into a small amount of time.



The sole aim of the Seminar was to standardise examiners. Attendance on the day was average. It could have been a lot better, and I would like to thank all those who participated, I'm sure you had a great day. Special thanks must also go to South Maroubra for supporting us by allowing us to use the clubhouse - thanks.

A Chief Instructors Conference was held at the Branch Office to outline requirements and running of the season and to answer any queries they may have. It would have been nice to see all clubs represented but I suppose 13 out of 15 wasn't too bad.

We then started the main workload time of the season, "proficiency testing". It was run the same way as the previous season, whereby the testing of the candidates was to be done by the club examiners, Chief Instructors and Instructors, with only 2 Board Members required to oversee all went well.

During October the water is still very cold. Because of this candidates were leaving their proficiencies once again towards the end of November, early December, requiring a special date to be made so that they could compete.

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Throughout the season we pushed for new members and amongst the ranks we now see a good number of new faces, who are in the running to make very good examiners, and I look forward to working with them next season.

Another group of people who should be thanked are the people who do most of the examining, in fact all of the Stage 2 (preliminary), and they are the District Supervisors and their Assistants.

Waverley
Randwick -
Cronulla/Sutherland
Royal National Park

Kim Wilson/Paul Cooper
Glen Clarke/Alyson Weber
Linda Mulhall/Glenn Cruise
Peter Sullivan/Brad Taylor

These people should be thanked for a great effort.

The Advanced Resuscitation Certificate Examinations went well and were co-ordinated by Keith Grima in the Waverley/Randwick Districts and Frank Osborne in the Cronulla-Sutherland and Royal National Park Districts.

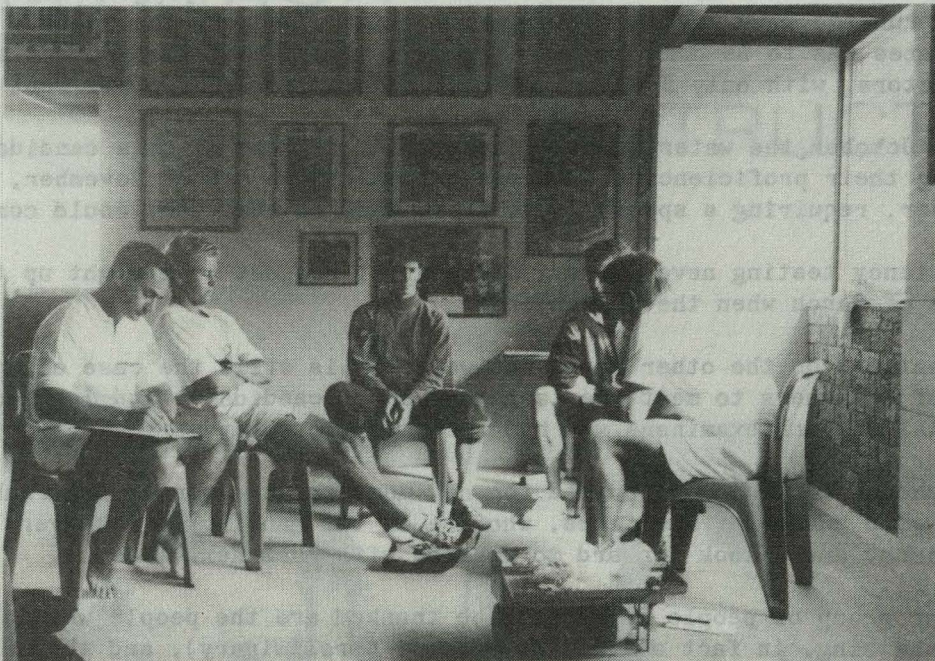
IRB examinations were under the control of Bernie Kelly and ORB awards through the respective examiners.

With the Board being restructured towards the end of the season meetings will be held on Examination only, so that problems faced throughout the season can be ironed out and new ideas being put to valuable use.

Prior to the commencement of the 1992/93 season an Examination & Instruction Seminar will be held at Lake Narrabeen Sports Academy. This will be attended by Board Examiners and Club Chief and Assistant Instructors to increase the standards and inform them of the forthcoming season's expectations. The week-end also allows examiners and club members to intermingle, therefore improving the club examiner relationship on the beach on Sunday mornings.

