



**Forty-Ninth Annual Report**

**Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch Inc.**  
**Board of Control**

**1997-1998 Season**



## **PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD**

Another long and hard year for our Board Officers and Members, your contribution towards Surf Life Saving Sydney and its clubs is appreciated.

During the latter part of the season, we again review the activities of the Board's function and through a Special General Meeting of all Board Members and Officers, a plan to have two sections, Life Saving and Competition were agreed to.

It is pleasing to see new members becoming involved in Board Activities, this is a sign of change and a positive challenge to the Board Executive to maintain this growth in the future, with members' doing Examinations, Life Saving and Competition. Unfortunately when it comes to meetings to discuss formats, recommendations and general information, the new members are not willing to be involved. I ask all members of the Board to assist in this area and become a vocal part of your Board. Supporting your Executive is being a strong and reliable part of the team.

I thank the various Managers for their never ending contribution, Peter Seeto, Dianne Lovell, Brad Taylor, Dick Bignold and Peter Quartly. Also I would like to highlight the efforts of Bill Singleton our Gear Stewrad and our IRB Carnival Officials and IRB Crews.

We must confirm our focus over the coming season to increase Board Membership, hopefully the new struture should ease the burden on some members and offer a clearer prospective to the Boards activities. We will have an active season next year with a full carnival programme and a new Association Training Manual.

Enjoy the winter break and I look forward to seeing you on the beach next season.

**Peter Pearce**

President

Suf Life Saving Sydney Branch Inc.



**SURF LIFE SAVING SYDNEY BRANCH INC.**

**BOARD OF CONTROL**

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the 49th Annual General Meeting of the Sydney Branch Surf Life Saving Board of Control will be held at the Maroubra Seals Sports and Community Club on Friday, 26th June, 1998, commencing at 7.30 pm.

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome by Peter Seeto, Director of Life Saving.
2. Apologies and Leave.
3. Confirmation of Minutes of the 48th Annual General meeting, held on 28th May, 1997.
4. Presentation of the 49th Annual Report for the 1997-98 Season.
5. Election of Officers and Sub-Committees for the 1998-99 Season for
  - a) Sydney Branch Board of Life Saving
  - b) Sydney Branch Board of Competition
6. General Business.

**Peter Quartly**

Board Secretary



## OFFICERS

Director of Lifesaving	Peter Seeto (Elected 17/7/97)
Examination & Instruction Manager	Dianne Lovell
Competition & Coaching Manager	Dick Bignold
Rescue Services Manager	Brad Taylor
Board Secretary	Peter Quartly
Board Gear Steward	Bill Gray (Dec. 19/1/98)
New Members Co-ordinator	Peter Agnew
Radio Room Supervisor	Brad McDonogh (Elected 17/7/97)

## SECTIONAL SUPERVISORS

IRB Supervisor	Craig Lovell (Elected 17/7/97)
JRB/ORB Supervisor	John Moseley

## DISTRICT SUPERVISORS

Royal National Park Clubs	Margaret Pearce
Cronulla-Sutherland District	James Sherratt
Randwick District	Patrick O'Neill
Waverley District	Peter Agnew

## ASSISTANT DISTRICT SUPERVISORS

Royal National Park Clubs	Michael Hodsdon (Elected 6/8/97)
Cronulla-Sutherland Districts	Tony Coffey (Elected 28/8/97)
Randwick District	Peter Harvie (Elected 25/10/97)
Waverley District	Alex O'Hara (Elected 21/8/97)

## BOARD OF CONTROL COMMITTEES

### GEAR INSPECTION COMMITTEE

Brad Taylor (Chairman), Frank Osborne, Frank Ridley, Albert Mosely, Ted Cahill, Ursula Cartner, Don Workman, Arthur White, Bill Singleton, Michelle Phillips, Joan Vaughan, Peter Fuller, Brad McDonogh, Ron Camilleri, Ken English, Peter Seeto, Dianne Lovell, Cameron Miles, Peter Jones

### MERITORIOUS AWARDS COMMITTEE

Bill Gray (Convenor - Dec. 19/1/98) Ken English (Convenor - Appointed 19/2/98), Neil Miller, Bill Singleton, Albert Moseley

### MANUAL REVISION COMMITTEE

Peter Quartly (Convenor), Peter Murphy and Frank Osborne.

### RESUSCITATION RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT INSTRUCTION AND MEDICAL PANEL

Peter Quartly (Convenor), Peter Murphy, Frank Osborne

## HONORARY SECRETARY

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.

The negative aspect is we lost valuable participation with the Branch Executive and this was further compounded when the Rescue Services Manager was informed at the March meeting he was not a member of the Branch Council although he had been attending for a number of years and delivering reports as part of the formal agenda. I believe the Branch was the poorer in this regard as his role and his knowledge of life saving within the Branch is second to none.

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.

A simple organisation structure of each Board is found further on in the Report, as is the basic job descriptions of the officers concerned.



Board Major Sponsor - Energy Australia

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 SLNSW 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.



