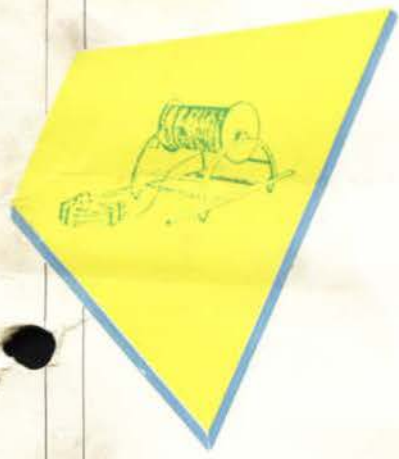


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AVOCA BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB



36th ANNUAL REPORT
and
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Affiliated to S.L.S.A. — Central Coast Branch



Season
1964-65

AVOCA BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

Thirty-Seventh Annual General Meeting

NOTICE is hereby given that the thirty-seventh Annual General Meeting of the above Club will be held in the Clubhouse on Sunday, 5th September, 1965, at 10.00 a.m.

BUSINESS:

1. To confirm and adopt the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
2. Business arising out of such Minutes.
3. To receive and adopt the Annual Report and Financial Statement.
4. Correspondence.
5. To elect office-bearers, comprising:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patrons * President * Senior Vice-President Vice-Presidents * Secretary * Assistant Secretary * Treasurer * Captain * Vice-Captain * Junior Captain * Boat Captain Boat Vice-Captain * Social Secretary * Competition Secretary Publicity Officer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Chief Instructor Deputy Chief Instructors (two) * Gear Steward First Aid Officer Assistant First Aid Officers Honorary Medical Officers Honorary Auditor * Management Committee (six) Trustees (three) Competition Committee (six comprising three judges, one starter and two time-keepers). House Committee. |
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(* denotes Committee of Management).

6. Motions of which due notice has been given.
7. To transact any other business which may be brought before the meeting.

DAVID LLOYD, Honorary Secretary.

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

Active Members	10/0
Active Reserve	£1/1/0
Cadets	5/0
Nippers	2/0
Associate Members	£1/1/0

Financial Members only are entitled to be nominated or vote at the Annual General Meeting.

DAVID LLOYD, Honorary Secretary.

NOTE: Active members who wish to transfer to Active Reserve or who do not intend to go on Patrol in the coming season are requested to advise of their intentions prior to the Annual General Meeting. Patrol Captains are requested to return all Patrol Caps by the Annual General Meeting.

Office-Bearers

1964-65

PATRONS: C. B. Hibbard, P. George, A. Ibbett.

PRESIDENT: B. Norman.

SNR. VICE-PRESIDENT: R. J. Way.

VICE-PRESIDENTS: H. Baldwin, A. Bower, P. Britton, P. Hayes, M. Hunter, N. Hunter, J. Mitchell, S. Noble, R. Pickett, E. A. Poole, P. Patton, K. Smiles, J. Thompson, J. Wearne, C. J. Welch.

SECRETARY: D. H. Lloyd.

ASSIST. SECRETARY: W. Fyffe.

TREASURER: G. Dwight.

CAPTAIN: J. Harpur.

VICE-CAPTAIN: C. Barker.

JNR. CAPTAIN: F. Grayndler.

BOAT CAPTAIN: D. Barker.

VICE-BOAT CAPTAIN: R. Norman.

COMPETITION SECRETARY: C. Barker.

SOCIAL SECRETARY: A. Licciardo (resigned 21/2/65), R. Winter (from 21/2/65).

PUBLICITY OFFICER: C. Barker.

CHIEF INSTRUCTOR: R. Fyffe.

ASSIST. CHIEF INSTRUCTOR: D. Dwight.

GEAR STEWARD: M. Tamblyn.

ASSIST. GEAR STEWARDS: R. Norman, F. Van Bree, J. Witter.

AUDITOR: K. Cheadle.

MEDICAL OFFICERS: Dr. J. Bates, Dr. A. B. Paul.

FIRST AID OFFICER: F. Van Bree.

ASSIST. FIRST AID OFFICERS: W. Fyffe, A. Licciardo, P. Robinson.

COMPETITION COMMITTEE: D. Barker, D. Dwight, G. Dwight, R. Fyffe, M. Hunter, M. Tamblyn.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: D. Dwight, G. Hoban, M. Hunter, I. W. Lambert, R. Norman, E. Poole.

HOUSE COMMITTEE: W. Fyffe, A. Licciardo, R. J. Way.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE: C. Barker, D. Barker, G. Dwight, R. Fyffe, F. Grayndler, J. Harpur, A. Licciardo, D. H. Lloyd, B. Norman, E. A. Poole, R. J. Way.

BUILDING COMMITTEE: D. Barker, J. Harpur, A. Licciardo, D. H. Lloyd, (R. Way added 21/3/65).

BRANCH DELEGATES: I. W. Lambert, D. H. Lloyd, B. Norman. Alternate Delegate: C. Barker.

TRUSTEES: P. Britton, P. Hayes, R. J. Way.

COVER: The cover photo portrays the senior "A" boat crew winning the Bondi Open Surf Boat Race, 1965.

—Photo by courtesy "Daily Telegraph".

Members

LIFE

E. Benson	A. Pickett	C. H. Smith
B. Maloney	R. Pickett	J. Woods (dec'd.)
B. Norman	K. Ross	

ACTIVE

C. Barker	M. Gray	R. Matherson
D. Barker	F. Grayndler	Jim Mitchell
K. Bellamy	W. J. O'Neill	John Mitchell
M. Bowcock	Jim Pollock	G. Morris
S. Brennan	R. H. A. Ryan	H. Morris
R. Bryant	T. Tamblyn	P. Moxham
K. Byrnes	J. Harpur	D. E. Newman
P. A. Campbell	A. Harris	W. Nicholls
P. E. Chalmers	R. Haynes	R. Nowill
J. Cheadle	J. Hennessey	P. J. Powell
A. Churches	N. Hillyard	P. Robinson
P. Corby	A. Hoban	M. Sainsbury
R. Cullen	G. Hoban	G. Smith
J. W. Dugan	Nev. Holt	J. F. Sparrow
D. Dwight	Noel Holt	J. Spindler
G. Dwight	L. J. Horne	M. Tamblyn
G. Edwards	M. Hunter	J. Thorne
G. N. Elliott	K. Ibbett	A. Taylor
W. Elwell	R. Ibbett	C. L. Taylor
R. Faulder	J. Innes	F. J. M. Van Bree
W. Fuller	K. Jones	P. G. Watson
R. Fyffe	R. Lambert	R. Williams
W. Fyffe	R. G. Liddell	J. Witter
R. L. Giles	D. H. Lloyd	L. Yule
R. Grace	J. Maher	

ACTIVE RESERVE

B. Bennett	I. W. Lambert	E. A. Poole
F. Buckley	A. Licciardo	W. Riley
B. Cahill	J. Mantova	N. Sainsbury
R. Dorrell	K. May	W. J. Smith
M. Gallard	R. Norman	R. Way
R. Gee	Jim Pollock	K. Worrall
K. Hibbard		

