

As one season ends another begins for

# **Avoca Beach Surf Life Saving Club Inc.**

**69th Annual Report & Financial Statement**

**291 Rescues ♦ 743 Preventative Actions ♦ 382 First Aid Cases**

**1997 - 1998**

## **SPONSOR'S APPRECIATIONS**

Our appreciation is expressed from all Club Members to the following Sponsors and Supporters for their new or continued support and involvement during the 1996-97 season.

The list below appears in no specific order as we look on all our Sponsors as important - large or small.

"Remember" if you, the Club Member can support any of the following Companies or Businesses then you are urged to do so.

"Remember" without their support, our club operations and finances would be considerably harder - if not impossible, to maintain.

Australian Government • Avoca Beach Pharmacy • Avoca Beach Bottle Shop  
Avoca Beach Bowling Club • Avoca Beach Ladies Auxiliary  
Avoca Beach Hardware • Avoca Beach Post Office  
Avoca Chamber of Commerce • Boots Camping • Central Coast Express  
Central Coast Leagues Club • Dave Richard's Terrace Cafe  
Energy Australia • Erina Retravision • George Brand Real Estate  
Gosford City Council • Gosford Printing P/L  
Hunters the Professionals • Ray White Real Estate  
Midcoast Petroleum & Mobile Petrol  
Michael Riley (Solicitors, Avoca Beach)  
Mike Newton • NBN TV • N.S.W. Government • P&S Electrical (Erina)  
Peninsular Sand Blasting • Peters Ice Cream • Radio Sea FM 101.3  
Singletons Meats Gosford • Terrigal Medical Centre  
Tilecraft (Erina) • Westfield Tuggerah • Westpac Bank  
The people of Avoca and Kincumber during the door knock

### **Junior Club Sponsors**

Kodak • Nestles • Rat Apparel • Peters • Down The Line • Big Fresh  
State Rail • Systematic Construction

### **Sponsors for the Deck Extensions**

A & R Pinkerton (Formwork) • Bill Andonopoulos  
B.J.B. Concrete & Civil (Brad Boekeman)  
Clear Cut Concrete (Dan Jeffries) • Coast Reo Pty Ltd (Arthur Vella)  
Dorrell Fabrications • Gaywood Building Supplies • Greg Eddy & Associates  
Hudsons (Dennis Barker) • Ozone Metal Roofing • Pioneer Concrete  
Robsons Excavations • Steve Eggleton (Tiling)  
Tarragal Glen (Mike Tamblyn) • Tilecraft (Steve & Elise Langlans)  
Trimline Aluminium

**To all of the above,  
we hope you see your way fit to continue your support in the coming season.**

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the 70th Annual General Meeting of the Avoca Beach Surf Life Saving Club Inc. will be held on Friday, 21st August, 1998, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

## Business

1. To confirm the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
2. To deal with any such 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 1998-99 season.
6. To transact any further urgent business which may be brought before the meeting.

## Fees for the 1998-99 Season

Associate Member .....	\$40.00
Active Reserve Member .....	\$30.00
Long Service Member .....	\$30.00
Active Member .....	\$30.00
Junior Under 18 Member .....	\$15.00
Under 15 Active Members .....	\$10.00

### Please Note

Only financial Active, Active Reserve, Long Service, Associate Members with at least seven (7) years active service or hold office as a member of the Management Committee and Honorary Life Members are entitled to vote at any General Meeting.

## Life Members

Throughout the years, certain Members of the Club have distinguished themselves by their outstanding services to Avoca Beach S.L.S.C. and their devotion to its ideals. The Club honour such Members by bestowing on them the coveted office of "Life Member".

Dennis Barker	Colin Barker	Norm Boden	H. Benson (dec.)
Brian Cahill	Dennis Gee	Richard Gee (dec.)	Jim Heazlett (dec.)
Mick Kendal	Jim Harpur	Andy Hoban	Gerry Hoban
Grahame Love	Bert Maloney (dec.)	Bryce Norman O.A.M.	Adrian Pickett (dec.)
Dick Pickett (dec.)	Jim Mitchell	John Mitchell	Edwin Poole
Ken Ross (dec.)	Max Sainsbury	Colin Smith (dec.)	Mike Tamblyn
Eric Walters	Jim Woods (dec.)	Ron Way	Howard Jones

## Distinguished Members

John Andrews	Ross Allan	Eddie Baker	Frank Buckley
Murray Braund	Peter Battye	Kevin Bootle	David Broadbent
Frank Byrnes	Bob Cairncross	Steve Cannon	John Cheadle
Kevin Cheadle	Len Cook	Robert Dorrell	Arthur Ellis
Wayne Fuller	Ray Fyffe	Phillip Gee	Brian Goffett
Bob Haynes	Neville Hillyard	Michael Hunter	Terry Hunter
Greg Jarmaine	Keith Jones	Craig Kelly	Ian Lambert
Tony Licciardo	Brian Low	Ian Messenger	Bill Mitchell
Jim McAtamney	Wendy Norman	David O'Grady	Bob Patterson
Stuart Paterson	Slim Peebles	Quentin Riley	Wayne Ritchie
Adam Robinson	Neil Robinson	Fred Spindler	Ross Tait
Geoff Thomson	Larry Thorncroft	Kerry Worrell	

## Ladies Auxiliary Life Members

Amy Britton	Annette Cahill	Peg Gee	Joyce Harpur
Jan Hoban	Norma Love	Dulcie McAtamney	Cecely Norman
Rhonda Sainsbury	Nola Thompson	Helen Walters	

Avoca Beach Surf Life Saving Club 1997-1998

# 69TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 22ND AUGUST 1997

The meeting opened at 8pm with President Wayne Fuller in the chair. He welcomed all Life Members and other members who were in attendance.

## Attendance

Wayne Fuller, Ross Allan, Craig Kelly, David O'Grady, Wendy Norman, Ross Dunn, Quentin Riley, Richard Brierty, Bryce Norman, David Babbage, Phil Gee, Trevor Gee, Jackson English, Scott Mulally, Wally Sawszak, Mick Foley, Dennis Gee, Bob Dorrell, Ben Livingstone, Ross Tait, Danny Jeffries, Ian Messenger, Jim Harpur, Adam Robinson, Col Barker, Kerry Worrell, Jim McAtamney, Michael Hunter, Craig Hunter, Damien Benson, Stuart Paterson, Barney Fyffe, Neville Hillyard, Geoff Thomson, Mick Kendal, Peter Coleman, Neil Robinson, Matt Mitchell, Matt Parker, Ian Lambert, Eddie Baker, Kevin Bootle, David Coleman, Tony Jackman, Nigel Tebb, Bill Mitchell, Jack Mitchell, Bill Franklin, Paul Kendal, Brian Goffet, Jenny Lynch, Bob Cairncross, John Mitchell, Spike Jones, Brian Lowe, Damien Foley, Todd Petrie, Jim Mitchell, Andrew Burg, Rob Harold, Nick Meseritz, Larry Thorncroft, Bobby Haines, Steve Cannon, Frank Byrnes, Peter Battye, Murray Braund, Greg Pierce, Melinda Walker, Grahame Love, Adam Robinson.

## Apologies

Slim Peebles, Arthur Ellis, Dave Richards, Keith Ferrier, Andy Hoban, Parker Family, Paul Nicholls, Frank Buckley, Kevin Cheadle, Ted Poole, Laurie Power, Tony Licciardo, Keith Jones, Bob Paterson, Greg Jarmaine, Fred Spindler, John Andrews, Wayne Ritchie, John Cheadle, Terry Hunter, Dave Broadbent, Len Cook.

Moved: Jim Harpur - Seconded: Murray Braund that apologies be accepted.

In May this year a Management Committee was formed of twenty senior members. Six Committees were formed, one of which was a Finance Committee which was convened by Michael Tamblyn to deal with finance and sponsorship. The Committee comprised of Ross Allan, Brian Cahill, John Mitchell and Michael Tamblyn.

A video was shown which had been put together by Bob Lloyd and this video was applauded as a means of gaining sponsors. In future, more of our competitors will be shown.

A Committee was formed of Andy Hoban, Michael Tamblyn and Grahame Love to look into persons eligible for the Distinguished Members Award which was in recognition of 15 consecutive years active service. Grahame Love presented Distinguished Members Awards to the following persons:

Adam Robinson, Neil Robinson, Stuart Paterson, Phil Gee, Ross Tait, Bob Haynes, Ray Fyffe, Kerry Worrell, David O'Grady, Robert Dorrell, Steve Cannon, Bob Cairncross, Ross Allan, Wendy Norman, Ian Messenger, Geoff Thomson, Wayne Fuller, Neville Hillyard, Peter Battye, Murray Braund, Kevin Bootle, Brian Goffett, Bill Mitchell, Quentin Riley, Michael Hunter, Craig Kelly.

Persons not present to receive these awards were:

Jim McAtamney, Brian Lowe, Larry Thorncroft, Ian Lambert, Eddie Baker, Frank Byrnes, Arthur Ellis, Tony Licciardo, Keith Jones, David Broadbent, Frank Buckley, Slim Peebles, John Andrews, Len Cook, Bob Paterson, Kevin Cheadle, John Cheadle, Terry Hunter, Greg Jarmaine, Wayne Ritchie, Fred Spindler.

## Items

Wayne Fuller that the minutes of the 68th Annual General Meeting 1996 correct.

Business arising from minutes:-

Hot water has been installed and is working - Electricity accounts sky high.

Garry Clarke omitted from list as active member 1996/97.

Moved Craig Kelly - Seconded: Damien Benson carried.

## Correspondence

Nil.

## Annual Report

1. Michael Hunter congratulated Club on high quality of Annual Report and noted it was significant that even though we had lost sponsors that we were still on top.
2. Add Spike Jones to Life Members list.
3. 80% and 100% Patrols - Captions to be reversed.
4. Howard Jones queried IBD of \$18,000.00 drawn down, how much was left in IBDs, answer \$11,472.18.
5. Wayne Fuller congratulated Grahame Love and Peter Coleman on great job done with Annual Report.

## Financial Report - As tabled.

## Election of Office Bearers

Wayne Fuller vacated the chair and Grahame Love took chair for election of Office Bearers.

<b>President:</b>	Wayne Fuller
<b>Senior Vice President:</b>	Richard Brierty
<b>Club Captain:</b>	Craig Kelly
<b>Secretary:</b>	Phil Gee
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Ross Allan
<b>Vice Club Captain:</b>	David O'Grady
<b>Competition Secretary:</b>	Wendy Norman
<b>Junior Club Captain:</b>	Ben Livingstone
<b>Boat Captain:</b>	Dennis Gee
<b>Board Captain:</b>	Jackson English
<b>Ski Captain:</b>	Matt Mitchell
<b>IRB Captain:</b>	Slim Peebles
<b>Publicity Officer:</b>	Jenny Lynch
<b>Water Captain:</b>	Emma McIntosh
<b>Radio Officer:</b>	Stuart Paterson
<b>Social Secretary:</b>	Ross Dunn
<b>Beach Captain:</b>	Daniel Grim
<b>Club Coach:</b>	Nigel Tebb
<b>Youth Development Officer:</b>	Damien Benson
<b>Vice Ski Captain:</b>	Damien Foley
<b>Vice IRB Captain:</b>	Ben Livingstone



## 69th Annual General Meeting 22nd AUGUST 1997 cont

<b>Vice Boat Captain:</b>	John Mitchell
<b>Vice Board Captain:</b>	Rob Hurrell
<b>Vice Competition Secretary:</b>	Howard Jones
<b>Caretaker:</b>	Mick Foley
<b>First Aid Officer:</b>	Ben Livingstone
<b>Social Committee:</b> [5]	Ross Dunn to select
<b>Life Membership Committee:</b>	John Mitchell
	Jim Mitchell
	Mick Kendal
<b>Proxies:</b>	Brian Cahill
	Michael Tamblyn
	Andy Hoban
	plus 2 from Management Committee
<b>Building Committee:</b>	John Mitchell
[5 tradesman]	Mick Foley
	Tony Jackman
	Glenn Gavin
	Bill Franklin
<b>Gym Committee:</b> [4]	John Mitchell
	Greg Mitchell
	Dan Mitchell
	Nigel Tebb
<b>Public Officer:</b>	Wayne Fuller
<b>Judiciary Committee:</b>	To be selected by Management Committee

### Vacant positions to be stood over as follows:-

Vice President  
Assistant Treasurer  
Gear Stewart  
Chief Instructor  
Mobile Services Officer

Moved: Mick Foley - Seconded: Eddie Baker - Carried.

## Urgent General Business

1. Mick Foley suggested that as Door Knock brings in such good money it should be held a bit closer to Christmas in early January - also more advertisement given.
2. Deck has been approved. Ready to go, only money needed now, will cost approximately \$34,000.00. SLSC may get water levy not Fire Brigade - \$55,000 for extensions out back of Club to be shared with Council Lifeguards, \$15,000 for roof and \$10,000 for floor. This cannot be used for deck, so we have to look for other grants or raise the money. Caretakers quarters over nipper shed has been submitted to Council. Canteen and coffee shop an option - Courtyard and barbecue off gym.
3. Funny money night Saturday night the 30th September 1997 for ski and board sections \$10.00 per head.
4. Meeting 7.30 Friday 29th September 1997 for World Championships in Auckland. Team Manager needed - 7th to 14th February 1998.

A minutes silence was held for members Garth Haughton and Keith Callen who passed away.

Suggested we purchase a flagpole - Club and Australian flags on it.

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

## 1997 - 1998 Executive Meetings

[8 held]	Attended	Apologies
Wayne Fuller .....	8	-
Richard Brierty .....	7	-
Ross Allan .....	6	2
Phil Gee .....	8	-
Craig Kelly .....	5	3

## Committee Meetings

[10 held]	Attended	Apologies
Wayne Fuller .....	10	-
Richard Brierty .....	9	-
Ross Allan .....	7	3
Phil Gee .....	10	-
Craig Kelly .....	7	3
Mick Foley .....	4	2
David O'Grady .....	5	2
Wendy Norman .....	6	2
Ben Livingstone .....	3	2
Dennis Gee .....	6	2
Jackson English .....	2	5
Matt Mitchell .....	6	2
Slim Peebles .....	5	2
Emma McIntosh .....	2	2
Stuart Paterson .....	-	-
Ross Dunn .....	1	-
Daniel Grim .....	-	1
Nigel Tebb .....	-	6
Damien Benson .....	3	1
Jim McAtamney .....	9	-
Garry Clarke .....	5	1
John Mitchell .....	8	-
Jan Gee .....	6	-
Bradley Gee .....	4	2
Peter Battye [replaced B. Livingstone] .....	3	-



The new deck extension is underway  
and this is how it began

Aucka Beach Surf Life Saving Club 1997-1998

# 1997 - 1998 FINANCIAL MEMBERS

## Life Members

Barker, Col  
Barker, Dennis  
Boden, Norm  
Cahill, Brian  
Gee, Dennis  
Harpur, Jim  
Hoban, Andy  
Hoban, Gerry  
Jones, Howard  
Kendal, Michael  
Love, Grahame  
Mitchell, Jim  
Mitchell, John  
Norman, Bryce  
Poole, Edwin  
Sainsbury, Max  
Tamblyn, Michael  
Walters, Eric  
Way, Ron

## Active Members

Anderson, Craig  
Andrew, Simon  
Babbage, David  
Bailey, Adam  
Bailey, Nigel  
Bardon, Ronald  
Barnes, Jeff  
Barry, Rebecca  
Barry, Ryan  
Battye, Peter  
Benson, Damien  
Bland, Timothy  
Boekeman, Bradley  
Bonham, Kylie  
Bradley, Alan  
Brierty, Richard  
Brierty, Sharon  
Briggs, Frank  
Broadbent, David  
Brown, Matthew  
Burg, Andrew  
Byrne, Karin  
Cairncross, Christopher  
Casey, Melissa  
Chadwick, Paul  
Chatillon, Boyd  
Chell, Beverly  
Clarke, Garry  
Coleman, Peter  
Collins, Andrew  
Coxon, Michelle  
Cullen, Brendon  
Darnley, Robin  
Delaney, Scott  
Elliott, Grant  
English, Jackson  
Ferrier, Keith  
Ferrier, Paul  
Foley, Mick  
Foster, Trent  
Franklin, William  
Gardner, Mick  
Geary, Brian  
Gee, Bradley  
Gee, Phil  
Gee, Trevor  
Giffin, Douglas  
Gilmore, Genevieve  
Glanville, Martin  
Gorey, John

