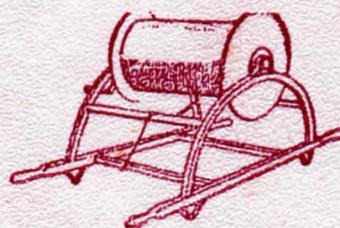


Avoca Beach S.L.S.C.

Annual Report
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Financial Statement



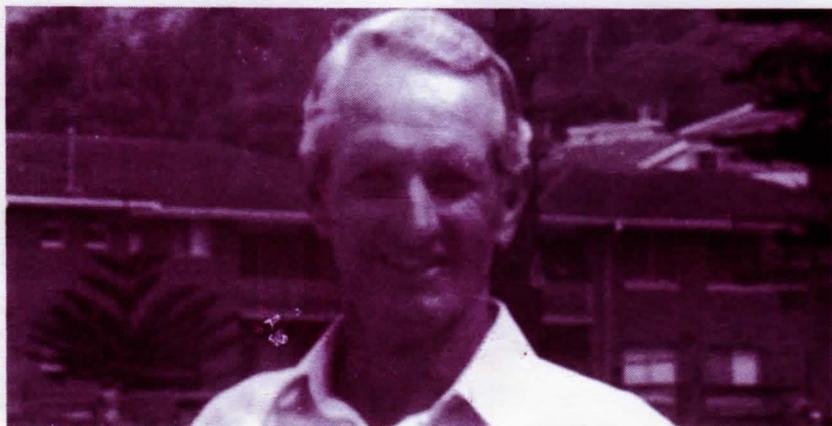
SEASON 1973-74

Affiliated with the Central Coast
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25 YEAR SERVICE AWARDS



Bryce Norman



Adrian Pickett



Ron Way

Norrie David Cannon - 1974

AVOCA BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

46th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 46th Annual General Meeting of the above club will be held in the Clubhouse on Saturday, 14th September, 1974, 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 1974-1975 season.
6. To transact any further business which may be brought before the meeting.

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

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

Financial Members Only are entitled to vote at the General Meeting.

GRAHAME LOVE,
Honorary Secretary.

OFFICE BEARERS 1973-1974

PATRONS: D. Noble, N. Hunter, C. B. Hibbard, N. Duff (Snr.), N. Byrnes.
PRESIDENT: B. Norman.
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT: R. Way.
VICE PRESIDENTS: A. Bower, B. Powell, P. George, J. Mitchell (Snr.), H. Baldwin, O. Cook, E. Poole, B. Cahill, P. Britton, C. Barker, J. Harpur, P. McAtamney, T. Picot, R. Mathews, T. Burnett, A. Licciardo, G. Miller.
SECRETARY: G. Love.
ASSISTANT SECRETARY: I. Messenger.
TREASURER: B. Jacobs.
ASSISTANT TREASURER: I. Messenger.
CAPTAIN: D. Gee.
VICE CAPTAIN: M. Tamblyn.
JUNIOR CAPTAIN: J. McAtamney.
BOAT CAPTAIN: R. Gee.
VICE BOAT CAPTAIN: P. Gee.
BOARD AND SKI CAPTAIN: Jim Mitchell.
VICE BOARD AND SKI CAPTAIN: John Mitchell.
COMPETITION SECRETARY: P. Gee.
SOCIAL SECRETARY: E. Walters.
PUBLICITY OFFICER: C. Barker.
CHIEF INSTRUCTOR: M. Kendall.
ASSISTANT INSTRUCTORS: A. Hoban, J. McAtamney, G. Sherwin, M. Verden, G. Price, S. Harpur, B. Grace.
GEAR STEWARD: M. Tamblyn.
ASSISTANT STEWARDS: N. Kibble, R. Gee, M. Chollet, T. Way, M. Loggie, G. Mitchell.
FIRST AID OFFICERS: M. Verden (Resigned) 4 months, M. Sainsbury (Elected to finish season).
HON. MEDICAL OFFICERS: Dr. Clark, Paul, McGuinness, Spence, Arndt, Wood, Wotherspoon, Hurley, Neal and Freeman.
REGISTRAR: P. McAtamney.
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: A. McCudden, N. Kibble, B. Cahill, A. Ellis, M. Verden (Resigned), B. Low (Elected).
HOUSE COMMITTEE: G. Miller, T. Burnett, A. McCudden.
COMPETITION COMMITTEE: T. Dickenson, B. Cahill, R. Gee, J. Annand, B. Grace, Jim Mitchell and John Mitchell.
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE: D. Gee, M. Kendal, G. Love, M. Tamblyn, J. McAtamney.
BUILDING COMMITTEE: J. Reimer, R. Gee, T. Dickinson, G. Hunt, T. Burnett.
BRANCH DELEGATES: G. Love, P. Gee.
SOCIAL COMMITTEE: E. Walters, I. Walsh, G. Hoban.
TRUSTEES: P. Britton, G. Miller.
HON. LEGAL ADVISERS: W. Rutledge, J. Conybeane, and D. Lloyd.

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).

FINANCIAL MEMBERS, 1973-1974

ACTIVE AND ACTIVE RESERVE

N. Hillyard
N. Kibble
B. Jacobs
D. Bailey
R. Norman
N. Perry
G. Love
C. Way
T. Way
B. Grace
S. Verden
I. Messenger
B. Henderson
M. Tamblin
W. Townsend
D. Gee
B. Low
J. McAtamney
S. Cannon
N. Cannon
M. McAtamney

K. Bootle
T. Dickinson
P. Gee
M. Kendall
M. Powell
Jim Mitchell
R. Paterson
A. Hoban
R. Partridge
S. Harpur
A. Ellis
D. Barker
John Mitchell
J. Andrews
W. Blackwell
P. Andrews
W. Cambridge
J. Barclay
M. Loggie
R. Neal
J. Horniman

D. Garnham
I. Kerr
R. Haynes
G. Cuthbertson
G. Mitchell
B. Gregory
P. Moyer
C. Kelly
R. Howarth
W. Bissaker
D. Veigel
A. Nowland
M. Malone
R. Cairncross
F. Spindler
M. McMahon
S. Livermore
G. Price
G. Sherwin
R. Sherwin
A. Frost

ASSOCIATE

E. Walters
K. Hillyard
O. Cook
R. Matthews
N. Cannon
R. Gee
J. Hennessy
J. Hennessy Snr.
S. Townsend
K. Jones
C. Barker
T. Burnett
N. Byrnes
K. Byrnes
J. Carter
P. McAtamney
R. Norman
R. Parsons
J. Reimer
G. Hunt
A. McCudden
A. Bruce
W. Young
P. Hunt
A. Licciardo
T. Picot
M. Hedge

N. Hunter
M. Hunter
T. Hunter
M. Hunter
I. Dunlop
A. Tamblin
J. Lemmon
M. Carrington
R. Fittock
B. Powell
R. O'Grady
B. Frost
F. Warnock
T. Loggie
R. Horniman
Barry Overton
Bruce Overton
N. Boden
E. Mitchell
E. Milne
R. Hoyer
C. Geisdorf
H. Murphie
B. Jordan
R. McDonald
D. Malone

R. Gray
I. Pickett
N. Honadoor
A. Tidyman
N. Honeywood
N. Sainsbury
F. Perry
R. Dorrell
L. Butler
S. Close
F. Kitto
J. Cheadle
S. Player
M. Clarke
E. Reynolds
G. Miller
C. Phillips
N. Ferguson
F. Peel
T. Ross
D. Sutherland
V. Dunlop
V. Williamson
A. Bower
B. Gallard
W. Hunt



JIM McATAMNEY

CLUB:

First club junior surf champion
First club junior board champion
Member No. 3 Inter-District team

BRANCH:

First junior malibu board
First junior ski
First junior iron man
First junior teams
First malibu board relay
First taplin relay
Second junior R&R
Third senior R&R
Represent Central Coast Inter-cities championship

STATE:

Second N.S.W. junior malibu board

AUSTRALIA:

Third Australian junior malibu board
First inter-state taplin relay

Chosen to represent Central Coast on 1975 tour of New Zealand

Central Coast League's Club Junior Surfer of the Year

AVOCA BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB SEASON 1973-1974

45th Annual Report and Financial Statement

Fellow Members,

This 45th Annual Report and Balance Sheet is submitted to you for your consideration and adoption by the Management Committee of the Avoca Beach S.L.S.C. It covers the activities of the club and its members for the 1973-1974 season.

