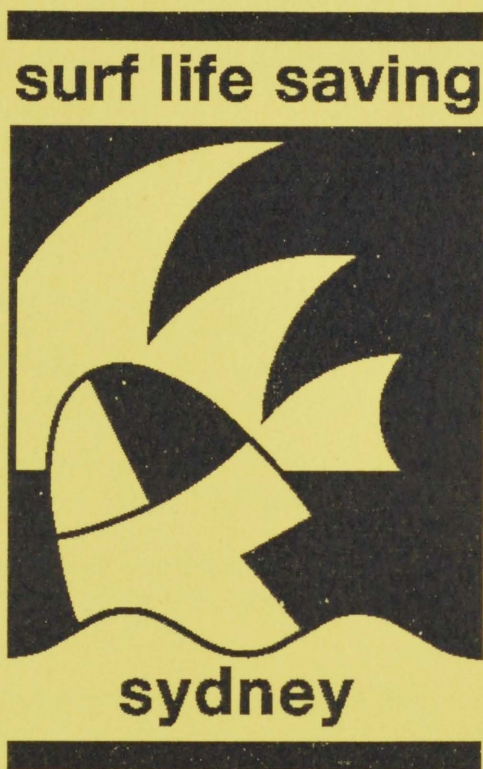


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Fourth Annual Report

**Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch Inc.**

Board of Lifesaving

And

Board of Competition

**2001-2002 Season**



## President's Foreword

I extend my congratulations to both the Boards of Lifesaving and Competition for yet another successful year.

Both Boards undertook a number of challenges which contributed to an increase in awards, membership and the successful running of 8 carnivals and events plus the Branch & Metropolitan Championships.

The Board of Lifesaving performed a number of educational tasks, which included for the first time a program with Rescue Water Vehicles (RWV). The leadership of this Board for the third year was guided by Stephen Leahy assisted by his Board Secretary Peter Quartly, Emergency Service Personnel and a dedicated core of trainers and examiners.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Lifesaving Personnel at the Branch, for their enthusiasm and drive to make sure our processes are in place at District and Club levels.

Our Education Manager, Kerry Briody was active during the year and her drive resulted in our awards increasing by 245 with an increase in Bronze Medallions by 159, our appreciation is again extended to Kerry and the examination team.

The Board of Competition conducted a large number of Carnivals and events. All were run in a professional manner under the control of Colin Fitzgerald. The Branch has a steady band of Carnival officials. Thank you for the time you devote to the Competition side of the Branch. Beverley Smith took the role of Secretary to this board and we thank Bev for her efforts. To the Gear Team under the watchful eye of Bill Singleton and Frank Ridley, your efforts continue to be outstanding. Thanks for your support.

To our District Lifesaving and Education Supervisors, the time and effort you contribute to the board and your district is excessive and we thank you for performing this task.

To the many officials and advisers of both Boards and IRB's; Carnival Crews; ORB's; Radio and Emergency Services your continual dedication and time to Sydney Branch is again appreciated.

I am extremely pleased with both Board's achievements this year. Membership has improved but support is still required at meetings where strategic plans and projects are undertaken and discussed. I trust next season, this can be overcome.

Well done to all, we look forward to bigger and better things next season.

Peter M. Pearce  
President



### **STOP PRESS!**

*Sydney Branch Presentation Night  
Branch Member of the Year, was presented to  
**John Restuccia** (Maroubra)  
Randwick District Education Supervisor*



## **Fourth Annual General Meeting**

### **Surf Life Saving Sydney Inc.**

#### **Board of Lifesaving**

#### **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

Notice hereby given that the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch Inc., Board of Lifesaving will be held at the Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2002, commencing at 7.30pm

#### **Agenda**

1. Welcome by Stephen Leahy, Lifesaving Director.
2. Apologies and Leave.
3. Confirmation of Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2001.
4. Presentation of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Report for the 2001-2002 Season.
5. Notice of Motions to change our constitution: -
  - (a) Moved S. Leahy/P. Quartly that the position of RWV Advisor be endorsed.
  - (b) Moved S. Leahy/P. Quartly that the Resuscitation Research Development Instruction and Medical Panel name change to Resuscitation and Development Panel be endorsed.
6. Election of Officers and Sub-Committees for the 2002-2003 Season.
7. General Business.

**Peter Quartly**  
**Hon. Secretary**

#### **RWV TECHNICAL ADVISOR**

The RWV Technical Adviser shall: -

- a) Assist the Director and under his/her direction shall be responsible for all RWV activities



## **Officers and Committees 2001 – 2002**

Director of Lifesaving	Stephen Leahy
Rescue Services Manager	Stephen Leahy
Educational Manager	Kerryn Briody
Board Secretary	Peter Quartly
Communications Officer	Sandy Cooper
Royal National Park Lifesaving Supervisor	Michael Hodsdon
Royal National Park Education Supervisor	Michael Bretherton
Cronulla-Sutherland District Lifesaving Supervisor	Belinda Bruce (res. Aug 2001)
	Rod Hurst (app. Oct 2001)
Cronulla-Sutherland District Education Supervisor	Anthony Coffey
Randwick District Lifesaving Supervisor	Errol Goldberg (app. Sep 2001)
Randwick District Education Supervisor	John Restuccia
Waverley District Lifesaving Supervisor	Ken Cafe (res. Jan 2002)
	Barry Dundas (app. Feb 2002)
Waverley District Education Supervisor	Paul Booth
IRB Technical Advisor	Andrew Hosking (app July 2001)
ORB Technical Advisor	Matt Scott (app. Aug 2001)
RWV Technical Advisor	Matt Scott (app. Nov 2001)
Radio Technical Advisor	Sandy Cooper
Youth Adviser	Rian Pask
Lifesaving Competition Advisor	Carl Chicco (app. August 2001)

## **Board of Lifesaving Sub-Committees 2001-2002**

### **Gear Inspection Committee**

Stephen Leahy (Convenor), Paul Booth, Michael Bretherton, Belinda Bruce, Ken Cafe, Tony Coffey, Matthew Evans, Errol Goldberg, Michael Hodsdon, Andrew Hosking, Ken Hudson, Peter Jones, Peter Quartly, John Restuccia and Greg Smart.

