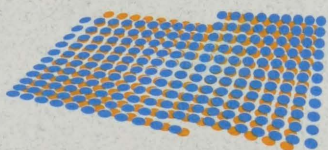


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Selfish and the selfless

FOR courage and selflessness, it is difficult to go past the dedication displayed by surf lifesavers.

Most are volunteers and all are willing to put their lives before others to protect the public at Australian beaches.

Bernie Kelly, of South Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club, was typical of the breed.

Named as Sydney Region Life Saver of the Year for the 1992-93 season in recognition of his skills and community work, Mr Kelly, even though off duty, was first in the water to rescue 10 youths dragged out to sea by a rip on Sunday.

Foolishly, they were not bathing between the flags.

Mr Kelly rescued three youths personally. Fifteen of his colleagues helped with the rescue of the other seven.

It was to be Mr Kelly's last act. Minutes after the rescue he suffered a fatal heart attack.

The youths earlier had ignored warnings from lifesavers not to swim in unpatrolled areas of the beach.

Those rescued left the beach and — either through ignorance or shame — have yet to utter thanks, let alone an apology for their reckless actions.

"I don't have much time for them," was the restrained response yesterday from Paul Fownes, club captain of South Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club.

"If they don't have the courtesy to say sorry, they are going to have to come to terms with that."

Surf Life Saving Australia does not demand legislation for the public to obey its members. It says it would settle for funding of a national education program to instruct swimmers — particularly tourists or visitors to Sydney who make up the bulk of the rescues — on safe procedures.

It's the least the memory of Bernie Kelly is owed. That and a simple word — sorry.

Pair saved after boat capsizes

A YOUNG couple was among 10 people rescued off Sydney beaches yesterday after they were thrown from their runabout into cold and heavy seas off Bondi.

Sydney Surf said the pair, in their early 20s, were struggling in the water when they were rescued by North Bondi and Bondi surf lifesavers in rescue boats.

Sydney Surf's Randwick offshore rescue boat transferred the couple to Watson's Bay and a waiting ambulance.

Sydney Surf emergency response co-ordinator Steve Leahy said they were suffering mild hypothermia and shock and were in a stable condition in St Vincents Hospital.

Mr Leahy said he was on the scene within minutes of the boat's capsize and the couple was "very lucky to have been spotted and that the surf lifesavers were ready to respond in the rescue boat".

"We urge anyone heading to sea for a fishing trip or just a swim at the beach to contact their local surf patrol and check conditions before they head out," he said.

He said another eight people were rescued from other beaches.

Surf rescues

LIFESAVERS rescued 48 people from rough seas yesterday. The busiest Sydney beaches were Warriewood, South Curl Curl, Elouera and North Bondi.

Trainees save surf woman

A WOMAN who was pulled unconscious from rough seas after 10 minutes beneath the waves yesterday is alive thanks to a team of trainee lifesavers.

The 35-year old woman was swimming with her husband at the south end of Maroubra Beach about 4pm when she became caught in a rip and was dragged under.

Lifeguards, including two still in training, paddled out 20m on surfboards and dragged the woman ashore.

The woman, who is believed to have spent up to 10 minutes under the water, was not breathing or registering a pulse when lifesavers began cardiac resuscitation.

But after several desperate minutes of CPR the woman finally responded, coughing and regaining consciousness.

Lifesavers stayed with the woman's distraught husband until ambulance officers arrived and took her to hospital.

A nursing supervisor at Prince of Wales Hospital said last night the woman was sitting up and talking.

Warning follows rescues

LIFESAVERS are warning beachgoers to check conditions before entering the surf this week following a large number of rescues at the weekend.

Warriewood and South Curl Curl Surf Life Saving volunteers were kept particularly busy on Saturday due to rough seas, whipped up by a strong southerly wind.

Sydney Surf media director Robert Barnes said people should swim at beaches patrolled by lifesavers to ensure their own safety.

"We urge all visitors to the beach and waterways to check conditions before they enter the water," he said.

"With rough winds, conditions can change dramatically so please swim at patrolled beaches and between the red and yellow flags. Volunteer surf patrols are there for the public's benefit from 8am to 6pm so please use them."

Shark lays claim to Bondi

BONDI Beach has a new local — a 3m bronze whaler shark.

Surf Lifesaving spokesman Robert Barnes said the shark was seen swimming off the beach again at the weekend.

It will be left alone despite sending hundreds of swimmers out of the water about midday on Saturday. Lifeguards helped swimmers ashore after the fully grown bronze whaler was seen 50m off the beach at south Bondi.

A Bondi Surf Club spokesman said the shark had been cruising up and down the beach for the past fortnight but had been closely monitored and had shown no intention of approaching swimmers.

"There's plenty of food (fish) around, so we know the sharks are out there even if we can't see them," Mr Barnes said.

Sea search for killer

By STEPHEN GIBBS

POLICE suspect a man last seen swimming out to sea may be linked to the murder of a woman in Sydney's far south yesterday.

Melissa Collins, 33, was found with her throat slashed, lying face-up in bed in a house at Bundeena about 10am.

Police found a bloodied bowie knife in the room.

A man seen running from the Loftus St house is suspected to have been seen swimming out to sea some time later.

He was last spotted about 2km off Gibbon Head about 11.10am.

Ms Collins had spent only Saturday night at the house in which she was killed.

A woman who had been mind-

ling the building for her two brothers who were in Canberra told police she found Ms Collins and a man in the house about 8am.

She knew neither and had been unaware they had taken one of three rooms during the night.

Detectives presume the man knew the brothers.

About 8am the man began punching and kicking Ms Collins.

The woman minding the house tried to stop the assault and when it did, she left the house via the back door.

When she returned through the front door about 10am she found Ms Collins dead. Neighbours called police.

A description of a man seen running from the house was

similar to that of a man seen diving into the water off nearby Jibbon Beach.

Brian Bennett, who saw the swimmer, said he thought the man wanted to kill himself.

"I thought 'he's definitely gonna top himself'," Mr Bennett said.

"He was just swimming out to sea then he stopped swimming and started floating."

"I don't think he was swimming out to sea with the intention of coming back."

A search by sea and air failed to find the man.

Police believe they know the identity of the killer and that the murder was domestic.

The man who fled the house is aged about 30 and is known as a heavy drinker.

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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Branch President's Overview

It gives me great pleasure on behalf of Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch to present our Annual Report and Financial Statements for the 1997-98 season. Contained within this report are our activities, which reflect the service we provide towards the community in water safety, rescue and emergency services. Our area of operation, from North Bondi in the north, to Burning Palms in the south, covering 15 major beaches encompasses the most heavily, diversified, and populated area of Sydney.

Again, a highly competitive and successful season, our major highlights being:-

- * Energy Australia as a new sponsor
- * Re-negotiation of the Coca Cola sponsorship
- * Highly successful Patrol Competition
- * Completion of 110 examinations for 960 candidates
- * 1945 members examined in 58 separate Proficiency Tests
- * Many seminars and workshops
- * 960 Awards
- * Successful Branch Presentation Night
- * 2,242 Rescues
- * 6,270 total membership.

My congratulations to all who contributed towards making this season another great and interesting year for all to enjoy, have some fun, make new friends or just enjoy a day on patrol. I thank you for your enthusiasm and dedication on behalf of all.

I continue to appreciate a large number of the Branch Officers, members and friends who contribute their time towards our Board of Control, either in Examinations, Emergency Services or Competition. Your professionalism and continued dedication is appreciated.

To our major sponsors, Coca-Cola and Energy Australia, thank you for making it all happen. Without your strong support and financial backing to Surf Life Saving, it would make it difficult for us to perform our obligation. To the Australian and State Government, we again express our appreciation for your continual contribution towards Surf Life Saving.

To our Councils, Waverley, Randwick, Botany, Cronulla Sutherland and The Royal National Park, I would like to thank you for your co-operation and assistance given to this Branch and our Clubs.

We are a great Branch and a major contributor to the community, my personal thanks are extended to our Club Presidents, Executives and members for their continuing friendship and harmony towards the Branch.

To my fellow Branch Executive members, thank you for your efforts this season, it has been difficult on various occasions, but we have all performed well for another year.

I wish to express my gratitude to Liz Grady, our Office Manager and Gail Bignold, for their dedication to the Branch.

Again, congratulations on a highly successful season.

Peter M Pearce
Branch President

SURF LIFE SAVING SYDNEY BRANCH INC

Notice is hereby given that the 49th Annual General Meeting of Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch Inc, will be held at the Maroubra Seals Sports and Community Club, Marine Parade, Maroubra Beach, on Tuesday 4th August, 1998, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the 48th Annual General Meeting of Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch Inc, held on 12th August, 1997.
2. Affiliation of Clubs and Accreditation of Delegates.
3. Apologies and Proxies.
4. Welcome.
5. Presentation of 48th Annual Report for the Season 1997/98.
6. Presentation of the audited Income and Expenditure Accounts for the year ended 31st May, 1998 and Balance Sheet as at 31st May, 1998.
7. (i) Election of Officers for the Season 1998/99.
(ii) Election of Standing Committees for the Season 1998/99.
8. Confirmation of Board of Control Officers and Committees for the Season 1998/99.
9. Confirmation of Junior Activities Committee for the Season 1998/99.
10. Motions of which due notice has been given.
11. General Business.
12. Refreshments.

Stephen Strange
Director of Administration

SURF LIFE SAVING SYDNEY BRANCH INC.

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Mayor, Randwick City Council

Mayor, Botany Municipal Council

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Mayor, Woollahra Municipal Council

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President, Illawarra Branch

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Robert Barnes

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Peter Pearce and Ken English

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Peter Seeto

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Craig Lovell

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Peter Agnew

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Brad Taylor

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Cronulla Sutherland Districts - James Sherratt

Randwick District - Patrick O'Neill

Waverley District - Peter Agnew

ASSISTANT DISTRICT SUPERVISORS

Royal National Park - Michael Hodsdon

Cronulla Sutherland District - Tony Coffey

Randwick District - Peter Harvie

Waverley District - Alexander O'Hara

BRANCH GEAR STEWARD

Bill Singleton

POINTS RECORDERS

Ann Ainsworth, Bill Marshall, Albert Moseley,

Stephen Strange

BRANCH TEAM MANAGER

Robert Johnson

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Richard Garnsey

HONORARY LEGAL OFFICERS

Garry Beath, Terry Jenkins, Michael Roper, Peter Terrett

HONORARY AUDITOR

Duncan Dovico - Chartered Accountants

BOARD OF JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Patricia Garlick (Chairman), Robyn Knox (Secretary),

Barney Johansen (Superintendent), Graham Giles (Treasurer),

Cheryl Giles (Registrar)

LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

William Marshall OAM (C), Maurice (Bill) Singleton,

Albert Moseley OAM, William Gray, Rex Sargeant

MERITORIOUS AWARDS COMMITTEE

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

Neil Miller

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Stephen Strange (C), Maurice (Bill) Singleton, Peter Quartly,

William Marshall OAM,

FINANCE COMMITTEE

David Dillon, John De Cean, Trevor Elliott, John Brown

RESUSCITATION, RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, INSTRUCTION AND MEDICAL PANEL

Peter Quartly (C), Peter Murphy, Frank Osborne

JUDICIARY PANEL

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

Rex Sargeant, Geoffrey Martin, Peter Quartly, Geoffrey Phillips,

Peter Agnew, Ron Pears, Frank Osborne, John Vaughan

MANUAL REVISION COMMITTEE

Peter Quartly (C), Peter Murphy, Frank Osborne

SELECTION COMMITTEE

Ken English, John Restuccia, Dick Bignold, Greg Bodkin,

Dave Cotter

GEAR INSPECTION COMMITTEE

Brad Taylor (C), Frank Osborne, Frank Ridley, Ted Cahill,

Albert Moseley OAM, Ursula Cartner, Ken English,

Arthur White, Michelle Phillips, Joan Vaughan, Don Workman,

Peter Fuller, Brad McDonough, Ron Camilleri, Peter Seeto,

Dianne Lovell, Cameron Miles, Peter Jones, Bill Singleton

PUBLIC OFFICER

Stephen Strange

OFFICE STAFF

Liz Grady - Office Manager

Gail Bignold

SYDNEY BRANCH SENIOR MEMBERSHIP 1997-98

Club	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	91	35	28	2	7	8	1	-	172	411	29	612	Unknown	Unknown
Bronte	81	20	12	3	19	19	-	-	154	253	12	419	60,000	650,000
Burning Palms	19	4	-	-	-	-	2	2	27	141	36	204	17,192	280,553
Clovelly	30	24	12	3	6	3	-	-	78	151	22	251	9,000	2,000,000
Coogee	127	48	16	-	15	20	-	-	226	432	33	691	75,800	278,160
Cronulla	92	40	18	3	49	53	-	-	255	381	63	699	85,000	1,450,000
Elouera	100	33	3	-	45	14	1	-	196	120	8	324	146,000	1,000,000
Era	33	15	2	-	-	2	2	8	62	96	48	206	45,000	40,000
Garie	35	2	3	-	1	-	3	7	51	116	20	187	33,660	Nil
Maroubra	103	23	22	-	35	5	2	1	191	316	3	510	56,000	148,000
North Bondi	174	68	12	-	14	13	-	-	281	528	26	835	147,000	1,000,000
North Cronulla	81	27	21	2	19	3	3	-	156	220	10	386	165,000	1,200,000
South Maroubra	101	31	24	1	11	9	1	1	179	94	5	278	80,000	1,000,000
Tamarama	53	7	7	-	-	-	3	-	70	141	7	218	50,000	1,000,000
Wanda	107	39	6	-	9	12	14	12	199	169	15	383	40,000	1,000,000
ORB2	29	8							37			37	135,000	n/a
ORB3	25	3							28	1	1	30	150,000	150,000
TOTAL 97-98	1,281	427	186	14	230	161	32	31	2,362	3,570	338	6,270	1,294,652	11,196,713
TOTAL 96-97	1,367	379	205	18	239	184	212	81	2,685	3,382	389	6,456	994,950	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 1997-98

	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	54	-	40	218	4	-	319		635	6,556	-	-	108	-	108
Bronte	6	-	46	96	-	-	22		170	2,793	-	146	51	1	198
Burning Palms	3	-	6	2	-	-	4		15	19	-	-	15	4	19
Clovelly	1	-	3	5	-	-	9		18	275	-	890	690	15	1,595
Coogee	4	-	11	10	-	-	26		51	183	-	77	57	12	146
Cronulla	30	-	-	6	-	-	29		65	169	-	189	87	12	288
Elouera	80	-	40	50	-	-	23		193	500	-	60	30	7	97
Era	12	-	6	4	-	-	1		23	43	-	8	14	-	22
Garie	12	-	23	2	-	-	1		38	911	-	83	12	2	97
Maroubra	41	-	28	36	-	-	64		169	4,376	-	199	2	4	205
North Bondi	25	-	15	49	-	-	53		142	2,261	1	47	40	3	90
North Cronulla	40	-	6	86	-	-	141		273	1,500	-	77	40	2	119
South Maroubra	17	-	25	12	1	-	71		126	1,508	1	452	36	1	489
Tamarama	5	-	42	57	-	-	3		107	1,262	-	154	78	3	235
Wanda	18	-	38	35	-	-	41		132	625	-	-	53	6	59
ORB2								40	40	72	1				18
ORB3								45	45	84	-				10
TOTAL 97-98	348	-	329	668	5	-	807	85	2,242	23,137	3	2,382	1,313	72	3,795
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

SYDNEY BRANCH SENIOR AWARDS 1997-98

	SLSC	SLSI	BM	TOC	EC	RC	ARC	ARCI	ARCE	IRBD	IRBI	IRBE	ORBC	ORBD	ORBS	ORBE	ROC	RIC	REC	RCC	FAC	FACI	FACE	ALSC	ITO	TOTAL
Bondi	6	-	31	-	1	-	11	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	-	-	68
Bronte	17	2	18	2	2	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45
Burning Palms	-	-	8	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
Clovelly	7	-	9	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Coogee	15	1	33	1	1	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	14	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	71
Cronulla	24	-	57	2	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	90
Elouera	7	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Era	2	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Garie	-	-	2	-	2	-	3	1	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
Maroubra	30	-	62	-	-	47	3	-	-	4	2	-	2	1	-	-	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	186
North Bondi	19	-	53	1	-	-	10	2	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	134
North Cronulla	23	2	49	1	1	-	5	1	-	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	89
South Maroubra	11	-	20	-	-	-	1	-	-	6	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	40
Tamarama	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
Wanda	27	4	51	6	1	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	2	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	134
TOTAL 96/97	188	9	421	13	12	49	43	7	-	28	5	3	7	3	1	1	135	4	1	-	16	-	-	3	-	949
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 1997-98

Club	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 *	25		30		21		16		9		11		13		125	0	125
Bronte	34	27	26	35	26	18	10	21	13	18	14	7	6	10	129	136	265
Clovelly	14	10	10	10	7	6	8	6	0	4	1	3	1	4	41	43	84
Coogee	25	17	19	8	22	9	14	13	11	2	10	11	8	12	109	72	181
Cronulla	38	40	40	34	24	41	30	39	31	21	21	20	14	17	198	212	410
Elouera	16	12	15	12	18	15	11	23	24	16	10	17	21	15	115	110	225
Garie	6	6	14	10	10	5	5	0	4	1	2	4	1	1	42	27	69
Maroubra	7	5	12	3	11	5	11	4	6	5	11	12	11	10	69	44	113
North Bondi	24	20	41	20	20	16	20	13	10	13	5	6	10	5	130	93	223
North Cronulla	27	18	33	21	33	18	21	13	22	28	17	14	19	18	172	130	302
South Maroubra	24	15	22	16	23	12	12	12	8	9	9	4	8	6	106	74	180
Tamarama	7	2	4	1	9	4	1	1	5	0	4	2	9	1	39	11	50
Wanda	20	17	21	17	21	16	25	10	17	11	12	12	20	22	136	105	241
TOTAL 97-98	267	189	287	187	245	165	184	155	160	128	127	112	141	121	1411	1057	2468
TOTAL 96-97	327	181	260	180	238	179	227	161	221	160	162	166	139	131	1574	1158	2732

* Bondi = Combined Male and Female

SYDNEY BRANCH JUNIOR AWARDS 1997-98

Club	7 Year	8 year	9 Year	10 Year	11 Year	12 Year	13 Year	TOTAL AWARDS
Bondi	30	14	7	6	5	3	1	66
Bronte								0
Clovelly	13	4	11	11	3	7	0	49
Coogee	23	22	13	9	14	9	10	100
Cronulla	78	73	64	66	46	41	25	393
Elouera	25	25	31	34	24	33	22	194
Garie	11	20	11	5	3	6	0	56
Maroubra	15	17	16	12	27	22	7	116
North Bondi	61	34	33	21	11	15	13	188
North Cronulla	34	42	29	32	27	31	27	222
South Maroubra	37	38	24	18	12	11	8	148
Tamarama								0
Wanda	39	37	35	28	34	42	28	243
TOTAL 97-98	366	326	274	242	206	220	141	1775
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)
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V.A. Besomo (dec)
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H.J. Brown OAM
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R.V. Buist (dec)
M.J. Burke (dec)
J.H. Cameron (dec)
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G. Millar (dec)
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G.J. Wilson (dec)
W.J. Young (dec)

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B. Bulmer

W. McNamara
A. Powell (dec)

E. Topper

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L.S. McDonald OAM
W.G. Marshall OAM
A. Moseley OAM

W.A. Rennie OAM
P.R. Stapleton
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J.R. Switzer
J.K. Vaughan OAM

SYDNEY BRANCH – AFFILIATED CLUBS 1997/98

WAVERLEY DISTRICT
PRESIDENT
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NORTH BONDI SLSC
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Peter Quartly
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TAMARAMA SLSC
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Peter Seeto

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Marion Hopcroft

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Michael Batty
Brian O'Sullivan
Heath McPhellamy

NORTH CRONULLA SLSC
David Cotter
Jeffrey Weston
Jodie Burbidge

CRONULLA SLSC
John Bentley
Bill Eady
Kylie Shumack

ROYAL NAT PARKS
PRESIDENT
SECRETARY
CAPTAIN

GARIE SLSC
Alfred Taylor
Rita Taylor
David Dillon

ERA SLSC
Ian Brand
Diana Garder
David Hicks

BURNING PALMS SLSC
Margaret Pearce
Kerry Clarke
Jodie Culbert

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure I submit to you for your consideration and adoption, the 49th Annual Report covering our activities for the 1997-1998 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.

"No drownings have occurred on Sydney Branch Beaches whilst patrols have been on duty."

Sydney Branch patrols the coastline from Burning Palms, in the south to North Bondi. 2,362 Active Lifesavers, voluntarily maintained patrols every weekend and public holiday from October 4, 1997 to April 19th, 1998.

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 totaled 2,242, a decrease of some 5.84% on last year's total of 2,373. This decrease can be largely put down to the encouraging weather conditions that prevailed for most of the season. However, the incidence of people swimming outside of the safe flagged bathing areas has also continued to increase.

Some interesting statistics indicate:

- 70.4% of rescues occur at low tide
- 89.3% happen with rips involved
- 49.1% of the time spilling (good bodysurfing) waves prevalent
- 78.4% of rescues occur in fine weather
- 82.3% occur outside flagged areas.

Total first aid cases treated increased by 40.09% to 3,795, compared to last season's figure of 2,709. IRB Rescues account for more than a third of all rescues performed – 35.99%, somewhat defending their costs of purchase and maintenance.

Reflecting our training methods, rescues with Rescue Boards (668) were 29.79% and Rescue Tubes (329) 14.67% of total rescues. Preventative Actions, where people are warned or guided to safety numbered 23,137.

Our Board of Lifesaving Control have worked extremely hard this Season, under the leadership of new Director of Lifesaving, Peter Seeto and Emergency Services Manager, Brad Taylor. The Board has been responsible for maintaining, at a high level, our Lifesaving and with

Examination and Instruction Manager, Dianne Lovell, have maintained our high examination standards. As well, the Board under the control of Competition and Coaching Manager, Dick Bignold, 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 1,945 Active Lifesavers, examinations on 110 separate occasions, 2 Start of Season Examination and Instruction Workshops, an Examiners' Accreditation Course and 5 Train the Trainer Courses. Along with the regular hours of instruction for Club Members and officiating at carnivals, a massive task indeed for the 134 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 949 Lifesaving Awards being gained by Members of the fifteen Clubs in the Branch. This figure is a worrying decrease of 12.96% below the figure of 1,072 for the previous Season.

