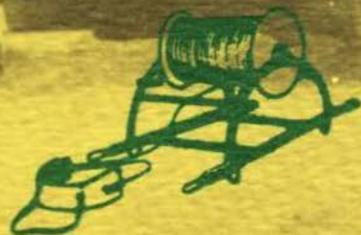


Avoca Beach Surf Life Saving Club

**50th Annual Report & Financial
Statement 1978-79 Season**

AFFILIATED WITH THE CENTRAL COAST BRANCH
OF THE SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION
OF AUSTRALIA



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COVER: Avoca Beach Clubhouse in early fifties.

AVOCA BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB 51st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 51st Annual General Meeting of the above club will be held in the clubhouse on Sunday, August 19, 1979 commencing at 10 a.m.

BUSINESS

- 1: To confirm the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
- 2: To deal with any business arising out of such Minutes.
- 3: To deal with any relevant correspondence.
- 4: To receive and adopt the Annual Report and Financial Statement.
- 5: To elect office bearers for the 1979/80 season.
- 6: To transact any further business which may be brought before the Meeting.

NOTICE OF MOTION

We hereby nominate for Life Membership Messrs. E. A. Poole, C. Barker and R. Gee.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

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

BARRY JONES,
Honorary Secretary

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Administration (17)
Provisioning Method.
Members 100

OFFICE BEARERS AVOCA BEACH S.L.S.C. 1978/79 SEASON

PATRONS: E. Poole, B. Frost, N. Byrnes, N. Duff snr., N. Smith, *H. HUNTER*
 PRESIDENT: B. Norman ✓
 SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT: R. Way
 VICE PRESIDENTS: N. Boden, *N. Cameron*, J. Harpur, J. Mitchell snr., R. Horneman, B. Cahill,
A. Licciardo, N. Smith ✓ *A. SHERWIN* *N. CANNON*
 SECRETARY: B. Jones ✓
 ASSISTANT SECRETARY: *N. Robinson* *M. TAMBLYN*
 TREASURER: *I. Messenger* *T. GAVENLOCK*
 ASSISTANT TREASURER: N. Robinson ✓
 CLUB CAPTAIN: G. Love ✓
 VICE CAPTAIN: *A. Hoban* *B. LOW*
 JUNIOR CAPTAIN: *W. Mitchell* *M. WALTERS*
 BOAT CAPTAIN: R. Gee ✓
 VICE BOAT CAPTAIN: *R. Hoban* *D. GEE*
 BOARD CAPTAIN: *H. King* *J. HORNEMAN*
 VICE BOARD CAPTAIN: *J. McAtamney* *D. O'GRADY*
 SKI CAPTAIN: *John Mitchell* *C. BOND*
 VICE SKI CAPTAIN: *W. Mitchell* *G. MALONE*
 PUBLICITY OFFICER: R. Gee ✓
 GEAR STEWARD: *D. Taylor* *C. KELLY* *N. ROBINSON* *B. NORMAN* *S. PERRY*
 ASSISTANT GEAR STEWARDS: D. Hoban, L. Babinski, D. O'Grady, *R. Fyffe*, D. Paton, M. Walters, *B. Ellis*
 CHIEF INSTRUCTOR: P. Kelly ✓
 ASSISTANT INSTRUCTORS: G. Sherwin, M. Kendal, A. Hoban, F. Byrne, S. Cannon, *R. Fyffe*, *D. Gee*, *B. Norman*, *N. SMITH* *G. RILEY* *B. ROSE* *C. CANNON* *C. KELLY* *G. MALONE*
 RADIO OFFICER: N. Boden ✓
 FIRST AID OFFICER: G. Thomson ✓
 HONORARY MEDICAL OFFICERS: Drs. Kennedy, McGuinness, Reddell, Clarke, Paul, Hurley, Wood, Biggin
 SOCIAL SECRETARY: E. Walters ✓ *C. KELLY* *S. PERRY*
 SOCIAL COMMITTEE: *P. Hunt*, N. Robinson, A. Peebles, L. Babinski, J. Harpur, D. O'Grady, *I. MURRAY*
 NIPPER SECRETARY: *A. Peebles* *G. MINNES* *R. Fyffe*
 REGISTRAR: M. Tamblyn ✓
 I.R.B. CAPTAIN: L. Thorncroft ✓
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 HOUSE COMMITTEE: *R. O'Grady*, G. Miller, *N. Smith*, *J. HARPUR*, *R. WAY*
 COMPETITION SECRETARY: *R. Horneman* *G. MALONE* *R. GEE*
 COMPETITION COMMITTEE: *D. O'Grady*, *R. Gee*, J. Horneman, *R. Gee*, R. Cairncross, *John Mitchell*
 BUILDING COMMITTEE: A. Ellis, J. Harpur, John Mitchell, E. Poole, Jack Mitchell
 TRUSTEES: G. Miller, P. Britton ✓
 HONORARY LEGAL ADVISORS: Messrs. Rutledge, Smith and Lloyd
 HONORARY AUDITOR: J. Cheadle ✓
 FINANCE COMMITTEE: N. Robinson, *E. Byrnes*, *E. Walters*, *D. Taylor* *R. HOBAN*, *B. Fyffe*
 BRANCH DELEGATES: P. Gee, B. Jones
 JUDICIARY COMMITTEE: R. Way, G. Love, A. Hoban, P. Kelly, H. King, W. Mitchell, N. Smith

LIFE MEMBERS

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

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J. Adamski	B. Goffett	R. Norman
J. Andrews	T. Gavenlock	A. Nowland
G. Akitinhead	T. Hunter	M. Napier
M. Benson	A. Hoban	R. Peterson
D. Barker	G. Hoban	I. Parker
N. Boden	D. Hoban	M. Patton
W. Bissaker	P. Hoban	A. Peebles
F. Byrne	N. Hillyard	G. Price
K. Byrnes	A. Hodges	C. Perry
K. Bootle	G. Harvey	D. Patton
M. Braund	R. Harvey	B. Paterson
L. Babinski	S. Harpur	S. Perry
E. Baker	M. hunter	R. Parsons
C. Barker	J. Horneman	Q. Riley
G. Bell	P. Horneman	N. Robinson
D. Bailey	G. Hoban	R. Rose
T. Bowcock	D. Hull	W. Rose
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L. Cook	G. Jarmaine	S. Roach
S. Cannon	S. Jackson	A. Robinson
N. Cannon	M. Kendal	M. Sainsbury
R. Cairncross	C. Kelly	G. Sherwin
G. Cahill	P. Kelly	J. Spindler
D. Craig	H. King	F. Splinder
A. Collins	P. Kelly	T. Smith
J. Cook	C. Kerr	N. Smith
P. Chell	S. Kennedy	B. Scott
J. Campbell	N. Kibble	S. Smith
D. Dwight	I. Lambert	C. Smith
S. Dillon	G. Love	M. Tamblyn
R. Dixon	B. Low	G. Thomson
M. Dean	R. Lloyd	L. Thorncroft
A. Ellis	J. Laing	D. Tye
B. Ellis	J. Leva	D. Taylor
R. Earl	A. Love	C. Way
W. Edwards	R. Murray	T. Way
R. Fyffe	G. Malone	T. Wilson
A. Frost	I. Messenger	B. Worrall
K. Fitzgerald	W. Mitchell	C. Worrall
F. Fitzsimmons	John Mitchell	M. Walters
R. Gee	Jim Mitchell	A. Welsh
D. Gee	M. Margin	R. Weber
P. Gee	P. McKay	J. Witherall
B. Gregory	J. McAtamney	K. Webster
B. Grace	C. McCann	G. Yates

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

R. Adams	P. George	Dr. P. O'Brien
P. Andrews	A. Harvey	B. Overdon
V. Arbie	J. Hennessey	B. Overdon

P. Britton
 D. Bowtell
 A. Bower
 N. Byrnes
 A. Bruce
 L. Butler
 J. Bourke
 V. Boggard
 J. Baine
 F. Buckley
 W. Brown
 G. Brand
 O. Cook
 S. Close
 N. Cannon
 P. Coleman
 A. Church
 B. Cahill
 K. Cheadle
 I. Dunlop
 W. Dobinson
 R. Dickers
 N. Duff
 B. Dorrell
 R. Eddy
 L. Fittock
 B. Frost
 E. Faulder
 W. Frogley
 B. Gallard

V. Harris
 R. Horneman
 G. Hunt
 B. Haldeman
 J. Hedge
 B. Hoyer
 N. Hunter
 J. Harpur
 B. Hull
 K. Jones
 B. Jordan
 H. Jones
 F. Kitto
 J. Lemmon
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 R. Lowe
 J. Mitchell
 G. Miller
 E. Mitchell
 D. Malone
 J. Moore
 B. March
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 A. McCudden
 T. McCarthy
 M. McAuliff
 B. Norman
 R. Norman

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 F. Parker
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 E. Poole
 R. Pickett
 A. Pickett
 M. Parsons
 V. Pritchard
 B. Phillips
 T. Quinland
 E. Reynolds
 A. Scott
 P. Smith
 N. Sainsbury
 R. Toft
 J. Valance
 R. Way
 F. Warnock
 E. Walters
 A. White
 I. Walsh
 K. Worrall
 R. Weller
 C. Wilson
 E. Welsh

LADIES' AUXILIARY

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 M. Bootle
 A. Cahill
 R. Ellis
 J. Faulkner
 M. Fyffe
 M. Gavenlock
 P. Gee
 J. Gee
 G. Goffett
 L. Grey
 J. Hoban

E. Horne
 P. Hunt
 M. Hunt
 P. Jones
 G. Lawrence
 N. Love
 Jan King
 June King
 J. Kelly
 J. Low
 D. McAtamney
 Shirley McLuskie
 Sharon McLuskie
 S. Messenger
 J. Morris

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 V. Nowlands
 G. Parsons
 M. Parnell
 I. Perry
 P. Perry
 H. Peebles
 J. Poole
 N. Thomson
 L. Robinson
 R. Sainsbury
 E. Splinder
 J. Spindler
 I. Townsend
 H. Walters

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S. Byrne
 D. Byrne
 G. Boden
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 D. Broadbent
 R. Boden
 M. Budd
 B. Bryant
 K. Barnett
 R. Badgen
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 K. Collins
 S. Cahill
 A. Collins
 J. Cook
 G. Eden
 B. Ellis
 T. Edwards
 B. Edwards
 Q. Fyffe
 M. Frogley
 B. Gee
 W. Goodley
 M. Guthman
 C. Graham
 S. Goodley
 G. Hellyer
 B. Hoban
 C. Horton

M. Hoban
 G. Head
 D. Higgens
 M. Hoy
 A. Jones
 H. Jones
 S. Jackson
 G. Kelly
 S. Kidd
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 S. Kilpatrick
 S. Kelly
 D. Love
 D. Lyon
 V. Lane
 P. Lemmon
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 J. Mills
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 G. Rose
 D. Rose
 D. Ransom
 A. Robinson
 T. Ross
 C. Short
 B. Short
 G. Sheehan
 D. Staples
 M. Sainsbury
 D. Saunders
 M. Sheehan
 D. Scotts
 C. Smith
 C. Tamblyn
 B. Thorncroft
 M. Toft
 M. Tamblyn
 P. Toohey
 L. Wilson
 S. Weller
 D. Wilson

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J. Baker
 K. Baker
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 R. Bryant
 S. Bowcock
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 L. Benson
 A. Clapshaw
 L. Collins
 J. Collins
 M. Dorrell
 A. Dorrell
 A. Dorrell
 L. Ellis
 L. Gavenlock
 L. Gallard
 V. Gilbert
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 R. Hunt
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J. Hoban
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 T. Mulhall
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 D. Messenger
 L. Messenger
 S. Mills
 L. Motte
 L. McAlister

K. Paterson
 N. Perry
 B. Phillips
 S. Powell
 C. Pearce
 S. Paterson
 R. Upston
 T. Ransom
 V. Riley
 L. Saunders
 C. Sainsbury
 K. Sainsbury
 R. Sainsbury
 J. Stout
 L. Semmler
 D. Schull
 D. Semmler
 B. Thorncroft
 P. Toft
 R. Tye

N. Hoban
S. Hoy
K. Hoban
B. Horne
D. Horne

R. McAlister
J. Minnis
S. Nicholls
L. Nowland
L. Parnell

L. Tye
L. Walters
B. Welsh
S. Wilson
L. Wilson

AVOCA BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB
1978/79 SEASON

50th Annual Report and Financial Statement

Fellow Members,

On behalf of the Club Management Committee, I submit for your consideration and adoption the 50th Annual Report and Financial Statement covering the activities for your Club for the 1978/79 season.

