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First Annual Report

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

1998-1999 Season

1998 - 1999 SEASON

PRESIDENTS FOREWORD

The conclusion of another productive year for our Board Officers and Members, a testing year, but the results are pleasing.

At the commencement of the season, the Annual General Meeting agreed to form two sections of the Board, Lifesaving and Competition. Unfortunately, due to leadership, the Board of Lifesaving has struggled and with the resignation of Peter Seeto, late in the season, two administrators were appointed to conclude the year. John Restuccia and Greg Smart, undertook their role and I thank them for their leadership and dedication. Dick Bignold, managed the Board of Competition, which performed well during the year and is to be congratulated on its performance and results.

Peter Quartly aptly performed the administration of the Board. His dedication and energy has again excelled our expectations. Peter performs the task to high extremes.

The Branch also extends its appreciation to Dianne Lovell, the Examination Manager, for a highly positive and successful year. Awards numbers were up on previous years and to the Board Members, who attended these examinations, we thank you for your time.

To the Branch Gear team, Bill Singleton, Frank Ridley and Don Workman, our IRB Crews, Duty Officers and Radio personnel, your dedication and time to Sydney Branch is much appreciated. Membership along with awards is up and this is a positive sign for the future.

I am hopeful that at the Annual General Meeting, a Board of Lifesaving Director will be nominated, if not, we will have to make some serious decisions for the future.

Again, to all Members and Officers, thank you for making the year successful and enjoyable. I look forward to your participation next season.

Peter M Pearce

President

Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch Inc.

**FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SYDNEY BRANCH INC.
BOARD OF LIFE SAVING
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the 1st Annual General Meeting of Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch Inc., Board of Life Saving will be held at the Maroubra Seals Sports and Community Club on Friday 25th June 1999, commencing at 7:30 pm.

AGENDA

1. Welcome by John Restuccia, Life Saving Administrator.
2. Apologies and Leave.
3. Confirmation of Minutes of the inaugural General Meeting held on 26th June, 1998.
4. Presentation of the 1st Annual Report for the 1998-1999 Season.
5. Election of Officers and Sub-Committees for the 1999-2000 Season.
6. General Business.

Peter Quartly
Honorary Secretary

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES 1998/99

Director of Lifesaving	Peter Seeto (Resigned Jan 1999)
Life Saving Administrator	John Restuccia (Appointed Jan 1999)
Rescue Services Manager	Bradley Taylor (Resigned Dec 1998)
Educational Manager	Dianne Lovell
Board Secretary	Peter Quartly
Communications Officer	Ursula Cartner
Royal National Park Life Saving Supervisor	Michael Hodsdon
Royal National Park Education Supervisor	Margaret Pearce
Cronulla-Sutherland District Life Saving Supervisor	James Sherratt
Cronulla-Sutherland Districts Education Supervisor	Anthony Coffey
Randwick District Life Saving Supervisor	Steven Chesher
Randwick District Education Manager	Gregory Smart
Waverley District Life Saving Supervisor	Alexander O'Hara
Waverley District Education Supervisor	Peter Agnew
IRB Technical Adviser	Craig Lovell
ORB Technical Adviser	Vacant
Radio Technical Adviser	Bradley McDonogh

BOARD OF LIFE SAVING COMMITTEES

GEAR INSPECTION COMMITTEE

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

MERITORIOUS AWARDS COMMITTEE

Albert Moseley, Neil Miller

MANUAL REVISION COMMITTEE

Peter Quartly (Convenor), Peter Murphy and Frank Osborne

RESUSCITATION RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT INSTRUCTION AND MEDICAL PANEL

Peter Quartly (Convenor), Peter Murphy, Peter Agnew, Frank Osborne, Keith Grima

HONORARY SECRETARY

The Board of Control held its 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 Life Saving met at the same time and held elections as did the Board of Competition under Dick Bignold.

In the absence of our Director (which was as it turned out, a bad omen), Peter Pearce chaired the meeting and all Executive positions were filled. Three (3) of the eight (8) 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, when contacted due to his not being at the

21 January 1999, Branch Management Meeting. The Branch Executive acting quickly and in a positive manner resolved that "John Restuccia and one other person from the Board along with the Board Secretary, Peter Quartly, be asked to manage the Life Saving 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 Life Saving, as we can ill afford to lose someone of his caliber.

Peter'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 Life Saving 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 (15) clubs we service.

In all structures there are hick-ups (if there weren't, there 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 (3) seats on the Branch Council and unfortunately, this was narrowly defeated, which left us with only the one (1). 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 some what 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.

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.

We continue to have a poor response from clubs to entering the Patrol Competition and we looked at canceling 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 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.

In addition the Branch has approved of a partial sponsorship of top quality raincoats, which hopefully will be available for the start of the coming season.