Bronze Medallion Awards gained, the basic Lifesaving standard of our patrolling Members, were 421, a decrease of 6.41%, and Surf Life Saving Certificates, mostly achieved by Members under 15 years of age, decreased by 15.43%, to 188 compared to last season's 217. Advanced Resuscitation Certificates fell from 155 to 43, a decrease of some 167.44%, and Inshore Rescue Boat Drivers' Certificates fell from last season's figure of 41 to 28 this year, a decrease of 46.43%.

The awards of Bronze Medallion and Surf Life Saving Certificates, are those generally attained by new Active Lifesavers. With a turnover of some 39.46% of Active Membership this year, these two basic award figures, when compared in the Membership Tables, are generally a good indication of the strength of our Clubs.

Total Membership figures for our Senior Clubs this season was 6,270, a small decrease from 6456 last season. It continues the trend of small fluctuations recorded in the three prior years. Value of Clubs' rescue equipment rose 30.12% (\$299,702), from the previous value of \$994,950 to \$1,294,652 this year, whilst the value of Club's premises rose some \$1.75m (18.62%) to \$11,196,713.

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 Cronulla and the winner of the handicapped pointscore was North Bondi. As well as open carnivals, a number of special events were also conducted by Clubs and the Branch, including the Shell Surf Life Saver Relay at the Olympic Rowing Course, Penrith and the Shell Surf Craft Challenge on Sydney Harbour to Parramatta.

The Branch IRB Championships were held at North Bondi and the winner of the "David Chandler" pointscore conducted at the Championships, was Bondi. Through lack of interest this year, the Inter-District

Championships, for competition between the four Districts of the Branch was not held.

Carnivals this season consisted of a number of core events which were held at every carnival. Clubs then had the opportunity to add to these, those additional events they wanted to hold at their own carnival. There were some complaints forthcoming there weren't enough events for some competitors, but previous year's entry statistics did not justify them being held at all carnivals. The timetable used worked well, with earlier finishes of carnivals than in the previous season. Both Officials and competitors alike welcomed this change.

The Branch's two 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. Both craft play a major part in the Branch's 24-hour emergency call-out system.

"Sydney Surf", the Branch Radio Room, continued to service our Club's emergency radio network. Manning the room was sometimes difficult throughout the season, however a small, dedicated band led by Radio Room Supervisor, Brad McDonogh, were able to keep full-time operations going.

Consideration needs 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. Operators	Members' Hours
Burning Palms	1	50.5
Garie	6	265.75
Elouera	1	65.75
Wanda	1	7.25
South Maroubra	1	15.0
Maroubra	4	171.5
Clovelly	3	87.75
Bronte	2	14.75
Bondi	2	88.75
North Bondi	5	198.0

The Branch's 24-Hour Emergency call-out system, under the control of Rescue Services Manager, Brad Taylor, operates throughout the entire year and complements the extensive emergency services network the Branch controls. On many occasions Surf, Police and other statutory rescue authorities have tested its use.

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.

The Branch administration office continues to operate

from the small cottage in the grounds of Prince Henry Hospital and is open from Monday to Friday during the hours of 11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Elizabeth Louie, married earlier this year and now as Mrs Elizabeth Grady continues as the Branch's full-time Office Manager. With an increased workload at the Branch Office especially when carnivals are held, the processing of entries, producing the carnival draw and the constant interruption with telephone inquiries from Club Members, Gail Bignold joined the Branch Office as a casual employee early in the season.

Both Liz's and Gail's service on behalf of the Branch's Clubs is greatly appreciated.

Gear Inspection

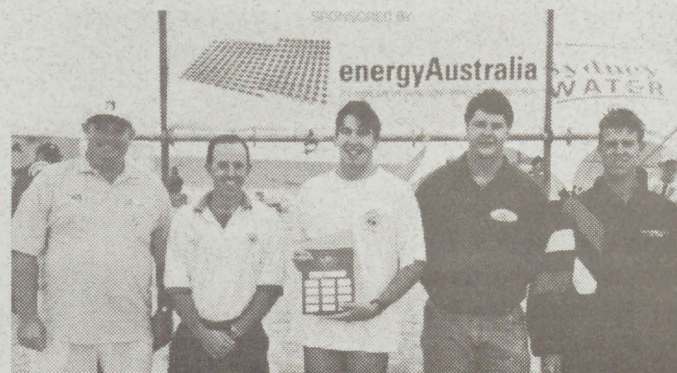
Held on the weekend of September 13-14, 1997. I quote from the report by the Convenor of the Gear Inspection Panel, Brad Taylor: "I must say that the standard throughout the Branch was excellent. It was extremely difficult for the Panel to come up with the ultimate winner, however, I am pleased to announce that Clovelly won the inspection with North Bondi coming a close second. The Inspection Panel would also like to recognise Wanda and Maroubra, for their excellent improvement from last season."

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 Patrols and in the Branch IRB Championships. This season, the Award is made to Bondi, commendations to South Maroubra, North Cronulla and North Bondi.

During the early part of the season, the Board held conferences for Club Captains, Chief Instructors and Gear Stewards. Apart from the Chief Instructors' Conference, all were well attended and the benefits gained by the Branch from those Clubs attending made them all worthwhile.

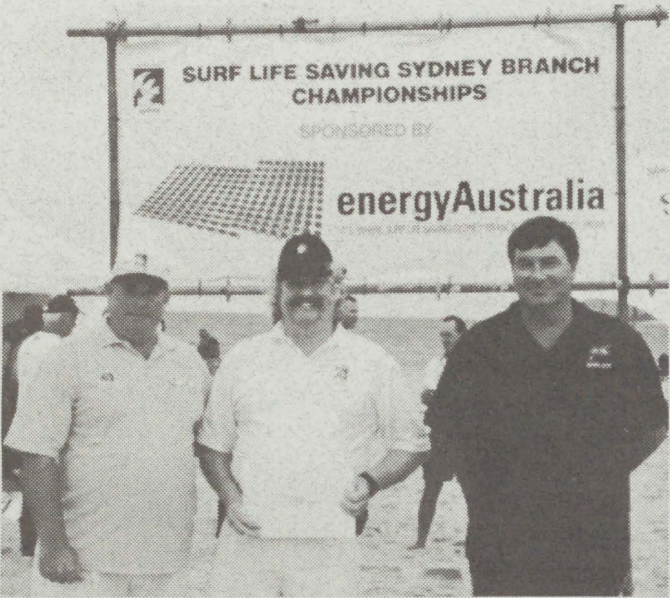
The Club Captains' conference was again held in late May, this year, at South Maroubra SLSC. A review of the season was undertaken and plans made for the forthcoming season. Patrol dates and hours were also set and have been forwarded to NSW State Center, for approval.



Lifesaver of the Year Chris Giles

Sydney Branch Lifesaver of the Year

The Sydney Branch Lifesaver of the Year competition was instigated to give due recognition to one of our Clubs' own Members, who had made an outstanding contribution to Lifesaving during the season. George Shales and his Committee had a difficult task in making a final selection from the finalists. Christopher Giles from the Cronulla Club was eventually named winner of the award. The other worthy finalists were Gregory Smart (Coogee) and Michael Hodsdon (Garie) Our congratulations to Chris on winning this prestigious award.



Brad Taylor (centre) Volunteer of the Year

Sydney Branch Volunteer of the Year

The Sydney Branch Volunteer of the Year competition gives due recognition to one of our Clubs' own Members, who had made an outstanding contribution to Surf Lifesaving activities during the season. These activities are judged separately from the Lifesaver of the Year award. Again, George Shales' committee had a difficult task in selecting a winner. Brad Taylor (Garie) won the awards this year, with Geoff Phillips (Burning Palms) runner-up. Congratulations to Brad, who incidentally is the Branch's Rescue Service Manager, for his work put in to win this award.

Sir Adrian Curlewis National Scholarship

The scholarship programme is of an educational nature and is funded through SLSA by way of a trust, in memory of Sir Adrian Curlewis. Chris Giles, from our Cronulla Club, was selected as the winner this year. Chris attended a special Leadership Youth Development Camp held at the Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Center at Lennox Head from January 16-23, 1998

Branch Meetings

The Branch held monthly Executive Meetings and ten Council Meetings from September 1997 to July 1998. Attendance at both meetings by the various officers and delegates is indicated in the following table.

It was disappointing to see not all Clubs represented at all Branch Council Meetings by their President and Delegate. At some meetings, neither was in attendance. Four Clubs had this situation arise on at least two occasions. When Clubs are not represented at meetings, any motions forthcoming are hardly a democratic consensus. The four Clubs represent small, medium and large Memberships, in all, a total of 26% of the Branch's total Membership.

The Branch Executive Committee comprises the Branch President, Deputy President, Director of Marketing, Director of Administration, Director of Finance, Director of Lifesaving and Board of Junior Activities Chairman. In the first half of the season, also attending Executive Meetings were the Rescue Services Manager, Examination and Instruction Manager, Competition and Coaching Manager and the Board Secretary.

Since the Board of Control Executive have been holding monthly meetings, now only the Director of Lifesaving and Competition and Coaching Manager attend Branch Executive Meetings. The Director of Lifesaving reports on the activities of the Lifesaving Board.

All Branch Officers attend Branch Council Meetings; Clubs, are represented by their President and one Delegate, or their proxies. The following table indicates their attendance: -

Club	Representative	Attendance
Bondi	President	0
	Delegate	10
Bronte	President	6
	Delegate	7
Burning Palms	President	9
	Delegate	9
Clovelly	President	0
	Delegate	9
Coogee	President	9
	Delegate	10
Cronulla	President	10
	Delegate	10
Elouera	President	8
	Delegate	6
Era	President	4
	Delegate	4
Garie	President	10
	Delegate	10
Maroubra	President	4
	Delegate	10
North Bondi	President	4
	Delegate	6
North Cronulla	President	7
	Delegate	10
South Maroubra	President	7
	Delegate	7
Tamarama	President	9
	Delegate	0
Wanda	President	10
	Delegate	9

Officer	Position	Attendance
Peter Pearce	President	6
Ken English	Deputy President	8
Stephen Strange	Director of Administration	9
Sue Morris	Director of Finance	1
(resigned December 1997)		
David Dillon	Director of Finance	3
(elected May 1998)		
Peter Seeto	Director of Lifesaving	6
John De Cean	Vice President Marketing	7
Particia Garlick	BJA Chairman	6
Dianne Lovell	Examination Manager	10
Dick Bignold	Competition Manager	9
Brad Taylor	Rescue Services Manager	5

Branch Presentation Night

Held at The Swiss Grand Hotel, Bondi Beach on June 13, nearly 200 persons attended. Apart from the important presentation of various awards to our Clubs, the opportunity was also taken to enjoy the social activities of the night.



Branch Presentation Night

Highlight of the evening was the announcement of Cronulla being named the Energy Australia Champion Club for season 1997-98. The prize, donated through Energy Australia's sponsorship of the Branch was a fully equipped IRB and Motor. Tony Marckus and his wife Ann, from Energy Australia, made the presentation to Cronulla.



Peter Pearce, Tony Marcus (centre) making Champion Club presentation to John Bentley

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	Garie
Cronulla Sutherland District	Wanda
Randwick District	Maroubra
Waverley District	North Bondi

Radio Operator of the Year
Peter Fuller (North Bondi)

Examiner of the Year
Patrick O'Neill (South Maroubra)

Competition Official of the Year
Bill Singleton (Elouera)

Board of Control Member of the Year
Ernie Stephens (Wanda)

Lifesaver of the Year
Chris Giles (Cronulla)

Patrol Efficiency Competition District Winners	
Royal National Park Clubs	Garie
Cronulla Sutherland District	Wanda
Randwick District	South Maroubra
Waverley District	Bronte
Patrol Efficiency Overall Branch Winner Coogee	

100% Efficiency Participation in the Branch Radio Room, Sydney Surf were awarded to: Brad McDonogh (Garie), Cheryl Horman (Elouera), Brian Harris (Burning Palms), Gaelyn Watson (Bondi), Peter Fuller (North Bondi), Peter Cleary (North Bondi), George Shales (Maroubra), Lucy Shales (Maroubra), Michael Hodsdon (Garie), Peter Agnew (North Bondi), Ursula Gartner (North Bondi), Grant Sewell (Maroubra), Corinne Williams (Clovelly) and Stephen Cheser (Garie).

Branch Officer of the Year
Patricia Garlick (Bronte), Board of Junior Activities
Annual Gear Inspection Winner Clovelly

NSW Masons' Surf Lifesaving Awards of Excellence



Bill Singleton receiving NSW Carnival Official of the Year award from Sir James Hardy

Held in conjunction with the SLSNSW State Election Meeting in May this year, the Branch submitted a number of nominations for the various awards. Branch Competition Official of the Year was Bill Singleton (Elouera), Athlete of the Year was Daniel McLellan (Cronulla). The Branch won the Event of the Year, with the staging of the Shell Greater Western Games Surf Life Saver Relay at Penrith Lakes Olympic Rowing Course and Shell Greater Western Games Challenge from the Harbor Bridge to Parramatta.



Peter Pearce and Robert Barnes with their High Commendation Awards

Both Peter Pearce (Burning Palms) and Robert Barnes (North Cronulla), received High Commendations as Administrator of the Year and Outstanding Media Service to Surf Lifesaving, respectively.

Sydney Branch Members holding SLSNSW Office

A number of our Club's Members have volunteered to take a part in the administration of Surf Life Saving New South Wales, in the capacity of officers of State Center, or on special committees. The information received first-hand from these Members is of great benefit to our Branch.

Phil Vanny (South Maroubra), Deputy President, Finance and Gear Fund Committee

Stephen Strange (Burning Palms) Executive Adviser, The Rules & Constitution Committee

Peter Pearce (Burning Palms), Vice-Patron and Life Membership Honours Committee

Chris Gately (Coogee), Selection and Competition Conditions Committee

Dick Bignold (Cronulla), Board of Competition and Coaching

Peter Agnew (North Bondi) Lifesaver of the Year Committee

Ron Pears (Elouera) Championships Organising Panel
Ian Toll (Elouera) Publicity Adviser

Neil Oliver (North Cronulla), Surf Boat Adviser

John Restuccia (Maroubra), Volunteer of the Year Committee

Harry Brown (North Cronulla), Building Committee

Association Honours and Congratulations



(Branch President, Peter Pearce congratulates new Life Member, Ted Brooker (right))

Sydney Branch is pleased to welcome Edwin Maxwell Brooker into the ranks of its Life Members, being elevated to that office at the 1997 Annual General Meeting.

Ted's Membership of the Association is nearly 50 years, having joined North Cronulla SLSC in 1950. In 1979 he coupled his interests, also becoming a member of Elouera SLSC. Admitted to the Board of Examiners in 1953, Ted officiated at carnivals, attended award examinations and coached march past and R & R teams.

His long and loyal service continues, mainly as a carnival announcer and he regularly writes a publicity article for the local press.

The Branch congratulates Ted Brooker on receiving this esteemed honour.

WGM

The Branch acknowledges the conferring on NSW State Centre Life Membership on Maurice 'Bill' Singleton at the May meeting of State Council.

Bill joined Bronte SLSC in 1940, gained the Bronze Medallion, rowed in surfboats, patrolled the beach and eventually received a Life Membership for his effort. With his family he moved from the Waverley area to reside in Caringbah and in 1967 enrolled as a member of Elouera SLSC.

He joined the Board of Examiners in 1977 and became a Branch Officer in 1978, serving 10 years as Vice President and 4 years as Branch President.

Bill received a World Life Saving Citation of Merit in 1993 and in the same year, was elevated to Branch Life Membership. The Branch extends warm congratulations on this latest honour.

WGM

The Branch extends congratulations to those Members of the Association who were recipients of Civil Honours during the season. In particular we record that Branch Life Member, Ian Charles Badham received the Medal of Order of Australia, in the 1998 Australia Day Honours,

in recognition of his contribution to helicopter rescue services.

In 1972 he instigated the introduction of helicopters into the SLSA, developing their usage as a search and rescue medium for Surf Lifesaving. During those formative years, Ian contributed much of his skills and expertise to all levels of the movement.

Ian was awarded a World Life Saving Citation of Merit in 1978 and elevated to Branch Life Membership in 1985.

WGM

Remembrance

The Branch records the tragic passing of South Maroubra SLSC member, **Bernard Morgan Kelly**, whilst on active patrol on January 18, 1998 aged 37 years.

Bernie, known to his mates as the "Whale" was a champion bloke and champion lifesaver. He epitomised what Surf Life Saving is about, a dedicated lifesaver who excelled in all facets of Surf Lifesaving, in particular, beach patrols, involvement in instruction and training of younger Members and, he was a most fierce competitor.

Bernie was the inaugural recipient of the Sydney Branch Lifesaver of the Year Award in 1993. He acquired a remarkable 17 Life Saving Awards and he toured in representative teams to New Zealand, South Africa and Sri Lanka.

From 1981 to 1985, Bernie was the Examination and Education Supervisor of the Branch, responsible for organising and controlling all award examination. He continued as an Active Member of the Sydney Branch Board of Control until his untimely death.

Bernie's funeral was conducted at the Holy Family Church, Maroubra on January 22, 1998.

The Branch extends its condolences to both Bernie's parents and his brother.

J.S.

It is with deep regret that the Branch records the passing of Life Member **William Thomas Gray** who died on January 20, 1998, aged 71 years.

Bill's early years were spent as a member of Coalcliff SLSC, which he joined in 1940, gaining the Bronze Medallion in 1943. He occupied a number of official positions in the Club between 1942-60, including Junior Captain, Vice Captain, Chief Instructor and Secretary. In 1967 he joined Elouera SLSC where he rose to be the President, 1970-75 and Club Patron, 1981-84.

Bill joined the Branch Board of Examiners in 1978 and became very active in that group, regularly officiating at examinations and surf carnivals. Showing a particular interest in proficiency accreditation. As an official, he was often selected as a carnival referee and held appointments to an international level.

Bill took great pride in caring for the Board's carnival gear and performed his duties most efficiently.

He was elected Deputy President on eight occasions and held a Vice Presidency for fourteen years.

In recognition of his dedicated services at various levels of Surf Life Saving, Bill Gray was honoured with four Life Memberships, Coalcliff SLSC, Elouera SLSC, Sydney Branch and NSW State Center. He was awarded a World Life Saving Citation of Merit in 1990.

Bill's funeral service was conducted at Woronora Crematorium on January 23, 1998.

To his wife Marie and family, the Branch conveys its deepest sympathy.

WGM

Branch Life Member, **Nicholas Alfred Dixon** passed away on April 15, 1998 in Moruya Hospital, aged 65 years.

Nick had nearly fifty years Membership of the Association, joining Cronulla SLSC in March 1949, gaining the Bronze Medallion 26923 that year.

He occupied many official positions in the Club and rose through the ranks from Junior Captain to become President for eight years then Vice Patron for seventeen years.

As a competitor, his early career involved surf and belt races, rescue and resuscitation events and surfboat racing, however, his overriding passion was in the latter field of competition.

He had an illustrious career rowing and sweeping surfboats for twenty-eight years, winning fourteen Australian Championship Medals.

Nick was a member of the SLSC Instructional Team - Asian Tour in 1971 and had the distinction of two SLSC Meritorious Awards for participating in rescues with his boat crews off Cronulla in March 1972. Just prior to his passing, Nick was inducted into the Australian Surf Rowers League Hall of Fame.

He joined the Board of Examiners in 1963, holding the office of Deputy Superintendent during 1968-69. He was a Branch Vice-President for ten years, 1965-75.

A school teacher by profession, his final transfer in 1985 meant that he and his family would reside in Moruya, so he decided to take up an interest in the affairs of Broulee Surfers SLSC and the Far South Coast Branch. Nick was FSC Branch President for ten years, NSW State Secretary for seven years and Sydney Branch Delegate for two years, totaling nineteen years on State Center Council.

Arguably, Nick Dixon's finest legacy is the formidable list of Life Memberships which have been bestowed on him in Surf Life Saving, recognising his dedicated service - they are SLSC 1989, NSW State Center 1978, Sydney Branch 1976, Cronulla SLSC 1964, Far South Coast Branch 1997 and Broulee Surfers SLSC 1998.

Nick's funeral service was held at Woronora Crematorium on April 22 and subsequently two memorial service were conducted. The first a wreath laying at Broulee Beach on April 26 and again at Cronulla on May 24, the second ceremony to scatter his ashes off the beach, duly honoured with an escort of eight surfboats.

The Branch extends to Nick's family its profound sympathy.

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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, which was given without restriction or interference to our objectives and achievements.



Branch major sponsor Energy Australia's IRB Beach Safety signs

Energy Australia

Energy Australia has commenced an agreement with the Branch for a 4 year period which started in October 1997 and ending in September 2001. As the major sponsor of the Branch, Energy Australia have financially contributed to the already mentioned Champion Club Award, the Metropolitan IRB Championships, area safety signage for patrol IRB's, the Branch Gear Trailer and both the Senior and Junior Sydney Branch Championships. Energy Australia through their sponsorship have enabled the Branch to afford to outfit all Board Members with a uniform consisting of shirt and shorts.

As well, Energy Australia's support has contributed greatly to the overall administration of the Branch, which ultimately benefits all of our Clubs.

Our sincere thanks to the management of Energy Australia and, especially Caroline Paris, who administers the agreement on their behalf.



Coca-Cola Patrol Enclosure and sun protection Patrol Tent

Coca-Cola

We are appreciative of the strong support received from Coca-Cola. They again provided sponsorship funds to purchase Lifesaving equipment. Through their sponsorship of the Patrol Tents and Patrol Screens on the beach, all patrol Members benefit from this sun protection.

For this support, we extend our sincere thanks to Adam Wrublewski, NSW Sponsorship Account Executive and David Sullivan, Special Events Area Manager, both of whom were at the Branch's Presentation Night to present surf rescue boards to our Clubs.

The support of Coca-Cola is also recognised by the company's supply of Coca-Cola products, at considerable savings, to our Clubs. This allows Clubs to significantly increase their finances by the sale of Coca-Cola products through their beach kiosks.

Maroubra Seals Sports and Community Club

In addition to their tremendous support of both Maroubra and South Maroubra Clubs, the Maroubra Seals Sports and Community Club kindly host all of the Branch's meetings, including this Annual General Meetings. I would like to thank the Directors for this 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. In addition, the Branch Radio Room is also located within the cottage and the hospital has allowed us to install our radio aerials on top of their nurses' quarters building.

