



Avoca Beach **48th Annual Report**  
S.L.S.C. **and Financial Statement**  
1976-77



**Front Cover, Above :**  
**Our new boat "STC-Monier" ready for launching.**

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THE RESIDENTS AND VISITORS OF AVOCA BEACH AND TO ALL OTHERS WHO HAVE ASSISTED US IN ANY WAY

**Front Cover, Below :**  
**Ladies auxiliary life member Joyce Harpur christening our "Rubber Duckie". Donated by ladies auxiliary.**

**AVOCA BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB**

**49th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the 49th Annual General Meeting of the above club will be held in the clubhouse on Sunday, 4th September, 1977 at 10 a.m.

**BUSINESS**

1. To confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
2. To deal with any business arising out of such minutes.
3. To deal with any relevant correspondence.
4. To receive and adopt the Annual General Report and Financial Statement.
5. To elect officer bearers for the 1977-78 season.
6. To transact any further business which may be brought before the meeting.

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

That Rule 22 of the Constitution be amended so as to read. Following Registrar, IRB Captain, Radio Officer and Five Committeemen.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given that Annual Membership Subscriptions are now due and payable as follows:

1: ACTIVE MEMBERS .....	\$2.00
2: ACTIVE RESERVE .....	\$4.00
3: CADETS .....	\$1.00
4: NIPPERS .....	\$0.50
5: ASSOCIATE MEMBERS .....	\$5.00

Financial members ONLY are entitled to vote at the General Meeting.

**GRAHAME LOVE,**  
Honorary Secretary

## OFFICERS BEARERS 1976-77

PATRONS: B. Frost, N. Byrnes, E. Poole, N. Duff snr., R. Smith.

PRESIDENT: B. Norman.

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT: R. Way.

VICE PRESIDENTS: N. Boden, N. Cannon, N. Smith, B. Cahill, C. Barker, B. Powell, K. Jones, T. Licciardo.

SECRETARY: G. Love.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY: B. Cairncross.

TREASURE: I. Messenger.

ASSISTANT TREASURER: T. Dickinson.

CAPTAIN: M. Kendal.

VICE CAPTAIN: J. McAtamney.

JUNIOR CAPTAIN: C. Kelly.

BOAT CAPTAIN: R. Gee.

VICE BOAT CAPTAIN: G. Price.

BOARD AND SKI CAPTAIN: G. Jarman.

VICE BOARD AND SKI CAPTAIN: John Mitchell.

COMPETITION SECRETARY: P. Gee.

SOCIAL SECRETARY: E. Walters.

PUBLICITY OFFICER: P. Hunt.

CHIEF INSTRUCTOR: G. Hoban.

ASSISTANT INSTRUCTORS: G. Sherwin, B. Norman, E. Baker, Q. Riley, N. Cannon, B. Jones, A. Peebles, B. Lloyd, L. Cook.

GEAR STEWARD: M. Tamblyn.

ASSISTANT GEAR STEWARDS: D. Hoban, D. Gee, Q. Riley, W. Stevens, K. Bootle, M. Patton.

FIRST AID OFFICER: N. Boden.

RADIO OFFICER: N. Boden.

HONORARY MEDICAL OFFICERS: Drs. Kennedy, McGuinness, Reddle, Clark, Paul, Hurley, Wood, Swailes.

REGISTRAR: A. Hoban.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: N. Smith, A. Ellis, D. Gee, B. Lloyd, E. Poole, E. Baker.

NIPPER SECRETARY: A. Peebles.

HOUSE COMMITTEE: G. Miller, C. Benson, N. Robinson.

I.R.B. CAPTAIN: E. Baker.

COMPETITION COMMITTEE: B. Cairncross, N. Smith, R. Gee, M. Tamblyn, J. McAtamney, P. Hoban, Jim Mitchell.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE: G. Hoban, M. Kendal, C. Kelly, R. Way, N. Smith.

BUILDING COMMITTEE: G. Hoban, John Mitchell, R. Gee.

BRANCH DELEGATES: P. Gee, M. Tamblyn.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: G. Hunt, N. Robinson, C. Kelly, J. Mead, P. Hunt, M. Patton, A. Peebles, D. Hoban, N. Cannon.

TRUSTEES: G. Miller, P. Britton.

HONORARY LEFAL ADVISERS: Merrs: Rutledge, Smith and Lloyd.

HONORARY AUDITOR: J. Cheadle.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: K. Byrnes, P. Gee, N. Smith, N. Robinson, A. Peebles.

## LIFE MEMBERS

E. Benson (deceased), J. Harpur, R. Way, B. Norman, B. Maloney (deceased), A. Pickett, R. Pickett, K. Ross (deceased), C. H. Smith (deceased), J. Wood (deceased), J. Hazlett (deceased).

## FINANCIAL MEMBERS 1976-77

### ACTIVE AND ACTIVE RESERVE

N. Boden	J. Laing	J. Hennessy
E. Baker	M. McAtamney	N. Smith
B. Patterson	L. Cook	T. Smith
R. Fyffe	J. Mitchell	S. Smith
B. Jones	B. Grace	C. Smith
B. Cairncross	C. Ridley	H. King
N. Hillyard	A. Robinson	S. Rayner
K. Byrnes	M. Sainsbury	S. Muter
C. Barker	A. Hoban	R. Smith
D. Gee	J. Horneman	L. Thorncroft
F. Jones	P. Horneman	P. Powell
M. Spindler	B. Patterson	A. Hoban
M. Tamblyn	A. Peebles	M. McMahon
G. Love	T. Wilson	R. Martin
S. Cannon	G. Sherwin	P. Malone
N. Cannon	R. Gee	G. Malone
P. Hunt	T. Dickinson	R. Howarth
P. Gee	Q. Riley	K. Bradley
K. Bootle	J. Alexander	L. Smith
D. Taylor	A. Ellis	N. Tuddenham
D. Patton	G. Price	J. Mitchell
R. Ibbett	L. Babinski	I. Gilmore
N. Kibble	B. Cahill	M. Kelly
S. Robinson	C. Way	I. Lambert
M. Kendal	T. Way	J. Doyle
I. Messenger	J. Hoban	P. Hoban
J. McAtamney	G. Hoban	D. Hoban
M. Benson	J. Andrews	

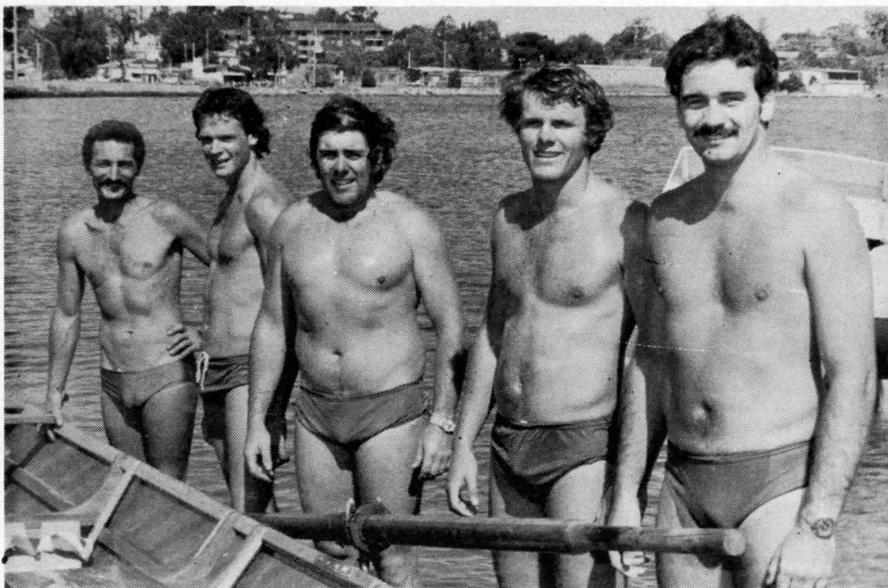
### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

T. Harvey	G. Laing	I. Walsh
R. Marsden	P. McAtamney	S. Player
A. Churches	O. Cook	J. Hodge
A. Bruce	R. Horneman	F. Perry
A. McCudden	J. Mitchell	A. Licciardo
G. Miller	C. Phillips	K. Johns
B. Muter	K. Worrall	E. Hunt
F. Warnock	W. Doblinson	E. Mitchell
R. Fittock	I. Dunlop	A. Scott
T. Poole	S. Close	B. Dorrell
K. Hillyard	F. Kitto	J. Spindler
N. Byrnes	R. Adams	R. Norman
T. Quinlan	F. Buckley	D. Malone
T. Burnett	A. Stout	B. Nowland
N. Cannon	A. Horne	R. Jordan
G. Hunt	L. Olsen	B. Halderman
E. Walters	B. Frost	E. Faulder
T. Pickett	V. Harris	D. Dwight
S. Pickett	B. Earl	B. Colton
N. Robinson	J. Wallace	W. Norman
C. Benson	J. Lemmon	W. J. Norman

W. Boggard  
R. Tuddenham  
A. Bower  
R. Weller  
B. Doyle

B. Doyle  
R. Eddy  
D. Bowtell  
M. Clark  
J. McCarthy

P. Britton  
R. O'Grady  
L. Moad  
I. Pickett



NSW "Reserve Boat" champions: L. to r.: R. Ibbett, J. Michell, T. Wilson, M. Napier, G. Yates.

Cadet Encouragement Award: Bill Mitchell.



AVOCA BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB  
SEASON 1976-77

# 48th Annual Report and Financial Statement

Fellow Members,

On behalf of the Club Management Committee I submit for your consideration and adoption the 48th Annual Report and Financial Statement on the activities of your club over the 1976-77 season.

Once again it is very pleasing to report that the season has passed with "No Lives Lost" during patrol hours. That is of course the ultimate aim of our being Avoca Beach Life Saving Club. Let us strive that this record may never be broken.

Although we have maintained this record and as reported later we won the Branch Patrol efficiency competition, from personal observations I feel that the approach of some members to their patrol leaves something to be desired. There appeared to be an upturn in late starters, and non attendances without notification and if it were not for our Club Captain and a few staunch members our patrols may not have been as good as they looked.

This is the one area of club activities where there is no personal gain other than being there and yet no other involvements can be measured against patrol attendance. So I ask of all patrol members next season to be punctual or cover yourself if unable to attend patrols. As of next season it will be compulsory of all clubs in NSW to man Saturday afternoon patrols. To what strength and hours are yet to be decided but at this stage a minimum patrol of three Bronze holders supplementing the beach inspectors appears to be the most favourable.

This means that every member will have to do at least one extra patrol per season, which is not that much to ask. It means just that much more work for the Club Captain — in rostering patrols and maintaining them. This decision was handed down to NSW State Centre by National Council, the main reason being that we are one of the only States not to fully patrol on Saturdays and with the increase monies being allocated to National Council by State and Federal

Governments, of which NSW receives the largest amount, it is felt the club's should give something back to the general public and this is in the form of making the beaches safer on Saturdays.

Results of a questionnaire which was sent out to club's showed that the main beaches in most branches had crowds nearly the same as on Sundays but in most cases only had one beach inspector to safeguard them.

I feel that although it will place a burden on some of the smaller clubs it should not affect us unduly as in actual fact for some seasons back we did roster three man Saturday patrols. Possibly this is an area where some of our static and active reserve members might like to make a change or come back and make themselves available for (1) patrol per season.