Grant, Trudy  
Greene, Douglas  
Guilmartin, Janelle  
Hamer, Joanne  
Hargraves, Stephanie  
Harvey, Bradley  
Harvey, Scot  
Hayes, Christopher  
Healey, Christopher  
Henry, Phillip  
Hogan, Hugh  
Holmes, William  
Hutchinson, Paul  
Ison, Alicia  
Jackman, Antony  
Jeffries, Daniel  
Jones, Andrew  
Jones, Gordon  
Joyce, John  
Kelly, Craig  
Kendal, Paul  
Kirby, Derrick  
Kirwan, A  
Kylma, Leon  
Lewis, Tony  
Livingstone, Ben  
Lock, Paul  
Lowe, David  
Lynam, Maurice  
Lynch, Jenny  
Malone, Vince  
Mansfield, Kylie  
McClelland, David  
McInnes, Darren  
McIntosh, Emma  
McKeown, Belinda  
McLeod, Matthew  
McRobie, Rod  
McSweeney, Scott  
McWilliam, Anthony  
Meseritz, Nicholas  
Mitchell, Daniel  
Mitchell, Greg  
Mitchell, Matthew  
Mollie, Kurt  
Mulally, Gina  
Mulally, Scott  
Mullen, Freya  
Murphy, Mathew  
Myott, Belinda  
Nau, Richard  
Nicholls, Paul  
Norman, Wendy  
O'Grady, David  
O'Mara, Ray  
Parker, Matthew  
Paterson, Sally Anne  
Paterson, Stuart  
Payne, Anthony  
Petrie, Todd  
Pierce, Greg  
Portelli, Adam  
Power, Laurie  
Purcell, Robert  
Rampling, Erin  
Realph, Emma  
Regatteri, Dave  
Richards, Steven  
Roach, Danielle  
Robinson, Ian  
Robinson, Kimberley

Robinson, Todd  
Robson, Jonathon  
Rundale, David  
Sawszak, Wolly  
Scott, Codie Lea  
Semrani, Michelle  
Short, Peter  
Simpson, Jarni  
Small, Daniel  
Smith, Duncan  
Smith, Grant  
Smith, Jeffrey  
Steele, Greg  
Tait, Ross  
Tebb, Nigel  
Thornicroft, Larry  
Trickett, Neil  
Vanderbruggen, John  
Vella, Mathew  
Walker, Melinda  
Walter, Matthew  
Ward, Christopher  
Warriener, Sander  
Watkinson, Kurt  
Whitfield, Liza  
Whitten, Ross  
Woodley, Shannon

## Junior Members

Bailey, Paul  
Braund, Erin  
Braund, Tiffany  
Caska, Tom  
Chell, Luke  
Courtney, Jarrod  
Cummings, David  
Dwyer, Kelly  
Foley, Damen  
Gee, Craig  
Gee, Gary  
Guest, Ryan  
Hurrell, Cassie  
Hurrell, Robert  
Incoll, Tim  
Lewis, Kylie  
MacGugan, Mark  
MacGugan, Paul  
MacGugan, Sean  
McLeod, Matt  
McLuckie, Trent  
Morris, Joni  
Rosendale, Kylie  
Vadron, Andrew

## Cadet Members

Andonopoulos, Angela  
Andonopoulos, Luke  
Babbage, Amanda  
Babbage, Elizabeth  
Braund, Mitchell  
Burnicle, Kim  
Catt, Emma  
Clarke, Brett  
Clarke, Darren  
Cook, Jasmin  
Courtney, Clinton  
Deall, Simon  
Etchell, Jeremy  
Foley, Hayley  
Guest, Mitchell  
Inwood, Nathan  
Jelfs, Mark

Jones, Carley  
McClelland, Daniel  
McDonald, Bruce  
McLuckie, Arron  
Mullen, Jordan  
Regatteri, Nathan  
Rutter, Racheal  
Sawszak, Carlie  
Shade, Daniel

## Long Service Members

Allan, Ross  
Andrews, John  
Baker, Eddle  
Bissaker, Warwick  
Bootle, Kevin  
Braund, Murray  
Byrne, Frank  
Cairncross, Bob  
Cannon, Stephen  
Cheadle, John  
Chell, Peter  
Dorrell, Robert  
Duthie, Ron  
Fuller, Wayne  
Fyffe, Ray  
Goffett, Brian  
Hitchings, Charlie  
Hunter, Michael  
Lambert, Ian  
Licciardo, Tony  
Macgugan, Ian  
Martin, John  
McAtamney, Jim  
McGaw, Ian  
Messenger, Ian  
Mitchell, Bill  
O'Brien, Geoffrey  
Peebles, Alistair  
Realph, Peter  
Richards, Dave  
Riley, Quentin  
Robinson, Adam  
Robinson, Neil  
Spindler, Fred  
Thomson, Geoffrey  
Worrall, Kerry

## Associate Members

Bennett, Darren  
Anderson, Janet  
Andonopoulos, Anthea  
Andonopoulos, William  
Atkinson, Margaret  
Atkinson, Michael  
Bailey, Colin  
Baty, Graham  
Baty, Vanelle  
Bennett, Michelle  
Benson, Dave  
Boland, Monica  
Broadbent, Fiona  
Buckley, Frank  
Buncher, Daniel  
Buncher, Susan  
Burnicle, Peter  
Byrne, Greg  
Clarke, Ann  
Cook, Kerry  
Coughlan, Paul

Crimmins, Denis  
Cummings, Mark  
Cummings, Tina  
Day, Amanda  
Day, Greg  
Dickens, Russ  
Dobinson, Wally  
Dunn, Ross  
Eldridge, Peter  
English, Margaret  
Evans, Helen  
Evans, Richard  
Fletcher, Carol  
Fletcher, Nigel  
Fortey, Steve  
Geary, Deborah  
Giffin, Raeleen  
Gourlay, Cam  
Grant, Damien  
Guest, Tracey  
Guest, Warren  
Halfhide, Tony  
Harvey, Tony  
Hichens, Sarah  
Hoban, Peter  
Hodge, Michael  
Hogan, John  
Holmes, Michael  
Hunter, Norman  
Hunter, Terry  
Hurrell, John  
Incoll, Bruce  
Incoll, Lynette  
Inwood, Shelly  
Inwood, Steve  
Jackman, Hellen  
Jelfs, Leanne  
Jelfs, Steven  
Jones, Nanette  
Jung, Anita  
Jung, Steven  
Kay, Rhonda  
Kay, Warren  
Leason, Ann  
Leason, Stephen  
Lewis, Kerri  
Lowe, Garry  
Lynch, Paul  
MacFadyen, Garry  
MacGugan, Julie  
Malone, Tracey  
Mara, Garry  
Mara, Susan  
McClelland, Louise  
McDonald, Deborah  
McDonald, Robert  
McLennan, Douglas  
McPhie, Jane  
McPhie, Paul  
Mitchell, Jack  
Moore, Max  
Morrow, Linda  
Morrow, Tom  
Mullen, Peter  
Nobow, P  
Norman, Rex  
O'Grady, Ray  
Oyston, Robert  
Parker, Brian  
Parker, Chriss  
Parker, Colleen  
Pavlovich, Peter

Peebles, Denise  
Portelli, Wally  
Realph, Louise  
Regatteri, Julie  
Riley, Julie  
Riley, Michael  
Roach, David  
Roach, Leone  
Scott, Allan  
Scott, Robert  
Shade, Ian  
Shade, Lyn  
Smith, Anne  
Smith, Anthony  
Smith, Julie-Anne  
Tame, Anne  
Tame, Trevor  
Tattoli, Debby  
Tattoli, Michael  
Tipney, Col  
Troy, Lloyd  
Watkinson, Joanne  
Watkinson, John

## Ladies Members

Attard, Linda  
Boden, Betty  
Bray, Denise  
Britton, Amy  
Buckley, Brenda  
Cahill, Annette  
Dorrell, Jan  
Faulder, June  
Froud, Daphne  
Fuller, Marie  
Fuller, Sheryn  
Gee, Jan  
Gee, Peg  
Gray, Judy  
Handcock, Iris  
Harpur, Joyce  
Harvey, Barbara  
Hoban, Bev  
Hoban, Jan  
Jones, Pat  
Kelly, Robbie  
King, Janet  
Love, Norma  
March, Dianne  
McAtamney, Dulcie  
McLuckie, Shirley  
Moore, Kerry  
Myott, Dianne  
Norman, Cecile  
Oyston, Jan  
Parkinson, Joyce  
Poole, June  
Portelli, Jan  
Power, Jackie  
Robinson, Lola  
Sainsbury, Rhonda  
Scott, Heather  
Semmler, Gail  
Spindler, Elaine  
Spindler, Jenny  
Thomson, Nola  
Tiame, Gina  
Tinker, Robyn  
Troy, Maureen  
Walsh, Frances  
Walters, Helen  
Wilson, Margaret  
Winter, Nola

# LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS

## Nomination of Life Membership History of Alistair (Slim) Peebles



### 1974 - 1975

Assistant Nippers Secretary - Management Committee

### 1975 - 1976

Active Member gained Bronze Medallion 29.10.75

Nipper Secretary

Management Committee

### 1976 - 1977

Active Member gaining Instructors Certificate

Management Committee - Social Committee

Assistant Instructor

Clubman of the Year

Nippers Secretary

### 1977 - 1978

Active Member gaining A.R.C. Certificate

Management Committee - Social Committee

Assistant Instructor

Nippers Secretary

March Past Team - 1st Place

### 1978 - 1979

Active Member gaining I.R.B.D. Certificate

Management Committee - Social Committee

Assistant Instructor

Nippers Secretary

### 1979 - 1980

Active Member - Social Committee

### 1980 - 1981

Active Member gained Examiners Certificate

### 1981 - 1982

Active Member

First Aid Officer

Junior Club President

### 1982 - 1983

Active Member gained A.R.C.I. Certificate, A.R.C.E.

Certificate, Radio Officers Certificate

First Aid Officer - Management Committee

Branch I.R.B. Championships - First in "B" Teams

Branch I.R.B. Championships - First in "B" Assembly

State I.R.B. Championships - Fourth in "B" Assembly

### 1983 - 1984

Active Member gained I.R.B.I. Certificate, I.R.B.E.

Certificate

Gear Steward - Management Committee

Branch I.R.B. Championships - First in "B" Teams

Branch I.R.B. Championships - First in "B" Assembly

State I.R.B. Championships - Second in "B" Assembly

### 1984 - 1985

Active Member

Assistant Gear Steward

Club Australian Titles Team Manager

Branch I.R.B. Championships - Second in "B" Teams

Branch I.R.B. Championships - First in "B" Assembly

State I.R.B. Championships - Fourth in "B" Assembly

### 1985 - 1986

Active Member - Assistant Gear Steward

Building Committee

Club Australian Titles Team Manager

Branch I.R.B. Championships - First in "B" Teams

Branch I.R.B. Championships - First in "B" Assembly

State I.R.B. Championships - Second in "B" Assembly

### 1986 - 1987

Active Member gained Radio Instructors Certificate, First

Aid Certificate, First Aid Instructors Certificate

Assistant Gear Steward

### 1987 - 1988

Active Member

Assistant Gear Steward

Australian Titles Team Manager

World Titles Team Manager

### 1988 - 1989

Active Member gained First Aid Examiners Certificate

Club Captain

Member Executive Committee

Australian Titles Team Manager

### 1989 - 1990

Active Member

Club Captain

Executive Member

Vice Competition Secretary

### 1990 - 1991

Active Member gained Level One and Two Accreditation

Club Captain - Member Executive Committee

Assistant Gear Steward

### 1991 - 1992

Active Member

Vice Competition Secretary

Assistant Gear Steward

Assistant Instructor

### 1992 - 1993

Long Service Member - Vice Mobile Services Officer

Assistant Gear Steward - Assistant Instructor

### 1993 - 1994

Long Service Member - Assistant Instructor

### 1994 - 1995

Long Service Member - Assisted in Instruction

Gear Stewart - Competition Secretary

### 1995 - 1996

Long Service Member - Competition Secretary

Assisted in Instruction

### 1996 - 1997

Patrol Member - Gear Stewart

Assisted in Instruction

### 1997 - 1998

Long Service Member - I.R.B. Captain

Assisted in Instruction

Touring Team Manager to New Zealand

Rescue 98 World Championship

*Aroca Beach Surf Life Saving Club 1997-1998*

# LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS cont.

## Nomination of Life Membership History of Phillip Gee

Bronze Medallion - 1959/60  
Advanced Resuscitation Certificate - Avoca Beach 1975/76  
Transferred to Avoca Beach - 1969/70



### History in Avoca Beach Surf Life Saving Club

**1968 - 1969**

Sweep B Crew

**1970 - 1971**

Sweep B Crew

Inter Patrol Competition - 1st

Club Championships - 2nd Ski, 3rd Sprint, 2nd Board

**1971 - 1972**

Board & Ski Captain

Rep Inter District No 3 Team

Sweep B Crew

Selected in Branch Team - 5th Final

**1972 - 1973**

Vice Boat Captain

Sweep B Crew - 1st Branch Open Boat

**1973 - 1974**

Competition Secretary - Vice Boat Captain

Club Delegate to Central Coast Branch

Patrol Captain - 1st Patrol Efficiency Competition

Branch Team - New Zealand Branch Team

Sweep B Crew - Branch Champion

**1974 - 1975**

Vice Boat Captain - Management Committee

Club Delegate to Central Coast Branch

Inter Cities Team

Long Board Relay - 1st Branch, 2nd State, 7th Australian

**1975 - 1976**

Competition Secretary

Long Board Teams - 1st Branch, 2nd State, 7th Australian

Open Long Board - 4th State

Malibu Team Competitor

Branch Touring Team to USA

Sweep B Crew

**1976 - 1977**

Competition Secretary - Sweep B Boat

Club Championships - 1st Board

Long Board Relay - 1st Branch, 5th State

**1977 - 1978**

Open Malibu - 1st Branch

Long Board Relay - 1st Branch

**1978 - 1979**

Management Committee - Patrol Captain

**1979 - 1980**

Sweep B Boat - 1st Branch, 4th State, 3rd Australian

**1980 - 1981**

Sweep B Boat - 1st Branch

Sweep George Bass Crew

**1981 - 1982**

Building Committee

Club Championships - 1st Wave Ski

Sweep B Boat - 1st Branch

**1982 - 1983**

Ski Captain

Pye Marathon Race - 3rd

Sweep B Boat

**1983 - 1984**

Ski Captain

Sweep C Crew - 2nd branch

**1984 - 1985**

Sweep B Crew - 1st Branch

Pye Marathon - Applied Active Reserve

**1985 - 1986**

Management Committee

**1986 - 1987**

Sweep C Crew - 2nd Branch

Management Committee

**1987 - 1988**

Management Committee - Assist Gear Steward

Sweep B Boat - 2nd State, 1st Branch

**1988 - 1989**

Management Committee

Sweep A Boat - 1st Branch - Sweep Junior Boat

Taplin Team - 3rd Aust Masters

**1989 - 1990**

Management Committee

Sweep A Boat - 1st Branch, 1st Regional, 5th Mayne Nicholas

Sweep Masters - 1st All States Masters

**1990 - 1991**

Management Committee - Competition Secretary

Sweep B Boat - 1st Branch, Semi finals State

Sweep U21s - 1st Branch

Sweep A Boat - 3rd Branch

Masters Long Board - 2nd State

**1991 - 1992**

Competition Secretary

Sweep A Boat - 1st Branch

**1992 - 1993**

Competition Secretary

Sweep A Boat - 1st Branch

**1993 - 1994**

Competition Secretary

NSW & Aust Touring Team Manager

**1994 - 1995**

Sweep B Boat - 1st Branch

**1995 - 1997**

Sweep B Boat

**1997 - 1998**

Club Secretary

Sweep B Crew - 1st Branch, 1st Peters Series

Sweep Masters Crew - 3rd State, 4th Aust

Distinguished Member Award



# LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS cont.

## Nomination of Life Membership History of Kevin Bootle

Bronze Medallion - 1959  
Transferred to Avoca Beach - 1968/69



### History in Avoca Beach Surf Life Saving Club

#### 1968 - 1969

Long Board - 1st Central Coast Championships  
Open Boat - 1st Central Coast Championships  
Long Board Teams - 2nd NSW Championships  
Malibu Teams - 3rd NSW Championships

#### 1969 - 1970

Malibu Teams - 1st Central Coast Championships

#### 1970 - 1971

Inter Patrol Team Competition - 1st  
Reserve Crew

#### 1971 - 1972

Central Coast Branch Team

#### 1972 - 1973

Open Boat - 1st Central Coast Championships

#### 1973 - 1974

Open Boat - 1st Central Coast Championships

#### 1974 - 1975

Long Board Relay - 1st Central Coast Championships  
Long Board Relay - 2nd NSW Championships  
Reserve Boat - 1st Central Coast Championships

#### 1975 - 1976

Management Committee  
Assistant Gear Steward  
Advanced Resuscitation Certificate  
Long Board Relay - 1st Central Coast Championships  
Long Board Relay - 2nd NSW Championships  
Long Board Relay - 7th Australian Championships

