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FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT



SYDNEY BRANCH SURF LIFE SAVING BOARD OF CONTROL

1995-1996 SEASON

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PRESIDENTS FOREWORD

Congratulations to all Board Officers and Members on again another successful season. A job well done!

As a group of dedicated people you have again performed your tasks in an acceptable manner. You continue to contribute valuable hours of freedom for Surf Life Saving. This we truly appreciate.

Board members again performed:-

- Examinations
- Life Saving Patrol Inspections
- Gear Inspection
- Proficiencies
- Carnivals &
- Meetings

The Board was re-structured this year eliminating a number of full board meetings. This we need to be discussing at this years Annual General Meeting. The three major Directors, Life Saving John Restuccia, Examination Peter Agnew and Competition Colin Fitzgerald will not be seeking re-election. We sincerely appreciate your efforts over the year and wish you each success in your new ventures.

During the coming season we as a Branch need to focus on the Boards activities, offer it stronger support and address the issues that lie before us in a positive manner.

Peter Pearce
BRANCH PRESIDENT

HONORARY SECRETARY
Peter Quahly

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SYDNEY BRANCH INC. SURF LIFE SAVING BOARD OF CONTROL NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 47th Annual General Meeting of the Sydney Branch Surf Life Saving Board of Control will be held at the Maroubra Seals Club on Wednesday 22nd May 1996, commencing at 7:00 pm.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the 46th Annual General meeting, held on 26th May 1995.
2. Apologies and Leave.
3. Welcome by .
4. Presentation of the 47th Annual Report for the 1995-96 Season.
5. Constitution Changes
6. Election of Officers and Sub-Committees for the 1996-97 Season.
7. Confirmation of IRB Supervisor and ORB Supervisor.
8. General Business.

Peter Quartly
HONORARY SECRETARY

MEMBERSHIP

LIFE MEMBERS

Harry Brown
Les Buck
Bob Davison
John Dewey
Nick Dixon
Trevor Elliott

Ken English
Bill Gray
Ron Howells
Lionel McDonald
Keith Messenger
Albert Moseley

Frank Osborne
Rex Sargeant
Ernie Stephens
Jim Switzer
John Vaughan
John Wardell

LONG SERVICE MEMBERS

Active

Ted Brooker
Ted Cahill
Greg Hewett
Robert Lippmann

Peter Quartly
Neil Miller
Warren Rennie
Joe Sedden

Richard Sheldon
Stephen Strange
Ian Toll

Non Active

Robert Avery
Robert Bridges
Robert Craig
John Fraser

Bob Horton
Carl Melvey
Bernie Kelly
Ken Manton
Dave Medlin

Keith Midson
Vince Mulcahy
Ron Sandstrom
Phill Vanny

COUNTRY MEMBERS

Jenny Anderson
Ken Cafe

Carmel Dick

Dennis Dick

LEAVE FOR SEASON 95/96

Greg Causer
Paul Davis
Mick De Luca
Barry Dundas

Craig Farrugia
Dennis Heussner
Robyn Hughes
Paul Johnson

Peter Melvey
Ron Pommering
John Roberts
Don Smith
David Williams

ACTIVE BRONZE EXAMINATION MEMBERS

Peter Agnew	Luke MacDougall	John Restuccia
Mike Batty	Jason Madsen	Yvette Roser
Brian Booth	Robert McLellan	Ursula Say
Ken Cafe	Donald McGroder	Peter Seeto
Peter Cleary	Colleen Milbourne	Helmut Schellhammer
Paul Cooper	Cameron Miles	George Shales
Gary Daly	Neil Miller	James Sherratt
David Falkiner	Kelvin Milne	Colin Shrubbs
Wendy Fitzgerald	Robert Modien	Alf Smith
Reginald Francis	Jim Morrow	Wendy Smith
Barry Gillroy	Peter Murphy	Ernie Stephens
Errol Goldberg	Patrick O'Neill	Stephen Strange
Geoff Gilvear	Alex O'Hara	Peter Sullivan
Bill Gray	Frank Osborne	Brad Taylor
Keith Grima	Darren Ottaway	Darren Thorne
Barney Johansen	Darren Palmer	Peter Thorne
Karen Jones	Margaret Pearce	Arthur White
David Leckie	John Park	Suzanne Young
Dianne Lovell	Peter Quartly	

ACTIVE RADIO EXAMINATION MEMBERS

Peter Agnew	John Restuccia	Karen Stickland
Robert Lippmann	Yvette Roser	Brad Taylor
Peter Quartly	George Shales	

ACTIVE IRB EXAMINATION MEMBERS

Peter Agnew	David Leckie	George Shales
Graham Bruce	Peter Pearce	Brad Taylor
Peter Burst	Michelle Phillips	Jason Vella
Robert Cane	John Restuccia	Arthur White
Paul Cooper		

ACTIVE ORB EXAMINATION MEMBERS

Ron Camilleri
Jon Cox
Greg Purvis

George Shales
Karen Strickland

Robert Russell
John Moseley

ACTIVE ADVANCED RESUSCITATION EXAMINATION MEMBERS

Peter Agnew
Paul Cooper
Keith Grima
Roger Habib

Dianne Lovell
Tim Murray
Frank Osborne
Matthew Scott

Ernie Stephens
Brad Taylor
Hans Visch

ACTIVE FIRST AID EXAMINATION MEMBERS

Paul Cooper
Karin Jones

Peter Murphy
Frank Osborne

Peter Quartly
Matthew Scott

LEVEL 1 COMPETITION MEMBERS

Robyn Allan
Mary Andrews
Robert Balbi
Jean Baker
Brad Bishop
Kathryn Booth
Nigel Boxall
Lynne Burke
Allen Busustow
Carl Briscoe
Ted Cahill
Janette Cahill
Jim Connoly
Robyn Daley
John De Cean
Joan Donnelly
Michael Duggan
Paul Edwards
Ron Finn
Reg Francis

John Fahey
Cheryl Giles
Barry Gillroy
John Graham
Ron Gross
Geoff Hilton
Graham Jago
Michael Kirkman
Gunther Kitzler
John Koppl
Andrew Kulibab
Doug Iredale
Berney Johansen
Michael Kelly
John Keys
Terry Lagerlow
David Leckie
Robert Lippmann
Robert Lysaught
Mangala Munsami

Neil Oliver
Trevor Perrin
Norman Piddington
Jeremy Raine
Elizabeth Russell
Jack Ryan
Joe Seddon
Ursula Say
Beverley Smith
Suzanne Smith
Tony Smith
Jeff Steer
Andrew Tod
Pamela Vallis
Phillip Veitch
Gaelyn Watson
Craig Warner
Jamie Walker
Andrew Winders