The prime object of the club, that is the safeguard of the surfing public, has again been carried out faithfully and efficiently through constant "vigilance and service" Once again it is pleasing to report that no lives were lost on Avoca Beach whilst manned by patrols.

Over the season there were 154 recorded rescues being made up of 66 with line, 38 without line and 50 by board — ski — and boat. Some of these rescues were easy, some hard, and some dangerous but because the patrols were on duty there are 154 lucky people still around, even if only 1% of these might have drowned it more than justifies the efforts involved in keeping the club operational, and this report is what it is all about.

It is ten years since the club first published a printed report and on reading through it, it is pleasing to see familiar faces that are still very strong in the club today. There were 15 members then in fact that are still doing patrols today which is a fair effort. One other item that caught by eye was this, "work on the club house in the way of care and cleaning was as usual left to a small group of members who besides doing their share seem to be doing others as well. Remember this clubhouse belongs to each and every one of you, so lets have a cleaner and tidier building this coming season".—I.

Lambert, Hon. Secretary, 1963-1964 season. Nothing much changes in ten years does it, but it would be nice if it did. So think about it.

The season has proved to be one of our most successful in all phases of club activity. When a club such as ours reaches the level that it has, its not so much a case of improving next season but maintaining the standard already set and this falls entirely on you, the member, whether you be a new cadet or the club president.

The members of the various committees carried out their duties capably as perusal of this report will bear out and it is hoped that they will give due consideration to stand again in the coming season. We would also like to see other members stand for these positions at the Annual Meeting as there is nothing like new blood to keep things moving.

At the present time we have something like \$10,000 worth of lifesaving equipment.

This equipment involved considerable upkeep and the club in general has a fairly substantial overhead. This of course means money and these days especially, "lots of money" besides our various annual donations to the club "without which I fail to see how we could exist" The committee each season organises various fund raising ventures, some of which are of course — Housie and the Beach Raffles. One of these ventures is our "Smoko Nights" for want of a better name, and although we have to post "cockatoos", the nights are very beneficial to the club. The last one in particular raised \$1300 and this, is not to be laughed at, or, for that matter criticised, unless someone can think of a quicker way to raise money.

Again this season thanks to the efforts of our Chief Instructor Mick Kendal, we had a good number of awards gained — 10 qualifying — 15 Bronze and 2 Instructors. This number is ten short of the previous season, but I am pleased to report that at the present time there are three squads of five boys each in full training and should have their Bronze by the start of the season. This is largely due to the efforts of Bryce Norman, Andy Hoban and Geoff Thompson.

The clubs participation in carnivals this year has been excellent if not one of the best and I feel that although we did not bag a State or an Australian title we certainly gave them a shake. The following members made the finals in the State and or the Australian titles.

Dennis Gee, Brian Grace, Arthur Ellis, John Mitchell, Jim Mitchell, Jim McAtamney, Mike McAtamney and Bob Cairncross. Jim McAtamney was selected to represent the State in the interstate junior taplin relay after his second place in the State malibu race.

This team went on to win the taplin relay and Jim gained his first Gold Medal. To cap the season off Jim was awarded the Central Coast League's Club trophy for the most outstanding junior of the year. In the coming season he will join the senior ranks and although he will be up against a lot stronger competition I feel that he will rise to the occasion.

To all the members who competed regularly at carnivals the club's congratulations. It is also pleasing to note that our beach has again been selected for the 1974-1975 branch titles.

Many thanks to Phill Gee who was in control of our Carnival commitments and the Sunday handicap events. The club received its usual high level of publicity throughout the season thanks to our publicity officer Col Barker and I would also like to thank Col for his effort again this year organising and purchasing the trophies for the Annual Presentation Night. Also his capable assistance of getting this report from the heap of papers that I give him to what you are now reading.

On the social side of things many thanks to Eric Walters and Ian Walsh for the excellent organising of our various social events. I feel that these various get togethers throughout the season are one of the main reasons behind the success of the club, because while a club has unity it must function that much easier.

To Dick Gee (boat captain) and Jim Mitchell (board and ski captain) thanks for a very successful season in the craft events, also for

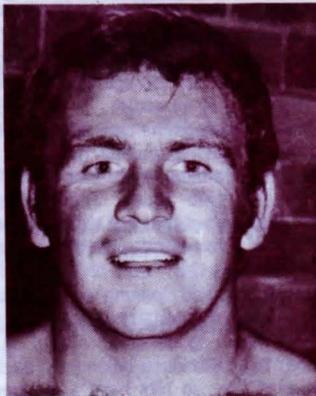
the excellent way in which the craft are looked after.

Our gear and equipment once again has been under the constant care of Mike Tamblin and I feel that there is no need to say more about it "as it speaks for itself, other than that you yourself treat it with the respect that it deserves.

On the administration side of the club thanks must go to Barry Jacobs for his handling of the club funds and of course Bryce Norman as our president who is always there to give advice or lend a hand, and at times control our meetings. Every club has to have a captain and this club is extremely fortunate to have Dennis Gee as ours. Dennis is following in Jim Harpur's footsteps and although it is a thankless job it is by far the most important. He is responsible for just about everything that happens within the club.

Good club captains are hard to get so let's do our best to keep the one we have got. This can be done without too much effort on your behalf, if asked to do something "do it", don't disappear around the corner and leave it to him to chase you up later on. If everybody did his own little bit it would make things a lot easier all round.

Finally a special congratulation and "thank you" for 25 years' service rendered to the Surf Life Saving Movement by the following club members: Bryce Norman, Dick Pickett, Adrian Pickett, Richard Gee, Rex Norman and Ron Way. When you look at that service in overall years and the calibre of these six members it would make even the strongest "knockers" of the movement stop and wonder.



Darrell O'Donnell

CLUB MANAGEMENT

Regular management committee meetings were held once a month and altogether there were eight such meetings conducted throughout the year. Persual of the attendance record indicates the interest shown by your elected committee, which has handled a large volume of business over the past twelve months. We had only one change on the committee through the season and that was of committee man Sam Verden who was transferred to the country. Sam was replaced by Brian Low who capably finished out the season in this position.

As well as eight committee meetings the executive help numerous impromptu meetings to deal with matters which occurred between normal meetings.

The Judiciary committee met once a month prior to the monthly meetings to deal with matters concerning patrol laxity and general club misbehaviour I am pleased to report that there was no incidents of major proportions and that those members who did receive letters regarding missed patrols, in most cases promptly made them up.

The one committee that I was disappointed in was the building committee who although starting out well failed to follow up throughout the season. There are still numerous small jobs, as well as the completion of the Nippers section to be finished and it is hoped that we will see results in this direction as soon as possible.

I feel that after reading the rest of this report you must agree that one of the secrets of the strong success of our club is the effort put into the running of it by these members, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for the help they have given me in compiling this report.

Attendances were as follows: B. Norman 8, R. Way 7, B. Jacobs 5, G. Love 8, R. Gee 7, D. Gee 7, P. Gee 6, M. Tamblyn 6, M. Kendal 7, A. McCudden 5, E. Walters 8, C. Barker 5, I. Messenger 7, J. Mitchell 6, M. Verden (resigned) 4, B. Low (elected) 2, N. Kibble 7 B. Cahill 5, A. Ellis 8, P. McAtamney 6, J. McAtamney 2, D. Barker (Nippers) 1.

