

# SURF LIFE SAVING MID NORTH COAST BRANCH INC



## ANNUAL REPORT 1997-1998





### *Our Front Cover*

The pictorial composition was created by Max Waters from a number of photographs taken during the season. Clockwise from the top left hand corner: Surf Education Poster; training at Crescent Head; Schools' League Carnival, Port Macquarie; the Masons Surf Rescue Challenge at Camden Haven; Life Saving Poster; the Schools' Education Day at Crescent Head; local Masons with winning team at Rescue Challenge; start of the relay at the Schools' League Carnival, Port Macquarie; centre piece IRB crew on Patrol.

# **SURF LIFE SAVING MID NORTH COAST BRANCH INC.**

## *Annual Reports and Balance Sheet*

to be presented to the

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

to be held at the  
**Telegraph Point Sports Club**

***Thursday, 9th July, 1998***

commencing at 7.30 p.m.

## Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast Branch Inc.

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT - 1997-98

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It gives me great amount of pleasure to tender my report for the past year. There were many highlights and positive things happened throughout the Mid North Coast Branch and it is difficult to know where to start.

Firstly, a hearty welcome back to Macksville Scotts Head Club. Your joining of our Branch gave us a great injection of energy, strength and new ideas, and, we know Mid North Coast Branch will benefit greatly because of your presence as has already occurred this season.

The two major carnivals hosted by Mid North Coast Branch this year were outstanding successes. Firstly, the NSW Country JAC Carnival organised and conducted at South West Rocks were magnificently well run and all competitors and officials heaped praise on the South West Rocks organisation. Secondly, the NSW Country Surf Life Saving Championships staged at Rainbow Beach and organised by Wauchope Bonny Hills Club were a wonderfully organised Championships. The carnival could not have been better organised and Wauchope Bonny Hills deserve enormous praise for the venue and carnival organisation.

The decision by NSW Country Delegates to conduct this prestigious championship over one day as an experiment was however, a disaster financially for the host club and took away some of the gloss off what should have been the best ever Country Championships. So much work and effort was put in by the Wauchope Bonny Hills Club members and Community Organisations for a one-day carnival.

Hopefully no country club will be asked to stage this carnival under the same criteria as imposed on Wauchope Bonny Hills Club.

Congratulations to the Organising Committees of both South West Rocks and Wauchope Bonny Hills Clubs on the superb organisation of these two carnivals.

All Mid North Coast Branch Clubs (Macksville Scotts Head, South West Rocks, Hat Head, Kempsey Crescent Head, Port Macquarie, Tacking Point, Wauchope Bonny Hills and Camden Haven), carried out their Patrols well throughout a long season, and it is with great satisfaction that we can report "no lives lost on patrol, because of our Vigilance and Service". In Patrol Competitions throughout the Branch, Port Macquarie Club won this event by one point from Wauchope Bonny Hills on the day, whereas in the season's Patrol Efficiency and Inspections competition, Wauchope Bonny Hills and Macksville Scotts Head Clubs shared the honours with both Clubs scoring very highly.

Congratulations to Allan Barlin (Wauchope Bonny Hills Club). who took out the "Chalkie Bob Smith" sponsored shield as Male Life Saver of the Year for the Mid North Coast Branch. Allan's contribution throughout the Branch is a role model for all; his energy and dedication to Surf Life Saving this season has been enormous. The Female Life Saver of the Year was shared between Narelle Stokes (Wauchope Bonny Hills) and Natalie Cater (Kempsey Crescent Head). Both ladies made outstanding contributions to their Clubs throughout the season.

The judges had a very hard decision as there were so many excellent nominations for each of these awards.



Port Macquarie Club once again dominated the Carnival Points Scores and was the Champion Club of all carnivals throughout the season, and also at the Branch Championships.

Camden Haven Club has made tremendous improvements in their Club's general organisation, and they are reaping the benefits in so many ways. This season they won the Branch IRB Championships by a huge margin, running two teams in both the "A" and "B" divisions, and placed first and second in every event. Scott McDonald and Heath Balkin are to be congratulated on their dedication in this area. Camden Haven Club also took out the Masons Surf Rescue Challenge for the Mid North Coast Branch on their own beach in a well represented field of Clubs.

This season the Branch Championships also saw the inclusion of all Masters Age Divisions and events. The day was an outstanding success and enjoyed by all. Allan Barlin, our Director of Competition and Life Saving is to be congratulated on his vision in this regard.

Surf Clubs along the Mid North Coast Branch are having increasing problems with boardriders ignoring the flagged beach patrol areas, and regularly "thumb their noses" at the Voluntary Surf Patrol requests to observe these areas. Unless some statutory powers are given to Patrol Captains it is highly likely a serious accident will occur in the future. There are kilometres of beach where "boardies" can surf, but they continue to surf in the flagged areas which is the designated safe surfing area for the general public.

This season has been one of the worst on record for drownings on New South Wales beaches and the Premier's Task Force is being set up to address this major problem. Education is the key of course, because so many people simply "do not know" about the dangerous conditions of the surf. They ignore the Surf Patrol areas often to their great peril.

In trying to Educate the General Public, Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast Branch Inc., together with NSW Sport and Recreation and The NSW Masons has for the past four years gone into the Western NSW Schools and Communities on a tour of ten days, educating the general public on surf safety. In this regard our Branch Secretary, Max Waters, and Allan Barlin are to be congratulated on their endeavours.

Camden Haven Club took out the North Coast Boat Rowers Premiership this season, which was an enormous achievement and a credit to their teams and particularly to Doug Grimwood, their sweep and Club President.

The Bill Balkin Memorial Shield for the Point Score conducted at Mid North Coast Branch carnivals for the "A" boat races was won this year by South West Rocks on a count back from Camden Haven.

A special mention to Kempsey Crescent Head Club must be made this year. After many years of difficulty KCH is on the rise again. Thanks to the efforts of Secretary of the Branch Max Waters and special meetings of past and present club members the "two blues" appear to have a bright future. With Secretary Charlie Bowen (who was Branch Secretary forty years ago), assisting and young members like Natalie Cater (Branch Female Life Saver of the Year) together with stalwarts like Tim Trotter and the Conomos Family, all augurs well for Kempsey Crescent Head's future.

Mid North Coast Branch has functioned exceptionally well throughout the year with Branch meetings well attended on most occasions. The new Constitution should be ratified at this year's special meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting and should streamline the organisation.

The Board of Control has carried out many hours of Examinations, Education Seminars



and officiated at all Mid North Coast Branch carnivals this season. It is pleasing that some officials are now being appointed at NSW State and Australian Championships. There is a need for more Board of Control Examiners and Carnival members however.

In concluding this report I must thank my fellow executive members : in particular Max Waters, our very hard working Secretary; Max devotes enormous amounts of his time on a voluntary basis to the administration of the Branch. In most of the other Branches the volume of work done by Max in our Branch, is done by professional administrators – we should keep this in mind for the near future.

To Allan Barlin, our Treasurer, Director of Competition and Life Saving, a number of jobs well done and obviously well acknowledged by all clubs in the Mid North Coast Branch.

To Bruce Caldwell, our long serving Honorary Registrar, who does such a great job in the recording of all club examinations and awards. Bruce is one of the unsung heroes of the Branch and continues to keep the history of the Branch in meticulously kept records, and follows in the footsteps of his dad, Mal Caldwell, who did the same job before Bruce. What a great occasion when the third generation of the Caldwell family (Liana Caldwell) was selected as Mid North Coast Branch JAC Female Life Saver of the Year.

To Past Presidents and Life Members, Kevin Ruscoe, Tony Hayes, Ray Agland and Club Delegates, my personal thanks.

The Mid North Coast Branch Annual Dinner and Presentation Evening held at South West Rocks Country Club was well attended with dignitaries such as our local Members of Parliament and Local Government, the Masons, and Media Representatives were also there in numbers, and showed the high regard in which Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast Branch is held in the community.