### **Meritorious Awards Committee**

Stephen Leahy (Convenor), Kerryn Briody, Margaret Pearce and John Restuccia

### **Manual Revision Committee**

Peter Quartly (Convenor), Peter Murphy and Frank Osborne

### **Resuscitation Research Development Instruction and Medical Panel**

David Reid (Convenor), Kerryn Briody, Peter Murphy, Frank Osborne and Peter Quartly



## Attendance at Board of Lifesaving Committee Meetings

Officer	Position	Attendance	Apologies	Absent
Stephen Leahy	Director of Lifesaving	11		
Kerryn Briody	Educational Manager	10	1	
Peter Quartly	Board Secretary	11		
Michael Hodsdon	RNP Lifesaving Supervisor	8	1	2
Michael Bretherton	RNP Education Supervisor	11		
Belinda Bruce	Cronulla Lifesaving Supervisor	1		
Rod Hurst	Cronulla Lifesaving Supervisor	3		
Anthony Coffey	Cronulla Education Supervisor	5	4	2
John Restuccia	Randwick Lifesaving Supervisor	7	2	2
Errol Goldberg	Randwick Education Supervisor	6	4	
Ken Cafe	Waverley Lifesaving Supervisor	6		
Barry Dundas	Waverley Lifesaving Supervisor	3	2	
Paul Booth	Waverley Education Supervisor	10	1	
Sandy Cooper	Communications Officer	8		3
Andrew Hosking	IRB Technical Advisor	10	1	
Rian Pask	Youth Advisor	2	1	8
Matt Scott	ORB Advisor	4	3	1



**Last Exam of the Season at South Maroubra**  
**John Restuccia, Examiners and Candidates assessing the Run Swim Run Course**



Club/Award	Bo	Br	B P	Cl	Co	Cr	El	Era	Gar	Mar	N B	N C	S M	Tam	Wan	01/02	00/01	99/00	Award Description
SRC	17	14		1	24	19	26		6	24	9	20	32		29	221	245	268	Surf Rescue Certificate
BM	35	46	3	11	74	58	57		4	32	122	43	47	35	62	629	470	507	Bronze Medallion
SMPC	9	7			6	3		2	7	3	5	7	10	5	1	65	16	114	Silver Medallion Patrol Captain
ALSC	1				1								1			3			Advanced Lifesaving - Gold Medallion
BR											1					1	3		Basic Resuscitation
R(CPR)		5														5	80	129	Resuscitation (CPR) Certificate
ARC		18		7	11		17		6		15	19	18	12	11	134	101	155	Advanced Resuscitation Certificate
ECC																0			Emergency Care Certificate
BLSC																0			Basic Life Support Certificate
SMLS	8	7			3	3	1		5	2	7	4	15	1	4	60			Silver Medallion Life Support
ROC		5							1	9			6			21	20	1	Radio Operators Certificate
SMRC																0			Silver Medallion Radio Controllers
IRBC													8			8	23	35	IRB Crew Certificate
SMIRBD		4				5	8			6	8	8	2	3	2	46	35	36	Silver Medallion IRB Driver
RWVOC												1	1			2			Rescue Water Vehicle Operator Cert
ORBCC		1		1					1		1				0	4	2	4	Offshore Rescue Boat Crew Cert
ORBSCC																0			Offshore Rescue Boat Spec Crew Cert
ORBDC																0	2	3	Offshore Rescue Boat Driver Cert
ORBSC										2						2		1	Offshore Rescue Boat Skippers Cert
Defib					1					1	7					9			Defibrillation Certificate
TOC-BM		4			3	1	2			3	6	7	5	1	6	38	21	37	Training Officer - Bronze Medallion
TOC-SR	3												4			7	3	1	Training Officer - Surf Rescue
TOC-Re		1		1	2	1					1		2	1	4	13	6	9	Training Officer - Resuscitation
TOC-Ra																0			Training Officer - Radio
TOC-IRB											2	1	1		1	5	3	6	Training Officer - IRB
TOC-RWV																0			Training Officer - Rescue Water Vehicle
TOC-LS																0			Training Officer - Life Support
TOC-ORBS																0			Training Officer - ORB Skipper
Defib Facil					1					1	1					3			Defibrillation Facilitator
EX-BM		2			1											3	5		Examiners - Bronze Medallion
EX-SR																0			Examiners - Surf Rescue
EX-Re		1														1	1	3	Examiners - Resuscitation
EX-Ra																0			Examiners - Radio
EX-IRB																0		2	Examiners - IRB
EX-RWV																0			Examiners - Rescue Water Vehicle
EX-LS																0			Examiners - Life Support
EX-ORB																0			Examiners - ORB
TOTALS	73	115	3	21	127	90	111	2	30	83	185	110	152	58	120	1280			Total Awards 2001-2002
00/01	64	80	3	50	75	93	91	27	56	101	128	60	81	20	123	1033			Total Awards Season 2000-2001
99/00	102	138	10	34	118	97	62	0	26	263	138	54	110	30	130	1312			Total Awards Season 1999-2000



## Director of Lifesaving

Ladies and gentlemen, fellow lifesavers,

I have great pleasure, once again, to present the Annual Report for Surf Life Saving Sydney's Board of Lifesaving. The presumption that it was going to be an easy year, compared with the Olympic season 12 months prior was way off the mark. This report acknowledges the many achievements as well as recognising the challenges that we faced – and still lie before us.

First and foremost, my personal gratitude to the active surf lifesavers that kept our beach visitors safe. Drownings will always occur, yet the vast majority of these are preventable. There is no doubt that our efforts have kept the number of deaths to a minimum. This year we rescued 1883 people; a further 30480 were the subject of preventative actions. We searched for 20 missing people and provided first aid to 4498 beachgoers. Our Duty Officers responded to more than 200 calls for support from the emergency services.

It is sad to note that we lost some great friends this year, in particular, I remember Dr Ian Mackie. Ian was one of the greatest Australians that I have met. I worked closely with Ian at Surf Life Saving Australia and I know much of his passion rubbed off. I was with Ian the weekend he passed away, so you could imagine the shock when I heard of his death. He has left a great legacy in the field of volunteer resuscitation and emergency care.

Someone that left us, but didn't go quite as far was Ken Café, the Lifesaving Supervisor for the Waverley District. Ken was transferred in his profession to New Zealand. Ken was a great officer and did much to improve standards in the district and worked closely with individual members, clubs and the lifeguards. My sincere thanks to Ken for a great job and at the same time, we welcome back Barry Dundas who readily stood up to fill that vacancy.

The closure of Prince Henry Hospital saw the closure of the Branch office and meant the relocation of Sydney Surf – our

communications centre. We found a temporary home for it at the Westpac LifeSaver helicopter Base across the oval. Despite some minor problems, this served us well. A small but very dedicated group of members readily assisted. Nevertheless, it needs a lot more support to ensure that the service demanded by our lifesavers can be met.

For the first time ever Surf Life Saving Sydney were successful in commencing a professional lifeguard service at Garie Beach throughout the Christmas holidays. Two lifeguards were employed through Surf Life Saving NSW to patrol the beach under contract to the National Parks and Wildlife Service. Unfortunately, the bushfires closed the park for more than 2 weeks, so the full benefits were never realised; suffice to say, all looks good for the contract to continue this summer.