The club has quite a few active reserve members and this could be a chance to keep in touch with the changing techniques and also learn how to handle the rubber duckie and radio equipment which I feel will play a big part in the operation of Saturday patrols.

Now that you have read this give it some "thought and support" and have a go at being "semi-active reserve" thus leaving the ordinary patrols to the permanent active members.

The season did not see as many new faces as last year's but hopefully this will improve next season. If you know of anybody that may show interest in the association do not hesitate to invite him to a club function etc. as it is a starting point to gain his interest.

Our club has a fair turnover of members and in fact over the past "four year period" our membership has increased from approx. 90 to 120 active members which is an increase of 30, but we gained 87 Bronze Medallions in this same period which is a turnover of 50 active members in four years.

In fact, 39 of these 87 members are no longer with the club, either having moved from the area or just left the club, in this same four year

period. Another disturbing fact is that of the 39 to leave, 25 were juniors. This age bracket has been a problem not only within our club but throughout the association and it is an area that we must try and rectify if possible, as these juniors should be the nucleus of our future strength.

At the present time one of our committeemen, Bob Lloyd, runs a local board rider's club which has a junior strength of about 50, some are junior and cadet members of our club but a lot are not. Possibly this is one area where we may be able to get together by making our facilities available to them in the form of honorary membership, also see if they are interested in gaining their resuscitation certificate without actually joining the club, but at least keep them within distance, so as they get older and more settled down they may decide to join up.

I would like to make strong recommendations to our incoming committee to give this problem serious thought. The opportunity to gain new members in the long term may have presented itself, let's not miss the chance.

Although we may have problems like all clubs on our active membership side, our competitive strength has never been higher. As reported later in this report we have had our best competitive season ever, and I feel it is a just reward for all those concerned, from the competitors themselves who have put in countless hours of training, nearly all season round, to the supporters who have cheered them on, and for anyone who did not attend the State titles, it was a tremendous sight to see so many members cheering on our competitors and I do not think anybody who was there will ever forget some of the finishes, especially the reserve boat and junior boat.

I feel that this support gives our competitors that little bit extra that is needed towards the finish of a close race and is equally a just reward as winning or losing.

Last and not least are our sponsors and the general public, from STC and Monier down to the person on the beach who buys a 20c raffle ticket. In this day of high inflationary cost we would not be able to finance the equipment for lifesaving activities, least of all top competitive craft, so to all these financial supporters we say thank you.

To all our competitors "Congratulations" whether you won an Australian title or came last at a local carnival. You have helped make Avoca a name to be remembered in the competitive area.

The reports from our various office bearers

within this report give a true indication of our many involvements throughout the season and hopefully may inspire you on to bigger and better efforts next season.

Remember, the club is only as strong as the effort that every member put into it.

**GRAHAME LOVE,**  
Hon. Secretary.

### CLUB MANAGEMENT

The Management Committee met on eight occasions. The attendances were good but not as good as they could have been in some instances. Attendances are listed below:

B. Norman 8; R. Way 6; G. Love 7; M. Kendal 3; I. Messenger 8; R. Gee 4; D. Gee 7; P. Gee 5; B. Cairncross 8; N. Boden 5; P. Hunt 5; A. Hoban 7; J. Hoban 8; E. Walters 8; G. Jarmaine 5; E. Poole 8; B. Lloyd 4; N. Smith 4; A. Ellis 7; J. McAtamney 5; S. Peebles 5; E. Baker 8; C. Kelly 3; M. Tamblyn 5.

I feel that any member who holds a committee position should make every effort to attend all meetings where possible. A club of this size requires a lot of ground work and if some sections of the committee fail to operate properly then the club must suffer and also it throws extra work on fellow committeemen. So if you are considering standing for a position this coming season first and foremost consider whether or not you can give 100 percent effort.

On a brighter side it was by far our most successful season ever and I feel that every member of the club owes a vote of thanks to the management committee for the way they have controlled and guided the club throughout this season. The results are proof enough. A successful club can only be as good as the people's judgement who control it.

As well as the regular committee meetings the executive met and dealt with various other problems that arose from time to time throughout the season and also the winter months. A club of this size does not stop at the end of the season.

Norm Boden replaced Eddie Baker as a committeeman as Eddie also held the position of I.R.B. Captain and Peter Hunt took over the position of publicity officer from Phil Gee who at the start of the season held this position as well as competition secretary.

One successful innovation this season was the forming of a finance committee to control and guide the committee's spending and form a budget for the season. As well as this they came up with fund raising ideas and initiated them.

This proved most successful as reported elsewhere in this report.

I would like to point out to some members that because a member is on the club's committee that he is expected to do all the work that goes on throughout the season.

Their job entails the organising of setting the example in various activities but they cannot be successful without the individual members assistance. So next time there is some club activity going on don't leave it to the committeemen alone as it is a very quick way not to have committeemen.

### TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

I am pleased to report that this year's financial side of the surf club was a vast improvement over last season. After commencing this season \$528.17 in debit we closed our books with a credit balance in excess of \$2,000 after outstanding accounts are presented.

As in previous years the Central Coast Leagues Club's annual donation of \$3,744 received early in the season got us off to a good start; thus enabling us to pay the deposit on a new surf boat that was fully paid for by STC and Monier.

We cannot forget the Avoca Beach Bowling Club for their continued and regular support, \$766 in June last year and \$920 in May this year.

Beattie and Frost's \$250 annual donation cannot go unnoticed and was used this season to purchase a new Ambu Manikin which has been in continual use by our members, a necessity for all forms of training.

This year's doorknock appeal netted \$623.67 which was very rewarding especially when we had an extremely poor roll-up of collectors. If you are asked to assist and agree, please make every effort to fulfill your commitment. Twenty or so associates were approached to assist and they agreed, but only six or so showed up on the day.

I was also disappointed with the number of active members who were asked to assist but felt that it was more important that they compete in the handicap events. What they didn't realise was that the funds raised on the doorknock may have been used to purchase trophies for the presentation night. A bit more consideration and assistance next year please.

Our healthy balance can be directly attributed to three members (in alphabetical order), Frank Byrnes, Bryce Norman and Neil Robinson. With their enthusiasm, motivation and involvement in the running of the beach raffles over the Christ-

mas holiday season raised \$2,821.56. I would especially like to thank these three publicly and also the members of the club who, when asked, assisted as sellers. Without the revenue our financial position would be very bleak indeed.

As usual our tour members raised sufficient monies to cover expenses to the Australian titles and on present indications there will be a surplus.

My thanks to team manager Ron Parsons who attended to the finances so much so that all I had to do was the banking.

In closing may I take this opportunity to say "thank you" to the members who made my job that little bit easier and I trust that 1977-78 will be a bigger and better year for all concerned.

**IAN MESSENGER,**  
Treasurer.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

This committee consisting of; Kim Byrnes, Bob Cairncross, Phill Gee, Mike Kendall, Neil Robinson, Norm Smith (and Slim Peables who had to resign after a few meetings) mets on nine occasions during the year.

One of our aims was to complete the year without having to call on the ladies auxiliary or the social committee for financial assistance, I'm pleased to report that we were successful in the venture.

In December we ran a very successful raffle so much so that we followed it up in January with a similar one. Unfortunately this was not as successful, as we barely covered costs.

This year we ran with the assistance of the ladies auxiliary and the management committee Housie. This fund raising venture resulted in a profit of \$1236.58.

We also tried to formulate a budget. Unfortunately the various captains expected expenses, fell far short of their actual costs. The experience gained in this exercise will be beneficial for seasons ahead.

During the winter months we will be investigating the possibilities of purchasing souvenir type goods for sale to the public.

All in all it was one of the few committees that operated successfully and I would like to thank the members for their interest and time they put into it.

**IAN MESSENGER,**  
Convener.

### CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

During the past season I feel our club received some of the recognition at least at branch level, that for many years we have deserved.

For the first time in memory we were able to

win the coveted Branch Efficiency Competition, we now have the proof that as well as being the strongest competitive club we performed our primary duty in an equally efficient manner. To reinforce this fact of our patrol efficiency win we also won the Branch Resuscitation Competition. I would like to pass on the club's thanks and congratulations to Jim McAtamney, John Andrews and lastly myself for this effort.

The 76-77 season did not see any new innovations to patrol work, but it did see the consolidation of last season's innovations. The I.R.B. ironed out some early problems, and the patrols gained their operators and each improved his ability throughout the season and the craft more than proved its worth by carrying out 14 rescues (many of which would have been most difficult with any other type of craft). In one instance it rescued three people in heavy seas in front of the lake and was back before a patrol could have reached the rescue area under normal circumstances.

The radio room and associated equipment has proved its worth after early reception problems were ironed out. Also used more this season was the oxy-viva and I am sure it is a most essential piece of equipment and again I appeal to all senior members to obtain the Advanced Resuscitation Certificate next season.

During the season our members did in excess of 600 man hours patrolling Avoca Beach and in that time recorded 94 rescues made up as follows — With belt 13 — Without belt 53 — I.R.B. 14 — Other craft 14.

Looking at these figures the area of 53 without belt were actual rescues carried out mainly in the rip area, and because of our patrols efficiency, and that it is a known problem area, they were made before they developed into a more serious situation. Patrol attendances were slightly better than the previous seasons, but we still have members who do not have the club's No. 1 priority as their No. 1 as far as patrols go.

The main problem areas are, failing to obtain substitutes and lack of punctuality (I must have cost the club a fortune in phone calls to late risers to attend patrols). Another problem that has arisen this season is the lack of older experienced members to help guide the newer members. A lot of these members have applied for active reserve or static membership. I would like to appeal to these members to see if they could see their way clear to do patrols for possibly one season to pass on their knowledge to these newer and less experienced members (especially on the practical side of patrols). They may be well on their theory and new techniques

but they badly lack practical experience, so please give this some thought.

The Patrol Efficiency Competition resulted in a win for patrol No. 4. Quentin Riley as captain and his patrol deserved this award for the way he lifted a very young and inexperienced patrol to win.

The Inter-Patrol Competition was won by Don Hoban's No. 5 patrol. Don and the five other members who turned up showed that they were most capable in the water and on the beach in the various events.

The coming season will prove even more demanding as all clubs have been directed by National Council that they will be expected to man Saturday afternoon patrols as from the start of the coming season.

As to the extent and strength of these patrols we are to be advised by State Centre shortly. This will mean at least one more patrol a season per member.

I regret that due to work and family commitments, I will not be able to stand for this position next season, but I would like to thank all members who have assisted me in my two years as captain. I ask that they may give as much and hopefully more to the future Club Captain.

**MICK KENDALL,**  
Club Captain.

### **JUNIOR CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

This season was a very successful season within the junior ranks. Competition was good and club spirit was at a high level.

At all local and some out of town carnivals, the junior and cadet members were represented well. At both State and Australian titles, the juniors of the club competed to their best in all fields of the competition.

Involvement in club activities was also good and I feel that the junior will grow stronger, although a few have left the ranks to become seniors, and a few juniors of next season will not be able to become so involved because of studies and such.