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

T. Gallard	W. J. O'Neill	R. H. A. Ryan
T. Hunter	John Pollock	T. Tamblyn
D. Noble		

CADET

F. Spindler	W. Ritchie
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NIPPER

J. McLuckie	A. Reynolds
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ASSOCIATE

N. Anderson	A. Harvey	T. C. Reid
R. J. Bennett	P. Hayes	R. N. Robson
I. F. H. Borgman	J. Hennessey Snr.	H. Ryan
A. Bower	P. Henry	B. Sale
D. Bowtell	C. M. Hillsdon	E. W. A. Sargeant
P. Britton	R. Holt	A. H. Scott
J. Broad	W. J. Hunt	J. Scott
M. Brown	M. Hunter	A. R. Small
N. A. Byrnes	N. Hunter	G. J. Spindler
W. Doe	A. Ibbett	K. Smiles
B. K. Doyle	D. Trevor Jones	M. M. Stuart-
I. S. Dunlop	J. J. Jenkins	Robinson
W. Dunlop	R. Kent	A. S. Tamblyn
K. Dwyer	J. G. Kilby	J. Thompson
G. Eden	A. Maloney	J. Wearne
J. Fletcher	R. J. McKinnon	C. J. Welch
W. Froud	J. Mitchell	R. Winter
B. Gallard	M. O'Rourke	A. E. Woodward
P. George	P. Patton	W. J. Worrall
A. P. Harris		

36th ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SEASON 1964-65

Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to present to you the 36th Annual Report and Financial Statement for the season 1964-65, this being the second printed report produced by your Club.

The season 1964-65 was a highly successful one in most respects, only a few matters causing concern to your Committee of Management, these latter being a slackening in attendance on patrols, lack of instruction for Bronze Candidates, poor attendance at Carnivals, and the keeping of the clubhouse in a clean and tidy condition. However, these are dealt with more fully later in this report.

Progress was made during the season towards the completion of the shark tower, and this together with the renewal of the sound amplification system marked the major improvements to the clubhouse.

The new surf boat "Kim Harpur" was delivered during January, some two months behind schedule, and has already proved to be a valuable acquisition.

Competitively the Club met with varying success during the season, culminating in some excellent results in the Branch Championships. A highlight of the competitive side of Club activities was the trip to Perth, undertaken in two main groups — the boat crews by train (some by motor vehicle) and the other contingent by bus. From all reports, an unforgettable trip was enjoyed by all who made the journey.

An ambitious project was successfully em-

barked upon during the season, this taking the form of an Art Union in which the prize was a Holden sedan, the purpose being to raise funds to meet the cost of sending a representative surfing team from this club to the Australian Surf Championships at Scarborough, W.A.

Financially your Club has had an outstanding season and our fund raising activities have been really successful. Indeed, the financial side of our affairs presents a most pleasing picture.



**Jim
Harpur**

CLUB
CAPTAIN

Our Membership has increased appreciably during the season, a fact which augurs well for the future.

The activities of your Club during the season are now reported in more detail:

LIFESAVING AND PATROLS

Patrols are the most important activity of the club. Our prime objective, the reason of our existence as a Club, the very basis of our work, is to patrol the beach and safeguard the hundreds who share our enjoyment of the surf. In this respect we can again report 'no lives lost' whilst our patrols were active.

Over the season there were 33 rescues as follows:

Rescues with line	22
Rescues without line	11
Rescues with surf boat	Nil
Rescues with other gear	Nil

Whilst this is an impressive record, the lack of regard of some members for patrol duty has caused considerable concern to the Judiciary Committee. Throughout the season there was a general slackening of attendance, late arrivals, and failure to notify of absence and arrange substitutes. As reported elsewhere, two members were expelled for failure to attend on patrol as rostered, and the Judiciary Committee has decided to take firm action in default in the future.

Members are reminded that those rostered for patrol should be on patrol at the correct time, wearing a patrol cap. No member of a patrol must leave the patrol area during his period of duty without first obtaining the sanction of his Patrol Captain. Any member unable to attend his allotted patrol must fill his place by arrangement with another member, and shall notify the Patrol Captain in writing to that effect, signed by both members concerned.

For the third year in succession we have had an award for the best patrolman, and this season it was won by Peter Watson, a member of No. 7 Patrol. Congratulations Peter.

Patrol Captains for the season were: C. Barker, N. Boden, D. Dwight, G. Dwight, R. Fyffe, W. Fyffe, M. Hunter, K. Jones, G. Morris and W. Nicholls.

To facilitate the control of surfboards, all Patrol Captains and the Club Captain were appointed Honorary Beach Inspectors for the season under the seal of Gosford Shire Council

We were fortunate in that our nominee for appointment as Beach Inspector, Mr. Frank Grayndler, was appointed to that position by Gosford Shire Council for the full period from November until the end of the season.

First Aid.

A total number of 85 patients were given first-aid treatment in the first-aid room. This figure does not include the many who received treatment for minor ailments, such as bluebottle stings and the like.

Special mention must be made of the excellent work done by the First-aid Officer, Frank Van Bree. Frank has kept the first-aid room well stocked and in excellent condition; indeed, never has the first-aid room been kept so well. His own enthusiasm and keenness to attend to any injury left nothing to be desired. Congratulations, Frank, on a job well done!

MEETINGS

The season opened with the Annual General Meeting on Sunday, 6th September, 1964 with a fairly good attendance.

The main changes effected with the election of officers at this meeting were Mr. David Lloyd as Secretary, replacing the retiring Mr. Ian Lambert, Mr. Bill Fyffe filling Mr. David Lloyd's place as Assistant Secretary; Mr. Frank Grayndler to Junior Captain replacing the now senior Mr. Michael Tamblyn; Mr. Michael Tamblyn as Gear Steward replacing Mr. Ray Winter who was unavailable; Mr. Colin Barker as Competition Secretary in place of Mr. Brian Cahill; Mr. Ray Fyffe as Chief Instructor replacing Mr. Edwin Poole who was unavailable for the position; and Mr. Frank Van Bree as First-Aid Officer.

Following the Annual General Meeting there were 11 meetings of the Management Committee and attendances were as follows:—

C. Barker, 10
D. Barker, 10
D. Dwight, 9
G. Dwight, 10
R. Fyffe, 9
W. Fyffe, 11
F. Grayndler, 10
J. Harpur, 10
G. Hoban, 6
M. Hunter, 4
I. Lambert, 8
A. Licciardo (resigned 21/2/65), 5
D. Lloyd, 11
B. Norman, 8
R. Norman, 10
E. Poole, 9
M. Tamblyn, 9
R. Way, 10
R. Winter (from 21/2/65), 1.

These meetings were conducted smoothly and amicably and President Bryce Norman is to be congratulated on the efficient conduct of the meetings, which were frequently long and at which much business was covered.

The Judiciary Committee also functioned smoothly. Only three breaches of Club Rules came before the Committee, resulting in the expulsion of two members, namely K. Fullerton and D. McMahon for failure to attend patrol duties as rostered, and the suspension of Member R. Grace until 31st December, 1965 for unseemly misconduct on the Presentation Night.

The Club is fortunate in being regarded as one of the best run Clubs in the Branch, and this is due in no small way to the Management Committee. In this respect special mention must be made of the ready assistance given by members of the Management Committee in all matters. It is difficult and I am also reluctant to single out any particular person for special mention as this is basically a team effort: However, the invaluable work of our Treasurer, Graham Dwight, cannot go unmentioned.

The Club was again affiliated with the Central Coast Branch of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia, our governing body on the Central Coast. Your delegates, Messrs. Bryce Norman, Ian Lambert and David Lloyd attended all meetings of that body and ably tended our interests.