The Branch ran it's first Silver Medallion Course for Patrol Captains in May, through the stewardship of Steve Leahy and Peter Agnew. There were some eighty (80) participants over two (2) nights of four (4) 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 Life Saving 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 (2) full Board Members Meetings where the full gambit of Life Saving/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 every one 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 from 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.

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 discision has been made although we know in the long term Sydney Surf will be relocated sooner rather than later.

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

Joan Vaughan who has been a part of our Association for so long was in the Australia Day Honour List with an OAM. On behalf of everyone we are truly proud of the recognition you have received.

The Branch has pushed in recent times that members wear a Patrol Uniform for easy identification, professionalism and safety (protection from the sun). It was brought to our attention that they are in fact compulsory and we had very good results in spreading the word.

The position with respect to sitting for multiple exams was clarified and it was confirmed that candidates could only sit for one exam at a time. That there must be a separate beginning and end with no merging (the same as sitting for HSC exams).

I could go through and write on each Supervisor, however, I will let their reports speak for themselves, other than to say in the main they performed in excess of our expectations and provided an invaluable link between the clubs and the Board.

To Liz and Gail, who continue to work under appalling conditions, which is compounded by the likes of me, thanks for all your assistance, as without you both, we would truly be in trouble.

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

LIFE SAVING ADMINISTRATOR

This season the Branch trailed a new Board Structure, dividing the Board into Life Saving and Competition.

The Board of Life Saving has achieved it's goals during the season and the new format has provided the streamlined effect to maintain the standard of Life Saving and Education in the Branch.

The District Life Saving Supervisors performed the monthly Patrol Efficiency Inspections and I am pleased to announce that Maroubra SLSC won the competition on 6460 points with Burning Palms SLSC coming second on 6270 points and North Bondi SLSC third on 6230 points. Overall the District Life Saving Supervisors reported that the standard of patrols has been maintained and continue to improve.

Awards this season totaled 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 co-ordinate the Examiners.

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

Life Saver of the Year, congratulations to Jodi Culbert from Burning Palms SLSC. Jodi went on to win the NSW Life Saver of the Year and represent NSW for the Australian Life Saver of the Year. Jodi's contribution both to her Club and to the Branch is Worthy of these awards.

Duty Officers – outstanding effort from sixteen (16) 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.

The Branch was put in a situation when the Director of Life Saving resigned. Greg Smart and myself were appointed as Administrators to take over the responsibilities until the Annual General Meeting, when a new Director of Life Saving will be elected.

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 at their clubs.

Thanks to Liz and Gail at the Branch Office for their assistance throughout the season, ensuring that information is passed onto the Board Members and examination paperwork is forwarded to Surf Life Saving NSW Inc.

Finally, thank you to the Board of Life Saving Management Committee for your support.

Greg Smart and John Restuccia

Board of Life Saving Administrators

MANUAL REVISION COMMITTEE

At the time of going to print, Peter Murphy, Frank Osborne and I have reviewed the new manual and have made a number of suggestions.

The paper is being reviewed and will be provided to the Branch and Board for endorsement.

To those members and clubs who contributed with comments, I wish to thank you for your assistance.

Peter Quartly

Convenor

RESUSCITATION, RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, INSTRUCTIONAL & MEDICAL PANEL

The panel is currently reviewing the "One Man Drag" and also reviewing the protocols with respect to members of the public presenting themselves as Doctors at Rescue scenes where resuscitation is taking place.

Peter Quartly

Convenor

RESCUE SERVICES MANAGER

Duty Officer Call Out Figures

During the season there were 264 calls for assistance. Of these 43% came through Sydney Surf and 57% through the 24 hour call out system. The nature of the assistance can be seen from the figures below:

Problem	No.
Various injuries requiring Ambulance	31
Swimmers requiring assistance	28
Miscellaneous incidents	22
Boating incidents	19
Person over cliff	18
Spinal	15
Missing persons	14
Shark sighting	11
Boardriders requiring assistance	11
Fisherman off rocks	9
Fracture	9
CPR	9
Immersion	8
Dislocated shoulder	8
Possible heart attack	7
Drowning	7
Breathing difficulties	6
Person trapped on rocks	6
Person collapsed	4
Flair sighting	4
Divers in trouble	3
Body retrieval	3
Mass rescue	3
Beacon search	3
Jumper	2
Windsurfer in trouble	2
Missing Ski paddler	1
Neck pain	1

Brad Taylor

Rescue Services Manager

EDUCATIONAL 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's 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

The following table lists the awards gained for the 1998/99 Season, compared with the four previous Seasons and total awards gained by each club in the Branch. (Tally formulated 7th May, 1999).

