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# AVOCA BEACH SURF LIFESAVING CLUB

## 40th Annual Report

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## Financial Statement

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**AVOCA BEACH  
SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB**

***Forty - first Annual  
General Meeting***

NOTICE is hereby given that the 41st Annual General Meeting of the above Club will be held in the Clubhouse on SATURDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER, 1969, at 1 p.m.

**BUSINESS**

1. To confirm and adopt minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
2. Business arising out of such minutes.
3. Correspondence.
4. To receive and adopt the Annual Report and Financial Statement.
5. To elect office-bearers for the 1969-70 season.
6. To transact any further business which may be brought before the meeting.

ARTHUR McCUDDEN,  
Honorary Secretary.

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

1. Active Members	.....	\$1.00
2. Active Reserve	.....	2.10
3. Cadets	.....	0.50
4. Nippers	.....	0.20
5. Associate Members	.....	2.10

Financial Members **only** are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting.

ARTHUR McCUDDEN,  
Honorary Secretary.



Branch. Field Day 28th Sept.

# Office Bearers 1968-1969

- ✓ PATRONS: R. Robson, M. Hunter, S. Noble, N. Hunter, C. B. Hibbard.
- ✓ PRESIDENT: B. Norman.
- ✓ SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT: R. J. Way.
- VICE-PRESIDENTS: P. Britton, D. Lloyd, N. Byrnes, G. Dwight, H. Baldwin, E. Poole, J. Thompson, W. Hunt, R. Pickett, J. Wearne, J. Mitchell Snr., A. Bower, P. Brand, P. Patton, K. Smiles, C. Welch and J. Williams. *T. LICCIARDO*
- ✓ SECRETARY: A. McCudden. *O. COOK.*
- ✓ ASSISTANT SECRETARY: G. Hoban. ✓
- ✓ TREASURER: J. Cheadle.
- ✓ CAPTAIN: J. Harpur.
- ✓ VICE CAPTAIN: D. Barker.
- ✓ JUNIOR CAPTAIN: A. Cook.
- ✓ BOAT CAPTAIN: R. Gee.
- ✓ VICE BOAT CAPTAIN: John Mitchell.
- ✓ BOARD AND SKI CAPTAIN: D. Gee
- ✓ COMPETITION SECRETARY: M. Powell.
- SOCIAL SECRETARY: ~~N. Hillyard.~~ *E. EDWARDS*
- JUVENILE SECRETARY: R. Bell.
- ✓ PUBLICITY OFFICER: C. Barker.
- ✓ CHIEF INSTRUCTOR: D. Barker.
- DEPUTY CHIEF INSTRUCTORS: M. Tamblin, Jim Mitchell, N. Hillyard, N. Pickett, C. Van Haren, J. Cheadle. *R. GEE*
- GEAR STEWARD: C. Van Haren. *N PICKETT*
- ASSISTANT GEAR STEWARDS: R. Gee, W. Hunt, R. Smith, J. Alexander, John Mitchell.
- FIRST AID OFFICER: N. Hillyard. *A. HOBAN*
- ASSISTANT FIRST AID OFFICERS: C. Van Haren, D. Digby, N. Pickett, C. Taylor, A. McCudden.
- ✓ HONORARY MEDICAL OFFICER: Drs. Clark, Paul, McGuinness, Walters and Spence.
- ✓ HONORARY AUDITOR: K. Cheadle.
- MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: ~~D. Lloyd, W. Hunt, M. Tamblin, C. Barker, Denis Gee and B. Cahill (R. Paterson and D. Dwight co-opted 5/10/68).~~
- COMPETITION COMMITTEE: O. Cook, J. Coleman, N. Duff, M. Powell, Denis Gee, N. Boden.
- HOUSE COMMITTEE: R. Paterson, G. Miller, G. Hopan, J. Cheadle, M. Powell, R. Smith.
- JUDICIARY COMMITTEE: B. Norman, J. Harpur, M. Tamblin, B. Cahill, N. Hillyard, A. Cook, D. Barker. *GOV.*
- BUILDING COMMITTEE: R. Way, ~~E. Poole, D. Lloyd.~~ *J. ALEXANDER*
- BRANCH DELEGATES: ~~D. Lloyd, A. McCudden;~~ alternate, R. Way. *C. CORBY*
- TRUSTEES: G. Miller, P. Britton, W. Hunt.
- HONORARY LEGAL ADVISOR: W. Rutledge. *(J. Mitchell) B. CAHILL R. PATERSON K. VAN HAREN J. ALEXANDER M. TAMBLIN M. RUDOLPH C. WAY*

# Members 1968-1969

LIFE MEMBERS			CADET		
J. Harpur	A. Pickett	K. Ross	M. Edmundson	W. O'Brien	
B. Maloney	R. Pickett	C. H. Smith	I. Brennan	A. Reynolds	
B. Norman			D. Heyman		
ACTIVE MEMBERS			LEAVE OF ABSENCE		
J. Alexander	S. Harpur	C. Orren	M. Bowcock	R. Haynes	N. Williams
J. Agnew	G. Haynes	R. Orren	R. Baldwin		
D. Bailey	N. Hillyard	B. Paterson			
C. Barker	A. Hoban	N. Perry			
D. Barker	G. Hoban	N. Pickett			
G. Barrack	Nev. Hold	A. Potter			
R. Bell	Noel Holt	M. Powell			
N. Boden	B. Hutton	P. Powell			
S. Brennan	K. Jones	S. Reynolds			
P. Burke	M. Kendall	G. Richardson			
B. Cahill	S. Killiam	W. Ritchie			
I. Chapman	A. Licciardo	M. Sainsbury			
J. Cheadle	P. Lowden	J. Sangwell			
J. Coady	M. Maas	J. Scoble			
J. Coleman	J. Mazzaroli	R. Smith			
A. Cook	A. McCudden	J. Sparrow			
L. Cook	R. McDonald	F. Spindler			
P. Corby	Jim Mitchell	J. Stokoe			
D. Dwight	John Mitchell	M. Tamblin			
G. Edwards	G. Morris	C. Taylor			
W. Froude	H. Morris	I. Thomas			
W. Fuller	P. Moxham	C. Van Haren			
D. Gee	J. Murphy	M. Verdon			
G. Gee	P. Mutch	B. Warden			
R. Giles	W. Nicholls	B. Willett			
F. Grayndler	A. Nowland	J. Walsh			
J. Harpur					
ACTIVE RESERVE			ASSOCIATE		
B. Bennett	T. Gallard	R. Lambert	N. Anderson	I. J. Harvey	R. Phillips
F. Buckley	R. Gee	J. Mantova	R. J. Bennett	J. Hennessey Snr.	T. C. Reid
A. Churches	M. Gray	R. Norman	L. F. H. Borgman	C. M. Hillsdon	E. E. Reynolds
R. Dorrell	J. Hennessey	E. Poole	A. Bower	R. Holt	R. N. Robson
N. Duff Snr.	K. Ibbett	N. Sainsbury	D. Bowtell	W. J. Hunt	W. Routley
N. Duff Jnr.	M. Hunter	J. Spindler	P. Britton	M. Hunter	H. Ryan
R. Fyffe	T. Hunter	R. Way	J. Broad	N. Hunter	B. Sale
W. Fyffe	I. Lambert	K. Worrall	M. Brown	A. Ibbett	E. W. A. Sergeant
M. Gallard			A. Bruce	J. J. Jenkins	A. H. Scott
			J. Bruce	K. Johns	J. Scott
			T. Burnett	D. Trevor Jones	A. R. Small
			N. A. Byrnes	G. Jones	K. Smiles
			J. M. Clarke	R. Kent	G. J. Spindler
			O. Cook	I. J. Kilby	M. M. Stuart-Robinson
			W. Doe	F. J. Kitto	A. S. Tamblin
			B. K. Doyle	A. Malone	P. J. Taylor
			I. S. Dunlop	R. Marsden	J. Thompson
			W. Dunlop	R. J. McKinnon	A. Tidyman
			G. Eden	G. Miller	I. Walsh
			R. Edmundson	J. Mitchell Snr.	J. Wearne
			J. Fletcher	G. J. Morris	C. J. Welch
			W. Froud	M. T. Needham	Judge J. M. Williams
			C. Froud	D. W. Noble	G. Wilson
			B. Gallard	R. Nowland	R. Winter
			G. L. Gardner	M. O'Rourke	A. E. Woodward
			P. George	A. P. N. Orren	W. J. Worrard
			F. Grayndler	F. J. Parker	W. Young
			A. G. L. Harris	P. Patton	
			A. Harvey	F. Perry	