Our Duty Officers, the Offshore Rescue boats and a number of clubs supported the rescue and relief efforts of the Christmas fires. Commencing on Christmas Day, lifesavers worked 24-hour periods for nearly a week to ensure the safety of residents around Port Hacking and the Royal National Park.

On Christmas Day, 22 people were evacuated from beaches in the Royal National Park. The following day, both ORB's were relocated again to Port Hacking and assisted in evacuations and medical transfers. Both boats remained on duty that night and the ambulance service allocated paramedics to the boats and a number of retrievals were carried out from Maianbar and Bundeena.

The Offshore Rescue Boats worked together in ensuring that at least one boat was on duty for the entire time. Sutherland District clubs offered IRB's to assist and all Duty Officers provided coordination and support. The names of all members involved were submitted to the State rescue Board who recognised them in the Honour Board.

The Board completed a review of our Duty Officers system. This looked into the qualifications required for appointment, training (aligned with the Public safety Training



Package), the role of the Duty Officer during patrols and after hours and liaison with other services. The outcomes are currently before the Branch.

It is important that we recognise the Duty Officers – they play an important role in supporting patrols during the season as well as working closely with the statutory services. Through this small but very dedicated group of men, Surf Life Saving Sydney can truly boast service provision all day, every day.

Our media exposure leads the way – regular media releases outlining busy weekends, major incidents and special events kept Sydney lifesavers in the news sections of the major dailies and on radio and television. I provided surf reports every weekend on 2GB, which often incorporated surf safety information.

Our lifesaving services are the reason why we are here. Early in the season, we benefited from a major government grant. Needy clubs were the major beneficiaries and the Branch were successful in receiving two Rescue Water Vehicles (Jet Skis). These RWV's will be used to support our patrols on busy days as well as extending our patrolling capabilities.

Our patrols have been well supported by our support services – the radio communication centre, the Offshore Rescue Boats and the Duty Officers. These volunteers often patrol well in excess of 150 hours annually and are all on call 24 hours every day. They play an important role in the emergency management system throughout Sydney. My sincere appreciation to each and every member!

The Branch President, the CEO and myself have commenced planning for the introduction of patrol and rescue services on Botany Bay. This will be an innovative plan that will use various patrol methods to promote an overall service to the beaches around the Bay – which are certainly becoming busy with better access by the new extensions to the motorway. This system will hopefully lead to better beach management in already established areas.

Education and training is an important part of the Board's role. The Branch is providing more education programs than ever before. Silver Medallion programs, defibrillation instruction, IRB courses and courses for new Training Officers and Assessors have kept the Education Panel busy. The calendar for the next 12 months is already filling up and will require lots of support.

It is important to recognise the work of our Examiners. It is a rewarding, but often thankless, role that this group undertakes. More examiners are required to meet the ever-increasing demands that are being placed before them. It also behoves our clubs to ensure that the candidates that are being presented for assessment are competent and will be able to meet all the requirements of the award. Too many times, candidates have been deemed "not yet competent" and require further training and re-assessment – thus placing more pressure on already burgeoning system. I especially appreciate the efforts of our Education Manager, Kerryn Briody, and the Education District Supervisors.

Our Branch winners of the Lifesaver and Volunteer of the Year went onto to win the State awards and did extremely well in the national finals. Tony Waller of Coogee was named the Lifesaver of the Year, while his Club Captain, Rob Yeldon was named Volunteer of the Year. Both men are outstanding examples to their peers and are most worthy of these great awards.

The Management Committee of the Board is an amazing group of dedicated volunteers – a group for whom I have the highest respect and are great to work with. Your efforts are well recognised and sincerely appreciated.

In closing, I return to my opening remarks. The new season has many challenges ahead of us. We will be facing the outcomes of the IRB Risk Management study. While it will be tempting to nudge the system, it is important that we get all our members up to a competent standard. The Board will be working a lot closer with clubs at proficiency time this coming season. We need to ensure that all



active members are proficient to face the rigours of patrolling. Inspections this year found that a number of people were unable to complete key performance criteria and were unable to perform rescues.

Patrol uniforms continue to bother many members – so many refuse to wear it. Patrol sign on and off needs to be on time. These issues result in a poor image and lower the community's respect of our services – this then has repercussions at sponsor and government level if decision-makers have only limited faith in our ability.

Insurance and public liability matters continue to threaten our existence. It is imperative that governments at all levels provide patrolling lifesavers with the protection to ensure that we can perform our duties with the fear of litigation. On the same token, we must ensure that our service provision provides them no doubt in our capabilities of doing the job properly.

I have a funny feeling that "quality" and "standards" will be the guiding words for the Board over the next 12 months – it sounds like another big season!

Best wishes to all!

*Stephen Leahy*



**Examiner and Training Officers of the Year**  
(L to R) Rebecca Walshe (Wanda); Richard Wade (Tamarama); Stephen Leahy (Director of Lifesaving); Andrew Hosking (Bondi); Jodi Tarrant (Bronte/Tamarama)

## Honorary Secretary

Fellow Board Members, welcome to this your Fourth Annual Report; a report that confirms that we continue to build on our previous outstanding seasons.

As a youngster, I remember there were two distinct seasons, the surfing and the footy. This is no longer the case, as has been evidenced in the last couple of years, where the Education side is a twelve month effort, as has been the Rescue Services activities. This in turn puts extra pressures on members and officials, who more often than do not get a real break.

Stephen Leahy continued in his dual role of Director and Rescue Services Manager. Much of our success can be directly sheeted home to his dedication and managerial skills, which put the Board and in deed the Branch in such good stead. Steve's voice could be heard on 2GB, with surf reports, as well as providing informed commentary on various lifesaving issues. He was instrumental in a fantastic State Government gear grant that benefited all clubs. It looked like we were going to lose him for the coming season; however, he has committed himself for another season, which augurs well for the Board.

Kerryn has continued to improve our standards and has received some unwarranted flack for bringing the standard back up to scratch. It is difficult to calculate the time that Kerryn puts into her position, which goes far beyond its job description.

Andrew Hoskings although in his first year in the position of IRB Adviser, showed his depth of knowledge which was utilised by all levels of the Association, with respect to the complete review of IRB activities, in the areas of Lifesaving, Education and Competition. This has resulted in the IRB crewman's component being removed from the BM and the IRB Crewman's Certificate being upgraded, with a minimum age of sixteen. Andrew also organised a very successful Forum, which brought everyone up to date with such changes.



Ken Cafe, who has given so much to the Board in recent years, saw his vocation lead him to New Zealand at the end of January. Ken always gave a 110% effort. At the start of the season Ken was instrumental in the upgrading of the electronic Form 14 and the Gear Inspection and Patrol Competition forms. We had a touching farewell commencing at the chapel at Little Bay, which was followed up by a great get together at Steve's.

