Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch Inc. 50th Annual Report 1998-1999 Season





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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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Notice is hereby given that the 50th 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 3rd August, 1999, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

# Agenda

- 1. Confirmation of the minutes of the 49th Annual General Meeting of Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch Inc, held on 4th August, 1998.
- 2. Affiliation of Clubs and Accreditation of Delegates.
- 3. Apologies and Proxies.
- 4. Welcome.
- 5. Presentation of 50th Annual Report for the Season 1998/99.
- 6. Presentation of the audited Income and Expenditure Accounts for the year ended 31st May, 1999 and Balance Sheet as at 31st May, 1999.
- 7. (i) Election of Officers for the Season 1999/2000.
  - (ii) Election of Standing Committees for the Season 1999/2000.
- 8. Confirmation of Board of Life Saving Officers and Committees for the Season 1999/2000.
- 9. Confirmation of Board of Competition Officers and Committees for the Season 1999/2000.
- 10. Confirmation of Junior Activities Committee for the Season 1999/2000.
- 11. Motions of which due notice has been given.
- 12. General Business.
- 13. Refreshments.

**Stephen Strange** Director of Administration

# **Branch President's Over view**

It gives me great pleasure on behalf of Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch to present the 1998-1999 Annual Report and Financial Statement. Again we provided the community with water safety and Rescue and Emergency Services covering fifteen of the major Sydney Beaches.

My congratulations to all members within Sydney Branch, a difficult year, with Life Saving having major fatalities, heavy seas producing a large resurgence in resuscitation and through our members careful watch and care of the public, a total of 3,981 rescues and 30,561 preventative actions, up 31.88%. Well done.

Again 1998-1999 was a successful season for this Branch:

- Appointment of Bob King as Chief Executive Office.
- Strong Sponsorship from Energy Australia and Coca Cola Amatil (NSW) continues.
- Successful Silver Medallion Course for Patrol Captains with some eighty (80) participants.
- Emergency Services call outs 264 of which 57% were through the 24 hour callout system.
- Patrol Competition for Clubs continues to be successful, with Maroubra winning.
- 1207 Awards
- Burning Palms Champion Club and winners of the Energy Australia IRB
- Resuscitation 8 up by 3
- Total Membership 5953

My appreciation to the Board of Lifesaving. Your professionalism shows by the amount of awards and proficiency tests conducted plus Patrols and other duties, this result shows true dedication.

To the Board of Competition again our carnivals and events were extremely successful, thank you for your contribution.

To our Radio Room and Emergency Services personnel, thank you for the many hours you give to assisting the clubs.

To our sponsors, your support and dedication to Surf Life Saving is without doubt the best any organisation could ask for, Energy Australia and Coca-Cola continue to make it all happen, we again thank you.

To our Councils, Waverley, Randwick, Botany, Cronulla Sutherland and the National Parks and Wildlife, we thank you for the assistance given to this Branch and the clubs.

My appreciation is also extended to our Club Presidents, Executive and Members for their continued strong support to the Branch, to, Liz Grady, Gail Bignold and Bob King, please accept my gratitude for the work you perform in making the Branch run so successfully.

To my fellow Executive Officers thank you for your support, the work gets harder each year.

To all involved with Sydney Branch, thanks for giving us another successful season.

Peter M. Pearce President

# Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch Inc. Officers and Committees

### Season 1998/99

#### PATRON John Vaughan OAM

VICE PATRONS Premier of New South Wales M.H.R.A.E.S. of Branch Seaside areas M.L.A.A.E.S. of Branch Seaside areas The Honourable Leader of the State Parliamentary Opposition The Lord Mayor of Sydney Director, National Parks and Wildlife Service Mayor, Sutherland Shire Council Mayor, Randwick City Council Mayor, Botany Municipal Council Mayor, Waverley Municipal Council Mayor, Woollahra Municipal Council President, Surf Life Saving New South Wales President, Illawarra Branch President, Sydney Northern Beaches Michael Beesley, Coca Cola (Amatil Australia) President, Maroubra Seals Club President Yarra Bay 16' Sailing Club Administrator, Prince Henry Hospital

PRESIDENT Peter Pearce

DEPUTY PRESIDENT Ken English

VICE PRESIDENT – MARKETING John De Cean

VICE PRESIDENT – DEVELOPMENT Jeremy Raine DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION Stephen Strange

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE David Dillon

DIRECTOR OF LIFESAVING Peter Seeto (resigned January 1999) John Restuccia and Greg Smart (appointed January 1999) DIRECTOR OF COMPETITION Dick Bignold

MEDIA DIRECTOR

Robert Barnes

DELEGATE TO SURF LIFE SAVING NSW Peter Pearce

POINTS RECORDERS Ann Ainsworth, Bill Marshall, Albert Moseley, Stephen Strange

BRANCH TEAM MANAGER Robert Johnson

BRANCH TEAM COACH Richard Garnsey

> IT ADVISER Gary Daly

BOARD OF JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Patricia Garlick (Chairman), John De Cean (Secretary), Barney Johansen (Superintendent), Graham Giles (Treasurer), Cheryl Giles (Registrar)

> HONORARY LEGAL OFFICERS Peter Terrett, Terrett Lawyers

#### HONORARY AUDITOR

Warren Duncan, Duncan Dovico – Chartered Accountants

#### BOARD OF LIFE SAVING COMMITTEE

Peter Quartly (Secretary), Dianne Lovell Educational Manager), Brad Taylor (Rescue Services Manager – resigned December 1998), Life Saving Supervisors – Royal National Parks – Michael Hodsdon Cronulla-Sutherland District – James Sherratt Randwick District – Steven Chesher Waverley District – Alex O'Hara Education Supervisors – Royal National Park - Margaret Pearce Cronulla-Sutherland District – Tony Coffey Randwick District – Greg Smart Waverley District – Peter Agnew Communications Officer – Ursula Cartner IRB Advisor – Craig Lovell Radio Advisor – Brad McDonogh

BOARD OF COMPETITION COMMITTEE

Branch Gear Stewards – Bill Singleton and Frank Ridley IRB Officer – Luke Targett Officials' Advisers – Geoff Martin (Beach) Ron Hammond (Boats) John Restuccia (Craft) Discipline Advisers – Damien Bulian (Beach), Steve Swane (Boats), Kane Heussner (Craft), Daniel McClellan (Water)

> CARNIVAL GEAR STEWARD Marie Gray

LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE William Marshall, Bill Singleton, Albert Moseley, Ken English, Rex Sargeant

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE Stephen Strange, Bill Singleton, Peter Quartly, William Marshall

FINANCE COMMITTEE David Dillon, Trevor Elliott, John Brown, Graham Giles

JUDICIARY PANEL Bill Singleton, Albert Moseley, Dick Bignold, Rex Sargeant, Geoffrey Martin, Geoffrey Phillips, Peter Quartly

> SELECTION COMMITTEE Dick Bignold, John De Cean, John Restuccia, Dave Cotter, George Robbins

COMPETITION CONDITIONS COMMITTEE Dick Bignold, Peter Davids, Trevor Elliott, Ann Ainsworth, Michael Batty

MERITORIOUS AWARDS COMMITTEE Albert Moseley, Neil Miller

MANUAL REVISION COMMITTEE Peter Quartly, Peter Murphy, Frank Osborne

RESUSCITATION, RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, INSTRUCTION AND MEDICAL PANEL Peter Quartly, Peter Murphy, Frank Osborne, Keith Grima, Peter Agnew

GEAR INSPECTION COMMITTEE Brad Taylor, Joan Vaughan, Dianne Lovell, Frank Ridley, Frank Osborne, Margaret Pearce, Don Workman, Ted Cahill, Albert Moseley, Alex O'Hara, Ursula Cartner, Brad McDonough, David Cross, Michael Hodsdon, Cameron Miles, Mike Bretherton, Craig Lovell, Mark Sims, Trent Serafini

> PUBLIC OFFICER Stephen Strange OFFICE STAFF

Liz Grady – Office Manager Gail Bignold Bob King – Chief Executive Officer (appointed May 1999)

Sydney Branch Senior Membership 1998-99

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
Bondi	65	5	24	2	5	1	1		103	372	25	500
Bronte	102	47	11	3	25	17		-	205	243	20	468
Burning Palms	26	4		-		100 - AC	1	2	33	137	32	202
Clovelly	40	21	10		2	6	-		79	149	26	254
Coogee	100	39	25	2	21	19	-	-	206	467	64	737
Cronulla	99	41	17	4	42	45	-		248	379	65	692
Elouera	107	38	5	-	23	28	-	1	202	86	14	302
Era	29	11	9	-		2	1	9	61	91	49	201
Garie	27	1	5		2	1	3	6	45	97	15	157
Maroubra	59	11	20		52	11	59	17	229	307	5	541
North Bondi	179	?			44	?		(b)	223	280	?	503
North Cronulla	63	38	26	2	13	13			155	265	51	471
South Maroubra	112	27	23	1	23	13	2	1	202	109	15	326
Tamarama	10	7	9	-	6		-	-	32	140	7	179
Wanda	122	37	3	1	20	22	11	6	222	120	11	353
ORB 2	32	7			-	-		-	39	-		39
ORB 3	25	- 3	1. A. A. A.		-	-	-	-	28	-		28
TOTAL 98-99	1,197	337	187	15	278	178	78	42	2,312	3,242	399	5,953
TOTAL 97-98	1,281	427	186	14	230	161	32	31	2,362	3,570	338	6,270
TOTAL 96-97	1,367	379	205	18	239	184	212	81	2,685	3,382	389	6,456
TOTAL 95-96	1,322	415	207	15	292	134	26	31	2,442	3,329	372	6,176
TOTAL 94-95	1,293	374	181	10	265	136	419	102	2,780	2,991	343	6,114
TOTAL 93-94	1,481	345	184	6	240	182	13	34	2,485	3,452	354	6,291

# Sydney Branch Rescues 1998-99

	Without Gear	Rescue Tube	Rescue Board	IRB	Other	ORB	Total Rescues	Prevent Actions	Resus Given	Marine Stings	First Aid Minor	First Aid Major	Total First Aid
Bondi	22	133	260	254	11		680	4,517	4	444	37	6	491
Bronte	12	50	107	18		1 - Y -	187	2,610	1	82	22	3	108
Burning Palms	-		2	8	1	-	11	50	-	6	17	1	24
Clovelly		3	10	-	-		13	32	-	223	248	11	482
Coogee	6	11	17	28	4	-	66	148	-	100	137	15	252
Cronulla	271	283	114	173	1	-	841	1,028	-	292	175	3	470
Elouera				5			138	489	-		-	- 64	13
Era			5	3	1		9	171	-	3	7	-	10
Garie	5	12	7	1.1	- Eless		25	637	-	116	16	2	134
Maroubra	28	12	86	104			230	5,217	-	1,215		-	1,215
North Bondi	14	21	121	113	2		271	8,676	2	1. 1 1		-	2
North Cronulla	44	7.1	102	127		-	344	2,059	-	92	65	5	162
South Maroubra	40	17	20	61	2	-	140	2,875	Salt -	928	20	35	983
Tamarama	14	17	28	3		-	62	1,956	-	188	36	-	224
Wanda	19	65	23	45	34		903	-	-	299	2	-	301
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TOTAL 98-99	475	695	902	938	55	61	3,981	30,561	8	3,992	801	90	4,904
TOTAL 97-98	348	329	668	807		85	2,242	23,137	3	2,382	1,313	72	3,795
TOTAL 96-97	420	341	720	782		47	2,373	28,820	7	1,933	701	42	2,709
TOTAL 95-96	382	293	875	674		-	2,224	19,993	4	977	339	59	1,375
TOTAL 94-95	314	286	812	962		-	2,374	12,701	1	2,316	373	28	2,717
TOTAL 93-94	302	265	733	546		49	1,895	6,709	10	4,297	592	43	4,932
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Coogee	29	-	43	2	-	-	1	-	22	2	-		6	2		1	-	-	- A		-	-	-	-	1	: 	109
Cronulla	37	-	64	4	3	-	-	1	27	4	1	5	7	1	-	-		-	7	2			1	- 4		4	164
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TOTAL 98/99	240	1	457	22	3	15	22	136	161	18	1	36	32	4	-	35		-	15	3	-	-	2	2	2	1.14	1,207
TOTAL 97/98	188	9	421	13	12			49	43	7			28	5	3	135	4	1	16			3	7	3	1	1	949
TOTAL 96/97	217	7	448	41	6			48	115	16	2		41	9	1	55	4	-	47	1	1	1	6	2	1		1072
TOTAL 95/96	220	6	448	39	4			8	64	8	17		40	9	1	98	1		2	2	-	2	6	4	2	1	990
TOTAL 94/95	245	5	390	46	12			67	157	20	2		19	1	2	126	10	3	29	1	1	4	12	5	3	2	1163
TOTAL 93/94	182	14	467	39	4			79	193	9			45	11	1	5	2	-	17	10-120			14	6	4	1	1096

Sydney Branch Junior Membership 1998-99

Club	U/6	U/7	U/8	U/9	U/10	U/11	U/12	U/13	U/14	TOTAL
Bondi	29	32	30	25	22	26	12	9	13	198
Bronte	77	82	88	49	48	36	30	26	21	457
Clovelly	37	35	25	15	12	14	11	3	4	156
Coogee	54	60	49	50	39	27	26	20	12	337
Cronulla	78	90	90	95	78	78	71	47	35	662
Elouera	29	36	41	24	31	33	44	23	22	283
Era	0	0	5	2	2	2	0	2	1	14
Garie	0	0	15	13	21	10	7	2	3	71
Maroubra	20	19	21	30	27	23	16	28	15	199
North Bondi	52	63	50	57	36	42	31	17	19	367
North Cronulla	40	49	46	56	41	33	32	28	30	355
South Maroubra	49	57	43	41	30	19	14	11	19	283
Tamarama	9	6	5	9	8	1	2	6	4	50
Wanda	46	63	53	46	47	33	29	33	45	395
TOTAL 98-99	520	592	561	512	442	377	325	255	243	3827
TOTAL 97-98	n/a	456	474	410	339	288	239	262	n/a	2468
TOTAL 96-97	n/a	508	440	417	388	381	328	270	n/a	2732

# Sydney Branch Junior Awards 1998-99

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Club	U/8	U/9	U/10	U/11	U/12	U/13	U/14	TOTAL AWARDS
Bondi	25	25	24	26	11	9	13	133
Bronte	88	50	48	36	26	26	-	274
Clovelly	25	15	- 13	14	11	3	4	85
Coogee	49	50	39	26	26	20	12	222
Cronulla	66	68	59	59	53	38	32	375
Elouera	29	20	25	26	33	16	18	167
Era								0
Garie	14	13	19	10	7	2		65
Maroubra	19	30	28	22	17	23	.14	153
North Bondi	32	36	26	33	24	15	20	186
North Cronulla	18	48	33	31	28	24	29	211
South Maroubra Tamarama	43	41	30	19	14	11	19	177 0
Wanda	45	37	42	39	28	26	29	246
TOTAL 98-99	453	433	386	341	278	213 -	190	2294
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) K.C. Andrews (dec) C.I. Badham OAM V.A. Besomo (dec) E.M. Brooker H.J. Brown OAM L.J. Buck R.V. Buist (dec) M.J. Burke (dec) J.H. Cameron (dec) A.W. Castleman MBE (dec) G.R.M. Challis (dec) W.A.T. Crain MBE (dec) G.S. Cohen (dec) Sir A. Curlewis CVO CBE (dec) F.H. Dargan (dec) R.P. Davison J.W. Dempster (dec)

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- H.A. Small (dec) G.B. Staunton MBE E.B. Stephens S.R. Strange J.R. Switzer OAM L.D. Turner (dec) J.K. Vaughan OAM J.B. Wardall K.W. Watson MBE (dec) G. Webb (dec) C.W. Whitehead (dec) S.J. Windon (dec) G. Williams (dec) V.J. Williams MBE (dec) G.J. Wilson (dec) W.J. Young (dec)

# Sydney Branch Board of Junior Activities Life Members

Sydney Branch Members who are Life Members of Surf Life Saving New South Wales

E. Topper

K. Walker

B. Breadner B. Bulmer

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W. McNamara

A. Powell (dec)

A. Moseley OAM C.F. Osborne R.J. Sargeant M. Singleton G.B. Staunton MBE E.B. Stephens J.R. Switzer OAM J.K. Vaughan OAM

# Sydney Branch Members who are Life Members of Surf Life Saving Australia

W.G. Marshall OAM A. Moseley OAM R.E. Pears W.A. Rennie OAM P.R. Stapleton AM G.B. Staunton MBE E.B. Stephens J.R. Switzer OAM J.K. Vaughan OAM

# Sydney Branch – Affiliated Clubs 1997/98

WAVERLEY DISTRICT PRESIDENT SECRETARY CAPTAIN

RANDWICK DISTRICT PRESIDENT SECRETARY CAPTAIN

CRON/SUTH DISTRICT PRESIDENT SECRETARY CAPTAIN

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WANDA SLSC Trevor Elliott Vivienne Ladyga Mark Salmon

GARIE SLSC Alfred Taylor Rita Taylor David Dillon BONDI SBLSC Peter Murphy Peter Quartly Greg Byrnes

COOGEE SLSC Geoff Martin Greg Smart Ben Bayot

ELOUERA SLSC Michael Batty Paul Cross Heath McPhellamy

ERA SLSC lan Brand Diana Garder David Hicks TAMARAMA SLSC Richard Sheldon Phil Hogan Theo Venardos

MAROUBRA SLSC David Donohoe Brian Purdon John Restuccia

NORTH CRONULLA SLSC Martin Dillon Brian Ferguson John Turner

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CRONULLA SLSC John Bentley Bill Eady Ken English

#### Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure I submit to you for your consideration and adoption, the 50th Annual Report covering our activities for the 1998-1999 season.