# AVOCA BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

SEASON 1968-69

## 40th Annual Report and Financial Statement

Members,

I am pleased to present you with this Annual Report and Financial Statement for the season 1968-69. I trust that you find the report embraces all aspects of Club life and that it presents to you an accurate record of the season's activities.

The very reason for our existence has again been successfully achieved, that being the saving of lives. It is very pleasing to once again be able to report that the season has progressed without loss of life. This is, of course, the ultimate aim of all such organisations and it is indeed most gratifying to all concerned to think that a 100 per cent. record still exists in the Club since its inception. Let us hope that, whilst this beach is patrolled, we are able, by our "vigilance and service," to maintain this perfect record.

Many members, as I have often observed, would much rather be doing other things than looking after the safety of the many thousands of bathers who frequent our surf beach during the summer. However, members, just stop and think what you are doing for these thousands of people! You, by spending just a few hours of your spare time, once every five weeks approximately, are making it possible for these people to enjoy one of our healthiest and most relaxing of sports in perfect safety. This should be sufficient incentive for all of you to do your patrols to the best of your ability.

Even though we can still boast of a clean record for lives saved, we should not overlook the fact that our overall efficiency still leaves a certain amount to be desired. This fact is clearly shown by the results of the inter-club patrol efficiency competition for the gear trailer. We could only rate a poor tenth place out of fourteen clubs in the Central Coast Branch. At first sight this appears appalling for a Club enjoying the general success that we do, and in fact I am sorry to say that it is. However, I feel I must enlighten you further as to this result. At the completion of the second round we were in fourth place and only a few points behind the second and third placed clubs. With a satisfactory third round we must have finished in a place expected of a club of our strength. This was not to be, thanks to the fact that some of our members are not as conversant with lifesaving principles as they should be, and we finished in this humiliating position.

This leads me immediately to patrol captains and vice-captains. I feel it is their responsibility to ensure that *all* members of their patrol are efficient in all phases of lifesaving. Further, I should add, that in most cases this is so. Let's see that in future this is the case with all patrols. If you are made a patrol captain or vice-patrol captain, then do the job expected of you and assist the Chief Instructor and Club Captain by relieving them of the need to teach your patrol members the things which they should know.

### PATROLS AND RESCUES

During this season we again had ten patrols, in which we had up to ten members. Our active membership at the end of the season, due to resignations and suspensions, was just under one hundred.

The season did not see as many new members joining the Club as in past seasons. This is unfortunate as the trend of the last number of seasons has been one of healthy increase in active members, thus a lightening of the individual's duties. We must strive to obtain new members for the Club so that our patrol numbers do not have to be decreased, nor do the number of patrols in a season have to be increased.

All members should endeavour to introduce any of their friends to the active membership list of the Club.

This season has been quite a reduction in the incidence of rescue to that of last season. The rescues carried out during the season by patrol members whilst on active duty were:

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| (a) With line .....                      | 17 |
| (b) Without line .....                   | 12 |
| (c) Other gear, including lifeboat ..... | 10 |

The surfboat was not needed for a single rescue during the season.

### CLUB MEETINGS AND MANAGEMENT

The last Annual General Meeting saw the following changes to the Management Committee of the Club:

- Assistant Secretary: G. Hoban in place of I. Lambert.
- Junior Captain: A. Cook replaced S. Harpur.
- Social Secretary: N. Hillyard replaced W. Fyffe.
- Committeemen: B. Cahill replaced E. Poole, and D. Dwight was admitted as a new member following the creation of two new positions on the Management Committee.
- Two new positions were made on the Management Committee by the inclusion of Nippers' Secretary, R. Bell, and Board and Ski Captain, D. Gee.

This increased the Management Committee of the Club to a new number of twenty-two. This represents a large percentage of members having a say on Club management. It also means that there must be more members each year who are prepared to spend their own time to do the many things expected of them. All members of Committee, from the President, through Vice-presidents down to the last Committeeman, have a large responsibility in Club management, and each member should realise that if he doesn't do his best, then not only will he be affected, but so, too, will the Club.



No member should stand for any position without first informing himself of what such election entails, and resolving himself to devote the necessary time and effort to carry out his part of the undertaken contract.

Accordingly, at election time, all members should take upon themselves the responsibility of the occasion and they should nominate, and vote for, those members who they feel will do the best for the Club. A person should not be nominated for a position because he is a particular friend of yours, or because he is well liked, or because he is a good surfer, board rider, etc., but because he is capable and the best available to do the particular job.

You are a member of a Club which is able to make ends meet financially, which attains a fairly high standard in competition, which enjoys numerous social activities, is respected by the community and neighbouring clubs, and above all is an efficient lifesaving club, only because it has been well managed over the past decade. See to it at this Annual General Meeting that you again send in the strongest possible team to run your Club.

For your information re Management Committee meetings, last season there were ten meetings of the Committee, and they were attended as follows:

(a) B. Norman .....	10
(b) R. Way .....	8
(c) J. Harpur .....	7
(d) J. Cheadle .....	8
(e) G. Hoban .....	8
(f) A. McCudden .....	10
(g) D. Lloyd .....	8
(h) N. Hillyard .....	10
(i) C. Barker .....	8
(j) B. Cahill .....	10
(k) D. Barker .....	9
(l) D. Gee .....	7
(m) R. Gee .....	5
(n) A. Cook .....	6
(o) D. Dwight (elected after second meeting) .....	6
(p) M. Powell .....	6
(q) R. Paterson (elected after second meeting) .....	5
(r) K. Van Haren .....	8
(s) W. Hunt .....	7
(t) R. Bell (Nippers' Secretary) .....	1
(u) M. Tambllyn .....	8

Our Club was well represented at all Branch meetings, often having five or six members present. These included Bryce Norman, Ron Way, Ted Poole, David Lloyd, Gerry Hoban and Yours Truly. As you can expect, many matters of contention were taken well in hand by this delegation.

#### PATROLMAN OF THE YEAR

Congratulations are offered to Tony Licciardo for being selected as the outstanding patrolman of the season.

Tony has been an active member of the Club for many seasons now, and he has always been a conscientious lifesaver. He has been a patrol captain for several seasons and has always set a good example to the members of his patrols.



**Tony Licciardo**

**Patrolman Of The Year**



**Neville Hillyard**  
**Clubman Of The Year**

I am told that this is the first trophy that Tony has won since he joined the Club in the mid 1950's. After all this time I am sure that it will mean a lot to him.

Good work, Tony, and now let's see if you can make two in a row in 1969-70.