The season started early with our Annual General Meeting being held on August 6, 1978. Attendance at the meeting was good and all management positions were filled except for that of vice boat captain. This was eventually accepted by Ross Ibbett at a later Management Committee Meeting.

For those involved the early start was appreciated as it allowed a little more time for general organisation. The Club Captain especially falls into this category because of the involvement and organisation required to prepare and dispatch patrol rosters to all members. In general this can be a frustrating project simply because some members fail to advise of their intentions for the coming season.

In fact, for the coming season this could become a more critical point in allocation of patrol duties because it is now a requirement that each Active and Active Reserve Member must re-qualify by completing a proficiency test in the run, swim, run, signals and resuscitation. This has been introduced by N.S.W. State Centre and the Central Coast Branch aims to enforce this regulation by ensuring that all members undertake the proficiency tests. Also, each member who wishes to compete at carnivals next season must have his entry form endorsed by his Club showing that he has in fact satisfactorily completed these tests. No doubt these problems will be overcome at the time by the Club Captain.

Also early in the season Peter Kelly and Grahame Love organised a training day for all ac-

tive members. The basic aim of the day was to update the knowledge of members on club equipment and life saving techniques. This day proved to be a success and it gives thought to holding a similar day each season.

Generally, the life saving techniques employed and displayed by our members was of a high standard but again perhaps it was disappointing to see this Club placed seventh and twelfth in the Patrol Efficiency and Resuscitation Competitions conducted by the Branch. Perhaps one should surmise that all other Clubs have improved to surpass our high standard!

A very successful competitive season was experienced by our Club. We were placed first overall at Branch titles, fourth at N.S.W. State titles and fifth at Australian titles. These are outstanding results and congratulations must go to all club competitors who started in any event this year. The sportsmanship and dedication shown by the competitors of this club is outstanding and, of course, special mention must be made of the supporters and gear handlers for their support throughout the season.

In the following pages of this report is contained a full summary of our competitive achievements but we must make mention of the outstanding performances of two cadets namely Mark Walters and Paul Horneman.

Mark was selected as the "Branch Cadet of the Year" and Paul was awarded the Central Coast Leagues Club "Ray Maher Trophy" for the outstanding Junior Sportsman of the Central Coast this season. Both these cadets had very successful competitive seasons and our congratulations must again go to them. It is with the standard of support and local competition of the other juniors and cadets within this Club that

continually forces both Mark and Paul to produce the form that they have.

There are many other promising juniors and cadets within our ranks and they too show the potential to become champions and with guidance and assistance from the more senior members of this Club their aims will also be achieved.

Naturally behind every successful Club there is a hard core of keen and willing members who are prepared to assist in the not so glamorous club positions. To these people we say "thank you" and please be assured that your efforts are greatly appreciated.

The financial sphere of our Club was very active this year and the high turnover of monies is becoming a concern in that we must have good guidance and management on the control and expenditure of these available funds. The general public and business houses support this Club and in turn, we must demonstrate our abilities to gain their continual support. The general administration and control of the Club is becoming more complex each season and one can see the advantages of having a full time "Administrator" to guide and assist us in achieving our aims.

It is believed that within the Club there is some discontentment among some members because of lack of both life saving and competitive equipment. Personally, to me this is a surprising statement as the Management has continually invited members to present any adverse comments or requests for equipment to that Committee for consideration.

Each such presentation is considered in detail by the Committee before any decision is made but this season there has only been one submission by a Club member. There are always



Paul Horneman being presented the Ray Maher Trophy by Jim Harpur, representing the Central Coast Leagues Club.

avenues open to obtaining or presenting any matters to the Committee and the majority of cases can be settled favourably for all concerned.

Slim Peebles, who has been our Nipper Secretary for many seasons, has given notice of his pending retirement from this position this season. To Slim, on behalf of this Club, I would like to say "thanks" for your efforts over the years.

As you are no doubt aware, the Club is to celebrate its 50th anniversary during the 1979/80 season and on looking at what has been achieved in 50 years of surf life saving by all members of this Club, one can feel proud of his involvement within the club. A special book has been prepared for publication illustrating club achievements over our first 50 years and this will be available in the very near future. Also, associated 50th year celebrations have been planned and your support for these functions which will be held early in the season, will ensure the success of these celebrations.

This is a milestone in our history and the dedication by a few men who initially started this Club, is still displayed today. Members come and go but there is a certain quality in a person who is prepared to give time and effort to saving lives on our beach. There is room for everyone within our Club and it is the total effort by all concerned that allows us to still be in existence today. All past and present members have reason to be proud of our first 50 years as a solid foundation has been laid for our next 50 years.

In closing, it gives me pleasure to present this report covering Club activities for the 1978/79 season.

BARRY JONES,
Hon. Secretary



Ron Horneman presents Harold King with the handicap consistency award.

CLUB MANAGEMENT

The Club Management Committee consists of office bearers elected at the Annual General Meeting by you, the members. Generally the committee meet once a month to deal with a wide range of matters pertaining to club management and organisation.

This task was undertaken with enthusiasm by those concerned and the results of success are contained within this report.

Attendances recorded were Bryce Norman 9, Ron Way 8, Barry Jones 10, Neil Robinson 9, Ian Messenger 10, Grahame Love 10, Andy Hoban 9, Bill Mitchell 7, Richard Gee 9, Harold King 9, John Mitchell 6, Dennis Gee 8, Denis Taylor 6, Peter Kelly 8, Geoff Thomson 6, Norm Boden 5, Eric Walters 10, Terry Gavenlock 8, Mike Tamblyn 7, Larry Thorncroft 6, John Horneman 8, Ray Fyffe 4, Norm Smith 8, Phil Gee, Ron Horneman 6.

Unfortunately, due to various reasons, some members did not attend all meetings and again it must be stressed that if you are prepared to accept an elected management position you must attend these meetings as this is where decisions are made concerning the operation of this Club.

The executive also met on many occasions in various locations throughout the season. The duties of these officers do not allow seasonal breaks as business continues throughout the year.

To those members on the existing committee, the executive wish to thank you for your involvement and assistance throughout the past year and we look forward to your continued assistance.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our financial position seems to be improving each year. We commenced the season with a credit balance of \$2594.22 in our general account and \$706.57 in our building account — total \$3300.79 and finished the year with \$1058.56 general fund and \$5062 building fund, total \$6120.56.

Donations as in the past were again our major source of income — \$9773. The Central Coast Leagues Club's annual donation of \$3756 received early in September certainly gave us the financial backing to prepare ourselves for the coming season. Our own ladies auxiliary's \$2000 and social committee's \$500 cannot go unnoticed. Their support is always there and it is comforting for me to know that should the Club require funds it is there for the asking.

Club members efforts in assisting with the

chicken wheel and the annual bowls day can be seen by the bowling club's donation of \$900.

Beach raffles under the control of Frank Byrne, Bryce Norman and Neil Robinson again proved to be a successful venture resulting in a nett profit of \$1741.16.

Hotel raffles at the Kincumber \$722.35 and the Erina Heights Hotel Motel \$2001.20 gave us a regular income and more importantly funds we would not have received if Club members were not prepared to give up their time and efforts for the benefit of our Club.

Housie over the Christmas holidays run in conjunction with the ladies auxiliary, added a further \$1151.93 to our coffers and the annual door knock appeal, manned by our Associate Members, added a further \$765.86. To all these people who assisted with our fund-raising, thank you.

On the expenditure side, \$2316.02 was spent on the clubhouse by way of new work and maintenance. This expenditure was overdue and well spent by our Building Committee.

Funds spent on first aid seems excessive from last year but can be contributed to the purchase of a new stretcher and oxy-viva totalling \$589.46.

Generally speaking all other expenditure is commensurate to the size of the Club and is closely watched by the Finance Committee.

Once again, my sincere thanks to all people who assisted me during the year with a special thanks to my Assistant Treasurer, Neil Robinson.

IAN MESSENGER,
Treasurer

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The committee this year consisting of Frank Byrne, Neil Robinson, Denis Taylor, Eric Walters plus the executive met on a regular monthly basis. As in past years we have endeavoured and have succeeded in increasing our income and decreasing expenditure.

No doubt the major item we dealt with was the proposal to purchase the property at Avoca Drive. This was examined in detail by the Management Committee and it was decided to proceed after seeking legal and technical advice.

This was done quite intensively by those involved with the resulting strong recommendation that we do not proceed with the proposal due to many various reasons. This proposal was again presented to the Management Committee and they endorsed this recommendation.

Perhaps this would have been a very good opportunity for us to consolidate our future in the purchase of this property but on the facts

presented, we feel that the correct decision was made.

Overall, this committee did what was expected of them and I thank the members for their involvement.

IAN MESSENGER,
Convenor

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Once again the Club can report that it completed another season without loss of life during patrol hours and for that matter, out of patrol hours, although there were a couple of incidents outside of patrol hours that without the prompt action of a couple of members, could have been fatal.

Recorded rescues performed during patrol hours were:

Without rescue equipment.....	131
With reel	8
With board and/or ski	44
With I.R.B.	12
Total rescues	195

This was a relatively high figure considering the run of bad weather prior to Christmas and a lack of big surfs in general.

Besides actual beach rescues, patrols and/or beach inspectors, treated 130 minor first aid cases and six major first aid cases. The majority of these being severe blue bottle stings. One of the noticeable items was the 131 rescues without rescue equipment, the majority of these we in fact preventative rescues as the rip area in the corner is very deceptive and this says much for the efficiency of the patrol captains and patrols in preventing serious situations.

If any body had any doubts as to the effectiveness of the "rubber duckie" then they certainly would not have if they were there to see Larry Thorncroft and Norrie Cannon carry out two consecutive rescues in conditions that could only be described as near impossible for any other type of rescue and that included swimming, as a swimmer would not have reached them in time.

The "rubber duckie" left the corner, worked its way through large waves and broken water, picked up the first swimmer, came straight to the beach, off loaded, then went straight out just managing to power through one larger wave, turned, picked up the other two swimmers and had them on the beach in no time. In actual fact, the entire operation took about three minutes and I have no hesitation in stating that without the "duck" we would have lost at least one person, which more than justifies the money spent on the "rubber duckie" purchase.

This year the patrols were restructured and cut back from 10 to eight patrols. We finished the season with 115 active members. This figure varied over the season with new members joining the Club and some leaving or changing Club status during the season. In all, we lost 28 members that had been rostered at the start of the season, 13 left the Club — three transferred and the others changed to associate or leave of absence, etc.

At the start of the season the Chief Instructor along with the Vice Captain and myself, conducted a Club training day to familiarise the members with the various equipment and new techniques that have been introduced. It was pleasing to see 80 odd members turn up to be instructed by various members in first aid — I.R.B. — radio — beach mobile and general patrol operations.

The idea being that every member had a working knowledge of the various equipment. Each patrol was allocated an I.R.B. driver and it was his duty to maintain the I.R.B. and train other patrol members in its use and maintenance.

The Club took delivery of a beach observation tower which was designed and manufactured and donated by Dignity Aluminium through Ted Poole. The lightweight aluminium tower folds up and is easy to carry. One patrol member mans the tower with a hand radio and it is his duty to control the beach. This position is rotated every half hour to avert inefficiency and has proved a definite advantage to our patrol operations.

The patrol efficiency competition was conducted over three rounds covering (1) general patrol equipment knowledge and signals, (2) general resuscitation techniques and operations, (3) random spot checks without the patrols knowledge. The final figures were close with the winning patrol being that of Max Sainsbury, second place was Jim Mitchell's patrol and third place was Mike Tamblin's patrol. To these three patrol captains, my congratulations for your keenness and devotion to your positions.

The inter-patrol competition was conducted on the Saturday after Christmas and it was most pleasing to see approximately 70 members turn up. All events were keenly contested and the overall winning patrol was again Max Sainsbury's. Max had all but one of his patrol in attendance and this in itself is quite an achievement.

I would like at this time record the Club's sincere thank you to Max Sainsbury as he had just completed his 25th consecutive year on patrol. This is an outstanding record and one

that deserves the sincere congratulations of all members of the association.

As this report goes to press the Life Saving Committee, who is made up of the patrol captains and vice captains, is meeting to discuss next season's patrol structures and improve again on this season. New ideas were introduced this season, some were successful, some not so successful.

