



AVOCA BEACH S.L.S.C.

44th ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1972-1973

AFFILIATED TO CENTRAL COAST BRANCH S.L.S.A. OF AUSTRALIA

AVOCA BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

45th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 45th Annual General Meeting of the above club will be held in the Clubhouse on Saturday, 8th September, 1973, at 2.00 p.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 office Bearers for the 1973-1974 season.
6. To transact any further business which may be brought before the meeting.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Amendment to Rule 10 of Constitution.

"Applications" for active reserve must be in writing to the Secretary before the Annual Meeting, each year. They will then be considered at the Annual Meeting.

Moved — B. Jacobs; Seconded — R. Gee.

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

1. Active Members	\$1.00
2. Active Reserve	\$2.10
3. Cadets	\$0.50
4. Nippers	\$0.20
5. Associates	\$2.10

Financial Members ONLY are entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting.

GRAHAME LOVE,
Honorary Secretary.

OFFICE BEARERS 1972-1973 SEASON

PATRONS: Messrs. D. Noble, N. Hunter, N. Byrnes, C. B. Hibbard.

PRESIDENT: B. Norman.

SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT: R. Way.

VICE-PRESIDENTS: A. Bower, B. Powell, P. George, J. Mitchell, Snr., A. Licardo, G. Miller, H. Baldwin, O. Cook, E. Poole, B. Cahill, P. Britton, C. Barker, J. Harpur, P. McAtamney.

SECRETARY: G. Love.

ASST. SECRETARY: A. McCudden.

TREASURER: B. Jacobs.

CAPTAIN: D. Gee.

VICE-CAPTAIN: J. Harpur.

JUNIOR CAPTAIN: C. Way.

BOAT CAPTAIN: R. Gee.

VICE BOAT CAPTAIN: P. Gee.

BOARD AND SKI CAPTAIN: A. Ellis.

COMPETITION SECRETARY: B. Cahill.

SOCIAL SECRETARY: I. Walsh.

PUBLICITY OFFICER: C. Barker.

CHIEF INSTRUCTOR: N. Hillyard.

ASSISTANT INSTRUCTORS: G. Price, L. Cook, A. Hoban, Jim Mitchell, B. Jacobs, D. Dwight.

GEAR STEWARD: M. Tamblyn.

ASSISTANT GEAR STEWARDS: J. McAtamney, E. Walters, C. Way, R. Marks.

FIRST AID OFFICER: A. Hoban.

ASSISTANT FIRST AID OFFICERS: One to be appointed from each Patrol.

HON. MEDICAL OFFICERS: Drs. Clarke, Paul, McGuinness, Spence, Wood, Arndt, Wotherspoon, Hurley, Neal and Freeman.

REGISTRAR: P. McAtamney.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: D. Dwight, A. Hoban, R. Marks, M. Kendall, E. Walters.

HOUSE COMMITTEE: G. Miller, T. Burnett, A. McCudden.

COMPETITION COMMITTEE: R. Gee, L. Cook, J. McAtamney, Jim Mitchell, J. Andrews, G. Price, S. Harpur.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE: D. Gee, N. Hillyard, G. Love, B. Cahill, C. Way, M. Tamblyn, A. Hoban.

BUILDING COMMITTEE: R. Way, M. Tamblyn, R. Gee, G. Love, A. Ellis, G. Beach, T. Burnett.

BRANCH DELEGATES: G. Love, A. McCudden, B. Cahill.

TRUSTEES: P. Britton, G. Miller.

HON. LEGAL ADVISERS: W. Rutledge, J. Conybeare and D. Lloyd.

MEMBERS 1972-1973 SEASON

LIFE MEMBERS

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

ACTIVE MEMBERS 1972-1973

B. Cahill
B. Jacobs
C. Way
C. Tate
M. Tamblyn
L. Cook
G. Price
Jim Mitchell
D. Gee
K. Bootle
N. Hillyard
N. Kibble
D. Garnham
J. Alexander
Q. Riley
P. Gee
A. Hoban
A. Ellis
D. Dwight
John Mitchell
M. Kendall
R. Marks

G. Cuthbertson
D. Barker
R. Sherwin
G. Sherwin
J. Rainbow
S. Muter
B. Low
R. Jackson
J. Andrews
L. Rhodes
W. Froude
R. Partridge
R. Paterson
S. Spence
B. Henderson
M. Loggie
N. Pickett
M. Edmondson
R. Hoyer
A. Taylor
D. Hoban
R. Learmont

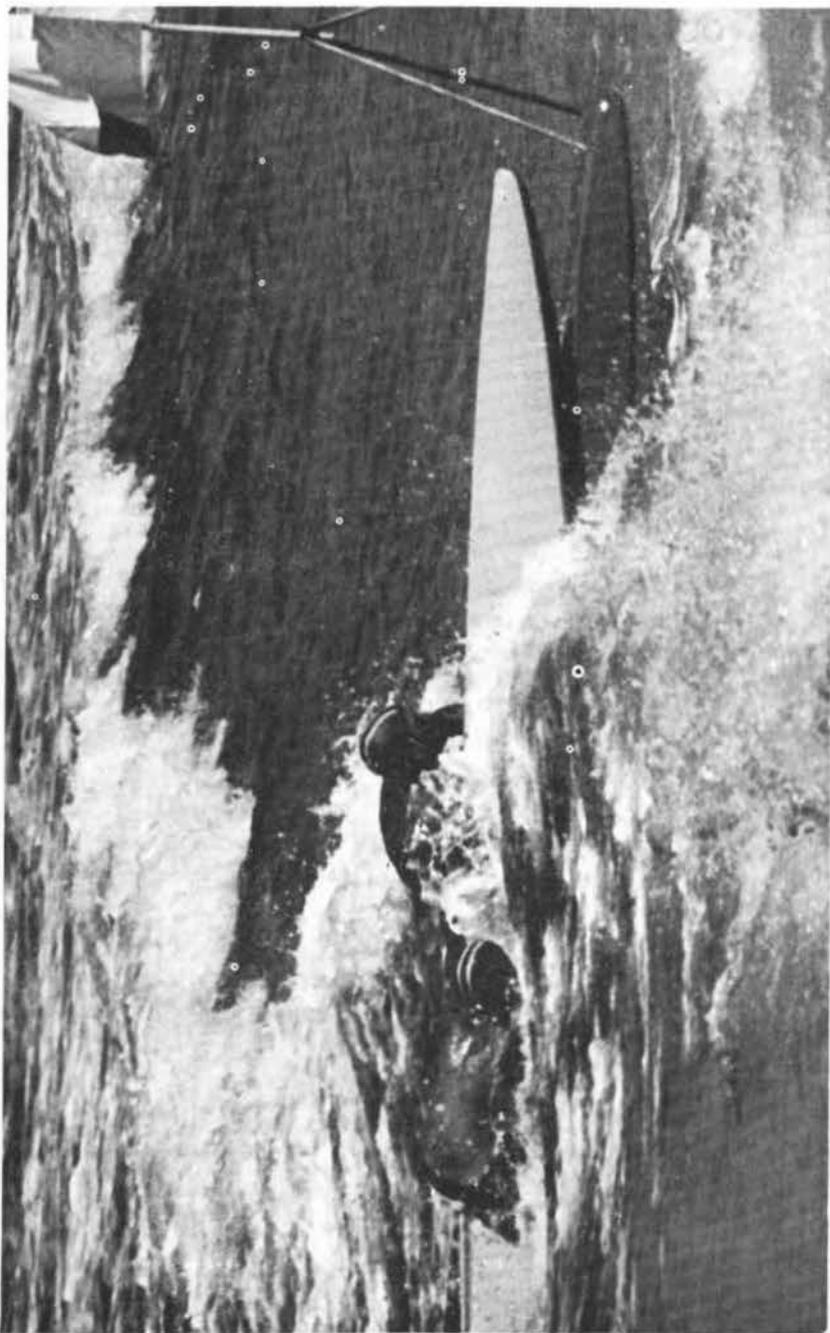
A. Nowland
W. Blackwell
J. Barkley
R. Howarth
F. Spindler
K. Jones
J. Coleman
G. Gavin
S. Bromley
G. Mitchell
J. Annand
I. Messenger
N. Townsend
B. Bell
R. Cairncross
A. Frewin
J. McAtamney
M. McAtamney
P. Hunt
R. Norman
G. Matthews
G. Love

