



Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch Inc
Forty-Eighth Annual Report
1996-1997 Season

BRANCH PRESIDENT'S OVERVIEWS

The 1996/97 Season has been extremely successful. It is my pleasure to present to you this Annual Report and Financial Statement. It is a record of the activities which continue to reflect Surf Life Saving Sydney's commitment to providing a safe community service to those using our beaches in the three local Council areas and the Royal National Park.

Some of our highlights are:

- 2,373 Rescues, an increase of 6%
- 1,072 Awards, an increase of 8%
- 6456 Membership, an increase of 4%
- 305 Rescues at North Cronulla, Christmas Day

Congratulations to all who have contributed to the above Award and Membership increases and, especially the members who patrol each weekend. We thank you for your dedication.

To the Board of Life Saving, your efforts are appreciated for Exams, Proficiencies, Carnivals and special events. Your professionalism and dedication is without doubt strong to the Clubs and Competitors. We respect the amount of time each Board Member contributes.

Competition is a major part of the Branch. This year we were successful in the Interbranch and I thank Manager, Bob Johnson and Coach, Stuart Dutton for a job well done. Our Clubs and members continued to show high calibre at the State, Australian and Branch Championships. Our appreciation to South Maroubra who undertook the Branch Championships. To President Jack Shaw, congratulations on a successful Carnival.

To our sponsors, Coca-Cola, we thank you for your continuing sponsorship. To our many other supporters, your continued funding is appreciated. To the Australian, State and Local Governments, we express our appreciation for your strong financial support towards Surf Life Saving.

To the various Councils and The Royal National Park, I would like to thank you for your input, co-operation and support of our Clubs.

To the Branch Clubs and members, my personal thanks. We set goals at the commencement of the Season with most being achieved. We continue in harmony and, being united, this forms the hub of a great organisation and we have that in Sydney Branch.

To my fellow Executive Officers, thank you for your support and professionalism throughout the Season. To Ken English, Deputy President and Sue Morris, Financial Director, your continued support is appreciated.

My most sincere appreciation must be expressed to Liz Louie, our Office Manager. With the reduction in staff and no Administration Director, Liz has had to undertake extra duties, without additional reward and I thank her for her loyalty and dedication to all in Sydney Branch.

Finally, I congratulate all on a successful and outstanding contribution to the safety of our beaches and the welfare of those who use them.

Peter M. Pearce
President

BRANCH SPONSORS

Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch Inc is proud to acknowledge our sponsors' contribution, both financially and materially, to our objects.

Without sponsorship, corporate, governmental and individual, our task of providing a viable Life Saving service to the community of Sydney would be difficult.

It is appropriate, that here in our Annual Report, the major public document of the Branch, we recognise and thank our individual sponsors for their support. Support that is given without restriction or interference with our objectives and achievements.

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SURF LIFE SAVING SYDNEY BRANCH

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SEASON 1996/97

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Peter Pearce

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Ken English

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

John De Cean

(resigned December, 1996)

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Sue Morris

MEDIA DIRECTOR

Robert Barnes

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Peter Davis

DIRECTOR OF EXAMINATION

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Dick Bignold

IRB SUPERVISOR

Michelle Phillips

NEW MEMBERS CO-ORDINATOR

Peter Agnew

EMERGENCY SERVICES CO-ORDINATOR

Brad Taylor

HONORARY DISTRICT SUPERVISORS

Royal National Parks - Margaret Pearce

Cronulla Sutherland Districts - Roanna Harris

Randwick District - Errol Goldberg

Waverley District - Peter Agnew

ASSISTANT DISTRICT SUPERVISORS

Royal National Park - Craig Williams

Cronulla Sutherland District -

Randwick District - Patrick O'Neill

Waverley District - Suzanne Young

BRANCH GEAR STEWARD

Bill Singleton

POINTS RECORDERS

Ann Ainsworth, Bill Marshall, Albert Moseley,

Stephen Strange

BRANCH TEAM MANAGER

Robert Johnson

BRANCH TEAM COACH

Stuart Dutton

HONORARY LEGAL OFFICERS

Garry Beath, Terry Jenkins, Michael Roper, Peter Terrett

HONORARY AUDITOR

Warren Duncan (Duncan Dovico & Company)

BOARD OF JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

John De Cean (Chairman), Robyn Knox (Secretary),

David Mullinger (Superintendent), Graham Giles (Treasurer),

Cheryl Giles (Registrar)

LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

William Gray, William Marshall OAM, Albert Moseley OAM,

Rex Sargeant, Maurice (Bill) Singleton

MERITORIOUS AWARDS COMMITTEE

William Gray, Albert Moseley OAM, Maurice (Bill) Singleton,

Neil Miller, John Restuccia, Geoff Martin, Ken English

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

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Stephen Strange

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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JUDICIARY PANEL

William Gray, Maurice (Bill) Singleton, Albert Moseley OAM,

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Peter Murphy, Peter Quartly, Frank Osborne

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Albert Moseley OAM, Frank Ridley, Peter Agnew, Ursula Say,

Don Workman, Ted Cahill, Arthur White, Brad Taylor,

Tony Smith, Luke MacDougall, Suzanne Young, Peter Burst,

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Brad McDonough

OFFICE STAFF

Liz Louie - Office Manager

SYDNEY BRANCH SENIOR MEMBERSHIP 1996-97

	Active Male	Active Female	Active Reserve Male	Active Reserve Female	Cadet Male	Cadet Female	Award Member Male	Award Member Female	Total Active	Other Male	Other Female	Total Senior Club	Value of Equipment	Value of Premises
Bondi	94	33	27	2	17	14	2	1	190	468	32	690	\$119,000	n/a
Bronte	74	17	14	3	17	3	-	-	128	244	6	378	\$58,000	\$620,000
Burning Palms	40	9	2	-	-	-	2	-	53	135	34	222	\$39,600	\$250,553
Clovelly	30	18	12	3	11	6	183	50	313	130	23	466	\$28,000	\$2,000,000
Coogee	122	42	14	1	23	13	-	-	215	404	33	652	\$66,400	\$278,160
Cronulla	85	30	17	3	45	39	-	-	219	374	57	650	\$90,000	\$1,450,000
Elouera	130	43	9	-	22	31	2	-	237	107	10	354	\$38,700	\$800,000
Era	32	13	7	-	1	-	2	8	63	102	53	218	\$45,000	\$42,500
Garie	26	1	3	-	1	-	5	9	45	97	12	154	\$26,390	n/a
Maroubra	104	17	22	-	19	6	2	1	171	320	4	495	\$38,000	\$148,000
North Bondi	180	45	18	2	20	11	-	3	279	396	55	730	Unknown	\$1,000,000
North Cronulla	97	34	23	2	20	4	3	-	183	217	31	431	\$40,000	n/a
South Maroubra	84	26	27	2	13	12	2	2	168	95	4	267	\$100,000	\$750,000
Tamarama	55	6	7	-	2	1	-	-	71	138	7	216	\$50,000	\$1,000,000
Wanda	173	37	3	-	28	44	9	7	301	141	19	461	\$75,500	\$1,000,000
ORB 2	20	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	8	2	35	\$30,000	n/a
ORB 3	21	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	6	7	37	\$150,000	\$100,000
TOTAL 96-97	1,367	379	205	18	239	184	212	81	2,685	3,382	389	6,456	\$994,590	\$9,439,213
TOTAL 95-96	1,322	415	207	15	292	134	26	31	2,442	3,329	372	6,176	\$1,093,894	\$9,134,378
TOTAL 94-95	1,293	374	181	10	265	136	419	102	2,780	2,991	343	6,114	\$817,040	\$9,563,053
TOTAL 93-94	1,481	345	184	6	240	182	13	34	2,485	3,452	354	6,291	\$1,134,500	\$14,937,500

SYDNEY BRANCH RESCUES 1996-97

	Without Gear	Reel	Rescue Tube	Rescue Board	Rescue Ski	Surf Boat	IRB	ORB	Total Rescues	Prevent Actions	Resus Given	Marine Stings	First Aid Minor	First Aid Major	Total First Aid
Bondi	45	-	30	225	61	-	148	-	509	9,597	4	552	68	3	623
Bronte	29	-	25	36	-	-	6	-	96	2,300	-	-	53	-	53
Burning Palms	-	-	3	1	2	-	3	-	9	10	-	3	2	1	6
Clovelly	-	-	3	12	-	-	8	-	23	47	-	190	86	-	276
Coogee	23	-	43	10	-	-	6	-	82	159	-	235	46	11	292
Cronulla	36	-	8	42	-	-	36	-	122	225	-	134	115	11	260
Elouera	40	-	14	10	-	-	50	-	114	320	-	30	10	4	44
Era	7	-	4	5	-	-	4	-	20	67	-	9	7	3	19
Garie	16	-	30	4	-	-	5	-	55	488	-	92	18	-	110
Maroubra	24	-	5	28	-	-	59	-	116	2,528	1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
North Bondi	47	-	29	39	-	-	59	-	174	1,906	-	258	110	2	370
North Cronulla	118	-	132	216	-	-	373	-	839	8,215	-	27	35	3	65
South Maroubra	13	-	-	44	-	-	14	-	71	1,240	1	243	3	3	249
Tamarama	14	-	12	45	-	-	4	-	75	1,004	-	-	146	-	146
Wanda	8	-	3	3	-	-	7	-	21	639	-	160	2	1	163
ORB 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	36	62	-	-	-	-	27
ORB 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	11	13	1	-	-	-	6
TOTAL 96-97	420	-	341	720	63	-	782	47	2,373	28,820	7	1,933	701	42	2,709
TOTAL 95-96	382	1	293	875	8	1	674	-	2,234	19,993	4	977	339	59	1,375
TOTAL 94-95	314	-	286	812	7	3	962	-	2,384	12,701	1	2,316	373	28	2,717
TOTAL 93-94	302	-	265	733	1	-	546	49	1,896	6,709	10	4,297	592	43	4,932

1996-97 AWARDS

	SLSC	SLSI	BM	TOC	EC	RC	ARC	ARCI	ARCE	IRBD	IRBI	IRBE	ORBC	ORBD	ORBS	ORBE	ROC	RIC	REC	RCC	FAE	FACI	FACE	ALSC	ITO	TOTAL
Bondi	6	-	27	-	-	10	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	64
Bronte	17	-	17	1	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41
Burning Palms	1	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	21
Clovelly	4	-	6	-	-	-	14	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	28
Coogee	24	1	53	9	-	-	12	1	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	28	2	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	153
Cronulla	27	-	56	5	1	-	16	3	-	7	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	124
Elouera	33	-	42	2	-	32	6	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	118
Era	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Garie	-	-	7	3	-	6	5	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Maroubra	14	-	31	2	-	-	-	1	-	7	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	57
North Bondi	16	-	78	5	-	-	11	2	-	7	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	123
Nth. Cronulla	32	1	28	2	-	-	16	-	1	11	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	100
Sth. Maroubra	7	-	31	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	9	1	-	-	-	57
Tamarama	-	-	4	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Wanda	35	5	52	12	5	-	22	7	-	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	1	1	-	151
TOTAL 96/97	217	7	448	41	6	48	115	16	2	41	9	1	6	2	1	-	55	4	-	3	47	1	1	1	-	1,072
TOTAL 95/96	220	6	448	39	4	8	64	8	17	40	9	1	6	4	2	1	98	1	-	5	2	2	-	2	3	990
TOTAL 94/95	245	5	390	46	12	67	157	20	2	19	1	2	12	5	3	2	126	10	3	-	29	1	1	4	1	1,163
TOTAL 93/94	182	14	467	39	4	79	193	9	-	45	11	1	14	6	4	1	5	2	-	3	17	-	-	-	-	1,096

SYDNEY BRANCH JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP 1996-97

	7 Year	7 Year	8 Year	8 Year	9 Year	9 Year	10 Year	10 Year	11 Year	11 Year	12 Year	12 Year	13 Year	13 Year	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Members
Bondi	10	4	12	3	7	1	6	6	12	2	3	3	3	7	53	26	79
Bronte	32	17	20	20	10	20	16	12	13	9	2	9	7	15	100	102	202
Clovelly	22	3	5	4	9	7	4	7	0	3	6	4	4	4	50	32	82
Coogee	25	17	19	8	22	9	14	13	11	2	10	11	8	12	109	72	181
Cronulla	44	40	47	43	33	37	32	33	33	26	20	21	23	15	232	215	447
Elouera	23	18	26	16	34	17	22	28	32	18	18	14	20	17	175	128	303
Garie	11	7	9	2	3	2	6	2	4	2	1	2	0	1	34	18	52
Maroubra	9	2	5	3	6	3	9	3	10	3	1	5	8	1	48	20	68
North Bondi	19	12	21	15	18	13	26	5	26	19	24	10	10	5	144	79	223
Nth Cronulla	47	24	26	25	30	31	27	16	23	24	29	21	10	13	192	154	346
Sth Maroubra	20	12	18	15	13	8	19	9	13	11	8	4	1	3	92	62	154
Tamarama	7	3	4	2	1	1	2	1	4	1	2	0	7	4	27	12	39
Wanda	29	11	24	12	26	15	22	13	20	20	19	31	19	17	159	119	278
TOTAL 96-97	327	181	260	180	238	179	227	161	221	160	162	166	139	131	1574	1158	2732

SYDNEY BRANCH JUNIOR AWARDS 1997

	7 Year	8 Year	9 Year	10 Year	11 Year	12 Year	13 Year	TOTAL
Bondi	17	16	8	13	14	6	0	74
Bronte	38	31	30	22	20	12	24	177
Clovelly	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coogee	16	19	16	7	15	16	11	100
Cronulla	80	77	62	52	49	35	25	380
Elouera	39	34	40	42	42	31	23	251
Garie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maroubra	13	7	9	13	13	8	6	69
North Bondi	20	21	22	13	18	13	1	108
North Cronulla	59	40	54	36	39	45	25	298
South Maroubra	31	34	21	26	25	12	0	149
Tamarama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wanda	30	27	29	30	38	33	23	210
TOTAL 96-97	343	306	291	254	273	211	138	1816
TOTAL 95-96	253	233	217	271	214	208	131	1527

SYDNEY BRANCH LIFE MEMBERS

P.V. Ainsworth (dec)	J.C. Dewey	C. Mack (dec)	G.B. Staunton MBE
K.C. Andrews (dec)	J.B. Dillon (dec)	E.J. Marsden (dec)	E.B. Stephens
C.I. Badham	N.A. Dixon	W.G. Marshall OAM	S.R. Strange
V.A. Besomo (dec)	T.D. Elliott	T.W. Meagher OBE (dec)	J.R. Switzer
H.J. Brown OAM	K.E. English	K.F. Messenger	L. Turner (dec)
L.J. Buck	W. Foerster (dec)	R. Michaelis (dec)	J.K. Vaughan OAM
R.V. Buist (dec)	W.T. Gray	G. Millar (dec)	J.B. Wardall
M.J. Burke (dec)	K.M. Grima	T.F. Moran (dec)	K.W. Watson MBE (dec)
J.H. Cameron (dec)	N. Hayton (dec)	D.R.B. Moroney (dec)	G. Webb (dec)
A.W. Castleman MBE (dec)	J.N. Hodge (dec)	A. Moseley OAM	C.W. Whitehead (dec)
G.R.M. Challis (dec)	R.M. Howells OAM	A. Olson (dec)	S.J. Windon (dec)
W.A.T. Crain MBE (dec)	G.H. Johnson (dec)	C.F. Osborne	G. Williams (dec)
G.S. Cohen (dec)	G.A. Lindsay (dec)	R.E. Pears	V.J. Williams MBE (dec)
Sir A. Curlewis CVO CBE (dec)	A.R. Loton	A.J. Purcell (dec)	G.J. Wilson (dec)
F.H. Dargan (dec)	D.C. Lucas OBE (dec)	R.J. Sargeant	W.J. Young (dec)
R.P. Davison	L.S. McDonald OAM	M. Singleton	
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SYDNEY BRANCH BOARD OF JUNIOR ACTIVITIES – LIFE MEMBERS

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B. Bulmer	A. Powell (dec)		

SYDNEY BRANCH MEMBERS WHO ARE LIFE MEMBERS OF SURF LIFE SAVING NEW SOUTH WALES

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J.C. Dewey	R.M. Howells OAM	A. Moseley OAM	G.B. Staunton MBE
N.A. Dixon	A.R. Loton	C.F. Osborne	J.R. Switzer
T.D. Elliott	L.S. McDonald OAM	E.B. Stephens	J.K. Vaughan OAM
J.S. Fraser			

SYDNEY BRANCH MEMBERS WHO ARE LIFE MEMBERS OF SURF LIFE SAVING AUSTRALIA

H.J. Brown OAM	A.R. Loton	W.A. Rennie OAM	G.B. Staunton MBE
J.C. Dewey	L.S. McDonald OAM	P.R. Stapleton	J.R. Switzer
N.A. Dixon	W.G. Marshall OAM	E.B. Stephens	J.K. Vaughan OAM
R.M. Howells OAM	A. Moseley OAM		

SYDNEY BRANCH – AFFILIATED CLUBS 1996/97

WAVERLEY DISTRICT	NORTH BONDI SLSC	BONDI SBLSC	TAMARAMA SLSC	BRONTE SLSC
PRESIDENT	Greg Bodkin	Peter Murphy	Dick Sheldon	Ross Miles
SECRETARY	John De Cean	Jean Van Dam	Phil Hogan	Tony Coates
CAPTAIN	Peter Cleary	Michael Jaeger	Paul Cooper	Doug Benson
RANDWICK DISTRICT	CLOVELLY SLSC	COOGEE SLSC	MAROUBRA SLSC	SOUTH MAROUBRA SLSC
PRESIDENT	Terry Buck	Rod Colman	Gregory Battle	Jack Shaw
SECRETARY	Pat Thompson	Gary Daly	Roger Habib	Yvette Rutherford
CAPTAIN	Paul Smith	Greg Smart	John Restuccia	Paul Fownes
CRON/SUTH DISTRICT	WANDA SLSC	ELOUERA SLSC	NORTH CRONULLA SLSC	CRONULLA SLSC
PRESIDENT	Trevor Elliott	John Brown	David Cotter	John Bentley
SECRETARY	Marion Hopcroft	Brian O'Sullivan	Jeffrey Weston	Bill Eady
CAPTAIN	Sean McKirdy	Barry Gillroy	John Robinson	Kylie Shumack
ROYAL NAT PARKS	GARIE SLSC	ERA SLSC	BURNING PALMS SLSC	
PRESIDENT	Alfred Taylor	Peter Howe	Dave Faulkner	
SECRETARY	Rita Taylor	Diana Garder	Don Jacobs	
CAPTAIN	David Dillon	Mark Wood	Patrick Daley	

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure I submit to you for your consideration and adoption, the 48th Annual Report covering our activities for the 1996/97 Season.

The Season under review has been much busier and more challenging than in previous years. The responsibility placed on our Active Lifesavers is greater with the considerable increase in the public now using our cleaner beaches. It is reassuring to see our members tackling this added responsibility in their stride and, with no compromise to the lifesaving services our Clubs provide.

Sydney Branch patrols the coastline from Burning Palms, in the south to North Bondi. Over 2,600 Active Lifesavers voluntarily maintained patrols every weekend and public holiday from October 5, 1996 till April 6, 1997.

Every one of these Lifesavers has completed and passed a proficiency test, before being placed into a rostered patrol. In these tests, our Lifesavers have to demonstrate their fitness and abilities with resuscitation and rescue techniques, using Rescue Boards, Rescue Tubes and Inflatable Rescue Boats.

