

Avoca Beach Surf Life Saving Club Inc.



68th ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1996/97

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

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“Remember” without their support, our Club operations and finances would be considerably harder — if not impossible, to maintain.

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JUNIOR CLUB SPONSORS

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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 69th Annual General Meeting of the Avoca Beach Surf Life Saving Club Inc. will be held on Friday, 22nd August, 1997, 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 1996-97 season.
6. To transact any further urgent business which may be brought before the meeting.

Fees for the 1997-98 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 honours such Members by bestowing on them the coveted office of "Life Member".

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

Ladies Auxiliary Life Members

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



Some of our new "Lifesaving Certificate" members who attended presentation night.



Our Club's new Bronze Awards members.

68th Annual General Meeting

18th August, 1996

The meeting opened at 10.30 a.m. with Wayne Fuller in the chair. He welcomed all life members and other members who were in attendance.

ATTENDANCE

Wayne Fuller, Mick Kendal, Peter Coleman, Ross Allan, Glen Gavin, Peter Battye, David O'Grady, Craig Kelly, Neil Robinson, John Mitchell, Sam Henderson, Ben Livingstone, E. A. Poole, B. Cahill, Louise McClelland, David McClelland, G. N. Love, Paul Kendal, Matt Parker, Bryce Norman, Tony Jackman, Bill Franklin, Brian Parker, Phillip Gee, Mike Tamblyn, Kevin Bottle, Robert Burns, R. O'Mara, Dennis Gee, Andy Hoban, Colin Barker, Dave Richards, Tony Lewis, Wendy Norman, Mick Foley and (three signatures unable to be read).

APOLOGIES

Howard Jones, Jenny Lynch, Damien Benson, Adam Robinson, Dennis Barker, Bob Cairncross, James Piper, Ron Way, Jim Mitchell, Wally Waddell and Bill Mitchell.

Moved Colin Barker seconded John Mitchell, that apologies be accepted.

ITEMS

Wayne Fuller that the minutes of the 67th Annual General Meeting 1995 correct.

Business arising from minutes:-

1. Add letter received from Adam and Neil Robinson apologising for not attending meeting.
2. Frank Byrne raised problem of hot water. Mick Kendal responded that the Club would need to be completely rewired. Approximate cost of \$8,000. Moved Frank Byrne that Building Committee give hot water system top priority, seconded John Mitchell.
3. Emma O'Mara to be added to list of financial members.

Moved Andy Hoban seconded Brian Cahill — carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Andy Hoban spoke on Distinguished Members Award as presented to meeting. They still have to pay fees and records to be investigated for these awards. To be a Management Committee decision and must be careful not to miss anyone. Certificates will be presented at AGM.

Moved Andy Hoban seconded Grahame Love — carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Michael Hunter — congratulations on Annual Report.

ANNUAL REPORT

Dennis Gee spoke on high standard of Report, high responsibility for Executive positions and the good job done by all. Andy Hoban spoke on the great production and high standard of the Report, had received comments from other Clubs, justice to sponsors. Col Barker spoke on Report and admired the honesty in same and the acknowledgement of sponsors, congratulations to all concerned.

FINANCIAL REPORT as tabled

Ross Allan thanked Wayne Fuller for help and guidance and although not a lot of surplus money, IBs are held.

Adopted: Peter Coleman seconded Dennis Gee — carried.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP — HOWARD JONES

Michael Tamblyn, on behalf of Life Membership Committee urged members to endorse Howard's nomination.

Frank Byrne spoke on Howard's passion for life saving. Dennis Gee spoke that Howard was a top lifesaver and was true blue, related from the kids to the top and as a leader was totally involved. Brian Parker, on behalf of the Juniors spoke on what a great bloke Howard is and all the help he has given to the Juniors over the years.

Votes counted — nomination awarded.

Grahame Love congratulated Wayne Fuller on his first year as President and his heavy involvement.

ELECTION OF OFFICER BEARERS

Grahame Love took chair for election of Officer Bearers.

President:	WAYNE FULLER
Senior Vice-President:	MICK KENDAL
Club Captain:	C. KELLY
Secretary:	PETER COLEMAN
Treasurer:	ROSS ALLAN
Vice-President:	GRAHAME LOVE
Club Vice-Captain:	D. O'GRADY
Competition Secretary:	HOWARD JONES
Junior Club Captain:	JAMES PIPER
	Resigned, B. LIVINGSTONE
Junior Club Vice-Captain:	B. LIVINGSTONE
Boat Captain:	DENNIS GEE
Boat Vice-Captain:	JOHN MITCHELL
I.R.B. Captain:	D. BENSON
Gear Steward:	A. PEEBLES
First Aid Officer:	JENNY LYNCH
Chief Instructor:	R. O'MARA
Assistant Instructor:	B. NORMAN
Social Secretary:	ROSS DUNN
Caretaker:	D. BENSEN
Publicity Officer:	N. JONES
Public Officer:	WAYNE FULLER
Social Committee:	To be elected by Ross Dunn
Life Membership Committee:	GRAHAME. LOVE
	ANDY HOBAN
	MIKE TAMBLYN
proxies:	B. CAHILL & J. MITCHELL
Building Committee:	JOHN MITCHELL
	MICK FOLEY
	TONY JACKMAN
	GLENN GAVIN
	BILL FRANKLIN
Gym Committee:	JOHN MITCHELL
	BEN LIVINGSTONE
	SAM HENDERSON
Judiciary Committee:	To be elected by Management Committee

Vacant positions to be stood over as follow:-

Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, Vice Competition Secretary, Board Captain, Board Vice-Captain, Ski Captain, Ski Vice-Captain, IRB Vice-Captain, Water Captain, Water Vice-Captain, Assistant Gear Stewards, Radio Officer, Assistant Radio Officer, Mobile Service Officer, Beach Captain, Beach Vice-Captain.

Michael Tamblyn congratulated new Executive.

Wayne Fuller welcomed everyone to new positions.

URGENT GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Patrol will be strengthened in numbers with a heavier involvement. This will mean one more patrol each member per year. Committee will be strict on patrol defaults and if defaults there will be no entry to carnivals. General discussion how to improve patrols.
2. Membership cards to be provided to all members. Fees to be paid by end of September.
3. Frank Byrne queried criteria for placing and removing photos from wall. Criteria explained — no photos should be removed.
4. Neil Robinson spoke on how great the hall looked now with new photos and upgrading.
5. Rookie scheme cut back by Westfield — perhaps run our own scheme.

Meeting closed 11.55 a.m.



Not far behind in dedication are our 80% patrol members who receive their due recognition.



100% patrol attendance — "The Ultimate Lifesavers" — receive their recognition.

1996-97 Financial Members

LIFE MEMBERS

Barker, C.
Barker, D.
Boden, N.
Cahill, B.
Gee, D.
Harpur, J.
Hoban, A.
Hoban, G.
Jones, H.
Kendal, M.
Love, G.
Mitchell, Jim
Mitchell, John
Norman, B. O.A.M.
Pickett, R.
Poole, E.
Sainsbury, M.
Tamblyn, M.
Walters, E.
Way, R.

LADIES

AUXILIARY

LIFE MEMBERS

Britton, A.
Cahill, A.
Gee, P.
Harpur, J.
Hoban, J.
Love, N.
McAtamney, D.
Norman, C.
Sainsbury, R.
Thompson, N.
Walters, H.

ACTIVE SENIOR

Albertz, D.
Anderson, C.
Anderson, J.
Andrew, S.
Aurisch, G.
Bailey, N.
Barnes, A.
Barnes, J.
Battye, P.
Benson, D.
Birch, A.
Boekeman, B.
Bonham, K.
Brierty, R.
Brierty, S.
Briggs, F.
Broadbent, D.
Burg, A.
Burns, R.
Butler, R.
Byrne, G.
Cairncross, C.
Carney, M.
Casey, M.
Chell, B.
Clarke, A.
Clarkson, J.
Coleman, P.
Collins, A.
Coulson, C.
Croke, P.
Cullen, B.
Curran, T.
Daniel, S.
Davidson, M.
Dewick, S.
Dodd, C.
Elliot, J.
English, J.
Ferrier, K.
Ferrier, P.
Foley, M.
Foster, T.
Garland, M.
Gavin, G.
Geaghan, J.
Gee, B.
Gee, P.
Gee, T.

Giddey, J.
Gollan, D.
Gorey, J.
Goulding, M.
Grim, D.
Hackett, K.
Harvey, B.
Harvey, S.
Hayes, C.
Hennessey, D.
Henry, N.
Hill, D.
Hogan, H.
Hogan, J.
Holmes, W.
Houghton, G.
Hurrell, J.
Hutchinson, P.
Ide, T.
Iles, M.
Irvine, B.
Jackman, A.
Jeffries, D.
Jones, A.
Jones, B.
Jones, G.
Jones, N.
Jones, T.
Joyce, J.
Kelly, C.
Kendal, P.
Kimber, K.
Kirby, D.
Kylma, L.
Lawler, J.
Lawler, L.
Lever, S.
Lewis, T.
Lock, P.
Luce, C.
Luce, T.
Lutwyche, S.
Lynam, M.
Lynch, J.
Macgugan, M.
Macgugan, S.
Mackey, K.
Malone, V.
Mathur, K.
McClelland, D.
McIntosh, E.
McKeown, B.
McRobie, R.
McWilliam, A.
Meseritz, N.
Mitchell, D.
Mitchell, Geoff
Mitchell, Greg
Mitchell, M.
Morley, B.
Morris, R.
Mulally, G.
Mulally, S.
Murphy, M.
Muter, S.
Myott, B.
Nash, R.
Nau, R.
Nicholls, P.
Norman, W.
O'Grady, D.
O'Mara, R.
Parker, M.
Paterson, S.-A.
Paterson, S.
Petrie, T.
Pierce, G.
Portelli, A.
Power, L.
Quinn, J.
Reece, S.
Regatteri, D.
Robertson, K.
Robinson, T.
Rundle, D.
Rutter, C.
Sawszak, W.
Schofield, B.
Schwarzl, M.

Shafer, D.
Sharp, L.
Shepherd, T.
Shiple, A.
Short, P.
Simpson, J.
Sinclair, B.
Sloan, J.
Smith, D.
Smith, G.
Smith, J.
Smith, N.
Stapleton, K.
Steele, G.
Tait, R.
Tame, A.
Tame, T.
Tebb, N.
Thorncroft, L.
Townsend, M.
Trickett, N.
Vella, M.
Von Kotze, M.
Walter, Melinda
Walter, Matthew
Ward, C.
Whitten, R.

JUNIORS

Bailey, A.
Bailey, P.
Braund, E.
Braund, T.
Burns, T.
Chapman, D.
Chatillon, B.
Chell, L.
Clarke, B.
Clayton, B.
Clayton, M.
Coady, S.
Courtney, J.
Craig, M.
Craig, S.
Death, H.
De Wit, J.
De Wit, L.
Doab, K.
Etchell, J.
Foley, D.
Gee, C.
Gee, G.
Guest, R.
Guilmartin, J.
Harman, R.
Henry, B.
Hodgson, M.
Hodgson, R.
Hogan, B.
Hurrell, C.
Hurrell, R.
Iles, J.
Ison, A.
Jelfs, R.
King, J.
Kirwan, A.
Kirwan, D.
Lewis, K.
Livingstone, B.
Longmore, T.
Mitchell, A.
Mullen, F.
O'Mara, E.
Parrott, S.
Pinsak, D.
Richards, J.
Richards, S.
Riley, J.
Rosendale, K.
Scott, C.
Semrani, M.
Shade, J.
Spears, C.
Taylor, B.
Townsend, D.
Vickers, A.

CADETS

Burnicle, K.
Clarke, D.
Courtney, C.
Ferrier, L.
Gavin, B.
Guest, M.
Jelphs, M.
Kirwan, A.
McClelland, D.
McLuckie, A.
McLuckie, T.
Parker, C.
Regatteri, Nathan
Regatteri, Nathan
Rutter, R.
Sawszak, C.
Shade, D.
Sheperd, C.
Shepherd, L.
Townesend, J.
Watkinson, K.
Wilson, K.
Woods, L.
Woods, R.

LONG SERVICE

Allan, R.
Andrews, J.
Baker, E.
Bissaker, W.
Boote, K.
Braund, M.
Byrne, F.
Cairncross, B.
Cannon, S.
Cheadle, J.
Cheadle, K.
Chell, P.
Cook, L.
De Wit, B.
Dorrell, R.
Duthie, R.
Fuller, W.
Fyffe, R.
Goffett, B.
Hitchings, C.
Hodgson, M.
Hunter, M.
Jarmaine, G.
Jelfs, P.
Lambert, I.
Licciardo, T.
Macgugan, I.
Maloney, P.
Martin, J.
McAtamney, J.
McGaw, I.
Messenger, I.
Mitchell, B.
O'Brien, G.
Peebles, A.
Realph, P.
Richards, D.
Riley, Q.
Ritchie, W.
Robinson, A.
Robinson, N.
Spindler, F.
Thomson, G.
Worrall, K.