Another very successful job that the committee took on this year was the running of housie during the holidays. Each committee man was rostered one night each and assigned three club members and two ladies auxiliary members to assist him. It was his responsibility

to find out who they were and to make sure they were there on their respective nights. This proved to be a highly successful system and if carried on in the future would appear to solve the annual problem of the same old few doing all the work.

INSTRUCTION

The 1973-1974 season was most successful from a recruitment point with all candidates gaining their awards. This shows that the club is increasing in popularity with the younger brigade around the beach. A number of these were also ex-nippers. It has been noticeable that some of these new members have been amongst our keenest both competitively and patrol wise, and it is hoped that they carry on in the years to come and gain their instructors and possibly their examiners certificates.

One noticeable aspect of the awards gained is that on a number of occasions the candidates failed at their first attempt. The reasons for this mainly being the greater complexity due to increased knowledge required of the cardiac massage technique.

The elimination of examination trials resulted in candidate's not being familiar with procedures and discipline required for this examination. However all candidates were successful at their second attempts, several being highly praised for their proficiency and improvements shown.

It was disappointing to note that despite the number of qualifying certificate and bronze medallions, only two instructors certificates were gained, Geoff Thompson and Steve Harpur gaining these. Both these fellows did an excellent job in getting their squads through and have shown willingness to help other squads when necessary, which is a refreshing change amongst all but a few of the club's instructors.

In the coming season, it would be appreciated if more qualified instructors could give assistance. This serves as a refresher course and can be a means of gaining the new advanced resuscitation certificate.

Once again our real notable lack of awards gained lies in the Examiner's Certificate department. We have a very capable and long list of Instructors, but our ranks of Examiners are almost non-existent. Any member who is desirous of joining the Branch Examiners' ranks could see our President Bryce Norman who will give you the necessary advice.

AWARDS GAINED 1973-74 SEASON

QUALIFYING CERTIFICATE

RIDLEY, Grant
McCREDIE, Peter
CANNON, Stephen
BENSON, Mark

HORNEMAN, John
MALONE, Graeme
MATTHEWS, Christopher

KERR, Ian
SAINSBURY, Kel
SAINSBURY, Gregory

BRONZE MEDALLION

MOTER, Stephen
NORMAN, Richard
GRAY, Lee
KINNAIRD, Rick
MICHELSEN, Stephen

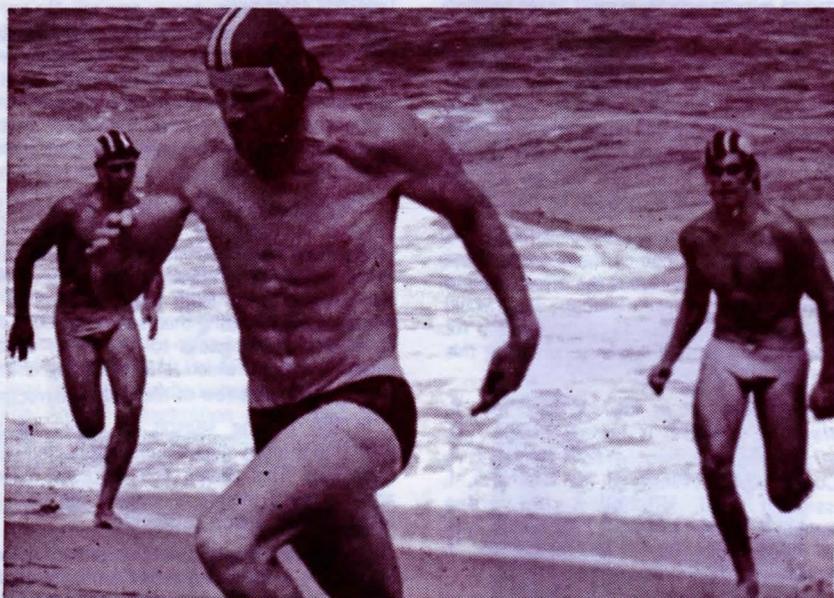
TOWNSEND, Wayne
ANDREWS, Paul
BOWCOCK, Peter
MATTHEWS, Gregory
BRADLEY, Keith

RULE, Donald
CANNON, Norrie
DREW, Peter
VIEGAL, David
MURRAY Ralph

INSTRUCTOR'S CERTIFICATE

THOMPSON, Geoffrey

HARPUR, Steve



John Andrews scoring a narrow but convincing victory in the open surf race at the Killcare surf carnival.

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Chapters have been, and are still being written on the problems associated with patrol management, in fact every surf club in the movement experience some form of problems with their patrols each season. Each season reveals a number of members who have a negative attitude toward their patrol duty and who ultimately drop out of active membership. This year however our active strength has remained stable due to an influx of new members.

Our thanks to those members who applied themselves to carrying out their patrol assignments, as they were responsible for your club achieving the basic aims for which it was established. Your members effectively protected the lives of bathers who surfed at our beach and for another season maintained our proud record of no lives lost whilst patrols on duty.

This season our patrols were changed considerably in an effort to even out the active strength and after a deal of discussion we came up with 10 patrols of about eight members.

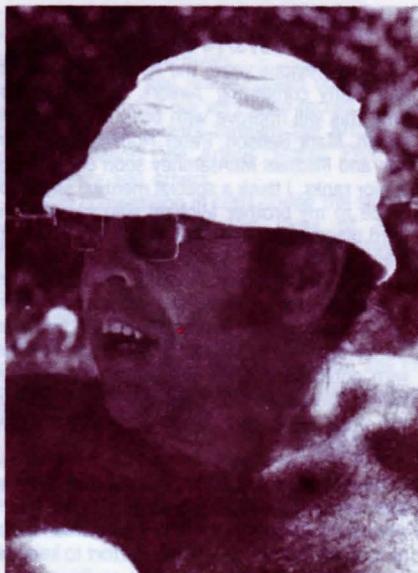
The club patrol efficiency competition was won by the No. 2 patrol captained by Phillip Gee. The members of this squad applied themselves to their duties very well and thoroughly deserved their win. While on the subject of this competition I would like to thank Brian Cahill, Grahame Love and Bryce Norman who assisted in judging our patrols and a special word of thanks to Michael Tamblin whose assistance to me through the past season has been invaluable.

The Branch Efficiency competition was rather disappointing for our club, we failed badly in the first round but the second and third rounds showed a marked improvement in the standard of our patrols.

Before closing I would suggest to any member who is uncertain about his ability to fulfill patrol duties in the coming season to notify the club before the annual meeting, and I would like to remind those members who were so ready to criticise the decisions of our committee last season to come forward at the Annual Meeting and accept a position in the Club, so that you may do a better job than the office bearers who you were not satisfied with.

Well gentlemen the past season was most successful and it is my opinion that if we all work together the coming season will be even more fruitful for our club.

DENNIS GEE,
Club Captain.



Barry Jacobs — manager of club team to Australian Surf Titles, Glenelg, South Australia.



Bryce Norman, President

JUNIOR CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT 1973/74 SEASON

As in previous years the Avoca Club has not had many competing Juniors, but I feel with time this will improve with boys like John Horniman, Mark Benson, Peter Hoban, Steve Cannon and Michael McAtamney soon entering the Junior ranks. I think a special mention should be made to my brother Michael who gained a tie third place in the Cadet Surfer of the Year, 6th place in the State Cadet Malibu Board and is Cadet Club Champion. Another good performer was Peter Hoban. Peter showed a lot of potential at the carnivals and especially in the Cadet Surfer of the Year in gaining 5th place. Another with potential is Mark Benson who performed well in the Cadet Club Championships. Keep up the good work and Avoca will have a strong Junior team.

Congratulations to Trevor Way on winning the Junior Club Championships. Trevor had it won and just before the last round was injured at football but put up a mighty effort to keep his lead.

The number of Cadets and Juniors who are competing in the Sunday morning events is increasing gradually, though more could enter in the Surf race.

Our Junior Boat crew had a disappointing season this year. Although they trained hard throughout the season they were unable to raise a crew for the State and Australian Titles which would have given them trips to Tathra and Glenelg respectively.