Well I'm sure I have said enough. I feel that the past season has been successful and hopefully next season will be bigger and better and I look forward to seeing you all again.

Ursula Say
Examination and Instruction Supervisor



The following table lists the Awards gained during the 1991/92 season, compared with the previous three season and the total Awards gained by each club in the Branch.

Award	1987/88	1988/89	1989/90	1990/91	1991/92
Surf Life Saving Certificate	241	257	257	230	263
Bronze Medallion	516	391	431	464	485
SLSC Instructor	25	23	20	11	21
Training Officer's Certificate	53	51	37	27	42
Examiner's Certificate	5	11	6	8	9
SLSC Examiner	-	-	-	1	-
Resuscitation Certificate	143	81	17	40	71
Advanced Resuscitation Certificate	225	163	149	155	180
ARC - Instructor's Certificate	15	14	15	10	13
ARC - Examiners - Certificate	6	1	1	3	-
IRB - Crew Certificate	20	1	-	-	-
IRB - Driver's Certificate	28	45	44	42	30
IRB - Instructor's Certificate	7	8	15	13	7
IRB - Examiner's Certificate	4	-	6	4	1
JRB - Crew Certificate	1	5	-	4	-
JRB - Driver's Certificate	-	1	3	1	-
JRB - Instructor's Certificate	-	1	1	1	-
JRB - Examiner's Certificate	-	1	1	-	-
ORB - Crew Certificate	1	-	3	9	7
ORB - Driver's Certificate	1	-	7	1	7
ORB - Skipper's Certificate	1	-	1	3	4
Radio Operator's Certificate	41	28	17	39	22
Radio Instructor's Certificate	4	7	6	4	4
Radio Examiner's Certificate	-	7	3	-	2
Radio Controller's Certificate	-	1	-	2	1
First Aid Certificate	41	5	16	39	16
First Aid Instructor's Certificate	-	-	2	1	1
First Aid Examiner's Certificate	3	-	1	-	-
Advanced Life Saving Certificate	2	4	3	3	-
International Training Officer's	-	1	-	-	-
TOTAL	1383	1107	1062	1115	1186

	1987/88	1988/89	1989/90	1990/91	1991/92
Bondi	145	71	69	70	64
Bronte	65	29	58	70	43
Burning Palms	7	8	32	26	32
Clovelly	13	36	33	73	86
Coogee	55	62	126	46	96
Cronulla	195	116	81	84	110
Elouera	166	154	147	121	127
Era	18	29	21	15	26
Garie	11	32	43	38	27
Maroubra	64	69	52	80	114
North Bondi	194	81	86	125	117
North Cronulla	155	166	118	91	95
South Maroubra	82	48	39	120	48
Tamarama	51	80	31	63	74
Wanda	130	108	97	64	97
Community	53	23	29	29	30

NEW MEMBERS CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

At the time of writing a total of 17 new members had joined the Sydney Branch Board of Control during the 1991/92 season. This figure is almost identical to the number of new members gained last season.

A New Members night was organised at the Branch Office on 4th March and a total of nine new members attended. They were welcomed by myself and addressed by Branch Superintendent, Peter Agnew, Life Saving Director, George Shales, Examination & Instruction Director, Ursula Say, Emergency Services Co-ordinator, Brad Taylor and National Park District Supervisor, Peter Sullivan. I spoke on behalf of the Competition Director, Peter Steenson, who was unable to attend on the evening. As normal this New Members welcome was quite informal and was followed by a light supper and refreshments. Thanks are extended to the New Members and the Board Officials who were able to attend. Thanks also to the Branch Office and Peter Agnew for the catering and to those who assisted in the preparation of the food.

Listed below are the new members for the 1991/92 season:

Peter Thorpe	Bondi	Stewart Cameron	North Cronulla
Brian Dubb	North Bondi	David Mullinger	Wanda
Neil Oliver	North Cronulla	Colin Fitzgerald	Clovelly
Joanne Fahey	Garie	Ian Everingham	Taree (Old Bar)
Joanne Worsley	Cronulla	Jill Sims	Elouera
Raymond Sims	Elouera	Colin Shrubb	Elouera
Barry Shepherd	Elouera	Barry Gillroy	Elouera
Ian Bates	Burning Palms	David Williams	Burning Palms
James Sherratt	Cronulla		

Whilst these numbers are pleasing the Branch constantly needs new blood on the Board to ensure objectives are met. The Branch is really only as strong as its Board and even though we are proud to boast arguably the strongest Board in the State we continually need an infusion of new members to maintain and enhance that strength.