#### LADIES' AUXILIARY

We have come to expect big things of this band of ever-willing workers, and once again they have been able to finish the season off by presenting us with a cheque for \$600. It is amazing that they continue to work as they do and to assist us to the extent that they do each other.

This season they have probably done better than before. Besides receiving the praises of each and every Club member who has benefited from their spreads, they received such praise from the full membership of all Central Coast clubs. This was by way of a motion, carried unanimously at a Branch meeting, following the marvellous supper which they provided after the carnival conducted at our beach.

Whenever we need their help we get it; if we have visitors they can be nothing short of impressed with the efforts of the Auxiliary members. When the hall needs decorating they do the major part; we need help at the house, and they are there; tickets are to be sold on the beach and they always help. You name it, and the Auxiliary girls are helping if possible.

On behalf of all Club members, I propose a big vote of thanks to each and every Auxiliary member who has assisted, in any way, during the 1968-69 season. Club life couldn't be the same without your help.

#### INTER-PATROL COMPETITION

Congratulations to M. Powell and the members of his patrol for winning the inter-patrol competition for the 1968-69 season. The members of Mick's patrol were P. Powell, A. Cook, L. Cook, S. Reynolds, N. Williams, P. Mutch and A. Potter.

All of these members, no doubt, contributed to the patrol's taking top honours for the season. Probably gaining the major points for the patrol would have been the constant efforts of swimmers A. Cook, L. Cook and S. Reynolds.

Some possible changes may be seen in this competition in the coming season. It has been suggested that the competition could be divided into two sections, these being one for the same sort of competition, as has been the case in previous seasons, and the other on a patrol efficiency basis, including general lifesaving, rescue methods, resuscitation, etc.

There is also a possibility of including some team events into the competition.

Some other points suggested that are worthy of consideration and inclusion in the competition are the deduction of points for such things as late arrival for patrols, being away from patrol area without captain's permission, and missing patrols without making suitable arrangements for a substitute.

#### CLUBMAN OF THE YEAR

This coveted title has been gained this year by Neville "The Dip" Hillyard.

Neville has been seen to advantage in numerous





**Jim Harpur**  
**Club Captain**

phases of Club life. Most of all of these have been those duties associated with the social activities of the Club. His energies appeared unlimited in this direction. Through such efforts he showed that very successful social functions, of a variety of types, could be run.

The Christmas party for the children was one of the outstanding functions which be organised. This type of day, with Santa arriving per surf boat, will undoubtedly continue as a regular inclusion in our annual programme.

Neville was active in many other aspects of Club life than those already mentioned. He was always present at surf carnivals, where he was a constant entrant in beach sprints, musical flags and relays. He filled a regular place in the Club march past team.

Prior to carnivals he was a regular member of a small band of helpers who assisted the gear steward in preparation of carnival gear.

As well as being seen regularly in inter-club competition, Neville was seen in most intra-club events, gaining points for his patrol.

Another of Neville's responsibilities was to look after the first aid room. This he did in an efficient manner.

To Neville I offer congratulations on gaining this top Club award.

#### CLUB ALTERATIONS AND EXTENSIONS

It is proposed to proceed with alterations and extensions to the present clubhouse in the near future. The need for these has arisen because of increased membership over the past few seasons. This natural growth has seen a greater demand for much more storage space for necessary equipment such as reels, boats, boards, skis, etc.

There is also need for another office besides the Captain's office. This would free the Captain's office of much of its present traffic and the abundance of lost-and-found "junk" which finds its way in there.

It is also necessary to increase the size of the upstairs section of the Club so that important social functions, such as presentation nights, are a little less crowded.

The Building Committee has had a plan for the proposed extensions drawn up. This has been submitted to Council for its approval in principle.

The basic changes to the Club would be a new section, both upstairs and down, on the southern side. This is to occupy the area now taken up by tanks, well and pump. An entrance will be made into this on the western end. Further entrances will be made at the back of the present boat shed.

It is anticipated that the new section behind the boat shed will house boards, skis and other rescue gear.

The gear adjacent to the kitchen will probably increase the size of same and lead to more storage area.

The ballroom area will have an added twelve feet wide section on the southern wall. This could be used for tables and seating for social functions. Kitchen facilities upstairs will also probably be improved.

**Stop Press:** Council has approved the request for extensions to the clubhouse and only formalities remain now before work begins.

#### PERSONAL

A sincere welcome home, and back to active surf club life, for Andy Hoban and Darcy Bailey, who have returned from service commitments in the war zone of Vietnam. It is good to see you both back in our midst.

Whilst thinking of Vietnam, we extend our best wishes to Mick Kendall, who is doing his service over there. We wish him a safe period of service and look forward to his return.

An extract from one of the better surf club speeches of the year: "Thanks, Mum and Dad, for making me." It was a nice party, Jim.

A number of good members have once again fallen by the wayside and joined in the matrimonial stakes. These have been, as usual, lured into the inevitable institution by members of the Ladies' Auxiliary. Those who have taken the step this year include our popular Vice-captain and Chief Instructor, Dennis Barker, to Pam Young; swimmer and R. and R. member, Noel Duff, to Robyn Hartge; boatman Jim Mitchell, to Lee Sundstrum; and Quentin Riley, to Glennis Young.

Our congratulations and best wishes to all of these people.

I've been told that one "A" boat crew member became violently ill on board the Empress of Australia en route to the Australian championships in Tasmania. The attack of seasickness started, however, before the said boat left the wharf at Balmain. Is this the truth, John?

Word has been passed on to me that popular young member, Norm Perry, has been very ill for some time. On behalf of all club members, I wish you a complete and quick recovery, Norm. The place hasn't been the same without the one and only "Bearshead" around during the winter months.

Congratulations to those happy couples who have become proud parents during the season. You'd think that older members like J. Spindler, "Jonesa" and "Skinno" would concentrate a little more and see to it that the "active ranks of the future" would be filled instead of the Ladies' Auxiliary. More care in future?



**Keith Van Haren**  
**Gear Steward**

#### COMPETITION

The standard of competition by our Club members has been very high during this season. This would possibly have been our best year ever in open competition.

In Central Coast Branch competition our members reeled off major placings in all carnivals. Our swimmers almost dominated the scene, recording many wins in open, junior and cadet surf races, belt races and teams races. These swimmers were strongly supported by an increasing band of long and malibu board paddlers. Our boat crews fared quite well and we had some success in beach events.

Whilst there are many members who compete at carnivals, and do their best for the Club, there are a few who have gained many successes and appear outstanding. Among these I feel the following deserve a special mention. Firstly, the younger swimming members such as Robert and Charles Orren, Greg Richardson, Len and Allan Cook and Doug Heyman. Steve





Magnificent aerial view of Avoca coastline



Harpur also showed out on a number of occasions throughout the season. Secondly, our strong band of board paddlers, ably headed by Denis Gee, with Kevin Bootle, John Alexander, Keith Van Haren and the "ever trying" Neil (alias Crankshaft) Pickett to add support.

The season also revealed a find in the speedy singin' sticks member, Jeff Agnew. He started as an understudy to the old campaigner, Max Sainsbury, but was going to the lead at the end of the season.

Numerous other members turned in fine efforts in other aspects of competition.

The march past team started the season off on the right foot by recording a win at its first start, but form wasn't consistent throughout the season. On most occasions the team appeared to go quite well, but the judges saw a lot of things that the supporters did not.

One disappointing aspect of our competition was our failure to be able to field a competent R. and R. team at the carnivals. With this event as the major event at surf carnivals, it is a shame that a Club of our strength can't field a couple of good teams.