AWARD	98/99	97/98	96/97	95/96	94/95
Surf Rescue Certificate	240	188	217	220	239
Training Officer - Surf Rescue	1	9	7	9	6
Examiners - Surf Rescue	0		-	-	-
Bronze Medallion	457	421	448	448	382
Training Officer - Bronze Medallion	22	13	41	39	45
Examiners - Bronze Medallion	3	12	6	4	12
Patrol Captain	15	-	-	-	-
Basic Resuscitation Certificate	22	49	48	8	29
Resuscitation Certificate	136	-	-	-	-
Advanced Resuscitation Certificate	161	43	115	78	148
Training Officer - Resuscitation	18	7	16	11	21
Examiners - Resuscitation	1	-	2	-	1
IRB Crewman's Certificate	36	-	-	1	-
IRB Driver's Certificate	32	28	41	40	21
Training Officer - IRB	4	5	9	9	1

AWARD

	98/99	97/98	96/97	95/96	94/95
Examiner's - IRB	0	3	1	-	2
ORB Crewman's Certificate	2	7	6	6	11
ORB Driver's Certificate	2	3	2	4	5
ORB Skipper's Certificate	2	1	1	2	3
Examiner's - ORB	0	1	-	1	2
Radio Operator's Certificate	35	135	55	98	125
Training Officer - Radio	0	4	4	1	10
Examiner's - Radio	0	1	1	-	3
Radio Controller's Certificate	0	-	3	5	-
Senior First Aid Certificate	15	16	47	2	28
Training Officer - Life Support	3	-	1	2	1
Examiner's - Life Support	0		1	-	1
Advanced Life Saving Certificate	0	3	1	2	2
International Training Officer's	0	-	-	3	1
TOTAL	1207	960	1073	993	1108

CLUB TOTAL AWARDS

	98/99	97/98	96/97	95/96	94/95
Bondi	63	68	64	66	53
Bronte	109	45	41	58	46
Burning Palms	34	11	21	33	7
Clovelly	23	24	28	25	45
Coogee	109	71	153	44	86
Cronulla	164	90	124	82	117
Elouera	125	24	118	81	193
Era	3	6	2	4	21
Garie	6	20	24	9	24
Maroubra	200	186	57	80	49
North Bondi	114	135	123	185	196
North Cronulla	74	89	100	72	138
Sth Maroubra	18	40	57	63	102
Tamarama	11	11	10	25	24
Wanda	140	140	151	166	108

ROYAL NATIONAL PARK DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

I would like to thank the Club Captains, Patrol Captains and Patrol Members for their efforts during the season, making sure that there were no major incidents within the park.

All three clubs must be congratulated, having continued to maintain patrol strengths through the season with the limited members and resources available to them.

Patrol efficiency competition was carried out on a monthly basis and I must thank the clubs for their support and co-operation for this competition. Congratulations must go to Burning Palms for winning the District Competition and coming very close to winning the Branch competition.

This season saw the same old problems with the radio network for the Park and a few of us spent a lot of time travelling to and from Port Kembla for the trial repeater. However, it was never purchased, even though there weren't any complaints about the location or reception about the repeater. Hopefully this problem can be solved before the start of next season or we will be left with the same problem of having trouble trying to get in contact with Sydney when trying to sign on and off or obtaining help in an emergency situation.

Congratulations to Jodie Culbert from Burning Palms on winning Sydney Branch Life Saver of the Year, New South Wales Life Saver of the Year and for being a finalist in Australian Life Saver of the Year.

To all the clubs' executive and Margaret Pearce, thank you for your support and assistance throughout the season.

Michael Hodsdon

Life Saving Supervisor, Royal National Park District

CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

This was a season for the Cronulla-Sutherland District to remember. Due to severe beach erosion, sand replenishment and the usual storms, our beach conditions were hazardous for most of the season. Rips were a constant feature and extremely strong, concrete and wooden piles were exposed at North Cronulla and Cronulla, usually a more benign beach, was at times the most dangerous. It is a tribute to all patrol members that no lives were lost this season. I consider that the concerted effort of all the clubs to improve the equipment and ensure patrol numbers were sufficient made this result possible.

Patrol scenarios were once again well supported by patrol captains and were a valuable experience for patrol members. I received a near instant feed back in January from a Wanda patrol. Just before midday, we did a spinal scenario in which some improvements were discussed. I was surprised that within the hour a young patrol member was able to comment to me "we did it better this time" in a real life situation, we all felt very good.

In my last report, I noted the lack of some skills in patrols. It is of concern to me that this has not improved especially in resuscitation. It must again be noted that the proficiency test does not appear to be able to detect these problems and I feel the retention in its present form should be discussed.

It was my good fortune to have the task of examining a squad of young people from Elouera SLSC for their IRB crewmembers' award. I believe they were the first to achieve this award. I can recommend this award to all clubs - the specific emphasis of the training gave good results. All the squad enjoyed the training and I feel received a lot of satisfaction in their achievement.

As with last year, I have enjoyed the good company of patrol members, captains and club officials who have made my task a pleasant one. I consider the Cronulla-Sutherland district fortunate in having excellent co-operation at both executive and patrol levels to the benefit of all.