Surf Rescues undertaken by members of our Clubs this year totalled 2,373, an increase of 6.2% on last year's total of 2,231. This increase no doubt is due to the increasing popularity of our beaches and the reasonable weather conditions which prevailed for most of the Season.

Some interesting statistics from the NSW Beach Safety Programme, which was a joint venture between Surf Life Saving NSW and the University of Sydney Coastal Studies Unit, indicate:

- 70.4% of rescues occur at low tide
- 89.3% happen with rips involved
- 78.4% of rescues occur in fine weather
- 82.3% occur outside flagged areas.

Total first aid cases treated increased by 97% to 2,709, compared to last Season's figure of 1,375. IRB Rescues accounted for a third of all rescues performed – 33.95%, to some extent justifying their large costs of purchase and maintenance.

Reflecting on our training methods, rescues with Rescue Boards were 30.34% and Rescue Tubes 14.37% of total rescues. There were no rescues undertaken using Reel Line and Belt or Surfboat this Season.

Our Board of Lifesaving have also worked extremely hard this Season. They have been responsible for maintaining, at a high level, our lifesaving and examination standards. As well, the Board is responsible for the conduct of open carnivals held by Clubs in the Branch.

Included in this year's activities of the Board was conducting the annual proficiency tests for nearly 2,800 Active Lifesavers on 55 separate occasions, 106

Lifesaving examinations with 1050 candidates examined, along with the regular hours of instruction for Club members and officiating at carnivals. A massive task indeed for the 164 Active Members of the Board and, a task that is greatly appreciated by all members of the Branch.

Examinations conducted resulted in the grand total of 1,072 Lifesaving Awards being gained by members of the fifteen Clubs in the Branch. This figure is only a slight increase of 8.06% above the figure of 992 for the previous Season.

Bronze Medallion Awards gained, the basic lifesaving standard of our patrolling members, were 448, the same number as last Season. Surf Life Saving Certificates, mostly achieved by members under 16 years of age, numbered 217, three less than last Season. Advanced Resuscitation Certificates rose from 78 to 115. Inshore Rescue Boat Drivers' Certificates numbered 41, one more than last Season.

The awards of Bronze Medallion and Surf Life Saving Certificates, are those generally attained by new Active Lifesavers. With a turnover of some 20.89% of Active Membership this year, these two basic award figures, when compared in the Membership Table, are a reasonable indication of the strength of our Clubs.

Total membership figures for our Senior Clubs this Season was 6,456, a small increase from 6176 last Season. Value of Clubs' rescue equipment fell 9.98% to \$994,590, from the previous Season's value of \$1,093,894. The known value of Club premises was \$9,439,213, the majority of which are owned by the various local government authorities.

Clubs in the Branch held six open carnivals during the Season. The South Maroubra Club hosted the Branch Championships. Winner of the Open Carnival pointscore was Wanda and the winner of the handicapped pointscore was Clovelly. As well as open carnivals, a number of special events were also conducted by Clubs and the Branch, including the Burning Palms River Run, (Surfboat), Sydney Branch Lifesaving Premiership (Lifesaving held at Wanda) and the Yarra Bay Sailing Club John Vaughan Classic (Craft).

The Branch IRB Championships were held at North Bondi and the winner of the pointscore conducted at the Championships was Bondi. The Inter-District Championships, for competition between the four districts of the Branch, was held at North Cronulla and resulted in the Cronulla-Sutherland Districts winning.

The Branch's large offshore rescue craft, ORB2 from the Cronulla Sutherland District and ORB3 from the Randwick District continue to provide a beneficial back-up to beach patrols. They are also frequently called to provide assistance in rescues and searches by the statutory rescue authorities.

Sydney Surf, the Branch Radio Room, continued to service our Club's emergency radio network under the

management of Natalie McKenna (Garie). Major equipment installations have taken place which allow greater flexibility in handling both routine and emergency radio traffic. Manning the room was sometimes difficult throughout the Season, however a small, dedicated band were able to keep full-time operations going.

Consideration may need to be given by Clubs next Season, to encourage additional operators, apart from asking for them voluntarily.

The following table indicates the contribution by Clubs' members to the operation of Sydney Surf:-

Club	No. of Operators	Members' Hours
Bondi	3	134.8
Burning Palms	1	58.9
Elouera	3	170.8
Garie	4	208.2
Maroubra	4	72.15
North Bondi	6	142.30
South Maroubra	1	30.0
Wanda	1	9.5

The Branch's 24 Hour Emergency call-out system, overseen by Rescue Services Manager Brad Taylor (Garie), which operates through the entire year, complements the extensive emergency services network the Branch controls. On many occasions its use has been tested by both Surf and Police.

The system operates with all calls for emergency assistance, outside of patrol hours, being answered through a central emergency telephone number. The appointed duty officers are relayed details of the call by pager and are then able to contact the caller and arrange the appropriate emergency assistance.

The Radio Room and Branch Office continue to operate from a small cottage in the grounds of Prince Henry Hospital. Our thanks are extended to the Hospital's Administrators for allowing our continued occupation.

Liz Louie continues as the Branch's Office Manager. Her workload continues to increase however and moves are in place to appoint a part time assistant to help during our busy months. Liz's efforts on our behalf are greatly appreciated by all concerned.

The office operates from Monday to Friday. Because of the amount of disruption to the normal office routine when carnivals are held, the processing of entries, producing the carnival draws and especially the constant interruption with telephone enquiries from Club members, the Executive have decided that no telephone calls will be taken by the office before 11.00 am each day.

Gear Inspection Report

The role of Gear Inspection is to ensure all Life Saving Equipment was in safe and workable order for the Season. Gear Inspection took place on 14th and 15th September for all Sydney Branch Clubs and the Offshore

Boats inspection was held on the 21st September. The Gear Panel all agree that, with the exception of two, all Clubs in the Branch put a great deal of effort into the preparation and presentation of their gear for this years inspection.

The winner of the Gear Inspection for the 1996/97 Season was Garie with Era a very close second. It was recommended that both Offshore Boats be congratulated on their excellent effort.

The Zodiac IRB Trophy

The Zodiac IRB Trophy is based on the number of IRB awards gained during the Season by Clubs, as a percentage of their Active membership. This year the Trophy was easily won by North Cronulla.

The Harry Brown IRB Trophy

The Harry Brown IRB Trophy recognises the Club with outstanding performances with their IRB at Gear Inspection, with Awards gained and with participation in the Branch IRB Championships. This Season, the Award is made to the North Cronulla Club.



Peter Pearce with Branch Lifesaver of the Year, Jason Madsen of North Bondi Club

Sydney Branch Lifesaver of the Year

The Lifesaver of the Year competition attracted nine nominations from six Clubs. The finalists were Dianne Lovell of North Cronulla, Peter Cleary of North Bondi, Greg Smart of Coogee, Jason Madsen of North Bondi and Chris Giles of Cronulla. The winner was Jason Madsen of North Bondi. The judging panel suggested that next Season the Branch should hold this competition prior to the Branch Championships. This way the winner could be announced at our Championships and it would also enable us to give further weight to our nominees for the State Lifesaver of the Year.

Sydney Branch Junior Lifesaver of the Year

The Sydney Branch Junior Lifesaver of the Year is Kirsten Jenkins, from the Wanda Club. The runners-up where Ashley Taylor of Coogee and Natalie Mountain

from Cronulla. It was quite a task for the selection panel to come up with the eventual winner. The other nominees, Christopher Koppl, North Bondi, Rebecca Irwin, Bronte, Karen Russell, South Maroubra, Troy Winterbottom, Elouera and Kate Mansell, North Cronulla, were all great ambassadors of their Clubs.

Branch Meetings

The Branch held monthly Management Meetings and ten Council Meetings during the Season. Attendance at Council meetings by the various officers and delegates is indicated in the table following.

The Branch Management Committee comprises the President, Deputy President, Director of Administration, Director of Finance and Director of Lifesaving and Board of Junior Activities Chairperson. Also attending these meetings from the Board of Control are the Rescue Services Manager, Examination and Instruction Manager, Competition and Coaching Manager and the Board Secretary.

Branch Council Meetings, are attended by all Branch Officers and Clubs, represented by their President and one Delegate, or their proxies. It was disappointing to see not all Clubs represented at all Branch Council Meetings. At some meetings, neither were in attendance.

Officers	Position	Attendance
Peter Pearce	President	8
Ken English	Deputy President	7
Stephen Leahy	Deputy President - Development (resigned part Season)	2
John De Cean	Director of Administration (resigned December)	2
Sue Morris	Director of Finance	7
Peter Davis	Director of Life Saving	3
Robert Barnes	Media Director	5
Dianne Lovell	Examination & Instruction Manager	10
Dick Bignald	Competition & Coaching Manager	8
Brad Taylor	Rescue Services Manager	9
John De Cean	Youth Development	1

Club	Representative	Attendance
Bondi	President	Nil
	Delegate	8
Bronte	President	7
	Delegate	7
Burning Palms	President	3
	Delegate	6
Clovelly	President	4
	Delegate	6
Coogee	President	9
	Delegate	10
Cronulla	President	10
	Delegate	10

Club	Representative	Attendance
Elouera	President	7
	Delegate	8
Era	President	7
	Delegate	7
Garie	President	10
	Delegate	10
Maroubra	President	5
	Delegate	5
North Bondi	President	3
	Delegate	9
North Cronulla	President	8
	Delegate	9
South Maroubra	President	8
	Delegate	3
Tamarama	President	8
	Delegate	4
Wanda	President	9
	Delegate	8

Association Honours

A number of Branch Members are to be congratulated on personal achievements since the publication of the last Annual Report.



Ron Pears, Stephen Strange and Keith Grima, new Life Members of the Branch

At the 1996 Branch Annual General Meeting, three prominent members were elevated to Life Membership.

Keith Grima, past President, Captain and Life Member of Maroubra SLSC. Keith joined the Association in 1971 and the Board of Control in 1976. He was Branch ARC Co-Ordinator for 7 years.

Ronald Pears, past President and Life Member of Elouera SLSC who joined the Association in 1967 and the Board of Control in 1972. Ron was Branch Treasurer 1974-76 and is currently the Australian Championships Administration Officer. He was awarded the WLS Citation of Merit in 1990.

Stephen Strange, past Secretary and Life Member of Burning Palms SLSC. Since joining the Association in 1976, he was Branch Secretary for eight years (1984-

92), Board Secretary for four years (1979-83), Public Officer 1986-97 and Branch Delegate 1985-92. Stephen is currently Executive Adviser of SLSNSW, a position he has held since 1995.

At the SLSNSW Council Meeting in May this year, Trevor Elliott, currently President of Wanda SLSC was conferred with Life Membership. Trevor joined the Association in 1961 and was Branch Superintendent for eleven years (1980-91) and Delegate to SLSNSW 1985-90. He was elevated to Branch Life Membership in 1987 and awarded the WLS Citation of Merit in 1991.

At the same State Meeting, SLSNSW Life Membership was also conferred on John Fraser, Long Service Member of the Board of Control and retired State President. John joined North Cronulla SLSC in 1958 and was accepted onto the Board during Season 1977-78. During his career with the Club he occupied the administrative offices of President (4 years) Deputy President (1 year) Treasurer (5 years), before being elevated to North Cronulla Life Membership in 1986. John then went on to officiate at State Centre as Treasurer (1986-92), Deputy President (1992-93) and finally President (1993-97). He represented SLSNSW on Australian Council during his term of Presidency.

The Branch acknowledges the conferring of SLSC Life Membership on Dr Ian Mackie AM, FRACP, who has been a good friend of the Branch for many years. Ian was National Medical Officer for 15 years (1981-96) and holds Life Membership of World Life Saving and International Life Saving. He was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in the 1989 Queen's Birthday Honours.

The Branch also extends congratulations to those Members of the Association who were conferred with Civil Honours during the Season.

In particular, the Branch is delighted to record that long serving Board Member Ron Howells received the Medal of the Order of Australia in the 1997 Australia Day Honours. Ron joined Era SLSC as a Foundation Member in 1938 and in a distinguished career, holds Life Membership at Club, Branch, State and National levels. He was awarded the WLS Citation of Merit in 1993.

WGM

Branch Sponsors

Sydney Branch is proud to acknowledge the following Sponsors' contribution, both financially and materially to our objects. Without sponsorship, corporate, governmental and individuals, our task of providing a viable Life Saving service to the community of Sydney would, indeed, be very difficult.

It is appropriate, that here in our Annual Report, the major public document of the Branch, we recognise and thank our individual sponsors for their support. Support that was given without restriction or interference with our objectives and achievements.

Coca-Cola

We are appreciative of the strong support received from Coca-Cola. They again provided the funds to purchase lifesaving equipment and provide shelter to the patrols. Coca-Cola also provided products for the Branch Presentation Afternoon and Metropolitan Inshore Rescue Boat Championships.

This year we renewed our sponsorship for a further four years, this is of great assistance to Surf Lifesaving Sydney.

For this support, we extend our sincere thanks to Adam Wrublewski, Media/Special Events Co-Ordinator and David Craig, NSW Media/Sponsorship Manager.

For the coming Season, Coca Cola will have a greater presence on our beaches. Coca Cola will now appear on all three patrol screens.

We look forward to our relationship with Coca Cola (Amatil) and again their support is recognised by all within Surf Lifesaving Sydney.

Maroubra Seals Sports & Community Club

In addition to their tremendous support of both Maroubra and South Maroubra Clubs, the Maroubra Seals Club kindly host all the Branch's meetings, including our Annual General Meeting. I would like to thank the Directors of the Club for this very positive support.

Prince Henry Hospital

Our sincere thanks are extended to the Administrator and Staff at Prince Henry Hospital for allowing us to use a small cottage in their grounds as the Branch Office.

Local Government

Mention, in this Report, must be made of the tremendous help and support our Clubs receive from their local councils. To the Waverley and Randwick Municipalities and Sutherland Shire Council our special thanks for your support to the Clubs in the Waverley, Randwick and Cronulla-Sutherland Districts.

The Royal National Park

The Branch's thanks are also extended to the Manager, Peter Stevens of The Royal National Park, at Audley, for the financial assistance given to the three Clubs situated within the Park.

New South Wales Government

Through the Department of Sport, Recreation and Racing, the NSW Government supports Surf Life Saving through our immediate governing body, Surf Life Saving New South Wales. Of the total grant of \$664,000, \$40,000 was allocated to needy Clubs to purchase patrol uniforms on a \$ for \$ basis and \$24,000 was set aside for Direct Assistance Grants for needy Clubs. \$114,000 was allocated to branches and of this amount, \$14,651 was received by the Branch and used for Lifesaving projects and administration purposes.

Australian Government

The Federal Government provides funds to help operate Australian Council, through the Australian Sports Commission. Projects undertaken by Australia Council have a direct benefit for the Branch. Our thanks are extended to the Australian Government for their support.

Excelsior Publishing Co

For the 15th year, Excelsior Publications have produced the Branch's Information Directory, an operational manual for the Season's activities and the Club Captains' Handbook. These booklets are distributed free of charge to all Lifesavers in the Branch and are of immense value.

Carnivals and Competition

During the Season, six open carnivals were conducted by Clubs at Cronulla, North Cronulla, Wanda, Coogee, Elouera and Bondi. The Branch Championships were held at South Maroubra, the Branch IRB Championships at North Bondi, the Interdistrict Championships at North Cronulla and Lifesaving Premiership held at Wanda.

In addition to these carnivals, the Branch also conducted a number of special events, including the Yarra Bay Sailing Club John Vaughan Classic. A list, such as this, together with appointments at State and Australian Championships, demanded a considerable commitment from our Carnival Officials and I would place on record the Branch's sincere thanks for their efforts.

All of our carnivals were well attended by competitors both from within and outside the Branch. To those who came from other Branches, I would thank you for your support and keen competition.

It was pleasing to have announced at the recent SLSNSW Awards of Excellence that Belinda Gladstone (Coogee) won the award for Junior Athlete of the Year and Greg Allum (Wanda), Official of the Year.

Branch Championships

This event was hosted on behalf of the Branch by the South Maroubra Club on February 15, and sponsored by ICI. The winner of the Open Pointscore on the day was Wanda with 72 points, second Elouera (70) and third, North Cronulla (64). Results of the Championships appear at the end of this Report.

Branch Patrol Championships and Champion Lifesaver Competition

The Championships were conducted at Wanda on January 18. Not all fifteen Clubs competed in this special competition which is devised to demonstrate general Lifesaving skills amongst our patrol members. Wanda won the Championships, with North Bondi and North Cronulla taking second and third places.

The Champion Lifesaver competition was won by Stuart Dawes from Wanda and, in the Junior event, Chris Giles of Cronulla took out first place.

Both Championships are conducted so the ability of a patrol and in the case of the Champion Lifesaver, an individual's ability to deal with a rescue situation is judged on a pointscore basis. No distinct advantage is gained by having a large number of members in the patrol. Nor the fact a patrol may contain a large number of specialist competitors is of any advantage. Our smaller Clubs are not disadvantaged and are able to compete on an equal basis with the larger Clubs of the Branch.

Inflatable Rescue Boat Championships

The IRB Championships were held at North Bondi on May 5. Small sea conditions and fair weather ensured a friendly day with some fine driving skills by the competitors being displayed to the many spectators. Results of the Championships are recorded later in the report. The winner of the David Chandler Memorial Pointscore Trophy was Bondi with 48 points, with North Cronulla (45) and Cronulla (34) second and third respectively.

Interdistrict Championships

The carnival was held at North Cronulla on December 21, 1996. This year Development Squads were introduced into the competition, whereby a second district team could take part in the competition, but not be included in the Championship pointscore.

The championships were not supported by all four Districts, with only two competing. Cronulla-Sutherland District were the winners. Some discussion will need to be held and a decision made by Clubs whether the competition should be held again next Season.

Sydney Branch Carnival Pointscores

In conjunction with open carnivals held within the Branch, a pointscore for the competing Clubs is conducted. The winner of the Open Pointscore this Season was Wanda and the Handicapped Pointscore was won by Clovelly.

Results of the pointscores were:-

Club	Handicapped	Open
Bondi	59.5	51.5
Bronte	63.5	35
Burning Palms	61.5	36
Clovelly	67	38
Coogee	50	73
Cronulla	66.5	78
Elouera	56	94
Era	59.5	19
Garie	dnc	dnc
Maroubra	64	64
North Bondi	66	79
North Cronulla	56.5	88
South Maroubra	63.5	56
Tamarama	28.5	22.5
Wanda	61	101

Yarra Bay Sailing Club Sydney Stillwater Championships

Known as the John Vaughan Stillwater Classic, this craft only event was held at Yarra Bay Sailing Club on Saturday, March 15, with special guests John Vaughan, Nick Dixon, Roy Ferguson, John Longbottom and other Directors of Yarra Bay Sailing Club. Weather conditions on the day were perfect and some 15 Clubs participated in the various events.

Special mention must be made to the sponsors, Yarra Bay Sailing Club, Carlton United Breweries and Club Keno for their generous donation of prizes presented to the winners and placegetters.

To all Officials thank you for a job well done. Special thanks to Graham Bruce for his expertise in laying the course, which was commented on favourably, by all crews.

To my partner, Bill Singleton, this event would not have gone ahead, but for your support and guidance given in the organisation of the event – many thanks.