Major changes have been introduced for next season among which is that, all active and active reserve members will have to re-qualify i.e. run-swim-run to Bronze Medallion standard and practical and theory on basic E.A.R. and E.C.C. and signals; the introduction of Saturday morning patrols and the possible wearing of patrol uniforms, i.e. t-shirts and shorts. These and numerous other items have been introduced under a new State Centre restructure designed to update, make more efficient and utilise the mechanical services and is covered under the heading of "Policy on Rescue Operations."

This booklet will be issued to every active member in N.S.W. The restructure of operations has been discussed at Club level, then Branch level, and finally at State level, before being voted in.

The Life Saving Committee will have to make various decisions prior to the start of the season on their introduction patrol make up and implementation of the new requirements.

I ask all active members to give their full support to next season's patrol captains and make every effort to be conversant with their E.A.R. and E.C.C. and signals and be able to do a 200 metre run — 200 metre swim and 200 metre run in under 10 minutes, so a little bit of pre-season conditioning will not go astray.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Andy Hoban for his assistance to me throughout the season as vice captain, also to patrol captains and to Peter Kelly for his varied assistance in training and demonstrating when asked. I would also like to thank every patrol member for helping and accepting the various ideas that were implemented during the season. I have learnt a lot in my first year in this position and hopefully will have the opportunity to learn more next season.

GRAHAME LOVE,
Club Captain

JUNIOR CAPTAIN'S REPORT

As the '78-79 season draws to a close, it is time once again to submit various reports and it makes me truly happy to be able to write about

such a great bunch of competitors and boys as the juniors and cadets in our club.

The past season has been one of the best our club has seen as far as Club involvement and competition is concerned with our juniors and cadets. We have had a relatively large number of competitors representing us at local carnivals and the enthusiasm and willingness of these boys to "have a go" has really paid off and I think it is inspiring for both nippers and senior members.

We were very prominent in most events we contested throughout the season whether at Branch, State or Australian level. At the State Titles a total of 14 juniors and cadets competed and through this effort two gold and one bronze medals were gained with 13 competitors reaching their respective finals. At the Australian Titles in Perth, a total of nine juniors and cadets competed and out of this came four finalists, one bronze medal and one gold. A truly fine effort.

In the swimming section we had Mark Margin along with Mark Benson, Scott Smith and Brad Paterson in the juniors and Jon Cook, Andrew Welsh, Stewart Jackson and Carey Smith in the cadets all of whom swam creditably and strongly throughout the season. At the Branch championships at Wamberal, Jon Cook combined with Stewart Jackson, Andrew Welsh and Carey Smith to bring home the gold in the cadet surf teams race.

This was the second of three golds for Jon Cook who swam very strongly to take out the cadet surf race as well. This however, was not a one day stand as the four boys teamed up to reach the final of the State cadet surf teams race. A fine effort and a good incentive for the boys to stick with it.

In the juniors Mark Margin swam very strongly throughout the season and took out third place in the branch in both the open and junior belt races and combined with Mark Benson, Brad Paterson and Scott Smith to gain a second placing in the junior surf teams race.

On the beach our lone star was Mark Walters who shone so brightly throughout the season and didn't lose a flags event until he reached the semi final of the Australian in Perth. Mark was very unlucky not to make the final and was eliminated due to lack of experience rather than lack of ability. Mark is a fine competitor and I feel that he is so assured of future golds that the experience he gained in Perth will be more beneficial to him than a probable first placing would have been.

In the ski section we had Paul Horneman paddling very strongly as a cadet and winning the Branch championships along with making the

final of the State. Bill Mitchell combined with Brad Paterson in the junior double ski and they also brought home a Branch gold.

Our board riding display competitors put on a terrific effort this season with Bryce Ellis and Adam Robinson reaching the final of the State in which Adam finished third. Bryce's turn was yet to come however, when he took out first place in the cadet board display championship of Australia. Brad Paterson and Dereck Patton also put on a great effort with Brad making the final of the State and Dereck being 'punched out' in a quarter final of the Australian.

Our board paddlers like most other sections are a strong part of the Avoca Club and have proved this once again this season. Brad Paterson, Paul Horneman and Jon Cook have all competed very strongly and have all won a major title. Brad and Jon each won a branch gold and each made the final of the State with Brad also gaining a fourth in the Australian.

Paul Horneman missed out on a win at the Branch but made up for it with a win at the State and a third at the Australian. Three other paddlers who deserve special mention are Dereck Patton, Brad Scott and Bryce Ellis who, although didn't match up many wins, were always up there trying.

At the early stages of this season a top class junior boat crew was in the making but unfortunately the boys couldn't stick together and all but one member of that crew lost interest and



Outstanding junior Mark Margin starts in the junior belt race.

faded. The member that reminded was Craig Taylor and I feel sure that he will make a fine rower if given the opportunity in the future.

I sincerely hope that our up and coming juniors and cadets will try their hardest to uphold the standard of competition set by our juniors and cadets this season, for it is a standard to be proud of and something to strive for. I would like to express my thanks to anyone who has helped or advised our younger members in any way this season for I am sure that it is greatly appreciated.

BILL MITCHELL,
Junior Captain



Bryce Ellis, first place Australian cadet board riding display, being presented with the club honour award by club captain, Grahame Love.

COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT

It gives me great pleasure to report on the competitive activities of the club as once again we had a very successful season — a fact that this report will confirm.

The Sunday morning handicap events proved again to be a success with participation of most members sometime during the season. At times the number of competitors gave the morning a "mini carnival" atmosphere but as the season, which was a very lone one, stretched on there was a drop in attendance.

As always the members who competed consistently throughout the season featured in the end results. Phil and Dennis Gee, John and Paul Horneman, Brad Scott and Shane Perry all fitted into this category and it gave me great pleasure to see these last two mentioned succeed in gaining a first place each. If Brad and Shane con-

tinue with their determination and enthusiasm they will become outstanding competitors at all levels.

The Club Championships were split over two Sundays for the first time, this move by the committee proved wise as general comment confirmed that they were the best run for many years. My congratulations to all placegetters in handicaps and championships and my thanks to the committee and club executive for their assistance and co-operation in the conduct of the season's club events.

BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS: These proved to be a bonanza for Avoca. A perusal of results show an almost total domination of craft events but the most pleasing aspect was the performance of our cadet division. We contested six of the seven events in this section. We won five and gained third in the beach sprint. We did not contest the beach relay. This augers well for the future particularly in swim events where we still lag behind at State and Australian levels.

INTER-BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIPS: Our representatives (11) performed well with John Horneman and Brad Paterson demonstrating our board strength with great victories against the State's best and the eventual Australian champions in both their events. Mark Walters proved that his superiority in the cadet flags spread over N.S.W. with his comfortable win.

N.S.W. CHAMPIONSHIPS: To be a supporter of the Avoca team at State and Australian championships, one must possess several rare qualities. Firstly, stamina and good health — without which no one would have survived those two days of hellish weather. Secondly, optimism and patience — after a solitary placing early on Saturday morning (Adam Robinson, third cadet board riding), it was a long wait to hear Avoca called to the rostrum again. Thirdly a strong resilient heart — to be able to bounce back after seeing the toll that mountainous seas took of our craft, expensive craft, provided for, in the main, out of the competitors own pockets.

Well, our supporters had all these qualities, and our competitors proved to have them in abundance. As the sun was setting on Sunday afternoon, Mark Walters became our first-ever beach flags medallist when he won the cadet division. Before the congratulations were over, another cadet Paul Horneman chalked up another first ever by collecting the cadet malibu gold. Before he could mount the rostrum, his brother John gave the judges reason to conduct a 20 minute argument before he was given second place in the senior malibu and by now everyone on the beach knew that the "blue, green and golds" were making their charge.

John and Jim Mitchell beat the seas and all but one opponent to gain second place in the double. Our "B" ski relay (John Mitchell, Chris Bond and Brian Grace) over the line second only to be disqualified allowing our "A" team (Murray Braund, Jim Mitchell and Greg Jarman) to collect the silver medal. Finally, to give lie to their performance at the Branch championships, after a weekend of fantastic rowing and seamanship — for him in those seas the smallest mistake by sweep or crew resulted in maximum disaster — came our "A" boat crew to take second place.

Our other finalists all contributed to gain Avoca fourth place in N.S.W. in overall pointscore. All of our competitors gave us reason to be proud of them. Quint Riley's only reward was to receive the flat end of a paddle across the back of his head after a heat of the wave ski, being a gentleman he reciprocated with the only gift he had handy — a bunch of fives. With a full day of competition ahead, and mountainous craft-destroying seas to contend, our taplin relay team — Mark Benson (who travelled down to compete in this one team event), and Len Cook, Brad Paterson and John Horneman, Chris Bond and Brian Grace (risking their own valuable craft) — showed what club spirit is all about. No medal, but a warm "thank you" for such a gusty effort. The seventh placing in the championship and in the United Permanent Handicap by the march past team also deserves special mention and congratulations.

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: And so to Perth with high hopes of success in the Indian Ocean. After a busy Thursday trip, transport and assembly of craft and erection of club tent on the beach, a loosen up by craft competitors, team meetings, everything was set for Friday morning. Our representatives in the N.S.W. taplin relay teams went well, Murray Braund's team (N.S.W. No. 1) winning and Brad Paterson's (N.S.W. No. 2) gaining second place in the junior event. Heats of craft relay events get under way. The two ski teams and "A" malibu team scramble into the semi finals.

No one shows much form but before the craft is off the beach, out of the blue almost before we realise the Australian championships are on, comes the announcement — Cadet Board Riding Championship of Australia, first placing, Bryce Ellis, Avoca Beach. The whole team is riding high. Proud dad Arthur, breaks out a bigger smile then when he gets paid for a plumbing job.

Saturday morning — individual craft heats — plenty of heart stoppers. Paul Horneman (State champion) "has he paddled a board before?". Brad Paterson "waves about the same

as Avoca" both struggle into semis. John Horneman looks the only board paddler capable of handling the conditions and qualifies comfortably. The ski paddlers after mediocre performances on Friday, start to hit form with a series of first placings in the singles and some good efforts in the doubles, then disaster — Jim Mitchell and Brian Grace out of the singles, John and Jim Mitchell out of the doubles and to cap the day, after a tremendous effort, Mark Walters misses out by one to make the finals of the cadet flags. Not really a day to remember.

But Sunday was another day. First event, the ski relay final, both A and B teams in and the whole seasons activities (training, broken ribs, gambling nights, sulks, the month in Canada, splintered skis at State, many bottles of Irish Cream, dickie knees) produce outstanding efforts by both teams. The "A" teams leads the way from the gun to take first place and the "B" team just miss a place, finishing fourth. We were sailing high again.

Brad Paterson and Paul Horneman reverse their Saturday form by winning their semi finals but disaster strikes, John Horneman in the form of a crashing wave at the start and he misses a place in the final. Three make the ski final. Two make the double ski final. The malibu team finish sixth to add another point to the club tally. Cadet board final and Paul Horneman proves to be our last medal winner when after leading the field, he was passed by two on a wave to gain third place.

All other finalists gave of their best and by finishing fourth, fifth or sixth all added to the club points. Their combined efforts gained the club fifth place in Australia — the best ever performance by the club.

There were other "gold medal" performances



Mark Walters in action.

at the championships. Had it been awarded the team managers gold would have gone to Grahame Love. This "phantom" left no detail unattended and overcame plenty of hurdles along the way even refusing Barry Jones' offer to swap for a room with a better view on the 14th floor. Congratulations and thanks from all the team Grahame.

Ron Parsons (who incidentally possesses the only invisible permit to go anywhere on the beach at the Australian championships much to the chagrin of myself and other handlers who were promptly told where not to go) gave a fantastic performance to get our craft on the beach. His organisational effort certainly deserved a gold.

The other "past championship" events — the upstairs (14 flights) race, the 20 lap home pool race, the walking on hands race, the best smorgasbord performance — were all conducted with the usual Avoca Beach decorum and the results are well known. And so "the carnival (and season) was over" — a proud one for Avoca.

The competitor of the year must go to Mark Walters. Other competitors had their ups and downs, Mark in the cadet flags suffered only one defeat — the semi finals of the Australian championships.

He won the Club, Branch, Inter-Branch and State championships and his dignity and modesty in victory was matched by his dignity and acceptance of defeat — well done Mark.

In closing I would like to thank by son John for his assistance during the season. Without his help I would have found the job impossible but because of it, the season has been a pleasure.