The Season under review has been much harder 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 beaches. It is reassuring to see our members tackling this added responsibility in their stride and, with no compromise to the lifesaving services our Clubs provide.

Sydney Branch patrols the coastline from Burning Palms, in the south to North Bondi. Over 2,300 Active Lifesavers voluntarily maintained patrols every weekend and public holiday from September 26, 1998 till April 18, 1999.

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

Surf Rescues undertaken by Members of our Clubs this year totalled 3,981, an enormous increase of 77.56% on last year's total of 2,242. This increase was largely due to the rough sea conditions encountered in the early to mid part of the season. The increasing popularity of our beaches by overseas tourists and the reasonable weather conditions, which prevailed for most of the season, also had a contributing effect on the total number of rescues.

Sadly, this season, there were nine drownings recorded in the Branch, four of which occurred whilst patrols were on the beach. It is significant for the public to be aware, that the four drownings during patrol hours occurred well outside the patrolled swimming area.

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

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

The large number of tragedies in such a short period of time, led to the establishment of the Premier's Task Force into Drownings. The quick media coverage of these unfortunate deaths did have a beneficial effect. It made the public aware of how easy it is to get into serious difficulties in the surf. As a result of submissions made to the Taskforce, funds were made available for both Surf Lifesaving and Royal Lifesaving to mount an education campaign making the public aware of the dangers in aquatic activities. It is to be hoped next season, no such tragedies will be recorded.

Total first aid cases treated increased by 29.22% to 4,904, compared to last season's figure of 3,795 last season. IRB Rescues accounted for 23.56% of total rescues, justifying their large cost of purchase and maintenance.

Reflecting our training methods, rescues with Rescue

Boards were 22.66% and Rescue Tubes 17.46% of total rescues. Rescues undertaking using no gear at all accounted for 11.93%.

Our Board of Control trialed a new structure this season. The Board was split into two separate sections, a Board of Lifesaving, with Peter Secto as Director of Lifesaving and a Board of Competition, with Dick Bignold as Director of Competition. Both Boards have worked extremely hard this Season. They have been responsible for maintaining, at a high level, our lifesaving and examination standards and for the conduct of open carnivals held by Clubs in the Branch.

Included in this year's activities of the Board of Lifesaving was conducting the annual proficiency tests for over 2,300 Active Lifesavers on 58 separate occasions. 110 Lifesaving examinations with 1207 candidates examined, along with the regular hours of instruction for Club members. All of this, including the introduction of a new Training Manual and Syllabus. A massive task indeed for the Active Members of the Board of Lifesaving and, a task that is greatly appreciated by all members of the Branch.

Examinations conducted resulted in the grand total of 1,207 Lifesaving Awards being gained by members of the fifteen Clubs in the Branch. This figure is an increase of 27.19% above the figure of 949 for the previous Season.

Bronze Medallion Awards gained, the basic lifesaving standard of our patrolling members, were 457, up 8.55% on last season's total of 421 awards. Surf Rescue Certificates, mostly achieved by members under 16 years of age, numbered 240, a 27.66% increase over last season's 188. Advanced Resuscitation Certificates rose from just 43 awards last season to 161. Inflatable Rescue Boat Drivers' Certificates numbered 32, four more than last season.

The awards of Bronze Medallion and Surf Life Saving Certificates, are those generally attained by new Active Lifesavers. With a turnover of some 32% of Active Membership this year, these two basic award figures, when compared in the Membership Tables, is a reasonable indication of the strength of our Clubs.

Total membership figures for our Senior Clubs this season was 5,953, a small decrease of 5.33% from 6,270 members recorded last season.

Clubs in the Branch held four open carnivals during the season at Cronulla, North Cronulla, Wanda and Coogee. The Elouera Club hosted the Branch Championships. Winner of the Open Carnival pointscore was Cronulla and the winner of the handicapped pointscore was Bronte.

As well, Clubs and the Branch also conducted a number of special events. These including the Burning Palms Rooster's River Run, (surfboat marathon), Garie's Boat Carnival, NSW Masons Surf Rescue Challenge at North Cronulla and Coogee, Sydney Branch Lifesaving Premiership (Lifesaving held at Wanda) and the Yarra Bay Sailing Club John Vaughan Classie (Craft).

Wanda Club hosted the Branch IRB Championships, but due to beach conditions, the events were held at North Cronulla Beach. Winner of the pointscore conducted at the Championships was Bondi. Wanda Chub also hosted the Energy Australia Metropolitan IRB Championships and Towradgi Club from Illawarra Branch, was the winner of the pointscore.

The Branch's large offshore rescue craft, ORB2 from the Cronulla Sutherland District and ORB3 from the Randwick District continue to provide a beneficial backup to beach patrols. They are also frequently called to provide assistance in rescues and searches by the statutory rescue authorities. Total rescues by both groups this season was 61 and preventative actions numbered 96.

Sydney Surf, the Branch Radio Room, continued to service our Club's emergency radio network under the management of Ursula Cartner. Manning the room was sometimes difficult throughout the season, however a small, dedicated band were able to keep full-time operations going.

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

Club	No. of Operators	Members' Hours
Bondi	1	5.5
Bronte	1	14.5
Burning Palms	1	62.5
Clovelly	2	89.75
Coogee	1	5.0
Cronulla	1	24.0
Elouera	2	15.5
Garie	7	307.5
Maroubra	3	141.75
North Bondi	6	298.25
South Maroubra	1	14.75

The Branch's 24-Hour Emergency call-out system, which operates throughout the entire year, complements the extensive emergency services network the Branch controls. On many occasions both Surf and Police have tested its facilities. The Board of Lifesaving's Rescue Services Manager, Brad Taylor, resigned in December 1998, but continued to act as co-ordinator of the service.

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

The Branch administration office still operates from the small cottage in the grounds of Prince Henry Hospital. We are indeed indebted to the NSW Health Service for providing rent-free accommodation since 1988. However, due to changes being planned for the hospital's properties the Branch is searching for suitable new accommodation. It is hoped that with the support of the Health Service, we will remain within Prince Henry.

The office operates from Monday to Friday and at times is extremely busy, especially when carnival entries and awards processing are in progress. Elizabeth Grady continues at the Branch's Office Manager and Gail Bignold capably assisted her on a part-time basis during the year. The effort of both Liz and Gail on behalf of the Branch's Clubs is greatly appreciated.

In May this year, the Branch engaged the services of Mr Robert King, as our Chief Executive Officer. Amongst Bob's many tasks, is to find new accommodation for the Branch office, formulate a management and business plan and service our major sponsors, Energy Australia and Coca-Cola. I, especially, look forward to Bob's help with some of the day-to-day administration of the Branch, once he has settled in to his new role.

# Energy Australia Sydney Branch Champion Club

Burning Palms' was the winner of this year's competition, gaining 79 points. Elouera (63.5) were second and Wanda (63) third. Burning Palms were awarded the Energy Australia IRB and Motor as their prize. The competition embraces administration, patrols, lifesaving, awards, Board of Control participation and open competition as part of the overall pointscore to determine the winner.

A comparison of the points from last year's competition with this year's points shows that some Clubs have made a very good improvement in their overall performance. Elouera made notable improvements, gaining second this year was placed thirteenth last year. Burning Palms improved from sixth place last year and Maroubra went from tenth place to fifth place this year.

### **Annual Gear Inspection**

The role of Gear Inspection is to ensure all Life Saving Equipment is in safe and workable order for the season. Gear Inspection took place on 12th and 13th of September for all Sydney Branch Clubs and the Offshore boats inspection was held on the 19th of September. All clubs in the Branch put a great deal of effort into the preparation and presentation of their gear for this year's inspection.

The winner of the Gear Inspection for this season was Coogee, with Garie, a very close second.

### **Patrol Efficiency Competition**

Now in its third year, the competition was well contested by Clubs, most showing an improvement in their performance this season. Maroubra won the competition, with Burning Palms and North Bondi second and third respectively. Results were:

1st	Maroubra	6460
2nd	Burning Palms	6270
3rd	North Bondi	6230
4th	Tamarama	6215
5th	South Maroubra	6205
6th	Coogee	6140
7th	Garie	6120
8th	Bondi	6075
9th	Bronte	6045
10th	Cronulla	5875
11th	Wanda	5720
12th	Elouera	5690
13th	North Cronulla	5605
14th	Era	5020
15th	Clovelly	4990

### Sydney Branch Lifesaver of the Year

The Sydney Branch Lifesaver of the Year competition attracted six nominations from six clubs. The finalists were Matthew Pacey (North Bondi), Andrew Dawes (Wanda), Jodi Culbert (Burning Palms), Ben Troy (Maroubra), Greg Smart (Coogee) and Cameron Miles (Bronte). The winner was Jodi Culbert of Burning Palms. All finalists had their nominations forwarded for consideration by the State Lifesaver of the Year Panel.



I am proud to inform you that in the State competition, Jodie was announced the NSW Lifesaver of the Year. Jodi represented New South Wales at the national competition held at Kurrawa in conjunction with the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships and finished a close second.

### 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 has made an outstanding contribution to Surf Lifesaving activities during the season. These activities are judged separately from the Lifesaver of the Year award. The selection committee had a difficult task in selecting a winner. Gary Daly (Coogee) won the award this year, with Geoff Phillips (Burning Palms), Ernie



Stephens (Wanda and Anthony Waller (Coogee), equal runners-up. Congratulations to Gary, who, amongst his other voluntary surf activities, is the Branch's Information Technology Officer and Coogee Club Treasurer.

### Sydney Branch Junior Lifesaver of the Year

There were fourteen nominations received for Sydney Branch Junior Lifesaver of the Year. It was quite a task for the selection panel to come up with the eventual winner. The winners were Mark Simpson (Cronulla) and Kay Krywulycz (North Cronulla). Congratulations to all the nominees and thanks to St George Bank for their sponsorship.

### The Harry Brown IRB Trophy

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

### **Branch Meetings**

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

Under the trial structure of the Board of Control, the Branch Management Committee comprises the

President, Deputy President, Director of Administration, Director of Finance, both elected Vice Presidents, Director of Lifesaving, Director of Competition and Board of Junior Activities Chairperson.

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

Club	Representative	Attendance
Bondi	President	2
	Delegate	9
Bronte	President	6
	Delegate	9
Burning Palms	President	9
	Delegate	9
Clovelly	President	7
	Delegate	1
Coogee	President	9
	Delegate	6
Cronulla	President	9
	Delegate	8
Elouera	President	9
	Delegate	9
Era	President	2
	Delegate	4
Garie	President	6
	Delegate	7
Maroubra	President	2
	Delegate	8
North Bondi	President	4
	Delegate	6
North Cronulla	President	8
	Delegate	7
South Maroubra	President	6
	Delegate	0
Tamarama	President	9
	Delegate	9
Wanda	President	9
	Delegate	9
Officer	Position	Attendance
Peter Pearce	President	6
Ken English	Deputy President	8
Stephen Strange		ion 8
David Dillon	Director of Finance	5
Peter Seeto/John	Restuccia/Greg Smart	
	Director of Lifesaving	5
Dick Bignold	Director of Competition	9
John De Cean	Vice President Marketin	ig 7
Jeremy Raine	Vice President Develop	
Particia Garlick	BJA Chairman	6

### **Association Honours**

The Branch extends congratulations to those members of the Association who were elevated to Life Memberships and those who were recipients of Civil Honours during the past season. Ronald Ernest Pears, Branch Life Member was appointed a Life Member of SLSA. Ron, a Past-President and Life Member of Elouera SLSC, has served at all levels of the Association and is currently the Honorary Australian Championship Administration Officer, his twentieth year in this officer role.

Ron was appointed Manager of the Australian Delegation to World Championships held in 1992, 1994, 1996 and 1998. He was awarded the WLS Citation of Merit in 1990.



New SLSNSW Life Member Ken English (left) with Branch President Peter Pearce

Kenneth Edward English, Deputy President and Branch Life Member, was elected to Life Membership of NSW State Centre. Ken joined Cronulla SLSC as a cadet in 1964 and rose through the ranks occupying many important positions, including Chief Instructor, Boat Captain, Secretary, Captain and President, eventually becoming a Life Member in 1987.

He qualified as an Examiner in 1972 and managed the Australian Trans Tasman Team in 1991 and the NSW Representative Team in 1990.

In the 1999 Australia Day Honours, the following members were recognised with an Award:-

Peter Raymond Stapleton, AM of Bondi SBLSC, former Branch Deputy President and Life Member of SLSA, was appointed a Member in the Order of Australia for his services to Surf Life Saving in Australia and overseas. Peter, a former Club President, was National Treasurer for ten years between 1969 - 1985.

Board of Control Member, Joan Vaughan, OAM was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for her service to the Community and Surf Life Saving. Joan, a senior service member of Burning Palms SLSC was a former Branch Assistant Secretary. Her efficiency and experience in office administration is well known, having served with NSW State Centre for fifteen years and the Sydney Branch office for five years. Joan joins husband and Branch Patron, John, to make it an OAM double for the family.

John Anthony McAuliffe, OAM was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for services to Junior Surf Life Saving and Lawn Tennis. John, from Wanda SLSC, was a Past President of Sydney Branch Juniors. He was elected to Chairman of NSWBJA and represented the Juniors' on the NSW State Centre Council and Executive for seven years, 1986-1993. In the 1999 Queen's Birthday Honours, James Robinson Switzer, OAM was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for services to the Community and Surf Life Saving. Joining Cronulla SLSC in 1940, he has given nearly sixty years of dedicated service to the Movement.