Bill Grey

NSW Inter-Branch Championships

The Championships are for competition between teams from each of the eleven Branches in New South Wales. Events contested are similar to the National Surf League for competition between teams from the Australian States. The competition was conducted at Cape Hawke Club in the Lower North Coast Branch on January 19, 1997. Sydney Branch came first with 221 points in the open pointscore with Newcastle Branch, second (212) and Far North Coast Branch third (185.5). The winner of the "Tom Meagher Trophy" for the handicapped pointscore, was won by the Far North Coast Branch (289.75), Newcastle Branch, second (230) and Sydney Branch third (229).

The Team performed creditably throughout the competition. The whole team are to be congratulated on their fine efforts and sportsmanship.



North Cronulla Crew

Members of the team who competed were:- Vaughan Meldrum, Angus Wilson, Peter Armstrong, Damian Bullian, Steve Swane, Mark Featherstone (North Cronulla), Daniel McLellan, Guy Telfer (Cronulla), Nathan

Steiner, Lisa Hardy (Elouera), Paul Tatham, Alison Lintmeijer (North Bondi), Trent Knox (Maroubra), Belinda Gladstone (Coogee). The Team Coach was Stuart Dutton (Wanda) and Team Manager, Bobby Johnson (Cronulla).

Under 18's Inter Cities Championships

These Championships were held at Soldiers Beach on December 8, 1996. The Championships are for representatives teams from Illawarra, Sydney, Sydney Northern Beaches, Central Coast and Newcastle Branches. Central Coast Branch won the pointscore with Sydney Branch gaining a creditable third place behind Newcastle Branch in second place.

Members of the team were:- Ben Johnson, Steve McPherson, Shane Miller, David Simpson, Graham Cachia, Danyel Murray, Todd Kirchner, Kelly Jury, Shannon Warren (North Cronulla), Trent Knox (Maroubra), Nathan McDonald, Matt Glenn, Nicole Cahill (Wanda), Paul McLachlan, Dion Halpin (Cronulla), Jhi Cornell, Davina Strauss (Elouera), Belinda Gladstone, Shannon Habler (Coogee). The Team Coach was Stuart Dutton (Wanda) and Team Manager, Bobby Johnson (Cronulla).

Branch Team Manager's Report

Thank you for this opportunity to report on the Branch Teams. The Season to my mind was very successful with the seniors wining the State Interbranch at Cape Hawke and the Under 18's, gaining a hard fought third at Soldiers Beach in shocking conditions. They never stopped trying all day.

It was my first time as Team Manager. To say I was nervous, was an understatement.

Had I done everything that was expected of the Manager? Once I got started I found that I had some great people with years of experience. A few people played a part in the success of the Teams, Stuart Dutton, Team Coach, very astute in his judgement, Liz Louie, nothing a trouble, her work load is to me pretty hectic. Peter Pearce, kept me informed at all times, Ken English guided me all the way, Dick Bignald, reads everything, was always helpful in any way that he could, so as you can see my job as Manager was not as hard as I expected.

The Seniors were very professional, the way that we went about picking a team and not have any weak links is just fantastic, not a team of champions by a champion team.

The Under 18's, these young people did the Branch very proud at Soldiers Beach, wet, cold rough seas and wind. You can just imagine what it was like. Stuart and myself thought they may move to another location, but not to be and it went ahead. I cannot speak too highly of these young people.

Both Teams' behaviour was excellent at all times. I wish to bring to attention a small matter of team apparel. I

was told to please don't go overboard with clothing as this may embarrass the other branches who are small and may not have funds to match us. Well, I can tell you we were the one's under-done, especially the Under 18 Team. Some other branches looked fantastic with tracksuits, bags, caps, team flag and, good luck to them. I just think it's great, but let's have a standard for everyone. This is not a sign of keeping up with the Jones'. Next year the Interbranch Championships are at Byron Bay and it will be a real hard carnival, but I know Sydney Branch can win. For, after all, we are the No.1 Branch in Australia.

Also thanks to the Branch for the plaques for the Senior Team, they loved them. Some parents rang and said thank you.

Well members, that's about it from me. Once again, thank you for having faith in my ability as Team Manager. And, always remember, if you can't participate in sport, be a sport.

Bobby Johnson
Team Manager.

Carlton & United Breweries NSW State Championships

The Championships were held at Mollymook in the South Coast Branch on March 20-23. The weather conditions were good and some keen competitive performances were exhibited. Sydney Clubs performed well, and won the first and second places in the Metropolitan Pointscore, Cronulla first with 88 points and Elouera second, with 83 points.

Carlton & United Breweries Australian Championships

The Australian Surf Life Saving Championships were held at Kurrawa Beach, Queensland on April 17-20, 1997. The weather was good and competitors displayed outstanding skills in their individual events. Congratulations are extended to the Coogee Club whose R & R Team won the Curlewis R & R Premiership with a deduction of nil points. In the outright carnival pointscore, Coogee was third with 62 points, Cronulla, eighth (59) and Wanda, tenth (53.5). The winner was Surfers Paradise (114).



Dawn Fraser at the Australian Championships

International Teams Challenge

A competition between teams from Surf Life Saving Australia, Royal Life Saving Australia, New Zealand Surf and South Africa Surf was held during the Season. Two events were held, one at Coogee Beach and the other at Dee Why Beach. Results of the series saw Australian Surf the winners with 228 points, South Africa, second (180 points), New Zealand, third (177 points) and Royal Life Saving, fourth (155 points).

Members of the team selected from the Branch were Stacey Gartrell (Wanda), Kane Heussner (Maroubra), Belinda Gladstone (Coogee), Alison Lintmeijer (North Bondi). The Australian Team Manager was Phil Vanny (South Maroubra).

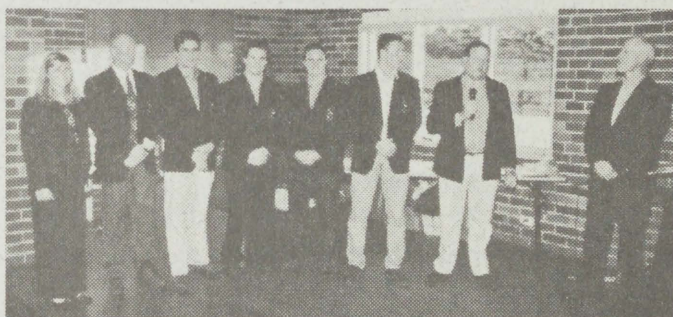
World Life Saving Championships

The World Life Saving Championships were held at Durban, South Africa this year. Australia once again dominated both the international and interClub competition. Australia won the pointscore with 224.5 points with New Zealand (211) and South Africa (209) second and third respectively.

Congratulations to our Elouera Club on winning the InterClub Pointscore.

NSW Representative Team Tour - USA, UK and Europe

This team, selected from nominations received from throughout New South Wales in April, will undertake a competitive and educational tour of the United States of America and the United Kingdom with stopovers in Paris and Hong Kong. The tour will take place during August this year, which coincides with the Northern Hemisphere Summer.



The Branch Team to tour USA, UK and Europe

Members from the Branch selected in the team are Stuart Braine (Cronulla), Tanian Goode (Cronulla), Guy Telfer (Cronulla), Richard Garsney (Cronulla), Belinda Gladstone (Coogee), Jackie Robinson (Clovelly) and Kylie Shumack.

Richard Garsney has been selected Team Captain. The Team Manager is Simon Moriarty (Sydney Northern Beaches), Assistant Manager Geraldine Miller (South Coast) and Team Coach, Tim Allen (Newcastle). Congratulations and good luck for a successful tour.

Branch Presentation Afternoon

Held at South Maroubra Club on Saturday afternoon,

July 12, more than 70 persons attended this function. Apart from the important presentation of various awards to our Clubs, the opportunity was also taken to introduce the Branch Members selected to tour with SLSNSW to the United States and the United Kingdom in August this year.



Peter Pearce presentation to Roy Ferguson, President of Yarra Bay 16' Sailing Club

Throughout the Season, a number of competitions were held in various categories to reward Clubs' commitment to Lifesaving endeavours and patrols. Presentations were made to the following Clubs:-

Most number of Lifesaving Awards gained by Clubs in each District

Royal National Park Clubs	Burning Palms
Cronulla-Sutherland District	Cronulla
Randwick District	Coogee
Waverley District	North Bondi
Radio Operator of the Year	Brad McDonogh (Garie)
Examiner of the Year	Peter Seeto (Clovelly)
Competition Official of the Year	William Gray (Elouera)

Board of Control Member of the Year
Bradley Taylor (Garie)

Lifesaver of the Year Jason Madsen (North Bondi)

Patrol Efficiency Competition District Winners

Royal National Park Clubs	Garie
Cronulla Sutherland District	Cronulla
Randwick District	Coogee
Waverley District	North Bondi
Patrol Efficiency Overall Branch Winner	Wanda

100% Efficiency Participation in the Branch Radio Room, Sydney Surf were awarded to:-

Brad McDonogh (Garie), Cheryl Horman (Elouera), Natalie McKenna (Garie), Sue Morris (Bondi), Brian Harris (Burning Palms), Gaelyn Watson (Bondi), Bill Singleton (Elouera), Luke McDougall (Elouera), Peter Fuller (North Bondi), Matt Scott (Garie), Errol Goldberg (South Maroubra), Peter Cleary (North Bondi).

Branch Officer of the Year

Robert Barnes (North Cronulla), Branch Media Director

Branch Champion Club

Garie and Wanda.

Media Director's Report

Newspapers, radio and television form the backbone of the community's sources of knowledge. During the summer of 1996/97, the Branch capitalised on these sources, using an innovative and dedicated communications strategy. All fifteen Branch Clubs supported this strategy, some with vigour, reaping the rewards of open communication to the community that supports our services.

The communications strategy involved the Sydney Surf Toll as the major communications tool for issuing notices to metropolitan Sydney about the value of the volunteer Surf Life Saver in our community. Every patrolling day from October to April a Sydney Surf Toll media release of statistics was issued to major media agencies who publicised the efforts of Sydney volunteer Surf Life Savers to huge audiences - audiences which on occasion spanned the country and sometimes internationally.

Equally as important, a system was devised to support the dedication of our 24-hour emergency response group, where up-to-the-minute details of emergencies were detailed to the media in an effort to promote the free services provided by dedicated volunteer rescuers. On occasions, this proved to be very successful in recognising the worth of our services against those who, have in the past, received far more recognition than our Surf Life Savers.

Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch received unprecedented support for the Sydney Surf Toll during the year from some easily identifiable contacts. Justly, those contacts received recognition for their support of Surf Lifesaving activities at the 1997 Surf Life Saving Australia National Media Awards. The Branch offers its congratulations and gratitude to the following journalists and media agencies:

Simon Kent - The Sun Herald

Winner - Best Print Story (Lifesaving)

The Daily Telegraph

Certificate of Outstanding Achievement (two)

Heather Smith - SMH

Certificate of Outstanding Achievement

Doug Steward - The Daily Telegraph

Certificate of Outstanding Achievement

The Sun Herald

Certificate of Outstanding Achievement

Tim Clayton (photographer)

Certificate of Outstanding Achievement

In congratulating the media who have supported Sydney Surfs communication strategy, our own personnel who supported the strategy should be thanked. All Sydney Surf Radio operators and their Manager, Natalie McKenna, played the key role in collecting and communicating the statistics with a 98% success rate. The Sydney Surf Emergency Response Group, duty officers and co-ordinators provided much needed technical support and information that formed the basis for the reports issued to the media. Importantly, I applaud Club Patrol Captains who vigilantly ensured statistics were maintained, knowing they would get the kudos for a good day's work and volunteering.

Media relations and a communication strategy will continue to be the key to effective promotion of volunteer services and activities of Sydney Surf. Sydney Surf is committed to supporting the efforts of the Media Director to ensure all Sydneysiders, and in fact all Surf Lifesavers, are aware of the dedication of commitment of Sydney Branch's volunteer Surf Lifesavers.

I have included in this report some examples of the coverage we received during the summer as a reminder of the valuable role the media play in communicating the role of volunteer Surf Life Savers to the community. I encourage all Surf Lifesaving Clubs and Members to plan to harness the power of the media to promote themselves in 1997/98.

Robert Barnes
Media Director

Director of Youth Development

Once again another successful Season was recorded for the Junior Branch and this was achieved by the efforts of all Clubs and Officers working together for the benefit of the children.

This Season saw many changes take place in the Junior Activities with the introduction of the SurfEd, Age Managers Course, S Badges, Timed Swims and Proficiency Tests for all junior activities. While some of these activities are good for the children, we should never lose sight of the fact that the Junior activity years for the children are for enjoyment and education for them to become Life Savers of the future.

We conducted two selection trials to allow the selectors the opportunity to see the children in action before the Interbranch team was selected and named after the second trial. It is never an easy job selecting a team and the selectors were criticised by some Clubs. The Executive took on board some suggestions from Clubs and have come up with a new set of guidelines for next Season.

It was pleasing to be in attendance at Redhead to witness the excellent attitude and behaviour of every member of the Interbranch team. We have improved on last year's performance, coming third overall this year and having Krystal Smith selected in the New South Wales Team.

The Annual Development Camp was held at North Cronulla and I would like to thank North Cronulla President, David Cotter and his Club Committee and members for allowing us the use of their premises. I must again extend my thanks to all those who assisted. Offshore 2 showed the children over the boat, Graham Cache took them for a ride in the Surf Boat on the Sunday, James Sears undertook the IRB component of the camp. The North Cronulla Junior Chairman, John Keys, was on hand and allowed us the use of the Junior Club facilities.

The Junior Branch conducted four carnivals before our Branch Championships and I would like to congratulate all the Clubs who hosted these events and, congratulations to all Clubs who participated in them.

The Junior Branch Championships were hosted by North Bondi this Season and I would like to thank the other Clubs in the decisions this Season, we enforced a cut off time of 4.00 pm on the Carnival. With the assistance of the Clubs and the Officials we were able to meet this time and complete all events on the day.

I will not be standing for re-election as Chairman as I believe it is time for a change. I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to those people who have assisted me over the 19 years I have been involved with the Committee of Sydney Branch Junior Activities. I will not name everyone, as I would not like to miss anyone, but I must make special mention of a few people, Kevin Walker, Ian Goode, David Mullinger, Alan Powell, Bruce Breadner and Wal McNamarra.

I would like to express sincere thanks to our senior body under the leadership of Peter Pearce, you have been a tower of strength to the Juniors, always supporting us when the need arises. To my two mates Bill Singleton and Bill Gray, I thank you for your support and your mateship which will always be respected by me.

To my fellow Executive, thank you for your assistance during the current Season and I would like to pay Tribute to David Mullinger who has indicated that he is not seeking re-election as Superintendent for next Season. Dave has been a dedicated part of Sydney Branch Juniors over many years. Deputy Chairperson, Patricia Garlick has been a great back-stop for me this season, when I needed Pat to attend meetings or functions she has been only too happy to fill in. I know you will get the support and backing from the Clubs next Season and enjoy your time as Chairperson of the Branch

Secretary Robyn Knox has again been a great back stop for the Branch and should be thanked. Cheryl and Graham Giles have also been a great back up and have at hand the best interest for the children and the Branch.

I would like to conclude by again thanking everyone for their support over the years and wish everyone the best for the forthcoming Season.

John C. De Cean
Director of Youth Development

**Sydney Branch Board of Junior Activities
Statement of Income and Expenditure
for the year ended April 30, 1997**

Association Funds	1997	1996
Balance May 1, 1996	6,264	8,345
Surplus/Deficit for Period	(1,603)	(2,081)
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Balance April 30, 1997	4,661	6,264
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Represented by		
Cash at Bank	4,661	6,264
Income Summary		
Capitations	18,409	15,790
State Grant-Development Camp	3,000	3,000
Carnival Entries	1,950	995
Interbranch Levy	5,260	3,200
NSW Government Grant	400	800
Interest received	131	241
Other Levies	1,960	1,680
Affiliations, Manuals, Badges, etc	580	558
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Expenditure		
State Affiliations, Capitations etc	10,591	7,656
Stationery, Printing & Postage etc	424	385
Interbranch Carnival Expenses	10,912	9,725
Branch Carnival Expenses	3,548	3,692
Manuals, Badges, Medals, etc	1,564	400
State Titles Costs	1,300	755
Development Camp Expenses	4,606	3,925
New Equipment	-	1,717
Other	350	90
Surplus for Period	(1,603)	(2,081)
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	31,690	26,264
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Sydney Branch Board of Control

This Season was a great one, seeing many challenges met and overcome. We saw a number of changes in both personnel and how we performed. As with all changes not everyone was happy and needless to say improvements can still be made.

Our major concern must be the small numbers we are attracting to enter our ranks. I wrote to all members on the subject in September and I again bring the matter to your attention. You are our best advertisement, so don't be afraid to promote the Board's position within your Club and the benefits of being a part of it. Remember the more members the better able are we to equally distribute the work load and in turn assist Clubs within the Branch be it Life Saving, Competition or Education.

With the advent of monthly meetings and all members of the Executive being on the Branch Management Committee (which met monthly instead of the Branch Executive) the Board Executive did not meet during the year. My position was as a non voting member however, Peter Pearce's format allowed me to fully participate for which I thank him. Both Peter and Ken English

continued to support the Board fully and gave valuable assistance.

We saw John Restuccia step down after one Season as the Director of Life Saving and Peter Davis accepting the challenge and nominating when the position was left vacant at the AGM. Unfortunately he is unable to continue in the coming Season. This changing must have a negative impact on the Board, as most individuals irrespective of how good they are, perform better after the first year is under their belt and a continuity starts to flow (we only have to look at Peter Agnew's years in recent times).

Peter Davis endeavoured to inject enthusiasm into the monthly meetings and although he obtained two excellent speakers, numbers did not warrant their continuance and they were changed to specialist meetings alternating between Education and Competition.

Brad Taylor continued to be a tower of strength. He does a mountain of work for the Board with a minimum of fuss. Brad's continuity with the Board, his great knowledge of its workings and his ability to get on with everyone continues to be a great bonus and reflects well for the future.

The proposed seminar for the Branch did not eventuate and a very successful Instructional and Examination seminar was held at Maroubra SLSC on 28 September 1996, under the stewardship of Dianne Lovell, which set the tone for that area of our activities for the Season. Dianne in her first year did an excellent job.

It's always good to have an infusion of new blood and Dick Bignold our Competition and Coaching Manager, breathed new life into this area, which I believe will start to really bear fruit in the coming Season.

Michelle Phillips although retiring last Season, with the very real possibility of the IRB Supervisors position remaining vacant, stepped into the breach, and fulfilled those duties plus her State Powercraft obligations.

Bill Singleton continued to give assistance with the Branch Gear and held a successful working bee in July, (It's almost that time again!).

The innovation of the Club Patrol Competition was great and as a Patrol Captain I was disappointed not to have the chance to see it in action first hand.

Train the Trainer is a prerequisite for applicants who want to do an Instructor's Certificate, however, this will be waived if the applicant has a tertiary teaching qualification from a recognised institution.

Permission was granted to Bondi for their proficiency test results to be computerised after representations to Surf Life Saving New South Wales Inc.

The Maroubra SLSC continued to support the Board through the use of their facilities for our various meetings for which we thank them. The Maroubra Seals Club

continues to assist with allowing us to hold our AGM on their premises and providing a very reasonable supper.

It was pleasing to see the Branch support Bondi with its policy that drinking and surfing do not mix on Christmas Day or any other day for that matter and eventually will lead to a tragedy. The tragedy did not eventuate although the drink area was right in front of the dangerous rip area sign.