RON HORNEMAN,
Competition Secretary

"I JUST HOPE HE DOESN'T CLIMB ONTO THE SHARK TOWER ROOF AND TRY TO CATCH THE RESCUE HELICOPTER AGAIN!"

H. KONG (Getting the feel of his new nickname)



CLUB HANDICAP EVENTS

OVER 30 SURF: B. Lowe 1; B. Paterson 2; P. Gee 3.
 SURF RACE: P. Horneman 1; J. Horneman 2; B. Scott 3.
 BOARD: P. Horneman/B. Scott 1; J. Horneman 2; D. Gee 3.
 SKI: D. Gee 1; P. Gee/P. Horneman 2; J. Horneman 3.
 MARATHON: S. Perry 1; G. Malone 2; P. Gee 3.
 WAVE SKI: P. Horneman 1; J. Horneman 2; P. Gee 3.
 HANDICAP CONSISTENCY: H. King.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

SKI
 BOARD
 LONG BOARD
 WAVE SKI
 FLAGS
 SPRINT
 BELT
 SURF SWIM
 OVER 30 SWIM

SENIOR

Jim Mitchell
 J. Horneman
 J. Horneman
 J. Horneman
 R. Earl
 T. Way
 L. Cook
 J. Horneman
 B. Cahill

JUNIOR

W. Mitchell
 B. Scott
 B. Scott
 B. Scott
 S. Smith
 S. Smith
 S. Smith
 S. Smith

CADET

P. Horneman
 P. Horneman
 J. Cook
 P. Horneman
 M. Walters
 M. Walters
 J. Cook

CLUB CHAMPIONS

SENIOR CLUB CHAMPION: John Horneman
 JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPION: Brad Scott
 CADET CLUB CHAMPION: Paul Horneman



Brad Scott, junior club champion, receives his award from Bob Cairncross.

INTER-PATROL COMPETITION

PATROL No. 7

Max Sainsbury (capt.)
 Jon Cook
 Brian Goffett
 Bill Mitchell
 Mark Walters
 Mark Patton

Ray Rose
 Bill Rose
 Scott Dillon
 Neil Kibble
 Terry Ross

PATROL EFFICIENCY COMPETITION

PATROL No. 7

Max Sainsbury (capt.)
 Greg Price (v/capt.)
 Brian Goffett
 Mark Patton
 Bill Mitchell
 Ron Parsons
 Mark Kelly
 Bill Rose

Ray Rose
 Dave Paton
 Scott Dillon
 Mark Walters
 Terry Ross
 Neil Kibble
 Chris Bond
 Jon Cook



Patrol No. 7 — Winners of the Patrol Efficiency and Inter-Patrol competition. Left to right, J. Cook, W. Rose, W. Mitchell, C. Bond, B. Goffett, M. Patton, T. Ross, N. Kibble, M. Sainsbury, R. Parsons, M. Walters

BRANCH CHAMPIONSHIP PLACINGS (WAMBERAL) 10-3-1979

1st March Past: G. Thomson, L. Thorncroft, B. Goffett, R. Parsons, P. Kelly, P. Hunt, G. Love, R. Dixon, H. King, R. Fyffe, A. Hoban, B. Gregory

1st Cadet Surf: J. Cook

1st Cadet Surf Teams: J. Cook, S. Jackson, A. Welsh, C. Smith

1st Restricted Surf: L. Cook

1st Open Iron Man: J. Horneman

1st Open Beach Relay: D. Gee, B. Cairncross, B. Gregory, B. Neal

1st Cadet Beach Flags: M. Walters

1st Open Single Ski: John Mitchell, (2) G. Jarman, (3) C. Bond

1st Cadet Ski: P. Horneman

1st Senior Ski Relay: Jim Mitchell, John Mitchell, G. Jarman, (2) B. Grace, M. Braund, C. Bond

1st Open Double Ski: John and Jim Mitchell, (3) C. Bond/B. Grace

1st Junior Double Ski: W. Mitchell/B. Paterson

1st Open Long Board: H. King, (2) John Horneman

1st Open Malibu: J. Horneman, (2) Q. Riley, (3) J. McAtamney

1st Junior Malibu: B. Paterson

1st Cadet Malibu: J. Cook

1st Open Malibu Relay: J. Horneman, H. King, B. Paterson, (2) Q. Riley, J. McAtamney, P. Hoban

1st Open Long Board Relay: J. McAtamney, B. Paterson, H. King, (2) J. Horneman, John Mitchell, Q. Riley

1st Open Taplin Relay: J. Horneman, B. Paterson, M. Braund, (2) C. Bond, M. Margin, M. Benson, (3) H. King, Q. Riley, Jim Mitchell, B. Grace, L. Cook, J. Andrews

1st Open Wave Ski: P. Hoban, (2) H. King

1st Junior Wave Ski: W. Mitchell

2nd Open R&R: L. Cook, T. Way, G. Price, J. McAtamney, J. Andrews, J. Horneman

2nd Open Surf Teams: L. Cook, J. Andrews, M. Margin, M. Benson

2nd Junior Surf Teams: M. Benson, M. Margin, B. Paterson, S. Smith

2nd Open Belt: L. Cook, (3) M. Margin

2nd Open Boat: R. Gee, A. Hoban, D. Gee, K. Bootle, M. Patton

2nd "B" Boat: R. Gee, R. Norman, R. Earl, C. Kelly, I. Parker

2nd Chariot Race: M. Sainsbury, R. Earl, I. Parker, M. Patton, R. Norman, C. Kelly

3rd Junior Belt: M. Margin
 3rd Cadet Beach Sprint: M. Walters
 3rd Junior Single Ski: W. Mitchell
 21 first placings
 14 second placings
 8 third placings
 First overall Branch pointscore

N.S.W. CHAMPIONSHIPS — NORTH NARRABEEN

1st Cadet Flags: M. Walters
 1st Cadet Malibu: P. Horneman
 2nd Senior Malibu: J. Horneman
 2nd Senior Double Ski: John and Jim Mitchell
 2nd Ski Relay: M. Braund, G. Jarman, Jim Mitchell
 2nd Open Boat: R. Gee, D. Gee, A. Hoban, K. Bootle, M. Patton
 3rd Cadet Board Riding: A. Robinson

FINALIST

Reserve Boat: R. Gee, R. Norman, C. Kelly, R. Earl, I. Parker
 Senior Single Ski: M. Braund, John Mitchell
 Junior Single Ski: W. Mitchell
 Cadet Single Ski: P. Horneman
 Senior Double Ski: M. Braund, G. Jarman
 Senior Wave Ski: H. King
 Cadet Malibu: J. Cook
 Junior Malibu: B. Paterson
 Junior Board Display: B. Paterson
 Cadet Board Display: B. Ellis
 Restricted Surf: L. Cook
 Cadet Surf: J. Cook, S. Jackson, A. Welsh, C. Smith
 Malibu Relay: J. Horneman, B. Paterson, H. King
 Long Board Relay: J. Horneman, H. King, Q. Riley
 Taplin Relay: J. Horneman, B. Paterson, C. Bond, B. Grace, M. Benson, L. Cook
 "B" Ski Relay: C. Bond, John Mitchell, B. Grace

FOURTH OVERALL POINTSCORE



Mick Kendal preparing for the pillow fight.



Left to right: Grahame Love, Arthur Ellis, Ron Horneman at the State titles.

AUSTRALIAN TITLES (PERTH)

1st Cadet Board Display: B. Ellis
 1st Senior Ski Relay: M. Braund, Jim Mitchell, G. Jarman
 3rd Cadet Malibu Board: P. Horneman

FINALIST

Senior Ski: M. Braund, John Mitchell, G. Jarman
 Senior Double Ski: M. Braund, G. Jarman, C. Bond, B. Grace
 Ski Relay: "B" team: B. Grace, C. Bond, John Mitchell
 Junior Malibu Board: B. Paterson
 Long Board Relay: H. King, J. Horneman, Q. Riley
 Malibu Board Relay: H. King, J. Horneman, B. Paterson
 Restricted Surf: L. Cook
 Cadet Surf: J. Cook

SEMI-FINALIST

Malibu Board Relay: "B" team: Q. Riley, P. Hoban, D. O'Grady
 Malibu Board: J. Horneman
 Senior Single Ski: C. Bond
 Junior Single Ski: W. Mitchell

FIFTH OVERALL — POINTSCORE

CENTRAL COAST INTER-BRANCH TEAM

Once again, this club made up the bulk and backbone of the Inter-branch team to contest the Inter-branch titles held at Terrigal Beach on February 3, 1979.

Competitors selected from this club were: "A" boat crew comprising R. Gee, G. Price, A. Hoban, K. Bootle and M. Patton.

Other competitors were J. Horneman, B. Paterson, M. Margin, M. Walters and J. Cook. These members competed in team and individual events and their performance was a credit to them.

Also, R. Parsons and D. Gee were selected as manager and coach respectively.

JUNIOR INTER-BRANCH TEAM

Thirteen boys were selected from Avoca Beach to represent the Branch at the Inter-Branch carnival at North Narrabeen this season. The boys, although not highly successful, competed with credit and our congratulations must go to them.

The boys selected were J. Cook, B. Ellis, T. Bowcock, A. Collins, D. Broadbent, A. Love, T. Ross, S. Weller, A. Robinson, S. Jackson, M. Sainsbury, J. Kidd, D. Peebles.

N.S.W. TEAM

Craft competitors from this club were again selected in the N.S.W. Taplin team events held at the Australian titles.

Murray Braund was selected in the Senior A Team, John Mitchell and John Horneman in the Senior B Team and Brad Paterson in the Junior B Team.

The Senior A team went on to win the event and the B team did not start at the carnival much to the disappointment of our representatives.

The Junior B Team finished second in their event.

To those members selected in these events to represent N.S.W. we once again offer our congratulations on your overall competitive performances throughout the season.

N.S.W. STATE NIPPER TEAM

Competing for the last year in the junior movement, nipper cadet Jon Cook was again selected in the N.S.W. State Nipper team.

Jon travelled to Queensland with the team and competed with distinction. He was successful in winning four individual events and was a member of two other winning team events and has certainly justified his selection in this team.

As Jon now moves in to the senior club we wish him every success in his competitive fields and we encourage him to maintain his interests in both this club and the surf life saving movement and we hope to see him involve himself more on a club level as well as a competitive level.

AVOCA BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1978-79 SEASON

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	General Fund	Building Fund	Gear Fun	Tour Fund	Avoca Beach JSLSC	Boat Fund	Total	1977-78 Season
We commenced the year with a balance of:	2594.22						2594.22	497.90
During the year cash was received by way of:								
Subscriptions	774.00				73.00		847.00	768.80
Donations	2317.00		1470.00		735.00		4522.00	4526.50
Social Committee	500.00						500.00	2385.00
Ladies Auxiliary	2000.00						2000.00	2027.58
Central Coast Leagues Club	3756.00						3756.00	3636.00
Avoca Beach Bowling Club	900.00						900.00	Nil
Avoca Beach Hardware			300.00				300.00	Nil
Purchases by Club Members	1174.50		220.00		312.00		1706.50	1500.00
Bank Interest	51.51						51.51	66.52
Housie	1151.93						1151.93	1133.38
Hall Hire	601.90						601.90	152.00
Carnival	1294.95						1294.95	111.00
Door Knock	765.86						765.86	635.18
Beach Raffle	2225.61						2225.61	3561.75
Kincumber Hotel Raffle	722.35						722.35	630.59
Erina Heights Hotel Raffle	2001.20						2001.20	669.28
Other Raffles	661.10				596.00		1257.10	303.00
Training Weekend	144.00						144.00	Nil
Bus Trips	351.00						351.00	Nil
Camp Sites	227.00						227.00	Nil
Insurance Claim		63.00					63.00	Nil
Building Fund Transfers	10124.89						10124.89	706.57
Sundries	786.16		20.00	1036.50	701.00	23.49	2567.15	4857.92
Tour Fund								
Deposits				6019.00			6019.00	Nil
Raffles				1186.00			1186.00	Nil
Smokos				7860.44			7860.44	876.73
Disco				1369.70			1369.70	Nil
Social Nights				1380.00			1380.00	Nil
Investment Account Transfers				7952.87			7952.87	Nil
Making TOTAL FUNDS available	35125.18	63.00	2010.00	26804.51	2417.00	23.49	66443.18	29045.70
These funds were expended as follows:								
Building Repairs and Purchases		1410.10					1410.10	385.30
New Work and Extensions		905.92					905.92	2660.38
Entry Fees	690.90						690.70	95.10
Insurance	528.20						528.20	245.37
Electricity	602.15						602.15	459.48
First Aid	979.71						979.71	358.04
Phone, Postages, Petty Cash	1180.48						1180.48	923.48
General Expenses	1310.57						1310.57	1130.00
Carnivals	840.00						840.00	423.37
Purchases by Club Members	1144.00						1144.00	2264.36
Boat Repairs and Maintenance						1796.15	1796.15	1745.95
Repairs and Purchase New Gear			3604.85				3604.85	6738.28
Avoca Beach J.S.L.S.C.					2822.93		2822.93	1701.89
Raffles	484.45						484.45	
Printing and Stationery	637.39			86.00			723.39	1051.14
Handicap Events	238.80						238.80	191.60
Presentation Night	1522.54						1522.54	
Camp Sites	250.00						250.00	
Annual Reports	580.00						580.00	
Training Weekend	222.79						222.79	
Bus Coaches	410.00						410.00	
50th Anniversary	362.00						362.00	
Building Fund Transfers	9228.56						9228.56	706.57
Social	905.70			987.40			1893.10	474.90
Tour Fund								
Smokos				2495.95			2495.95	
Fares				15859.00			15859.00	
Disco				281.70			281.70	
Transfer to Investment Account				5380.12			5380.12	
Sundries	670.00			1904.26			2574.26	4796.27
TOTAL PAYOUTS DURING YEAR	22788.24	2316.02	3604.85	26984.93		1796.15	60322.62	26451.48
Leaving a BALANCE of:	Cr. 12336.94						6120.56	
	Dr. 2253.02	1594.85	189.92	405.93	1772.66			
Balance of cash at bank on 30-4-79	Cr. 6608.06							
This can be reconciled with the balance in the Financial Statement by deducting cheques drawn prior to but not presented to bank by 30-4-79	<u>487.50</u>							
This equals credit balance as shown in Finance Statement	Cr. <u>\$6120.56</u>							
This includes \$5062 set aside for the Building Fund								