LEVEL 2 COMPETITION MEMBERS

Ann Ainsworth
Robert Bransdon
Edward Brooker
Graham Bruce
Peter Burst
Robert Cane
Ross Cotter
Bob Davidson
Carmel Dick
Denis Dick
Trevor Elliott
Ken English
Graham Evans
Warrick Everingham
Colin Fitzgerald
John Fraser
Pat Garlick

Peter Garlick
Marie Gray
Wallace Halpin
Ron Hammond
Gloria Howells
Ron Howells
Geoffrey Martin
Carl Melvey
Neil Miller
Albert Moseley
David Mullinger
Neil Oliver
Frank Osborne
Ron Pears
Michelle Phillips
Ron Pomeroy
Frank Ridley
Rosemary Ridley

Ray Robinson
Merle Sargeant
Rex Sargeant
George Shales
Bill Singleton
Craig Smith
Peter Steenson
Ernie Stephens
Stephen Strange
Peter Sullivan
Ian Toll
Joan Vaughan
Arthur White
Ross Williams
Bob Woodger
Delysia Workman
Don Workman

LEVEL 3 COMPETITION MEMBERS

Peter Agnew
Greg Allum
Harry Brown
Graham Bruce
Gary Daley

Peter Davis
John Dewey
Ian Goode
Bill Gray

Warren Rennie
John Restuccia
John Vaughan
Kim Wilson

PROBATIONARY OFFICIALS

Sue Berkley
John Ciganda
Simon Dyer
Fern Elliott
Col Elliott
Graham Giles

Wayne Madden
Colin McDermid
Jannette McDonlad
Phillip Michael
Marie Morey
Merryl Mountain

Berite Neal
Kathy Piggott
Tony Smith
Rick Sutcliffe
Kerry Visch
Colleen Welford

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES 1995/96

Director of Lifesaving.....	John Restuccia
Emergency Services Co-ordinator.....	Brad Taylor
Director of Examination & Instruction	Peter Agnew
Director of Competition	Colin Fitzgerald
Board Secretary.....	Peter Quartly
Board Gear Steward	Bill Gray
New Members Co-ordinator	Yvette Roser
BJA Superintendent.....	David Mullinger

SECTIONAL SUPERVISORS

IRB Supervisor	Michelle Phillips
JRB/ORB Supervisor	Brad Taylor (Elected 8/2)

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS

Royal National Parks Clubs.....	Margaret Pearce (Elected 25/7)
Cronulla - Sutherland District.....	Luke MacDougall (Elected 25/7)
Randwick District	Errol Goldberg
Waverley District	Peter Agnew & John Restuccia (Elected 25/7)

ASSISTANT DISTRICT SUPERVISORS

Royal National Parks Clubs.....	Craig Williams (Elected 20/12)
Cronulla - Sutherland Districts.....	David Leckie (Elected 25/7)
Randwick District	Paul Scullion (Elected 25/7)
Waverley District	Suzanne Young (Elected 20/12)

BOARD OF CONTROL COMMITTEES

GEAR INSPECTION COMMITTEE

Albert Moseley, Frank Ridley, Ursula Say, Don Workman, Peter Agnew, John Restuccia (chairman), Tony Smith, Michelle Phillips, Ross Williams and Brad Taylor.

MERITORIOUS AWARDS COMMITTEE

Bill Gray (convenor), Albert Moseley, Neil Miller, Keith Grima, Brad Taylor, Arthur White and Harry Brown.

MANUAL REVISION COMMITTEE

Peter Murphy and Peter Quartly (convenor).

RESUSCITATION RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT INSTRUCTION AND MEDICAL PANEL

Keith Grima (convenor), Peter Murphy, Yvette Roser, Ernie Stephens, Brad Taylor, Peter Agnew and Peter Quartly.

HONORARY SECRETARY

Peter Agnew chaired our 46th AGM, which was attended by an enthusiastic group of members who witnessed the start to a very interesting and satisfying season which saw many changes and great performances from your Officers and members generally.

The proposed changes to the Constitution were endorsed at the Branch AGM however further changes are being put forward, as we believe having a triumvirate of Directors has resulted in some disjointedness of the Board as a whole. This, however, is not in anyway a reflection on the Directors who did a magnificent job within their spheres of responsibility. We will see a Director of Life Saving who will be responsible for the overall well being of our organisation.

Although the Board Executive met on a monthly basis, all Officers were invited to attend and no distinction was made with respect to those attending, who were invited and encouraged to participate fully in all subjects raised. Issues were in the main resolved by consensus.

With there not being anyone willing to have the honour of being Waverley District Supervisor, John Restuccia and Peter Agnew were elected jointly to do the job, in addition to there other functions, and performed admirably as a team, with Suzanne Young coming in as there Assistant. Not a bad assistant either, with her winning both the Australian and NSW Life Saver of the Year titles.

We held two general monthly meetings, with the second meeting having guest speaker Dennis Heussner captivating the audience. The text of his speech forms part of this report as it sheds some light on Surf Life Saving Australia's thinking, especially when revisited with hindsight.

Last years report unfortunately omitted to record that Craig Williams was the National Parks Assistant Supervisor, for which I apologise.

Club involvement in the Board was much discussed, however it behoves us all to encourage our fellow club mates to joint the Board (as we are to some degree a barometer of the Branches strength) and the stronger the Board is, the better off are the clubs we service. This is something we should never forget. We are not the enemy but the clubs ally's in promoting the various activities that make up Surf Life Saving.

The Branch Directory although a commendable document is being reviewed. This will occur in the coming months with respect to its size and format. It is envisaged that with it and the Captains Directory, there will be a third Directory, for Education and Instruction.

Our new President, Peter Pearce attended his first Board Executive meeting in September after being invited to meet the team. He spoke of an open door policy and his willingness to assist and that we have to work as a team. Peter certainly was prepared to put his words into action and he and Ken English attended a number of meetings of the Board Executive, which allowed John Restuccia to participate more fully and relieved him of the restrictions of being chairman.

During the season we felt that it was important to have input from the JAC Superintendent and we invited Dave Mullinger to our meetings. Dave accepted our invitation and his participation added to our performance as an Executive.

We inquired of the Branch in October with respect to holding a conference in August 1996 and received a positive response. Your Directors, Secretary, Emergency Services Co-Ordinator and Margaret Pearce are on the organising committee. We hope to see as many members attending as possible at Narrabeen on the weekend of 30th & 31st August & 1st September 1996. It will be a time to update, learn something new, renew acquaintances and make new ones, and set us up for another great season.

John Restuccia has reviewed and updated the gear inspection forms which will assist in the coming gear inspection.

A camera was purchased for use at carnivals so that in the event of an accident a record could be recorded of same for future reference, Colin organised same, as he did with Board gear.

Bill Singleton is still as active as ever, he volunteered and coordinated the Branch gear working bee, which got us off to a good start once the carnivals commenced.

Enquires were made with Surf Life Saving N.S.W with respect to first aid supplies and it was determined such supplies only need to be withdrawn as they reach their expiry date although under no circumstances can they be used after the expiry date.