Thanks to Paul Ninness, our Northern based Development Officer, who has assisted our Clubs in many ways. Paul organised the first of what we hope will be a long term Inter-School Surf Life Saving Carnival. The Carnival was held at Flynn's Beach, Port Macquarie and attended by most of the High Schools in the Branch.

To Paul Smith, OAM and the professional staff at NSW Life Saving Headquarters our appreciation for your assistance throughout the year.

It was fantastic to have our JAC's and Senior Clubs combine for the Annual Dinner and Presentation Evening at South West Rocks. With Graham Nash (President) and Cheryl Pearson's assistance the JAC's and Senior Clubs are drawing closer together and complete integration and co-operation is occurring. In the future we are hopeful of conducting joint Branch Carnival Championships over a full weekend.

This season Northpower has started a three year sponsorship with the four North Coast Branches. The sponsorship deal organised with Northpower is tremendous and will have major benefits for all Clubs and Branches. One of the major focuses is the "Rookie Programme", which encourages membership and education. All Clubs should get behind the spirit of the sponsorship. Our thanks go out to Northpower and all sponsors who assist their local Surf Life Saving Clubs.

Thank you for the privilege of being your President.

*"Charlie Bob" Smith*

Life Member, President,  
Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast Branch Inc.



## Surf Life Saving MID NORTH COAST BRANCH INC.

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# Secretary's Annual Report

for the Season 1997-98

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Despite the horrific number of drownings along the New South Wales coastline during the past season, all clubs in the Branch can proudly say "no lives lost on our patrolled beaches". This augurs well for the professional capabilities of our life savers, and the performances as shown in the annual summary of returns brings great credit to this Association.

In many instances the preventative actions and skills of our life savers averted incidents that may have ended in a tragedy. Congratulations to all members on a job well done.

It is regrettable, but many members of the general public using the beaches, still persist in swimming outside designated Patrolled Areas; this action causes an extra strain on our life saving resources. All of the drownings last season, with the exception of one, that of Life Saver Bernie Kelly (who collapsed and died after assisting in the rescue of several youths at Maroubra Beach), were on unpatrolled beaches. SURELY THERE IS A MESSAGE HERE!

On the opposite end of the scale, we still have a large number of board riders who continually encroach on the designated Patrolled Areas. President Bob has mentioned this matter in his report. I believe that life savers should have some statute control over this problem.

Due to many aspects the past season appears to have been a long one; however, in actual fact it was one week longer than the previous season. The longevity of the season may be because of more activity. As you will read in the President's and Director's of Life Saving and Director's of Competition reports the Branch and Clubs have been involved in many functions of surf life saving.

A big welcome to our new Club, Macksville Scotts Head, who decided to return "home" to the Mid North Coast Branch after an absence of forty three years. This Club has renewed the vitality in the Branch .... more awards ..... better competition ..... good friendships. Macksville Scots Head had some 203 Awards gained during the season. A good effort.

Not to be outdone, the remaining seven Clubs have also shown increases in their Awards, and from the Branch Registrar's report you will see that the Branch had an increase of approximately 80% in Awards over last season. This trend must continue, we must do everything possible to retain these members, for it spreads the patrolling and administrative duties to a greater number, thus easing the burden on our existing members.

The Branch Youth Development Weekend Camp for 13 to 16 year olds was not held this year. However, with the sponsorship of Northpower towards this activity it beholds the Branch to re-introduce this Weekend and the Clubs to support it. It is a great learning experience for the young participants and no doubt helps them towards a career in surf life saving.

The annual Under 14/Under 16 years surf carnival was extended to include the Under 18



years division. This Carnival was held at Hat Head and proved a very successful one. With more promotion this could become "one of the carnivals of the season". Members of Clubs from the North Coast and Lower North Coast Branches were invited to participate in this event. The point score was won by Port Macquarie Club.

The Branch association with the Branch Junior Activities Committee continues, and a more closer relationship now exists. Both Branches held a combined Annual Dinner and Presentation Evening at South West Rocks; this was an enjoyable occasion. My thanks to Cheryl Pearson (Secretary) and Graham Nash (President) for their co-operation.

Four new Examiners were elected at the recent annual meeting of the Board of Control, and with the influx of Examiners from Macksville Scotts Head Club, the number of Examiners now in the Branch totals fifty four. However, not all of these are Proficient and an effort is to be made prior to the coming season to have as many as possible of these complete and return the Examiners Proficiency Paper. Remember, only Proficient Examiners can officially carry out Award Examinations. Clubs are urged to encourage their members to join the Board of Examiners.

The Branch had several visits from members of Surf Life Saving New South Wales, Paul Smith OAM (Chief Executive Officer), Phillip Vanney (Dep. President Surf Life Saving New South Wales), Andrew Chubb (Chairman of the State Education Panel) conducted a Seminar on Bronze Medallion Examination for Examiners, Club Captains and Instructors at Kempsey in February, whilst a conference of Development Officers from around Australia was held at Tacking Point. This was organised by Andrew May (Office Manager), David Armstrong (Development Officer), Craig Andrews (Development Officer), and our own Northern Development Officer (Paul Ninness). This Conference was a great success. Unfortunately the weather was not very kind to the visitors.

Branch Director of Life Saving, Allan Barlin also conducted several seminars for Club Captains, and Instructors.

Paul Ninness, Northern Development Officer has been of assistance to the Branch and Clubs during the season; Paul attends most Branch meetings and is able to give advice and information when needed. Thank you, Paul for your help.

Two School training days were held in the Branch. These were organised by Paul Ninness; one was held at Port Macquarie's Flynn's Beach and the other at Kempsey Crescent Head. These proved a great introduction to surf life saving to the school children.

To top this off, the first ever North Coast Schools League Carnival was held at Flynn's Beach, at which teams from St. Pauls Kempsey, Melville High Kempsey, Port Macquarie High, and St. Joseph's Regional Schools participated. This was a successful venture and it is hoped to expand the format this coming season, and encourage more Schools to participate. Paul was assisted at the Carnival by Bob Smith, Bruce Caldwell, Allan Barlin and Max Waters, together with teachers from the schools. Who knows this concept could become a State-wide event.

Carnivals, both senior and junior were held, with some excellent performances by competitors. This continued on at Country, State and Australian carnivals.

For the fourth year I organised with the Department of Sport and Recreation a "Beach to the Bush" programme. Allan Barlin accompanied me on this occasion. The programme included visits to 23 schools in the western areas of New South Wales and on this occasion was over a ten day period. Talks and Videos on surf life saving, water safety, sun cancer dangers etc., were given to over 2,800 children and 95 teachers. We also spoke at three service club meetings involving a further 108 people. Distance travelled was 2,700



kilometres. My thanks go to the New South Wales Masons (new sponsors for Surf Life Saving) the Department of Sport and Recreation, and in particular the Western Region of New South Wales Area Officer, Sandy Cook, Surf Life Saving New South Wales, and Wauchope Bonny Hills Surf Life Saving Club for the use of their IRB, Motor, Trailer and Rescue Board for use in the demonstrations. As in the past a colouring-in contest was held with this Education Tour, and my thanks go to the management of the Beachfront Regency Motel at Port Macquarie for providing a weeks holiday for four as the prize.

The Annual Dinner and Presentation Evening this year was held at South West Rocks Country Club, with the guest speaker being Phillip Vanney, Deputy President, Surf Life Saving New South Wales. Other guests at the evening included Members of Parliament (both State and Federal), NSW Masons, and representatives of TV, and Press. As mentioned earlier this function was held in conjunction with the Junior Activities Committee, and was very successful. The list of Champions, Point Score Winners etc., appears in the Director of Competition report.

### **SPONSORS:**

The Surf Rescue Challenge now has a new sponsor in the New South Wales Masons. At the Branch competition we were pleased to have as our guests, several Masons and their wives from Port Macquarie and Laurieton area. The Masons expressed their appreciation and said they were amazed at the stamina of the competitors given the conditions that the event was held in.

