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AVOCA BEACH SURF LIFESAVING CLUB

41st Annual Report and Financial Statement



1969-70

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





AVOCA BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

42nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 42nd Annual General Meeting of the above club will be held in the club house on Saturday, 5th September, 1970, at 1.00 p.m.

BUSINESS

1. To confirm and adopt minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
2. To deal with any business arising out of such minutes.
3. To deal with relevant correspondence.
4. To receive and adopt the Annual Report and Financial Statement.
5. To elect office bearers for the 1970/71 season.
6. To deal with any notices of motion of which due notice has been given.
7. To transact any further business which may be brought before the meeting.

ARTHUR McCUDDEN, Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE OF MOTION

"That Rule 22 of the Constitution be amended so as to read, following Gear Steward, Registrar and change six (6) to five (5) Committeemen". Col Barker - Arthur McCudden.

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

LIST OF ABSENCE

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C. Orren
R. Orren
A. Potter

J. Sangwe
N. Williams
Hon. Secretary.

OFFICE BEARERS 1969/70

Patrons: Messrs. R. L. Robson (decd. Jan. 1970), M. Hunter, N. Hunter, S. Noble, C. B. Hibbard.

President: Mr. B. Norman.

Senior Vice-President: Mr. R. Way.

Vice-Presidents: Messrs. 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, J. Williams, A. Licciardo and O. Cook.

Secretary: Mr. A. McCudden. ✓

Assistant Secretary: ~~Mr. N. Hillyard.~~ G. Hoban.

Treasurer: Mr. J. Cheadle. ✓

Captain: Mr. J. Harpur. ✓

Vice-Captain: Mr. D. Barker. ✓

Junior Captain: Mr. J. Walsh. ✓

Boat Captain: Mr. R. Gee. ✓ ?

Vice-Boat Captain: Mr. John Mitchell. ✓

Board and Ski Captain: Mr. D. Gee. ✓

Competition Secretary: Mr. M. Powell. D. Gee.

Social Secretary: Mr. G. Edwards. I. Gibson

Juvenile Secretary: Mr. P. McAtamney.

Publicity Officer: Mr. C. Barker. ✓

Chief Instructor: Mr. D. Barker. N. DUFF.

Assistant Instructors: Messrs. N. Pickett, Jim Mitchell, C. Van Haren, A. Hoban, M. Tamblin and N. Hillyard. John Mitchell. D. BARKER.

Gear Steward: Mr. N. Pickett. B. JACOBS

Assistant Gear Stewards: Messrs. C. Van Haren, R. Smith, J. Alexander, M. Verden and N. Perry. N. PICKETT O. RUBY

1st Aid Officer: Mr. A. Hoban.

Assistant 1st Aid Officers: Messrs. D. Bailey, J. Mitchell, R. McDonald, N. Pickett, S. Harpur, and J. Mitchell. 1 From each PATROL

Honorary Medical Officers: Drs. Clark, Paul, McGuiness, Walters (decd. Sept., '69), Spence. WOOD

Honorary Auditor: Mr. K. Cheadle. ✓

Management Committee: Messrs. B. Cahill, C. Van Haren, M. Tamblin, John Mitchell and J. Alexander. N. DUFF B. LORDLOW.

Competition Committee: Messrs. J. Coleman, R. Gee, O. Cook, Jim Mitchell and M. Powell (Comp. Sec.).

House Committee: Messrs. R. Paterson, G. Miller, J. Cheadle, M. Verden, D. Bailey, and A. Hoban. D. BARKER ✓

Judiciary: Messrs. M. Tamblin, J. Harpur, N. Hillyard, G. Edwards, R. Way, A. McCudden. ✓

Building Committee: Messrs. R. Way, D. Lloyd, M. Tamblin.

Branch Delegates: Messrs. C. Barker, A. McCudden, R. Way (alternate).

Trustees: Messrs. G. Miller, W. Hunt and P. Britton. R. Way.

Honorary Legal Advisors: Messrs. W. Pledge and J. Conybeare.

Changes in Office:
Walsh replc
Hillyard ar
Secretary
replaced
; Mr. J.
Mr. N.
Juvenile
Hoban

MEMBERS 1969-70 SEASON

LIFE MEMBERS

J. Harpur, B. Maloney, B. Norman, A. Pickett, R. Pickett, K. Ross, C. H. Smith.

ACTIVE MEMBERS

J. Alexander	G. Haynes	A. Nowland
D. Bailey	R. Haynes	W. O'Brien
C. Barker	N. Hillyard	B. Paterson
D. Barker	A. Hoban	N. Perry
G. Barrack	G. Hoban	N. Pickett
R. Bell	P. Holmes	M. Powell
S. Brennan	Nev. Holt	P. Powell
B. Cahill	Noel Holt	S. Reynolds
I. Chapman	B. Jacobs	G. Richardson
J. Chadler	K. Jones	O. Riley
J. Coady	R. Jackson	W. Ritchie
J. Coleman	M. Kendall	M. Sainsbury
A. Cook	S. Killian	J. Scoble
L. Cook	A. Licciardo	G. Sherwin
P. Corby	M. Maas	J. Sparrow
D. Dwight	J. Mazzarolli	F. Spindler
G. Edwards	A. McCudden	J. Stokoe
W. Froud	R. McDonald	M. Tamblyn
W. Fuller	Jim Mitchell	C. Taylor
D. Gee	John Mitchell	I. Thomas
G. Gee	G. Morris	C. Van Haren
P. Gee	P. Moxham	M. Verdon
R. Giles	J. Murphy	B. Warden
J. Harpur	P. Mutch	B. Willett
S. Harpur	W. Nicholls	J. Walsh

ACTIVE RESERVE

B. Bennett	T. Gallard	R. Lambert
F. Buckley	R. Gee	J. Mantova
N. Boden	M. Gray	R. Norman
A. Churches	F. Grayndler	E. Poole
R. Dorrell	J. Hennessey	N. Sainsbury
N. Duff, Snr.	K. Ibbett	J. Spindler
N. Duff, Jnr.	M. Hunter	R. Way
R. Fyffe	T. Hunter	K. Worrall
M. Gallard	I. Lambert	

CADET

M. Edmundson	J. McAtamney	C. Way
H. Brennan	A. Reynolds	
D. Heyman	M. Rudolph	

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

M. Bowcock	C. Orren	J. Sangwell
R. Baldwin	R. Orren	N. Williams
R. Haynes	A. Potter	

ASSOCIATE

N. Anderson
 C. Barnes
 R. J. Bennett
 L. F. H. Borgman
 A. Bower
 D. Bowtell
 P. Britton
 J. Broad
 M. Brown
 A. Bruce
 T. Burnett
 N. A. Byrnes
 K. Cheadle
 J. M. Clarke
 O. Cook
 W. Doe
 A. Deegan
 B. K. Doyle
 I. S. Dunlop
 W. Dunlop
 G. Eden
 R. Edmundson
 J. Fletcher
 S. Frame
 W. Froud
 C. Froud
 B. Gallard
 G. L. Gardner
 P. George
 F. Grayndler

A. G. L. Harris
 A. Harvey
 I. J. Harvey
 J. Hennessey, Snr.
 C. M. Hillsdon
 R. Holt
 W. J. Hunt
 M. Hunter
 N. Hunter
 A. Ibbett
 J. J. Jenkins
 K. Johns
 A. Jordon
 D. Trevor Jones
 G. Jones
 R. Kent
 I. J. Kilby
 F. J. Kitto
 J. Lemmon
 A. Malone
 R. Marsden
 R. J. McKinnon
 G. Miller
 J. Mitchell, Snr.
 G. J. Morris
 M. T. Needham
 D. W. Noble
 R. Nowland
 M. O'Rourke
 A. P. N. Orren

F. J. Parker
 P. Patton
 F. Perry
 R. Phillips
 T. C. Reid
 E. E. Reynolds
 R. N. Robson
 W. Routley
 D. Palmer
 B. Sale
 E. W. A. Sergeant
 A. H. Scott
 J. Scott
 A. R. Small
 K. Smiles
 G. J. Spindler
 M. M. Stuart-Robinson
 A. S. Tamblyn
 P. J. Taylor
 J. Thompson
 A. Tidyman
 I. Walsh
 J. Wearne
 C. J. Welch
 Judge J. M. Williams
 G. Wilson
 R. Winter
 A. E. Woodward
 W. J. Worrard
 W. Young



Arch Past team in action at Branch Titles, Umina, last season.

AVOCA BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

SEASON 1969-70

41st ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Fellow Members,

I am again pleased to present to you this 41st Annual Report and Financial Statement of club affairs, covering activities of the 1969/70 Season. I hope that in reading this you find it includes all aspects of club life which you expect it would. I have tried to cover all phases of club activity in its preparation.

Since lifesaving is our business I must make it first in this report.

I am sad to report that, during this season, we had our first fatality on the beach, in the hours of patrol duty. This unfortunate event, I am sure, would not have occurred, had the bathers concerned been even reasonably near to the patrolled section of the beach.

The persons involved in the incident entered the water several hundred yards to the north of the patrolled section. In the group were some weak swimmers and, as far as I can ascertain, the young lady who drowned was a non-swimmer.

These people entered the surf merely to wade around in the shallow water. Amidst their intended fun and relaxation they unknowingly became caught in a rip and were soon in difficulties.

The victim was for a period of time, supported by a male companion, who unfortunately was very weak in the surf. He, though the surf was quite small, soon became exhausted and was not able to give any more assistance.

During this time another member of the group reached the shore and sprinted off down the beach to raise the alarm.

The patrol was very quick to respond to the call but by this time a period of several minutes had elapsed.

On reaching the section of the beach, where the incident occurred, there was an amount of confusion as to where the victim may have been. This was brought about by the fact that all members of the group were migrants, a couple of whom, including the victim, had only recently arrived here in our country and they had very little understanding of the surf.

Soon, however, it was determined that two people were missing. One of these was soon rescued, and though exhausted, was given necessary treatment on the beach and soon recovered. The other was not to be found at this stage.