In the coming season R. and R. is to be brought more into line with Bronze Medallion work. For this reason I feel we should be able to arouse more interest in the event in new members and in some of the younger members.

It also appeared a pity to me that there were not enough junior members to fill a surf boat team. With a shed filled with boats and a competent coach in Richard Gee, it seemed the first junior team to be filled would be the boat team. Let's hope that some juniors take advantage of the facilities this season.

Following are the overall results for intra and inter-club competitions, State and Australian championships:

#### MISS S.T.C.

The club was very fortunate this year as it received a new surfboat from Standard Telephones and Cables Pty. Ltd. This would undoubtedly be the greatest assistance the club has experienced in its existence.

This donation was made possible because the late Mr. J. Remington, who was chairman of the Board of Directors of S.T.C. and Mr. Alan Deegan, also a member of the Board of the Company, were regular visitors to Avoca. This particular boat was presented in memory of Mr. Remington.

A very pleasant function was arranged by the Boat Captain, Mr. Richard Gee for the christening of "Miss S.T.C." This was very well attended. Officials included Mrs. Remington, who performed the "conventional champagne christening", and Mr. Alan Deegan representing S.T.C. Pty. Ltd. Club patrons R. Robson and N. M.

Hunter; president, B. Norman and captain J. Harpur were others to attend.

The club extends its sincere thanks to Standard Telephones and Cables Pty. Ltd. for this very fine gesture.

#### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

##### Open Section

*Surf Race:* F. Spindler, 1st; S. Harpur, 2nd; R. Paterson, 3rd.

*Belt Race:* F. Spindler, 1st; S. Harpur, 2nd; R. Paterson, 3rd.

*Longboard:* J. Alexander, 1st; D. Gee, 2nd; D. Barker, 3rd.

*Malibu Board:* J. Alexander, 1st; D. Gee, 2nd; S. Harpur, 3rd.

*Musical Flags:* M. Sainsbury, 1st; G. Agnew, 2nd; S. Brennan, 3rd.

*Pillow Fight:* M. Kendall, 1st; M. Tamblin, 2nd; R. Smith and N. Hillyard, equal 3rd.

*Handicap Board:* D. Gee.

*Handicap Ski:* B. Cahill and P. Powell, equal 1st.

*Handicap Surf:* M. Edmundson.

*Senior Aggregate:* F. Spindler and M. Sainsbury, equal 1st.

##### Junior Section

*Surf Race:* A. Cook, 1st; B. Larven and L. Cook, equal 2nd.

*Belt Race:* L. Cook, 1st; A. Cook, 2nd; S. Reynolds, 3rd.

*Malibu Board:* A. Cook, 1st; L. Cook, 2nd.

*Musical Flags:* A. Cook, 1st; W. Ritchie, 2nd; L. Cook, 3rd.

*Pillow Fight:* L. Cook, 1st; A. Cook, 2nd; G. Price, 3rd.

*Junior Aggregate:* A. Cook.

##### Cadet Section

*Surf Race:* J. Walsh, 1st; M. Edmundson, 2nd; W. O'Brien, 3rd.

*Malibu Board:* C. Way and M. Edmundson, equal 1st; J. Walsh, 3rd.

*Musical Flags:* T. Brennan and W. O'Brien, equal 1st; M. Edmundson, 3rd.

*Pillow Fight:* M. Edmundson, 1st; T. Brennan, 2nd; W. O'Brien, 3rd.

*Cadet Aggregate:* M. Edmundson and J. Walsh, equal 1st.

#### PATROL COMPETITION

Mick Powell's No. 9 Patrol.

#### RESUSCITATION COMPETITION

A. McCudden, 1st; D. Barker, 2nd; C. Barker, 3rd.



Pictured outside the "Express" office en route to the National Titles at Tasmania last season are, left to right, Club Vice-Captain Dennis Barker and Boat Captain Dick Gee.