ASSOCIATE

Allwood, K.
Allwood, R.
Andonopoulos, A.
Aston, S.
Aurisch, G.
Avis, G.
Babbage, D.
Babbage, E.
Bailey, C.
Boekeman, D.
Boekeman, L.
Bowles, G.
Buckley, F.
Burnicle, P.

Clarke, A.
Cook, K.
Coulson, L.
Costello, P.
Davis, M.
Day, A.
Day, G.
De Wit, C.
Dickens, R.
Dobinson, W.
Dunn, P.
Dunn, R.
Eldridge, P.
English, M.
Evans, H.
Evans, R.
Fermanis, C.
Fittock, R.
Fortey, S.
Franklin, W.
Furness, D.
Gardner, M.
Griffin, D.
Griffin, R.
Griffiths, B.
Griffiths, S.
Guest, T.
Guest, W.
Halfhide, T.
Harvey, T.
Hoban, M.
Hoban, P.
Hodge, M.
Hodgkinson, M.
Hodgson, A.
Holland, G.
Holmes, M.
Hunter, L.
Hunter, N.
Hunter, T.
Incoll, B.
Incoll, L.
Ingram, D.
Inwood, N.
Inwood, Shelly
Inwood, Steve
Jackman, H.
James, D.
Jelfs, L.
Jelfs, S.
Jones, A.
Jung, A.
Jung, S.
Kindrid, S.
Kindrid, A.
Kirkman, F.
Kotwell, R.
Kotwell, S.
Leslie, G.
Leslie, P.
Lewis, K.
Likely, I.
Lilley, D.
Lilley, M.
Lynch, P.
Macgugan, J.
Malone, T.
McClelland, D.
McClelland, L.
McLennan, D.
Meazone, M.
Meazone, S.
Meyn, G.
Mitchell, J.
Moore, M.
Morrow, L.
Morrow, T.
Muter, M.
Nicolle, P.
Nordish, C.
Nordish, P.
O'Grady, R.
Overton, Barry
Overton, Barry
Parker, B.
Parker, C.
Peebles, D.
Portelli, W.
Poulton, P.

LADIES

Attard, L.
Banks, P.
Boden, B.
Brand, T.
Bray, D.
Briton, A.
Buckley, B.
Cahill, A.
Dorrell, J.
Faulder, J.
Froud, D.
Fuller, M.
Fuller, S.
Gee, J.
Gee, P.
Gray, J.
Handcock, I.
Harpur, J.
Harvey, B.
Hoban, B.
Hoban, J.
Jones, P.
King, J.
Love, N.
March, D.
McAtamney, D.
McLuckie, S.
Moore, K.
Norman, C.
Oyston, J.
Parkinson, J.
Poole, J.
Portelli, J.
Power, J.
Robinson, L.
Sainsbury, R.
Spindler, E.
Spindler, J.
Thomson, N.
Tinker, R.
Troy, M.
Walshe, F.
Walters, H.
Wilson, M.
Winter, N.



"The George Sherwin Memorial Patrol Efficiency Shield" winning patrol (left to right): T. Braund, T. Petrie, B. Holmes, S. Brierty (and Duke), Ray O'Mara (Patrol Captain), E. Braund and V. Malone.



Our two swim teams at the Branch Championships (left to right): J. McAtamney, S. Paterson, "Spike" Jones, G. Jones, S. Dewick, T. Gee, J. English and D. Broadbent.

1996 – 1997 SEASON

68th Annual Report and Financial Statement

To our Sponsors, Members and Supporters,

I am pleased to present our Annual Report for the past season, with a summary of events and further details from the executive and section leaders.

Congratulations to patrol members who once again gave us a record of "No Lives Lost" during the surfing season.

MANAGEMENT: The Executive and General Committee met regularly throughout the year to ensure the Club functions smoothly.

Special mention must go to Club Captain, Craig Kelly and Vice-Captain, David O'Grady for ensuring patrols were manned and effective. And equipment kept up to standard. The hours Craig and David put in were beyond the normal expected for a Club our size.

PATROLS: Patrol attendance was slightly better than last year but still poor considering the number of members on our books. Once again we were close to being banned from Branch competition for patrol misdemeanours.

Besides Craig and David it was a few of the Club stalwarts making themselves available for extra duty that carried the Club through and a big thank you to those members concerned.

AWARDS GAINED: Ray O'Mara once again took on the duties of Chief Instructor and we congratulate him on a great job done. Twenty-two members received bronze medallions, 29 surf life saving certificates, 12 other various awards. Well done all of you, we look forward to your participation with these awards over the coming season.

COMPETITION: We had a quiet year competition wise. The Club is going through a reorganisation period and we look forward to again becoming the major force at surf carnivals.

Our seniors dominated the Branch Championships at the Masters carnival and a number of the Masters have got together to form a "training academy" for up and coming competitors. Jimmy McAtamney is in charge of this programme with further details elsewhere in this report.

HANDICAP EVENTS: These events were again very popular this past season. Grant Smith very ably supported by Scotty Mulally ran a well organised series with tight competition and a great deal of enjoyment by all taking part. Well done Grant and Scott.

ROCKS TO ROCKS: Another great swim! The Michael Hunter 1997 Rocks To Rocks was swum in perfect conditions — a surf to battle through at North Avoca and varying currents to "think your way around". Ryan Guest pipped "Jacko" by one second — what a finish! Jim Hennessy and Judy Byrne rounded up the stragglers and carried out rear shark patrol. Congratulations to them and all others who finished.

SPONSORSHIP: Surf lifesaving clubs would not survive WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF SPONSORS. No surf clubs — many lives lost! It is our sponsors who play such an important role in providing the equipment we use to rescue those in trouble. Energy Australia, Moove, The Milk Marketing board, 2GO, Sea FM, Erina Retravision, Midcoast Petroleum, Central Coast Leagues Club and local businesses are all to be thanked for supporting us with sponsorship over the year.

LADIES' AUXILIARY: The quiet achievers, the silent driving force always working in the background. Thank you ladies, you know how much we appreciate your support and fellowship.

FUNDRAISING: Our sponsors provide the equipment and operational costs. The members raise the funds for administration, electricity, etc.

Ross Allen organised the door knock again and topped last year's achievement of \$6,400 with over \$8,000 raised this year. Well done Ross! Well done to those who got out and did the hard yards! Beach raffles, barbecues, etc. raised funds for sections such as board paddlers, ski and beach competitors and the juniors.

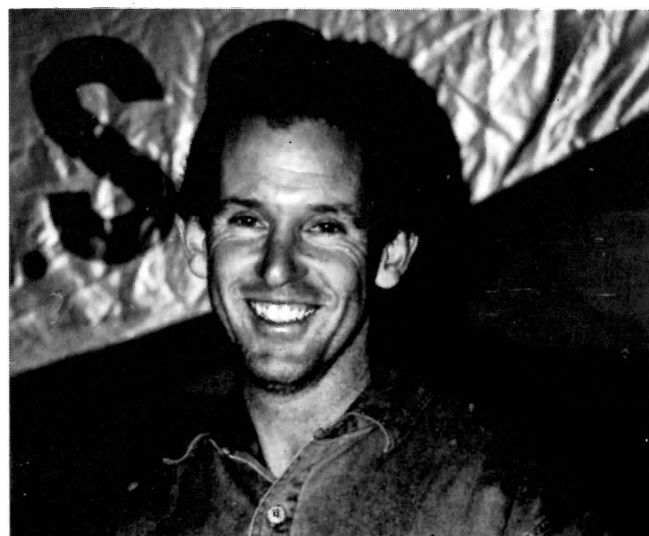
JUNIOR CLUB: Gary Clarke and his committee have led the Junior Club to a very successful season. Our Nipper club is one of the best in Australia competition wise and this augers well for the future. The rookie programme is providing sound training for the senior nippers preparing them for patrols for future seasons.

SECRETARIAL: Thank you to Helen Walters for the professional work she has done over the past season.

Thank you to Grahame Love for assisting in the preparation of this report. Wayne, Mick, Ross and Craig have been a great help as fellow Executive members and thank you all.

I present the annual for the 1996-97 season.

Peter Coleman
Hon. Secretary



"Clubman of the Year" David O'Grady.



"Patrolman of the Year" Club Captain, Craig Kelly, receives his award from last year's Patrolman, Peter Coleman. Footnote: The Club Captain normally selects this award, however the Executive took the unprecedented action and awarded Craig the trophy in recognition of the outstanding job that he did last season.



Junior Clubman — Ben Livingstone receives his award from Club Secretary, Peter Coleman.



Gadet Clubman — Chris Parker presented by Senior Vice-President, Mick Kendal.



The Howard Jones Junior Memorial Trophy for the Nipper and Nipperette of the Year. Presented by "Spike" to Leah Ferrier and Daniel Shade.



Our Club's latest Life Member Howard "Spike" Jones receives his Honour blazer.

Executive Meetings

(10 held)

	Attended	Apologies
WAYNE FULLER	10	
PETER COLEMAN	7	3
ROSS ALLAN	7	3
CRAIG KELLY	10	
MICK KENDAL	6	4

Committee Meetings

(8 held)

WAYNE FULLER	8	
PETER COLEMAN	7	1
ROSS ALLAN	7	1
CRAIG KELLY	8	
DAVE O'GRADY	6	2
MICK KENDALL	6	2
GRAHAME LOVE	6	2
DENNIS GEE	5	3
JACKSON ENGLISH	4	2
DAVE BROADBENT	3	2
JAMES PIPER	2	0
BEN LIVINGSTONE	5	1
JOHN MITCHELL	4	2
DAMIEN BENSON	5	2
ALISTAIR PEEBLES	5	2
JENNY LYNCH	4	2
RAY O'MARA	5	1
ROSS DUNN	3	2
DANIEL GRIM	4	1
JOHN MARTIN	2	0
RICHARD BRIERTY	2	0
STUART PATERSON	1	0
JRS. PRESIDENT	5	2

Treasurer Report

This year has been a difficult one financially for our Club.

The loss of the Sharpe and Cougar sponsorships totalling \$20,000 impacted severely on the effective running of our business during the past season.

Unfortunately due to the tough economic environment Company's are in today they have to utilise their capital in the areas most needed to allow them to stay profitable. Because of this, both sponsors were not in a position to continue their sponsorship of our Club as they had greater business needs for their dollars.

The Club extends sincere thanks to Sharpe and Cougar for their fantastic assistance over the many years they have supported us and wish them well. Hopefully they may be in a position in the future to reopen sponsorship negotiations. Once again thank you Sharpe and Cougar.

With the formation and implementation of President Grub's excellent and vital business span, many important areas relating to the ongoing running of the Club have been addressed in a very positive manner.

Sponsorship and fundraising was an area high on the agenda and I am delighted to report that a "high profile"

sponsorship committee has been formed, headed by Life Member and astute business leader Mike Tamblin.

This committee, under Mike, is currently exploring avenues of sponsorship not only for the coming season but to take the Club into the next millennium on a highly skilled and professional basis. Good news!!!

During the season we held our Annual Door Knock. The result surpassed last year's record, achieving in excess of the \$8,000 target set. As the Organiser I wish to thank all those who recognised the importance of this day and willingly gave their time. For those who didn't, how about being available in early January, 1998 for our next Door Knock. We do require your help. No excuses please.

Thanks to Dave Richards of **AVOCA TERRACE CAFÉ** for providing a lucky draw prize of a dinner for two drawn at the completion of the Door Knock and a huge thanks to the residents and business proprietors of Avoca Beach and Kincumber for their magnificent support.

It was very pleasing to note the efforts this season of the different sections of the Club doing their own fundraising to cover equipment purchases and repairs. Their efforts relieved a substantial financial burden on the Club and indicated to the Executive that our Club members are prepared not just to bathe in the glory of victory but to do the hard work behind the scenes to cover the escalating repair and equipment changeover costs. Well done.

A sincere thank you to the Club's Solicitor, Michael Riley of **MICHAEL RILEY & ASSOCIATES** Avoca Beach. Michael, as well as looking after the Club's legal areas free of charge has sponsored the ski area with a new double ski and has continually put cash into the Club when asked. Thanks Mike for your continued support and to your family for helping on the Door Knock and being a "Topknocker". To the many other members who helped keep our expenditure down by giving their time free or at a reduced rate when carrying out repairs to the Club, a big "thank you" to all of you.