NBN Television joined our list of sponsors this season. At the commencement of the season NBN televised a number of short segments on surf life saving that urged people to become lifesavers. This gesture was appreciated and I have no doubts that the programme will assist in obtaining members for the various Clubs.

Northpower has really come forth with what can only be described as a magnificent sponsorship package. All Clubs have received a copy of this proposal. The deal with Northpower was instigated through Kim Holdom and Peter McHenry (Country Branches personnel) and we must thank these two gentlemen for their efforts.

Impulse Airlines, though not called upon this season, are always ready to assist us with flight tickets.

### **MEDIA COVERAGE:**

All Newspapers, Radio Stations and Television Stations within the Branch have been of great assistance in recording the activities of surf life saving clubs and members. This past season all clubs received good coverage.

### **COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

Congratulations to Wauchope Bonny Hills Surf Life Saving Club on the staging of the New South Wales Country Surf Championships. This event has been covered in the President's and Director's of Competition reports. May I here offer my congratulations to Bob Smith, Allan Barlin, all members of Wauchope Bonny Hills Surf Life Saving Club and the members of the Community Organisations that rallied around the Club to present a great carnival; however, it was unfortunate that the Carnival had been restricted to a one-day affair.

Despite your Branch Delegates wishes, and the wishes of all Branch Clubs, that the Carnival revert to a two-day one earlier in the season, the remainder of the NSW Country Branches delegates were adamant that the Carnival was to remain a one-day one. The results have now proved that the Mid North Coast Branch and Clubs were right in endeavouring to change this situation.



## RESCUES:

During the season Club members carried out a number of rescues, rendered first aid and carried out preventative measures, keeping our beaches safe. The following graphs indicate the services that were rendered by each Club.

### RESCUES

Club	WITHOUT GEAR	RESCUE TUBE	RESCUE BOARD	I.R.B.	TOTAL	PREV. ACTION	RESUS- CITATION
Macksville Scotts Head	0	0	1		1	62	1
South West Rocks	1	5	0	6	12	193	2
Hat Head	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kempsey Crescent Head	4	0	1	0	5	30	0
Port Macquarie	11	7	5	0	23	60	0
Tacking Point	0	1	0	0	1	15	0
Wauchope Bonny Hills	2	2	1	4	9	178	0
Camden Haven	0	9	12	3	24	89	0
TOTALS	18	24	20	13	75	627	3

## VALUE OF CLUB PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT

*From reports submitted by the Eight Clubs in the Branch, the Value of Premises has been set at \$2,400,000; whilst equipment has been set at \$373,820.*



# FIRST AID

Club	MARINE ANIMAL STINGS	MINOR CASES	MAJOR CASES	TOTAL
Macksville Scotts Head	44	6	4	54
South West Rocks	257	6	1	264
Hat Head	0	0	0	0
Kempsey Crescent Head	35	27	0	62
Port Macquarie	110	40	6	156
Tacking Point	0	4	0	4
Wauchope Bonny Hills	50	10	2	62
Camden Haven	15	1	0	16
TOTALS	511	94	13	618

## MEMBERSHIP OF CLUBS

Club	Male	Female	JAC M	JAC F	Act. Res. M	Act. Res. F	Other M	Other F	Total M	Total F	GRAND TOTAL
Macksville Scotts Head	142	101	53	39	13	4	235	160	443	304	747
South West Rocks	58	20	37	35	0	1	12	0	107	56	163
Hat Head	27	13	18	15	1	2	11	18	57	48	105
Kempsey Cres. Head	26	17	35	42	5	2	15	13	87	74	161
Port Macquarie	197	19	84	58	10	0	40	6	231	85	316
Tacking Point	57	16	70	50	1	0	140	105	261	171	432
Wauchope Bonny Hills	34	12	29	35	4	0	25	14	92	61	153
Camden Haven	30	11	0	0	3	0	4	0	33	11	44
TOTALS	565	209	326	274	37	9	482	316	1311	810	2121



For the benefit of this report the numbers of Cadet Male and Female members have been included in the Male and Female membership numbers.

It is pleasing that all Clubs have reports in this season, although several were later than the deadline set, and in some instances had not been fully completed. However, sufficient information was given to enable a fairly accurate report to be presented.

### **ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS:**

Eight Branch meetings were held during the which included the annual meeting. Two members, Bob Smith and Max Waters attended all eight whilst Louis Ballengarry has attended seven out of the seven meetings he was eligible to attend. Congratulations to these members.

The attendance of Club delegates has seen an improvement with quite a few attending five, six and seven meetings. The continuity of attending delegates must be of benefit to the Clubs. A number of those attending with lower attendance figures were in some instances substituting delegates.

A breakdown of attendance from signatures in the attendance book shows the following:

Name	Meetings
R. Smith	8
M. Waters	8
A. Barlin	7
L. Ballengarry	7
D. Grimwood	7
K. Wilson	7
B. Caldwell	6
H. Balkin	6
M. Moran	6
R. Donovan	6
R. McDonough	5
A. McGovern	5
T. Hayes	5

S. Pearson	5
K. Corbett	5
G. Nash	5
R. Agland	5
R. Slocombe	4
D. Hodge	4
D. Campbell	3
B. Hardy	3
H. Slocombe	3
K. Charles	2
D. Roods	2
J. Vipond	2
I. Webster	2
K. Ruscoe	2



M. Conomos	2
T. Conomos	1
J. Moran	1
T. Hallinan	1

C. Allen	1
F. Middleton	1
A. Garrett	1



Ethan Rolfe (P.M.) with Life Member, Ray Agland, following his presentation of a Meritorious Certificate at the recent Branch Presentation function.



Nominees for the Female Life Saver of the Year (left to right)- Judy Moran (M.S.H.), Amanda Kirkwood (P.M.), Nicole Webster (H.H.), Narelle Stokes (W.B.H.) joint winner, and Natalie Cater (K.C.H.) joint winner, with Branch Life Member and Secretary, Max Waters.

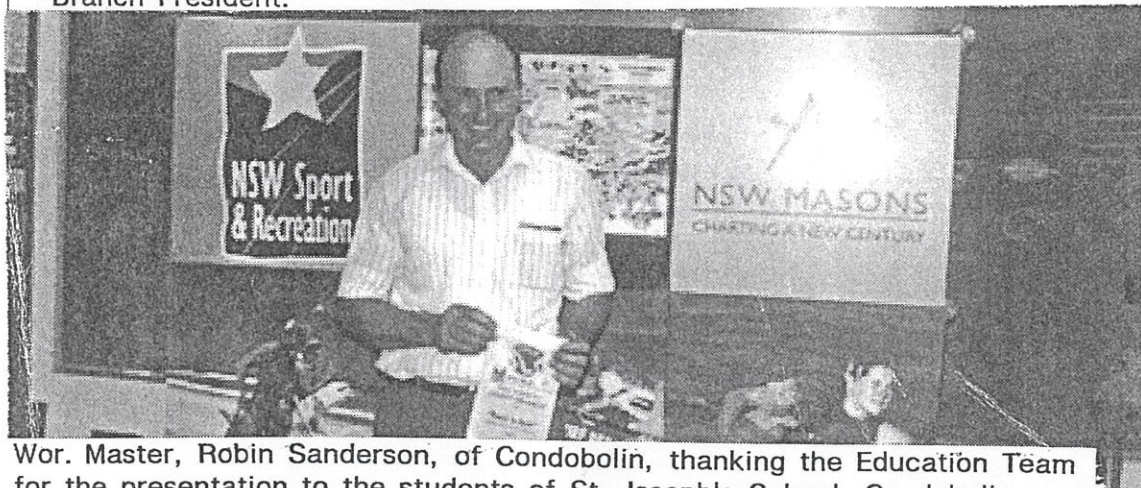




Male Life Saver of the Year, Allan Barlin (W.B.H.) being congratulated by Bob Smith, Life Member and Branch President.