In addition, Messrs. Bryce Norman (Deputy Superintendent), Edwin Poole (Assistant Carnival Announcer) and Dennis Barker (Publicity Officer) served as Branch officers.

CONSTITUTIONS

Members receiving this Annual Report in the post will note that a copy of the Club Constitution has also been enclosed. This was done at the direction of the Management Committee due to a general lack of appreciation of the Constitution and Club Rules.

An example of this was in the election of the Judiciary Committee. The Constitution states that the Judiciary Committee shall consist of seven members (including the chairman), whereas in fact we have elected a total of eleven.

INSTRUCTION AND AWARDS

The following members were successful in gaining awards during the season:

BRONZE MEDALLION: Wayne Fuller, Ross Liddell, Gil Elliott, Tony Harris, Geoff Smith, John Sparrow, Chris Taylor, Jim Mitchell, John Mitchell, Peter Corby, Peter Chalmers, Ron Williams, Warren Elwell, Peter Powell, Andy Hoban, Jeff Maher and Stephen Brennan.

QUALIFYING CERTIFICATE: Steve Harpur, Fred Spindler, Wayne Ritchie and Wayne Froud.

RESUSCITATION CERTIFICATE: Gordon Gregory, Alan Reynolds, Ron Williams and John McLuckie.

INSTRUCTOR'S CERTIFICATE: Les Horne, Ashley Churches, Bob Grace, Peter Watson, Neville Hillyard and John Cheadle.

EXAMINER'S CERTIFICATE: Nil.

Congratulations to these members.

The lack of instructors available to train new members is a cause for concern, especially in a Club of this size. Members who have obtained their Instructor's Certificate or who are considering attempting their Instructor's Certificate should be prepared to continue training fresh squads, so that the full benefit of their ability can be gained.

In addition, the fact that we have only two active Examiners is nothing to be proud of, and in this respect we lag far behind most of the other Clubs in the Branch. We would like to see more instructors go on to obtain their Examiner's Certificate, for not only will this benefit the members concerned, but also the Club and the Branch.

Our thanks should go to our present members of the Board of Examiners, Messrs. Bryce Norman and Edwin Poole, and to the Chief Instructor, Ray Fyffe, for guiding and arranging the instruction of the above-mentioned successful candidates.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership rose from 120 to 169 during the season, which is a very healthy sign. Active membership rose from 57 to 70, Active Reserve from 13 to 19, Cadets from nil to 4, Nippers remained steady at 4, and Associate Membership rose from 31 to 57.

It was therefore possible to roster 10 efficient patrols for the season out of our active membership.

LAUNCHING OF THE "KIM HARPUR"



Personal.

Congratulations to Mal Gray, Tim Lawrence, David Noble and Geoff Smith on their respective marriages.

Congratulations to Tony Licciardo, Colin Barker, Keith Jones, Graham Edwards, Les Yule and Graham Dwight on their respective engagements.

Ladies' Auxiliary members Gaye McMullen and Donna Barrelle were married and Jan Lewis, Val Gambrill and Pat Spindler became engaged.

The above is not a complete list as some may have escaped my notice. However, we reluctantly say farewell to the freedom of these members.

It is with profound regret that we record our sincerest sympathy to the following:—

Mr. J. Wearne, on the death of his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Harpur, on the death of their son, Kim.

The relatives of Mr. J. Woods, our late esteemed Life Member.

Mr. R. Way, on the death of his father.

We also extend our sympathy to Keith Jones, whose factory at Granville was destroyed by fire.

Welcome back to Terry Hunter and Dave

Noble, recently returned from overseas.

It is also understood that Bob Ryan and Warren O'Neill have travelled to New Zealand.

EQUIPMENT AND BUILDING

Gear.

The major addition to the Club's gear during the season was the new surfboat, "Kim Harpur."

The total cost of the boat, fully equipped and launched was £587/1/-, of which £394/19/6 was donated during our special Boat Appeal, £130/7/3 of this being donated this season. The remainder of the cost was met by the sale of the old boat to the Outward Bound School for £75, and £167/1/6 drawn from General Club Funds.

The boat crew members, particularly Dennis Barker and Rex Norman must be congratulated on the work they did in raising the funds towards the cost of this new boat.

The christening and launching ceremony for the new boat was one of the highlights of a very successful season. It was one of the most impressive ceremonies ever held by our Club and cannot easily be forgotten by those who were present.

The Clubhouse was decorated for the occasion with bunting, and nearly all donors and representatives of other Clubs and organisations and the Branch were present, including the builder of the boat, Mr. W. Clymer, of Dee Why. The Gosford Shire Band, outstanding in their scarlet jackets played before and after the ceremony and immediately drew a large crowd of onlookers from the many people on the beach. A few short speeches were made by our Club President, Boat Captain, the President of the Central Coast Branch (Mr. Frank Payne) and by Mr. Kevin Henderson, of Terrigal, a donor and namer of the boat.

The boat, appropriately named "Kim Harpur" was christened after a short speech by your Club Captain, Jim Harpur, by his popular wife Joyce who announced the name and then broke a bottle of champagne over the bows to the applause of those present.

The boat was then carried to the water's edge by club members in March Past Costumes. The senior "A" boat crew then launched it into the surf and to everyone's delight went out and "cracked" a wave.

Visitors and donors were afterwards treated to refreshments provided by the Ladies' Auxiliary. In all, at the sake of repeating myself, it was a most impressive ceremony.

A club of this size really needs two surf boats, and now that we are a two boat club it is intended to keep "Surf Queen" as a work boat and "Kim Harpur" for competition.

During the season a new boat trailer was also obtained. We were fortunate in obtaining the axle, springs, wheels and hubs at cost from our joint Patron, Mr. Clive Hibbard, of Gosford Motors Pty. Ltd., the framework was made up and put together gratis by Messrs. Dicker and Ferguson, of Gosford; and the tyres were donated by M. S. McLeod Pty. Ltd., of Gosford, and the hubcaps were donated by Mr. John McTaggart, of Noble Motors, West Gosford.

We were also fortunate in receiving a donation of a boat cover, from Brisbane Water Blind Manufacturing Co., Gosford.

During the season—

Gear purchases and repairs were £79 8 5

Boat repairs £20 17 10

The replacement value of all gear, listed below, is approximately £3,000.

GEAR INVENTORY

Item	Condition
Surf Boats	1 good—1 fair
Surf Reels	5 good—2 fair
Surf Lines	4 good—3 fair
Surf Belts	6 good—6 fair
Boat Jackets	5 good
Swim, Buoy	1 set good
Boat Buoys	1 set good
Ski Buoys	1 set good
Oars	18 good
Sweeps	2 good—1 fair
Shark Spear	1 set good
Signal Flags	3 sets good
Beach Marker Flags	30 fair
Patrol Areas	2 good
March Past Costumes	14 good
Comp. Caps	30 good
Patrol Caps	50 good
Patrol Flags	2 fair
March Past Flags	1 good—1 fair
Boat Trailer (fully equip.)	1 good
Desk	1 good
Filing Cabinet	1 good
Hand Siren	1 poor
Electric Siren	1 good
Box Line	1 good
Amplifying System	1 good
Stoves	2 fair
Whistles	3 good
R. and R. Costumes	12 good
Reel Covers	7 fair
Ambu-Manikin	1 good
Stop-watches	2 good
Bunks	32 good
Billiard Table	1 good
Piano	1 good
Vaulting Horse	1 good
Springboard	1 good
Weights	6 sets, good
Trampelette	1 good
Basketballs	1 good—3 fair
Medicine Balls	2 good
Trestles	20 fair
Tables	12 fair
Chairs	54 good
Gym. Mats	4 good
Stools	9 fair
Bunk	1 good
Stretcher	1 good
Blankets	4 good
Ambu-Resus.	1 good
Air-Viva	1 good
Choc. Wheels	1 fair
Beach Notices	5 good
Rowlocks	8 good
Parallel Bars	1 good
Refrigerator	1 fair
Pillow Fight Stand	1 good
Hosing	30 ft., good
Boat Cover	1 good



Above: Avoca March Past team leading the parade onto the beach at the club's own surf carnival last season.