Sandy was another who put in untold hours. In his case in ensuring Sydney Surf functioned efficiently throughout the season. It was a constant battle to ensure that there was harmony between his radio officers and the helicopter staff. And the looking for a further interim home for Sydney Surf.

The Annual Gear Inspection results were as follows:-

Royal National Park	Burning Palms
Cronulla Sutherland District	Cronulla
Randwick District	Maroubra
Waverley District	Tamarama
Overall Winner	Cronulla

The Annual Gear Inspection saw the Tamarama Club, in full renaissance, resulting in their being runners up to Cronulla and going on to win the Branch Patrol Competition. It was great to see and we congratulate their President and Board member Dick Sheldon on their efforts, which we are confident, will continue into the coming season.

The Patrol Competition results were as follows:

Royal National Park	Garie
Cronulla Sutherland District	Wanda
Randwick District	Coogee
Waverley District	Tamarama
Overall Winner	Tamarama



**Patrol Efficiency Competition Winners**  
(L to R) Rob Yeldon (Coogee); Anthony Stevenson (Tamarama); Brad Taylor (Garie); Sean McKirdy (Wanda); Mark Williams (Coca-Cola)

Coogee was very successful with Rob Yeldon and Tony Waller winning both the Branch and State Titles with respect to Lifesaver and Volunteer of the Year respectfully.

We saw the advancing of the use of gloves and masks in all training activities. This we felt was most important as it is necessary that lifesavers use them whenever they are involved with a casualty.

On behalf of members I record our appreciation of the efforts of Branch President, Peter Pearce who is standing down at the Branch AGM, due to him being elected as State President. I am sure such election can only benefit Surf Life Saving.

Members Ron Camilleri and Neil Miller were elected Life Members of the Branch and Margaret Pearce was elected to Life Membership of Burning Palms.

It was devastating to learn of Dr Ian Mackie's death in April. Ian had a long and out standing career with the Association. Ian will be sadly missed.

Common Law litigation still continues to dominate our life, with Swain v. Waverley Council, which saw a jury, fined the Council responsible for a spinal injury, due to a lack of warning about a hidden sandbank between the flags. Hopefully this decision will overturn on appeal.



One of the issues that I believe will be a hot agenda item next season is minimum standards and who is responsible for them. All to often candidates are trained to pass an exam and not necessarily to be good lifesavers. This issue also includes proficiency tests. We will now see the IRB Crewman's proficiency being a non-club test. With out our continuing to strive to maintain and improve standards, through the Clubs support, we will have problems in the future. We are holding a Resuscitation seminar in late September to address issues in this area.

The Branch Constitution Committee is nearing its total review of the current document. It is envisaged that it will be put to a special General Meeting prior to the start of the season. The changes if adopted will create a constitution using SLSNSW's constitution as a template. This in turn should give the Branch more flexibility and in turn benefit the Board.

With the Branch obtaining two Jet Skis and clubs wishing to use them, we created the position of RWV Adviser and will be seeking your endorsement of it.

Initially Management Committee minutes were placed on the Branch website, however, this has now changed and where the member has an e-mail address, they are now being sent in such format.

The Tour of Darwin is still on the drawing board, with support from the Branch. Steve is confident it will be a reality in the coming season.

We as examiners are about to get a new title and will be known next season as assessors.

A big thank you to our Chief Executive Officer Ian Toll and his team of Jennifer and Margaret for all their assistance and most importantly to you the Board Member for a job well done. I am confident that with you our future is assured.

*Peter Quartly*

## Education Manager

With the season now well behind us and another one ready to unfold I look back on a season of big exams and a large number of our more senior members gaining specialist awards.

The Branch ran the Silver medallion Life Support and Parol Captains Courses with good attendances for all courses, 65 Patrol Captain Awards and 60 Life Support Awards. The Train the Trainer Courses were also well attended with 78 members attending, however, only resulting in 45 new Training Officers over several disciplines.

Our Examiners In-services held at Elouera and Bronte, to update members on changes to the education system and ensuring the highest standard of examining is maintained. They were attended by 44 examiners and from the reports from attendees the format provided good discussions and debate on such topics as Resuscitation and Scenario skill levels. All Examiners were provided with a new uniform sponsored by Energy Australia, which we are grateful for their continuing support in the area of education.

The introduction of the CPL (Complete Patrol Logger) system at State Centre was adopted by all the Clubs in the Branch. The Branch has produced the season's Awards through this system and from all reports, once the Club Members are entered on the database the Award area of the program is user friendly and very efficient. Once again the Branch Office Team of Ian, Jennifer & Margaret's assistance with Award administration to the District Supervisors & myself during the season was unparalleled.

I would like to thank all examiners who gave up many hours of their time to assist with exams. On calculation, the group of regular examiners who attended exams this season have spent more time on the beach than most members of patrols, in excess of 50 hours, with the District Supervisors



- Michael Bretherton (RNP)
- Tony Coffey (Cron/Suth)
- John Restuccia (Randwick)
- Paul Booth (Waverley)

upwards of 150 hours spent at exams in their Districts, without their dedication and commitment we would not have the numbers of Awards and in turn the Patrolling Lifesavers on our Beaches. The small team of Specialist Examiners in the areas of ARC, Defib, IRB, RWV & Offshore has produced an astounding 218 of Awards this season.

Examiners and Training Officers, our work is not yet done, The Education Team is looking forward to implementation the IRB changes, the Airways Module (Oropharyngeal) to the ARC, Bridging Courses for all Training Officers & Examiners, along with the influx of new members awards in Season 2002-2003.

*Kerryn Briody*

### **Waverley District Lifesaving Supervisor**

Alas, from a distance I make this report. It concerns the District up until the end of January 2002, hence I was 'banished' to east Bronte – Auckland!

This was my second season as Lifesaving District Supervisor, and I must thank all Clubs on the increased level of cooperation with and acceptance of me in this role. Thank you! As I was able to be present on the beaches from the start of the season, a weekly 'feedback' report was provided to all Clubs. This appeared to be well received. Certainly, the lines of communication were open and well used. Any early problems were addressed in a positive way – and before any major complications had time to develop.

Again, all the Clubs prepared for the gear inspections professionally. With the introduction of new reporting forms and a scoring system, congratulations to Tamarama on their result – first in our District, and just

pipped for being first in the Branch. There were very positive comments from Clubs on the new system and checklists. Some minor adjustments and ongoing changes are needed, of course, and the inspections highlighted the problem of not having an IRB 'registered' at the time of purchase. I believe this matter has now been resolved.

Gear Inspections, their content and conduct are another example of how our Clubs are responding to the higher professional standards now required in the lifesaving area of our service. Well done!