Special mention should be made of our junior boat crew consisting of Mark Patton, Rod Earl, Ian Parker, Craig Kelly and swept by Dick Gee. They were successful in winning the Junior Branch Boat, Senior Branch Reserve Boat, third in the State and made it to the semis at the Australian, which unfortunately was their last row as a junior crew. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the crew to thank Dick

Gee for everything he has taught us over the last few years.

Also outstanding this season was John Horneman who was selected in the Central Coast Branch team where he competed with much success. I feel John should be one of the top juniors next season along with Mark Benson who was also selected in the Branch team and was also a member of the Branch touring team to the USA in July.

I won't mention too many names in case I miss someone, but I feel that with the new cadets and our existing juniors, we should have an even stronger season next year. I would also like to thank all the senior members who have helped or advised me this season.

**CRAIG KELLY,**  
Junior Captain.

### CHIEF INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT

Since the beginning of the season the club was successful in gaining 52 new awards.

Unfortunately of this number only four were Advance Resuscitation Certificates. I feel that all senior members old and new, should make time available next season to obtain this certificate. I

cannot emphasise this point too strongly as the techniques are developed to a high standard of efficiency and there is no doubt that the oxy-viva is the most advanced resuscitation piece of equipment available at this time.

Unfortunately it can only be used by qualified persons of which this club has too few. There could be nothing worse than to be in a situation of saving somebody's life and not knowing how to use the equipment. The training time involved is not long, approximately three nights of practical and some home study of the theory.

So once again, I appeal to all senior members for the possible sake of somebody's life "Please gain this certificate."

I would like to thank my assistant instructors for their time and effort instructing a group of our ladies auxiliary and our nipperettes for their Resuscitation Certificate. Eddy Baker, Brian Goffett and Bod Lloyd put in quite a few hours with these groups with a 100 percent achievement. Congratulations ladies and girls, hopefully you will never have to use your knowledge but it must be pleasing to know that if a situation arises you will be able to cope with it.

To the nippers who gained their Resuscitation Certificate also congratulations and we are



Junior boat crew. L. to r.: Rod Earl, Mark Patton, Ian Parker, Dick Gee, Craig Kelly.

looking forward to the day when you join the senior club.

Our number of Bronze Medalions gained this season was our lowest for some years. This was not through instruction problems but because we had no new members with the exception of those who gained this award. Our intake this year was the lowest for some time and also cadets coming up to the junior ranks were also nearly nil. If you have not got the new members to instruct then the patrols will suffer in the long run. If any

member knows of someone who may be interested in joining the club during the latter part of the winter or any member wishing to gain any awards prior to the start of the season please contact myself or our Club Secretary.

In conclusion I would like to thank everyone concerned for their help during the season and I do hope that the new season brings a noticeable increase in Bronzes and Advance Resuscitation Awards gained.

**GERRY HOBAN,**  
Chief Instructor.

## **AWARDS GAINED 1976-77**

### **RESUSCITATION CERTIFICATES**

Ruth Ellis  
Helen Walters  
Glenys Goffett  
June King  
Norma Love  
Pat Hunt  
Marie Parnell  
Brenda Patterson  
Helen Benson  
Shirley Stevens  
Betty Boden

David George  
Tim Bowcock  
Jon Cook  
Greg Hoban  
Mark Earl  
Rhonda McCallister  
Wendy Hoban  
Kaylene Hoban  
Liza Benson  
Sonya Livingston

Cathy Malone  
Shelly Semmler  
Louise Ansiewisz  
Sue Thompson  
Jo-Anne Hodges  
Sharen Patterson  
Cathy Hoban  
Sue Morris  
Jenny Cannon  
Jacky Hoban

### **QUALIFYING CERTIFICATES**

Simon Ramsey  
Brad Scott  
Allan Parnell

Craston Smith  
Mark Walters  
Paul Horneman

Steven Dann  
Grahame Harvey  
Scott Smith

### **BRONZE MEDALIONS**

Bob Dixon  
Neil Robinson  
Laurie Smith

John Lang  
Max Garskie  
Peter McKay

Peter Kelly  
Robert Harvey

### **INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATES**

Brian Goffett

Barry Jones

Slim Peebles

### **ADVANCED RESUSCITATION CERTIFICATE**

Bob Cairncross  
Don Hoban

Keith Bradley

Norrie Cannon



**A group of our nipperettes and ladies auxiliary receiving their Resuscitation Certificates.**

### **GEAR STEWARDS REPORT 1976-1977 SEASON**

This past season was quite successful from a gear point of view, as the gear weathered the season virtually unscathed. This, I feel, is due to the care with which members looked after the club's valuable equipment.

Unfortunately, some craft was damaged at carnivals, but this will be covered in separate reports. Our R&R reel was broken some months ago, and was subsequently repaired. At this point I would stress the need for any gear found to be damaged, or faulty, to be reported to the Gear Steward immediately. Failure to do this could be dangerous, e.g. a faulty reel may be left in the shed, and if called upon in an emergency, could cost someone a life.

The branch examines our gear at the commencement of each season, and we passed this test with flying colours. My personal thanks to the Assistant Gear Stewards who assisted with the preparation for this examination.

### **CARNIVALS**

My thanks also to all the members and gear stewards who assisted with our annual carnival.

As carnival organiser and carnival gear steward, the task of running the carnival was made all the easier when such members as Eric Walters, Grahame Love, Dick Gee and Slim Peebles were there to handle various parts of the organising. In addition, thanks to all the nippers and nipperettes who performed the thankless task of runners.

The nippers carnival was also successfully run, and again thanks Slim, Eka and Bristo who arranged the setting up of the area in my absence.

### **NEW GEAR**

Due to the financial state of the club, purchase of new gear was kept to a minimum. However, we were fortunate to take delivery of a new surf boat and two boards (won at Branch competitions).

Our surf clubs gear is extensive when you consider all phases of our club, and the care of this gear falls under the control of a number of specialist officers — Boat capt., board and ski capt., I.R.B. capt., radio officer, first air officer and social secretary and of course, the gear steward.

I could list a full gear inventory, however, I doubt if anyone would read it all. Hereunder is a list of the main items of gear at the close of the season and the estimated value.

Surf boats (3) .....	\$6000
Single skis (2) .....	350
Double skis (2) .....	700
Wave skis (4) .....	400
Rescue skis (2) .....	180
Malibu boards	
racing (5) .....	600
Malibu boards	
handicap (6) .....	720
Rescue boards (2) .....	250
Long boards (2) .....	270
Nipper boards	
fibreglass (6) .....	600
Nipper boards	
foam (4) .....	80
Reel, line & belts (8) .....	2100
Carnival gear, bouys,	
flags, signs etc. (sundry) .....	600
March past gear (1) .....	340
First aid gear (1) .....	1000
Radio room equip (sundry) .....	350
Kitchen gear (sundry) .....	200
Temprete, freezer, TV (3) .....	850
Miscellaneous (sundry) .....	5000
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	\$22,040

**MIKE TAMBLYN,**  
Gear Steward.

#### **PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT**

Publicity gained for the club could have been a little better with more co-operation from the papers. Although there was a fair amount as the scrapbook I have compiled for the club will show.

I would like to thank all the members of the club, who helped me during the year with the publicity as I had not been involved in this sort of thing before and I an only hope that whoever gets the job next year receives as much help as I did.

Thanks must go also to Harry Pomfret of 2GO and the staff of the papers, Central Coast Express and the Gosford Star.

As a suggestion for next season I feel we should increase our publicity in connection with our donors. This could be done along the same lines as our boat launching only on not quite such a large scale.

Photos could be taken at any kind of informal

presentation with coverage from the papers and 2GO.

This could give the sponsor or donors better mileage and also give the club a photo record of these donations.

Looking forward to a more successful year next year.

**PETER HUNT,**  
Publicity Officer.

#### **RADIO OFFICER'S REPORT**

This season saw the ironing out of a lot of operational faults connected with the branch radio hook-up. This was brought about by the election of a branch radio officer and advisor whose job it was to bring all club radio's into line and where possible uniformity.

Our own system had a few faults initially but these were ironed out and we now have a reliable hook-up. Most patrol members are now converse with the procedure of operations and the radio room is manned during all patrol hours.

Our thanks are extended to the Branch Radio Advisor Mr. Kent Bailey of Radio 2GO for his assistance during the season. I would also like to convey the club's thanks to Mr. Peter Willmott who donated his time and parts for the radios and also the construction of our new beach P.A. amplifiers and speakers.

The beach P.A. is now controlled from both the captains office and radio tower as is the phone, which means we can control any emergency from either place as well as the two way hook-up with the beach patrol.

**NORM BODEN,**  
Radio Officer.

#### **I.R.B. REPORT**

The duckie has again proved its worth with 27 rescues performed over the last season.

In one rescue at the northern end of the beach, seven people were effectively rescued, this being done before the rest of the patrol could reach the area.

All told the duckie has done 86¾ hours in patrols and training.

We were very fortunate to have a spare motor donated; donors being Green Point-Avoca Lions Club, Broadwater Marine and N. & M. Hunter. It has proved a very valuable asset, as early in the season some of the newer drivers found themselves in the inverted position, needles to say their mechanical ability has improved immensely.

It is comforting to know that there is a spare motor to carry on patrol work whilst the other is

being repaired. I would like to extend thanks to Norm Bowden for supplying the fuel for the season: Horizon Aluminium for making and fitting the prop guard for our spare motor and to all crew and club members who assisted throughout the year.

I. M. BAKER (Eddy)

### COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT

The 1976-77 surfing season really ended on a dull note at Bancoora Beach last Easter, but happily it was dull only as far as the weather conditions were concerned for on the competitive scene Avoca Beach showed that we have competitors as good as the best in Australia.

Although we only came home with one gold medal for the senior beach sprint, we could have easily have come home with gold medals for the senior boat, junior ski, senior ski, double ski and in particular the senior beach relay where all the experts considered Avoca a good thing beaten.

The State titles at Corrimal Beach was another huge success for our club when you consider that the final placings in the champion club pointscore read as follows: 1st North Cronulla; 2nd Wanda; 3rd Cronulla; 4th Avoca, a fantastic effort by our club to finish a close fourth to the three strongest clubs in the State, and a just reward for the many hours of training done throughout the year by our competitors.

The highlight of our victories at these titles was a first time in the history of the Central Coast branch win the reserve boat race, and to support this great victory our junior crew took out a very close third place in their event.

We also held some kind of a monopoly on the ski events with a first and third in the double ski race, third in the single ski race, third in the junior ski race, and third in the ski relay.

The Branch titles was again an all Avoca affair with wins and placings in the majority of the events conducted to again confirm our supremacy on the Central Coast. A complete list of all placings are listed below. I would also like to highlight three of the biggest successes

enjoyed by our club during the season.

Firstly the fantastic success of the policy of sending gear handlers to the Australian titles. Bancoora was certainly a cold and miserable place for the major carnival of the season, but our members were able to spend the majority of their time in the warmth of their caravans having to emerge into the cold only long enough to eat the fine and plentiful food that our gear handlers had spent some time preparing. Words cannot speak too highly of their support and assistance over the weekend.