#### 1976 - 1977

Assistant Gear Steward  
Long Board Relay - 1st Central Coast Championships  
Open Boat - 1st Central Coast Championships

Open Boat - 5th Australian Championships  
Central Coast Team - USA Tour

#### 1977 - 1978

Competition Committee  
Open Boat - 1st Central Coast Championships

#### 1978 - 1979

Open Boat - 2nd Central Coast Championships  
Open Boat - 2nd NSW Championships  
Central Coast Branch Team

#### 1979 - 1980

Open Boat - 1st Central Coast Championships  
Central Coast Branch Team

#### 1980 - 1981

Junior Coaching School  
Open Boat - 1st Central Coast Championships  
George Bass Marathon Crew

#### 1981 - 1982

Open Boat - 1st Central Coast Championships  
Central Coast Branch Team

#### 1982 - 1983

Open Boat - 1st Central Coast Championships

#### 1983 - 1989

Leave of absence due to work commitments

#### 1989 - 1990

Over 40 Masters Boat - 1st Australian Championships

#### 1990 - 1991

Boatie of the Year  
Sweep Under 21 Crew  
Reserve Boat - 3rd Central Coast Championships

#### 1992 - 1993

Over 40 Club Championships - 3rd  
Over 40 Masters Boat - Finalist Australian Championships  
Over 40 Masters Boat - 1st East Coast Championships

#### 1993 - 1994

Over 40 Club Championships - 2nd

#### 1994 - 1995

Sweep Under 18 Crew

#### 1995 - 1996

Sweep Under 18 Crew

#### 1996 - 1997

Over 180 Master Boat - 1st Central Coast Championships  
Master Boat - 1st Brewarrina Classic

#### 1997 - 1998

Distinguished Member

Avoca Beach Surf Life Saving Club 1997-1998

# AVOCA BEACH SURF LIFESAVING CLUB INC.

1997 - 1998 Season

## 69th Annual Report and Financial Statement

The 1997-98 season has ended and we can again proclaim "no lives lost" on Avoca Beach. This claim however must come with an explanation that no lives were lost under the care of our patrols as there was an early morning drowning in January when a man was pulled from the rip area and although responding to treatment on the beach died on the way to hospital. Another fatality occurred in April when two fishermen were washed off the rocks near the island. Both fishermen were recovered and one who had been face down in the water responded to treatment but died after transportation from the beach. All reports indicate that the incident would have been a double fatality if not for the action of the Avoca Beach Patrol. Think back to last season when a young girl was found floating semi conscious off the centre of the beach and was safely returned to shore by two of our Board Squad on a training session and all the rescues and preventative actions that we record it becomes obvious that Avoca Beach is only a very safe beach when our personnel are on duty and for this, thanks must go to all who have responded to our goal for a better standard for patrols and to Craig Kelly and David O'Grady for their push to see that we attain these goals. Whilst our patrols showed a marked improvement on past seasons it wasn't so in the eyes of the Branch Examiners who judged us at thirteenth place in the patrol inspection competition defeating only two clubs in Killcare and Soldiers Beach.

The competitive scene was better for us, the highlights being an Australian Gold Medal for Chris Parker in the U/16 Iron Man Championship, nine Gold Medals from the N.S.W. State Titles, a Silver Medal for Trevor Gee in the Board Race at the World Championships in New Zealand and twenty Gold Medals and the Championship Cup at the Branch Titles indicates a tremendous year in competition. Congratulations to all our competitors, their coaches and team managers. On the other end of the competitive scale is the Sunday Morning Handicap Events. These take place regardless of weather every week under the direction of Grant Smith. The competition really shows the cross section of membership that comprises our club, where the youthful speedsters take on the guile and cunning of the veterans and close racing and great fun is the order of the day.

The annual Rocks to Rocks Swim sponsored by Hunters Real Estate for the sixth year was another major participation event on our club calendar. This seasons race was won in record time by Chris Parker. As already mentioned Chris is the Australian U/16 Iron Man Champion and has a big future ahead of him. A full report of the Rocks to Rocks appears later in the report.

Chris Parker is one of the many fine members that have come through our Nippers ranks. Chris along with Daniel Shade, Brett Clarke, Trent McLuckie, Sean MacGugan, Mitchell Guest and Trevor Gee all graduates from our Nippers won Gold Medals at the State Titles at Mollmook this season. The current Nippers finished in fifth place at the State Titles this season and last season

finished second. Congratulations to Garry Clarke, his committee and age managers and past office bearers for keeping the standard of the Avoca Beach nippers at such a level for such a long period.

Throughout the season we again received much needed funds from our ever reliable Ladies Auxiliary who again raised in excess of \$7000 that was spent on 50-50 Sponsorship, Surf Boat Equipment, Kitchen Equipment and Essential Lifesaving Equipment. Additional funds were raised from our Door Knock Appeal again coordinated by Ross Allan that raised a record amount in excess of \$8000. Thanks must also go to Dave Richards who in his Avoca Terrace Cafe extols the virtues of our club to his customers raising considerable donations and acting as a collection point for our appeal. Dave also donates a dinner for two to one lucky worker on the door knock. Another fund raiser was our annual "Fire-works" night that drew a crowd in excess of 2000 people to watch Slim Peebles and his assistants lighting up the sky over our beach in a spectacular showing that ran for more than thirty minutes. Food and drinks ran out, it was a very successful night and thanks go to all those involved with the evening.

It is now very obvious that the deck extension has become a reality and will be ready for the celebration of the "Deck Ball" to be held in September. The ball will be formal with only 150 tickets to be sold so get in early and secure your tickets and hopefully we can finish all payments for the deck from the profits. Much of the material for the deck has been donated and a list of donors appears in our sponsors appreciations.

To Chief Instructor Bradley Gee and his assistants, we extend our thanks for the training of all who gained Lifesaving Awards throughout the season.

Finally as Secretary I must thank Helen Walters for her assistance and experience in the Secretarial tasks of the Club, to President Wayne Fuller for his assistance and sharing of the workloads and to Richard Brierty, Ross Allan and Craig Kelly and all members who step up to assist whenever there is a task to be completed.

Hon Secretary - Phil Gee



Part of our team at the Mollmook State Titles and our new tent donated by Avoca Beach Bowling Club

# CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT 1997/98

What a very good season this has been. This season we have seen a reborn enthusiasm, both towards Patrols and the Club in general. It is so pleasing to be involved in a club when every one is having a go. That's the way it was this season. And again I can proudly report, that No Lives Lost Between The Flags.

Our Patrol work this season was very good, the best I have seen in many seasons. All Patrols carried themselves well, only on a few occasions were some Patrols in need of assistance, but again as I have said, the enthusiasm of club personnel more than covered these situations.

The Patrol hours performed were far better spread out amongst all the members. This allows members to more enjoy their patrol work and to feel fresher while doing such.

This year I cut the number of Patrols from 16 to 14, this increased the number of hours that each Patrol had to perform, but it also allowed me to strengthen the Patrols with extra personnel. No one made a fuss about the extra hours, they just pitched in and did the work. What great work, the actual Patrol Work performed was of a high standard, as you will see by the Statistics of Rescues and such that are supplied with this report.

## Avoca Beach S.L.S.C. Statistics 1997/98.

### Rescues:

Preventative Actions .....	743
With out Gear .....	88
Resuscitations E.A.R./EX.C Therapy Only .....	6
Tube .....	22
Board .....	128
IR.B. ....	47
Ski .....	Nil
First Aid .....	56
Marine Stings .....	326
Lost Children [All Found] .....	11
Other .....	6

This season saw the occurrence of another Rescue Of The Year. It involved our number 8 patrol. The Patrol at the time of the rescue consisted of the following personnel:

Craig Anderson	CAPT	Tony Jackman	V/CAPT
Jeff Barnes	IR.B.	Karin Byrne	Crewman
John Lawler	AS/BM	Mark Jelfs	U/16
Clinton Courtney	U/16	Luke Chell	U/18 BM
Nathan Ragatterie	U/16		

Also in attendance on the beach assisting with the rescue was Graham Love. At approximately 1.15pm on Sunday 5/4/98, while a large contingency of club personnel were absent from the club, away competing at the National Titles. The above mentioned members held station, on Patrol, on our beach. It was brought to the Patrols attention, that two men were in serious trouble after being washed from the rocks while fishing. The Patrol under astute leadership from Capt Anderson immediately sprang into action. The IR.B. was sent forth to the rescue, while a foot Patrol was sent to the rock ledge itself, to lend any assistance if possible from there. The IR.B. driver Barnes edged the boat as close as he dare risk to the rocks, so as to allow Crewman Byrne to dive from the boat to the assistance of the unfortunate, using a Rescue Tube as an aid Byrne immediately delivered five quick breaths to one of the men, who was unconscious, mean while Barnes pulled the other patient into the boat, and then assisted Byrne with the unconscious man into the IR.B. More E.A.R. was delivered by Barnes to the patient in the boat. The boat crew and patients then returned at fair pace to the beach. On arrival, they were met by Anderson and Lawler and with the help of Byrne, the unconscious patient was dragged from the IR.B. Meanwhile Barnes and Jackman were attending to the other patient. E.A.R. was delivered as well as C.P.R. to the unconscious patient, assistance was given to the resuscitators by long serving club Life Member Love, a valiant effort was performed in order to save this mans life. Raggaterie and Courtney built a wall with Rescue Boards to stop the incoming tide from washing over the patient, while young Jelfs vigilantly continued the Patrol of the beach on his own. Meanwhile Chell returned from his foot patrol to the rock ledge, and the Ambulance arrived. Despite all efforts by the Patrol and Ambulance Crew, the patient lost his fight for life while being transported to the hospital.

**My sincere congratulations to all those involved with this Rescue Of The Season, it was a fine team effort.**



Trent McLuckie, Geoff Barnes and Dave Babbage in serious IRB training



Members of Patrol Number 8 who carried out the Rescue of the Season.

Avoca Beach Surf Life Saving Club 1997-1998

# CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT 1997/98 cont.

## Patrol Proficiency Competition

This competition was conducted over two rounds. With all questions and situations that were required to be performed, being taken directly from the Surf Life Saving training manual.

The two rounds were marked on a point score basis. First round out of 800 Points & the second out of 900 Points. Giving a Total of 1700 Points Maximum.

The two rounds were conducted by D. O'Grady and myself. This was to help give a fairer result.

All the Patrols scored well and their Proficiency was high.

From the results, I am now able to rank our Patrols and have done such. This rank will be carried into next season EG: Number 12. Patrol is our best Patrol as per 1997/98 Proficiency Comp.

Full results and Rank, follow:

PATROL:	POINTS	RANK 1998/99 Season
1.	1515	7
2.	1435	12
3.	1505	8
4.	1575	6
5.	1475	10
6.	1585	5
7.	1215	14
8.	1420	13
9.	1470	11
10.	1605	3
11.	1610	2
12.	1630	1
13.	1590	4
14.	1500	9

These are the numbers and rank that these Patrols will carry next season, as much as possible, Patrols will remain with the same members. The weaker Patrols will be rebuilt.

Craig Kelly.  
Club Captain.

Congratulations to the winning Patrol, Number 12, Captained by Grant Smith and well backed up by Danny Jeffries. This Patrol perform very well and deserved their win.

It was good to see people stand up and be counted this season. At the very beginning of the season I was short of people who would stand for the position of Patrol Captain, four people I asked to take this position, they all accepted and all did very well. With much thanks to Gordon Jones, who guided his Patrol to a full 100% attendance. Matt Parker, took on a Patrol with many new members and watched it like a mother hen. Ben Livingstone, our youngest Capt, led his Patrol to be second in the Patrol Proficiency Comp. And Grant Smith who led his Patrol to a very good win in the Proficiency

Comp. Thanks to all these Captains and to all Captains, on a job well done.

## 55 Gain 100% Patrol Attendance!

That's what we achieved this year. As I have already mentioned, the attitude was great.

## 100% Attendance

A very big thanks to all these members.

AVOCA BEACH, S.L.S.C. 100% Attendance 1997/98

### Patrol 1.

N. Tebb, T. Gee, D. McClelland, D. Shade, C. Parker

### Patrol 2.

G. Jones, J. English, A. Bailey, N. Hailey, P. Bailey, S. MacGugan, M. MacGugan, T. Incoll, T. Robinson, C. Donaldson, J. Sullivan (R), T. McLuckie

### Patrol 3.

J. Lawler, M. Lynam, B. Franklin

### Patrol 4.

P. Batty, L. Power, G. Gilmore, R. Darnley

### Patrol 5.

G. Byrne, T. Tame

### Patrol 6.

M. Parker, D. Babbage

### Patrol 8.

C. Anderson, G. Clarke, J. Barnes, R. Guest, N. Ragatteri, C. Courtney, B. Clarke

### Patrol 9.

K. Ferrier, R. Hurrell, L. Thorncroft

### Patrol 10.

R. O'Mara, B. Holmes, M. Braund, T. Braund, V. Malone

### Patrol 11.

B. Livingstone, M. Kendal, C. Scott

### Patrol 12.

G. Smith, D. Jeffries, G. Elliot, A. Bradley

### Patrol 13.

W. Norman

### Patrol 14.

M. Folley, M. Mitchell, K. Bonham

All statistics kept by Craig Kelly.



Winners of Patrol Efficiency Competition who obtained 100% attendance L to R: Danny Jeffries, Alan Bradley, Rob Purcell, Patrol Captain Grant Smith and Presenter David O'Grady

# AVOCA BEACH S.L.S.C. PATROL PERSON 1997/98 Mr. Larry Thorncroft.



This year was awarded to Mr Larry Thorncroft. Such a quiet achiever and nice guy. Larry is always there to help you when you need it, and on more than one occasion did he help this club out this season. Having been actively involved for well over twenty years, always more than willing to don the Red & Yellow quartered cap. Nothing is a problem. One of our best I.R.B. Drivers and instructors, I would like to thank Larry on behalf of this club and personally for his efforts this season and past seasons, and convey many thanks from those that Larry has helped out of difficulties from the surf of Avoca beach.

I would like to thank Slim Peebles for all of his work with the I.R.B's. As I.R.B. Captain he did a very good job in keeping the motors and boats going, with great assistance from new drivers, David Babbage and Jeff Barnes. A big thank you to David who just jumped in and helped out with many boat repairs. I know that between David and Jeff they intend to take on the running of the I.R.B's. So lets get in there and support them this coming season especially the young ones. Lets get right involved and get into I.R.B. Competition.

Speaking of competition, what a fine year was had, I won't go into all the results. They will feature in this Annual Report. I would just like to congratulate all competitors on their fine efforts, and thank our senior members who have been involved as Coaches and Trainers.

In closing I would like to remind every one that we can't live on this seasons results. We must carry our enthusiasm into the new season and have an even bigger and better season. The running of this club is enormous, so don't wait to be asked to help out. Go to your leaders and ask how you can help, we will find you a job. Thanks to every one who helped out this season, and the fine support from Wayne Fuller, David O'Grady, Richard Brierty, Mick Foley and many more.

See you at the A.G.M.

Craig Kelly - Club Captain

## Junior Club Captain's Report

Another surf season has past and as usual the Junior Members of Avoca SLSC have a lot to be content with. Last season the challenge was thrown down to all club members to "smarten up" our act and make a marked improvement on the general attitude towards patrols and enhance competition results.

Congratulations to all the Junior and Senior Club Members who have contributed towards turning our Club

around and making Avoca Beach SLSC the "number 1" club in the Branch.

This year the general running of the Club was extremely difficult due to the fact that there was no support from any major sponsors. Hopefully next season somebody can come to OUR RESCUE and provide much needed funds.

It is with great pleasure that I acknowledge the three members of our coaching advisory panel, Jim McAtamney, Jim Mitchell and Dennis Gee for the countless hours of devotion dedicated towards improving the results of our junior and senior competitors.

It was impressive to see that not only competition was taken more seriously, the general attitude towards beach patrols was the best it has been in years.

The season of "98" has been outstanding and I would like to compliment those members who have achieved their goals and hope that in the following season, everyone can build on their performances and enhance their goals.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to a fantastic season.

Ben Livingstone - Junior Club Captain

## Clubman of the Year

This year was one of the hardest years to decide the Clubman of the Year due to the quality of the people involved.

Clubman of the year is decided from a criteria involving 6 different areas.

1. 100% of patrol obligations
2. Club involvement
3. Fundraising
4. Internal Competition
5. External Competition
6. Management committee participation

All our finalists had 100% of their patrol obligations and a strong involvement in a couple of other areas however Trevor Gee proved to be the most consistent and a worthy winner.

Trevor has spent many hours training the younger members of the club and nurturing them at the many carnivals they club attended.

Trevor is the current Club Champion, NSW State Board Champion, he made the finals at the Australian Championships and came second at the World Championships.