Melissa Bell (M.S.H.), Under 16 years Female Champion, with Life Member, Ray Agland.



Wor. Master, Robin Sanderson, of Condobolin, thanking the Education Team for the presentation to the students of St. Joseph's School, Condobolin.



Presenter Allan Barlin had an interested audience when he explained the use of the I.R.B. to students of Condobolin Public School.



Bob Smith and Max Waters have represented the Branch at State Centre meetings and have raised several matters on behalf of the Branch; in particular the re-introduction of a Wave Ski and Under 16 Single Ski events. Both these matters have been referred to the Competition and Medical Panels for consideration.

Rushed through in the closing stages of the last meeting was a motion that all clubs and branches install computers and be on e-mail before December 1998. Lower North Coast Branch raised the question of financing of this project saying that not all clubs would be in a position to install this equipment. Our Branch agrees in part with the Lower North Coast Branch, but the powers that be had the numbers and the motion was carried with discussion being curtailed.

This decision may create a hardship with some clubs; however, State Centre executive believe that it will be a major cost saving to the Association. I feel that this is right .... a major cost saving to State Centre on labour, paper and postage, but what happens to the small country club that cannot install this equipment before December. I can see the cost saving to State Centre being borne by some Branches, to ensure the Clubs have the necessary information that will be on e-mail.

State Centre I believe were going to look into a possible supplier of the computers and ancillary equipment in bulk to the Association; this would ensure that all the necessary programmes would be installed. To date no further communication has been received from State Centre.

### **CONDOLENCE:**

To all members of the Branch and Clubs who have suffered the loss of a loved one, we extend our sympathy.

### **LIFESAVERS OF THE YEAR:**

For the first time the Executive included a Female Life Saver of the Year contest as well as a Male Life Saver of the Year. This move proved very popular and five ladies were nominated. Congratulations to Natalie Cater (Kempsey Crescent Head) and Narelle Stokes (Wauchope Bonny Hills) joint winners of this inaugural event. The competition was such that the judges could not separate these two nominees. Allan Barlin (Wauchope Bonny Hills) won the Male Life Saver of the Year from two other contestants. These three now have their names engraved on the "Chalkie Bob Smith" Shield.

### **CLUB DINNERS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Many Clubs have already had their annual dinners and presentation evenings. These are great nights and gives the Club the opportunity to recognise the services and dedication of its members in the cause of Surf Life Saving.

### **CONSTITUTION:**

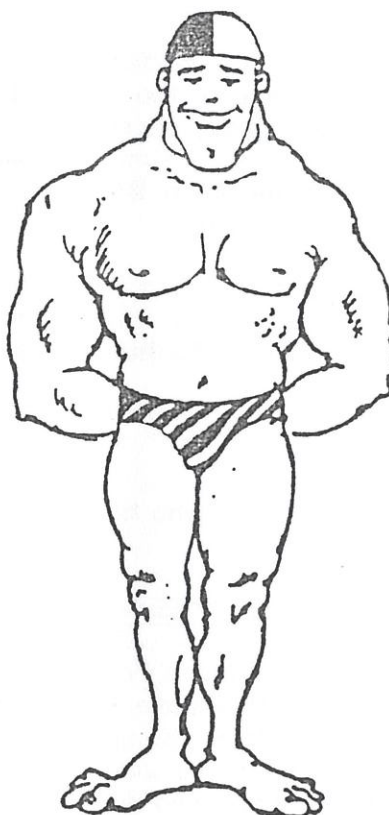
The Constitution Committee have prepared a new Constitution for the Branch. Copies of this have been forwarded to Clubs for perusal and the new Constitution will be presented to a Special Meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting for its adoption. This Constitution will replace the existing one which has now become outdated.

Whilst on the Constitution, Club Executive's and Member's (and this includes J.A.C.'s) attention is drawn to the fact that approval MUST be sought from the Branch before a Club can participate in a display, parade, procession or fund raising venture organised by any other organisation, or by the Club if it is not being held at the Club's normal place of activity (Club House or Beach). Participation in such an event without approval nullifies the Association's insurance policies. When seeking approval, don't leave it to the last

# COST OF A NEW MEMBER

## THE SURF LIFE SAVER

- INSURANCE ON CLUB EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES \$2.10
- PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE \$2.15
- AWARD - BRONZE MEDALLION \$14.25
- PATROL CAP AND COMPETITION CAP (TWO IN ONE) - \$10.00
- ..... - \$
- ..... - \$



- STATE ENTRY FEE PER PERSON - \$25.00
- SUNSAFE PATROL UNIFORM - \$20.00
- TRAINING MANUAL - \$15.00
- CONTRIBUTION TO OXYGEN, HOT SHOWERS AND PATROL AND COMPETITION EQUIPMENT, ETC.. (EVERY MEMBER SHOULD SHARE COST) - \$20.00
- CLUB T-SHIRT - \$15.00

THIS IS WHAT EACH NEW MEMBER COSTS THE CLUB

**Approximately \$125.00**

O.K. so for many, some things won't apply and your cost will be less!! *BUT* it will still be greater than your membership fee!!

SO

- ♦ SET UP AN INDUCTION PROGRAM IN YOUR CLUB TO FOSTER NEW MEMBERS.
- ♦ MAKE NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.
- ♦ PLACE THE NEW MEMBER INTO A PATROL SO THAT THEY CAN COME IN CONTACT WITH MORE MEMBERS.
- ♦ PLACE A "BUDDY" WITH NEW MEMBERS.
- ♦ LOOK AFTER YOUR NEW AND CURRENT MEMBERS - IT WILL MEAN LESS WORK IN THE LONG RUN AND YOU WILL HAVE A LARGER AND STRONGER CLUB.



minute, at least two weeks would be appreciated, to enable the paper work to be carried out and forwarded to the Club.


### THANKS:

The thanks of the Branch are extended to:

- \* The Australian Government for financial assistance
- \* The New South Wales Government for financial assistance and in particular the Minister for Sport and Recreation the Hon. Gabrielle Harrison
- \* The Officers and Staff of Surf Life Saving Australia
- \* The Officers and Staff of Surf Life Saving New South Wales
- \* The Hastings Municipal Council, Kempsey Shire Council and Nambucca Shire Council for their continued support to Branch Clubs
- \* To Impulse Airlines for their continued support
- \* To NBN Television for their continued support and promotion of Surf Life Saving
- \* To Northpower for its sponsorship of the Branch and Club. This should prove a very exciting and rewarding association.
- \* To the Radio Stations, Newspapers, and TV Stations Prime and Ten for their continued publicity
- \* To the New South Wales Masons for their sponsorship of the Surf Rescue Challenge, N.S.W. still water Championships and Beach to Bush programme
- \* To Wauchope Bonny Hills Surf Life Saving Club for making available an IRB, Motor, Trailer, Rescue Board and Tube for the Beach to Bush programme
- \* To the Management of the Beachfront Regency Motel for support in providing a prize in the Beach to Bush programme Colouring-in contest
- \* To the Branch and Club Executive who have responded to requests for information
- \* To my wife Patricia, for her continued patience and understanding, which enables me to carry out the duties associated with the position of Secretary

These duties are increasing each year and the possible cut back of normal postage information from State Centre will see a further increase of these duties in the near future. I have estimated that the time factor associated with being Secretary of Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast Branch Inc. last season exceeded 1100 hours.

Thank you all, for without your assistance, co-operation and understanding, it would be most difficult for our association to function satisfactorily.

  
MAX WATERS, Acc.Sp.Admin.,  
Secretary,

Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast Branch Inc.