Congratulations to all the Cadets who have gained their Qualifying Certificates and to the Juniors who have gained their Bronze Medallions.

JIM McATAMNEY,
Junior Captain.

COMPETITION

As usual our first taste of competition during the season was in our Club Handicap Competitions and these events were again keenly contested with Michael McAtamney running up such a string of wins early in the season, in the surf and board races, that he was never headed. The ski event went to Dennis Gee while the "Sunday Streak" to the lake and back finished in a tie between Brian Low and Kevin Bootle.

Although these events were contested and enjoyed by most people, as handicap events are meant to be, it is unfortunate that some found reason to criticise the way in which they were run. Therefore I would like to point out that these events are run on a handicap basis to make the weaker competitors equal to the strong, thus encouraging competition, and to make all things equal it is necessary to adopt a fixed set of rules and abide by them throughout, to avoid protesting between fellow club members. Inter-club competition was again a great showing of strength by our club with placings throughout the season in every event contested. Whilst our runners, swimmers, craft and boatmen consistently took out the honours our top competitors would have to be Jim McAtamney, John Mitchell, Jim Mitchell, and

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

SENIOR SURF

D. Garnham

SENIOR BELT

D. Barker

SENIOR BOARD

John Mitchell

SENIOR SKI

Jim Mitchell

D. Gee (D.H.)

SENIOR SPRINT

R. Cairncross

SENIOR FLAGS

D. Garnham

SENIOR PILLOW FIGHT

C. Way

M. Tamblyn (DH)

SENIOR RESUS. COMP.

N. Hillyard

JUNIOR SURF

J. McAtamney

JUNIOR BELT

P. Andrews

JUNIOR BOARD

J. McAtamney

JUNIOR SKI

T. Way

JUNIOR SPRINT

Glen Mitchell

JUNIOR FLAGS

Glen Mitchell

JUNIOR PILLOW FIGHT

T. Way

JUNIOR RESUS. COMP.

T. Way

CADET SURF

M. McAtamney

CADET BOARD

M. McAtamney

CADET SKI

M. McAtamney

CADET SPRINT

M. McAtamney

CADET FLAGS

G. Sainsbury

CADET PILLOW FIGHT

M. McAtamney

CADET RESUS. COMP.

M. McAtamney

Bob Cairncross who recorded outstanding performances all the way and into the State and Australian titles.

I would like to thank everybody who assisted with the running of the handicap events, the committee that saw fit to provide the best craft for our competitors, and to congratulate every member who competed for the club throughout the season, not only the champions, but the younger members who have not made the winners ranks yet but who give their best and add prestige to our club by their very presence in an event.

Also it is hoped that in the coming season when nominations are called for on the Notice Board for carnival competitors that you make every effort to compete as the club has to pay entry fees for each member. Hence if you don't compete the club has paid for nothing. At this year's State Championships our club ran up \$14.00 in fines for non-starters, so please give this some thought and let the competition secretary know in advance where possible.

Finally I would like to congratulate those members who were selected in the Branch team to contest at the inter-cities carnival namely, J. McAtamney, J. Andrews, B. Cairncross, B. Gregory, John and Jim Mitchell, B. Grace, P. Gee, D. Gee, M. McAtamney, L. Makepiece and P. Williams as reserve. As you must have realised by now that was just about half the number in the whole team, which is very rewarding for these members and also the club itself. To follow this on a Branch team was selected to tour New Zealand at Christmas and the club was again proud to have D. Gee, P. Gee, B. Grace, B. Gregory, B. Cairncross, J. McAtamney and John Andrews selected as competitors, and Bryce Norman as an educational officer.

Congratulations to these members and we know that you will carry our clubs name well in both competition and personal conduct.

BOARD AND SKI REPORT

The past season was one of our most successful on record and with concentrated effort by our craft paddlers next year we could become one of the best clubs in the State in these events.

Our Ski paddlers who included John and Jim Mitchell, Brian Grace, Bob Patterson, Neil Kibble, Brian Cahill, Steve Harpur.

Jim McAtamney notched up well over 30 1st placings during the season. They included Junior and Senior ski races — double ski and ski team relay.

Our club was only defeated twice in the ski relay and only suffered one defeat on the double ski's at local carnivals.

In longboard and malibu board competition we still maintained our very good record, taking out a feast of events through the efforts of paddlers, Dennis Gee, Arthur "Matey" Ellis, Jim McAtamney and others.

Cadet competition in craft during the season was very good and the likes of Mike McAtamney, Peter Hoban, Grahame Malone and company, must be the keenest cadets on the coast.

While on the subject of cadets I would like to mention to any cadet who would like a few pointers on board and ski paddling that any of the more experienced members would be only too glad to oblige them.

As some of our craft are now starting to show wear, we have ordered new craft for next season and we have sold two long boards and hope to sell two of the older skis, the proceeds of which will go towards the cost of the new craft.

As well as this the committee put down a proviso that the craft paddlers do as much as they can to raise money during the winter months. This is up to you. Also we ask that when using a craft and also on finishing with it that you treat it with the same respect that you would if you had paid for it out of your own pocket, as these craft are one of the clubs most expensive and easiest damaged if not looked after properly.

We would like to see as many craft competitors as possible next season, so when you turn 30, don't become a vegetable just think how "matey" Ellis performs and then come and have a paddle.

A special word of thanks to all members who have supported and helped our fund raising activities for the craft throughout the season. I feel that the final result has justified the effort and cost of buying the crafts and it is hoped that the coming season will bring even better results.

BOAT SHED NEWS

Our last season's activities in surf boat events established us once again as the leading boat club on the Central Coast. Throughout the season our A and B crews were quite dominant in their respective divisions, with both crews finishing up with ten first placings in all. The "A" crew from 30 starts, and the "B" crew from 16 starts. Our junior crew this particular season were a little on the small side as compared to

AVOCA BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1973-1974 SEASON

| | General Fund | Building Fund | Gear Fund | Boat Fund | Tour Fund | Avoca Beach J.S.L.S.C. | TOTAL | 1972-73 Season |
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| We commenced the year with a BALANCE of | 748.11 | 94.71 | 5.70 | 223.31 | | 23.25 | 1095.08 | 2425.25 |
| During the year CASH WAS RECEIVED by way of- | | | | | | | | |
| Subscriptions | 224.90 | | | | | 40 | 225.30 | 256.10 |
| Donations | 1215.00 | | 163.00 | | | | 1378.00 | 3683.25 |
| Ladies' Auxiliary | 1000.00 | | | | | | 1000.00 | |
| Avoca Beach Bowling Club | 560.00 | | | | | | 560.00 | |
| Central Coast League's Club | 2110 | | | | | | 2110.00 | 1344.00 |
| Gosford Shire Council | 600.00 | | | | | | 600.00 | 600.00 |
| Central Coast Branch S.L.S.A. | | | | | | | | 66.30 |
| Competitions (Net) | 316.92 | | | | | | 316.92 | 678.21 (Gross) |
| Housie (Net) | 606.14 | | | | | | 606.14 | 709.92 |
| Barbecues (Net) | 88.97 | | | | | | 88.97 | 290.33 (Gross) |
| Presentation Night | 427.00 | | | | | | 427.00 | |
| Telephone Calls | | | | | | | | 7.40 |
| Children's Christmas Party | 402.06 | | | | | | 402.06 | 228.00 |
| Chocolate Wheels (Net) | | | 133.86 | | | | 133.86 | 861.47 (Gross) |
| Entry Fees | 110.10 | | | | | 15.00 | 125.10 | |
| Smokos (Net) | 250.00 | | | | 1664.03 | | 1914.03 | 796.95 |
| Purchase by Club Members (Skis & Shirts) | 54.00 | | 700.00 | | | | 754.00 | 748.00 |
| Refund Petty Cash | 44.00 | | | | | | 44.00 | |
| Interest | | | | | | | 32.03 | |
| North Avoca S.L.S.C. | | | 50.00 | | | | 50.00 | |
| Ocean Beach S.L.S.C. | | | | | | | | 300.00 |
| Avoca Beach J.S.L.S.C. | | | | | | | | 6.70 |
| Sundries | 38.15 | | | | | | 38.15 | 74.80 |
| Making the TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE during the year | 8827.38 | 94.71 | 1052.56 | 223.31 | 1664.03 | 38.65 | 11900.64 | 1307.68 |
| These funds were expended as follows: | | | | | | | | |
| Building Repairs and Purchases | | 800.28 | | | | | 800.28 | 695.89 |