Trevor Gee is a worthy winner of the 1997/98 Clubman of the Year.



Trevor receives his Award from Club President Wayne Fuller

Avoca Beach Surf Life Saving Club 1997-1998



# 1998 ROCKS TO ROCKS

This year's sixth consecutive "Rocks to Rocks" (North Avoca to Avoca) swim, sponsored by HUNTERS, The Professionals, took place on Sunday, 15th February, 1998, and was again voted an outstanding success. Good seas made it an enjoyable fun swim.

Chris Parker was this year's winner in a record time of 16 minutes and 36 seconds. The field competitors' ages ranged from 16 to 56, including 12 females.

It's interesting to note that two Surf Club members have completed all six "Rocks to Rocks," while five other Club members have completed five swims.

After the swim and BBQ, Michael Hunter once again presented a specially embroidered T-shirt and certificate to all competitors to commemorate their participation in the event, as part of HUNTERS' community involvement programme.

## ROCKS 1998 - 75 Competitors

Sunday 15 February 1998

First Name	Surname	Time	Placing
Chris	Parker	16.36	1
Ryan	Guest	17.28	2
Brett	Clarke	17.35	3
Mitchell	Guest	17.59	4
Richard	Brierty	20.00	5
Jackson	English	20.07	6
Jim	McAtamney	20.30	7
Trent	McLuckie	21.10	8
Simon	Waterworth	21.27	9
Ben	Cowan	21.28	10
Leslie	Twible	21.28	11
Carl	Woodward	21.28	12
Scott	MacSweeney	22.13	13
Nathan	Regattieri	22.13	14
Don	Boland	22.14	15
Paul	Johnson	22.15	16
John	Andrews	22.20	17
Denis	Crimmins	22.25	18
Greg	Burns	22.29	19
Sharon	Brierty	22.35	20
Rebecca	Barry	22.37	21
Fred	Spindler	22.53	22
Paul	Lynch	22.55	23
Bill	Holmes	22.56	24
Mick	Foley	23.29	25
Adam	Bailey	23.36	26

David	York	23.49	27
Jenny	Houghton	23.52	28
David	O'Grady	23.53	29
Craig	Hunter	23.56	30
Damien	Benson	24.30	31
Grant	Elliott	24.40	32
Tracey	Guest	25.12	33
Cam	Goulay	25.55	34
David	Low	25.56	35
Murray	Braund	26.12	36
Dave	Richards	26.30	37
Robert	Van Hese	26.32	38
Peter	Hoban	26.40	39
Dave	Benson	26.46	40
Brendon	Cullen	26.47	41
Grant	Smith	27.23	42
Marui	Lynam	27.26	43
Wally	Sawszak	27.35	44
Wayne	Fuller	28.00	45
Peter	Burnicle	28.32	46
Howard	Jones	28.40	47
Alan	Bradley	29.12	48
Michael	Hunter	29.22	49
Martyn	Granville	29.24	50
Monica	Boland	29.25	51
Nan	Jones	29.39	52
Helen	Jackman	29.42	53
Darren	Bonnett	30.12	54
Ryan	Barry	30.13	55
Greg	Cook	30.22	56
Matt	Parker	30.46	57
Liza	Whitfield	30.47	58
Bev	Bailey	30.59	59
Bill	Franklin	30.59	60
John	Wilkinson	30.59	61
Craig	Anderson	31.00	62
Gordon	Crabb	31.00	63
Mick	Kendall	31.00	64
Frank	Briggs	31.26	65
Phillip	Gee	31.34	66
Stephen	Jung	31.45	67
Paul	Nicholls	34.11	68
Len	Sinfield	34.12	69
Judy	Byrne	34.31	70
Trevor	Tame	35.08	71
Ava	Bourke	36.14	72
Phillip	Henry	36.15	73
Gary	Mara	36.36	74
Peter	Batty	36.41	75



A class field for the '98 Rocks to Rocks Classic. . .



. . . and Chris Parker the record setting winner presented by Michael Hunter of Hunters The Professionals with Richard Brierty and Ryan Guest

## Boat Captain's Report

For boats the past season has been one of mixed fortune. We enjoyed our share of success but in some areas our achievements were not what we expected. Our failure to have younger crews represent the club was an example. Fortunately we are rectifying that situation with several under 18 and 21 crews already preparing for next season.

The past season finalised our sponsorship agreement with N.S.W. Milk Marketing. While it is disappointing to lose their support we will always appreciate what they have done for us over the past seasons.

Our Moove money this season was used on refurbishing the Adrian Pickett boat. It was money well spent as the boat came back like brand new.

In competition we started with 2 "A" crews, 3 Reserves, 1 Veterans, 1 Ladies and an Under 18. For various reasons one Reserve and Under 18 crew disbanded early in the season. Fortunately the remaining crews competed with the determination we have come to expect from crews representing our club. Apart from our Over 200s crew our goals for State and Australian medals were not met. However we are certainly getting closer to attaining those targets. Our depth showed at the Branch Championships with first and third in the Open division, first in Reserves, first and second in the Ladies.

Congratulations to our Male & Female Boatie of the Year in Todd Petrie and Belinda Myott. You have shown outstanding dedication and reliability in winning this award. Your support throughout the season makes the Boat Captains job so much easier. It was pleasing when finalising this award to see the number of people in both sections who were worthy of winning it. This dedication augurs well for the future of boats in our club.

A special thank you to long time member John Martin for donating the magnificent miniature boat for the girls trophy.

### Crews - "A"

N. Mesritz, A. Burg, A. Collins, D. Smith, T. Foster, John Mitchell

1st Avoca, Central Coast Branch Team,  
Open Boat 3rd Central Coast Champs.



Veteran Rower Kevin Bootle  
has been doing it for years . . .

Had to contend with a season of total disruption to training. Brought about by injury and a crew change midway through the season they could not settle into regular training. Duncan Smith left to go overseas and Nick Mesritz suffered a serious injury in a training accident.

### Reserves - "A"

S. Woodley, T. Payne, C. Cairncross, M. Gardiner, Phil Gee  
Reserve Boat 1st Central Coast Champ

1st Peters Boat Series

Reserve Boat 1/4 Finalist N.S.W. Champs

There first year together, this crew improved as the season went on. Did their share of training which kept them up with the best crews during the season. Unlucky not to at least qualify for the State semis.

### Reserves - "B"

T. Petrie, P. Kendal, M. Parker, D. Mitchell, Dennis Gee

Reserves Boat

1st Coogee

1st North Steyne

4th NSW Champs

Semi Final Australian Champs

Open Boat 1st Central Coast Champs

2nd Peters Boat Series

Performances early in the season were affected while waiting for Paul Kendal to return from overseas and rejoin the crew. The attitude and respect that this crew have for one another and their training is the reason that they succeed. Their result for the season is an indication of their ability. I believe that they have more improvement in them yet.

### Reserves - "C"

S. Sweeney, B. Cullen, P. Nicolls, J. Gorey, Jim Mitchell

Now the "C" crew being the Coppers and Blur are a mystery to me. Plenty of potential but they just are not putting it together. With their work commitments interrupting training they are not getting enough time in the boat to improve. One year it will happen, when it does they will be a very good crew.



. . . and now the women have joined him.

## Reserves - "D"

J. Van DerBruggen, P. Chadwick, E. Rampling, T. Foster, John Mitchell

Their only race for the season was in the Peters at MacMasters Beach where they came second. After that work commitments forced the crew to break up. This particular race was a great sight as we had 3 Avoca crews going neck and neck for first place.

## Masters - Over 120s

S. Woodley, T. Payne, C. Caincross, J. Gorey, Phil Gee

Got together for the Australian Masters Champs where they finished a very close fourth. Rowed well for the placing, they put in a very good performance.

## Over 200s

K. Bootle, R. Allan, P. Chel, A. Hoban, Phil Gee, Dennis Gee

2nd Peters Boat Series

Finalist East Coast Masters

3rd NSW Masters Champs

Finalist Australian Masters Champs

This crew put in plenty of training through the season. Their dedication to training sets a good example for the younger members. They produced their best effort at the championship carnival.

## Ladies - "A"

M. Casey, K. Robinson, R. Barry, B. Myott, Jim Mitchell

2nd Peters Boat Series

Semi Finalist N.S.W. Champs

1st Central Coast Champs

1/4 Finalist Australian Champs

Started with only 2 rowers but through perseverance soon came up with 2 new members. Our most improved crew through the year, they just kept on getting better. Prepared to listen and learn they are to be congratulated on their attitude both to our club and to their fellow rowers.

## Ladies - "B"

H. Foley, M. Walker, W. Norman, K. Bonham, John Mitchell

With a limited preparation they got together for the Branch Championships. Rowing in difficult conditions they performed well to come second. Haley Foley certainly produced an aerial display when she was flung out of the bow seat.

## Under 18s

B. McDonald, A. Vadron, J. Joyce, B. Livingston, Craig Kelly

This crew did a lot of training for their start at Terrigal. After that for reasons unknown they disbanded. This was a shame as they had a bright future in surf boat racing.

S. Deal, J. Livingston, R. Bardon, M. Braund, Craig Kelly

Craig has been preparing this young crew from midway through last season up to now. They are keen, let us give them as much encouragement as possible.

## Appreciation to -

- N.S.W. Milk Marketing boat sponsorship
- Ladies Auxiliary for donation of sweep oars
- Syd Oades of Peninsula Sandblasting for refurbishing boat trailer
- Bob Dorrel for boat rowlocks
- Michael Tamblyn for liaison with Sponsors
- Ross Tait for organising fund raising
- Todd Petrie for work with pumps and batteries
- John Gorey, Dan Mitchell and Duncan Smith for work on boat trailers
- Ross Allen for boat towing and various other members who took a turn at towing
- All crew members for your dedication to training and for assistance throughout the season



Our Reserve "B" crew - Dennis Gee sweep, Dan Mitchell, Matt Parker, Paul Kendal & Todd Petrie



Our Reserve "A" crew - Phil Gee sweep, Mick Gardiner, Chris Cairncross, Tony Payne and Shannon Woodley



Our Ladies "A" crew - Jim Mitchell sweep, Belinda Myott, Rebecca Barry, Kim Robinson and Melissa Casey

## Competition Secretary Report



**Wendy presenting a Club Championship Award to Richard Brierty**

What a great season for the blue, green and gold. Avoca won the Central Coast Branch pointscore at Ocean Beach with a total of 367. We equally excelled at Mollymook, coming 5th at the NSW State Titles.

I would like to congratulate every Avoca competitor for their commitment to coaching and or training throughout the season. Your hard work really paid off.

The Branch championships at Ocean Beach were a great success for Avoca. We were hungry for the Branch Title.

At 6.00am on the Branch Carnival morning about 15 Avoca competitors arrived at Avoca in cold, wet windy conditions to compete in the board riding display. Here we won nearly every event. Even our fearless club president braved the adverse conditions to take a point for the club.

All our competitors especially our Cadets and Juniors backed up all competing in event after event for Avoca. They are a credit to our club.

Even our March past team was in medal contention until the judges discovered we had 15 instead of 12 marchers. You can't get much keener than that. What great club spirit.

Congratulations to Trevor Gee winning the Central Coast Branch Carnival lifesaver.

Congratulations to our outstanding Young Australian Champion Chris Parker who won the U/16 Australian Ironman at Kurrawa.

Congratulations also to our State Champions: Trevor Gee, Chris Parker, Daniel Shade, Brett Clarke, Trent McLuckie, Matt McLeod, Damien Foley, Sean MacGugan and Mitchell Guest.

I would like to especially thank Jim McAtamney who took on the jobs as State and Australian team managers. Both Jim and Wayne assisted me throughout the year with Carnival entries.

Thankyou to Craig Kelly who kept me and our competitors up to date with patrol hours.

Thankyou to Grant Smith who ran the handicap events every Sunday.

Well run Grant.

I am looking forward to a great 98/99 season. We already have a great club and it can only get better with Avoca being a notable force in Australian Surf Life Saving.

Signed - Wendy Norman

## Competition Advisory Panel Report

The 1997/98 Competitive season has been one of the best for many seasons. There are many reasons for this. I feel the support of all club members in performing their on the beach patrol duties has created a huge team. The main reason most people join the surf club is the feeling of belonging, the sense of community spirit and to further their sporting aspirations. Any one that joins the Avoca Surf Life Saving Club is made feel welcome and part of a successful club.

We are very lucky to have an active and supportive group of supporters who are able to raise valuable funds, do patrols, and transport our younger competitors all over the coast to train, and compete in surf carnivals.

Our thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary for their assistance in purchasing competition craft this year. The hard working ladies have raised in excess of \$7000 this year and directed much of it to the purchase of competition craft.

The other group of unsung heroes are the regular everyday patrol members. We are very fortunate to have so many members to call on to do patrols. We also have many parents who support their children.

One of the areas that have improved this year was that of communication. This has been from the club executive to the club members and from the competition committee to the competitors. The competition newsletters in the off season were a way of keeping the competitor focused and informed on the types of activities they could be doing to maintain their fitness.

There have been several competitions, apart from the typical carnivals, that we have entered. The first was the Mingara pool challenge. We entered a team comprising our younger competitors. The average age was 14 yrs. We came a very creditable 5th place and earned a high quality First Aid Kit.

Later in October we entered a competitive team in the Wyong Councils Board relay at the Entrance. This event was keenly contested and we won a Racing Board.

Shortly after Christmas we competed in the End to End marathon. Although the event was poorly contested by local clubs our team won \$2000 for the club.

The Central Coast Branch championships was the next major event. The last few years saw us beaten by the



**Some of our young champions**

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Lakes. This year we were strong enough to win convincingly. This was a major goal and to fulfil this was very rewarding.

Our efforts at the State titles and Australian titles were equally rewarding. Trevor Gee, Chris Parker and Daniel Shade were our individual stars. The Open B Boat crew performed very well just missing out on the Semi finals.



**Matt McLeod and Trent McLuckie with their tag for the U/18 board rescue at the Mollymook State Titles**

### Results of Branch

Open Women Sprint	3rd Catherine Donalson
U16 Mens Sprint	3rd Brett Clarke
Womens Open Beach Relay	3rd Avoca
U18 Womens Beach Relay	1st Avoca
U16 Womens Beach relay	2nd Avoca
Open Boat	1st Avoca B 3rd Avoca A
Reserve Boat	Avoca A
Ladies Boat	1st Avoca 2nd Avoca
U16 Womens Board Rescue	3rd Sawszac/Hurrell
Open Mens Surf	1st Matt McLeod
U16 Mens Surf	1st Chris Parker
Open Mens Surf Teams	2nd Avoca
U18 Mens Surf Teams	2nd Avoca
U16 Mens Surf Teams	1st Avoca
Open Single Ski	1st Richard Brierty
U18 Single Ski	1st Damon Foley
Open Ski Relay	1st Avoca
U18 Ski Relay	2nd Avoca
Open Double Ski	2nd Avoca
U18 Double Ski	2nd Avoca
Open Ironman	1st Trevor Gee
U16 Ironman	1st Daniel Shade 2nd Chris Parker
Open Taplin Relay	2nd Avoca
Open Board Rescue	1st Avoca
U18 Board Rescue	1st Avoca
U16 Board Rescue	1st Avoca
Open Board	1st Trevor Gee
U18 Board	2nd Matt McLeod
U16 Mens Board	1st Daniel Shade 2nd Chris Parker
Open Board Relay	2nd Avoca
U16 Board Relay	2nd Avoca
U18 Beach Flags	Damon Foley

Open Mens Board Riding	1st Gordon Jones 2nd Trent McLuckie 3rd Adam Bailey 4th Rob Hurrell 5th Damon Foley 6th Wayne (Grub) Fuller
Open Ladies Board Riding	1st Sharon Brierty 2nd Wendy Norman 3rd Cassie Hurrell 4th Neridah Irvine 5th Haley Foley
U18 Mens Board Riding	1st Trent McLuckie 2nd Paul Bailey 3rd Rob Hurrell 4th Damon Foley
U18 Ladies Board Riding	1st Cassie Hurrell 2nd Neridah Irvine 3rd Hayley Foley
U16 Mens Board Riding	3rd Tim Incoll
U16 Ladies Board Riding	2nd Rachel Rutter
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>Avoca 367,</b> Lakes 309, Terrigal 222



**Our "A" boat crew - John Mitchell sweep, Andrew Burg, Trent Foster, Nick Mesritz and Andrew Collins The Central Coast Representative Crew**

### 1998 NSW State Titles

Trevor Gee	1st Open Board Open Taplin Final
Daniel Shade	Open Board Relay Final 2nd U16 IronMan 1st U16 Board 1st U16 Swim Teams
Matt McLeod	1st U16 Board Relay 2nd U18 Board Rescue Open Taplin Final
Trent McLuckie	2nd U18 Board Rescue
Daniel McClelland	4th U16 Board Rescue
Mitchell Guest	4th U16 Board Rescue 1st U16 Swim Teams
Damon Foley	3rd U18 Double Ski
Sean MacGugan	3rd U18 Double Ski Biggest Wave on day
Chris Parker	4th U16 Board 1st U16 Swim Teams 1st U16 Board Relay
Brett Clarke	1st U16 Swim Teams 1st U16 Board Relay
Darren Clarke	Best Re entry on a mal



Matt Mitchell	Semi Final Double Ski Taplin Final
Brad Harvey	Semi Final Double Ski Wave of the day Taplin Final
Jim Mitchell	3rd 45-49 Double Ski
John Mitchell	2nd 45-49 Single Ski 3rd 45-49 Double Ski
Peter Chell	3rd 180 Yrs Boat
Andy Hoban	3rd 180 Yrs Boat
Kevin Bootle	3rd 180 Yrs Boat
Phill Gee	3rd 180 Yrs Boat
Ross Allen	3rd 180 Yrs Boat
Matt Parker	4th Open B Final
Todd Petrie	4th Open B Final
Dan Mitchell	4th Open B Final
Paul Kendal	4th Open B Final
Dennis Gee	4th Open B Final
Jim Mitchell	Semi Finals Open Boat
Belinda Myott	Semi Finals Open Boat
Kimberly Robinson	Semi Finals Open Boat
Melissa Casey	Semi Finals Open Boat
Rebecca Barry	Semi Finals Open Boat
Phill Gee	Quarter Finals Res. Boat
Chris Caincross	Quarter Finals Res. Boat
Mick Gardiner	Quarter Finals Res. Boat
Tony Payne	Quarter Finals Res. Boat
Shannon Woodley	Quarter Finals Res. Boat
John Mitchell	Open Boat Heats
Andrew Berg	Open Boat Heats
Andrew Collins	Open Boat Heats
Nick Mesrith	Open Boat Heats
Trent Foster	Open Boat Heats
Nigel Tebb	Open Board Final Open Board Relay Final Open Taplin Final
Jackson English	Open Board Semi Final Open Board Relay Final

Many Thanks to all the supporters, tent erectors, gear carriers, etc.