A former Deputy President (three years), Superintendent (eight years) and District Supervisor (ten years), Jim now resides at Narrabri where he and wife, Shirley, are both heavily involved in voluntary community activities, such as Meals-on-Wheels, Historical Society and Hospital Auxiliary.

Jim Switzer is extremely proud of his five Life Memberships – National, State, Branch, Cronulla SLSC, Cudgen Headlands SLSC and the WLS Citation of Merit awarded to him in 1982.

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### Remembrance

Just prior to the 1998 Annual General Meeting, the Branch suffered the sad loss of its long serving Patron, Alfred Robert Loton who passed away on 21 July aged 85.

Alf Loton joined Dee Why SLSC in 1931 where he gained his Bronze Medallion and Instructor's Certificate. His interest in competition was shared between surfboats and beach events, finally extending to the coaching of R & R and Marchpast events. His interests were also in administration and over a continuous period, 1936 - 1954, he occupied the various club executive positions of Captain, Secretary and President.

Alf was Assistant Secretary for a decade of the then SLSA Head Centre and following its transition to become National Council in 1949, he was Assistant Secretary of both the two newly-formed NSW State Centre and Sydney Branch. He retained this position on State Centre until 1953 while shouldering the Secretaryship of the Branch, 1950 -1954.

Alf was appointed the Organising Secretary of the highly successful and incomparable Royal Surf Carnival held at Bondi Beach as part of the celebrations for the visit to Australia of Oueen Elizabeth II in 1954.

He was Deputy President of the Branch, 1954 - 1958 then President for a record 15 years, 1958 - 1973. It was during his presidency that the Branch's Northern Clubs decided to become their own entity resulting in the establishment of Manly-Warringah Branch in 1960.

In 1975, Alf was appointed Branch Patron and held that esteemed office until his passing.

Alf Loton's dedicated service was honoured at every level of Surf Life Saving and he was recipient of five Life Memberships - Dee Why SLSC 1940; Sydney Branch 1952; Manly-Warringah Branch 1960; NSW State Centre 1952 and SLS Association 1953.

During his latter years, Alf unfortunately was handicapped with serious ill-health which curtailed his attendance to many activities. However, despite this adversity, his love and interest in Surf Life Saving remained paramount.

His funeral service was conducted at South Head Cemetery on 27 July, 1998. Sydney Branch extends profound sympathy to Alf's family and friends.

It is with profound sadness that we record the recent passing of Lady Betty Curlewis who died on 21 July 1999, aged 93.

"Lady Betty" as she was lovingly and affectionately known was the widow of the late Sir Adrian Curlewis KT, CVO, CBE, President of Surf Life Saving Association of Australia for 42 years, between 1933 and 1975.

A vivacious young Betty Carr, trainee sports mistress, was introduced to Adrian, young lawyer and captain of Palm Beach SLSC, during Christmas holidays at that beach in 1926. From this fortunate meeting a romance blossomed and eventually the couple were married at St Phillips, Church Hill in Sydney on 12 December, 1928.

Betty Curlewis was a gracious lady in every sense of the word, devoted and caring to her family and a true loyal supporter of Surf Life Saving both in Australia and overseas. She had the unique privilege of being the sole recipient of an honorary SLSA Bronze Medallion.

Her deep admiration for Rescue and Resuscitation was well known and obviously she was extremely proud that this Australian Championship event was titled the Sir Adrian Curlewis Premiership R&R as a tribute to her late husband. It was also her personal delight every season to be hostess at a formal luncheon for those young outstanding leaders selected as State winners of the prestigious Sir Adrian Curlewis Scholarship Award.

Lady Betty Curlewis became a Surf Lifesaving icon in her own lifetime and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew her.

A service of thanksgiving was held on 27 July, 1999 at St Luke's Anglican Church, Mosman to celebrate her life.

To her loving son Ian and daughter Philippa and their respective families, Sydney Branch SLSA expresses its deepest sympathy.

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Well known and liked Branch identity and Competition Official, Peter Doolan, of the Bronte Club passed away during November 1998 in Cairns, aged 70 years. Peter was well known for his involvement with the surfboard riding fraternity. Over many years, he encouraged our younger members to take part in this particular competition, thus ensuring they remained active members of their clubs.

Long-time Competition Official, Mary Andrews, of the Burning Palms Club, also passed away early in the season. Mary continued her long involvement with Surf Life Saving competition after the death of her husband, Branch Life Member, Kevin Andrews. Mary will be fondly remembered by many of our beach competitors for her sterling service in that area of competition.

### **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, with our objectives.

### **Energy Australia**



Branch Presentation Night

Energy Australia has an agreement with the Branch that started in October 1997 and ends in September 2001. As the major sponsor of the Branch, Energy Australia have financially contributed to the 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 has enabled the Branch to afford to outfit all Board Members with a uniform.

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 Jeremy Wright, who administers the agreement on their behalf.

# Coca-Cola



We are appreciative of the strong support received from Coca-Cola. Coke 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 who was at the Branch's Presentation Night to present IRB Motors to seven of 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 \$14,330 to the Branch for administration and other purposes, for which we are very grateful.

The NSW Government also made available money for \$ for \$ assistance to Clubs throughout the State. From our Branch, Elouera and Wanda Clubs received funds to help purchase resuscitation manikins and the Garie Club, funds towards purchasing patrol uniforms.

### **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.

### **Carnivals and Competition**

During the season, Clubs at Cronulla, North Cronulla, Wanda, and Coogee conducted four open carnivals. The Branch Championships were held at Elouera, the Branch IRB Championships hosted by Wanda at North Cronulla. The Energy Australia Metropolitan IRB Championships were also hosted by Wanda at Wanda Beach.

### **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 the Handicapped Pointscore was won by Bronte.

Results of the pointscores were:-

Club	Handicapped	Open
Bondi	37	26.5
Bronte	57	42
Burning Palms	43	25
Clovelly	26	14.5
Coogee	45	45
Cronulla	39	75
Elouera	50	57
Era	39	19.5
Garie	3	1
Maroubra	51.5	51
North Bondi	42	59
North Cronulla	48.5	67
South Maroubra	47	34
Tamarama	11	6.5
Wanda	48	64

### Branch Patrol Championships and Champion Lifesaver Competition

The Championships were conducted at Wanda on February 13. Not all fifteen Clubs competed in this special competition which is devised to demonstrate general Lifesaving skills amongst our patrol members. Wanda won the Championships, with North Bondi and North Cronulla taking second and third places.

Andrew Dawes (Wanda) won the Mens Champion Lifesaver competition and Karin Jones (Wanda) won the Womens Champion Lifesaver. In the Under 18 event, Ryan Shelly (Wanda) took out first place. The winner of the Under 16 event was Troy Winterbottom (Elouera).

### Energy Australia Sydney Branch Championships

This event was hosted on behalf of the Branch by the Elouera Club on February 20, and sponsored by Energy Australia. The winner of the Open Pointscore on the day was Cronulla with 536 points, second Wanda (420) and third, North Bondi (367.5). Results of the Championships appear at the end of this Report.

### Inflatable Rescue Boat Championships

Wanda Club hosted the IRB Championships, but due to beach conditions were held at North Cronulla Beach on May 1. Rough sea conditions ensured some fine driving skills by the competitors being displayed to the many spectators. Results of the Championships are recorded later in the report. The winner of the David Chandler Memorial Pointscore Trophy was Bondi with 73 points, with South Maroubra (64) and Elouera (41) second and third respectively.

# Energy Australia Metropolitan IRB Championships

Hosted by the Wanda Club, good entries were received from Clubs throughout the State and the competition was held in some tricky sea conditions.

Towradgi Club from the Illawarra Branch won the open pointscore with 50 points. Soldiers Beach (41) and South Maroubra (36) were second and third respectively.

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

### Yarra Bay Sailing Club Sydney Stillwater Championships

Known as the John Vaughan Stillwater Classic, this craft only event was held at Yarra Bay Sailing Club on Saturday, November 25, with special guests John Vaughan, and other Directors of Yarra Bay Sailing Club. Weather conditions on the day were perfect and some 15 Clubs participated in the various events.

Special mention must be made to the sponsor, Yarra Bay Sailing Club's generous donation of prizes presented to the winners and placegetters.

### **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 Shelly Beach in the Central Coast Branch on December 12-13. This year, the Championships were fully integrated with events for both senior and junior team members. Sydney Branch won the pointscore with 427 points with Central Coast (390) and Sydney Northern Beaches (377) second and third.

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

Members of the team were, Boat Crew: Steve Swane, Angus Wilson, Peter Armstrong, Mark Featherstone, Daniel Schriek (North Cronulla). Open Competitors: Damian Bullion, Christie Smith (North Cronulla). Glen Cowdry, Kane Heussner (Maroubra), Karen Hardy (Elouera), Daniel McLellan (Cronulla) and Jade Sutcliffe (North Bondi) Under 18 Competitors: Brandi Elliott, Kate McLellan, Kelly Jury, Nathan Smith (Cronulla), Joe Hughes (Wanda) and Tait Smith (North Bondi). Under 16 Competitors: Nick Potts, Natalie Grosse (North Bondi) Brent Janssen, Krystal Smith (Cronulla), Rhys Kirchner (North Cronulla) and Krystal Perez (Wanda).

### **Branch Team Manager's Report**

Well, by now you all would have heard that the Branch Team was successful at the Interbranch Carnival conducted at Shelly Beach. This "Team" is a credit to all those members of the Branch who gave their time to train these people in a sport that we love so much.

I would like to thank a few people who helped myself and the Branch achieve the result that we all wanted so badly. In no particular order, Dick Bignold, a good friend the Branch should have more like him. Richard Garnsey, no body likes winning more than he does, Ray Wilkinson, Nipper Manager, nothing is a problem, hang on to him. Mike Moschogianis, for what I've seen he put in a lot of time, which paid off on the beach. Cheryl Giles and Ray Garling deserve medals for their patience, but love all the kids.

To the Selectors who picked the Team, a very hard job, I bet a few of the rocket scientists and geniuses knew the right one's once they had chosen them. Maybe next year we will ring Sydney Northern Beaches and find out what they seem to know. Their report on our team last year was hurting. I took some advice from ya, thanks a lot fella's. The hospitality from the Central Coast was just great, a nice little part of Australia, let's go back in the near future.

The carnival's referee Paul Ninness, had a difficult job that I thought was well done. He listened when we had something to say, very rare. To all the Mum's, Dad's, relatives and friends, the Carnival would not have been the same without you. Some had joy some not, but that's life, keep running up and down screaming encouragement, it's part of this great sport. I nearly forgot young Chris Giles, kept me informed at all times, thanks mate.

Like all reports you must write what you see and feel in your heart, a few suggestions maybe next year we could have an under 21 or Junior Boat Crew (did I hear Dick faint)! A good idea on Saturday two water areas but we did not have two areas on Sunday. You can't have kids on the beach from 7.00am or 8.00am as was the case on Saturday, til late evening. That's just asking for trouble.

Now for my bombshell, JAC age group should only be under 13 and under 14. We must look further down the track, with the other Branches at this carnival we had eleven, the cost will be the killer in years to come with smaller Branches not being able to finance a large team. To me this would be a shame if another Branch could not compete because of finance. I think the team events are the way to go, which to me is what Surf Life Saving is all about. Lets stick with the KISS System.

The Pointscore, what can I say we won. I have an IQ in the high 20's and can only count no higher than 21 so who ever kept adding the pointscore you have my admiration. Team behaviour was excellent, no problems what so ever. Our movement has some fine young people and with the guidance from our older members our future looks fine. If I have forgotten to thank some body who helped me with the team please let me know. Once again I thank the Branch for having faith in my ability. Good luck to you all.

Bobby Johnson Team Manager

# Carlton & United Breweries NSW State Championships

The Championships were held at Colanarra in the Sydney Northern Beaches Branch on March 12-14. Colanarra consists of the Chibs along the Collaroy-Narrabeen set of beaches. The weather conditions were good and some keen competitive performances were exhibited. Sydney Clubs performed well, and won the first and second places in the Metropolitan Pointscore, Cronulla first with 102.5 points and Wanda second, with 101 points.

# Carlton & United Breweries Australian Championships

The Australian Surf Life Saving Championships were held at Kurrawa Beach, Queensland on March 24-28. The weather was good and competitors displayed outstanding skills in their individual events. Congratulations are extended to the Coogee Club whose R & R Team came third in the Curlewis R & R Premiership, third in the Open R & R and first in the Womens R & R. In the outright carnival pointscore, Cronulla was fourth with 91 points. The winner was Currumbin Beach, Queensland (116.5).

# 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 North Cronulla on January 17. North Cronulla were the winners on the day, receiving a rescue board for their efforts. In the State Finals of the event, which were conducted at Coogee Beach on January 31. Elouera were the lucky recipients of a new motor, which was drawn from the hat from competing Clubs.

# **Branch Presentation Night**

Held at The Swiss Grand Hotel, Bondi Beach on June 13, over 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.

Highlight of the evening was the announcement of Burning Palms being named the Energy Australia Champion Club for season 1998-99 The prize, donated through Energy Australia's sponsorship of the Branch was a fully equipped IRB and Motor.

Coca-Cola also made presentations to Clubs of IRB Motors as part of Coke's rescue equipment sponsorship.

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 persons and Clubs:-

Lifesaver of the Year	Jodi Culbert (Burning Palms)
Volunteer of the Year	Gary Daly (Coogee)
Examiner of the Year	Tony Coffee (Cronulla)

Training Officer of Year Competition Official of the Year

Kerri Visch (Bronte)

Frank Ridley (North Cronulla)

Branch Officer of the Year Dick Bignold (Cronulla) Director of Competition Most number of Lifesaving Awards gained by Clubs in each District Royal National Park Clubs **Burning Palms Cronulla Sutherland District** Cronulla **Randwick** District Coogee Waverley District Bronte Patrol Efficiency Competition District Winners **Royal National Park Clubs Burning Palms Cronulla Sutherland District** Cronulla **Randwick** District Coogee Waverley District North Bondi Patrol Efficiency Overall Branch Winner Maroubra **Annual Gear Inspection Winner** Coogee.

# **Media Director's Report**

In 1998-99 the Sydney Surf Toll increased its status as the major tool for promoting the volunteer surf lifesaving services of the branch. Volunteer surf lifesaving services in the branch received good coverage during the patrolling season thanks to media support of the Sydney Surf Toll concept.

The Sydney Surf Toll owes its success to the patrol captains on the beach who record patrol statistics and the branch radio operators who vigilantly report the information to me each weekend. It is vital to the ongoing success of the Sydney Surf Toll that patrol captains and radio operators understand and appreciate their crucial role to the coverage of volunteer surf lifesaving services in Sydney.

Accurate reporting of patrol statistics was the key to the success and failure of our media plan during the season. When the statistics were reported we received excellent coverage but when nothing was received we were unable to successfully sell our message.

As we receive increased coverage of our services, clubs and members pressure is increased on clubs to portray the image of vigilance and service. On a number of occasions during the season members and clubs were caught out displaying a poor image in the media. In the media image is everything and that means clubs must use the image created by red and yellow patrol uniforms, responsible use of equipment and the fun and friendly atmosphere of the surf club. This alone will ensure we maintain important sources of funding and public support and media support required to maintain a safe beach and aquatic environment in Sydney.

The support of Peter Pearce is unwavering and greatly appreciated. The support of patrol captains, duty officers and radio operators is vital to the success of my position and the branches media profile so I appreciate their help and look forward to making media 'heroes' of as many Sydney volunteer surf lifesavers as I can in 1999-2000.