Secondly the run away victory of Bob Cairncross in the Australian Beach Sprint final. Bob had suffered some unaccustomed number of defeats throughout the season and was well beaten into fourth place at the State titles, was given little chance of an Australian victory by the running fraternity, but showed what a brilliant beach sprinter he is by easily taking out his second Australian title, and third, and finally, the tremendous improvement in the standard of our boat crews which has been on the improve over the last three seasons and reached an all-time high this season that must see us as the strongest boat club in the State. At the State titles we had a first in the reserve boat, third in the junior boat and senior boat semi-finalists, then at the Australian our senior boat took out a creditable fifth place which could have easily been a first place but for one small wave which hit them early in the race.

To reach an Australian boat race final is a major achievement and when a club reaches such a standard they usually hold it for quite a while. Proof of this fact is that of the 54 titles held since 1920 they have been monopolised by 22 clubs and now that our crew has moved into this class company I feel that our first big win is close at hand.

Finally I must thank all members of the competition committee for their help during the season and all competitors, winners and those who did their best, for making the job of competition secretary most satisfying.

PHILLIP GEE,  
Competition Secretary

## COMPETITION RESULTS 1976-77

### PATROL EFFICIENCY COMPETITION

#### PATROL No. 4

Quentin Riley  
Craig Kelly  
Trevor Way  
Jan Adamski

Dave Patton  
Brad Scott  
Dave O'Grady

Anthony Hodges  
Bill Hodges  
Simon Ramsey

## INTER-PATROL COMPETITION

### PATROL No. 5

Don Hoban  
Peter Hoban

Bob Cairncross  
Rod Earl

Ian Parker  
Noel Yule

### HANDICAP EVENTS

**SURF RACE:** John Horneman (1); Brad Patterson (2); Mark Benson (3).

**BOARD:** Phil Gee (1); John Horneman (2); Quentin Riley (3).

**SKI (WAVE):** John Horneman (1); Bob Cairncross (2); Harold King and Phil Gee (3).

**IRON MAN:** John Horneman and Phil Gee (1); Harold King (3).

### CLUB CHAMPIONS

**CADET:** John Laing; Runner-up, Cranston Smith.

**JUNIOR:** John Horneman; Runner-up, Steve Cannon.

**SENIOR:** Jim McAtamney; Runner-up, Quentin Riley.

#### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

SURF  
BELT  
BOARD  
WAVE SKI  
SPRINT  
FLAGS  
PILLOW FIGHT  
RESUSCITATION COMP.  
SKI  
LONG BOARD

#### CADET

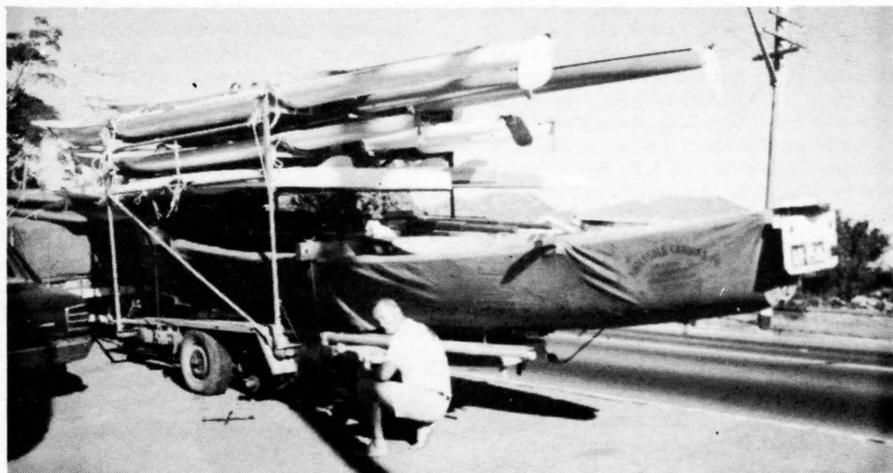
J. Laing  
  
J. Laing  
J. Laing  
M. Walters  
M. Walters  
J. Laing  
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J. Laing

#### JUNIOR

M. Benson  
M. Benson  
D. O'Grady  
G. Malone  
S. Cannon  
C. Kelly  
M. Patton  
J. Horneman  
G. Malone  
J. Horneman

#### SENIOR

L. Cook  
L. Cook  
Q. Riley  
H. King  
R. Cairncross  
R. Cairncross  
W. Stevens  
J. McAtamney  
Jim Mitchell  
Q. Riley



**"Bistro" checking the gear on the way to Victoria.**

## CENTRAL COAST BRANCH PLACINGS

- 1st place: Branch Championship Pointscore
- 1st place: Branch Championships Handicap Pointscore
- 1st place: Branch Patrol Efficiency Competition
- 1st place: Branch Resuscitation Competition
- 2nd place: Branch Carnival Conduct Pointscore

## BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS PLACINGS

- 1st Cadet Surf Team: J. Laing, B. Patterson, R. Harvey.
- 1st Junior Surf Team: M. Benson, T. Smith, R. Earl, J. Horneman.
- 1st Senior Surf Team: J. Andrews, L. Cook, M. Benson, S. Harpur.
- 1st Senior Belt: J. Andrews.
- 1st Junior Surf: T. Smith.
- 1st Senior Long Board: Dennis Gee.
- 1st Senior Malibu: Dennis Gee.
- 1st Long Board Relay: D. Gee, P. Gee, K. Bootle.
- 1st Senior Double Ski: John and Jim Mitchell.
- 1st Senior Single Ski: M. Braund.
- 1st Senior Ski Relay: G. Jarmaine, M. Braund, J. Mitchell.
- 1st Junior Single Ski: R. Martin.
- 1st Open Boat: R. Gee, W. Bissaker, G. Price, L. Upston, K. Bootle.
- 1st Reserve Boat: R. Gee, C. Kelly, R. Earl, I. Parker.
- 1st Junior Boat: M. Patton.
- 1st Senior Beach Relay: B. Cairncross, B. Neal, B. Gregory, L. Makepeace.
- 1st Senior Beach Sprint: B. Cairncross.

Total: 18 Branch titles.

OVERALL POINTSCORE: Avoca 90, Ocean Beach 61, McMasters 21.

HANDICAP POINTSCORE: Avoca 14, Killcare 7, McMasters Beach 2.

## N.S.W. STATE TITLES (CORRIMAL)

- 1st Reserve Boat Race: R. Ibbett, T. Wilson, M. Napier, G. Yates, J. Mishell.
- 1st Double Ski: G. Jarmaine and M. Braund.
- 3rd Junior Boat: R. Gee (sweep), C. Kelly, M. Patton, I. Parker, R. Earl.
- 3rd Double Ski: John and Jim Mitchell.
- 3rd Senior Board Display: B. Lloyd.
- 3rd Senior Single Ski: M. Braund.
- 3rd Junior Single Ski: R. Martin.
- 3rd Senior Ski Relay: G. Jarmaine, M. Braund, J. Mitchell.
- 4th Open Beach Sprint: B. Cairncross.
- 4th Pillow Fight: M. Kendall.
- 4th Open Long Board: Q. Riley.
- 4th & 5th Senior Single Ski: John and Jim Mitchell.
- 5th Open Wave Ski Championship: Q. Riley.
- 5th Open Long Board Relay: D. Gee, P. Gee, H. King.
- 5th Open Malibu Relay: D. Gee, J. McAtamney, Q. Riley.
- 5th Open Wave Ski (Non-championship): R. Martin.

PLACED 4th IN OVERALL POINTSCORE.

## AUSTRALIAN TITLES (BANCOORA)

- 1st Senior Beach Sprint: B. Cairncross.
- 3rd Senior Single Ski: M. Braund.
- 3rd Senior Ski Relay: G. Jarmaine, M. Braund, J. Mitchell.
- 4th Senior Double Ski: G. Jarmaine, M. Braund.
- 5th Senior "A" Boat: R. Gee, K. Bootle, L. Upston, W. Bissaker, G. Price.
- 5th Senior Beach Relay: B. Cairncross, B. Neal, B. Gregory, L. Makepeace.

## NIPPERS STATE TITLES (COFF'S HARBOUR)

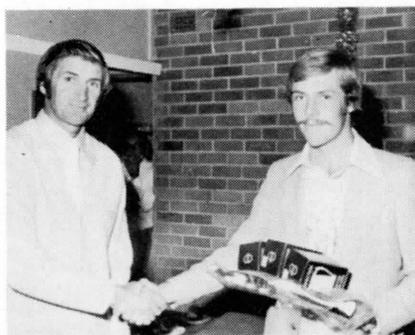
- 1st Junior Ironman: J. Cook.  
1st 11 Year Swim: C. Smith.  
2nd Junior Cameron Relay: B. Ellis, J. Cook, C. Smith.  
3rd 8 Years Flags: J. Kidd.  
3rd 11 Year Swim: J. Cook.  
3rd Junior Board: B. Ellis.  
3rd Junior Board Rescue: B. Ellis, J. Cook.  
3rd Senior Surf Teams: S. Smith, A. Welch, C. Smith.



Winning Patrol No. 4, Inter-Patrol competition: L. to r.: B. Cairncross, R. Earl, D. Hoban, N. Yule, P. Hoban, I. Parker with trophies donated by Peter James Sport Store.



National beach sprint champion, Bob Cairncross, receiving his gold medallion at the Australian titles.



Senior Club Champion for the past three seasons, Jim McAtamney receives his trophy from Dennis Gee.



**JOHN MITCHELL: 1st Central Coast Double Ski; 3rd NSW Double Ski; 4th NSW Single Ski.**



**GREG JARMAINE: 1st NSW Double Ski; 3rd NSW Ski Relay; 3rd Australian Ski Relay; 4th Australian Double Ski.**

## AVOCA BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1976-77 SEASON

	General Fund	Building Fund	Gear Fund	Tour Fund	Avoca Beach JSLSC	Boat Fund	Total	1975-76 season Total
During the year CASH WAS RECEIVED by way of:								
Subscriptions .....	576.50				49.50		626.00	568.00
Donations .....	1410.50				50.00	4880.00	6340.50	4476.60
Social Committee .....	Nil						Nil	2700.00
Ladies Auxiliary .....	Nil						Nil	2000.00
Avoca Beach Bowling Club .....	1686.00						1686.00	1457.00
Central Coast Leagues Club .....	3744.00				225.00		3969.00	3704.00
Gosford Shire Council .....	800.00						800.00	800.00
Smokos .....	1803.67			1526.79			3130.46	1288.10
Purchases by Club Members .....	7130.50				163.00		7293.50	3149.90
Bank Interest .....	46.75						46.75	21.25
State Centre .....				292.00			292.00	1880.00
Housie .....	1236.58						1236.58	622.62
Entry Fees .....	124.10						124.10	674.45
Hall Hire .....	60.00						60.00	247.00
Door Knock .....	623.67						623.67	586.00
Chicken & Spumante Nights .....	878.00						878.00	1436.49
200 Clubs .....	417.00						417.00	3242.00
Beach Raffles .....	2821.56			169.30			2990.86	
Other Raffles .....	598.12						598.12	296.94
Pramathon .....	150.92						150.92	
Sale of Craft .....	680.00						680.00	
Fund-raising .....				4990.59			4990.59	
Sundries .....	984.00						984.00	12321.62
<b>Making TOTAL FUNDS available during the year .....</b>	<b>25571.87</b>			<b>6978.68</b>	<b>487.50</b>	<b>4880.00</b>	<b>37918.05</b>	<b>41471.97</b>