20th June, 1998



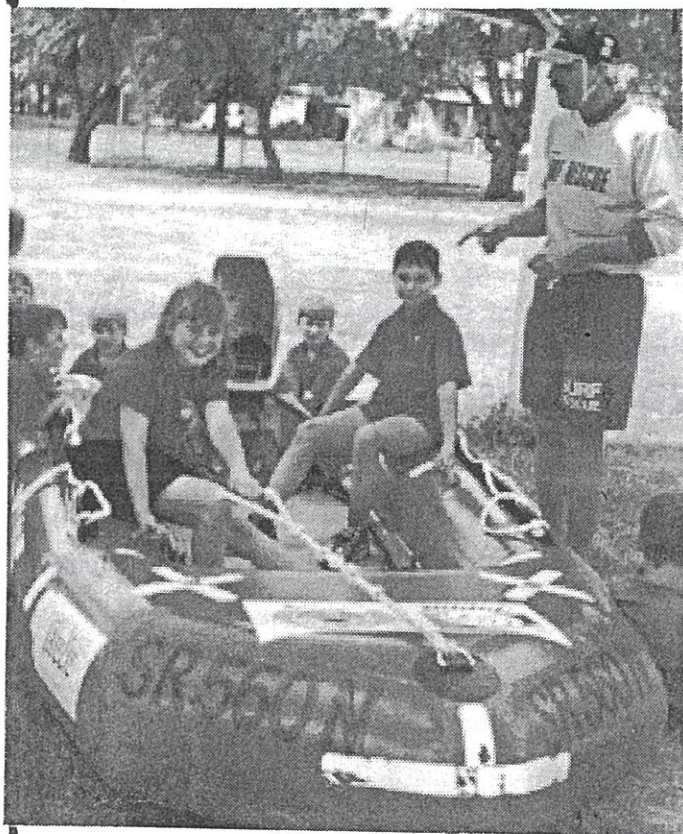
## *Our Thanks* *to the* *Radio Base*

It would be very remiss if I did not mention the wonderful voluntary service that the Port Macquarie Sea Rescue Radio Base, at Town Beach, Port Macquarie renders to Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast Branch Inc. and affiliated Clubs.

The Volunteers are on duty every week day and weekend and record the signing on and signing off of Patrols as well as any messages and comments.

We are very much indebted to this organisation for the wonderful job it and its members are doing for Surf Life Saving in our area.

It is hoped shortly to provide the Radio Base with a full list of IRB Drivers available for out of hours rescues.



Students of Wongarbron Public School give the I.R.B. a workout, during the Education "Beach to Bush" Tour.



Education Team, Allan Barlin and Max Waters with the Captains of Bogan Gate Public School, Lachlan and Debbie. Debbie's colouring-in entry won a holiday for her family at Port Macquarie.



**CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**

UPPER LEVEL, 44 FORTH STREET, KEMPSEY N.S.W. AUSTRALIA

Correspondence to: PO Box 6, Kempsey 2440  
Facsimile: (02) 6562 8349 Telephone: (02) 6562 7600  
Email: accnts@wrightsca.com.au**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT**

To the members of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia Mid North Coast Branch Incorporated

**Scope**

We have audited the attached special purpose financial report of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia Mid North Coast Branch Incorporated for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> July 1997 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 1998, comprising of Statement of Receipts & Payments and Statement of Funds. The Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information contained therein, and have determined that the basis of accounting used is appropriate to the needs of the members. No opinion is expressed as to whether the basis of accounting used is appropriate to the needs of the members.

The special purpose financial report has been prepared for distribution to the members of the Association for the purpose of fulfilling the Committee's accountability requirements. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates, to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

**AUDIT OPINION**

In our opinion the financial report of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia Mid North Coast Branch Incorporated presents fairly the assets and liabilities at 31<sup>st</sup> May 1998 and the Income & Expenditure of the Association for the period in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act.

**WRIGHTS CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**

Douglas F Cheetham  
9<sup>th</sup> July 1998  
Upper Level, 44 Forth Street  
KEMPSEY NSW 2440





**SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA  
MID NORTH COAST BRANCH INCORPORATED**

**STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE  
FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 1997 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 1998**

In the opinion of the Committee the accompanying Statement of Receipts & Payments and Funds Statement:

1. (a) present fairly the financial position of Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast Branch Incorporated as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 1998 and the results and the cash flows of the association for the year ended on that date.
- (b) have been prepared and presented in accordance with applicable Australian Accounting Standards.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:



President



Treasurer

9 July 1998



**SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA  
MID NORTH COAST BRANCH INCORPORATED**

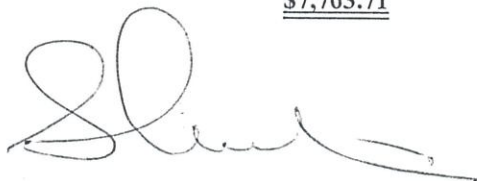
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS  
FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 1997 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 1998**

**RECEIPTS**

1997		1998
700.00	Affiliation Fees	820.00
2,159.97	Awards	4,750.00
96.61	Bank Interest – Commonwealth Bank	2.69
662.21	Bank Interest – Coastline Credit Union	498.14
7,470.00	Branch Allocation	8,156.00
970.00	Branch Dinner	1,650.00
240.00	Branch Levy	700.00
222.00	Carnival Entry Fees	1,186.00
0.00	Directors & Officers Insurance	1,106.00
1,328.00	Manuals & Handbooks	962.00
4,312.61	Public Liability Insurance	4,283.44
1,129.64	Secretary's Telephone Reimbursement	1,234.08
0.00	Sponsorship	5,100.00
0.00	Stationery Sales	596.60
0.00	Training Equipment	297.50
19,291.04	<b>TOTAL</b>	31,342.45

**PAYMENTS**

1,677.50	Awards	4310.50
0.39	Bank Charges	0.29
1,346.40	Branch Dinner Expenses	3,031.05
569.90	Branch Team	0.00
124.50	Carnival Expenses – including team costumes and shirts	1,793.84
0.00	Directors & Officers Insurance	1,264.00
0.00	Education Meeting	44.00
0.00	First Aid Expenses	328.78
30.00	Incorporation Fees	30.00
2,891.00	Manuals & Handbooks	1,520.55
0.00	Photocopying	182.90
3,096.00	Plant & Equipment	761.95
5,179.52	Public Liability Insurance	4,281.75
0.00	Registration of Trailer	41.00
0.00	Ribbons	312.00
26.60	Stationery, Printing and Postage	1,084.55
650.08	Secretary's Expenses	841.75
2,115.15	Secretary's Telephone	2,315.90
90.00	Norco Toppa Sponsorship	0.00
400.00	State Touring Team	0.00
1,008.82	Superintendent's Expenses	817.13
0.00	Talented Athlete Program	300.00
0.00	Training Gear	120.00
928.99	Travel Expenses	196.80
1,000.00	UHF Radio Loan	0.00
21,134.85	<b>TOTAL</b>	23,578.74
<u><b>\$(1,843.81)</b></u>	<b>NET PROFIT/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR</b>	<u><b>\$7,763.71</b></u>





**SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA  
MID NORTH COAST BRANCH INCORPORATED**

**FUNDS STATEMENT  
FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 1997 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 1998**

1997		1998
16,541.24	Opening Balance	14,697.43
<u>(1,843.81)</u>	Net Profit/(Deficit) for Year	<u>7,763.71</u>
<u><b>\$14,697.43</b></u>		<u><b>\$22,461.14</b></u>

REPRESENTED BY:

5,115.21	Cash at Commonwealth Bank	12,381.07
93.89	Coastline Credit Union Passbook Account	93.60
<u>9,488.33</u>	Coastline Credit Union Term Deposit	<u>9,986.47</u>
<u><b>\$14,697.43</b></u>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<u><b>\$22,461.14</b></u>

**SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA  
MID NORTH COAST BRANCH INCORPORATED**

**COASTLINE CREDIT UNION**

Term Deposit No 8817

Term 12 months

Balance 1 <sup>st</sup> July 1997	\$9,488.33
Add Interest	<u>498.14</u>
<b>Balance 31<sup>st</sup> May 1998</b>	<u><b>\$9,986.47</b></u>