## Results of Australian

# CHRIS PARKER 1ST U16 IRONMAN.



Chris Parker, our newest Australian Champion

## Club Championships

Open Mens	1st Nigel Tebb 2nd Trevor Gee 3rd Jackson English
Open Womens	1st Rebecca Barry 2nd Belinda Myott 3rd Melissa Casey
U16 Mens	1st Daniel Shade 2nd Brett Clarke 3rd Chris Parker
U16 Womens	1st Rachel Rutter 2nd Carly Sawszac 3rd Amanda Babbage
U18 Mens	1st Trent McLuckie 2nd Ben Livingstone 3rd Ryan Guest
U18 Womens	1st Cassie Hurrell 2nd Haley Foley 3rd Coady Scott
Young Masters Men	1st Richard Brierty 2nd Stuart Paterson 3rd Dave Broadbent
Young Masters Women	1st Jenny Lynch
Old Masters Men	1st Jim McAtamney 2nd Steve Jung 3rd Garry Clarke



The first change on the way to winning the U/16 board relay at the Mollymook State Titles. Brett Clarke & Daniel Shade, Chris Parker was the 1st paddler



Mitchell Guest & Daniel McClelland with their 4th place tag for the U/16 board rescue at Mollymook State Titles

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## 1997/98 Club Handicaps

The Sunday Morning Handicaps were again very popular with members. With over 90 members having at least one start this season, there was a good roll up on most Sundays. It was pleasing to see a number of our new members joining in and I hope they had a good time. For those of you who have yet to join in, the emphasis is on fun and fitness and we would love to see you there next season and in particular some more of our female members. I'm sure Nan, Rebecca, Jenny and Karen would like some more support.

Each season has its highlights and memorable moments and most came from the regular guest appearances from the "Boaties". Firstly, I found that some of them could actually swim and the help they gave me in setting their handicap times was much appreciated! Looking forward to seeing Dennis, Matt Parker and the crews bagging the handicapper again in 98/99.

It was good to have the skis back again this season. A special thanks to Richard Brierty who donated one of the skis. It is much appreciated and the type of gesture that normally goes unnoticed, but is so important in clubs like ours.

For the record the overall points score was won by the "Handicapper", (and no, I'm not on the "juice" I just kept turning up each week) The major placings and points are listed below. At one stage in the season "Gordo" Jones suggested the competition was rigged. "Gordo" you're right and all bribes for the 98/99 season can be sent to me care of the Club!

1st	110 points	Grant Smith
2nd	84 points	Vince Malone & and Grant Elliot
4th	82 points	Ryan Guest
5th	81 points	David O'Grady.

Congratulations to all of the major placegetters. Again the above results were gained from regular attendance and participation in all of the events, which is the main objective of the point score system for our competition.

I would also like to thank everyone who helped out on Sunday mornings with the timekeeping, setting the cans etc. Your help is appreciated and makes my job that much easier and enjoyable.

Cheers - Grant Smith

## New Zealand World Titles Report

Well what an adventure, a great team, eleven days in the land of the long white cloud and to come home with a world silver medal, a great effort. It all started when I was approached to organise a trip to the world titles.

At our first meeting thirty-five members showed interest but for one reason or another nine of us finally flew out. The manager, six competitors and two supporters, myself Nigel Tebb, Trevor Gee, Mathew Mitchell, Gordon Jones, Robert Hurrell, Jenny Lynch, Nicole Johnston and Denise Peebles. After the dust settled we flew out on Sunday 8th Feb for eleven days at a cost of \$940.00 per person, which included fares, accommodation, uniforms, transport and fuel, insurance and departure tax and return bus from Avoca to the airport.

What a team, they took everything but the kitchen sink, ski, boards, surf boards plus luggage but Air New Zealand were great and it was transported at "no charge", there and back. They then hit duty free (like kids in a candy shop) before departure and then off we went to a great adventure. There were highs and higher highs, the only low spot was the accommodation but after a team meeting and discussion with the Park Manager, all problems were sorted out.

I can not speak highly enough of this representative team from Masters competitor Jenny Lynch to young Robbie (The Snozzle) Hurrell who flew the Avoca colours proudly. When you have such a compatible team as this, that has



One race our handicapper didn't win, or did he?  
Steve Jung has Grant's measure



Michael Hunter, a regular Sunday Morning competitor, fell off soon after this smile



The New Zealand tourists ready to leave Auckland Airport



**Gordon Jones and Robert Hurrell enjoy the black sand of New Zealand**

success, hard luck, and just plain guts it isn't right to single people out, but two outstanding competitors not only on the beach but in spirit of lifespan development I have to mention Gordo and Snooze well done fellows, you kept the traditions alive.

We had some spare time and did the tourist thing, and everyone participated. Surfing trips to Hamilton, White Water Rafting at Rotorua, The Mario Village, Glow Worm Caves and Denise caught up with friends from twenty five years ago a great time.

Highlights of the Tour: Gordo - Plenty of green in those lights Slimbo.

I would like to thank all those team members it was a great tour. Well done Trevor on your World Silver Medal, to the club members who supported the team at the club B.B.Q's Fund-Raising thanks people. Also last but not least to Club Treasurer Ross Allen for his support and guidance whilst organising this trip.

Thanks Mate, Slim Peebles - Manager

## Ski Report

The season started with Phil Gee, Matt Mitchell and Matt Parker from the Club, all competing in the Hawkesbury River Classic, and winning their respective divisions.

As we moved into the carnivals later down the track there were some good results. In particular from our junior paddlers, Dayman Foley and Sean MacGugan at both local and Sydney carnivals.



**Sean MacGugan and Dayman Foley**

Our Senior paddlers didn't start racing until the Branch, where Richard Brierty, Matt Mitchell and Brad Harvey raced in the final. Richard paddled a good race finishing second, then teamed with Brad Harvey to come second in the double ski. Richard Brierty, Matt Mitchell and Brad Harvey also won the Ski Relay.

Junior results at the Branch were Dayman Foley winning the single ski, teaming with Paul Bailey to get second in the double ski, and those two teamed with Robert Hurrell to finish third in the Junior Ski Relay. Another great result was Dayman Foley winning the Junior Beach Flags.

The State Titles were a fun weekend away with some good surf. The highlight for the ski paddlers was Sean MacGugan and Dayman Foley finishing third in the Junior Double Ski after leading all the way, only to get the bad end of the wave crossing the finishing line. Congratulations on the third boys.

In the Seniors Brad Harvey and Matt Mitchell made the semi final of the double ski.

The Australian Titles were a great time away, no results on the skis but a good time was had by all.

In finishing, hopefully the coming season will be a good one for the ski paddlers. For anyone interested in paddling please turn up at 9.30am on a Sunday morning at the Surf Club.

Thanks to all the paddlers for a fun season, and congratulations to all the board, boat and swimming competitors for your great results throughout the season.

Matt Mitchell  
Ski Captain

## Gym Committee

The gym is going well with our new help we have on Monday and Tuesday. Brett has been painting the weights and keeping the gym clean and doing some running repairs.

Thanks to Mick Foley for donating some of his old weights to replace some of the ones we had stolen.

Thanks to Greg and Dan Mitchell for clean ups, trips to the dump and repairs to boxes and Belinda Myott for rosters and notices for clean ups.

Any old weights or equipment would be greatly appreciated.

Don't smoke, keep fit and I'll see you in the surf.

John Mitchell



**Some of our members at Club Championships. None are under suspicion for the stolen weights**

## I.R.B. Report

Well another year and the I.R.B. section just keeps going forward. Two old motors were sold thanks to Stuart Paterson and two replacements were bought for patrol duties. Five members gained their I.R.B. Drivers this season, two members who have been involved in past seasons (Murray Braund and Paul Lynch) and three reasonably new members (Dave Babbage, Geoff Barnes, and Ross Whitten) who are the future of the club.

Dave Babbage took over halfway through the season as my Vice Captain and did a fantastic job (he will be nominating for I.R.B. Captain this coming season) repairing anything that went wrong. As the season was ending Dave and Geoff were training six to eight members for their I.R.B. Drivers, so patrol strengths should be good next season.

This year the Don Hoban Memorial Carnival was resurrected by Larry Thorncroft, thanks mate. It was a masters carnival and it went great in its inaugural year and is on the calendar next season, Sunday afternoon, long week-end October, come along and watch the 'Old Farts' enjoy themselves.

It has been an enjoyable year and I would like to thank the Management Committee and Members for their support through-out the season. I will not be seeking re-election next season as there a couple of young enthusiastic blokes willing to do the job. Thanks again one and all, and see you on the beach.

Slim Peebles  
I.R.B. Captain

## Report on First Aid Room/Stock and Supplies

A recent check of the first aid room revealed that club has ample supplies of first aid equipment to enter the 1998-99 season. Patrol Captains and first aid officers should if possible write the date/name/address/injury/and treatment provided to persons treated at our beach. First aid bed to be kept clean at all times.

I have forwarded a letter to Parke Davis Pty Ltd at Caringbah Manufacturers of Stingose advising of our "Avoca Blue" treatment for Blue Bottle sting, who knows we may get some "freebies".



IRB on patrol crewed by Dave Babbage and Ross Whitten



Larry Thorncroft provides the thrill

## Mobile Services Report

All of our trailers are now fully registered and showing registration labels and number plates. It would be appreciated if all club members towing trailers check the rego/plates, if necessary notify Peter Battye or Ross Allan so that we remain legal.

## Board Report 1997/98

Avoca's board team during the 1997-98 season reinforced itself as one of the most superior board teams in the state. There wasn't a carnival that went by where an Avoca competitor or team wasn't in the top three positions in either a board, board rescue, board relay or ironman race.

It seemed so long ago (June '97) that the pre-season started with some relaxed mal-surfs and get togethers. It was also at this very early stage of the season that the 'vibe' was strong for a very competitive season. After three years of travelling the world Nigel Tebb returned keen for a paddle (rumour has it he was training on an Austman ice-glacier in -30°C temperatures) Niges' return also coincided with some emergence of some extremely talented U/16's and juniors along with the formation of the Coaching Advisory Panel and a rekindled club spirit.

With training and competition in full swing, early season results typified the hard work being done by all. As a club there were branch and state representatives, numerous branch medals, state medals, a world silver and an Aussie gold!



Our Open Board Relay team  
Nigel Tebb, Jackson English and Trevor Gee

In the cadets, highlights were aplenty! CHRIS PARKER won gold in the U/16 AUSTRALIAN IRONMAN CHAMPIONSHIP. As the season progressed it was great to see Chris improve to the point of being an Aussie champ. His victory was so decisive, it was great to see such a humble young man who has the future and patience in elite lifesaving take the gold medal. Chris, was also a member of the Central Coast Branch Team placed 3rd in the Central Coast Board and Ski series, won the U/16 State board relay, 4th State Board and 5th Australian board races. Well done 'Parkes'.

Daniel 'George' Shade also had an excellent season, he was a member of the Central Coast and State representative teams, won the U/16 Board and Ski series, branch board and ironman, three state gold medals (board, board relay and swim teams) one silver (ironman) and two interstate medals. Daniel also has an excellent future in lifesaving and it won't be long until he's mixing it in open elite competition.

Other excellent performances in the U/16's were Brett 'Clarkes' Clarke teaming up with Chris and Daniel for the U/16 Board relay gold and the 4th placing to Danny McClelland and Mitch Guest in the U/16 Board Rescue at state championship.

The U/18's saw the emergence of Trent 'Faggy' McLuckie and Matt McLeod as two excellent paddlers. Trent and Matt both made the state U/18 Board final and placed 2nd in the U/18 Board Rescue. These results showed how good the guys are and who knows how well they'll go when they decide to train properly?

In the Open Board events it is hard to go past Trevor Gees performances for sheer excellence. Trev was 2nd in the board and ski series, won the Board, Board Rescue and Ironman at the Branch Championships, made the Aussie Board final and to top it all off is the World Championship silver medallist and State Open Board Champion.

Trev was also a member of the Central Coast Branch team (9th year in a row), he now has medals at Branch, State, Australian and World events which puts him as one of the most respected paddlers in Australia (Well done Trev).

After three years of travelling Nigel Tebbs return to the board arena as also outstanding. Nige was captain of the

Branch team, 5th at the State Titles and a World Board finalist. Unfortunately a few work commitments slowed Nige down at the major end of the season and we all hope your competitive urges get you back on the board before the next "overseas" jaunt.

Other competitors to round off the large squad were myself (Jackson English) who just missed qualifying for the State and Aussie finals, Robbo Hurrell, after a promising first half of the season, Robbo's job and what he found out to be scoliosis slowed him down (along with his Brand new mal being repaired for dings every fortnight). There were also our masters competitors Dave Broadbent and Jenny Lunch and Jimmy Mac along with Adam Bailey, Gordon Jones and our new competitor Leona Klyma. Some nipper/cadets to rise to the occasion were Darren 'Dasher' Clarke, Luke Andonopolous (I hope that's it!) and Daniel Small who are keen to continue paddling. There were also our two girl competitions Carly and Cassie who occasionally paddled. [Don't worry about the knockers girls, you don't even see them paddling .....] Mustn't forget also Gary Gee who paddled all season.

For all the highlights, the two major lowlights of the season were the disqualifications of Chris Parker and Daniel Shade from the U/16 State Board Rescue and Trev, Nige and Jacko from the Aussie Relay final. The disqualifications were very disheartening.

Big thankyou's to Nige for his training programmes and advice all season (top quality training methods produce excellent results). Also thanks to Jimmy Mac, Spike, Brian Parker and Garry Clarke for trying to juggle/manage us all along with the taxi drivers (cadet parents) in getting everyone to training on time.

Thanks also to the management and executive committees along with the ladies auxiliary in helping pay for boards, ding repairs and clothing. (Any sponsor willing to help fund such a successful team, PLEASE!!) 97-98 certainly had it all and if you want to join the rollercoaster ride that will be happening in 98-99 its never too late to jump on.

CHEERS ALL

Jackson

PS. All the best to (Damien Benson and Emma McIntosh) chasing new dreams on the North Coast and thanks to the Babbages for towing the gear trailer to the Aussies.



Our U/18 Board Relay team Trent McLuckie, Robert Hurrell and Matt McLeod



Our U/16 Board Relay team, State Champions Daniel Shade, Chris Parker and Brett Clarke



## Chief Instructor's Report

First and foremost I would like to thank all my Assistant Instructors for their efforts during the 97-98 season, without your help we would not have as many new faces around the club as we do today.

As mentioned the past season has been good to Avoca, we have managed to gain quite a few enthusiastic new members, some of whom have gained three awards already, completed their patrol obligations and were always first on the line for Sunday morning events.

Two of these new members were a major part in the rescue of the year, two weeks after successfully completing their A.R.C., they were training for their I.R.B. licence at the time of the incident, when they were called to an unconscious patient in the water around the rocks.