After a search, for a period estimated to be about five minutes, by a beltman, other swimmers detailed this duty, board and ski paddlers and finally a boat rescue crew, the victim was found floating face down in the water, over two hundred yards away from where she had entered the surf.

Oral resuscitation was commenced in the water by the first person to reach her. This was unsuccessfully continued on a surf board, then on a rescue ski and finally the surf boat till the victim was returned to shore.

Once at the beach a nurse and other factors took charge of further operations and efforts



Successful Bronze applicants receive their medallions from Branch representative Alan Duell (right) at the presentation night. From left Barry Jacobs, Quentin Rily, Ron Frankel, Bob Jackson, Greg Cuthbertson, Tony Brennan and Warren O'Brien. Absent, Peter Holmes, Mark Edmondson, Russell Sherwin, Peter Holmes.

however, were in vain and this unfortunate person became the first, since the inception of this club, to be drowned on this beach.

The loss of this young woman's life is indeed a sad event. Sad for her relatives, her friends and sad for those who were involved in the attempted rescue. The club members who were most involved in the incident were very distressed for a long period; though they did all that was humanly possible.

The unfortunate part about all of this is the fact that it is bound to happen over and over again, on possibly this and other beaches, where ever innocent people bathe. It is indeed a pity that all people are not suitably advised of the dangers of surfing on unpatrolled beaches, or such sections of beaches. It is also a pity that people, one and all, can not be given some basic instructions as to how to handle themselves if caught in rips and currents.

Furthermore, there is another important aspect to be taken from this very sad affair. Had all persons, who consider themselves lifesavers, seen the despair and sadness of those members closely involved in this incident, then they would be sure that, by their own vigilance and service, this would never happen whilst they were on a patrol.

I hope we can all learn a lesson from this.

PATROLS

This season there were sufficient members to again roster ten patrols to duty. These patrols, in the main, began the season with at least seven members. Some, unfortunately, owing to the fact that members not intending to continue active club membership and not notifying me of such intentions, commenced the season with fewer members. Such patrols were added to as soon as new members gained necessary awards.

It was pleasing to see the number of new members who gained their Bronze Medallions and Qualifying Certificates through the season thus boosting the ranks of active members. Details of awards gained will be given later in the report.

All members should try to encourage their friends to enter the ranks of active club membership. We are always in need of more active members.

This season saw an increase in the number of rescues carried out by patrol members on the figures for the previous season. The number, however, was still relatively low.

It is a pleasing aspect of patrol work to see the number of rescues down to a minimum. The reason for this is due to the fact that members are active in the prevention of situations which could lead to the need of rescues. This is a good aspect evident in patrols. The more we prevent the need for rescues the more efficient is our service to the public, and the easier is our duty as lifesavers.

During the season finished, rescues were as follows:—

With surfline	—	34
Without line	—	12
With surfboat	—	1
With boards/skis	—	2

CLUB MEETINGS AND MANAGEMENT

The members of the Executive and Committee are listed earlier in this report. So too are changes in office which resulted from the elections at the previous annual general meeting.

During this season we had ten committee meetings, six judiciary meetings as well as many unrecorded executive meetings. The following shows the attendance at committee meetings:

B. Norman	.....	10
R. Way	.....	10
A. McCudden	.....	9
N. Hillyard	.....	10
J. Cheadle	.....	7
J. Harpur	.....	10
D. Barker	.....	9
J. Walsh	.....	8
R. Gee	.....	8
D. Gee	.....	5
M. Powell	.....	5
G. Edwards	.....	3
C. Barker	.....	9
N. Pickett	.....	7
M. Tamblyn	.....	8
C. Van Haren	.....	6
B. Cahill	.....	8
John Mitchell	.....	6
J. Alexander	.....	5
P. McAtamney	.....	3

The above figures reveal about a 75% attendance at meetings. This means that the club could run more efficiently than it has. Not that the past season's attainments haven't been of a suitably high standard, but one quarter of the committee hasn't put expected efforts forward.

Let us all consider this fact when we are to elect members to the incoming committee. Don't be casual in your approach to the election of those who are to run the

club for you in the coming season. Put those members into the various offices who you feel will be sincere and conscientious. This can only lead to the general betterment of the club for all concerned.

At this stage I must point out that Graham Edwards, our elected Social Secretary of the past season, was involved in a car accident early in the season, and sustained serious injury. This, no doubt, was the reason for his low attendance.

Also Pat McAtamney, the Nipper Movement Representative, though not present at a large number of meetings, always had a written report of happenings present, or had left relevant information with Ron Way.

Some of the younger, active members didn't support the committee as staunchly as they might have.

Be this the case or not the club was still well managed throughout the season. This I feel will be revealed as you peruse the following pages of the report and in particular the financial statement of the club's affairs.

The club was again well represented at Branch meetings throughout the year. This duty was shared by Bryce Norman, Ron Way, Col Barker and Arthur McCudden. On many occasions the four members were present to see that our club's views were suitably voiced.

JUDICIAL MATTERS

The club's Judiciary Committee for the season was headed by Mike Tamblyn, as convener and Secretary, along with Jim Harpur, Graham Edwards, Ron Way, Denis Barker, Neville Hillyard and Arthur McCudden. Apart from Graham Edwards, as mentioned earlier in the report, the meetings were well attended.

Many matters were brought before this committee during the season.

One member, R. Smith, was expelled from the club for failure to comply with regulations. This resulted from his non attendance at patrols.

Members B. Warden, K. Ibbett and R. Haynes all had some explaining to do in connection with matters which were considered not in the best interests of the club. However, any differences were soon satisfactorily settled.

Several members had to explain absences from patrols, and some received penalty patrols for their efforts.

Many nominations for membership were

considered by the committee of these, those accepted as active or probationary members were: Q. Riley, B. Low, W. O'Brien, J. McAtamney, B. Jacobs, P. Gee, R. Jackson, R. Frankel, P. Holmes, M. Crossland, B. Frankel, M. Jamieson, G. Kelly, C. Kippax, D. McPherson, G. Beach and J. Finlay.

Some of these gained awards and were duly accepted as members. Others will have to do more training and present themselves for exams in the coming season. Two of the above members transferred from other clubs.

The following persons were accepted into the club as associate members: J. Moore, B. Overton, N. Williamson, K. Cheadle, A. Deegan, D. Palmer, A. Jordon, S. Frame, J. Lemmon and C. Barnes.

A number of members were granted status changes. These included the following who changed from active to leave of absence: C. Orren, R. Orren, J. Sangwell and A. Potter.

Resignations were received from B. Hutton, P. Lowden and H. Morris.

Frank Grayndler and Norm Boden were placed on Active Reserve.

Bill Fyffe was transferred, at his request, to a Queensland Club.

I would like to point out to members on static patrol that you must meet your commitments, or front the Judiciary. Those members on static patrol are expected to do the same number of patrols as any other active member. Such members are also reminded that they should do one patrol per roster cycle, i.e. approximately one patrol per month. It is not good enough to leave your patrols to the end of the season and then do six in a couple of weekends.

Another matter which has seen a few members making explanations to the Judiciary is the one of taking up residence in the clubhouse. If you wish to stay in the clubhouse for an extended period of time and use the facilities which are available, then you are expected to make some form of application to the committee. Such will be treated on their merits.

The clubhouse is not a holiday home for those idle or broken down surfies. See that this matter is given the consideration it is due.

COASTIES CORNER

This season saw the innovation of a monthly bulletin, which as a result of competition, was aptly named "Coastie



MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 1969-70

From left (standing): Brian Cahill, Dennis Gee, Mike Tamblin, Neville Hillyard, John Alexander, Jim Walsh, Colin Barker.
Front row: Dennis Barker, Jim Harpur, John Cheadle, Bryce Norman, Arthur McCudden, Ron Way, Dick Gee.
Absent: Mick Powell, John Mitchell, Grahame Edwards, Neil Pickett.

Corner." Such bulletin was Col Barker's idea basically.

The work done in the compilation of the monthly news is shared by an editorial committee consisting of Col., Nev. Hillyard and John Cheadle.

From all comments I have personally heard, in connection with the news, I must say it is well received. Members have complimented the club on this move. Such compliments I now pass on to those associated with the preparation and distribution of same.

It is to be hoped that this means of keeping club members informed of all types of activities and social jottings continues to meet with success and that it matures into a bigger and better bulletin in coming seasons. Congratulations, Col and helpers.

WINTER ACTIVITIES

Some keen members have been seen on Sunday mornings, through the winter months, on jog-trotting sessions from our club to North Avoca and back again. Regular members of this group have been George and Russell Sherwin and Dennis Barker.

They always appear to enjoy their "iceberg" dip after such run.

Another group has also been active during the off-season. This group has met monthly and has been headed by new member, Bert Jordan. The idea of this group was to keep a reasonable standard of fitness through the winter by regular exercise, beach running and swimming. The ultimate aim of this bunch of members has been to improve the R. and R. standard so that we can enter the coming season with improved junior and senior teams for competition.

Well done fellows.

ANNUAL BOWLS DAY

This day, which was only introduced in its present form a few seasons ago, was a tremendous success again this year.

Approximately twenty members took an active part in the afternoon of bowling along with the members of the Avoca Beach Bowling Club. Very few of the surf club members, if any, would play another game of bowls in a year but they all enjoyed the afternoon immensely. This enjoyment was, again this year, largely due to the fact that the Bowling Club members were prepared to excuse our lack of knowledge and assist us where possible. They joined in laughter, with us, at our own mistakes,

and were only too pleased to continue offering friendly advice to us.

During the afternoon many of our Ladies' Auxiliary Members gave up their time to conduct a series of small, but quick fund raising activities. They appeared to enjoy themselves even though working to assist the purpose of the day.

Following the frivolities of the afternoon a barbecue was held. This appeared to be enjoyed very much by the members of both clubs.

This annual event is one that our members look forward to.

At this stage I must again offer our thanks to the Bowling Club Committee and Members for the day, and in particular for their donation towards our club. Further acknowledgment will be made in the finance report.