Robert Barnes Media Director

### **Board of Lifesaving Secretary**

The Board of Control held it's 49th Annual General Meeting on 26 June 1998, and it marked the end of the road for such committee.

As the inaugural meeting of the Board of Lifesaving met at the same time and held elections as did the Board of Competition under Dick Bignold. All Executive positions were filled, three of the eight Supervisor positions were vacant, however they were filled quickly.

The new Board meant that we had an expanded committee and in the main it worked well.

Unfortunately Brad Taylor resigned as Rescue Services Manager and the Branch decided that the position would not be filled until the coming Annual General Meeting. This situation was compounded when Peter Seeto resigned. The Branch Executive acting quickly and in a positive manner resolved that "John Restuccia and Greg Smart from the Board along with the Board Secretary, Peter Quartly, be asked to manage the Lifesaving functions of the Branch until the annual meeting of the Board".

On a personal level, I was saddened firstly by Brad's resignation as he had done so much over the years and even after his resignation continued to contribute more than many others. I believe he acted out of frustration and will in the long run, regret his actions. I sincerely hope he continues to play a part in Surf Lifesaving, as we can ill afford to loose someone of his calibre.

Peter Seeto's resignation was more of a shock, as it came without any warning. Peter also gave good service, however, like many others did not really reach his true potential. This to me is the real problem that we have faced over recent years, in that we have had short term leadership, which means that their learning curve has not reached a stage where real leadership and development policies can be realised and given breathe from a mature background in the position.

John Restuccia took charge, set his agenda and we moved up a couple of notches. It was interesting to reflect on where he has come since he previously stepped down. John was positive, let everyone know what was required and got us moving full steam ahead.

One area where there was no real dramas and a lot of professionalism was in the Education side, where under Dianne's stewardship, we are going from strength to strength. Dianne's knowledge of Lifesaving and her ability to impart it to others in a logical and reasoned manner, highlights her managerial skills, which hopefully we will have the privilege to utilise for many years to come.

To date the Branch constitution has not been amended to reflect our current structure. This is something that is totally in the Branches hands, although I do not see it as a practical problem. I believe the new structure has been well received and the new roles have enhanced our ability to provide the service required to the fifteen clubs we service.

In all structures there are hick-ups (if there weren't, there would be no fun), however, I believe on the whole we enhanced our position and role within the Association, from the previous year, even with those problems which we faced and over came.

We asked for three seats on the Branch Council and unfortunately, this was narrowly defeated, which left us with only the one. This caused a number of problems in the first half of the season. It is something I believe we should persist with in the coming season.

This season saw the publication of a new manual, which unfortunately, was delayed somewhat in its release, which had a detrimental effect on training. We have asked the Branch to raise this at State level, as we believe the lateness was most unsatisfactory and are symptomatic of problems over recent years. Although it is an excellent publication it may have been better from a practical point of view to delay its release until the close of this season. We still have a number of awards that can not be examined due to there not being a syllabus.

Dianne and her sub committee provided the Branch with a report on the written paper and spoke on the problems we face with literacy and asked the question "Do we want to see practical Life Savers or academics that know the theory". As a Patrol Captain, I certainly would vote for practical over theory, especially in an emergency.

We continue to have a poor response from clubs to entering the Patrol Competition and we looked at cancelling it due to the lack of interest. It is hard to reconcile that we have such difficulties when this reflects on what our very existence is all about and that we should all excel within its parameters.

This season all active Board members had to be proficient and Dianne and her team over a number of nights provided an excellent platform through In Service nights, to provide uniformity in examining awards under the new manual. At the conclusion of the evenings members were provided with a new uniform which brings us into the 20th century.

The Branch ran its first Silver Medallion Course for Patrol Captains in May, through the stewardship of Steve Leahy and Peter Agnew. There were some eighty participants over two nights of four hours each. It was high-powered stuff and a further one is currently being scheduled.

The role of that most valuable asset, the Duty Officer, has been evaluated over the season and I am sure by the start of the coming season the scope of their activities and position within the Branch will be clarified and confirmed within our structure. It has already been resolved that we invite interested persons to nominate and the positions will be filled at our first Management Committee meeting of the Season.

Maroubra Seals, Sports and Community Club continue to support us with the use of their facilities through out the year for which we are most appreciative.

We made a decision that as reels and surfboats are no longer Lifesaving equipment, they would not be examined at the Annual Gear Inspection. This caused some consternation at the following Branch Council Meeting. The Council resolved they be examined and although the personnel were put in place, the matter was rescinded subsequently when a number of clubs did not present such equipment for inspection. We held two full Board Meetings where the full gambit of Lifesaving/Educational matters were discussed. Unfortunately attendance in the light of our membership was not as good as one would expect. This is a shame, as the meetings are a true forum where everyone is given the opportunity to take the floor and give voice to his or her views.

The controversy with respect to the written paper evaporated with the introduction of the new manual which resulted in the questions coming directly form the units that were a part of the award. In addition the use of the availability of individuals being examined verbally relieved much of the previous anxiety.

Peter Agnew as well as his elected roles continued to chair the Life Saver and Volunteer of the Year Panel, with all the skill of the veteran professional he has been for so many years. Margaret Pearce who always brings a sense of perspective to our meetings was responsible for upgrading the Volunteer of the Year Nomination form for which we thank her.

Throughout the season we monitored the standard of Resuscitation and this is one area where we must maintain a constant vigil. We have not been successful in having the "One Man Drag" re-introduced. We continue to maintain our position that it should be taught for all the obvious reasons. Defibrillators have now been approved for use as we move another notch up the professional ladder.

Ursula Cartner under difficult circumstances had the Branch Radio Room working with limited human resources in what many would acknowledge as primitive conditions. Ursula put forward a paper of future needs and direction and this was endorsed and presented to the Branch. At this point in time no decision has been made although we know in the long term Sydney Surf will be relocated.

Problems in the No. 1 District (Royal National Park) with the repeater transmitter has be referred to Surf Lifesaving NSW, who has responsibility for same. Hopefully this potentially life-threatening situation will be resolved to everyone's satisfaction prior to the start of the coming season.

A good season under a new environment, which I am sure we will build on for a better season in 1999/2000. With your continued support we can only go forward.

Peter Quartly Honorary Secretary

### **Board of Lifesaving Administrators**

This season the Branch trilled a new Board Structure, dividing the Board into Lifesaving and Competition.

The Board of Lifesaving has achieved its goals during the season and the new format has provided the streamlined effect to maintain the standard of Lifesaving and Education in the Branch.

The Branch was put in a situation when the Director of Lifesaving resigned. Greg Smart and myself were appointed as Administrators to take over the responsibilities until the Annual General Meeting, when a new Director of Lifesaving will be elected. The District Lifesaving Supervisors performed the monthly Patrol Efficiency Inspections and I am pleased to announce that Maroubra SLSC won the competition with 6460 points, with Burning Palms SLSC coming second on 6270 points and North Bondi SLSC third, on 6230 points. Overall the District Lifesaving Supervisors reported that the standard of patrols has been maintained and continue to improve.

Awards this season totalled 1207, congratulations to the candidates on gaining their awards but special thanks goes to the Examiners who took the time to examine these young Life Savers who patrol our beaches.

Leading these Examiners was Dianne Lovell and I express the Branch's appreciation for the amount of time that is required in this job and the effort that is needed to coordinate the Examiners.

The Lifesaving Board Executive met monthly and reported back to the Branch Council. Thanks to Peter Quartly for his accurate minutes and correspondence.

Duty Officers – outstanding effort from sixteen members who devoted their time on a 24-hour basis and who attended rescue situations. Thanks.

Ursula Cartner organised and maintained the Sydney Surf Radio Room and ensured that the Radio was manned during Patrol Hours. To the members who devoted their time to Sydney Surf, thank you. The Branch is pursuing an alternative venue for next season for Sydney Surf and hopefully this will assist and encourage new operators.

A problem that exists is the retention and recruitment of new members. This is an item that needs addressing and we would encourage all clubs to stress the need for new members of the Board of Lifesaving.

Finally, thank you to the Board of Lifesaving Management Committee for you support.

**Greg Smart and John Restuccia** Board of Lifesaving Administrators

### **Education Manager**

The 1998-99 season saw the Educational area within Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch take a new direction, one that was driven via the Board's restructuring and a new Surf Life Saving Training Manual (31st Edition).

Restructuring or change involves re-learning and implementation of new policies and guidelines with most people's first reaction being hesitation, as the "known" is a safe and familiar working environment, however, the "unknown" has unclear expectations and unfamiliar working environment. So all Chief Instructors can attribute the success of the season to a lot of hard work and dedication, Training Officers and Examiners learning all new award syllabuses and assessment criteria for each award.

A summary of educational activities:

Three in-service sessions were completed for all Chief Instructors and Examiners on the new Training Manual, examination techniques, key learning issues. These In-services were extremely well attended and I feel that they were the ground structure to a working framework for the season. Five "Train the Trainer" courses.

One Examiner's Accreditation course.

The completion of over 110 separate examinations with a total of 1207 candidates obtaining awards.

To Liz and Gail, thank you for the compilation and distribution of paperwork and handling all other tasks in a pleasant and cheerful manner. To 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.

**Dianne Lovell** Educational Manager

# Director of Competition Administration

This season, alterations to the Board of Control were introduced to mirror that of Surf Life Saving NSW and Surf Life Saving Australia.

Two Boards were put in place for a two year trial – Board of Life Saving and Board of Competition.

In reviewing operations of the Board of Competition, it can be said this was an outstanding success. Although, it should be noted a number of area's need to be refined and new procedures adopted to ensure continuous improvement.

The current structure allows for discussion in all competition disciplines and encompasses the Juniors as well. This meets the requirements of State in relation to full integration.

Most pleasing was the input from our competitors. These advisers were frank and open and were the conduit that resulted in enhanced relations between officials and competitors. This growing rapport saw only one protest lodged at an Open Carnival this year – an excellent result and the envy of other Branches.

Currently the Management Team is investigating a number of matters relating to competition in an endeavour to streamline, make attractive and conform to a set time (where possible), with the end result being a marketable product giving customer satisfaction.

### Training

A Level 1 Officials Accreditation course was held in September. Excellent lecturers were arranged but only a small number of participants were in attendance. It has been decided to hold another course during winter with a view to attracting greater numbers.

Names of members wishing to undertake Level 2 training have been sent to Surf Life Saving NSW for approval and conduction of this course.

Finding a suitable date to conduct a Scrutineers course was difficult. Unfortunately it was not possible to conduct this most valuable course, however every effort will be made during the forthcoming season to hold the course, as we are desperate for accredited scrutineers. Arising from Management Team meetings was the need to conduct a Starters course. Geoff Martin will be coordinating this course which will be held at Coogee during winter. The course will be divided into two sections: the theory session will be conducted at the Holiday Inn and the practical component on Coogee beach. Invitations will be sent to all Metropolitan Branches with an emphasis on Junior Groups.

Further training modules for the other positions will be gradually introduced subject to time constraints.

Everyone would be aware of the changes to re-licensing. Log Books have been distributed to all Officials who must achieve their points over a set time in relation to their license level. It is pleasing to see the acceptance of this change by the majority of officials. Please note that our database will be set to use your license number as the primary driver, so that when renewing membership you **must** quote this number.

### Initiatives

Following on from implementing "coloured shirts" for Sectional Referees and specific officials, a new starting system was introduced for the Boat Area. The cost of bullets and draconian requirements to house starting pistols was the impetus to provide a suitable system that would contain costs. Frank Ridley's effort in constructing the lighting system and air horns is greatly appreciated. Feedback from competitors has been positive and minor alterations are being made to further improve this method of starting.

To eliminate on-going debates regarding course distances, a laser range finder has been purchased. Distances can now be measured with great accuracy and should satisfy all competitor concerns.

### Scrutineering

We were indeed fortunate to have Bill Singleton, Graham Evans and Peter Davis to conduct these sessions at clubs throughout the Branch. Given the number of craft inspected and time taken these men deserve to be congratulated – well done.

However, it is disappointing to learn that our scrutineering is not considered acceptable at the National Championships. The integrity of these men cannot be faulted and their valuable time wasted along with the money the Branch outlaid to purchase equipment is disappointing to say the least.

### Competition

Some fourteen carnivals and special events were held during the season. The success of these events could not be achieved without the support of many officials. Approximately eighty officials are required to run a carnival given the number of events and competitors. At times our numbers were skinny, but as usual, the efforts of all ensured a satisfactory result. To all officials, congratulations on your sterling efforts during the year.

Special boat events kicked of the season. First was "Roster's River Run" held by Burning Palms SLSC. In its 10<sup>th</sup> year and a record number of crews competed in what became a rather windy finish. The efforts of the "Palms" continue to provide an excellent event with growing numbers.

The Boat Relay at Bundeena followed. Garie SLSC along with the support of Bundeena Progress Association staged this event at Horderns Beach in Port Hacking. While only small numbers attended, reports received showed that everyone had an enjoyable day.

Congratulations to Garie SLSC for introducing this event and it is hoped it will grow when more clubs become aware.

The Yarra Bay Stillwater Classic was held on 21 November 1998. Again a large number of crews attended from as far away as Newcastle. This event continues to grow in stature and I must thank Bill Singleton for the time spent coordinating this event. Also special thanks and appreciation are extended to Yarra Bay Sailing Club and the many sponsors who provided prizes. It is hoped that our association with Yarra Bay Sailing Club will continue to expand.

Open carnivals commenced in earnest during December starting with Cronulla followed by North Cronulla, Wanda, Coogee and culminating with Elouera SLSC hosting the Branch Championships.

Large numbers attended all carnivals and some minor problems were encountered. These glitches have been noted and will be addressed in the coming season. All clubs are thanked for their efforts in hosting carnivals.

Particularly pleasing were the numbers in Board Riding. The success of this event can be attributed to Phil Veitch who was prepared to run this area at every carnival. My sincere thanks are extended to Phil who has intimated that he will again control this area in the coming season. With further support for Phil it may be possible to introduce Body Boards into Competition.

A number of competitions need reviewing. It was disappointing that only one IRB Twilight was held. Poor attendance at the Surf Rescue Challenge and Life Saving Premiership also require a thorough review.

It is not fair to clubs hosting these events nor the officials appointed, to encounter this lack of support. Unless appropriate numbers can be guaranteed, these events will have to be deleted.

### **Branch** Team

It is indeed pleasing to report the success of our Branch Team at the Interbranch Championships held at Shelley Beach on the Central Coast.

This was the fist time these Championships have been conducted as a combined team with the Juniors. Performances by both the "Juniors" and "Seniors" were outstanding resulting in a run away success. Congratulations are extended to all competitors, Coach – Richard Garnsey, Manager – Bob Johnson and the selectors on achieving this satisfying result.

#### Summary

The season has proved to be eventful, time consuming and above all enjoyable. Efforts by all officials are to be applauded. Success can not be achieved without their support no matter what part they play in the scheme of things. We must not enter into a comfort zone, but, be continually active and strive to improve on all facets of competition. By value adding our customers – the competitors, will be satisfied.

#### Conclusion

To be able to provide such a positive report is testimony to the efforts of all. It would be remiss of me not to place on record my appreciation to a number of people who went the extra yard. In particular, the Management Team of Grahame Evans, Geoff Martin, John Restuccia, Ron Hammond, Bill Singleton, Steve Swane, Damien Bulian, Daniel McLellan and Kane Heussner. You have raised the bar for others to emulate. Let us not rest on our laurels.