Steven Leahy at the August meeting provided an excellent incite and overview of the "Beach Management Plan". David Armstrong (SLSNSW) attended the November meeting and gave a very interesting talk on Surf Ed which was well received.

There has been a lot of controversy about what radios can and can not be used on the beach. It was resolved if they comply with the relevant Australian standard they are acceptable patrol equipment.

Second to last Communication. This is an area where we have endeavoured to lift our game and saw some five circulars from me and others from each of the officers. This is an area of great importance especially to those who do not attend meetings, however, to be effective it must be a two way street, so please provide your feedback.

Finally to my fellow executive, thanks for your patience and support. To Liz in the Office who had to read my writing or listen to my tapes a special thanks for your assistance in a job that requires you to be more than just a juggler with everyone wanting work done yesterday (me included). To all Board members thanks for a job well done and to an even brighter future in 1997/98.

Peter Quartly
Honorary Secretary

Rescue Services Manager's Report

The Season started off with another successful gear inspection, which took place on the 14th and 15th September 1996, for all Sydney Branch Clubs. The Offshore boats were inspected on the 21st September, 1996. It was a pleasure to go around and inspect it. First place was fought out between two Royal National Park Clubs with Garie narrowly beating Era.

This Season saw the introduction of a Patrol Efficiency Competition. While there were some initial reservations about this competition, the Club Captains decided to give it a go. Once it was under way and Clubs had a chance to see it work, everyone gave it their full support. Prizes were to be awarded in the categories as follows: First in the Branch, first in each District and second in each district with a proviso that there would only be one prize per Club, ie if you were first in the Branch you could not get first in the District.

The final scores were:-

Wanda	5,760
Cronulla	5,635
Coogee	5,590
Nth Bondi	5,535
Nth Cronulla	5,490
Sth Maroubra	5,460
Elouera	5,385
Garie	5,215
Era	5,200
Bondi	5,185
Tamarama	4,955
Bronte	4,895
Clovelly	4,880
Burning Palms	4,300
Maroubra	3,675

District placing's were:-

Waverley		Randwick	
Nth Bondi	5,535	Coogee	5,590
Bondi	5,185	Sth Maroubra	5,460
Tamarama	4,955	Clovelly	4,880
Bronte	4,895	Maroubra	3,675
Cronulla - Sutherland		Royal National Park	
Wanda	5,760	Garie	5,215
Cronulla	5,635	Era	5,200
Nth Cronulla	5,490	Burning Palms	4,300
Elouera	5,385		

Waverley Council, in conjunction with Bondi and North Bondi Surf Clubs, came up with a plan to control the Christmas Day crowds that descend on Bondi Beach. In past years, crowds of intoxicated people swarmed onto the beach and straight into the water. This caused enormous problems for Lifesavers and Lifeguards alike. The plan involved the introduction of security controls on and around the beach. Alcohol consumption was controlled through restricted sales and Council hired a band, which encouraged people to keep off the actual beach. At dusk transport was available to move people from the beach into town. This innovative idea proved successful in keeping the intoxicated swimmers out of the water and the Branch is looking forward to working with other Councils in the future to solve this type of problem.

Rescues throughout the Branch were up on previous years. Many of these rescues are not called through Sydney Surf Radio as they are normal day to day rescues. However, with the advent of Media Director, Rob Barnes' "Surf Toll" it has been possible to monitor the number of rescues happening on the beaches each weekend. Of special note, on Christmas Day at North Cronulla, the patrols carried out 305 rescues without any major incidents occurring.

During the Season there were 155 incidents handled by the Branch's Emergency Services section, this is a 82.4% increase on last year. Of these calls, 82 came through the Sydney Surf Radio and the remaining 73 were through the 24 hour call out system. Our 24 hour

call out service is being used by more people every year. The people using this service were as follows:-

Helicopter Base	26
Police	17
Water Police	12
Ambulance	6
Public	5
Sydney Coastal Guard	2
Marine Radio	2
Waterways Authority	1
Channel 10	1
Family Crisis Centre	1

In conclusion the Season has proven to be an extremely productive one. We saw the introduction of the "Surf Toll" a media release on rescues and activities carried out by Clubs in the Sydney Branch each weekend. We also saw the introduction of a Patrol Efficiency Competition. This competition helped refresh life saving skills and at the same time turned a patrol inspection around, so patrols could demonstrate how good they were. Once again our members were highly placed in the State Life Saver of the Year. The Season saw Councils working with our Clubs to achieve a common goal.

Brad Taylor

Rescue Services Manager

Examination and Instruction Manager's Report

The Season opened to the start of the Examination and Instruction Seminar "Between The Flags" which saw 35 Examiners and Chief Instructors attend a half day meeting at Maroubra SLSC to discuss the direction to which Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch will format and conduct examinations and proficiency tests for the Season ahead.

The seminar was an ice-breaker to stimulate thought for summer surf Season which was only a few weeks away. Topics and workshops conducted were guidelines to conduct examinations, the introduction of the examination flow chart and work cards, resuscitation, duty of care, and examiner accreditation updates. Speakers included Paul Cooper, Steven Leahy, Peter Seeto, Suzanne Young and Peter Agnew, who are thanked for their efforts and presentations delivered on the day.

Train the Trainer courses were held on seven occasions during the Season with candidates becoming accredited prior to gaining their Training Officer's Certificate. This course becomes the introduction into the Bronze Lesson Plan book with forty, one hour lesson plans under the current Train the Trainer format, the booklets are a great teaching aid which gives guidance in training a bronze squad in a certain time frame.

What happened during the year:

- * The completion of over 106 separate Examinations with a total of 1050 candidates.

- * 2784 members being examined in 55 separate proficiency tests.
- * Half day Examination and Instruction workshop seminar.
- * Seven Train the Trainer courses with an attendance of 37 with Training Officers and Instructors being accredited.
- * Two Examiners Accreditation Courses.
- * Examiners Work Card Introduced.
- * Club Scenario kits introduced.

Dianne Lovell

Examination and Instruction Manager.

Coaching and Competition Manager's Report

This Season has proved to be very satisfying for both competitors and officials alike. Results from the State and Australian titles show that Sydney Branch was certainly the most successful. As well as this, a substantial number of officials were appointed to the major titles, many in senior positions.

Particularly pleasing were the results of our two Branch representative teams. The Open team won the Inter-Branch Championships and the Under 18 Team ran a close second. Members from these teams were selected in both the State and Australian teams. To Stuart Dutton (Coach), Bob Johnson (Manager) and selectors, congratulations on a job well done.

Seven senior carnivals (including the Branch Championships) were held as well as Twilight IRB events, Junior carnivals and special events. All events were conducted in a competent manner with good numbers of competitors entering on most occasions.

The dearth of competitors in Under 18 events is a major concern. This is not just in Sydney Branch, but across Australia as a whole. Perhaps the time is right to consider raising the age limit to 20 or under 21 to maintain or increase competitor numbers. This would also benefit these competitors before competing in open events.

All our carnivals on a whole, ran smoothly while "mother nature" at times stretched our resources to the limit. This was in no small part due to the very experienced officials that we have available. General observations at State and Australian Championships have shown that in the "engine room", Central Control, Recorders and Marshals from our Branch are second to none.

While the efforts of current officials cannot be underestimated, the ongoing need for new officials continues. Our Senior officials at some stage will retire and without new blood circulating, the standard of carnivals may eventually decline. Therefore it is in the best interest of all Clubs to assist in promoting members to join the Board of Control.

The Inter-District Championship competition although not fully supported by all districts was nevertheless successful with some spirited competition especially

with the introduction of development teams. Congratulations are extended to the eventual winner, Cronulla-Sutherland District.

There were notable achievements by all Clubs in the competition arena, however, the emergence of Coogee to challenge the competitive prowess of the Bate Bay Clubs is indeed pleasing. Other Clubs in the Branch are also assembling strong competitive personnel which will ensure that Sydney Branch continues to be one of the strongest competitive areas in Australia.

Finally, it would be remiss of me not to place on record the assistance and guidance from the stalwarts, the two "Bill's". To Bill Gray and Bill Singleton, your help and guidance in my first year is greatly appreciated.

May the expectations of all Clubs and Officials be fulfilled in the coming Season.

Dick Bignold
Competition and Coaching Manager

Director of Lifesaving's Report

The Season 1996/97 has been one of achievement based upon planning and structure of previous years.

To list these achievements:-

- * Successful Club Captain and Club Training Officer Seminars have been completed.
- * The use of scenario in examinations for Bronze Medallion and Surf Life Saving Certificates has been extended to cover the Branch.
- * Train the Trainer is seen as an essential part of developing the Training Officers of our Clubs.
- * Patrol inspections may include a scenario assessment which contributes to the Patrol Efficiency Competition.
- * An increasing trust has been placed with Clubs to manage issues within their respective Patrol structures.
- * Positive measures have been adopted to ensure a greater number of "approved" radios are available to the Clubs and Offshore Groups.
- * A majority of Clubs are developing Life Saving (Beach) Management Plans with appropriate assistance from the Board and Branch.
- * Most Clubs are now running Patrol Captain Training and Accreditation courses and recognising the important role of the Patrol Captain in Life Saving.
- * The major Carnivals of Sydney Branch continue to be best planned and managed within Australia;
- * and members of the Sydney Branch Board of Control continue to hold senior positions at all levels of Surf Life Saving.

It has also been found that a review and detailing of procedures and expectations for Clubs in their interaction with the Board is due. This review would cover a broad range of topics ranging from Examination requests, to Competition Official requirements at Carnivals and onto Patrol Default procedures.

All these expectations and procedures currently exist but with time recollection of the best procedure has been watered down and it is now time to reconfirm and develop so that a level field is presented to all Clubs.

All Board Officers have completed a year which they can look back on with pride. Particularly, I would like to congratulate them all on their work and encourage them into more of the same. I would also like to thank the District Supervisors, Assistants and helpers for a Season of Results.

To all Boards Members who have participated and contributed to the activities of the Board, a very big thank you and a request to attend Board meetings and to encourage other Surf Life Savers to join the Board. Unfortunately, due to overseas work commitments I am unable to continue in the role of Director of Life Saving, but look forward to returning and working with the Board in the Future.

Peter Davis
Director of Lifesaving



**SURF LIFE SAVING SYDNEY BRANCH INC
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY, 1997**

	1997 \$	1996 \$
INCOME		
Affiliation fees	3,806	6,721
Capitation fees	21,359	22,754
Awards	21,323	21,430
NSW Government grants	14,651	14,611
Sponsorship and donations	13,825	28,652
Interest	2,325	5,339
Sundry	2,637	3,506
Insurance	13,911	6,280
Carnival funds	44,273	47,795
	<u>138,110</u>	<u>157,088</u>
LESS: EXPENSES		
Award charges	17,464	17,430
Bank charges	406	172
Board of control and carnival gear	3,700	3,412
Branch teams	2,170	3,350
Carnival expenses	29,495	34,950
Computer/Contractors expense	3,116	2,210
Depreciation	9,695	9,074
Distribution of sponsorship money	920	24,625
Freight and cartage	573	651
General expenses	728	756
Insurance	10,307	12,593
Interest paid	-	1,606
Legal fees	-	775
Loss on sale of fixed assets	6,589	11,894
Meeting expenses	2,225	2,286
Motor vehicle expenses (Branch)	153	1,048
Office equipment expenses	1,524	2,262
Presentation night expenses	2,498	-
Printing and stationery	7,642	12,163
Postage	3,354	3,089
Radio room expenses	1,167	710
Repairs and maintenance	4,198	-
Rescue services	5,462	-
Salaries and wages	29,958	41,844
Seminar costs	2,756	315
Superannuation	1,716	2,720
Telephone	4,112	7,507
Travelling expenses	1,837	201
	<u>153,765</u>	<u>197,643</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	<u>(15,655)</u>	<u>(40,555)</u>
OTHER INCOME		
Net Profit from Rental Operations	17,369	8,984
NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	<u><u>1,714</u></u>	<u><u>(31,571)</u></u>

These statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

**SURF LIFE SAVING SYDNEY BRANCH INC
RENTAL PROPERTY STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY, 1997**

	1997 \$	1996 \$
INCOME		
Rent Received	54,167	52,500
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EXPENSES		
Depreciation	18,725	18,725
Interest	13,694	18,381
Levies	992	1,320
Rates & Taxes	2,916	5,090
Repairs & Maintenance	471	-
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	36,798	43,516
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NET PROFIT FROM RENTAL OPERATION	17,369	8,984
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These statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

SURF LIFE SAVING SYDNEY BRANCH INC
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MAY, 1997

	Note	1997 \$	1996 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash	2	46,208	70,217
Receivables	3	36,205	13,434
Prepayments		4,620	5,091
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>87,033</u>	<u>88,742</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	4	428,370	453,665
Stock on hand		565	565
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>428,935</u>	<u>454,230</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>515,968</u>	<u>542,972</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors and accruals		348	9,072
Loan - secured	5	33,900	33,900
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>34,248</u>	<u>42,971</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Loan - secured	5	74,629	94,623
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>74,629</u>	<u>94,623</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>108,877</u>	<u>137,595</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>407,091</u>	<u>405,377</u>
MEMBERS FUNDS			
Reserves	6	26,403	26,403
Accumulated Funds	6	380,688	378,974
TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS		<u>407,091</u>	<u>405,377</u>

These statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

SURF LIFE SAVING SYDNEY BRANCH INC
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY, 1997

	Note	1997 \$	1996 \$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Cash receipts in the course of operations		167,181	193,727
Interest received		2,536	6,253
Interest paid		(13,437)	(20,901)
Cash payments in the course of operations		(150,580)	(178,372)
Net cash provided from operating activities	7(ii)	<u>5,700</u>	<u>707</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Purchases of property, plant and equipment		(9,714)	(2,930)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		-	-
Decrease in loans		-	-
Net cash flows from investing activities		<u>(9,714)</u>	<u>(2,930)</u>
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Increase/(decrease) in loans		(19,995)	(58,999)
Net cash flows from financing activities		<u>(19,995)</u>	<u>(58,999)</u>
Net increase in cash held		(24,009)	(61,222)
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		<u>70,217</u>	<u>131,439</u>
Cash at the end of the financial year	7(i)	<u><u>46,208</u></u>	<u><u>70,217</u></u>

These statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

SURF LIFE SAVING SYDNEY BRANCH INC
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY, 1997

NOTE 1 – STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are a general purpose financial report that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views) and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (NSW). The financial statements have also been prepared on the basis of historical costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the Association in the preparation of the financial statements.

(a) Income Tax

Section 23(g)(v) of the Income Tax Assessment Act, conveys that the income of an association which is not carried on for the purpose of profit or gain to its individual members and is established for community services purposes (not being political or lobbying purposes) is exempt from income tax.

The Association is not carried on for the purpose of profit or gain to its individual members and was primarily established:

1. To promote, advance and control the work of surf life saving and its many aspects devoted to aquatic safety around the coastline within the Association's boundaries.
2. To carry out research for improvement in methods of surf life saving.

Consequently, the Association is qualified for income tax exemption pursuant to Section 23(g)(v) of the Income Tax Assessment Act.

(b) Inventories

Inventories are carried at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

(c) Property, Plant and Equipment

Items of property, plant and equipment are recorded at cost and depreciated as outlined below.

Items of property, plant and equipment are depreciated over their estimated useful lives ranging from 1 to 25 years. The straight line and reducing balance methods of depreciation are used.

Assets are depreciated or amortised from the date of acquisition or, in respect of internally constructed assets, from the time an asset is completed and held ready for use.

The carrying amount of fixed assets is reviewed annually by the Committee to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount of those assets.

The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of expected net cash flows which will be received from the assets' employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have not been discounted to their present values in determining the recoverable amounts.

NOTE 2: CASH

Cash on hand	200	200
Carnival funds	80	-
Cash at bank	9,508	11,473
General fund	3,081	42,171
Property account	33,339	16,373
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	46,208	70,217
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NOTE 3: RECEIVABLES

Trade debtors	36,084	13,313
Sundry debtors	121	121
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	36,205	13,434
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NOTE 4: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Carnival gear - at cost	5,739	14,955
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(3,780)	(7,819)
	<u>1,959</u>	<u>7,136</u>
Furniture and fittings - at cost	2,979	5,328
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(1,440)	(2,959)
	<u>1,539</u>	<u>2,369</u>
Plant and equipment - at cost	90,546	99,459
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(75,942)	(84,292)
	<u>14,604</u>	<u>15,167</u>
Building - at cost	468,135	468,135
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(57,867)	(39,142)
	<u>410,268</u>	<u>428,993</u>
	<u>428,370</u>	<u>453,665</u>

The market value of the building has been assessed by an independent valuation at \$540,000. The independent valuation was carried out by Mr Graham Brook on 9th July, 1997. The Committee has decided it is prudent to record the building at cost.

NOTE 5: LOAN - SECURED

Current		
Westpac Term Loan	33,900	33,900
Non-Current		
Westpac Term Loan	74,629	94,623
	<u>108,529</u>	<u>128,523</u>

(Loan is secured by first mortgage over freehold property situated at Unit 2, 53-57 Burrows Road, Alexandria)

NOTE 6: RESERVES AND ACCUMULATED FUNDS

Reserves		
Asset revaluation reserve	26,403	26,403
Accumulated Funds		
Accumulated funds at beginning of financial year	378,974	410,545
Operating surplus/(deficit) after income tax	1,714	(31,571)
	<u>380,688</u>	<u>378,974</u>
Total reserves and accumulated funds	<u>407,091</u>	<u>405,377</u>

NOTE 7: NOTE TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW**(i) Reconciliation of Cash**

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and short term deposits at call, net of outstanding overdrafts. Cash at the end of financial year as shown in the statements of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the balance sheets as follows:

Cash on hand	200	200
Carnival funds	80	-
Cash at bank	9,508	11,473
Deposit on call		
- General fund	3,081	42,171
- Property account	33,339	16,373
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	46,208	70,217
Less: Bank overdraft	-	-
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Total cash at the end of financial year	<u>46,208</u>	<u>70,21</u>

(ii) Reconciliation of Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities to Operating Surplus/(Deficit) after Income Tax

Operating surplus/(deficit) after income tax	1,714	(31,571)
Add: Non-Cash Items:		
Depreciation	28,420	27,799
Loss on sale of fixed assets	6,589	11,894
Change in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase)/decrease in prepayments	471	(2,109)
(Increase)/decrease in sundry debtors	(22,771)	(10,521)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors and accruals	(8,723)	5,215
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Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>5,700</u>	<u>707</u>

SURF LIFE SAVING SYDNEY BRANCH INC
STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

1. In the opinion of the committee of the Association:
 - (a) The accompanying accounts present fairly the financial position of The Surf Life Saving Association of Australia, Sydney Branch Incorporated as at 31st May, 1997 and the results and cash flows of the association for the financial year ended on that date;
 - (b) At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.
2. The financial statements have been prepared and presented in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views)

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

Peter Pearce
President

Sue Morris
Director of Finance and Marketing

Dated this 31st day of July, 1997.

SURF LIFE SAVING SYDNEY BRANCH INC
AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

Scope

We have audited the financial statements of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia, Sydney Branch Incorporated for the financial year ended 31st May, 1997, consisting of the income and expenditure statement, balance sheet, statement of cash flows, and accompanying notes. The Association's officers are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information they contain. We have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the Association.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views) and statutory requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Association's financial position, the results of their operations and cash flows.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Qualified Audit Opinion

It is not practical for the Association to establish control over voluntary donations and contributions prior to their initial entry in the accounting records, nor is it practical to circularise possible contributions to confirm that all such monies have been received and recorded. The examination relating to voluntary contributions was therefore limited to the amounts recorded in the financial statements.