ACTIVE RESERVE AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS 1972-1973

E. Walters
R. Dunlop
A. McCudden
A. Bruce
P. George
N. Byrnes
K. Byrnes
I. Walsh
T. Burnett
J. Hennessy
J. Hennessey, Jnr.
O. Cook
A. Licciardo
P. McAtamney
R. Gee
W. Young
G. Miller
A. Warrnock
N. Boden
C. Barker
I. Pickett
S. Player
R. Norman
K. Hillyard
I. Dunlop
K. Johns
T. Hunter
M. Hunter
R. Fittock
R. O'Grady
J. Lemmon

D. Barker
A. Bower
D. Sutherland
C. Froude
T. Piccot
C. Phillips
R. Parsons
R. Horniman
R. Matthews
F. Kitto
V. Williamson
F. Worrاند
H. Murphie
S. Player
A. Scott
M. Hedge
T. Loggie
B. Jordan
A. White
M. Edwards
G. Hunt
F. Zwendolet
R. Edmondson
A. Tamblyn
J. Bolton
B. Overton
B. Overton
I. Lambert
R. Marsden
R. Butler

J. Witter
C. Tate
B. Gallard
F. Perry
E. Milne
N. Cannon
G. Thompson
E. Reynolds
R. Dorrell
P. Smith
M. Clarke
N. Ferguson
F. Peel
T. Mitchell
N. Honerwood
L. Moad
W. Doe
B. Muter
P. Taylor
J. Betts
J. Walker
S. Close
P. Thomas
A. Small
T. Townsend
J. Reiner
P. Chalmers
A. Harvey
E. Poole
R. Gray



Dennis Gee remains his longboard title narrowly from clubmate Arthur Ellis.

AVOCA BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB SEASON 1972-1973

44th Annual Report and Financial Statement

New Members,

I am pleased to present to you the 44th annual report and financial statement of our club affairs. I have endeavoured to cover all aspects of our club's activities throughout the past season and on reading the various reports. I am sure that you will agree with me that our club has completed a most successful season in all respects.

Before moving on to the various reports, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new members to the club this season. The club has had more new members this season than for some time and this, above all other achievements for the season, is by far the most important. We had a total of 32 Bronze and Qualifying Certificates gained throughout the season, and as long as these members continue their membership the club's active future looks good.

To these members especially I ask that you study this report thoroughly, as I feel it will give you a good insight into the club's operations and the work that it involves. Also I ask that you attend this year's annual meeting and have your say in the election of the various positions and committees. While on the subject of the annual meeting I would like to thank all those who attended last season as it was the largest meeting for some time. To those who did not attend I ask that you make the effort this year. I would like to think that the refreshments after the meeting last year were not the main reason for the increased numbers present, but if it was the case then refreshments will be served again this year.

While on the subject of members taking part in club activities, I feel that the monthly news sheet has done much to bring members closer together, and also it gives them no excuse for

forgetting dates. I only ask one thing of the continuing of these news sheets, and that is that as the printing and mailing works out reasonably expensive I ask that all UNFINANCIAL MEMBERS make an effort this season to pay their subs, as this money helps toward covering the cost of the news sheets.

If anybody doubted the potential of our club, they certainly do not after witnessing the branch titles held on our beach on Saturday, March 10. It was rated by one and all as the best carnival and conditions ever experienced on the Central Coast. Our club dominated the events, finishing the day with 14 gold, 7 silver and 9 bronze medals. To these members "congratulations," and your names are now in the record books, but I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate those members who organized and controlled the carnival. To Brian Cahill, carnival organiser, and Mike Tamblin, gear steward, a special thanks, and to every club member who assisted on this day the final result was well worth the effort.

CLUB MANAGEMENT

During the 1972-1973 season we had nine management meetings and numerous executive meetings.

This season saw a marked improvement in attendances at these meetings, which I feel sure was responsible for the outstanding way in which the club was run throughout the year. With a substantial increase in membership and running cost over the years, the club is reaching the stage where running it on a successful basis required a fair amount of time on the individual committeeman, and if one fails to do his share it only results in extra work for someone else.

I am pleased to report that this did not happen this year, but I would like to point it out

to anyone who is prepared to stand for committee that he is not only letting his club down, but also his fellow committeemen, by not doing his share. I feel it is also up to the committeemen to help set an example to the younger members of the club in regard to pitching in and getting the various jobs done that occur each season around the clubhouse.

Attendances at the management meetings were as follows:

R. Way 9, G. Love 9, A. McCudden 8, B. Jacobs 8, C. Way 6, A. Ellis 7, N. Hillyard 7, J. Harpur 8, D. Dwight 8, A. Hoban 6, E. Walters 9, I. Walsh 7, B. Norman 9, M. Kendal 7, C. Barker 6, B. Cahill 6, D. Barker (Nipper secretary) 3, P. McAtamney 3, R. Marks (resigned) 2.

To these committeemen, on behalf of the club members, I would like to thank you on the excellent work done throughout the season, and ask that you give considerable consideration to stand for these positions next season.

PATROLS

The 1972-1973 season was most successful in all aspects of club activity. The new officers and committees voted in at the annual meeting worked quite well together throughout the season. A major change in the administration of the club came about when Jim Harpur stood down as club captain after holding this position for 15 years. Jim's years of experience have not been wasted, as he has accepted the position of vice-captain, from where he has

been able to pass on sound advice during the past season.

Our patrol activities early in the season left much to be desired, although it is very awkward to organise a roster when members drop out of patrols without notifying the club and other cases of not receiving patrol rosters owing to a change of address. With the new influx of members the judiciary committee was able to sort out the dead wood from most patrols so that at the close of the season they were of a very high standard.

The inter-patrol efficiency competition did much to improve the standard of our patrols. The reaction to this competition was most pleasing as it had most members punctual and it improved the general efficiency of all patrols. I would like to congratulate the winning team. They have strived hard for their success. The standard of our competitors in carnivals was of the usual high standard, evidence of this being our club's domination of the Central Coast championships conducted on Avoca Beach.