During the season we expressed our concerns about smaller clubs loosing members to the larger competitive clubs and the resulting strain that places on the smaller clubs lifesaving capacity. Unfortunately it is not a simple issue and it is certainly one which will not go away.

The new members booklet was updated and hopefully is now more relevant. Todate we have not had any negative feedback.

The AGM date was changed half a dozen times, due to various competing factors. Unfortunately in this day and age it is impossible to accommodate everyone. Hopefully we will see a good attendance.

During the year we produced a number of newsletters which hopefully you found interesting and informative. They have been discontinued and the Branch is going to resurrect the Inside Surf Magazine. Such a move can only improve our communication and all contributions will be gratefully accepted.

The Branch convened a forum on Saturday 9th March 1996 which was very interesting and a copy of the minutes are found in this report.

John Restuccia (as the first amongst equals) did an excellent job at chairing our meetings until Peter Pearce and Ken English took over for the last three meetings. His knowledge and enthusiasm are boundless and resulted in a good overview of beach activities with the long hours paying off in a job well done. Colin Fitzgerald continued from where he left off, resulting in continuing improving standards of Officials at carnivals. Peter Agnew breathed life into his role through his technical and managerial skills, without loosing, that personal touch. Unfortunately your three Directors will not be standing at the coming AGM. Loosing such talented and dedicated ilfesavers with so much experience is a real body blow to the Board. On your behalf I wish them well.

Brad Taylor a jack of all trades added to his portfolio the ORB Supervisors role and with everything be touches he does it well, with a smile and a professional touch. Brad will be one of our cornerstones in the coming season

Up until recently we had the assistance of Natalie McKenna who was very helpful, and we continue to have the excellent support of the Office Manger, Yvette Roser, for which I personally am very grateful. To her boss, John De Cean thanks for your assistance, co-operation and understanding.

On behalf of the Board Executive, thanks for a great season and I look forward to another one with your help.

Peter Quartly
BOARD SECRETARY

ABRIDGED MINUTES OF OPEN FORUM HELD AT CRONULLA SLSC

1. Board Restructure

- * It was agreed to the Board of Control needs to have a head of the Board, like the old Superintendent.
- * That the Board should also return back to monthly meetings.
- * There should also be guest speakers at the meetings.
- * The need to tap into Junior Activities area for recruitment for the Board
- * Need to look at sponsorship for the Board.
- * Incentives to be looked at for attendance at meetings.
- * Restructure to be discussed at Branch and Board Executive levels.

2. Retention of Members

- * Need to do more recruitment from the Clubs.
- * Junior Activities parents to be canvassed to join the Board
- * Look at ratio of Officials to competitors per club
- * Letters to be sent to ex members inviting them back to join the Board.

3. Club involvement in the Board of Control

- * Signs to be produced for each area at carnivals
- * Under 16 area to be conducted separately by Junior Activities parents and Officials, with the possibility of recruiting same to become members of the Board of Control.
- * Carnival program to be looked at.
- * Report to be carried out on members who have left clubs and find out why they are leaving.
- * Roving patrols for under 16 members and new members so that they are not tied down to one patrol.
- * Wanda Club advised that they have nipper patrols on Sundays for their Junior Activities members.
- * North Cronulla have patrols for their under 16 members during the school holidays and they only do 3 hour patrols.
- * Training weekend for smaller clubs with bigger clubs need to be looked at.
- * Board of Control need to identify needy clubs who need assistance.
- * State Centre development Officers should be used more often.
- * Branch to look at having Development Camp for 50 under 16 members on life saving bases.
- * Cadet weekend to be held in the Branch.
- * List of top people who are available to assist with these camps.

4. Long term strategy of the Branch

- * Major Carnival concept to be looked at
- * Carnival entry fees.
- * Branch Executive to meet with all club Executives

**THE ABRIDGED TEXT OF DENNIS HEUSSNERS SPEECH
TO THE FULL BOARD MEETING ON 18 OCTOBER 1995**

- * The beauty of coming over from lifesaving to competition and having my background is that I can see the broader picture and the opportunities. First to promote lifesaving activities to the level of our competition. Let us maintain the competition profile and lift lifesaving to the same level.
- * The Heroes of the Surf never took off at club level as what we see as mundane, the public have a totally different perspective.
- * Saw his role as maintaining our elite competition and getting everyone involved at all levels ie: Club, Branch and State.
- * The Association has a huge threat from other sports with winter sports moving into summer or starting at Christmas such as league. Soccer is now summer, basketball etc.
- * Issued to call clubs a questionnaire recently on what they want, so that we can be an all year round sport. Do we want long course events looking at creating a social and competitive club.
- * Surf league out rated Uncle Tobys on T.V. This year will be more exciting with 120 competitors on the beach. An interstate competition will be run the weekend before the Australian Titles.
- * Boaties want U18 years to go to U19 years and cols 22 to 23 years. However is not sure of there reasoning for it (it was included in club questionnaire)
- * Looking at coaching, particularly at Nipper level. Poor coaching can drive them out of the movement.
- * Carnivals - eventually clubs may be required to supply officials on a proportional basis to the number of competitors who compete.
- * SLS Championships in Australia.
Need to look at objectives
- family of lifesaving, 000m of beach & accommodation.
Facts
 - 94% want it televised (cost 240K)
 - 34% want it on the eastcoast
 - 29% don't care
 - 43% don't want it on the eastcoast
 - 73% want it to be over 3 days.
 - 5.6m spent in 1993 - 60K people viewed it
 - 8.9m brought into the Gold Coast economy
 - There are only 4 or 5 venues that suit everyone
 - 650K is the cost of running a carnival
 - 130K is generated in entry fees
 - There is not a beach in Sydney that fortills the entire current criteria.
- * Surf Sports Australia is a wholly owned subsidiary of SLISA. It promotes for Surf Life Saving events that sponsorship is available for.
- * Surf Net (computer) will eventually become a reality with clubs, branches, state and Australian council all being connected to each other. Average cost will be \$4000 per club and \$7000 per branch.

BOARD EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

Your Executive has always had an open door approach, to its meetings with an open invitation to all Officers as well as Branch Officials to attend. During the year we had ten meetings. Attendance is set out herewith.

	<u>Eligible</u>	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Apology</u>	<u>Absent</u>
John Restuccia	10	10	-	-
Peter Agnew	10	8	2	-
Colin Fitzgerald	10	6	3	1
Peter Quartly	10	10	-	-
Brad Taylor	10	10	-	-
Dave Mullinger	6	3	3	-
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Peter Pearce		2	4	
Ken English		1	2	
John De Cean		1	-	
Erol Goldberg		2	-	
Luke MacDougall		1	2	
Margaret Pearce		2	2	
Michelle Phillips		2	1	

DIRECTOR OF LIFESAVING

Now the 1995/96 season has wound up, it was on reflection quite a busy year, with Gear Inspection, Captain Meetings, rescues, spinal's and the list goes on.