Their training, and the excellent teamwork of all the patrol members gave the patient a fighting chance for survival, and they are all a credit to themselves and Avoca Surf Club. Well done!!

A special mention also to our District Inspector Jim Myers, without Jim's time and patience we would not have the award numbers that we have managed to gain this season.

In closing if anyone is interested in gaining their Training Officers Certificate, do not hesitate in coming forward.

See you all next season.

Brad Gee  
Chief Instructor

Assistant Instructors - Grant Smith, Dave Babbage, Spike Jones, Damien Benson, Belinda Myott, Garry Clarke, Paul Kendal.

## Ladies Auxiliary Report 1997/98

After an absence of some 18 years in an office bearing position, I have surprised myself by having to write this report once again.

The season got us off to an excellent start with our 10th Anniversary Arts and Crafts Festival. Once again it was a great success raising approx. \$6,000.00. But, on a sadder note it also saw the retirement of its driving force, Neil Robinson, who has been there since the inception in 1988. Neil assisted by Lola will be greatly missed by us all.



Jan Gee presents President Wayne with a small cheque from the ladies

Another big achievement for the season was our Cadet Board Sponsorship donation of \$2,500.00, on a 50/50 basis with parents. It proved to be a great success with many of the young members picking up State and Australian medals this year. We know it was appreciated and we look forward to continuing the support next season. We know the boards will be well looked after and it gives us a good feeling seeing "Ladies Auxiliary Sponsorship" being displayed on them.

Social functions held for the season included our Christmas Party held at the Terrace Cafe, Laycock Theatre Party to see 'Leader of the Pack', Bus trip to Morpeth Jazz Festival, but the highlight of the social calendar was undoubtedly the 'Thank-you Garden Party' held for Neil and Lola in appreciation for their contribution to fund raising over the 10 years of the Arts and Crafts Festival. A large photograph of Avoca Beach taken by Graham Love was presented to them on the day. A great day and night was had by all.

Members assisted with help when required at all Surf Club functions particularly the Pasta night prior to Branch Championships. We would like to think that the good food must have helped, as we brought the trophy home after an absence of a couple of years.

We would like to thank all our donors for the year including those who gave to our Mini Fete, for without their help our functions would not have been so successful. To the Senior Club a big "Thank-you" for the Luncheon of Appreciation, it was superb as were the flowers on Presentation Night. Who knows we may even work harder next season. A cheque for \$4,000.00 was handed over to the Senior Club.

We have enjoyed a very good money making season, and the friendship and co-operation that exists amongst the ladies makes it all worthwhile. If you know of anyone who would like to join us, just tell them that they are not too "young or old to join the blue, green and gold."

On conclusion, I would like to thank everyone for their effort during the season, in particular our president, Jan Gee, who is just so organised that we all have to follow suit. Lets face it we would not be game to do otherwise. Jan has attended most Senior Club Meetings so that the liaison between us both has been a great success this year.

Hon. Secretary - Cecely Norman



Some of our hard working ladies at the Presentation Night

## Audit Report

To the Members of:-

**Avoca Beach Surf Life Saving Club Inc.**

I have checked the books of Avoca Beach Surf Life Saving Club Inc. to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the accounts are free of material misstatement.

When accounting for income in the Financial Statements of the incorporation I have only recorded income as it banked not on an accrual accounting basis. Due to this limitation the Financial Statement prepared only accounts for income that has been banked prior to the 30th April, 1998.

I report that I am satisfied that proper accounting records were maintained at Avoca Beach Surf Life Saving Club Inc. during the year.

In my opinion, the attached financial statements represent a true record of the financial transactions in the Avoca Beach Surf Life Saving Club Inc. books of accounts for the year ended 30th April 1998.

## Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to report, the club managed to complete the season without having to touch our I.B.D's, as was the case the previous year. We have finished the year with money in the Bank and all accounts paid and in order.

The sponsorship committee, with the limited time each of the committee members has available, have worked very hard in negotiations with consultants to set up a long term sponsorship arrangement. Due to many reasons, all of which were out of our control during the year, no arrangements have been forthcoming. This has been a most frustrating and time consuming period for the sponsorship committee.

Members, please be aware, we are still negotiating arrangements with consultants. However, if any members have a positive lead with a "worthwhile" prospect, please let Grub know.

The door knock this year was again a great success raising in excess of \$8,000. Over the past 3 years we have raised \$22,500 from the door knock. A big thank you to those who helped me put it together.

On a sad personal note, I will not be in a position to stand as your Treasurer. Due to demanding and growing business commitments as well as another 3 years of study and exams I simply do not have the time available to do the Treasurer's job. It is a position that requires a lot of time to do ALL functions properly, time I unfortunately don't have now. I will be happy to instruct the incoming Treasurer on the door knock, marketing and managing arrangements. However a special thanks to the ladies Aux, Mike Riley Solicitors, The Residents and Shop proprietors of Avoca Beach, George Brand Real Estate, Mike Hunter, Ray White Real Estate and Avoca Pharmacy. Thank you all.

Yours in Life Saving,  
Ross Allan  
Hon. Treasurer

## Balance Sheet

For the year ended 30th April, 1998

Members Funds On Hand

Cash on Hand . . . . .	1997/98	1996/97
General Account . . . . .	\$ 350.00	\$ 180.00
Junior Account . . . . .	\$ ---	\$ ---
Ladies Auxiliary . . . . .	\$ ---	\$ ---
Social Account . . . . .	\$ ---	\$ 391.00

Cash At Bank

General Account . . . . .	\$ 8,043.81	\$ 2,710.86
Junior Account . . . . .	\$ 2,365.05	\$ 2,368.41
Ladies Auxiliary . . . . .	\$ 6,011.62	\$ 2,385.83
Social Account . . . . .	\$ ---	\$ 2,240.45
Term Deposits . . . . .	\$ ---	\$ ---
<b>General Account . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 13,505.67</b>	<b>\$ 11,472.18</b>
Junior Account . . . . .	\$ ---	---
Ladies Auxiliary . . . . .	\$ ---	---
Social Account . . . . .	\$ ---	---
<b>Totals . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 30,276.15</b>	<b>\$ 21,748.73</b>

## Surplus and Deficit Account

For the year ended 30th April, 1998

Operating Surplus/ Deficit for the year . . . . .	\$ 8,527.42
Accumulated Surplus/ Deficit . . . . .	\$ 21,748.73
Accumulated Surplus/ Deficit carried forward . . . . .	\$ 30,276.15

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## General Account

Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 30th April, 1998

	<b>1997/98</b>	<b>1996/97</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Members Fees .....	\$ 7,164.50	\$ 5,840.00
Boat Fundraising .....	\$ 572.75	\$ 3,333.20
Boat Sponsorship .....	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 230.50
Carnival Prizemoney .....	\$ 3,002.00	\$ 2,800.00
Clothing Income .....	\$ ---	\$ 120.00
Donations and Grants .....	\$ 10,034.25	\$ 10,716.00
General Fundraising .....	\$ 7,979.81	\$ 6,056.75
Door Knock Appeal .....	\$ 7,423.80	\$ 8,957.98
Hall Hire .....	\$ 4,470.00	\$ 4,450.00
Ski Fundraising .....	\$ 360.00	\$ 2,450.00
Ski Sponsorship .....	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Board Fundraising .....	\$ 2,756.45	\$ 3,044.20
Board Sponsorship .....	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
State Australian Fundraising .....	\$ ---	\$ 1,268.00
Board Of Examiners .....	\$ ---	\$ 367.00
I.B.D Bank Interest .....	\$ 18.54	\$ 9.83
Gym Fundraising .....	\$ ---	\$ 67.75
Manuals .....	\$ ---	\$ 90.00
Sundries .....	\$ ---	\$ 432.65
Transfer from Accounts .....	\$ ---	\$ 5,800.00
Funny Money Nights .....	\$ ---	\$ 1,200.00
IRB Fundraising .....	\$ 2,470.00	\$ 500.00
Ladies Auxiliary Sponsorship .....	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
State/Aust Accommodation .....	\$ ---	\$ 100.00
Sports Grants .....	\$ ---	\$ 2,000.00
Bourke Trip .....	\$ ---	\$ 7,526.00
Carnival Entries .....	\$ ---	\$ 3,303.50
Bar Income .....	\$ 8,646.00	\$ ---
License Refund .....	\$ 389.04	\$ ---
Building Donations .....	\$ 10,000.00	\$ ---
Insurance Claims .....	\$ 4,704.40	\$ ---
World Team Fundraising .....	\$ 10,577.90	\$ ---
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 96,069.44</b>	<b>\$ 72,323.36</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Administration .....	\$ 1,960.00	\$ 1,245.00
Branch Expenses .....	\$ 2,624.75	\$ 1,844.50
Bank Charges .....	\$ 89.76	\$ 278.12
Board Purchases/Repairs .....	\$ 10,292.50	\$ 6,183.50
Boat Purchases/Repairs .....	\$ 7,298.45	\$ 6,739.00
Bourke Trip Expenses .....	\$ ---	\$ 7,526.00
Clothing Purchases .....	\$ 5,396.50	\$ 5,452.60
Club Cleaning Expenses .....	\$ 3,405.48	\$ 3,667.46
Club Maintenance .....	\$ 837.50	\$ 1,254.77
Clubhouse Improvements .....	\$ 540.65	\$ 2,242.30
Clubhouse Supplies .....	\$ 6,094.04	\$ 3,185.76
Fundraising Expenses .....	\$ 2,726.20	\$ 4,110.31
Gas .....	\$ 1,331.60	\$ 1,020.30
Gym Expenses .....	\$ ---	\$ 183.80
Insurance .....	\$ 2,840.00	\$ 1,527.44
IRB Purchase/Repairs .....	\$ 6,779.05	\$ 9,087.71
Manuals/Awards .....	\$ 2,303.85	\$ 1,197.15
Presentation Night Expense .....	\$ 2,278.55	\$ 864.00
Printing and Stationary .....	\$ 534.55	\$ 4,103.76
Rescue Equipment Purchases .....	\$ 4,304.00	\$ 4,133.68
Ski Purchases/Repairs .....	\$ 7,780.00	\$ 8,689.24
Sports Grants .....	\$ ---	\$ 893.00
Standard Carnival Entries .....	\$ 2,484.64	\$ 1,891.00
State/Aust Accommodation .....	\$ ---	\$ 2,736.00
State/Aust Entries .....	\$ 4,278.32	\$ 5,158.35
Sundry Payments .....	\$ 2,453.63	\$ 6,619.85
Telecom .....	\$ 1,206.75	\$ 729.65
Power .....	\$ 3,239.98	\$ 2,950.75
Bar Expenses .....	\$ 3,707.55	\$ ---
World Team Expenses .....	\$ 10,577.40	\$ ---
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 97,465.70</b>	<b>\$ 95,515.00</b>

## Summary of General Account

Opening Balance .....	\$ 9,440.07
IBD Transfers .....	\$ ---
Income .....	\$ 96,069.44
Expenditure .....	\$ 97,465.70
<b>Balance .....</b>	<b>\$ 8,043.81</b>

### Ladies Auxiliary

#### Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 30th April, 1998

Income	1997/98	1996/97	Expenditure	1997/98	1996/97
Donations .....	\$ 2,201.10	\$ 213.00	Arts and Crafts .....	\$ 4,316.59	\$ 1,225.15
Carnivals .....	\$ ---	\$ 390.00	Lamingtons .....	\$ 1,145.00	\$ 750.00
Shirts .....	\$ 67.00	\$ 208.00	Senior Club .....	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Lamingtons/BBQ ..	\$ 2,187.19	\$ 1,539.86	Clubhouse .....	\$ 318.75	\$ 1,760.00
Arts and Crafts ....	\$ 7,873.25	\$ 4,541.05	Shirts .....	\$ ---	\$ 793.50
Subscriptions .....	\$ 240.00	\$ 110.00	Cash Float .....	\$ 750.00	\$ 313.09
Interest .....	\$ 103.42	\$ 208.57	Carnivals .....	\$ ---	\$ 2,350.00
Float .....	\$ 121.50	\$ ---	Bus Trip/Social .....	\$ 1,245.50	\$ 475.00
Social .....	\$ 1,389.75	\$ ---	Mini Fete/BBQ .....	\$ 521.65	\$ ---
Mini Fete .....	\$ ---	\$ ---	Bank Charges .....	\$ 123.38	\$ 57.97
Club House Equipment	\$ 100.00	\$ ---			
Sundries .....	\$ 235.45	\$ ---			
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$14,518.66</b>	<b>\$7,210.48</b>	<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$10,920.87</b>	<b>\$12,224.71</b>
			Net Surplus/Deficit .....	\$ 3,597.79	-\$ 5,014.23
			Add- Opening cash at bank	\$ 2,413.83	\$ 7,400.06
			Add- Opening cash on Hand	\$ ---	\$ 28.00
			Total .....	\$ 6,011.62	\$ 2,413.83
			Less Club Disbursements ..	\$ ---	\$ ---
			<b>Closing Balance .....</b>	<b>\$ 6,011.62</b>	<b>\$ 2,413.83</b>

### Junior Activities Account

#### Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 30th April, 1998

Income	1997/98	1996/97	Expenditure	1997/98	1996/97
Registrations .....	\$ 7,710.00	\$ 7,030.00	Registrations .....	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 2,061.00
T-Shirts .....	\$ ---	\$ 157.00	Awards .....		\$ 618.55
Cap sales .....	\$ ---	\$ 1,085.00	Equipment .....	\$ 6,094.00	\$ 4,298.64
Rash Vests .....	\$ ---	\$ 1,180.00	Fundraising .....		\$ 1,706.20
Fundraising .....	\$12,749.65	\$ 8,133.40	Carnival costs .....	\$ 7,989.00	\$ 2,436.00
Carnivals .....	\$ ---	\$ 1,356.95	Uniforms .....		\$ 5,840.50
Sun Shelter sales ..	\$ ---	\$ 550.00	Clothing .....	\$11,124.00	\$ 6,843.50
Donations/Sponsorships	\$ 6,997.00	\$ 3,896.00	Presentation .....	\$ 6,665.89	\$ 5,770.55
Clothing .....	\$ 9,884.60	\$ 4,307.35	Postage/Stationary .....	\$ 63.58	\$ 47.75
Sundries .....	\$ 781.90	\$ 3,331.08	Bank Charges .....	\$ 106.13	\$ 86.08
State Uniform Levy ..	\$ 2,403.50	\$ ---	Sundries .....	\$ 969.80	\$ 2,207.31
Levy Refund - Branch	\$ 293.12	\$ ---	BBQ Expenses .....	\$ 3,125.73	\$ ---
			Subsidy Aust Titles .....	\$ 400.00	\$ ---
			Interbranch Team Levy ....	\$ 1,170.00	\$ ---
			Refund Fees - Senior Club ..	\$ 325.00	\$ ---
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>\$ 40,819.77</b>	<b>\$31,026.78</b>	<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>\$ 40,933.13</b>	<b>\$ 31,916.08</b>
			Net Surplus/Deficit .....	\$ -113.36	\$ -889.30
			Opening Balance .....	\$ 2,478.41	\$ -1,742.29
			Income .....	\$40,819.77	\$ 31,026.78
			Expenditure .....	\$40,933.13	\$ 31,916.08
			IBD Drawdown .....	\$ ---	\$ 5,000.00
			<b>Closing Balance .....</b>	<b>\$2,365.05</b>	<b>\$2,368.41</b>

### IBD Balances as at 30/4/98

IBD No1 .....	\$ 1,502.57
IBD No2 .....	\$ 6,605.50
IBD No3 .....	\$ 5,397.60
<b>Total of IBD Accounts .....</b>	<b>\$13,505.67</b>

Avoca Beach Surf Life Saving Club 1997-1998

# HISTORY OF AVOCA BEACH SLSC LADIES AUXILIARY

## 1929 - 1998

This is a glossary only, of the history of our Surf Club's Ladies Auxiliary. In the absence of written records before 1946, much of the early information has come via the good memories and photographs of our local senior citizens, and we thank them sincerely for their valuable contributions. If you have been mistaken, misrepresented or just plain missed, then apologies are extended.

A little poetic licence here... "Behind every good surf club, there's a good ladies auxiliary", and this is especially so at Avoca, where the ladies have supported the Surf Life Saving Club since its very inception in 1929. On Sunday, 30th December 1928, tragedy overtook the small villages of Avoca Beach and Kincumber, with the drowning of two young local girls, Elsie Bowcock and Beryl West, at Avoca. It spurred the whole community to action - their goal being the establishment of a surf life saving club to safeguard our beach. The formation of our club in 1929 is well documented in our 50th Anniversary book, "Why ... and Later". Read it - its great!!