COFFS HARBOUR VISIT

Many members journeyed to Coffs Harbour, for the occasion of the Royal Carnival conducted following the close of the season. Most of those who made the trip stayed on for the following week.

Some weeks prior to the carnival, bookings of caravans and tent sites commenced. At first it was thought that few members only would be in attendance, because this carnival followed so closely on the National Titles, held in Victoria. This was not to be the case, and a final count approximated some seventy odd men, women and children scattered over the camping reserve, at Park Beach.

An advance party consisting of Jim and Joyce Harpur was sent in on the Wednesday before the carnival. They were followed by the Normans, Pooles, Brittons, Washes, Picketts, Dwights, Gees, Nowlands, Cahills, Cryers, Ways, Cooks, etc., etc. The rear guard arrived in the early hours of the Saturday morning.

The main interest for most of those who went was to see the Royal Visitors. This applied particularly to the women and children. The men appeared to have varied reasons for their visit. Whatever the reasons all seemed to have only favourable comments about the trip.

Unfortunately for the carnival organisers, entries were very poor. I am pleased to be able to report that our club was well represented by comparison.

Our members competed with only moderate success, but as I have previously stated, they went to Coffs for varied reasons.

Following the carnival, which was conducted in ideal weather conditions, our

contingent, after the odd couple of refreshments, enjoyed a typical Avoca barbecue.

Our mighty Ladies' Auxiliary members once again had the show completely organised for us, yes, even that far from home.

After the barbecue we all enjoyed a few more refreshments and were entertained for a number of hours by a series of tall, and other type, stories from Pat Britton, Ted Poole, Cecily Norman, Lyn McCudden, John Mitchell, etc.

This set the style for a good time, for those fortunate enough to have the following week off. Those who stayed on at Coffs, from reports which I received, had a very good time.

As a result of this trip it now appears that a similar group of members will make another trip, possibly to Coffs Harbour, in the school children's May Vacation, during 1971.

LEAGUES CLUB GAMES NIGHT

By virtue of the number of members who have joined the Central Coast Leagues Club, and who have nominated our club as the sporting body which they support, we now have been allocated three games nights, or one equivalent, each year.

This year we had the one cabaret night.

Thanks to Mr. Noel Duff, Sec.-Manager of the Leagues Club, and the Committee for making this night possible for us, and also for the donation which followed.

Thanks also for the music supplied by the Leagues Club Band and the friendly atmosphere created by compere, Joyce Harpur.

The night was completed for those lucky patrons present by the efforts of that fabulous entertainer, Mr. Frankie Davidson. It appeared that he was "tailor-made" for the audience in attendance.

LADIES' AUXILIARY

The auxiliary has excelled itself this year. It was a fantastic effort indeed that this group was able to function as it did throughout the year and then come up with a \$700 donation for us at our presentation night.

During the past year, as in previous seasons, the Ladies' Auxiliary supplied afternoon teas and luncheons on several occasions. They always turn on a good spread at these functions.

Besides their efforts in these regards they can always be relied upon to be at hand, whenever we need their help.

This season, in the absence of our social secretary, we arranged a number of barbecues. These could not have been the success that they were without the help of auxiliary members. They always had a number of their members present to prepare salad and other side servings to make our barbecued steaks much better. Following such occasions they were always only too willing to do the major part of cleaning up.

As well as the help given to the senior club the ladies have also assisted the juvenile club.

Earlier in the report I mentioned their help even as far afield as the Coffs Harbour trip.

There are many aspects of our club life which would not be the same without the help given by these members.

A very sincere vote of thanks to Amy Britton, Cecily Norman and Joyce Harpur and all the auxiliary members for their efforts throughout the 1969/70 season.

PERSONAL

I wish to extend congratulations on behalf of the Executive, Committee and Members to John Mitchell and Sandra Sturgeon who announced their engagement through the past season.

Also to Ian Gibson and Lorraine Setttee, Phil Gee and Jan Taylor, Sam Verden and Margaret Dunstan, Ashley Churches and Lorraine Board, and last, but by no means least, Terry Hunter and Christine Duck, who all entered into matrimony.

Others to receive congratulations are Peter and Terry Mutch, Keith and Jocelyn Van Haren, Jim and Lee Mitchell, Andy and Jan Hoban, Tony and Mary Licciardo, Gary and Sandra Spence and Kevin and Maree Bootle, all of whom became proud parents through the season.

Pam Barker spent several weeks "Globe-Trotting" through the winter months. No doubt Pam found plenty of time, outside of her working commitments, to pursue activities which will leave her with many fond memories of her trip. One D.B. appeared a lonely member during the period of this overseas stint.

To Mrs. Robson and family we extend our deepest sympathy on the loss of your beloved husband and father respectively. The surf club joins with you and shares your sorrow. We have lost an esteemed Patron, Member and friend.

Sincere sympathies to the members of the Van Haren family, the Hibbard family and any other families who have suffered bereavements during the year.

Members and friends were glad to see Mick Kendall return home safely, well almost, from his term in Vietnam. The worst action encountered by Mick was on the football field apparently, where he fractured a leg, which resulted in a slightly premature return home.

Happy returns, Mick!

Ian Richardson has served most of his spell in Vietnam. We wish him a safe return home in the very near future, and look forward to seeing him amongst our active ranks again.

Whilst the army has suffered the loss of these two members it probably doesn't yet fully appreciate that it is in for much greater suffering. I refer, of course, to the fact that it has just had inflicted upon it one Norman Perry.

All the best whilst in service, Bears!

COMPETITION

The club met with reasonable success in competition this year. There were some outstanding performances, such as Greg Richardson's memorable swim in the Taplin Relay at the Australian Championships, the same member's efforts in the Inter-Branch Championships, the fact of Greg and Denis Gee being selected as members of the N.S.W. Country Team that toured New Zealand, and so on. These, and numerous other individual efforts, appear to stamp a quality mark on the club.

There are, however, a number of other aspects which leave very much to be desired. Most noticeable during the past season was the almost complete absence of beach event competitors. The green, blue and gold cap was very conspicuous by its absence.

This is one phase of competition which we will have to take steps to rectify in the coming season.

The standard of B, and R, was also at a low ebb during 69/70. A club of our strength should be much stronger in this all important event.

Steps have, however, been taken in the right direction to correct this weakness. I anticipate that the efforts of Dennis Barker and Bert Jordon will be revealed by a greatly improved showing from teams competing in this event, in the coming season.

March Past strength was also rather low last season. Numerous placings were gained

but few major trophies were brought back to the club showcase. Surely some of the older members could form a good combination for this event.

The important intra-club contests during the season were the club championships, the handicap championships, resuscitation competition, inter-patrol competition and the patrol efficiency competition.

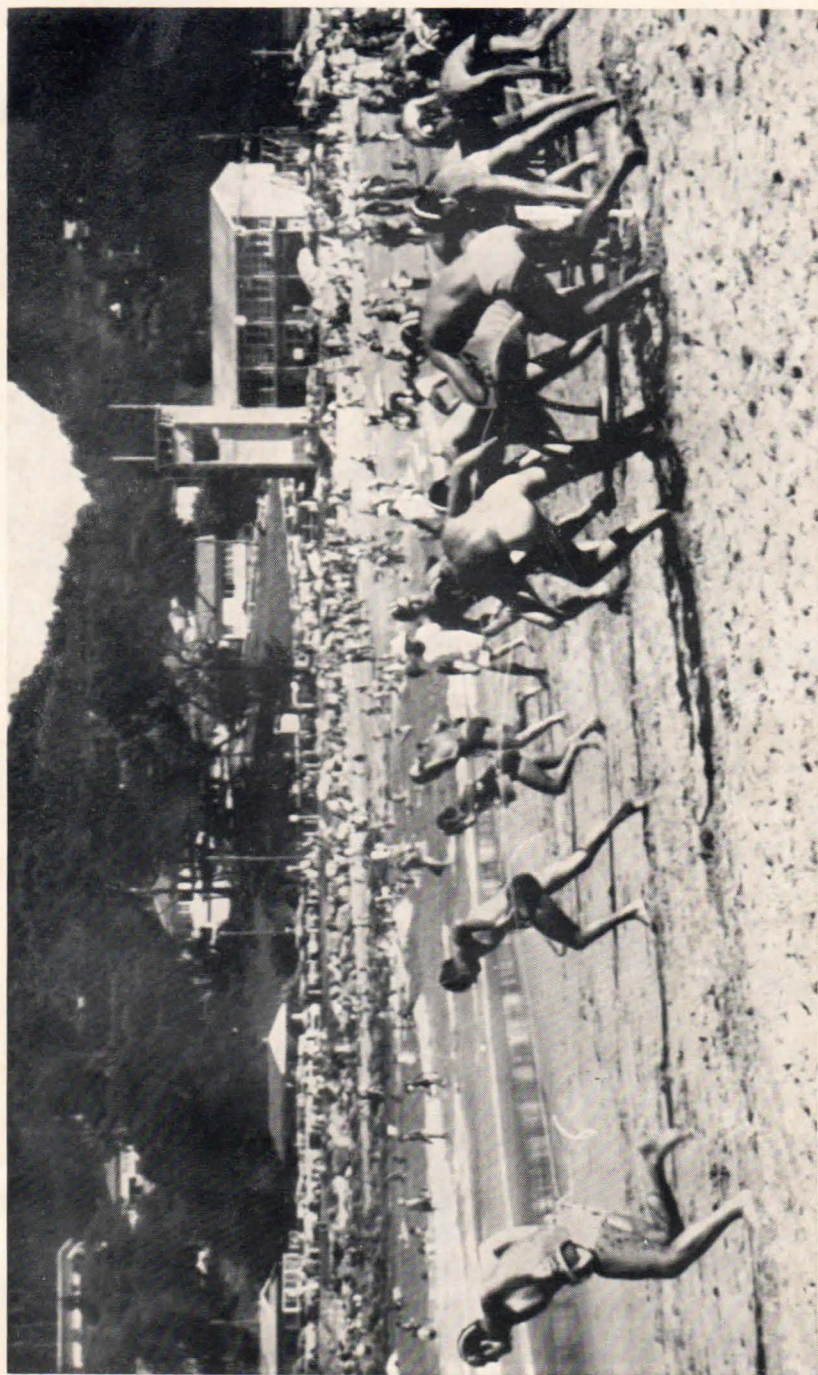
Mick Powell's, number nine patrol, gained the honour of being the most efficient patrol. Congratulations Mick and the members of your patrol.