Members, I wish to now make a "special" mention regarding our wonderful Ladies' Auxiliary. Jan Gee and her great team of ladies have provided valuable financial support to this Club during the year. Without their continuing assistance to our various sectional areas in the way of dollars, the Club would have had difficulty in paying those ever increasing bills.

Jan, on behalf of the members of this Club a huge thank you.

In conclusion, with the formation of the Sponsorship Committee, Grub's business plan, the help of all members in the areas of fundraising, I feel confident our Club will be in a strong financial position at the close of business next season.

Yours in Life Saving,

Ross Allan
Hon. Treasurer



**Final of another Board Rescue Race (left to right):
B. Clarke and T. McLuckie.**



Some of our up and coming champions (left to right): B. Clarke, C. Parker, R. Guest, D. Shade, M. Guest and D. Clarke.



Beach Relay team in March Past costumes? (left to right): B. Chattilon, A. Bailey, G. Jones and S. Reece.



More of our future champions (left to right): L. Kylma, R. Hurrell, D. Foley and G. Gee.

Club Captain's Report

Avoca Beach never ceases to amaze me. This year was no different. One of the most turbulent seasons both in the water and out.

The swell off Avoca for the past year has been as consistent as I can ever remember. It has been great for the boardriders and body surfers and everyone else who likes to enjoy waves.

With these conditions on the prowl, a lot of rips are created and thus for those that don't use the surf a lot, danger arises! Which brings us to our purpose of being — **Volunteer Lifesavers For Avoca!** That's what it is all about and that's what were here for.

Many Club personnel were eager to don the cap and do their duty and on a sadder note many were just as eager to shirk the task. But let's not dwell on the shirkers.

Many, many thanks to those who did the hours and did them properly. Over this season more than 4,000 hours were performed by our members, some maybe not as good as others, but on the whole the job was done. And once again as usual **NO LIVES LOST!** — **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!** There can never be enough, thank you's. And I intend to thank as many people as possible. Starting with the people involved with the **Major Rescue** performed on the northern side of central Avoca Tower.

On 8th February, 1997 — a Saturday — in the afternoon, a young woman found herself in grave danger. As a matter of fact, it was "all over bar the shouting" and then out of the wild blue yonder, comes the cavalry — in the form of board paddlers from Avoca Beach S.L.S.C. — two of our best and keenest members. Trevor Gee and Jackson English. The young woman was over 300 metres out and in a rip. When these two gentlemen just happened to be in this area doing some board training. Trevor immediately summed up the situation, while Jackson gallantly paddled at full speed back to our Club for help. While he was gone Trevor using all his surf skill and wisdom proceeded to perform this season's **RESCUE OF THE YEAR!**

He successfully returned the patient to shore and from there she was taken to hospital and made a full recovery. Damien Benson returned with Jackson and with the assistance of Garry Clarke and Matt Mitchell thus this achievement was made. Much thanks to all these people as well as Peter Battye and his Number 3 Patrol which was rostered on that afternoon.

Because of that rescue, I decided to implement a new award, in the form of a perpetual trophy, The Captain's Award for Rescue of the year. This year Trevor Gee won this award. Congratulations to Trevor and everyone else concerned with that rescue.

We had 16 Patrols rostered to cover our beach this season, about half that number performed as well as we had wished. Weekend after weekend, holes within the Patrols had to be covered, a core of people within the Club helped to plus the gaps — thanks to these people: **B. Parker, J. Lynch, G. Clarke, David McClelland, T. McLuckie, M. Lynam, P. Kendal, Daniel McClelland, G. Jones, R. Guest, B. Clarke, R. Hurrell, L. Chell, M. Kendal, T. Petrie, W. Norman, S. Mulally, B. Franklin, M. Parker, J. Courney** — and a very special thanks to — **P. Coleman, B. Livingstone, D. O'Grady** — these last three people logged over 200 hours between them and were a constant help, they never shirked a task and always did it with a smile. So it is not surprising to note that between them they won two major club awards, I know of their total involvement across the Club, Patrols, Fundraising, Instruction and Competition and I congratulate them.

Avoca held three carnivals this season, thus we were in charge of the water safety and I would like to thank these people for their efforts on these days: **D. O'Grady, Greg Pierce, David McClelland, Slim Peebles, Ben Livingstone, Larry Thorncroft, Wayne Fuller and Peter Coleman.**

The Patrols this season were drawn up by both myself and David O'Grady, as I have said before about half of these Patrols failed to perform as we would of liked them to. This left us with the other Patrols that were doing their jobs. We ran the 1996-97 Inter Patrol Comp. over the whole Patrol season. Based on **Patrol attendance, Patrol dress, Beach Patrol location and equipment.** This year we never got to all the Patrols to have them perform practical rescue situation. We did spot checks on all Patrols right throughout the season. Between us David and I spent over 177 hours rostered on Patrols we covered every Patrol. If we weren't on Patrol, we were down at the beach watching their performance. The best performed Patrols were **Patrol 4, Patrol 10 and Patrol 13.** the winning Patrol this season was **Patrol 13.** We have no hesitation in awarding this Patrol and congratulate these members — **Patrol 13: Ray O'Mara, Vince Malone, Chris Hayes, Bill Holmes, Todd Petrie, Sharon Brierty, Tiffany Braund, Erin Braund.**

This was a very hard year on the gear. Especially on the IRBs and the motors. They were a constant problem from start to finish. This area within the club needs help badly. It needs a group of people that are willing to put good maintenance hours into both motors and IRB hulls. Please think about this, someone must be able to help in the coming season. This club at present is well equipped with rescue gear, but as you know it wears out fairly quickly and even more so if it is not looked after, please treat it as if it was your own, because we never know where the next dollar is coming from.

This year we had 23 people gain 100% attendance and a further 26 gain 80%.

100% ATTENDANCE		80% ATTENDANCE	
D. Clarke	Rookie	G. Pierce	Patrol 1
K. Bernicle	Rookie	G. Clarke	Patrol 1
P. Battye	Patrol 3	G. Jones	Patrol 1
M. Sainsbury	Patrol 3	S. Mulally	Patrol 2
S. Harvey	Patrol 4	C. Coulson	Patrol 2
M. Lynam	Patrol 4	J. Lawler	Patrol 4
B. Franklin	Patrol 4	G. Gavin	Patrol 4
A. Simon	Patrol 4	B. Gavin	Patrol 4
G. Smith	Patrol 5	J. English	Patrol 5
N. Trickett	Patrol 7	P. Kendall	Patrol 6
B. Livingstone	Patrol 9	G. Byrne	Patrol 7
K. Ferrier	Patrol 10	C. Parker	Patrol 7
L. Thorncroft	Patrol 10	R. Nau	Patrol 8
R. Hurrell	Patrol 10	D. Broadbent	Patrol 9
V. Malone	Patrol 13	P. Gee	Patrol 10
T. Braund	Patrol 13	R. Guest	Patrol 10
E. Braund	Patrol 13	B. Clarke	Patrol 10
G. Steele	Patrol 14	D. Grim	Patrol 11
D. Jefferies	Patrol 14	M. Kendall	Patrol 11
P. Lock	Patrol 14	M. Garland	Patrol 12
C. Anderson	Patrol 15	E. McIntosh	Patrol 12
J. Guilmartin	Patrol 15	T. Gee	Patrol 12
K. Lewis	Patrol 16	R. O'Mara	Patrol 13
		B. Holmes	Patrol 13
		J. Courtney	Patrol 14
		W. Norman	Patrol 16

My sincere congratulations to all these people and thank you for the season.

You will note that our rescues this year were up in number, this I feel was due to the fact of the seas being more constantly turbulent, our preventive action was high, this I feel is a good thing. It shows that people are watching the swimmers. First aid and marine stings seems to be well down, but I feel this was due to lack of recording.



Senior Ladies Board Relay Team (left to right): E. McIntosh, S. Brierty and J. Lynch.



"Waiting" for their race (left to right): J. Courtney, R. Guest, B. Clark, T. McLuckie and C. Parker.

Club Captain's Report (continued)

Over the seasons some people try to avoid doing their Patrols, this year we started to try and stop this from being prevalent. We had certain success maybe not as great as we would have wished. But the club aims to keep moving in that direction. There is no room in this club for people who do not do their share. It is not fair for some to do the work and others not doing anything else unless its to their own personal benefit. You will note that all the hours are published and will continue to be, this will help show who is not doing their job.

Competition this year never hit the great heights that we are use to enjoying, although we only just miss out on being the Branch Champions, overall I felt that there is quite a lot of very skilled competitors and I think that we can only improve in the coming season.

With the introduction of the Coach Advisory Panel, headed by Jimmy Mac, I can only see a very bright future ahead of this club. I would also encourage everyone in the club to support the **C.A.P. Panel**.

I personally had the good fortune to return to the sport of surf boat rowing and with the help of a very keen Under 18 crew, was able to have a very enjoyable season. With many thanks to all the help provided me by, **Dennis Gee, Phil Gee, John Mitchell, Jim Mitchell** and all the rest of the boat fraternity.

In closing I would also like to thank all of the Executive for the help over the year and just remind people of the work that is involved in the running of a club the size of ours, the work that goes on behind the scene is unbelievable and don't forget it is all voluntary.

See you at the A.G.M. and let's look forward to a great 1997-98 season.

STATISTICS OF RESCUES & SUCH PERFORMED AT AVOCA BEACH 1996-97 SEASON BY MEMBERS OF AVOCA S.L.S.C.

Preventative Action	1123
Inshore Recue Boat	55
Rescue Board	51
Other Rescues / Tube or No Gear	99
Marine Sting	45
First Aid	20
Lost Children	4

All the above statistics are recorded in the Patrol Log. While every effort is made to keep these stats as correct as possible, it must be kept in mind that it is easy for an error to occur. At the same time, I can assure you that these figures very closely identify, the diligence and vigilance that was performed on this beach by volunteer Patrol members of the Avoca Beach S.L.S.C.

Craig Kelly, Club Captain

P.S.—Here lies the real Gold in Surf Life Saving, this is what it is all about.



Gary Gee paddles through the seaweed in the final of his board race.

Junior Club Captain Report

The close of another surf season has arrived and as usual the Avoca Beach Juniors have a lot to be proud of, bringing home more than its fair share of success.

It seems evident that each year the junior ranks within the club has grown stronger and with this comes great confidence and pride.

The enthusiasm shown by the cadets and juniors this year was inspiring in all ages and with the right attitude Avoca Beach S.L.S.C. will be flying high once again.

Throughout the year the cadets and juniors contested very keenly in all of the major championship events as well as local carnivals. Although not everyone gained a place or made a final the zest shown by all competitors really did make the other clubs feel the sting of Avoca in combat.

Although the passing season has been prosperous it is the general consensus of opinion in the club that competitors are not performing to their maximum potential. As a result of this, a coachign advisory panel has been formed as has already proven to be a vital project.