All clubs are urged to promote the Board of Control within their ranks, as being a Board Member not only is rewarding to the individual but it gives the clubs a voice at Board Meetings and allows both individuals and clubs to stay totally abreast of Surf Life Saving matters of any nature.

Congratulations and welcome to the new members.

Bob Bransdon
New Members Co-ordinator

RESUSCITATION-RESEARCH-DEVELOPMENT-INSTRUCTION-MEDICAL PANEL'S REPORT

The Panel only had one meeting this year at the beginning of the season.

It was quite instructive as Dr. Mackie advised us of what had come up from the Conference at Lubeck saying that we are in advance of all countries in that we are the only ones to use oxygen in our resuscitation procedures.

The trouble with being the co-ordinator of this panel is you arrange a meeting and call for items to be placed on the agenda then a couple of days before the meeting, with nothing brought up for the agenda you have to make one up.

I apologise for not calling for a meeting at the end of the season as I was involved in a car accident.

The one thing that came out of the meeting requiring further attention was that Coastline Medical Supplies advised clubs that the Amba Simulator in use is no longer available and pushing another Ambu Simulator (No. 2).

This is not true, however some clubs have purchased the Simular (No. 2) necessitating the making up of a new Gear Inspection Form to cover it. Also, as advised in my last Report if an alternative is to be taken there are two alternatives; Ambu Simulator or Laerdal Resusi-Ann, both of which are approved by ARC and some direction should be given to clubs which to buy.

Frank Osborne
Convenor

WAVERLEY AND RANDWICK DISTRICT A.R.C. EXAMINATION TEAM REPORT

The Randwick/Waverley District Advanced Resuscitation Examination Team was, once again, very active this season. The team members - Tim Murray, Roger Habib, Paul Cooper, Peter Agnew and myself - conducted 36 separate examinations, with a total of 116 A.R.C. and 7 A.R.C.I. awards achieved during the season.

Due to the increased number of awards this season, an additional A.R.C. examiner is currently being trained and will be presented to Dr. Ian Mackie, for assessment, during the next season.

The team was also active in conducting an A.R.C. Instructors Seminar (which was well attended), conducting a trial of the single handed jaw thrust grip, assessing next oxygen resuscitation equipment, and attending briefings and examination reassessment with Dr. Ian Mackie.

The standard of candidate presented for examination during the season has been excellent. The team has received positive feedback from A.R.C. instructors, who have been encouraged by the uniform examination standards.

My thanks go to each of the team members, their calibre, commitment and dedication has been quite remarkable, especially considering the demands placed upon them by other lifesaving duties.

The team would like to thank club instructors for their hospitality and courtesy. Special thanks to Dr. Ian Mackie AM, who maintains a very close working relationship with our group. Thanks also to Troy Eady who assisted in several projects during the season.

Keith Grima
Co-ordinator

CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND/ROYAL NATIONAL PARK RESUSCITATION REPORT

Because of the fact that it is impossible to do an update on 30 to 40 people in less than an hour without making a farce of the update it was not held at the Board Meeting in October and it was recommended that this be done by the examiners later in the season.

Because of the recriminations by Chief Instructors that there was too great a variation by examiners a meeting was called for all Chief Instructors, District Supervisors and their Deputies to attend a meeting where it was demonstrated what would be expected of candidates.

All Clubs, Wanda to Burning Palms were represented except Cronulla who neither attended nor apologised. At this meeting it was stated that the examiners would be available every Monday night at Wanda for A.R.C. updates but the request was made that on the first few weeks they ring me and check on the number coming. The response was very poor and before Christmas less than 30 people were updated.

It was also state that an A.R.C. class would be run at Wanda Monday nights to increase the size of squads of candidates above 2 or 3 and to teach aspiring instructors how it was expected they would teach a squad. This was eventually started on January 26, with 18 candidates and 4 prospective instructors however the prospective instructors and 2 candidates withdrew.