Duncan Dovico

The Chartered Accountancy firm of Duncan Dovico have been the Branch's Honorary Auditors for many years. They are responsible for auditing the Branch's books of

account and producing the annual financial statements and balance sheet, a task that is ever more complex. Our special thanks to the firm for carrying out this year's audit.

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, Woollahra and Botany Municipalities, Randwick City Council and Sutherland Shire Council our special thanks for your support to the Clubs in your individual local government areas.

The Royal National Park

The Branch's thanks are also extended to the Superintendent of The Royal National Park, 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. Funds are provided for capital works and for Branch administration. This season, the NSW Government provided \$14,478 to the Branch for administration and other purposes, for which we are very grateful.

The NSW Government also made available \$64,000 for direct assistance and \$ for \$ assistance to Clubs throughout the State. From our Branch, Era received funds to help purchase an IRB motor and radio and the Garie Club, funds towards an IRB Motor.

Australian Government

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

Barry Dixon Publishing

For the 16th year, Barry Dixon Publishing have produced the Branch's Information Directory, an operational manual for the season's activities. This booklet is distributed free of charge to all Lifesavers in the Branch and is of immense value. In addition, Excelsior also contributes financially to the Branch.

Carnivals and Competition

During the season, Clubs at Cronulla, North Cronulla, Elouera, Wanda, Coogee and Bondi conducted open carnivals this season. The Energy Australia Branch Championships were held at South Maroubra, the Branch IRB Championships were held at North Bondi. North Cronulla conducted the Energy Australia Metropolitan IRB Championships and the Branch Patrol Championships and NSW Masons Surf Rescue Challenge were conducted at Wanda.

A schedule, 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.

Energy Australia Sydney Branch Championships

The South Maroubra Club hosted this event on behalf of the Branch on February 28, 1998. The winner of the Open Pointscore on the day was North Bondi, 353 points, first, Cronulla 349, second and North Cronulla, 330, third. Results of the Championships appear at the end of this Report.

Branch Lifesaving Championships

The Championships consisted of Men's and Women's Champion Lifesaver, Under 18 Men's and Women's Champion Lifesaver, the Patrol Championships and the First Aid Championships. The day's events were conducted at Wanda on January 18, 1998. Wanda "A" team won the Championships and represented the Branch at the later NSW State Championships. Wanda "B" and Cronulla were the second and third placegetters.

Of our 15 Clubs, only 3 teams competed, Wanda with 2 teams and Cronulla with 1 team. This special competition was devised for ordinary patrol Members to demonstrate general Lifesaving skills. The Patrol Championships are conducted so the ability of a patrol to deal with rescue situations is taken into account and judged on a pointscore basis. No distinct advantage is gained by having a large number of Members in the patrol. Nor is the fact a patrol may contain a large number of specialist competitors 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.

It would be encouraging for the competition, if more Clubs entered a team next season, especially since the points gained contribute towards the Energy Australia Champion Club Award.

Inflatable Rescue Boat Championships

The IRB Championships were held at North Bondi on May 3, 1998. Extremely poor weather conditions prevailed on the day and only 6 Clubs entered teams. However, some fine driving skills by the competitor were displayed to the few spectators who braved the rain and wind. Winner of the Championships pointscore and the David Chandler Memorial Trophy Bondi (66 points), with North Bondi (38) and South Maroubra (35) gaining second and third places.

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 Cronulla and North Bondi won the Handicapped Pointscore.

Results of the pointscores were: -

Club	Handicapped	Open
Bondi	69.5	52
Bronte	68	41.5
Burning Palms	43	23
Clovelly	68.5	38
Coogee	59.5	76.5
Cronulla	62.5	102
Elouera	47	76
Era	65.5	23.55
Garie	3	2
Maroubra	69	67.5
North Bondi	78.5	90
North Cronulla	59.5	87
South Maroubra	63	47
Tamarama	18.5	6
Wanda	50	87

Energy Australia Metropolitan IRB Championships

Hosted by the North Cronulla Club, the carnival had to be transferred to Elouera because of the lack of beach at North Cronulla. Good entries were received from Clubs throughout the State and the competition was held in some tricky sea conditions prevailing.

North Cronulla provided an excellent carnival, especially considering the logistical difficulties involved and are to be thanked for their efforts. Likewise, thanks to the Elouera Club which accommodated the event at their beach and Clubhouse.

Our Bondi Club gained 51 points, winning the pointscore on the day, with Towradgi (47) and Soldiers Beach (40) second and third respectively. The winner of the luck draw from competing Clubs of an IRB Fuel Cell was Thirroul.

Our thanks again to Energy Australia for providing the sponsorship for prizes and championship medals.

Shell Greater Western Games

Two events, involving Surf Lifesaving were conducted as part of the Greater Western Games. Shell sponsored both events, donating \$10,000 as prizemoney. The first event, the Shell Greater Western Games Life Savers Relay was held at the Olympic Rowing Course at Penrith. It consisted of different racing legs, swimming, surf board and surf ski and boat races. Winner of this event was Maroubra first, Swansea Belmont second and Manly third.

The other event, the Shell Greater Western Games Surf Craft Challenge, also took the form of a relay and was

conducted from the Sydney Harbour Bridge to Parramatta. Competing in the three legs of the event were Inflatable Rescue Boats, Surf Skis and Surf Boats. Winner was Bulli, with Swansea Belmont and Manly second and third respectively.



Action in the final of the Shell Greater Western Games Life Saver Relay, Penrith

Our thanks are extended to the organisers of the Greater Western Games and especially to the Shell Oil Company for their generous sponsorship.

NSW Inter-Branch Championships

The Championships are for competition between teams from each of the eleven Branches in New South Wales. They were conducted at Byron Bay in the Far North Coast Branch on December 13-14, 1997. Sydney Branch came fourth with in the open pointscore, behind Sydney Northern Beaches first, Far North Coast second and Central Coast, third. The South Coast Branch won the "Tom Meagher Trophy" for the handicapped pointscore with Sydney Branch being in sixth place.

The Team performed creditably and Team Manager, Bob Johnson (Cronulla) and Coach, Richard Garnsey (Cronulla) and the whole team are to be congratulated on their fine efforts and sportsmanship.

Members of the team were: Steve Swane, Vaughan Meldrum, Angus Wilson, Peter Armstrong, Mark Featherstone, (Boat Crew), Damian Bullion, Todd Kirchner, Simone Cotter, Kirsty Smith, Kelly Jury, (North Cronulla), Kane Heussner, (Maroubra), Adam Weir, Nathan Smith, Brandi Elliott, (Cronulla), Stacey Gartrell, Jake Hermann, Beau Easson, Kirsten Jenkins, (Wanda), Allison Lintjmeir, Greg Bishop, Tate Smith, (North Bondi), Belinda Gladstone and Shannon Habler, (Coogee).

Under 18's Inter Cities Championships

These Championships were held at North Curl Curl Beach on December 7, 1997. The Championships are for representative teams from Illawarra, Sydney, Sydney Northern Beaches, Central Coast and Newcastle Branches. Sydney Branch came third in the pointscore with 98 points. Sydney Northern Beaches were first with 138 points and Central Coast Branch third on 129 points.

Once again, the Team performed creditably and Team Manager, Bob Johnson (Cronulla) and Coach, Richard Garnsey (Cronulla) and the whole team are to be congratulated on their fine efforts and sportsmanship

Members selected in the team were: Ivan Sherratt, Matthew Bruce, David Swingles, Jye Munro, Dave Young (Boat Crew), Nathan Smith, (Cronulla), Greg Bishop, Chris Delooze, Tate Smith, (North Bondi), Jake Hermann, Beau Eason (Wanda), Michael Ormsby, Shannon Habler, Kate McLellan (Coogee), Todd Kirchner, Kristie Smith, Kelly Jury (North Cronulla), Kirsten Jenkins (Wanda) and Rebecca Irwin (Bronte).



Under 18 's Intercities Championships representative team

Team Manager's Report

Dear Members

This year the Inter-Branch was at Byron Bay, a beautiful place to holiday but a nightmare to get into with the gear for the team, a few problems but nothing we didn't overcome. While we didn't win this time the team overall performed to their ability maybe with a lil' bit of lady luck we could have gone better but that's surfing. As the Branch Team Manager I feel I should report on a few things that need a closer look: -

1. A venue that is within reasonable reach for most Branches, say 5 to 6 hours drive. If it means that we at Sydney Branch have to maybe not have the carnival then so be it.

2. Events at the Inter-Branch should only be based on what is happening at the Australian Championships. I know some officials are trying to vamp up the carnival and I appreciate this but at the end, the competitors aim is to do well at the Australian Championships. To this end we must hone our skills. eg Having beach sprinters running up the beach and around a pole and back again may look great but what happened was Byron Bay had a king tide, by the time it was low the sand had packed down very hard, to expect athletes to run full bore then turn on hard packed sand is asking for trouble as happened to our senior female sprinter. She was at the time the NSW Champion so in effect her season was over even though she did compete at the Australian Championships.

3. I feel the Branch team should be the senior Branch team with only senior, junior, cadet Members only. I know some learned people will say JAC are Members to, but I thought Nippers were created so the kids could have some fun and when the time was right step up to the

senior Club. I love the kids like everybody else but we don't need pressure on our young at this level.

4. The Branch team structure to me is fine, you can't cover all the events with a specialist competitor and this means it's a real team effort. You have to have all round ability. Let's keep it that way.

5. If the Branch goes senior, junior, cadet, JAC, you are looking at a team of at least 60, so one team manager, one coach can't possibly cater properly for each member with other Branches finding it very hard to find sponsorship for teams. You don't have to be a rocket scientist to work out the cost each season. Once again I will be guided by the Branch's wisdom.

6. As I spoke earlier, lets keep the Branch events as standard each season with maybe a review after each inter-Branch as we all know female events have increased these past seasons so maybe we must look at that but as always with the Australian Championships in mind.

7. If possible have the inter-Branch on the Saturday with maybe an after carnival function or presentation night so that the Sunday morning the Branches can travel home easy ready for back to work. We all know what it is like racing back home late with an early rise the next day. Please consider this.

May I take this time to thank the Branch executive for their help and guidance throughout the season. My report is not pointing the finger at anybody, maybe I travel to the beat of a different drum and I might be a little out of touch, but thank you for giving me a chance. I shall be putting my hand up again this season for Branch Team Manager. If I do not get the job my feelings won't be hurt, as you have given me great pleasure. For this I thank you as the great Ken Howard once said: "if you can't participate in sport be a sport".

Bobby Johnson
Team Manager

New South Wales Masons' Surf Rescue Challenge

This event sponsored by the NSW Masons' is held to develop Lifesaving abilities, suitable for non-elite competitors, but a challenge nevertheless due to the varied skills and techniques involved.

The event, is a 'first past the post' competition, which incorporates the basic skills of a rostered patrol. Sections of the competition involve IRB assembly and rescue, board rescues and patient swims.

The Branch conducted a round of the events at the conclusion of the Patrol Championships at Wanda on January 18. The results were Cronulla first, North Cronulla second, Wanda, third. Wanda came fourth at the State Finals of the event, which were conducted at Coogee Beach on March 1, 1998. Cronulla, were the luck recipients of a new motor which was drawn from the hat from competing Clubs, as well as receiving a

Surf Rescue Board for being the winners of the Branch competition.



Presentations at NSW Masons' Surf Rescue Challenge

Carlton & United Breweries NSW State Championships

The Championships were held at Mollymook in the South Coast Branch on March 5-8, 1998. High seas and king tides were encountered on the weekend, with the competition being halted on Saturday, because of the bad conditions. A decision was made to move the rest of the carnival to Washer Women's Beach, 30km north of Mollymook. Under quite trying conditions the finals for most of the events were conducted and both the competitors and the officials have to be congratulated on their efforts.



State Championships, Mollymook, Saturday afternoon

Sydney Clubs performed well, Cronulla winning the overall pointscore and Wanda, in fourth place.

Carlton & United Breweries Australian Championships

The Australian Surf Life Saving Championships were held at Kurrawa Beach, on Queensland's Gold Coast, from April 2-5, 1998. The weather was good but there were large sea conditions prevailing for some of the carnival. Our Club's competitors did display outstanding

skills in their individual events. Tanian Goode, Adam Weir and Daniel McLellan of the Cronulla Club taking the hat trick in the Open Surf Belt Race. Congratulations are extended to the Coogee Club whose R & R Team came second in the Curlewis R & R Premiership and the Club also won the Open Men's and Open Women's 5 Person R & R.

The outright carnival pointscore was won by Currumbin Beach with 105 points, Cronulla Club with 91.5 points, were fourth and North Cronulla (76) coming seventh.

World Lifesaving Championships

The World Life Saving Championships were held at Auckland, New Zealand, from February 2-15, 1998. A number of Clubs from the Branch entered teams in the various events. In the overall pointscore for Club Teams, Elouera were fourth on 66 points, Wanda fifth also on 66 points, Coogee, ninth (49) and North Cronulla tenth (47). The World Champion Club was Durban Surf (South Africa) with 110 points.

In the National Teams competition the Australian Representative team gained 167 points, coming second to New Zealand (195) and South Africa third (149). Sydney Branch Members selected in the team were Adam Weir (Team Captain), Daniel McLellan (both Cronulla), Kane Heussner (Maroubra), Simone Cotter (North Cronulla), Stacey Gartrell (Wanda) and Belinda Gladstone (Coogee).

Media Director's Report

Surf Life Saving in Sydney has benefited greatly in season 1997-98 from harnessing the power of the media to deliver its message to the public. Few Sydney-siders would not remember the issues facing volunteer surf Lifesavers this past summer, mainly because of the media coverage surf Lifesavers received.

I chose to mention the death of Bernie Kelly now. As a result, not of his death, but of his dedication to South Maroubra SLSC over the past decades, the role of the volunteer surf lifesaver in Sydney made headlines all over Australia and in some parts of the world.

The fact that we were able to tap into the great story that was Bernie's life and made it work for the organisation he loved is testimony to the value he offered his Club and the organisation as a whole. The fact that Surf Life Saving Sydney was able to react positively and effectively to Bernie's death is testimony to the professionalism of a Branch that needs to be reflected in all the Branch's activities – not just media management.

Again, the Sydney Summer Surf Toll played the major role in our communications strategy. In its second year, we were able to expand the communications tool to include Sydney Northern Beaches Branch. Issuing rescue statistics, beach reports and major incidents accurately and frequently is a service the media recognises us for. The media now chase that information on a regular basis where it used to be a struggle. This is the success that is our media management strategy.

It must be made clear to all Clubs in our Branches that the media management strategy is nothing if there is nothing to report. On the whole, Clubs were good at producing some results in reporting them to their respective radio bases. All Clubs are encouraged to be vigilant in recording their patrol statistics, for the Surf Toll and their own use.

Imagine being able to report patrol statistics to their local council on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis with newspaper clippings attached.

Sincere thanks are offered to those radio officers who are consistent in reporting statistics to the media director at the end of their patrol. To those who forget, remember you are doing yourself and your Clubs a disservice by not allowing yourselves the recognition you deserve.

The Sydney Surf Toll deserves everyone's support as it has proven to be successful in gaining profile for the core services we dedicate ourselves to provide. Eventually a sponsor should give it recognition so that it may be advertised on a weekly basis guaranteeing exposure for both parties.

The sporting side of Surf Lifesaving is a harder nut to crack in terms of gaining publicity. Surf Lifesaving is not a recognised "newsworthy" sport, but over time and with a few innovations we will secure coverage. The ability to electronically record results and print them out as soon as the race is run is a major innovation and needs to be employed at all Branch carnivals. They are easily distributed to media agencies direct from the venue. Equally, the ability to produce draws and entry lists prior to the event will enable the media strategy to promote the event better. In 1998-99 we will be able to focus on the media outlets resident in the local areas of the respective carnivals and ensure they receive the help they need to effectively cover the event.

This report includes samples of the numerous newspaper articles, big and small, that were printed throughout the patrolling season. They are the result of regular, accurate and effective media releases issued on newsworthy days. Regular contact with the media is the key to the success of the strategy. Media agencies now know they are able to contact a representative of Sydney Surf whenever they like and receive the information they require straight away. This is how working with the media becomes fruitful - being able to give them what they want, when they want and making them feel as though they did it all themselves!

Our media management strategy has allowed us to establish an excellent relationship with several leading journalists and media agencies. As the strategy matures only a team effort beginning with patrol captains, Club captains, radio officers and the media director will sustain these relationships. In 1998-99 Surf Life Saving Sydney and Sydney Northern Beaches Branches will benefit even further from the coverage the media will give to our organisation in all its aspects.

Let us remain committed to public recognition through

the media of the services provided by Surf Life Saving Sydney and Sydney Northern Beaches Branches.

Robert Barnes

Sydney Branch Media Director

Director of Youth Development

It is with great pleasure that I write my first report as Chairman of Sydney Branch Board of Junior Activities.

Looking back on the past season with a feeling of uncertainty, as to whether or not I was the right person for the job. Anyway, I decided to bite the bullet and get on with the job.

Firstly, two selection trials were held, to select the Sydney Branch team to compete at the NSW Inter-Branch Championships at Byron Bay. The first trial held at North Bondi, the second at North Cronulla, after which a team of 39 children was selected.

I would personally like to thank all the Selectors and Team Coaches for a job well done; it is not a simple task and, at times Selectors come under criticism from parents and Clubs alike. As most of these people do not have children still involved in Nippers and no self-interest, other than dedication to Sydney Branch, I felt it was one of the best teams we had selected for yours. The team proved that by a creditable second place overall at the carnival.

It was an honour to be a small part of the team that competed at Byron Bay and I would like to congratulate all the children in the team. There seemed to be no interClub rivalry this year and every team member put in their very best effort and showed genuine support to other team Members.

I am sorry to say, Rob Barnes has decided not to stay on as Beach Coach, next season. He feels three years is enough and it's time to give Chris Giles a go at the top coaching job. On behalf of the Branch, thank you Rob for the great job you have done and we all wish you well in the future.

Once again, we conducted the Sydney Branch Development Camp at North Cronulla. I would like to thank Dave Cotter and North Cronulla Seniors for allowing 131 Nipper children free run of your wonderful Surf Club. It is greatly appreciated by all those involved in the Camp.

Our Camp is open to all Under 13 year old children in the Branch, from the best competitor, to the not so strong. It does not focus on competition, but tries to encompass every component of Surf Life Saving to encourage these children to go on and join their Senior Club in the future. Without the help of Sydney Branch Seniors, we would be unable to achieve this. I would like to thank Peter Seeto, Dianne Lovell, Craig Lovell and the crew of ORB2 and James Sears' IRB crew for their valued assistance during the weekend.

To the Clubs who supported the camp and sent along camp minders thank you. With the large number of

children involved, we would have been in trouble without you. To those Nippers of past years, who acted as Group Leaders, Tanian Goode, Christian Knox and Chris Giles, who gave us their time on the Saturday to instruct the children in surfing skills, thank you. I hope to see you participate in the camp next year.

We attempted to hold five carnivals this season, firstly the Randwick District Carnival that was held at Coogee Beach in perfect weather and surf conditions. The main event of the day, the Gordon Wilson Memorial Trophy was won by the Maroubra Club.

The Four-Way Carnival, held at Wanda Beach, was next on the agenda. Unfortunately, bad weather, bad surf and strong winds really spoilt the day. All water events were postponed, but the beach events were held and fiercely contested. The water events were finally held on the Sunday before the State Championships. Congratulations to the Cronulla Club on winning and hopefully, next year, the weather will be kinder to the Bate Bay Clubs.

Once again, Cronulla hosted the Cronulla Cray's Carnival. It must be a little disappointing for the Cronulla Club, who go to a lot of trouble, to put this carnival on, that Clubs from our own Branch do not always give it their support. The Clubs that did attend had a great day. The teams' concept of the carnival is great and a good hit out for our Branch Team. So Cronulla please persist with the carnival, again next season.

The Energy Australia, Sydney Branch Junior Championships was held at Wanda, with the assistance of all the Bate Bay Clubs. Thanks to the hard work put in by our Branch Superintendent, Barney Johansen, the Wanda work party and Frank Larosa, Carnival Organiser. The Championships were a great success.

The highlight of the day was the presentation of the Male and Female Junior Lifesaver of the Year. The male winner was Greg Attwells from the Cronulla Club and the female winner was Lara Middleton, from the Coogee Club. Both had the honour of representing our Branch at the NSW State Titles.

I would like to extend our thanks the Sydney Branch Seniors, for their show of support at our Championships this year. Your kind donation from the Energy Australia sponsorship was greatly appreciated, also having Peter Pearce, Steve Strange, Dick Bignold and Bill Singleton there on the day to watch the events and help in the presentation area was great.

A special thanks goes to Michelle Giles, who compiled the Branch pointscore. For one so young, what a great job she did.

The last carnival of the season, the Waverley Shield District Carnival, was to be held in March, this year. But once again, due to bad weather, it had to be called off until next season. I think it is much better to schedule carnivals early in the season, if we are to be able to complete all carnivals successfully.

Sadly, we saw the passing of good friend and great supporter of Junior Activities in Sydney Branch, Mr Bill Gray. Since the integration of the Juniors with the Senior Association, Bill Gray, along with Bill Singleton, were amongst the first from the Seniors to extend the hand of friendship to the Juniors. This led to a much better understanding between the two Executive Committees. While Bill was still well, he very rarely missed a Junior Branch Meeting. In honour of Bill this year, we renamed our overall pointscore trophy for the Branch Championships "The Bill Gray Memorial Trophy". Bill will be sadly missed by us all.

Please remember that Sydney Branch Board of Junior Activities is there to reflect the views of the Branch Clubs. Delegates can do their Clubs justice by attending all monthly meetings. If you cannot attend, send a proxy delegate in your place. Look to the future and think seriously about taking on a position at Branch level. The current Executive will not be there forever. It was extremely difficult this year without an Assistant Secretary, but thanks to volunteers that recorded the minutes and Peter Garlick who compiled them and did all the running around for us, we managed to see it through. Hopefully, we will not have the same problem next season.

Robyn Knox, has indicated that she will not be standing as Secretary for the coming season. On behalf of the Branch, I would like to thank Robyn for the many years of hard work she has put into the Branch. It won't seem the same without you.

Before I thank this year's Executive, I must make special mention of one person, our past Chairman, John De Cean. John has been a tower of strength to me. His advice and assistance has been invaluable.