At this stage it looks as though all patrols will be re-hashed next season as they are getting out of balance. We will be endeavouring to pick 10 patrols of equal strength, i.e., good swimmers, board paddlers and boat rowers. This out of balance in patrols has come about in recent years due to members leaving and new ones being allocated at random. I feel that this can only help to strength patrols in general.



The Mitchell Bros. John and Jim.

INSTRUCTION

During the season the Club was very fortunate in having a good influx of new blood. Members to gain awards were:

INSTRUCTOR'S CERTIFICATE (2)

Clinton Way

ADVANCED RESUSCITATION CERTIFICATE (3)

Graham Love

Michael Kendall

BRONZE MEDALLION (18)

Russell Sherwin

Andrew Hoban

Wayne Blackwell

Ian Messenger

Glen Gavin

Robert Partridge

Bruce Henderson

Matthew Loggie

Glen Mitchell

Russell Howarth

Kerry Ross

Geoff Thompson

John Hanrahan

Trevor Way

Warwick Bissaker

Marcel Chollet

Mark Peasley

Colin Rule

Robert Cairncross

Bruce Bell

QUALIFYING CERTIFICATE (14)

David Grose

Craig Kelly

Ian Parker

Peter Hoban

Lee Gray

Steven Michaelson

Kelly Gray

Chris Jackson

Rick Kinnaird

David O'Grady

Alan Frost

Tom Crane

Wayne Townsend

Peter Bowcock

Personally, and from the Club point of view a very satisfactory result, no doubt many of these members will go on to become good competitors but above all good clubmen, some having already shown these qualities.

Thanks are extended to the Instructors who gave up their leisure time to train new recruits and in particular George Sherwin, Russell Sherwin and Andrew Hoban. The efforts of all those concerned is greatly appreciated by the Club and myself.

I extended my personal congratulations to all members who gained awards and hope that you enjoy a long and happy association with Avoca.

FINANCE, 1972-73 SEASON

With the club operating on the scale that it is now with a membership of 243, finance is of great importance. This year saw donations to the club again from our regular supporters, and to these organisations we say thank you, for without your support we would have quite a battle on our hands:

Central Coast League's Club \$1,850

Avoca Beach Bowling Club \$500

Gosford Shire Council \$600

Our Own Ladies' Auxiliary \$1,000

S.T.C. (Aust.) Surf Boat \$2,500

Other donations this season were in the form of boards and ski's, thanks to N. and M. Hunter, Barry Frost, Gosford Lions Club and J. Spindler.

This year also saw a concentrated drive by club members to raise money for new competition craft and equipment, including a badly needed boat trailer. Money raised by members is as follows:

Chocolate Wheels \$620

Christmas Hamper \$290

Housie \$709

Beach Raffles \$650

Barbecues and Socials \$350

The above figures are all clear profit. Special thanks to the local business houses for their continued support and donations to our Christmas hamper. The main expenditure for the season was the painting of the clubhouse and general repair work to the building, which, together with the finishing off of the extension, cost us approximately \$2,500. The only section left to be finished is the Nippers' change room and showers, and it is anticipated that this will be completed this coming season.

The club also purchased a new boat trailer worth \$540. This was badly needed as the old trailer was dangerous to tow and was in need of a complete overhaul.

COMPETITION

Completion of this season in competition was probably the most successful season that our club has had and possibly overshadowed those great seasons in the mid '50's.

Whilst the club was successful in a great number of events, I feel that more participation is required by members in events such as pillow fight, chariot race and beach flags, the latter being of most importance as a single club member has little chance of fighting his way

through the heats if another club has him marked.

Carnival attendance was good by competitors, but the lack of moral support was evident at a lot of carnivals and I feel personally that this has a great bearing on the final results.

Club events were well attended with very strong competition developing in all sections towards the end of the season. Jim and John Mitchell and Brian Grace showed a tremendous improvement towards the end of the season and it is felt that solid training at the beginning of the season and more interbranch competition, plus the determination to reach the first can first, could make any one of these members State or Australian champions. Jim McAtamney has shown his versatility throughout the season, but if Jim wants to make a State or Australian title he will have to reduce his participation to one or two events.

Dennis Gee turned in the most creditable performance to get pipped at the post in the Australian championships. Dennis has been well placed for a number of seasons but the title always eludes him. Better luck next season, Denis.

One of the most notable performances, and probably a club record, would be Arthur Ellis' branch championship win in the malibu board. From memory I think it was about 13 years ago that Arthur won a long-board championship. In those days Arthur never lost his board as he could not swim.

A close look at our competition ranks shows that we have very few juniors or cadets in competition and the new season should see a determined effort to obtain new young members to fill these ranks.

Finally, apologies must go to the beach sport fraternity, who were omitted from the presentation list. The results were as follows:

Seniors: J. Annand 1, D. Gee 2, R. Neal 3.

Juniors: G. Mitchell 1, J. McAtamney 2, C. Way 3.

Cadets: M. McAtamney 1, P. Andrews 2, G. Mathews 3.

PUBLICITY

This year again saw more than our share of publicity, thanks to our publicity officer, Col Barker. This year Col had some good assistance from new club member, John Hanrahan, who works for the opposition. Both Col and John write sports columns for their respective papers and a certain amount of professional competition resulted in our club getting strong publicity from both local papers.

Thanks, fellers. Also thanks to Bob Scott, of Radio 2GO, for announcements and news in connection with our club.

CLUBMAN OF THE YEAR

This year saw the presentation of a Junior and Cadet Clubman of the Year as well. These two trophies were donated by Hi-Mix Quarries.

CADET CLUBMAN OF THE YEAR

For the first year was awarded to Richard (Dickie) Norman. Dickie has had a very successful season in competition (both Club and Branch) and is always willing to help out when ever asked (even if you have got to thump him a few times). Dick is an example of the young members we have in the club at the moment and I hope the others will strive to take out this honour next year. Once again congratulations and keep up the good work next season.

JUNIOR CLUBMAN

Was awarded to Jimmy McAtamney and was thoroughly deserved. Jim is always well to the fore in all competition and club activities. This was Jim's last year as a junior and the award was a fitting tribute to him.

Jim like Dickie has a tremendous future ahead of him in the club if he sticks with it, congratulations Jim and remember you're a big boy next season.

SENIOR CLUBMAN

This is the highest award a member can have be stowed on him in the club and it gave me great pleasure to announce at the Presentation Night that Brian Low had been awarded the trophy this year.

Brian is a reasonably new member to the club and although work hampered him in his first couple of seasons, he has made up for it this season. Apparently he found some spare time, as he was involved in just about everything that was going. I won't go on and embarrass him too much, but I feel that the example that Brian has set this season can only prove to be a benefit to the younger club members and the club itself. Here's hoping for the same next season and an even stronger effort by other club members.

PATROLMAN OF THE YEAR

This year the award was made to Mike (PEAS) Tamblin. Mike is a Patrol Captain and his efforts this season should be an example to

every other active member. As an active member for quite a few seasons, he has always been a conscientious member while on duty and off. At the start of this season Patrols were not of their usual high standard and I feel that if other patrol captains and members were to follow his example this situation would not have occurred. Mike always made a point of chasing up his patrol prior to their next date to make sure that he had a full patrol there or substitutes arranged. There are a few points that all club members could take from his example, mainly, being on the beach on time, carry out the duties of a patrolman or captain properly, and above all making sure that his own knowledge, and the efficiency of his patrol in connection with patrol duties is complete where possible the knowledge is past on to new members.