This year patrol notices were unfortunately up by about 40% on last year, which means clubs either signed on late or left early. Most were signing on late which must be an issue for all club captains.

This is a first for Sydney Branch as we now have the State and Australian Life Saver of the year. Congratulations Suzanne Young. Also a first, the "Heroes of the Surf" was also taken out by the ORB3 crew of, Richard Lissadden, Andrew Lissadden, Marcus O'Donoghue & Ursula Say, after doing a rescue off Yellow Rock, which resulted in the saving of the crew of a stranded boat, which was heading towards the rocks. "Well done Crew".

To the six finalists in the Sydney Branch Life Saver of the year competition, well done and good luck on the Branch Presentation night.

This season was the worst ever in the Branch's history with respect to spinal's, with eleven. Four (4) were taken by helicopter with one being in a critical condition. The only good thing out of all this, is all feedback from the Ambulance and Helicopter Service's reported that patrol personnel handled the spinal's proficiently, which is a credit to our training on spinal injuries.

Once again Christmas Day was a big day for the Bondi Beach Clubs, as around 150 people were rescued including a mass rescue of 60 people. It's good to see Local Government will finally be looking at Bondi on Christmas day, as it's a major concern to all.

Life guards at the National Park was a major project which I tackled. To the members of Garie I'm confident you will soon see a life guard there. A recent meeting with Premier Bob Carr was a major step forward in bring this matter to finality. A meeting with Royal National Park and Wildlife authorities will finally give some Government body power to make a decision, so safety can be maintained down there at Garie.

To all the members of the Branch Radio Room, thanks for your ongoing support this year. As it was a very busy and trying season, your professionalism helped our Life Savers on the beach maintain safety. "Good work Team"

To the two ORB Groups thanks as well. Your presence on our beaches is greatly appreciated. Your quick response to rescues is second to none, that's why the NSW Police Force are continuing to call out our rescue service.

In closing I would really like to thank the following people who made my last year a success. Brad Taylor and his team of Duty Officers on the 24 hour call out. Thanks for giving up your time to a good cause.

To our front line personal the District Supervisors, Margaret Pearce, Errol Goldberg, Luke MacDougall and there assistants, your standards were high which improved the overall lifesaving in Sydney. Michelle Phillips and the IRB section, your ongoing effects are appreciated.

I would like to leave you with an article from one of the metro papers about a rescue over the Christmas period and to you all, see you around the life saving circles.

John Restuccia
DIRECTOR OF LIFE SAVING

200 saved from surf in black day at Bondi

By Col Allison & Adam Harvey
of the Australian Paper

Rough surf, crowds and collapsing sandbanks combined to give lifesavers one of their busiest days at Bondi Beach this summer, with 200 people rescued yesterday, five suffering spinal injuries.

At Bondi, an ambulance spokesman said the first injury occurred at 1:10 pm at the north end of the beach when a 20 year old man dumped by the surf was rushed to Prince of Wales Hospital with suspected spinal injuries.

At South Bondi, five minutes later, a man suffered a cardiac arrest while surfing and was underwater for several minutes before being rescued by lifesavers.

He was taken by Careflight helicopter to the Royal North Shore Hospital where last night his condition was reported as serious but stable.

A 20 year old man from Redfern also suffered a heart attack and was pulled from the surf unconscious. A Royal North Shore hospital spokesman said another man, in his mid 20's remained in intensive care last night in a critical but stable condition. He too had been dragged from the Bondi surf unconscious.

Throughout the day, ambulance officers were kept busy with injuries caused by a combination of overcrowded beaches, choppy seas to 1.5 metres and collapsing sandbanks on a changing tide. Crowds were swelled by people who stayed on to have a swim after watching the Cole Classic, a two kilometre open water swimming even that attracted a record 1600 entrants. The winner of the race was Mr Kurt Elderidge, 20, who swam the course in 18 minutes and four seconds.

A North Bondi lifesaver and spokesman for Surf Life Saving Australia, Mr Stephen Leahy, said most of the problems occurred as the tide began to change at about 2 pm.

At the Royal National Park south of Sydney last yesterday, a 33 year old fisherman was washed off rocks and had to be winched from the surf by a rescue helicopter. At the parks Garie Beach, a 54 year old man sustained suspected spinal injuries after being dumped by a wave at around 1 pm.

GEAR INSPECTION REPORT

Over the weekend of the 9th and 10th September a group of nine members from the Board inspected Lifesaving gear from each club on safety and presentation of equipment, so that our Branch would have A! gear for the commencement of patrol on the 23rd September 1995.

From the reaction of the committee, they were impressed on what was presented to them over the weekend, especially on the quality of the gear. Only one club let themselves down with the whole club being reinspected.

To the Gear Inspection Committee I thank you for your time over the two days and a special thanks to Joan Vaughan who was our penciller for the weekend. Well done to all on the panel. Now a general break down of the clubs.

Wanda

IRB Section to be reinspected
All other gear was OK

Elouera

Radios to be reinspected
All patrol gear OK

North Cronulla

Two boats to be reinspected
2 rescue boards away, to be reinspected
Radios to be reinspected
Rest of gear OK

Cronulla

Radio away for repairs, to be inspected
All other gear OK

Garie

IRB needs to be glassed on hull
All other gear OK

Burning Palms

Radio hand sets to be numbered
Boats to be inspected
IRB needs glassing in hull

Era

2 Radios to be inspected
IRB needs to be patched on the hull
All other gear OK

South Maroubra

Boat away, to be reinspected
No 5 reel to be reinspected
All other gear OK

Maroubra

2 boats away, to be inspected
IRB glassing on hull and screws on tool case
All other gear OK

Coogee

All gear OK

Tamarama

No 8 rescue board to be reinspected
No 2 radio, ch4 marked as Ch 9
All other gear OK

Bronte

Reinspect all gear

North Bondi

Reel to be reinspected
AGC IRB to be reinspected
Motor 066744 needs to be reinspected
Red night needs painting on bottom
All other gear OK

Bondi

Coke boat hull to be glassed
American Express boat needs bungs
Motor lock rod worn to be replaced
All other gear OK

RESULT

The winner was Coogee, with Tamarama and Garie being highly commended

EMERGENCY SERVICES CO-ORDINATOR

During the past season the emergency services section of the Branch was called to attend eighty five (85) incidents. Sixty one (61) of these cases were reported by surf clubs through Sydney Surf. I am happy to report that none of these incidents resulted in loss of life.

The remaining 24 cases came through our 24 hour call out system. These cases involved searches on both land and in water and included various medical emergencies. The calls originated from:

Police	29.2 %
Lifesaver 1	20.8 %
Water Police	16.7 %
Ambulance	16.6 %
Public	8.3 %
Careflight	4.2 %
Lifeguards	4.2 %

As can be seen from the figures below the days of the lifesaver just rescuing and resuscitating swimmers have gone. Today's lifesaver is now being asked to recognise and treat a more complex and diverse range of situations.