To Don Workman, Ted Cahill and Frank Ridley, thank you for assisting "Singo" with the equipment. One person cannot do the maintenance of these assets. Your efforts have not been gone unnoticed.

Finally, to Liz and Gail, the two people who never miss a deadline, keep me on my toes and ensure no stone is left unturned in any matter relating to competition. I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation.

I look forward to next season being even better than the last.

Dick Bignold Director of Competition

#### **Branch Gear Report**

The Season 1998/99 has been a heavy one for the Branch Carnival and Competition equipment. More events are being conducted requiring its use.

The cost of replacing equipment is increasing; some of our equipment is in excess of ten years old and needs replacing.

Carnival officials do not look after the equipment in their area, particularly flags, beach markers and loud hailers. Before an event, the gear is placed in the trailer in an orderly manner, but after the completion of the event the gear is placed back into the trailer in any old manner.

The present trailer is becoming inadequate and the Branch is at present looking at a replacement vehicle.

I would like to thank Frank Ridley for his great assistance in maintaining the gear, particularly in repairing the Boat finish stands and fabricating the lights and stands for the IRB Competition and Boat Area.

Also many thanks to Dick Bignold for his unending support.

Bill Singleton Branch Gear Steward

# SURF LIFE SAVING SYDNEY BRANCH INCORPORATED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY, 1999

	1999	1998
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Affiliation fees	3,915	-
Capitation fees	17,368	
Awards	14,321	11,591
NSW Government grants	14,330	14,478
Sponsorship and donations	145,962	91,000
Interest	1,116	841
Sundry	2,255	364
Carnival funds	30,691	48,219
	229,958	166,493
LESS: EXPENSES		
Accountancy and audit fees	2,000	
Award charges	13.033	10,531
Bad debt expenses	401	10,001
Bank charges	264	994
Branch team, instruction and examination	16,134	24,025
Capitation fees	10,104	1,876
Carnival expenses	30,830	28,172
Computer/contractors expense	790	2,353
Depreciation	6,949	6,342
General expenses	1,989	2,417
Insurance	6,566	1,847
Presentation night expenses	35	2,862
Printing and stationery	4,427	4,140
Postage	2,321	3,606
Repairs and maintenance	140	5,000
Rescue services	7,646	4,619
	44,000	38,256
Salaries and wages Seminars and meetings		4,708
	5,661	32,136
Sponsorship expenses	54,952 2,766	2,204
Superannuation	3,961	
Telephone Travelling and courier expenses	421	4,292 483
	205,286	175,863
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	24,672	(9,370)
		(0,010)
OTHER INCOME		
Profit on sale of fixed assets	1,152	
Net profit from rental operations	23,984	20,780
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	25,136	20,780
NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	49,808	11,410
Accumulated funds at beginning of year	392,098	380,688
ACCUMULATED FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	441,906	392,098

This report is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# SURF LIFE SAVING SYDNEY BRANCH INCORPORATED RENTAL PROPERTY STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY, 1999

	1999	1998
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Rent Received	54,999	54,999
EXPENSES		
Depreciation	18,725	18,725
Interest	6,726	10,236
Levies	2,736	1,562
Rates & Taxes	2,653	2,906
Repairs & Maintenance	175	788
	31,015	34,217
NET PROFIT FROM RENTAL OPERATION	23,984	20,780
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This report is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# SURF LIFE SAVING SYDNEY BRANCH INCORPORATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY, 1999

Note	1999 \$	1998 \$
		207,454
		207,434 841
		(10,236)
	(202,778)	(169,449)
7(ii)	116,665	28,610
	(18,602)	(1,464)
	(18,602)	(1,464)
	(72,148)	(22,388)
	(72,148)	(22,388)
	25,915	4,758
	50,966	46,208
7(i)	76,881	50,966
	7(ii)	\$ 325,052 1,117 (6,726) (202,778) 7(ii) 116,665 (18,602) (18,602) (18,602) (72,148) (72,148) 25,915 50,966 7(i) 76,881

This report is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# SURF LIFE SAVING SYDNEY BRANCH INCORPORATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MAY, 1999

	Note	1999 \$	1998 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash	2	76,881	50,966
Receivables	3	8,191	49,402
Prepayments		1,177	4,545
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		86,249	104,913
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	4	398,847	404,767
Stock on hand		565	565
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		399,412	405,332
TOTAL ASSETS		485,661	510,245
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors and accruals		3,359	5,603
Loan - secured	5	13,993	33,900
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		17,352	39,503
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Loan - secured	5	7,	52,241
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			52,241
TOTAL LIABILITIES		17,352	91,744
NET ASSETS		468,309	418,501
MEMBERS FUNDS			======
Reserves	6	26,403	26,403
Accumulated Funds	6	441,906	392,098
TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS		468,309	418,501
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This report is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

### **NOTE 1 - STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (NSW). The financial report is prepared on an accrual basis and is based on historical costs and does 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.

	1999	1998
	\$	\$
NOTE 2: CASH		
Cash on hand	200	200
Carnival funds	80	80
Cash at bank	17,074	16,748
General fund	37,411	3,051
Property account	22,116	30,887
	76,881	50,966

	1999 \$	1998 \$
NOTE 3: RECEIVABLES	Φ	Ð
Trade debtors Sundry debtors	8,083 108	49.281 121
	8,191	49,402 =====
NOTE 4: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EC	DITEMENT	
Carnival gear - at cost Less: Accumulated depreciation	5,739 (5,214)	5,739 (4,497)
	525	1,242
Furniture and fittings - at cost	2,979	2,979
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(1,813)	(1,636)
	1,166	1,343
Plant and equipment - at cost Less: Accumulated depreciation	94,534 (70,196)	92,010 (81,371)
	24,338	10,639
Building - at cost Less: Accumulated depreciation	468,135 (95,317)	468,135 (76,592)
	372,818	391,543
	398,847	404,767
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The market value of the building has been assessed by an independent valuation at \$540,000. The independent valuation was carried out by Mr Graham Brook on 9th July, 1997. The Committee has decided it is prudent to record the building at cost.

# NOTE 5: LOAN - SECURED

13,993	33,900
	52,241
13,993	86,141
======	======
	13,993 

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

	1999	1998
	\$	\$
NOTE 6: RESERVES AND ACCUMULATED	FUNDS	
Reserves		
Asset revaluation reserve	26,403	26,403
Accumulated Funds		
Accumulated funds at beginning of financial year	392,098	380,688
Operating surplus/(deficit) after income tax	49,808	11,410
Accumulated funds at end of financial year	441,906	392,098
Total reserves and accumulated funds	468,309	418,501
NOTE 7. TO THE CRADEMENT OF CASH F	=====	======

# NOTE 7: 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	17,074	16,748
Deposit on call - General fund	37,411	3,051
- Property account	22,116	30,887
Total cash at the end of financial year	76,881	50,966
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(ii) Reconciliation of Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities to Operating Surplus/(Deficit) after Income Tax

Operating surplus/(deficit) after income tax Add: Non-Cash Items:	49,808	11,410
Depreciation	25,674	25,067
Less: Non-Cash Items:		
Profit on sale of fixed assets	(1,152)	
Change in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase)/decrease in prepayments	3,367	75
(Increase)/decrease in trade debtors	41,212	(13,197)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors and accruals	(2,244)	5,255
Net cash provided by operating activities	116,665	28,610

# NOTE 8: FINANCIAL REPORTING BY SEGMENTS

The association predominantly promotes, advances and controls the work of surf life saving and its many aspects devoted to aquatic safety around the coastline within New South Wales.

### **NOTE 9: FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

#### (a) Interest Rate Risk

The association exposure to interest rate risk, which is the risk that a financial instrument's value will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates and the effective weighted average interest rates on those financial assets and financial liabilities, is as follows:

	Weighted	Fixed Interest Ra	ate Maturing In
	Average Interest	Floating Interest	1 Year or
	Rate	Rate	Less
	% p.a.	\$	\$
Financial Assets			
Cash	4.5	76,881	
		=====	=====
Financial Liabilities			
Loans	10.0		13,993
		=====	====

### (b) Credit Risk

The maximum exposure to credit risk, excluding the value of any collateral or other security, at balance date to recognised financial assets is the carrying amount, net of any provisions for doubtful debts, as disclosed in the balance sheet and notes to the financial report.

The association does not have any material credit risk exposure to any single debtor or group of debtors under financial instruments entered into by the association.

#### (c) Net Fair Values

The net fair values of listed investments have been valued at the quoted market bid price at balance date adjusted for transaction costs expected to be incurred. For other assets and other liabilities approximates their carrying value. No financial assets and financial liabilities are readily traded on organised markets in standardised form other than listed investments. Financial assets where the carrying amount exceeds net fair values have not been written down as the association intends to hold these assets to maturity.

The aggregate net fair values and carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities are disclosed in the balance sheet and in the notes to and forming part of the accounts.

# NOTE 10: YEAR 2000 COMPLIANCE

The systems critical to the Association's ongoing operation and preparation of financial information (including application systems, operating systems, hardware and other devices that rely on computer technology) are being reviewed to establish the impact, if any, which Year 2000 date change will have on the accuracy of calculations, processing and reporting. This review extends to systems external to the Association, such as those of suppliers and service providers that may expose the Association to the risks associated with the Year 2000 systems issue.

Plans are being developed to modify systems, as required, before the impact of Year 2000 date change creates significant errors in accounting records or adversely impacts on business operations or customer services.

The insurers of the Association will not cover any adverse financial effects resulting from the Year 2000 systems issue.

# SURF LIFE SAVING SYDNEY BRANCH INCORPORATED STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

In the opinion of the committee, the financial report as set out on pages 20 to 26:

- 1. Presents fairly the financial position of The Surf Life Saving Association of Australia, Sydney Branch Incorporated as at 31st May, 1999 and its performance for the financial year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, mandatory professional reporting requirements and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board;
- 2. 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.

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

**Stephen Strange,** Director of Administration

#### **David Dillon,** Director of Finance

Dated this 29th day of July, 1999.

# SURF LIFE SAVING SYDNEY BRANCH INCORPORATED AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

### Scope

We have audited the financial report of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia, Sydney Branch Incorporated for the financial year ended 31st May, 1999, consisting of the Income and Expenditure Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows, Notes to and forming part of the financial report and the Statement by Members of the Committe. 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 this financial report 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 report 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 report is 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 its 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 report.

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 report presents fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the Associations Incorporation Act (NSW) and other mandatory professional reporting requirements, the financial position of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia – Sydney Branch Incorporated as at 31st May, 1999 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended.

**DUNCAN DOVICO** Chartered Accountants

Patricia A. Young

Sydney

### **Director of Finance Report**

The Branch's operations were fairly much in line with last year. As a result, the major excitement in financial terms has been basic accounts housekeeping i.e. a significant reduction in trade debtors.

Our late Patron Alf Loton, in his will, left a legacy of \$32,404.44 to the Branch and this amount has been recorded in Sponsorships and donations.

The Branch has kept operating expenses and capital expenditure to a minimum over the past year with any spare cash being used to repay the mortgage on our rental property.

Major items of capital expenditure were a new photocopier and a computer.

A big thank you should be given to our two major corporate partners, Energy and Coca-Cola Australia for providing the financial assistance that has made this possible (both the asset purchases and the reduction in the mortgage).

The Branch's financial position for the next year is secure as both Energy Australia and Coca-Cola are committed to sponsorship for this period.

Major additional cash outlays expected during the coming financial year include funding of the Chief Executive Officer position, relocation of the branch office, a share of the cost of replacing the roof on our rental property and if funds are available, additional repayments on our rental property mortgage.

In closing I would like to thank all those people that contributed their services on a voluntary basis during the year. Your support is not quantified in the financial statements, but without it the Branch would not exist.

David Dillon

Director of Finance

# Bondi Surf Bathers' LSC Inc.

In this our 93rd season, Bondi continues to be a mecca for locals and tourist alike. We experienced good weather in the main, with corresponding large crowds, of which many do not have any surf awareness skills or refuse to take due care, which continues to place a strain on our voluntary resources. Unfortunately we had one drowning during patrol hours outside the flagged area.



Under 16 Bondi R & R Team

Our IRB section continues to be a leading force at all levels of IRB Competition, however, most importantly they bring their competitive edge to the patrol arena and successfully completed 254 of our 680 rescues done during the season.

Christmas Day this year was a relatively quite affair. A large number of members however gave up the day and spent it on the beach doing 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. The teamwork that Christmas Day has developed over the last couple of years continues to show its positive influence over the whole season.

President Peter Murphy continues to lead by example and we will need all his expertise as we continue to negotiate with the OOC with respect to their taking over our club for the "beach volley ball" which will be held at Bondi during the 2000 Olympics.

At this stage our negotiations are still at a preliminary stage, as Waverley Council have not signed the final deed of agreement, which will give the go ahead and allow development of the site to commence. Needless to say the holding of the Olympic Games will have an impact on our membership and test our lifesaving skills to the max. We appreciate the support the Branch and our neighbours North Bondi have given and once we are at a stage where we have anything concrete we certainly will let them know the outcome of our discussions.

Bondi is proud of its traditions and position within the Branch and its member's 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 ever we are gearing up for another season and look forward to our continuing close relationship with the Branch in what will be a long season and no doubt an exciting one.

# Peter Quartly

**Honorary Secretary** 

### **Bronte SLSC Inc.**

Bronte SLSC this season experienced one of its busiest in many years. There were a number of major incidents during patrol hours with three spinals and one drowning whilst another drowning occurred outside patrol hours. The drowning during patrol hours was the result of a group of people swimming outside the patrol area, in fact, they entered the surf via the northern point. Whilst every endeavour was made to rescue the people, and, in fact, all swimmers were brought to shore alive, a male subsequently passed away in hospital.

The patrol strength at Bronte this season was the strongest it has been for many years which is a direct result of a recruitment strategy for active members. Apart from improving the retention of Nipper members as they progress into the senior club, the club has been fortunate to attract a number of mature active members. The Nipper Retention Programme (in place for the past three seasons) has been particularly successful and the club is now realising the benefits with the large number of Bronze Medallion awards. This season, Bronte attained some 90 odd Surf Life Saving awards include Bronze Medallions, SRC's and ARC's.

Competitively the club fared very well with Bronte SLSC winning the Branch Carnivals Handicap Pointscore. We were well represented at all major carnivals across all facets of competition. While we did not win any Australian Titles, we were successful with some minor medals at the State. A particular highlight for the club was the achievement of one of our young members, Cameron Miles, reaching the final of the Branch and State Life Saver of the Year.

Bronte SLSC appears to be maintaining the resurgence that it has experienced over the past several years and with many of its Committee staying, the patrol strength increasing, competitors improving and strong support from the local community, the club should be in a good position for the coming 1999-2000 season.

Bronte SLSC thanks the Branch President and various Branch Officers for their support over the past season, as well as all the sponsors who have been so generous to Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch.

# **Burning Palms SLSC Inc.**

With the combination of motivation and incentive, the season culminated with Burning Palms winning the Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch Champion Club for the 1998-99 season. The members express their appreciation to Sydney Branch and to Energy Australia for the sponsorship of this Award.

The season has been one of achievement for Burning Palms with our Club Captain, Jodi Culbert, winning the Lifesaver of the Year, both for Sydney Branch and New South Wales and then went on to represent New South Wales in the Australian Lifesaver of the Year.



Jodi Culbert with Peter Pearce

Awards for the club were comparable to past seasons and Burning Palms won the Patrol Efficiency competition in the Royal National Park District and came second overall in Sydney Branch to Maroubra.