Deposit matures 10<sup>th</sup> April 1999

Passbook Account No 15635 S1

Balance 1 <sup>st</sup> July 1997	\$93.89
Less Bank Charges	<u>0.29</u>
<b>Balance 31<sup>st</sup> May 1998</b>	<u><b>\$93.60</b></u>

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SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA  
MID NORTH COAST BRANCH

BANK RECONCILIATION FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 1997 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 1998

Commonwealth Bank

Account No. 2560 0080 0558

Balance Brought Forward Per Bank Statement	\$5,115.21
Add Receipts	<u>\$30,814.31</u>
	\$35,929.52
Less Payments	<u>\$23,533.45</u>
	\$12,396.07
Add Unpresented Deposits	<u>30.00</u>
	\$12,426.07
Less Unpresented Cheque No 839	<u>45.00</u>
Bank Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> May 1998	<u><u>\$12,381.07</u></u>

Cash Book Reconciliation

Opening Balance brought forward	\$5,115.21
Add Receipts	<u>\$30,844.31</u>
	\$35,959.52
Less Payments	<u>\$23,578.45</u>
Closing Balance 31 <sup>st</sup> May 1998	<u><u>\$12,381.07</u></u>





**MID NORTH COAST BRANCH SLISA. OF A**  
**AWARDS AND UPDATES SEASON 1997-98**

CLUB	MSH	SWR	HH	KCH	PM	TP	WBH	CH	TOTAL	96/97	95/96
AWARD											
R.C.				1					1		2
R.C./CPR		1				1			2	4	3
S.L.S.C.	111	6	1		16	5	2	6	147	34	61
S.L.S.C.I.											1
S.L.S.C.E.										1	
BRONZE	43	14	3	19	28	16	11	16	150	72	84
T.O.C.	2	1			3				6	2	7
E.C.					2		1		3		
A.R.C.	6	4	1		5	8	1	1	26	22	44
A.R.C.I.	2								2		5
A.R.C.E.										3	3
I.R.B.D. (SILVER)	15		1	3	2	2	2	4	29	7	6
I.R.B.I.	1							1	2	1	1
I.R.B.E.											
F.A.C.	13			1	2		1	2	19	1	22
F.A.I.	1								1	1	4
F.A.E.											
R.O.C.				6					6	3	22
R.I.C.											
R.E.C.											1
GOLD M. (A.L.S.C.)								1	1	3	4
25 YEAR										5	2
50 YEAR											1
FAC UP DATE								2	2		
ARC UP DATE		7	3		6	7	12	8	43	62	25
IRBD UP DATE					6		1	7	14	17	3
ROC UP DATE											4
ALSC UP DATE											2
* C.R.C.	9	3			27				39	4	2
* C.A.R.C.		1			1				2	2	8
* C.R.C/C.P.R.		20							20	19	51
* SURF RESCUE											
* CRC/CPR UP DATE										15	
* C.A.R.C. UP DATE		5							5		1
* C.S.L.S.C.										12	
* RC/CPR UP DATE		4							4		
TOTAL	203	66	9	30	98	39	31	48	524		
*COMMUNITY AWARDS AND UPDATES											
1996/97		71	20	24	71	50	12	42		290	
1995/96		64	35	16	128	43	42	42			369
1997/98 COMMUNITY AWARDS + UPDATES =					129	COMMUNITY AWARDS = 70					
TOTAL S.L.S.A. =					395						
TOTAL =					524						
1996/97 COMMUNITY AWARDS + UPDATES =					131	COMMUNITY AWARDS = 52					
TOTAL S.L.S.A. =					159						
TOTAL =					290						
1995/96 COMMUNITY AWARDS + UPDATES =					96	COMMUNITY AWARDS = 61					
TOTAL S.L.S.A. =					273						
TOTAL =					369						
AWARDS FOR THE 1997/98 SEASON ARE UP ABOUT 80% FROM 1996/97											

## DIRECTOR OF COMPETITION AND COACHING REPORT 1997-98

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This year has been a very busy year for competitors and officials alike as we know; some people even suggesting that the season was the longest yet.

The Under 14/Under 18 Carnival at Hat Head was a resounding success with competitors from the JAC Movement able to compete alongside those from the senior ranks.

Macksville Scotts Head held a terrific weekend of Masters and Open Carnivals combined with a round of the Boats.

Port Macquarie Veterans Carnival, once again a great carnival.

Port Macquarie Open Carnival, where the Boat section was incorporated into the overall carnival with success.

The 3-in-1 Carnival held at Camden Haven was attended by four clubs and a great afternoon was had by all.

Interbranch competition carnival at Byron Bay where the Mid North Coast team competed very well; This was also the inaugural trial for integrated senior/junior competition.

Our very own Wauchope Bonny Hills hosted the 1998 Country Branches Championships at Rainbow Beach Bonny Hills and what a day it was!

Branch Championships at Crescent Head incorporated a full Masters Programme for the first time successfully and this will continue in the future.

NSW State Titles at Mollymook where once again some members of our Branch gained medals in Masters and Open.

IRB Championships at Tacking Point, postponed to 16th May, 1998.

Australian Championships at Kurrawa, again some members gaining medals, in Masters as well as Open.

The North Coast Boat Series attracted some teams from our Branch and congratulations to those people who won events throughout the series.

As you can see it has been a busy year; some of the veterans from our Clubs have also been travelling to other Veteran Carnivals outside our Branch and it is good to see the guys enjoying the extra competition.

### Other winners:-

U/16 competitor: Ethan Rolfs (PM), Melissa Bell (MSH).

U/18 competitor: Jamie Quinn (PM), Leah Nash (TP).

Open competitor: Angus Westaway (MSH), Giselle Taylor (MSH).

30-40 Years: Tony Hallinan (PM).

Over 40 Years: Fred Middleton (PM).

Bill Balkin Memorial Boat: South West Rocks.

IRB Championships: Camden Haven.

J. H. Brown Shield for Water Events: Port Macquarie.

Tony Hayes Shield for Carnival Point Score: Port Macquarie.

Life Savers of the Year-Female: Narelle Stokes (WBH) and Natalie Cater (KCH);

Male: Allan Barlin (WBH).

I would take this opportunity to thank all the officials and any other member for their assistance in setting up, running and packing up for the carnivals during the season.

*Allan Barlin,*  
Director of Competition and Coaching,  
May 1998



## DIRECTOR OF LIFE SAVING REPORT 1997-98

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Firstly, congratulations to "Chalkie" Bob Smith on being made a Life Member of Surf Life Saving New South Wales, a very much deserved honour.

The eight clubs making up our Branch have maintained good patrols during the season, and it is pleasing to report of no loss of life while patrols on duty. Congratulations, and well done to those who have performed rescues, resuscitation and/or preventative actions keeping our beaches safe for everyone. A special mention to those Clubs and in particular the members who have performed duties, rescues, searches, in out of hours situations. A special Meritorious Award was presented to Ethan Rolfe for his rescue late in the previous season; well done, Ethan.

It is pleasing to see most Patrols wearing the correct attire when approached on Patrol inspections, remembering that the first impression the general public get of lifesavers is their appearance and dress. Congratulations to Macksville Scotts Head and Wauchope Bonny Hills for tying in the Patrol Inspection portion of the season.

All Clubs have been reasonably active in training people for SLSA Awards in Life Saving Certificate, Bronze Medallion, IRB, First Aid, Advanced Resuscitation Certificate, Radio Operator and Advanced Lifesaver. Instructors and Examiners in most of these awards have also been gained. A huge input into the Branches awards number can be attributed to Macksville Scotts Head. The continuing training of members in awards augers well for the continuing improvement of our movement.

All persons qualified as Examiners in the Branch were either circulated with an Examiners Proficiency Paper to complete or attended an Examiners Education/Proficiency night. Once again these papers will be distributed and Examiners are reminded that they must be completed for the examiner to be proficient in their respective subject.