Congratulations also to Denis Gee and his number five patrol members for gaining major points in the Inter-Patrol Competition.

Neville Hillyard gained first place in the resuscitation competition and he was followed by Jim Walsh and Jim Mitchell. Congratulations to these members also.

The various placings in the club championships were as follows:

Senior Surf		Junior Surf	
1st	Stephen Harpur	Jim Walsh	
2nd	Bob Paterson	Len Cook	
3rd	John Mitchell	Mark Edmondson	
Senior Surf Belt		Junior Surf Belt	
1st	Stephen Harpur	Jim Walsh	
2nd	Jim Mitchell	Russel Sherwin	
3rd	Bob Paterson	Mark Edmondson	
Senior Malibu Board Race		Junior Board	
1st	Denis Gee	Tony Brennan	
2nd	John Alexander	Len Cook	
3rd	John Mitchell	Jim Walsh	
Senior Single Ski		Junior Ski	
1st	John Mitchell	Tony Brennan	
2nd	Phil Gee	Jim Walsh	
3rd	Richard Gee	(Len Cook (Mark Edmondson)	
Senior Sprint		Junior Sprint	
1st	Stephen Brennan	Tony Brennan	
2nd	John Coleman	Jim Walsh	
3rd	Max Sainsbury	Warren O'Brien	
Senior Musical Flags		Junior Flags	
1st	Max Sainsbury	Tony Brennan	
2nd	Stephen Brennan	Jim Walsh	
3rd	John Coleman	Mark Edmondson	
Senior Pillow Fight		Jnr. Pillow Fight	
1st	Norm Perry	Jim Walsh	
2nd	Barry Jacobs	Warren O'Brien	
Senior Aggregate		Junior Aggregate	
1st	Stephen Harpur	Jim Walsh	
2nd	John Mitchell	Tony Brennan	
3rd	Denis Gee	Mark Edmondson	



Open Belt Race at the Club's own Carnival last season.

AVOCA BEACH SURF LIFESAVING CLUB
FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1969-1970 SEASON

	General Fund	Building Fund	Gear Fund	Boat Fund	Avoca Bch. J.S.L.S.C.	TOTAL	1968-'69 Season
We commenced the year with a BALANCE of	1,444.05	246.58	27.93	337.85	73.90	2,130.31	1,148.69
During the year CASH WAS RECEIVED by way of—							
Subscriptions	221.60					221.60	250.20
Socials	6.52	20.20				26.72	314.37
Donations	190.70					190.70	1,559.80
Ladies' Auxiliary	700.00					700.00	600.00
Gosford Shire Council	600.00					600.00	600.00
Central Coast Leagues Club	1,118.00					1,118.00	950.00
Avoca Beach Bowling Club	425.00					425.00	350.00
Annual Avoca Beach Door Knock	187.55					187.55	—
Competitions, Nett (including Raffles)	623.22					623.22	610.60
Games Nights (Housie)	758.13					758.13	710.92
Calendars	50.00					50.00	50.00
Track Suits, Badge and Costumes			20.77			20.77	195.52
Nippers — T-Shirts					5.20	5.20	32.00
Proceeds of Shell Display						—	21.57
Sundries	63.35					63.35	70.84
Making the TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE during the year	6,388.12	266.78	48.70	337.85	79.10	7,120.55	7,464.51
These funds were expended as follows—							
Building Repairs and Purchases	254.14	89.26				343.40	103.50
New Extensions		1,815.60				1,815.60	—
General Club Operating Costs	452.59					452.59	543.29
First Aid Expenses	51.70					51.70	15.45
Entry Fees to Carnivals	302.45					307.45	318.35
Transport of Boats and Gear				120.00	5.00	120.00	139.20
Postage, Stationery and Printing "CC", etc.	145.12					145.12	138.73
Nett Cost of Carnivals	222.75					222.75	431.55
Nett Cost of Presentation Night	273.60					273.60	68.50
	15.52					15.52	56.60

Cost of Printing Annual Report							
Nett Cost of Nippers' Annual Carnival Presentation Night					46.98	46.98	31.90
Nett Cost of Club Socials						—	116.34
Nett Cost of Children's Christmas Picnic	7.05					7.05	5.23
Sundries	159.80		86.93	4.83	* 2.25	253.81	159.75
Gear Purchase and Repairs (including 2 skies and 1 board)			388.71	182.00		570.71	2,137.00
Art Union N.S.W. State Centre	112.80					112.80	—
Supporting N.S.W. Country Team	114.00					114.00	—
TOTAL PAYMENTS during year	2,221.90	1,904.86	526.34	306.83	54.23	5,014.16	5,334.20
Leaving a BALANCE of	4,166.22	(1,638.08)	(477.64)	31.02	24.87	2,106.39	2,130.31
To Balance Funds, TRANSFERS were made as per Committee Approval, dated 17/5/70	(2,500.00)	1,800.00	650.00	—	50.00	—	—
Making ACTUAL FUNDS AVAILABLE for Club use at 1/5/70	1,666.22	161.92	172.36	31.02	74.87	2,106.39	—

5 The Balance of Cash at Bank on 30/4/70 was 2,963.80

This can be Reconciled with the Balance in the Financial Statement by Deducting cheques drawn prior but not presented to bank by 30/4/70
1,742.75
1,221.05

By adding cash received prior to but not deposited by 30/4/70 885.34

This equals Actual Money Available for activities as at 30/4/70 as shown in Financial Statement \$2,106.39

J. C. CHEADLE,
Hon. Treasurer.

Cadet Surf
Equal first Jim McAtamney and Clinton Way.

Cadet Musical Flags
Clinton Way

Cadet Sprint
Clinton Way

Cadet Board Race
Jim McAtamney

Cadet Ski
Jim McAtamney

Cadet Aggregate
1st Clinton Way
2nd Jim McAtamney

The following were positions in the Handicap Championships:

Handicap Surf
1st Len Cook
2nd Jim Walsh
3rd Jim Mitchell

Handicap Board Race
1st Denis Gee
2nd Jim Walsh
3rd Jim Mitchell.

Handicap Ski
1st John Mitchell
2nd Len Cook
3rd Neil Pickett

Following are the results of the Branch Championships which do not appear in other sections of the report:

BRANCH TITLE RESULTS

Umina Beach 1969-70

Open Surf:
G. Richardson 1st
R. Orren 3rd

Cadet Surf:
J. Andrews 1st
D. Heyman 2nd
D. Corrigan 3rd

Iron Man:
L. Cook 1st

Long Board:
D. Gee 1st

Junior Iron Man:
L. Cook 1st

Malibu Board:
J. Alexander 1st
D. Gee 2nd

Junior Malibu Board:
L. Cook 1st

Senior Surf Teams:
G. Richardson, L. Cook, C. Orren,
R. Orren 1st

Junior Surf Teams:
L. Cook, R. Orren, C. Orren, J. Walsh 1st

Cadet Surf Teams:
J. Andrews, D. Heyman, D. Corrigan,
J. McAtamney 1st

Open Boat:
R. Gee, M. Tamblin, Jim Mitchell,
John Mitchell, M. Powell 1st

Malibu Teams:
D. Gee, K. Bootle, J. Alexander 2nd

Senior Belt:
G. Richardson 2nd

Junior Belt:
C. Orren 2nd

Single Ski:
N. Pickett 2nd

Junior Surf:
R. Orren 2nd
C. Orren 3rd

Double Ski:
N. Pickett and R. Patterson 2nd

Senior R. & R.:
R. Haynes, D. Barker, J. Cheadle, G. Richardson, J. Coleman, C. Barker 3rd

Junior R. & R.:
J. Walsh, M. Edmondson.

March Past:
Club Team 3rd

Junior Boat:
R. Gee, R. Sherwin, R. Frankel, R. Jackson, P. Holmes 3rd

Ski Teams:
N. Pickett, R. Gee, R. Patterson 3rd



GREG RICHARDSON
Branch Open Surf winner.

JUNIORS

This past season has been a most important one for the Surf Life Saving Movement as all Clubs celebrated the Bi-Centenary of Captain Cook's landing at Botany Bay. The Juniors of this Club were honoured to receive an official certificate commemorating this event by winning the Junior Surf Teams Race at the Branch Titles.

The most outstanding Junior was Len Cook, who won the Junior and Senior Iron Man events — a great double for one so young! Len was also in the successful Junior and Senior Surf Teams and also a member of the Junior R. & R. Team which came 3rd. He also performed very well in the State Titles gaining 6th place in both Senior and Junior Iron Man and 11th place in Junior Surf. At the Australian Titles in Victoria he came 4th in Junior Non-Championship Surf Race.

The Juniors performed very well in R. & R. events by winning most of local events. The credit for this must go to Mr. Bert Jordan who gave freely of his time to training the team. Mr. Jordan must have been pleased when Avoca Juniors won the Country section of the R. & R. at the State Titles at Wanda Beach.

It was rather disappointing to see so few entries from the Juniors in Beach events at the State Titles but look forward to this being rectified next season.

This Club has very keen Juniors as was shown when Len Cook won the coveted "Clubman of the Year" award and with the up and coming Cadets next season Avoca Beach S.L.S. Club will indeed have a very strong Junior team.

SPECIAL COMPETITION

The annual inter-club contests between our members and the Gosford Swimming Club and the Narrabeen S.L.S.C. was this season turned into a tri-way carnival. This was because of the very heavy commitments, competition-wise, throughout the season.