GEAR STEWARDS REPORT

At the commencement of the season Gear Racks were installed for the housing of gear viz Signs, Flags, Bouys, etc. Unfortunately not all members could see the value of storing gear in this way, however, as the season wore on each member became more conscious of this point.

This season saw some new additions to the gear, namely — Boat Trailer, set of Boat Bouys and Ski Bouys, Surfline and Belts, Sundry Flags and Signs for the Carnival, 2 Surf Skis, 2 Malibu Boards, 2 Long Boards, 1 Rescue Ski (donated by N&M Hunter); Sundry Competition and Patrol Caps, a shark attack Plasma Outfit (courtesy of Gosford District Hospital), to name some of the additions.

Unfortunately, the respect some members show for the gear leaves something to be desired. If every member could be conscious of the fact that Club Gear is a very expensive item and time consuming to maintain, I feel sure they would not abuse the gear in the way they do.

I would particularly like to mention some areas which cause concern.

1. Carrying Reels in Land-Rover.
2. Carrying Tripods in Land-Rover — drag them behind.
3. Throwing Area indicators off the top of Land-Rover. This bends the discs and knocks the paint off.
4. Patrol Caps — please leave them in office — don't take them home.
5. Maintenance of Land-Rover — ensure water, oil, battery, fuel in order before using.
6. Please return all gear to Racks.

One last point on gear, I would like to ask any member who finds gear damaged or faulty, please advise the Gear Steward immediately —

prevention is much cheaper than cure.

Mike and his assistants are to be complimented on a job well done for the season.

Article, number and condition: Surf Boats, 3, good/fair/poor; Oars, 18, good/fair; Sweep Oars, 4, good/fair; Rowlocks, 16, good; Boat Rollers, 2, good; Boat Jackets, 1 set, good; Boat Trailers, 2, good/fair; Surf Reels, 8, good; Surf Lines, 8, good; Surf Belts, 8, good; Torpedo Bouy, 1, good; Patrol Area, 1, good; Patrol Area Indicators, 2, fair; Board Area Indicators, 2, fair; Patrol Flags, 2, fair; Board Flags, 2, fair; Signalling Flags, 3 sets, good; Bouy Flags, 1 set, good; Shark Flags, 2, good; Report Flags, 1, good; Event Finishing Flags, 4 sets, good; March Past Finish Flags, 14, good; Manual Shark Siren, 1, poor; Electric Shark Siren, 1, good; Whistles, 3, good; Patrol Caps, 1 dozen, good; Danger Signs, 3, good; Swimming Bouys, 1 set, good; Boat Bouys, 1 set, good; Ski Bouys, 1 set, good; Iron Man Bouys, 1 set, good; Event Area Signs, 4 good; R&R Wheeling Pegs, 1 set, good; March Past Wheeling Pegs, 4, good; Boat Area Signs, 1 set, good; Boat Area Signs, 1 set, good; Tripods (Patrol), 4, good; Pillow Fight Stand, ½, fair; March Past Flag, 1, good; March Past Costumes, 18, good; Table Tops and Trestles, 21, fair; Stools, 29, good; Chairs, 150, good; Small Table, 1, good; Table Tennis Table and Net, 1, good; Black Board and Chalf, 1, good; Filing Cabinets, 2, good; Office Desk, 1, good; Gym Mats, 3, poor; Vaulting Box, 1, good; Vaulting Horse, 1, good; Parallel Bars, 1, good; Trambolette, 1, good; Spring Board, 1, good; Bunks, 4, fair; Mattresses, 2, poor; Chocolate Wheel, 1, good; Barbecue and Gas Bottles, 1, good; Weights, 1 set, poor; Amplifying System, 1, good; Piano, 1, fair; Stoves, 2, fair/poor; Bain Marie, 1, good; Urn, 1, good; Kitchen Crockery, sundry, good; Kitchen Cutlery, sundry, good; Glass Trays, 6, good; Beer Glasses, 100, good; Wine Glasses, 9, good; Temprete System (complete), 1, good; Electric Jugs, 3, good; Land-Rover Reserve Unit, 1, good; March Past Caps, 1 doz., good; March Past Frogs, 2, good/fair; March Past Box, 1, good; March Past Standard, 1, good; R&R Costumes, 3 sets, good; R&R Caps, 2 sets, good; Relay Battens, 1 dozen, fair; Surf Skis, 4, good/fair; Ski Paddles, 2, fair; Rescue Ski, 1, fair; Surf Boards (long), 2, good; Surf Boards (Malibu), 5, good/fair/poor; Surf Boards (Nipper Coolite), 2, fair; Gear Trailer, 1, good; Reel Cover, 1, fair; Nipper Reel, 1, good; Stop Watches, 3, good; Audio Visual Training Aid, 1, fair; Ambu Manikin, 1, good; Ambu Resuscitator, 1, good; Air Viva, 1, good;

AVOCA BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1972-1973 SEASON

	General Fund	Building Fund	Gear Fund	Boat Fund	Avoca Beach J.S.L.S.C.	TOTAL	1971-72 Season
We commenced the year with a BALANCE of	2224.29	56.14	4.56	126.51	13.75	2425.25	4655.67
During the year CASH WAS RECEIVED by way of							
Subscriptions	256.10					256.10	272.60
Donations	713.30		453.95	2516.00		3683.25	245.10
Ladies' Auxiliary							1000.00
Avoca Beach Bowling Club							600.00
Central Coast League's Club	1344.00					1344.00	1738.00
Gosford Shire Council	600.00					600.00	600.00
Central Coast Branch S.L.S.A.	66.30					66.30	40.00
Competitions (Gross)	678.21					678.21	326.15
Housle	709.92					709.92	460.93
Annual Competition	290.33					290.33	333.40
Barbecues (Gross)	796.95					796.95	602.01
Smoko							218.00
Presentation Night							255.00
Telephone Calls	7.40					7.40	18.18
Ocean Beach S.L.S.C.				300.00		300.00	400.00
Children's Christmas Party	228.00					228.00	
Chocolate Wheels (Gross)	861.47					861.47	
Avoca Beach J.S.L.S.C.					6.70	6.70	3.80
Swansea-Belmont S.L.S.C.							50.00
Receipts — Purchase of skis by members			591.00			591.00	
Receipts — Purchase of tracksuits	157.00					157.00	
Sundries	74.80					74.80	193.01
Making the TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE during the year	9008.07	56.14	1049.51	2942.51	20.45	13076.68	12011.85
These funds were expended as follows:							
Building Repairs and Purchase		695.89				695.89	245.60
New Extensions		1865.54				1865.54	4106.61
General Expenses	1014.18					1014.18	803.12
First Aid	29.43					29.43	19.52
Entry Fees	317.00					317.00	353.50
Supporting Central Coast Team							450.00
Petty Cash, Postage and Stationery	148.06					148.06	134.96
Carnivals (Cost)	38.82					38.82	45.00
Presentation Night 1972 (including trophies)	864.10					864.10	557.50
Insurance	108.25					108.25	15.82
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Barbecues (Cost)	444.77					444.77	231.18
Smoko (Cost)							199.00
Children's Christmas Party (Cost)	165.00					165.00	140.00
New Boards and Skis			1178.20			1178.20	
Renovations and Repairs to Gear			965.61			965.61	1058.61
New Boat, Oars and Equipment				2179.20		2179.20	860.99
New Boat Trailer				540.00		540.00	
Herald Loan Fund		400.00				400.00	
Chocolate Wheels (Cost)	242.15					242.15	
Track Suits and Club Shirts, Honour Blazers	411.30					411.30	
Competitions (Cost)	26.40					26.40	18.13
Avoca Beach J.S.L.S.C.					47.20	47.20	42.46
Sundries							
TOTAL PAYMENTS DURING YEAR	4109.96	2961.43	2143.81	2719.20	47.20	11981.60	9586.60
Leaving a BALANCE of	4898.11	(2905.29)	(1094.30)	223.31	(26.75)	1095.08	2425.08
To balance funds, transfers were made as per executive approval	(4150.00)	3000.00	1100.00		50.00		
MAKING ACTUAL FUNDS AVAILABLE AT 30.4.73	748.11	94.71	5.70	223.31	23.25	1095.08	
The Balance of CASH AT BANK on 30.4.73 was	1133.23						
This can be reconciled with the Balance in the Financial Statement by deducting cheques drawn prior to but not presented to bank by 30.4.73	38.15						
This equals money available for activities as shown in financial statement at 1.5.73	1095.08						
B. E. JACOBS, (Hon. Treasurer)							
							I have examined the books and confirm that they represent the Club's financial activities for the year ended 30th April, 1973.
							J. C. CHADLE, Hon. Auditor.