The 10th Annual "Rooster's River Run" was held on 28th

October, 1998 with a record number of 34 crews competing in this event. With the major sponsor, BOSCH, together with the St. George Masonic Club and the Mortdale Hotel, the event once again was a success.

The club celebrated its 60th year with an Anniversary Dinner held on 8th May, 1999 at the St. George Masonic Club. A gathering of over 110 past and present members were in attendance to join the celebration.

Other achievements during the season were:

- \* John Vaughan nominated Sydney Branch Patron
- \* Joan Vaughan awarded an OAM for her services to Surf Life Saving
- \* Stephen Strange awarded the Administrator of the Year at the Surf Life Saving NSW Masons Awards of Excellence.

To the Officers of Sydney Branch, thank you for your support and guidance.

Margaret Pearce President

### **Coogee SLSC Inc.**

Coogee Surf Life Saving Club had a very successful season with patrols, awards and competition.

The Club for the second year running, won the Branches Patrol Efficiency award and also won the Annual Gear Inspection award.

Congratulations are extended to Club Captain, Ben Bayot, his Patrol Captains and Patrol Members for their efforts in obtaining these awards.



Premier Bob Carr (centre) at the Coogee Carnival

On the instruction side our Instructors gained thirty-eight Bronze Medallions, thirty-two Surf Rescue Certificates, twenty-two Advanced Resuscitation Certificates and six IRB Driver's awards.

On the Competition side, Coogee had a good season taking out various Branch, State and Australian Championship titles.

The Club once again hosted an extremely successful carnival in early February with this years guest being the Premier of New South Wales, The Hon. Bob Carr.

We would like to acknowledge and thank our major sponsors, Holiday Inn Coogee Beach and Greyhound Pioneer Australia. We also thank Randwick City Council for their continued support.

We acknowledge the support of Sydney Branch and also

the valuable support Energy Australia and Coca Cola gives to Sydney Branch.

**Geoffrey Martin** President

### Cronulla SLSC INC.

Once again Cronulla proved its superiority in competition winning all Branch carnival pointscores, then continuing on and winning the NSW State Championship pointscore, as well as our Junior Activities Group and Masters Sections winning their State Championship pointscore. Finally, we came 4th at the Australian Championships, being the leading NSW Club.

All disciplines throughout the Club contributed to these great successes.

Patrols have been exceptionally busy this season with over 800 rescues and 1,000 preventative actions. This increase in rescue statistics has been brought about by the contour of our beach altering, creating a very dangerous gutter running the full length of the beach and discharging at the southern end. All our patrolling members are to be congratulated for their dedication to duty.

We have had another busy season training new members with 64 Bronze Medallions and 36 Surf Rescue Certificates being gained. Our total number of awards this season was 160 and thanks are extended to our Chief Instructor for her great work.

Our annual carnival was again successful and our thanks are extended to the Director of Competition, Dick Bignold and all his officials for an excellent carnival.

I would like to thank the Branch's major sponsors, Coca Cola and Energy Australia for their very valuable support.

Finally, may I congratulate the Branch President, Peter Pearce, for another excellent year and thanks to all Branch Officers and Board members for their continued support.

W. H. Eady Secretary

### **Elouera SLSC**

At the commencement of the season, the conscious decision was taken by the Management Committee to concentrate on two main areas of Surf Life Saving, namely: generally improving patrol performance and efficiency and developing active members by encouraging them to attain higher Association awards and participate in internal and local seminar and training sessions. It is pleasing to record that both areas have shown noticeable improvements and the manner in which Elouera patrols discharged their responsibilities during the season has drawn very positive comment from the District Supervisor. As well, because of the greater emphasis paid to patrol and associated matters, very pleasing results were achieved in the Patrol Efficiency Competition.

Club members continued their excellent work in administration at Sydney Branch, State and National levels and were prominent as officials at Carnivals and Examinations. The club particularly is pleased to record that Ron Pears, Life Member of Elouera, was elevated to life membership of the National body in recognition of his competent, long and dedicated service to surf life saving.

Again, it is stated that "no lives were lost" and the proud boast is more evident when regard is had to the often treacherous conditions and the apparent unwillingness or inability of some of the beach-users to obey simple requests to swim between the flags. It is recognised that this problem is not confined to Elouera. However, a concerted strategic and holistic approach is called for to ensure that no fatalities or serious incidents occur.

Relations with adjoining clubs, Wanda, North Cronulla and Cronulla continued at a high level and there were many instances of the four clubs working together to mutual benefits, including joint training exercises, involvement in rescues, fund-raising and social activities. The support of the management and members of the three clubs is appreciated.

The ready support of our major sponsor, The Sutherland District Trade Union Club? The Mayor, Councillor Kevin Schrieber and the staff of the Council of Sutherland Shire, minor sponsors and all members contributed to a very successful year.

As President, I was particularly proud to be involved in the conduct for the 17th successive year of the Surf Awareness Clinic which gathered over 300 children together for  $5 \ge 1/2$  days in January. To observe the efforts of helpers of all ages and the maturity which comes through in the younger members in such a relatively short time is a tremendous advertisement for Surf Life Saving and has attracted very positive response from myriad areas.

Plans are well-advanced on several initiatives which will be introduced within the club during 1999-2000 and current indications are that Elouera will continue to play a prominent role in surf life saving next season.

M. J. Batty President

### Era SLSC Inc.

Era SLSC is located in the Royal National Park District and enjoyed a successful year socially, in competition and on the beach. Again reporting "no lives lost".

The beach was patrolled by 54 active members and it was very pleasing that 26 of these achieved 100% patrol attendance. This is particularly important as Era is one of the 2 surf clubs in the branch without road access and we depend on members being there to achieve an effective patrol. Patrols are the core activity of all clubs and it is an interesting observation that 10 of the 12 committee members at Era perform roistered patrols. I think that this demonstrates our clubs commitment to patrolling the beach. This year we also equal top scored in the annual branch gear inspection and we were fortunate to receive a sponsorship from ADM Investments toward new lifesaving equipment for next year.

We again say "Many Thanks" to our regular sponsors and supporters. The club depends on you to continue our work and we appreciate your help. I also wish to acknowledge the support of the Sydney branch and associated bodies throughout the season. The support of the radio network and the allocations of government grants allow us to maintain a viable rescue service in a remote location. Ambulance evacuation is impossible at Era, so we rely on the Helicopter service if IRB evacuation to Garie is impractical. In this situation our radio's and IRB are essential and we appreciate the branches ongoing efforts to improve the radio network.

Over the last 2 years we have started a Nipper group and for the first time this year we had members participating in both the branch and state championships. Some finals were reached, but more importantly the children had a thoroughly good time. The skill level of the group is growing nearly as rapidly as the children and I would like to thank all those officials at Branch and State level who have helped us in our startup phase. I would especially thank our friends at North Cronulla who helped us with some operational efforts, such as proficiency.

Our reserve boat crew represented the club in competition throughout the year. It was a new combination this year and they reached a number of finals through the year, which was a pleasing result. The club has been continuously represented in the boat events for many years and we are looking forward to the debut of a junior crew next season.

Our social calendar revolves around the regular holiday events over the long weekends and school holidays. It was a very successful social season, our golf day, Anzac day rockpool party and gully cup football game are some of the traditional Era events which promote the surf club in the Era community and build a strong camaraderie in our club.

The club's relationship with the Royal National Park continues to be distant and remains a constant challenge. I fear that the situation will remain unresolved for some time, especially while the "Plan of Management" for the Royal remains in draft and we are uncertain of the National Parks & Wildlife Service commitment to lifesaving in the Royal. The plan has been ten years in gestation so far and we expect a public release of the plan in the coming season.

Lastly I would like to express my thanks to the members of Era SLSC for their efforts during the year and say that we all look forward to a successful season in 1999/2000.

Ian Brand President

### **Garie SLSC Inc**

Garie SLSC once again maintained their record of "no lives lost while the beach was patrolled". Our small dedicated band of lifesavers kept the beach and surrounding area safe for National Park visitors.

As in preceding seasons, Garie members were again prominent at Branch level holding several important positions between them. Although the gaining of awards this season was not as good as we would have liked, the quality of those members who gained their awards shows great promise for the years ahead. Our committee has been kept busy this season trying to obtain approval to build a new clubhouse in the Royal National Park. We have just reached agreement with the National Parks & Wildlife Service and when the final draft of the plans is completed, we will be raising funds through sponsorship for this project.

If all goes well, the year 2000 should see Garie SLSC occupying its new clubhouse. This will be a big boost for our club and its members and we hope to recruit many new members in the near future.

Garie SLSC would like to express the members' gratitude to all of our sponsors for the continuing financial and professional support we have received and to the Branch and its sponsors for ongoing support.

#### **Rita Taylor**

Honorary Secretary

### Maroubra SLSC Report

As Maroubra enters its 94th Season, it will probably be one of the most challenging and exciting seasons in the history of our Club. We are presently about to sign a long term lease with Randwick City Council and following this we will embark on the redevelopment of the Surf Club building. This will be a large project with a layered approach, commencing with construction of our boundary fences and followed immediately by construction of a new area for our female members.

Maroubra probably has its best season in 1998-99 both in competition and lifesaving, for many years. With the general public returning to the beaches, we saw a huge increase in rescues and preventative actions performed by our members who rose to the challenges placed before them during the Season. A feature of lifesaving was the conduct of the Maroubra Seals sponsored Community Resuscitation Program with ninety-eight members of the public gaining their Resuscitation Certificate, free of charge, after instruction by the team led by Keith Grima.

In the competition area, Maroubra excelled gain this year with major achievements in the State and Australian Championships with Malcolm Allen being awarded Competitor of the Carnival at the Australian Titles.

The Maroubra Seals Pups are another outstanding part of this Club led by a dedicated group of parents who lead the way for the Surf Club in the development of young members. Indeed at the present time the transition from the Nippers to the Senior Club is 100%, with no young people dropping out. It is considered this part of the Club will continue to grow and go from strength to strength.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the wonderful sponsorship provided by the Maroubra Seals Sports and Community Club to the Surf Club, for without this, we could not possibly function and undertake various projects in the reconstruction of the Club.

In closing I would like to state our new Committee is a great cross section of men and women who will bring together the wisdom of experience and the freshness of youth which will ensure the ongoing growth of the Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club.

David Donohue President

### North Bondi SLSC Inc.

The usual beginning of the President's Report is to state that in the season just concluded, no lives were lost while the patrols were on the beach. I am very pleased and proud to state that this was also the case for season 1998/99.

Notwithstanding, this season saw an unprecedented number of deaths on Waverley beaches, with much accompanying publicity in the daily press. To put things in perspective, it is necessary to distinguish between a drowning at the beach and a death from natural causes or misadventure at the beach. The club has co-operated with Waverley Council in analysing the season's situation and suggesting ways the public can be provided with even safer surfing conditions.

The season commenced with two unusual phenomena:

- 1) The President, Secretary and Club Captain were all different from the previous season – this last occurred at North Bondi in season 1915-16, 83 years ago!
- 2) We had twelve members receive their SLSA 50-Year awards.

There are many facets making up the whole which is the club and each of these components is the subject of a report in the following pages, from the member who volunteered to oversee each particular area. I would like to touch on several that should be highlighted. The main aim of a Surf Club is to train members to become lifesavers so that can prevent danger and if necessary, save lives.

The unsung but vitally important members here are the instructors who give countless hours preparing candidates for the awards granted by the SLSA so they can commence patrolling the beach.

During September, at the Narrabeen Sports Centre, Peter Cleary and Steve Leahy conducted a Patrol Captains' weekend seminar. T was fortunate to attend part of this well-conducted weekend. In another first for North Bondi, those who attended received the new SLSA award – the Patrol Captain's Silver Medallion and were the first group to attain this award.



Jade Sutcliffe and Scott Thomson of North Bondi

Another aspect of club activity is that of competition and this obtains publicity for the club making it more attractive to prospective members. While the results at the various Championships will be covered in other sections of this Report, several matters regarding competition, I think, should be highlighted.

Jade Sutcliffe attained an overall sixth in her first year in the Meadow Lea Ironwoman series and I know she will continue to bring much credit and pride to her club. At the other end of the competitive continuum, Scott Thomson, after many years of success in Ironman events has retired and we congratulate him and wish him well.

The third issue I wish to highlight is that we had begun this season our first ever Womens' Boat Crew under the expert coaching of Paul Cunningham. They won the

Branch Title and featured in newspapers all over the world as a result of a spectacular "wipe out" at the Australian Championships, giving our valued sponsor, Cathay Pacific, enormous exposure.

An import event to be held next year is the Sydney Olympics. In order to ensure the club, its members, interests and involvement, where appropriate, are protected Vice President, Peter Smiles, became convenor of our Olympic Games Committee. The Management Committee appointed the members of this committee for a period of two years so that the continuity of involvement would not be affected. This committee has met regularly and is doing an excellent job.

No club can exist in a vacuum and we, as a member of Sydney Branch, are grateful for the assistance given to us and are likewise ready to assist if we can to improve the performance of the Branch. Our Nippers are an arm of the club of which we can be proud. To see some 230+ boys and girls competing each Sunday is awesome, to say the least. That this situation occurs is a tribute to the dedication and skills of all the adults who assist. On behalf of the club, I say thank you to all those concerned.

It is no coincidence that on the competitive side, the majority of our success at Branch, State and Australian Titles were at the cadet and junior levels and most of these competitors were ex-nippers. Not only are the Nippers a rich source of competitors but also a rich source of members and this year of the 27 Bronze Medallion candidates, many were from the Nipper movement.

In conclusion, I take this opportunity to acknowledge the strong support of our major sponsors, Carlton United Breweries, Cathay Pacific Airlines, Rival Swimwear, Coca Cola Amatil (NSW) Pty Ltd, Lisa 'T-Shirts, Eastern Suburbs Leagues Club Ltd, Waverley Council, Bondi Junction-Waverley RSL Club, Gowing Brothers' stores, Rothmans Holdings, Paddington-Woollahra RSL Club and Swiss Grant Hotel. Their continued support of our cause enables us to fulfil our duties as a Surf Life Saving Club.

Warwick Morieson President

### North Cronulla SLSC Inc

The 1998-1999 Season was one of further consolidation with a new Executive Committee and the restructuring of our Management Committee to a streamlined Board of Directors. In conjunction with this restructuring, the Club has announced the appointment of a Chief Executive Officer for the 1999-2000 Season. The appointment of a CEO will greatly alleviate the heavy workload of our voluntary officials.

Severe storms prior to the season devastated our beach and at the beginning of the surf season we had very little beach with which to work. Thanks to the great assistance of Sutherland Shire Council and the State Government, 40,000 cubic metres of sand was dredged from Port Hacking and taken by barge and dumped off our beach. Within weeks, evidence was noted of the sand returning to the beach. Whilst it helped restore our beach it also created surf conditions not seen for many years. These conditions lead to some 344 rescues and over 2000 preventative actions.

Most rescues were carried out under the leadership of quite young Patrol Captains and congratulations must be extended to these young Lifesavers.

These conditions forced us to transfer our carnival to Elouera beach and I would like to publicly thank the Elouera Club Executive and members for the use of their Club and facilities.

Major extensions to our gymnasium and Ladies locker room are almost complete and these amenities are next to none and will be a great asset for the members.

On the competitive scene, North Cronulla held it's own with several members representing in Branch, State and Australian Teams. Three gold medals were won at the Australian Championships in the Open Beach Flags, Under 35 Beach Flags and Reserve Grade Boat. Our Club has had a resurgence of Under 14 and Under 16 members and we look forward to the future competitiveness of these members.

Finally, it was pleasing to see two members win Branch awards in Frank Ridley (Branch Carnival Official) and Graham Kanowski (Under 16 Competitor of the Year).