I have examined the cash book, bank statement and other records of the Avoca Beach Surf Life Saving Club for the year ended 30th April, 1979 and in my opinion the above income and expenditure is in accordance with these records and from information and explanation furnished to me by the Treasurer.

J. C. CHEADLE, A.C.A.
(Hon. Auditor)

I. C. MESSENGER,
(Hon. Treasurer)

**CENTRAL COAST BRANCH
TEAM TOUR
NEW ZEALAND — 1980**

In accordance with Branch policy to send a Branch touring team overseas every two years to gain competitive experience and to broaden the knowledge on life saving techniques of the members within this Branch, a tour to New Zealand has been organised for January, 1980.

The team has been selected from club members who have nominated their availability to tour and those selected from this club are:



Branch open malibu: First John Horneman, second Quentin Riley, third Jim McAtamney.

SKI CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Well this season was the first for me as a captain and not back up man in the roll of vice-captain.

The new split between board and ski captaincy with a captain for each was very successful especially with Harold King as board captain as he was a top act in his new role and assisted me greatly (thanks Harry).

Thanks also to my vice-captain Bill Mitchell for his devoted help through the year.

No new racing skis were purchased because of the financial standing of the club with the proposed purchase of land. It was good to see this didn't deter the ski boys with the raffles (thanks fellahs).

Our thanks go to the donor of our two rescue skis coming from George Brand, Copacabana Real Estate.

The competitive strength of our skis came up to the standard we have grown to expect over the past few seasons with two seconds in the State in the Mitchell Bros. on the double ski and the "A" relay team being M. Braund, Jim Mitchell and Greg Jarman with the "B" relay

Harold King, Jim McAtamney, board competitors; Richard Gee, Andy Hoban, Greg Price, boat competitors; Jim Mitchell, John Mitchell, Greg Jarman, ski competitors.

Also, Grahame Love was selected as Tour Manager.

John Horneman was originally selected as a board competitor, but due to personal reasons, withdrew from the team.

To these club members we offer our congratulations and wish them every success for this tour.

John Mitchell, Brian Grace and Chris Bond running a creditable second but being disqualified through John Mitchell not rounding a flag on the beach (dumbo).

Bill Mitchell put in a good performance by making the junior final and then a guts effort by leading early but breaking his new ski by paddling under a big wave.

Paul Horneman showed plenty of potential by making the final of the cadet ski. Paul has a bright future ahead of him if he stays with it.

At the Branch, Avoca filled the first six places in the senior division and first three places in the double and were far from being disgraced in the junior and cadets with a gold to Paterson and Mitchell on the double, gold to Paul Horneman and a bronze medal to Bill Mitchell.

The Australian was a ripper with gold for M. Braund, G. Jarman and Jim Mitchell in the "A" ski relay, a copper (4th) for John Mitchell, C. Bond and B. Grace in the "B" ski relay and M. Braund in the single ski (first easterner home).

Congratulations must also go to Murray and John Mitchell to be named in the State A & B taplin teams respectively with Murray put-

ting in a fine performance to give the team a first place. The B team didn't get a start.

Congrats also to the ski boys who made the New Zealand Rep. Team for 1980, Jim and John Mitchell and Greg Jarman.

A big welcome to a new member and ski man in Chris Bond who had a big season and kept us all on our toes. Thanks to Murray, Jim, Greg, Chris, Brian and Bill whose company acted as an analgesic on the pain that goes with training.

In closing I would like to thank the club I'm sure on behalf of the ski fraternity for their support through the year and especially Ronnie Parsons and Grahame Love for all their assistance. I could fill up a couple more pages with what these guys have done for us through the year.

Until next season this is Scrow Tum signing off.

**SCROW TUM (JOHN) MITCHELL,
Ski Captain.**



The well dressed Australian champion ski relay team, Jim Mitchell



Greg Jarman



Murray Braund

BOAT CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The following club members represented Avoca Beach in surf boat competition throughout the season just concluded. "A" Division — Andy Hoban, Dennis Gee, Kevin Bootle, Craig Kelly, Mark Patton, Grahame Malone, Trevor Way, Ian Parker, Rod Earl, Dick Gee. "B" Division Ian Parker, Rod Earl, Dick Norman, Craig Kelly, Harold King, Dick Gee, Garth Yates, Mick Napier, Greg Price, John Mitchell, Warwick Bissaker, Greg Smith, Ross Ibbett. Junior Division — Craig Taylor, Andrew Jones, Bernie Randell.

The "A" crew from 36 starts, had 15 first placings, six second placings, six third placings, seven fourth placings, two fifth placings. "B" crew with eleven first placings, five second placings, one third placing from 17 starts.

"C" crew eight first placings, eleven second placings, four third placings, five fourth placings from 28 starts.

Junior crew from two starts first and 4th placings.

Surprise results for the season was the loss of the Senior and Reserve Boat Championships at the Branch Titles held at Wamberal Beach. However, some compensation was gained by the "A" crew consisting of A. Hoban, D. Gee, K. Bootle, M. Patton and R. Gee at the N.S.W. Championships when the crew finished in second place in the Senior Boat Final.

The "C" crew of I. Parker, R. Earl, D. Norman, C. Kelly and R. Gee also made the State Final and finished in fourth place.

The following members attended Haberfield Rowing Shed for testing on their rowing Ergometer, A. Hoban, D. Gee, K. Bootle, M. Patton, C. Kelly, I. Parker, J. Mitchell, G. Price, M. Napier, R. Ibbett, B. Randell, C. Taylor, R. Gee.

Our thanks are extended to the Caves Beach Surf Club for their assistance and usage of one of their boats for the purpose of training in the Swansea Channel prior to the State Championships. The reason for training in that area was brought about by the fact that Mark Patton was studying at Newcastle University so both sections of the crew would meet at that point for training.

Another successful training innovation was the weekend camp held at Salamander Bay on Port Stephens on the weekend prior to the State titles. All members of the "A" and "C" crews were present for their final preparation for the State.



Second N.S.W. State titles, "A" boat crew, Richard Gee, Andy Hoban (at long last), Dennis Gee, Kevin Bootle and Mark Patton.

Ron Parsons was again responsible for most of the transport to and from surf carnivals. In addition I would like to personally thank "Hang On" for his assistance in sweeping the "C" crew during training sessions both at Avoca and Gosford. Others to assist with transport were G. Malone, K. Bootle, A. Hoban and Eric Walters.

Our Gosford based training centre under the Aquatic Club was finally brought up to first class conditions when several boaties got together and poured four metres of concrete to make a solid and level floor in our "boatshed." An "Appreciation Oar" has been prepared and will be presented to the Aquatic Club at a very near date.

Thanks are also extended to the Central Coast Express Newspaper for the donation of a new sweep oar.

The beginning of the season saw the formation of a Boat Panel consisting of "boaties" both past and present. The purpose of the Panel was to recommend to the Competition Committee their selections for the composition of the club's boat crews. After a season of trial and error we are looking forward to smoother times in the surf boat section of our club.

It was unfortunate that our senior "A" crew were not available to compete at the Australian Surf Championships at Trigg Island, Western Australia. However, a composite crew comprising "Muscles" Malone, Trevor Way, Andy Hoban, Mark Patton and Dick Gee rowed quite creditably to go into the second round.

Our "C" crew after their strong performance at the N.S.W. Championships held at North Narrabeen were unable to perform to their best effort owing to injuries sustained to two members of the crew on the first day of the Championships. It is regrettable to think that they travelled 5,000 miles and were unable to perform to the best of their ability.

RICHARD GEE, Boat Captain.



March past competitors, left to right: Geoff Thomson, Brian Goffett, Ron Parsons, Bob Dixon, Dennis Taylor (before or after their events?)

MARCH PAST TEAM

The 1978/79 season was the best on record for this club in the realm of marching. Competing in local carnivals we gained four first placings and we were unplaced in only one or two carnivals. For the second consecutive season we won the Branch title and this would be contributed to the dedication of our regular marchers.

Also, this season the team competed in the State wide United Permanent March Past Competition which was a handicap event held over five rounds with the four best rounds being used in the final tally. We entered the competition with a handicap of 37, this being the points we marched at 77/78 State titles. The way the points for each march are considered in relation to the handicapping is complicated but the general concept is that if a team marches consistently to their handicap or improves on their handicap that team has a good chance of winning the competition.

Monetary prizes were given to the first seven places with the final round conducted at the State titles. On that day we marched well enough to be placed seventh overall in the State and we were fortunate enough to be placed seventh in the handicap events. For this we received a cheque for \$100 and I must give thanks to those who travelled to the carnivals held outside our Branch in relation to this competition.

At the Australian titles we were placed 16th in a very large competitive field. This was also a credit to those who marched on the day.

Perhaps the most remarkable thing about this year's team is that the same team never marched

twice. As far as I can make out there was always at least one or two substitutes in the team. It is realised that at times personal and other competitive commitments must take precedence but it is considered that we are now at a stage to cement our marching skills on a State level. A high aim, but this can easily be achieved provided we have regular competitors, some dedication and a improved means of communication between these competitors.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped Avoca march to victory this season and a special thanks to our regular marchers, Grahame Love, Harold King, Brian Goffett, Peter Kelly, Ron Parsons, Shane Perry, Peter Hunt, Barney Fyffe, Larry Thorncroft, Andy Hoban, Bob Dixon and Brian Gregory. I would also like to thank Dennis Gee and Bryce Norman for their continued assistance throughout the year.

GEOFF THOMSON,
Coach

I.R.B. CAPTAINS REPORT

Well, another season has gone and still the Club grows. Apart from a few rescues on our beach the season was relatively free from incidents involving the I.R.B. but I must say the action increased every time Graham Malone manned the "duckie."

During the season four members of the Club gained their I.R.B. drivers licence bringing the number in the Club to six. These are not difficult to obtain so hopefully during the coming season other Club members will present themselves for

training with the ultimate aim of obtaining their licence. There are now over 150 I.R.B.'s on Australian beaches, clearly an indication that they are here to stay.

At the Terrigal twilight carnival we fared well finishing a close second overall to Soldiers Beach. This good form continued at the Soldiers Beach I.R.B. carnival held in May. Unfortunately, our motor was damaged in transit and we had to borrow various motors to complete the carnival. Overall the competitive results of the season were pleasing and I must thank all those Club members who assisted on these occasions.

The beach mobile has been a big help, especially to the beach inspectors and the small Saturday patrols as it enables them to cover the total beach front more effectively.

The coming season should see the mobile rust-coated and, hopefully, a bit more reliable.

In closing I would like to thank all those members associated with the I.R.B. for their assistance.