First-Aid Box, 1, good; Shark Attack Box, 1, good; Shark Attack Plasma (Gos. Hosp.), 1 set, good; Blankets, 2, good; Towels, 4, good; Stretcher, 1, good; Crutches, 1 set, good; Oxygen Bottles, 2, good; Sterilizer, 1, good; First-Aid Couch, 1, good; Sundry Medicines, good; Pillows, 3, good; Tent, 1, fair; Shovel, 1, good; Hammer, 1, fair; Hose, 2, good; Garbage Tins, 3, good; Brooms, 4, good; Buckets, 3, good.

BOAT CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Sunday, October 1, 1972 and into the sea for the first time was launched Miss S.T.C. The Second.

Once again the club's grateful thanks go to the firm of Standard Telephones and Cables Pty. Ltd., and particularly to our wonderful supporter of the Avoca Beach Surf Club, Mr. Deegan who once again was the person responsible for the presentation of this valuable piece of surf club equipment.

Now for some news on the activities of the club's boat Crews. It was a case of back to the drawing board as far as the Senior A crew was concerned for the commencement of the 1972-1973 season. With the full retirement of last season's "A" crew the following members were chosen to train for the ensuing season Bob Partridge, Neville Hillyard, Brian Low, Greg Price and Dick Gee.

Work commitments however caught up with Bob Partridge in February, and he was replaced by Glen Gavin rowing in the bow position.

Regular training once again at our headquarters on the Gosford Broadwater saw the boys begin to take on a bit of co-ordination and condition. But owing to a rather late start and no pre-season conditioning, it was not until the Killcare Carnival on January 6, that we began to be the first boat across the finishing line.

The club's crews performed excellently on this occasion, with the "A" crew being 1st in its heat, and 4th in the final.

The "B" Crew, consisting of Phil Gee, Dennis Barker, Kevin Bootle, Mike Tamblyn, Terry Dickinson, 1st in its heat and 1st in the final, and the junior crew being 1st in a straight out final.

The branch Championship Carnival was held this season at Avoca Beach, here we were able to field three Senior Boat Crews to contest the Open Boat Race Championship. Our "A" and "B" Crews were drawn to compete in the first heat, with both crews going on to compete in the final. In this 1st heat the "A" crew after being in 5th position on the way out, rowed

strongly to win by a wide margin over the rest of the field.

In the second heat our "C" Crew consisting of all of last season's "A" Crew members, were narrowly defeated by Soldiers Beach and thus prevented from contesting the final.

The final itself saw Avoca Beach Club create something like a branch record by finishing in 1st and 2nd placings. Our "B" Crew had jumped away from the field at the start in fine fashion and were untroubled to win by some 6 to 8 lengths. Our "A" crew rowed strongly and managed to finish in second place. Our junior Crew were considered hot favourites to take out the junior championship, having been undefeated by any local crew all season.

The crew consisted of Matt Loggie, Bruce Henderson, Clinton Way, and Jim McAtamney. However the effort of competing in so many events prior to the Boat Race undoubtedly proved too much for them for at no time during the race did they look like winning, and finished up with the Bronze Medals for third place. The N.S.W. Championships were held this season at Maroubra in somewhat boisterous seas on Saturday and Sunday, the 24th and 25th March.

With the conditions prevailing the junior Boat Crew were withdrawn from competing much to the disappointment of the boys themselves. The "A" Crew handled the conditions well and qualified from their heat to contest a quarter final round.

However they were eliminated from further competition when they finished in fifth place. Our "B" Crew were even less fortunate being eliminated in their heat.

At the Australian Surf Championships the senior "A" Crew rowed strongly on the Friday to lead the field in their heat at the Inter-State Carnival, unfortunately condition gave out when only 100 yards from the finishing line and they finished in third place.

Saturday morning and the commencement of the heats of the boat race championship and our "A" crew had their first taste of victory in major competition.

Setting an excellent pace and length, Greg Price in the stroke position drove the boys to produce the goods over the nearest crew South Curl Curl.

The next row for the "A" crew was in the first round of the quarter finals, and once again we were fortunate in qualifying and so advancing to the second round of quarter finals.

Although we produced possibly our best effort for the season, we were eliminated when

we finished two boat lengths behind the third qualifier.

Our Senior "B" crew considered a real contender for this season's reserve Boat Championship never looked like troubling the opposition.

They finished in second placing in their heat row, but were eliminated in the first round of quarter finals.

A real disappointment indeed as they had shown outstanding form right throughout the season with an impressive record of fourteen first placings.

Several being over the eventual championship winners, Caves Beach. From their 26 starts in all, they also recorded eight second placings and two thirds.

The "A" crew had 25 starts for five first placings and two thirds.

The junior crew this season consisted of Matt Loggie, Bob Jackson, Clinton Way and Jim McAtamney, and were together for the early part of the season until Bob or "RAZ" as he is more affectionately known, received notification of his acceptance as a cadet officer at the Duntroon Military College, Canberra.

"GREASY" Henderson, was added to the crew in Bob's place, and finally Glen Mitchell and Mark Peasley being the later additions to the junior crew's ranks.

The maintenance of the club's surfboats, and equipment is tending to become a major work project.

I must make mention of the assistance of Mr. Athol Frewin of Baker Street, in Gosford, who at all times and at no cost to the club has welded broken rowlock fittings, supplied nuts and bolts as well as numerous other items, made parts for the rear of our old boat trailer and has been of wonderful assistance to me in helping to keep our boats up to the required standard.

The Miss S.T.C. 1 was completely sanded down and re-varnished before the season commenced, and my thanks to Len Cook who assisted with the sanding, and to Club Captain Dennis Gee who helped with the re-varnishing.

Our training Boat with "Kim Harpur" had to receive some major repair work when a bad split developed along the keel.