*Coca-Cola Patrol tent and screens at Era Beach*

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.

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 Inc. for which we congratulate him. 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 leaps and bounds.

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.

Most importantly, to you, the members, for performing so magnificently over the season. Your standards have been high and I am sure you will continue to maintain such standards as we meet the new season as two new Boards, each an integral part of Sydney Branch and its future.

**Peter Quartly**

Honorary Secretary

## **MANUAL REVISION COMMITTEE**

The new manual has still not hit the book shelves at the time of writing. We are waiting with bated breath for this latest edition.

I am sure, as with all previous editions, it will create its minor controversies and will lead to a number of submissions.

So we can only await its publication in anticipation. However, it is really disappointing that it is late, as this impacts on the whole movement and will result in delays with awards in the coming season. As a professional body, this should not be tolerated.

**Peter Quartly**

Convenor



## 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 LIVES LOST ON A BEACH DURING PATROLLED HOURS.**

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 & 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 & 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

The following table lists the awards gained for the 1997/98 Season, compared with the four previous Seasons and total awards gained by each club in the Branch. (Tally formulated 30th April, 1998).

AWARD	97/98	93/94	94/95	95/96	96/97
Surf Life Saving Certificate	188	182	239	220	217
Bronze Medallion	421	481	382	448	448
SLSC Instructor	9	12	6	9	7
Training Officer's Certificate	13	41	45	39	41
Examiners Certificate	12	4	12	4	6
SLSC Examiner	-	-	-	-	-
Resuscitation Certificate	49	93	29	8	48
Advanced Resuscitation Certificate	43	174	148	78	115
ARC - Instructor's Certificate	7	7	21	11	16
ARC - Examiners - Certificate	-	-	1	-	2
IRB - Crew Certificate	-	-	-	1	-
IRB - Driver's Certificate	28	45	21	40	41
IRB - Instructor's Certificate	5	11	1	9	9
IRB - Examiner's Certificate	3	1	2	-	1
ORB - Crew Certificate	7	14	11	6	6
ORB - Driver's Certificate	3	6	5	4	2



AWARD	97/98	93/94	94/95	95/96	96/
97ORB - Skipper's Certificate	1	4	3	2	1
ORB - Examiner's Certificate	1	1	2	1	-
Radio Operator's Certificate	135	4	125	98	55
Radio Instructor's Certificate	4	2	10	1	4
Radio Examiner's Certificate	1	-	3	-	1
Radio Controller's Certificate	-	2	-	5	3
First Aid Certificate	16	6	28	2	47
First Aid Instructor's Certificate	-	-	1	2	1
First Aid Examiner's Certificate	-	-	1	-	1
Advanced Life Saving Certificate	3	1	2	2	1
International Training Officer's/ Community Awards	11	1	1	3	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>1092</b>	<b>1108</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>1073</b>

### CLUB TOTAL AWARDS

	97/98	93/94	94/95	95/96	96/97
Bondi	68	68	53	66	64
Bronte	45	38	46	58	41
Burning Palms	11	24	7	33	21
Clovelly	24	23	45	25	28
Coogee	71	59	86	44	153
Cronulla	90	103	117	82	124
Elouera	24	111	193	81	118
Era	6	0	21	4	2
Garie	20	32	24	9	24
Maroubra	186	45	49	80	57
North Bondi	135	165	196	185	123
North Cronulla	89	146	138	72	100
South Maroubra	40	51	102	63	57
Tamarama	11	81	24	25	10
Wanda	140	147	108	166	151

### CLUB PROFICIENCY NUMBERS

CLUB	BM	SLSC	ARC	IRB
Bondi	96	12	21	13
Bronte	124	41	17	5
Burning Palms	35	1	-	5
Clovelly	55	14	15	8
Coogee	155	35	-	-
Cronulla	270	164	21	10
Elouera	151	10	3	12
Era	42	-	-	9
Garie	22	-	-	7
Maroubra	84	-	17	-
North Bondi	185	25	57	23
North Cronulla	239	40	19	13
South Maroubra	171	55	-	12
Tamarama	65	-	-	4
Wanda	251	34	8	11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1945</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>132</b>

### RESCUE SERVICES 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. There is a full report included in this Annual Report.



*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:

Coogee	6,655
Bronte	6,613
South Maroubra	6,510
North Bondi	6,308
Maroubra	6,305
Garie	6,225
Burning Palms	6,155
Wanda	6,130
Cronulla	6,125
Clovelly	6,010
North Cronulla	5,970
Elouera	5,925
Bondi	5,895
Era	5,570
Tamarama	3,685

District placings were:

<b>Waverley</b>	
Bronte	6,613
North Bondi	6,308
Bondi	5,895
Tamarama	3,685
<b>Randwick</b>	
Coogee	6,655
South Maroubra	6,510
Maroubra	6,305
Clovelly	6,010
<b>Cronulla-Sutherland</b>	
Wanda	6,130
Cronulla	6,125
North Cronulla	5,970
Elouera	5,925
<b>Royal National Park</b>	
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 Philips 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. These calls were very varied in their makeup as can be seen from the figures below:

Type of Callout	Number
Boating incidents	23
Swimmers requiring assistance	20
Various injuries requiring Ambulance	19
Shark sighting	14
Spinal	13
Miscellaneous incidents	12
Missing persons	11
Person over cliff	11
Boardriders requiring assistance	8
Fisherman off rocks	7
Immersion	6
Fractures	5
Breathing difficulties	5
Dislocated shoulder	5

Type of Callout	Number
Divers in trouble	5
Person collapsed	5
Body retrieval	4
Possible heart attack	4
CPR	3
Drowning	3
Flair sighting	3
Jumper	3
Missing ski paddler	3
Neck pain	3
Back up firefighters	2
Bush fires	2
Mass rescue	2
Person trapped on rocks	2
Patient transfer	2
Airport alert	1
Beacon search	1
Placed on stand-by for possible tidal wave	1
Stroke	1
Wanting counselling after near drowning	1
Windsurfer in trouble	1

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

### ROYAL NATIONAL PARK DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

The three clubs have once again completed their patrol obligations under adverse conditions.

Garie continued to maintain their patrol strength with limited members and resources. The clubhouse has not been rebuilt, although meetings with the Management of the Royal National Park have continued throughout the season without further advancement.

Era maintained their patrol strength throughout the season with the undertaking to increase and improve the morale of their members.

Burning Palms lost their gear shed and rescue equipment in May 1997 and set about the task of replacing the gear with the assistance of the NSW Department of Sport & Recreation, Direct Assistance Grant, Surf Life Saving New South Wales, Surf Clubs throughout New South Wales, sponsorship and donations from their own members. The club ensured that patrol strengths were maintained throughout the season.

The patrolling members, ably led by their respective Club Captains, are to be congratulated for their dedication and diligence towards patrol duties throughout the season.

Awards this season included 3 Bronze/SLSC Examiners (Michael Bretherton and Michael Hodsdon from the Garie club and Jodie Culbert from Burning Palms). Congratulations to these members. Bronze Medallions gained this season were Burning Palms 8, Era 4 and Garie 2. Total Awards for the season were Burning Palms 11, Era 6 and Garie 20.



Patrol Efficiency Competition was carried out monthly and we thank the clubs for their co-operation and positive support towards this competition. Congratulations to Garie for winning the competition in the District (the overall results are detailed within this Report).

A new repeater channel was trialed during the season and, if feasible, will enable the three clubs in the District to have uninterrupted communications with Sydney Surf.

To the Board of Control Examiners who assisted throughout the season with proficiency tests and examinations, thank you once again for your service - in particular, Frank Osborne, Mick Bretherton, Jodi Culbert, Michael Moran, Peter Pearce and Craig Williams.

Congratulations to Brad Taylor from Garie on winning the Sydney Branch Volunteer of the Year and to Michael Hodsdon for being a finalist in the NSW State Life Saver of the Year.

To the Club Executive, we thank you for your assistance during the 1997-98 season.

<b>Margaret Pearce</b>	<b>Michael Hodsdon</b>
District Supervisor	Assistant District Supervisor

### **WAVERLEY DISTRICT SUPERVISOR**

Thank you once again to the club captains, chief instructors and examiners, along with their teams of patrol captains and instructors, for their commitment to the Waverley District during the season.

Examinations have run smoothly within the district and I would take the opportunity to thank those examiners who backed up each week to conduct Part A examinations, particularly Alex O'Hara, Joakim Valsinger, Jacob Waks, Jason Madsen, Graham Ford, Kerry Visch and Cameron Miles.

A slight decline in candidates achieving competence on the first attempt has been experienced within the district, with 76% competent in the written paper on the first attempt (down from 85% last season). An overall competency rate for the Part A examination of 55% on the first attempt was experienced (compared with 60% last season). Generally, from the figures presented, standards have increased slightly in the resuscitation, radio and signals section but decreased in the theory paper component. This result, I believe, can be directly related to the additional questions presented in this year's theory examination paper. I believe that most clubs and examiners within the district are in favour of this type of assessment tool, but the relevance to the course content of some of the questions contained in the paper could be debated at great length.

Congratulations to Bronte SLSC on winning this year's patrol efficiency competition and running 2nd within the Branch. While Alex completed most of the competition inspections, simply passing Bronte Beach on a patrol day, one could see from the club's patrol activities, the very high commitment to patrolling. From member deployment to the use of resources, including the constant commitment to erected the Coca Cola tent, the club has shown to be an extraordinarily well organised outfit - this is something of which the club executive should be justifiably proud.

Thank you to Peter Seeto, Brad Taylor and Dianne Lovell for their advice and assistance during the season. Liz, thank you for keeping us on track and in control with your support of the District and its officers - it has been much appreciated.

Alex O'Hara has looked after much of the lifesaving duties within the District and has also found time to attend most of the exams - an outstanding display of commitment, thank you!