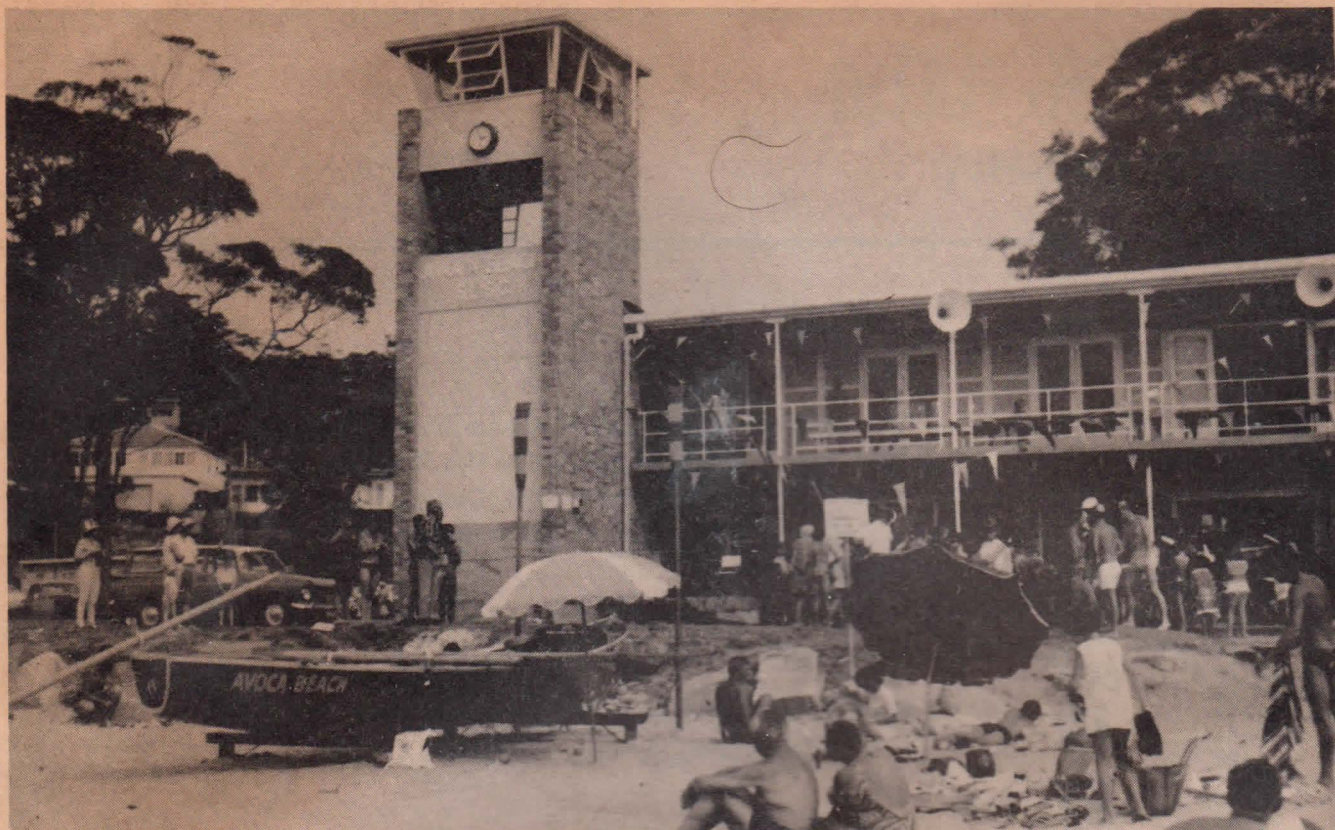


# AVOCA BEACH SU

## FINANCIAL STATEM

	General Fund	Building Fund	Gear Fund	Boat Fund
	\$	\$	\$	\$
We Commenced the Year with a BALANCE of .....	860.96	35.71	18.68	233.34
During the Year CASH WAS RECEIVED by way of—				
Proceeds of Shell Display .....	21.57			
Subscriptions .....	241.00			
Club Dances .....		314.37		
Donations .....	159.80			1,400.00
Ladies' Auxiliary .....	500.00		100.00	
Gosford Shire Council .....	600.00			
Central Coast League's Club .....	950.00			
Avoca Beach Bowling Club .....	350.00			
Competitions, Nett (Including Raffles) .....	610.60			
Games Night .....	710.92			
Calendars .....	50.00			
Track Suits and Costumes .....	132.12		63.40	
Nippers (T-Shirts, etc.) .....				
Door Knocks .....				
Proceeds Beach Girl Contest .....				
Sundries .....	70.84			
<b>Making the TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE During the Year .....</b>	<b>\$5,257.81</b>	<b>\$350.08</b>	<b>\$182.08</b>	<b>\$1,633.34</b>
These Funds were Expended as Follows—				
Building Repairs, Including New Work .....		103.50		
Gear Purchases and Repairs .....			998.00	1,139.00
General Club Operating Costs .....	543.29			
First Aid Expenses .....	15.45			
Entry Fees to Carnivals .....	318.35			
Transport of Boats Thereto .....				139.20
Postage, Stationery and Printing .....	138.73			
Nett Cost of Carnivals .....	431.55			
Nett Cost of Presentation Night .....	68.50			
Insurance .....	56.60			
Track Suits and Costumes .....	145.00		92.50	
Assistance to State and National Titles (Including Nippers)	587.51			
Cost of Printing Annual Report .....	203.00			
Nett Cost of Nippers' Annual Carnival and Presentation				
Night .....				
Nett Cost of Club Socials, Including Boat Christening .....	99.05			17.29
Net Cost of Children's Christmas Picnic .....	5.23			
Sundries .....	41.50		113.65	
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS During Year .....</b>	<b>\$2,653.76</b>	<b>\$103.50</b>	<b>\$1,204.15</b>	<b>\$1,295.49</b>
Leaving a BALANCE of .....	2,604.05	246.58	(1,022.07)	337.85
To Balance Funds, TRANSFERS were made as per Committee Approval, Dated—				
27/12/68 .....	500.00		500.00	
24/4/69 .....	660.00		550.00	
<b>Making ACTUAL FUNDS AVAILABLE for Club Use at 30/4/69 .....</b>	<b>\$1,444.05</b>	<b>\$246.58</b>	<b>\$27.93</b>	<b>\$337.85</b>





Pictured is the Clubhouse and boat, "Miss S.T.C." prior to the christening ceremony.



Mrs. Remington christening the Club's new surfboat "Miss S.T.C." at an impressive ceremony last season. On her left is Club Captain Jim Harpur and on her right, Bryce Norman, Club President.



### BRANCH RESULTS

Ten first placings were gained this year in the Branch championships held on our own beach. These titles were:

1. *Open Surf*: R. Orren.
2. *Open Teams*: R. Orren, C. Orren, G. Richardson and S. Harpur.
3. *Junior "A" Team*: R. Orren, C. Orren, G. Richardson and L. Cook.
4. *Cadet Surf*: D. Heyman.
5. *Junior Belt*: G. Richardson.
6. *Musical Flags*: G. Agnew.
7. *Open Boat Race*: "Gomer's B crew of F. "Gomer" Grayndler, D. Barker, D. Gee, K. Bootle and M. Tamblyn.
8. *Longboard*: K. Bootle.
9. *Malibu Board*: J. Alexander.
10. *Iron Man*: A. Cook.

The following were second placings gained by our members and teams:

1. *Junior R. and R.*: A. Cook, S. Reynolds, R. Orren, C. Orren, L. Cook and G. Richardson.
  2. *Open Surf*: G. Richardson.
  3. *Junior Surf*: L. Cook.
  4. *Junior Teams*: "B" Team.
  5. *Double Ski*: B. Cahill and A. McCudden.
  6. *Open Belt*: R. Orren.
  7. *Longboard*: J. Alexander.
  8. *Cadet Relay*.
  9. *Iron Man*: D. Barker.
- Seven third placings filled were:
1. *March Past*.
  2. *Open Surf*: C. Orren.
  3. *Cadet Surf*: M. Rudolph.
  4. *Junior Belt*: L. Cook.
  5. *Longboard*: D. Gee.
  6. *Malibu Board*: D. Gee.
  7. *Branch Senior R. and R.*: C. Barker, D. Barker, J. Cheadle, A. Cook, S. Harpur, C. Orren.

### STATE RESULTS

- Second, Longboard Teams*: D. Gee, J. Alexander and K. Bootle.  
*Second, Musical Flags*: G. Agnew.  
*Seventh, Open Surf*: G. Richardson.  
*Eighth, Junior Surf*: G. Richardson.

### AUSTRALIAN RESULTS

- J. Alexander and D. Gee were members of the N.S.W. Taplin Relay No. 2 Team which finished second to Victoria.  
G. Richardson qualified for the Australian Open Surf Final.  
D. Gee finished second in the Interstate Longboard Race.

### FINANCE

Once again grateful appreciation must go to the Central Coast League's Club, from whom we received a record amount of \$1,200 in the way of grants and \$950 and two games nights netting /250.

The Avoca Beach Bowling Club again continues to support the Club and generously raised \$350, for which we are most grateful.

The Gosford Shire Council and the Avoca Beach Angling Club continue to give us financial support.

Numerous thanks are also due to the individual donors, many of whom gave without being asked.

The Surf Club wishes to pass special thanks to the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary, who continue to carry out their hard work of fund raising throughout the year. This year they donated \$600 (an increase of \$100 on last year), which was a tremendous effort considering their limited methods of raising finance. Again we thank you all individually for your unselfish efforts.

Our Surf Club is developing along on a financially sound basis and the Club's forthcoming art union should ensure another successful financial season in the coming year.

### INSTRUCTION

The 1968-69 season saw a decline in awards gained compared with last season:

	1967-68	1968-69
Instructors .....	4	2
Bronze .....	15	8
Qualifying .....	3	5

Congratulations to members Martin Verden and John Coleman for gaining their Instructor's Certificates, and to all members who were successful in the Bronze Medallion and Qualifying Certificate Examinations.

Although we have members training during the winter months, we should encourage new recruits for the coming season.

We have a large percentage of our members who have gained their Instructor's Certificates, but very few of them are prepared to assist with instruction and so pass on their knowledge to the inexperienced new members. Too many members feel that once they gain their Instructor's they can rest on their laurels. Let's see a few more helpers this season.

Once again I must bring to the fore the lack of members going on to Board of Examiners level. Only one member, Ian Lambert, has been successful in recent years. I understand one of our "better" bearded ski paddlers will be striving for the all whites this year. Good luck, "Dutch."

### BOYS' CLUB

Although not directly connected to the Surf Club, I feel that it is very beneficial as these boys (six to 14 years) are actively associated with the Club 12 months of the year, as most of the lads belong to the Nippers.

The average attendance would be approximately 30 every Thursday night, with members G. Hoban and Ian Pickett assisting greatly. Dennis Barker is the Chief Instructor at this club.

### JUNIORS

This year the Juniors competed with outstanding success in Branch, Inter-branch and State Surf Titles.

Again let me mention how Robert and Charles Orren, Greg Richardson and Len Cook dominated the swimming events, but the Club sadly lacks both Junior beach sprints and boat crew members.