Thanks to Glen Gavin and his carpentry trade and the damage was repaired most effectively.

To Brian Cahill once again for the use of his van during the early part of the season for towing the boat and trailer to local carnivals. And more recently Brian Low who undertook the

major towing jobs and some of the latter carnival on the Central Coast.

Brian also journeyed down to North Sydney at the end of the month of May and took delivery of our new four-wheeled trailer valued at \$540.

Although we have a new trailer quite a few fittings had to be made and added to secure the boat in an immovable position. Gerry Hoban left no stone unturned in seeing these parts were made and fitted correctly to ensure the boat's safe conveyance to future carnivals. Many thanks Gerry for the many hours you spent and such a first class job as all parts fitted perfectly.

I am happy to report that we had no gear broken during the season, a remarkable achievement when you consider the boat was being used by at least three crews at each carnival.

At \$43.00 to replace a broken oar, it pays to consider the odds before making decisions. In conclusion thanks are passed on to all club members who have assisted with the loading, unloading and carrying of our boat equipment at carnivals through the surfing season.

BOARD AND SKI REPORT

The season started great when the club decided to purchase new racing craft, with these costs being partly offset by donation of craft from John Spindle, Lions Club of Gosford, Beattie & Frost, and a surf rescue ski from Terry and Michael Hunter.

It gives me great pleasure to say that our club captain, Dennis Gee won second place in the Australian long-board championship in Queensland in a tight three-way finish. "Good on ya' mate."

Also special mention to Jim McAtamney on his performance throughout the season and reaching finals at Australian championships. With Jim's youth and ability he has a great future ahead of him in the surf movement.

In the single ski event Avoca had its best year since the golden days of Trevor Gallard, former Australian champion.

I would like to congratulate Brian Grace (branch championship), Jim and John Mitchell on their great displays of ski paddling through the season, also to their dedication to training in their first season of ski paddling. The regular board paddlers starting at carnivals were Dennis Gee, Len Cook, Neil Kibble, Steve Harpur, Jim McAtamney, Clinton Way, Arthur Ellis, Greg Matthews, Dicki Norman and Phil Gee.



Dennis Barker — Branch Surf Team Coach



Arthur Ellis



"B" Boat Crew — Branch Champions

JUNIOR REPORT

The number of juniors this season was the lowest for some years and the position will not improve with the coming season unless new junior members join. Also this coming season will see Jim McAtamney, John Andrews and Clinton Way join the senior ranks.

On the competitive side the juniors that did compete were most successful, with Doug Heyman coming through from behind on a good wave to snatch the Junior Branch Surf Championship from strong opposition. This win added to very successful swims by Jim McAtamney and John Andrews and Clint Way, enabled us to win the Junior Teams event as well.

John Andrews gained placings in the Junior Belt and Surf to complete a very successful season for him.

Jim McAtamney won the Junior Board and Clinton Way won the Junior Iron Man. Jim went on to take out 3rd place in the N.S.W. Junior Iron Man, an effort which speaks for itself.

The Junior Boat crew in the first season together had a successful run of events which is dealt with in the Boat Captain's report elsewhere.

All in all considering the small number of juniors as mentioned earlier, "A very good season".

JUVENILE SECTION

I have much pleasure in submitting this report to the Avoca Beach Surf Club on behalf of the Avoca Beach Nippers for the season 1972-73 in which we had a very good season. We have 28 registered Nippers who performed very well in both competition and as ambassadors for the Club, their conduct and behaviour being a credit to their parents, and I know the next season will be even better. I could not have carried out my job without the help of many people who gave their time and experience to these kids. I would like to mention some; Olli Cook, Peter Smith, Ray Matthews, Dan Sutherland, Bryce Norman and I would also like to thank senior members for their help in the water of a Sunday also a very big thank you to the Ladies' Auxiliary on the Presentation Day which was a great success.

Next season we will hear a lot from these boys as follows: Mark Benson, swimming; Chris Matthews, swimming and board; Vincent Matthews, swimming and board; Cranston Smith, swimming and board; John Harris, beach events; Greg Sainsbury, beach events; Brad Scott, board and swimming; Glen Sutherland,

beach events and board; Glenn Barker, beach events.

I would like to see a Carnival held at Avoca this coming season and in the very near future we will have to think about new costumes for the Nippers.

DOUG BARKER,
Nipper Secretary.

QUEENSLAND TOUR TEAM MANAGER'S REPORT

1973 Australian Surf Championships, Burleigh Heads, Queensland. What a wonderful setting for a truly wonderful championship carnival. The organisation was absolutely superb.

The programme of events went like clockwork, and the weather, cloudless skies with temperatures around 90 degrees F.

However the surf was like the proverbial billiard table and this was how it remained throughout the entire weekend.

Congratulations to those competitors who were victorious as they obviously proved to be worthy champions on the day.

Dealing with the carnival results itself, the club's congratulations go to Dennis Gee who once again came within a foot or two of gaining an Australian title in the Surfboard Race Championship.

With only a board length to go in the race, Dennis held a slight lead only to see the small wave he was sharing with two other competitors, Hugh Lorne of Victoria and Sahill from Northcliffe, Queensland, broke and the momentum pushed Hughes to the finishing line first by the barest of margins.

Dennis' record now reads, a second and a third in Australian championship events, and a second and third in N.S.W. Championship events. Jim McAtamney was another of our members to reach the finals, this time in the junior Malibu Boards Championship.

Jim paddled strongly throughout the heats and semi-finals, but unfortunately performed far below his best in the all important final. The winner of the event was C. Ellis of Cronulla whom Jim had defeated in the semi-finals.

Throughout the entire three day's of competition the name of Avoca Beach and its competitors was being called by the announcer in just about every event on the programme. Members and supporters gathered each day at "Number 96", that being our famous tent or portable clubhouse, call it what you may, but few will disagree it makes a handy headquarters

at major carnivals when it is erected right on the edge of the competition area.

The following is record of our members performances:

LEN COOK, Malibu Board Race, 4th in heat, 6th in quarter final, 10th in semi-final.

ARTHUR ELLIS, Malibu Board Race, eliminated in heat.

DENNIS GEE, Malibu Board Race, 4th in heat, 5th in quarter final, 5th in semi-final, 10th in final.

JIM McATAMNEY, Malibu Board Race, 2nd in heat, 1st in semi-final, 8th in final.

Malibu Board Team's Race:

DENNIS GEE, ARTHUR ELLIS, JIM McATAMNEY, 5th in heat, 5th in semi-final, 12th in final.

Long Surfboard Teams Race: DENNIS GEE, ARTHUR ELLIS, JIM McATAMNEY, 4th in heat, 6th in final.

Long Surfboard Race: DENNIS GEE, 3rd in heat, 1st in quarter final, 2nd in semi-final, 2nd in final.

Long Surfboard Race, ARTHUR ELLIS, eliminated in heat.

Junior Iron Man, JIM McATAMNEY, 8th in final.

Single Ski, BRIAN GRACE, 5th in heat, 5th in round one of quarter final, 7th in round two of quarter finals.

Single Ski, JIM MITCHELL, 2nd in heat, 2nd in round one of quarter finals, 5th in round two of quarter finals, 7th in semi-final.

Single Ski, JOHN MITCHELL, 5th in heat, 4th in round one of quarter finals, 7th in round two of quarter finals.