Finally, thank you to my fellow officers and members of the Board for another exciting, challenging and enjoyable season.

**Peter Agnew**  
Waverley District Supervisor

### **CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND DISTRICT SUPERVISOR**

Another season another report, time to reflect and gather one's thoughts. I have enjoyed the good company of patrol members, captains and club officials who made the task of District Supervisor a pleasant one. To all those people a very sincere thank you for your co-operation during the season.

The clubs fulfil their obligations of patrolling the beaches at all times. As always, problems did occur and it was good to see a quick response by officials to remedy these problems. Patrol scenarios were well received by the patrol captains and I consider we all gained valuable knowledge and skills from the exercise. One observation that must be noted is that a considerable number of bronze holders are lacking basic life-saving skills, this should have been picked up during their proficiency test. This leaves a very serious question of the value of the proficiency test in its present form. Before moving from the subject of patrols, I must make the comment that all clubs of the Sydney Branch must reaffirm their commitment of being **Life Saving Clubs** by supporting the Patrol Championships - the attendance at Wanda was very poor.

On to exams, as always many hours and late evenings were spent examining squads. I consider the No. 2 District is very fortunate in having such an active and dedicated group of examiners. A very special thank you to all the examiners and Chief Instructors who made it all possible. It would be very remiss of me not to single out Tony Coffey. Tony was always on hand and turned what could have been a very onerous task into an enjoyable one. I am very impressed with Tony's dedication as an examiner and look forward to his company next season.

One must make the observation that very few awards for instructors and ARC were obtained this season. I also feel the quality of the squads could be better. It is interesting to note in the 1996-97 report, Peter Agnew's comments of the need for "a more pro-active role by the clubs in putting preliminary checks in place for squads". This was obviously not taken up by the clubs and I feel the suggestion has merit. If the clubs cannot fulfil this role then there is a very strong case for going back to the trial system. There was a definite improvement between trial and final exams when this system was in place.

The contentious issue of written exams was finally thrashed out at the Examiners' meeting with a definite **NO** to the written format. Regardless of one's position regarding the motion, this was a most positive step forward for the Examiners' meeting. The debate was good, attendance was impressive and examiners once again have a definite input into the direction of examination policy. I am sure this can only encourage members to come to the meeting with the knowledge that their opinion will indeed have an effect on examinations.

In conclusion, to all the club executives, examiners, patrol



members and fellow members of the Board "thank you". Hope you all have a pleasant winter break – See you on the beach next season.

### James Sherratt

Cronulla-Sutherland District Supervisor

## RESUSCITATION, RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, INSTRUCTIONAL & MEDICAL PANEL

The season has been very quite from our perspective.

Frank Osborne attended "Resuscitation '97" and was impressed with a semi-automatic defibrillator which was demonstrated. It had a button which, when pressed, advised whether to use or not when it was placed on the casualty's chest during CPR. Another interesting item was the new CIG airbag resuscitator on display.

We were asked by the Board to look into the One Man Drag, however, before we got past the preliminary work, the Board made the recommendation it be reintroduced. Such decision was supported by each member of the Panel.

### Peter Quartly

Convenor



*Peter Burst, Bob Cane and Graham Bruce receive special citations as IRB Drivers at the State Championships*

## IRB SUPERVISOR

With this season behind us, I would like to thank all IRB drivers and crew members who patrolled Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch beaches.

During the season, there were three Twilight Carnivals, Sydney Branch Championships and Energy Australia Metropolitan Championships. All of these carnivals were well attended and I wish to thank the judges and officials who helped run these carnivals, without whose support we could not exist.

To the District IRB Supervisors and Billy Singleton, thank you for your guidance and support during the season.

### Craig Lovell

IRB Supervisor

## RADIO ROOM SUPERVISOR

Season 1997-98 has been a very interesting one. The radio section of the Branch has had its up and downs. The position of Branch Radio Supervisor involves more than just running the Branch Radio Room (Sydney Surf) but at times it seem like it involves running all the communications within the Branch.

The season started off well with the annual gear inspection. This year, as with other years, the gear inspection has been of a very high standard. Problems have been minor, e.g. channels not marked, radios not back from service or not charged and working when presented for inspection, etc. – all of which can be easily remedied during the off season. This is the time for clubs to have their radios checked and serviced. Don't leave them until the week before gear inspection. I would like to thank Cheryl Hormann, Sue Morris and Susan Puddifer for manning the radio room over the weekend to enable each club's radios to be checked – Their assistance lightened the workload.