The first duty of Surf Life Saving Australia, as a community-oriented volunteer service, is to protect the public on the surfing beaches around Australia. This is a repetition of what I wrote last season, as it is still most pertinent. Patrol Inspection results closely reflected the commitment of Clubs in this area.

Four patrol inspections at each beach in the District were conducted during my tenure. There were some changes to the scoring system this season, and, in the main, Clubs were well prepared. The new scoring system worked extremely well, and there was positive feedback from all Clubs.

Uniforms – a perennial problem, of having all patrolling members correctly attired, both for recognition and also for occupational health and safety. Certainly the standards improved this year. Well done! However, some Clubs need to enforce the required standards. Perhaps with the introduction of 'new' uniform standards might improve. We can always live in hope!

Across the District, definitely in need of improvement are the following: use of gloves during all first aid and resuscitation scenarios; introduction of the anaesthetic mask as soon as possible during resuscitation; writing down of patient details during scenarios, thus ensuring that *all* relevant medical and personal details are actually noted. The scenarios are meant to help prepare Club member's for real situations.



In the main, debriefing after the patrol inspections went well, with a very positive exchange of ideas. The same questions as last year were asked during debriefing: What was done well? What could be improved next time? When a patrol consists of a majority of younger members, this proved somewhat difficult – especially for the patrol captain. Debriefing is an important part of lifesaving, and patrol captains might receive more training in this, both at Club and Branch levels.

The average resuscitation result during the inspections was only 72.68% [range 82% to 65%!] for October to January, and I believe this figure needs to improve. Perhaps some Clubs need to give more attention to resuscitation standards during annual proficiency's, so those higher standards might be achieved during the realistic scenarios of Patrol Inspections. Last season the overall average was 81%, so, the average of 72.68% is somewhat of a major decline – at least in the early part of the season.

Cooperation with Council Lifeguards was certainly improved this season – across all Clubs! There were many occasions when we depended on each other, and worked well as a team. Very positive comments were received from both parties about this aspect of surf lifesaving on our beaches.

Inter-Club Cooperation was once again obvious, and this certainly enhances our professional standards. There was a suggestion of an imaginative District Carnival. Agreement appeared to be reached in principle. I am not sure where the idea ground to a halt, but this would be one event on a 'wish list' for the District.

Of course, it was with regret that I tendered my resignation because of my transfer to 'the East'. I certainly miss the beloved beaches of our District and Branch, and my involvement with SLSA. However, there are holidays during which I hope to revisit and renew friendships.

Thank you to all Clubs, again, for your support and cooperation. Thanks also to members of the Management Committee of the Board of Lifesaving who also supported, challenged and

advised me during the season. Your enthusiasm and common sense are an inspiration.

While I regret having to tender my resignation because of work consideration, I have every confidence that Barry Dundas will not only uphold the high standards of surf lifesaving, but also will be a most valuable asset to our District and Branch.

*Ken Cafe*

### **Appointed February 2002**

Having to take on a role that Ken Cafe performed with such a high degree of professionalism and an extremely high level of enthusiasm I always knew that I was on a hiding to nothing.

However with the invaluable assistance and guidance of Paul Booth and the acceptance of all Club Patrols and in turn Club Captains and Chief Instructors I have managed to complete the season.

I must say that I found it very rewarding to talk to Patrol members of the District and the level of knowledge and skill was remarkable given the young ages that I encountered on the beach. This I am sure comes from a quite demanding level of examination by all of our District examiners and that follows through to the Scenarios that are conducted on a monthly basis.

I can only endorse what Ken has already mentioned, that is, we as members of the District still have some improvement to make in the areas of the use of gloves etc, but if we all work towards the same goal I am positive that these can and will be overcome. One of the ways which may work is to have a workshop day at each of the four clubs prior to next season so that various matters can be worked through, this I have already spoken to Paul Booth about and I have mentioned it to some Club Captains. I will update all clubs as the idea takes more shape.



Thank you all again for the help, advice and assistance that I found so readily available during the season and I look forward to next season with the enthusiasm of a 30 year old (I can only wish).

*Barry Dundas*



**Ken Cafe's Farewell**

Back Row (L to R): Matt Scott; Peter Agnew; Father Ken Cafe; Stephen Leahy; Peter Quartly; Andrew Hosking; John De Cean; Front Row (L to R): Mick Bretherton; John Restuccia; Rian Pask; Kerryn Briody; Carl Chicco.

### **Waverley District Education Supervisor**

Another successful season has drawn to a close and Waverley District can reflect positively on a year of continued growth in lifesaver numbers and improved candidate, instructor and examination team standards.

North Bondi and Bronte again contributed the bulk of the District's lifesaver candidates, although Bronte's numbers were slightly down this year. One of this season's outstanding features was Tamarama's spectacularly successful recruitment drive which saw record numbers of candidates presented by new Chief Instructor, Richard Wade. Richard spent an enormous amount of time and effort training one of the largest candidate groups in recent Tama memory.

Among the primary goals set at the beginning of the year included the identification and development of new instructors and examiners.

We also sought to consolidate the high level of resuscitation proficiency exhibited the previous year. Accordingly, Waverley District began focusing on examining resuscitation and patient management in scenarios as well as infant resuscitation, two relatively neglected areas. I am pleased to report the demonstration of very high competency levels in these key lifesaving areas.

Waverley's examination team is tasked with ensuring that SLISA's rigorous educational standards are maintained. This helps ensure our clubs have qualified and capable lifesavers patrolling one of the most visited collection of beaches in Australia. Throughout the year, our District has been vigilant in identifying new members to join the select group of highly dedicated and competent examiners. At present we have a number of outstanding trainee examiners including Nth Bondi's Ben McGuire, Rebecca Coats and Kate Scott. They are presently progressing through their examiner-training program and are set to join the team next season.

On behalf of the Waverley District, I would like to sincerely thank the entire examination team for their efforts over this season. I would particularly like to highlight the tremendous efforts of Fr Ken Cafe, Former Waverley District Lifesaving Supervisor and Kerryn Briody, Sydney Branch Director of Education, for their guidance, support and counsel. The return of our friend and new (old?) Waverley Lifesaving District Supervisor, Barry Dundas, has also proven a boon to our clubs and for me as an invaluable confident and friend. The efforts of Bronte's Cameron Miles and Jodi Tarrant, Bondi's Andrew Hoskings and Peter Tippet, and Nth Bondi's Alex O'Hara must also be highlighted; they have proven to be the backbone of Waverley's examination team and we are fortunate to have benefited from their experience.