Single Ski Teams Race, BRIAN GRACE, JIM MITCHELL, JOHN MITCHELL, 4th in heat, 7th in semi-final.

Senior Boat Race, "A" Division, G. GAVIN, N. HILLYARD, B. LOW, G. PRICE, R. GEE, 1st in heat, 3rd in round one of quarter finals, 3rd in round two of quarter finals.

Senior Boat Race, "B" Division, M. TAMBLYN, T. DICKINSON, K. BOOTLE, D. BARKER, P. GEE, 2nd in heat, 3rd in quarter final.

Open Non-Championship Surf, LEN COOK, 10th place.

Open Non-Championship Surf, BOB PATTERSON, 58th place.

SENIOR BEACH SPRINT, BOB NEAL, 2nd in heat, 3rd in quarter final, 4th in semi-final.

Senior Beach Relay, BOB NEAL, BOB CAIRNCROSS, JOHN HANRAHAN, JOHN ANNAND, 3rd in heat, 3rd in semi-final.

Away from the carnival scene and on to the members themselves, and what a representation we had. An incredible one hundred and eleven persons, representative of our club made the trip to the sunny State.

Approximately 28 motor vehicles were required to transport the biggest proportion of the party. Once again our traditional Victory Party was staged at the conclusion of the Carnival. The venue despite some early confusion was Club Captain Dennis Gee's Flat which was conveniently located along with several others right opposite the carnival area.

The following are some of the extracts from the "Stirring Pot"! What has Cecily Norman and Veronica Nowland got in common following our Victory Party. Arthur is still getting around with a smile on his face.

Greg Price, who among other things is a famous sleep walker. Where was she hiding Greg?

Gunsynd, the Grey from Gosford and his children's variety show, compered by John Annand himself, with the assistance of his ventriloquist Dummy Keven. And to Barry Jacobs who prefers to drink Queensland water out of empty beer cans, or was he at the stage where they both tasted the same.

Arthur Nowland is such a heavy sleeper it took 10 guys to awaken him after the victory party the previous evening and carry him down to the surf for his early morning 10 a.m. swim.

Those (R) restricted Movies they show at the Southport Drive-in certainly do things for some people. One member and his wife couldn't wait for the second feature. Or was he really sick Maria.

Bob Hains the strongest man in the world has finally lost his title, to ex "Slob" Jim Mitchell.

Who was the Mother and Father who walked off to their car to begin the journey home minus one member of their family. No names but little Wayne Cahill couldn't have cared less.

Apologies to Sam Verden who drove 550 miles to Queensland and found out he hadn't been entered, no wonder he drinks. The fearless leadership of "Lurch" Bootle in leading his men down the Currumbin Creek rock slide, without a hand being placed upon him. Meanwhile, 20 minutes and 1000 yards of film later.

And who could forget little Lisa Nowland taking swimming lessons unassisted, in the deep water at the Bottomless Pool, Currumbin Creek.

Her Mummy's voice is still echoing among the hills.

And to Ian Pickett who claims Ambulance's make the cheapest taxis.

And OH! GEE! Who was the Easter Bunny that the Nowlands kids found on their lounge in the morning.

In closing my report on our activities up north, may I say on behalf of those members who were fortunate enough to have made the trip, a special thank you to those members who remained behind and did substitute patrols.

RICHARD GEE,
Team Manager.

FIRST-AID REPORT

Once again our standard of First Aid was apparently high as we had no complaints from our patients. It was a reasonably quiet season with only a few serious accidents. This season the club had a visit from the resident Doctor of Gosford District Hospital, Dr. Freeman.

Dr. Freeman gave a lecture to a large number of club members on the treatment of Shark Attack. To those who missed this very helpful lecture we are going to arrange another one for the coming season.

Dr. Freeman also made available to the club a supply of plasma and intravenous feeding bottle's and associated equipment, so that in the event of a situation occurring, and the presence of a Doctor on the beach, the half hour difference in giving him plasma straight away on the beach while waiting for the ambulance could mean the difference of life or death. A word of warning, only a doctor can administer the plasma. Again here's hoping the situation never occurs.

Once again in the coming season it will be the patrol captains duty to appoint (1) member as assistance first aid officer from each patrol.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES REPORT

This year again saw a very successful social season, which can be verified by most members. Our monthly barbecues again proved very successful with a good roll up at each one. These particular barbecues are not run as a profit-making turn out.

The idea is that the club members and their families can get together on these nights and enjoy themselves as they see fit. The prices of the steaks and beer are worked out to cover expenditure for the evening.

At Christmas time we hold a few open barbecues to the general public and these are money-making concerns. The three that we held this year showed a profit of \$350.

I feel that these barbecues have done more

for the club other than just everyone enjoying themselves. They are responsible for keeping the club together socially, and I feel as long as we can maintain this close relationship between members and their families we will always have a strong club.

So to you new members, and also old ones who have not been to one yet, we hope to see you there in the coming season.

The only disheartening thing about these social events is the lack of support from fellow members.

It's nice to come to these turnouts and have someone cook a steak for you and someone else pull a beer for you, but have you stopped and noticed that it's always the same few faces doing these things.

It's also the same with housie and other various events. Just give it a bit of thought next season before these familiar faces get tired of it and disappear for ever. Somebody might take their place, but then again they might not.



Len Cook



John Andrews



Brian Grace



JIM McATAMNEY

The club is very fortunate in having Ian "Deadlegs" Walsh as Social Secretary in as much as the work he puts into it certainly makes the difference between success and failure, so next season lets show that it is appreciated by helping out when asked.

Thanks must also go to Eric Walters for his assistance and use of his truck whenever required. Also to those who have helped, "thank you."

Once again our annual Bowls Day proved to be very successful, with a strong roll up of members attending.

It was disappointing to see the poor attendance of bowlers themselves, but with visitors from Auburn and Gosford Bowling Club a good afternoon was had by all.

There is a lot of hidden talent amongst club members and by the time they get to "Dick Gee" age they could be top bowlers.

Thanks must go to President Ted Johnson, club Secretary Manager Bill Scott, and also Roly Norman, for the organisation of this afternoon, which resulted in a cheque for \$600 being handed over.

Thanks also to our ladies who sold tickets and arranged the eats for the day.

We hope for a bigger roll up next year, so try and be there.

PRESENTATION NIGHT

This season saw the largest crowd ever at a Presentation Night with approximately 190 people in attendance. Seating space was full to capacity by 9.30 and extra tables had to be set up. The presentations went off once more very smoothly under the guidance of Col Barker. We owe a vote of thanks to Col who selects all the trophies and arranges them for their presentation. At this point I would like to apologise to the new members whose Bronze Medallions are not available and who received only empty boxes. This appears to happen every year and although I personally made every effort to have them for the night I was again let down by State Centre and at the time of writing I still have not received them. Also an apology to those members who should have received them. Also an apology to those members who should have received trophies for some events, but were somehow missed. To all those members who received awards and trophies "Congratulations". Thanks must surely go to the caterer's for the evening "Bruce Rankin" and his band of ladies. We had catered for a top crowd of 150 people for the evening and as

mentioned earlier things got somewhat out of hand. With a certain amount of rushing around and scavenging they came up with 190 servings under fairly strained conditions for which we apologise. Although a circular was sent out asking members to indicate their intentions for the evening, as usual the response was nil. "THANK YOU". Next year's presentation night will have to be given a certain amount of thought as apparently it is fast becoming the club's social event of the year. Music was played by Betty Short's group and they kept everyone on their toes till well into the morning. To those who assisted in the setting up and cleaning up "Thank You".