At left: Two competitors from the visiting Redhead and Swansea-Caves Clubs contesting the pillow fight event at the Avoca carnival.

Members will note with interest a new item of gear in the inventory, that of a billiard table, complete with balls and cues, etc. The table, second hand, was donated by Mr. C. Fletcher, of Empire Bay, and is in a fairly sound condition and at present stands in the bunk room. I trust that this piece of equipment will be used for recreation and treated with good care, and that it will not assume so great an importance amongst members that we'll be producing champion billiard players instead of surfers.

The Club is fortunate in having Michael Tamblin as Gear Steward, and the Committee is grateful that the gear has been well tended. The Committee also wishes to thank Dennis Barker and Rex Norman for their excellent care of the surfboats.

Premises.

The building committee failed to act as a committee during the season, but through the somewhat disjointed efforts of the individual members, was able to see some progress made on the shark tower — a long outstanding item awaiting completion.

A day was set for the pouring of the concrete roof of the shark tower, and thanks are specially due to Gerry Hoban, Bob Giles, Pat Britton, Ron Way and Frank Van Bree for their work on this, including the erection of the framework and placing and finishing of the concrete. The many hands who helped in the 'hard yakker' of mixing and bucketting the concrete to the top of the tower were also appreciated.

The joinery on the tower, carried out by Avoca Beach Joinery, is now almost complete. There is, however, a considerable amount of work yet to be done on this project.

The sound amplification system was renewed by Mr. Harry Vickery, with the result that public announcements can now be heard well up the beach. The public address and the sound amplification in the hall have been made separate systems. The total cost of this work was £103/5/10 which was generously paid for by the Ladies' Auxiliary.

During the season the Committee became concerned at the heavy use being made of the public address system. It was felt that too many persons were using the system for too many unimportant messages, causing irritation to the public on the beach. It was decided that only authorised persons would be permitted to use the sys-

tem, that messages be kept to a minimum and only important and authorised messages be broadcast.

Expenditure on the building during the season amounted as follows:—

Insurance (fire, public risk) —	£31 17 5
Repairs — — — — —	£33 0 10
New Work (shark tower) ..	£144 16 8
Repayable Loans — Sun Herald Fund	£200 0 0
Others	£141 0 0
	£550 14 11

With the expenditure of £144/16/8 on new construction work (mainly shark tower) the total amount expended on the construction of the present building is now £10,181/3/11. To achieve this the Club borrowed at various times a total of £730 from supporters and £2,300 from the Sun-Herald Fund. At 30th June, 1965, the supporters' loans have all been repaid and all but £400 of the Sun-Herald Fund loan has been repaid.

A matter of great concern to the Committee throughout the season was the general cleanliness and tidiness of the building. Invariably, after any weekend, the shower room, change room, bunk room and kitchen were left in a dirty, even filthy condition. This is bad, very bad. One became too ashamed to take visitors into the clubhouse, especially on a Monday morning.

Gentlemen! This is your Club. The facilities have been provided for your own benefit. It is therefore the responsibility of those members who stay in the clubhouse to look after it, to clean it up and leave it tidy and keep it clean and tidy. And this should not be left just to the small group of members who besides doing their share seem to do others as well. A big improvement must be made in the coming season in this respect.

The Open Day, during which members of the public were invited into the clubhouse, was an enormous success. It was about the only time the clubhouse was really clean and tidy during the whole season. However, as a public relations project it was very popular. Members of the public who went through the building were generally amazed at the cost and variety of the equipment, and this Day now appears to deserve becoming an annual event.

AVOCA BEACH

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	General Fund	Building Fund	Gear Fund	Boat Fund
We commenced the year with a BALANCE, (i.e. available funds) of — — — —	461 1 1	87 15 5(Cr)	5 14 2	74 5 3(Cr)
During the year CASH WAS RECEIVED by way of:—				
Subscriptions — — — — —	103 4 0			
Socials — — — — —		72 13 7		
Donations — — — — —	93 19 6			12 0 0
Doorknock — — — — —	127 3 2			
Ladies' Auxiliary — — — — —	120 0 0		103 5 10	
Gosford Shire Council — — — — —	300 0 0			
Central Coast League's Club — — — —	60 0 0			
Avoca Beach Bowling Club — — — — —	110 0 0			
Competitions (net) — — — — —	300 8 9			
Games Nights (net) — — — — —	193 7 4			
Annual Carnival (net) — — — — —	4 15 10			
Bank Interest — — — — —	24 13 4			
"East West" Art Union — — — — —	548 5 10			
Sundries — — — — —	178 2 9		4 18 0	
Making the TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE during the year — — — — —	2,625 1 7	15 1 10(Cr)	113 18 0	62 5 3(Cr)
These funds were expended as follows:—				
Building Construction and Repairs —		177 17 6		
Repayment on Loans — — — — —		341 0 0		
Gear Purchases and Repairs (including sound system) — — — — —			182 14 3	20 17 10
General Club operating costs — — — —	134 3 9			
First Aid expenses — — — — —	21 0 8			
Entry Fees to Carnivals and Transport of Boat thereto — — — — —	87 16 0			
Postage, Stationery, Printing — — — —	131 9 0			
Net Cost of Presentation Night — — —	59 5 2			
Western Australian Trip — — — — —	424 9 1			
Insurance — — — — —	31 17 5			
Sundries — — — — —	210 12 10			
TOTAL PAYMENTS during year — — —	1,100 13 11	518 17 6	182 14 3	20 17 10
Leaving a BALANCE of — — — — —	1,524 7 8	533 19 4(Cr)	68 16 3(Cr)	83 3 1(Cr)
To balance funds, TRANSFERS were made as per Committee approval dated 21/4/65	1,387 1 6(Cr)	800 0 0	300 0 0	120 0 0
Making ACTUAL FUNDS AVAILABLE for Club use as @ 30/6/65 — — — — —	137 6 2	266 0 8	231 3 9	36 16 11

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NT 1/8/64 to 30/6/65

<i>Boat Appeal</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>Decimal Currency Equivalents</i>
289 12 3	594 6 10	\$1188.68
	103 4 0	206.40
	72 13 7	145.36
130 7 3	236 6 9	472.68
	127 3 2	254.32
	223 5 10	446.58
	300 0 0	600.00
	60 0 0	120.00
	110 0 0	220.00
	300 8 9	600.88
	193 7 4	386.73
	4 15 10	9.58
	24 13 4	49.33
	548 5 10	1096.58
	183 0 9	366.08
419 19 6	3,081 12 0	\$6163.20
	177 17 6	\$355.75
	341 0 0	682.00
	790 13 1	1581.31
	134 3 9	268.38
	21 0 8	42.07
	87 16 0	175.60
	131 9 0	262.90
	59 5 2	118.52
	424 9 1	848.91
	31 17 5	63.74
	210 12 10	421.28
587 1 0	2,410 4 6	\$4820.45
167 1 6 (Cr)	671 7 6	\$1342.75
167 1 6	— — —	—
— — —	671 7 6	\$1342.75