LARRY THORNCROFT,
I.R.B. Captain

BOARD CAPTAIN'S REPORT

It gives me great pleasure, this my first annual report as board captain.

I feel this season of 1978/79 has been one of the best for board paddlers. With the upgrading of our paddle boards we were able to match with the best of them in both local, State and Australian standards and with the higher standard within our Club itself I feel this has made the difference in our results at carnivals. Much more training went into this season than in the past and it is a real credit to all those involved.

My congratulations go to the following competitors who performed through the season with great ability and dedication.

To senior member John Horneman who was placed second in the State titles and was a member of the Central Coast Branch team where he won the open malibu board from Australian champion Steve Warren. John also accounted for many local carnival wins both in malibu and long board races. I also would like to congratulate John on his selection in the 1980 New Zealand tour team.

I feel that all senior paddlers proved a real power this season and made a lot of Sydney and Newcastle clubs stand up and take notice. Our seniors Jim McAtamney, Quentin Riley and Peter Hoban all paddled well during the season deserve a great deal of credit for their efforts.

Junior paddler Brad (Banjo) Paterson proved

what a great board paddler he is by being selected in the Central Coast Branch team and taking out the junior board defeating Australian junior champion Matt Dillon. A fine effort not only with this result but many local carnival wins and topping it off with a fourth place in the State titles and fourth in the Australian titles at Trigg Island, Western Australia.

Another junior who has a lot of potential as a board paddler is Brad Scott who I feel with a bit more training will go a long way.

Cadets is where our future champions come from and in this section congratulations must go to a fine paddler in Paul Horneman. Paul won most local carnivals as well as some Sydney and Newcastle ones, a first placing in the State titles and a fine third in the Australian titles at Trigg Island. Two other outstanding cadets are Bryce Ellis and Jon Cook who I feel are future champions.

To wind up, on behalf of all board paddlers I wish to thank a fellow by the name of Arthur Ellis. A past Branch champion, Arthur has given up a lot of his time to help us train during the season. We say thanks to you "Artie" and hope we see you next season.

Let's hope we see you all there next year and make it a better one for board paddlers.

HAROLD KING,
Board Captain

CHIEF INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT

The 1978/79 surfing season has been a most rewarding one in terms of awards gained. Last season we saw the highest amount of awards gained since the commencement of the Club. This season we have not only reached this number but have gone over it to the tune of 111 awards gained.

My thanks go to the candidates themselves firstly as they came along to training in all types of weather and sometimes with absentees from their squads, yet they continued to train and finally reach examination level for their awards.

Secondly, my thanks go to the club members themselves, who have offered their assistance many times to help with the large number of candidates attempting awards. Some of these were George Sherwin, Mick Kendal, Chris McCann, Greg Jarmaine, Andy Hoban, Bryce Norman, Norm Smith and Bill Rose. To these fellows many thanks for a job well done, because they do not receive any pat on the back for their efforts except for the satisfaction of seeing new members coming into our club with a high standard of efficiency in life saving qualifications.

During the year with the help of my assistant instructors, we held a one day seminar because of the introduction of the new training manual. This day was designed to update the older members and to introduce new members to the new ways and techniques of life saving throughout Australia. The day turned out to be a large success and I hope to see next seasons chief instructor conduct a similar day for the purpose of up dating.

A big thank you must go to the social committee of the surf club as they donated beer and drinks to candidates after intense testing and finally passing their awards.

During the year we had four young ladies gain their R.C. awards and this only goes to show the interest that must be generated at home by club members and hoping we see more women join us in the coming season.

My final thanks must go to three schools for their confidence in Avoca Beach S.L.S.C. These schools being Gosford High with instructor Greg Jarmaine, St Edwards Catholic School with in-

structor Andy Hoban and finally Mt Penang Training Centre with instructors Mick Kendal and Eddy Baker, all presenting me with well trained candidates to sit for their awards.

This is the second season in a row for Mt Penang Training Centre to allow members to gain these awards. I feel these young men deserve a pat on the back for their willing efforts to train week after week and then attend patrols on Saturdays to safeguard our beach.

In closing, I would like to say that I have enjoyed my position this season as chief instructor and I hope next year's chief instructor has as much satisfaction as I have had in seeing so many young fellows gain awards and become good club members.

This position of chief instructor could not have been held without the assistance and confidence I gained from my fellow club members and the club executive. To all of you, thanks.

PETER KELLY,
Chief Instructor



Left to right, Peter Weller, Justin Kidd, Glen Perry, Bryce Norman, Matthew Tamblyn and Michael Harvey.

AWARDS GAINED 1978-79

RESUSCITATION CERTIFICATES

Miss Stacey Smith
 Martin Budd
 David Rose
 Miles Guthmann
 Kym Collins

Justin Kidd
 Tim Kreger
 Glen Perry
 Mathew Tamblyn
 Stuart Paterson

Michael Harvey
 John Manners
 David Peebles
 Mrs. Julie Kelly
 Mrs. Norma Price
 Miss Joanne Price

QUALIFYING CERTIFICATES

- Adam Robinson
 Grahame Rose
 - Rodney Baden
 Neil Toft

- Jon Cook
 - Stewart Jackson
 - Bradley Edwards

- Kevin Fitzgerald
 David Schull
 Darren Wilson

BRONZE MEDALLIONS

Raymond Rose
 Anthony Hodges
 William Rose
 David Tye
 Scott Smith
 Cranston Smith
 Bradley Scott
 Mark Margin
 Glen Sutherland
 David McNeil
 Brett Kilpatrick
 Craig Taylor
 Chris Perry
 - Peter Horne
 - Peter King
 - Bernard Randall
 - Robert Weber

Dereck Patton
 Graeme Harvey
 Dean Lewisam
 Shayne Rawling
 James Freeman
 Stephen Andrews
 Neil Tuddenham
 Bruce Charge
 - Steve Kennedy
 Peter Benson
 Ken Webster
 - Fred Fitzsimons
 David Hull
 Steven Roach
 Ian McCredie
 Glenn Butcher

Michael Moore
 Michael Stojadinovic
 Dereck Rogers
 Richard Sutrin
 Greg Miles
 John Campbell
 Stephen Corcoran
 Jeffrey Agland
 William Moore
 Geoffrey Pryke
 Geoff Van Buizen
 Justin Prince
 Shane Howsan
 Peter O'Connor
 Mark Walters
 Paul Horneman



Members who successfully gained their Bronze Medallions.

ADVANCED RESUSCITATION

Denis Taylor
 Trevor Way
 Chris McCann
 Bill Rose
 David Tye

Peter Hoban
 Steve Cannon
 John Horneman
 Grahame Malone
 Rodney Earl

Ian Parker
 Michael Moore
 John Campbell
 Greg Miles

INSTRUCTORS CERTIFICATE

Craig Kelly
 Max Sainsbury

Bill Rose
 Chris McCann

INSTRUCTORS CERTIFICATE IN ADVANCED RESUSCITATION

Peter Kelly
 Grahame Love

Michael Kendal
 Norman Smith

Bryce Norman

INSHORE RESCUE BOAT CERTIFICATES

Barry Jones
 Larry Thorncroft

Peter Kelly
 George Sherwin

Eddy Baker
 Alastair Peebles

INSHORE RESCUE BOAT INSTRUCTORS CERTIFICATE

Eddy Baker

REVISION FOR ADVANCED RESUSCITATION CERTIFICATE

Larry Thorncroft
 Geoff Thomson

Frank Byrne
 Grahame Love

Mick Kendal

RADIO OPERATORS CERTIFICATE

Keith Van Heron
 Ron Parsons

Grahame Love
 Paul Andrews

Norm Boden



Left to right: P. Kelly, M. Kendal, B. Norman, N. Smith, G. Love — instructors in advanced resuscitation.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Another season has passed where many members of the general public received first aid attention from our resources. It is encouraging at times to see the response by grateful members of the public receiving attention for their ailments but at other times it is discouraging to see our supplies being depleted by some club members using first aid equipment to carry out minor repairs on their surfboards, etc. All members are reminded that the equipment and facilities in the first aid room are there for a purpose and that they should not be abused.

Approximately \$300 was spent on supplies for first aid equipment this season and the club can ill-afford any wastage of these supplies.

This season the club also purchased another oxy viva and a Gordon Frame stretcher both of which are good assets for our use. This has added to our general efficiency in providing a service.

A reminder is also given to all members in that it is the patrol's responsibility to ensure that first aid boxes are kept replenished with suitable supplies for the patrol use. This was lacking at times during the season.

As a recommendation for next season, it is considered that the club should book in advance for the St. Johns First Aid Course. We attempted to arrange this for last season but due to the popularity of the course early in the season and the heavy competitive commitments in the later part of the season, attendance at the course did not eventuate. This is a course where members of our club could gain a good general basic knowledge of first aid procedures applicable to circumstances found on our beach.

In closing I must thank all of those who have assisted this season especially our Honorary Medical Officers who are only too willing to help at the appropriate time.

GEOFF THOMSON,
First Aid Officer

RADIO REPORT

The use of radios within the surf life saving movement is here to stay and special attention should be given to the radios the club owns. Patrol members are requested to treat these units with care because one day a life could be lost with a faulty communication system.

Next season we hope to obtain a radio suitable for use in the I.R.B. and this should improve our overall communication efficiency.

In closing I can only stress the importance of all active members being capable of using the

radios and it would be pleasing to see some members gain their operators certificates to ensure we have at least one competent operator in each patrol.

NORM BODEN,
Radio Officer

GEAR STEWARD'S REPORT

The 1978/79 season started well and thanks to the efforts of Don Hoban and my other assistants we passed Branch inspection with flying colours, but it was Don's continuous efforts throughout the season which kept the gear up to standard.

During the year the Club acquired a new motor for the rubber duckie and an aluminium quick release reel and line. Neither of these items are cheap and along with other smaller purchases add up to quite a tidy sum. This should give members some idea of how much money the Club has invested in life saving equipment alone and with this in mind each member should look at the way club equipment is treated and ask himself if this is the way he would treat his own investment, because indirectly it is his investment. Each member invests his voluntary efforts and time and in return receives the benefits and enjoyment of the club whether through competition, active or social involvement. Therefore, members should look to maximise his return for his investment by making the most productive use of his investment resources.

Each member should regard the clubhouse and equipment as his own and treat it accordingly. Looking forward to a bigger and more successful season next year.

DEN TAYLOR,
Gear Steward

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The 1978/79 season again proved to be a success for the social committee of this club. At the close of business we finished well in front financially and my thanks must go to all those who have assisted throughout the season.

Special thanks must go to the social committee consisting of Neil Robinson, Slim Peebles, Leon Babinski, Jim Harpur, Cec Norman, Amy Britton and Dulcie McAtamney. There is quite a lot of organisation and purchasing to be done in arranging a social function for this club and this committee has performed well throughout the year.

The bar-b-ques were not as well attended by club members as in the past and we aim to look

into this matter prior to next season. Other social functions were limited due to the involvement of the touring team but again the money raised comes back to the one club.

The ladies bar-b-que was again held late in the season and an enjoyable night was had by all who attended. This is the one night when all the male members should attend to show their appreciation to the ladies for all they do for us.

Another successful venture this year was the children's Christmas party. This is proving more popular each year and it speaks well for the

breeding capacity of the members of this club.

Presentation night was held on June 2nd with approximately 250 people in attendance. The ladies auxiliary catered for this evening in providing a supper, a good band was in attendance, plenty of drink was available and thus we had the ingredients for a very enjoyable night.

In closing I again say thanks to all those who have assisted throughout the year and we look forward to next season with perhaps a few new faces on the social committee.

ERIC WALTERS,
Social Secretary



Beach b-b-q, left to right: Jan Gee, "Barney" Fyffe, Cecily Norman, Maree Bootle.



Barney Fyffe helping in the kitchen.

AVOCA BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FROM MAY 1, 1978 TO APRIL 30, 1979

EXPENDITURE	INCOME
BBO	BB
Bar	Bar
Soft Drinks	Soft drinks
Presentation Night	Presentation night
Club functions, Branch etc.	Club functions
Stamps	Meeting refreshments
Nipperette costumes	Nipperette c/s sold
Freezer	Nipperette expenses paid by club ..
Exhaust fan	Bank interest
Club appropriation	National Bank donation
	Donation fairy floss
\$6569.15	\$6680.40
Total income for year	6680.40
Less Total Expenditure	6569.15
Excess of income over expenditure for year	111.25
Plus Balance carried forward from 1-5-78	1169.10
Credit Balance as at 30th April, 1979	\$1280.35

Once again I wish to thank all members of the social committee and ladies auxiliary who have helped me throughout the year. Special thanks must go to those who have worked so willingly at each club bar-b-que and any other function. Also my thanks must go to Eric Walters who either brought things to me or took things to the club for me, thereby saving me many hours.