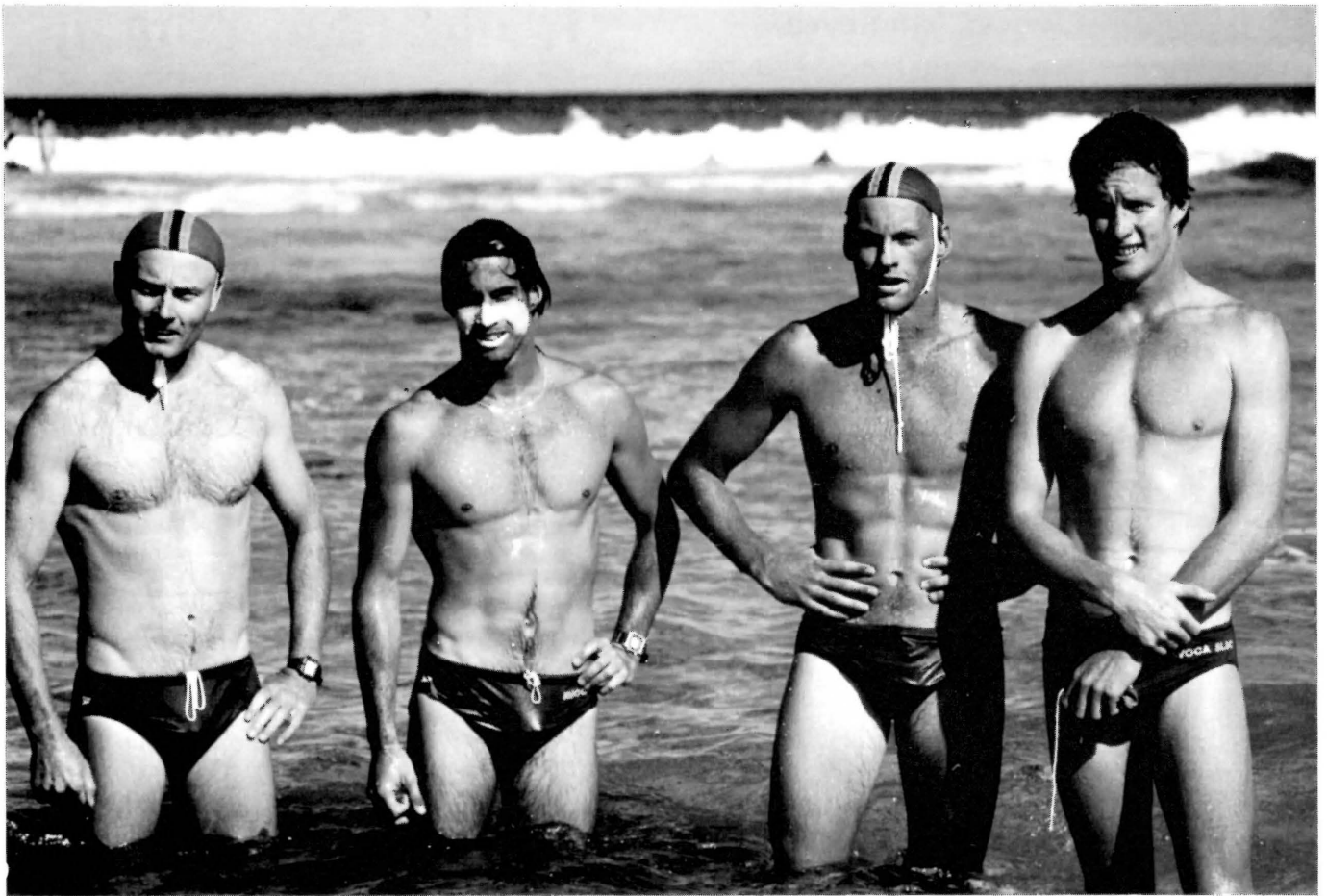
The panel is headed by Jim McAtameny who can boat to be one of Avoca's most brilliant achievers of years past. As a current competitor, I look favourably to Jim's advice and help and hope all members can get behind him and his panel 100% with the mission in mind of making Avoca Beach S.L.S.C. number one once again.

On the 16th May, 1997, there was a meeting held at the club for serious competitors wanting to make a difference in helping to regenerate Avoca's good name and image. I am delighted to announce there were in excess of 60 competitors, that turned out to express their dedication. Anyone who missed this important meeting and is genuine in competing next season, should consider talking to either Jim McAtamany, Jim Mitchell or Dennis Gee to organise a training programme (don't leave it too late).

This year has been terrific in most areas and I would like to congratulate those people who achieved their goals this season and hope next season everyone can build on their performances.

Thanks for a great season.

Ben Livingstone
Junior Club Captain



Open Surf Race Finalists at Branch Titles (l. to r.): D. Broadbent, T. Gee (1st place), G. Jones and J. English.



Ladies Boat Crew modelling one of our Club Sponsors T-shirts (l. to r.): J. Clarkson, K. Robertson, B. Chell and K. Bonham.

Boat Captain's Report

It is with pleasure that I submit this report on the performances of our boat crews for the past season. With eight crews competing one can understand the wear and tear on our gear. Fortunately with the co-operation of crews we managed to keep our fundraising ahead of our damage bills.

Our appreciation to our sponsors, especially Milk Marketing NSW for their continued financial support. Your assistance is invaluable, without your support we certainly would find it difficult to maintain our gear.

In competition we were as busy as usual competing in the Peters Central Coast-Newcastle Premiership, NSW Boat Premiership, Brewarrina Outback Classic, NSW Championships, Australian Championships, as well as other major carnivals throughout NSW.

The Peters Series provided us with excellent early season competition. Results from the series were good with the U/19s in third place, the U/22s pipped the "coppers" by one point to win the Reserves; rowing consistently our Over 180 crew came first and our Ladies "Blue" crew came second. Top efforts from all crews who contested the series.

Again we contested the Brewarrina Outback Classic and came home with pleasing results. This year we entered an Open, Masters and Ladies crews with a second place in the Open, first in the Masters and first in the Ladies. The Committee of One (Zombie) who conduct the race recognised our club effort with a special presentation at the end of the race function. All crews are to be congratulated on your efforts, while Manager, Jim Mitchell; Assistant Manager, Ross Tait; Cooks-Concrete Clelland and Ian Likely; Video, Matt Mitchell and drivers John Gorey and Barry Sinclair; Masseurs, Richard Bolton and Justine Clarkson and Troy Grogan excelled themselves in looking after our needs.

One of the most pleasing results of the season was the U/22s winning the Branch Open Boat Championship, a title that has eluded us for several years. Further to win back the Richard Gee Memorial Trophy was very satisfying.

Our depth of talent stood out at the Central Coast Championships. The Open was won by the U/22s with the As third, the Coppers won the Reserve with the Bs second, the Ladies "Blue" crew were second and the "Greens" third, with the U/18s in their first race coming second. **WELL DONE.** Further the Over 180s came first and the Over 200s were first.

At the State the As were semi-finalists for the second year in a row, a very good performance. In their second race the Under 18s reached the quarter finals, also a worthy effort. Proving that age does not weary them, the Over 200s picked up a bronze medal.

Our only medal at Inter Cities was a bronze won by the Cs in a top field. Looked like winning it close to shore but rowed well for their place.

At the Australian League of Rowers Championship, our Ladies "Green" crew rowed an exceptional race to come second, finally showing what they are capable of.

Performances at the Australian Championships did not meet expectations, all crews tried their best with the U/22s and Ladies "Blue" crew making the quarter finals.

Congratulations to Boatie of the Year, Craig Kelly. Part way through the season he took on sweeping a new junior crew. As he always does "Seymour's" enthusiasm was injected into his crew and they improved out of sight. Nice to see Craig back into surfboats.

Appreciation: Ross Tait for involvement with fundraising
Mike Tamblyn for co-ordinating sponsorship negotiations
Bob Dorrell for donation of rowlocks
Garry's Tyres, Erina for boat trailer tyres
E & H Care Care, Avoca for boat trailer repairs
North Avoca SLSC for loan of boat trailer
Killcare SLSC for loan of boat.

As I close this report I have just heard of the tragic death of Garth Houghton. In the two seasons that he rowed Garth always gave his best, providing also that he was a true sportsman. His personality readily endeared him to his fellow rowers. From the rowers of our Club, I extend our deepest sympathy to you Jenny and your family.

CREWS:-

"A" — N. Mesritz, A. Burg, D. Smith, A. Collins, John Mitchell

Reserves

U/22s — T. Petrie, P. Kendal, M. Parker, D. Mitchell, D. Gee

B — S. Rogers, R., Nash, C. Cairncross, J. Gorey, Jim Mitchell

C — G. Houghton (dec'd), B. Cullen, P. Nicolls, M. Gardiner, P. Gee

Veterans

Over 180s — K. Bootle, R. Allan, A. Hoban, P. Chell, W. Bissaker, John Mitchell

Over 200s — Jim Mitchell, D. Gee, John Mitchell, A. Hoban, M. Tamblyn, P. Gee

Ladies

"Blue" — C. Brown, K. Robertson, J. Clarkson, K. Bonham, B. Chell, John Mitchell

"Green" — A. Ison, M. Casey, B. Sinclair, M. Walker, B. Myott, Jim Mitchell

U/18s — C. Harman, J. Piper, S. Richards, B. Chattillon, K. Bootle, L. Kilmar, A. Sinclair, J. Joyce, B. Livingstone, C. Kelly

Dennis Gee
Boat Captain

Beach Sprinters' Report

This season was a quiet one for the beach section but when our runners hit the beach we managed to achieve some success. At our early carnivals we pulled out some good results with the help of Brett Clarke and Ryan Guest who filled in the vacant spaces of our relay team which managed to be victorious at these carnivals.

A highlight to the year was the introduction of a sponsor for our section. The sponsor being "T53 Men's Hair" at Erina Fair. From this sponsorship we managed to introduce a new major award for the section which is called the T53 Men's Hair Beach Sprinter Encouragement Award. The award went to Kylie Lewis who was one of most dedicated runners for the season who put a lot of effort into her running, turning up to training and always having a run at carnivals even if there was no one else running. Well done Kylie.

Next season is approaching fast so all those club members interested in competing for the Club on the beach should start to prepare for next season (i.e., start training). And I welcome any new members to consider competing in the beach section next year as the larger the squad the more success Avoca will achieve on the beach.

Finally I would like to thank T53 Men's Hair for their sponsorship and all the beach competitors for their effort over the past season at training and at carnivals.

See you next season.

Daniel Grim



Junior Boat Crew (l. to r.): L. Kylma, J. Joyce, A. Sinclair, C. Kelly (sweep) and B. Livingstone.



"A" Boat Crew (l. to r.): N. Mezerritz, John Mitchell (sweep), A. Burg, A. Collins and D. Smith.

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, 1996.

I report that I'm 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, 1997.

Signed at Avoca

MAURIE LYNAM

Balance Sheet

as at 30th April, 1997

MEMBER'S FUNDS	1996/97	1995/96
Cash on Hand —		
Avoca Surf Club	180.00	97.00
Social Account	391.00	350.00
Cash at Bank —		
Avoca Surf Club	2,710.86	340.00
Social Account	2,240.45	3,232.00
Ladies Auxiliary	2,385.83	7,080.00
Junior Activities	2,368.41	(1,654.00)
Term Deposits		
Avoca Surf Club	11,472.18	29,512.00
Junior Association	—	5,000.00
	<u>\$21,748.73</u>	<u>\$43,957.00</u>

Surplus and Deficit Account

for the year ended 30th April, 1997

	1996/97	1995/96
Operating Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(22,208.27)	11,077.00
Accumulated Surplus beginning of year	43,957.00	32,880.00
Accumulated Surplus carried forward	21,748.73	43,957.00

General Account

Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 30th April, 1997

INCOME	1996/97	1995/96
Members' Fees	5,840.00	5,220.00
Boat Fundraising	3,333.20	19,071.00
Boat Sponsorship	230.50	—
Carnival Prizemoney	2,800.00	1,875.00
Clothing Income	120.00	1,809.00
Donations and Grants	10,716.00	36,285.00
General Fundraising	6,056.75	15,567.00
Door Knock Appeal	8,957.98	5,007.00
Hall Hire	4,450.00	3,480.00
Ski Fundraising	2,450.00	—
Ski Sponsorship	2,000.00	—
Board Fundraising	3,044.20	1,225.00
Board Sponsorship	1,000.00	—
State / Australian Fundraising	1,268.00	—
Board of Examiners	367.00	—
I.B.D. / Bank Interest	9.83	1,019.00
Gym Fundraising	67.75	426.00
Manuals	90.00	276
Sundries	432.65	178.00
Transfer Other Accounts	5,800.00	—
Funny Money Income	1,200.00	—
I.R.B. Fundraising	500.00	5,190.00
Ladies' Auxiliary Sponsorship	4,500.00	—
State / Australian Accommodation	100.00	—
Sports Grants	2,000.00	—
Bourke Trip	7,526.00	—
Carnival Entries	3,303.50	—
TOTAL INCOME	\$78,163.36	\$96,628.00
 EXPENDITURE		
Administration Expenses	1,245.00	2,370.00
Affiliation Fees	1,844.50	—
Bank Charges	278.12	239.00
Board Purchases / Repairs	6,183.50	2,887.00
Boat Purchases / Repairs	6,739.00	27,210.00
Bourke Trip Expenses	7,526.00	—
Clothing Purchases	5,452.60	13,414.00
Club Cleaning Expenses	3,667.46	—
Club Maintenance	1,254.77	4,270.00
Clubhouse Improvements	2,242.30	—
Clubhouse Supplies	3,185.76	4,000.00
Fundraising Expenses	4,110.31	7,501.00
Gas	1,020.30	1,000.00
Gym Expenses	183.80	188.00
Insurance	1,527.44	1,519.00
I.R.B. Purchases / Repairs	9,087.71	4,372.00
Manuals / Awards	1,197.15	2,220.00
Presentation Night Expenses	864.00	3,595.00
Printing and Stationery	4,103.76	2,828.00
Rescue Equipment Purchases	4,133.68	1,785.00
Ski Purchases / Repairs	8,689.24	2,298.00
Sports Grant	893.00	—
Stand Carnival Entries	1,891.00	—
State / Australian Accommodation	2,736.00	1,542.00
State / Australian Entries	5,158.35	6,520.00
Sundry Payments	6,619.85	6,472.00
Telecom	729.65	792.00
Utilities	2,950.75	4,500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$95,515.00	\$93,040.00
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	\$(17,351.64)	\$3,588.00

\$18,000.00 I.B.D. drawn down and banked into Operating Account.