The Balance of Cash at Bank on 30/6/65 was £765 15 8
 This can be reconciled with the balance on the opposite page by *Deducting* Cheques drawn prior to 30/6/65 but not presented to Bank by 30/6/65 £109 12 2

£656 3 6

By *Adding* Cash received prior to 30/6/65 and not deposited by 30/6/65 15 4 0

this equals ACTUAL MONEY AVAILABLE FOR CLUB ACTIVITIES as at 30/6/65, as shown in Financial Statement £671 7 6

"EAST TO WEST" ART UNION

300 Tickets at £5 each were sold for £1,500 0 0
 and Donations and other income amounted to 36 10 6

Making TOTAL INCOME of Art Union £1,536 10 6

These RECEIPTS were spent as follows:—

Purchase of Holden Special Car £913 0 0
 Stamps, Telephone, Stationery 23 12 10
 Printing and Advertising 47 8 0
 Articles of Agreement — Chief Secretary's Department 4 3 10

TOTAL EXPENSES £988 4 8

Leaving a Net Profit of £548 5 10

which was transferred to the General Fund.

FOOTNOTE: For Club Members' interest the decimal currency equivalents are shown for all total amounts in the Financial Statement. This will also facilitate comparison with next year's Financial Statement.

—GRAHAM DWIGHT, Honorary Treasurer.

SOCIAL AND FUND RAISING

The Social activities of the Club involve not only functions at which members can meet other members in social and congenial terms, but also includes the raising of funds for Club activities. The bulk of the work in organising these functions rests with the Social Secretary.

During the season we saw the retirement of Tony Licciardo as Social Secretary after several years in that office. Tony has been a splendid Social Secretary in every respect, and prior to his resignation organised the very successful Annual Reunion at the start of the season and several ever-popular Smokos.

The Annual Reunion early in the season was well attended and enjoyed by those present, the proceedings being kept going throughout the evening by "Big Tony" exhorting all sorts of attempts at singing (if that's what some of it could be called). Our guests at the evening included the Branch Secretary, John Rosewell and Branch Superintendent, Ron Field and representatives of other Clubs. Thanks are due to Tony Licciardo and his team of caterers, who included Ray Matherson, Bill Fyffe, Les Yule, Dennis Dwight and others too numerous to mention.

The Smokos throughout the season were all well attended, some extra life being injected once again by Tony Licciardo, who was able to uncover some surprising singing talent amongst our members.

The Management Committee received Tony Licciardo's resignation with regret, his reason for resigning being, and I quote, "the long delayed clutches of matrimony have finally enveloped me in their unrelenting embrace." We wish Tony and Mary all the best for the future.

Ray Winter ably took over the reigns of Social Secretary and was responsible for the organisation of the Easter Smoko, the Annual Presentation night and the end of season barbecue for the Ladies' Auxiliary.

The Presentation night this year left plenty of room for improvement and although well attended could be even better attended if some of our younger members could be encouraged to bring their parents along. This could be achieved if it were not so much of a "grog" night — our Smokos cater for this — as a cabaret/dance, at which the parents would feel more comfortable. It is to you, Gentlemen, that we look to make this night the success that it should be.

At the Presentation night this year our guests



**John
Cheadle**

"CLUBMAN OF
THE YEAR"

again included the Branch Secretary (Mr. John Rosewell) and Hon. Superintendent (Mr. Ron Field), the latter presenting the Bronze Medallions.

Highlight of the evening was the announcement of the winners of the 'Clubman of the Year' and "Patrolman of the Year" awards. They were respectively won by John Cheadle and Peter Watson. We congratulate these two fine members on being presented with these, the Club's most coveted awards.

The Dances during the season again failed to be as great a success as they have been in the past as far as fund raising is concerned. The bands were good but the crowds were only fair and some effort must be made to entice more people along, such as by more vigorous advertising, as dances can be a very lucrative form of income.

A large contingent of Club members attended the Branch Championship Cabaret held at the Hotel Florida after the Branch Championships. On this occasion the winner of the B.P. Competition was announced, and Frank Van Bree was announced as the third placegetter in the Branch Resuscitation Competition. We were also represented at the Branch Winter Golf Days and at the Annual Smokos, Annual reunions and similar functions of other clubs.

The end of season barbecue held for the benefit of the Ladies' Auxiliary was a highly successful occasion and well worth repeating in the future, and perhaps at more frequent intervals. Masterful chefs Bryce Norman and Ray Winter provided the steaks for the multitude that came, barman Max Sainsbury looked after the drinks, whilst cashier Pat Britton emptied the pockets. Let's have more of this type of thing!

Whilst on the subject of social activities, some

of our Sydney resident members have banded together and formed a Rugby Union team in the Whiddon Cup competition. Organised by Les Yule and ably captained and coached by Ray Matherson (with assistance from Bob Grace and Dennis Dwight) the team provides contact amongst members through the winter months. The team, which includes three members of Wamberal Club, seems to have met with varying success on the field and unlimited success off the field.

Turning now to the financial side of our Social Activities, we are able to report extremely satisfactory results:

Housie — gross takings were	£205 19 10
Less expenses (cards) — —	£12 12 6

which left a net profit of £193 7 4

The credit for this lies with Ray Winter, who worked every night (6 nights per week) for 6 weeks over the Christmas holiday period to achieve this result. Without the work of Ray this excellent result would not have been achieved.

BEACH COMPETITIONS have grossed £280/2/9 from which must be taken approximately £40 paid for prizes which were purchased leaving a net result of £240.

Thanks are especially due to Graham Dwight and Jim Harpur for organising these competitions



**Ray
Winter**

**SOCIAL
SECRETARY**

during the season, and to those club members who have given their assistance in selling tickets. This proved to be a good source of income and was well up on previous season's results.

RADIO COMPETITION—

Total takings were	— — —	£70 6 0
Expenses	— — —	£30 0 0
Profit	— — —	£40 6 0

This competition was again organised by Tony Licciardo, to whom we are grateful, as we also are to those members who sold tickets.

DOOR KNOCK — realised £127/3/2.

Thanks are due to the team of door knockers, especially Pat Britton, Brian Gallard, Bill Doe and Ray Winter.

OUR CARNIVAL takings (including entry fees of approx. £53) were £97/10/2 and our expenses were £92/14/4 leaving a profit of £4/15/10

The Hon. Treasurer reports that this does not altogether show the actual profit made on the day as certain takings were allocated to the Ladies' Auxiliary who gave considerable assistance on the day. The total cash taken from the beach on the carnival day was in excess of £120.

SOCIALS — made £72/13/7.

SUBSCRIPTIONS — received £103/4/-.

SHARK DISPLAY — £13/8/10.

FILM NIGHT — £12/-/-.

GYMNASIUM — £26/7/6.

DONATIONS — The following donations were received during the season:

Gosford Shire Council	— — —	£300 0 0
Avoca Beach Bowling Club	— — —	£110 0 0
Central Coast Leagues Club (games night)	— — —	£60 0 0
Sundries	— — —	£93 19 6

A special mention should be made of the Ladies' Auxiliary who donated the cost of the new sound amplification system installed in the clubhouse, viz. £103/5/10 and a further donation of £120/0/0 making their total donation £223/5/10.