Our beach was the venue for the meet this year. The day was not one of serious competition, however an amount of friendly rivalry existed, as could be seen by those barracking for their own team members.

Following the events of the afternoon the members of all three clubs joined in a barbecue arranged by the Ladies' Auxiliary, along with the help of Ian Walsh and Ian Pickett.

This appeared to be well received by all who attended.

During the barbecue, and for some time following, many thirsts, created during the afternoon, were suitably quenched.

SURF BOATS

Saturday, 2nd August, 1969, was the commencing date for boat training for our Senior A Boat Crew, in preparation for coming competitive season. The A crew for this year was much the same as previous, with Jim Mitchell on Bow seat, Mick Powell on second bow, John Mitchell second stroke and Mike Tamblin making a return to regular competition and setting the pace for the boys from the vital stroke position.

Dick Gee as Boat Captain for his third successive term was the coach and sweep.

Our Senior B Boat Crew once again contained a mixed amount of names who represented the club in this capacity through the season. Dennis Barker once again was the stroke, he also rowed in this position in the composite boat crew which was so successful at the Inter-Branch Championships. Another pair of regular crew members were Kevin Bootle and Arthur Nowland and to a lesser extent Terry Dickenson, Andy Hoban and Dennis Gee. This crew was swept most competently by our Vice Boat Captain John Mitchell for the early part of the season and was later replaced when his clearance from Narrabeen Club became available by Phillip Gee. Although this crew did no training together, their record through the season was quite commendable.

At long last we were able to produce a Junior Boat Crew, but unfortunately not until the very last carnival in the district, that being the Central Coast Branch Championships at Umina Beach. Here the crew Peter Holmes, Bob Jackson, Ron Frankel and Russell Sherwin after a small amount of training rowed an excellent third place in the Junior Boat Final.

Through the courtesy of the Gosford Aquatic Club our training headquarters for the season were located under the Aquatic Club building adjacent to the broadwater itself. Here we were invited to enjoy the amenities of the club after training, such as hot showers, etc., etc., and our sincere thanks go to the Club for this generous gesture.

Our Boat and Oars were not as fortunate as in previous seasons as far as damage and breakages were concerned.

The Bryce Norman Surfboat after being overturned at the Shelly Beach Carnival, was washed onto the rocks near the Sun Valley Caravan Park a distance of 400 yds. from where the boat was overturned. Crew members escaped uninjured. However the boat itself was holed and had two rowlock fittings broken and was badly scarred underneath.

Much could be said about the assistance the crew received in their efforts to prevent the boat from being damaged. But special mention must be made of the efforts of the Woyng Shire's Power Rescue Boat. Indeed a big acquisition in emergencies.

A total of five oars were broken during the season, as compared with one in the previous season. This does appear a large amount, however the breaks were a result of big waves encountered during competition and must be expected to occur at some time or other.

The transportation of our Boat to carnivals throughout the season was left in the capable hands of Mick Powell.

Mick was in attendance for all carnivals, whether they were in Sydney or Newcastle, and was also responsible for conveying our boat to Victoria for the Australian Championships. The trip south was uneventful as far as road travel was concerned, but with the exception of some Double Yellow Lines badly positioned on a blind hill, and a tree that just happened to appear out of the darkness at Portarlinton the journey to the Southern State and return was made without serious incident.

We are grateful to our neighbouring club Copacabana for the loan of their dual wheel boat trailer for our trip to the Australian Championships. These units are the most for conveying surfboats upon, just ask any of the boys in the crew who had to load their boat on to the trailer and drag them manually along the beach from Ocean Grove to Barwon Heads, a distance of $\frac{3}{4}$ mile, before the commencement of the heats of the Senior Boat Championships.

Our crew's performances throughout the season were as follows: Senior A Crew was first across the line on eleven occasions. This included our first ever win in a Marathon Boat Race, a 6 mile race from The Entrance to Soldiers Beach. We had two first placings in Boat Rescue Races, Greg Richardson being the additional member of the team. Nine second placings were recorded and ten thirds.

The Senior B crew was First on four occasions, second on one and third once. Our Junior Crew recorded a third placing at their only appearance.

The first major carnival for the season was the NSW Championships. Here our Senior A Crew, after contesting four elimination races finally qualified for the final. Unfortunately however a disqualification was incurred and the crew was not permitted to start. At the Branch Championships held at Umina Beach, the Senior A Crew took the title away in convincing style from our B Crew, who had been successful the previous season.

Our efforts at the Inter-state Carnival and the Australian Championships, saw us finish in third place on each occasion. However special mention must be made of the A Crew's fine win at the Carnival between Central Coast and Manly Warringah Branch.

The last event for the season was the Boat Race on the Gosford Broadwater, as part of the Captain Cook B-Centenary Celebrations. Whilst most club members and supporters had travelled north to Coffs Harbour for the Royal Carnival, a crew consisting of Neil Pickett, Phillip Gee, Jim Mitchell, Mike Tambyln and Dick Gee was successful in winning both heat and final in convincing fashion.

With the temporary retirement of Peter Powell it was pleasing to see Mike "Peas" Tambyln back on the stroke seat with the A Crew. I think at this point special mention must be made of Mick "Clums" Powell and Jim "Slob" Mitchell. Not being employed in the district both these chaps had to travel to Gosford to attend regular training sessions.

Mick in particular had in excess of 3,400 miles of travelling to his credit and was present 100%

PUBLICITY

Once again the club can boast of an adequate and competent coverage of the seasonal activities afforded us by the close relationship of our Publicity Officer with the local Press.

In addition the club Calendar serves as a publicity medium and we are thankful for the generous support of the advertiser thereon.

GEAR INVENTORY 1969/70 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	4	Good
Double Surf Skis	1	Good
Ski Paddles	3	—
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	24	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	20	Good
Audio Visual Training Aid	1	Good
Refrigerator	1	Fair
Tables and Trestles	20	Good
Gym Mats	4	Fair
Vaulting Box	1	Good
Weights	4 sets	Good
Trampoline	1	Good
Chairs	10	Poor
Bunks	14	Fair
Parallel Bars	1	Good
Chocolate Wheel	1	Fair
Portable Barbecue	1	Good
Blankets (First Aid)	3	Good
Matresses (Bunk Room)	14	Fair
Pillows	10	Poor
Amplifying System	1	Good
Stoves	2	Fair
Stop Watches	2	Good
Piano	1	Good

BOARD & SKIS

The past 1969-70 season was a year of mixed fortunes for our board and ski competitors. Several members were disappointing in their attitude towards carnivals and training. In all fairness we must realise that with such a long carnival season extending from November to April many members did not have the time available for competition. One pleasing aspect last season was the interest shown in craft events by our junior and cadet members. These boys should be encouraged as much as possible by our senior members as they are our future champions.

During the season our committee saw fit to purchase one malibu paddle board and two fibreglass single skis which required a good deal of care when in use. One of these skis which was built by Ron Kansdell is being returned so that it can be repaired and strengthened. A major point of contention during the season was the approach of some members towards the care of the boards and skis belonging to the club. We should realise how fortunate we are in having such top class equipment at our disposal. It is hoped that next season every member does his part by looking after these craft as if they were his own.

Board paddlers John Alexander, Dennis Gee and Kevin Bootle were our most consistent placegetters at carnivals, with Stephen Harpur, Neil Pickett, John Cheadle, Dennis Barker and Phillip Gee representing the club on various occasions. Avoca competitors did not dominate malibu board races at local carnivals this year due to the improvement of competitors from other local clubs.

The branch championship board races were rather disappointing for spectators as Kevin Bootle missed both events and John Alexander the long board race. Without these paddlers the race was robbed of a lot of interest as it would have been a very close result with them in it. John Alexander showed a welcome return to form to retain his malibu title with Dennis Gee filling third place and also regaining his long board title. John Alexander, Dennis Gee and Kevin Bootle presented a formidable team in the malibu teams race but were narrowly defeated by the Terrigal Club. Len Cook showing outstanding durability defeated a high class field in the junior malibu championship.

The club was represented in ski races by a very competent band of paddlers in Neil Pickett, Bob Patterson, Dick Gee, Peter

Powell, Terry Dickenson and John Mitchell. If these members were to concentrate more on their training they would certainly raise themselves to a much higher standard. These members were consistent in their placings at local carnivals, while Neil Pickett gained a highly creditable second in the single ski race at the branch championships. Neil then teamed with Bob Patterson to fill third place in the double ski championship.

In ski team events throughout the season our competitors were consistent in their placings, which included a first at The Lakes carnival. At the branch championships the combination of Neil Pickett, Dick Gee and Bob Patterson took out the bronze medal in the teams event.

Junior and Cadet members who represented the club in board and ski events were Len Cook, Jim Walsh, Mark Edmundson, Stephen Brennan, Warren O'Brien, Jim McAtamney and Clinton Way. Len Cook filled many placings at local carnivals with the remainder of the juniors filling several minor placings. Jim McAtamney a paddler of high potential, was rather unlucky not to win his first cadet malibu race at the Terrigal Carnival.

The New South Wales and Australian Championships were very disappointing for our craft competitors as they had no success at all in handling the turbulent conditions. Our only success in top class carnivals was at the Royal Carnival at Coffs Harbour where third placings were gained in both board team events.

Before closing this part of the report a word of thanks to Neil Pickett and John Alexander for their assistance to the Board and Ski Captain in repairing damaged craft and the transporting of same to carnivals. Also a vote of thanks to all paddlers who have done their best to represent the Avoca Beach Club in competition.

COUNTRY TEAM'S TOUR OF NEW ZEALAND

(as witnessed by Denis Gee)

The New South Wales Country Team's tour of New Zealand was an outstanding success both competitively and socially. As was stated in the Team Manager's report, every member of the team must feel deeply indebted to New South Wales State Centre for making available such a wonderful trip. A contributing factor to the success of the team was the efficiency of the manager Max Sabin and coach Bill Singleton

who both did so much to look after the needs of every member of the team. Morale was of the highest degree throughout the tour and this also added to the success of the trip.