In conclusion, to club executives, patrol members and members of the Board "many thanks". Hope you all have a pleasant winter break - See you on the beach next season.

James Sherratt

Life Saving Supervisor, Cronulla-Sutherland District

WAVERLEY DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

This year has been a very busy and eventful season for the Waverley District with several major situations occurring throughout the year on the District's beaches.

Unfortunately, several deaths were recorded on the beaches this season but the performance of Life Savers throughout the Branch was commendable under incredibly difficult circumstances with regard to the dangerous conditions, which persisted throughout the year. All clubs can be extremely proud of their patrolling members and the way in which they have conducted themselves during the Summer months.

There has been a meeting with the Council this season and we wait to see what support and procedures come about, as a result of this interaction between the clubs and the Local Council.

It was encouraging to see a marked improvement in some clubs and their attention to Life Saving duties. Should this continue the Patrol Efficiency Competition would become an extremely difficult task to undertake. All clubs in the District have performed well in this competition and it would be remiss of me not to congratulate the Club Captains and Club Instructors for the incredible amount of work they have put in to make this happen. The initiative and skill of the Life Savers now patrolling the beaches appears to be improving over the previous year. North Bondi should be congratulated on coming third in the Branch and winning in the Waverley District.

The beaches were all patrolled in a conscientious manner this season with the effective delegation of resources being noted throughout the Summer. Support of our Sponsors was good this year with the Coke tent being up most weekends, conditions permitting. I would remind all clubs that the Energy Australia IRB sign must be erected whenever an IRB is operational on the beach.

There is still much work to be done as we head into the next summer. There are issues yet to be discussed and resolved to enable us to grow and prepare for a season that is going to be considerably longer than it has been in previous years. It is also been noted that there will be an increase of tourists from May next year with the Olympics in September. Branches have already started preparing for the period between May 2000 and the end of the 2000/2001 Season.

It is good to see the strength of Patrols increasing and hopefully this will continue into the future, making all our jobs that little bit easier.

Thank you to all club members for your work during the season and to all the Officers and members of the Board for your time and effort.

I wish all a restful Winter and hope to see everyone ready to take on the duties next Summer will bring.

Alexander O'Hara

Life Saving Supervisor, Waverley District

EDUCATION SUPERVISOR CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND DISTRICT

Season 1998-1999 was a successful one. I believe one, which was a learning curve for me. We managed to get through it with thanks to the assistance and advice from Dianne Lovell, Jim Sherratt and the patience of Liz Grady.

We had a total of twenty-two (22) Part A examinations from October 1998 to March 1999, as I hoped to spread out the seventy (70) plus candidates sitting in November and December 1998. However, we still had forty (40) plus candidates sitting in those months, with only one unfortunate exception, which hopefully, we can rectify next season.

The examination venues were evenly spread: Cronulla six (6) 14 A examinations, North Cronulla three (3), Elouera seven (7) and six (6) at Wanda.

Following the manual launch in August 1998, those who attended the In Service in September 1998, were well in tune with new developments and knew what to expect from examinations. I suggest that something similar should be done by the Education District Supervisors for the clubs Training Officers and interested parties prior to the season proper.

Our District's Chief Instructors were again enthusiastic and presented well prepared squads. Wendy Smith and Andrew Dawes with their usual professionalism, Barney Johansen and Michelle White under difficult circumstances and a special mention of Steve Frawley and Bob King, who ensured Elouera SLSC was my second home for the season.

It is hoped that next season, each club will be able to provide two (2) examiners who can make themselves available for Part A examinations on a rotational or as required basis, to not only spread the load but to spread the practiced skill also.

The people who do practice the skill of course are our District Examiners who continually come forward to do Part A examinations as well as on the beach for Part B exams. My sincere thanks to Fern Elliott, Col Elliott, Wendy Smith, Jim Sherratt, Barney Johansen, Barry Gillroy, Bob King, Solly Stephens and Andrew Dawes.

Tony Coffey

Education Supervisor, Cronulla-Sutherland District

EDUCATION SUPERVISOR ROYAL NATIONAL PARK

This season saw many transformations, the main one being the change in the Board structure wherein we now have the Board of Life Saving and the Board of Competition.

Under the guidance of the Education Manager, Dianne Lovell, the Royal National Park District examiners attended the Examination Accreditation course conducted by the Branch. This enabled the examiners to become familiar with the new 31st Edition of the Training Manual and to be accredited as examiners for the season.

Bronze examinations were conducted at the three clubs during the season, although the numbers were not high (Burning Palms - 12 Bronze, 1 Surf Rescue Certificate; Era - 2 Surf Rescue Certificates; Garie - 3 Bronze, 1 Surf Rescue Certificate). Recruitment of new members is always the priority with the

three clubs, however, this does not always come to fruition. Retention is also a problem, which is being addressed.