"EAST TO WEST" ART UNION —

Net Profit	— — —	£548 5 10
<i>Expenses for the W.A. trip were:</i>		
Rail fares (8)	— — —	£276 4 1

Cost of towing boat to Perth and back (5,400 miles) (i.e. approx. 6½d. per mile)	£148 5 0
Total	£424 9 1

The total cost of sending the two crews totaling 9 persons averaged out at approximately £47 per person and this must be considered as being very favourable.

The Art Union was the idea of Associate Member Mr. Nev. Byrnes as a means of transporting our surf boat and representative surfing team to Scarborough, W.A. for the Australian Surf Championships. Neville undertook all the work in connection with the Art Union himself and the credit for its complete success must go to him. The amount of work in connection with the project was tremendous.

Assistance was given in the Art Union by Mr. Stan Aurelius, of the Elanora Hotel, who granted us permission to hold raffles in the Hotel to defray our expenses; by Mr. Bruce Hibbard, of Gosford Motors; by the Ladies' Auxiliary; by Mr. Errol Carrol, of Gosford; by the "Central Coast Express"; and by Mrs. N. Byrnes.

Donations towards the trip were received from M. S. McLeod (Gosford) Pty. Ltd.; Mr. Van Adcock of Jusfrute Limited; Mr. Alan Katen, of

National Tyre Service (Gosford) Pty. Ltd., and Mr. R. Williams, of Brisbane Water Blind Manufacturing Co.

Accommodation, assistance and hospitality whilst on the trip were extended by Mrs. Pannowitz, of Scarborough, W.A.; Mr. and Mrs. P. Beacher, of Kalgoorlie, W.A.; and Mr. and Mrs. Munyard, of Double View, W.A.

All of the above were duly thanked by the Club by letter.

We cannot let our 'thanks' pass without mentioning the generous gesture of our own Club member Mr. Ted Poole. When things looked grim as far as transporting the boat to Perth was concerned, Ted volunteered to undertake the mammoth task of towing the boat behind his own car. Ted was interviewed by the local Press on his return and we have reproduced the following story for your interest from the Central Coast Express, dated Monday, March 29, 1965:

The transcontinental travellers left Gosford on Friday, March 5, at 1.30 p.m. in high spirits.

Ted's panel van was in top mechanical shape to haul Avoca's surfboat, the "Kim Harpur", and four lifesavers to West Australia.

The quartet took it in turns to drive continuously night and day for 60 mile stretches and had no trouble till they neared the South Australian border.



Ticket Sellers

Popular Ladies' Auxiliary president Joyce Harpur, pictured selling tickets in the Art Union to two supporters of the club, Jack Evans and Errol Carroll. Standing beside Joyce is the Honorary Organiser, Mr. Nev. Byrnes.

BOUND FOR PERTH



Pictured from left to right, standing: D. Barker, D. Lloyd, K. Van Haron, E. Poole, Joyce Harpur, J. Harpur. Squatting: N. Byrnes, B. Norman and Dick Gee. Junior boat crew members K. Byrnes and J. Sparrow are in the background. This photo was taken outside the "Express" office just before Ted, Dick and Keith left on the first leg of their journey to W.A. The trio picked up G. Dwight, who also made the trip, in Sydney.

TROUBLE

As they were passing a fruit-fly inspection zone the boat trailer perked on a grid and a bolt pierced a tyre to temporarily halt progress.

Despite this delay they made good time and lunched on the Sunday at Ceduna, located on the western approach to Port Augusta.

The previous night had held a spot of bother for them.

They had planned on refuelling their panel van at Eucla. But they completely missed the town in the dark and finished on the plains with a near-empty petrol tank.

Fortunately, they found a petrol pump at daybreak and set off to cross the Nullabor.

That night they hit Ivy Shed Tanks in pitch darkness and stopped at the hotel-motel.

HUMOUR

Ted recalls a humorous episode there.

As soon as they came to a halt outside the hotel-motel a light went on.

"Then this fellow rushed out covered in hair and dust smoking a cheroot with money bag wound in bandoleer fashion around his shoulders.

"I didn't know if he was going to shoot me or serve me petrol," Ted joked.

The hotel-motel was not exactly of three-star rating.

The modest concrete, corrugated iron structure stood starkly on the "never-never" blending with the landscape.

Preserved snakes decorated the walls.

Petrol cost 6/3 and gallon and water £72 a thousand gallons.

Surrounding the building was a "boneyard" of wrecked cars whose owners obviously considered it cheaper to leave them where they perished rather than pay towing costs.

Continuing their journey they passed hundreds of tubes and tyres beside the road and occasionally slowed to snail's pace on spotting tyres propped on sticks indicating deep holes.

Ted earned the displeasure of his fellow travellers the next night.

WOMBAT EPISODE

He was driving around the regulation 40 mph mark when a wombat darted across the road.

He awoke the others but by then the wombat was no where to be seen.

The abuse he copped is better not described.

Next stop-over point was Madura's hotel-motel. There it cost 2/6 for a shower plus 10/- key deposit.

Only trouble was the water didn't run.
At Cockle Biddy the travellers met with another humorous incident. They pulled up with their surfboat next to a transport carrying a fibre glass boat. Next traveller on the scene was a huge truck loaded with a dredge.

So, in the middle of the Nullabor, some 250 miles from the ocean, three boats met by chance.

Bundeena, Norsman and Coolgardie were next on their itinerary.

Then they made a diversion to visit Kalgoolie.

KALGOOLIE VISIT

At Kalgoolie the Avoca lifesavers received first-class treatment.

They met a woman whose husband was chief engineer of Western Mining Company and were taken on an inspection tour of the goldmines.

Here Ted had the unnerving feeling of holding two nuggets in his hands worth £18,000.

After being interviewed by two local radio stations and newspapers they struck out on the final 370 mile leg to Perth.

CAMELS

En route the Avoca contingent had the rare experience of having to stop their van to allow a mob of wild camels right of way.

Perth showed on the horizon at 8.30 a.m. on the Wednesday. The travel weary men drove straight to Scarborough Beach, venue of the titles.

Although not finalists in any event, Avoca's representation managed a fair amount of success.

Avoca entered a full march past team and its boat crews were well up with the leaders.

On the homeward trip another stopover was made at Kalgoolie. There they met an aboriginal character called "Tony".

Tony wore tattered khaki clothes, had a tremendous mop of hair and matted beard and consistently chewed a wad of tobacco, Ted said. He couldn't sell them souvenirs until given a ride in their panel van.

The rest of the journey home was completed in fast time and went without incident apart from two damaged tyres.

So, after a marathon journey involving about 1500 miles of desert travel alone, it's little wonder the travellers were glad to be "home sweet home."

Would they do it again?

"Yes," said Ted, "but not for a few years yet."

FINANCE

The Club has been fortunate in that the office of Honorary Treasurer has been filled again this season by Graham Dwight, who has filled the position in a most capable manner.

The present state of our financial position is very healthy as the figures show. In fact, we have had a bumper season financially due to our increased income, itemised elsewhere in this report. Thanks are due to all members who have assisted in the raising of finance during the season.

The Club has, as at 30th June, 1965, a cash balance of £671/7/6 which is available for Club activities.