All members of the team assembled at Cronulla Surf Club for pre-departure training on Monday, January 5th, 1970. We trained the four days that we were in Sydney under the expert coaching of State Superintendent Hector McDonald and Bill Singleton. This coaching which started at 6 in the morning and finished at 9 p.m. did much to improve the standard of the team. On the night before departure we were given a farewell dinner at the Cronulla Clubhouse. The function which was organised by State Centre and catered for by the Cronulla Ladies' Auxiliary was an outstanding success.

On Friday morning we travelled by taxi to Mascot Aerodrome. After booking in our baggage we assembled in the overseas lounge for a farewell drink with relatives and friends. As we passed through the barrier to board the Qantas Jetliner, State Centre officials Con Asmussen, Nick Dixon and Allan Whelpton bade us a last word of good fortune. The trip over was quite an experience and one that most of us will remember for a long time.

After clearing customs officers at Auckland Airport we were welcomed by officials of the Auckland Association who transported us in a fleet of private cars to the Royal Oak Motel. The following day we were taken on a tour of nearby beaches, Pika and Muriwai where we had a two hour training session. During the trip home we visited the San Marino Winery which was rather tasty. Our first carnival was held on Sunday at Bethello Beach which featured a choppy six foot surf with a very long wade. Every member of the team readily adapted himself to the conditions and we ended the day with nine first placings and four seconds. Richo finished a close second in the surf and belt and I was successful in the board race. Both Richo and Peter Reynolds defeated the highly rated Reg Harker who has been New Zealand surf and belt champion many times. At the conclusion of the carnival we were guests at a barbecue held at the beach and in the evening we were entertained at a party held at the home of an Association official.

Monday morning we boarded our tourist coach and settled down for the trip to

Mt. Maunganue which was to be one of the prettiest places we visited. When we arrived at the beach, we were welcomed by the Bay of Plenty Association officials and then taken to our billets. The next day was one that all surfers dream of, it was a hot day with a glassy surf and ten foot waves. The morning was spent surfing, sightseeing, surfing and more surfing. In the afternoon a carnival was held in which our team dominated most events. Richo gave a class display in the big sea to win the surf race and I recorded a win in the board race. The local officials entertained us at a social held in the evening at the clubhouse.

On Wednesday morning we departed for Rotorua which is well in from the coast. A feature of this place is its thermal attractions which feature boiling mud, hot mineral springs and steam rising out of the ground everywhere. Mineral baths are the big thing for healthys over there so down we all went. The local pork and beans were all eyes at the standard of the Australian boys. Our time in Rotorua was spent sightseeing and training at the high school pool.

We departed for Gisborne on Friday morning and arrived there in the mid afternoon. After the usual welcoming ceremony we settled into our hotel and then spent the rest of the afternoon sightseeing. In the evening we were entertained at a function held in the lounge of our hotel. Bill Singleton took ill on Friday night and was admitted to hospital on Saturday morning. The same morning we travelled to Midway Beach to find another big surf on for the carnival. Once again our team showed the locals how to handle the boisterous conditions and ended the day winning twelve events. In the board race I was back at the beach before any others had cleared the break and Richo filled second place in the surf and belt races. At this carnival we had our first win in the boat race after a nasty backshoot. As soon as the carnival was over we had to pack up as we had a long trip ahead of us to Napier, however before we left we were treated to the usual drop of liquid beverage.

We arrived at Napier at 1 o'clock on Sunday morning after a trip which took 6½ hours. After a sleep-in in the morning we headed out to Westshore Beach to find the sea dead flat. The team recorded eleven victories and Richo and I won our respective events. Straight after the carnival we had the usual social in the clubhouse and in the evening we were entertained at

a more formal function in the lounge of our hotel, our hosts on this occasion were the Hawkes Bay officials. Our next three days were spent training, deep sea fishing, playing squash, catching up on some sleep and the usual socials in the evenings. The team also competed in 2 swimming carnivals which were a novelty for most of us.

The next town on the itinerary was overland to Warganue which entailed crossing from the east to the west coast. The trip was a long one and that evening we had an early night as we were tired out. Friday morning we trained at Castleclife Beach and the afternoon was spent sightseeing. In the evening we were guests at a reception held in the lounge of our hotel. At the carnival on Saturday afternoon we competed against members of the New Zealand team which has since toured Australia. The team finished the day with 12 wins to its credit, with Richo filling two second placings in the surf and belt and another win to my credit in the board race. After the carnival we received the usual farewell and we headed off for Wellington.

A pleasant surprise waited to welcome us in Wellington in the form of Bill Singleton who was back in good health after a spell in Gisborne Hospital. Titahi Bay was the venue for the Carnival on Sunday, the sea was flat and it was windy. Here again we competed against members of the New Zealand team and finished the day with 11 first placings which included a win in the board race and Richo filling a third in the surf race. At this carnival we met up with the Swansea Caves boat crew who had competed in the marathon boat race the day before. In the evening our team and the Caves boys were guests at yet another social. Monday morning was spent on a sight-seeing cruise around Wellington Harbour. The trip was arranged for us by the local harbourmaster, and it was very relaxing as we were now feeling the strain of the tour. After lunch we went by cable-car to the lookout behind the city where we had some fantastic views of the harbour and surrounding areas.

The next morning we boarded the inter-island ferry Aramoona to sail for the South Island. As we passed through the entrance to Wellington Harbour we could see the remains of the Wahine wreck which is being cut up for scrap. After a smooth crossing and some glorious scenery in the Marlborough Sounds we arrived at Picton to be welcomed by the Mayor and local surfing officials. A large fishing cruiser was

supplied on Wednesday to take us for a day's angling in the Sounds.

At the conclusion of the trip we travelled on to Blenheim which is about 17 miles from Picton. On arrival we settled into our hotel and rested because in the evening we had to compete in a swimming carnival at the local pool.

Thursday proved to be one of the most action packed days of the trip. In the morning we travelled back to Picton where we had 2 speedboats at our disposal for waterskiing. The afternoon we were given the choice of a trip through the rapids in a jet boat or a joy ride in a cropdusting aeroplane. In the evening we were guests at a dinner which was another popular function, and to top the day off we ate three cartons of lobsters which were given to us by the President of the Rorongi Surf Club.

On Friday morning we left early for the last leg of our trip to Christchurch. It was a trip that lasted about 7 hours and it passed through an area where we saw snow on a mountain peak. Our hotel in Christchurch was opposite Brighton Beach Surf Club which was convenient for training. The two carnivals we competed in were both held at Taylor's Mistake Beach. The first was against a representative team from Canterbury Association and the second was an open carnival. The surf was very choppy and the water temperature had dropped considerably. Richo recorded victories at both carnivals and I was able to keep my unbeaten record intact. A reception was held in our hotel on the Friday night and farewell functions were held on both Saturday and Sunday nights. At this stage of the trip we were looking forward to going home but deep down we were sorry, that such a wonderful trip had come to an end.

In all the team competed in 8 surf carnivals and 3 swimming carnivals. The senior surf team, taplin relay team, beach relay team, march past, Junior Belt (Kevin Bannerman), Senior Belt (Peter Reynolds) and Board Race (Dennis Gee) were all undefeated. To say that this trip was a success would be an understatement, as the team performed far above expectations.

I would like to take this opportunity to say how honoured I was to have been a members of the team and to have been associated with such a fine bunch of sportsmen. I would like to thank the committee, members and Ladies' Auxiliary of our club

for their support to the trip, without such support the tour would not have been the success that it was.

In closing this report I would like to mention the hospitality displayed by the New Zealand Surf Life Saving Association, the District organisers and various surf clubs. Functions were always well organised and most enjoyable.

Thanks to Denis for this interesting coverage of the N.Z. trip.

TRIP TO VICTORIA (by Team Manager)

Once again our club was represented at the Australian Championship Carnival this year at the Ocean Grove Beach in Victoria. On behalf of the members who attended the championships I would like to thank the Executive of the club for their assistance in financing the trip.

Our representative team consisted of Greg Richardson, senior surf race and Taplin relay team member. Len Cook, junior surf and junior ski race. John Andrews, Cadet surf race, and our Senior A boat crew members to make the trip were Danny Dwyght, Barry Jacobs, Darcy Bailey, John Coleman and Ollie Cook. A total of seven cars was required to convey club members, wives, girlfriends and families, on the trip south.

Leaving Avoca at 3 a.m. on the Thursday prior to Easter weekend, our destination was to be the Tourist resort at Portarlington. A distance of 16 miles out of Geelong, and opp. 14 miles up the coastline from Ocean Grove. Accommodation had been arranged some months previous by Mick Powell and the team and supporters took up residence in the form of cabins, stationary vans and one pigeon loft.

The trip down proved to be rather a slow one. However, Barry Jacobs and Mike Tamblin somehow always seemed to be the leading car thanks to the heavy shoe that Barry wears on his right foot, and as such adopted the roles of navigator and co-pilot. Barry's knowledge of the outer suburbs of Melbourne was of considerable help to us country peasants, as it enabled us to miss the main bulk of the traffic in the city itself. I still keep wondering how we managed to find ourselves up that single lane road with a 6ft. brick wall barring our progress.

If you think this rather strange, you should have heard the ear shattering noises in the middle of the night those jet planes were creating at Tullamarine Airport which

just happened to be nearby. However, after receiving some advice from the local fraternity, we soon found ourselves on the right road to Portarlington, and finally at about 11.15 p.m., still Thursday by the way, the last car arrived, and guess who, yours truly, the 60 mile per hour limit driver.

Good Friday's programme was off to a good start with a perfect 6 to 8 ft. swell coming through and a clear blue sky overhead. The Taplin Relay for State Teams was the highlight of the day's programme, and Greg Richardson was undoubtedly the outstanding swimmer in the N.S.W. Team. Greg swam and surfed excellently to win his section of the Relay.

However, final placings were as follows: Queensland 1st, West Australia 2nd and N.S.W. 3rd.

Saturday and the Inter-State Carnival.