Ours has never been a complacent volunteer organisation and the continuing high numbers of rescues and first aid treatments on our beaches proves we are providing an invaluable community service. It is an outstanding achievement that we have been able to attract



many new lifesavers, yet we must do more to encourage our existing lifesavers to continually improve their skills. We must ask ourselves what more can we do to encourage lifesavers to take advantage of an outstanding training structure which offers so many opportunities to improve their skills beyond the basic Bronze Medallion. I encourage all clubs, Chief Instructors, Training Officers and lifesavers to think seriously about the continual development of our lifesaver ranks - in most instances, a highly trained lifesaver can be so much more effective than many who hold a basic qualification. We should aim to have the best, most highly trained people representing our clubs and helping the communities in which we live.

While the 2002 season has closed, clubs still find themselves conducting winter training for Bronze and specialist courses. The task never seems to stop! I am confident 2003 will be one of the best and most rewarding seasons ever.

I look forward to seeing you all on the beach!

*Paul Booth*

### **Randwick District Lifesaving Supervisor**

It has been an interesting season with many changes to this position since I did it last. With the job now split and the Education Supervisor handling half the workload, I found that there was not as much pressure on me as in the past. There have also been many changes to the rules and regulations in the last few years - most due to legalities and health concerns.

I would like to thank all four clubs for their co-operation during the patrol inspections, most specifically Coogee who won the annual patrol inspection competition for the Randwick District. Next season we are looking at holding a pre-season Patrol Captains seminar. The idea of this seminar is to spell out exactly what is expected from Patrol Captains and patrol members while on duty. If there was one area in which I saw some weakness, it was the lack

of knowledge of how to set up and run a patrol by some Patrol Captains, as well as a lack of knowledge of what their obligations are whilst on patrol. While we are a voluntary organisation, we still do have obligations to the public whilst on patrol.

Whilst I realise that the Randwick Council Professional Lifeguards have a difficult job on busy days, I would have liked to have seen more co-operation and discussion on the setting of flags at the south end of Maroubra beach at times. Maybe this is something we can work on during the off - season.

Finally, I would like to thank Stephen Leahy for his advice and help as well as John Restuccia who was always available to help me out when I was unavailable or away.

I look forward to seeing you all on the beach again next season.

*Errol Goldberg*



**Coogee Training Resuscitation**

### **Randwick District Education Supervisor**

This year was a very busy one for exams. All four clubs put in a big effort to enhance their patrols for the season.

**South Maroubra**

This year John Campanaro concentrated a lot on Bronze and SRC, there is a 40% increase on last year. IRB drivers and ARC, were also on the increase, John who will put the club on the front foot for the 2002/2003 season. I



congratulate John and his instructors, on a job that was well done.

#### **Maroubra**

There was an increase on SRC from last year and about the same number of Bronzes as in previous seasons. IRB driver's awards at Maroubra were up with 9 new drivers put through. The South Sydney High school program seems to be getting bigger each year. With more kids doing their Bronze for sport and at the same time doing patrols.

#### **Coogee**

It always seems to be a bigger year at Coogee. Heather and her band of instructors have a production line of people joining the club to help patrol. SCR & Bronzes were in large numbers and this resulted in some late Thursday nights for examiners and candidates.

#### **Clovelly**

Had a good year for awards. Pat Thompson put through some quality candidates, which will boost patrols at Clovelly.

To my core group of examiners, who without your commitment to examine the candidates we would not have the patrolling members to safe guard the beaches of Randwick, I thank you. To Peter Jones and Brett Gibson our IRB examiners, the clubs thank you for the time you put in, as the IRB is an important rescue item, which all patrols rely on.

Good luck on the up coming season.

#### *John Restuccia*

### **Cronulla Sutherland Lifesaving District Supervisor**

During the 2001/2002 season most of the patrols that I inspected showed a high level of commitment to lifesaving matters, although a few were not up to the mark with rescue and resuscitation. This was very upsetting from my point of view that members with their Bronze Medallion are not able to do the basic resuscitation or spinal pick up and carry. I had to show patrol members on 4 or 5 patrols the correct hand location; this was because they

had not been required to do it and they had lost the skill to do it correctly. I hope that during the off-season all Clubs will look into this issue.

I would like to thank all the Clubs for their support throughout the season, apologies for my inability to attend Board of Life Saving and District meeting though my work commitments.

I wish all the Clubs the best for the next season.

#### *Rod Hurst*

### **Cronulla Sutherland Education District Supervisor**

Due to a number of health and personal issues right throughout this season, my input was not to the standard I would liked, however with a lot of help from this Districts tight knit band of examiners, and instructors and members of the Board, we all survived. The majority of Part A's were again hosted by Wanda and Elouera, my thanks for their hospitality and organisation and it was very pleasing to spend more time at North Cronulla this season.

The standard of candidates continues to improve and the written test doesn't seem to pose much of a concern to most. Perhaps it's time for a new paper! The attitude of sending candidates to "see how they go" has, thankfully, all but gone which allows for a much better flow of the assessment process. I would like to see more ARC squads and, given that the numbers are low at all clubs at any given time, forming composite squads between clubs and sharing the training is an option that should be resurrected.

Wendy Smith, Peter Drew and Steve Frawley are all to be congratulated for the numbers and standard of candidates presented and especially Rebecca Walshe and Matt Smith for stepping into the breach at Wanda and Rebecca joining the ranks of examiners.

#### *Tony Coffey*



### **Royal National Park Lifesaving Supervisor**

Another season has come to an end and time to thank those people who have helped us through out the year. I would like to thank the Club Captains, Patrol Captains and Patrol Members for their assistance throughout the year.

This season saw the Park closed from Christmas day through to the beginning of February because of bushfire, which the members of all three clubs assisted in the evacuation of the visitors without the thanks that other organisations received for their efforts during the fires and to these people I would like to say thank you and a job well done.

The patrol competition was carried out again and was well supported by the clubs and helped to provide valuable assistance in educating our patrol members. This year the district competition was won by Garie.

To the Clubs Executive's, Members of the Board Of Life Saving, Club Captains, and Patrol Members thank you for assistance and support and I hope have an enjoyable winter break.

*Michael Hodsdon*

### **Royal National Park Education Supervisor**

Another fine summer has come to an end. Royal National Park District is well down on awards this season. Only 35 awards were gained. No one from the three clubs gained a Training Officers Certificate, which I am sure will catch up with us in the future. With changes in IRB proficiency's, Instructors and Examiners will be very busy next season.

Garie gained the most awards with 30. They were 4 Bronze Medallion, 6 Surf Rescue Certificate, 7 Silver Medallion Patrol Captain, 5 Silver Medallion Life Support, 6 Advanced Resuscitation Certificate, 1 Off Shore Rescue

Crew Certificate.1 Radio Operators Certificate.  
Total of 30 awards.

Burning Palms gained 3 Bronze Medallion.  
Era gained 2 Silver Medallion Patrol Captain.

A reason for the awards being down was that the Era and Palms do the majority of training over Christmas holidays. Access to the beaches was closed for four weeks due to the bush fires.