I would like to thank all Members of the Executive for their dedicated assistance over the past season. Robyn Knox, Secretary, for the support she gave me, Barney Johansen for his hard work with the Development Camp and carnivals. Graham Giles, our most able Treasurer and, Cheryl Giles, the most patient Registrar to ever walk the earth, I'm sure the Clubs are grateful.

Finally, thank you Peter Garlick for your support this year. Without your help and encouragement, I would never have made it through the season.

My best wishes go to all the Clubs in this great Branch. I look forward to working for you again next season. Thank you.

Patricia Garlick
Chairman, Sydney Branch Juniors

Sydney Branch Board of Control

This season has been one of considerable change. The Annual General Meeting saw a number of positions not being filled, including the Director of Life Saving which did not auger well, for what turned out to be a most productive and successful season and the last in our current format.

Peter Seeto subsequently nominated and was elected. Peter is our fourth managing director in four years and filled the role very capably. He was in the mould of a young Peter Agnew who led by example and gave everyone their head to perform to their potential.

Mid-way through the season we went back to meeting as an extended executive, with monthly meetings as against meeting as part of the Branch Management Committee. This was a mixed blessing as it meant we spend more time on Board matters and included all of our officers in the meeting. The full spectrum of our activities was able to be fully explored and debated.

We have in reality operated as two Boards for some time, with separate meetings being held for Competition and Examination.

Your Executive felt that this situation should be formalised and it was put to a Special General Meeting on Saturday, 16th May, 1998 where it was carried as was a name change to Sydney Branch Board of Life Saving and Sydney Branch Board of Competition. Each Board will operate separately and will be responsible to the Branch Council. The changes will take effect from the AGM.

As an old time Board member, I believe in this day and age of specialisation, limited time and resources, it is a positive step and will continue to encourage the ongoing revitalisation of our organisation.

The change will mean that members can specialise, however, if they wish to be a member of both Boards, they may do so and this will be encouraged.



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Dick Bignold continued to work hard on the Competition side and his diligence saw many positive results. With the restructure, his job will be made easier with the right

support and this will in turn lead to greater strides in 1998/99 and beyond. Dick, in effect, has been a one man band in many instances where there should have been at least a quartet playing.

Dianne Lovell maintained her high standards and, with key personnel, saw examinations run smoothly throughout the Branch. She continues to struggle with high numbers of candidates being put up on the same day and having to find enough examiners to do the job and not penalise either the examiner or candidate. Dianne's performance is something we should never take for granted and we are indeed lucky to have such a talented member holding the position.

Brad Taylor is another outstanding official who did an excellent job in some trying situations. Brad is all about what the movement was founded on life saving. He puts it first and ensures the Branch's standards on the beach are met with a minimum of fuss.

During the season we lost three outstanding members in Bill Gray, Bernie Kelly and Nick Dixon. They are and will be missed on the beach. They exhibited a love of our Association that was felt by all. Their contributions speak for themselves.

In last year's Annual Report I spoke about communication. To this end, four Circulars were produced to keep members appraised of our progress, current issues and future events. I hope that you found them informative. I appreciated the feedback.

There was a lot of debate about the adequacy of the written paper, with members recommending it not be used. This aspect of exams is being currently reviewed in total by a sub-committee to formulate suitable alternatives to the current situation.

The one man drag was withdrawn from the BM and SLSC and we have recommended its reintroduction. One of the big problems is what to do if you are on your own, for whatever reason, and you have to remove a casualty from the water.

The Board's active members now have uniforms. If you have not already received yours, it will be provided when you are next on Board duty.

Paperwork continues to be a problem and even with our improved requirements, we are getting knockbacks from SLSNSW with respect to awards. We can not be too careful when checking names, etc.

Board member Stephen Leahy on 26th July, 1997 successfully used a defibrillator which highlights where Surf Life Saving is headed and the professionalism of our organisation. Well done Steve.

We had a number of meetings at clubs and we record our appreciation to North Bondi, Bronte, Clovelly, Cronulla, Maroubra, North Cronulla, South Maroubra and Wanda for their hospitality. Maroubra Seals Sports & Community Club continues to provide great support to us and the Branch generally, for which we thank them.

Patrol tents continue to be a problem with most clubs advising they are heavy and difficult to put up and take down. Due to problems with skin cancer, clubs need to provide shade and will continue to need some form of tent. Alternatives are being investigated, however, they will need to be acceptable to the Branch's sponsorship requirements and adequate to meet health concerns.



Coca-Cola Patrol Tent and Screens at Era Beach

Ted Brooker was elected to Life Membership of the Branch. Such honour reflects on the many years of service he has provided, for which we congratulate and thank him.

We held two Club Captains' meetings and especially from the May meeting, it was evident clubs appreciated our position within the Association and the delicate line we tread. They were satisfied with our performance and there were no complaints with respect to the patrol competition inspections, which involve a scenario. This competition highlights a club's strengths and shows where they need extra work, irrespective of how good they are.

For the first time in many seasons, there was not any request for a review of patrol hours and next season they will remain as is.

Bill Singleton was certainly in the news. Firstly, he was made a Life Member of NSW SLS and to top off an outstanding season as a leading competition official, his efforts were recognised with his winning the NSW Masons Surf Life Saving Award of Excellence as Competition Official of the Year. Bill's enthusiasm and love of our Branch is a continuing inspiration to all.

It is important to remember that the smooth running of the Branch, in essence, is in our hands. We are about to witness a major change in our activities in the coming season. For it to work, it needs all our enthusiasm. It will be easy to criticise, however, nothing is perfect and with your assistance and support, we will move forward.

In conclusion, to my fellow Executive and officers, thanks for your assistance and support. To Liz, and more recently, Gail, in the office, my appreciation for your understanding, patience and assistance.

Peter Quartly

Honorary Secretary, Board of Control

Director of Lifesaving

Well, what a season. I knew it would be hard but not this hard!

1997-98 was a fantastic experience for myself. I learned at least two things – Lifesaving is about good people and hard work. Saving lives doesn't just mean on the beach between the flags. This certainly appeared in my first real meeting (NSW Directors of Lifesaving meeting). I was "the new kid on the block" and I felt the breath and analysing of every person in the room as I brought forward the views of the Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch, on which I had been briefed two weeks prior.

Every word I spoke was analysed and dissected as each Branch listened to hear if I had any ideas, to increase the prestige of the Branch.

Thankfully with the support of the Branch behind me, I was able to maintain some strength to get through the day which, at the end, really proved that the 1997-98 season was to be the hardest I have had to face to date.

With this in mind, and the support of all the members of the Board of Control, the Executive went about getting the job done which really showed that when the times are tough, the strong keep going and that is what we saw this year. For this, I say thank you. To all the Board members, a special thanks from the Executive – you earned it for getting the job done.

This year saw many changes to the Board. Lead by the Executive, they hopefully have changed the image and abilities of the Board for the better. With major changes, such as the new Branch logo and uniforms for both Lifesaving and Competition, Sydney Branch is well on the way to being the most professional Board in the State, if not the nation.

As a Board, we grew this season slowly but surely in both the competition and lifesaving arena, making the outlook for the season to come all the more promising. Our new structure is going to bring Sydney Branch on line to increase membership and deal with the finer points which will improve and expand both the Board of Lifesaving and Board of Competition to the highest standard in the country. However, with gain there is always a loss.

This year we lost three of the greatest members this Board has ever seen and possibly will ever see: (William (Bill) Gray, Bernie Kelly and Nick Dixon). As Board members and truly great people, I acknowledge the support and dedication so freely given to the Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch Board of Control.

With upsets like this, the Executive was able to absorb the message which they left us with, giving so much and not taking, made the Board realise that the problems in the Board must be solved. So, in an effort to make it work, we started to have Board Executive meetings on a monthly schedule. This proved to be a great thing enabling us to focus on the prime issues relating to the

Board. Letting us look outside the square and begin to create the most respected Board.

Ironing out problems is never easy but with dedication, experience and foresight Dick Bignold was able to continue the great work in expanding the competition side of the Board, to hopefully achieve the high goals set by himself in having the greatest and most professional competition officials in the State, and possibly the nation.

With this in mind, it set the challenge for myself to focus on the Board of Lifesaving to grow and achieve the common goal and be the greatest Board of Lifesaving, combining to be the greatest Branch in the country.

Some may say these goals are unrealistic but with the members we have in the SLSSB Board of Control, such as Dianne Lovell who with knowledge, dedication and enthusiastic efforts, dissecting the whole education side of the Board this season. We saw many debates amongst our fellow members which really allowed us room to improve, move forward, and to have the best and most efficient lifesavers on the beach ever seen. Not just academic and not just physically fit but the mix of both so as in years to come we are still able to report "No drownings have occurred on Sydney Branch Beaches whilst patrols have been on duty".

Brad Taylor, a man on a mission to show that Sydney is the life saving capital of the nation. With continued new ideas to create the safest beaches available for swimming. As seen this year Brad has again given his all with countless hours on the beach and in the office. With fellow lifesavers, Brad and his two teams maintained the safety of the Sydney beaches. Team 1 District supers and club members and Team 2, a 24 hours call out group, to assist the club patrols and the direct public (after hours) to assure SLSSB is well on its way to being the Branch of the nation.

Finally, I make special mention of the man who really moistens the glue which keeps us focused on the common goal which is life saving – Peter Quartly, the Board secretary – a man with the ability and knowledge to always maintain a level head which allowed the Board to function at the efficient rate it has displayed across the 1997-98 season. With the knowledge I have gained and the ability of the two Boards, I believe that 1998-99 will be a very enjoyable season with great results.

Thank you to all Board Members who made this Season work and best of luck for the following Season.

Peter Seeto

Director of Life Saving

Competition and Coaching Manager

Season 1997-98 proved to be extremely hectic with some great carnivals and special events. A number of changes were introduced following reviews of various areas. Results from the changes ranged from outstanding to acceptable. Further fine tuning is required to those which were only "acceptable".

Prior to the commencement of the season a very successful Level 1 Officials accreditation course was held at Cronulla. Some thirty four (34) people participated. The success of this course can be attributed to the excellent lecturers and the enthusiasm of the participants. Twenty (20) participants have fulfilled all their requirements and are now accredited as Level 1 Officials.

On top of the Level 1 course, five (5) Branch members completed their final assessment during the season, for a Level 3 licence. The graduation ceremony was held at Parliament House, Sydney in May where all fifteen members of "the class of '97", lecturers and partners had a most enjoyable evening. Congratulations are extended to Sydney Branch graduates Peter Burst, Reg Francis, Stephen Strange, Geoff Martin and Dick Bignold.

Early in October, two (2) special events were held – Shell Surf Life Saver Relay at the Olympic Rowing Course, Penrith and Shell Surf Craft Challenge from the Harbour Bridge to Parramatta. Although numbers for both events were less than anticipated, competition was tight and, as a spectacle, proved to be exciting. The concept of taking Surf Life Saving to the "west" was a first for the Branch. Congratulations are extended to all the officials and to Harry Brown who spent many hours promulgating rules and conditions. To Shell, thanks and our appreciation for provision of some \$10,000 for prize money.



Shell Greater Western Games Officials

November saw Burning Palms holding their River Run for boat crews. This event along the Georges River continues to grow and is always conducted in a professional manner.

Carnivals commenced in earnest from December onwards – while most were successfully conducted, both Coogee and Bondi carnivals suffered from a lack of officials. Notwithstanding these minor problems, the introduction of a separate Under 16 area was an outstanding success. Emanating from this success, it

is acknowledged that time tables require addressing for next season and they will be given a high priority during the "off" season.

Other successful innovations for carnivals were fluoro shirts for Marshalls and Starters (competitors can easily identify the official), specific black/white striped shirt for the Carnival Referee and next season Sectional Referees' shirts will have reflective lettering for ease of identification.

It was pleasing to see our officials at the Branch Championships outfitted with shirt, shorts and cap – thanks to our sponsors. Comments received have been very positive.

A set number of events for carnivals was introduced this year so that carnivals would run over a specific time span. Core events were held with clubs having to select a number of optional events to make up a sixty five (65) event programme. In doing so, there were no core events for Under 18 competition (past records reveal poor entry response). The optional events held were at the discretion of the host club, however, complaints were received regarding lack of events for Under 18's. No apology is forthcoming for taking this direction as facts supported this decision but it was pleasing to see the tree of apathy at some clubs shaken. It is hoped that competition managers of all clubs become pro-active rather than reactive – only then will all competitors be winners. A review of core and optional events will be held during winter.

The concept of the Twilight IRB competition series is great. However, lack of starters is worrying. Dedicated officials give willingly of their valuable time only to be rewarded with a limited number of teams. Serious consideration is required if these events are to be held next season.

Similarly, the Life Saving Premiership requires in-depth review. Continued poor entries can only place in jeopardy this worthwhile competition.

On the brighter side, close competition was encountered at most carnivals. Congratulations are extended to the placegetters of the Open Point Score – Cronulla 1st, North Bondi 2nd and North Cronulla 3rd on a countback and North Bondi 1st, Bondi 2nd and Maroubra 3rd for the Handicap Point Score.

Two Branch Representative Teams competed this year. The U18 team competed against other Branch teams in the metropolitan area. The standard was extremely high and whilst we did not improve on last season's results, sterling performances were evident in a number of events, given the fact that the host Branch selected events that were aimed at their strengths.

The Interbranch competition was held at Byron Bay on the Far North Coast. Again events were altered from the previous season. Competition was fierce and the point score was not decided until the final event. We were in the running but a number of injuries impacted

markedly. Nevertheless, our team performed well. Analysis of results revealed we achieved more first places than any other Branch but the combined team events were our downfall.

Fortunately, the entire competition is being reviewed by State Centre and it appears that there will be a new format for the coming season.

Three official craft scrutineering days were held. Bill Singleton and Graham Evans are to be commended for organising these days. While large numbers of craft were presented, especially by the Juniors, some of our bigger clubs were noticeable by their absence. Forewarned is forearmed – Next season no Branch stamp – no start at the State!!!

A large number of our officials were appointed to positions at both State and Australian Titles. They carried out their duties in a most professional manner. The State Titles were beset with huge seas and all events, with the exception of the beach area, transferred to another location on the Sunday. This logistical nightmare was handled competently by the Referee and Organising Committee, culminating in one of the better run championships. Congratulations are extended to all our officials in the way they conducted themselves during this difficult weekend.

The past season has been punctuated with highs and lows. Possibly the pinnacle of the highs was at the NSW Awards of Excellence Dinner. Our Branch annexed three (3) awards being Athlete of the Year, Daniel McLellan, Cronulla; Event of the Year, Shell Surf Life Saving Relay and Competition Official of the Year, Bill Singleton.

The successes of the past season could not have been achieved without the support of all Board Members and clubs. Thank you for your assistance, constructive criticism and, above all, your dedication and sense of humour.

As in the past there is no hibernation during winter. Rather, projects seemingly increase. On the agenda is a Level 2 Officials accreditation course to be held in Sydney metropolitan area; review of competition areas; compiling next season's calendar; arriving at a workable time table for carnivals, etc.

To fulfil these projects adequately requires the assistance of more than one person. Fortunately, the Board of Control recently held a Special General Meeting for all members to discuss a proposed restructure of the Board. It was approved that the Board be separated into two groups – Board of Life Saving and Board of Competition.

The Board of Competition structure will finally allow time for proper review, introduction and investigation of matters relating to competition. It will also provide the necessary opportunity for forward planning, the luxury of which was not available in the past.

Finally, my sincere thanks are extended to Harry Brown, whose infinite knowledge of competition and Bill

Singleton's never ending work in maintaining gear and arranging all needs for IRB events, as well as the "behind the scenes" assistance of Steve Strange, has resulted in an enjoyable and productive season.

It would be remiss of me not to place on record the efforts of Liz and Gail for ensuring all paperwork is distributed timely, arranging for the hire of equipment and the "fox terrier" manner in which competition matters are pursued – Well done!

Looking forward to the coming season and the challenges that lay ahead,

Dick Bignold

Competition and Coaching Manager

Examination and Instruction Manager

Whilst it is easy to wax lyrically about a successful season, it would be folly not to alert members in all fifteen clubs to the warning lights flashing ahead. There are problems in the education fields of life saving. Problems of this nature require attention. Now! Whilst we have members undertaking training over this season, the numbers in all awards are down on previous seasons. The specialist awards of ARC and IRB drivers have suffered dramatically and both awards play an integral part in day to day life saving activities in Sydney Branch Clubs.

For better or worse, the season has seen lengthy discussion from candidates, parents, training officers, examiners and general club members on the direction life saving is heading. The Bronze Medallion and Surf Life Saving Certificate are too in depth and time consuming for the introductory awards into the movement.

I would like you to think about the following statement – "Are we training people to save lives or are we training people to be academically sound in the practices to think they can save a life?" A lot of work is necessary. All responsible in the area of education need to address these problems, as too many candidates and parents alike have become disenchanted with the Surf Life Saving movement. During the quieter time of winter, a review on the direction Sydney Branch will be taking for the forthcoming season, will lie in the hands of a specialist panel. This panel will consist of two representatives from each district. The task of this panel will include areas such as:

- Review of the written paper and the alternatives we have in the form of verbal questioning.
- Development of an in-service program for all Chief Instructors and Examiners on the new training manual.

The season ahead must be one we all approach with a positive attitude to change, for which will be revolved around the release of the 31st Edition Training Manual and the curriculum's requirements of modular learning.

The new Board structure will see Education being an integral part of the Board of Lifesaving for the forthcoming season. The focus to become a functional autonomous unit in all areas of education and examination will be the number one priority which will see Sydney Branch lead the way in educational practices in Surf Life Saving.

To Liz and Gail, thank you for compiling and distributing of paperwork and handling of all other tasks in a pleasant and cheerful manner. The Branch Executive and Board Officers, thank you for the guidance and assistance during the season. Finally, it would be remiss of me not to thank the active examiners who give up countless hours examining the numerous Surf Life Saving awards over the season.

What happened during the year –

- * The completion of over 110 separate Examinations with a total of 960 Candidates.
- * 1945 members being examined in 58 separate proficiency tests.
- * Two (2) 1/2 day Start of Season Examination and Instruction Workshops.
- * Five (5) Train the Trainer Courses conducted in Sydney Branch.
- * One (1) Examiner's Accreditation Courses.

Dianne Lovell

Examination and Instruction Manager

Rescue Service Manager

Once again the District Supervisors carried out their duties efficiently and reliably. Without their efforts I would have had a difficult task trying to keep up with the lifesaving issues throughout the Branch. Thanks go to Margaret Pearce, Jim Sherratt, Patrick O'Neil and Peter Agnew, as well as their assistants, Michael Hodsdon, Tony Coffey, Peter Harvie and Alex O'Hara.

The next group of people who deserve special thanks are the Duty Officers, George Shales, Steven Leahy, Peter Cleary, Tony Graham, Greg Purvis, Ron Camalleri, Matt Scott, Peter Fuller, Greg Morris and newly appointed Roy Gruenpeter. These people put in countless hours to ensure the emergency services side of the Branch remains the best in Australia.

The most vital group in the Branch that have to be thanked are the patrolling members of each Club, without whom the Branch would not be able to provide this essential community service.

The season started off with another successful gear inspection which took place on 13th and 14th September for all Sydney Branch Clubs and the Offshore boats were inspected on 20th September. I must say that the standard throughout the Branch was excellent. It was extremely difficult for the panel to come up with an ultimate winner, however, I am pleased to announce

that Clovelly won the inspection with North Bondi coming a very close second. The inspection panel would also like to recognise Wanda and Maroubra for their excellent improvement from last season.



Club Patrol from Era taking part in Patrol Efficiency Competition Scenairo

The Patrol Efficiency Competition, now in its second season, was well contested by all clubs. Prizes are to be awarded in the categories as follows: first in the Branch, first in each District and 2nd in each District with a proviso that there would be one prize per club, i.e. if you were first in the Branch you could not get first in the District.

This season the winner of the District Point Score in the Randwick District was South Maroubra, as Coogee came first in the Branch.

The final scores were:		District placings were:	
		Waverley	
Coogee	6,655	Bronte	6,613
Bronte	6,613	North Bondi	6,308
South Maroubra	6,510	Bondi	5,895
North Bondi	6,308	Tamarama	3,685
Maroubra	6,305	Randwick	
Garie	6,225	Coogee	6,655
Burning Palms	6,155	South Maroubra	6,510
Wanda	6,130	Maroubra	6,305
Cronulla	6,125	Clovelly	6,010
Clovelly	6,010	Cronulla-Sutherland	
North Cronulla	5,970	Wanda	6,130
Elouera	5,925	Cronulla	6,125
Bondi	5,895	North Cronulla	5,970
Era	5,570	Elouera	5,925
Tamarama	3,685	Royal National Park	
		Garie	6,225
		Burning Palms	6,155
		Era	5,570

The Branch Life Saver of the Year again drew a high standard of nominees. The three finalists were Michael Hodsdon of Garie, Greg Smart of Coogee and Chris

Giles of Cronulla. Congratulations to Chris Giles of Cronulla who was the winner of this prestigious award.

The three finalists for the Branch Life Saver of the Year were forwarded on to the State for the State Life Saver of the Year and I am pleased to say that two of these nominees made the State final. These finalists were Michael Hodsdon of Garie and Chris Giles of Cronulla. Unfortunately, we did not take out the State Life Saver of the Year this season.

This season saw the Volunteer of the Year contested at Branch level for the first time. Again the standard of nominees was high. The two finalists were Geoff Phillips of Burning Palms and Brad Taylor of Garie. I was selected as the Branch winner. The Branch finalists were forwarded to the State Volunteer of the Year. Of these, I made the State final and was unsuccessful at that level.

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.

During the season, there were two hundred and eleven (211) calls for assistance. Of these 54% came through Sydney Surf and 46% through the 24 hour call out system.

In conclusion, the season has proven to be an extremely productive one. Public awareness of Surf Life Saving has reached a new high. Once again our members were highly placed in the State Life Saver of the Year and State Volunteer of the Year. The season saw Councils working with our clubs to achieve a common goal. The season also saw the Branch looking towards the future and new ways in which it patrols its beaches.