Setting up the club was one thing, raising funds was another. Everyone worked at making money, and the first joint effort of the ladies and men was our inaugural surf carnival, held on New Years Day, 1930. It was officially opened by Mr. Cecil Cook, son of Sir Joseph Cook, and firmly established New Years Day as Avoca's carnival day for the next almost 50 years.

This first surf carnival differed somewhat from the surf carnivals that we know today. It included not only beach and water events, but also wood-chopping, horse racing on the sand, childrens races and picnics up on the grass. It was a true family fun day, and set the pattern for many years to come. Another tradition also begun on that day, and carried through to the late '80s, was that of the Ladies Auxiliary serving afternoon tea to all carnival competitors and officials. We still perform this service on our special occasions, and also for the Central Coast Branch when requested.

With the money raised during those first years, and the voluntary labour of the village, the construction of our first clubhouse took the home of Ken Ross, Helen Walter's father, and now the home of Joan and Ken

Couchman. The official opening was performed by Mr. Ted Humphrey, Councillor of the then Erina Shire, now Gosford City.

In the very early years, the main ladies behind the fund raising were: Mrs. Alice Ives and daughter Laura, (Mrs. Laura Pickett), Mrs. Lillian Heazlett (who became our first Ladies Auxiliary President), Mrs. Vida Miller, and the Misses Ethel and Vida Waddell. This small band of ladies, with their families and supporters, raised money in various ways - fetes, cake stalls, raffles, cards and social evenings -right up to and then beyond the war years of 1939-1945. Avoca Beach Guest House, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Heazlett, was the social centre of the village, and a great venue for fund raising. Many well-to-do people travelled quite long distances to stay at the elite Guest House, and generously supported the surf club.

Mrs. Lillian Heazlett, wife of the club President Mr. James Heazlett, launched the club's first surf boat, "Surf Queen" in 1935-36 season, and it was a very proud moment for the club. Mrs. Laura Pickett launched the second "Surf Queen" many years later, but still recalls that the champagne bottle just wouldn't break, and finally had to uncork it and pour the contents over the boat. (Yes, the crew managed a few mouthfuls).

Post war years saw the original ladies joined by a further group of enthusiasts - Mesdames Maloney, Bellamy, Barker, Lindsay, Cahill, Parsons, White, Gallard, Honderdors, Whiting, Hunter, Thompson, Agnew Bryants, Picketts and Allens, their families and their friends. They worked unceasingly for the surf club, and we owe a very great deal to these ladies. They were the real forerunners of our Ladies Auxiliary as we know it today.

From 1941 to 1957, during the years that Dick and Laura Pickett owned the Post Office, they played a big part in recruiting members for the surf club. Dick firmly believed that we needed the girls on the beach, that after the lean war years, the boys just would not come without them. How right he was!!!! And so ....

Our official Ladies Auxiliary was launched in 1946, with Mrs. Lillian Heazlett becoming our first President. (Subsequent Presidents listed at the end of this report)



Carnival Day, 1930. (Opened by C. Cook)



Carnival event, wood-chopping

# HISTORY OF AVOCA BEACH SLSC LADIES AUXILIARY

## 1929 - 1998 cont

We were now not just a fund raising body, but a strong competition force as well. Our membership was almost 40, and some names readily to hand include the three Albert girls, Roma, Yvonne McCormac, Shirley Moyes, Sylvia Gallard, Val Poole, Pat (Toosie) Norman, the three Haezler girls Gladys, Marie and Anne. Space does not allow a complete listing, but they were a group of enthusiastic and very successful competitors. During the early '50s, we travelled by bus to carnivals in Sydney, Coalcliff, Thirroul and Wollongong, and competed in all the standard events, plus a few novelty extras -crazy R & R, surf-o-plane, round-the-stick, wheelbarrow race-etc. While Captain in 1958, Joyce Harpur won the Ladies Australian Pillow Fight Championship, and won a headache, too!

In the early '60s, we travelled to Manly to take part in the filming of the movie "Women of the World". Mouth to mouth resuscitation was rather new, and since the macho Manly life savers were assisting us with our R & R, there was fierce jockeying among us to be the lucky patient! [No, can't remember who won.]

Our own home carnivals were very hectic. As well as everyone competing, we had to sell raffle tickets, organise afternoon tea, and conduct the annual "Miss Beach Girl" Competition. This was very popular, with no shortage of help from the fellas then. Our Auxiliary was one of the strongest and most successful within the C. C. Branch, and our executives were often invited to other clubs on the coast, to assist in the structure and setting up of their auxiliaries. Six active Auxiliaries at the time were Ocean Beach, MacMasters, Killcare, Terrigal, The Entrance and Avoca, and we competed right through to 1970, when Ladies Carnivals were abandoned.

Our fund-raising was constant, and for many years our Annual Fete was the major event. It was held at the Avoca Oval during the mid '50s, and as well as the usual attractions, there was a tug-o-war, a "Greaspole-pillow-fight" and one year only, a "Catch-the-greasy-pig" chase. [Animal lovers prevented any repetition of this event]. The fete later made a successful transfer to the clubhouse up until 1987, when it was superseded by our Arts and Crafts

Festival in October of that year. We appreciate the strong support of all our members for this event, and would like to pay special tribute to Neil and Lola Robinson for their 10 years of dedication to the Festival.

We are very proud of our long record of dedication to the Surf Club, spanning almost 70 years. Many of our current members have been associated with the Auxiliary for more than 30 years, and two in particular with the long unbroken memberships, are Joyce Harpur 46 years and Cecely Norman 44 years.

All the money raised has gone toward the betterment of Life Saving by way of vital equipment, club house maintenance and repairs, team members and the fostering of our Cadets. Although financial records are not available for the first 16 years, our contribution to the Surf Club since 1946 is almost \$100,000. Well done Ladies!!

### PRESIDENTS

1946-53 Lillian Heaslett  
 1953-54 Alice May  
 1954-56 Jean Perry  
 1956-57 Joyce Harpur  
 1957-58 Yvonne May  
 1958-60 Laura Pickett  
 1960-73 Joyce Harpur  
 1973-79 Amy Britten  
 1979-87 Helen Walters  
 1987-88 Norma Love  
 1988-89 Robyn Tinker  
 1989-91 Helen Walters  
 1991-96 Jan Hoban  
 1996-98 Jan Gee

### LIFE MEMBERS

1972 Joyce Harpur  
 1974 Cecely Norman  
 1976 Amy Britten  
 1982 Dulcie McAtamney  
 1985 Helen Walters  
 1987 Rhonda Sainsbury  
 1987 Annette Cahill  
 1989 Norma Love  
 1989 Peggy Gee  
 1993 Nola Thompson  
 1996 Jan Hoban

We owe thanks and appreciation to all the secretaries, treasurers and committee members who have served under the above Presidents, and very sincere thanks to every Ladies Auxiliary member who has given her time and effort to our Surf Club. To the Surf Club itself, we offer our congratulations, and our continued support as ever, for the future.

By Joyce Harpur & Cecely Norman



1st Club House opened, 1931 (Mr Heazlett)



Christening 1st "Surf Queen" (Mrs Heazlett)

Avoca Beach Surf Life Saving Club 1997-1998



# Pen Pies 1997-1998

## Belinda Myott



Belinda lives at Avoca Beach, she is single and works as a Secretary at Gosford District Hospital. Belinda joined the club in the 1995-96 season and is one of a new class of competitors, that is women in surfboats. Womens surfboat competition started to gain momentum during the 1993-94 season. It was introduced at the Australian Titles the following year as an exhibition event and the next season given the status of a National Championship event. Belinda took up rowing immediately after joining the club and occupies the stroke seat, she has won 1 Branch Championship and 2 runner-up medals in her 3 seasons of rowing and is currently our most experienced woman rower. The highlight of Belinda's career to date was being a semi-finalist at this seasons N.S.W. State Titles, her ambition is to make an Australian Boat final and win it and to compete in The "Olympic" Surf Carnival to be held in the year 2000 and win that as well. Belinda does more than row boats, after gaining her bronze medallion she gained her Training Officers Certificate and this season was involved in Training Recruits, particularly the two needed to make up her boat crew for the season. Belinda was runner-up in this years Ladies Club Championship and enjoys ski paddling. Belinda is preparing for an overseas tour but will definitely return in time for the 1998-99 season.

## Chris Parker



Chris lives at Avoca Beach, he is single and attends school at Kincumber High. Chris is a graduate from our nipper ranks and our newest Australian Champion having won the U/16 Iron Man event at the recent Titles contested on Kurrawa Beach in Queensland. At age 15 he can already lay claim to being one of our most successful competitors having also won a Gold Medal at this seasons N.S.W. State Titles in the board relay and a grand total of 9 Gold Medals for N.S.W. State Titles throughout his nipper career. Chris was rewarded for his success during nippers by being named as Water Captain of the N.S.W. State Team for the 1996-97 season. It is obvious that Chris is a good swimmer but we can gauge just how fast he can swim when we look at the results of the Annual Rocks to Rocks swim from North Avoca to Avoca when he covered the distance in a new record time of 16 minutes and 36 seconds, results like this come from swim training in excess of 20 kilometres per week plus a couple of board sessions to finish off. Chris's favourite event is the iron man and it is no surprise that his ambition is to compete in the Uncle Toby's Super Series and he should certainly achieve that.

## Grant Smith



Grant lives at Green Point, he is married with 3 children and works for the Reserve Bank of Australia. Grant joined the club in the 1991-92 season and after gaining his Bronze Medallion continued on for his A.R.C. and Training Officers Certificate and was involved in the training of new recruits throughout last season. Grant is a current Patrol Captain and has the excellent record of having attained his 100% Patrol Attendance every year since joining the club. It was no surprise that he was a nomination for this seasons clubman of the year. Any club member who visits the beach on Sunday mornings will probably recognise Grant, as it is Grant who runs the Sunday morning handicap events. He turns up every Sunday morning with his handicaps worked out for the day and ensures that this important club activity is enjoyed by all who participate. Grants other club interests are swimming, board and ski paddling, with the ski paddling extending to marathon paddling having just completed his first marathon on Wyong River with an excellent "up front" finish. Grants ambition in the club is to train new recruits and promote his Sunday activities.

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## Dave Babbage



Dave lives at Saratoga, he is married with 2 children and runs his own Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Business. Dave is a former captain of the Gosford Sailing Club and was a regular sailor on Brisbane Waters until he joined the Avoca Nippers. He gained his bronze medallion,

A.R.C., Training Officers Certificate and I.R.B. Drivers Licence and was involved in training new recruits throughout the season and during the winter is training new I.R.B. Drivers. Dave is the clubs current recruit of the year, was a nomination for clubman of the year and was nominated by our club for Branch Volunteer of the Year. He is a current 100% Patrol Attendance member and spent much of his time during last summer in repairing motors and patching up "Rubber-Ducks". Dave improvised and redesigned parts to keep our well worn I.R.B.'s in as good an order as possible. When not repairing "Ducks" he was involved in the junior activities conducted every Sunday morning. Dave rates his current interest in the club as I.R.B.'s and his future ambition is to care for and maintain a new I.R.B. unit and become further involved with junior activities.

## Ted Poole



Ted certainly needs no introduction to long service members of the club but for the benefit of new members and our young members who see Ted as, "an important club person who attends major club functions and is a life member", unquote, we present this brief profile. Ted lives at

Avoca Beach, he is married with 3 children and is retired. He joined the club in the 1945-46 season and in 1950 gained his instructors certificate now known as a training officers certificate, he held the record for the most recruits trained in one season until it was broken in the 1960's. In 1954 Ted joined the Central Coast Board of Examiners and was only the second person in the history of the club to do so. For his service to his club he was granted life membership in 1979. And was also granted life membership for the Central Coast Branch. Throughout his time in the club Ted held the Offices of Treasurer, Chief Instructor and a Long Term Member of the Management Committee. He was a better than average board paddler, he was a beach sprinter and spent some time in boats. To most of us Ted is best known for his organisation of the clubs 50th year celebrations and the publication of the excellent book detailing the history of the club entitled "Why And Later". Ted was a founding member of the nipper movement on the Central Coast and the Senior Vice President who convened the meeting for the formation of the state nipper movement. The highlight of Ted's involvement with the club was assisting with rescue work in the 1956 Maitland Floods and the weekend visit to our club of Aboriginal Children from Kinchella and particularly the huge success of the 50th Year Celebrations. Ted is a proud life member of our club and a real historian, next time you see him have a talk, you will be interested.

## Kevin Bootle



Kevin lives at Forresters Beach, he is married with 3 children and 4 grandchildren and is a self employed Builder. Kevin joined the club in 1968 and although a champion board paddler Kevin's real love throughout the last 30 years and will be again next season is rowing

surfboats. He has won 10 Branch Surfboat Championships and has rowed in many State and Australian Finals winning one State Silver Medal in the open boat and a gold at National level in the Masters Division. When the Central Coast Branch was represented by "Composite" boat crews Kevin was the first rower chosen being considered as the best stroke on the Coast who also had marching ability. He toured the U.S.A. in 1977 as a surfboat competitor and won our clubs inaugural "Boat Competitor of the Year" in the 1990-91 season. Kevin's board paddling ability was as enviable as his rowing skills, winning 5 Branch Titles in board and board relay events and 3 silver medals and 1 bronze medal at State Level. Kevin has always been a great sportsman and club ambassador and is recognised throughout the State as a familiar face in surfboat competition.

# AVOCA BEACH JUNIOR EXECUTIVE 1997-1998

**President**  
**Vice President**  
**Secretary**  
**Treasurer**  
**Competition Secretary**  
**Registrar**  
**Assistant Secretary**

**GARRY CLARKE**  
**BRIAN PARKER**  
**DEBBIE RENDALL**  
**STEVE JELFS**  
**BRUCE INCOLL**  
**CHRIS BLAKEWAY**  
**FIONA RUTTER**

The 1997/98 season has been a year of development for both the senior and junior clubs. After our outstanding success of last season it was always going to be a difficult task to match but the club once again performed outstandingly. Once again we were the Branch Champions and on a State Level we were the second placed club outside the Sydney area, being placed 5th overall.

As with last year we were blessed with having a number of new families join the club and it was good to see them fit in so well.

Jeff Barnes continued on with his great organisation in the non-competitive age groups and was assisted each Sunday by a number of parents. The enthusiasm of these parents ensured that the kids enjoyed themselves. It is hoped that this involvement continues throughout the children's involvement in the Nipper movement.

One of the main aims, other than enjoyment, is to ensure that our children are aware of water safety and this year the majority of our Nippers achieved their awards. In particular I would like to congratulate Damien Benson, Dave Babbage and Spike Jones for coaching our Nippers in the Surf Life Saving Certificate.

Another outstanding aspect of the clubs involvement in Surf Life Saving has been the support of The Westfield Rookie Program by our members. This year we had a good response to the program with 31 Nippers involved.

Through the help and expert training of all Avoca's patrol members they learnt all aspects of keeping our beach safe. The Rookies were all fitted out in new patrol uniforms by the continued support of WESTFIELD.

One pleasing aspect from last season's program was that 12 out of the 14 Rookies progressed into the senior ranks and performed patrols.

Congratulations must go to this years Rookie of The Year, Joseph Sullivan. Joseph was a role model young surf lifesaver who also performed a successful rescue whilst on patrol. For his efforts he was nominated and accepted into The Hall of Fame. His photo is displayed at Tuggerah Shoppingtown.

A special thanks goes to all patrol captains and members for their continued involvement in helping the Rookies throughout the season.

The weather and surf conditions were once again favourable to us allowing us to run events most Sundays with only the 1 occasion where some events were transferred to the lake.

Beach officials Doug Giffin, Ros Allwood, Julie MacGugan, Michelle Bennett, Ann Clarke, Anita Jung and Penny Wright ensured smooth running of competition events while our Water Safety (too many to mention - but thanks) led by Steve Jung continued to provide a safe water environment for our nippers. Age managers were the backbone of the successful Sunday events and our outstanding carnival performances.



U/14 Age Champion and Nipper of the Year presented by Senior Life Member Andy Hoban



U/14 Age Champion and Nipperette of the Year Jasmine Cook presented by Jeff Thompson

In competition Avoca has had an exceptional year, winning all carnivals entered, except for State, where we achieved, where once again we produced tremendous results which could have been even better given a bit of luck and benefit of the doubt in some dubious decisions.