These funds were expended as follows:

We commenced the year with a Dr. balance of:— .....	557.17						557.17	583.33
Building Repairs and Purchases .....		330.67					330.67	899.51
New Extensions and Work .....		669.46					669.46	490.33

Entry Fees.....	211.80					211.80	320.50	
Insurance.....	147.01					147.01	175.65	
Electricity.....	441.25					441.25		
First Aid.....	455.53					455.53	182.77	
Phone, Postages, Petty Cash.....	684.82					684.82	364.62	
General Expenses.....	766.18					766.18	3236.56	
Carnivals.....	747.59					747.59	277.35	
Socials.....	2345.82					2345.82	2094.75	
Smokos.....	355.00					355.00	769.78	
Purchases by Club Members.....	6872.82					6872.82	7715.99	
Boat Repairs.....					2323.50	2323.50	879.47	
Purchase New Surf Boat.....					4029.00	4029.00	2072.25	
Repairs to and New Gear.....			2017.38			2017.38	2461.22	
Avoca Beach JSLSC.....					2271.28	2271.28	1105.17	
Raffles.....	411.73					411.73		
Tour Fund.....			7183.08			7183.08	11548.19	
Printing and Stationery.....	1235.05					1235.05		
C.C. Branch.....	270.00					270.00		
Handicap Events.....	105.74					105.74		
Presentation Night.....	1134.52					1134.52	908.15	
Inter-Cities 1975-76.....	162.26					162.26	4530.62	
Team Subsidies.....	480.00					480.00		
Sundries.....	1211.69					1211.69	1412.93	
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS DURING THE YEAR.....</b>	<b>18595.78</b>	<b>1000.13</b>	<b>2017.38</b>	<b>7183.08</b>	<b>2271.28</b>	<b>6352.50</b>	<b>37420.15</b>	<b>42029.14</b>

Leaving a BALANCE of:.....	Cr.	6976.09					497.90	
.....	Dr.		1000.13	2017.38	204.40	1783.78	1472.50	557.17
Balance of cash at bank on 31-5-77.....	Cr.	859.30						

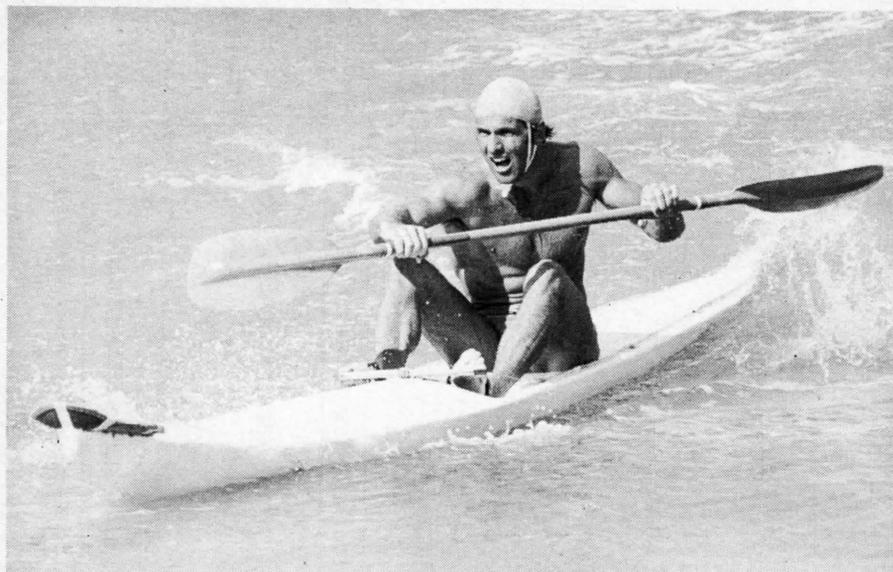
This can be reconciled with the balance in the Financial Statement by deducting cheques drawn prior to but not presented to bank by 31-5-77..... 361.40

This equals credit balance as shown in Financial Statement Cr. \$497.90

I have examined the cash book, bank statements and other records of the Avoca Beach Surf Life Saving Club for the year ended 31st May, 1977 and that the above income and expenditure is in accordance with these records and the best of the information and explanations furnished to me by the Treasurer.

I. C. MESSENGER,  
(Hon. Treasurer)

J. C. CHEADLE,  
(Hon. Auditor)



**MURRAY BRAUND: 1st Central Coast Single Ski; 1st NSW Double Ski; 3rd NSW Single Ski; 3rd NSW Ski Relay; 3rd Australian Single Ski; 3rd Australian Ski Relay; 4th Australian Double Ski; Member of the NSW State team.**



**JIM MITCHELL: 1st Central Coast Double Ski; 2nd Central Coast Single Ski; 3rd NSW Double Ski; 3rd NSW Ski Relay; 5th NSW Single Ski; 3rd Australian Ski Relay.**



Senior boat crew: l. to r.: Kevin Bootle, Greg Price, Warwick Bissaker, Dick Gee, Lindsay Upton.

## REPRESENTATIVE TEAM SELECTIONS

### CENTRAL COAST INTER-BRANCH TEAM

G. Love (manager), R. Gee, W. Bissaker, K. Bootle, G. Price, L. Upston, Jim Mitchell, J. McAtamney, B. Cairncross, M. Benson, J. Horneman, J. Andrews, B. Gregory, B. Grace (reserve).

This was the largest ever representation in a Branch team and surely goes to show the depth of competitors that we have. It is pleasing to note that all competitors performed well on the day although the team finished fourth out of the ten branches. Although we were strong in craft and beach events, we were over powered by the city branches swimming competitors and this was the difference on the day.

### N.S.W. STATE TEAM

Murray Braund was selected to represent NSW in the ski section of the inter-state carnival. As was to be expected he competed to the best of his abilities and although he was placed second behind Ken Vidler (W. Aust.), both were disqualified for an infringement. NSW went on to win the series.

### N.S.W. STATE TEAM (PHILIPPINE TOUR)

As mentioned in last year's report Mike Tamblyn was selected to tour with this team last November and it is pleasing to report that the tour was a complete success. Mike has submitted a report of the tour for your perusal elsewhere in this report.

### CENTRAL COAST BRANCH TEAM (U.S.A. TOUR)

Well, since last year's report the team has raised \$34,000 to cover the cost of the tour to the West Coast of America. This tour will be of an educational and competitive nature.

Money was raised from various activities including the building of two homes which were then sold, bucket collections, the running of various Branch functions, including two balls, twilight carnival, lifesaving congress and various 200 Clubs and raffles. This is by far the most ambitious tour ever organised by a Branch anywhere in Australia and top credit should be given to all team members for their efforts.

Unfortunately Tony Smith had to withdraw from the team and the selectors replaced him with Brian Grace who only just recently had to

withdraw also for personal reasons and the selectors replaced him with another of our competitors, Greg Jarmane.

The members from Avoca now consists of: Grahame Love, Richard Gee, Dennis Gee, Phil Gee, Mark Benson, Jim Mitchell, John Mitchell, Greg Jarmane, Jim McAtamney, Kevin Bootle.

The team departed on July 15 and arrived back on August 11.

As I am writing this report prior to departure I only hope I can say that the tour was a complete success.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of my fellow teammates to thank firstly the club for nominating us and secondly everyone that has put up with us and supported us throughout the last 12 months or so. You can be sure that we carried the name of the Central Coast and Avoca to the best of our abilities.

### BOARD AND SKI CAPTAINS REPORT

This season Avoca Beach S.L.S.C. continued to assert itself strongly in inter-club competition, the best indication of club competitive strength being the fourth place gained in the overall pointscore in the N.S.W. Championships, an outstanding performance for a "Country" club.

The board and ski section of the club was particularly strong this year and paddlers acquitted themselves with distinction on local, State and National levels.

Outstanding performances during the season: Ray Martin, 1st Junior Ski (Branch), 3rd Junior Ski (NSW); Dennis Gee, 1st Open Long Board and Open Malibu Board (Branch); Murray Braund, 1st Open Single Ski (Branch), 3rd (NSW), 3rd (Australia); Greg Jarmane and Murray Braund, Doube Ski 1st NSW, 4th Australia; Jim and John Mitchell, 3rd Doube Ski (NSW), 1st (Branch); Bob Lloyd, Open Board Display, 3rd NSW; Jim Mitchell, Murray Braund, Greg Jarmane, Single Ski Relay, 1st Branch, 3rd NSW, 3rd Australia.

Representative honours: Murray Braund, NSW State Team; Jim Mitchell, C.C. Branch Team; Jim McAtamney, C.C. Branch Team; John Mitchell, Jim Mitchell, Greg Jarmane, NSW No. 2 Taplin Relay Team.

### CADET AND JUNIORS:

A pleasing feature this year has been the increase in training activity and involvement of the younger brigade of paddlers within the club.

Strong performances by Ray Martin, John Horneman, Brad Patterson, Peter Hoban, Grahame Malone, Bill Mitchell and Steve Cannon augers well for the future.

The introduction of junior training sessions received limited patronage but will be continued next season. Remember we have some of the most experienced board and ski competitors in the country in our club so don't hesitate to take advantage of the situation — ask them for help.

We have been fortunate in the past in having had excellent equipment provided for board and ski competitors — next season should be no exception provided we remember our responsibilities to the club:

(1): Funds need to be raised before delivery can be taken of equipment ordered for the coming season.

(2): Maintenance of the gear is everyone's responsibility and in this regard preventative maintenance (care of the craft) is the first consideration.

A considerable amount of work was put into the maintenance of club craft during the season and I would like to acknowledge the contributions made by Grahame Malone, Norrie Cannon, Brad Paterson, Bill Mitchell, John Horneman and Peter Hoban.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

On behalf of the board and ski competitors in the club I would like to officially acknowledge the assistance provided by club members during the season, to name a few is probably unfair but I feel Grahame Love, Ron Parsons and the gear handlers at the Australian titles (Don Hoban, Alan Horne, Eric Walters, Jeff Thompson, Peter Hunt, Bubby Nowland and Bryce Norman) warrant special mentions.

From the Board and ski fraternity "Thank you."

**GREG JARMAINE,**  
Board and Ski Captain.

### BOAT CAPTAIN'S REPORT

It is with pride and pleasure that I submit my report on the activities of our boat crews for the past season.

Firstly I must once again say thank you to the regular donor of surf boats to our club, that is the company of Standard Telephone and Cables Pty. Ltd., who once again through the efforts of Mr. Alan Deegan and with the added support of the firm of Monier Industries, were the joint donors of our new surf boat named, S.T.C. 3 Monier.

The boat itself was once again constructed by Robert Humphries of Swansea, and was duly christened on Sunday, October 3, 1976. The christening ceremony being carried out by Mrs.

Stan Owens, who along with her husband, were present on the occasion representing the two companies concerned.

The honour of being the first crew to row the new boat went to the club's junior crew of the past season, namely Ian Parker, Mark Patton, Rod Earl, Craig Kelly and boat captain, Richard Gee.

The following are the crew members who competed in the new craft with outstanding success, not only locally, but in Sydney, Newcastle, Illawarra Branch and Inter-state and the Australian championships at Bancoora Beach, Victoria:

Senior "A" crew: Warwick Bissaker, Lindsay Upston, Kevin Bootle, Greg Price, Richard Gee.