Brad Taylor
Rescue Services Manager



SURF LIFE SAVING SYDNEY BRANCH INC
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY, 1998

	1998 \$	1997 \$
INCOME		
Affiliation fees	-	3,806
Capitation fees	-	21,359
Awards	11,591	21,323
NSW Government grants	14,478	14,651
Sponsorship and donations	58,864	13,825
Interest	841	2,325
Sundry	364	2,637
Insurance	10,220	13,911
Carnival funds	48,219	44,273
	<u>144,577</u>	<u>138,110</u>
LESS: EXPENSES		
Award charges	10,531	17,464
Bank charges	994	406
Board of control and carnival gear	3,541	3,700
Branch teams	20,484	2,170
Capitation fees	1,876	-
Carnival expenses	28,172	29,495
Computer/contractors expense	2,353	3,116
Depreciation	6,342	9,695
Distribution of sponsorship money	-	920
Freight and cartage	-	573
General expenses	2,253	728
Insurance	12,067	10,307
Loss on sale of fixed assets	-	6,589
Meeting expenses	1,489	2,225
Motor vehicle expenses (Branch)	-	153
Office equipment expenses	164	1,524
Presentation night expenses	2,862	2,498
Printing and stationery	4,140	7,642
Postage	3,606	3,354
Radio room expenses	1,093	1,167
Repairs and maintenance	-	4,198
Rescue services	3,526	5,462
Salaries and wages	38,256	29,958
Seminar costs	3,219	2,756
Superannuation	2,204	1,716
Telephone	4,292	4,112
Travelling expenses	483	1,837
	<u>153,947</u>	<u>153,765</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(9,370)	(15,655)
OTHER INCOME		
Net Profit from Rental Operations	20,780	17,369
NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	11,410	1,714
Accumulated funds at beginning of year	380,688	378,974
ACCUMULATED FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	<u>392,098</u>	<u>380,688</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, 1998

	1998 \$	1997 \$
INCOME		
Rent Received	54,999	54,167
EXPENSES		
Depreciation	18,725	18,725
Interest	10,236	13,694
Levies	1,562	992
Rates & Taxes	2,906	2,916
Repairs & Maintenance	788	471
	<u>34,217</u>	<u>36,798</u>
NET PROFIT FROM RENTAL OPERATION	<u><u>20,780</u></u>	<u><u>17,369</u></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, 1998

	Note	1998 \$	1997 \$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Cash receipts in the course of operations		185,538	167,181
Interest received		841	2,536
Interest paid		(10,236)	(13,437)
Cash payments in the course of operations		(147,533)	(150,580)
Net cash provided from operating activities	8(ii)	<u>28,610</u>	<u>5,700</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Purchases of property, plant and equipment		(1,464)	(9,714)
Net cash flows from investing activities		<u>(1,464)</u>	<u>(9,714)</u>
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Increase/(decrease) in loans		(22,388)	(19,995)
Net cash flows from financing activities		<u>(22,388)</u>	<u>(19,995)</u>
Net increase in cash held		4,758	(24,009)
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		46,208	70,217
Cash at the end of the financial year	8(i)	<u><u>50,966</u></u>	<u><u>46,208</u></u>

These statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

SURF LIFE SAVING SYDNEY BRANCH INC
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MAY, 1998

	Note	1998 \$	1997 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash	3	50,966	46,208
Receivables	4	49,402	36,205
Prepayments		4,545	4,620
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>104,913</u>	<u>87,033</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	5	404,767	428,370
Stock on hand		565	565
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>405,332</u>	<u>428,935</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>510,245</u>	<u>515,968</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors and accruals		5,603	348
Loan - secured	6	33,900	33,900
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>39,503</u>	<u>34,248</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Loan - secured	6	52,241	74,629
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>52,241</u>	<u>74,629</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>91,744</u>	<u>108,877</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>418,501</u>	<u>407,091</u>
MEMBERS FUNDS			
Reserves	7	26,403	26,403
Accumulated Funds	7	392,098	380,688
TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS		<u>418,501</u>	<u>407,091</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 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY, 1998

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: INCOME - AFFILIATION AND CAPITATION FEES

The affiliation fees and capitation fees for this financial year have not been invoiced as a consequence of the vacancy of the position of Director of Finance for a period of time. The fees will be raised in the coming financial year.

NOTE 3: CASH

	1998	1997
	\$	\$
Cash on hand	200	200
Carnival funds	80	80
Cash at bank	16,748	9,508
General fund	3,051	3,081
Property account	30,887	33,339
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	50,966	46,208
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SURF LIFE SAVING SYDNEY BRANCH INC
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY, 1998

	1998 \$	1997 \$
NOTE 4: RECEIVABLES		
Trade debtors	49,281	36,084
Sundry debtors	121	121
	<u>49,402</u>	<u>36,205</u>

NOTE 5: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Carnival gear - at cost	5,739	5,739
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(4,497)	(3,780)
	<u>1,242</u>	<u>1,959</u>
 Furniture and fittings - at cost	 2,979	 2,979
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(1,636)	(1,440)
	<u>1,343</u>	<u>1,539</u>
 Plant and equipment - at cost	 92,010	 90,546
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(81,371)	(75,942)
	<u>10,639</u>	<u></u>
 Building - at cost	 468,135	 468,135
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(76,592)	(57,867)
	<u>391,543</u>	<u>410,268</u>
	<u>404,767</u>	<u>428,370</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 6: LOAN - SECURED

Current		
Westpac Term Loan	33,900	33,900
Non-Current		
Westpac Term Loan	52,241	74,629
	<u>86,141</u>	<u>108,529</u>

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

SURF LIFE SAVING SYDNEY BRANCH INC
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY, 1998

	1998 \$	1997 \$
NOTE 7: RESERVES AND ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Reserves		
Asset revaluation reserve	26,403	26,403
Accumulated Funds		
Accumulated funds at beginning of financial year	380,688	378,974
Operating surplus/(deficit) after income tax	11,410	1,714
Accumulated funds at end of financial year	392,098	380,688
Total reserves and accumulated funds	418,501	407,091

NOTE 8: 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	80
Cash at bank	16,748	9,508
Deposit on call		
- General fund	3,051	3,081
- Property account	30,887	33,339
Total cash at the end of financial year	50,966	46,208

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

Operating surplus/(deficit) after income tax	11,410	1,714
Add: Non-Cash Items:		
Depreciation	25,067	28,420
Loss on sale of fixed assets	-	6,589
Change in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase)/decrease in prepayments	75	471
(Increase)/decrease in trade debtors	(13,197)	(22,771)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors and accruals	5,255	(8,723)
Net cash provided by operating activities	28,610	5,700

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 Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch Inc, as at 31st May, 1998 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

David Dillon
Director of Finance

Dated this 31st day of July 1998

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

Scope

We have audited the financial statements of Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch Inc, for the financial year ended 31st May, 1998, 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 Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch Inc, 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 Report

The Branch's finances were assisted this year by acquisition of major sponsors Energy Australia and Coca-Cola as well as minimal capital expenditure.

As Capitation Fees for the 1997/98 season and Affiliation fees for the 1998/99 season were not invoiced prior to the 31st May, 1998 the outstanding debtors were substantially reduced as was our revenue. Debtors did include \$40,000.00 of invoices to our major sponsors.

The majority of the Presentation Night expenses for the 1997/98 season will be included in next year's accounts. Hence the minimal change in the cost of the night when compared to last year's expense. Overall expenses were maintained at the level of the previous year.

The reported revenue from award sales dropped by \$9,732 this year compared to last year. Expenses for awards also dropped by \$6,933.

Dave Dillon

Director of Finance

Bondi Surf Bathers' Life Saving Club Inc

In our 92nd season, we are proud to once again record that there were "no lives lost during patrol hours".



Last Rescue of the Season

Bondi was a very popular beach during the season, with good weather, warm seas and, in the main, excellent surf conditions. Our patrols successfully completed 635 rescues, with the IRB's doing 319 of them. As with most clubs, our IRB Section is an integral part of our Club's activities. Historically, the section has been very patrol oriented however, in recent times, the group has been very successful in the competitive arena. This year, for the second time, we were the second most successful club at the Australian IRB Championships.

What we are now finding, is that members competing in the R & R are also competing in the "ducks". Something that would not have happened, even five years ago.

Christmas Day is always a major event on Bondi and last year was no different. A large number of members did the day as a voluntary patrol, in the best tradition of the Association. Our relationship with our sister Club, North Bondi and Council staff worked effectively on the

day, resulting in the majority of visitors enjoying a day at the beach.

President Peter Murphy, took a step back from training, leaving it to a group of young and not so young bloods, to put the long slog in. Fortunately, you can not keep a good man down and in the second half of this season, Peter was at it again. From this group and Peter, our standards have been maintained and improved, which is important to a club where rescues are of such high levels due to the nature of our beach users.

Bondi is proud of its traditions and position within the Branch and its members participation in the Board and Radio Room. We are equally appreciative of those members from other clubs, who give of their time and expertise to make the Branch function so successfully.

As we are gearing up for another season and look forward to our continuing close relationship with the Branch.

Peter Quartly

Honorary Secretary

Bronte Surf Life Saving Club Inc

Once again, our Club achieved its overall mission in that "no lives were lost while patrols were on duty". Our success started with our Life Saving Management Team, led by Captain, Graham Ford, our Patrol Captains and finished with excellent work by patrol members. In fact, this year, was one of the most rewarding, with a record 55 members gaining 100% patrol efficiency, 4 members achieving close to over 20 hours; and culminated in our close record finish in the Branch Patrol Competition.

Throughout the season we completed 170 rescues and over 2,700 preventative actions, almost 500 more than last year, reflecting Bronte's growing popularity and some exceptionally fine weather on weekends. Our members worked closely with Waverley Council's professional lifeguards, indeed a number are members of the Surf Club.

This year also saw our active ranks grow and this is an excellent indicator that our programme for encouraging Nippers to progress through to Senior Active is bearing fruit. To match these numbers meant our team of 13 instructors was very busy and it resulted in 27 new Bronze Awards and 17 Surf Life Saving Certificates. We also gained another ARC Trainer and 2 Examiners. Our thanks are extended to all those in the Branch who facilitated the training and examinations.

Our Nippers continue to flourish and this year saw 340 plus on the beach each Sunday, enjoying themselves.

Socially, the Club has gone from strength to strength with New Years Eve parties, Veterans Day and "Back to Bronte Ball" attended by over 950 members and friends celebrating the Deltone's 40th Anniversary. It was great that many of our colleagues from neighboring clubs and Branch attended.

Once again, the Club has focussed on competition

strengths – boats and board riding; but with 3 teams this year and probably 5 next, R & R is now a force in its own right. This year also saw Bronte's Marchpast Team 'dust-off' our banner and compete creditably.

Ross Miles continues as President this year and under his leadership our financial position continues to improve. This has been as a result of success in securing sponsorships and our excellent relations with Waverly Municipal Council.

On a sad note, this year saw the passing of one of Bronte's best-known and loyal members, Bill Pugh.

Finally, on a happier note, all of Bronte was very pleased to learn on Bill Singleton's achieving Life Membership of Surf Life Saving NSW.

Tony Coates
Honorary Secretary

Burning Palms Surf Life Saving Club Inc

Burning Palms SLSC had an extremely busy year this year with the reconstruction of our Gear Shed, the previous one having been washed away in the storms in May 1997. Our thanks to all the Clubs who very generously donated money to our Club and enabled us to rebuild and re-equip the new gear shed.

Unfortunately we were not able to participate in the Gear Inspection Competition, as the Club was not able to replace all rescue equipment in time.



Successful Bronze Squad

Throughout the season we participated in the Surf Life Saving Sydney Patrol Efficiency Competition which involved inspection of patrols, rescue equipment and rescue efficiency, coming second in the Royal National Park District with 6155 points.

This season Burning Palms was represented by the March Past team who competed at major carnivals in Sydney and won a silver medal at the Branch Championships.

Burning Palms once again sponsored the River Run, which was held on Saturday, 1 November. Our thanks to all the Clubs who participated in this event.

Burning Palms carried out 15 rescues and 19 preventative actions, fortunately without a fatality.

The Club held their Club Championship on 11 January with the following results:

Best Female Member	Jodi Culbert
Patrolman of the Year	Wayne Vaughan
Best Junior	Nella Clarke
Winner of the Open Surf Race	Wayne Vaughan
Winner of the Open Board Race	Philip Vaughan
Best Personal Pointscore	Wayne Vaughan
Interpatrol Shield	Patrol No 4

Kerry Clark
Honorary Secretary

Clovelly Surf Life Saving Club Inc

Good weather and excellent conditions brought big crowds to Clovelly during the 1997-1998 season and again, no lives were lost.

Firstly, we acknowledge the support given by Randwick City Council and their employees to our Club and our major sponsor, the Clovelly RSL and Air Force Club. East's (the Roosters) support our Club.

The large crowds caused a greater demand on our resources, especially with patients requiring first aid. The lack of surf awareness among visitors to the beach is amazing, patients presenting with severe grazing was common; many were washed off the bank by the most modest of waves. Several difficult board rescues were carried out, one by a bronze squad, who passed their exam the following day. A very rewarding experience, indeed.

Terry Buck has indicated he will stand down as President of our Club at the AGM, many thanks to Terry for his efforts and knowledge over the years.

Don't give up on resuscitation, was highlighted during the season. Active member John Rowe, swimming in Thompson's Bay (Gordon's Bay) with a mate, when they came upon a tourist scuba diving group with a member in severe trouble. The Korean patient was unconscious, not breathing and, had no pulse when rescued. He was thought dead when transported to POW Hospital, but about 6 weeks later, he flew home to Korea with his parents, apparently fully recovered.

Our Club acknowledges the work of Peter Seeto during the season, both as Director of Lifesaving with Sydney Branch and as our Club Captain.

I thank all members of our Club for their work this year in maintaining our community responsibilities, Sydney Branch, SLSNSW and SLISA, for their help, advice and organising the numerous events that make Surf Life Saving such an integral part of Australian Life.

Looking forward to a great and safe 1998-1999 season.

Pat Thompson
Honorary Secretary

Coogee Surf Life Saving Club Inc

Coogee SLSC had a very successful season with patrols, awards and competition.

The Club won the Branch's Patrol Efficiency Competition gaining 6,655 points, beating both Bronte (6,613) and South Maroubra (6,510) whom came second and third. Appreciation is extended to our Patrol Captains and Patrol Members for their efforts in gaining this award. For our efforts the Club received a rescue board donated by Energy Australia. Total Rescues numbered 51 and of these, our IRB Crews performed 26.

Our instructors gained a total of 33 Bronze Medallions and 15 Surf Life Saving Certificates during the season. Although a slight decrease in number from the previous season's record, a great deal of effort was expended in gaining these awards by our members. It is to be hoped the new awardees will enjoy a long association with our Club.



Coogee Carnival Geoff Martin (left), Peter Pearce, Premier Bob Carr, Margaret Pearce and Club President, Rod Coleman

Coogee had a good competitive season. The Open Women's 5 Person R & R team won Gold Medals at the Branch, State and Australian Championships. The Men's team won Gold at the Branch, Silver at the State and Gold at the Australian's. The Open 6 Person R & R were second at the Australian Championships. Many good performances were recorded by individuals members at these carnivals. Our Under 21 Marchpast team competed regularly during the season and, for their efforts were placed fourth at the Australian Championships.

Coogee would like to acknowledge the tremendous support it received for all of its sponsors, in particular, Holiday Inn Coogee Beach and Greyhound Pioneer Australia. We would also like to thank Randwick City Council for its continued support of our Club. We would also like to acknowledge the valuable support Energy Australia and Coca-Cola gives to the Branch.

Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club Inc

Cronulla SLSC has completed a most successful season by winning the NSW State Championship Pointscore, the NSW Masters State Championship Pointscore and the NSW Junior State Championship Pointscore. The Club was also 4th in the Australian Championships

Pointscore, being the best placed NSW club, and finally winning the Sydney Branch, Energy Australia, Champion Club. Truly, a magnificent year for Cronulla SLSC.

Our patrols for the season have been most satisfactory with 32 members gaining 100% patrol attendance and our Surf Life Saving Awards, totalled 92.

Cronulla SLSC would like to express its appreciation to Energy Australia for their sponsorship of Sydney Branch and, in particular for their donation of a fully equipped IRB and motor for the winner of the Branch Champion Club. Also to Coca-Cola for their continued sponsorship of patrol equipment for all clubs within the Branch.

Congratulations are extended to Branch President, Peter Pearce, for his continued great work in promoting Sydney Branch and to all other Branch Officers, for their support of Cronulla SLSC throughout the season.

Finally, thanks to the Branch Office Manager, Liz Grady, who is always so helpful whenever we require any information from the Branch.

Bill Eady
Secretary

Elouera Surf Life Saving Club Inc

Again this season it is pleasing the record "no live lost on Elouera Beach" and it is a tribute to the professionalism and commitment of Club members and the active support of Council Lifeguards that this proud statement can be repeated.

Conditions at Elouera during the year were extremely variable because of weather conditions and resultant changeable beach profiles and shifting rips and sandbanks. Patrols were required to be particularly vigilant to ensure safety of beach users, swimmers and board riders. Relations with the general public were maintained at a high level and the co-operation of the adjoining Bate Bay Clubs - Cronulla, North Cronulla and Wanda - when assistance was needed, was appreciated.

The Club proceeds on a very healthy level with an appropriate balance between patrol responsibilities and competition at all levels. It was a source of considerable pride that Elouera was the highest placed NSW Club (2nd in Australia) in the World Titles, conducted in New Zealand, finishing 4th behind two Clubs, which essentially, were the South African and New Zealand National Teams. On the local scene, the Club was prominent in senior and junior competition and active in Branch, State and National administration.

For the 16th consecutive year, the Club conducted a very successful Surf Awareness Clinic for 350 children between 7 and 12 years of age, to introduce them to Surf Lifesaving. Surf and beach safety (rips, "stranger danger", sun damage, etc.). The Clinic was managed by Club members for half a day on 5 consecutive days. Again this year, there was very positive feedback from participants and their families and good local publicity was generated.

The four Bate Bay Clubs were recognised by The Council of Sutherland Shire, as recipient charities for proceeds from the Mayoral Ball. In conjunction with the fundraising activities associated with the Ball, the four Clubs also conducted a Lifesavers' Day at various venues within the Shire. It was evident that the efforts of the Lifesavers are appreciated and supported by Shire resident.

The financial and other assistance of the Sutherland District Trade Union Club, which again was the major sponsor of the Club during the season, is gratefully acknowledged.

Mike Batty
President

Era Surf Life Saving Club Inc

Era SLSC proudly celebrated its 60th Anniversary with a successful Dinner/Presentation Night where a number of our Life Members were in attendance. One, Ron Miller, was an original member and spoke of the early days of the Club, which was of great interest to all past and present members.

The season has been a busy and successful one with again "no lives lost" on the beach during or outside patrol hours. Also this year regular Nipper events were held on the beach and these were very popular.

Although our number of active members has declined, the beach was patrolled by a very dedicated group of whom 27 achieved 100% patrol attendance; a great effort for such a small Club.

There was an increase in the awards this year with 2 Life Saving Certificates and 4 Bronze Medallions awarded. This is an area we will continue to try and improve.

Our boat crews again acquitted themselves very well throughout the season. There were 3 crews - A, Reserve and Masters and they rowed at all major carnivals with the Reserve Crew gaining the Bronze Medal at the Sydney Branch Championships.

The social side of the Club has again been very successful with a number of activities at the beach including our regular Golf Day, Boxing Day Cricket Match and Australia Day party at the rockpool, as well as a very enjoyable Progressive Dinner.

A very active group of Club members participate in Landcare with a variety of projects including dune stabilisation, track work, weed eradication and native planting. We are appreciative of the assistance given by the National Parks & Wildlife Service with bringing in materials for projects and removal of rubbish on Clean Up Australia Day.

On behalf of the Management Committee and members of Era SLSC, I would like to express our sincere thanks to all Sydney Branch Officers and their sponsors for the support through the year, and a particular thanks to

all our Club sponsors. We wish all Clubs in Sydney Branch continued success in 1998/99.

Diana Garder
Honorary Secretary

Garie Surf Life Saving Club Inc

Garie SLSC had quite a successful 1997-1998 season and maintained the primary objective of our Club in that no lives were lost. This was achieved by a small, dedicated club membership who were always vigilant, even outside of patrol hours. Because of this conscientious devotion, several potential tragedies were prevented, especially during the extremely hot summer holiday period.

Our Club was also well represented at Branch level with the following members holding positions as Branch Officers:- Brad Taylor (Rescue Services Manager), Michael Hodsdon (Assistant District Supervisor-R.N.P. Clubs), Brad McDonogh (Sydney Surf Radio Supervisor), David Dillon (Finance Director).

On the 24 hour emergency call-out service, we had four Duty Officers:- Tony Graham, Matt Scott, Peter Fuller & Brad Taylor. The Offshore Boat was ably assisted by Michael Hodsdon, Steven Chesher, Matt Scott, Peter Fuller and Brad Taylor. These same members put in many hours with Sydney Surf Radio and Brett Tappin and Matt Scott patrolled with the Westpac Lifesaver Helicopter.

Garie was being noticed this season in competition. Justin Hardman gained third placing in the Senior Beach Sprint at the Branch Championships and several nippers gained placings in the Junior Activities State Championships held at Thirroul. Great hopes are held for future champions among these up and coming juniors.

A highlight for our Club this year was the awarding of the "Pioneer Volunteer of the Year" to Brad Taylor at Branch level and being a finalist for the same award at State level. As well, Michael Hodsdon was a finalist for the "Pioneer Lifesaver of the Year" at Branch and State level. Congratulations to both of these members.

In conclusion, I would like to express the Club's thanks to all our Sponsors for their continued support and assistance and to the Sydney Branch and their Sponsors for their ongoing support. Best wishes to all for a successful season in 1998-1999.

Rita Taylor
Honorary Secretary

Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club Inc

At the Annual General Meeting of Maroubra SLSC on June 28, 1998, there were five notable features.

- * Luke Platt became our new President, succeeding Greg Battle, who retires after three excellent years in that role.

- * Granting of Life Membership to Andrew Tuite, for his long and dedicated service to the Club.
- * Special awards being granted to Bill Langford for 70 years continuous and valued membership of Maroubra. The awards were presented by Mr Alan Whelpton, President Surf Life Saving Australia and Mr Simon Moriarty, President Surf Life Saving NSW.
- * Michael Gray completed 15 years consecutive patrol service.
- * Ben Troy received the Club's Honour Blazer for 1997-98 season.

From a lifesaving point of view, Maroubra had a great year, with a total of 186 Awards, a Club record, which augurs well for the future.

Competitively, Maroubra was highly successful all season at carnivals, with our members finishing prominently at the New South Wales and Australian Championships.