The excess of income over expenditure for the year was only \$111.25, but it must be remembered that the social committee also paid out approximately \$1300.00 for a freezer, exhaust fan, nipperette costumes not sold, and club appropriation. This would bring our profit up to approximately \$1400.00.

The above profits will indicate the value of the social committee to the club and the amount of work performed by a small but enthusiastic group. If you would like to help at our bar-b-ques and other fund-raising functions, you will be most welcome.

DULCIE McATAMNEY

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT

Another season is over and ladies auxiliary members have helped in their usual willing manner during the season, although this year things seemed much less hectic over the holiday period. I think this being due to our main bar-b-ques not being held owing to Christmas and New Year's Eve falling on a Sunday.

All other fund-raising functions were again successful and come presentation night our cheque for \$2,000 was handed over to the surf

club to do something worthwhile for the benefit of our club.

Our bus trip to Old Sydney Town and the fashion parade both organised by Helen Walters were very successful and we hope more functions of this nature will be planned for the coming season. Thank you to the girls who assisted with ticket selling for our Easter raffles in Gosford at which approximately \$150 was raised.

Thank you to the men for our end-of-season

bar-b-que, it was once again much appreciated. I think the men really enjoy being in that kitchen especially Barney Fyffe, who has earned the title of "Chief Washer Upper and Mess Maker."

Meetings were very poorly attended, I think most members once again forgetting they are on Monday evenings, any suggestions to rectify this position would be welcome at the annual meeting.

The ladies auxiliary would like to congratulate all members who performed so well at the Branch, State and Australian titles, also to our Nippers and Nipperettes who also gave very creditable performances at their titles.

We now look forward to another highly successful season both socially and competitive wife and live up to our theme "Come On Avoca Come On."

The annual meeting of the ladies auxiliary will be held on Sunday, September 31st, at 10 am at the clubhouse. A notice will be sent prior to that date.

**CEC NORMAN,
Hon. Secretary**

JUNIOR MOVEMENT PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 1978-79 season has drawn to the end with the club performing well at every carnival. Many thanks must go to all persons who helped during the season from the recorders on Sundays to team managers. Special thanks to Spike Jones, Neil (Mr. Robo to the boys) Robinson, Larry Thorncroft. My congratulations to all the boys who obtained awards during the year.

Congratulations must go to Karen Sainsbury who won a gold at the first State Nipperette titles and to the other girls who competed, we hope you all can make the Branch team again next year. To the girls of the R and R teams who trained so hard and were rewarded with some fine wins. To Mark Walters the highest praise for his work with these girls.

Our only competitor at the Australian titles, Jon Cook met with outstanding success.

To all persons who contributed in financial ways to this club no matter how small, I must say thanks. To Bryce Norman and Barry Jones, thanks for the help when required during the season.

If I have missed anyone my apologies. To all parents male or female, do not be afraid to come and give a hand, it makes it easier for everybody concerned.

To nipper and nipperettes keep the Avoca spirit up in the 1979-80 season and we will reach the top again.

Well, again thanks to everybody from this club for support during the year.

**TERRY GAVENLOCK,
President
Junior Movement**

JUNIOR MOVEMENT

Well, here we are again, this time it is our 13th annual report, and with regret, after five seasons, I find that through work and personal commitments, I will not be able to stand as secretary next season.

This past season saw many changes, one being the election of our our president, being Terry Gavenlock, whose untiring work never ceased. Terry took the bulk of the work from me and I sincerely thank him for it. I wish to thank all office bearers, managers, etc. and the ladies auxiliary, beach helpers and friends for their continued support of which we could not do without. Once again Grawill Motors generously sponsored us and with their continued support we will go from strength to strength, thank you Mr. Les Graham and associates.

We had a very busy season with six carnivals, Branch and State titles plus a trip to North Bondi. The North Bondi trip was a great social outing and it was a shame that we had a lot of competitors missing on that day. Everybody who went thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The Inter-Branch carnival was held at North Narrabeen and all boys performed well. From this carnival, J. Cook was selected in the State team.

The State titles were held at Corrimal this year and the boys won two titles, four seconds and two thirds and a fourth which placed our club fifth overall in the State, thank you boys for a job well done.

Again awards were up and it is pleasing to see so many boys interested in getting them and going up into the senior ranks. There were twelve resuscitation certificates and thirteen qualifying certificates gained this year, again well done boys.

Well, again I would like to thank the ladies auxiliary and my fellow workers for their help as this makes the job a lot easier. Thanks fellas, especially Terry Gavenlock, Larry Thorncroft, Barry Jones, Bill Frogley, Harry Jackson and Mr. Minnis. If I have forgotten anyone I am sorry. All the very best for the coming season.

**ALASTAIR PEEBLES (Slim),
Secretary**

JUNIOR BRANCH TITLES — COPACABANA, 11-2-79

Senior Surf Teams: 1st, J. Cook, S. Jackson, P. Lemmon
Board Rescue Senior: 1st, J. Cook, B. Ellis
Board Rescue Junior: 3rd, M. Sainsbury, P. Lemmon
Cameron Relay Senior: 1st, J. Cook, A. Collins, B. Ellis
Cameron Relay Junior: 2nd, M. Sainsbury, P. Lemmon, J. Kidd
Iron Man Senior: 1st, J. Cook
Iron Man Junior: 2nd, M. Sainsbury
Board Race 11 years: 1st, M. Sainsbury
Board Race 12 years: 1st, A. Robinson
Board Race 13 years: 1st, B. Ellis, 2nd, J. Cook
Surf Race 8 years: 1st, P. Broadbent, 2nd, H. Jones
Surf Race 11 years: 3rd, P. Lemmon
Surf Race 12 years: 1st, S. Jackson
Surf Race 13 years: 1st, J. Cook
Beach Sprint 7 years: 1st, B. Short
Beach Sprint 8 years: 2nd, H. Jones
Beach Sprint 10 years: 1st, J. Kidd
Beach Sprint 13 years: 3rd, A. Collins
Beach Flags 8 years: 1st, H. Jones
Beach Flags 10 years: 1st, J. Kidd
Beach Flags 13 years: 3rd, A. Collins
Beach Relay 6 years: 2nd

SECOND OVERALL POINTSCORE

JUNIOR STATE TITLES — CORRIMAL, 25-2-79

1st Senior Cameron Relay: J. Cook, B. Ellis, A. Collins
1st 8 Years Surf: P. Broadbent
2nd 8 Years Flags: H. Jones
2nd 12 Years Swim: S. Jackson
2nd Senior Iron Man: J. Cook
2nd 7 Years Beach Sprint: B. Short
3rd Senior Board Rescue: J. Cook, B. Ellis
3rd 13 Years Board: J. Cook

NIPPERETTES REPORT

The 1978/79 season was a very successful one for the Avoca Beach Nipperettes. We enrolled 98 girls and continued to get a full team together for both carnival and club events.

Congratulations must go first to our R and R team i.e. Jackie and Cathy Hoban, Lisa Benson and Sharon Paterson for their tremendous achievements and also to their coach Mark Walters for his experience and patience in training these girls.

The second mention goes to Gwen Hoban and her march past team. They took out the Branch titles and were essential to the Inter-Branch title which was won by the Central Coast Branch at South West Rocks.

Our club had 18 girls chosen in the Branch team and they were treated to a weekend camping trip at South West Rocks which was very successful. All girls in the team excelled

themselves and congratulations to each and every one of them.

Thanks must go once again to all parents who assisted us this year, without their help it would not be possible to maintain the standard we have reached. We look forward to further success next year.

RHONDA SAINSBURY,
Nipperette Secretary

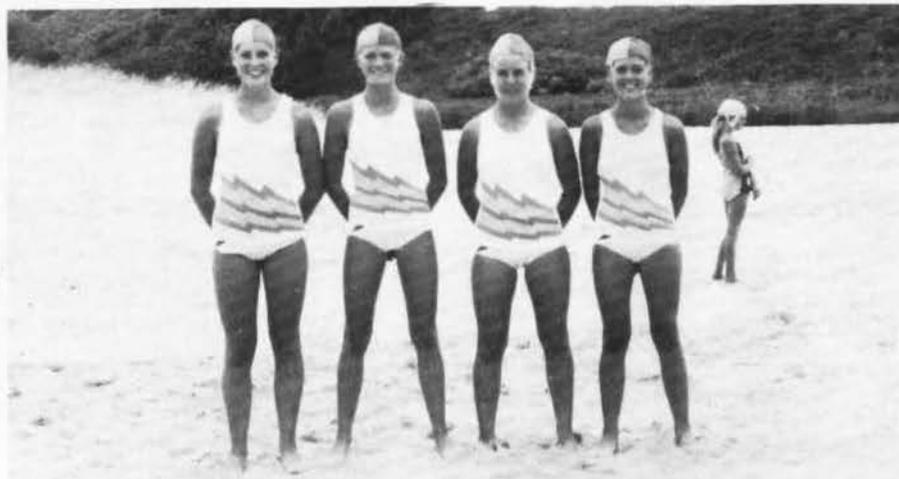
CLUB AWARDS

As in the past, the executive committee consisting of club president, captain, treasurer and secretary selected the winners of the club's most notable awards. This task is perhaps the most difficult set for this committee to undertake as many fine performances were recorded by a large number of club members throughout the season.

The basic selection is dependant on each member's involvement and performance in club and carnical competition, patrol duties, general club attitude, instruction and fund-raising activities. On top of this you must consider involvement and time allowable for involvement

over and above normal club activities and elected positional responsibilities.

Unfortunately, there can only be one final winner in each section and to the eventual winners, the executive offer their congratulations on their efforts throughout the year.



Nipperettes senior R & R, left to right: Lisa Benson, Sharon Paterson, Jackie and Cathy Hoban.

PATROLMAN OF THE YEAR

This award is selected by the club captain and this year the recipient Max Sainsbury is a worthy winner.

Max was a patrol captain and he successfully encouraged and lead his patrol to win both the interpatrol and patrol efficiency competitions. He has 100% patrol attendance and his personal approach to patrol duties is outstanding.

Max has been patrolling beaches for 25 continuous years and the knowledge he has gained in these years, his leadership and passing on of knowledge to his other patrol members is a credit to him.

He encouraged his patrol members to compete regularly in the club handicap events and he often patrolled the beach after the required hours.

To Max we offer our congratulations on a job well done.

This year the club captain considered also that the club should acknowledge the fine performance presented by Grahame Malone for his attitude towards his patrol duties.

Grahame was always willing to assist any club member in completing his patrol responsibilities and he undertook to complete many hours more

than what was expected of him. To Grahame we say thank you.



Club captain Grahame Love presents Max Sainsbury with the patrolman of the year award.

RECRUIT OF THE YEAR

Bill Rose was nominated for this award initially by the chief instructor and the executive strongly endorsed this nomination.

Bill had an outstanding initial year with the club with his major achievement being (1) gained Bronze Medallions 12-8-78 (2) gained A.R. Certificate 26-12-78, (3) gained Instructors Certificate 1-4-79, (4) member of the winning patrol for both this season's inter-patrol and patrol efficiency competitions.

Once Bill gained his Bronze he encouraged his sons to join the movement and after many trips to the club and back, his sons gained their awards.

To gain his Instructors Certificate, Bill travelled regularly to Mt. Penang to instruct a bronze squad which were also successful in gaining their awards.

With limited available time left, Bill was often seen on the beach doing that little bit extra and attending club functions where possible.

Bill was a most deserving nominee for this award and we now encourage him to continue his involvement both within this club and the surf life saving movement.



Bill Rose, recruit of the year being congratulated by Peter Kelly.

CADET ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD: SHANE PERRY

One of the quiet inconspicuous members of the club, Shane Perry has been hovering around the senior club since leaving the nippers.

Competing regularly in the club handicap events, training for the march past team, completing his patrol duties with distinction and assisting when and where possible.

With encouragement we feel Shane will become an ideal clubman in the years to come. The qualities Shane displays and with the sportsmanship with which he competes, we feel will auger well for his future years.



Cadet encouragement award being presented to Shane Perry by Dennis Gee.