PERSONAL NOTES

Well, it happened, although there are those who still do not believe it. Come to think of it, Mick still does not believe it, or does he (chuckle, chuckle). Anyhow, congratulations to Rhonda Pickett, who finally last season became Mrs. Mick Powell.

Congratulations also to Glen and Sandra Gavin, who also tied the knot. Glen took Mick's place in the "A" boat crew when Mick stood down. But although he rows well, apparently he is not as quick as Mick was at dodging the altar.

Another one of the old band to take the plunge was Wayne Ritchie. Wayne, like Mick, proved to be elusive, but Julie-Anne finally cornered him. Congratulations, Wayne and Julie-Anne.

Congratulations to the following for carrying on the good work: Sandy and John Mitchell, Annette and Brian Cahill, Helen and Eric Walters, Margaret and Martin Verden, Jan and Andy Hoban, Jan and Phil Gee.

Seems as though some of these names were in the list last year. There must be some fast workers in this club.

LADIES' AUXILIARY

and this is the hardest part of the report, in as much as trying to find new adjectives and things to say to describe our Ladies' Auxiliary (although their husbands could think of a few).

Seriously, though, a great part of our club strength and existence hinges on these ladies and their untiring assistance.

This year saw a change in the executive position as Joyce Harpur stood down from the position of president after 14 years, and was honoured with a life membership for her services to the auxiliary. Jan Pickett was elected as the new president.

Once again the ladies handed over a cheque

for \$1,000 at the end of the season and this was greatly appreciated by all club members.

This money was raised by the ladies throughout the season from various stalls, raffles and, of course, our annual fete, which again proved a great success.

To those members this season, if you think your wives or girl friends may be interested in joining, please do not hesitate as the more members the less work.

Once again, ladies, on behalf of all club members, a very sincere "thank you."

CONCLUSION

Well, looking back over this report and the season that it deals with, I feel we have completed a year well in front in all aspects.

There are not too many country clubs in Australia which can boast a membership like ours and, also more important, a club unity like ours. Come to think of it, there would not be too many clubs anywhere that could.

The important thing to remember is that we have achieved this level through a lot of hard work, not only recently but in seasons long past.

It is now up to the present members and the up and coming new members to carry this club on to even greater things, and I feel that if the support that has been apparent this season carries on then we can't go wrong.

To all those members who have assisted the club through this season, "thank you." To those who have been standing to one side, there's a new season starting soon.

To all the new cadets who have just completed their first season, "welcome." We hope you have many more pleasant ones in the future. Even if someone does grab you by the ear and tells you to clean up the bunk room, just remember that it's not so many years ago that somebody was pulling his ear for exactly the same thing. This is just part of being a member, and what's more important he still is a member.

To Dennis Gee a special congratulation on his first season as Club Captain. He had to step into a pretty big pair of shoes when he took this position on, and I know from my own observations and various comments from fellow members that he is already well on the way to following in Jim's footsteps.

My personal thanks to the rest of the executive for their assistance throughout the season and for the help in compiling this report. To those who I have missed, and there is bound to be someone, my apologies.

Until next season, yours in surfing,
GRAHAME LOVE, Hon. Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S ADDENDUM

Gentlemen.—It is with great pleasure one can look back on possibly the best season this club has enjoyed in its long history. This covers all aspects of club activity. The greatest disappointment was the early apathy towards patrol duties, which necessitated a meeting of all patrol captains and the executive to rectify the position. One point to come to the fore here is that the patrol efficiency competition should begin on the first day of patrols in the 1973-74 season.

My congratulations to our Secretary, Graham, for his work in placing this report before you, as I am sure you will agree it covers this club's activities for 1973-74. Thanks, Graham. Also to those club officers who furnished Graham with their individual reports of the different sections for which they were responsible. Thanks, fellows.

My appreciation to the club executive, who were always ready to meet at a moment's notice when anything arose which had to be immediately dealt with. To the Management Committee my heartiest thanks as you are the members who control all club activities, and it is only through your unbiased views that we progress so satisfactorily. Once again, gentlemen, I must say that it is the members who make this club, and to them all my gratitude for the dedication to patrol duties and assistance given in all aspects of club activities. The 1972-73 branch titles held on our beach were a credit to all members. To Brian Cahill (carnival organiser) and Mike Tamblin (gear steward) a special thanks, as these two members were the officers who had to carry the responsibility of this day, and their organising left nothing to be desired.

As is pointed out in this report, 1972-73 was one of our best seasons for awards gained, and as this is what surf life saving is all about it augurs well for future years. To all new members, welcome, and to the cadets of last season, although we know you are a bunch of villains, I feel sure you will enjoy a lasting relationship with the Avoca Beach S.L.S.C., but remember, "Keep the bunk room clean." Thanks, Neville, and your assistants for the training of these new recruits.

On the competitive side the club looks back on 1972-73 as a great season in all phases of competition. At last we even have beach events, and thanks to John Annand for his work in this field. I was elated to see Avoca Beach represented in semi-finals at the Australian championships at Burleigh Heads, Queensland.

In the swimming section I deem it a great reward to win the three teams events at the branch titles, and to all swimmers my thanks for a job well done. To the R. and R. team, who were probably the hardest working bunch of all club teams, my heartfelt thanks for your efforts over the season, and to your coach Bob Hoyer, my appreciation for the hours that he put into training the team. It is the club's loss that Bob has been transferred from the area, but I am sure he will not be far away as far as our R. and R. team is concerned.

In the craft section Avoca Beach really broke the barrier in all sections. To Dennis Gee, second in the Australian longboard championship, my congratulations for a terrific effort. Also to Dennis in his first year as Club Captain, mine and the club's thanks for a job well done. Thanks, again, "S.B." My appreciation to Dick and all his boat boys, who had a very successful season in this area, as first and second placings in the branch titles signify.

To our board and ski paddlers, who kept this club to the fore right up to and including the Australian titles, thanks for your efforts.

Congratulations to our resuscitation team, equal third in the resuscitation competition, and to Neville "The Dip" for his second placing in the individual section. Thanks, fellows.

To all winners and placegetters in club events my sincere congratulations for your efforts. Special praise to the three Clubmen and the Patrolman of the Year, as it is my opinion all members should strive their hardest for these awards.

My appreciation to the League's Club, Avoca Beach Bowling Club, S.T.C. and all donors of craft and equipment, which makes the duties of patrols and fund-raising that much easier. Thank you.

In our own fund-raising areas Ian Walsh and his band of merry men did an excellent job throughout the season. I find these social activities have a great bearing on club spirit and it brings all sections of the club together on an even keel. Thanks, "Dead Legs."

Last, of course, but not least, mine and the club's appreciation to our Ladies' Auxiliary for their great help and understanding throughout the season. As is always the case, whenever they are required they are there, and this club would certainly not be the club it is without them. Thanks, girls.

Well, gentlemen, I once again thank you one and all for a very happy and successful season, and I feel sure 1973-74 can be equally successful for everyone. B. NORMAN, President