Sixteen completed the course and with the exception of Peter Sullivan no prospective examiner assisted. It was unfortunate I was unable to arrange for him to do his first examiners.

At this meeting three members of Garie, three members of North Cronulla, two from Elouera indicated rather forcefully that they wished to obtain their A.R.C. Examiners and it was explained that if they helped with the instruction of the classes when they were commenced some would be put forward with each class, only Peter Sullivan of Garie assisted.

At Elouera Carnival the Captain of Cronulla Club demanded that I arrange for an update examination on Thursday, in 10 days time. I was upset as I was breaking my vacation as it was to come up and run the First Aid Section of the Carnival and had no means of contacting the examiners and those I contacted at the Carnival were not available. I said it was not possible and why had they not come to the updates at Wanda. The upshot was I said I would allow Bruce Breadner to do the update. I have since become aware that possibly some candidates also did their A.R.C.

One Ambu Simulator sent over to Wanda for an A.R.C. update I could not attend has gone missing and I would like to find its whereabouts.

Frank Osborne
Co-ordinator

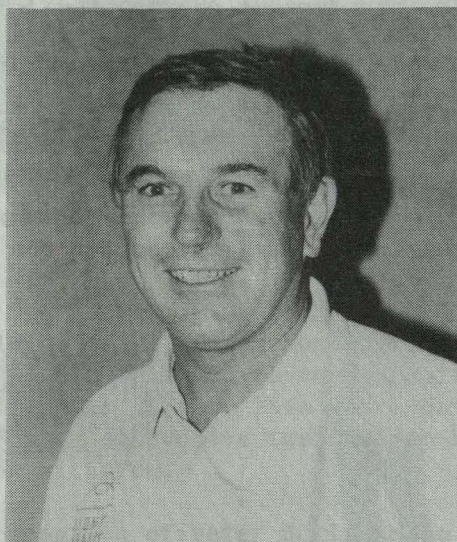


CARNIVAL AND COMPETITION



CARNIVAL COMPETITION SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The 1991-92 season has been one of an intense and varied nature and at times quite demanding on a dedicated band of Carnival Officials. Starting early in October with the Era Club hosting the Botany Bay Surf Boat Marathon, the season finished with a historic visit by a South African Surf Life Saving Team which competed against a Sydney Branch squad at South Maroubra Beach on May 16. Also during the season a team representing the Huntington Beach Junior Lifeguards (U.S.A.) competed in the Sydney Branch.



The season saw the inauguration of Competition Officials Education Programme which resulted in seventy five members of Sydney Branch being accepted as accredited officials to championship level. A reflection of this programme was the high level of Sydney Branch Officials required to participate in the N.S.W. State and Australian Surf Titles.

Problems associated with the season were at times a lack of officials in particular areas, which will have to be addressed if the Branch is to continue its high standard of proficiency in the running of carnivals. To the officials who made up the bulk, your co-operation is greatly appreciated. Also of concern at times was the late finishing of carnivals which puts great stress on I.R.B. operations and stowing of carnival equipment. Revised starting times hopefully will solve this problem.

Of concern is the lack of officials entering the ranks which is a fact that must be addressed during the off-season. To officials, and in particular, the carnival referees your willingness to endure harsh and tiring conditions is greatly appreciated. Who will ever forget North Bondi. It made Bancora look like a picnic!

The season saw the retirement of several long serving members due to, amongst other reasons, moving from Sydney and other priorities. To these officials including Denis and Carmel Dick, who are going home to Port Macquarie, many thanks for years of dedicated service.

To Arthur White and the new Branch gear trailer a special mention must be made. This trailer of Arthur and Bill Singleton's design has greatly eased the burden of stowing carnival equipment.

To all officials who assisted during the season and to all the clubs and their workers who participated in the running of what must be considered a very successful season, many thanks. Looking forward to seeing you all again and, as a priority, seeing new faces in "the whites" of Sydney Branch.