CADET CLUBMAN: MARK WALTERS

The executive consider that there was no one more deserving of this award than Mark Walters. For the second consecutive season this award was presented to Mark for his outstanding competitive, general attitude and assistance throughout the year. He is an ideal clubman and he is always prepared to assist in any way possible. A brief perusal of this report will illustrate the high esteem in which Mark is held within this club.

He has excelled the high expectations he has set in previous years and to Mark we say simply "well done."

JUNIOR CLUBMAN: BILL MITCHELL

Bill accepted the responsibility of junior captain this year and he took the bit between his teeth and completed the job with distinction.

He set a fine example with his leadership in competition and general club attitude for the remainder of the juniors and cadets within our club. His initiative in conducting periodic meetings with the junior/cadet members illustrated his dedication to his task.

The sportsmanship Bill displayed at the State title after he had broken his brand new ski was a credit to him and we look forward to his further development within this club.



Junior clubman of the year, Bill Mitchell being presented with his award by Murray Braund.

SENIOR CLUBMAN: PETER KELLY

Peter's overall involvement in club activities this season has been outstanding. He readily accepted the responsibility of chief instructor and carried out his duties in a commendable manner. He gained his advanced resuscitation instructors certificate and I.R.B. operators bronze and he was ever willing to assist in any form of club instruction and attend instruction classes presented by the Branch.

He competed regularly as a member of the I.R.B. and march past teams and he was always prepared and willing to assist in general club fund-raising and social activities. His overall performance makes Peter a worthy recipient of this award.



Bryce Norman presents the senior clubman of the year award to Peter Kelly.

SPECIAL AWARD: ERIC WALTERS

This year the executive saw fit to recognise the effort and continual service given to this club by an associate member. A most deserving recipient of this award is Eric Walters.

Eric is always prepared to assist in any project around the clubhouse. He has been the social secretary for many years and he is actively involved on the social and finance sub-committees. He is always prepared to sweep out the club, tow a boat, run a raffle or carry any craft at carnivals and has spent many hours organising social functions at the club. Eric, many thanks.



A small club acknowledgement of appreciation to Eric Walters presented by Bryce Norman.

REPORT ON TOURING TEAM TO TRIGG ISLAND, PERTH, AUSTRALIAN TITLES 1978-79

In December, 1977 the Club Management Committee decided that we would send a team to Perth for the Australian titles in April, 1979. The reason for the length of time involved was to allow fund-raising to be organised to help defray the high cost of transport and accommodation.

Nominations for manager were called and Ron Parsons won the vote (unopposed). With the help of Barry Jones, Bryce Norman and a few others he then set about organising the tour and various plans for fund-raising.

The original price was quoted at \$360 per man, the final cost rose to \$440 per man, mainly brought about by air fare increases.

In April, '78 Ron was forced to resign his position owing to business commitments and new nominations were called for the position and I was elected (unopposed).

The touring committee then met and set down guidelines and rules to cover the tour and nominations were then called for. It was decided that at this time no restrictions on numbers of type of membership would be imposed. The number to nominate was 45 and although this figure varied with the final figure in the team was 43 making us one of the larger teams to travel to and contest the titles.

The final team members were as follows:

Grahame Love (manager), Harold King (captain), Q. Riley, R. Gee, R. Parsons, G. Thomson, M. Kendal, B. Norman, B. Jones, John Mitchell, B. Grace, R. Horneman, Jim Mitchell, A. Ellis, G. Jarmaine, B. Mitchell, G. Malone, M. Braund, A. Hoban, B. Ellis, N. Boden, P. Kelly, L. Cook, J. Cook, D. Patton, C. Kelly, M. Patton, N. Cannon, P. Horneman, D. O'Grady, J. Horneman, M. Walters, C. Smith, B. Paterson, P. Hoban, A. Welsh, M. Margin, S. Jackson, R. Norman, R. Earl, S. Jackson, C. Bond, T. Way.

The majority of the team had to put in \$130 for seniors and \$75 for juniors. Members who joined the team at various stages after the original nominations had to put in more and some members who joined the team just prior to departure paid their own way, but on the special price which applied to the team with all discounts.

The cost of the tour was slightly in excess of \$16,000 all up, including transport of one surf boat — one reel and 19 boards and skis. To this end we owe a sincere vote of thanks to Ron Parsons and T.N.T., Ron arranged the transport end of things both in Gosford and Perth and without

a doubt saved the team in excess of \$1000 and myself a lot of worry and problems. Ron, on behalf of myself, the team and the club, our sincere thanks.

Travel Scene of Terrigal handled our air and accommodation bookings and again to Paul Kelly, who is a club member and manager of Travel Scene, also our sincere thanks for the extra assistance on and above the business side of the arrangements. We struck major problems with the transport of our craft when the national truck drivers strike tied them up in Sydney and at one stage it looked as if they would not reach Perth in time. Paul then came to our assistance and after a few urgent phone calls had them air lifted over on an Air India jumbo at no cost (no questions asked) but you should have seen Eric Walter's face when he found out that he had 19 craft as personal luggage. Eric and Helen were taking in the titles as part of an overseas holiday to Singapore and Bali. Thanks Eric and Helen.

Monies were raised to offset the expenses in various way but could not cut across normal club fund-raising or revenue. Some of the fund-raising methods were — gambling nights, discos, Hawaiian night, wild west night, raffles, monies won at carnivals etc. Final monies raised were in excess of \$12,000 of which 10% went to the club's building fund. This meant that each full time members of the team received — seniors \$310 and juniors \$190 (there were quite a few "old" looking juniors who managed to sneak past the ticket collector and got away with half price) — you can grow your beard again Len.

The team was outfitted with Larco t-shirts which were donated by club member and local real estate businessman, Norm Smith of Norm Smith Real Estate, Avoca Beach 821309 (got the phone number right this time). On behalf of the team Norm, many thanks the boys did the shirts proud.

The team departed at 8.30 am on Thursday, April 12 and returned in two sections, some of the following Tuesday morning and the rest on the following Thursday night. They stayed at the Perth Sheraton Hotel which is the fourth best in Australia and again we owe thanks to Paul Kelly as it cost no more than an average motel per head. Buses were arranged to take us to and back from Trigg Island and we also hired one rent a car. Those members who were not competitors acted as gear handlers at the carnival and were responsible for carrying craft and boat etc. for the competitors wherever possible, although it was stated that only competitors were allowed in the area they managed to assist on most occasions with the exception of Ron Parsons who wandered around assisting and

was generally treated as if he was the carnival referee.

To all these members from the competitors thanks for their help. Their involvement showed a lot of other clubs what the word "team" meant.

What did we achieve? I find this hard to put into words in the space allowed. If we had not gained a place in any event this would not have dampened the overall results of the team's involvements, as it was we achieved fifth place in Australia in the overall club pointscore (these points are taken to sixth place), and gained two Australian titles, a third placing and four fourth placings and nearly every competitor competed through to at least one final.

Without singling out any one competitors, I feel our greatest effort was the ski relay in which both our teams contested the final, finishing first and fourth. This meant that we had six team members in one final and the results prove that will all our other achievements we have six of the best ski paddlers in Australia. As usual with the good luck comes bad luck and there was plenty of this, as four fourth places and numerous other near misses bear out.

There were the lighter sides to the trip some of which to mention — the plane trip over never to be forgotten i.e. Craig Kelly telling the co-pilot to get on the end of the line to have a look at the cockpit controls as he came back from the toilet. Arthur Ellis trying to drive the hire car and also trying to find the beach, the number of mysterious ailments that occurred at the beach, top first aid attendants, the team manager being taken care of because the beer arrived late on the Sunday afternoon, the victory celebrations back on the 14th floor of the hotel, Murray and Craig's race up to the 14 floors via the fire escape, the thrill of Bryce Ellis winning the first gold medal of the carnival, eight of us jammed in the cabin of the semi trailer from T.N.T. Perth loaded with skis and boards and the look on the people's faces when we scrambled out at the beach parking area and someone muttered "that is the last time we drive across", the catamaran races on the Swan River followed by the evening in the bar of the hotel with members of other clubs, Norm Boden at the smorgasbord where you could eat as much as you liked for one price — one could go on and on but space does not allow it.

This team was the largest ever sent away by the club and although the costs were high and the problems many, the results far exceeded all of this, not only in placings but the team spirit and involvement of 43 members tied together as

a team for over a year from the initial fund-raising to the trip home.

As manager I could ask no more of a team. At no time did I have to reprimand any one or strike any trouble on and above what was expected.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those members of the club who were not in the team but who assisted us in various ways, especially Ian Messenger who as treasurer, handled well in excess of what he normally does because of the fund-raising and Eric Walters for his assistance at functions, down to the member who bought a raffle ticket or attended the functions.

A special thank you to the members who

stood in for our being a club, that is the Easter patrols with 40 active members away this severely drained our patrols, all members arranged substitutes and with a few exceptions, were all covered.

From myself, a special thank you to the team for being just that and for the presents that you gave me in Perth, you can be assured that I wear them with pride.

To the next team to go away, you have been set an example to follow just as this team had been by the previous team. The greatest thing in this club is that we improve on improvements.

GRAHAME LOVE,
Manager



the club team to Perth.



Ron Parsons, always helping.

PRESIDENT'S ADDENDUM

Gentlemen,

Another season of surf life saving has passed and after perusing this report it can be seen that 1978/79, which concludes 50 years of activities on Avoca Beach, has seen the biggest season ever for our club.

The introduction of the new manual brought many problems as these new facets of surf life saving had to be implemented and passed on to all members. I feel our chief instructor and his assistants did a magnificent job in absorbing and passing on these new ideas to new recruits as is shown by the number of awards gained — "thanks Pete" — but some patrol captains failed to get the message across to their patrol members. I must admit the new advent of semi-open patrols made the passing on of information more difficult but this must be rectified in the coming season.

This report is again a very comprehensive record of our club's activities over the past season and congratulations to our secretary, Barry, for compiling same and all club officers for their assistance. Also "thanks Kaye" for the behind the scenes activities.

On the competition scene our club enjoyed a very successful season and congratulations to all winners and placegetters from club competition through to the national titles and my personal thanks to all members who competed throughout the season as competition means physical fitness which is very necessary for performing of rescue operations. On the debit side the performance of our club in both the Branch Patrol Efficiency and Resuscitation Competitions was very disappointing to say the least and once more I feel patrol captains must take a greater role in ensuring that their patrol members are brought up to date in all facets of life saving.

Mine and the club's appreciation to our Clubman of the Year, Pete Kelly (senior), Bill Mitchell (junior), Mark Walters (cadet), Patrolman of the Year, Max Sainsbury, Recruit of the Year, Bill Rose and Cadet Encouragement Award, Shane Perry, as it is the attitude of members of this nature that makes Avoca Beach the great club it is.

Financially we had another big year and as can be seen by this annual report it takes a lot of money to keep this club running efficiently. Therefore gentlemen, our thanks to our treasurer, social committee, ladies auxiliary, finance committee, all donors, sponsors and all club members who assisted in raising funds over the season.

Mine and the club's congratulations to all

members (sneiors, nippers and nipperettes) who were selected to represent the Branch and NSW teams throughout the season. To the members selected to tour New Zealand in the coming season with the Branch team the club's best wishes for a successful and enlightening trip.

Special mention to Mark Walters who was selected Branch Cadet of the Year and also to Grahame Love, our club captain for his very deep involvement (Branch and State Centre commitments, manager of club team to W.A., manager of N.Z. Branch team and finalist in N.S.W. Life Saver of the Year contest) in all club and life saving activities — "thanks Mark and Super."

Looking forward to 1979/80 our club can expect an even busier season than last year starting with our 50th anniversary celebrations in November, also many new ideas on the life saving front including possible re-qualifications of bronze holders, patrol uniforms and female active members. Although these and other ideas are not yet mandatory, I feel this club must evaluate the position and incorporate any new ideas wherever possible that are a benefit to surf life saving.

My personal and the club's thanks to our executive, management committee, sub-committee and all members for their activities over the season as it is the efficiency with which we handle our administration, life savings, finance and competition commitments that will keep us so far up the ladder.

Thank you once again gentlemen, and I wish you all safe and successful surfing in 1979/80.

BRYCE NORMAN

CONCLUSION

In closing this report I would like to thank all members of this club for what they have contributed throughout the season. Every little bit helps especially when assistance comes when most needed.

To those who criticise our efforts we ask you to come forward and give us the benefit of your knowledge.

To those members who have been nominated for life membership of this club, our congratulations on your nomination.

To all members who receive this report, we hope you will be with us next season to allow us to continue our "vigilance and service."

Thank you,

BARRY JONES,
Hon. Secretary