Maroubra would like to take this opportunity of thanking our sponsors, in particular Ampol and Maroubra Seals Sports and Community Club, without whose support we would find it very difficult to exist.

North Bondi Surf Life Saving Club Inc

It is again pleasing to be able to report "no lives lost" while patrols were on the beach and for this we must thank our Patrol Captains and our active patrolling members for carrying out their duties on the weekend looking after the many thousands of people who come to this fantastic beach of ours for their leisure activities.

At the end of last season, we took the step of getting some input into the Club by all members however, of the 900 off members, we only received 130 replies, which the Management Committee have been studying and looking at ways of implementing some of the many great ideas and suggestions that came forward from many areas of the Club.

Once again, our competitors flew the North Bondi flag at all carnivals and providing some very big upsets, the most notable was when we won the overall pointscore at the Branch Championships, starting 150 points behind Wanda Club and after several recounts by the Clubs in the Bate Bay area, we were finally announced as the winners. Thanks must go to the ski, board, swim and beach captains for a job well done.

The instructional area of the Club which we need to address, especially the shortage of instructors during the season, which meant that the same squad of instructors were kept busy all season and we need to acknowledge their efforts and time that is involved in taking squads.

The East Roughwater Swim was again a great success and we should thank Bob and Helen Johnson for putting in the amount of time that they did to make it a great success.

I would like to extend our thanks to Liz and Gail in the Branch Office for all their assistance during the season, as well as the Board of Control and the Executive Committee of the Branch and wish everyone well for the coming season.

John De Cean
Honorary Secretary

North Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club Inc

The 1997-98 Season has been one of a mixed bag for our Club. During the season we have found it most difficult to patrol our beach under the present conditions of the constant erosion along our foreshore. From day to day the changing of the surf patterns kept our Lifesavers well and truly on their toes, but fortunate enough, we are able to say "no lives were lost".

Our neighboring Clubs in the Bate Bay area and the Offshore Rescue Boat have enabled us to perform our duties at a high level and I thank each of the Clubs for their assistance.

The highlight of the season was to have been at our Annual Christmas Carnival and Metropolitan IRB Championships, but due to rough seas our Christmas Carnival was moved to Cronulla for our younger Lifesavers. As well, the Metropolitan IRB Championships had to be moved to Elouera. Many thanks to Mike Batty and his Executive who were quick to support us by lending us their Club for the day.

Our Club competed in the World Lifesaving Titles in Auckland, New Zealand in February this year and gained a respectful 10th placing. Our competitors showed a high level of determination and swimming in their team spirit, behavior and attitude.

We also took a team of both young and experienced competitors to the State and Australian Titles where the Club gained 8th placing at the State and 7th at the Australian. All competitors, coaches and team managers and supporters are to be congratulated and thanked for their effort in supporting the North Cronulla Blue and Gold.

North Cronulla were also able to defend their title by winning the 1998 Pool Rescue Championships for the consecutive year since it started in 1987. Our group of young swimmers showed how much talent that the North Cronulla Junior competitors have and lend extremely promising for the future.

It would be remiss of me in closing, not to congratulate our Branch President, Peter Pearce on a fantastic job he has done. His leadership qualities have been like a breath of fresh air to the Sydney Branch and I thank him sincerely for the friendship and the help he has been to both me and the North Cronulla Club for the past three years I have been President.

I wish all the Sydney Branch clubs a prosperous coming season.

Dave Cotter
President

South Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club Inc

The 197-98 season has been one of growth and development for the South Maroubra SLSC. Our Club's Board of Management Committee is actively and precisely planning to ensure that the future of our Club continues to be soundly administered.

Maroubra Beach was once again fortunate to have 2 excellent Club Captains, namely Paul Fownes at South Maroubra and John Restuccia from Maroubra SLSC. These gentlemen do a magnificent job and ensure that the life saving standards at Maroubra Beach are of an above standard.

Membership at South Maroubra is continually growing and stands at 493. In excess of 225 senior members and 268 junior members ventured to the southern end of Maroubra Beach to either perform patrols, enjoy Junior Activities or just to be a member of our great Club. Surf Life Saving Awards gained this season totalled 60 and our Club was the 1997-98 recipient of the "Districts Most Proficient Club" awarded by Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch.

The responsibility placed on our Active Lifesavers was far greater this season with the considerable increase in the public now using our cleaner beach. Our Club's rescue statistics this season increased by a staggering 70% not including the whopping 1,508 preventative actions recorded this year. Congratulations to all of the South Maroubra Lifesavers who tackled this added responsibility without compromising the lifesaving services provided.

The 1997-98 Sydney Branch Championships were successfully held at South Maroubra and many thanks to all those who assisted with this event. Thanks also to Energy Australia, the championship's major sponsor.

The 1999 NSW Junior Surf Life Saving Championships will be held in February and the venue is at South Maroubra. These Titles will generate in excess of 4,200 junior competitors, not to mention their families, supporters and the general public who will be in attendance.

On the competition scene, our competitors performed admirably and continue to strive to make South Maroubra a more competitive Club.

The tragic passing of Bernie Kelly – Club Vice Captain and a long-time member of South Maroubra SLSC and Sydney Branch, will be long remembered. Bernie was best described "as a champion bloke and a champion lifesaver".

South Maroubra would like to take this opportunity to thank Branch Sponsors, Energy Australia and Coca-Cola, for without sponsorship, corporate, governmental and individuals, our task of providing a viable lifesaving service to the community would indeed be very difficult.

Thanks and appreciation is extended to Randwick City Council for their annual grant, which has assisted in the

upgrade of our clubhouse and with club administrative costs. A total \$54,000 was spent this season on upgrading our clubhouse (\$20,000 for new waterproofing on our roof and \$20,000 for tiling of the roof and \$14,000 for electrical work). Special mention also to the work carried out by Randwick City Council in the beautification of the southern end of Byrne Reserve Car Park.

To our Club's major corporate sponsor, the Maroubra Seals Sports and Community Club, thank you once again for your continued guidance, financial assistance and support and a warm welcome to our new Club sponsor, Collex Waste Management and Westfields Australia.

In closing, our Club would like to thank the Sydney Branch Executive for all its hard work during the year. Special thanks to all of the Life Saving Examiners and Carnival Officials who have helped our members throughout the year.

Congratulations also, to South Maroubra member, Patrick O'Neill, who was the Randwick District Supervisor, this season.

Yvette Rutherford
Honorary Secretary

Tamarama Surf Life Saving Club Inc

Tamarama Surf Life Saving Club Inc. has again completed another season of successfully maintaining the record of "No Lives Lost". During our 92nd year of patrols on Tamarama Beach, a total of one hundred and seven rescues were recorded during patrol hours, together with seventy eight first aid cases being treated, three of these being spinal injuries.



Tamarama Nippers

Fifteen Members obtained their Bronze Medallions during the past season. A special thanks to Chief Instructor David Radford for the effort he puts into the training of new recruits. During the season, twelve Members achieved 100% patrol attendance plus five Members who achieved the coveted 100 Club Award for 100 patrol hours or more. Our thanks go to all these Members.

On a more sombre note, I would like to note the passing of Life Members Dr John Weir and Jack "Bluey" Mayes. Both men were great Tamarama supporters.

Our Junior Activities Branch was again active on Sunday mornings, with a big rise in numbers. A special thanks to all the parents involved in making this part of Tamarama so enjoyable.

Tamarama SLSC Inc. sincerely appreciates the continued financial support and assistance from Waverley Council, McGrath Partners and Easter Suburbs Leagues Club Limited. Without the support of our sponsors Tamarama SLSC would not be able to offer the facilities to our Members and the community.

I would also like to extend the Club's thanks to our resident Member, Dr Robert Brander, who is leaving us at the end of June for a teaching post at Victoria University, Wellington. Our loss and the Kiwi's gain. Thanks Rob.

In conclusion, I would like to express the Club's thanks to Sydney Branch for their continued support and assistance over the past season and wish all Clubs a successful season in 1998-99.

Phil Hogan

Honorary Secretary

Wanda Surf Life Saving Club Inc

Wanda reports a successful year which now includes a range of winter activities including IRB competition, pool competition, award training, gyn and, this year a programme for our board and ski paddlers.

The Club successfully fulfilled its Lifesaving obligations, recording 14 rescues, with the presence of our patrols providing safety for the public. In the statistics, is also recorded that 8 lost children were found. Rod Hurst, our Vice-Captain, is to be congratulated on gaining 15 years 100% patrol attendance.

Fundraising as usual, was a major occupation. Opportunities were taken whenever possible to raise money with the tried and true events, the Sutherland to Surf Fun Run and Walk, the Wanda Carnival and many social activities added to by this year's Uncle Tobys Iron Man Series, the Uncle Tobys Sportsman's Lunch, the Saucony Adventure Triathlon, the Sutherland Shire Mayoral Ball and the Lifesavers Collection Day, all bringing in the funds necessary to operate the Club.

The Cronulla Clubs are fortunate to have the support of Sutherland Shire Council and, in particular, the Mayor, Kevin Schreiber. Kevin, has always given his full support when representing us to the community as well as making the Clubs the charity beneficiary of this year's Mayoral Ball. The Ball and the Lifesavers' Day on the same weekend were major fundraisers for the District with the four Clubs combining to make both events successful. Our debutantes, Katie Hammerton and Brigitte Hughes and their partners, supported by their families, represented Wanda with great distinction.

Wanda Junior Activities Group have provided the foundation for the Club's future through their encouragement of the children in their care. They have

also wholeheartedly assisted in the many fundraising activities previously mentioned. The Jag Team, children and parents, has completed a successful season.

Surf Life Saving in Sydney was also fortunate to receive sponsorship from Coca-Cola and Energy Australia. Our Club directly benefited receiving patrol equipment, a rescue board and rescue tube from these organisations.

The competition area was solid during the year with each section striving to achieve their best. The Club was well represented at all championships, with an impressive list of results. Highlights were the World Gold's won by Janine Hill and Deborah Jenkins, the results in the inaugural NSW Masons Pool Rescue Championships, including winning the Lifesaving Initiative event and the virtual clean sweep of the Branch Lifesaving and First Aid competition medals.

From our membership, there is one person selected as the most consistent and active member. The deserving winner of the prestigious C V Forshaw Trophy was Andrew Dawes who had an outstanding season in all aspects of Club involvement and is a champion lifesaver.

Our Patrol, Eric Suann, is reluctantly standing down because of family commitments. He carried out the role with dignity, provided guidance and advice when necessary and was a link between the foundation and present membership.

Wanda members would like to thank and Congratulate the President, Officers and Examiners and Official of Sydney Branch for the time and effort they have dedicated to assisting the Clubs during the past year and look forward to another successful season.

Cronulla-Sutherland District Offshore Rescue Boat

The 1997-98 season was very challenging for the Offshore Rescue Boat. The vessel was damaged early in the season and off the water for a month. Due to great commitment by many members of the group, the boat was quickly repaired. The remainder of the season was very successful and busy, with more emergency services realising the capability of Surf Life Saving's rescue services.

This season saw the boat perform 40 rescues, 19 first aid cases, including 6 major cases, 34 preventative actions, 14 searches and 15 cases of assisting vessels. The boat was also called out after-hours on 3 occasions.

The Cronulla Sutherland Offshore Rescue Boat continues to supply a 24 hours rescue service due to the continued vigilance of members from Surf Clubs within the Branch. I would like to encourage any member who is interested in joining the group to contact either myself or any other member of the group for information.

Special thanks go to the Branch Coordinators, Duty Officers and Board of Control.

The Cronulla Sutherland Offshore Rescue Boat would like to thank Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch for its continued support throughout the season.

Greg Purvis

Vice Boat Captain

Randwick District Offshore Rescue Boat

This year has been a very successful one for the Offshore 3 Group. Membership in on the increase as a result of the increased exposure of the craft. This is becoming more predominant as a result of the craft involving itself with lifesaving exercises with each of the Surf Life Saving Clubs in the Randwick District.

Our rescues this season was on the increase during patrol hours. The Offshore 3 craft assisted clubs with 2 mass rescues. In both cases the craft was used as a platform while IRB's ferried many patients to the boat. This made the IRB's job easier as it did not have to return to the beach, which is a great "time-waster" during a mass rescue. On another occasion, the craft came upon a mass rescue before the beach patrol could get an IRB to the head of the rip. The Offshore Boat was able to retrieve 8 patients for the head of the rip and hold them on board until the IRB could return them to shore.

This season, after-hours call outs have remained constant with not major increase in workload.

This year saw the introduction of change to our award structure, which allows our more senior and experienced personnel to undertake the Skipper's examination as a Level 2 Skipper. This allows operatives to undertake the Surf Life Saving examination (which is the same for a Level 1 Skipper). The only difference in the pre-requisites is that the Level 2 Skipper has not attained the AYF Coastal and Offshore Navigation Certificate (a 6-week course in duration). Given this, the Group was able to satisfy the Branch that Level 2 Skippers would have sufficient navigation experience and training as instructed (and examined) by Surf Life Saving. The main difference between the Level 2 and Level 1 Skippers for Offshore 3 is that a Level 2 Skipper is not allowed to Skipper the craft during an after-hours call out. While only 1 person successfully sat for and passed the examination during the season, we have many more members who are now in training for their Level 2 Skippers award.

We look forward to many more club members joining the Offshore 3 craft. You are most welcome.

Karl Solomonson

Energy Australia Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch
Champion Club

Club	Section 1 Admin	Section 2 Patrols	Section 3 Lifesaving	Section 4 Awards	Section 5 BOC	Section 6 Carnivals	Total Points	Final Placing
Cronulla	13.50	7.00	15.00	7.50	13.00	14.00	70.00	1
North Bondi	6.50	12.00	11.00	14.00	7.00	12.50	63.00	2
Wanda	13.50	8.00	13.50	12.50	9.00	6.00	62.50	3
Garie	15.00	10.00	11.00	6.00	12.00	7.00	61.00	4
North Cronulla	8.50	5.00	5.00	12.50	14.00	15.00	60.00	5
Burning Palms	11.50	9.00	5.00	4.00	15.00	12.50	57.00	6
Coogee	11.50	15.00	11.00	7.50	6.00	3.00	54.00	7 c/b
Bronte	10.00	14.00	5.00	10.50	10.00	4.50	54.00	8
South Maroubra	6.50	13.00	5.00	5.00	11.00	10.00	50.50	9
Maroubra	8.50	11.00	5.00	15.00	5.00	4.50	49.00	10
Clovelly	2.00	6.00	13.50	10.50	4.00	9.00	45.00	11
Bondi	4.00	3.00	5.00	9.00	3.00	11.00	35.00	12
Elouera	5.00	4.00	5.00	2.00	8.00	2.00	26.00	13
Era	2.00	2.00	5.00	1.00	1.00	8.00	19.00	14
Tamarama	2.00	1.00	5.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	14.00	15
	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	720.00	

Secretary's Conclusion

To our fifteen Clubs, I would like to pay tribute to your Lifesaving endeavours and to your co-operation and harmony during the season. To those Clubs who were host to Branch Meetings and supported Branch functions and events, thank you.

To our sponsors and donors, without whose tangible contributions our Lifesaving endeavours would suffer. I thank you sincerely. No doubt the whole community who benefits from the voluntary efforts provided by our Lifesavers share these thanks.

The past year, as Administration Director, has been extremely demanding and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking our Office Manager, Liz Grady and Gail Bignold. I have greatly appreciated your work on our behalf and it has made my job a lot easier.

Of significance this coming year is the new structure of our Board of Control. Split distinctly into two sections, Lifesaving and Competition. It will need patience and perseverance on the part of everyone for it to succeed and prove the benefits that are already foreshadowed.

Also this coming season will see the introduction of a new training manual. Completely different in concept from previous years, there are great benefits to Clubs available for instruction of awards. A National Lifesaving Conference is being held in November to introduce the manual to our chief instructors.

I would like to thank Peter Pearce, for leading the Branch with his enthusiasm and dedication during his third year as our President. The Executive and Officers of the Branch have worked extremely hard, putting into the Branch many long hours. They can take great satisfaction in the achievements they have help make.

To my fellow Executive Officers I sincerely thank you for your efforts and your support.

As this 1997-1998 season, the Branch's 49th year of operation, draws to a close, I wish all Clubs and Members best wishes for success and achievement next season.