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|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| General Expenses | 1524.20 | | | | | 1524.20 | 1524.18 | |
| First Aid | 260.74 | | | | | 260.74 | 29.43 | |
| Entry Fees | 323.80 | | | | | 323.80 | 317.00 | |
| Petty Cash, Postage, Stationery | 235.32 | | | | | 235.32 | 148.06 | |
| Carnivals | 60.00 | | | | | 60.00 | 38.82 | |
| Presentation Night (Inc. Trophies) | 1058.40 | | | | | 1058.40 | 864.10 | |
| Insurance | 105.03 | | | | | 105.03 | 108.25 | |
| Annual Report, 1973 | 310.00 | | | | | 310.00 | 300.50 | |
| Barbecues | | | | | | — | 444.77 | |
| Children's Christmas Party | 314.91 | | | | | 314.91 | 165.00 | |
| New Boards and Skis | | | 2155.00 | | | 2155.00 | 1178.20 | |
| Renovations & Repairs to Gear | | | 365.63 | | | 365.63 | 965.61 | |
| New Boat, Oars & Equipment | | | | 800.00 | | 800.00 | 2179.20 | |
| Repairs to Boat & Equipment | | | | 35.50 | | 35.50 | — | |
| New Boat Trailer | | | | | | — | 540.00 | |
| Herald Loan Fund | | 400.00 | | | | 400.00 | 400.00 | |
| Chocolate Wheels | | | | | | — | 242.15 | |
| Track Suits, Club Shirts, Honour Blazers Competitions | 200.00 | | | | | 200.00 | 411.30 | |
| Avoca Beach J.S.L.S.C. | | | | | 420.49 | 420.49 | 47.20 | |
| Subsidies to Tour Members | | | | 960.00 | | 960.00 | — | |
| Other Costs at National Titles | | | | | 391.65 | 391.65 | — | |
| TOTAL PAYMENTS DURING YEAR | 4392.48 | 1804.94 | 2520.63 | 835.50 | 1351.65 | 420.49 | 11325.69 | 11981.60 |
| Leaving a BALANCE of | 4434.90 | (1710.23) | (1468.07) | (612.19) | 312.38 | (381.84) | 574.95 | |
| To balance funds, transfers were made by Executive approval | (4200.00) | 1720.00 | 1480.00 | 615.00 | | 385.00 | | |
| MAKING ACTUAL FUNDS AVAILABLE AT 30/4/74 | 234.90 | 9.77 | 11.93 | 2.81 | 312.38 | 3.16 | 574.95 | |
| The BALANCE of CASH AT BANK ON 30/4/74 was | 2087.29 | | | | | | | |
| This can be reconciled with the Balance in the Financial Statement by deducting cheques drawn prior to but not presented to bank by 30/4/74 | 1512.34 | | | | | | | |
| This equals money available for activities as shown in Financial Statement at 1/5/74 | 574.95 | | | | | | | |

I have examined the books and confirm they represent the Club's financial activities for the year ended 30th April, 1974.

B. E. JACOBS,
(Hon. Treasurer)

J. C. CHEADLE,
(Hon. Auditor)



Avoca "A" crew, Branch Silver Medallist

previous club crews however they performed quite creditably and contributed to our tally with one win from 14 starts. This win being recorded at the McMasters Beach Carnival when all three club crews were successful on the day.

Once again our efforts to field a regular "C" crew at carnivals was a failure. Work commitments, plus other factors made regular training somewhat difficult, however after several weeks of training at Gosford a "C" crew made its only appearance at the Copacabana Carnival where they rowed quite creditably. Club members who participated in boat events throughout the season were as follows, "A" crew, W. Bissaker, N. Hillyard, B. Low, G. Price, R. Gee, "B" crew, M. Tamblin, T. Dickinson, R. Bryant, D. Gee, K. Bootle, P. Gee, "C" crew, M. Chalet, B. Henderson, M. Peasley, M. McMahon, Junior crew, M. Loggie, D. Tidyman, G. Mitchell, T. Way, J. McAtamney.

At the Central Coast Branch Championships held at Terrigal, the "A" boat crew were narrowly defeated by Toowoong Bay in a somewhat disputed close finish. Our "B" crew were Gold Medal winners in the reserve boat championship and our juniors finished in third place in their division.

At the N.S.W. Championships held at Tathra on the far South Coast, the performance of our two senior crew's was far from the standard expected of them. Possibly the "A" crew could be excused somewhat, owing to the illness of Brian Low they had to use a junior as a replacement.

The Australian Championships this season were conducted at Glenelg Beach in South Australia. Our senior "A" crew were the club's only representatives in the boat events. After qualifying by finishing second to Cronulla in their heat, they were eliminated in a quarter final race after having a comfortable lead going into their bouy turn. However a bad angle in the laying of the bouys was responsible for them not continuing any further.

The Annual Festival of the Waters Surf Boat Race this year saw a clash of dates, as both this event and the Branch Championship Carnival were scheduled for the same day. As the venue for the championships was at Terrigal, clubs participating at Gosford were able to arrive in time for the commencement of the heats at 5.30 p.m.

Nine boat crews from within the branch lined up to face the starter, and the result was a convincing win to our "A" crew.

Competition outside of the branch saw our

"A" crew competed in the Sydney Harbour Marathon Boat race, for a 16th placing, and also an appearance at the Swansea-Belmont Carnival where they won their heat and finished third in the final. Our "B" crew also competed in the Wyong Shires "Annual Festival" Marathon Race on Tuggerah Lakes and had a convincing second place and a trophy of a set of boat jackets for the club.

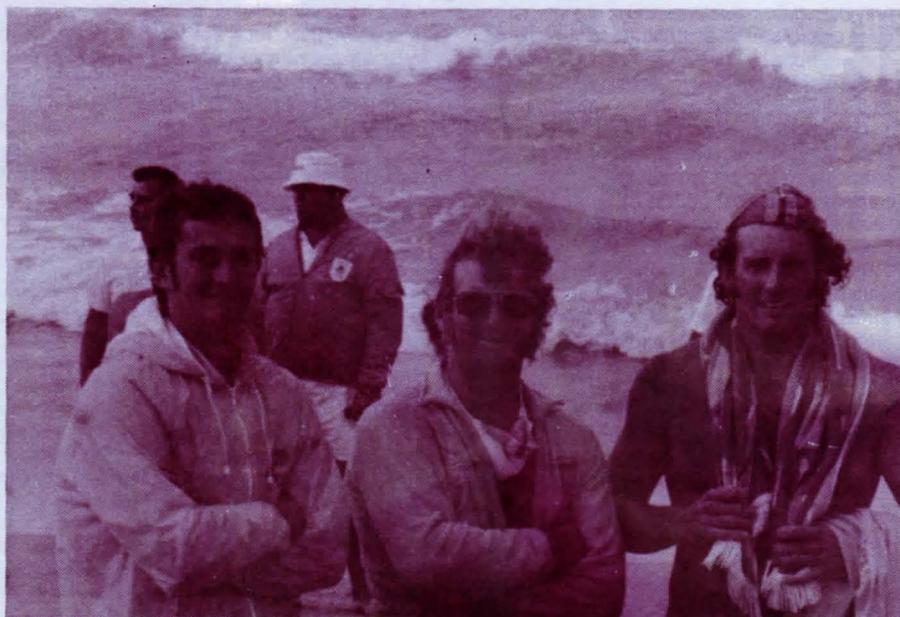
Our other start away from the home scene was at the inter-cities Carnival held at Dixon Park. Here our "A" crew were first in their heat, second in their semi-final and spectacularly wiped out in the final when in a good position to go on to victory.