Throughout the surfing season these Juniors brought success after success home to the Club in the local surf carnivals. Three of the Avoca Beach Juniors were picked in the Central Coast Branch team (1968-69). These three, Greg Richardson, Robert and Charles Orren, greatly influenced the Branch's win over the other country branches, and finishing fourth overall. The best performance by our Juniors in this carnival was Charles Orren who, after a bad start, swam into second place in the Junior belt, beaten closely by the State belt champion, Lee Emery.

At the State Surf, Avoca did not have as much success, as the Orren twins had to swim in the Australian Junior Championships (Brisbane). With the inclusion of these two, Greg Richardson and Len Cook, Avoca could easily have taken the Junior teams out, as they had already beaten most of the top teams from Sydney. All things aside, the best performance put in by an Avoca Junior was Greg Richardson, who swam into seventh place in the senior surf and, almost straight after, swam in the junior surf, where he finished eighth in a top class field.

Late in the season the Juniors had a small competition against North Cronulla, but only nine members turned out to compete. Apart from this, it turned out a success, and this Club is looking forward to next year, when its Juniors go to North Cronulla in a return competition, and to any other special functions arranged in the future for the Juniors.

Summing it up, the Avoca Juniors had tremendous success in the field of competition during this past season, and now we are looking for greater things from them in the future.





Aerial scene showing Clubhouse.



GEAR INVENTORY 1968/69 SEASON

Item	Quantity	Condition
Surf Boats	3	Good
Oars	18	Good
Sweep Oars	3	Fair
Rowlocks	18	Good
Boat Rollers	2	Good
Boat Trailer	1	Good
Boat Jackets	1 set	Good
Boat Buoys	1 set	Fair
Surf Reels	9	Good
Surf Lines	9	Good
Surf Belts	9	Good
Patrol Area	1	Good
Patrol Flags	2 sets	Fair
Patrol Shark Alarm (Manual)	1	Poor
Patrol Caps	3 doz.	Good
Signal Flags	3 sets	Good
Tower Alarm (Electric)	1	Good
Swim Buoys	1 set	Fair
Ski Buoys	3	Poor
Torpedo Buoy	1	Good
March Past Flags	1	Good
March Past Costumes	1 set	Good
Ambu. Manikin	1	Fair
Ambu. Resuscitator	1	Good
Air-Viva	1	Good
Single Surf Skis	2	Good
Double Surf Skis	2	Good
Ski Paddles	None	—
Gear Trailer	1	Good
Surf Boards	4	Good
R. & R. Costumes	3 sets	Good
R. & R. Caps	3 sets	Good
R. & R. Flags & Markers	1 set	Good
Competition Caps	50	Good
Reel Covers	3	Fair
Box Line	1	Good
Beach Notices	5	Fair
Nipper Reel	1	Good
Nipper March Past Costumes	12	Good
Nipper March Past Caps	36	Good
Audio Visual Training Aid	1	Good
Refrigerator	1	Fair
Tables & Trestles		
Gym. Mats	4	Fair
Vaulting Box	1	Good
Weights	4 sets	Good
Trampoline	1	Good
Chairs		
Bunks		
Parallel Bars	1	Good
Chocolate Wheel	1	Fair
Portable Barbecue	1	Good
Blankets (First Aid)	3	Good
Blankets (Bunk Room)	NIL	
Matresses (Bunk Room)	14	Fair
Pillows	10	Poor
Amplifying System	1	Good
Stoves	2	Fair
Whistles	3	Good
Stop Watches	2	Good
Piano	1	Good

Gear purchased during season, already included above:-

- 4 Malibu Boards
- 2 Single Skis
- 1 Double Ski
- 1 Paddle
- 1 Barbecue
- 1 Surf Boat & Oars (Donated)

**BOARDS AND SKIS**

The past season saw yet another successful year for our boards and, to a lesser extent, our ski paddlers. We started the carnivals off with three new malibu racing boards, and after some delay from our ski builder took delivery of two single and one double ski. Further into the season we purchased another malibu

board to replace the one set aside for Nipper carnivals. If competitors maintain their interest in these craft, as it is hoped they do, further craft may be obtained for next season.

Our board paddling ranks were swelled this year by new members Kevin Bootle and Ian Gibson. Added to these, our regulars at carnivals were Dennis Gee, John Alexander and Neil Pickett.

On the ski scene some hidden talent was revealed in Keith Van Heran, Arthur McCudden, Dick Gee and Brian Cahill. Bob Patterson, Peter Powell and John Mitchell are reported to be in early training for next season on the skis.

At local carnivals this year board races were dominated by Avoca competitors, while our ski paddlers, although not winning any races, were consistent in filling minor places.

Competing in the New South Wales Championships at Corrimal Beach, John Alexander added further success to his record by gaining a highly creditable third placing in the malibu paddling race. Added to this, he teamed with Dennis Gee and Kevin Bootle to gain second placing in the longboard teams, and third placing in the malibu board teams events.

A fitting reward to members John Alexander and Dennis Gee was their selection in the New South Wales No. 2 Taplin Relay Team which came second at the Australian Championships in Tasmania.

Paddling in the longboard race at the National Carnival in Tasmania, Dennis Gee filled second placing, and fifth placing in the same event at the Australian Championships.



**Dave Lloyd**  
Committeeman

**PUBLICITY**

The co-operation of our Publicity Officer, Col Barker, with the local Press enables the club to achieve a comprehensive coverage of the season's activities. This season our Club news was incorporated into a district-wide surf column written by Col, and was, I'm sure, quite acceptable to the Club in this vein. Meetings, rescues, new members, training and personalities were the main feaures of the column.

In addition, the Club received very favourable publicity on Thursday, 16th January, 1969, when members Arthur McCudden and Dennis Barker represented the Club on Channel 9's topical programme "Today." Several Nippers accompanied the seniors and demonstrations of the various forms of resuscitation were performed.

The Club was also fortunate to receive a full centre-page spread in the "Central Coast Express" at the beginning of last season to mark 40 years of surf patrols.

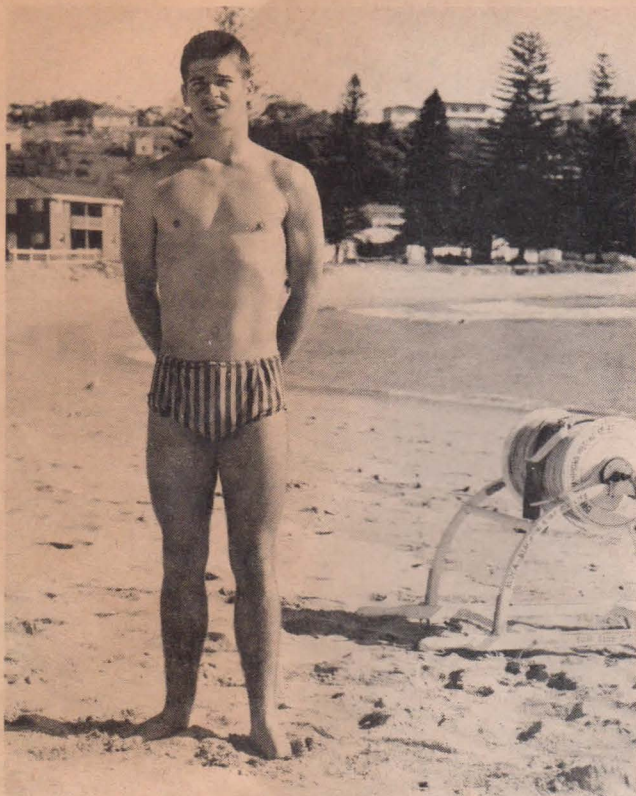
**SURFBOATS**

Our Senior A crew for the season was unchanged from that of the previous year. Jim and John Mitchell, Mick and Peter Powell, and Dick Gee as sweep.