CARNIVALS CONDUCTED DURING 1991-92 SEASON

19th	October	Era	Botany Bay Bash Surf Boat Marathon
2nd	November	Burning Palms	Burning Palms Surf Boat Marathon
17th	November	Sydney Branch	Pier One Surf Boat & Ski Marathon
17th	November	South Maroubra	South Maroubra Clear Water Classic
30th	November	Cronulla	Cronulla Open Carnival
8th	December	Cronulla	Cronulla Surf Boat Marathon
14th	December	North Cronulla	North Cronulla Open Carnival POSTPONED
← 15th	December	Cronulla	Cronulla Shark Island Marathon Swim
22nd	DEC		N CRONULLA
4th	January	Bondi	Bondi Open Carnival
11th	January	Elouera	Elouera Open Carnival
18th	January	Wanda	Wanda Open Carnival
19th	January	Cronulla	Cronulla-Sutherland District
1st	February	Coogee	Coogee Open Carnival & Island Surf Boat Marathon
2nd	February		Rossfield Swimming Carnival
2nd	February	North Bondi	Metropolitan Board Riding Championships
8th	February	North Bondi	North Bondi Open Carnival
15th	February	Maroubra	Sydney Branch Championships
		Garie	Interdistrict Carnival
16th	February	Wanda	Branch Patrol Championships
			A.M.P. Surf Challenge
23rd	February	Garie	Sydney Branch Board Riding
29th	February	South Maroubra	Open Metropolitan Championships
15th	March	Cronulla	Cronulla Shark Island Swim
21st	March	Sydney Branch	Yarra Bay Stillwater Craft Championships
2nd	May	Bondi	Bondi IRB Carnival
3rd	May	Bondi	Bondi IRB Carnival
16th	May	South Maroubra	South Africa versus Sydney Branch
17th	May	Garie	Sydney Branch I.R.B. Championships

P. Steenson

Carnival & Competition Supervisor

BOARD RIDING COMPETITION SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Did you know in 1933 USS Rampoo, a 146 metre tanker, travelled from Manila to San Diego and was overtaken by waves of up to 34 metres high, travelling at 55 knots through open surf.

P.S. Did you know, there was not one judge to score that wave!

Another day has arisen, a long stretch of jagged coastline, surfers being possessed above their performance as they ripped that swell to shreds.

One of the most important events in surfing is competing and achieving their ambitions, and that's what makes this event unique.

Always a winner are our sponsors and that is the key to success.

The 1991-92 season was proudly sponsored by:

In the Raw, Bear Clothing Co., Big Wednesday Surfwear,
Bondi Beach Video, Isidor's, Northsail, Bennett Surfboards
Raw Croc, Surf Aids, Byron Bay-Australia, Propaganda Studios,
and Senor Nila Mexican Food Products.

Open Winter Board Riding Championships were held at Wanda. This event always attracts the top competitors and all the up and coming competitors. (Total 150 competitors).

The 'Green Shirt' was won by Mark Spooner, Sandon Point. We also ran a first Invitation Open Womens Event which was won by Kym Woodbridge, from Thirroul. Another first, was the Long Boards won by Blake Corbett from Taree, Old Bar.

Sydney Branch Championships held at Garie was a great success.

Opens	-	Tony Seddon	Coogee
Under 18's	-	Luke Hitchings	Bronte
Under 15's	-	Kobi Graham	Bronte

Australian Titles held at Collaroy, not the best conditions.

Opens	-	2nd Place - Tony Seddon	Coogee
Under 18's	-	1st Place - Luke Hitchings	Bronte

Peter Doolan Tag Team Event was held at Wanda in March. Two teams represented Sydney Branch.

Team A: T. Seddon, M. Howard, L. Hitchings, S. Yealland, K. Graham, C. Clark

Team B: B. Hardy, A. Graham, M. Litchner, J. Seddon, G. Stephenson, C. Knox

Sydney Branch lost to Illawarra. The event was run under the guidance of Klaus Herrmann.

I would like to place on record my utmost thanks to all those officials who worked vigorously and tirelessly throughout the season: Joe Seddon, Peter Sullivan, Garry Yelland, Bluey Graham, Garie Board Riders. Illawarra, Klaus Herrmann, Barry Allen, Dave Winner, Bill Haron, Jeff Halgh, Lorry Morgan. Taree Old Bar, Iain Everingham, Terry Landers, Brett Corbett and the Claire Brothers.