Damage to boats and equipment was again kept to a very minimum, we lost only one blade throughout the year, this being done in the wipe out at Dixon Park. Damage was done to the decking around the box line in the S.T.C. I surf-boat. This damage was incurred while laying the bouys for our own surf carnival. Thanks are extended to Brian Low who once again was responsible for the transporting of our boat to all local carnivals. And finally to Club President Bryce Norman who undertook the longer journeys to Tathra for the State titles, and to South Australia for the National Championships. At the present moment we have a new boat under construction, being built by Robert Humphries of Swansea. This boat is being made possible by a local businessman, Mr. Ron Smith. Ron has followed the club's boat crews' efforts right throughout last season and his interest is not surprising as he is a former boatman himself, having rowed for North Bondi, and later successfully coaching and sweeping Hobart-Carlton Senior and Junior crews.

FINANCE

On perusal of the financial statement it is not hard to see that our club has a reasonably high expenditure. We are very fortunate to have the support of various local organisations, without whose support this club would indeed have a battle on its hand to exist, it is a well-known fact with surf clubs, that to stay operational you have to beg, for the want of a better word, but with the support of these organisations and the money that the members raise we manage to see each season through.

A special thanks must go to the Central Coast League's Club for their continued support and it has been announced that in the coming season they have decided to double our membership allocation. For this we are indeed grateful.



From left to right, John Mitchell, Brian Grace and Jim Mitchell who had a most successful season in ski events.



On site — at Tathra for the N.S.W. Championships depicting the club's fully laden gear trailer.

It is my pleasure to record our appreciation to each and every donor no matter how small for your continued financial support, especially the C.C.L. Club \$1800; Avoca Beach Bowling Club \$1100; Gosford Shire Council \$600; The Ladies' Auxiliary \$1000; Terrigal Lions Club \$50; O.&Z. Cook \$150; The Pandora Committee for the donation of \$150 for a Rescue Ski; T.N.T. for the donation of \$200 for Club 'T' Shirts, and Mr. Ron Smith \$1200 for half the cost of our new surf boat.

As you can see by the statement we are not starting the season with much money in hand so it will be the old "hands out" caper as soon as the season gets underway.

"So at least lets have everyone financial this season"

GEAR REPORT

Over all this season was most rewarding for at last, most members are becoming gear conscious and are endeavouring to give the club's gear the respect it deserves.

This care was indicative of the fact that few replacements were necessary over the past season. Some new gear was purchased during the season, namely — patrol caps (I am sure that some members must eat them), competition caps, 1 new surf line, patrol flags, 1 new set of boat jackets (thanks to the members of the "B" crew for their placing in the Tuggerah Lake's Marathon).

A special thanks must go to Gerry Hoban for preparing the new gear racks for the boat trailer prior to leaving for the Australian championships.

The biggest headache for the gear steward would undoubtedly be the Land-Rover which I am afraid to say is finally (RS). This is due mainly to the effect of salt water and air, and I am sure its trip to Vietnam must have contributed to its demise.

Whilst on the Land-Rover the club is at present negotiating for a new rescue unit for the coming season. As the old unit has proven to be such a valuable asset in the past I am sure all members would agree that every effort should be made by the club to obtain another rescue vehicle.

GEAR INVENTORY

Article, number and condition: Surf Boats, 3, good/fair/poor; Oars, 16, good/fair; Sweep Oars, 4, good/fair; Rowlocks, 16, good; Boat Rollers 2, good; Boat Jackets 2 sets, good; Boat Trailers, 2, good/fair; Surf Reels, 8, good; Surf Lines, 8, good; Surf Belts, 7 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, good; 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, 1, good; 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 Chalk, 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, 2 sets, fair; Amplifying System, 1, good; Piano, 1, fair; Stoves, 2, fair/good; 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; Temprite System (complete), 1, good; Electric Jugs, 3, 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; Single Surf Skis, 4, good/fair; Ski Paddles, 3, fair; Rescue Ski, 1, fair; Surf Boards (long) 1, Double Skis 2, Cadet Ski 1; Surf Boards (Malibu), 4, good; 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; 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, poor; Shovel, 1, good; Hammer, 1, fair; Hose, 2, good; Garbage Tins, 3, good; Brooms, 4, good; Buckets, 3, good.



1972-73 Branch Champion Brian Grace (closest) came through with a burst to snatch a win in the single ski event at Soldiers Beach carnival from top Newcastle paddler Croal (centre) and Avoca team-mate John Mitchell. It was a feather in the cap of Grace as Croal had been winning consistently in Newcastle and Sydney this season.

SENIOR CLUBMAN OF THE YEAR

The Clubman of the Year Awards are presented to the most outstanding Senior, Junior and Cadet member, who in the opinion of the executive have been most to the fore in all phases of club activities.

This year's, the senior award became a duel award for the first time since its inception. The two most outstanding seniors were Richard (Dick) Gee and Michael (Peas) Tamblin. To try to separate these two would be almost impossible. Just to give you a bit of a rundown on their activities throughout the season, Dick held the position of Boat Captain again and as well as this he is on numerous committees, two nights a week and on Sundays he trains the senior "A" and Junior Boat crews as well as putting a fair amount of time into the upkeep and maintenance of the boat's and equipment.

Mike this season held the position of club vice-captain and gear steward, both of which are demanding positions. As well as this, he like Dick is on numerous other committees and was largely responsible for the original ground work for the team tour to Adelaide for the Aust. Championships.

Both of these members have competed at every carnival this season, competed regularly in Sunday handicap events (although I have not seen Dick in a surf race yet) and have been well to the fore in fund raising ventures and general club activities.

Dick and Mike are just two of quite a few members who are devoted to our club and the successful operation of it.

This has been their year, maybe next year it could be yours, but I feel that as long as we have members such as these two our club can never look back.

JUNIOR CLUBMAN OF THE YEAR

The name Matt Loggie may not be as well known as Dick's and Peas' to a lot of older members, but as long as we have the likes of Matt coming up through the ranks then our club's future is in good keeping.

Matt obtained his bronze last season and rowed with the junior crew this season at all carnivals, was always there for training and always went out of his way to assist in anything in the way of fund raising and club work. A regular Sunday competitor and most of all a regular and reliable patrol member. Matt also made the long trip to Tathra to row in the senior crew when Brian Low had to withdraw just prior to the State Championships.

Congratulations and carry on the good work.

CADET CLUBMAN OF THE YEAR

This season the name Peter Hoban started to appear quite regularly. Peter if you do not know is the son of Don Hoban and if you know the rest of the Hobans as well, you can guess what we are in for in years to come.

Peter has started to make his presence felt in the club and if he remains keen, has the ability to go on to big things.

He has already shown the determination that goes into making a good competitor and clubman, as those who saw him in the "Branch Cadet Champion" competition can vouch for.

Although not yet in the winning circle he's just behind them in all phases of carnival competition. He is the type of member who will travel by train and hitch-hike from Sydney just to compete on a Saturday afternoon.

As long as our club has young members like this as an example it is only natural that the other young members will try to lift themselves to out do them.

THE CADET ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

This was awarded for the first time this season and was donated by Eddie Coogan to be presented to the cadet who in the opinion of the executive tried the hardest throughout the season.

John Horneman was the receiver of this award. John like Peter was always there when required and competed regularly in carnivals and handicap events. I am sure that his name will start popping up quite regularly in season's to come.

Congratulations John.

PATROL MAN OF THE YEAR

This year's award went to the "new look" Barry Jacobs. As a patrol captain the chances are that much harder to win this award, as you have the full responsibility of the beach as well as your patrol to cope with.