The breakdown of the 85 incidents is as follows:-

Spinals	11
Fractures	9
Boats in trouble	7
Dislocations	7
Immersion	5
Searches	5
Heart Attacks	4
Heat exhaustion	4
Diabetic related	3
Lacerations	3
Unconscious patients	3
Divers in trouble	2
Miscellaneous	17

While the number of spinal cases appears to be high, I feel this is due mainly to our heightened awareness and training in recognition and treatment of spinal injuries. Many patients in the past would not have been diagnosed as a spinal injury and just treated for their more obvious symptoms.

Once again I would like to thank all the duty officers and the two offshore groups for their dedication and willingness to be on call 24 hours a day seven days a week.

As the duties of the Radio Supervisor and the Emergency Services Co-Ordinator overlapped in a number of areas, it was decided to combine the two positions.

Throughout the season the existing radio equipment did not meet our expectations and consequently a new console and radios are being prepared in readiness for next season.

The introduction of the new channel proved to be extremely successful. It allowed Sydney Branch to have its own working channel without having to contest for air space with other Branches.

The Branch radio room had problems with numbers for the first part of this season. Fortunately we were able to recruit eight new members as the season progressed and this relieved the burden of excess hours for all concerned.

There were eight members who gained their 100% this season. To gain this you must complete 20 hours before the first of January and 20 hours after or a total of 50 hours all up. Congratulations to the following people on their achievement. Brad McDonogh, Gaelyn Watson, Sue Morris, Cheryl Hormann, Brian Harris, Peter Agnew, John De Cean and Peter Cleary.

Below is a list of hours for each operator. The average hours were 38.29 and a special note of thanks should go to Brad McDonogh for his outstanding effort of 104.38 hours.

Brad McDonogh	Garie	104.38
Gaelyn Watson	Bondi	76.42
Sue Morris	Nth Bondi	72.64
Cheryl Hormann	Elouera	72.09
Brian Harris	Burning Palms	60.64
Peter Agnew	Nth Bondi	56.73
John De Cean	Nth Bondi	55.17
Peter Cleary	Nth Bondi	43.80
Peter Fuller	Nth Bondi	41.00
Jason O'Brian	Maroubra	40.75
Natalie McKenna	Burning Palms	36.22
Chris Anson	Maroubra	35.25
Brad Taylor	Garie	34.67
Peter Sullivan	Garie	29.24
Luke MacDougall	Elouera	27.00
Matt Scott	Wanda	24.47
Ursula Say	Nth Bondi	23.50
Bill Singleton	Elouera	16.00
Lucy Rizzo	No club	15.92
George Shales	Maroubra	15.92
John Restuccia	Maroubra	14.50
Marcus O'Donoghue	Nth Bondi	11.33
Andrew Tod	Burning Palms	6.17
Alison North	Elouera	5.25

There is one person I have not mentioned in this report and that is the radio operator of the year. I'm not going to either, you will have to wait until the Branch Presentation Night. I must say however that it was not an easy task to choose one person over all the people that gave me so much help this season.

Brad Taylor
EMERGENCY SERVICES CO-ORDINATOR

IRB SUPERVISOR

Yet another season has passed and another goal for Sydney Branch IRB has been achieved. We are now being taken seriously in top level IRB competition with the Bondi team placing equal third at the National IRB championships and two Sydney female teams placing in the top four in the inaugural women's display event at the same titles.

Due to ever increasing work commitments, the amount of time and effort I could put into Branch IRB activities had to be curtailed and pointed in there direction. It was suggested and trialed that IRB exams be set dates in the calendar like Bronze Exams - it did not seem to work - however exams did continue.

Competition grew in the twilight series, with additional female events introduced to bring them in line with State Events. We also had two firsts, with the Clovelly club running an IRB carnival and the first IRB carnival being stopped due to large seas. It was also voted by the other metropolitan areas to continue with the metropolitan IRB carnival which Sydney hosted last year. This voting happened in April this year, so it was with great disappointment that earlier in the season the Branch decided to elect venues and ownership of the future of this carnival. The inception of this carnival was based on the country IRB championships, which is run by the Branches involved, officials supplied by them and the venue moved amongst them.

Unfortunately, with the new constitution and the abolition of the Board Management meetings in preference to Board Executive meetings, supervisors had no voting rights and could only attend as guests. This had the effect of communication from the troops to the management faltering in both directions.

Ducks continue to play a vital role in lifesaving in this branch, and the IRB personnel are still some of the hardest workers in the clubs, I hope that the increased competition has continued to encourage new members to this section and provided an area of release and enjoyment to them.

However, like all other areas, the more you give, the more people want. The things you do to help or improve something are then demanded and the pleasure that was once derived from channelling all your efforts into something are lost. By increasing the level of competitiveness of the teams, the length in which some would go to win, and the unwillingness to assist to help things run, increased dramatically over my years as supervisor.

I am very proud of Sydney Branch IRB sections in the improvement (in the vast majority) of the gear presented for gear inspection. The improved level of competence in candidates sitting for awards, the increased awareness and numbers doing their proficiencies and most of all, the Examiners and Officials who came out continually in support of the IRB community.

Special thanks must go to Arthur White, Bill and Marie Gray and Anne Ainsworth for their undying support. Peter Burst for continuing to house and maintain the Branch IRB and Motor.

To everybody, who are too numerous to mention, who I have worked with over the past years as IRB Supervisor - it has truly been a pleasure.

And to all those in Sydney Branch IRB - Go forth and prosper!!

Michelle Phillip
IRB SUPERVISOR

EMERGENCY SERVICES CO-ORDINATOR

ROYAL NATIONAL PARKS DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

The three clubs in the Royal National Park District patrolled their beaches during the 1995/96 season with the usual dedication. Patrol inspections were carried out and information reported back to the monthly Board Executive Meetings.

A few problems at the beginning were corrected and patrols continued without incident for the remainder of the patrolling season.

Proficiencies and Examinations were ably conducted throughout the season by the Examiners in the District and I would express my appreciation to them for their co-operation and assistance. The new Bronze format proved successful both for the candidates and examiners.

A major recruitment drive needs to be initiated for the commencement of next season as the enigma of retention and new members is always an issue in the District.

The District Carnival was held in January at Garie beach and congratulations to the competitors, and thanks to the Officials, who made this day a success.

Era and Burning Palms competed in Branch Carnivals, and State & Australian Championships. Although not always fortunate at the end of the day, they proudly showed the flag for their Clubs.

On behalf of the Assistant District Supervisor, Craig Williams, I would like to express our thanks and appreciation to all the District members of the Board of Control and the members of Garie, Era and Burning Palms for contributing to another season of surf life saving.