Specialist awards, such as ARC, were conducted, however, it is disappointing to note that there was only one IRB award in the District this season. With the introduction of Waterways examinations which will be administered and assessed by Surf Life Saving Silver Medallion (IRB Driver) examiners, it may encourage some of our members to gain the IRB Driver award.

Unfortunately, there were no new examiners this season, however, one member from Burning Palms and one member from Garie gained their Training Officer's (Bronze) award.

Proficiencies were conducted by the clubs and it was not a prerequisite for examiners to be in attendance, although they were available if required.

When it was necessary to assist Michael Hodsdon, Life Saving Supervisor for the Royal National Park District, it was pleasing to see the high standard of patrols and the patrol scenarios that were conducted proved to be an asset in allowing the members of patrols to participate and involve all members of the patrol, including the members who had only recently gained their award. The feedback from these members is very positive and has confirmed the benefit from these inspections.

To the active examiners, Michael Hodsdon, Frank Osborne, Michael Bretherton, Jodi Culbert, Michael Moran, Craig Williams and Peter Pearce, thank you for your assistance during the season and to the members of Burning Palms, Era and Garie thank you for your support.

Margaret Pearce

Education Supervisor, Royal National Park District

EDUCATION SUPERVISOR WAVERLEY DISTRICT

A change of pace to the position of District Supervisor with the role now being divided into two positions. Taking on the role of Education Supervisor was once again made easy through the efforts of the four club Chief Instructors and I thank them for their continued support and effort in maintaining proficient patrolling members on our beaches. Special thanks to Kerrie Visch, John Rantzen, Jason Madsen and Alex O'Hara who were most patient and well organised in booking their plethora of examinations during the season.

On the examination front, many hours were spent by a dedicated group of active examiners examining candidates for their Part A examination. I consider the District to be very fortunate in having such a dedicated group of examiners who not only give many hours and long evenings (that includes the hot chocolate and mud cake afterwards) but also remained active in the instruction area of their clubs. This combination and some help from each other have seen a relevant and reliable level of examination being conducted within the District.

Most of the Part A examinations this season were conducted by Bronte's "awesome foursome" - Kerrie Visch, Cameron Miles, Ken Cafe and Graham Ford; North Bondi's "gruesome twosome" - Alex O'Hara and Jason Madsen; along with a solo from Bondi's Jacob Waks. Thanks all. Hopefully, new examiners from Bondi and Tamarama will be seen in the new season with some strong showings in the instruction area of these clubs in the past six months.

Congratulations to Kerrie Visch in being a finalist in the New South Wales Awards of Excellence as the State's most outstanding Training Officer.

Thank you to Dianne Lovell for being so flexible and assisting us during the season. Liz, thank you for keeping us on track and in control with your support of the District and its officers - it has been much appreciated.

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

Peter Agnew

Education Supervisor, Waverley District

EDUCATION SUPERVISOR RANDWICK DISTRICT

In a season that was a little slow to start, late November heralded the beginning of a flood of exams culminating in over 120 Bronze and almost 75 Surf Rescue Certificate Part "A" exams conducted in the Randwick District. With a pretty much full schedule, most clubs were able to give ample notice and so ensure their squads were quickly and efficiently processed through to their final exam. Due to the early warning, I was able to examine most Part "A" examinations myself but when I was unavailable John Restuccia, John Park and probationary examiner Ben Troy were always on hand to assist and I thank them for their assistance. On a slightly down note, it would be highly beneficial to all the clubs in the District if there were more examiners for Part "A" exams so that there could be more flexibility in exam times, dates and locations.

I thank the Chief Instructors of each club for their flexibility in joining other clubs at different venues for exams so that their candidates could progress to the Part "B" exam at the earliest possible opportunity. This is particularly true where a single candidate had to re-sit part of the exam at another venue to progress with the rest of their original squad.

It was disturbing, however, to have a couple of clubs submitting very few candidates until very late in the season and thankfully this is already under review for correction from the clubs involved prior to next season. It should be noted that the District Education Supervisors are available to all clubs to supervise and assist each club when and where it is requested and this may prove useful for some clubs next season.

Congratulations to Maroubra on gaining the most awards in the District and Branch after putting together what can only be described as a very professional and successful Community Resuscitation program. Well done to both John Restuccia and Keith Grima!

A special vote of thanks must go to Liz and Gail at the Branch office for assisting with the mountain of paperwork that came their way. Their efficiency meant that final exams could be easily scheduled and co-ordinated.

Finally, thank you to all the candidates, Instructors and Chief Instructors for their assistance and patience over the course of the summer. At the end of the season when there has been time to reflect on what has happened, you have made the season very rewarding and I hope you all go on to further awards and roles within the Association.

Greg Smart

Education Supervisor, Randwick District

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

The 1998/99 season, like all others, had its ups and downs. The upside was that even though we lost 4 to 5 operators from the season before, I found that the operators that I did have to work with were helpful and obliging, quite often canceling previous obligations to man the radio room. In particular, I would like to thank Peter Fuller and Steven Cheshier for their continued support and availability at short notice. Thanks guys.