In our opinion, except for the effect of any adjustments that might have resulted had the receipts from voluntary donations and contributions referred to above been subjected to satisfactory audit tests, the financial statements of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia, Sydney Branch Incorporated present fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the Associations Incorporation Act (NSW) and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

Duncan Dovico Chartered Accountants

Patricia A. Young
Sydney

Director of Finance's Annual Report

This year for the first time in many years, we used a budget to control expenditure and the bottom line gives testament to the success of that. We also introduced a cheque requisition system which has also served to tighten procedures. The computer system has been refined and developed further to provide good working information with a minimum of effort.

The figures speak for themselves and only several brief comments need to be made: Sponsorship and donations seems down but does not include a sponsorship from Coca Cola, billed after the close of year and returned to the Clubs as surf boards. The Loss on sale of fixed assets of \$6,589 does not represent a cash transaction but merely the book entry of writing off now obsolete items. The expense item for Carnivals only contains items able to be applied directly to specific Carnivals, so it should be noted that the income from Carnivals also needs to cover expenses contained in other expense categories such as BOC and Carnival gear, branch teams, contractors expenses, insurance, printing and stationery etc. Note the heavy reduction in salaries and wages due to reduction in staff at the branch office.

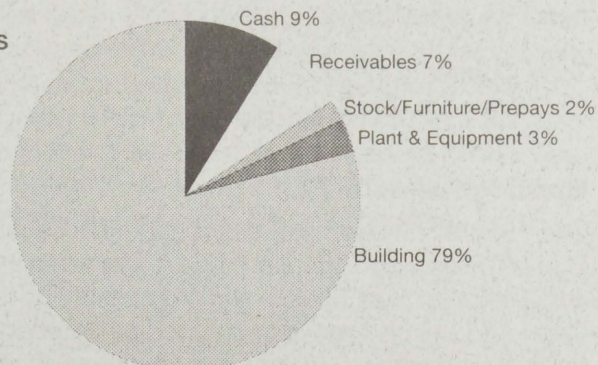
Looking to the future, spurred by the revaluation of our prime asset, the investment property, which has increased by almost \$70,000 in value since we bought it, we intend a detailed review of that investment during the coming financial year. Development of a working asset register will also be on the agenda for completion this year. These two items will stand behind the refinement and completion of a working budget for the period.

Additionally in the coming year, we would like to hold a meeting of the Treasurer's by way of a formal exchange of ideas among our Clubs and determination of any issues which may be researched or handled at branch level.

In conclusion may I thank firstly Liz Louie, our Office Manager, who makes all the detailed entries and shuffles all the paperwork that makes up our financial management system; secondly the staff at our honorary auditors, Duncan and Dovico, particularly Raymond Huynh who not only audited the accounts but who has been unfailingly available throughout the year for consultation and advice.

Sue Morris

Assets



Club's Annual Reports

Bondi SBLSC

Again we can proudly report "No lives lost during patrol hours". Our lifesavers were kept busy again with 509 rescues (this number is down from last Season). Christmas Day was again our busiest even with Waverley Council introducing an 'organised party' for the thousands of backpackers who like to spend their Christmas Day on Bondi Beach. We would like to thank Sydney Branch for supporting our view that drinking and surfing do not mix and are a dangerous combination. Thanks and congratulations must go to our "Bondi Lifesavers".

A special thank you must go to our President, Peter Murphy, who spends many, many hours at the Club training members for their various lifesaving awards and ensuring our patrol members are proficient. Thanks to you Peter and also Bob Bailey, Peter Thorne and Michael Ferry who assisted you.

Competitively Bondi had a very rewarding Season with our number of competitors attending carnivals increasing. At the Branch Championships we gained 3 Gold - Hamish Cameron over 24 Surf, U16 R & R (Stephen Potter, Joanne Heatrick, Samantha Kirkman, Kieran Sellers, Nat Kratovil with Coach Les Hawkins), U 18 R & R (Teresa Sidoti, Alycia Chapple, Victoria Leys, Bianca Gergich, Megan Hingston, Michael Cooper, with Coach Cyril Baldock) and 1 Bronze - U18 R & R (John Hoggett, Sally Knight, Reon Feutrill, Kate Broderick, Joanne Heatrick with Coach Les Hawkins) with many other placings.

At the NSW Championships our competitors won 1 Silver - U16 R & R (Amy McDermott, Luke Thomson, Katrin Hapala, Marja Jacobsen, Alicia Blainey with Coach Grant Baldock) and 2 Bronze - U18 R & R (Teresa Sidoti, Alycia Chapple, Victoria Leys, Bianca Gergich, Megan Hingston, Michael Cooper with Coach Cyril Baldock), Hamish Cameron over 24 Surf. Our Masters won 3 Silver - Greg Smith 40-44 year Surf, Craig Carney, Greg Smith, John Shaw 110 years Surf Teams, 30-34 year Boat and 2 Bronze - Greg Smith 40-44 year Iron Man, Keiran Speed 50-54 year Surf.



Bondi Gear at the Australian Titles

The highlight of our Season came at the Australian Championships with 2 Gold - Hamish Cameron Over 24 Surf, U18 R & R (Teresa Sidoti, Alycia Chapple, Victoria Leys, Bianca Gergich, Megan Hingston, Michael Cooper, Coach Cyril Baldock) and 1 Bronze - U16 R & R (Stephen Potter, Joanne Heatrick, Samantha Kirkman, Kieran Sellers, Nat Kratovil with Coach Les Hawkins). Our Masters proved successful again with 1 Gold Greg Smith 40-44 year Surf, 2 Silver - Cyril Baldock, Greg Smith, John Shaw 130 years Surf Teams, Bill Harris, Keiran Speed, Michael Kirkman 150 years Surf teams and 1 Bronze - Greg Smith 40-44 year Iron Man.

Our IRB section is also competing strongly winning the Sydney Branch Championships (6 Gold, 3 Silver and 1 Bronze). At the Intercities carnival with winning 1 Gold, 2 Silver and 1 Bronze they gained 4th place overall. We wish them the best of luck for the Australian Championships.

Bondi hosted a successful Open carnival on 5 April, 1997 in picture perfect conditions. We thank the Branch for their assistance on the day and also those Clubs who competed. Socially it was a busy Season for Bondi starting off with a fundraising Fashion parade organised by Bev Martin of Bev Martin textiles - a big thank you to Bev. On the 26 October, 1996 Bondi served the +/- 250 Presidents in Sydney for the National Club President's Conference a fine 3 course meal - it was a pleasure hosting this evening for the Presidents.

Every year a luncheon is held for our Veteran members where old acquaintances are given the opportunity to "get together". This year the day was highlighted with the presentation of 50 years Service Awards to William Fatouros, Walter Fingleton, James Gillies, James Keen, Vincent Maloney, John McLean, Albert Owens, Murray Tate, Bernard Webb and Aubrey Wright - congratulations for your service to Surf Life Saving.

The Annual Presentation of Awards held recently to acknowledge the service of our members both in lifesaving and competition was well attended by members and guest. Congratulations to our Energy Australia Club Champion - Grant Baldock (Open), Daniel McKell (Junior), Stephen Potter (Cadet), Kate Broderick (Ladies) and Joanne Heatrick (U16 Ladies). Top Life Saving awards went to Peter Quartly (Life Saver of the Year), Michael Ferry (Open patrolman of the Year), Michael Cooper (Junior Patrolman of the Year) and John Paul-Hirst (Cadet Patrolman of the Year). The highlight of the evening was the presentation to our Australian Gold Medal Winners of their Bondi Honour Blazers - congratulations. Members and guests were served a delicious supper which was followed by a disco.

Bondi thank their Sponsors for their continued support and also Sydney Branch and their Sponsors for their assistance during the Season. Best wishes to all Clubs for the 1997/98 Season.

Jean Van Dam
Secretary

Bronte SLSC

Once again our Club achieved its overall mission in that no lives were lost whilst patrols were on duty. Much of this success must be attributed to our patrol captains who directed their patrols effectively; and to those members who put in some many patrol hours above and beyond what should normally be expected of them.

Throughout the Season we undertook almost 2400 rescues and preventative actions and this reflects Bronte's increasing popularity with many more tourists and "novices" using the beach. And with the crowds returning it is pleasing to note the excellent level of cooperation between Waverley Municipal Council's lifeguards and our members has been maintained.

Whilst membership is small numerically, the Club's management continued to focus on quality and this saw a good number of lifesaving awards being attained including 6 new Instructors, 1 ARC Instructor and 4 ARC's. A large contingent of members and parents also attended a seminar on Junior Activities held at Cronulla. Our thanks are extended to all those in the Branch who facilitated the training and examinations.

Again with an emphasis on quality rather than quantity, we restricted our Nipper membership to a more manageable level. This resulted in a noticeable improvement in overall skill level (and reduced 'stress levels' for our age managers, water safety, etc).

Competitively, the Club has a programme which recognises our strengths - boat rowers and surfboard riders - and the results (if not placings) were excellent suggesting the Club's fortunes may turn in coming years. As part of this programme and to make Junior Activities members transition into the Senior Club easier, we introduced a cadet R&R programme which saw Bronte's colours in that competition for the first time in nearly 30 years. That team won a Bronze in the State Championships and were finalists at the Australian Championships.

As with all Clubs, the enthusiasm of members has to be matched with a competent management and in this regard Ross Miles' Presidency of the Club is to be complimented. Under his leadership the Club's finances are soundly based and programmes have been introduced to improve sponsorship opportunities, lift competition and to encourage Nippers into the senior ranks. All of these augur well for Bronte's future as it nears its centenary.

Tony Coates
Secretary

Burning Palms SLSC

The 1996/97 Season was reasonably successful with Burning Palms Surf Life Saving Club attending the State and Australian Surf Titles, being represented by the Boat Crew and March Past Team, with one Boardrider. The dedicated members of the Club continued to rally and

keep the wheels oiled, but we did have a problem during the Christmas break.

As required the Beach Patrols ran from September 1996 through to April 1997 with Saturday patrols in December and January. The Club Captain unfortunately had to resign mid Season, due to work commitments and this left a hole in the running of the Patrols. As a result the Club incurred a Major Infringement served on the Club over the Christmas break, this period has become a very difficult time for the Club to cover for a full Patrol.

Club members have maintained their efforts in the Landcare work, with regrowth area showing an improvement over the last twelve months. This is an on going project for however long the Club remains in the area. Removal of weeds and foreign plants is part of this work and it is pleasing to see shack holders keeping up this work.

National Parks and Wild Life Service have submitted for consideration a draft plan of management for the cabins at Burning Palms, proposing their progressive removal. The Club and shack holders have submitted submissions to the National Park and Minister for the Land and Environment setting out the history, benefits and social impact of the proposed Draft Plan, the decision rests with the Minister to adopt as is or reject the plan. This has been an on going saga over a number of years with every new plan proposed by the National Park including the removal of the shacks.

Clearly these policies are to reduce the level of government responsibility as seen in the Kosciusko National Park, where a strong push was made to remove all the refuge huts above the snowline. Through the State representative, Surf Life Saving should send a strong clear message that Surf Clubs are here to stay and have a strong individual commitment to serve their public independent of Government policy.

All members and friends are no doubt aware of what happened at Burning Palms on Sunday 11 May 1997, a combination of horrendous seas, king tides (reported to be 1.5 metres above normal), and 60 km winds destroyed the equipment and boatshed completely although we did salvage the flags. Big seas were running until Tuesday of the following week which is why so much of the gear was scattered to the four winds. The estimated value of the boatshed and its contents ie., all the Club's rescue and patrol equipment was \$80,000.

Talks have been taking place between Burning Palms and Royal National Park to seek approval for re-building the Boatshed, replacement could be either a container or temporary building and National Park's Peter Stevens has agreed that either would be acceptable to the Park. A site inspection is to be carried out by the Royal National Park to determine the best position.

The intensive training week run with Moorebank High School was very successful and thanks to help from Alan Fallah from Moorebank and Jodi Culbert for their efforts in making it all happen. I congratulate the eleven

students that gained Bronze Medallions and the Surf Club is fully committed to providing this form of training for the young people.

I would like to congratulate all those people who gave up valuable time to assist with instruction and water safety during all the various training exercises and those people assisting throughout the Season. Special thanks to the examiners that made the trek down to Burning Palms to conduct exams for the above squads and in particular Margaret Pearce, Peter Seeto and Stephen Strange.

So the message to be sent out loud and clear is that Burning Palms requires help by way of equipment loan, fund raising or just offer to come along and help with the many tasks set for the Club in the coming months.

Don Jacobs
Secretary

Clovelly SLSC

Clovelly had a very successful 1996/97 Season, improvements in the Club facilities and equipment being the highlights. Many other improvements are also in the pipeline for the coming Season. Our Presentation Night held at East's Leagues Club was very popular. The Premier, Bob Carr, The Minister for Local Government, Ernie Page and the Mayor of Randwick City Council, Margaret Martin attended the function, it is great to see such support for Surf Life Saving.

No lives were lost in the patrol area attended to by our Club, although first aid cases seemed more severe with several cases being transported by ambulance. Some attention will have to be given to the increasing number of divers who had to be assisted from the surf. The popularity of this sport is increasing and the publicity given to the "groper" through the media will encourage more.

Our Club was particularly fortunate this Season with sponsorship and I would like to thank:- Clovelly RSL & AFC, Clovelly Hotel, Randwick Rotary, Eastern Suburbs Leagues Club and Bondi Junction RSL.

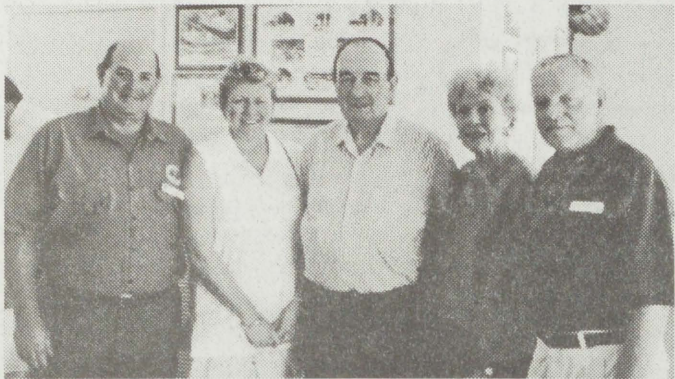
Thanks to Sydney Branch and all associated bodies involved with Surf Life Saving for their assistance through the past Season and we all look forward to a successful 1997/98 Season.

Pat Thompson
Secretary

Coogee SLSC

The past 1996/97 Season was an extremely successful one for Coogee on virtually all fronts. Competitively Coogee consolidated on its efforts of last Season to finish 6th in both the State and Australian Club Pointscore however it was in the life saving arena where we improved most. From gaining only 44 awards the previous Season this Season we were glad to record 153 new awards, gaining more than any other Club in

the Branch. Along with our competitors efforts at the Championships this too was the highlight of the year for the Club as a whole.



His Excellency The Honourable Gordon Samuels AC Governor of NSW and Mrs Samuels with Peter and Margaret Pearce and Geoffrey Martin

With the increasing popularity of Coogee amongst overseas visitors and backpackers in particular, our patrol members and life saving resources were truly tested as can be seen by the increase in rescues, preventative actions and first aid cases. Coogee is currently developing in conjunction with the local backpacker operators an awareness program in a bid to reduce incidents such as the two spinal incidents involving overseas tourists and create a more general awareness of surf safety.

Competitively our Club was to the fore winning 4 Gold, 3 Silver and 1 Bronze at the National Titles. It would be remiss not to mention the efforts of Belinda Gladstone who successfully defended both the Under 18 and Open Women's surf race and was recognised as the Female Competitor of the Championships plus our Open 5 and Open 6 Man R&R teams who also brought home Gold to Coogee.

Coogee would like to acknowledge the tremendous support it receives from all its sponsors but in particular major sponsors Holiday Inn Coogee Beach and Greyhound Pioneer Australia. We would also like to thank Randwick City Council for its continued support of not only Coogee but all other life saving Clubs in the City of Randwick. We would also like to acknowledge the valuable support Coca Cola gives to the Branch.

We wish to congratulate Branch President, Peter Pearce, on his efforts throughout the Season which has put the Branch into a more pro-active role. Thanks very much Liz Louie for answering the never ending enquiries from our various Club officers and Dianne Lovell for your assistance throughout the year also.

Our Club has been fortunate to have had the services of Rod Miller in various capacities over the previous 2 decades and after 12 consecutive years of serving on the Executive of the Club, Rod is standing down. We thank him for his efforts which were quite rightly recognised in his being granted Life Membership last Season.

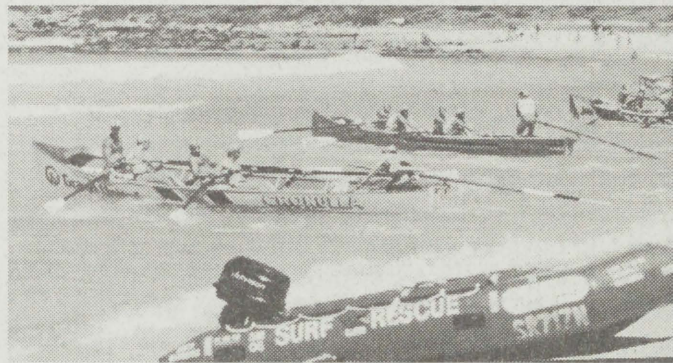
In closing we would like to congratulate Both Garie and Wanda as the joint Champion Clubs of the Branch and wish all Clubs the very best for the coming Season.

Rod Colman
President

Cronulla SLSC

Cronulla SLSC celebrated its 90th year of operation this year and to honour the occasion a Reunion Dinner was held. This dinner was a huge success with over 200 past and present members in attendance.

Our patrols for the Season have been most satisfactory with all members willingly wearing their Patrol Uniforms. We had 36 members gain their 100% Patrol Attendance. This being a record for Cronulla SLSC.



Rescues were up on previous Seasons due to the sea conditions. Congratulations are extended to all our patrol members for their vigilance and service in ensuring that no lives were lost while Patrols were on duty.

We again had a large influx of Cadet members which taxed our training officers to the limit but they were still able to put 141 candidates through for their various awards.

On the competitive scene, Cronulla SLSC were again a leader at all major carnivals, winning the overall Carnival Pointscore at the NSW Championships and gaining a 9th place at the Australian Championships. Our surf and belt competitors continue to dominate at all carnivals.

Cronulla SLSC would like to extend its congratulations to the Branch President, Peter Pearce, for an excellent job this year, particularly when he had to operate for most of this year without a Director of Administration.

To all other Branch Officers and Board Members, thanks for your continued dedication to duty to maintain Sydney Branch as the No.1 Branch in the state.

W H Eady
Secretary

Elouera SLSC

The 1996-97 Season has been quite successful, we have experienced a membership increase in both senior and junior sections. We can again boast "no lives lost" and in doing so, we appreciate the efforts of our Club

Captain and Vice Captain and all those members who patrol Elouera Beach.

Our success in Branch and State carnivals is well documented throughout the Season, which indicates that our training system is working.

Elouera's boat section has gone from strength to strength this Season and we saw the Under 18 Crew, who created history for Elouera by taking the silver medal at the Australian Titles at Kurrawa.

The Masters have had a rise in popularity at Elouera and were responsible for Elouera's great success at the State Titles at Mollymook.