Margaret Pearce
ROYAL NATIONAL PARK DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

WAVERLEY DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

The 1995/96 season started without any Waverley District Supervisor, so Peter Agnew and John Restuccia found another 10 hours a week to look after the District. By December whatever virus had infected there thinking, infected mine, and I put up my hand to assist.

My first task was to abduct a radio and though I was never allocated a call sign like Sydney 150, I felt part of the team and set out to inspect some patrols. I headed for Bronte and tried to sign on, but gave up when the Radio Controller at Sydney Branch couldn't understand the long and convoluted call sign of "This is the Waverley District Assistant Supervisor". From then on I just told them I was the Waverley District Supervisor and hoped Pete wouldn't be too upset that I'd pinched one of his titles!!

The beach inspection bit was for the most part an absolute pleasure. Some patrol captains were even friendly! Tamarama's hospitality was by far the most inspiring with offers of refreshments forthcoming, though it was impossible to get a car park and consequently I only visited a couple of times during the season.

Having watched North Bondi receive accolades in being named the Champion Club of the 1994/95 season, Bondi were all fired up and their enthusiasm was of the highest level in the District, though one patrol captain thought I'd spent time finding out when his patrol was on and scheduled my visits accordingly! I wish I'd had the time! North Bondi, on the other hand thought that every time I stepped onto the promenade that I was coming to do a patrol inspection!

Those who made Pete's and my life so much easier were the instructors and examiners who were forever flexible in fitting exams around our other commitments and those who made themselves available, with a smile on their faces, at 8:00 am on Sunday mornings. Thanks for a great job and I'm looking forward to seeing you again next year.

Next season I'd like to see all the clubs in the Waverley District making a big push into the Sydney Branch ranks, instead of relying on a few members and Clubs to look after things. That means we shouldn't have any problem filling positions by the beginning of the new season!

Let's also see proactive patrols, in uniform, on the water's edge, with Patrol Captain organising mock rescues on a regular basis to test the skills of their patrols.

Incoming advice for the new Waverley District Supervisor?

Get a shorter call sign and don't ever bother trying to find a car park during patrol hours (abduct a rubber duck to do patrol inspections). Map out your Sunday so that your at Bronte for breakfast, Tamarama for lunch, drop into Bondi and end up at North Bondi at 5 pm on a Sunday afternoon and I'll buy you a drink.

Best of luck for the new season.

Suzanne Young
FOR THE WAVERLEY DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

RANDWICK DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

In my first year as District Supervisor, and even though I held the position of Assistant last season, I was quite surprised at the amount of time needed to do the job properly, particularly the examination side of it.

My first few months was a learning experience, as I found out exactly what was expected from me as District Supervisor. I soon realised that there were some down sides to the job. As everyone knows Patrol Uniforms are compulsory yet the most difficult thing all season was making sure that they were worn. Unfortunately in some instances the mentality persisted that as lifesaving is a voluntary thing it is also their decision on what they wore, with some people not understanding the ramifications of skin cancer/sun protection or patrol member identification. Worse still was that some of these people were patrol captains who should know better.

Generally though, patrols were well conducted and with the bottom line being that no lives were lost during patrol hours in the Randwick District. I believe that we all did the main job we were there to do, to protect the bathing public, without any major problems. I would like to thank the club captains and vice captains for there support and help during the season.

The introduction of new examination procedures was also an interesting experience and a concept that I believe has been well accepted. As the Instructors become used to the new styles and examination techniques they are training their squads to meet the new demands and I believe that these new lifesavers will be better equipped to deal with the changing style of surf lifesaving.

Finally I would like to thank John Restuccia for his help and advice during the season as well as Yvette Roser at the Branch Office for all the help she gave me. I look forward to seeing you all out there again next season.

Errol Goldberg
RANDWICK DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

CRONULLA DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

Firstly I would like to thank the Cronulla, North Cronulla, Elouera and Wanda Surf Life Saving Club's and all their members for all their help and support through the season. It made David Leckie's and my job so much easier.

It was great to see such a high standard of candidates in all awards gained this season. I am sure that this season would have to be a record number of SLS and BM awards for our area, with awards still going on well after the season close.

Once again we have lost no lives on our beaches. Congratulations to everybody, it shows really how high our standards are and let's all keep it that way.

A special thank you to a few people who made it so much easier for me during the busy parts of the season: David Leckie, Mike Batty, Robert Modien, Barry Gillroy, Dianne Lovell, Arthur White and Jim Sherratt. Thank you to you all.

Finally I would like to wish all the best to my replacement for next season and I offer my help to them at any time.

Luke MacDougall

CRONULLA SUTHERLAND DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

MANUAL REVISION COMMITTEE

They say the best committee is a committee of one, I had the next best thing Peter Murphy. We wrote to all Chief Instructors and a number of senior officers asking for input with respect to the manual, as we believe that nothing is perfect and everything can be improved. Our views were not shared as we only received one response from Keith Grima.

We decided to look at the manual from a number of perspective's, with the first being, First Aid. Our interim report has been completed and looks at the following areas.

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| * Anatomy and Physiology | * Spinal injury carry |
| * Bleeding | * Bleeding from the nose |
| * Bleeding from the ear | * Diabetes |
| * Tooth evulsion and | * Pressure immobilisation bandages. |

We are hopeful to completing the balance over the winter.

Should any member be interested in a copy of the interim report or wishes any input into the final report please contact Peter or myself.

Peter Quartly
CONVENOR

DIRECTOR OF EXAMINATION & INSTRUCTION

So its time to write up another year as a member of the Sydney Branch Board of Control and to reflect as to what did actually happen in the last twelve months in the area of Examination & Instruction.

Following the clamour of trying to pull dates and venues together during the winter the season opened to the mellow tunes of the "Start of the Season E & I Conference", which saw fifty three examiners and chief Instructors attend a one day meet at the Prince Henry Hospital conference rooms to discuss the direction of the season.

The day was mainly used to launch the SLS NSW Education Panels guidelines for the conduction of Bronze Medallion and various other projects. All present agreed to move towards the new format, leaving behind the pre-lim/final exam system and moving towards a knowledge, skills and scenario format; thus embarking on one of the largest change, to the way we examine and instruct within the Branch in recent times.

Following the E & I Conference on the Saturday, the Sunday was taken up by the first Examiner Course. Conducted by Dr. Dianna Kendall and David Armstrong the course moved from the normal content of the BM to the actual skills an examiner requires to examine.

The examiners course will now form the base for examiners education and will also be the initial port of call for new examiners.

At the end of season post mortom of our Examination methods, a number of successes and failures could be reported on:-

- * Examiners and Instructors generally agree that the method used this season is superior to previous seasons.
- * The teaching of rescue scenario's should become part of an instructors training methods throughout a squads duration and that preliminary checks of candidates should be completed by a senior instructor prior to presentation of a squad for examination.
- * As a Board of Examiners, we must have a better understanding as to the assessment criteria for the patrol rescue scenario and continue to investigate improved human resource methods for examining the Part A and B formats.