Senior "B" crew: Garth Yates, Mike Napier, Tom Wilson, John Michelle, Ross Ibbett.

Senior "C" crew: Neville Hillyard, Andy Hoban, Brian Low, Mike Tambyn, Peter Powell.

Junior crew: Ian Parker, Mark Patton, Rod Earl, Craig Kelly, Richard Gee.

Reserve crew members who filled in with distinction when required were Dennis Gee, Phillip Gee, Steve Cannon and Peter Hoban.

Throughout the season our crews were always to the fore in all three sections of surf boat competition, and on performances would have been ranged as one of the top boat clubs in the State.

If surf conditions at the Australian titles had been as was expected, then our ranking would have gone even further to a National level.

The crew's performances at major championship carnivals were as follows:

**BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS:** "A" crew, 1st place Senior Boat; "B" crew, 2nd place Reserve Boat; "C" crew, 4th place Reserve Boat; Junior Crew, 1st place Reserve Boat; 1st place Junior Boat.

**NSW CHAMPIONSHIPS:** "A" crew, 3rd place semi-final; "B" crew, 1st place final; "C" crew, 6th place quarter final; Junior crew, 3rd place final.

**AUST. CHAMPIONSHIPS:** "A" crew, 5th place final; "B" crew, 6th place semi-final; Junior crew, 5th place semi-final.

In addition to attending all carnivals conducted on the Central Coast our boat crews travelled far and wide in search of competition, whenever the opportunity presented itself.

Nine carnivals were attended locally, and visits were made to the following beaches: Swansea Belmont, South Curl Curl (where we had a big double, both the "A" crew and "B" crew had victories in rather turbulent surf conditions); Fingal Bay, Manly, Freshwater, Colloroy

for the inter-branch championships (our 'A' crew being the branch representative crew once again), Hawke's Nest (where we had the big money prize taken away from us by a crew passing us on a wave in the final), Corrimall Beach for the NSW championships and finally, to Bancoora Beach in Victoria for the Nationals.

Crews performances overall:

	1st	2nd	3rd	5th	6th	Tl.
Senior 'A' .....	28	12	5	2	0	50
Senior 'B' .....	10	9	4	1	2	32
Senior 'C' .....	2	1	1	1	2	9
Juniors .....	16	6	4	1	3	32

Damage to boats and equipment was rather extensive this season as compared to previous years. At the Copacabana carnival our new boat was holed above the water line near the bow, and had two bad rowlock scars down the side. In addition one oar was broken and another snapped in half.

Our second boat the "Ron Smith" also came in for its share of treatment and at the conclusion of the season both boats went back to the builders where \$493 was spent on repairs and maintenance.

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank Ron Parsons firstly for his assistance on the day of our annual carnival where Ron and his crew did such an excellent job as duty boat for the day, and more importantly to his firm of Thomas National Transport for their continued support in transporting our surf boat to the various surf carnivals throughout the season, also to Bryce Norman, Brian Low, Garth Yates and Rex Norman who also gave assistance with transport when required.

Thanks are also extended to Norm Cannon who once again arranged for our visit to Haberfield Rowing Club where our boat crews were tested on their rowing egometer. These tests were the basis of the selection of the crews, and along with availability, will be the method of again selecting members for the coming season. The actual crew selections were this season decided by the club's competition committee, and judging by performances they certainly vindicated their committee's decisions.

**RICHARD GEE,**  
Boat Captain.

#### 1976-77 CLUBMEN OF THE YEAR

As has been the practice over the past seasons, the club executive picked the awards on a best out of six category system, these being: Patrols, Club Competition, Carnival Competition, Fund Raising, Instruction and General Club Attitude.

I feel that the recipients for the awards are well and truly to the fore in all these categories.

The results this season were very close especially in the junior and senior divisions and with a little bit more effort in one or two areas quite a few other members could gain these awards.

**CADET:** This season was presented to Robert Harvey and was a much deserved award. Robert is not a top competitor but he is a strong and devoted club member. He is always ready to assist where asked and he is dedicated to his patrols and competition. Robert was the fourth member of our successful cadet surf team. He was always last in but he was always there. This was only borne out so strongly at the Branch titles where there was a huge and dangerous surf running. His team spirit and courage on that day will be talked about for years to come, as it resulted in the team winning the Branch title. "Congratulations Robert Harvey."

**JUNIOR:** Rod Earl was the executive's choice for the title this season, and I feel a well rewarded one. Rod is a member of our very successful junior boat crew, and has proved a most efficient and willing club member in all phases of club involvement. Nothing was too much trouble for him both in training or competition. He set an example to many cadets and juniors and this in turn can only benefit the club. "Congratulations Rod Earl."

**SENIOR:** The highest award that the club bestows on any members this season was won by "Slim" Peebles. It is hard to write in the space allowed all that could be said about Slim. He has been amongst the top few for some seasons now, but this season he involved himself in all phases of club activities which when you consider the time and effort he puts into our junior movement one wonders how he managed it. Patrol-wise he had 100 percent attendance, he gained his Instructors Certificate, was on numerous sub-committees, attended carnivals and although not a competitor, was always there to march in the March Past Team. His involvement with the nippers on Sundays restricted his club competition, but I feel that his involvement was far more important there and this is borne out by the tremendous upsurge in this area of our club. On behalf of all club members including the nippers, "Congratulations Slim Peebles."

#### CADET ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

This season was awarded to Bill Mitchell. Bill has made a concentrated effort this season es-

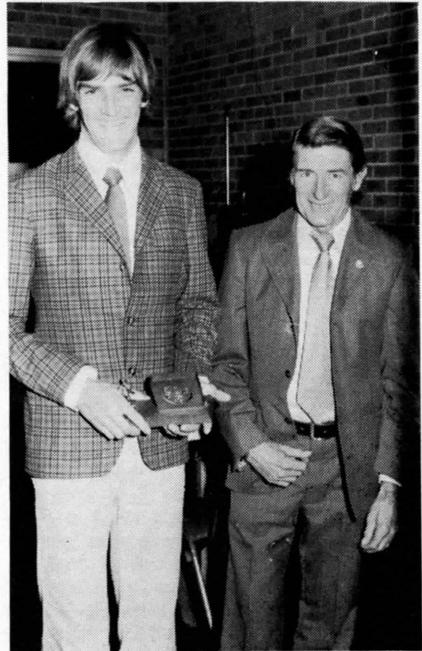
pecially in the competitive area. Hopefully he will follow in his brother's footsteps and I feel sure that as far as Bill's enthusiasm is concerned he will better them.

This season was his last as a cadet and he joins the junior ranks next season. Looking forward to big things from you Bill and congratulations on this award.

#### PATROLMAN OF THE YEAR

Our club captain Mick Kendal this year has awarded the trophy to Norm Boden. Norm is one of the old brigade and his active service spans over many years. The last few seasons he had made a concerted comeback to the club and this season held the position of patrol captain and radio officer.

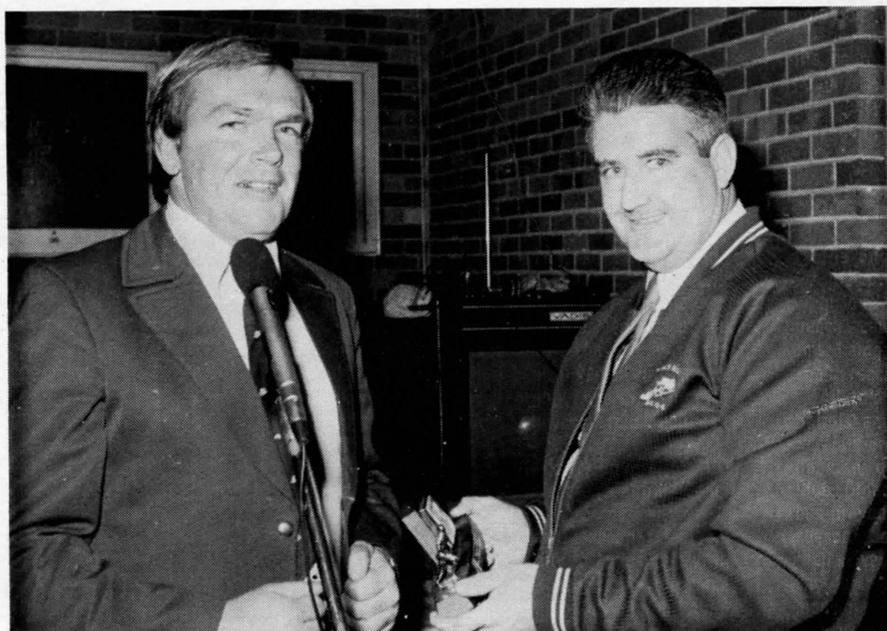
He had a 100 percent attendance and set an example to the rest of his patrol as to what was expected of them. He was also always willing to stand in or do a sub-patrol at short notice. Looking forward to another "big" season from you and "congratulations."



Junior Clubman Rod Earl with Branch  
Emergency Services Officer Ron Field.



**Senior Clubman Alister "Slim" Peebles with Club President, Bryce Norman.**



**Patrolman of the Year Norm Boden receives his trophy from Club Captain Mick Kendal.**

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT**

You will see from the BBQ profit (almost 100%) that the work done by so many has really been worthwhile, we hope this will continue into the 1977-78 season.

Many thanks to the youngsters who manned the soft drink section. This has shown an excellent profit with stock to the value of \$36.00 in hand.

Presentation night was financially disappointing due to the lack of numbers. Had the social committee and ladies auxiliary not catered for this function a loss would have been unavoidable; we would have asked the caterer to provide for 200 and only about 150 attended.

The Hawaiian Night proved a success with a profit of \$471.85 plus an enjoyable nights entertainment.

Excess of income over expenditure for the year was \$2,324.25 and though this is less than last year, it should be noted that the Social Committee did not run the Housie nights this year.

Many thanks to Mr. D. Pickett who audited the above accounts and found them correct.

**D. McATAMNEY,**  
**Hon. Treasurer,**  
**Social Committee.**



**Cadet Clubman Robert Harvey with Cadet Surf Team Organiser Jeff Laing.**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
 AVOCA BEACH S.I.S.C.  
 SOCIAL COMMITTEE  
 TO 6-6-1977**

**INCOME**

BBQ .....	2116.75
Bar .....	2265.71
Soft drinks .....	259.64
Change .....	1850.00
Christmas party .....	280.00
Presentation night .....	1001.28
Hawaiian night .....	1238.00
Donation .....	10.00
Bank interest .....	25.77
Raffles .....	174.25
American Team Bar a/c .....	40.00
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	\$9261.40

**EXPENDITURE**

BBQ .....	1091.74
Bar .....	1945.95
Soft drinks .....	145.28
Change .....	1850.00
Christmas party .....	316.44
Presentation night .....	817.76
Hawaiian night .....	766.15
Sundries .....	3.85
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	\$6937.15

Total income .....	9261.40
Less total expenditure .....	6937.15
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	2324.25

Plus balance forwarded from 22nd July, 1976 .....	404.69
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Credit balance as per cash book as at 6th June, 1977 .....	\$2728.94
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**BANK RECONCILIATION  
 AS AT JUNE 6, 1977**

Credit balance as per bank statement				3435.80
Less O/S Cheques				
375579	144.25	203	54.00	
598	4.40	204	6.66	
599	4.30	205	248.00	
201	160.00	206	34.00	
202	29.25	207	22.00	
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**Social committee: L. to r.: Neil Robinson, Eric Walters, Grahame Hunt, Mark Patton, Peter Hunt, Craig Kelly. Missing, Alan Horne.**

### PRESENTATION NIGHT

Presentation night this year once again proved to be the top event of the season. About 190 members and friends attended the evening to honour and share in the various presentations to our top competitors and clubmen.