SUMMARY OF GENERAL ACCOUNT			
Opening Balance	\$ 2,268.01	Unpresented Cheques	\$6,729.21
Income	\$95,983.36	Actual Balance	\$2,710.86
Expenses	\$88,811.30	Cash on Hand	\$ 180.00
Balance	\$ 9,440.07	Equity	\$2,890.86

Ladies' Auxiliary

Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 30th April, 1997

INCOME	1996/97	1995/96	EXPENDITURE	1996/97	1995/96
Donations	213.00	—	Arts and Crafts	1,225.15	4,057.00
Carnivals	390.00	—	Lamingtons	750.00	—
Shirts	208.00	—	Senior Club	4,500.00	965.00
Lamingtons Barbecue	1,539.86	889.00	Clubhouse	1,760.00	—
Arts and Crafts	4,541.05	7,076.00	Shirts	793.50	—
Subscriptions	110	110	Cash Float	313.09	—
Interest	208.57	192.00	Carnivals	2,350.00	—
			Bus Trip	475.00	770.00
			Sundries	—	55
			Bank Charges	57.97	89.00
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$7,210.48</u>	<u>\$8,267.00</u>	TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$12,224.71</u>	<u>\$5,936.00</u>
			Net Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>\$(5,014.23)</u>	<u>\$2,331.00</u>
			ADD—Opening Cash at Bank	\$7,400.06	\$4,750.00
			—Opening Cash at Hand ...	—	—
			Total	<u>\$2,385.83</u>	<u>\$7,081.00</u>
			LESS—Club Disbursements	—	—
			CLOSING BALANCE	<u>\$2,385.83</u>	<u>\$7,081.00</u>

Junior Activities Account

as at 30th April, 1997

INCOME	1997	1996	EXPENDITURE	1997	1996
Registrations	7,030.00	4,940.00	Registrations	2,061.00	1,084.00
T-shirts Sales	157.00	3,690.00	Awards	618.55	883.00
Cap Sales	1,085.00	875.00	Equipment	4,298.64	1,663.00
Rash Vests	1,180.00	1,040.00	Fundraising	1,706.20	4,796.00
Fundraising	8,133.40	10,450.00	Carnival Costs	2,436.00	4,061.00
Carnival	1,356.95	—	Uniforms	5,840.50	—
Sun Shelter Sales	550.00	—	Clothing	6,843.50	3,092.00
Donations / Sponsorship	3,896.00	2,230.00	Presentation	5,770.55	4,558.00
Clothing	4,307.35	—	Postage and Stationery	47.75	130.00
Sales Sundries	3,331.08	—	Bank Charges	86.08	23.00
			Sun Shelters	—	1,794.00
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$31,026.78</u>	<u>\$23,225.00</u>	TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$31,916.08</u>	<u>\$22,184.00</u>
			Net Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>\$(889.30)</u>	<u>\$1,041.00</u>
			OPEN BALANCE	\$(1,742.29)	—
			Income	\$36,026.78	—
			Expenditure	\$(31,916.08)	—
			CLOSING BALANCE	<u>\$2,368.41</u>	<u>—</u>

\$5,000.00 I.B.D. drawn down and banked into Operating Account.

Social Account

Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 30th April, 1997

INCOME	1997	1996
Bar Income	12,994.51	22,386.00
Interest	—	44.00
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$12,994.51</u>	<u>\$22,430.00</u>
EXPENDITURE	1997	1996
Liquor Purchases	9,980.35	14,923.00
Soft Drink	485.50	809.00
1996 Licence Fees and Fines	1,452.00	2,173.00
Bank Fees	29.76	38.00
Equipment	—	64.00
Carnival Fee	—	306.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$11,947.61</u>	<u>\$18,313.00</u>
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>\$1,046.90</u>	<u>\$4,117.00</u>
ADD—Opening cash at bank	\$3,593.55	\$1,619.00
—Opening cash at hand	\$350.00	\$350.00
TOTAL	<u>\$4,990.45</u>	<u>\$6,086.00</u>
LESS—Club Disbursements	<u>\$2,400.00</u>	<u>\$2,504.00</u>
Statement Balance	<u>\$2,240.45</u>	<u>\$3,593.00</u>
ADD—Stock and cash on hand	<u>\$391.00</u>	<u>—</u>
CLOSING BALANCE	<u>\$2,631.45</u>	<u>\$3,593.00</u>

NOTE: \$3,980.00 has been deposited directly into the General Account.

Social Report

Looking back on the season it has been quite a successful one, for the social side. Other than our prawn night we have not had a lot of functions however the club barbecue at the State Titles was a great success as all members turned up.

Many thanks for helping out with all the other nights re Funny Money and behind the bar go to Concrete, Dave Richards and all the barbecue helpers sespecially John Hurrell (Good Guy), Damian Benson and all the helpers.

The following value for food and drinks was given away during the year without any income:—

Carnival official drinks	217.00
Carnival workers drinks/food	163.00
NSW Titles Barbecue	575.00
Rock to Rocks food and drink	115.00
Club door knock	135.00
Club Patrol Meetings	230.00
Club Function workers	534.00
TOTAL	<u>\$1,969.00</u>

ROSS DUNN
Social Secretary

Chief Instructor's Report

It gives me pleasure in submitting the Chief Instructor's report for 1996-97. Overall it was a quiet season for instructing. Once again fellow Club members were called upon to take on the challenge and responsibilities and giving up their valuable time to put through respective Bronze Medallion, Surf Life Saving Certificate and Advanced Resuscitation Certificate squads. I would like to thank the following people: Alistair "Slim" Peebles, Ben Livingstone, Stewart Paterson, Paul Kendal, Damien Benson and Jenny Lynch. To the Central Coast Board of Examiners especially Graham Slade, without their assistance and Co-operation my job would have been very difficult indeed, again my sincere thanks.

In December, 1996, Avoca Beach Surf Club was actively involved with Whalan High School and as a result over 14 students and staff were successful in obtaining their Bronze Medallion and Surf Life Saving Certificates — congratulations to Alison Benoit and everybody concerned.

BRONZE MEDALLIONS (23)

R. Whitten	D. Hunter	Peter Short
K. Mansfield	D. Babbage	K. Leech
Jeff Barnes	S. Mullins	Leon Kylma
P. Hutchinson	Celine Holland	Michelle Teale
M. Townesend	Melissa Casey	Kylie Lewis
David Rundle	Natalie Hoy	Lisa Sharp
Darren McInnes	S. Gentles	N. Oliver
S. Brown	Mark Dowd	

SURF LIFE SAVING CERTIFICATE

N. Batten	C. Sawszak	N. Regatter
C. Parker	B. Gauch	K. McAndrew
M. Brown	S. Brown	K. Burnicle
L. Ferrier	C. Hardy	N. Inwood
M. Carpenter	A. McClucky	P. Van Dam
T. Grant	G. Lock	S. McGuiggan
S. Payne	C. Stretton	C. Williams
A. Kirwan	M. Guest	C. Courtney
D. McClelland	R. Rutter	M. Jelfs
K. Watkinson	D. Clarke	

ADVANCED RESUSCITATION CERTIFICATES

B. Livingstone	G. Byrne	P. Kendal
S. Richards	L. Sharp	D. Babbage
S. Mezzone	D. Peebles	

IRB DRIVERS

K. Hackett	C. Ward	D. Pinsak
M. Bennett		

My apologies, but my sincere thanks to those I have omitted from this report.

Yours in surf life saving.

Ray O'Mara

Rocks to Rocks Classic

Sunday, 26th January, 1997

FIFTH YEAR

Placing	Time	Name
1	18.57	Ryan Guest
2	18.58	Jackson English
3	19.02	Emma McIntosh
4	19.27	Trevor Gee
5	19.28	Shaun Mcgugan
6	19.29	Brett Clarke
7	22.02	David Rundle
8	22.06	Adam Bailey
9	22.13	Robert Hurrell
10	22.19	Jeremy Veness
11	22.28	Greg Burns
12	22.31	Gary Gee
13	22.57	Simon Waterworth
14	23.49	Trent McLuckie
15	23.55	Kristy Paterson
16	24.09	Sharon Briety
17	24.14	Natalie Hoy
18	24.15	Jarred Courtney
19	24.27	Colin Bailey
20	24.47	Mick Foley
21	25.07	Mick Holmes
22	25.10	Erin Braund
23	25.26	Gordon Crabb
24	25.27	Kate Robertson
25	25.36	David O'Grady
26	25.45	Garth Hunter
27	25.55	Jeff Barnes
28	26.15	Damien Benson
29	26.35	Peter Hoban
30	26.37	Craig Hunter
31	26.46	Paula Selby
32	26.48	Helen Jackman
33	27.14	Daniel Jeffires
34	27.41	Steve Selby
35	27.42	Scott Mulally
36	27.59	John Roderick
37	28.23	Mark Jury
38	28.27	Ian Mcgugan
39	28.29	Wally Sawszak
40	28.30	Stephen Donohue
41	28.34	Michael Hunter
42	28.34	Bill Franklin
43	29.23	Wayne Fuller
44	29.27	Gary Parkin
45	29.55	Matthew Slattery
46	29.57	Phillip Gee
47	29.58	Dave Benson
48	30.11	Mick Kendal
49	30.28	Bill Holmes
50	30.45	Bryan Low
51	30.53	Peter Coleman
52	31.00	Maruie Lynam
53	32.30	Gina Mulally
54	32.30	John Martin
55	32.58	Bill Hardy
56	33.51	Craig Anderson
57	36.59	Luke Chell
58	40.50	Dave Hennessey
59	40.55	Jim Hennessey
60	60.00	Judy Byrne



3rd place NSW Championships Under 18 Double Ski (l. to r.): Shaun McGuiggen and Damien Foley.



Reserve Boat Crew — the U/22s (l. to r.): P. Kendal, D. Mitchell, D. Gee (sweep), M. Parker and T. Petrie.



Reserve Boat Crew — "Cs" (l. to r.): G. Houghton, B. Cullen, M. Gardner, P. Gee (sweep) and P. Nicholls.

Coaching Advisory Panel's Report

An informal meeting held at the surf club on Sunday, 4th May, 1997. It was decided to form a committee of interested members to discuss the future directions of competition in both the Senior and Junior sections of the surf club.

The Junior section has had magnificent success in all age groups. It is felt if the Senior section of the Club is to cater and capitalize on the talent coming through from the Junior levels, then we need a plan of action in place.

Although the Senior club only got a third placing in the U/18 Ski at the State Titles, we went very well at the local Branch Championships. This year we came second to the Lakes by the narrowest of margins.

The initial Committee is made up of Jim McAtamney, Dennis Gee, Jim Mitchell, Damion Benson and "Spike" Jones.

The main goals are:-

- To ensure that our competitors are well prepared.
- To ensure that the competitors' equipment is of the highest possible standard.
- To upgrade the gym and to employ a casual instructor to supervise and monitor fitness programmes.
- To liaise with the Youth Development Officer in working with the younger members.

The initial gathering of competitors and other interested members was held on Friday, 16th May, 1997. It was an outstanding success. More than 60 members attended and listened to the general plan of attack for the next season.

Putting a coaching plan into place is fine but we need the support of the competitors. I feel we have that support.

Competition is a vital part of Surf Life Saving, but is not the whole picture. We must be very conscious of our obligation to patrol the beach. This is the Number One priority. Bearing this in mind, finding major sponsors is closely linked with the exposure our elite competitors can get.

Having the finances to support the competitors is very important. The 50/50 subsidy is a very good way to reward the keen and motivated competitor. The Coaching Advisory Panel will oversee the nominations for Club subsidised craft.

A major area of concern is the lack of people to take on management positions for touring teams. The organisation of fundraising, general travel arrangements, issue gear, etc., is very important for the younger club members. Having an older and more experienced member in charge of this will assist greatly.

We are establishing a mentor programme for various sections of the Club. We have several ex-Australian Champions, e.g. Bob Caincross and Murray Braund, who have offered their services to be mentors for our younger competitors. While not tying up their time too much this will be valuable for the younger members.

The coaching members would also like to work with the youth of the Club. We would like to assist by arranging functions at the surf club that will be only for younger members but fully supervised and sanctioned by the Senior Club, e.g. video night, two on two basketball, touch football and volleyball on the beach from this will come a feeling of being apart of a good social group, not just patrols and training for carnivals.

To conclude we need to keep recruiting new members from a variety of areas. In particular we need female competitors of all ages. We have a fantastic pedigree at Avoca. We must streamline the process of attaining the Bronze medallion and keeping the younger members keen and motivated.