Train the Trainer courses were held on eight occasions throughout the Branch during the season with candidates becoming accredited prior to gaining their Training Officers Certificate. This course will become invaluable with the introduction of a Bronze Lesson Plan book with forty (40), one (1) hour lesson plans under the current format of the TTT.

The Board Education Panel had a large influence in the area of Examination and Instruction at the start of the season, comprising of Suzanne Young, Dianne Lovell, Craig Farrugia, Paul Tardent and Peter Murphy. The panel was responsible for the formulation of plans and procedures for the season and put in a large work load during the normal quite time of winter. My thanks to all.

Dianne Lovell has put in a large contribution to the TTT program and has been invaluable during the year, with trips with me to other Branches, to conducting all the programs in the Cronulla-Sutherland area.

I attended three State Education Panel weekend meetings during the season and found the workings of the panel to be of pure inspiration with a number of projects being conceived, developed and implemented. I believe these projects will have a stream of positive effects to Examination & Instruction in the coming seasons. Sincere congratulations must clearly go to Dianne Kendall the NSW Education Adviser and NSW NDO David Armstrong for their full and utmost commitment to this area of Surf Life Saving.

The District Supervisors and Assistants wore a large burden of the new exam system during the year and to their credit did a fantastic job, may I take this opportunity to thank them on your behalf, well done!

Thanks, Andrew Chubb the E & I Director of Sydney Northern Beaches who like Dianna has given me the time in both meetings and over the phone that has helped Sydney Branch immensely on a large number of occasions during the year.

To the Branch Executive, the Board Officers and to Natalie and Yvette, thank you once again for your advice, assistance and support.

The Board would not be able to function without the Active Examiners that are committed to Surf Life Saving in Sydney and who give up their weekends, to be feet in the sand, examining Bronze Medallion Squads or in the training rooms examining ARC Awards, in our IRB's and ORB's and at the coal face for Proficiencies. My thank you seems hardly enough.

So what did happen during the year?

- * The conduction of over 126 separate Examinations with a total of 993 candidates.
- * 2600 members being examined in 63 separate proficiency tests.
- * One day E & I workshop seminar.
- * A two night resuscitation workshop conducted by Keith Grima.
- * The introduction of a new SLS Training Manual.
- * Eight Train the Trainer courses ran with the attendance of 71 TO's and Instructors accredited.
- * Four Examiner Accreditation Courses ran.
- * Three Examination and Instruction meetings held.
- * Introduction of SLS NSW BM guidelines.
- * Proficiency exemption scheme.

Peter Agnew

DIRECTOR OF EXAMINATION & INSTRUCTION

CLUB PROFICIENCY NUMBERS

CLUB	BM	SLS	ARC	IRB
Bondi	117	22	39	13
Bronte	70	25	18	13
Burning Palms	34	-	-	1
Clovelly	60	4	9	7
Coogee	144	34	37	-
Cronulla	208	36	47	18
Elouera	194	38	10	20
Era	44	-	9	3
Garie	15	-	-	5
Maroubra	84	16	-	-
Nth Bondi	204	10	66	21
Nth Cronulla	242	34	18	18
Sth Maroubra	140	23	40	7
Tamarama	65	4	8	18
Wanda	175	21	2	13
TOTAL	1796	267	303	157

The following table lists the awards gained for the 1995/96 Season, compared with the four previous Seasons and total awards gained by each club in the Branch. (Tally formulated May 1st, 1996)

AWARD	1995/96	1992/93	1993/94	1994/95
Surf Life Saving Certificate	220	180	182	239
Bronze Medallion	448	455	481	382
SLSC Instructor	9	12	12	6
Training Officer's Certificate	39	56	41	45
Examiners Certificate	4	11	4	12
SLSC Examiner	-	-	-	-
Resuscitation Certificate	8	75	93	29
Advanced Resuscitation Certificate	78	168	174	148
ARC - Instructor's Certificate	11	8	7	21
ARC - Examiners - Certificate	-	-	-	1
IRB - Crew Certificate	1	-	-	-
IRB - Driver's Certificate	40	57	45	21
IRB - Instructor's Certificate	9	9	11	1
IRB - Examiner's Certificate	-	2	1	2
ORB - Crew Certificate	6	19	14	11
ORB - Driver's Certificate	4	10	6	5
ORB - Skipper's Certificate	2	5	4	3
ORB - Examiner's Certificate	1	2	1	2
Radio Operator's Certificate	98	12	4	125
Radio Instructor's Certificate	1	1	2	10
Radio Examiner's Certificate	-	2	-	3
Radio Controller's Certificate	5	-	2	-
First Aid Certificate	2	11	6	28
First Aid Instructor's Certificate	2	-	-	1
First Aid Examiner's Certificate	-	-	-	1
Advanced Life Saving Certificate	2	-	1	2
International Training Officer's	3	-	1	1
TOTAL	993	1095	1092	1108

CLUB TOTAL AWARDS

	1995/96	1992/93	1993/94	1994/95
Bondi	66	76	68	53
Bronte	58	65	38	46
Burning Palms	33	36	24	7
Clovelly	25	43	23	45
Coogee	44	113	59	86
Cronulla	82	110	103	117
Elouera	81	69	111	193
Era	4	24	0	21
Garie	9	7	32	24
Maroubra	80	52	45	49
North Bondi	185	172	165	196
North Cronulla	72	93	146	138
Sth Maroubra	63	44	51	102
Tamarama	25	71	81	24
Wanda	166	70	147	108

WAVERLEY & RANDWICK DISTRICTS ADVANCED RESUSCITATION EXAMINATION TEAM REPORT

It is again my pleasure to report to you on the state of the Advanced Resuscitation award in the Waverley and Randwick Districts.

Awards this season are well down on the high levels of previous years. I am not sure of the reason for this, however, I suspect it is linked to the change in Bronze Medallion examinations which has diverted much of our efforts.

The standard of candidates presented remains very high, which I feel is due to the well established standard for this award and the continuity and dedication of examination staff.

Resuscitation standards at lower level awards is worrying. There is common agreement amongst Bronze Medallion examiners that the standard of Resuscitation has fallen. If this is the case, examiners may need to become more active in encouraging Training Officers to increase the standard of Resuscitation of those candidates. As a group I think we may also need to increase the standard of Resuscitation of examiners.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank each member of the examination team for their contribution this season.

ARC examination team members are: Peter Agnew, Paul Cooper, Roger Habib, Tim Murray and Hans Visch.

Keith Grima
ARC CO-ORDINATOR
RANDWICK/WAVERLEY DISTRICTS

CRONULLA/SUTHERLAND DISTRICT ADVANCED RESUSCITATION REPORT

On the completion of the 1995-96 season candidates that successfully obtained their ARC awards has been reasonable. All examinations in this area have been conducted under the watchful eye of a dedicated few.