Barry handled this situation excellently with a 100% attendance for the season as well as ensuring that his patrol was fully competent and present when required. His patrol scored well in the patrol competition and this also can only be attributed to good leadership. Once again Barry "congratulations"

Standard bearer Brian Gregory leading Avoca Beach onto the march past arena at Soldiers Beach surf carnival



NIPPERS' REPORT

The small band of Avoca 'Sharks' again performed admirably throughout the season, but again a lack of interest shown by some of the more senior club members was evident. It has now become a yearly plea in our Nipper reports to dwell on the lack of assistance and co-operation from the senior body.

Although there are some seniors who do offer their aid and to them we are grateful. Also to the parents and donors of trophies we also offer our thanks.

Our senior club champion was Chris Matthews; junior, Cranston Smith and juvenile, Scott Smith. These three have great potential as indeed have many others in the club, but they need fostering and encouragement, not necessarily to become good competitors but better lifesavers.

A special mention must be made to young Michael Beddison who continually ran second to the Umina lad who won the Australian Championship.

DOUG BARKER,
Nipper Secretary.

LADIES' AUXILIARY REPORT

The Auxiliary is very pleased to have been asked to write this report for the first time. We have a membership of 70, not all active of course, but a good band of workers who are always present to cater for the various functions put on by us and the club. Thanks must go to all members who helped so well with Housie, the Roster System proved very successful. The "Hawaiian Night" and Annual Fete were our biggest undertaking and both were a great success, although the latter left a lot to be desired by members not doing their share of the work, an improvement must be made next season.

We were very proud to be able to present the men what now seems to be a yearly donation of \$1000. Money has also been spent by us on equipment for the kitchen and ladies' room, members have also assisted the men at the barbecues, although the money does not come our way, but of course ends up the same place. Raffles also left a lot to be desired by members. This must also be improved on.

Our congratulations to Joy Britton on her engagement to Geoff Morris, and on a much sadder note the loss of a grand old lady in "Nan Honderdors" who passed away two months ago, we will all miss our great old helper very much. Sympathy is extended to the family from all members of the Surf Club and Ladies' Auxiliary.

In conclusion a note of thanks is extended to the executive who do a very responsible job to ensure the auxiliary functions smoothly during the season and deserves full support of the members to keep up with our reputation of being right behind the Surf Club at all times.

We look forward to yet another successful and trouble free season and many happy socials ahead.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 6, at 10 a.m. and future meetings will be held on the first Sunday in each month.

CES. NORMAN,
Hon. Secretary.

I would personally on behalf of the men like to thank the ladies auxiliary for the work they have done this season and strongly urge all members to assist these ladies whenever possible at these functions. Our club is one of the few in Australia that can boast such a successful auxiliary so let's do our best to show our appreciation.

A special congratulation must go to Ces Norman who last season had the great honour of life membership bestowed on her. Anyone who knows Ces will agree that it was thoroughly earned and well deserved. This honour makes the Norman Family unique in that Bryce is also a Life Member of our Club and last season had Life Membership of both the Central Coast Branch of the S.L.S.A. and the Central Coast Branch of the Nippers Association bestowed on him.

Congratulations to Both Ces and Bryce on these honours.

THE SOCIAL SCENE

This season again proved to be very successful social wise. Our monthly barbecues proved to be as much if not more popular than last year as pointed out in previous reports the barbecues are not meant to be a profit making venture. They are run for the sole purpose of the members and their families getting together once a month. The price of the food and liquid refreshments are kept to a level that will cover costs only. It is not the club's intention to make money out of the members all the time.

The open barbecues held over the holiday period of course are a different thing and have proved to be a good money maker.

The children's Christmas Tree again proved to be popular with everyone, parents and kids alike. Many thanks to Ron Parsons for his ample assistance, although since then he has joined

weight watchers and on present trends we will have to look for someone else next season.

The New Year's Party this year was, for the first time in quite a while, moved from Bryce and Cec's place to the surf club owing to the fact that you can only get so many people in one house at one time. After a certain amount of messing around and decorating the scene was set for what proved to be one of the best and wildest New Year Eve's for some time, and there was quite a few left to watch the sun come up, "I think"

The League's Club was again the venue for the annual "Hawaiian Night"

Our club has a strong interest in this particular night as our ladies auxiliary spend nearly the whole day decorating the huge auditorium. The work that they do has to be seen to be believed. This night was held six days after the New Year's Eve party and it is amazing the constitution that some people have.

The Annual Bowls Day, although basically a fund raising day is definitely the social event of the year (as far as the men are concerned anyway). This day proved to be by far the best held to date and what is most important successful financially also. Full marks to Ian Walsh for his organisation from our end and a special thank you to Bill Scott, Ted Johnson, Rolly Norman and all the bowlers who helped to make this fund raising and social day the success that it was.

This year's presentation night, like last year's was a huge success, and I feel that we have reached a stage where it is not possible to improve on them. We catered for, and I think comfortably seated 190 people. Because of the big increase in membership in recent years and people bringing friends along, we found that this year if we were to still be able to hold it at the surf club we would have to restrict it to members and family. If we offended anybody by doing this, we apologise, but until such times as we can extend our hall again this will be the same problem every year.

The band and the food was excellent and most important of all the presentations were made smoothly and capably by way of the good organisation of Col Barker.

To Eric Walter's and Ian Walsh a special thank you for your very capable organising, and everything else that goes into making these functions the success that they are.

PERSONAL NOTES

I would like to pass on the Committee's and Members congratulations to Wayne and Joy Froud who tied the knot during the season.

To Darcy and Gail who announced their engagement and although a bit early, congratulations to Bob (Cans) Cairncross and Linda who will be married by the time this report is out. Seems he bought the date forward so he could go to N.Z. with the Branch team.

As far as future new members go, things have been a bit quite on the baby making front. Congratulations to Sue and Neil Kibble, Maureen and Barney Fyfee, Bob and Kerry Neal, Margaret and Sam Verdern and Patty and Keith Jones. Although only a few this season, on passing a casual glance around it is becoming evident that next year could be a boomer.

It is with deep regret that the club records the passing of Life Member Ken Ross, also that of Mervyn Hunter and Wally Pickett who passed away during the season.

To the families of these club members we offer our deepest sympathy.

TRIP TO SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The Australian National Titles were held at Glenelg Beach, South Australia over the Easter Weekend. Shortly after the 1973 titles the club committee had decided that the surf club would endeavour to sponsor a team to Adelaide the following year. The main purpose of sponsoring a team was to enable competitors to travel by air to the titles and so avoid the tiring rail or road trip, a special committee was elected to organise fund raising, with the specific directive that their activities should not conflict with the club's normal fund raising efforts. Through a series of Friday night Smokos a tour fund of \$1600 was established. I am pleased to report that after the Adelaide trip an amount over \$300 remains in the fund for future National Titles.

On April 10th ten team members converged on the Ansett terminal at Mascot. The previous night Bryce, Bubby Nowland, Dick Gee and Warwick Bissaker had been dispatched from Avoca with the boat, boards and skis. Tour arrangements had been made with Ansett for a double check of the plane, mainly for Jim Mitchell's benefit, fortunately for Jim, nothing untoward happened, however he still believes the aircraft's wings shouldn't "flap about" as much as they did. Departure from Sydney was

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delayed about an hour, perhaps Jim was flying higher than the plane.

Everyone was well-behaved during the trip — at least they didn't threaten to put anyone out mid journey and the hostesses did say thank you when we left. On arrival in Adelaide we were met by Brian Grace's brother who had arranged a rent-a-bus for us. With Brian driving and everyone navigating we arrived at the South Terrace Travelodge to be greeted by Bryce, Bubby and the others with details of a fairly wild road trip from Avoca. Dick Gee I believe, blazed a few new trails and Warwick has learned even greater respect for semi-trailer drivers.

We took a quick trip out to Glenelg to confirm our worst suspicions. They were confirmed. However a strong off-shore breeze gave some prospects of perhaps a six to eight inch chop. Thursday morning saw all competitors out at Glenelg bright and early. It was good to see how all team members kept to their training tasks prior to the competition, confirming the trust (and the money) the club had put in them.