Once again the start of the season experienced problems with manning levels. Most of last season's operators returned with the exception of a few who for reasons such as commencing new jobs which include weekend work or taking on positions with their clubs. The operators who did return were of a very high standard and performed well with the addition of some new faces. During the season we had 27 people carrying out patrols as follows:

Brad McDonogh	Garie	160.15 hrs.	100%
Peter Fuller	Maroubra	85.15 hrs.	100%
Grant Sewell	Maroubra	75.15 hrs.	100%
Cheryl Hormann	Elouera	65.45 hrs.	100%
Peter Agnew	Nth Bondi	53.55 hrs.	100%
Corinne Williams (new operator)	Clovelly	52.45 hrs.	100%
Michael Hodsdon (new operator)	Garie	51.45 hrs.	100%
Brian Harris	Burning Palms	50.30 hrs.	100%
Lucy Shales	Maroubra	47 hrs.	100%
Sue Morris	Bondi	45.45 hrs.	
George Shales	Maroubra	45.30 hrs.	100%
Susan Puddifer	Sydney Branch	44.30 hrs.	
Gaelyn Watson	Bondi	43 hrs.	100%
Ursula Cartner	Nth Bondi	42.45 hrs.	100%
Steven Chesher (new operator)	Garie	24.15 hrs.	100%
Brad Taylor	Garie	22.15 hrs.	
Peter Seeto (new operator)	Clovelly	21 hrs.	
Errol Goldberg	Sth Maroubra	15.15 hrs.	
Yvette Mead (new operator)	Clovelly	14 hrs.	
Steven Leady (new operator)	Nth Bondi	10.30 hrs.	
Bill Singleton	Bronte	8 hrs.	
Rod Hurst (new operator)	Wanda	7.15 hrs.	
Veagar (new operator)	Bronte	6.45 hrs.	
Peter Cleary	Nth Bondi	5.30 hrs.	
Paul Walton (new operator)	Garie	4.45 hrs.	
Chris Anson	Maroubra	3.30 hrs.	
Matt Scott	Garie	3 hrs.	

As you can see, we have 9 new operators, 3 of whom gained their 100% Radio Patrol Efficiency Award for the season. To be eligible for this award, an operator must carry out 20 hours prior to 31st December and 20 hours after 1st January or 50 hours total for the season. This year, after much discussion, it was decided that new operators who joined after 1st December would only have to carry out 20 hours patrol to achieve this award. Thirteen (13) operators gained 100% which was a great



effort. A special mention should be made regarding Sue Morris and Sue Puddifer, each carrying out close to 40 hours for the first half of the season and then 5 hours after 1st January, unfortunately falling short of their 100%.

The total hours for each Club as follows:

CLUB	NO. OF OPERATORS	HOURS
Burning Palms	1	50.30 hrs.
Garie	6	265.45 hrs.
Elouera	1	65.45 hrs.
Wanda	1	7.15 hrs.
South Maroubra	1	15.05 hrs.
Maroubra	4	171.25 hrs.
Clovelly	3	87.45 hrs.
Bronte	2	14.45 hrs.
Bondi	2	88.45 hrs.
North Bondi	5	198.05 hrs.

From the above it can be noted that some clubs are not represented and it is hard to believe that each club does not have at least one member prepared to perform Sydney Surf patrols. I realise that some clubs find it difficult getting a patrol on the beach at times but if the smaller clubs are able to find members for radio patrols, the larger clubs should have no trouble. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each one of the clubs mentioned above for supporting the Radio Room during the season.

During the season Sydney Surf operators called 70 ambulances and the Police were contacted on 12 occasions. Offshore 2 was contacted on 27 occasions and Offshore 3 on 28 rescue jobs. They despatched or notified the Westpac Lifesaver Helicopter to 14 jobs and had the Wollongong Aerial patrol assist in 9 searches for either sharks or missing boats and 23 other calls to different services or organisations such as club IRB's, duty officers, WIRFS, etc.

At this time, I would like to thank Paul Newland and all the crew at the Westpac Life Saver Helicopter, Ben and all the crew from the Wollongong Aerial patrol and also the crews from Offshore 2 and Offshore 3 as well as the duty officers for being so helpful towards the radio operators.

During the season, as with previous seasons, we seemed to experience the same ongoing problems with communications in the National Park. The saddleback repeater is starting to get "a bit long in the tooth" and from the first weekend of the season, we had problems. When the repeater was up and running some clubs were blocked out by other clubs on the same channel or other clubs being on repeaters on the same frequency – some of these clubs being at the other side of Gosford. For this reason, we have been trialing a new repeater for use by the National Park clubs at the Coast Guard station located at Port Kembla.

Port Kembla is a location closer to the National Park than Saddleback and is on a point where it is almost line of sight with the three clubs in the National Park. A repeater was loaned to us by Bel-Pacific Radio. This was a very low powered repeater but was found to work quite well with only a few minor problems, mainly due to the temporary location of the aerial being half the height of a permanent aerial.

During the season there were a number of rescues performed in and around Wattamolla which is down in a valley and, in this area, all types of communication are virtually non-existent. The

only thing that seems to work are pagers. This has caused us some headaches during times of rescues. The duty officer or the Sydney Surf operator on duty has to try and arrange an extra person to sit at the top of the hill and relay all radio communications for all involved in the rescue, including the Police.