This cash balance can be dissected as follows:—

General Fund	£137 6 2
Building Fund	£266 0 8
Gear Fund	£231 3 9
Boat Fund	£36 16 11
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	£671 7 6

Total receipts this season have amounted to £3,642/19/6 and total expenditure was £3,567/19/3.



**Graham
Dwight**

HON. TREASURER

Details of our income and certain expenditure have been listed where applicable in this report. Sundry expenses not listed elsewhere in this report were as under:

GENERAL CLUB ACTIVITIES — have cost £134/3/9 to date.

FIRST AID — expenses total £21/0/8.

POSTAGE, STATIONARY, ETC. — £130/13/0.

CARNIVAL ENTRY FEES AND TRANSPORT OF BOAT — £87/16/0.

TROPHIES FOR PRESENTATION NIGHT cost £84/3/2, for which we received DONATIONS of £34/18/0; leaving £49/5/2.

The Annual audit has been completed by our Honorary Auditor, Mr. Kevin Cheadle, whose suggestions are always gratefully accepted.

COMPETITION

The Club's efforts last season in inter-club carnivals were very mediocre ones, particularly for a Club with such an active membership as ours. We notched only three Branch Titles, these being the coveted surf boat double and the Junior Rescue and Resuscitation Championships. It is interesting to note that over the last five seasons, the Club has gained only thirteen Titles which is far from impressive and also we have not had an individual Title holder since the former Australian single ski champion Trevor Gallard won in this event at the Branch Championships at Terri-gal in the 1960-61 season.

Whilst this may reflect good team efforts on the part of our members, an individual star in the near future would be most welcome. In the Senior Rescue and Resuscitation event, which is regarded as the Blue Riband event of the movement, the team once again filled a place in the Titles for the fifth consecutive season, when they finished third last year. With the State Titles now being open, the standard in this event will have to improve a lot if we are to be a force. If official coaches were appointed to both the senior and junior R. & S. teams, the improvement would come as the talent is definitely there. The boat crews are an example of what constant coaching and training can achieve. Dick Gee in only his third season with our club has moulded the crews into such fine condition that they are now highly regarded by all Clubs in the State.

INTER-CLUB EVENTS

The various events of the Club Championships were once again very keenly contested with the ever popular "Express Handicap Surf Races" being the main participation attraction to our members. Our system of handicapping our members came under for some comment from a surfing columnist in the local Press. I reproduce the following comments for your interest, from the Central Coast Express newspaper dated Monday, January 18th, 1965, and Monday, February 8th, 1965:

HANDICAP SURF RACES—

Avoca Surf Club is on its own with the method used for the running of handicap surf races.

The "method" came in for a lot of discussion over past weeks with some interesting comments.

Apparently, all swimmers go off together, under a sealed handicap scheme with the handicapper set the mammoth task of "clocking" every swimmer over the finishing line.

Under this system, one would envisage that top swimmers are given the best chance to win each event.

However, this is not the case. Last season's winner was one of the low handicap "boys", and how this comes about heaven only knows.

The "speedster" should burn off all challengers, and at the half way mark, many of the competitors would be clutching the buoys.

Another point put forward for the running by Avoca members: Over many seasons, the weekly roll-up is far better than any other club in the Central Coast.

However, there seems every reason that Avoca will continue its own unique system of conducting surf races, and so why change a horse in midstream.

Leave the answer to the swimmers. They seem quite satisfied, or are they?

REPLY FROM AVOCA—

I have been instructed by the Management Committee to reply through your paper, an answer to a certain amount of criticism levelled at the competition committee of the Avoca Beach Surf Life Saving Club.

"Appearing in Surf Patrol column dated January 28, "Blubber" commented on the system used for the running of handicap surf races conducted by the above club.

"Firstly, I would like to point out that we used to run our handicap surf races off their allotted times, such as the weaker swimmer goes first, and so on until you have the strongest swimmer last to leave the beach.

"However, we found a certain amount of "foxing" going on by the members. For instance, if Jack Smith gave Harry Brown 30 seconds start and caught him at the buoys what's to stop Brown from slowing down considerably to gain an even bigger handicap time for the next race, which would allow him a start of perhaps 60 to 80 seconds on Smith, who may have swam an honest race.

"Under our unique system our handicap times are sealed so that Jack Smith hasn't got a clue what Brown's handicap is or anybody else in the race.

"Our argument is really that each swimmer is swimming against himself, trying to improve his own time each week.

"'Blubber' also states that under our system it would appear that the strong swimmer emerges the winner of the trophy over the season.

"This is not the case although it could and has happened, but our winner usually comes from the good honest swimmer who tries his best each week, and consistently enters the races held each Sunday.

"As far as the popularity of our system is concerned we would have one of the biggest enrolments on the coast.

"I know there are arguments for and against this system of handicapping, and I am not trying to condemn any club for the way that they decide theirs. As far as I am concerned, it is a domestic matter, and after trying both systems we have found this method to be the most successful for our club.

(Sgd.) COLIN BARKER,

Competition Secretary, Avoca Beach S.L.S.C.

REPLY—

Thank you for the excellent letter. However, before matters are left as they are, I would like to say a few things.

[1] In your favour, if this is a successful way to conduct your club's surf races, and it meets with the support of your members then it would be foolish to change it.

BUT—

You say that under the system used by nearly every surf club throughout Australia, that there is a certain amount of "foxing".

You would be entirely right, however, under your present system you still get the foxing. All that is needed in the noble art of "foxing" is for a swimmer to swim below his usual standard. A swimmer usually knows how well he is going, and in most cases will give of his best.

The accepted principles of a surf race, under the system that Avoca does not use is for the slowest swimmer to go off at go and so progressively until you get down to your fastest man.

I'll guarantee that this system will improve the swimmer more so than Avoca's method. It only stands to reason that the fastest swimmer does it with far more ease than the "average" (club men that form the backbone of the surf movement).

Under this system the slower swimmer does improve over a period of time. There is no greater thrill if you are a "front" man to have a lead and hold it to win a race.

Under your method, the slower swimmer will never cross over the line in first position.

This could have a detrimental effect on his performances. Being a "true blue" he will probably never say anything, but take the case of local top swimmer Allan Cable. If for instance, a youngster off at go beats him over the finishing line, despite a lead of up to three minutes, you can rest assured that he will be all out to improve.

There is more incentive to win, and therefore a far more successful method, as gauged by other surf clubs and swimming organisations.

Col, you are a real "Briton" if this system doesn't keep you three times as busy as the handicapper that handles the "orthodox" method, then how did you get all those wrinkles under your eyes?

On a serious note. Question to Col: "Have you collectively asked all the competitors that swim each Sunday at Avoca, whether they are happy with your method?"

If their answer is yes, then I hope you never fall sick

or are away on a Sunday, and congratulations on getting such a splendid number of starters at each race.

With regards to "Blubber's" latter comments, the real 'Briton' tag rightfully belongs to Dennis Dwight, who handled the handicap surf races under the Competition Secretary's direction last season. Dennis did put in a lot of time and effort into his position, but the Club expects and demands all Office-bearers and Committee Members to fulfill the obligations to which they were elected and trusted. This is just one of the factors that keep us high in the bracket of efficient Clubs in the Central Coast Branch.