All at North Cronulla are looking forward to Lifesaving and Competition in the new millennium.

Tom Payne

President North Cronulla SLSC

### South Maroubra SLSC Inc.

The 1998/99 season has been an outstanding success for our club in many areas – the acquirement of valued additional sponsorship, success in competition, growth in membership and continued excellence in the life saving standards and practises at South Maroubra. members and to the 106 patrol members who gained their 100% Patrol Award this season. We found the past year's surf conditions to have been the most unpredictable and dangerous requiring lifesavers to be increasingly vigilant and responsive to public needs.

Membership at South Maroubra is continually growing and stands at 633. In excess of 337 senior members and 296 junior members (nippers) 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 by our club this year were well down on previous seasons, however, steps are in place to bring this figure back up next season.

South Maroubra Surf Club hosted one of the largest NSW Junior State Surf Life Saving Championships in February this year. Due to the dedication and hardwork of the South Maroubra Junior State Carnival Organising Committee, with the assistance of all our members and supporters, an exceptional lifesaving spectacular was held. Although our job was made harder with the relocation of all the water events for two days because of the unrelenting rough seas, a successful carnival was staged culminating in a sound financial return for our Club. On behalf of our club members, I thank the organising committee which consisted of John Marks (Chairman), Vickie Briscoe, Mark Frost, Steve Loehr, Brad Bishop, Patrick O'Neill, Paul Fownes, Joy Martin, John Park, Greg Morris and Yvette Rutherford. To the carnival's four major sponsors First National Real Estate, Maroubra Seals, Sports & Community Club, Collex Waste Management and Birdseye, thank you for supporting the lifesaving youth of NSW.

On the competition scene, our competitors performed admirably and continue to strive to make South Maroubra a more competitive club. The most outstanding performances this season being our Reserve Boat Crew gaining a Silver medal at the Australian Championships and young Tara Holt winning Silver in the Under 10 Beach Sprint at the Junior State Titles. With the valued assistance of our professional Swim, Board and Ski Coaching staff, results are starting to come in for our club and next season promises to be a very exciting time, especially for our Board and Ski team.

South Maroubra would like to take this opportunity to thank the following Sponsors, for without sponsorship, corporate, governmental and individuals, our task of

Lifesaving on our beach has again been planned and performed to a most acceptable standard. South Maroubra's Director of Lifesaving (Club Captain) Paul "Stretch" Fownes has led our club most professionally in his role and has been a worker and motivator all season. This season's rescue statistics totalled 140 with a record number of 2727 preventative actions. First aid was administered to the bathing public on 985 occasions (Marine stings 928 – First Aid 55 together with 1 spinal and 1 fracture). Congratulations to all our patrolling



providing a viable lifesaving service to the community would indeed be very difficult.

Thanks and appreciation are extended to Randwick City Council for their annual grant which greatly assists with the continual maintenance of our clubhouse and with club administration costs. Special thanks to Randwick City Council and NSW Labor Government for the completion of beautification works, carried out at 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 mention must go to other club major sponsors being Collex Waste Management, Westfields Australia, NSW Leagues Club, Randwick Labor Club, City of Botany Bay and Orica Australia.

Our club would like to thank the Sydney Branch Executive for all its hard work during the year. Special thanks to all of the Lifesaving Examiners and Carnival Officials who have helped our members throughout the year.

In closing, our Club says "farewell and thank you" to its long standing Club President, Jack Shaw, who is retiring from Committee duties. Jack has been instrumental in the development of our club and has built the platform that will launch our club into the next millennium.

Yvette Rutherford Honorary Secretary

### **Tamarama SLSC**

Tamarama Surf Life Saving Club Inc., has again completed another season of successfully maintaining the record of "No Lives Lost". During our 93rd year of Patrols on Tamarama Beach, a total of sixty-two rescues were recorded during Patrol Hours, together with two hundred and twenty four first aid cases being treated.

Twelve members obtained their Bronze Medallion during the past season, together with three Surf rescue Certificates and Five Advanced Resuscitation Certificates. A special thanks to our 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 four members who achieved the coverted 100 Club Award for 100 patrol hours or more. Our thanks go to all these members.

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

Tamarama SLSC Inc., sincerely appreciate the continued financial support and assistance from Waverley Council, McGrath Partners, Bondi Junction – Waverley RSL Sub-Branch Club Ltd., and Hakoah Club Limited. Without the support of our sponsors, Tamarama SLSC would not be able to offer facilities to our members and the community. During the past season the Club has replaced the IRB "Michael Mellick" with a new boat and purchased a second one, "McGrath Partners". Thanks to all persons who made these necessary purchases possible.

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 1999/2000.

#### **Phil Hogan**

Secretary

### Wanda SLSC Report

Record numbers of rescues were recorded this season as a result of the condition of the Bate Bay breaks after erosion by winter storms and followed by big seas during the summer. To be able to report that *no lives were lost* is a credit due to the efforts of the Vice-Captain, Rod Hurst, his Patrol Captains, Vice Captains and patrol members.

The club was pleased with the Branch Patrol Championships and feel that this competition is a wonderful incentive to our lifesavers and deserves the full support of all clubs.

Among Wanda's special awards the CV FORSHAW THROPHY for our most consistent member was won for the second year by Andrew Dawes, Brigitte Hughes is our "Lifesaver of the Year" and Patrol Ten lead by Capt in, Brock Douglas and Vice Captain Katie Hamm rton, won our Patrol Championships.

The Sutherland to Surf Fun Run & Walk, now in its 28<sup>th</sup> year, has again been a great success and fundraiser for the club.

The club spent in excess of sixty thousand dollars on new equipment this season made possible by generous sponsorship and community support. We were proud to launch two fully equipped IRB's "The Sutherland United Services Club" thanks to said club, "The Spirit of the Shire-God's Country" named by Shire President, Kevin Schreiber, through a naming raffle. Two motors from Kareela Golf and Recreation Club and a third motor from Coca-Cola. To those and our many other sponsors, the club could not operate without you.

To Association sponsors, Energy Australia, Coca-Cola and NSW Masons, we thank you for your support and encouragement your sponsorship gives to our members.

We would like to recognise the contribution to the club by the Sutherland Shire Council and congratulate the Branch and Officers on another successful year.

**Trevor Elliott** President

### Secretary's Conclusion

To our fifteen Clubs, I would like to pay tribute to your Lifesaving endeavours and to your co-operation with Branch activities 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 the Branch's behalf and it has made my job a lot easier.

With the appointment of Bob King, as the Branch's Chief Executive Officer, hopefully, the position Director of Administration will become redundant or change dramatically. This may be the last annual report written by an honorary officer. The Branch Council will need to make a decision on this issue, before the next annual general meeting of the Branch.

Quite a number of large, time consuming tasks will be placed upon Bob's shoulders in the coming months. Tasks and planning that the honorary officers can now ill afford to give any more time to, especially in the economic time were are experiencing today. Two such tasks will be a business and management plan for the Branch and our participation in the Olympic Year activities.

Of continuing significance this coming year is the new structure of our Board of Control. Split distinctly into two sections, Lifesaving and Competition. Clubs will have to take a more vigorous role in the organisation and manpower requirements of the Board of Lifesaving. The increase in awards this season placed quite a strain on our examiners and they need help with more Clubs supplying members to share the workload.

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

To my fellow Executive Officers I sincerely thank you for your efforts and your support. Your nomination of me at the NSW Mason's Awards of Excellence, Administrator of the Year, in May this year and, my subsequent winning of the award, was to me a personal highlight in the year. Thank you.

As this 1998-1999 season, the Branch's 50th year of operation, draws to a close, I wish all Clubs and Members best wishes for successes and achievements next season.

#### Stephen Strange,

**Director of Administration** 

Champion Club 1998-99								
Club	Section 1 Admin	Section 2 Patrols	Section 3 Lifesaving	Section 4 Awards	Section 5 BOC	Section 6 Carnivals	Total Points	Final Placing
Burning Palms	12.00	14.00	14.00	15.00	15.00	9.00	79.00	1
Elouera	12.00	4.00	8.00	14.00	11.00	14.50	63.50	2
Wanda	12.00	5.00	13.00	12.00	9.00	12.00	63.00	3
Coogee	7.00	10.00	15.00	8.00	10.00	6.00	56.00	4
Maroubra	9.00	15.00	10.00	9.50	5.00	7.00	55.50	5
North Bondi	1.00	13.00	9.00	13.00	8.00	11.00	55.00	6
Cronulla	14.00	6.00	5.00	7.00	13.00	10.00	55.00	7
North Cronulla	5.00	3.00	12.00	6.00	14.00	13.00	53.00	8
Bondi	8.00	8.00	4.00	11.00	2.00	14.50	47.50	9
Garie	10.00	9.00	7.00	4.00	12.00	4.00	46.00	10
Bronte	3.00	7.00	11.00	9.50	7.00	1.00	38.50	11
Tamarama	15.00	12.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.50	38.50	12
South Maroubra	a 6.00	11.00	2.00	1.00	6.00	8.00	34.00	13
Era	2.00	2.00	6.00	2.00	4.00	5.00	21.00	14
Clovelly	4.00	1.00	1.00	5.00	1.00	2.50	14.50	15

# **Energy Australia Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch**

# Sydney Branch IRB Championships - 1st May, 1999

- "B" Rescue Tube
- Bondi Blue Womens Rescue Tube South Maroubra White Bondi Blue
- "A" Rescue Tube
- South Maroubra White North Cronulla 3. Cronulla
- North Cronulla Gold Wanda Womens Mass Rescue South Maroubra Blue North Cronulla Bondi Blue Veteran's Mass Rescue
- 1. Cronulla 2. Wanda
- Elouera

- Open 6 Person R & R Wanda > Coogee Open 5 Person R & R Coogee
   Wanda Womens 5 Person R & R Coogee A Bronte Under 18 5 Person R & R Bondi A 3. Bronte Under 16 5 Person R & R Coogee 6.00
   Bondi Under 16 Womens R & R Wanda
   Bronte Mens Open Surf 1. M. Allen (Maroubra) 3. T. Goode (Cronulla) **Open Womens Surf** B. Gladstone (Maroubra) K. McLellan (Cronulla) **Under 18 Mens Surf** N. Smith (Cronulla) **Under 18 Womens Surf** K. McLellan (Cronulla) J. Sutcliffe (North Bondi) **Under 16 Mens Surf** . Koppel (North Bondi) **Under 16 Womens Surf** 2. K. Krywulycz (North Cronulla) **Over 24 Restricted Surf** 1. M. Allen (Maroubra) **Open Mens Surf Teams** Cronulla Cronula
   Maroubra
- "B" Mass Rescue
- Bondi Blue South Maroubra Blue Cronulla

"A" Mass Rescue

Bondi Blue

Elouera Blue

North Cronulla Gold South Maroubra White

"B" Assembly Rescue

"A" Assembly Rescue

- "B" Team Rescue Wanda North Cronulla Gold South Maroubra Blue 'A" Team Rescue
  - North Cronulla Bondi Blue
- 'B" Rescue

- Bondi Blue
   Wanda Bondi White
- Womens Rescue Wanda
- Veteran's Rescue Elouera

**Carnival Point Score** 

- Bondi (73) South Maroubra (64)
- Elouera (41) Wanda (40)
- North Cronulla (39) Cronulla (30)
- Coogee (2)

### Sydney Branch Placegetters at NSW Championships - 12th-14th March, 1999

**Open Womens Surf Teams Under 18 Mens Surf Teams** Under 18 Womens Surf Teams **Under 16 Mens Surf Teams** Under 16 Womens Surf Teams **Open Mens Belt Race** A. Weir (Cronulla) B. Ross (Wanda) **Under 18 Mens Belt Race** P. English (Cronulla) N. Coppas (North Cronulla) Under 18 Iron Man N. Smith (Cronulla) Under 18 Iron Lady Under 16 Iron Lady 1. K Krywulycz (North Cronulla) K. Smith (Cronulla) **Under 18 Mens Board Rescue** 3. Delooze/Jenkin (North Bondi **Under 18 Womens Board Rescue** Jury/McLennan (Cronulla) Spears/Sutcliff (North Bondi) **Under 16 Mens Board Rescue** 3. Pyett/Kirchner (North Cronulla) **Open Taplin**  Maroubra
 Elouera **Reserve Boat** South Maroubra B North Cronulla Gold

Under 21 Boat North Cronulla Gold **Open Womens Ski** H. Heussner (Maroubra) L. Smith (Cronulla) **Open Mens Double Ski** Walker/Thomson (North Bondi) **Open Mixed Double Ski** Huessner/Huessener (Mar Under 18 Mens Double Ski Smith/Jenkin (North Bondi) **Open Womens Board** K. Hardy (Elou Under 18 Mens Board Under 18 Womens Board Sutcliffe (North Bond Under 16 Womens Board Under 16 Mens Board Relay North Cronulla **Open Board Riding** M. Matthews (Maroubra) **Open Womens Board Riding** Under 18 Board Riding M. Mathews (Maroubra M. Jenkinson (Bronte) R. Clark (Bronte) Under 16 Board Riding R. Clarke (Bronte **Open March Past** North Cronulla **Under 16 March Past** 3. Wanda

**Under 18 Mens Beach Sprint** J. Hughes (Wanda **Under 16 Beach Sprint** Under 16 Womens Beach Sprint Mens Beach Relay Womens Beach Relay **Under 18 Beach Relay** Under 16 Beach Relay Under 16 Womens Beach Relay **Open Beach Flags** D. Bulian (North Cronulla) E. Morgan (North Bondi) **Open Womens Beach Flags Under 18 Mens Beach Flags** 3. B. Eason (Wanda **Under 16 Beach Flags** . G. Kanowski (North Cronulla) **Open First Aid** Jones/ Douglas (Wanda) Under 18 First Aid Swan/Swan (Wanda)
 Buzo/Fox (Wanda) **Open Patrol** Mens Champion Lifesaver A. Dowse (Wanda) Womens Champion Lifesaver

K. Jones (Wanda

# Sydney Branch Placegetters at NSW Masters Championships – 11th March, 1999

30-34 years Mens Surf Race M. Kay (Wanda) 35-39 years Mens Surf Race M. Renford (South Maroubra) 40-44 years Mens Surf Race C. Robson (Elouera) 55-59 years Mens Surf Race 2. B. McCoid (South Maroubra) 110 years Surf Teams Race 3. South Maroubra 130 years Surf Teams Race 1. Cronulla A North Cronulla 150 years Surf Teams Race Cronulla A 30-34 years Womens Surf Race 1. L. Hardy-McGuigan (Elouera) 40-44 years Womens Surf Race K. Johnson (Cronulla) 30-34 years Mens Rescue Tube M. Kay (Wanda) 40-44 Mens Rescue Tube C. Robson (Elouera) 45-49 Mens Rescue Tube 3. G. Romei (North Cronulla) 50-54 years Mens Rescue Tube 2. R. Goodsell (South Maroubra 30-34 Womens Rescue Tube L. Hardy-McGuigan (Elouera)
 L. Scoyne (Elouera) 40-44 Womens Rescue Tube K. Johnson (Cronulla) 40-44 Iron Man Race S. Warren (North Cronulla)
 T. LeMarsney (Coogee) 3. G. Clifford (Bronte)