On the downside, yes, there are still problems with Channel 9, which resulted in some weekends clubs operating on Repeater 3 - I wish to thank the clubs for their patience and support during this difficult time.

Communications in the Royal National Park were somewhat improved halfway through the season, which meant that we had clear communications with the RNP clubs, though at times, like everything else in life, it, weren't perfect.

Unfortunately, there were two instances in which the radio room was left unmanned. This was due to operators who were held up and not notifying the radio room and operators, who, unfortunately, didn't make a full effort to find a replacement for their patrol.

Throughout the season, radio operators called for an ambulance at the club's request approximately 65 times with some of these resulting in attendance of Lifesaver I Helicopter for injuries ranging from minor lacerations to spinal injuries to drownings.

The operators who gained their 100% patrol efficiency which was gained by completing 20 hours prior to January 1999 and 20 hours in the second half of the season or, alternatively, operators who gained a total of 50 hours by the end of the season, also gained their 100% patrol efficiency.

100% PATROL EFFICIENCY

Club	Operator	Hours	100%
Bondi	Gaelyn Watson	5 hrs 30 mins	No
Bronte	Vaegan	14 hrs 30 mins	No
Burning Palms	Brian Harris	62 hrs 40 mins	Yes
Clovelly	Yvette Mead	33 hrs	No
	Corrine Williams	56 hrs 45 mins	Yes
Coogee	Simon Fishburn	5 hrs	No
Cronulla	Chris Giles	24 hrs	No
Elouera	Cheryl Hormann	5 hrs. 20 mins	No
	Bill Singleton	10 hrs	No
Garie	Steven Cheshier	78 hrs. 35 mins	Yes
	Kylie Fenton	43 hrs. 35 mins	No
	Michael Hodsdon	40 hrs. 40 mins	No
	Brad McDonogh	55 hrs. 5 mins	Yes
	Dennis Sanjivi	20 hrs	No
	Brad Taylor	63 hrs 15 mins	Yes
	Paul Walton	6 hrs. 30 mins	No
Maroubra	Grant Sewell	50 hrs	Yes
	George Shales	46 hrs 5 mins	Yes
	Lucy Shales	45 hrs 45 mins	Yes
North Bondi	Peter Agnew	62 hrs 30 mins	Yes
	Ursula Cartner	63 hrs 30 mins	Yes
	Peter Cleary	13 hrs	No
	John De Cean	8 hrs 10 mins	No
	Peter Fuller	124 hrs 15 mins	Yes
	Steve Leahy	26 hrs 50 mins	No
South Maroubra	Chris Dolman	14 hrs 45 mins	No

Finally, I would like to thank **all** the radio operators who helped out this past season and those, who at the end and when we were down, came to help. I know that you all have other commitments, such as beach and offshore patrols, but it couldn't have been done without you - thanks. Hopefully, you'll all be back next season to continue doing a great job and assisting the clubs to keep our beaches safe.

Ursula Cartner

Communications Officer

CLUB PROFICIENCY NUMBERS

Club	SRC	BM	ARC	IRB	ORB	Radio
Bondi	4	99	20	9	0	0
Bronte	37	182	34	6	0	0
Burning Palms	0	25	0	2	0	0
Clovelly	8	73	23	9	0	0
Coogee	42	167	26	12	0	1
Cronulla	40	287	30	17	0	0
Elouera	32	165	47	19	0	0
Era	4	44	0	5	0	6
Garie	0	20	9	1	0	0
Maroubra	31	159	25	0	0	0
North Bondi	9	151	25	6	0	0
North Cronulla	41	204	0	28	0	0
South Maroubra	21	156	48	22	1	0
Tamarama	3	68	10	2	0	0
Wanda	59	188	7	12	0	0
Total	331	1988	304	150	2	7

MEMBERSHIP

LIFE MEMBERS

Ted Brooker
Harry Brown OAM
Les Buck
Bob Davison
John Dewey
Trevor Elliott
Ken English
Ian Goode
Keith Grima
Ron Howells OAM
Lionel McDonald OAM
Bill Marshall OAM

Keith Messenger
Albert Moseley OAM
Frank Osborne
Ron Pears
Rex Sargeant
Bill Singleton
Ernie Stephens
Stephen Strange
Jim Switzer OAM
John Vaughan OAM
John Wardell

LONG SERVICE MEMBERS

Active

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

Non Active

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

LEAVE FOR SEASON 1998/99

Doug Iredale
Rob Russell
Michael Kelly

Arthur White
Yvette Rutherford
Craig Williams

ACTIVE BOARD OF LIFE SAVING MEMBERS

Peter Agnew
Greg Allum
Mike Batty
Doug Benson
Michael Bretherton
Kerryn Briody
Peter Burst
Ken Cafe
Ron Camilleri
Ursula Cartner
Greg Causer
Michael Clancy
Tony Coffey
David Coombes
Paul Cooper
Jodi Culbert
Gary Daly
Peter Davis
Andrew Dawes
Col Elliott
Fern Elliott
Craig Farrugia
Graham Ford
Reginald Francis
Chris Giles
Errol Goldberg
Keith Grima
Ray Hitchensen
Michael Hodsdon
Andrew Hosking
Barney Johansen
Karen Jones
Peter Jones
Peter Kramel
Stephen Leahy
Michele Ledden