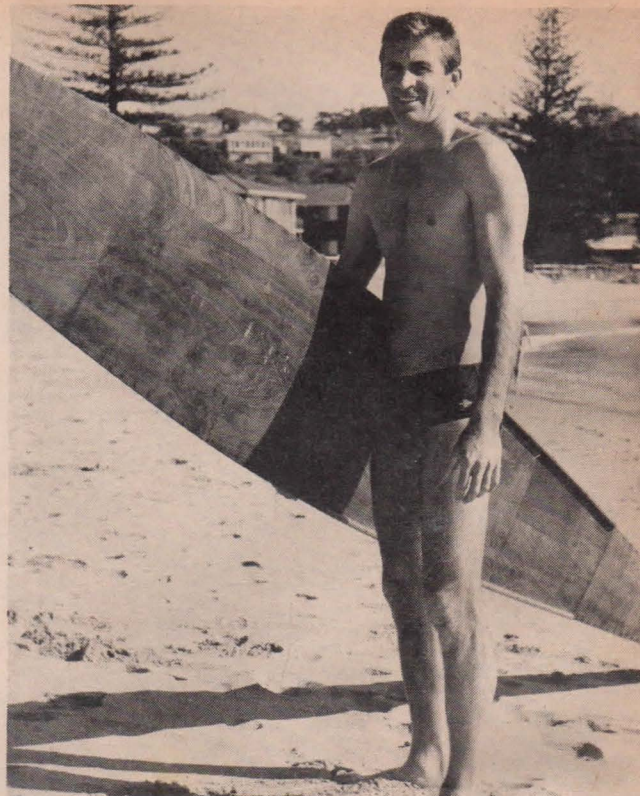
The crew met with mixed fortunes throughout the season, winning in rough seas, as was the case at the Redhead Carnival, and losing in smooth seas, similar to the occasion at the Terrigal Carnival. However, the



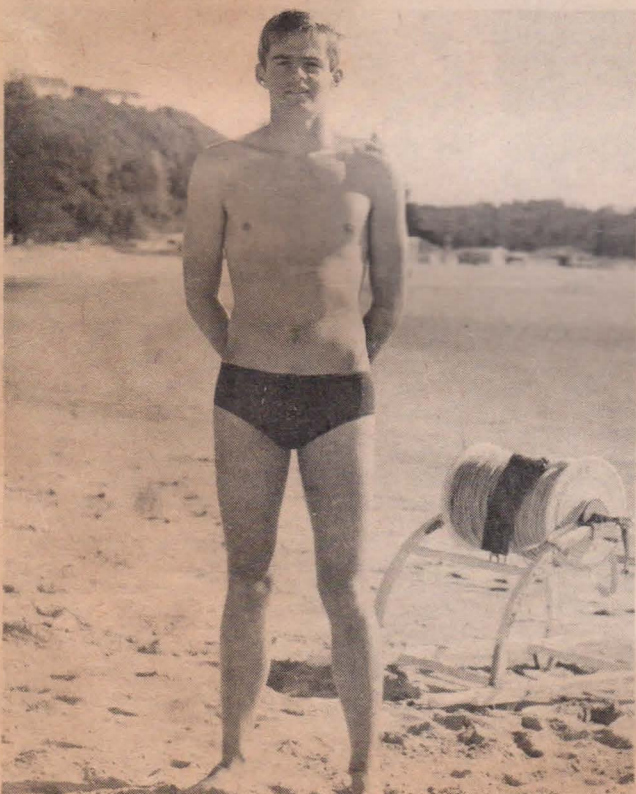
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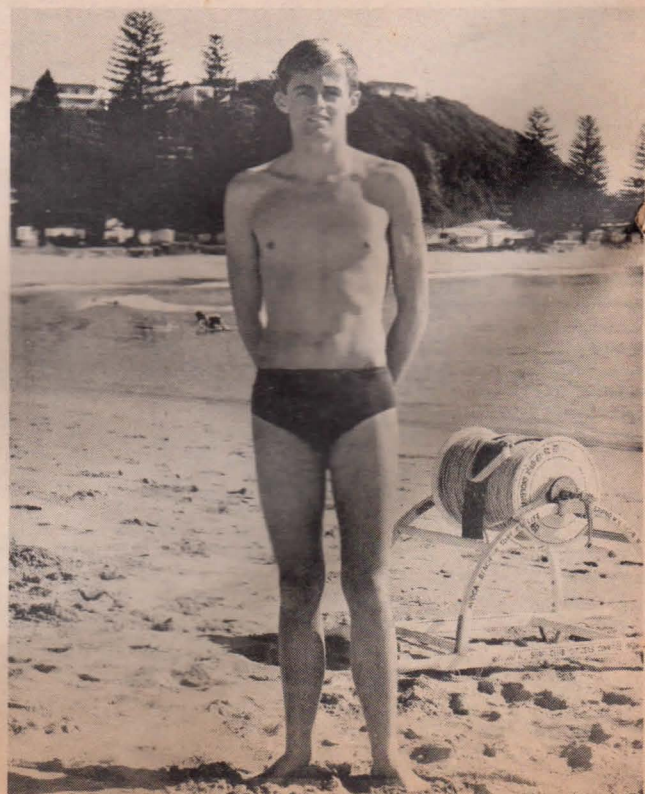
Alan Cook



Dennis Gee



Charles Orren



Robert Orren



keenness of the crew members was always evident, and this is a big factor in moulding a successful crew.

Training provided no barrier, as all members found the necessary time to attend, not only our sessions on the Parramatta River, but those organised on the Broadwater, and also our conditioning classes at the Gosford Youth Centre early in the season.

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to Ashley Churches on behalf of the crew. "Ash" acted as our trainer-sweep during our sessions on the river at Abbotsford, and was ready at all times to attend training.

Our Junior crew, after an impressive first race at Ocean Beach, only competed at the following Shelley Beach Carnival before lack of interest began to set in.

Several new members were tried out but did not show sufficient interest to carry on.

Our Senior A crew finished first across the line on 13 occasions, six of these being in the finals. Our success in the big ones, N.S.W. Championships, Interstate Carnival and Australian Championships, were marred by bad starts and finishes.

At the State titles at Corrimal Beach, after convincingly winning one of the toughest heats in the morning, the crew was badly left at the start in the quarter-final and just failed to qualify. At the Interstate Carnival at Clifton Beach, Tasmania, we again won our heat and had the semi-final sewn up for first place when we came into a collision with the crew from Warrnambool, both boats being swamped and badly holed.

The Point Leo crew, from Victoria, coming in third place, went on to finish first in the final, and second in the final of the Australian Championship.

Our efforts in our heat of the Australian Championship was greatly marred by the late night previously spent repairing the large hole in the bow of our boat. Our thanks go to the local boat builder by the name of Jock Muir who provided the materials and assisted us with the repair work which enabled us to use our boat in the championship. All these materials were provided free of cost.

One race result which caused no real surprise was our B crew's win in the final of the Senior Surf Boat Race Championship, held this season on our own beach here at Avoca. Possibly our strongest B crew put together all season, consisting of M. Tambllyn, Dennis Gee, K. Bootle, D. Barker and Frank Grayndler as sweep. This was their second win for the season. Our A crew, after leading their heat back to the beach, broached at the last minute and were swamped and eliminated from the final.