50-54 Iron Man Race 2. R. Goodsell (South Maroubra) 55-59 years Iron Man Race 1. P. Day (Cronulla) A. Metti (Cronulla) 130 years Taplin Relay Cronulla A 150 years Taplin Relay 40-44 Surf Board Rescue Race Warren/Wilken (North Cronulla) Yates/Lobb (Cronulla) 50-54 years Surf Board Rescue Gough/Smith (Cronulla) 55-59 years Surf Board Rescue Metti/Day (Croi 120 years Surf Boat Race South Maroub 180 years Surf Boat Race 1. South Maroubra 30-34 years Mens Single Ski 1. J. LeMarsnev (Maroubra 35-39 years Mens Single Ski 2. D. Spicer (Cronulla) 50-54 years Mens Single Ski 3. M. Georgaris (North Cronulla) 55-59 years Mens Single Ski 1. M. Lewis (North Cronulla) 30-39 years Womens Single Ski 1. L. Hardy-McGuigan (Elouera) D. Hamann (Elouera) Spicer (Cronulla) 130 years Single Ski Relay Elouera

150 years Single Ski Relay 35-39 years Double Ski 3. Iredale/Pepper (Wa 45-49 years Double Ski 1. Flynn/Cameron (Elouera) 50-54 years Double Ski 2. Shields/Cahill (North Bondi) 55-59 years Double Ski 2. O Sullivan/Hardy (Elouera) 3. Metti/Day (Cronulla) 30-34 years Mens Surf Board 40-44 Mens Surf Board S. Warren (North Cronulia)
 W. Lobb (Cronulla) 45-49 years Mens Surf Board P. Kirkwood (Marou 65 years + Mens Surf Board 3. L. Hardy (Elouera) 30-34 Womens Surf Board L. Hardy-McGuigan (Elouera)
 L. Scoyne (Elouera) 35-39 years Womens Surf Board M. Hopcroft (Wanda 110 years Surf Board Relay Maroubra South Maroubra 130 years Surf Board Relay 30-34 years Mens Beach Sprint M. Schnabel (Elouera) 35-39 years Mens Beach Sprint W. Burton (North Bondi) 45-49 years Mens Beach Sprint 1. R Mallett (Cronulla)

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### Sydney Branch Placegetters at Australian Masters Championships - 24th March, 1999

30-34 years Mens Surf Race S. Thomson (North Bond 35-39 years Mens Surf Race R. Pallister (Elouera 40-44 years Mens Surf Race 4. B. Green (Cronulla) 50-54 years Mens Surf Race 4. P. Smiles (North Bondi)6. B. Goodsell (South Maroubra) 55-59 years Mens Surf Race R. McCoid (South Maroubra)
 P. Day (Cronulla) 65 years + Mens Surf Race G. Taylor (North Bondi)
 L. Hardy (Elouera) 110 years Mens Surf Teams Race 6. South Maroubra 130 years Mens Surf Teams Race 1. Cronulla A 150 years Mens Surf Teams Race 4. Cronulla 30-34 vears Womens Surf Race 5. L. Scovne (Elouera) 40-44 years Womens Surf Race 4. K. Johnson (Cronulla) 30-34 years Tube Race 2. R. Garnsey (Cronulla) 35-39 years Tube Race T. Anderson (Bondi)
 A. Dawes (Wanda) 40-44 years Tube Race 4. G. Stewart (Cronulla) 5. P. Tibbits (Cronulla)

**Outright Carnival Pointscore** Curlewis 6 Man R & R Coogee A (3.66 Open 5 Man R & R Coogee (1.08) Wanda A (3.26) Open Womens 5 Man R & R Coogee B (4.42) Coogee A (4.46) North Cronulla A (6.00) Wanda A (9.38) Under 18 5 Man R & R Cronulla A (6.68)
 Bondi A (7.14) Under 16 5 Man R & R Coogee A (11.66) **Open Surf Belt** P. McLachlan (Cronulla) C. Gibbs (Cronulla) T. Goode (Cronulla) A. Weir (Cronulla) Under 18 Surf Belt 2. D. Halpin (Cronulla) M. Ormsby (Coogee) N. Copas (North Cronulla) B. Orford (Cronulia) **Open Mens Surf Race** M. Allen (Maroubra)
 D. McLellan (Cronulla)

 L. Scoyne (Elouera)
 L. Hardy (Elouera) 40-44 years Womens Tube Race Kim Johnson (Cronulla) 40-44 years Mens Ironman R. Chapman (Elouera) T. Le Marseny (Coogee) 55-59 years Mens Ironman 1. A. Metti (Cronulla 110 years Taplin Relay 130 Taplin Relay North Bondi
 Cronulla B 30-34 years Iron Woman 2. L. Hardy-McGuigan 3. L. Scoyne (Elouera) 30-34 years Board Rescue Payne/Schott (Maroubra)
 Garnsey/Johnson (Cronulla) 35-39 years Board Rescue Daws/Jones (Wanda) 55-59 years Board Rescue 1. Dav/Metti (Cronulla) 60-64 years Board Rescue 3. Stubbings/Hurst (North Bondi) 35-39 years Mens Single Ski D. Spicer (Cronulla) D. Iredale (Wanda)

55-59 years Tube Race

**65 years + Tube Race** 2. G. Taylor (North Bondi) 4. L. Hardy (Elouera)

4. R. McCoid (South Maroubra)

30-34 years Womens Tube Rescue

40-44 years Mens Single Ski 45-49 years Mens Single Ski R. Finn (Elouera)
 I. Cameron (Elouera) 55-59 years Mens Single Ski 2. B. O'Sullivan (Elouera 30-39 years Womens Ski 110 years Mens Ski Relay 130 years Mens Ski Relay 6 Eloue 35-39 Mens Double Ski Pepper/Iredale (Wanda 40-44 years Mens Double Ski Short/Berkeley (Cronulla 50-54 years Mens Double Ski Georgaris/Lewis (North Cronulla) 55-59 years Mens Double Ski Day/Metti (Cronulla) Hardy/O'Sullivan (Elouera) 40-44 years Mens Board R. Chapman (Elouera)
 M. Mcleary (Maroubra) 3. R. Garnsey (Cronulla) 45-49 years Mens Board 2. P. Kirkwood (Maroubra 55-59 years Mens Board 1. P. Nay (Cronulla) 30-34 years Womens Board L. Hardy-McGuigan (Elouera)
 L Scoyne (Elouera)

110 years Board Relay Maroubra South Maroubra 30-34 years Mens Beach Sprint S. Collins (Maroubr 45-49 years Mens Beach Sprint R. Mallett (Cronulla)
 C. Elliott (Cronulla) 55-59 years Mens Beach Sprint 4. R. Hitchenson (Cronulla) 30-34 years Mens Beach Flags A. Mills (North Cronulla)
 S. Collins (Maroubra) 45-49 years Mens Beach Flags 2. C. Elliott (Cronulla) 50-54 years Mens Beach Flags 4. M. Murphy (South Maroubra) 170 years Beach Relay Cronulla
 South Maroubra 30-34 years Womens Beach Sprint 6. D. Goninan (Elouera) 35-39 years Womens Beach Sprint D. Cox (Elouera)
 D. Hamann (Elouera) 6. 40-44 years Womens Beach Sprint 1. C. Irwin (Cronulla) 30-34 years Womens Beach Flags 5. D. Goninan (Elouera) 40-44 years Womens Beach Flags 6. C Irwin (Cronulla) 45-49 years Womens Beach Flags 5. C. Mallett (Cronulla)

# Sydney Branch Placegetters at Australian Championships - 25th-29th March, 1999

**Open Womens Surf Race** K. McLellan (Cronulla) . Habler (Coogee) Gladstone (Maroubra) 6 S. Habler (Coogee **Restricted Surf Race** M. Allen (Maroubra) D. McLellan (Cronulla) **Open Surf Teams Race** Maroubra (77 **Under 18 Surf Teams Race** Cronulla (33) **Open Iron Woman Race** K. Hardy (Elouera Under 18 Iron Man Race Under 18 Iron Woman Race Sutcliffe (North Bondi Under 16 Iron Woman Race **Open Mens Surf Board Rescue** Allen/McCleary (Maroubra) Telfer/Goode (Cronulla) **Under 18 Surf Board Rescue** 1. Smith/English (Cronulla) **Taplin Relay Race** Maroubra North Bondi **Open Surf Boat Race** 4. North Cronulla Black

**Reserve Grade Surf Boat Race** North Cronulla South Maroubra Open Womens Single Ski Race H. Heussner (Mar **Open Mixed Double Ski Race**  Heussner/Heussner (Maroubra)
 Davies/Cowdrey (Maroubra) **Open Womens Surf Board Race** K. Hardy (Elouera) **Under 18 Womens Surf Board** Race 5. J. Sutcliffe (North Bondi) Under 16 Womens Surf Board Race K. Smith (Cronulla) **Open Surf Board Riding** M. Howard (Maroubra) A. O'Sullivan (Bronte) eq 5th S. Yealland (Wanda) eq 5th Under 18 Surf Board Riding 5. R. Clarke (Bronte) eq 5th **Under 16 Surf Board Riding**  L. Daniel (Bronte)
 R. Clarke (Bronte) eq 5th **Open March Past** North Cronulla (1.02) 6 Elouera (2.00) **Under 21 March Past** Coogee (6.01)

**Under 18 Mens Beach Sprint** J. Hughes (Wanda) B. Eason (Wanda) 6 **Under 16 Mens Beach Sprint** B. Janssen (Cronulla) **Under 18 Beach Relay** Wanda 5. Cronulla **Under 16 Beach Relay** 5 Wand **Under 16 Womens Beach Relay** 6. Cronulla **Open Mens Beach Flags** D. Bullian (North Cronu M. Schnabel (Elouera) 6 E. Morgan (North Bondi) **Under 18 Mens Beach Flags**  M. Glenn (Wanda)
 B. Eason (Wanda) **Under 18 Womens Beach Flags** B. Elliott (Cronulla) **Under 16 Mens Beach Flags** 6. G. Kanowski (North Cronulla **Under 16 Womens Beach Flags** 6. K. Perez (Wanda) **Open First Aid** Wanda (1169) **Under 18 First Aid** 6. Wanda A (682)

# Sydney Branch Placegetters at NSW IRB Championships – 23rd-25th May, 1999

"B" Tube Rescue
Bondi Blue
"B" Mass Rescue
South Marouhra 1
North Cronulla Gold
Womens Tube Rescue
South Marouhra 2

"A" Mass Rescue
 South Maroubra
 "B" Mass Rescue
 South Maroubra
 Bondi
 North Cronulta

"A" Tube Rescue 1. Bondi Blue "A" Mass Rescue 2. Bondi Blue 5. Bondi White "B" Assembly Rescue

3. North Cronulla Blue

"A" Assembly Rescue 1. Bondi Blue "B" Team Rescue 1. North Cronulla Gold 2. South Maroubra 1 4. Bondi Blue Womens Rescue 1. South Maroubra 1

"B" Rescue 1. Wanda 2 6. South Maroubra 1 "A" Rescue 2. Wanda 3. Bondi Blue

Metropolitan IRB Championships - 6th June, 1999

Womens Mass Rescue
3. Bondi
"B" Team Rescue
1. North Cronulla
3. South Maroubra
"A" Assembly Rescue
1. Bondi

Novice Rescue 1. Bondi Womens Rescue 1. South Maroubra "B" Rescue 3. South Maroubra

"A" Rescue 1. South Maroubra 2. Bondi White Carnival Point Score 3. South Maroubra (36) 5. Bondi (29)

# Branch OfficersS 1949-50 to 1998-99

Season	President	Deputy President	Secretary	Treasurer		Elected Vice I	residents	
1949-50	A Curlewis	C. Mack	G.Millar	J. Robinson	V. Besomo	J. Borserini	G. McRoberts	R. Geary
			A. Loton		W. Crain	C. Rudd	W. Whitehead	W. Calnan
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1950-51	C. Mack	W. Crain	A. Loton	J. Robinson	V. Besomo J. Marsden	J. Borserinf C. Rudd	G. McRoberts W. Whitehead	R. Genry W. Calaan
1951-52	C. Mack	W. Crain	A. Loton	G. Souter	V. Besomo	J.Borserini	D. Noon	V. Williams
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1952-53	C. Maek	W. Crain	A. Loton	G. Souter	V. Besomo	J. Comans	A. Castleman	N. Mary
1001 00					D. Lucas	R. Round	C. Rudd	D. Noon
1953-54	C. Mack	W. Crain	A. Loton	G. Souter	H. Spurway	W. Lucas	J. Dempster	D. Lucas
					A. Paterson	R. Jones	F. De Fries	C. Rudd
					A. Castleman	J. Comans	F. Lawler	
1954-55	C. Mack	A. Loton	G. Staunton	G. Souter	D. Lucas	J. Dempster	A. Paterson	R. Jones
					J. Vaughan	W. Crain	C. Rudd	J, Comans
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1955-56	C. Mack	A. Loton	G. Staunton	G. Souter	J. Comans C. Gray	J. Geary T. Ormsby	R. Arkins J. Dempster	J. Vaughan C. Rudd
					A. Paterson	H. Spurway	R. Mascord	W. Crain
1956-57	C. Mack	A. Loton	G. Staunton	W. Threflo	R. McKeon	J. Geary	C. Rudd	J. Dempster
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					C. Gray	R. Barker	H. Spurway	J. Comans
1957-58	C. Mack	A. Loton	G. Staunton	W. Threflo	E. Lawler	G. Hatten	R. Baker	A. Sargeant
					C. Rudd	W. Crain	J. Denipster	A. Paterson
					C. Gray	J. Clarke	D. Renford	J. Comans
1958-59	A. Loton	D. Lucas	G. Staunton	B. Pitt	R, Grant	G. Hatton	H. Spurway	J. Dempster
					C. Rudd	B. Heavener	W. Crain	C. Gray
					A. Paterson	E. Lawler	J. Clarke	R. Wood
1959-60	A. Loton	D. Lucas	G. Staunton	B. Pitt	R. Grant	C. Gray	E. Lawler	R Wood
					B. Brewin C. Rudd	G. Challis J. Comans	W. Crain A. Purcell	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	d. Perryman
1962-63	A. Loton	D. Lucas D. Lucas	G. Staunton	K. Lonsdale	W. Crain	E. Sier	J. Marsden	E. Stephens
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1964-65	A. Loton		G. Staunton G. Staunton	K. Lonsdale	W. Crain		A. Staunton	E. Stephens
1965-66	A. Loton	D. Lucas		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
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		R. Buist	G. Staunton	J. Vaughan	H. Brown	W. Marshall	R. Howells	E. Stephens
1971-72	A. Loton	R. Buist	G. Staunton G. Staunton	J. Vanghan	H. Brown	W. Marshall	R. Howells	P. Stapleton
1972-73 1973-74	A. Loton	R. Buist		C. Smith	H. Brown	W. Marshall	R. Howells	P. Stapleton
	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. Conneily	W. Marshall	M. Singleton
1985-86	R. Sargeant	N. Rees	S. Strange	C. Owens	W. Gray	R. Howells	W. Marshall	M. Singleton
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1986-87	G. Forshaw	P. Stapleton	S. Strange	C. Owens	W. Grav	R. Sergeant	W. Marshall	M. Singleton
1987-88	G. Forshaw	W. Gray	S. Strange	C. Owens	P. Stapleton	J. Connolly	W. Marshall	M. Singleton
1988-89	G. Forshaw	W. Gray	S. Strange	C. Owens	J. Connolly	R. Howells	W Marshail	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. Singletou
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. Eiliott	C. Owens
1993-94	M. Singleton	W. Gray	J. De Cean	A. Berger	T. Elliott	J. Walker	S. Strange	E Bafley
				D. Bergin				
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	J. De Cean	Vacant		
				D. Dillon	J. De Cean	J. Raine		
1998-99	P. Pearce	K. English	S. Strange	D. Dillon				