Craig Lovell
Dianne Lovell
Don McGroder
Robert McLellan
Sean McKirdy
Cameron Miles
Neil Miller
Shane Miller
Peter Murphy
Patrick O'Neill
Alex O'Hara
Frank Osborne
Darrin Ottaway
Darren Palmer
John Park
Margaret Pearce
Peter Pearce
Greg Purvis
Peter Quartly
John Restuccia
Helmut Schellhammer
Dick Sheldon
James Sherratt
Bill Singleton
Greg Smart
Wendy Smith
Ernie Stephens
Brad Taylor
Ben Troy
Phil Veitch
Kerrie Visch
John Volkers
Jacob Waks
Wendy Ward
Paul Wilson
Greg Windsor

SURF LIFE SAVING SYDNEY BRANCH

BOARD OF LIFE SAVING

1. Director

The Director shall:

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

2. Rescue Services Manager

The Rescue Services Manager shall:

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

3. Educational Manager

The Educational Manager shall:

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

4. Secretary

The Secretary shall:

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

5. Life Saving Supervisors

The Life Saving Supervisors shall:

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

6. Education District Supervisors

The Education Supervisors shall:

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

7. Communications Officer

The Communications Officer shall:

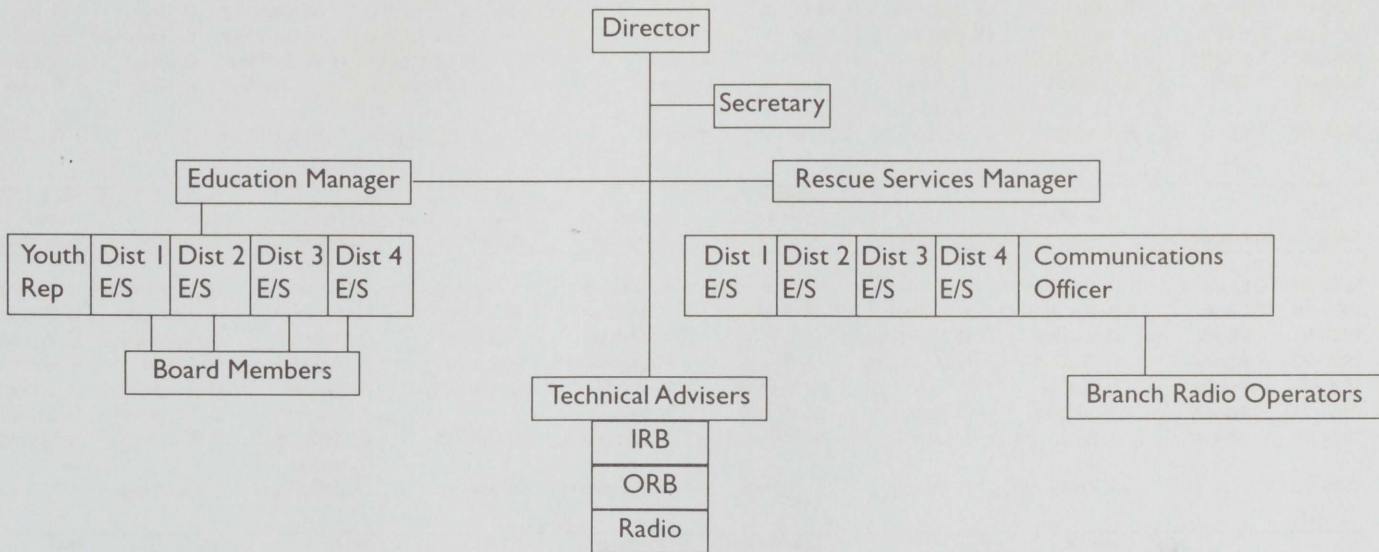
- a) Be responsible to the Rescue Services Manager for the efficient operation of the Branch Radio Room.
- b) Provide rostered personnel to man the radio room during patrol hours and as required.