Official guests of the evening were: Mr. John Rosewall, Mr. Ron Stevens, Mr. Ron Field and Mr. Fred McGrory representing the Branch, along with Mr. Paul Smith of Ocean Beach, Mr. Alan Duell of Killcare and Mr. Gary Andrews of Copacabana. These guests were called upon to assist in the presentations and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all, especially Fred McGrory who in his first year as Branch Registrar, managed to obtain, with the exception of three Bronzes, all of our 52 awards which would have to be the first time for years that the awards have been on time. Many thanks Fred.

For the second year now our ladies auxiliary catered for the evening and special thanks go to all those women who assisted either before or after the evening. By catering themselves they showed a profit of \$300 on the evening and most certainly saved a lot more than that, than

by employing caterers.

Words cannot say enough of their untiring efforts towards this evening and every thing else that they do throughout the season. A special thanks also to Eric Walters and his committee for their effort as well, as usual nothing was left unturned in the effort to make the evening successful.

Trophies again this season were of a clothing nature, mainly club gear in the form of parkas, shirts, bags, shoes, sloppy joes etc.

Thanks are gratefully extended to Peter James Sports Store for the donation of trophies for our inter-patrol competition. Many thanks Peter.

On a more serious note the sale of tickets prior to the evening was very poor and this only created more problems for our ladies auxiliary as far as the catering was concerned, and as well as setting up the hall. There are moves being made towards next season's night in that tickets must be purchased prior to and not on the evening. This will mean that no tickets will be sold at the door, so we are looking towards your co-operation.

### **SOCIAL EVENTS 1976-77**

Once again we had a very heavy season social wise. As well as our monthly family bar-b-cues which were well patronised, we also ran a "Hawaiian Night" and a "Roaring 20's Night" both being successful fund raising ventures as well as being resounding social evenings.

The Hawaiian night attracted nearly 230 members and friends and was a real swinging night.

The club's touring team organised the Roaring 20's night, and although not quite as many people attended, it was a very enjoyable evening.

Our childrens Christmas party still proves to be very popular and again we had an attendance of 150 odd children. Thanks to "Slim Clause" for the job he did so convincingly.

The social committee were responsible for most of the work, in conjunction with the ladies auxiliary, for our annual carnival and the nippers carnival as well as running the monthly bar-b-cues and organising the bowls day. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Neil Robinson, Grahame Hunt, Peter Hunt, Slim Peebles, Alan Horne, the junior boat crew, Dulcie McAtamney

and all those other members who lent a hand from time to time.

As reported in their financial report, they have most successfully conducted their side of the club activities and all members owe them a vote of thanks and I hope a helping hand again next season.

I would also like to thank the Avoca Bowling Club for their support in conducting our annual bowls day which together with the Friday night chicken board resulted in a donation of \$920 to the club. Special thanks to secretary-manager Bill Scott for his assistance and support. A most enjoyable day was had by all who attended. Unfortunately our two rugby union teams were playing that day and affected our attendance and hopefully next season we may be able to move this day earlier into the season.

**ERIC WALTERS,**  
Social Secretary.

### **LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT**

Once again the ladies auxiliary were very active during 1976-77 season catering for two Branch functions namely Branch Field Day in Oc-



**Ladies auxiliary president Amy Britton presenting a cheque for \$2,000 to Social Secretary Eric Walters while Club Secretary Grahame Love looks on.**

tober and Nippers Branch Championships on February 13.

Both were well organised and very successful.

Our annual fete was the most financial to date, credit must go to all who worked so hard before and after, and on the day. The usual money raising functions were held and these helped us to present a cheque for \$2000 to the surf club on presentation night.

Our raffles this year were very poor, some members not returning books etc., the Easter raffles were the exception which was due to the selling of tickets at East Gosford, thank you to those who assisted.

Sewing days were not well attended and a plan for winter sewing is being arranged also for the making of paper flowers for the annual Hawaiian night at the Leagues Club in January which the auxiliary has agreed to do again.

Members assisted at all social committee bar-b-cues which was a great effort on their part, because it really is hard work and very consistent during the Christmas holidays, members also helped out with the Housie during this period.

One of the most important achievements by some members of the ladies auxiliary was gaining their Resuscitation Certificate, namely P. Hunt, H. Benson, N. Love, R. Ellis, S. Stevens, H. Walters, G. Goffett, M. Parnell, B. Boden, J. King, B. Patterson. Congratulations to all the girls and thank you to the surf club instructors who assisted and gave their time for evening classes.

Members enjoyed the end of season bar-b-cue given to them by surf club. All members who attended would like to thank the men for same it was really appreciated.

The auxiliary looks forward to the coming season, and hopes all members will rejoin to help with the running of our club which also had their most successful season to date winning several Branch Efficiency contests which is what life saving is all about. Our congratulations to surf club on their fine achievements during the past season.

The annual meeting of the auxiliary will be held on Sunday, October 2 at 10 am.

**CECELY NORMAN,**  
Hon. Secretary.

#### PERSONAL NOTES

Congratulations are extended to the following members and their wives on their efforts to increase our club membership:

Tom and Sandra Wilson, Dennis and Jan Barker, Bob and Linda Cairncross, Bob and Kerry Neal, Brian and Jenny Grace, Peter and Patsy

Powell and to any others that I may have overlooked. Word has it that quite a few others should make next year's report so things look good for the future. Keep up the good work.

On a sadder note the club lost a well known member in Ian Gibson. Ian passed away during the year after a long illness and I am sure that all those who knew him will long remember "Gibbo" as a part of our club history.

The club also lost one of its foundation Bronze squad members in George Whiting and to his family and Ian's and to all other club members who have suffered losses this season the club offers its sincere sympathy.

#### AVOCA BEACH JUNIOR SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

Members and supporters,

This is my third year with the surfing movement and I have great pleasure in presenting our 11th annual report. I wish to say that the club gets more successful every year, with this one being the best yet. I personally thank our president and all other office bearers and friends because without their support it wouldn't be the success it has been.

Once again membership was up to a record number again, 86 boys registered all told and the majority in attendance at training sessions and carnivals. The way we are growing could see us passing the century next season.

There were six carnivals plus the inter-branch carnival of which five boys were selected and the team manager from this club being; Scott Smith (jnr.), Bryce Ellis, Bruce Raynor, Mark Walters and Cranston Smith and manager A. Peebles.

Three of our members made the National titles in Tasmania, being; Jon Cook, Cary Smith and Scott Smith (snr.). All boys performed well with the most successful being Cary Smith, who won the 11 years swim title.

The Branch titles were held at Avoca Beach this year and it was a successful day with the club coming third overall and the following boys were selected to represent the branch at the State titles held at Coff's Harbour; Jon Cook, Carey Smith, Bryce Ellis, Cranston Smith, Scott Smith (snr.), plus the senior R&R squad consisting of Mark Walters, David Short, Paul Horneman, Mark Abela and Chris Perry.

As was stated the State titles were held at Coff's Harbour with approx. 30 competitors participating in all events. The club booked camp sites right at the carnival site and we had five adults and ten boys in two tents over a period of four days. We had a terrific time and again a

great success with two gold, one silver, five bronze and the R&R squad came sixth.

Titles were taken out by: 8 years flags, J. Kidd, 3rd place; Junior ironman, J. Cook, 1st place; 11 years swim, C. Smith, 1st place; 11 years swim, J. Cook, 3rd place; Junior board, B. Ellis, 3rd place; Junior board rescue, B. Ellis and J. Cook, 3rd place; Junior Cameron relay, B. Ellis, J. Cook and C. Smith, 2nd place; Senior surf teams, S. Smith, A. Welch and C. Smith, 3rd place.

The club championships were again held over three rounds with all boys competing in a very sporting manner.

I wish to congratulate all successful boys and for those that tried hard and missed out, better luck next time. Presentation was held at night time and was a most successful evening all-round, this could become a regular feature on the social calendar.

The most satisfying event of the season was the forming of a senior R&R team. Five boys trained all season and came second at the Branch titles and sixth at the State titles. This being their first year the boys are to be congratulated and my thanks go to John Andrews and Norm Smith in assisting me in coaching these boys throughout the season. Also it is pleasing to note that next season we will have two senior R&R squads and two junior R&R squads, so we go from strength to strength.

Last, but not least, I wish to thank my fellow workers, it is good to see new faces along with the old. Many thanks go to Eric Walters, Neil Robinson, Frank Byrnes, Larry Thorncroft, John Vallance and Graeme Hunt who weren't only there Sunday but also for carnivals and fund raising events.

Also we would like to thank Ron Weller, Bill Earle, Barry Jones, Rowley Parnell and anyone else who we may have missed for their assistance when it was needed.

My extra special thanks go to Cec. Norman and the best ladies auxiliary there is for their help throughout the year. If I have forgotten to thank anyone please forgive me as I said last year the club is getting bigger and my memory smaller.

All the very best for the coming season.

**A. PEBBLES**  
Hon. Secretary.

### **NIPPERETTES**

The 1976-77 season proved a little disappointing overall as weather conditions hampered most carnivals for the season.

Our club membership exceeded 40 this year

and the week to week club events proved very successful. The girls still managed to keep their spirits high.

The Branch carnival was held at Terrigal very late in the season and our girls excelled themselves.

To round off the season we held our presentation BBQ in conjunction with the nippers and this was a very enjoyable and rewarding evening. At that time special Resuscitation Certificate were awarded to Kathy Hoban, Jacki Hoban, Kayleen Hoban, Jenny Cannon, Sue Merris, Susan Thompson, Lisa Benson, Kathy Malone, Sharon Patterson, Wendy Homann, Joanne Hodges, Rhonda McAlister, Louise Answicz, congratulations to all those members and it is hoped that this procedure will continue in future years.

Many thanks to mothers, fathers, Slim Peebles and the boys, and of course Brenda Patterson who devotes endless hours to the nipperette association.

**RHONDA SAINSBURY**

### **AUSTRALIAN TITLES**

#### **CLUB TEAM MANAGER REPORT**

The club decided to send an official team to Bancoora for this year's Australian titles and after nominations had closed and been perused we finished with a team of 45 members.

Various fund raising activities were organised over the preceding two months in the form of raffles, "Hawaiian night", street collections etc. The members were successful in raising enough money to cover all travelling expenses and accommodation whilst away.

Once again we decided to send down a group of gear handlers to look after the gear, cooking and generally assist the competitors. Words cannot express the magnificent job that they did under the most shocking conditions seen at an Australian title. The weather was lousy with strong "cold" winds and driving rain. Somehow against all these adverse conditions, they successfully cooked all the meals, had the crafts and boats waiting for the respective competitors and above all, and most important, raised the morale of the whole team in conditions that would have dampened anybody's spirit. Thank you Bryce Norman, Bubby Nowland, Peter Hunt, Alan Horne, E. Walters, Geoff Thompson and head cook, Don Hoban.