Jim McAtamney, Coaching Advisory Panel

Board Report

The 1996-97 season has come and gone quicker than the blink of an eye! If you missed any of the board action then now is the time to catch it in review.

Firstly we must thank Tony Jackman of **SYSTEMATIC CONSTRUCTION SERVICES** for the contribution of the team T-shirts which were seen being worn proudly all season.

Also a big thanks to **MAMBO** for the donation of the wrist watches to the U/16 competitors.

As far as competition results go, we can't go past the outstanding efforts of Trevor Gee whose final births in the Open Board at the State and Australian Titles were nothing short of awesome. Unfortunately the biggest factor in the surf let Trev down "LUCK" in both finals just missing those elusive medals, placing 5th and 8th respectively.

Also to the Cadet Board paddlers (half of them still nippers) Chris Parker, Dan Shade, Trent "Faggy" McCluckie, Brett Clarke, Ryan and Mitchell Guest. Their consistency to training and competition has already made them "elite" competitors in their age groups. Let's keep it up guys.

The other members who rounded up the large squad were Damien "Nipper Super Coach" Benson, Robbo "Captain Destructo" Hurrell (he broke 2 mals and 1 double ski in one season, its got to be a record!) Cassie, "I'll give you \$5.00 if you can be quiet for 5 minutes" Hurrell, Danny "Noodles" McClelland, Jarrod "The Mastermind" Courtney, Gary "I've got money for my new mal" Gee and Craig "At Lowes" Gee. We also can't forget the cameo appearances made by Gordo, A.B., Jenny Lynch and Dave Broadbent.

Dave's four 4th placings in the State Masters were awesome, as well as his help in pitching in to make up team numbers in relays and taplins really got us out of jail on some occasions.

Big thank you's also to the "Old Fellas" Rossie Dunn, Dave McClelland and Johnny Hurrell for their continued help all season (especially the barbecues) and to "Spike" Jones for his carnival organisation, pool coaching and crows management (trying to control 15 people in Charlie Hitcho's pool is a real struggle). "Spike's" advice all season was and will continue to be absolutely invaluable, thanks "Spike".

If 1998 is going to be anything like the 1997 season was with heaps of fun and comradery (it shows from the Nipper/Cadets to the Old Fellas, there's no generation gap) with dedication and commitment it won't be long until we're back where we rightfully belong . . . **THE TOP!!!**

Cheers boys and girls.

Jackson English

P.S.—No "Gunners" next year!!!

IRB Report

It's finally over. What a hectic year in the IRB section.

My personal thanks to all IRB drivers and crew who patrolled the waters of Avoca. Without you guys and girls there could have been unsafe circumstances.

Thanks to Craig Kelly and his mechanics, Eddie Baker, Ben Livingstone and John Joyce for the endless hours repairing IRB motors and the rubber ducks in general.

I must also thank our Sponsors for their support this year such as Mobil (Midcoast petroleum) for the endless amounts of fuel and oil. To the guys at Mobil Garage at Avoca for storing the fuel. The Ladies' Auxiliary for the purchase of a new Mercury outboard, thanks Jan Gee and ladies and finally Umina Aquatic Craft for repairs to motors.

Unfortunately there was no team competing this winter in IRB racing. For the first time in about 15 years we haven't had a team, so hopefully next year you young guys can start the tradition back up.

Damien Benson, IRB Captain



Reserve Boat Crew — "Bs" (l. to r.): A. Heard, C. Cairncross, Jim Mitchell (sweep), R. Nash and J. Gorey.



Reserve and Masters Boat Crew (l. to r.): R. Allan, John Mitchell (sweep), P. Chell, A. Hoban and K. Bootle.



Ladies Boat Crew (l. to r.): K. Robertson, John Mitchell (sweep), J. Clarkson, B. Chell and K. Bonham.

Gym Report

The 1996-97 gym season was full of ups and downs. This year we put forth a roster system to clean the gym each week. Although some groups did abide by the roster, more dedication would be appreciated — after all it's your gym!

At a management meeting, it was passed that a new Eng would be purchased at the cost of \$1,770 and we have had a lot of positive comments about this purchase.

A small Cog was purchased which cost \$23 and thanks to Andy Hoban spending a considerable amount of his time, the old Eng undertook some repairs and is now in working order.

Also, \$40 was spent on repairing the vacuum cleaner which in some cases was used effectively this season.

This season we asked for a donation of a gold coin for the use of the gym. We decided to work on the "honour system" and for those who in fact were honest enough to contribute to this we thank you. The donation box only managed to collect approximately \$5 every six weeks, which did help to contribute to the cost of deodorizers, white board and markers and carpet cleaner, etc.

On a sad note, quite a few of the weights have gone "missing". If you have borrowed or "accidentally", taken any weights or dumbbells home with you it would be appreciated if you returned them promptly.

Please ensure that the gym and Club is locked properly at all times to maintain the vital security our Club needs.

To those people who contributed to the "honesty box" for the maintaining our gym — thanks for your support.

Ben Livingstone, John Mitchell and Sam Henderson

First Aid Report

Well done and thank you to all members concerned in meeting First Aid requirements in the 1996-97 season.

It is a pleasure to note the successful consistency in preventative and treatment actions and a definite improvement in maintenance of facilities this year.

More than 120 people required First Aid, the majority again being blue bottle stings. Others include fin chops, ankle and shoulder injuries, sand in eyes, sunburn and a fish hook in a finger. Lifesavers are reminded to wear gloves, clean equipment with bleach and to immunise against Hep A, Hep B and Tetanus.

Avoca S.L.S.C. did not contest First Aid events this year. Competition is a great fun way to develop your skills and earn points for the Club at Branch and other carnivals. All welcome and we have to be in it to win it.

I am very proud to be a member of Avoca S.L.S.C. and to have been a First Aid Officer for four years, however I am unavailable to nominate in 1998.

Thank you, especially to the Executive and Management Committees, Club and Patrol Captains for your support over the years and to all members for doing a great job.

Good luck to my successor and to all of us — Let's Make Avoca S.L.S.C. Great In '98.

Jenny Lynch

Club Handicaps

The 1996-97 handicaps were once again a very popular way of spending a leisurely Sunday morning, with over 90 Club members having at least one start this season.

Congratulations to Ryan Guest in winning the overall pointscore for the second time in a row. Ryan finished just one point clear of Phil Gee and Grant Smith with Garry Gee and Scott Mulally a further point behind. Ryan's performance was outstanding as he was the back marker for both swims and also one of the backmarkers in the run and board paddle. Well done Ryan.

I would like to thank Peter Coleman, Scott and Gina Mulally, Phil Gee and Wayne "Grub" Fuller for their encouragement and support throughout the season. Running the events was a team effort and their contributions each Sunday was invaluable.

For those members who are new to the Club you are more than welcome to join in the fun. The emphasis is on fun and fitness and it's a great way to meet and mix with other Club members. Just turn up on Sunday mornings, 10.00 a.m. "Avoca time".

Details and placings for the '96-97 events are as follows:-

		Points
Short Swim	1. Garry Gee	23
	2. Scott Mulally	22
	3. Ryan Guest	19
Long Swim	1. Ryan Guest	24
	2. Phil Gee	21
	3. Brett Clark	20
Run	1. Ryan Guest	26
	2. Grant Smith	24
	3. Phil Gee	21
Board Paddle	3. Garry Gee	21
	1. Phil Gee	27
	2. Grant Smith	24
Overall	1. Ryan Guest	85
	2. Grant Smith	84
	3. Phil Gee	84

Grant Smith, Handicap Secretary

Ski Report

Another fairly quiet season in the ski section with highlights at State, with out Juniors again carrying us through with Damien Foley and Shaun McGuigan getting third in the Junior Double, then teaming with Trent McClucky in the Junior Ski Relay to make the final and Damien paddling strongly to make semi-finals in the single.

Branch also had good results with Damien and Trent getting first in the Junior Double Ski, Damien second in the Junior Single and Robbo, Damien and Trent third in the Junior Ski Relay. Brad Harvey and Richard Brierty thought they had better show the young ones they still had something left in them so they went out and got a first in the Open Double Ski then teamed with the old man of the sea (ski) Billy Mitchell to get second in the Ski Relay. Brad and Richard also held their own at State and Australian Titles making finals and semi-finals respectively in the Open Double.

Brad, Matt Mitchell and Craig Coulson competed in the Australian Ski Relay and gave it a good nudge.

John Mitchell, Bill and Richard teamed in the State Masters Ski Relay and gained second place. Bill and Richard also got a first in the Double Ski.

The future is looking brighter with Matt, Craig, Brad, Damien and Shaun heading a strong team of young paddlers who are clocking up kilometres in off season training.

Anyone wishing to join training sessions please contact Matt Mitchell on 81-0890.



Rocks to Rocks competitors prior to race commencement.



Presentation of Ladies Auxiliary Life Member shirts was made during the handover of a fully equipped IRB to our Club's patrols. Monies to purchase the boat were raised by our hard working Ladies Auxiliary. Ladies Auxiliary Life Members (left to right): Ces Norman, Joyce Harpur, Peg Gee, Helen Walters, Nola Thomson, Norma Love, Jan Hoban, Amy Britton, Dulcie McAtamney (seated), Annette Cahill. Absent: Rhonda Sainsbury. Thank you ladies for your continued support.

Ladies Auxiliary Report

The 1996-97 season was another successful one for the Ladies Auxiliary. Firstly Jan Hoban received Life Membership and then retired as our President. Congratulations and thank you again Jan from all.

Jan Gee was elected as our new President and has proven to be an excellent successor to Jan Hoban. Jan instigated the presentation to all our Life Members with a new Ladies Auxiliary shirt which was given to the Ladies at a special meeting which saw most of the Life Members in attendance. All other members purchased their shirts for half price.

Once again our sincere thanks to Neil Robinson for his organisation and work involved in setting up the ninth Annual Arts & Crafts weekend in October. Neil was the instigator of this major fundraising venture and has been totally involved for the past nine years. He has said "one more to go" and he will retire, we hope not, "many thanks, Neil".

The Arts and Crafts weekend was again a great success as well as lamington and book sales over the summer. Apart from the purchase of a reconditioned gas stove for our kitchen, we donated \$4,500 to the Senior Club. The beach section received \$2,600 for new radios and the boat section \$400 for oars. The Youth Development Programme received \$1,500 toward the cost of boards and skis. This money represents a 50/50 contribution and any section of the Club may benefit from our fundraising.

The season culminated with a trip to the Hunter Valley to sample the wine and generally have a good time.

Thank you to Jan Gee and all our members for their help and efforts throughout the season.

Sheryn Fuller
Honorary Secretary



Ladies Crew (l. to r.): M. Walker, B. Myott, M. Casey, Jim Mitchell (sweep) and B. Sinclair.



Masters Ladies Board Rescue Team (l. to r.): Wendy Norman and Gina Mulally.



Encouragement Award — Lisa Babbage being presented with her trophy by Life Member Bryce Norman, O.A.M.



Hunters Professionals Michael Hunter and wife, Leslie, present the winner's trophy of the "Rocks to Rocks" race to Ryan Guest.



Under 16 Board Relay Team final NSW State Championships fourth and 7th places (left to right): M. Guest, B. Clarke, R. Guest, D. Shade, T. McLuckie and C. Parker.



"Mambo" Watch Sponsorship Under 16 (left to right): C. Parker, R. Guest, C. Hurrell, C. Courtney and D. Shade.



State Water Captain — Chris Parker with life member Howard "Spike" Jones.