The National Park, for several years now, has had trouble with communications. For this reason, Bel-Pacific Radio and I have put out heads together to come up with ways to improve communications. This will include the three beaches and Wattamolla. This is done by installing a permanent repeated with an operating power of 25 watts, an aerial at a proper height and a relay that runs off solar power. This is just one of the ideas in the pipeline but like most things, it comes down to money. I feel that the money needs to be found and quickly because it may only be a matter of time until something happens due to the communication system now in place failing.

The Bronte repeater once again was at Bondi Junction, due to renovations being carried out to the Bronte Inn. This has caused some problems with radio communications, especially with Tamarama, Bronte and Coogee clubs. With the renovations now completed, the repeater will be returning to Bronte over the winter months, ready for the start of the next season. Whilst the repeater was at the Bronte Inn, it covered the area from Cronulla to South Head with no problems. The area now covered will be even better now that the Bronte Inn is five stories higher. The Bronte repeater will be playing a very important part in the overall plan in the pipeline for communications within the Branch.

During the season my job could have been a lot harder if it wasn't for Peter Seeto, Brad Taylor, Michael Hodsdon and especially Peter Fuller, for taking under his wing a lot of new Sydney Surf operators and training them. I would like to congratulate Peter Fuller on receiving Radio Operator of the year. A very special thanks also needs to go to all the Sydney Surf operators, especially the ones who filled the roster for me without me having to ring around each weekend.

Wishing everyone the best for the winter and for the coming season.

**Brad McDonogh**

Radio Supervisor

## GEAR INSPECTION REPORT

The Gear Inspection started off well this season with most clubs attending the Gear Officer's meeting at North Bondi. As there was such a good representation at this meeting there were very few problems on the day of the gear inspection.

The inspection started at Cronulla on Saturday, 13th September and continued through the Cronulla-Sutherland District, then Era and Garie in the Royal National Park District. Unfortunately, Burning Palms had not replaced all their gear by this day due to delays with suppliers, so their inspection was held on Saturday, 4th October. On Sunday the inspection continued at North Bondi, then south to South Maroubra. Saturday, 20th September, saw the conclusion of the inspection with both the Offshore boats being inspected.

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.

Next season, the Gear Officer's meeting will be held on Wednesday, 5th August and the inspection of the clubs will be held on 12th and 13th September, with the Offshore boats on Saturday, 19th September. As mentioned in last season's Report, the order of the inspection will change. The order will be:

Saturday	North Cronulla, Elouera, Wanda, Cronulla, Burning Palms, Era and Garie.
Sunday	Bondi, Tamarama, Bronte, Clovelly, Coogee, Maroubra, South Maroubra and North Bondi.
	ORB's, ORB3 and ORB 2.

In closing, I would like to thank all the officials who gave up so much of their time to carry out the inspection, Cronulla Surf Club for the loan of the bus and Clovelly for providing lunch.

#### **Brad Taylor**

Rescue Services Manager

### **PRESENTATION NIGHT AWARDS**

Board Member of the Year	Ernie Stephens
Competition Member of the Year	Maurice Singleton
Examination Member of the Year	Patrick O'Neill
Branch Member of the Year	Patricia Garlick
Patrol Efficiency Competition	
Royal National Park District	Garie
Cronulla Sutherland District	Wanda
Randwick District	South Maroubra
Waverley District	Bronte
Overall Branch Winner	Coogee
Most Awards Gained	
Royal National Park District	Garie
Cronulla Sutherland District	Wanda
Randwick District	Maroubra
Waverley District	North Bondi
Gear Inspection Winner	Clovelly
Sydney Surf Radio Operator of Year	Peter Fuller
Lifesaver of the Year	Chris Giles
Volunteer of the Year	Brad Taylor
Energy Australia Champion Club	Cronulla SLSC

### **MEMBERSHIP**

#### **LIFE MEMBERS**

Ted Brooker	Keith Messenger
Harry Brown OAM	Albert Moseley OAM
Les Buck	Frank Osborne
Bob Davison	Ron Pears
John Dewey	Rex Sargeant
Trevor Elliott	Bill Singleton
Ken English	Ernie Stephens
Ian Goode	Stephen Strange
Keith Grima	Jim Switzer
Ron Howells OAM	John Vaughan OAM
Lionel McDonald OAM	John Wardell
Bill Marshall OAM	

### **LONG SERVICE MEMBERS**

#### **Active**

Ted Cahill  
Paul Cooper  
Greg Hewett  
Robert Lippmann  
Peter Quartly  
Neil Miller  
Warren Rennie  
Ron Sandstrom  
Joe Sedden  
Richard Sheldon  
Alfred Smith  
Ian Toll

#### **Non Active**

Robert Avery  
Robert Bridges  
Robert Craig  
John Fraser  
Bob Horton  
Carl Melvey  
Ken Manton  
Dave Medlin  
Keith Midson  
Vince Mulcahy  
John Oldham  
Bob Russell  
Ron Sandstrom  
Phil Vanny