During two weeks of last year Max Waters and myself toured Central Western towns speaking to children and teachers at 26 schools and 3 Service Clubs in 13 towns; a total of in excess of 2900 people, and handing out pamphlets on surf safety, swim safe, cancer council and Hastings tourist information.

No Youth Development Camp was held this season due to the lack of support.

Our Branch was graced with visits of a few State Centre personnel, and informal meetings were held at various locations throughout the Branch; one in particular was on the New Bronze Examination syllabus. The Branch trialled the new Bronze Training and Examination syllabus during the season and from all accounts was very successful.

The Beach Management Plan has been formalised. This Plan will go to print shortly and is to assist SLSNSW to formulate strategies to assist Branches carry out their duties; also to assist Councils to realise the tremendous job we do on all beaches.

This season saw us trial (not very successfully) a common day for Proficiencies in the North and South, but still people have tried to do Proficiencies on New Year's Eve! Remember proficiency must be carried out every year before 31st December for Bronze Medallion, Surf Life Saving Certificate, Advanced Resuscitation and IRB Driver.

My thanks to all members of the Board of Control, the members and executive of clubs, the Executive Officers of the Branch, the Executive and members of the Junior Activities and Branch; without all of your input my job would be so much more difficult, and your help and co-operation are much appreciated.

Thanks must also go to my wife and best friend Margaret and my family for their understanding and going without my company for many hours to allow me to spend so much time in pursuit of safer beaches

Safe surfing.

Allan Barlin,  
12/5/98.



# Mid North Coast Branch S.L.S.C.

## BOARD OF JUNIOR ACTIVITIES



President:

### MID NORTH COAST JUNIOR ACTIVITIES 1997/98 BRANCH REPORT

Secretary:

This season saw our Branch once again tackle the task of staging a Major Carnival, namely the Junior Country Titles at South West Rocks on the weekend of 17/18 January 1998, and it again proved to be a highly successful event. The amount of time and effort put into the organisation was immense and was only possible with the tremendous team effort put in by many members from South West Rocks SLSC and the Mid North Coast Branch. However, a carnival of this magnitude would never have been possible without the strong support of local Company NESTLE and the businesses and service clubs of South West Rocks and we are deeply appreciative of their sponsorship and assistance.

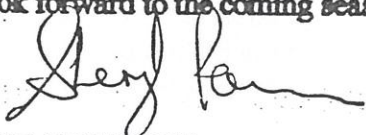
Our season commenced with the welcome addition of Macksville/Scotts Head SLSC to the Mid North Coast Branch and this young Club has participated in all Branch activities with great enthusiasm, showing that they will be a force to be reckoned with in the near future. The Carnival season commenced on 2/11/97 with the first Branch Carnival being staged at Hat Head followed by the inaugural Carnival staged by Wauchope/Bonny Hills JAC on 28/11/98. Both were very successful and well organised Carnivals and a credit to the committees of both Clubs. Selection of our Interbranch team was taken on the results of both these Carnivals and it proved to be a most competitive team, finishing 3rd in the Handicap Pointscore at the Byron Bay Championships. Our Branch favours the continuation of the amalgamated Interbranch Championship Carnival, but is acutely aware that there were many "teething problems" that can hopefully be sorted out by the Interbranch review panel.

The joint Mid North Coast/ Lower North Coast Development Camp was held later than usual this season on the weekend of 21-23 November 1997 at Tons of Fun Failford near Forster with 32 of our Branch members attending. The change of date was due to requests by Clubs who felt that they were having difficulty mustering participants earlier in the season, however it eventuated that the later date made little difference to the overall numbers attending. Nevertheless, our thanks go to Bruce Pain and his fellow instructors who provided a highly educational and enjoyable weekend for all youngsters who attended. However, our Branch now strongly favours the return of Surf Clubs as venues for these camps and the proposal that each Branch should be able to stage their own camp to reduce costs for all participants particularly in the Country.

At Branch Championships, Port Macquarie Club showed their dominance in winning both the Overall Pointscore and Handicap Pointscore Trophies, and South West Rocks were successful in retaining their March Past Title but only on countback from an enthusiastic Hat Head Club. Congratulations go to these Clubs and also to Cyril Clark and his organising team from the Port Club for the staging of yet another successful Todd Holden Carnival with special thanks to Bob Todd for his continued support of Junior Surf Lifesaving in our area.



It goes without saying that our Branch would not operate as efficiently or successfully as it does without the dedication of all members of our JAC Executive and it has certainly made my job as Branch Secretary an easier path to tread. To all Club delegates and Officials, thank you for your input and support throughout the season, for without your involvement the Junior activities section of Surf Lifesaving here on the Mid North Coast simply wouldn't exist. To Mid North Coast Branch Chairman- Bob Smith, Secretary- Max Waters and Director of Lifesaving and Competition- Allan Barlin, your support at Branch level has also been greatly appreciated and can only reap benefits in years to come with increased membership "on Patrol" flowing from the nipper ranks if we continue to work together. It is therefore a fitting way to end our season with our inaugural Senior/Junior Branch Presentation Dinner on 9th May at South West Rocks Country Club where all members can meet together to recognise our achievers both Junior and Senior and look forward to the coming season together.



SHERYL PEARSON  
HON. SECRETARY

**MID NORTH COAST S.L.S.A. JUNIOR ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT  
1997/1998 SEASON**

Balance as per 1996/97 Statement 2385.30

**EXPENDITURE**

Capitation Fees	2563.50
Manuals, S Badges & Caps	149.60
Interbranch Expences -	
- Bus	1760.00
- Accommodation	200.00
- Uniforms	2121.83
- Food	529.15
Development Camp Expence - Bus	1750.00
State Meetings	60.00
Branch Carnival Medallions	1380.00
Branch Equipment -	
- Trailer Rego	41.00
- Trailer Insurance	32.80
- Trailer Contents Insurance	257.40
- Trailer Weighing	15.00
- Padlocks for trailer	60.00
Secretary's Allowance	200.00
Treasurers Allowance	20.00
Country Titles Expence	21040.49
Phone Expence	154.99
AGM Dinner	240.00
State Accommodation	150.00

**TOTAL 32725.76**

**INCOME**

Capitation Fees	4357.00
Affiliation Fees	800.00
Competition Fees	858.00
S Badges, Manuals & Caps	83.00
Donations - Inter Branch	4160.00
Donations - Development Camp	1610.00
Bank Interest	36.83
Country Titles	21009.15
Donation	50.00
Branch Allocation	400.00

**TOTAL 33363.98**



Opening Balance as of 31/3/97	\$ 2385.30
Plus Income	<u>33363.98</u>
	35749.28
Less Expenditure	<u>32725.76</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>3023.52</u></b>

Balance as per Statement	3360.02
Less Unpresented Chqs	
481280 G Smith	16.50
481341 Pattison Signs	110.00
481363 Towradgi SLSC	150.00
481364 Eastcoast Locksmiths	<u>60.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>3023.52</u></b>

Represented by Account No. 062-592 00900764 held at Comm Bank Port Macquarie

Prepared by Naomi Akhurst - Hon Treasurer





# KEMPSEY-CRESCENT HEAD SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

Founded 8-12-21

President: Andrew Smith      Phone  
Secretary: Charles Bowen      Phone  
Treasurer: Carmel Penfold . . . . Phone

*All Correspondence to be addressed to –  
The Hon. Secretary,  
P.O. Box 91, Kempsey. 2440*

## Club Report Season 1997-98

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The season 1997/98 started off with a minor setback, "the lack of officials" and after three official Annual Meetings we got under way with most of us with little experience in this great movement. Eventually with a lot of help from our Branch Secretary, Max Waters (whom I personally thank for this) we were going, and it didn't take long to mould a lot of "rookies" into a good Board of Directors.

Patrols were quickly organised and formed and I must say carried out their duties in a very professional manner, with some rescues (due to the creek run out), but no loss of lives, which is the main object.