Stephen Strange

Director of Administration

Results – 1997 Sydney Branch Championships – 28th February, 1998

Open First Aid

1. Wanda "A"
2. Wanda "B"
3. Cronulla

Under 18 First Aid

1. Wanda
2. Wanda
3. Wanda

Under 18 Female Champion Lifesaver

1. Wanda 138 pts.
2. Wanda 126.5 pts.
3. Wanda 125.5 pts.

Under 18 Male Champion Lifesaver

1. Wanda 133 pts.
2. Wanda 129.5 pts.
3. Wanda 129.5 pts.

Open Female Champion Lifesaver

1. Wanda 127 pts.
2. Wanda 126 pts.
3. Wanda 117 pts.

Open Male Champion Lifesaver

1. Wanda 143 pts.
2. Wanda 131 pts.
3. Wanda 120 pts.

Patrol Championships

1. Wanda "A" 95 pts.
2. Wanda "B" 89.5 pts.
3. Cronulla 82.5 pts.

Open Surf Belt

1. Cronulla - A. Weir
2. Cronulla - T. Goode
3. Elouera - D. Ingram

Under 18 Surf Belt

1. Cronulla - D. Halpin
2. North Bondi - G. Bishop
3. Elouera - W. Harris

Over 40 Men's Beach Sprint

1. Cronulla - I. Carter
2. Cronulla - C. Elliott
3. South Maroubra - P. Bandfield

Over 50 Men's Beach Sprint

1. South Maroubra - M. Murphy
2. Elouera - B. Sullivan
3. Wanda - G. Mortenan

Over 40 Men's Surf

1. Elouera - C. Robson

Over 50 Men's Surf

1. Wanda - T. Mathews
2. Elouera - L. Hardy

Over 30 Men's Surf

1. Wanda - A. Dawes
2. Wanda - R. Rowland
3. South Maroubra - M. Renford

Over 30 Women's Sprint

1. Elouera - D. Hamaee
2. Wanda - D. Jenkins
3. Cronulla - L. Dutiot

Over 40 Men's Ski

1. North Cronulla - D. Carrett
2. Cronulla - W. Lobb
3. Cronulla - J. Berkley

Over 50 Men's Ski

1. North Cronulla - M. Lewis
2. North Cronulla - M. Geogaris
3. Elouera - B. O'Sullivan

Over 40 Board

1. Cronulla - W. Lobb
2. South Maroubra - B. Goodsell
3. Elouera - R. Finn

Over 50 Board

1. South Maroubra - B. Goodsell

Over 30 Women's Surf

1. Cronulla - M. Halpin
2. Wanda - D. Jenkins
3. Wanda - M. Hopcroft

Over 40 Beach Flags

1. Cronulla - C. Elliott
2. Cronulla - I. Carter
3. South Maroubra - P. Bandfield

Over 50 Beach Flags

1. South Maroubra - M. Murphy
2. Wanda - G. Mortenson
3. South Maroubra - B. Goodsell

Over 30 Women's Beach Flags

1. Wanda - D. Jenkins
2. Elouera - D. Hamaee
3. Cronulla - L. Dutiot

Open Women's 5 Person R & R

1. Coogee "B"
2. Bondi
3. Coogee "A"

Open Women's Board

1. North Bondi Resue
2. Elouera
3. Maroubra

Open Ski Relay

1. Maroubra "A"
2. North Bondi "A"
3. Maroubra "B"

Over 30 Men's Board

1. Maroubra - A. Payne
2. Cronulla - M. Butterfield
3. Maroubra - C. Jones

Under 18 Women's 5 Person R & R

1. Cronulla
2. Bronte

Under 18 5 Person R & R

1. Bondi "B"
2. Coogee
3. Bondi "A"

Over 30 Single Ski

1. Wanda - D. Iredale
2. North Bondi - M. Colquhoun
3. Wanda - M. Pepper

Over 30 Women's Board

1. Cronulla - M. Halpin
2. D. Jenkins
3. L. Dutoit

Under 16 Men's Beach Sprint

1. North Cronulla - B. Davies
2. North Bondi - L. Garlick
3. Wanda - B. Sears

Under 16 Women's Board Relay

1. Cronulla
2. North Cronulla
3. South Maroubra

Open Women's Beach

1. North Cronulla - K. Smith Sprint
2. North Cronulla - F. MacPherson
3. Coogee - S. Cole

Under 16 Men's Board Relay

1. Cronulla
2. North Cronulla
3. North Bondi

Under 18 Men's Beach Relay

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

Under 18 Iron Man

1. Cronulla - N. Smith
2. North Bondi - G. Bishop
3. North Bondi - C. Delooze

Under 16 Women's 5 Person R & R

1. South Maroubra
2. Bronte
3. Coogee

March Past

1. North Cronulla
2. Burning Palms
3. Elouera

Under 16 Men's 5 Person R & R

1. Wanda
2. Coogee
3. Wanda

Open Iron Man

1. Maroubra - K. Heussner
2. Coogee - L. Darragh
3. Maroubra - G. Cowdrey

Open Board Relay

1. Maroubra
2. Cronulla
3. Elouera

Under 18 Women's Board Rescue

1. North Cronulla
2. North Cronulla
3. Cronulla

Under 18 Men's Ski

1. North Bondi Relay
2. Cronulla "A"
3. Bondi

Open Women's Board Relay

1. North Bondi
2. North Cronulla
3. Wanda

Under 18 Men's Board

1. Cronulla Rescue
2. North Bondi
3. Bronte

Open Men's Flags

1. North Bondi - E. Morgan
2. Wanda - K. Iketani
3. Cronulla - C. Giles

Open Men's Beach Sprint

1. Cronulla - C. Giles
2. Wanda - B. Besyiton
3. Garie - J. Hardman

Open Women's Ski

1. Maroubra - H. Heussner
2. North Bondi - J. Riakos
3. Cronulla - C. MacLachlan

Under 16 Men's Board Rescue

1. Cronulla
2. North Bondi
3. North Cronulla

Open Men's Board Rescue

1. Cronulla
2. Cronulla
3. Maroubra

Under 16 Women's Board Rescue

1. Cronulla "A"
2. Cronulla "A"
3. Elouera

Under 16 Surf Board Riding

1. Bronte - M. Jenkinson
2. Bronte - S. Taylor
3. Bronte - T. Stewart

Under 16 Women's Surf Race

1. Elouera - J. Robson
2. Wanda - K. Jenkins
3. Wanda - D. Traves

Open Iron Woman

1. Elouera - K. Hardy
2. North Bondi - J. Sutcliffe
3. Coogee - A. Taylor

Under 16 Men's Flags

1. North Cronulla - B. Davies
2. Wanda - B. Eason
3. North Cronulla - D. Davidson

Under 18 Men's Ski

1. North Bondi - B. Johnson
2. North Bondi - G. Bishop
3. Cronulla - N. Smith

Open Women's Board

1. Elouera - K. Hardy
2. Maroubra - F. Thompson
3. Coogee - L. Habler

Under 18 Women's

1. North Bondi - J. Sutcliffe Board
2. North Bondi - L. Spears
3. Clovelly - B. Chisholm

Under 18 Surf Teams

1. North Bondi
2. Elouera (Disqualified)
3. Cronulla (Disqualified)

Open Taplin

1. Elouera "A"
2. Maroubra
3. North Bondi "A"

Open Surf Race

1. Cronulla - T. Goode
2. Maroubra - D. Gladstone
3. Coogee - M. Ormsby

Under 16 Men's Board

1. North Cronulla - B. Francis
2. North Bondi - T. Smith
3. Coogee - P. Phibbs

Under 16 Women's

1. Cronulla - K. Smith Board
2. Wanda - K. Jenkins
3. Cronulla - E. Hayes

Under 16 Iron Woman

1. Wanda - K. Jenkins
2. Cronulla - K. Smith
3. Elouera - J. Robson

Under 18 Men's Surf

1. Coogee - M. Ormsby
2. Elouera - C. Stevens
3. North Bondi - G. Bishop

Under 16 Iron Man

1. North Cronulla - T. Kirchner
2. Cronulla - B. Orford
3. North Bondi - T. Smith

Open Women's Surf

1. Cronulla - K. McClellan
2. Coogee - L. Habler
3. Elouera - K. Hardy

Under 18 Women's Surf

1. Cronulla - K. McClellan
2. North Bondi - J. Sutcliffe
3. North Bondi - L. Spears

Under 18 Iron Woman

1. Cronulla - K. McClellan
2. North Bondi - J. Sutcliffe
3. North Bondi - L. Spears

Open Women's Flags

1. North Cronulla - K. Smith
2. Elouera - L. Colenso
3. Elouera - J. Lassau

Open Men's Single Ski

1. North Bondi - J. Walker
2. Maroubra - J. Le Marnsey
3. North Bondi - P. Tatham

Under 18 Men's Board

1. North Bondi - R. Jenkin
2. Maroubra - T. Baynsen
3. Cronulla - N. Smith

Open Men's Double Ski

1. Maroubra
2. North Bondi
3. Elouera

Open Mixed Double Ski

1. Maroubra
2. Maroubra
3. North Cronulla

Open Women's Surf

1. Bronte Boat
2. Coogee
3. South Maroubra

Open Surf Boat

1. Maroubra
2. North Cronulla "Gold"
3. North Cronulla "Black"

Reserve Surf Boat

1. North Cronulla "Black"
2. North Cronulla "Gold"
3. Era

Under 18 Surf Boat

1. Elouera
2. Cronulla
3. North Cronulla "Gold"

Under 21 Surf Boat

1. North Cronulla "Gold"
2. Coogee
3. South Maroubra

Masters Over 30 Surf Boat

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

Masters Over 40

1. South Maroubra
2. South Maroubra

Over 24 Surf Race

1. Wanda - S. Dutton
2. Elouera - M. Brown
3. North Cronulla - S. Whittaker

Under 16 Women's Flags

1. Cronulla - B. Elliott
2. Cronulla - C. Miles
3. Wanda - B. Larosa

Under 18 Women's Flags

1. North Cronulla - K. Smith Flags
2. North Cronulla - S. Warren
3. Cronulla - B. Elliott

Under 18 Men's Flags

1. North Cronulla - B. Davies
2. Wanda - J. Herman
3. Wanda - N. Stewart

Open Men's Board

1. Cronulla - S. Braine
2. Cronulla - G. Telfer
3. North Bondi - N. Meyer

Open 5 Person R & R

1. Coogee
2. Wanda
3. Elouera

Under 16 Women's Beach Relay

1. Wanda
2. Elouera
3. North Bondi

Under 18 Men's Board Relay

1. Cronulla
2. North Bondi
3. North Cronulla

Open Men's Beach Relay

1. North Bondi
2. Cronulla
3. Wanda

Open Women's Beach Relay

1. North Cronulla
2. Cronulla
3. North Bondi

Under 16 Men's Surf Teams

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

Under 16 Women's Surf Teams

1. Wanda Surf Teams
2. North Cronulla
3. Cronulla

Under 16 Women's Beach Sprint

1. Bronte - R. Irwin
2. Elouera - B. Elliott
3. Elouera - C. Lee

Under 18 Women's Beach Sprint

1. North Cronulla - K. Smith
2. Cronulla - L. Trembath
3. North Bondi - L. Stewart

Under 16 Men's Beach Relay

Sydney Branch IRB Championships – 3rd May, 1998

"A" Rescue Tube

1. Bondi
2. South Maroubra

"B" Rescue Tube

1. Bondi
2. North Bondi
3. Wanda

Womens Tube

1. North Bondi
2. Bondi

"B" Rescue Tube

1. Wanda
2. South Maroubra "A"
3. Cronulla

Womens Rescue Tube

1. South Maroubra "A"
2. North Bondi Red

"A" Rescue Tube

1. South Maroubra "A"
2. Cronulla
3. Bondi Blue

"B" Mass Rescue

1. Bondi Blue
2. Wanda
3. Cronulla

Womens Mass Rescue

1. North Cronulla Blue
2. Bondi Blue
3. North Bondi Red

"A" Mass Rescue

1. Bondi Blue
2. Bondi White
3. Cronulla

"B" Assembly Rescue

1. Bondi Blue
2. Wanda
3. Bondi White

"A" Assembly Rescue

1. Bondi
2. Cronulla
3. North Cronulla

"B" Team Rescue

1. South Maroubra "A"
2. Wanda
3. Bondi Blue

"A" Team Rescue

1. Bondi Blue
2. North Cronulla
3. Cronulla

"B" Rescue

1. Wanda
2. South Maroubra "B"
3. North Bondi Red

"A" Rescue

1. Bondi Blue
2. Cronulla
3. South Maroubra "A"

Carnival Point Score

1. Bondi (66)
2. North Bondi (38)
3. South Maroubra (35)
4. Wanda (35)
5. Cronulla (33)
6. North Cronulla (23)

Sydney Branch Placegetters at NSW Championships – 5th-8th March, 1998

Open 6 Person R & R

2. Coogee 1.00

Open 5 Person R & R

1. Wanda 1.00
2. Coogee 2.00

Womens 5 Person R & R

1. Coogee 2.00
2. North Cronulla 4.00
3. Wanda 4.00

Under 18 5 Person R & R

1. Bondi B 3.00
2. Coogee 6.00
2. Bondi A 6.00
3. Elouera 15.00

Under 18 Womens R & R

1. Cronulla 6.00
3. Bronte 8.00

Under 16 5 Person R & R

1. Coogee 6.00

Under 16 Womens R & R

1. Wanda A 5.00

Mens Open Surf

1. D. McLellan (Cronulla)
2. T. Goode (Cronulla)
3. A. Weir (Cronulla)

Open Womens Surf

1. S. Gartrell (Wanda)
2. K. McLellan (Cronulla)
3. L. Habler (Coogee)

Under 18 Mens Surf

2. C. Stevens (Elouera)

Under 18 Womens Surf

2. K. McLellan (Cronulla)

Under 16 Mens Surf

2. C. Koppel (North Bondi)

Over 24 Restricted Surf

1. M. Allen (Maroubra)

Open Mens Surf Teams

2. Cronulla
3. Maroubra

Open Womens Surf Teams

1. Coogee

Under 18 Mens Surf Teams

1. Cronulla
3. Elouera

Under 16 Womens Surf Teams

1. Wanda
3. Cronulla

Open Mens Belt Race

1. D. McLellan (Cronulla)
2. A. Weir (Cronulla)

Under 18 Mens Belt Race

1. D. Halpin (Cronulla)
3. S. Barlow (North Cronulla)

Open Iron Lady

2. L. Habler (Coogee)
3. K. Hardy (Elouera)

Under 18 Iron Lady

1. J. Sutcliffe (North Bondi)

Under 16 Iron Lady

1. K. Smith (Cronulla)
2. K. Jenkins (Wanda)

Open Mens Board Rescue

1. Ellmoos/Ungam (Elouera)

Under 18 Mixed Board Rescue

2. Bishop/Jenkins (North Bondi)

Under 18 Womens Board Rescue

3. Spears/Sutcliffe (North Bondi)

Under 16 Mens Board Rescue

1. Smith/Kopal (North Bondi)

Open Taplin

1. Cronulla A

Open Surf Boat

2. North Cronulla Gold

Reserve Boat

1. North Cronulla Black

Under 21 Boat

2. North Cronulla

Open Womens Ski

1. H. Heussner (Maroubra)
2. A. Cowdrey (Maroubra)
3. L. Smith (Cronulla)

Open Ski Relay

1. Elouera

Open Mens Double Ski

3. Armstrong/Lemarnsey (Maroubra)

Open Mixed Double Ski

1. Huessner/Clarke (Maroubra)
3. Cowdrey/Davies (Maroubra)

Under 16 Womens Board

1. K. Smith (Cronulla)

Open Board Relay

3. Cronulla

Under 16 Womens Board Relay

2. Cronulla

Open Board Riding

1. M. Howard (Maroubra)
3. S. Carroll (Bronte)

Open Womens Board Riding

1. T. Smith (Cronulla)

Under 18 Board Riding

1. M. Mathews (Maroubra)

Under 16 Board Riding

1. R. Vaculik (Maroubra)
2. R. Clarke (Bronte)

Under 21 March Past

1. Coogee 10.00
3. Bronte 20.00

Under 18 Mens Beach Sprint

2. J. Herman (Wanda)

Under 18 Womens Beach Sprint

2. K. Smith (North Cronulla)

Under 16 Beach Sprint

2. B. Sears (Wanda)
3. B. Janssen (Cronulla)

Under 16 Womens Beach Sprint

3. R. Irwin (Bronte)

Womens Beach Relay

3. North Cronulla

Under 18 Beach Relay

1. Wanda
3. North Cronulla

Under 16 Beach Relay

1. North Cronulla
3. Cronulla

Under 16 Womens Beach Relay

1. Cronulla

Open Beach Flags

2. M. Schnabel (Elouera)
3. E. Morgan (North Bondi)

Open Womens Beach Flags

2. S. Fisher (Wanda)

Under 18 Womens Beach Flags

2. K. Smith (North Cronulla)

Under 16 Beach Flags

1. B. Davids (North Cronulla)
3. D. Davison (North Cronulla)

Open First Aid

3. Wanda A

Under 18 First Aid

1. Wanda 2

Mens Champion Lifesaver

1. A. Dawes (Wanda)

Womens Champion Lifesaver

2. K. Jones (Wanda)

Open Wave Ski

1. D. Iredale (Wanda)

Open Long Board

2. A. Carroll (Bronte)
3. B. Pickett (Bronte)

Sydney Branch Placegetters at NSW Masters Championships – 5th-8th March, 1998

30-34 years Womens Surf Race

1. K. Hoare (Cronulla)
2. M. Halpin (Cronulla)

40-44 years Mens Surf Race

1. C. Robson (Elouera)
3. B. Green (Cronulla)

55-59 years Mens Surf Race

1. B. McCoid (South Maroubra)

60-64 years Mens Surf Race

1. L. Hardy (Elouera)

110 years Surf Teams Race

3. Cronulla

130 years Surf Teams Race

2. Cronulla
3. North Cronulla

150 years Surf Teams Race

3. Cronulla A

30-34 years Mens Rescue Tube

2. A. Dawes (Wanda)

30-34 Womens Rescue Tube

1. M. Halpin (Cronulla)
2. K. Hoare (Cronulla)

40-44 Mens Rescue Tube

2. C. Robson (Elouera)
3. S. Yates (Cronulla)

50-54 years Mens Rescue Tube

2. R. Goodsell (South Maroubra)

55-59 years Mens Rescue Race

3. B. McCoid (South Maroubra)

30-34 Iron Woman Race

1. M. Halpin (Cronulla)
3. K. Hoare (Cronulla)

40-44 Iron Man Race

1. S. Warren (North Cronulla)

40-44 Iron Woman Race

2. D. Jenkins (Wanda)

45-49 Iron Man Race

2. S. Lenton (North Cronulla)

50-54 Iron Man Race

2. R. Goodsell (South Maroubra)
3. P. Day (Cronulla)

55-59 years Iron Man Race

1. A. Metti (Cronulla)

130 years Taplin Relay

2. Cronulla
3. Elouera

150 years Taplin Relay

1. North Cronulla

30-34 years Surf Board Rescue

1. Buttfield/Garnsey (Cronulla)

35-39 years Surf Board Rescue

3. Smith/McLauchlan (Cronulla)

40-44 Surf Board Rescue Race

2. Yates/Lobb (Cronulla)
3. Warren/Cameron (North Cronulla)

45-49 years Surf Board Rescue

3. Lenton/Bassaroth (North Cronulla)

180 years Surf Boat Race

1. South Maroubra

220 years Surf Boat Race

2. South Maroubra

30-34 years Mens Single Ski

2. J. Lemarnsey (Maroubra)

30-39 years Womens Single Ski

1. D. Harmann (Elouera)
2. T. Edmondson (Cronulla)
3. M. Hopcroft (Wanda)

35-39 years Mens Single Ski

2. D. Iredale (Wanda)

55-59 years Mens Single Ski

1. M. Lewis (North Cronulla)

65 years + Mens Single Ski

1. R. Howell (North Cronulla)

130 years Single Ski Relay

2. North Cronulla

150 years Single Ski Relay

2. Cronulla

30-34 years Double Ski

2. Marseney/Clare (Maroubra)

40-44 years Double Ski

1. Hamilton/Lodd (Cronulla)
2. Warren/Carrett (North Cronulla)

55-59 years Double Ski

1. O'Sullivan/Hardy (Elouera)

30-34 years Mens Surf Board

2. R. Garnsey (Cronulla)

30-34 Womens Surf Board

2. M. Halpin (Cronulla)

35-39 years Womens Surf Board

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35-39 years Mens Surf Race

5. M. Renford (South Maroubra)

40-44 years Mens Surf Race

5. C. Robson (Elouera)

60-64 years Mens Surf Race

6. L. Hardy (Elouera)

65 years + Mens Surf Race

3. G. Taylor (North Bondi)
5. C. Stubbing (North Bondi)

30-34 years Tube Race

4. A. Dawes (Wanda)
6. R. Rowland (Wanda)

40-44 years Tube Race

2. C. Robson (Elouera)
4. G. Stewart (Cronulla)

50-54 years Tube Race

5. C. Baldock (Bondi)
6. R. Goodsell (South Maroubra)

55-59 years Tube Race

3. R. McCoid (South Maroubra)

60-64 years Tube Race

6. L. Hardy (Elouera)

65 years + Tube Race

6. E. Stephens (Wanda)

50-54 Mens Ironman

4. R. Goodsell (South Maroubra)

55-59 Mens Ironman

3. A. Metti (Cronulla)

35-39 years Mens Single Ski

4. S. Spicer (Cronulla)
5. D. Iredale (Wanda)

55-59 years Mens Single Ski

2. M. Lewis (North Cronulla)
3. B. O'Sullivan

60-64 years Mens Single Ski

5. A. Menzies (Bronte)

30-34 years Mens Board

1. D. Schott (Maroubra)
2. M. Mcleary (Maroubra)
3. R. Garnsey (Cronulla)

45-49 Mens Board

1. S. Lenton (North Cronulla)
5. P. Kirkwood (Maroubra)

55-59 years Mens Board

6. A. Metti (Cronulla)

60-64 years Mens Board Race

5. A. Menzies (Bronte)

66 years + Mens Board Race

5. E. Stephens (Wanda)

30-34 years Mens Beach Sprint

4. S. Collins (Maroubra)
5. A. Mills (North Cronulla)

55-59 years Mens Beach Sprint

4. R. Hitchenson (Cronulla)
5. T. Chisholm (Clovelly)

60-64 years Mens Beach Sprint

3. K. Darwent (Maroubra)

Over 65 years Mens Beach Sprint

3. T. Brooker (Elouera)

30-34 years Mens Beach Flags

1. A. Mills (North Cronulla)
2. S. Collins (Maroubra)

55-59 years Mens Beach Flags

5. R. Hitchenson (Cronulla)

60 years + Mens Flags

4. E. Stephens (Wanda)

30-34 years Womens Surf Race

4. M. Halpin (Cronulla)

30-34 years Womens Tube Rescue

3. M. Halpin (Cronulla)

40-44 years Womens Tube Race

3. D. Jenkins (Wanda)

30-34 years Womens Ski

5. L. Dutoit (North Cronulla)

30-34 years Womens Board

6. M. Halpin (Cronulla)

40-44 years Womens Board

2. D. Jenkins (Wanda)

30-34 years Womens Beach Sprint

4. D. Goninan (Elouera)

40-44 years Womens Beach Sprint

1. D. Jenkins (Wanda)
6. F. Elliott (Cronulla)

30-34 years Womens Beach Flags

3. D. Goninan (Elouera)

40-44 years Womens Beach Flags

2. D. Jenkins (Wanda)

130 years Mens Surf Teams Race

4. South Maroubra

150 years Mens Surf Teams Race

2. Cronulla

130 years Taplin Relay

1. Cronulla

150 Taplin Relay

4. Cronulla

30-34 years Board Rescue

3. Garnsey/Butterfield (Cronulla)
4. Jones/Dawes (Wanda)

35-39 years Board Rescue

3. LeMarsney/Bennett (Coogee)

40-44 years Board Rescue

2. Stewart/Lobb (Cronulla)

180 year Boat

1. South Maroubra

220 year Boat

2. South Maroubra

110 years Mens Ski Relay

4. Cronulla
6. Wanda

130 years Mens Ski Relay

5. North Cronulla

150 years Mens Ski Relay

6. Cronulla

30-34 Mens Double Ski

3. Clare/LeMarsney (Maroubra)

35-39 Mens Double Ski

2. Pepper/Iredale (Wanda)

40-44 years Mens Double Ski

4. Cameron/Finn (Elouera)
6. Short/Lapham (Cronulla)

50-59 years Mens Double Ski

1. O'Sullivan/Hardy (Elouera)

150 years Board Relay

5. Cronulla

170 years Beach Relay

4. Cronulla

Sydney Branch Placegetters at Australian Championships – 2nd-5th April, 1998

Outright Carnival Pointscore

4. Cronulla (91.5)
7. North Cronulla (76)

Curlewis 6 Man R & R

2. Coogee (1.84)
5. Wanda (4.38)

Open 5 Man R & R

1. Coogee A (1.0)
3. Wanda (2.56)

Open Womens 5 Man R & R

1. Coogee (4.72)
2. Cronulla (7.0)
3. Bondi (8.42)
4. North Cronulla (11.5)

Under 18 5 Man R & R

2. Coogee (9.26)
3. Bondi (11.32)

Under 16 5 Man R & R

3. Wanda (10.6)
4. South Maroubra (11.2)
6. Coogee (13.62)

Open Surf Belt

1. T. Goode (Cronulla)
2. A. Weir (Cronulla)
3. D. McLellan (Cronulla)
6. C. Gibbs (Cronulla)

Under 18 Surf Belt

2. D. Halpin (Cronulla)
3. B. Mexon (Cronulla)
5. M. Ormsby (Coogee)

Open Mens Surf Race

1. D. McLellan (Cronulla)
2. M. Allen (Maroubra)
3. T. Goode (Cronulla)
6. L. Darragh (Coogee)

Open Womens Surf Race

2. K. McLellan (Cronulla)
6. S. Cotter (North Cronulla)

Under 18 Mens Surf Race

6. G. Bishop (North Bondi)

Under 18 Womens Surf Race

2. S. Habler (Coogee)

Under 16 Mens Surf Race

6. B. Orford (Cronulla)

Under 16 Womens Surf Race

2. J. Robson (Elouera)
3. K. Jury (North Cronulla)

Restricted Surf Race

1. M. Allen (Maroubra)

Open Surf Teams Race

1. Cronulla (48)
4. Maroubra (61)

Under 18 Surf Teams Race

6. Cronulla (78)

Under 16 Womens Surf Teams Race

2. Wanda (47)
6. Cronulla (104)

Open Iron Man Race

3. K. Heussner (Maroubra)

Under 18 Iron Woman Race

5. J. Sutcliffe (North Bondi)

Under 16 Iron Woman Race

1. K. Smith (Wanda)
2. K. Jenkins (Wanda)

Open Mens Surf Board Rescue

3. Heussner/Knox (Maroubra)
5. Ellymoos/Ingram (Elouera)
6. Braine/McLellan (Cronulla)

Under 16 Surf Board Rescue

6. Hartup/English (Cronulla)

Open Surf Boat Race

2. North Cronulla
4. North Cronulla

Reserve Grade Surf Boat Race

5. North Cronulla

Under 18 Surf Boat Race

3. North Cronulla

Open Womens Single Ski Race

4. H. Heussner (Maroubra)
6. C. Machlachan (Cronulla)

Open Mixed Double Ski Race

6. Clare/Heussner (Maroubra)

Open Mens Surf Board Race

5. T. Knox (Maroubra)

Under 18 Mens Surf Board Race

5. N. Smith (Cronulla)

Under 16 Womens Surf Board Race

1. K. Jury (North Cronulla)
5. K. Jenkins (Wanda)
6. N. Smith (Cronulla)

Open Surf Board Riding

5. A. O'Sullivan (Bronte)
5. D. Inglie (Cronulla) (equal 5th)

Under 18 Surf Board Riding

1. M. Matthews (Maroubra)
4. D. O'Donnell (Maroubra)

Under 16 Surf Board Riding

1. M. Matthews (Maroubra)
5. R. Clarke (Bronte)

Open March Past

2. North Cronulla (1)

Under 21 March Past

4. Coogee (6.5)
6. Wanda (11.5)

Open Womens Beach Sprint

5. K. Smith (North Cronulla)

Under 18 Mens Beach Sprint

6. J. Herman (Wanda)

Under 18 Womens Beach Sprint

2. K. Smith (North Cronulla)

Under 16 Mens Beach Sprint

3. B. Davids (North Cronulla)
6. B. Janssen (Cronulla)

Under 16 Womens Beach Sprint

5. R. Irwin (Bronte)

Open Beach Relay

4. Cronulla

Open Womens Beach Relay

6. Coogee

Under 18 Beach Relay

2. Wanda

Under 16 Beach Relay

2. North Cronulla
3. Cronulla

Under 16 Womens Beach Relay

1. Cronulla
6. Wanda

Open Mens Beach Flags

3. D. Bullian (North Cronulla)
5. E. Morgan (North Bondi)
6. M. G. Hitchenson (Coogee)

Open Womens Beach Flags

2. D. Strauss (Elouera)

Under 18 Mens Beach Flags

6. J. Herman (Wanda)

Under 18 Womens Beach Flags

3. K. Smith (North Cronulla)

Under 16 Mens Beach Flags

2. B. Davies (North Cronulla)
4. C. Sellings (North Cronulla)
5. B. Eason (Wanda)

Open First Aid

5. Jones/Douglas (Wanda A)

Under 18 First Aid

4. Jones/Hammerton (Wanda A)

Open Champion Lifesaver

6. A. Dawes (Wanda)

Sydney Branch Placegetters at NSW IRB Championships – 22nd-24th May, 1998

"B" Tube Rescue

4. Wanda

"B" Mass Rescue

2. Wanda

Womens Mass Rescue

6. Wanda

BRANCH OFFICERS 1949-50 to 1997-98

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. Sargeant	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				
1997-98	P. Pearce	K. English	S. Strange	S. Morris D. Dillon	J. De Cean			