### **COUNTRY MEMBERS**

Jenny Anderson	Ken Cafe
Carmel Dick	Ron Howells OAM
Dennis Dick	Gloria Howells

### **LEAVE FOR SEASON 97/98**

Bob Brandson	Bob Russell
Michael De Luca	Alf Smith
Mike Clancy	Andrew Tod
Doug Iredale	

### **ACTIVE BRONZE EXAMINATION MEMBERS**

Peter Agnew	Barry Gillroy
Greg Allum	Errol Goldberg
Mike Batty	Rod Hurst
Doug Benson	Barney Johansen
Tait Brannock	Karin Jones
Ursula Cartner	Stephen Leahy
Greg Causer	David Leckie
Michael Clancy	Dianne Lovell
Peter Cleary	Sean McKirdy
Tony Coffey	Jason Madsen
Paul Cooper	Robert McLellan
Gary Daly	Donald McGroder
Peter Davis	Peter Melvey
Andrew Dawes	Colleen Milbourne
Ken English	Cameron Miles
David Falkiner	Neil Miller
Wendy Fitzgerald	Peter Murphy
Reginald Francis	Patrick O'Neill
Alex O'Hara	James Sherratt
Frank Osborne	Alf Smith
Darri Ottaway	Wendy Smith
Darren Palmer	Ernie Stephens
Margaret Pearce	Stephen Strange
John Park	Peter Sullivan
Peter Quartly	Brad Taylor
John Restuccia	Joakim Valsinger
Paul Scullion	Phil Veitch
Peter Seeto	Arthur White
Helmut Schellhammer	Suzanne Young
Dick Sheldon	Craig Williams
George Shales	



## ACTIVE RADIO EXAMINATION MEMBERS

Peter Agnew	John Restuccia
Rod Hurst	George Shales
Robert Lippmann	Karen Strickland
Peter Quartly	Brad Taylor

## ACTIVE IRB EXAMINATION MEMBERS

Peter Agnew	Don McGroder
Graham Bruce	Peter Pearce
Peter Burst	Michelle Phillips
Robert Cane	John Restuccia
Paul Cooper	George Shales
Peter Jones	Brad Taylor
David Leckie	Joakim Valsinger
Craig Lovell	Arthur White

## ACTIVE ORB EXAMINATION MEMBERS

Ron Camilleri	John Mosely
Greg Purvis	George Shales
Karen Strickland	

## ACTIVE ADVANCED RESUSCITATION EXAMINATION MEMBERS

Peter Agnew	Frank Osborne
Paul Cooper	Matthew Scott
Keith Grima	Ernie Stephens
Roger Habib	Brad Taylor
Dianne Lovell	Hans Visch

## ACTIVE FIRST AID EXAMINATION MEMBERS

Paul Cooper	Karin Jones
Peter Murphy	Frank Osborne
Peter Quartly	Matthew Scott

## LEVEL 1 COMPETITION MEMBERS (ACTIVE)

Robyn Allan	Robert Lippmann
Mary Andrews	Merryl Mountain
Lynne Burke	Berita Neal
Ursula Cartner	Michael Pearson
Robyn Daley	Kathie Piggott
Paul Edwards	Jack Ryan
Col Elliott	Beverley Smith
Ferrn Elliott	Don Smith
Cheryl Giles	Carol Swane
Geoff Hilton	Pamela Vallis
Karin Jones	Gaelyn Watson
Michael Kelly	Andrew Winters

## LEVEL 2 COMPETITION MEMBERS (ACTIVE)

Ann Ainsworth	Neil Miller
Robert Brandson	Neil Oliver
Edward Brooker	Frank Osborne
Ray Brown OAM	Ron Pears
Janette Cahill	Michelle Phillips
Ted Cahill	Frank Ridley
Bob Davison	Rosemary Ridley
John De Cean	Ray Robinson
Ken English	Merle Sargeant
Graham Evans	Rex Sargeant
John Fahey	Bill Singleton
Pat Garlick	Peter Steenson
Peter Garlick	Ernie Stephens
Marie Gray	Peter Sullivan
Wallace Halpin	Joan Vaughan
Ron Hammond	Arthur White
Gloria Howells	Greg Windsor
Ron Howells	Bob Woodger
Barney Johansen	Delysia Workman
Stephen Leahy	Don Workman

## LEVEL 3 COMPETITION MEMBERS (ACTIVE)

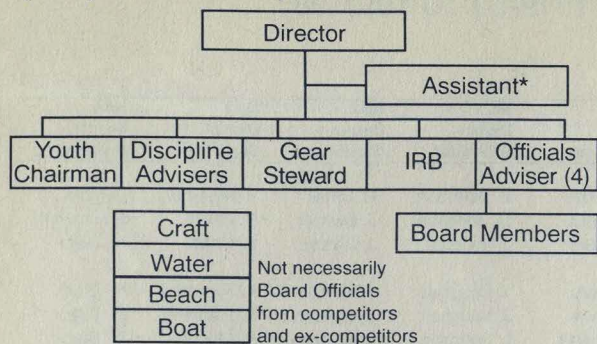
Peter Agnew	John Dewey
Greg Allum	Reg Francis
Dick Bignold	Ian Goode
Harry Brown	Geoff Martin
Graham Bruce	Warren Rennie
Peter Burst	John Restuccia
Peter Davis	Steve Strange
Gary Daly	John Vaughan