Another perfect day weather-wise, but unfortunately at 10 a.m. in the carnival area the surf had completely disappeared. The sight that presented itself was a glassy surface with a swell about one foot high lapping the shoreline. Our senior boat crew was the first of our team to compete, and finished a creditable third place behind Freshwater and Maroochedore.

John Andrews was well amongst the leading swimmers in the Cadet Surf Race, and was just beaten for a third placing.

Len Cook finished in 15th place amongst a field of top class swimmers from all over Australia in the Junior Surf Race. While Greg Richardson swam a creditable 5th place in the Senior Surf Race.

Easter Sunday arrived and the day for the Australian Championship Carnival. This day will always be remembered by those who were brave enough to attend. Conditions were the unbelievable opposite to the two previous days. The wind was blowing across the area at 75 m.p.h. Air temperature was down to 53 degrees, and the rain was accompanied by frequent hail storms. In the carnival area itself, everything was in a state of chaos. The surf was a mass of turbulent water with waves breaking in every direction from about a quarter mile off shore. Boat race buoys had broken adrift and were firmly wedged amongst rocks at the northern end of the beach. Some indication of the strength of the wind was when the North Bondi surfboat was completely rolled over on the beach.

Finally after much discussion and delays, it was decided to split the carnival up into three sections. The March Past, all beach events and surf board and ski races were

to be held at the main venue at Ocean Grove. Swimming events section were transferred to Torquay Beach some 40 miles away. And surf boat crews were required to load their boats on trailers and drag them down to Barwon Heads, something like $\frac{3}{4}$ mile away.

It was not until all parties had returned back to our headquarters at Portarlington that any results could be made known, and is as follows:

In the Senior Surf Championship at Torquay Greg Richardson had finished in 7th place John Andrews was also 7th in the Cadet Surf Championship. Our Senior Boat crews finished in 3rd place in their heat and were thus eliminated from further competition at Barwon Heads, whilst Len Cook had finally managed to be amongst the few who had got out, and finished in 15th place in the Junior Ski Championship.

The day's proceedings were finally wound up with a typical Avoca Beach victory celebration, held in the Pigeon Loft rented by "Peas," Barry, Mick and John Mitchell. Amongst the celebrities present were Danny and Audrey Dwyght, Ollie and Della Cook with sons Len and John, John Coleman, Darcy Bailey, John Andrews, Jim and Lee Mitchell, Judy Mitchell, John Mitchell, Sandra Sturgeon, Mick Powell, Rhonda Pickett, Barry Jacobs, Mike Tamblyn, Dick Gee with wife Peggy, and daughters Deborah and Sandra.

With the Australian Championships being held in Perth, Western Australia, next season, as this season's team manager I would suggest some early planning be gone into.

RICHARD GEE,
Team Manager,
Australian Championships,
Ocean Grove,
Victoria, 1970.

FIRST AID

During the past season 54 patients were treated for minor injuries in the first aid room. The majority of these were treated for minor cuts, abrasions and blue-bottle stings. A few cases, however, were of a more serious nature.

All members who have need to use this room (and this should only be when First Aid Officers are not available), should see that a good standard of cleanliness is maintained. It is embarrassing to be treating a person in the room, when previous users have left soiled cloths, swabs, dirty implements, etc., lying around. If you have

to use the facilities then do so properly.

Also, after treating a patient, if any entry is to be made in the book, and this should include all patients treated in the first aid room, see that it is a suitable entry.

The donation box in the first aid room, when finally opened after many years of service, contained \$9.70, consisting of numerous pennies and three pences, along with some more recent forms of currency.

CLUBHOUSE EXTENSIONS

Work on the extensions at the rear of the premises commenced on 11th January, 1970.

Until now all to be carried out has been by voluntary effort from the members, but as usual, the lions share has been done by a handful of stalwarts.

The only exceptions to the voluntary work being the laying of bricks by contractors, Hunt and Brown.

At the time of writing this report the extensions were up to the 1st floor level awaiting bricklayers.

On a decision by the Management Committee, tenders will be called to complete the extensions up to lock up stage as a lot of the work requires skilled labour and the club is also reasonably financial at present.

Set out below is a break down of expenses so far incurred on the premises.

Smiths Concrete	\$175.00
Gosford Brick & Tile P/L	811.15
I. McInerney (Sand)	22.25
Bricklayers	285.00
Labouring (N. Perry)	24.00
Sterland Bros.	426.92
Avoca Beach Hardware	100.28
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	\$1,844.60

For the benefit of those members who are not aware of the extent of the extensions it comprises a new gear/boat shed and nippers change room, showers and toilets on the ground floor and on the first floor a new kitchen, committee room and carpeted lounge area (future bar?).

In addition to these extensions the club house will be completely painted inside and out (the present gyb. gear will be demolished and the gym. room will be Committee Room) and the stage extended.

The hand rails on the balcony will be renewed to give childproof railing.

After the extensions reach the lock-up stage it will be up to the members to compile the remainder as soon as possible, so all voluntary labour will be very much appreciated.

Credit must go to Mike Tamblyn for the bulk of the organisation associated with the extensions. Mike has acted, in an honorary capacity, as site foreman during the prolonged period of voluntary extension work. Many members would not be aware of his efforts in this venture.

JUVENILE MEMBERS

This section of the club continued to function smoothly during the season, due largely to the interest of a few parents.

It should be noted, however, that in our 4th year of operation as an affiliated Juvenile club our number of active members dropped to 23. This is a 50% decrease on the figure of the previous year.

Despite this setback the boys acquitted themselves well in carnival competition. As a club we again dominated water events.

The Branch Signals Shield was won by Avoca for the second successive year. The boys who contributed to our wins at the various carnivals were: Gary Bohringer, Bill Paterick, Graham Way, Tom Crane, Michael McAtamney, Jim McAtamney, Neville Crosland and Mark Patton.

Understanding and patience on the part of Senior Instructors, together with the keenness of the boys resulted in the following members gaining their Resuscitation Certificates:

John Frame, Michael McAtamney, Graham Way, John Paterick, Bill Paterick, Dickie Norman, Trevor Way. Jim McAtamney was awarded his qualifying Certificate earlier in the year.

Our thanks go to Bryce Norman, Neville Hillyard, Denis Barker and the other senior members for their help in preparing the boys for their examination.

Our special thanks go to all the senior members who, by their interest and example, have done so much to mould our Juveniles into good clubmen and good competitors.

A consequence of our decreased membership will reflect on the strength of our cadets next season. Only one boy, Jim McAtamney will pass into the senior club.

In keeping with the objects of the Juvenile Movement, Jim will go to the senior section with his Qualifying Certificate, the knowledge and ability to gain his bronze medallion and a keen appreciation of his

duties to Avoca Club in particular and the Surf Life Saving movement in general; but only one boy from the Juvenile section into the Senior Club is not enough. The result clearly indicates that we, who are responsible for the Juvenile Club, have in some way fallen down on our job.

Membership is the lifeblood of any club and if we are to continue to strengthen the senior section with such members as Len Cook, Jim Walsh, Mark Edmunson and the many others who have graduated in the past we must, this coming season, concentrate on membership. We particularly want good types of boys in the 10 to 13 years age group. So please encourage any suitable lads you know to see Ron Way or Pat McAtamney.

This coming season, in conjunction with our membership drive, we hope to improve training methods and make training sessions more interesting. With the total number of carnivals restricted to eight it is envisaged that we will combine our future training with Terrigal and North Avoca Clubs and hold our training sessions on a different beach each Sunday. We also hope to form a squad with Terrigal Club and have our members coached at Gosford Pool by Les Lazarus. This latter project will not only give every boy the opportunity to learn to swim but also to become a proficient swimmer.

One of the happy events of the year was when President Bryce Norman made young Robbie Wassens an honorary Juvenile member. Ronnie has had it rough during the past year but we look forward to seeing him in competition this coming season.

A small team went to the State Titles held at Forster and Paul Andrews, Jim and Michael McAtamney swam well to qualify for the finals. We fared poorly at the Branch Titles gaining only two firsts, when Trevor Way won the 12 years old swim and Jim and Mike McAtamney, Trevor Way and Paul Andrews combined to win the Surf teams race.

Because of our restricted numbers, the Club Championship was held in two sections only and run on a handicap basis. Michael McAtamney was named Club Champion after having edged big brother Jim into second place by 3 points.

One of our keenest and most consistent competitors, Graham Harris, won the junior section by a margin of 2 points from young "Butch" Crane, another lad who will later make his presence felt in senior competition.

Every club member competed well and is to be congratulated on his determination

and sportsmanship. Jim McAtamney was elected Club Captain and he did his job well.

Our thanks and appreciation go to the following, without whose help we would not have continued as a club:

All the parents who helped at carnivals during the year and particularly those who helped at our branch title food stall, which showed a profit of \$155.00.

Marie Way for her care of the costumes, caps and any boy who needed help or encouragement on the beach.

Dulcie McAtamney for her fine job on publicity and for her hours of typing.

Cecily Norman and the Ladies' Auxiliary members for their ever ready help.

Ron Way, Gordon Crane and Stan Frame for the work they did on the beach for the children.

And finally Bryce Norman and Jim Harpur and all senior members who, consciously or otherwise, by their everyday actions help to train our boys in citizenship and sportsmanship.

INSTRUCTION

Once again the Club was very fortunate in having another good influx of new members join up in the 1969-1970 season. Through a lot of patience and hard work by instructors, 21 were successful in gaining various awards as follows:-

Instructors Certificate

John Mitchell
Norm Perry

Bronze Medallion

Mark Edmondson
Greg Cuthbertson
Russell Sherwin
Robert Jackson
Tony Brennan
Warren O'Brien
Barry Jacobs
Quentin Riley
Peter Holmes
Ron Franknel
Peter Holmes

Qualifying Certificate

John Andrews
Dennis Corrigan
Jim McAtamney

Resuscitation Certificate

John Frame
Michael McAtamney
Graeme Way
John Patrick
Bill Patrick
Richard Norman
Trevor Way

One interesting and rewarding aspect of the Bronze Medallion and Qualifying Certificate Awards, was that almost half of them come through the Nipper movement which goes to prove some of us have been doing our homework at some time, ensuring a rosy future for the Club generally, however, I must be critical on our lack of Members going on to higher Awards, e.g., a board of examiners and nominating for various Branch Committee positions.