Four examination days were set aside but only two were used. I will try to do this again next season.

I would like to thank the examiners, Frank Osborne, Brad Taylor, Margaret Pearce, Michael Hodsdon and probationary examiners - Adrian Culbert and David Dillon, who oversaw our exams. I would also like to thank the staff at the Branch Office and to the Clubs for their assistance and hospitality on exam days.

*Michael Bretherton*

### **Lifesaving Competition Adviser**

The Sydney Branch Lifesaving Championships were held on 23 & 24 November 2001 at Wanda Beach. This was the first time that the carnival was spilt up into a Friday night where all the theory part of the competition was completed and then on Saturday down on the beach for the physical side. The two days ran smoothly thanks to the officials, which made it an enjoyable two days for all.

*Carl Chicca*

### **Inshore Rescue Boat Adviser**

My first season's experience on the Board has lived up to the reputation that I was expecting. It has been a valuable learning experience, whilst being both challenging and demanding. I would like to thank Stephen, Kerry, Peter and Paul for their support and encouragement. I really appreciate that sometimes people take



me seriously and actually think my ideas are worthwhile.

Of course the season has not been without drama and controversy. Mainly because of the "Risk Management Inquiry into IRB operations" that SLSA have almost completed. The challenge for next season will be "to successfully implement the changes".

The biggest changes from the Board's point of view are the introduction of a 16year old Crewperson's award and removal of crewing from the Bronze, which means that after the 31 December 2002, anyone crewing an IRB will need to be qualified. Although it looks like being another demanding season for the IRB Community, those changes and others should see the standard of IRB operations improve dramatically in years to come.

*Andrew Hosking*



**Bondi Patrol**

**Communications Officer**

This season has been particularly challenging for the Sydney Surf radio room. The radio operators have done an excellent job maintaining the communication service while dealing with a variety of issues. There was a mix of operators this year, with a number of new operators coming on board. I would like to thank all of the operators for their enthusiasm, ability to handle the difficult conditions, and willingness to help out on short notice.

Name	Club	Hours	Sessions
Joe White	SM	113	21
Kerryn Briody	NB	67	13
Sandy Cooper	Co	56	15
Clarissa Baker	SM	51	10
Belinda Bruce	Cr	42	6
Paul Hughes	NC	36	7
Errol Goldberg	SM	36	8
Ken Cafe	Br	36	7
Rebecca Coats	NB	33	6
Julia Walsh	Bo	30	6
Aran Maree	NB	21	4
Jodi Tarrant	Br	16	4
Gaelyn Watson	Bo	15	3
Brent Jackson	Bo	15	3
Paul Booth	Br	12	3
Adrian Culbert	BP	10	2
George Fatseas	Co	8	2
Ian Manley	Wa	6	1
Bronwyn MacFarlane	NB	5	1
Peter Fuller	Ga	3	1
Carl Chicco	Wa	3	1

The season started with a move to the Westpac Rescue Helicopter base at Little Bay. This required new aerals and work on the radio console. The radio contact with the National Park beaches had problems, which took a number of weeks to resolve.

A harbour cruise boat installed a new set of radios, which were accidentally programmed to our frequencies. For a long time the lifesaving traffic was interrupted with calls for, "galley, galley, can we have some more brie and baguettes?" After considerable work with the ACA, the offending boat was tracked down and their radio reprogrammed.

There was a period of generally good traffic, although the operators were struggling with only have two fixed and one handheld radio to cover the three working channels used.

During the latter part of the season, the repeater at Bronte started to fail. It ended up during the last few weeks of the season being virtually unusable, even though State SLSA had it replaced with a different repeater.

Through all of this the operators were able to take the changing conditions in their stride and to provide a good level of communication across the branch. Hopefully next season luck



will be on our side and the technical difficulties will not be major issue.

*Sandy Cooper*

### ILS Medical Rescue Conference

This international conference was held on the Gold Coast last August & attended by 10 members of the Board.

The opening presentation at the Conference was by Mr Derek Wilson, who gave a chilling account of the incidents, which led to the drowning of 3 members of his family in Victoria a couple of years earlier.

The topics presented were informative and created good discussions both within the conference and at breaks.

Several of our members were directly involved in preparing & presenting, Peter Agnew - Conference Chair, Peter George, Stephen Leahy and Dr. Ian Mackie were Session Chairman and Stephen presented a paper on Coastal Safety Standards.

At the conclusion a Rescue Services Demonstration, which was coordinated by Stephen Leahy was held on the beach & the parklands adjacent to the Conference venue. Jet Skis and a Rescue Quad Bike from Gold Coast Clubs supported the Westpac LifeSaver Helicopters from the Gold Coast & Lismore on the ground.

### Manual Revision Committee

This group produced a report, that looked at some twenty-five matters and continued on from previous years. It is interesting to note that since we went to print there have been developments with respect to wound dressings and treatment, which should be commented on in the coming season.

Nothing is ever constant and this is a good thing, as it means we are continually refining our craft.

Items that were looked at were: -

IRB Crewman  
Treatment of bleeding  
Epilepsy  
Amputated parts  
Photo of hands on mask  
Spinal injuries  
objects  
Hypothermia  
Treatment of Minor Fracture

One-Man Drag  
Slings  
Fishhook injuries  
Use of a stretcher  
Diabetics  
Embedded  
Diabetics

My thanks to Peter Murphy and Frank Osborne for their assistance.



**National Manual Revision Committee**

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resuscitation and drowning prevention being medical officer of Surf Life Saving Australia for many years.

Twenty-six years ago he was appointed medical chairman of the world body and since then wrote and rewrote manuals for the society and SLA lecturing throughout the world.

"He introduced new education techniques in surf life saving, restyling our training manuals, seminar management and in 1976 made his mark at a worlds training school at Narrabeen" said Cronulla's Warren Rennie, a former SLSA Chief superintendent and a good friend of Mackie.

"He never lost contact with the common man of the beach and always strived to give them the best in order to save lives."

Dr Mackie was also responsible for the training the helicopter crews (from 1973) in what eventually became known as the Westpac Helicopter Rescue Service.

Ian Badham, the chief executive of CareFlight said: "Ian at the time had introduced advanced resuscitation courses into surf lifesaving," he said "The helicopter crewman thanks to Ian, then became instructors and helped spread Ian's methods. "Ian was more content to be a physician in cardiology. He went much further by setting up rehab groups so people could help themselves. His love of surf lifesaving was obvious, too. His subtle hand appeared in all sorts of things in the sport."

Ian Toll, from the Sydney Branch of SLSA, said Dr Mackie was "an absolute wit and incredibly respected" in the community.