The first carnival of the season was held at The Lakes in difficult conditions, but as usual our nippers performed creditably. We won the overall pointscore and saw some glimpses of future champions. In the under 8's, competing at their first carnival, Mat Anderson, Brad Bennett, Carl Freeman & Jack Glanville picked up medals. U/9s saw the continuation of our sprint champions from the previous season with Mark Byrne, Mitchell Giffin, and Chris Oakes performing well. They were supported by a new runner in Elyse Foley. Three other girls in this age group also showed style with Jessica Johnson, Kimberley Baty and Brooke Thompson achieving medals. Our U/10 age group were not outdone with Nicholas Smith, Kristy Mazuran, Josh Coghlan, Sam Raftl, Ben Kirkman, Alexandra Jackman, Jessica Anderson, Brendon Schofield and Michael Tattoli all filling places. Jade Giffin started the season well in the U/11's and was matched by a new club member in Ashleigh Baty. Kurt Smith, Luke Eagan, Michael Byrne and Katie Atkinson were also prominent. In the U/12's our strength was evident with many getting a number of medals. Richard Watkinson, Mitch Incoll, Luke Bonnett, Adam Bennett, Ben Jackman, Reid Schofield, Danielle Realph, Brett Jelfs, Rikki Goodwin, Adam Morrow, and Tim Jung were all successful in this age group. The U/13's also had a strong start with Jade McDonald, a new member slotting straight into the medals. David Parker, Dylan Guest, Decian Shepherd, Nathan Atkinson completed a good carnival for this age group. There were a number of multiple medallists in this age group as well as some new performers. Nippers to do well included Darren Clarke, Paul MacGugan, Nathan Inwood, Luke Andonopoulos, Jasmine Cook and Daniel Small.

Copacabana was the setting for the second carnival and again Avoca was far and away the best performed club. Many of our competitors repeated or improved on their

previous carnival's performances. Some notable results included: - Luke Carmichael achieving his first medal in the U/8yrs. The under 9 dream team continuing their form. Kimberley Mara joining the other U/10s in the medals. Kurt Smith continuing his outstanding form and Chris Inwood, Kirri Hargreaves, Gareth Fletcher and Ashleigh Buncher joining the growing medallist. 12yrs continuing their dominance in the water thanks to Mitch, Richard, Danielle, Adam and Reid. Patrick Ivits returning to carnivals with vengeance to support an outstanding performance from David Parker. Jade achieving her goal of winning the swim. Matt Ahearn and Brook Morrow chipping in with medals. Darren Clarke returning to the Winners Dias with a number of wins and Nathan showing signs of things to come in the board. Of course there were many competitors who didn't win medals and their efforts were valued by the club.

Shelley saw the inclusion of a lot of competitors from Sydney and Newcastle Branches. This made for a very competitive carnival with Avoca just being edged out by State Champions Nth Cronulla. Some notable features of this carnival were: - Caitlin achieving 2nd place in U/8 girls sprint and the U/8 sprint relay continuing their good form. Elyse Foley with gold in the sprint. Josh Coughlan nearly taking out the beach double. Jade Giffin achieving the double. Brett Jelfs showing form on the beach. David Parker continuing his form and Alison Mara getting her first medal in the sprint. Board Relay in U/14s (Luke, Nathan and Darren) taking gold and Darren doing well in both the Swim and Iron Man. Our All Age Relay showing great form in winning gold (Nathan Inwood, Adam Buckley, Brett Jelfs, Luke Eagan, Sam Raftl, Mitchell Giffin and Matt Anderson).

Branch was also held at Shelley Beach and continuing our results from the past few years Avoca won the pointscore convincingly. This was despite many of our good swimmers being unavailable due to State stillwater. The results of these championships appear below.

State Titles at Thirroul completed a successful year for the club with over thirty competitors reaching finals and 17



U/13 Age Champion and Competitor of the Year  
David Parker



U/13 Age Champion, State Medallist and Recruit of  
the Year Jade McDonald

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achieving medals. Overall we were placed 5th with only one club Swansea, being a club from outside the Cronulla area to finish in front of us. Our All Age Relay were unlucky not to figure in the placings in the final event of the carnival. It is this result which reflects the rapid rise of the club as a force on the beach as well as in the water. Congratulations must go to all competitors who competed in very difficult surf and also to the parents, all of who were very supportive at these championships. A list of Medallists appears below.

This year has seen the departure of Damien Benson who has put in an immeasurable amount of time with our kids. Bensons coaching efforts were once again one of the main reasons for our childrens success. We wish him every success in his future endeavours.

Steve Inwood, Dave Regatteiri, Tracey Guest, Adam Portelli, and Steve Jelfs also put a lot of time into coaching our children and all deserve recognition and thanks for their efforts.

Our reputation as a club willing to work hard in raising funds for our nippers continued this season. Most parents helped out on B-B-Qs which raised most of the funds which helped us provide uniforms, new equipment and awards. Thanks to Colleen Parker for her efforts in this area. Bluey Bennett, Moose, Michelle and Rob Oakes have initiated a raffle at Avoca Hotel which has raised a lot of money for new club craft. Also Ron Langford for his kind donation of sunscreen from Elle Bache. Thanks for a great effort.

Our support from sponsors has enabled us to continue to provide opportunities for our children. I would like to thank Rat Apparel, Streets, Down The Line, Big Fresh and Avoca Bowling and Recreation Club for their support this season. I would also like to welcome the association of Avoca Beach Health/Sense Pharmacy on becoming involved with our club this season. We hope that we can continue our association with these groups and encourage you all to support them.

## Branch Championship Results

### Under 8 Yrs

Caitlin Eirth	2nd Sprint, 3rd Sprint Relay
Luke Carmichael	2nd Flags, 3rd Sprint Relay, 2nd Wade Relay
Brad Bennett	3rd Flags, 2nd Wade Relay
Matt Anderson	3rd Sprint Relay, 2nd Wade Relay
Jack Glanville	3rd Sprint Relay, 2nd Wade Relay

### Under 9 Yrs

Kimberley Baty	2nd Swim
Jessica Johnson	3rd Swim
Brooke Thompson	2nd Board
Elyse Foley	3rd Sprint, 1st Sprint Relay
Mitchell Giffin	1st Sprint Relay
Chris Oakes	1st Sprint Relay
Mark Byrne	1st Sprint Relay

### Under 10 Yrs

Katie Atkinson	2nd Board
Michael Byrne	1st Board, 1st Board Relay, 1st Sub Junior Cameron
Joshua Coughlan	3rd Sprint, 2nd Sprint Relay, 1st Sub Junior Cameron
Sam Raffl	2nd Sprint Relay
Ben Kirkman	2nd Sprint Relay, 1st Sub Junior Cameron
Blake Wagner	2nd Sprint Relay, 3rd Sub Junior Cameron
Michael Tattolli	1st Board Relay, 1st Sub Junior Cameron
Mitchell Bonnett	1st Board Relay
Kristy Mazuran	3rd Sub Junior Cameron
Brook Morrow	3rd Sub Junior Cameron
Jessi Pavlovich	3rd Sub Junior Cameron

### Under 11 Yrs

Ashleigh Baty	2nd Swim, 2nd Swim Team
Kurt Smith	3rd Swim, 2nd Iron Person, 2nd Swim Team



Beach Competitor of the Year  
Jade Giffin presented by Steve Jelfs



U/14 Year girls Jasmin Cook, Stephanie Hargreaves,  
Alicia Kirwin, Amanda Lewis.  
Front row: Emma Realph and Amanda Babbage

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Jade Giffin 1st Sprint, 1st Flags  
 Kirri Hargreaves 2nd Swim Team  
 Dale Langford 2nd Swim Team

## Under 12 Yrs

Richard Watkinson 1st Swim, 1st Iron Person,  
 1st Swim Team, 2nd Board Relay,  
 1st Junior Cameron,  
 1st Jun Board Rescue

Mitchell Incoll 1st Board, 2nd Iron Person,  
 1st Swim Team, 2nd Board Relay,  
 1st Junior Cameron,  
 1st Junior Board Rescue

Danielle Realph 3rd Swim, 1st Swim Team  
 Melissa Parker 3rd Board, 1st Swim Team  
 Brett Jelfs 3rd Sprint, 3rd Sprint Relay,  
 1st Junior Cameron

Nathan Jones 3rd Sprint Relay  
 Elyse Cook 3rd Sprint Relay  
 Laura Bartlett 3rd Sprint Relay  
 Adam Bennett 2nd Board Relay

## Under 13 Yrs

David Parker 2nd Swim, 1st Board,  
 1st Iron Person, 1st Swim Team

Jade McDonald 3rd Swim, 1st Swim Team  
 Dylan Guest 1st Swim Team  
 Nathan Atkinson 1st Swim Team, 1st Board Riding

## Under 14 Yrs

Darren Clarke 2nd Swim, 1st Iron Person,  
 2nd Swim Team,  
 2nd Board Relay,  
 3rd Board Riding,  
 3rd Senior Cameron Relay

Luke Andonopoulos 2nd Board, 2nd Swim Team,  
 2nd Board Relay,  
 3rd Senior Cameron Relay,  
 1st Senior Board Rescue

Amanda Babbage 2nd Swim Team  
 Paul Macgugan 2nd Swim Team,  
 1st Board Riding,  
 2nd Board Relay,  
 1st Senior Board Rescue

Dylan Buncher 2nd Board Riding  
 Jasmin Cook 3rd Senior Cameron Relay  
 Daniel Small 3rd Senior Cameron Relay

## Branch Representatives

Kurt Smith, Ashleigh Baty, Jade Giffin, Mitchell Incoll,  
 Brett Jelfs, Richard Watkinson, Patrick Ivits, David Parker,  
 Darren Clarke

## State Medal Winners

Matthew Anderson 3rd Wade Relay  
 Jack Glanville 3rd Wade Relay  
 Luke Carmichael 3rd Wade Relay  
 Brad Bennett 3rd Wade Relay  
 Elyse Foley 2nd Sprint Relay  
 Mark Byrne 2nd Sprint Relay  
 Chris Oakes 2nd Sprint Relay  
 Mitchell Giffin 2nd Sprint Relay  
 Kristy Mazuran 1st Surf Swim  
 David Parker 1st Board, 1st Board Relay,  
 2nd Swim Teams

Pat Ivits 1st Swim, Iron Man Board Relay,  
 2nd Swim Teams  
 Nathan Atkinson 1st Board Relay, 2nd Swim Teams  
 Jade McDonald 2nd Swim Teams  
 Nathan Inwood 3rd Board, 2nd Board Relay  
 Darren Clarke 2nd Board Relay  
 Paul MacGugan 1st Board Riding  
 Luke Andonopoulos 2nd Board Relay

## Age Champions

U/8 Yrs Girls Kaila Van Dam & Kaitlin Eirth  
 U/8 Yrs Boys Matthew Anderson  
 U/9 Yrs Girls Jessica Johnson  
 U/9 Yrs Boys Mark Byrne  
 U/10 Yrs Girls Katie Atkinson & Kristy Mazuran  
 U/10 Yrs Boys Sam Raffl  
 U/11 Yrs Girls Ashleigh Baty  
 U/11 Yrs Boys Kurt Smith  
 U/12 Yrs Girls Danielle Realph  
 U/12 Yrs Boys Richard Watkinson  
 U/13 Yrs Girls Jade McDonald  
 U/13 Yrs Boys David Parker  
 U/14 Yrs Girls Jasmin Cook  
 U/14 Yrs Boys Darren Clarke



Nathan Inwood, Darren Clarke and  
 Luke Andonopoulos



Mark Byrne, Mitchell Giffin, Chris Oakes  
 and Elyse Foley

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## Perpetual Trophies

Hills Supply  
MOST OUTSTANDING BOY  
Winner - David Parker

Michelle Dorrell Memorial Trophy  
MOST OUTSTANDING GIRL  
Winner - Jade Giffin

Jean Jones Memorial Trophy  
ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD - BOYS  
Winner - Sam Bouke

Bill And Grahams Butchery Trophy  
ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD - GIRLS  
Winner - Jessica Anderson

Clyde Hillsdon Memorial Trophies  
MOST IMPROVED SWIMMERS BOY & GIRL  
Winners - Reid Schofield & Kiri Hargreaves

Kincumber Swim School  
MOST IMPROVED BOARD PADDLER  
Winners - Mitchell Bonnet & Katie Atkinson

Molly Hoban Trophies  
RECRUITS OF THE YEAR - BOY & GIRL  
Winners - Luke Eagan And Jade McDonald

Melanie Thomson Memorial Trophy  
NIPPERETTE OF THE YEAR  
Winner - Jasmin Cook

Leanne McCauliffe Trophy  
NIPPER OF THE YEAR  
Winner - Darren Clarke

Howard Jones Memorial Shield  
Winners - Darren Clarke And Jasmin Cook

## Central Coast Branch Awards

U/14 Jones Family Iron Man

Darren Clarke

Senior Board Rescue

Paul MacGugan & Luke Andonopoulos

## Age Managers

- Under 7 Jeff Barnes & Greg Clarke
- Under 8 Gary McLuckie & Ross Whitton
- Under 9 Ray Rendall, Tracey Thompson & Pat Oakes
- Under 10 Helen Jackman & Peter Pavlovich
- Under 11 Julie Regattieri
- Under 12 Bruce & Lyn Incoll, Damien Benson, Emma McIntosh
- Under 13 Gavin Shepherd & Dave Regattieri
- Under 14 Sharon Kirwan & Greg Cook



U/14 Year boys Mathew Inwood, Paul MacGugan, Daniel Small, Tim Incoll Front Row: Dylan Buncher, Darren Clarke and Luke Andonopolous



Daniel McClelland, Mitchell Guest and Darren Clarke at the Senior State Titles at Mollymook



Brett Clarke, Daniel Shade, Mitchell Guest and Chris Parker after winning the U/16 State Surf Teams at Mollymook



# 1997/98 PRESIDENTS REPORT

The 1997/98 year has to go down as one of the most successful years for Avoca Beach S.L.S.C for a long time with the one word that summarises the year being Attitude.

The attitude of the members who patrolled Avoca beach for over 2960 voluntary hours rain, hail or shine, during which time they performed 291 rescues, 6 resuscitations, 743 preventative actions and 382 first aid cases.

The attitude of the senior members who took it on themselves to assist the new members and kids coming up through the nippers in the Rookie program.

The attitude of the competitors who trained with the younger competitors and made them feel part of the senior club, culminating in our best competitive year for a long time, winning the Branch Championships and finishing 5th in the State Championships. Outside of Chris Parker's great win in the U/16 Iron man our results at the Australian could have been better however, our team of over 80 competitors and supporters had a great time.

The attitude of the members who at the branch championships went in event after event to assist the club get the cup back, even if we made history by being disqualified for having too many people in the march past, you can't knock enthusiasm, we just had too many costumes in the bag.

The attitude of Brad Gee our chief instructor and his assistant instructors who spent time training squads, the attitude of Jim Myers our district supervisor for his working relationship with our club.

The attitude of the Junior section under the guidance of Garry Clarke and his committee who under difficult circumstances worked and controlled over 300 nippers and nipperettes. And more importantly their parents, as I believe it showed they really are teaching the junior members surf skills as well as ensuring they enjoy their Sunday mornings.

Most of all the attitude of the executive of Avoca Beach Surf Club who worked hard to ensure our management plan was adhered to and when problems arose dealt with them in the interest of the club.

Special thanks go to the companies that have supported us this year in various ways.

Avoca Pharmacy for their kind donation of \$5000 and Avoca Bowling club for the new tent, Michael Riley and Associates for their never ending support both financially and professionally, Avoca Chamber of Commerce for donating 50% of the profits from their ball to the club and many, many more companies who put their hands in their pockets to assist the running of our great club like Energy Australia and the Gosford Council, NSW Sport and Recreation for the \$10,000 grant towards the new deck, without their support we would not be started.

My personal thanks to Craig Kelly for the countless hours of work he has put into the patrols this year, the results are clearly obvious with the high standard of patrols and the quality of the rescues performed.

Congratulations to all the major award winners and to the people who received their first award with Avoca, I look forward to seeing you for many years to come.

One of the highlights of the year took place at the Presentation Night when 200 members were lucky enough to hear Grace Smith (West) the sister of one of the 2 girls who drowned back in 1928, we also heard from Laura and Helen Pickett wives of our foundation life members.

The feeling in the room could not be explained, however, some of the older and newer members had tears in their eyes and their hearts were pumping with pride as we all understood the history and the reason our club is so great.

This year Helen Walters will be retiring and I wish her well and from all the people who threw last minute things at her to be done thank you.

Finally let me say congratulations to the Ladies Auxiliary for the way they have maintained their enthusiasm and their continual financial support of the clubs Youth Development Program.

Wayne (Grub) Fuller - President.



**Some of the Distinguished Members receive their awards at the Annual General Meeting**



**Thank you to our many sponsors**

Wayne Fuller receives some Club History from Grace Smith (West), Laura & Helen Pickett



Ross Allan thanks Michael Riley for his continuing support



Neil & Lola Robinson with a token of appreciation from the Ladies Auxilliary



Some 100% Patrol Awards ...



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.. and more 100% Patrol Awards.



Jan & Andy Hoban, Wayne & Sheryn Fuller, Marie & Kevin Bootle, Jan & Dave Babbage and Jenny & Steve Robinson representing the Club at The Chamber of Commerce Ball