Major Carnival Competition Results

FIRST PLACE RESULTS

CENTRAL COAST BRANCH 1996-97

Open Mens Surf	T. GEE
Open Surf Teams	AVOCA
U/16 Surf Teams Mens	AVOCA
U/16 Iron Man	CHRIS PARKER
Open Surf Boat	AVOCA
Reserve Surf Boat	AVOCA
Open Double Ski	AVOCA
U/18 Double Ski	AVOCA
U/18 Surf Board Display	M. MacGUGAN
U/16 Surf Board Display	T. McLUCKIE
Womens Surf Board Display	S. BRIERTY

FIRST PLACE RESULTS

MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS 1996-97

Mens Surf Race 30-34 yrs	D. BROADBENT
Mens Tube Race 30-34 yrs	D. BROADBENT
Ladies Tube Race 35-39 yrs	G. MULALLY
Iron Man 30-34 yrs	D. BROADBENT
Iron Man 55-59 yrs	C. HITCHINGS
Rescue Board Race 50-54 yrs	AVOCA
Rescue Board Race 55-59 yrs	AVOCA
Boat Race 180 yrs	AVOCA
Boat Race 200 yrs	AVOCA
Ski Relay 150 yrs	AVOCA
Taplin Relay 110 yrs	AVOCA
Mens Board Race 30-34 yrs	D. BROADBENT
Mens Board Race 45-49 yrs	Q. RILEY
Board Relay 110 yrs	AVOCA
Ladies Board Race 30-34 yrs	J. LYNCH
Ladies Board Race 40-44 yrs	W. NORMAN
Mens Ski Relay 45-49 yrs	J. CAELL
Mens Ski Race 55-59 yrs	C. HITCHINGS
Ladies Ski Race 30 & Over	W. NORMAN
Mens Beach Spring 55-59 yrs	H. JONES
Mens Flags 50-54 yrs	M. TAMBLYN
Ladies Flags 40-44 yrs	W. NORMAN

PLACING RESULTS

STATE TITLES 1996-97

U/16 Board Display	1st — JONATHON SHADE
Ladies Board Display ..	2nd — SHARON BRIERTY
U/18 Board Display	2nd — MARK MacGUGAN
Open Board Display	3rd — MARK MacGUGAN
U/18 Double Ski	3rd DAMIEN FOLEY and SEAN MacGUGAN
U/16 Board Relay	4th DANIEL SHADE, TRENT McLUCKIE and CHRIS PARKER
	7th — BRETT CLARKE, RYAN GUEST and MITCHELL GUEST
Open Board Race	5th — TREVOR GEE

PLACING RESULTS

AUSTRALIAN TITLES 1996-97

Open Board	8th — TREVOR GEE
U/16 Surf Race	Finalists CHRIS PARKER and RYAN GUEST

To all of the above competitors, I thank you on behalf of all Avoca Beach S.L.S.C. members and I sincerely congratulate you on your efforts. I also extend that congratulations from the management and Executive Committee of the Club.

I would also like to congratulate, all those who competed throughout the season gaining or not gaining minor placings. For those that done the **Blue, Green and Gold Competition Hat** this season, did the Club proud. You let all other clubs know that Avoca Beach is still a formidable force to be dealt with.

I would also like to congratulate all coaches and trainers which put the time in to help with any of these results.

I would also like to congratulate the whole Junior Section on their fine results and thanks Damien Benson and Garry Clarke for their efforts, we have a lot to look forward to.

Craig Kelly
Club Captain

Junior Executive 1996-97

President:	GARRY CLARKE
Vice-President:	BRIAN PARKER
Secretary:	LOUISE McCLELLAND
Treasurer:	STEVE JELFS
Competition Secretary:	BRUCE INCOLL
Registrar:	CHRIS BLAKEWAY
Assistant Secretary:	FIONA RUTTER

Junior Activities Report

Avoca Juniors continues to grow and develop. The 1996-97 season has been our most successful yet, both in competition and at club level.

We were lucky to get many new club members who were willing to become involved in the club. Parents such as the Andonopoulous, Rendalls, Babbages, Clarkes (Greg) and Barnes have actively involved themselves in their initial year at the club. Many of the parents in the 6 and 7 years have assisted at Sunday events, which has ensured enjoyable and successful Sunday mornings for their youngsters. In particular I would like to thank the managers: Jeff Barnes, Greg Clarke, Louise Realph and Gary McLuckie for their enthusiasm and organisational abilities that has allowed these age groups to run smoothly. I encourage all those parents who helped this year to continue with the club as it is only with your co-operation and involvement that your children will continue to develop and enjoy their participation.

Sundays at club level have been successful. This season most of our juniors have received their lifesaving awards. Thanks in this regard should go to Damien Benson, "Slim" Peebles and Garry Clarke who put in many hours assisting nippers in gaining these awards. The weather and surf conditions allowed us to run events most Sundays with only the two occasions where some events were transferred to the lake. While this may not have suited some of our better paddlers it did give the opportunity to many of our novices to have a go.

Beach officials: Steve Jelfs, Ros Allwood, Julie Macgugan, Louise McClelland, Ann Clarke, Anbita Jung and Penny Wright ensured smooth running of competition events while our Water Safety (too many to mention — but thanks) led by Keith Ferrier 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.

On the competition front Avoca has an exceptional year, winning all carnivals entered, except for State, where we achieved our highest place ever by being placed second overall and first in the Inter Cities Pointscore.

Avoca hosted the first carnival of the season and thanks to the help of parents and club members, it was once again a successful carnival. In the 8yrs, participating at their first carnival, Mark Byrne, Chris Oakes and Elysse Foley achieved medals. The 9yrs saw

Katie Atkinson, Alexandra Jackman, Michael Byrne, Michael Tattoli, Ben Kirkman, Nicholas Smith and Reece McWhirter all receive medals. Kurt Smith, Chris Inwood, Ashley Buncher and Jade Giffen were the most successful 10yrs. In the 11yrs Richard Watkinson, Mitchell Incoll, Brett Jelfs, Tim Bladwell, Sean Wright, Melissa Parker, Danielle Realph, and Adam Bennett were all medalist, while in the 12yrs Pat Ivits, David Parker, Harriet Ritchie, Adam Buckley, Declan Shepherd, Dylan Guest and Michael Keene were the placegetters. Our 13yrs and 14yrs dominated with Alcia Kirwan, Darren Clarke, Jasmin Cook, Paul Macgugan, Nathan Inwood, Chris Parker, Daniel Shade, Carlie Sawsak, Mark Jelfs, Kurt Watkinson, Rachael Rutter, Clinton Courtney, Jon Cole, Mitchell Guest, Nathan Regattieri, Luke Woods and Danny McClelland all winning medals. Overall Avoca easily won the pointscore.



Most Outstanding Competitor Central Coast Branch Championships — Mark Byrne.

Umina was the second venue for Central Coast carnivals and Avoca continued its dominance in the overall pointscore. Many of the medallists from the first carnival repeated their performances with the most outstanding being Mark Byrne and Mitchell Giffin in the 8yrs, Kristy Mazuran in the 9yrs, Kurt Smith and Jade Giffin in the 10yrs, Richard Watkinson, Adam Bennett, Mitchell Incoll and Brett JHelfs in the 11yrs, Pat Ivits and David Parker in the 12yrs, Darren Clarke and Nathan Inwood 13yrs and chris Parker, Carlie Sawszak, Daniel Sahde and Mitchell Guest in the 14yrs. Others to receive their first medal for the season were Darryl Hynds, Luke Mazuran, Elyse hardy, Tim Incoll, Aaron McLuckie, Vanessa Van Dam and Jessica Regattieri.

Conditions prevented a normal carnival at North Entrance but saw a combined Junior/Senior carnival held at Ocean Beach prior to the Sunday water events. This day was a very enjoyable day and provided the opportunity for juniors, seniors and parents to participate in events together without undue pressure. I look forward to more of these events in the future.

North Entrance also saw the introduction of wade and wade relay events for the older age groups and this proved a welcome innovation. Once again Avoca dominated in the water, winning the overall pointscore convincingly.

The Branch carnival was held at Soldiers Beach in good conditions and Avoca achieved impressive results. The 8yrs saw Mark Byrne winning the trifecta of wade, sprint and flags, resulting in being the most outstanding junior and overall boy competitor. Others in the 8yrs to gain places are listed in the Branch results.

The State carnival produced a number of new yellow jackets through some outstanding efforts. Daniel McClelland and Nathan Regattieri broke through with a medal in the 14yrs board relay, teaming up with Luke Woods. Our 8yrs saw Chris Oakes, Mark Byrne, Daniel Jung and Mitchell Giffin all achieve State medals at their first carnival. In 9yrs Michael Tattolli, Nicholas Smith and Brooke Morrow all achieved their first State medal in the board relay. In 11yrs Nathan Atkinson in his first year at the club picked up a medal in the cameron.

While we had over 20 medallists we also had many finalists and many others who did their best. We congratulate all Avoca competitors on their efforts for the club.

Avoca's most outstanding results were achieved in the 14yrs where Daniel Shade won eight medals including seven gold. Special note should also be made of Adam Buckley in 12 yrs who had to forgo a gold medal in the cameron relay as his sprint final occurred at the same time. I am sure that Adam will achieve success at future carnivals.

Our achievement in winning the Cancer Council Sun Safe award for our uniform is a credit to Shelley and Sue and all the parents who acted as positive role models for their kids in sun protection.

This season saw a number of Avoca competitors selected in the Central Coast Branch which was successful in winning the Inter-Branch Championships. Those selected were: Daniel Shade, Chris Parker,

Darren Clarke, Paul Macgugan (injured), David Parker, Mitchell Incoll, Richard Watkinson and Brett Jelfs.

Avoca also produced three State representatives this year in, Darren Clarke, Daniel Shade and Chris Parker, with Chris being named captain of the water team.

The success our club has achieved could not have occurred without the dedication of a number of people who gave up their time to coach our children. To Damien Benson, Steve Inwood, Steve Jelfs, Chook Portellis, Dave Regattieri, Brian Parker, Garry Clarke and "Spike" Jones the club extends their thanks. It was also pleasing to Steve and Damien achieving their Level 1 Coaching Award and Damien Benson being nominated for the Coach of the Year

The Rookie Program continues to offer incentive to nippers to become involved in the senior club and many of the juniors carried out their patrols regularly, though there were some who were not fully committed to the Program. Congratulations go to Kim Burnicle for being named Avoca's Rookie of the Year.

Avoca is building a reputation as a club willing to work hard in raising funds for our nippers and the situation this season was no different. Most parents helped out on barbecues which raised most of the funds which helped us provide uniforms, new equipment and awards. Thanks to Lyn Shade for her efforts in this area. Recognition should also be given of the many parents who helped out at other activities such as the Bingo night and the kids discos.



"Nipperette of the Year" trophy winner Leah Ferrier presented by Geoff Thomson.

Louise McClelland was a great assistant as secretary and ensured that newsletters and information was up to date. Louise finishes in the junior movement this year and we thank her for her time and involvement with the club. Thanks must also go to Chris Blakeway in his first year as registrar who spent a lot of time computerising our various forms allowing us to have more efficient registration in future years. Steve Jelfs continues to fill his role as treasurer in an effective manner and his efforts are appreciated by all the executive. Once again Bruce Incoll has put in many hours of work in maintaining pointscores and selecting teams. He has carried out this role without bias and should be commended for this often thankless task. Brian Parker as vice-president has provided good support to all committee members and has been willing to working range of areas to see the club progress.

Clubs survive on outside support and Avoca has had some fine support from a variety of areas. I would like to thank, **Kodak, Rat Apparel, Nestle, Peters, Down The Line, State Rail, Big Fresh and Systematic Constructions** for their support this season. I would also like to welcome the association of **Avoca Bowling and Recreation Club** 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 Championships

UNDER 8

MARK BYRNE	1st Sprint, 1st Flags, 1st Wade, 3rd Sprint Relay
CHRIS OAKES	2nd Flags, 3rd Sprint, 3rd Sprint Relay
ELYSSE FOLEY	3rd Sprint
MITCHELL GIFFIN	2nd Sprint, 3rd Sprint Relay

UNDER 9

NICHOLAS SMITH	3rd Board, 1st Swim Team
KATIE ATKINSON	2nd Board
JOSH COGLAN	3rd Sprint Relay
BEN KIRKMAN	3rd Sprint Relay
GLEN IMPERIAL	3rd Sprint Relay
SAM RAFTL	3rd Sprint Relay

UNDER 10

CHRIS INWOOD	1st Swim Team, 1st Sub Junior Cameron
JADE GIFFIN	1st Flags, 1st Sprint, 2nd Sprint Relay, 1st Sub Junior Cameron
KURT SMITH	2nd Swim, 2nd Board, 1st Swim Team, 1st Sub Junior Cameron
ASLEY BUNCHER	2nd Sprint Relay
DARYL HYNDS	2nd Sprint Relay, 1st Sub Junior Cameron
JASON VAN DAM	2nd Sprint Relay

UNDER 11

BRETT JELFS	2nd Flags, 3rd Sprint
MITCHELL INCOLL	1st Board, 2nd Swim Team, 2nd Iron Person, 1st Board Relay
RICHARD WATKINSON	1st Swim, 3rd Flags, 2nd Swim Team, 1st Iron Person, 1st Board Relay

ADAM BENNETT	2nd Swim, 2nd Swim Team, 1st Board Relay
DANIELLE REALPH	2nd Swim Team
BEN JACKMAN	3rd Ironman

UNDER 12

HARRIET RITCHIE	3rd Flags
DAVID PARKER	2nd Swim, 3rd Board, 2nd Swim Team, 2nd Iron Person, 3rd Board Relay, 2nd Junior Board Rescue
DYLAN GUEST	1st Swim Team, 3rd Board Relay
JESSICA REGATTIERI	2nd Swim Team
NATHAN ATKINSON	2nd Swim Team, 3rd Board Relay, 2nd Board Rescue

UNDER 13

DARREN CLARKE	2nd Swim, 1st Board, 1st Swim Team, 1st Iron Person, 1st Board Relay; 2nd Surf Board Riding
PAUL MACGUGAN	3rd Board, 1st Swim Team, 2nd Iron Person, 1st Board Relay, 1st Surf Board Riding
NATHAN INWOOD	2nd Board, 1st Swim Team, 3rd Iron Person, 1st Board Relay
ALICIA KIRWAN	1st Swim Team
LACHLAN FEENEY	2nd Sprint

UNDER 14

DANIEL SHADE	2nd Swim, 1st Board, 1st Swim Team, 2nd Iron Person, 1st Board Relay, 1st Surf Board Riding, 3rd Board Rescue, 1st Senior Cameron
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"Nipper of the Year" trophy presented by Nanette Jones to Daniel Shade.