Of interest to all Junior Activities Board (also known as the Nippers) it is noted that all gold medal winners have come up through the ranks from the Nippers which can be encouraged through your Clubs.

Finally, to my Sydney Branch Board of Control Colleagues: "Strange paradox is that a planet called Earth is more than 70% ocean."

Kim Wilson

Sydney Branch Board Riding Referee

SYDNEY BRANCH B.J.A. REPORT

Panel of Judges

We ran two successful Panel of Judges courses at the start of the Season, the first being held at North Bondi with seven people passing successfully. The second was held at North Cronulla with twenty two people passing. The courses were run the same as the ones held in previous years, over three nights. They covered beach layout rules and regulations, water event layout rules and regulations, the structure of the organisation and in brief R&R and March Past.

I would like to thank North Bondi and North Cronulla for hosting the courses and the following people for assisting me - Ian Wallace, Eric Topper, Dave Mullinger, Don McKinnon, Bob King and Ray Wilkinson.

Carnivals

Cronulla/Sutherland 4 Way

This Carnival was held at North Cronulla on 17th November 1991. The conditions were good for the 1,500 children who took part. Congratulations to all who participated, and thank you to North Cronulla for hosting the Carnival, Peter Watson for his support in sponsoring the Carnival, and the officials and water safety who helped make it a successful day.

Metropolitan Championships

The Metropolitan Championships were held on 24th November 1991 at North Bondi Beach. Thank you to the Club, water safety and the small amount of officials. The beach itself is an excellent venue for a carnival, however, I was very disappointed with the lack of enthusiasm shown by the parents and Club officials in helping with the running of the Carnival. We are not able to complete the beach programme, the last part of which contained the fun events. Thanks once again to Smiths Crisps for their generous support.

Elouera Girls Carnival

This was held on 30th November, 1992. The weather, unfortunately, was cold and overcast although the girls who participated enjoyed themselves. Thank you to the Elouera committee, the officials, water safety and to Prudential Insurance for their support.

Waverley Shield

This Carnival was held at Bondi on 1st December, 1991. It was a very successful day and thanks to John DeCean and Dave Mullinger for running the Carnival.

Sydney Branch Championships

This Carnival was to be held at South Maroubra on the 9th February, however, it was postponed to the 16th February due to unfavourable weather conditions. Unfortunately, the surf on the 16th was deemed too large for South Maroubra's IRBs to patrol the water events in safety.

All the beach events were completed successfully at South Maroubra. The surf races were conducted at South Maroubra, however, the restricted water events, which are required to qualify through to State, were run at Cronulla Beach.

I would like to thank South Maroubra's Organising Committee for a job well done.

Recommendation

In future Branch Championships should be run by the Branch and the duties not be the sole responsibility of the host club. An organising committee should be formed by the Branch and under Branch control.

Results

Overall Point Score

1st	North Cronulla	- 352
2nd	Cronulla	- 265
3rd	Wanda	- 204
	Elouera	- 204

Handicap

1st	Bronte
2nd	North Cronulla
3rd	Tamarama

Beach pointscore: 1st - North Cronulla.

Water pointscore: 1st - Cronulla

State Championships

The State Championships were very successfully run at Wanda and the organising committee of Wanda should be congratulated for an outstanding carnival. Unfortunately, Sunday was spoilt by the weather.

Representative Teams

Two selection trials were held, one at Bronte and one at Cronulla. The team competed at Sawtell and won the Inter-Branch Competition. From this team 7 went on to represent their State at Torquay, Victoria.

The members from Sydney Branch who were in the State team were Trinton Latter, David Bogle, Corrie Cavanagh, Greg Bishop, Belinda Gladstone, Nathan Peacock and Brent Robbins.

Conclusion

In summary, there are quite a few people and organisations I would like to thank. I would like to thank all the officials who helped me at carnivals, the Water Safety Officials who helped each Sunday and at carnivals, the delegates who represent their clubs and help make debating interesting at meetings, the organising committees of the carnivals held this season, my Assistant, Dave Mullinger, for his help, Sydney Branch Senior Board of Control and Branch Executive for their assistance when required and last but not least, the children. Congratulations for your success this season and we are looking forward to another enjoyable and successful year next year.