It is especially pleasing to see young members taking positions on the management committee for next Season. We go into next Season with a new President and Club Captain and also Boat and Beach Captain

We are still the World Champion Club and we will defend that title in New Zealand with a new coach and manager.

Brian O'Sullivan
Secretary

Era SLSC

The 1996/97 Season has been a very busy and successful one for Era with "No lives lost" on the beach during or outside patrol hours. This year we only had a small number of awards gained, two (2) Bronze Medallions and we are hopeful this will improve next Season.

The donation of a new boat, "Wiz" Weldon, greatly encouraged our Colt Crew who were rowing very well and gained a number of firsts throughout the Season. They came second in the Branch Championships.

This year we also had a Masters Crew rowing, a first for Era for some years. They trained and rowed hard and despite their aching bodies rowed through to fourth place at the State Titles – a very commendable effort.

The activities of the Club at the beach have been very varied and successful – from Landcare projects to protect the creek bank, to Italian Nights, Golf Day, Australia Day party at the rock pool and much more. The Junior Activities are continuing to be popular and regular competition has been held each month. The children are keen to participate again next year and once we are properly affiliated some of our Nippers want to compete at carnivals.

I am pleased to report that there were 26 people who achieved 100% patrol attendance which is a great effort for such a small Club.

To our Club sponsors we say "Many Thanks". We are very much appreciative of the support we receive. National Parks and Wildlife Service have been particularly helpful with assistance of materials for our Landcare projects and removal of rubbish on Clean up Australia Day.

Also I would like to express our thank to all Sydney Branch Officers for their help through the year, particularly Margaret Pearce, RNP District Supervisor and Peter Pearce, President. We anticipate another successful Season in 1997/98.

Diana Garder
Secretary

Garie SLSC

As promised in last Season's Branch Annual Report, Garie SLSC has bettered their second place in the Gear Inspection, by coming first this Season. Congratulations to the team who worked hard to produce this excellent result. Garie is also proud of the fact we tied with Wanda SLSC for first place in the Sydney Branch Champions Club Competition. This has been followed up by coming first in the Royal National Park District the Patrol Efficiency Competition.

Garie has maintained its strong support of the Branch by having members in all but one aspect of Branch activities, ie competition officials. Once again a Garie member has obtained most patrolling hours in the Branch Radio Room.

On the patrol front, Garie has kept its record of "no lives lost whilst the beach is patrolled". This has been achieved by a small, active membership who have amply compensated for the lack of numbers by their keenness and dedication. Congratulations and thanks to those members for a job well done.

The awards gained this Season were an improvement on last year's effort and we have every confidence that this trend will continue, especially as the juniors reach an age where they will begin transferring to the senior Club.

The juniors are still increasing in numbers and improving their competitive skills as well as gaining awards. They came first in the District Competition held in January this year. We hold great hopes for further growth in the coming Season.

On behalf of Garie SLSC, I would like to express thanks to the Officers of Sydney Branch and its sponsors, for all of their support during the year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who directly supported Garie SLSC. The main sponsors being David Latchford of Ampol, Cec and Robyn Partland of Heathcote Inn and Mark Le Vaillant of MM Auto Electrical.

Best wishes to the Branch, sponsors and all Clubs for the 1997/98 Season.

Rita Taylor
Honorary Secretary

Maroubra SLSC

The 1996/97 Season has been an eventful one for this Club in the areas of sponsorship, competition and life saving. Our membership numbers have increased so

much that we have been able to increase the number of patrols from 11 to 13, with 9 Bronze Medallion holders in each patrol. This is most important from a life saving point of view and we anticipate an even further increase in membership in the forthcoming Season.

Our competitors competed with distinction, particularly at the State and Australian Titles, winning a number of titles and numerous placings. It is to be hoped we can attain this level for next Season. Maroubra Club is indeed fortunate in having as our major sponsor the Maroubra Seals Sports and Community Club Ltd., and it is because of this sponsorship we can maintain and replace our equipment, compete at carnivals at a high level, undergo necessary expenses which in this day and age such expense is hard to come by.

Brian Purdon
Secretary

North Bondi SLSC

The Season of 1996/97 has once again seen the North Bondi Surf Life Saving Club being among the best within the Sydney region. Our many members achieved the Club objective of "No Lives Lost" during the patrolling Season, ensuring that people who swim at North Bondi do so safely. This objective was met through the unselfish commitment of our voluntary patrol members under the guidance of Club Captain Peter Cleary and Club Vice Captain Roy Guenpeter and all Patrol Captains. They were ably supported and trained by our outstanding instructional team led by Alexander O'Hara. All patrolling Club members should be proud of their contribution for the past Season.

Competition within the Surf Life Saving movement is becoming more competitive every year. As the number of full time athletes competing at Major Surf Carnivals increases, so too does the pressure on all competitors to succeed. The Club has had an excellent year in competition, culminating in two Gold and two Bronze medals at the Australian Championships. Allison Leitmeijer in the Open Women's Beach Sprint and Jacob Marrs in the U18 Men's Beach Sprint secured North Bondi's first ever Australian Title beach sprint medals. The runners under the astute guidance of Mike Clancy proved to be the outstanding athletes in their field. The two Bronze medals were won by Greg Bishop in the U18 Belt race and Chris Delooze in the U16 Surf Swim. These two competitors showed plenty of class in strong fields to win their medals. A number of other competitors made finals at the Australian Titles, some, including Jim Walker and Paul Tatham were very unlucky not to pick up a medal. The most pleasing aspect of the competitive Season was however the number and potential quality of the under 16 and 18 male and female competitors this year together with our core group of senior competitors puts the Club in an extremely strong competitive position for next Season. I am sure all competitors would join me in thanking Tony Hamilton, Mat Colquhoun, Bob Jenkins for their support and efforts over the year.

In an increasingly congested surfing Season, the Club ran a number of successful competitive and social events including City to Surf Day, Roof Show, Associates Christmas function, Cole Classic Swim, East's Rough Water Swim, the Club Ball and the Sydney Branch IRB Championships. These events don't just happen, and the Club owes much to the members and their families who dedicate their spare time to make these events a success.

Our Junior Club also enjoyed another successful Season and continue to play an ever increasingly important role within the surf Club as a whole. The committee and parents who contributed to the success of the Juniors deserve many congratulations, with no better example of their combined efforts being the running of the Sydney Branch Juniors Carnival. There are a number of promising Juniors who have already moved into the Senior Club and are competing at the highest level. All indications are that this trend will follow over the next couple of years as the current crop of Juniors move through the ranks.

Much of the Club's success depends on the financial support it receives from our sponsors. Many thanks is extended to Carlton and United Breweries, Rival Swimwear, East's Leagues Club, Swiss Grand Hotel, Paddington Woollahra RSL, Bondi Junction Waverley RSL, Schweppes, Gowing Brothers Stores, Bondi Surf Co., The Cole family for their assistance over the last Season and we look forward to these relationships continuing over the coming years.

The Associate Members of the Club under the watchful eye of Max Mawson were once again generous in their support of the Club over the past Season. I would also like to thank all members of the Management Committee for their efforts and support this year, especially when some difficult and delicate decisions had to be made. The management is committed to meeting the overall objectives for the Club through the implementation of a strategic plan currently being developed.

All indications are that next Season will be more rewarding than the one past. The Club looks forward to the continual support and effort of all members to ensure that North Bondi Surf Life Saving Club remains one of the premier Clubs, not only in the Sydney region, but in Australia as a whole.

Greg Bodkin
President

North Cronulla SLSC

The Season passed has been one of consolidation for North Cronulla. The primary objective of every surf Club is the protection of lives on our beaches and this year we can proudly say once again "No lives were lost on our beach this Season". This could not be better demonstrated than on Christmas Day 1996 when 305 rescues and preventative actions were recorded. The efforts made by North Cronulla Surf Life Savers were

recognised by Sydney Branch and National Council with letters of congratulations.

Our surf life saving activities were ably managed by Dianne Lovell who personally achieved over 100 hours of patrol whilst still maintaining management roles within the Club and within Sydney Branch. Another high achiever in North Cronulla's ranks is Ron Camelleri who this year achieved 20 years 100% patrol attendance with North Cronulla. Ron serves all Bate Bay beaches and National Park Clubs by his involvement with Offshore 2.

The number of life saving awards this year totalled 100 including IRB awards. This was an excellent result considering that for most of the Season we were without an Instruction Co-Ordinator and the responsibility fell on the shoulders of Dianne Lovell and our Club Vice Captain, Craig Lovell. To all of our members who each week volunteer their services to patrol our beaches we say thank you.

On the competition front, North Cronulla continued to be a competitive outfit and this was demonstrated in a number of ways. Our Boat Crews were successful in winning the NSW Surf Boat Premiership and won a new surf boat generously donated by the Sunday Telegraph. Our Under 16 competitors continued to be a force in all competition areas and the future competitiveness of North Cronulla is ensured with the continued development of these younger members.

North Cronulla members provided excellent service in areas outside of the Club environment as Officials and Officers at Branch, State and National level. It is a further indication of our commitment to Surf Life Saving that we are represented in such an excellent manner. Without people of this calibre many of the carnivals, projects and activities we all enjoy would not have occurred.

The upcoming Season will again provide new challenges for all Clubs with the never ending canvassing for much needed funds to maintain the standard expected of us by the public and to provide the facilities expected by our members. We wish all Clubs in Sydney Branch continued success for Season 1997/98.

Jeff Weston
Secretary

South Maroubra SLSC

South Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club Inc., in its 39th year had a most rewarding and satisfying Season in life saving and competition.

Our Club Captain, Paul Fownes and his Vice Captain Greg Morris, once again kept the life saving standards at a most competent level whilst patrolling members were on duty at the Southern end of Maroubra Beach. Once again it is pleasing to report that "No lives were lost" at South Maroubra Beach this Season.

Surf Life Saving Awards gained this Season totalled a credible 85 recipients. There were 165

proficient members who completed their annual surf life savers proficiency test, including 145 Bronze Medallion holders. Membership for the 1996/97 Season totalled 520, consisting of 270 Senior members and 250 Junior/Nipper members.

On the competition scene, William Rowley in his first Season in Open Competition, competed magnificently. William won numerous open surf races during carnivals throughout the Season and highlighted at the NSW State Titles at Mollymook where he gained two medals – Gold in the Open Surf and Silver in the Open Belt Race. Our over 40's Veteran Boat Crew reigned supreme in Masters Competition, winning the Branch, State and Australian Titles. Richard Garnsey also performed well winning three medals at the NSW State Masters Championships. South Maroubra was well represented in most sanctioned surf carnivals this Season and the future looks good on the competitive scene for next Season.

The 1996/97 Sydney Branch Championships were once again successfully held at South Maroubra and many thanks to our Club's most reliable and enthusiastic members and supporters. Thank you to all of the Sydney Branch Officials, Staff and Branch Officers who assisted with the hosting of this prestigious event.

It is sad to report that our Club lost two (2) long serving members who were dearly loved and most loyal to South Maroubra SLSC. The unfortunate passing away of Life Member John Dynan and legend boat sweep Pat Jollow will long be remembered by all.

The management and successful operation of a Surf Club these days is an enormous task and without the financial support of our Club Sponsors, South Maroubra SLSC would not be able to offer the many excellent facilities to our members and the community.

South Maroubra SLSC Inc., sincerely appreciate the continued financial support, assistance and direction and encouragement from the Board of Directors of the Maroubra Seals Sports & Community Club – our Club's major corporate sponsor. ICI Botany was once again a much valued sponsor of our Club and once again sponsored our major fund raising event. The ICI Clear Water Classic. The next ICI Clear Water Classic event will be held on Sunday 23 November 1997, and will consist of a Biathlon and Community Swim.

Congratulations to Phil Vanny, Club Life Member on his selection as the Australian Surf Life Saving Representative Tour Manager. Also to Jacqui Robinson and Richard Garnsey on their selection to the Surf Life Saving NSW Team which is to tour the USA and UK in July/August 1997.

Finally South Maroubra conveys its thanks and congratulations to Sydney Branch President Peter Pearce and his Committee and Officers for their efforts throughout the 1996/97 Season.

Jack Shaw
President

Tamarama SLSC

Tamarama Surf Life Saving Club Inc., has completed another Season of successfully maintaining the record of "No Lives Lost". During our 91st year of patrols, 75 rescues were recorded during patrol hours, together with 146 first aid cases being treated. Also recorded this past Season, 3 shark alarms – the first for many Seasons.

Throughout the Season, 15 members achieved 100% patrol attendance. Six members also achieved the coveted 100 Club Award for 100 patrol hours or more. Our thanks to all these members.

On the competition side, congratulations to all members who wore the Club Colours during the Season. We competed in Boat and Beach Events without achieving the results hoped for – better luck next year guys.

The Club is offering three after-hours activities in the form of Tai Kwon Do, Iyengar Yoga and Qi Gong. Thanks to those members who provide the membership with these activities.

The Junior's were also active each Sunday morning, thank you to all parents who helped make this part of the Club's year so enjoyable.

In conclusion, I would like to express the Club's thanks to all our Sponsors, to Waverley Council and the Waverley Life Guards for their continued support and assistance, and to all at Sydney Branch. Best wishes for the 1997/98 Season.

Phil Hogan
Secretary

Wanda SLSC

Triumph, Jubilee celebrations, boat launching and efficiency are all words that highlight a Season that will be well remembered in future years.

The Season began with a wonderful weekend. Our 50th Anniversary was attended by around 600 past and present members and proved to be one of the finest weekends commemorated in Surf Life Saving's history. We published "A Book Called Wanda" which supplemented the Jubilee Weekend. The celebrations kept going throughout the Season with the christening of the: Gary Bradshaw" boat and the "Claremont Tyres" Double Ski another feature of the Season.

Competitively our triumphs were highlighted by winning the Sydney Branch Championships – both Junior and Senior levels, and the combined carnivals pointscore trophy by consistently dominating every carnival we attended this Season. We also captured the very prestigious InterClub competition trophy where we won by a massive 21 points. Our Junior Activities Group won the State Championships at Kingscliff and this gave us a good platform to tackle the State and Australian Championships. Our competitors all performed at high standards and have made Wanda very proud.

On the beach we can report once again "No lives were lost at Wanda". We were successful in winning the Sydney Branch patrol Championships. Wanda also won the Patrol Efficiency Competition in Sydney Branch. We took that wealth of knowledge with us to Mollymook and came third in the State Patrol Championships.

Wanda was once again in the forefront in the award tally in Sydney Branch due to a young and enthusiastic team of instructors.

On behalf of Wanda we would like to thank all of the Officers of Sydney Branch for their support during the Season and wish all Clubs a successful Season in 1997/98.

Sean McKirdy
Captain

Marion Hopcroft
Secretary

Conclusion

The Executive undertook a number of projects this season, the Branch and Beach Management plan will shortly be finalised. The Board restructure continues to find the right formula. Sponsorship has been successful for next Season. We continue to work together to achieve the best results possible for the Branch.

Our association with the Junior Activities continues to grow and we appreciate their support to the Branch this season.

I would like to personally and on behalf of the Branch, record our appreciation to a number of people for their never ending time, assistance and advice. These people are:

- * Bill Singleton and Bill Gray – always there when we need assistance. Both still contribute a great deal of their time to assist the office and myself on special projects.
- * Surf Life Saving New South Wales – Past President, John Fraser and new President, Simon Moriarty, Chief Executive Officer, Paul Smith, Operations Manager, Andrew May, Area Development Manager, Grant Joy and to the staff, we appreciate our close working relations and thank you for the assistance you have given to the Branch and Clubs this Season.
- * To Steve Strange, in taking minutes at the Branch Executive Meeting, compiling and writing the Annual Report is a true reflection of your support. Along with the Branch, I personally thank you for undertaking this year's Annual Report and without this, the task would have been extremely difficult.
- * To Club Presidents, Secretaries and Branch Delegates, we thank you for your participation this Season and hope your support continues into next season.

Peter M. Pearce
President

Results – 1997 Sydney Branch Championships – 15th February, 1997

5 Person Junior Activities

1. Wanda (11)
2. North Cronulla Gold (13.5)
3. North Cronulla Red (17)

2 Person R & R

1. North Cronulla Red (6)
2. North Cronulla Gold (6.5)
3. Wanda (7)

Under 18 First Aid

1. Hammerton/Gilbody (Wanda A)
2. Jones/Hughes (Wanda B)
3. K&M Samuels (Wanda C)

Open First Aid

1. Douglas/Turnbull (Wanda A)
2. O'Hara/Agnew (North Bondi B)
3. Modein/Hughes (Wanda B)

Under 18 Male Champion Lifesaver

1. C. Giles (Cronulla)
2. G. Robinson (Wanda)
3. N. Stewart (Wanda)

Open Male Champion Lifesaver

1. A. Dawes (Wanda)
2. G. Stewart (Wanda)
3. T. Brannock (Wanda)

Surf Rescue Challenge

1. Cronulla
2. Wanda
3. North Cronulla

Patrol Championships

1. Wanda
2. North Bondi
3. North Cronulla

6 Person R & R

1. Coogee A
2. Wanda
3. Coogee

Open Womens Ski

1. L. Hardy (Elouera)
2. H. Heussner (Maroubra)
3. J. Riakos (North Bondi)

Open Womens Board (Over 30)