Our boats and associated equipment were highly maintained throughout the season, and our only loss of equipment was an oar broken at North Avoca, but one major loss was the burning of our old boat, "Surf Queen," by vandals at Abbotsford. The boat was stored on the edge of the Parramatta River, as was the case during last season, for the purpose of training. However, according to a police report, some person or persons threw a match or cigarette on the tarpaulin cover, which caught alight. This in turn ignited the



**Ted Poole**  
**Vice-President**

boat and caused the inside to be reduced to a charred heap. Prompt action by Ron Bailey, who dashed from his boat shed and threw buckets of water over the flames, prevented the blaze from spreading.

#### *SOCIAL ACTIVITIES*

Social activities within the Club are largely associated with fund raising. The past season has been no exception, and has been very rewarding in this respect.

Socially, the season began with the Annual Smoko. Two such functions were to be held during the season, the second being the Annual Reunion.

Throughout the season a number of Club members got together and barbecues were held. These were quite popular and successful. Now that the Club has its own barbecue outfit, for which thanks must be extended to Ron Way and Gerry Hoban, these functions will surely become a regular feature of Club life.

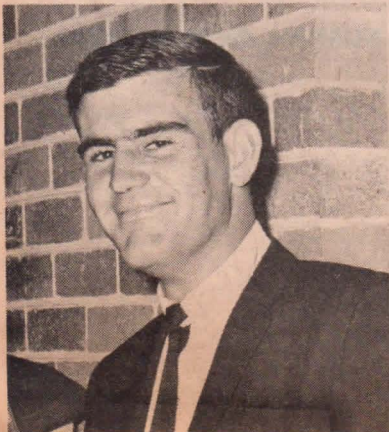
A new innovation this year was the introduction of a Children's Christmas Party. From reports, it was received with a very favourable reception from all in attendance. The senior body should be congratulated on its interest in the youngsters, as this is where the Club must draw its strength in the not so distant future. Appreciation must be extended to Tony Licciardo, who made the afternoon the success it was by his appearance as Santa Claus.

Of the social fund-raising aspect, it is gratifying to report that the dances held during the season appear to have regained their popularity of years gone by, and considerable funds were realised.

Housie nights, which ran throughout January, were once again a major source of gaining revenue, along with the daily raffles. The Management Committee commends those members who assisted with the control of these activities. As we all realise, this is rather dull but necessary work. If members visualise the financial rewards on a Club level, which in turn means more and better equipment and facilities for the individual, so it should be remembered that many hands make heavy work light.

The Central Coast League's Club again was the venue for two games nights during the season. The very large gathering at the first night, while receiving very good support from members and families, was greatly bolstered by holidaymakers, which enabled us to qualify for the maximum donation. The second night did not receive the same response, but the Club nonetheless appreciated the support and the donation. If we are lucky enough to have the same opportunity next season perhaps it may be arranged, if possible, to have more games provided.

Many members spent an enjoyable day at the bowls day put on by the Avoca Beach Bowling Club, both on and off the greens, and at the barbecue afterwards. This was a most rewarding function financially as far as our club was concerned. Personalities of the day perhaps were Arthur McCudden, who refused to bowl anything except over-arm, and Keith (hip flask) Van Haren.



**Mick Powell**  
**Competition Secretary**



Finally, the climax to the social season was the Annual Presentation Night, held on April 26, 1969. Once again this was the highlight of the year, not only to those members who received trophies, but to all of the 120 people who were in attendance.

#### FIRST AID

During the season 70 persons were given first aid treatment. The majority of cases were minor cuts and abrasions, and the inevitable blue bottle stings. Unfortunately, however, there were a few more serious injuries requiring attention on a higher level.

Although there is still room for improvement, it is pleasing to report the generally good standard of tidiness maintained by members using the first aid room and equipment, and proper entries being made in the report book.

#### NIPPERS

With a membership of 57, the Juvenile Club completed a successful year, after having been well represented at all Central Coast Carnivals and at the State titles.

Our members dominated malibu board and signal competitions throughout the season, but unfortunately after many years as the top swimming club we were pushed into second position by the strong North Avoca team.

Avoca Club was awarded the Signals Shield for winning the competition which was conducted by the Branch at all carnivals held during the season.

Five of our members will have turned 14 before 1st October, 1969, and it is expected that four of these will enter the Cadets with Qualifying Certificates.

It is of interest to note that five past members of the Juvenile Club are now Bronze Medallion holders, and seven past members have their Qualifying Certificates. All are active Surf Club members.

This year we have eighteen 10 and 11 year olds, and these boys will be going into the Senior Club in the next two or three years. If these lads are to be proficient and useful senior members it will be necessary for the Senior Club to take a more active interest in their training than was the case during the year just completed. This year 95 per cent. of the coaching of the Juniors was left to one experienced man, Ron Way. Our success in the Branch titles, with six firsts, three seconds and five thirds, indicates the amount of time he has devoted to the boys. But this is not good enough if the boys are to develop into worthwhile senior members. The Juniors need individual coaching in R. and R., march past and water and beach events. Our R. and R. and march past standard is very poor, and the only reason our swimmers lost their position in the Central Coast Branch was because the lads had not been coached. It is felt that this matter should receive serious consideration by the Senior Club.

Our third Annual Carnival, held on New Year's Day, was a well organised and successful event.

Our thanks go to President Bryce Norman for his help and guidance throughout the year, and to Jim Harpur and other senior members for the example they set and the patience they show to the boys. Thanks also to Cec Norman and her helpers for providing refreshments when called upon to do so.

#### CONCLUSION

I would like to thank those Club members who supplied me with reports and any other information needed for the compilation of this Annual Report and Financial Statement.

Thanks also to my fellow Committeemen for their assistance during the season.

Forgive me for any errors in, or omissions from this report.

Finally, I wish you all the very best for a safe and successful surfing season for 1969-70.

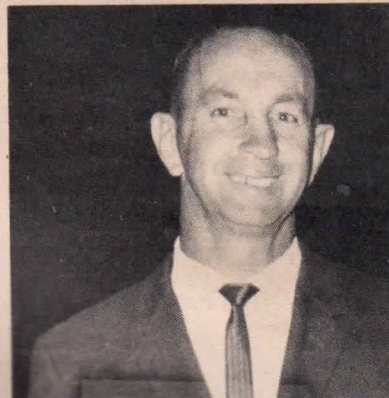
ARTHUR McCUDDEN  
Hon. Secretary

#### PRESIDENT'S ADDENDUM

Gentlemen,

Having perused this Annual Report, I must firstly congratulate our Secretary, Arthur McCudden, for compiling same, and also those officers of the Club for providing the Secretary with their individual reports as he found these most helpful in his efforts.

This report is a very direct and truthful account of our Club's activities in all phases for 1968-69. As is pointed out, the deficiencies in our activities must be rectified in the coming season, especially patrol efficiency. Most members are aware that variations in the Handbook are fairly extensive, and this will mean



**Bryce  
Norman**  
President

all active and active reserve members will be expected to do a revision course to bring them up to date on new procedures.

Overall, gentlemen, our Club has fared well over the past season, and I congratulate all members for this happy position, also members of the Management Committee for piloting this Club through another successful season. Thank you, fellows.

In the coming season I envisage much activity in many directions and, members, this will mean your full efforts and co-operation will be required to keep the Avoca Beach S.L.S.C. on the top rung of the ladder.

Wishing all members a safe and happy 1969-70 surfing season.

B. NORMAN, President, 1968-69.