Yours in Surfing,

Ian Goode

Sydney Branch B.J.A. Superintendent

MEETINGS

This year the Board Executive Committee met on four occasions during the second half of the season and the record of attendance by Officers is as follows:-

<u>Board Executive Committee</u>	
Peter Agnew	4
George Shales	3
Brad Taylor	4
Ursula Say	4
Peter Steenson	0

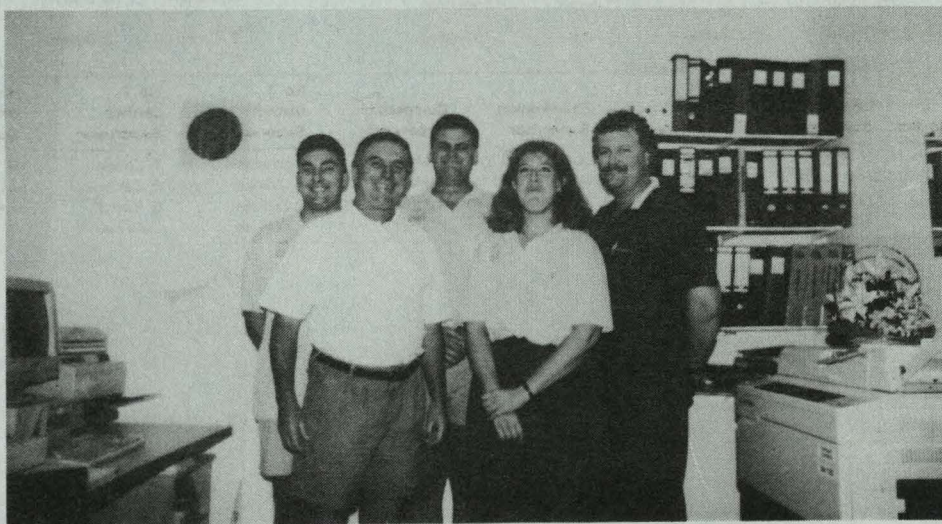
This year the Life Saving Executive of the Board met on nine occasions and the record of attendance by Officers is as follows:-

<u>Life Saving Executive</u>	
George Shales	7
Brad Taylor	9
Bernie Kelly	5
John Cox	6
Brad McDonogh (resigned)	5
Peter Fuller (elected)	2
Linda Mulhall	9
Peter Sullivan	7
Glen Clarke	7
Kim Wilson	4

Visitors:

Peter Agnew	8
Paul Cooper	4
Ursula Say	5
Alyson Weber	1
Paul Newland	6
Glenn Cruise	1

Three Full Board Meeting were held during the season at Maroubra SLSC who were most generous allowing the use of their clubhouse and facilities.