*(Extract from newspaper article)*

## Dr Ian Mackie Dies in his sleep

The medical profession and the sporting community particularly surf lifesaving, lost a wonderful man with the sudden death of Dr Ian Mackie OAM.

Ironically, it was a heart attach while he was asleep which took the life of the eminent 69 year old Cronulla cardiologist and former medical superintendent of Sutherland Hospital.

A brilliant man, who prided himself on a healthy lifestyle, he did much to extend the lives of so many others by the way he lived – and the advice he gave as a medical professional.

His work in sports medicine earned him a meeting with the Queens and Prince Phillip lat year, as joint winner of the King Edward VII Cup – awarded every five years after nominations are taken from member countries of the Royal Life Saving Society's world body.

Dr Mackie was recognised as one of the leading medical advisers in all aspects of lifesaving,



## Board of Competition Officers 2002/2003

Director of Competition	Colin Fitzgerald
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Youth Superintendent	Barney Johansen

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Boat Adviser	Ron Hammond

### Director of Competition

Season 2001/2002 has simply flown by and has again been very busy for all on the competition front.

#### Competition Forum

The season kicked off with the competition Forum conducted at the Maroubra Seals Club in August. The event was well attended with representatives from most clubs in attendance. The discussion/contribution provided from club management, coaches, competitors and officials alike was first class! Ideas generated led to the trialing of several major initiatives in the conduct of events at carnivals. Club and individual feedback has been constructive and with some fine-tuning should advance to becoming standard operation for future carnivals.



**Branch Championship March Past Winners  
Burning Palms SLSC**

### InterBranch Competition

The InterBranch competition was brought forward by one month to November to accommodate an earlier than usual inter state series at Bondi. Sydney Branch performance continued to improve with a 3<sup>rd</sup> placing overall. Congratulations to all the members of the team on their selection and performance. My thanks to the coaches, managers and chaperones for their invaluable assistance.

### Team Members

Chris Allum	Wanda SLSC
Courtney Brown	Wanda SLSC
Malcom Cornet	North Bondi SLSC
Candice Falzon	Maroubra SLSC
Karen Hall	Wanda SLSC
Emma Hayes	Cronulla SLSC
Kane Heussner	Maroubra SLSC
Rebecca Irwin	Bronte SLSC
Brent Jansen	Cronulla SLSC
Melissa Miles	Cronulla SLSC
Daniel Neilson	Cronulla SLSC
Sarah Rayner	Cronulla SLSC
Trent Robson	Wanda SLSC
Mark Simpson	Cronulla SLSC
Kristyl Smith	Cronulla SLSC
Nathan Smith	Cronulla SLSC
Jade Sutcliffe	North Bondi SLSC
Tate Wilkens	Wanda SLSC

Boat Crew – Tony Payne (Sweep)  
Adam Ralphs  
Conrad Pearson  
Nick Streuve  
Damien Loveday

**Coach** Kevin Neilson  
**Assistant Coach** Deacon Spicer  
**Team Manager** Doug Bruce

### Carnivals

Carnivals were a mixed bag this season, with prevailing weather and beach conditions impacting the events. Competitor entry numbers were up significantly on the season, which led to strong fields and a lengthened timetable. Generally competitor feedback on the conduct of Sydney carnivals has been very positive from inside and outside the branch.



Our goal is to strive for continued improvement next season, with a long-term objective of conducting sponsored events within the branch. This may require a further review of the Branch's and host club's expectations of their events to ensure we meet athletes' expectations. The carnival calendar was further bolstered with the reintroduction of the Yarra Bay Stillwater Classic and the Metropolitan Championships. Both events are an integral component of our competition offer and will enjoy much higher status in the coming seasons. Combined Junior/Senior carnivals are an important component in the Branch's growth and development plans! Some aspects of the re-introduction of these carnivals was not as successful as one would have hoped and further examination of the mechanics of this style of carnival need to be undertaken, to ensure the overriding objectives are met. With the number of Masters competitors increasing, the branch must fully evaluate their needs for competition going forward.

### **Awards**

Sydney Branch has a wealth of talented athletes in its ranks with many producing outstanding performances during the year. Congratulations to all award recipients for their achievements.



### **Under 19 Athletes and Team of the Year**

(R to L) Matt Jenkins (Nth Bondi); Shaun Johnson (Nth Bondi); Kirsten Jenkins (Cronulla); Kurt Melville (Wanda); Stephen Strange (Life Member)

### **Under 16 Male Athlete of the Year**

Daniel Partridge - Cronulla

### **Under 16 Female Athlete of the Year**

Jessie Miley-Dyer - Bronte

### **Under 16 Team of the Year**

Cronulla U/16 Women's Beach Relay

### **Under 19 Male Athlete of the Year**

Kurt Melville - Wanda

### **Under 19 Women's Athlete of the Year**

Kirsten Jenkins - Wanda

### **Under 19 Team of the Year**

Matt Jenkins/Shawn Johnson - Nth

Bondi

### **Open Male Athlete of the Year**

Nathan Smith - Cronulla

### **Open Female Athlete of the Year**

Krystal Smith - Cronulla

### **Open Team of the Year**

Coogee Women's 5 Person R&R

### **Outstanding Sporting Achievement**

Rebecca Irwin - Bronte

### **Competition Official of the Year**

Graham Bruce - Cronulla

### **Scrutineering**

Clubs and competitors alike are very appreciative of the time and effort put in by our Scrutineering Panel, which was again capably led by Bill Singleton. Thank you to all concerned for making this resource readily available and on a job very well done.

Bill Singleton

Cheryl Hormann

Ted Cahill

### **Officials/Education**

Recruitment and retention of officials remains a high priority in the branch, with a program to further increase participating numbers undertaken for next season (including a specialist IRB support program for carnivals).

Officials' accreditation courses were conducted at Bronte and Wanda, by the Education Panel. 41 candidates sat the their Level 1 course. Whilst the majority of attendee's were initially interested in junior competition, it was pleasing to have many contributing at senior carnivals and really enjoying the experience.



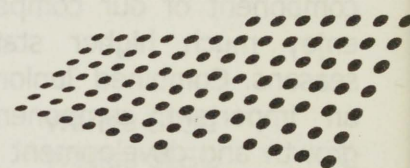
We have a great team of officials in the branch, whose tireless commitment to providing our athletes with superior on beach support is widely recognised and appreciated! My sincere thanks to you all for your contribution throughout the year.

Officers on the Board of Competition, who collectively contributed to the overall success of the year, a special thank you! The branch could not have achieved its competition goals without you and your efforts are much appreciated!

### Branch Officials

Robyn Allan	Katherine Allan	Greg Allum
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*Colin Fitzgerald*



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A special thanks to Frank Ridley, who ably assisted Bill Singleton in his role as Gear Steward. Both men spent many hours preparing the carnival gear. Finally, to all of the



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