1. L. Hardy (Elouera)
2. D. Jenkins (Wanda)
3. L. Dutoit (North Cronulla)

Under 18 Ski

1. J. Cornell (Elouera)
2. T. Knox (Maroubra)
3. G. Bishop (North Bondi)

Under 18 Womens Sprint

1. K. Smith (North Cronulla)
2. A. Hardgraves (Wanda)
3. S. Cole (Coogee)

Womens Board

1. S. Habler (Coogee)
2. K. Hardy (Elouera)
3. A. Taylor (Coogee)

Over 40's Mens Surf

1. G. Muir (North Cronulla)
2. C. Robson (Elouera)
3. P. Short (Cronulla)

Under 16 Mens Surf

1. M. Ormsby (Coogee)
2. C. Delooze (North Bondi)
3. D. Halpin (Cronulla)

Under 18 Mens Sprint

1. J. Mars (North Bondi)
2. D. Healy (Coogee)
3. B. Beoustow (Wanda)

Open Womens Sprint

1. A. Lintmijer (North Bondi)
2. K. Smith (North Cronulla)
3. S. Fisher (Wanda)

Open Mens Sprint

1. J. Mars (North Bondi)
2. B. Kennedy (North Bondi)
3. M. Hignett (North Cronulla)

Under 16 Womens Sprint

1. R. Irwin (Bronte)
2. B. Elliot (Cronulla)
3. A. Hargraves (Wanda)

Under 16 Womens Surf

1. C. Smith (Wanda)
2. N. Cahill (Wanda)
3. L. Cahill (Wanda)

Over 30's Mens Surf

1. S. Thompson (North Bondi)
2. G. Parkes (Elouera)
3. M. Renford (South Maroubra)

Under 16 Mens Surf Teams

1. Elouera
2. North Bondi
3. North Cronulla

Under 16 Mens Sprint

1. J. Hughes (Wanda)
2. B. Herman (Wanda)
3. R. Dellaca (Wanda)

Under 16 Womens Surf Teams

1. Wanda
2. Elouera Blue
3. South Maroubra

Mens Beach Relay

1. North Bondi
2. Wanda A
3. Elouera

Over 50's Ski

1. B. O'Sullivan (Elouera)
2. A. Metty (Cronulla)
3. R. Johnson (Cronulla)

Under 18 Beach Relay

1. Coogee
2. Wanda A
3. Wanda B

Over 30 Ladies Surf

1. L. Hardy (Elouera)
2. M. Halpin (Cronulla)
3. M. Hopcroft (Wanda)

Under 18 Ironman

1. T. Knox (Maroubra)
2. G. Bishop (North Bondi)
3. J. Cornell (Elouera)

Under 18 Ironlady

1. S. Habler (Coogee)
2. B. Gladstone (Coogee)
3. A. Taylor (Coogee)

Over 50's Surf

1. B. Goodsell (South Maroubra)
2. A. Metti (Cronulla)
3. M. Brannock (Wanda)

Under 16 Relay

1. Elouera
2. Wanda A
3. Wanda B

Womens Beach Sprint

1. D. Goninan (Elouera)
2. D. Jenkins (Wanda)
3. L. Dutoit (North Cronulla)

5 Person R & R

1. Coogee A
2. Wanda A
3. Coogee B

Over 50's Flags

1. B. O'Sullivan (Elouera)
2. L. Hardy (Elouera)
3. T. Chisholm

Under 18 Womens Board

1. A. Taylor (Coogee)
2. T. Smith (Cronulla)
3. S. Habler (Coogee)

Over 30 Female Flags

1. D. Jenkins (Wanda)
2. D. Goninan (Elouera)
3. L. Dutoit (North Cronulla)

Over 30 Mens Flags

1. A. Mills (North Cronulla)
2. S. Collins (Clovelly)
3. M. Sloane (South Maroubra)

Under 16 March Past

1. Coogee (12.5)
2. Wanda (13)

Under 18 Mens Board

1. B. Fin (Elouera)
2. R. Jenkin (North Bondi)
3. T. Knox (Maroubra)

Under 18 R & R

1. Bondi A
2. Coogee
3. Bondi B

Open March Past

1. North Cronulla (0)
2. Burning Palms (.5)
3. Elouera (1)

Under 16 R & R

1. Bondi A
2. Wanda
3. Bronte

Open Womens Flags

1. S. Fisher (Wanda)
2. A. Thomas (North Cronulla)
3. K. Donohue (North Cronulla)

Under 16 Womens Board Rescue

1. Robson/Gillson (Elouera A)
2. Spear/Sutcliffe (North Bondi)
3. Kenny/Cameron (Elouera B)

Under 16 Board Rescue

1. Halpin/Smith (Cronulla)
2. Francis/Kirchner (North Cronulla)
3. Delooze/Jenkin (North Bondi)

Under 16 Ironlady

1. K. Jenkins (Wanda)
2. K. Jury (North Cronulla)
3. C. Smith (Wanda)

Under 18 Double Ski

1. Cornell/Elliott (Elouera)
2. Johnson/Bishop (Elouera)
3. Finn/Boatright (Elouera)

Open Ski

1. P. Tatham (North Bondi)
2. B. Francis (Maroubra)
3. T. Watkin (Maroubra)

Mens Board Relay

1. Maroubra B
2. Maroubra C
3. Maroubra A

Under 18 Mens Board Relay

1. Maroubra
2. Elouera A
3. Elouera B

Under 18 Mens Flags

1. J. Herman (Wanda)
2. N. Stewart (Wanda)
3. J. Hughes (Wanda)

Open Flags

1. A. Mills (Wanda)
2. S. Collins (Clovelly)
3. T. Kazu (Wanda)

Under 16 Womens Flags

1. B. Elliot (Cronulla)
2. J. Swan (Wanda)
3. C. Sampaia (Coogee)

Over 30 Surf Boat

1. North Cronulla Gold
2. South Maroubra Vets
3. South Maroubra

Open Boat

1. North Cronulla Gold
2. Maroubra
3. Burning Palms

Under 21 Boat

1. North Cronulla Gold
2. Era
3. Coogee

Reserve Boat

1. North Cronulla Blue
2. North Cronulla Black
3. South Maroubra Vets

Under 18 Boat

1. North Cronulla Gold
2. South Maroubra
3. North Cronulla Blue

Under 18 Womens Flags

1. A. Thomas (North Cronulla)
2. C. Sampaia (Coogee)
3. A. Hargraves (Wanda)

Under 16 Mens Flags

1. J. Hughes (Wanda)
2. B. Eason (Wanda)
3. B. Herman (Wanda)

Over 30 Board

1. R. Garnsey (South Maroubra)
2. A. Payne (Maroubra)
3. M. Renford (South Maroubra)

Open Belt

1. A. Weir (Cronulla)
2. D. McClelland (Cronulla)
3. W. Rowley (South Maroubra)

Double Ski

1. Watkins/Jones (Maroubra)
2. Iredale/Tapfield (Wanda)
3. Locke/LeMarsney (Coogee)

Open Board

1. K. Huessner (Maroubra)
2. S. Braine (Cronulla)
3. C. Knox (Maroubra)

Under 18 Ladies Surf

1. R. Gibbs (North Cronulla)
2. V. Oostendorp (Wanda)
3. L. Purdon (South Maroubra)

Under 18 Mens Surf

1. P. MacLachlan (Cronulla)
2. J. Cornell (Elouera)
3. M. Ormsby (Coogee)

Ironwoman

1. S. Cotter (North Cronulla)
2. M. Gladstone (Coogee)
3. K. Hardy (Elouera)

Ski Relay

1. Maroubra A
2. North Bondi A
3. Coogee A

Over 40's Board

1. S. Warren (North Cronulla)
2. W. Lobb (North Cronulla)
3. R. Finn (Elouera)

Over 50's Board

1. A. Netti (Cronulla)
2. B. Goodsell (South Maroubra)
3. L. Hardy (Elouera)

Over 24 Surf

1. H. Cameron (Bondi)
2. S. Dutton (Cronulla)
3. D. Locke (Coogee)

Open Teams

1. Cronulla
2. Maroubra
3. Coogee

Under 16 Womens Board

1. K. Jury (North Cronulla)
2. K. Jenkins (Wanda)
3. C. Smith (Wanda)

Open Womens Surf

1. B. Gladstone (Coogee)
2. S. Cotter (North Cronulla)
3. N. Smit (Wanda)

Open Surf

1. T. Goode (Cronulla)
2. R. William (South Maroubra)
3. C. Knox (Maroubra)

Open Ironman

1. K. Huessner (Maroubra)
2. N. Steiner (Elouera)
3. S. Whittaker (Cronulla)

Under 16 Mens Board

1. R. Jenkin (North Bondi)
2. D. Halpin (Cronulla)
3. C. Delooze (North Bondi)

Open Womens Board Relay

1. Coogee
2. Elouera
3. Cronulla

Under 16 Womens Board Relay

1. Coogee
2. Elouera
3. Cronulla

Under 16 Ironman

1. N. Smith (Cronulla)
2. C. Delooze (North Bondi)
3. D. Halpin (Cronulla)

Under 18 Womens Board Rescue

1. Smith/Smith (Cronulla)
2. McDonogh/Fretton (North Cronulla)
3. Cameron/Jago (Elouera)

Ladies Open Board Rescue

1. Habler/Taylor (Coogee)
2. Bannon/Jago (Elouera)
3. Hardy/Hardy (Elouera)

Under 16 Boys Board Relay

1. North Bondi
2. North Cronulla A
3. Maroubra

Under 18 Mens Board Rescue

1. Jenkin/Bishop (North Bondi)
2. Cornell/Finn Elouera A)
3. Boatwright/Falvey (Elouera C)

Taplin Relay

1. Maroubra B
2. Cronulla A
3. Maroubra A

Open Board Rescue

1. Braine/Gibbs (Cronulla)
2. Challoner/Steiner (Elouera)
3. Hamilton/Eldridge (North Bondi)

Under 18 Belt

1. P. McLachlan (Cronulla)
2. G. Robinson (Wanda)
3. B. Fatouris (South Maroubra)

Open Board Riding

1. T. Whitaker (Bronte)
2. M. Howard (Maroubra)
3. T. Seddon (Coogee)

Under 18 Board Riding

1. T. Whitaker (Bronte)
2. C. Clifford (Bronte)
3. A. Moore (Bronte)

Under 16 Board Riding

1. M. Matthews (Maroubra)
2. T. Stewart (Bronte)
3. S. Taylor (Bronte)

Sydney Branch IRB Championships – 4th May, 1997

"A" Rescue Tube

1. Bondi
2. South Maroubra

"B" Rescue Tube

1. Bondi
1. North Bondi
3. Wanda

Womens Tube

1. North Bondi
2. Bondi

"A" Mass Rescue

1. North Cronulla (Gold)
2. Wanda
3. South Maroubra (Blue)

"B" Mass Rescue

1. North Cronulla (Gold)
2. Bondi
3. Wanda

Womens Mass Rescue

1. Bondi
2. North Bondi

"A" Teams Rescue

1. North Cronulla (Gold)
2. Cronulla
3. Bondi

"B" Teams Rescue

1. Bondi
2. Cronulla
3. North Cronulla

"A" Assembly

1. Cronulla
2. Bondi (Blue)
3. North Bondi

"B" Assembly

1. Bondi
2. Cronulla
3. North Cronulla (Blue)

"A" Rescue

1. North Cronulla (Gold)
2. Wanda
3. North Bondi

"B" Rescue

1. Wanda
2. North Cronulla
3. South Maroubra

Womens Rescue

1. Bondi
2. North Bondi

Carnival Point Score

1. Bondi (48)
2. North Cronulla (45)
3. Cronulla (34)
4. Wanda (24)
5. South Maroubra (22)

Sydney Branch Placegetters at NSW Championships – 21st-23rd March, 1997

Patrol Competition

3. Wanda

Womens Champion Lifesaver

1. S. Young (North Bondi)

Mens Champion Lifesaver

1. A. Dawes (Wanda)
3. C. Giles (Cronulla)

Under 16 Mens Board Rescue

1. Delooze/Jenkins (North Bondi)
3. Smith/Halpin (Cronulla)

Under 16 Womens Board Rescue

2. Sutcliffe/Speers (North Bondi)

Under 18 Womens Board Rescue

1. Habler/Holles (Coogee)

Womens Board Rescue

2. Hardy/Hardy (Elouera)

Under 18 First Aid

2. Wanda A
3. Wanda B

5 Person R & R

1. Coogee A

Over 24 Restricted Surf

2. D. Locke (Coogee)
3. H. Cameron (Bondi)

Under 16 R & R

2. Bondi B
3. Bronte

Under 18 5 Person R & R

1. Wanda
2. Coogee
3. Bondi W

Womens 5 Person R & R

1. Coogee A
2. Wanda B
3. Coogee B

Under 16 Womens R & R

2. Coogee
3. Wanda

Wave Ski

1. D. Iredale (Wanda)
2. B. O'Sullivan (Elouera)

Under 18 Board Riding

1. T. Whitaker (Bronte)

Open Board Riding

1. M. Howard (Maroubra)
2. T. Whitaker (Bronte)

Under 18 Mens Surf Teams

1. Cronulla
3. Elouera

Open Mens Board Rescue

2. Telfer/Goode (Cronulla)

Under 21 March Past

1. Coogee
2. Wanda

Under 16 March Past

3. Wanda

Under 18 Mens Board Rescue

- Mexon/Holt (Cronulla)

Open Mens Belt Race

1. D. McLellan (Cronulla)
2. W. Rowley (South Maroubra)
3. T. Goode (Cronulla)

Under 18 Mens Belt Race

1. B. Mexon (Cronulla)
3. P. Maclachlan (Cronulla)

Open Mens Surf Teams

2. Cronulla
3. Maroubra

Mens Open Surf

1. W. Rowley (South Maroubra)
2. M. Allen (Maroubra)
3. D. Gladstone (Maroubra)

Under 18 Mens Surf

2. M. Ormsley (Coogee)
3. G. Robinson (Wanda)

Open First Aid

1. Wanda

Open Beach Flags

2. A. Mills (North Cronulla)

6 Person R & R

1. Coogee
3. Wanda

Under 16 Mens Surf Teams

2. Cronulla

Under 18 Mens Ski

2. T. Knox (Maroubra)

Open Mens Double Ski

1. Armstrong/Clare (Maroubra)

Open Mens Ski

1. T. Watkins (Maroubra)

Under 18 Mens Beach Sprint

1. J. Mars (North Bondi)

Open Taplin

3. Maroubra A

Under 16 Mens Surf

3. M. Ormsby (Coogee)

Under 16 Mens Beach Relay

1. Wanda
2. Cronulla

Open Iron Man

1. G. Cowdrey (Maroubra)

Reserve Boat

2. North Cronulla Blue

Open Mens Beach Relay

3. Coogee

Under 18 Mens Beach Relay

1. Wanda
2. Coogee

Open Surf Boat

1. North Cronulla Gold

Open Womens Board Riding

1. T. Smith (Cronulla)

Under 18 Womens Board Relay

2. Coogee

Open Womens Beach Flags

3. S. Bishop (Wanda)

Under 16 Womens Board Relay

3. Wanda

Under 18 Womens Board

3. T. Smith (Cronulla)

Open Womens Surf

1. S. Cotter (North Cronulla)
2. S. Gartrell (Wanda)
3. B. Gladstone (Coogee)

Under 18 Womens Surf

1. B. Gladstone (Coogee)

Open Womens Ski

2. L. Hardy (Elouera)
3. H. Heussner (Maroubra)

Under 16 Womens Surf Teams

1. Wanda A

Under 16 Womens Surf

2. K. McLellan (Cronulla)

Under 18 Womens Beach Sprint

3. K. Smith (North Cronulla)

Open Womens Board

1. S. Cotter (North Cronulla)
2. L. Hardy (Elouera)

Open Womens Beach Sprint

1. A. Lintmeijer (North Bondi)

Open Iron Lady

1. B. Gladstone (Coogee)
2. S. Cotter (North Cronulla)

Under 16 Womens Beach Relay

2. Cronulla
3. Elouera

Open Womens Surf Teams

1. Coogee
2. Wanda
3. Elouera

Open Womens Board Relay

1. Elouera
2. Coogee

Womens Beach Relay

3. North Cronulla

Sydney Branch Placegetters at Australian Masters Championships – 16th April, 1997

30-34 years Mens Surf Race

1. S. Thompson (North Bondi)

35-39 years Mens Surf Race

1. G. Parkes (Elouera)

35-39 years Womens Surf Race

1. M. Tibbitts (Cronulla)

40-44 years Mens Surf Race

1. G. Smith (Bondi)
3. B. Green (Cronulla)

110 years Surf Teams Race

1. Elouera

130 years Surf Teams Race

1. Cronulla
2. Bondi
3. Cronulla

30-34 years Mens Rescue Tube

3. A. Dawes (Wanda)

30-34 Womens Rescue Tube

2. M. Wilson (Cronulla)
3. L. Hardy (Elouera)

35-39 Womens Rescue Tube

1. M. Tibbitts (Cronulla)
3. D. Jenkins (Wanda)

40-44 Mens Rescue Tube

1. C. Robson (Elouera)
3. P. Tibbitts (Cronulla)

65 years + Mens Rescue Tube

2. G. Taylor (North Bondi)

30-34 years Iron Man Race

3. S. Thomson (North Bondi)

30-34 Iron Woman Race

1. Lisa Hardy (Elouera)

35-39 years Iron Woman Race

1. D. Jenkins (Wanda)

40-44 Iron Man Race

2. S. Warren (North Cronulla)
3. G. Smith (Bondi)

60 years + Iron Man Race

3. L. Hardy (Elouera)

150 years Taplin Relay

2. North Cronulla

30-34 years Surf Board Rescue

2. Schott/Payne (Maroubra)

35-39 years Surf Board Rescue

2. Parkes/Parkes (Elouera)

40-44 Surf Board Rescue Race

2. Warren/Cameron (North Cronulla)

180 years Surf Boat Race

1. South Maroubra

220 years Surf Boat Race

3. South Maroubra

30-34 years Mens Single Ski

2. W. Clare (Maroubra)

30 years + Womens Single Ski

1. L. Hardy (Elouera)

35-39 years Mens Single Ski

3. W. Buchan (Cronulla)

55-59 years Mens Single Ski

2. B. O'Sullivan (Elouera)

65 years + Mens Single Ski

2. K. Howell (North Cronulla)

110 years Single Ski Relay

1. Cronulla

35-39 years Double Ski

3. Buchan/Hopkins (Cronulla)

30-34 years Mens Surf Board

2. D. Schott (Maroubra)

30-34 Womens Surf Board

1. L. Scoyne (Elouera)
2. L. Hardy (Elouera)

35-39 years Womens Surf Board

1. D. Jenkins (Wanda)

40-44 Mens Surf Board

1. S. Warren (North Cronulla)
3. S. Lanton (North Cronulla)

45-49 years Mens Surf Board

3. P. Kirkwood (Maroubra)

60-64 years Mens Surf Board

1. K. Darwent (Maroubra)

110 years Surf Board Relay

3. North Cronulla

150 years Surf Board Relay

3. Cronulla

30-34 years Mens Beach Sprint

3. A. Mills (North Cronulla)

30-34 years Womens Beach Sprint

3. D. Goninan (Elouera)

35-39 years Womens Beach Sprint

3. D. Jenkins (Wanda)

55-59 years Mens Beach Sprint

2. B. O'Sullivan (Elouera)

Sydney Branch Placegetters at NSW Masters Championships – 20th March, 1997

30-34 years Mens Beach Sprint

1. M. Schnabel (Elouera)

55-59 years Mens Beach Sprint

1. B. O'Sullivan (Elouera)
3. T. Chisholm (Clovelly)

60-64 years Mens Beach Sprint

1. K. Darwent (Maroubra)
3. L. Hardy (Elouera)

Over 65 years Mens Beach Sprint

2. T. Brooker (Elouera)

110 years Mens Surf Team

1. Elouera
2. Bondi

130 years Mens Surf Teams Race

1. Cronulla A

150 years Mens Surf Teams Race

1. Cronulla
2. Elouera

110 years Taplin Relay

2. Elouera

150 Taplin Relay

1. North Cronulla
2. Cronulla

150 years Mens Ski Relay

2. North Cronulla

110 years Board Relay

1. North Cronulla
2. Elouera

130 years Board Relay

3. Cronulla

150 years Board Relay

2. Cronulla

30-34 years Mens Surf Race

1. S. Thompson (North Bondi)
3. A. Dawes (Wanda)

40-44 years Mens Surf Race

1. B. Green (Cronulla)
2. G. Smith (Bondi)
3. G. Stewart (Cronulla)

50-54 years Mens Surf Race

3. K. Speed (Bondi)

55-59 years Mens Surf Race

3. A. Metti (Cronulla)

60-64 years Mens Surf Race

3. L. Hardy (Elouera)

40-44 years Mens Double Ski

1. Lobb/Warren (North Cronulla)
3. Short/Lapham (Cronulla)

30-34 years Mens Ski

1. S. Thompson (North Bondi)
3. M. Pepper (North Cronulla)

35-39 years Single Ski

2. W. Buchian (Cronulla)

130 years Taplin

1. North Cronulla

40-44 years Ski

1. D. Carpett (North Cronulla)

Over 65 Mens Ski

2. K. Howell (North Cronulla)

55-59 Mens Ski

2. B. O'Sullivan (Elouera)

45-49 Mens Ski

3. M. Georgaris (North Cronulla)

45-49 years Double Ski

3. Georgaris/Howell (North Cronulla)

220 year Boat

3. South Maroubra

180 year Boat

1. South Maroubra

120 year Boat

2. Bondi

35-39 Mens Rescue Tube

2. G. Parkes (Elouera)

140 years Beach Relay

3. Elouera

200 years and over Beach Relay

1. Elouera

50-54 years Mens Beach Flags

1. M. Murphy (South Maroubra)

55-59 years Mens Beach Flags

2. B. O'Sullivan

60 years and over Mens Flags

1. K. Darwent (Maroubra)
3. L. Hardy (Elouera)

55-59 years Tube Race

3. B. Ezzy

45-49 years Mens Board Race

1. P. Kirkwood (Maroubra)

45-49 years Board Rescue

1. Kirkwood/Baker (Maroubra)

40-44 years Board Rescue

1. Warren/Cameron (North Cronulla)
2. Green/Stuart (Cronulla)

55-59 years Mens Board Rescue

2. Cronulla

30-34 years Mens Tube Rescue

1. S. Thompson (North Bondi)
2. A. Dawes (Wanda)
3. R. Garnsey (South Maroubra)

40-44 years Ironman

1. S. Warren (North Cronulla)
3. G. Smith (Bondi)

65+ Mens Board Rescue

2. K. Howell (North Cronulla)

60-64 years Mens Board Race

2. K. Darwent (Maroubra)

40-44 years Mens Board

1. S. Warren (North Cronulla)
2. S. Lenton (North Cronulla)
3. S. Cameron (North Cronulla)

50-54 Mens Board Rescue

2. Stuart/Goodsell (South Maroubra)

30-34 years Mens Beach Flags

1. M. Schnabel (Elouera)

35-39 years Board Rescue

1. Parkes/Parkes (Elouera)
2. Johnstone/Buchah (Cronulla)

35-39 years Mens Ironman

3. R. Chapman (Elouera)

35-39 Mens Board

2. W. Buchan (Cronulla)

35-39 Double Ski

2. Iredale/Allison (Wanda)

50-54 Mens Ironman

2. P. Day (Cronulla)

55-59 Mens Ironman

1. A. Metti (Cronulla)

140 years Beach Relay

3. Elouera

40-44 years Tube Race

1. P. Tibbits (Cronulla)
2. C. Robson (Elouera)
3. G. Stewart (Cronulla)

30-34 years Ironman

1. S. Thompson (North Bondi)
3. R. Garnet (South Maroubra)

30-34 years Single Ski

1. S. Thompson (North Bondi)

30-34 years Mens Board Race

1. S. Thompson (North Bondi)

35-39 years Womens Beach Sprint

1. D. Jenkins (Wanda)

40-44 years Womens Beach Sprint

3. F. Elliott (Cronulla)

30-34 years Womens Surf Race

1. L. Hardy (Elouera)
3. M. Wilson (Cronulla)

35-39 years Womens Surf Race

2. M. Tibbits (Cronulla)
3. D. Jenkins (Wanda)

40-44 years Womens Surf Race

- F. Elliott (Cronulla)