Inspections were carried out by Branch Inspectors to their satisfaction and this was a great boost to the members; many awards were gained during the season and I would like to congratulate all those members concerned for the time and effort put into this; also thanks to their instructor, Tim Trotter for his work. Thanks, Tim.

Our Club had a great year socially with many functions organised to help our finances ; BBQ, Regatta Day, Blues Day, Duck Races (down the creek), Malibu Raffle all helping to swell our funds. New boards were purchased for the juniors (our future members), a new rescue board and two competition boards, plus a new "duckie" and motor on the dollar for dollar basis with BP Australia, for which we are thankful.

The final night "The Great Auction" was an outstanding success, and thanks to a lot help it went off well. Thanks to all those people.

Finally we did not have much competition at carnivals, except our boat crews; they were very active not winning, but always competitive.

Thanks to all our Executive for the successful season; a just reward I believe has been achieved.

Charles Bowen  
Chief Executive Officer.....



# PORT MACQUARIE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

PLEASE ADDRESS ALL  
CORRESPONDENCE TO  
THE SECRETARY

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PORT MACQUARIE N.S.W 2444

## 1997/98 ANNUAL SURF REPORT

It is with pleasure I submit the following report on the 1997/98 season.

Port Macquarie SLSC experienced a highly successful summer both on the lifesaving and competition front.

It was both relieving and reassuring that no lives were lost on Flynn's Beach despite the alarming nation wide statistics. Port Macquarie was well patrolled with over 100 active lifesavers divided into twelve patrols. The long hot summer kept lifesavers busy with huge crowds flocking to the beach. Twenty three rescues were performed with over 60 preventative actions recorded. Lifesavers first-aid skills were tested with over 150 incidents of injury.

A strong lifesaving club is usually reflected on the competition arena and Port was no exception with our best competitors record in decades. Taking out the Branch Titles and finishing second at the Country Championship was a highlight.

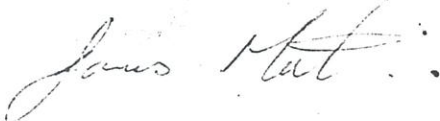
I believe the key to Port Macquarie's success was the driving force from our Junior Club. With close to 150 children competing and learning lifesaving skills from a various coaches from throughout both clubs, it must be satisfying to Junior President, Rick Rolf who's philosophy of "One Club" has come to fruition.

With joint club championships, great club involvement and a good mixture at both presentation nights, all augurs well for a great future.

I would personally like to pay tribute to our 32 associate members who continue to be good supporters and who I believe are the backbone to a strong club.

I thank all our sponsors and supporters and look forward to season 1998/99.

Yours in Surfing

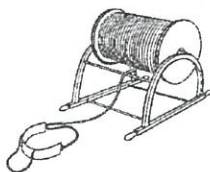


Jamie Martin

# MACKSVILLE SCOTTS HEAD SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

## Incorporated

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President: LOUIS BALLANGARRY  
Secretary: ALAN NEWMAN  
Treasurer: JUDY MORAN  
Club Captain: ROD TAYLOR

### SUMMARY OF CLUB ANNUAL REPORT

In the 58 years of operation season 1997-98 has broken all records.

- Finance reported a record income.
- Club membership totalled 655 plus 92 Junior members.
- Awards gained totalled 204.

We "went home", back to the Mid North Coast Branch and were made to feel most welcome by the Clubs, members and administration. Our worries about "whether we were doing the right thing" have been well and truly justified.

We have added approximately \$34,000 in equipment to our stock including a new surf boat, sweep oar and set of oars. A new Arancia IRB. 2 new Evinrude motors. New rescue tubes. New radio. Pal manakin, A couple of skis (1 second hand and new and 2 second hand boards and a new rescue board.

On the fundraising side we have had a busy year. Macadamia nut picking \$1,000. Annual surf carnival \$5,500. Pizza weekend in conjunction with BP Macksville \$1,250. Mitre 10 sponsorship for resuscitation demonstration training unit \$3,500. various government grants totalling \$19,650)

Our members did well in the competition arena picking up Country, State and medals both open and masters. Branch championships saw a few of our club members gain Branch champion status, and 3 members have been chosen to represent Country on a tour to New Zealand. We also had members who were finalists in various categories in the NSW Masons Lifesaver of the Year

Administration wise we have completed a very amicable Deed of Agreement with our Shire Council who we hold a close relationship with. The Club will have in place by the start of next season a working Development Plan. It has taken us a lot of time and effort to complete but will be worth it. We recommend all Clubs have a go at creating one. All sections of the Life saving movement at our Club will be run as self funding.

To make all of the above possible, we pay tribute and say thank you to the best Club members, best supporters and social members and best sponsors any sporting organisation can have.

Finally to bring everything into perspective we pay tribute to Bernard Kelly from South Maroubra Surf Club who lost his life trying to save other lives which is the real reason our Club and the movement exists. We recorded no lives lost on our patrolled beach, 62 preventative actions, 1 rescue, 1 resuscitation, 44 marine stings, 6 minor cases of first aid and 4 major cases of first aid where patients were transported to hospital by ambulance.

Yours in Lifesaving

ALAN NEWMAN  
Hon Secretary

25 May 1998



## Surf Life Saving Wauchope Bonny Hills Inc.

### ANNUAL REPORT 1997/98 SEASON

Wauchope Bonny Hills SLSC has had what appears to many members as a long season (no longer than usual in reality) due predominately to the holding of the Country Championships at Rainbow Beach. The Championships were a resounding success, against odds of a one day format and an infestation of very venomous bluebottles. The Local Organising Committee can be justly proud of their efforts.

Patrol membership has fallen this year to 48 Active and 4 Active Reserve. These members patrolled for the 69 days of the season (weekends and public holidays) culminating in a total of 1650 hours. Two (2) members attained 100% and another 3 gained Patrol Efficiency (getting substitutes when absent). Highest number of hours was 59 hours. Seven members clocked up more than 40 hours when the overall average was 34 hours. The IRBs clocked up more than 120 hours of patrol, including roving patrols to Bartletts Beach and the outlet from Rainbow Beach Holiday Village north of the normal patrol area.

Awards this season were also down on previous seasons with:

- Bronze Medallion - 8
- Surf Life Saving Certificate - 2
- IRB Driver (Silver medallion) - 2
- First Aid Certificate - 1
- Examiners Certificate - 1
- Advanced Resuscitation Certificate - 2

Congratulations to those recipients.

Competition this past season has declined slightly in the Open ranks but has increased dramatically in the Masters ranks, due partially to the introduction of Masters events to Branch Carnivals. The club participated at all Mid North Coast Branch Carnivals and some others outside the Branch. Some memorable results were:

#### Country Titles

- Final U18 Boat
- 2nd March Past
- 2nd Open Flags (R McGovern)
- 3rd Open Relay

#### State Titles

- 3rd 55-59 Board Rescue (Beau Bob Smith & Chalkie Bob Smith)
- 2nd 55-59 Single Ski (Beau Bob Smith)
- 2nd 55-59 Double Ski (Beau Bob Smith & Chalkie Bob Smith)
- 3rd 55-59 Beach Sprint (Beau Bob Smith)
- 2nd 55-59 Beach Flags (Beau Bob Smith)
- 2nd 60-64 Beach Sprint (George Fowler)
- 2nd 60-64 Beach Flags (George Fowler)

#### Australian Titles

- 3rd 55-59 Beach Flags (Beau Bob Smith)
- 4th 60-64 Beach Flags (George Fowler)

The club received sponsorship from Expressway Spares/ Cassegrains and Wauchope RSL Club for a second Surf boat which the Open, U18 & masters crews has used successfully through the season especially in the South West Rocks Country Club sponsored North Coast Boat Premiership.

Two club members named Mid North Coast Branch Lifesaver of the year 1997/98 A Barlin (male) & Narelle Stokes jointly with a member of Kempsey Crescent Head SLSC (female).

The club has also lodged a Building Application for a Caretakers flat above the boat section of the clubhouse.

A Barlin Hon Secretary May 1998.

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