## PROBATIONARY OFFICIALS

Patricia Allum	Rod Hurst
Anthony Graham	Jennifer Turinui
Sharon Payne	Dave Dillon
Colleen Milbourne	Bob Johnson
Jenni Graham	Joakim Valsinger
Dave Piggott	Grant Brown
Kathryn Bignold	Peter Kramel
Bradney Harris	Phil Veitch
Denise Rayner	Anthony Duran
Tait Brannock	Craig Lovell
Patricia Head	Kim Visch
Mark Reilly	Col Elliott
Michael Bretherton	Ian MacPherson
Michael Hodsdon	Robert Walker
John Robinson	Fern Elliott
Grant Brown	Mary Maher
Cheryl Hormann	Paul Wilson
Ray Simms	Mark Fleming
John Ciganda	Daryn Metti
Andrew Hosking	Chris Giles
Greg Smart	Darrin Ottaway
David Coombes	



## Sydney Branch Competition Board of Control



\*Including secretarial role

### 1. Director

The Director shall:

- Be responsible for all Competition Activities of the Branch.
- Report directly to the Sydney Branch Council.

### 2. Assistant

The Assistant shall:

- Assist the Director and under his/her direction shall be responsible for all Competition within Sydney Branch.
- In the absence of the Director, shall act in his/her stead.
- Act as secretary.

### 3. Discipline Advisers

The Discipline Advisers shall:

- Need not be members of the Board, however, have expertise in their field of responsibility.
- Be appointed by the Board Executive.

### 4. Gear Steward

The Gear Steward shall:

- Act under the direction of the Director.
- Be responsible for all carnival gear and associated equipment with respect to its good order, maintenance and availability.

### 5. IRB Officer

The IRB Officer shall:

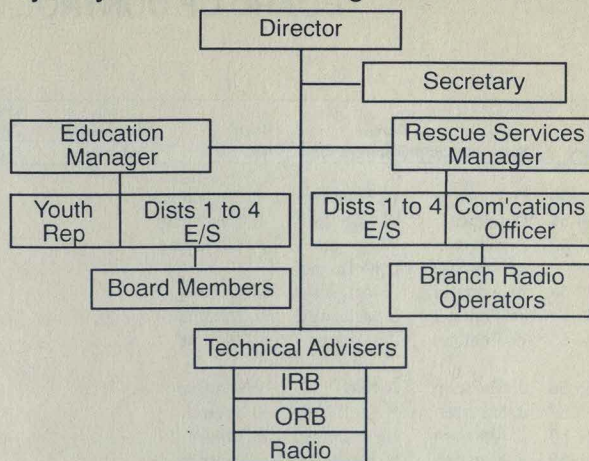
- Act under the direction of the Director.
- Be responsible for the management of all IRB carnivals.

### 6. Official Advisers (4)

The Official Advisers shall:

- Represent Board members and provide advice as to members views and give assistance to the Director as required.

## Sydney Branch Life Saving Board of Control



### 1. Director

The Director shall:

- Be responsible for all Life Saving and Educational Activities of the Branch.
- Report directly to the Sydney Branch Council.

### 2. Rescue Services Manager

The Rescue Services Manager shall:

- Assist the Director and under his/her direction, shall be responsible for Life Saving Activities within Sydney Branch.
- Be responsible for the 24 hour call out service and Emergency Services within the Branch.
- In the absence of the Director, shall act in his/her stead.

### 3. Educational Manager

The Educational Manager shall:

- Assist the Director and under his/her direction shall be responsible for Educational Activities within Sydney Branch.
- Be responsible for all examinations in accordance with Branch Policy.

### 4. Secretary

The Secretary shall:

- Act under the direction of the Director and be responsible for all Administrative activities.

### 5. Life Saving Supervisors

The Life Saving Supervisors shall:

- Act on behalf of the Rescue Services Manager within their district.
- Be responsible for the day to day patrolling of clubs in accordance with the Branch Policy.
- Assist clubs as required.

### 6. Education District Supervisors

The Education Supervisors shall:

- Act on behalf of the Education Manager with respect to Educational Activities within their district.
- Assist clubs as required.

### 7. Communications Officer

The Communications Officer shall:

- Be responsible to the Rescue Services Manager for the efficient operation of the Branch Radio Room.
- Provide rostered personnel to man the radio room during patrol hours and as required.

### 8. Technical Advisers

Technical Advisers with respect to IRB, ORB and Radio shall:

- Need not be members of the Board, however, have expertise in their field of responsibility.
- Be appointed by the Board Executive.



# 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							
			J. Switzer							
1973-74	R. Howells	J. Dewey	L. McNamara			S. Newman	W. Winzer	N. Jamieson	J. Wardall	J. Young
	J. Dewey						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

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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