MITCHELL GUEST	3rd Board, 1st Swim Team, 3rd Iron Person, 3rd Board Relay, 2nd Senior Board Rescue, 3rd Senior Cameron Relay
CHRIS PARKER	1st Swim, 1st Swim Team, 1st Iron Person, 1st Board Relay, 3rd Senior Board Rescue, 1st Senior Cameron
MARK JELFS	2nd Sprint Relay, 1st Senior Cameron
CARLIE SAWSZAK	1st Swim Team
CLINTON COURTNEY	2nd Sprint Relay, 3rd Senior Cameron
LUKE WOODS	1st Board Relay, 3rd Senior Cameron Relay, 2nd Senior Board Rescue
DANNY McCLELLAND	3rd Board Relay
KURT WATKINSON	2nd Sprint Relay, 1st Senior Cameron
NATHAN REGATTIERI	3rd Board Relay
AARON McLUCKIE	3rd Senior Cameron Relay, 2nd Sprint Relay

State Titles

MARK BYRNE	2nd Sprint, 1st Beach Relay
CHRIS OAKES	2nd Flags, 1st Beach Relay
MITCHELL GIFFIN	1st Beach Relay
DANIEL JUNG	1st Beach Relay
BROOKE MORROW	3rd Board Relay
NICHOLAS SMITH	3rd Board Relay
MICHAEL TATTOLI	3rd Board Relay
RICHARD WATKINSON	1st Flags
DAVID PARKER	3rd Board, 1st Cameron Relay
PAT IVITS	1st Cameron Relay (Australian record back)
NATHAN ATKINSON	1st Cameron Relay
DYLAN GUEST	1st Cameron Relay
NATHAN INWOOD	3rd Board, 2nd Board Relay
DARREN CLARKE	2nd Board Riding, 2nd Board Relay
PAUL MACGUGAN	2nd Board Riding, 2nd Board Relay
CARLY SAWSZAK	1st Swim Team
DANIEL SHADE	1st Swim Team, 1st Board, 1st Board Riding, 2nd Iron Man, 3rd Swim, 1st Board Relay, 1st Cameron, 1st Board Rescue
CHRIS PARKER	1st Swim Team, 1st Board Relay, 1st Cameron, 1st Board Rescue
MITCHELL GUEST	3rd Iron Man, 1st Swim Team, 1st Board Relay
LUKE WOODS	3rd Board, 2nd Board Relay
DANIEL McCLELLAND	2nd Board Relay
NATHAN REGATTIERI	2nd Board Relay
BRETT JELFS	1st Cameron Relay
KURT WATKINSON	1st Cameron Relay

Age Champions

UNDER 8 GIRLS	JESSICA JOHNSON
UNDER 8 BOYS	MITCHELL GIFFIN
UNDER 9 GIRLS	ALECXANDRA JACKMAN
UNDER 9 BOYS	NICHOLAS SMITH
UNDER 10 GIRLS	REBECCA REGATTIERI
UNDER 10 BOYS	KURT SMITH
UNDER 11 GIRLS	DANIELLE REALPH
UNDER 11 BOYS	RICHARD WATKINSON
UNDER 12 GIRLS	JESSICA REGATTIERI
UNDER 12 BOYS	DAVID PARKER
UNDER 13 GIRLS	ALICIA KIRWAN
UNDER 13 BOYS	DARREN CLARKE
UNDER 14 GIRLS	RACHAEL RUTTER
UNDER 14 BOYS	DANIEL SHADE

Perpetual Trophies

HILLS SUPPLY

MOST OUTSTANDING BOY

Winner DANIEL SHADE

MICHELLE DORRELL MEMORIAL TROPHY

MOST OUTSTANDING GIRL

Winner JADE GIFFIN

JEAN JONES MEMORIAL TROPHY

ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD - BOYS

Winner TIM JUNG

BILL AND GRAHAMS BUTCHERY TROPHY

ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD - GIRLS

Winner LISA BABBAGE

CLYDE HILLSDON MEMORIAL TROPHIES

MOST IMPROVED SWIMMERS - BOY & GIRL

Winner LUKE ANDONOPOULOS

Winner ASHLEE CLARKE

KINCUMBER SWIM SCHOOL

MOST IMPROVED BOARD PADDLER - BOY & GIRL

Winner ADAM BENNETT

Winner JESSICA REGATTIERI

MOLLY HOBAN TROPHIES

RECRUITS OF THE YEAR - BOY & GIRL

Winner KURT SMITH

Winner KRISTY MAZURAN

MELANIE THOMSON MEMORIAL TROPHY

NIPPERETTE OF THE YEAR

Winner LEAH FERRIER

LEANNE McCAULIFFE TROPHY

NIPPER OF THE YEAR

Winner DANIEL SHADE

HOWARD JONES MEMORIAL SHIELD

Winner DANIEL SHADE

Winner LEAH FERRIER

Central Coast Branch Awards

OVERALL JUNIOR POINTSCORE BRANCH CHAMPION

Winner MARK BYRNE

OVERALL BOYS POINTSCORE BRANCH CHAMPION

Winner MARK BYRNE

STATE TEAM MEMBERS

DARREN CLARKE, DANIEL SHADE and
CHRIS PARKER

Age Managers

UNDER 6	JEFF BARNES GREG CLARKE
UNDER 7	LOUISE REALPH GARY McLUCKIE
UNDER 8	RAY RENDALL TRACEY THOMPSON
UNDER 9	HELEN JACKMAN
UNDER 10	SHELLEY INWOOD JULIE REGATTIERI
UNDER 11	BRUCE INCOLL LYN INCOLL
UNDER 12	GAVIN SHEPHERD DAVE REGATTIERI
UNDER 13	SHARON KIRWAN
UNDER 14	FIONA RUTTER



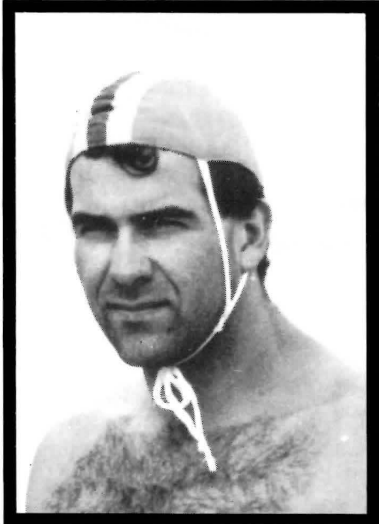
Board Rescue Race final (l. to r.): R. Guest and J. Courtney.



Jackson English and Gordon Jones in action.



Team Management, Branch Titles (l. to r.): President "Grub" and Competition Secretary "Spike" casting experienced eyes over the field.



GARTH ANDREW HOUGHTON

27-4-1966 – 31-5-1997

Aged 31 years

Garth became involved with Avoca Beach Surf Lifesaving Club in 1995 when he and three other serving police officers formed a boat crew that became affectionately known as the "Coppers' Crew". His tall powerful physique made him ideally suited to the "boaties" and he became an integral part of the crew occupying the bow position. He juggled family life, religious commitments, shiftwork and his tree lopping/bobcat business with the gruelling training sessions required to be competitive in surf boat rowing.

Garth was always very polite and continually put others before himself. Even after working long nightshifts on policing duties he would avail himself for training or competition to ensure the rest of his crew wasn't let down. His unique sense of humour made him a pleasure to row and tour with. Quite often at the end of a hard day's rowing he would engage in his other favourite pastime, "Wrestlemania" of which he was the undisputed king.

Before his untimely death, Garth had served as a police officer for nine years including duties with the Rescue Squad, Special Operations Group and general duties at both Gosford and Woy Woy patrols. Only the day before his death he was involved in a lengthy foot pursuit where he arrested a person wanted for serious stealing offences, his actions during that incident were highly commended by his superior officers. He was very well respected by all particularly those members of Avoca Beach Surf Club that had the pleasure of meeting him.

Garth is survived by his wife Jenny and three young sons, Joel, Adam and Luke who often attended surf carnivals to watch their hero in action.

He will be sadly missed but never forgotten.

President's Addendum

It gives me great pleasure to inform members and supporters of the club that no lives were lost at Avoca over the past season.

Members patrolled the beach from September to April during which time a total of 205 actual rescues and 1,123 preventative actions were performed.

This year the Rookie Program has work extremely well and our rookies combined well with their patrols to perform some of these rescues.

There are many people in our club who strive to achieve 100% Patrol Attendance and to those of you who achieved your goal congratulations and thank you, to the members who could not get 100% but achieved 32 hours thank you for your dedication. A special thank you to those members who filled in for patrols and made sure our beach was safe.

Competition wise this year would have to go down as a year of development, a group of new young competitors came through the Nipper ranks and performed like seasoned veterans at the State and Australian Championships.

We saw the ability of Damian Foley and Sean Macgugan who came third in the Under 18 Double Ski at the State and with guidance from Richard Brierty and the their own determination who knows what they can achieve.

Johno Shade won the Under 16 Surfboard Riding and Mark Macgugan came second in the Under 18 Surfboard Riding before backing up to take third place in the Open Boardriding. Sharon Brierty showed that she can still match it with her younger rivals finishing second in the Open Ladies Boardriding.

Trevor Gee would have been our most consistent competitor making finals at both the State and Australian as well as many top three placings throughout the year. To all the other competitors thank you for your efforts and commitment, I wish you better luck in the following season.

Your Clubman of the Year, Dave O'Grady worked tirelessly helping Craig Kelly and the Executive and never complained once (well only once when he tried to collect the outstanding money from the raffle tickets) his dedication to the club made him a worthy Clubman of the Year.

Sponsorship this year was a major problem with the departure of the Sharp Corporation after 12 years, however nothing lasts forever and to Richard Luce and Sharp thank you for your support over so many years. Still we had to go on and with the support of smaller sponsors another season has passed.

There are many sponsors and Avoca Surf Club salutes them all as without their support we would be really struggling. Moove continued to support the Boat section and to the Milk Marketing Board we say a special thanks.

This year we received \$5,000 from Gosford City Council and they are strong supporters of Surf Life Saving.

A special thank you to Energy Australia who are not a direct sponsor of Avoca — they are the major sponsor to Surf Life Saving Central Coast and we have a new racing board donated by Energy Australia.

Erina Retraction supplied all the prizes for the Beach Raffles this year to Allan and your team thank you.

We are not as well off financially, however it was great to see all the sections of the club pulling together and raising funds, let's keep it up next year.

To this season's executive thank you for your hours of thankless work, especially Club Captain, Craig Kelly, who was always there to help when needed. To Ross Allan for his determination to make the Door Knock work, to Peter Coleman who made himself available for anything asked and to my deputy Michael Kendal thanks for your support.

A special thank you to Ross Dunn and his bar helpers for their effort over the year for their instant responses when called upon and his cooks who were always available when needed.

Congratulations to the Junior Executive and all the age managers on their efforts this season, to keep so many kids happy is near impossible however your efforts showed in the end results and you should feel happy with your efforts.

In conclusion I would like to thank all the Management Committee for their work this year and I hope they come back stronger and keener next year.

Cheers Boys and Girls.

Wayne (Grub) Fuller
President

PS During the Academy Awards you hear people thanking their wives and family and wonder why? Well I can assure you I now know why, to my wife, Sheryn and my family thank you for your support and for putting up with all the interrupted dinners and changed plans, I could not have done it without you and this little section is for you and you alone.

AVOCA BEACH SURF CLUB

SONG

Cheers boy, Cheers boys

Here we are Avoca

Every now and then you'll hear our name

We're coming to compete and we do not like defeat

And you'll hear of us again and again.

We're a jolly lot of fellows and each one is a star

If you want to find us you'll find us in the bar

If you want to join the Club and you're not too young or old

You'll become a member of the blue, green and the gold.

Should all acquaintance be forgot

Keep you eyes on the blue, green and gold . . .

without you're pants on

Keep your eyes on the blue, green and gold.

Frank (Gomer) Grayndler