BOARD OF CONTROL OFFICERS 1949-50 to 1991-92

Season	Superintendent	Deputy Superintendent	Board Secretary	Examination Supervisor	Carnival and Competition Supervisor	Registrar	No. 1 District Supervisor	No. 2 District Supervisor	No. 3 District Supervisor	No. 4 District Supervisor
1949-50	D. Lucas	W. Foerster	A. Castleman			T. Moran	G. Johnson	H. Small	V. Williams	G. Wild
1950-51	D. Lucas	W. Foerster	A. Castleman			G. Davies	G. Johnson	J. Switzer	B. Cribb	P. Hickman
1951-52	D. Lucas	W. Foerster	A. Castleman			G. Davies	J. Vaughan	J. Switzer	B. Cribb	M. Black
	W. Foerster	L. McDonald								
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	L. Johnson	J. Switzer	K. Flannery	M. Black
						R. Simmons				
1955-56	J. Marsden	A. May	V. Williams			R. Bridges	O. Hailey	J. Switzer	B. Brewin	M. Black
1956-57	J. Marsden	H. McDonald	B. Brewin			D. Lucas	O. Hailey	J. Switzer	G. Cavanagh	J. Wardall
1957-58	J. Marsden	H. McDonald	B. Brewin			D. Lucas	O. Hailey	J. Switzer	R. Davey	R. Young
1958-59	J. Marsden	H. McDonald	A. Moseley			H. Brown	R. Liddle	J. Switzer	R. Davey	B. Brewin
1959-60	H. McDonald	J. Marsden	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	R. Liddle	J. Switzer	R. Davey	B. Elliott
1960-61	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	R. Liddle	P. Ainsworth	J. Wardall	B. Elliott
1961-62	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	R. Liddle	P. Ainsworth	J. Wardall	B. Walker
1962-63	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	R. Liddle	P. Ainsworth	J. Wardall	B. Walker
						J. Casey				
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	W. Walton	J. Young
								R. Leix	J. Wardall	
1972-73	A. Moseley	J. Dewey	J. Switzer			S. Newman	W. Winzer	R. Leix	J. Wardall	J. Young
			J. Vaughan							
1973-74	R. Howells	J. Dewey	J. Switzer			S. Newman	W. Winzer	N. Jamieson	J. Wardall	J. Young
	J. Dewey	L. McNamara					C. Osborne			
1974-75	J. Dewey	J. May	J. Switzer			K. English	C. Osborne	N. Jamieson	J. Wardall	J. Young
1975-76	J. Dewey	J. May	J. Switzer	P. Ainsworth		K. English	C. Osborne	N. Jamieson	J. Wardall	J. Young
		K. Messenger						T. Elliott		
1976-77	J. Dewey	K. Messenger	J. Switzer	P. Ainsworth		J. Connolly	C. Osborne	T. Elliott	J. Wardall	P. Quartly
		J. May								
1977-78	J. Dewey	J. May	P. Sargeant	E. Stephens	J. May	J. Connolly	C. Osborne	T. Elliott	D. Popplewell	K. Andrews
1978-79	J. Dewey	J. May	P. Parsons	E. Stephens	J. May	J. Connolly	C. Osborne	T. Elliott	D. Popplewell	K. Andrews
1979-80	J. May	T. Elliott	S. Strange	E. Stephens	J. Dewey	J. Connolly	C. Osborne	J. Fraser	D. Popplewell	K. Andrews
1980-81	T. Elliott	R. Howells	S. Strange	E. Stephens	J. Dewey	P. Steenson	C. Osborne	M. Berger	D. Popplewell	M. Clancy
1981-82	T. Elliott	R. Howells	S. Strange	B. Kelly	R. Day	P. Steenson	C. Osborne	M. Berger	D. Popplewell	J. May
1982-83	T. Elliott	R. Howells	S. Strange	B. Kelly	R. Day	P. Steenson	C. Osborne	B. Breadner	B. King	C. Matthews
1983-84	T. Elliott	R. Howells	G. Thomson	B. Kelly	K. English	P. Steenson	C. Osborne	B. Breadner	B. King	S. Bailey
1984-85	T. Elliott	R. Howells	G. Thomson	B. Kelly	K. English		C. Osborne	B. Breadner	K. Rowsell	S. Bailey
1985-86	T. Elliott	K. English	G. Thomson	P. Davis	J. Vaughan		C. Osborne	B. Breadner	B. Kelly	S. Bailey
1986-87	T. Elliott	K. English	K. Schenk	P. Davis	J. Vaughan		C. Osborne	B. Breadner	B. Kelly	S. Bailey
			S. Rudd							
1987-88	T. Elliott	K. English	S. Rudd	P. Davis	J. Vaughan		C. Osborne	B. Breadner	B. Kelly	G. Shales

Season	Superintendent	Lifesaving Supervisor	Secretary	Examination Supervisor	Competition Supervisor	No. 1 District Supervisor	No. 2 District Supervisor	No. 3 District Supervisor	No. 4 District Supervisor
1988-89	T. Elliott	B. Breadner	K. English	R. Bransdon	K. Metcalf	S. Strange	P. Calder	M. McFarlane	G. Shales
1989-90	T. Elliott	B. Breadner	K. English	R. Bransdon	K. Metcalf	S. Strange	P. Calder	J. Restuccia	G. Shales
1990-91	T. Elliott	G. Shales	B. Breadner	U. Say	K. Metcalf	P. Sullivan	S. Barrett	J. Restuccia	K. Wilson
1991-92	P. Agnew	G. Shales	P. Davis (rsg)	U. Say	P. Steenson	P. Sullivan	L. Mulhall	G. Clarke	K. Wilson