Competition wise the 1974 titles were probably the most successful in which the club has competed. Our team competed in numerous events and at the risk of offending some, I will mention just those who made the finals in their events. Congratulations to Jim, John, and Brian, in the ski relay, Dennis in the long board, Bob Cairncross for his gallant 4th place in the beach sprint and to Jim and John for their close 4th place in the double ski. Special congratulations to Jim McAtamney for his bronze medal in the Malibu board and his gold medal as a member

of the N.S.W. Junior Tappin Relay Team. Although the club didn't crack a winner at Glenelg, the team manager was all smiles on the Saturday as the filly Gretel (of which he is a little part owner??) won the Sires Produce Stakes at Rändwick.

Kevin Bootle had to take him to task for being over exuberant in acclaiming her victory, though Bubby Nowland was seen smiling all the way to the Bank.

A number of discoveries were made on the trip, rent-a-buses don't go without keys, or with hand-brakes on, or out of gear or with the driver with his head in a paper bag — or at least not for long. Brian Low and Brian Grace do go on a tank of red wine, diluted now and then by a bit of white. Motel fire escapes are normally cold under certain conditions — "ask me. I know" However even they can be warmed up by the presence of the Motel manager.

All in all the trip was a great success primarily competitively, but also socially. Many people contributed to the success, especially beforehand, and particular mention should be made of Mike Tambyln. Many thanks Mike from all who went over. The thanks of the team members also goes to those who helped organise and attended the Smokos. Finally the team manager extends his thanks to the team members for their application to their task of competing, their assistance to him and co-operation in running things as smoothly as possible and for their enjoyable company on the trip.

BARRY JACOBS,
Team Manager.



Bob Cairncross, second from right who ran brilliantly at the Australian Surf Titles at Glenelg, South Australia to record a close fourth placing.

CONCLUSION

And so the 1973-1974 season is past and joins the history of the club.

Quiet reflection by every member will reveal the part played by the individual in the club, a part that makes the club itself.

Continued success is the goal, and effort, co-operation and team spirit is the path.

Remember that the chain is as strong as its weakest link.

The club thanks all those who played their part, however small, and hopes that the same enthusiasm will be present in the coming season. To those members who stand by and watch — join in and see how you will enjoy it.

Best wishes are extended to all in coming officials, for it must be remembered that the basis of club strength is sound administration.

For and on behalf of the Management Committee.

Yours in surfing,

G. N. LOVE,
Honorary Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S ADDENDUM

Gentlemen,

The 1973-1974 season has passed with our club enjoying another successful season. It is pleasing to note the improvement of patrols over the seasons. This is born out by the Branch Patrol efficiency competition showing a reduction in points lost at the three inspections. Let us not become complacent about this as some patrols are still not up to standard and it is the patrol captain's duty to make sure his patrol is efficient in all phases of lifesaving activities.

This report is a credit to our secretary, as many hours of work are involved in compiling same. Especially with the many aspects of club activities.

"Thank you Grahame"

Over the season the number of awards gained was quite good, although some of these were boys coming up from Cadets to Juniors. I have noticed many instructor's are not making themselves conversant with the correct methods of drill and resuscitation, therefore leaving most of the instructional work to a small band of instructors and this must be rectified in 1974-1975, in other words fella's "get with it"

In competitions our club was once more to the fore in all departments culminating with the Australian Championships at Glenelg, S.A. My congratulations to Jim McAtamney (2nd Junior Board), the Mitchell Brothers (4th Open Double Ski) and Bob Cairncross (4th Open Beach Sprint) at the Australian Titles. To all com-

petitors my appreciation for their activities over the season.

Probably the club's greatest achievement was in representative teams beginning with the Inter-District Team through to the Branch Inter-Cities Team to Jim McAtamney being selected in the N.S.W. Taplin Relay Team and finally getting seven competitors and one Educational Officer selected in the Branch Team to tour New Zealand in 1974-1975.

My congratulations to all winners and placegetters in club events. To our clubmen and patrolman of the year, my special thanks for your efforts throughout the season.

My sincere thanks to the League's Club, Avoca Beach Bowling Club, The Pandora Committee and Gosford Shire Council and all donors, who have helped this club in many ways over the past season.

To the Ladies' Auxiliary, once more we must say thank you for the time and effort you girls put in to the benefit of our club.

Mine and the club thanks to Doug Barker and his band who looked after the Nippers over the past season. To all the Nippers we thank you boys for being part of the club and our congratulations to the boys who represented the Branch at the N.S.W. Titles and especially to the three boys who were selected for the Tasmanian tour in the coming season.

To our Social Secretary Eric Walters and his committee our thanks for a job well done. Special appreciation to Ian Walsh and the Avoca Beach Bowling Club on the bowls day for a most enjoyable and successful afternoon.

My thanks to the club Executive who were always willing to meet at a moment's notice. To the Management Committee my thanks once more for your running of club affairs, as it is you gentlemen who keep this club going forward.

A very sad loss over the past year were the deaths of Ken Ross, a Life Member who coached Trevor Gallard, the club's first Australian Champion, Wally Pickett a member of the first Bronze Squad and the first Captain of our club, and Mervyn Hunter a club stalwart and patron for many years. Mine and the club's sincere sympathy to the families of these three gentlemen, who were not only great workers for the club, but also highly respected members of the community for many years.

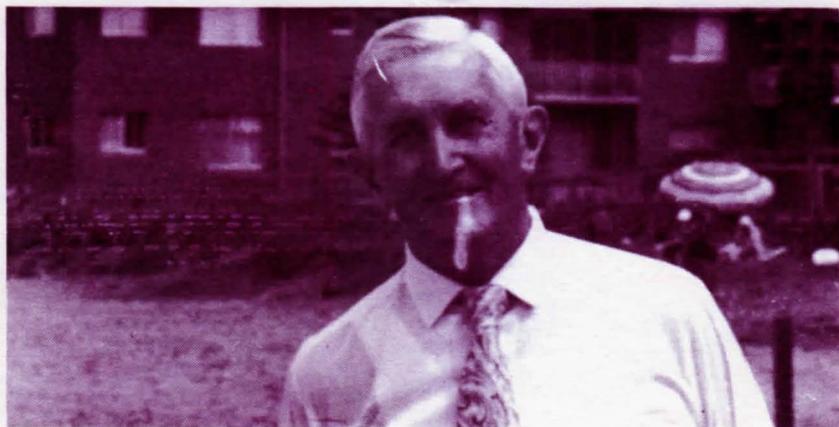
And so gentlemen another season is about to begin, I wish all members a happy and successful season in 1974-1975.

BRUCE NORMAN,
President.

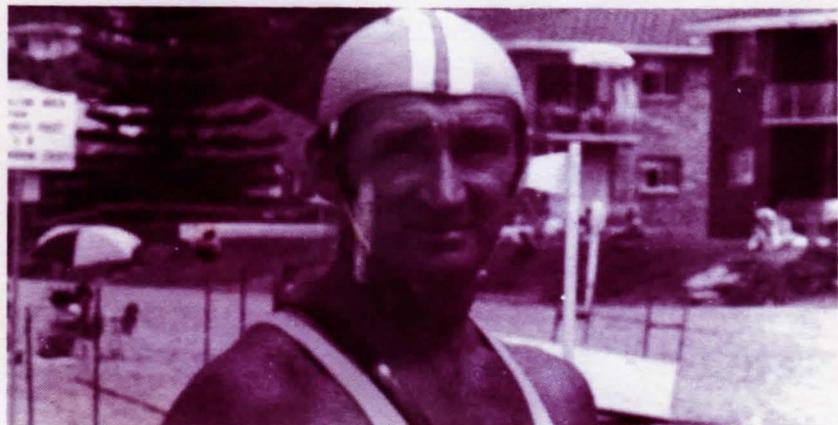
25 YEAR SERVICE AWARDS



Rex Norman



Dick Pickett



Dick Gee