8. Technical Advisers

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

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

SURF LIFE SAVING SYDNEY BRANCH BOARD OF LIFE SAVING



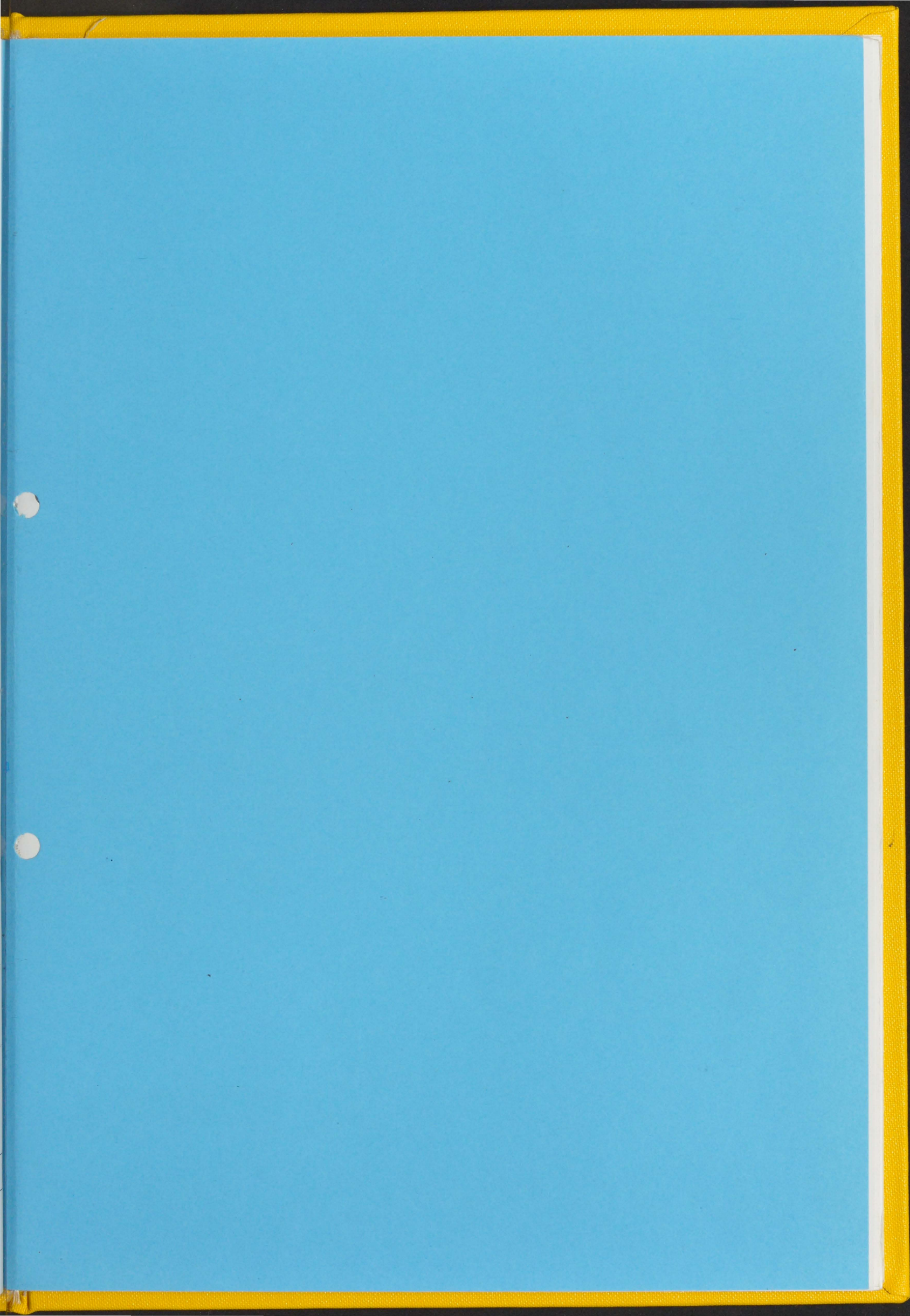
BOARD OF CONTROL OFFICERS 1949-50 TO 1998-99

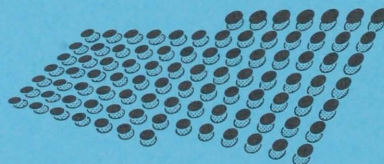
Season	Superintendent	Deputy Superintendent	Board Secretary	Examination Supervisor	Carnival and Competition Supervisor	Registrar	No. 1 District Supervisor	No.2 District Supervisor	No.3 District Supervisor	No.4 District Supervisor
1949-50	D. Lucas	W. Foerster	A. Castleman			T. Moran	G. Johnson	H. Small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

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

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

Season	Director of Lifesaving	Rescue Services Manager	Secretary	Educational Manager	Coaching and Competition Manager	No. 1 District Supervisors Life Saving/Education	No. 2 District Supervisors Life Saving/Education	No. 3 District Supervisors Life Saving/Education	No.4 District Supervisors Life Saving/Education
1998-99	P. Seeto (rsg) J. Restuccia/G. Smart	B. Taylor (rsg)	P. Quartly	D. Lovell	R. Bignold	M. Hodsdon (LS) M. Pearce (E)	J. Sherratt (LS) A. Coffey (E)	S. Chesher (LS) G. Smart (E)	A. O'Hare (LS) P. Agnew (E)





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