The gear was transported down by TNT truck under the supervision of Brito, Eric and myself and outside of a few minor problems, had a uneventful trip. The competitors travelled by coach

from Gosford to the airport and then by Ansett to Melbourne.

Special thanks to team captain Phil Gee for his effort in getting everybody down and back including Dick, and his general handling and assistance to me throughout this venture.

I also make special mention of all the juniors and cadets who went down in the team, their behaviour and attitude was beyond reproach and I think it is a credit to the club to give these

younger members the opportunities and incentives by including them in teams of this type.

Special thanks are extended to Grahame Love, Ian Messenger for their behind the scene assistance and thank you to all team members, firstly for your co-operation and behaviour and especially for the presentation that was made to me.

**RON PARSONS,**  
Team Manager.



**Australian titles "Avoca's Last Stand."**

**N.S.W. STATE TEAM  
ASIAN TOUR—NOVEMBER 1976  
REPORT: MIKE TAMBLYN**

The idea to send a touring team to Asia was conceived by NSW State Centre, following a tour of the Philippines by Queensland in 1975.

It was decided to select a team, comprising one member from each country branch, and two members from each metropolitan branch, plus a manager and a doctor.

I consider myself indeed honoured to have been chosen to represent my country overseas, especially considering our tour was of an instructional nature and would benefit others.

The team met on two occasions prior to departure to get to know each other, and arrange finances, itinerary, etc., following which a bond of deep friendship developed within the team, thanks to the leadership of Len Harris (captain) of Bondi and Con Asmussen (manager), President, State Centre.

We flew from Sydney on Saturday, November

6, in a Qantas Jumbo direct to Manilla, the Philippines to be greeted at the airport by schoolgirls with leis of fresh flowers, members from Baclaran SLSC (formed by Queenslanders) holding up welcome signs and stifling heat.

The team was driven to their hotel and promptly made a bee line for the nearest pub, to quench the unbelievable thirst (we had instructions from our doctor not to drink water, so we just had to drink beer!).

I will not give a day by day account of our stay in the Philippines however, I can say that our nine day visit there was the most rewarding and personally gratifying experience of my life.

The 55 trainees from Baclaran SLSC and Boy Scouts, who we instructed and examined, were an example of what natural enthusiasm and the keenness to learn can achieve. Their constant attention at training, their commonsense approach to techniques, and above all, their genuine warmth and feeling for their fellow man, brought results which can only be described as

amazing in the short time we had at our disposal.

In addition to the Resus., Qualifying, Bronze and Instructors, candidates trained, we attended various universities and schools, instructing in the vicinity of some 6000 pupils in general life saving and resuscitation. To attempt to describe the warmth and feeling extended to us by these students is beyond my literary prowess, however, they taught each of our team something about the business of living with their fellow man.

Our instruction work also took in teaching nurses, school teachers and flight personnel from Philippine Airlines, the fundamentals of resuscitation.

We had time on one day of our stay to tour Manila and the environs in a bus with our new found Filipino friends who plied us with a home made coconut wine, which I'll never forget (took two days to recover).

At the official send off function at the La Granda Hotel, attended by Mr. Nutter, Australian Ambassador to the Philippines, we presented the officials of Baclaran SLSC with an Australian flag (borrowed from NSW Govt. by a team member!), in addition to presenting all the awards gained by the members. The memory of standing hand in hand in a circle in the hotel ballroom with 40-odd lifesavers from Australia and the Philippines singing *Waltzing Matilda*, with many an unashamed tear in sight, is something I will long cherish.

Our departure from Manila was as moving an experience as the send off function, and I am sure our team, as well as the Baclaran surf club members, with whom we were so closely involved, will long remember the NSW team's tour of the Philippines.

We flew from Manila's heat into Hong Kong's cold and the weather wasn't the only change we found on arrival. We were met by two members of Hong Kong Guard Club, and taken by bus to the Lee Gardens Hotel (a 22 storey lavish international class hotel, with all the trimmings). During our stay in Hong Kong we had ample time for sight seeing and shopping — Kowloon shops have to be seen to be believed.

We toured the New Territories area of Hong Kong, and drove up to the Iron Curtain (the Red China border), which gave us all a jolt to realise just where in the world we were. The instruction side of our stay was a visit to the Tang King Po College, for resuscitation demonstrations to 300 students and a visit to Chang Chau Life Saving Club (an island off the mainland), where we gave

R&R and Bronze demonstrations to a handful of interested members.

The highlight of Hong Kong was competing in the Hong Kong Life Guard International Life Saving Race across Repulse Bay, (about 1200 metres), with competitors from Hong Kong and Japan.

We entered three-two man teams which were taken to the starting line along with the other competitors in army landing barges. To swim 1200 metres in itself is an achievement for me, but to swim with a patient and use the tired swimmer breaststroke is nothing short of miraculous. However, Dave Piper and I made it, but didn't (surprisingly) win.

Following the swimming race we gave March Past, R&R, Bronze and Beach Event demonstrations to a crowd of about 700 people who showed keen interest (mainly the Japanese swimming team).

At the expense of a Mr. Henri Kwok (the richest man in Hong Kong), the team was shouted a night in Macau — a Portugese owned town on the tip of Red China. We stayed at the Lisboa Casina which is an extremely lavish and expensively appointed affair. Our meal that night was an 11-course Chinese meal consisting of frogs legs, dog meat, century eggs (eggs soaked for 100 days in horse urine), and balloots (chicken eggs with chickens in them) to name a few. My stomach hasn't been the same since!

We left Hong Kong with feelings of disappointment at our achievements in instruction, as the people are not really interested in spending money to improve the life saving amenities, but would rather spend \$1000 on a banquet. Nor are they really interested in learning how to save lives.

Pan Am flew us from Hong Kong to Bali, where we "let down" for five days.

Because of the number of touring teams which have toured Bali, we could teach the local surf club members very little, they being as well versed as ourselves in current handbook and techniques. We did, however, teach them a little rowing and sweeping of surf boat — one had been left there by Dee Why Club on a previous tour and was in good order.

The team spent most of the time surfing, (the first surf we had seen on tour) and touring the island. We did have a formal meeting with the Governor of Bali at a brief function.

In conclusion I feel that the tour was most definitely an overall success, but mainly in the Philippines, where we achieved more than I would have thought possible, and also cemented a link between the Filipino Surf Life Savers and

the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my club for nominating me for selection, and assisting with financing the levy imposed by State Centre. To be selected in such a team was the ultimate in my career as a surf life saver, and I can only say "Thank you" for giving me the op-

portunity to support my club, State and country on an instructional tour, based on the humanitarian principle of saving lives — or as the Baclaran Surf Club motto states "THAT OTHERS MAY LIVE."

**MIKE TAMBLYN**



**John Beven, Mike Tamblyn and squad training at Phillam Village, Manila.**

### **CONCLUSION**

Perusal of this report shows that the 1976-77 season goes down as being our best ever in all areas of club activities.

In summing up I again appeal to our senior members to give serious thought to gaining the Advance Resuscitation Certificate. To our patrols you have set a standard which has to be maintained next season, to our competitors, all the best for next season, you also have set a standard which cannot go much higher but hopefully can be maintained, to our ladies auxiliary, supporters and sponsors "thank you", I have no hesitation in stating that this club would not be where it is today without you.

To my fellow committeemen the results of your devotion to the club are in this report, to anyone new on next season's committee, remember you have a very responsible job to en-

sure the same report goes out next year. As I stated in a previous report the club is like a chain, "it is only as strong as the weakest link."

In closing I would like to advise the club that I will not be standing for secretary next season as I feel it is time for a change. To my successor I can only wish you the support that I have received over the past six years, for without it the position cannot operate. It has been a most rewarding and satisfying position and I have gained a lot out of it.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow committeemen over the years and especially "Bristo" for their assistance, guidance and "stirring", to my wife and family the job could never have been a success without your understanding and assistance "thank you."

**YOURS IN SURFING,  
GRAHAME LOVE,  
Hon. Secretary.**

## PRESIDENT'S ADDENDUM

Gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure one reads of the achievements of our club over the past season as outlined in this annual report for 1976-77.

I feel the best effort was our success in the Branch Patrol Efficiency competition and Branch Resuscitation competition. I thank you members for a grand effort, as this is what surf life saving is all about.

To all members involved in fostering the movement both practical and administrative, mine and the club's sincere appreciation for your efforts over the past season. These members include Mike Tamblyn, a member of the NSW Instructional Team to Asia, educational officers of the American tour, all members who attended last season's seminars, district supervisors from the Board of Examiners and all instructors who trained our squads. Thanks also to members both male and female who gained life saving awards in 1976-77.

As outlined in this report the competitive success in all areas (nipperettes, nippers and seniors) was outstanding to say the least and it is with pride I thank all those concerned, as it is a very arduous and time consuming effort to reach the top in today's competition. The association's selection of our club to compile the training manual for board and ski competitors is the greatest achievement this club has attained in the competition field. Just keep up the good work members.

Once more mine and the club's appreciation to Grahame for compiling this report. I personally know the burden he has been under with his departure for America in a few weeks time and the disappointing aspect of several club officers not having their reports to him until the last minute.

Our financial position is once more stable, due mainly to the formation of a finance committee and I thank them and all members who assisted in fund raising last season. Special thanks to all

our sponsors whose assistance is always greatly appreciated.

My appreciation to Eric and our social committee for last season's activities and once more our ladies auxiliary cannot be commended enough for the dedication throughout the season. To the clubmen and patrolman of the year mine and the club's gratitude for your help and attitude over 1976-77.

Once more our nippers and nipperettes had a very successful season and this is due to the efforts of "Slim", Rhonda and their committees. Thank you all.

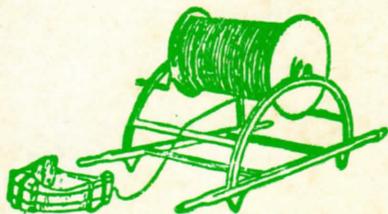
As stated in this report our secretary and captain will not be standing for re-election in their respective positions next season. Grahame Love, our secretary since 1971, has not only been most efficient in his position but also a driving force in all aspects of club activities. As president I have found no task too large or small for Grahame who always approached any task with the utmost zeal, and I am sure if he intends nominating for any position he will carry it out to the letter. Mick Kendall, our captain, also has a drive and approach for the captaincy, but I know the difficulty he was under last season being a shift worker at Hornsby, which certainly laid a great strain on him, but nevertheless Mick did his utmost and that is what counts. Thank you both gentlemen.

The death of Ian Gibson during last season was a sad event as he was a great mate to many members. George Whiting, a foundation Bronze squad member also passed away and to their families mine and the club's deepest sympathy.

Finally gentlemen, my thanks to our executive management, sub-committees and all members for the efforts of last season which made Avoca Beach a top club on the Central Coast. Let us look forward to 1977-78 for greater achievements and around participation in order to maintain the strong position this club holds to day. Thank you all members.

**BRYCE NORMAN,**  
President.





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