The Club is very pleased to have an expert Coach in R. & R. in Bert Jordan, who along with Denis Barker, have been training Bronze and R. & R. Teams during the Winter months with a hope of fairly strong teams next season in both the Senior and Junior R. & R.

BOYS CLUB

The Boys Club has been functioning smoothly, although a little noisy at times, at the Clubhouse every Thursday night with an average attendance of 25 each week. The Club is part of the Central Coast Youth Club and the boys train and practice in Trampoline work, Vaulting work, Parallel Bars and, Mat routines, and also a wide variety of games.

CLUBMAN OF THE YEAR

This season the award of the year has gone to Len Cook. There is no doubting that for this season the award has gone to the best all round surfer in the club.

Len has taken a very active part in all club events conducted throughout the year.

In the competitive field he gained numerous major placings, in both junior and senior events. Included in the senior events were several wins and minor placings in the gruelling iron man contest. I would say, at this stage, that Len could have a mortgage on this event, in the senior ranks, for several years hence.

Clubman of the year is not however judged on competition alone. This is only one of many club activities taken into consideration when looking for the best member over the season.

Len was also one of the members well in the running for patrolman of the year. He did more than his share of patrols, and whilst on duty was one of the most conscientious patrol members in the club.

He was always willing to do what was expected of him around the club when various kinds of work were to be done. These things included helping of loading and unloading gear associated with carnivals, cleaning up both inside and around the club, setting up trestles for barbecues,



LEN COOK

Clubman of the Year.

housie, etc., and assisting with the conduct of beach competitions.

To Len I offer my congratulations, especially because as a junior member he has beaten all seniors as well as his junior mates, on gaining this very much coveted award for the 1969/70 season.

PATROLMAN OF THE YEAR

The best patrolman of the year has been awarded to Norm Perry, and it is with pleasure that I offer my sincere congratulations to him for gaining this award.

Norm has had a few seasons with the club now and his attitude towards surf life saving has reached a very high standard.

He is a very keen patrol member, who does a lot of work, in one way and another, for the patrol he is in. When it comes to setting up a patrol in the morning, or removing same at night, he is one of the first and most certainly the most willing member to do what has to be done.

During the period of his patrol time he is active in keeping those bathers on the fringe area of the patrol reminded that they would be better off between the flags. This saves the need for many would be rescues.

He is an able member in any rescue position and is never backward in being the belt swimmer. He has often been seen in this roll out of patrol hours or when a rescue has been conducted outside the patrolled zone.

Norm's patrol effectiveness improved, no doubt, during the season, because he spent a fair deal of his spare time instructing squads in training. To be able to instruct

other persons in lifesaving methods so that they gained awards, meant that his own knowledge of same must have increased. This most certainly would have been true, in regard to his improved understanding of oral resuscitation methods.

Again I offer my congratulations to Norm on being awarded the honour of number one patrol member of the season.

SOCIAL

This season would rate possibly the one with least social activity of the past decade. This was unfortunately so because our elected Social Secretary, Graham Edwards, was involved in a motoring accident early in the season. Graham had quite some time off work as a result of same and it was natural that he would not be able to continue his position in the club in an active capacity.

In his absence some social activities were arranged by Nev Hillyard, Col Barker, Neil Pickett and Yours Truly, along with some members of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

My thanks to Neil Pickett for the work he put into organising and running the house nights over the height of the holiday period. A glance at the financial report reveals the value of this work.

Nev Hillyard and members of the Ladies' Auxiliary spent a lot of time arranging the Christmas Party for the children of club members. My thanks and appreciation to you for your efforts. Thanks also to Tony Licciardo for his efforts as Santa Claus.

Several barbecues were arranged through the season. They were all well attended and appeared to be appreciated. The work of organising these was shared by Nev Hillyard and myself. The presentation of same was the result of hard work, once again, by some members of the Ladies' Auxiliary, along with Ian Pickett and Ian Walsh as chefs.

Thanks to those members who assisted with the organisation and running of these functions.

The highlight of the season's social activities was the Presentation Night. This would not have been so but for the work of Col Barker and Nev Hillyard. These two members shared the organisation and presentation of the function.

Thanks for your efforts.

The night was very well attended. In fact it was difficult to retain your own chair. You only had to move for a short time to return and find someone else occupying your position.

An individual supper serve, consisting of a baked dinner, was prepared, under no

small amount of difficulty, by the members of the Gosford Catering Service. This was well received by the members present.

All of those members and friends who attended, stayed on till well into the early hours of the morning, thus indicating their approval of the night.

In the absence of dance social nights at the surf club a couple of group nights were organised, amongst the members, at casual Leagues Club Nights. The Hawaiian Night was nothing short of a ball. This is a must for next season for any member who can spare the time.

BEACH PATROL UNIT

The club is indebted to Mr. Tom Waterhouse, who has made an ex-army Land Rover available to us for use as a beach patrol and rescue unit. It is envisaged that this will be a very useful unit indeed, particularly for emergency rescues which so often occur at some distance from the patrolled section of the beach.

This Land Rover is at present being specially modified and fitted for the work, it is anticipated it will have to perform, by Keith Van Haren. Keith has spent a lot of his time on this venture.

Sincere thanks to Mr. Waterhouse for his very generous gesture. We don't know, and can't express, how much this will be appreciated.

Thanks also to Keith for his efforts in converting this to the rescue unit which it is to be.

FINANCE 1969/1970 SEASON

The 1969/1970 Season finished with a financially sound balance of \$2,106.39.

The main area of revenue one again came from the Central Coast Leagues Club, from whom we received \$1,118.00 in the way of grants and \$450.00 from the proceeds of a Cabaret night, held during the season. This proved very successful, both financially and entertainment wise and it is with sincere appreciation that we thank the Leagues Club for their contribution.

The Avoca Beach Bowling Club again contributed to our finance by raising \$425 on their Annual Bowls Day in aid of our Club.

The Gosford Shire Council also granted us \$600 for which we are extremely grateful.

Special thanks must go to Pat Britton and Brian Gallard, as well as other members who generously gave up their time for the collection of money for our Annual Doorknock. They were successful in raising \$187.55.

We cannot go by without special mention to our Ladies' Auxiliary. Each year they unselfishly gave up their time in an effort to raise finance for the benefit of our Surf Club. This season they raised \$700, it continues to increase every year and it is with sincere appreciation that all members gratefully thank each and every one of them for the tremendous effort.

The committee would also like to thank the numerous members of the club who gave up their time to help run the daily raffles and Housie, throughout the season, a most important source of our income.

To offset most of this revenue, the majority of our expenses went to the construction carried out on our new extensions, together with minor building repairs, including the purchase of a new set of trestles and tables for general club use.

Once again the club assisted a team of competitors to the National Titles, this time in Victoria. The team was granted \$100 to assist in transport costs, etc.

The club also gave assistance to our two members, Denis Gee and Greg Richardson, who were selected in the New South Wales Country S.L.S.A. team for a tour to New Zealand. This was made up of a donation to the State centre for outfitting the team, as well as a donation for personal assistance to both our members.

One expense which the club was most perturbed about was that of \$112.80 paid out to the N.S.W. State Centre for the club's cost in running the State Centres Art Union. This was due to the lack of effort and support which some members showed when trying to sell tickets. The club was held liable for the bulk of the tickets and consequently was forced to pay.

The proceeds from the Art Union have not been included in this report but we estimate that a profit of \$1,300.00 was achieved, thanks mainly to the unselfish efforts of our Captain Jim Harpur.

Members are reminded that a heavy extension programme has been planned for the forthcoming months, and so every effort in fund raising activities is a must for the coming 1971 season.

CONCLUSION

My appreciation to those members who have supplied me with reports, or details of any kind, which have assisted me, to no end, in the preparation of this report.

On behalf of all club members I would like to express sincere appreciation and thanks to President, Bryce Norman, and Captain Jim Harpur, for their sterling

efforts during the 1969/70 season. They have again, through their own efforts in leadership and management, guided the Committee, and thus the club, through yet another very successful season. They can be thanked for the fact that this club is one of the best in the State.

Finally, I extend to you all, my best wishes for safe and happy surfing through the coming season.

— Arthur McCudden
Honorary Secretary

PRESIDENT'S ADDENDUM

Gentlemen,

It is with pride and pleasure I add my Addendum to this most comprehensive report of our club's activities over the 1969-70 season. Congratulations to our secretary, Arthur, for the time and effort he has put into compiling this report. Also to those officers who furnished him with reports of their respective club activities.

To those members who were involved with the tragic drowning last season, my sincerest appreciation, for nothing more could have been done than what you members did. Of course, gentlemen, we shall all learn a lesson from this tragic happening as our secretary has pointed out. Our club expects to alleviate this position in future, thanks to Mr. Tom Waterhouse for the donation of a land rover and to Keith Van Haren for the work he has put into equipping same.

Also members, an average attendance at committee meetings of 75% is not good enough and I advise you to re-read your secretary's comments.

My personal congratulations to Dennis Gee and Greg Richo who made the Country Team to N.Z., Len Cook who earned the honour of "Clubman of the Year" whilst still a Junior and to all members, who assisted in making Avoca Beach S.L.S.C. the club it is today.

To our Ladies' Auxiliary, the Central Coast Leagues Club, Avoca Beach Bowling Club and all those people who assisted the club financially over the past season my personal thanks for your so welcome assistance.

In conclusion Gentlemen, I advise you to once more read this report, as I am sure there is some aspect of this club's activities where you can be of help and in doing so you are assisting the Avoca Beach S.L.S.C. to progress to greater heights in 1970-71 season.

BRYCE NORMAN, President