30-34 years Womens Ski

1. L. Hardy (Elouera)
2. D. Hamann (Elouera)
3. L. Dutoit (North Cronulla)

30-34 years Womens Beach Sprint

3. L. Hardy (Elouera)

35-39 years Womens Rescue Tube

2. M. Tibbits (Cronulla)
3. D. Jenkins (Wanda)

40-44 years Womens Beach Flags

3. F. Elliott (Cronulla)

30-34 years Womens Tube Rescue

1. L. Hardy (Elouera)
2. M. Watson (Cronulla)

35-39 years Iron woman

2. D. Jenkins (Wanda)

30-34 years Womens Beach Flags

3. D. Haman (Elouera)

35-39 years Womens Board

1. D. Jenkins (Wanda)

35-39 years Womens Beach Flag

3. D. Jenkins (Wanda)

40-44 years Womens Tube Race

2. F. Elliott (Cronulla)

30-34 years Ironwoman

1. L. Hardy (Elouera)
3. M. Wilson (Cronulla)

Sydney Branch Placegetters at Australian Championships – 17th-20th April, 1997

Outright Carnival Pointscore

6. Coogee (62)
8. Cronulla (59)
10. Wanda (53.5)

Curlewis 6 Man R & R

1. Coogee (0)
3. Wanda (2.46)

Open 5 Man R & R

1. Coogee A (0)
5. Wanda (3.52)

Under 18 5 Man R & R

1. Bondi G (4.98)
2. Coogee (6.96)
3. Wanda (8.12)
4. Bondi B (8.24)

Under 16 5 Man R & R

1. Wanda A (4.88)
3. Bondi G (7.10)
4. Bondi W (7.62)
5. Cronulla (7.66)
6. Bronte (10.52)

Open Surf Belt

2. T. Goode (Cronulla)
3. A. Weir (Cronulla)
4. C. Gibbs (Cronulla)
5. H. Cameron (Bondi)
6. W. Rowley (South Maroubra)

Under 18 Surf Belt

3. G. Bishop (North Bondi)
4. P. McLachlan (Cronulla)
5. P. Wigg (Cronulla)
6. B. Mexon (Cronulla)

Open Mens Surf Race

1. C. Gibbs (Cronulla)
4. D. McLellan (Cronulla)
5. L. Darragh (Coogee)
7. M. Allen (Maroubra)

Open Womens Surf Race

1. B. Gladstone (Coogee)
4. L. Habler (Coogee)
5. S. Cotter (North Cronulla)

Under 18 Mens Surf Race

2. W. Harris (Elouera)

Under 18 Womens Surf Race

1. B. Gladstone (Coogee)
6. V. Dostendorp (Wanda)

Under 16 Mens Surf Race

3. C. DeLooze (North Bondi)
4. M. Ornsby (Coogee)

Under 16 Womens Surf Race

1. A. King (Elouera)
4. K. McLellan (Cronulla)
6. L. Cahill (Wanda)

Restricted Surf Race

1. H. Cameron (Bondi)

Open Surf Teams Race

1. Cronulla (20)
2. Coogee (36)

Under 18 Surf Teams Race

4. Cronulla (45)
5. Elouera A (82)
6. Wanda A (102)

Under 16 Surf Teams Race

4. Cronulla (74)

Open Iron Man Race

6. L. Darragh (Coogee)

Open Iron Woman Race

1. S. Gartrell (Wanda)
2. S. Cotter (North Cronulla)
6. K. Hardy (Elouera)

Under 18 Iron Man Race

6. G. Bishop

Under 18 Iron Woman Race

2. S. Habler
3. B. Gladstone

Under 16 Iron Man Race

6. N. Smith (Cronulla)

Under 16 Iron Woman Race

3. Kirsten Jenkins (Wanda)

Open Womens Surf Board Rescue

4. Hardy/Hardy (Elouera)

Taplin Relay Race

5. North Bondi A
6. Elouera

Reserve Grade Surf Boat Race

4. North Cronulla B

Under 18 Surf Boat Race

2. Elouera A

Open Mens Single Ski Race

3. T. Watkins (Maroubra)

Open Womens Single Ski Race

2. A. Rankin (Maroubra)
6. L. Hardy (Elouera)

Open Womens Surf Board Race

3. K. Hardy (Elouera)

Under 18 Mens Surf Board Race

5. T. Knox (Maroubra)

Open Surf Board Riding

1. T. Whitaker (Bronte)

Under 18 Surf Board Riding

2. T. Whitaker (Bronte)

Under 16 Surf Board Riding

1. M. Matthews (Maroubra)
2. J. Dwyer (Bronte)

Open March Past

2. North Cronulla (1.01)

Open Womens Beach Sprint

1. A. Lintmeijer (North Bondi)

Under 18 Mens Beach Sprint

1. J. Mars (North Bondi)
4. C. Giles (Cronulla)

Under 18 Womens Beach Sprint

3. K. Smith (North Cronulla)

BRANCH OFFICERS 1949-50 to 1996-97

Season	President	Deputy President	Secretary	Treasurer	Elected Vice Presidents			
1949-50	A Curlewis	C. Mack	G. Millar A. Loton	J. Robinson	V. Besomo W. Crain R. Michaelis	J. Borserini C. Rudd T. Meagher	G. McRoberts W. Whitehead G. Souter	R. Geary W. Calnan J. Dempster
1950-51	C. Mack	W. Crain	A. Loton	J. Robinson	V. Besomo J. Marsden	J. Borserini C. Rudd	G. McRoberts W. Whitehead	R. Geary W. Calnan
1951-52	C. Mack	W. Crain	A. Loton	G. Souter	V. Besomo D. Lucas	J. Borserini R. Geary	D. Noon W. Whitehead	V. Williams W. Calnan
1952-53	C. Mack	W. Crain	A. Loton	G. Souter	V. Besomo D. Lucas	J. Comans R. Round	A. Castleman C. Rudd	N. May D. Noon
1953-54	C. Mack	W. Crain	A. Loton	G. Souter	H. Spurway A. Paterson A. Castleman	W. Lucas R. Jones J. Comans	J. Dempster F. De Fries F. Lawler	D. Lucas C. Rudd
1954-55	C. Mack	A. Loton	G. Staunton	G. Souter	D. Lucas J. Vaughan E. Lawler	J. Dempster W. Crain J. Geary	A. Paterson C. Rudd S. Perryman	R. Jones J. Comans
1955-56	C. Mack	A. Loton	G. Staunton	G. Souter	J. Comans C. Gray A. Paterson	J. Geary T. Ormsby H. Spurway	R. Arkins J. Dempster R. Mascord	J. Vaughan C. Rudd W. Crain
1956-57	C. Mack	A. Loton	G. Staunton	W. Threflo	R. McKeon W. Crain C. Gray	J. Geary A. Peterson R. Barker	C. Rudd J. Vaughan H. Spurway	J. Dempster D. Renford J. Comans
1957-58	C. Mack	A. Loton	G. Staunton	W. Threflo	E. Lawler C. Rudd C. Gray	G. Hatten W. Crain J. Clarke	R. Baker J. Dempster D. Renford	A. Sargeant A. Paterson J. Comans
1958-59	A. Loton	D. Lucas	G. Staunton	B. Pitt	R. Grant C. Rudd A. Paterson	G. Hatton B. Heavener E. Lawler	H. Spurway W. Crain J. Clarke	J. Dempster C. Gray R. Wood
1959-60	A. Loton	D. Lucas	G. Staunton	B. Pitt	R. Grant B. Brewin C. Rudd	C. Gray G. Challis J. Comans	E. Lawler W. Crain A. Purcell	R. Wood A. Paterson A. Olson
1960-61	A. Loton	D. Lucas	G. Staunton	B. Pitt	W. Crain	G. Challis	E. Lawler	A. Purcell
1961-62	A. Loton	D. Lucas	G. Staunton	J. Needham	W. Crain	R. Grant	J. Pearson	E. Sier
1962-63	A. Loton	D. Lucas	G. Staunton	K. Lonsdale	W. Crain	J. Marsden	J. Pearson	J. Perryman
1963-64	A. Loton	D. Lucas	G. Staunton	K. Lonsdale	W. Crain	E. Sier	J. Marsden	E. Stephens
1964-65	A. Loton	D. Lucas	G. Staunton	K. Lonsdale	W. Crain	E. Sier	A. Staunton	E. Stephens
1965-66	A. Loton	D. Lucas	G. Staunton	K. Lonsdale	W. Crain	W. Marshall	E. Sier	E. Stephens
1966-67	A. Loton	D. Lucas	G. Staunton	K. Lonsdale	W. Crain	W. Marshall	R. Howells	E. Stephens
1967-68	A. Loton	D. Lucas	G. Staunton	J. Vaughan	E. Sier P. Ainsworth	W. Marshall	R. Howells	E. Stephens
1968-69	A. Loton	R. Buist	G. Staunton	J. Vaughan	R. Hoffman	W. Marshall	R. Howells	E. Stephens
1969-70	A. Loton	R. Buist	G. Staunton	J. Vaughan	W. Hodges	W. Marshall	R. Howells	E. Stephens
1970-71	A. Loton	R. Buist	G. Staunton	J. Vaughan	H. Brown	W. Marshall	R. Howells	E. Stephens
1971-72	A. Loton	R. Buist	G. Staunton	J. Vaughan	H. Brown	W. Marshall	R. Howells	P. Stapleton
1972-73	A. Loton	R. Buist	G. Staunton	C. Smith	H. Brown	W. Marshall	R. Howells	P. Stapleton
1973-74	R. Buist	P. Stapleton	G. Staunton	C. Smith	N. Dixon	W. Marshall	C. Osborne	I. Toll
1974-75	R. Buist	I. Toll	B. Parker	R. Pears	N. Dixon	W. Marshall	C. Osborne	G. Staunton
1975-76	R. Buist	W. Marshall	I. Toll	R. Pears	W. Gray	J. Seddon	C. Osborne	G. Staunton
1976-77	R. Buist	W. Marshall	I. Toll	W. Kingston	W. Gray	J. Seddon	C. Osborne	G. Staunton
1977-78	W. Marshall	J. Switzer	J. Vaughan	W. Kingston	W. Gray	R. Buist	C. Osborne	M. Fischer
1978-79	W. Marshall	J. Switzer	J. Vaughan	W. Kingston	W. Gray	R. Buist	C. Osborne	J. Vesper
1979-80	W. Marshall	J. Switzer	J. Vaughan	W. Kingston	J. Dewey	R. Buist	C. Osborne	J. Vesper
1980-81	W. Marshall	J. Vesper	P. Pearce	W. Kingston	J. Dewey	R. Buist	N. Rees	G. Reeves
1981-82	W. Marshall	J. Vesper	P. Pearce	R. Sargeant	J. Dewey	W. Kingston	N. Rees	M. Singleton
1982-83	R. Sargeant	N. Rees	P. Pearce	C. Owens	W. Gray	R. Howells	W. Marshall	M. Singleton
1983-84	R. Sargeant	N. Rees	P. Pearce	C. Owens	W. Gray	J. Connolly	W. Marshall	M. Singleton
1984-85	R. Sargeant	N. Rees	S. Strange	C. Owens	W. Gray	J. Connolly	W. Marshall	M. Singleton
1985-86	R. Sargeant	N. Rees G. Forshaw	S. Strange	C. Owens	W. Gray	R. Howells	W. Marshall	M. Singleton
1986-87	G. Forshaw	P. Stapleton	S. Strange	C. Owens	W. Gray	R. Sergeant	W. Marshall	M. Singleton
1987-88	G. Forshaw	W. Gray	S. Strange	C. Owens	P. Stapleton	J. Connolly	W. Marshall	M. Singleton
1988-89	G. Forshaw	W. Gray	S. Strange	C. Owens	J. Connolly	R. Howells	W. Marshall	M. Singleton
1989-90	G. Forshaw	W. Gray	S. Strange	C. Owens	J. Walker	R. Howells	W. Marshall	M. Singleton
1990-91	G. Forshaw	W. Gray	S. Strange	C. Owens	J. Walker	R. Howells	J. Connolly	M. Singleton
1991-92	M. Singleton	W. Gray	S. Strange	C. Owens	J. Walker	G. Forshaw	T. Elliott	C. Ryan
1992-93	M. Singleton	W. Gray	J. De Cean	-	J. Walker	G. Forshaw	T. Elliott	C. Owens
1993-94	M. Singleton	W. Gray	J. De Cean	A. Berger D. Bergin	T. Elliott	J. Walker	S. Strange	F. Bailey
1994-95	M. Singleton	W. Gray	J. De Cean	D. Bergin	T. Elliott	W. Bos	M. Dillon	K. English
1995-96	P. Pearce	K. English	J. De Cean	B. Jackson				
1996-97	P. Pearce	K. English	J. De Cean	S. Morris				

Lifesavers rescue 390 during a swell day at the beach

SURF lifesavers rescued 390 people yesterday — including 305 at North Cronulla.

While people avoided the festivities at Bondi, crowds flocked to spend Christmas Day on other beaches around Sydney.

At Coogee and Cronulla, which are normally sheltered, it was "really

quite windy with some big swells just off shore," National Lifesaving Services manager Stephen Leahy said.

"Lifesavers at Cronulla had one of their busiest days — they were in the water most of the time.

"But they did a brilliant job, even though

they didn't have any extra lifesavers rostered on."

Maroubra also reported very large crowds, but Mr Leahy said all beaches were busier than normal.

"Even at Garle Beach in the Royal National Park, they had loads of people and four rescues,

which is really unusual," he said.

Mr Leahy said about 5000 preventative warnings were also issued to swimmers and board riders.

These ranged from warnings to surfers, sailboarders or surf ski riders to keep out of swimmer-only areas, to

swimmers being told to keep between flags, he said.

All beaches reported well-behaved crowds.

The only exception was Bondi, where "we had to tell quite a few people to stay out of the water because they had clearly drunk too much to be in it," he said.

96 rescued in wild day at beach

SYDNEY: Surf lifesavers rescued 96 people yesterday on the eve of the 59th anniversary of Bondi's Black Sunday — the day 300 swimmers had to be saved in treacherous conditions.

North Cronulla, Tamarua and Bronte patrols were the busiest yesterday afternoon.

Sydney Surf spokesman Robert Barnes said beneath the small waves ran a strong (tidal) movement.

Boys hurt at beach

TWO boys were injured in shore dumps at Elouera Beach on Sunday.

Superintendent for the Cronulla beaches, Ron Siddons, said the first boy, 11, was riding a bodyboard about 11.20am when he was dumped by a wave, suffering a blow to the head.

The boy was taken to Sutherland Hospital with upper spinal pain.

The second boy, 15, who was a surf club member, was swimming with the bronze group at 12.05pm when he was dumped by a wave and hit his head.

He was taken to Sutherland Hospital, then transferred to Prince of Wales Hospital, but was expected to be released yesterday.

Hammerheads clear beaches

MORE than 4000 people were evacuated from the surf at three Sydney beaches yesterday after two hammerhead sharks were spotted off Bondi Beach.

Shark alarms sounded at 4.20pm and again at 5.20pm as swimmers from Bondi, Bronte and Tamarama were rushed from the surf.

The hammerheads were swimming about 50m from the shore, about 1m below the surface.

North Bondi lifeguard Chris Delooze spotted the two hammerheads while surfing near the North Bondi headland, and was the first to raise the alarm.

"I was scared — the shark was about 20m away from me," Mr De-

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looze said. "There were people swimming nearby but they didn't believe us.

"It's not normal for sharks to come in this close."

Lifeguards in an inflatable rescue boat and another offshore lifesaving boat were brought in to chase the sharks away.

Waverley district supervisor for Surf Lifesaving Sydney, Peter Agnew, said hammerheads were considered dangerous only if swimmers "got in their way".

"We have had a number of shark sightings in recent weeks with a number of beaches having to be closed," Mr Agnew said.

Lifesavers rescue 25

LIFESAVERS rescued 25 people from choppy swells of up to 1.5m at city beaches yesterday.

The busiest spots were Cronulla in the south and Bondi in the east.

Lifesavers gave 265 warnings and 15 first aid treatments as well as making the 25 rescues — three of which were serious incidents.

Most of the rescues were at unpatrolled sections and in rips, a spokesman said.

He said lifesavers also caught two people breaking into cars.

Lifesaver volunteers in Clovelly held four teenagers they caught allegedly breaking into cars, until police arrived.

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205 rescued in surf

SURF lifesavers made 205 rescues yesterday, with 106 at North Cronulla and 54 at Bondi.

Around 200 first-aid treatments were administered, mostly for blue bottle stings. One major incident involved rescuing a swimmer caught on rocks off Mary's Reef at Sutherland.

The swimmer was treated for lacerations before being taken to Sutherland Hospital in a stable condition.