BOARD OF CONTROL OFFICERS 1949-50 TO 1997-98

Season	Superintendent	Deputy Superintendent	Board Secretary	Examination Supervisor	Carnival and Competition Supervisor	Registrar	No. 1 District Supervisor	No.2 District Supervisor	No.3 District Supervisor	No.4 District Supervisor
1949-50	D. Lucas	W. Foerster	A. Castleman			T. Moran	G. Johnson	H. Small	V. Williams	G. Wild
1950-51	D. Lucas	W. Foerster	A. Castleman			G. Davis	G. Johnson	J. Switzer	B. Cribb	P. Hickman
1951-52	D. Lucas	W. Foerster	A. Castleman			G. Davis	J. Vaughan	J. Switzer	B. Cribb	M. Black
		W. Foerster	L. McDonald							
1952-53	W. Foerster	L. McDonald	V. Williams			G. Davis	J. Vaughan	J. Switzer	K. Flannery	M. Black
1953-54	W. Foerster	L. McDonald	V. Williams			G. Davis	J. Vaughan	J. Switzer	K. Flannery	M. Black
1954-55	W. Foerster	J. Marsden	V. Williams			G. Davies	L. Johnson	J. Switzer	K. Flannery	M. Black
						R. Simmons				
1955-56	J. Marsden	A. May	V. Williams			R. Bridges	O. Hailey	J. Switzer	B. Brewin	M. Black
1956-57	J. Marsden	H. McDonald	B. Brewin			D. Lucas	O. Hailey	J. Switzer	G. Cavanagh	J. Wardall
1957-58	J. Marsden	H. McDonald	B. Brewin			D. Lucas	O. Hailey	J. Switzer	R. Davey	R. Young
1958-59	J. Marsden	H. McDonald	A. Moseley			H. Brown	R. Liddle	J. Switzer	R. Davey	B. Brewin
1959-60	H. McDonald	J. Marsden	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	R. Liddle	J. Switzer	R. Davey	B. Elliott
1960-61	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	R. Liddle	P. Ainsworth	J. Wardall	B. Elliott
1961-62	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	R. Liddle	P. Ainsworth	J. Wardall	B. Walker
1962-63	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	R. Liddle	P. Ainsworth	J. Wardall	B. Walker
						J. Casey				
1963-64	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	J. Casey	P. Ainsworth	A. Kelly	B. Walker
1964-65	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	R. Davison	P. Ainsworth	B. Brewin	J. Young
1965-66	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	C. Osborne	P. Ainsworth	K. Messenger	J. Young
1966-67	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	R. Davison	P. Ainsworth	K. Messenger	J. Young
1967-68	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	W. Winzer	W. Rennie	K. Messenger	J. Young
1968-69	A. Moseley	N. Dixon	W. Swingler			H. Brown	W. Winzer	W. Rennie	K. Messenger	J. Young
1969-70	A. Moseley	J. Dewey	W. Swingler			H. Brown	W. Winzer	W. Rennie	J. Casey	J. Young
1970-71	A. Moseley	J. Dewey	T. Beckett			S. Gibson	W. Winzer	W. Rennie	J. Casey	J. Young
1971-72	A. Moseley	J. Dewey	T. Beckett			S. Gibson	W. Winzer	W. Rennie	W. Walton	J. Young
								R. Leix	J. Wardall	
1972-73	A. Moseley	J. Dewey	T. Beckett			S. Newman	W. Winzer	R. Leix	J. Wardall	J. Young
			J. Switzer							
			J. Vaughan							
1973-74	R. Howells	J. Dewey	J. Switzer			S. Newman	W. Winzer	N. Jamieson	J. Wardall	J. Young
	J. Dewey	L. McNamara					C. Osborne			
1974-75	J. Dewey	J. May	J. Switzer			K. English	C. Osborne	N. Jamieson	J. Wardall	J. Young
1975-76	J. Dewey	J. May	J. Switzer	P. Ainsworth		K. English	C. Osborne	N. Jamieson	J. Wardall	J. Young
		K. Messenger						T. Elliott		
1976-77	J. Dewey	K. Messenger	J. Switzer	P. Ainsworth		J. Connolly	C. Osborne	T. Elliott	J. Wardall	P. Quartly
		J. May								
1977-78	J. Dewey	J. May	P. Sargeant	E. Stephens	J. May	J. Connolly	C. Osborne	T. Elliott	D. Popplewell	K. Andrews
1978-79	J. Dewey	J. May	P. Parsons	E. Stephens	J. May	J. Connolly	C. Osborne	T. Elliott	D. Popplewell	K. Andrews
1979-80	J. May	T. Elliott	S. Strange	E. Stephens	J. Dewey	J. Connolly	C. Osborne	J. Fraser	D. Popplewell	K. Andrews
1980-81	T. Elliott	R. Howells	S. Strange	E. Stephens	J. Dewey	P. Steenson	C. Osborne	M. Berger	D. Popplewell	M. Clancy
1981-82	T. Elliott	R. Howells	S. Strange	B. Kelly	R. Day	P. Steenson	C. Osborne	M. Berger	D. Popplewell	J. May
1982-83	T. Elliott	R. Howells	S. Strange	B. Kelly	R. Day	P. Steenson	C. Osborne	B. Breadner	B. King	C. Matthews
1983-84	T. Elliott	R. Howells	G. Thomson	B. Kelly	K. English	P. Steenson	C. Osborne	B. Breadner	B. King	S. Bailey
1984-85	T. Elliott	R. Howells	G. Thomson	B. Kelly	K. English		C. Osborne	B. Breadner	K. Rowsell	S. Bailey
1985-86	T. Elliott	K. English	G. Thomson	P. Davis	J. Vaughan		C. Osborne	B. Breadner	B. Kelly	S. Bailey
1986-87	T. Elliott	K. English	K. Schenk	P. Davis	J. Vaughan		C. Osborne	B. Breadner	B. Kelly	S. Bailey
			S. Rudd							
1987-88	T. Elliott	K. English	S. Rudd	P. Davis	J. Vaughan		C. Osborne	B. Breadner	B. Kelly	G. Shales

Season	Superintendent	Director of Lifesaving	Secretary	Director of Examination & Instruction	Director of Competition	No. 1 District Supervisor	No. 2 District Supervisor	No.3 District Supervisor	No. 4 District Supervisor
1988-89	T. Elliott	B. Breadner	K. English	R. Bransdon	K. Metcalf	S. Strange	P. Calder	M. McFarlane	G. Shales
1989-90	T. Elliott	B. Breadner	K. English	R. Bransdon	K. Metcalf	S. Strange	P. Calder	J. Restuccia	G. Shales
1990-91	T. Elliott	G. Shales	B. Breadner	U. Say	K. Metcalf	P. Sullivan	S. Barrett	J. Restuccia	K. Wilson
1991-92	P. Agnew	G. Shales	P. Davis (rsg)	U. Say	P. Steenson	P. Sullivan	L. Mulhall	G. Clarke	K. Wilson
1992-93	P. Agnew	P. Sullivan	-	L. Mulhall	K. Wilson	C. Osborne	J. Sherratt	C. Fitzgerald	P. Cooper
1993-94	P. Agnew	P. Sullivan	T. Berger	L. Mulhall	K. Wilson	-	J. Sherratt	C. Fitzgerald	B. Dundas
1994-95	P. Agnew	J. Restuccia	P. Quartly	K. Wilson (rsg)	C. Fitzgerald	P. Sullivan	L. McDougall	P. Scullion	B. Dundas
							D. Leckie		
1995-96	N/A	J. Restuccia	P. Quartly	P. Agnew	C. Fitzgerald	M. Pearce	L. Macdougall	E. Goldberg	-

Season	Director of Lifesaving	Rescue Services Manager	Secretary	Examination and Instruction Manager	Coaching and Competition Manager	No. 1 District Supervisor	No. 2 District Supervisor	No. 3 District Supervisor	No.4 District Supervisor
1996-97	P. Davis	B. Taylor	P. Quartly	D. Lovall	R. Bignold	M. Pearce	R. Harris	E. Goldberg	P. Agnew
1997-98	P. Seeto	B. Taylor	P. Quartly	D. Lovall	R. Bignold	M. Pearce	J. Sherratt	P. O'Neill	P. Agnew

BRANCH STATISTICS 1949-50 TO 1997-98

Season	Rescues	Awards	First Aid	Membership		Championships			Life Membership
				Active	Total	Branch	State	Australian	
1949-50	1,697	599	4,561	3,026	5,939	-	North Wollongong	Coolangatta Qld	D.R.B. Moroney G.H. Johnson
1950-51	2,770	562	4,070	3,310	5,758	North Bondi	Freshwater	Scarborough WA	-
1951-52	2,248	657	5,297	3,262	6,381	Coogee	Byron Bay	North Wollongong NSW	W. Foerster L.S. McDonald R. Michaelis
1952-53	1,900	845	6,023	3,915	6,457	Bondi	Swansea-Caves	Newport NSW	V.A. Besomo A.R. Loton
1953-54	3,226	835	4,341	3,731	6,813	Coogee	Terrigal	Southport Qld	A.W. Castleman
1954-55	2,501	795	5,470	3,674	6,666	Dee Why	North Wollongong	North Steyne NSW	G.A. Lindsay A. Olsen
1955-56	2,304	771	3,681	3,789	6,615	Collaroy	Freshwater	Torquay Vic	V.J. Williams D.C. Lucas
1956-57	1,662	799	3,945	3,655	6,895	Dee Why	Coffs Harbour	Bondi NSW	T.W. Meagher
1957-58	2,502	682	5,732	3,835	7,451	Maroubra	Stanwell Park	Scarborough WA	-
1958-59	2,756	906	5,021	4,371	6,722	Dee Why	Wanda	Mooloolaba Qld	G.J. Wilson
1959-60	1,741	1,032	3,423	4,689	7,250	Bondi	Crescent Head	Merewether NSW	J.W. Dempster G. Williams
1960-61	1,372	431	3,129	2,481	3,357	Coogee	Tathra	Moana SA	A.J. Purcell W.A.T. Crain
1961-62	2,024	375	2,658	2,334	3,800	Wanda	Manly	Burnie Tas	R.J. McKenna
1962-63	1,414	456	291	2,441	3,573	North Cronulla	Port Kembla	Warrnambool Vic	R.M. Howells E.J. Marsden
1963-64	1,508	436	1,047	2,323	4,207	Coogee	Swansea-Belmont	Collaroy NSW	E.C. Sier J.R. Switzer
1964-65	1,492	488	734	2,510	4,501	Cronulla	Coogee	Scarborough WA	J.K. Vaughan
1965-66	1,179	616	453	2,278	4,625	Bondi	North Wollongong	Coolangatta Qld	-
1966-67	1,081	441	544	2,267	4,692	Bronte	Newport	South Port SA	-
1967-68	1,138	531	-	2,501	4,897	Coogee	Kingscliff	North Cronulla NSW	L.J. Buck A. Moseley
1968-69	1,141	388	-	2,468	5,028	Wanda	Corimal	Clifton Tas	-
1969-70	1,740	554	-	2,736	5,245	North Bondi	Wanda	Ocean Grove Vic	-
1970-71	3,000	656	992	2,754	5,256	Elouera	Swansea-Caves	City of Perth WA	-
1971-72	1,496	790	768	2,927	5,498	Coogee	South Curl Curl	Swansea-Belmont NSW	H.J. Brown G.B. Staunton
1972-73	1,226	610	-	2,838	5,215	Elouera	Maroubra	Burleigh Heads Qld	-
1973-74	1,630	500	920	2,754	5,401	South Maroubra	Tathra	Gleneig SA	G.R.M. Challis
1974-75	1,051	716	1,498	2,704	6,547	Wanda	Red Head Swansea-Belmont	Dee Why NSW	-
1975-76	1,403	1,370	1,406	1,834	5,534	South Maroubra	Crescent Head South West Rocks	Clifton Tas	K.C. Andrews
1976-77	1,929	1,135	901	1,996	5,844	Wanda	Corimal	Bancoora Vic	N.A. Dixon
1977-78	1,382	1,044	1,042	2,072	4,578	Coogee	Bondi	Kingscliff NSW	P.V. Ainsworth K.F. Messenger E.B. Stephens W.J. Young
1978-79	1,407	1,079	3,704	2,017	5,544	Cronulla	North Narrabeen Collaroy	Trigg Island WA	-
1979-80	1,999	888	4,923	1,904	5,001	Bondi	Swansea-Belmont	Maroochydore Qld	W.G. Marshall C.F. Osborne J.B. Wardall
1980-81	2,225	1,199	4,403	1,972	5,501	Elouera	Evans Head	Wanda NSW	R.V. Buist
1981-82	2,439	1,076	2,333	1,979	5,772	Cronulla	North Curl Curl	Moana SA	J.C. Dewey
1982-83	2,156	1,262	3,245	2,121	5,393	Elouera	Mollymook	Clifton Tas	-
1983-84	1,705	1,246	2,116	2,207	5,650	Cronulla	Wollongong	Kurrawa Qld	-
1984-85	2,188	1,378	1,771	2,330	5,710	Bondi	Byron Bay	Point Leo Vic	-
1985-86	2,305	1,479	2,105	2,372	5,981	Bondi	South Maroubra	Moana SA	C.I. Badham
1986-87	1,735	1,448	1,371	2,408	6,146	Maroubra	Collaroy	Scarborough WA	R.P. Davison
1987-88	1,923	1,404	3,036	2,339	6,316	Elouera	North Curl Curl	Wanda NSW	T.D. Elliott
1988-89	1,200	1,111	3,470	2,157	6,135	Wanda	Cape Hawke	Burleigh Heads Qld	-
1989-90	1,487	1,062	1,239	2,043	5,719	Maroubra	Swansea-Belmont	North Wollongong NSW	W.T. Gray
1990-91	1,230	1,115	793	2,181	6,176	Maroubra	Bondi	Scarborough WA	-
1991-92	2,215	1,186	1,195	2,146	6,200	Maroubra	Thirroul	Collaroy NSW	-
1992-93	1,405	1,062	855	2,615	6,385	Maroubra	Mollymook	Kurrawa Qld	R.J. Sargeant
1993-94	1,896	1,096	4,932	2,485	6,291	Bondi	Kingscliff	Swansea-Belmont NSW	K.E. English M. Singleton
1994-95	2,384	1,163	2,717	2,780	6,114	South Maroubra	Kingscliff	Kurrawa Qld	-
1995-96	2,234	990	1,375	2,442	6,176	Bondi	South Maroubra	Kurrawa Qld	-
1996-97	2,373	1,072	2,709	2,685	6,456	South Maroubra	Mollymook	Kurrawa Qld	K.M. Grima R.E. Pears S.R. Strange
1997-98	2,242	949	3,795	2,362	6,270	South Maroubra	Mollymook	Kurrawa Qld	E.M. Brooker

3000 surf rescues

MORE than 3000 swimmers were assisted by volunteer surf lifesavers from dangerous rips and shallow sand banks yesterday as crowds swarmed to Sydney's beaches, taking advantage of the hot weather.

Surf patrols on most beaches were stretched to the limit, particularly on Manly, Collaroy and Cronulla.

Mainly surf lifesaving clubs were forced to call for extra volunteers to help keep crowds safe as the wind picked up and the tides dropped.

Sydney Surf spokesman Rob Barnes said the blustery conditions and strong rips made it a busy day for all surf clubs.

"All clubs on the northern beaches stayed an extra hour on patrol to cater for the crowds who wanted to keep swimming," he said.

Surf heroes not dropping their guard

SUMMER may have ended but while the warm weather continues to grace Sydney's beaches, so too will its surf lifesavers.

The red and yellow flags synonymous with the presence of the weekend volunteers will remain a regular sight on our sands until April.

"There are still a lot of people going to the beach and the weather is quite warm so our patrols are continuing to cater for that," Sydney Surf's Robert Barnes said.

Sydney's southern beaches are preparing to end their weekend lifesaving service on April 19 and the northern beaches will continue until Anzac Day.

Rescued teens' callous disregard for dead hero

NOT EVEN SORRY

By TDM BARLAES

TWO days after Bernie Kelly sacrificed his life to rescue a group of young soccer players from the surf, not one of them has come forward to express their sorrow or thanks.

None of the youth has approached the lifesaver's family to say sorry for his callous behaviour which led to Mr Kelly's death.

The 16 youth rescued from a rip at Manoubra beach on Sunday ignored warnings to swim between the flags, but not one of them has apologised to Mr Kelly's fellow lifesavers, who also risked their lives in the rescue.

"I don't have much time for them at all," said Paul Fowles, captain of South Manoubra Surf Life Saving

Club, surf patrol captain during the rescue. "If they don't have the courtesy to say sorry then they are going to have to come to terms with that."

"It is disappointing we haven't heard anything," Mr Fowles said.

But he added: "I am more concerned with giving Bernie a good send-off."

The club is preparing for Thursday's funeral and wake for its vice-captain, 17-year-old Mr Kelly, who dropped dead of a heart attack after personally rescuing three of the 16 youths when they were dragged 150m out to sea in a strong rip.

Lifesavers could not identify the teenage soccer player yesterday, but said they had not seen or heard from them since they left the beach with out a word of thanks on Sunday.

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Rough seas turn ferries into buses

By ENMA BLAKE

BOSES replaced Manly ferries last night as huge seas marching through the Heads into the harbour became too dangerous to navigate.

Sydney's coast was battered by a 5m swell, and buffeted by gale-force southerly winds, on Saturday and again yesterday.

The swell and wind forced Manly ferries and JetCats to take a slow zig-zag route across the open water between the Heads during daylight hours.

Water taxis refused to make the journey.

A deep low pressure system in the Tasman Sea south-east of Sydney directed the waves directly into the harbour.

By nightfall negotiating the maelstrom between the Heads was considered against common-sense and all ferry and JetCat services were cancelled.

Strong to gale forced southerly winds up 42km/h lashed the coast yesterday after reaching 65km/h on Saturday.

The wild weather caused lifesavers to close all but five Sydney beaches.

North Bondi, Clovelly, South Manoubra and Dee Why remained open.

However, lifesavers were kept busy helping surfers and body

boarders drawn to the huge waves pounding the city's beaches.

Lifesavers reported rescuing 26 people. Another 45 received first aid at the five beaches which remained open.

Water police were kept busy as boats were blown off their moorings and as sailors struggling in the violent winds had to be towed back to marinas.

Three men had to be rescued by police in Botany Bay after their power boat ran out of fuel and was blown towards rocks.

Sans Souci water police also had to help two sailors whose boat capsized in Port Hacking.

On Pittwater two children managed to swim to shore after a small sailboat capsized off Lion Island.

The Bureau of Meteorology said the deep low pressure system which had formed over the Tasman Sea had stayed in place for most of Saturday and yesterday.

But by late yesterday afternoon it had started to move away from the coast.

Today is expected to be cool to mild with the chance of a coastal shower and a top temperature in the city of 24C.

However, moderate to fresh to strong southerly winds are forecast for the coast.

Couple rescued off Bondi

A young man and woman were among 10 people rescued off Sydney beaches yesterday after they were thrown from their runabout into cold and heavy seas at Bondi.

Sydney Surf said the two people, aged in their early 20s, were struggling in the water when they were rescued by North Bondi and Bondi surf lifesavers in inflatable rescue boats.

Sydney Surf's Randwick Offshore Rescue Boat transferred the couple to Watson's Bay and a waiting ambulance.

Sydney Surf emergency response coordinator Steve Leahy said they were suffering mild hypothermia and shock and were in a stable condition in St Vincent's Hospital.

Lifesavers work overtime on beaches

By EVIE GELASTOPOULOS

SURF Lifesavers reported one of their busiest days this summer yesterday with more than 200 swimmers rescued from Sydney beaches.

Lifesavers working on beaches along the Sydney coastline reported a total of 213 rescues and 96 first aid cases.

The busiest beaches

were North Bondi, Wanda and North Cronulla. Four of the victims were rushed to hospital with possible spinal injuries, Surf Lifesaving spokesman Robert Barnes said.

"Overall it was a huge weekend for our lifesavers and we had extra volunteers on the beaches just to cope with the crowds," Mr Barnes said.

He said more than 1300 warnings were issued to

swimmers to move out of dangerous areas and some 300 beachgoers treated for bluebottle stings.

Mr Barnes said low tide conditions for most of the day and a significant swell at most beaches were largely to blame for so many swimmers getting into difficulties.

"People were diving into the water without checking the conditions first," he said.

"If the weather is going to keep up like this it's certainly important for people to take precautions, use common sense, and stay between the flags," he said.

Yesterday the temperature reached a maximum of 29C in the city and 34C at Richmond.

Bureau of Meteorology forecasters said cloudy periods early today should clear to a mostly sunny day.

Hot and dry conditions are expected to cause very high to extreme fire danger in the Upper and Lower Western Central West Slopes and Plains and the Riverina.

Sydney temperatures should reach a maximum of 26C, with 33C and 34C in Liverpool and Richmond respectively.

A south-easterly change is expected to bring thunderstorms tomorrow.