This district is in need of some new ARC examiners. Anyone interested should contact the new Branch Examination Manager at the start of the new season who will guide you in the right direction.

Brad Taylor

DIRECTOR OF COMPETITION

In reporting to you on the 1995/96 season, I can say that there was continued commitment by the Branch, clubs and officials alike, to provide a quality of competition befitting Sydney Branch. Eight (8) senior carnivals (including the Branch Championships) were conducted during the season, as well as a Twilight IRB Series, other special events and Junior Carnivals.

In an endeavour to meet SLISA guidelines on Member Retention, this season has been one of trial and innovation! Several new initiatives were undertaken with contrasting measures of success!

The concept of conducting a Life Saving Events only carnival, comprising Surf Rescue Challenge, Patrol Competition, First Aid and Champion Lifesaver was well accepted and attended by clubs. A definite winner! The original concept of holding several carnivals in a season on non conflicting dates to regular competition is definitely the way to proceed next year. A review of event timetabling needs to be undertaken, as there is a particularly high instance of competitors participating in several events during the day.

Two (2) fully integrated Senior/Junior carnivals were conducted this season, with a much broader range of event options being made available to U/12 and U/14 competitors. (Originally we trialed "Team Events" only last season). There is a significant opportunity to further develop the potential of these carnivals with both competitors and officials alike. The greatest disappointment during my two (2) year tenure in this role has been my inability to successfully integrate Senior and Junior competition officials to become one united body. This issue is one the Branch must make a priority in 1996/7!

A broad base of age categories and a comprehensive number of event options were offered for the first time to Masters Competitors. Events were trialed at two (2) carnivals and the Branch Championships with only moderate success. There is a definite need for Masters events, but, once again, a full review of how the Branch manages this requirement going forward needs to be undertaken. One option may be to include a limited number of events in fewer age categories at every open carnival, so that competitors have competition consistency.

Each of the three (3) initiatives undertaken this season will play an integral part in building a broader and stronger competition base as well as contributing significantly to the goal of membership retention.

The season again highlighted the depth and quality of persons officiating in Sydney Branch. During the course of the season, many officials were given the opportunity to expand their skill base by gaining exposure to other roles, which will ensure the standards are maintained for the future.

Michelle Phillips and the IRB contingent again conducted the Twilight series very efficiently and successful. Many thanks to all concerned.

I would like to personally thank Graham Rees and his board riding fraternity for their efforts in ensuring that the Board Riding section continued to be a viable part of competition in the Branch. The Branch must take "ownership" of this area of competition to ensure its successful future. Boogie Boarding is a must for future seasons.

Congratulations

Congratulations to South Maroubra on conducting a most efficient and enjoyable NSW State Championship.

Congratulations to Wanda and Cronulla Sutherland District on winning the Branch Pointscore and Inter District Competitions respectively.

The closeness of the Pointscore for both in reinforcement of the competitive strength of this Branch!

Branch Point Score	1st	Wanda	112
	2nd	Elouera	110
	3rd	Cronulla	98
Handicap Point Score	1st	Elouera	101.5
	2nd	Wanda	87
	3rd	Maroubra	80.5
Cronulla Sutherland District	1st	Inter District Competition	

Thank you to all clubs and officials for your efforts and support in 1995/6 in ensuring carnivals and competition offered in Sydney Branch remain the best on offer!

Colin Fitzgerald
DIRECTOR OF COMPETITION

CRONULLA SUTHERLAND OFFSHORE RESCUE BOAT

1995/96 has been an unusually quiet season for the Cronulla Sutherland Offshore Rescue boat, with very little Rescue and Call Out work being required during the season. This is attributed to the poor weather experienced during the summer months, where people did not go to the beach.

The 26 members of the ORB2 Group performed 2687 man hours on patrol, or an Average of 103 hours per member. We are indebted to our members for the hours they have dedicated to their patrol duties during the season.

Our group membership for the season was from the following Surf Clubs: Burning Palms, Cronulla, Elouera, North Cronulla and Wanda. I thank these clubs for their continued support of our group.

John Moseley
Offshore Rescue Boat

Wanda	1st	112
Elouera	2nd	110
Cronulla	3rd	108
Wanda	1st	107
Elouera	2nd	105
Cronulla	3rd	103

Colin Fitzgerald
DIRECTOR OF COMPETITION

BOARD OF CONTROL OFFICERS 1949-50 to 1995-96

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
						G. Davies				
1954-55	W. Foerster	J. Marsden	V. Williams			R. Simmons	L. Johnson	J. Switzer	K. Flannery	M. Black
1955-56	J. Marsden	A. May	V. Williams			R. Bridges	O. Hailey	J. Switzer	B. Brewin	M. Black
1956-57	J. Marsden	H. McDonald	B. Brewin			D. Lucas	O. Hailey	J. Switzer	G. Cavanagh	J. Wardall
1957-58	J. Marsden	H. McDonald	B. Brewin			D. Lucas	O. Hailey	J. Switzer	R. Davey	R. Young
1958-59	J. Marsden	H. McDonald	A. Moseley			H. Brown	R. Liddle	J. Switzer	R. Davey	B. Brewin
1959-60	H. McDonald	J. Marsden	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	R. Liddle	J. Switzer	R. Davey	B. Elliott
1960-61	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	R. Liddle	P. Ainsworth	J. Wardall	B. Elliott
1961-62	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	R. Liddle	P. Ainsworth	J. Wardall	B. Walker
1962-63	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	R. Liddle	P. Ainsworth	J. Wardall	B. Walker
						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	
			T. Beckett							
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
			K. Scherk							
1986-87	T. Elliott	K. English	S. Rudd	P. Davis	J. Vaughan		C. Osborne	B. Breadner	B. Kelly	S. Bailey
1987-88	T. Elliott	K. English	S. Rudd	P. Davis	J. Vaughan		C. Osborne	B. Breadner	B. Kelly	G. Shales

Season	Superintendent	Director of Lifesaving	Secretary	Director of Examination & Instruction	Director of Competition	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
1992-93	P. Agnew	P. Sullivan		L. Mulhall	K. Wilson	F. Osborne	J. Sherratt	C. Fitzgerald	P. Cooper
1993-94	P. Agnew	P. Sullivan	T. Beger	L. Mulhall	K. Wilson		J. Sherratt	C. Fitzgerald	B. Dundas
1994-95	P. Agnew	J. Restuccia	P. Quartly	K. Wilson (rsg)	C. Fitzgerald	P. Sullivan	L. McDougall	P. Scullion	B. Dundas
							D. Leckie		
1995-96	N/A	J. Restuccia	P. Quartly	P. Agnew	C. Fitzgerald	M. Pearce	L. MacDougall	E. Goldberg	—