CARNIVALS

The Club, mainly per media of the boat crews, compete at a number of outside carnivals, these being the N.S.W. Titles at Coogee and the National Titles at Scarborough, Perth, Western Australia, as well as North Wollongong, Bondi, Swansea-Belmont, Caves Beach, North Steyne, and the International carnival at Whale Beach. The senior boat crew excelled themselves to win this event at North Wollongong and Bondi carnivals, the latter being held in mountainous seas.

Whilst we did not have any major successes at either the N.S.W. or Australian Titles, the enthusiasm shown by the members in making the long trip to Perth, enabled us to have one of the biggest teams represented there.

The International Carnival at Whale Beach included representative teams from most Branches in N.S.W. as well as the visiting New Zealand team. Congratulations must go to John Cheadle on his selection in the Branch Rescue and Re-



*The Syd. Noble Inter-Patrol
Competition Shield.*

suscitation team, which finished a creditable fifth. John was the sole representative from the club and acquitted himself well. He drew the Belt in this event.

The Inter-Patrol Competition proved very popular with the members and the result was in doubt until the final round. Number 4 Patrol, captained by Wal Nicholls, clinched the win to receive the Syd Noble Shield.

MEN'S VERSUS BOY'S

The Annual Men's versus Boy's Day was once again an outstanding success with the Boys reversing the result of the last two seasons, by winning 25-22. Going into the last event, the Malibu Board, the Men held a slender 21-20 points lead, however, good efforts by Dennis Barker and Phil Robinson to finish first and second respectively sealed the win for the under 25 years boys' team.

BRANCH TITLE PLACINGS, 1964-65

Senior Boat: 1st, R. Gee (Sweep), D. Barker, R. Bryant, R. Norman, M. Tamblyn.

Junior Boat: 1st, R. Gee (Sweep), F. Grayndler, G. Smith, J. Sparrow, K. Byrnes.

Junior R. and R.: 1st, W. Fuller, F. Grayndler, R. Liddell, G. Smith, P. Robinson and A. Harris.

Cadet Surf: 2nd, F. Spindler.

Senior Surf: 3rd, W. Riley.

Senior Teams: 3rd, J. Cheadle, B. Bennett, R. Haynes, W. Riley.

Senior R. and R.: 3rd, K. Ibbett, R. Haynes, J. Cheadle, C. Barker, M. Hunter, H. Morris.

Junior Boat: 3rd, D. Barker (Sweep), W. Fuller, G. Elliott, R. Liddell, A. Harris.

Resuscitation Competition: 3rd, F. Van Bree.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1964-65

SENIOR SURF: R. Haynes 1st, K. Ibbett 2nd, J. Cheadle 3rd.

SENIOR BELT: K. Ibbett 1st, R. Haynes 2nd, D. Barker 3rd.

JUNIOR SURF: W. Fuller 1st, A. Harris 2nd, S. Brennan 3rd.

JUNIOR BELT: G. Smith, K. Byrnes and R. fSeB

JUNIOR BELT: G. Smith 1st, K. Byrnes and R. Liddell (equal 2nd).

CADET SURF: F. Spindler 1st, S. Harpur 2nd, W. Ritchie 3rd.

SENIOR BEACH SPRINT: M. Sainsbury 1st, G. Dwight 2nd, G. Edwards 3rd.

JUNIOR MUSICAL FLAGS: F. Grayndler 1st, K. Byrnes 2nd, P. Robinson 3rd.

SENIOR MUSICAL FLAGS: M. Sainsbury 1st, G. Dwight 2nd, R. Grace 3rd.

JUNIOR BEACH SPRINT: F. Grayndler 1st, K. Byrnes 2nd, A. Harris 3rd.

SENIOR PILLOW FIGHT: C. Barker 1st, R. Grace 2nd, G. Dwight 3rd.

JUNIOR PILLOW FIGHT: F. Grayndler 1st, K. Byrnes 2nd, A. Harris 3rd.

CADET BEACH SPRINT: F. Spindler 1st, W. Ritchie 2nd, S. Harpur 3rd.

CADET MUSICAL FLAGS: F. Spindler 1st, S. Harpur 2nd, W. Ritchie 3rd.

MALIBU BOARD: K. Ibbett 1st, J. Cheadle 2nd, M. Sainsbury, D. Barker and C. Taylor (equal 3rd).

SENIOR ALL ROUND: K. Ibbett 1st, R. Haynes and J. Cheadle (equal 2nd).

JUNIOR ALL ROUND: F. Grayndler 1st, K. Byrnes 2nd, W. Fuller 3rd.

HANDICAP SURF: G. Dwight 1st, P. Watson 2nd, W. Fyffe 3rd.

CHAMPION PATROL: No. 4 1st (42 points), No. 3 2nd (40 points), No. 8 3rd (32 points).

PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Colin Barker, our Publicity Officer was able to achieve excellent co-operation with the local press, which gave excellent coverage of our activities during the season.

In addition, Colin was largely responsible for the publication of this report, for which I remain grateful.

GYMNASIUM

The gymnasium again functioned on Wednesday night under the guidance of Instructor Dennis Barker. Dennis also looked after the Boys' Club on Thursday nights, while the Ladies' gymnasium again operated on Tuesday nights, after a break of some months, under the guidance of Mrs. Amy Britton.

There were a few additions to the equipment during the season.

LADIES' AUXILIARY

As mentioned elsewhere in this report, the Ladies' Auxiliary donated a total amount of £223/5/10 to the Club through their own efforts.

But their efforts did not cease there. They were behind us in every way, and in particular provided refreshments to members and guests following our annual carnival and following the boat christening ceremony.

The Club is thankful that we have such an active Ladies' Auxiliary. We sincerely thank them for all their efforts during the season.

APPRECIATION AND CONCLUSION

This being my first year as your Secretary I apologise for any errors or omissions that may have occurred on my part during the season and in this report.

I remain appreciative of the extensive support of the Club in its many forms and we thank all benefactors for their support during the season and look forward to a continued association.

I am appreciative of the activities of all our Honorary Officers, especially your Club President, Bryce Norman. In Bryce we have a truly active



David Lloyd

HON. SECRETARY

President, and how he ever finds the time to carry out all that he does never ceases to amaze me.

Lastly, but most important, we all express our strong appreciation to our own members who do the job of patrolling the beach, a responsibility which we have accepted and in which there can be no half measures in our practice of "Vigilance and Service."

I wish all club members success and all visitors to our Beach safe surfing in 1965-66.

DAVID LLOYD,
Honorary Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S ADDENDUM

After reading this annual report I must congratulate our Secretary, David Lloyd, and Publicity Officer Col Barker for compiling such a comprehensive coverage of the activities of the surf club over the past season.

The time and labour put into the report truly reflects the feelings, not only of these two, but all Officers towards their duties concerning the efficient running of the Club.

Congratulations to all members for a job well done in all the Club's activities as outlined in this report.



Bryce Norman

PRESIDENT

There is little more to be said, except endorse every aspect of this report, both good and not so good, and I am sure members will take note of the not-so-good aspects, so they will be rectified in the coming season.

To Joyce and Jim Harpur, mine and the Club's deepest sympathy for your sad loss last season, as we felt Kim was a son to us all.

As the new season approaches I wish all members safe, happy and successful surfing in 1965-66.

B. NORMAN,
President, 1964-65.



Junior Boat Crew pictured training on the Swan River in preparation for the National Titles at Scarborough Beach, Perth, W.A. The crew is R. Gee (Sweep), P. Robinson, K. Byrnes, F. Grayndler, J. Sparrow.

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