

SURF LIFE SAVING MID NORTH COAST BRANCH INC



ANNUAL REPORTS AND
BALANCE SHEET 1998-99



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Annual Reports
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to be presented to the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held at the

TELEGRAPH POINT SPORTS CLUB

Thursday, 8th July, 1999

commencing at 7.30 p.m.



Max Waters O.A.M.

My personal congratulations, and the entire Mid North Coast Branch congratulations, are extended to our very hard working Branch Secretary, Max Waters on being awarded The Order of Australia Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Max Waters O.A.M., becomes the first Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast Branch recipient of this great honour in history. Max thoroughly deserves his O.A.M. awarded for his long and dedicated service to Surf Life Saving which started when he gained his Bronze Medallion in 1947 with Black Head S.L.S.C. In 1951 he was appointed as an Examiner, and joined Port Macquarie Club, and was awarded Life Membership of that Club in 1969 after giving great service. In 1971, Mid North Coast Branch conferred Life Membership on Max after serving as Branch Secretary from 1949 to 1958, then three years as a Vice President; 1961 saw him take on the position of Branch Superintendent, a position he held until 1973 with the exception of two years.

Max organised and instigated the first of the North Coast Branches Championships at Port Macquarie. These Championships later changed to the N.S.W. Country Championships.

Max left the district in 1973 and moved to Grenfell and for fourteen years involved himself with the Department of Recreation Learn to Swim Campaigns and Pre-School Water Safety, as well as being involved in Royal Life Saving. Max was awarded The Paul Harris Fellowship (the highest award granted in Rotary) while in Grenfell for his services to Rotary.

Since returning to Port Macquarie in 1989 Max has stepped up his involvement in Surf Life Saving (if that is possible) and has held positions as Branch Superintendent, Director of Life Saving, Education Officer, Coaching Advisor and Chairperson of the Branch Youth Development Programme as well as being Branch Secretary. Max this year was awarded a special plaque from Austswim and Sports and Recreation at Parliament House, Sydney, for "the greatest contribution in 1998 to Water Safety - Education".

Max was awarded his 50 years Service Badge to Surf Life Saving in 1996, with thirty three years as an executive member of a Club and Branch.

Amongst his many great achievements in Surf Life Saving - his vision and organisation saw the Beach to Bush Education Programmes commenced in 1994. Since then Max's programmes have been taken to countless thousands of Primary School students, to the North Western and Western Regions of N.S.W. giving the message of Surf Safety and Water Safety. The Beach to Bush Programmes from 1994 to 1998 have brought great honour to our Branch and Surf Life Saving in general. There are so many excellent innovations in Educational Programmes for Surf Life Saving that can be attributed to Max Waters. His O.A.M. awarded on 14th June, 1999 simply read in the citation "For Service to Surf Life Saving, particularly as an Administrator, Educator and Judge."

Congratulations from each and everyone of us Max Waters O.A.M. - a long overdue and well deserved honour.



"Chalkie" Bob Smith,
President,
Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast Branch Inc.

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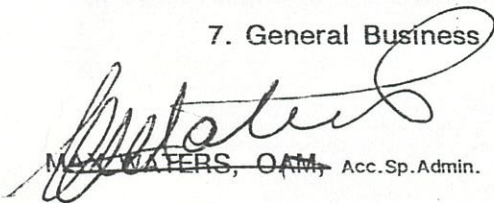
CLUB SECRETARIES PLEASE FORWARD A COPY TO YOUR CLUB PRESIDENT & DELEGATES

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast Branch Inc. will be held at the Telegraph Point Sports and Recreation Club, on THURSDAY, 8th JULY, 1999, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

BUSINESS:

1. Club Affiliation and Accreditation of Delegates
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting
4. Presentation of Annual Reports and Audited Balance Sheet
5. Election of Officers
6. Motions of which due Notice have been given
7. General Business of essential and immediate nature only


MAX WATERS, OAM, Acc.Sp.Admin.

Hon. Secretary,
Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast Branch Inc.

25th June, 1999

Surf Life Saving MID NORTH COAST BRANCH Inc.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT SEASON 1998-99

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Mid North Coast Branch has had a very successful year with many highlights. Included in these were:-

* Allan Barlin being awarded N.S.W. Carnival Official of the Year at the Awards of Excellence Dinner.

* "Chalkie" Bob Smith being presented with Life Membership of N.S.W. Surf Life Saving at the N.S.W. Championships, at Collnarra.

* Max Waters and Allan Barlin being recognised and receiving a Major Award for their services to Austswim and Water Safety from the N.S.W. Sport and Recreation and Austswim at Parliament House, Sydney.

* Mid North Coast Branch continuing to educate the students of schools in the North West and Western Regions through the "Beach to Bush" programme with Max Waters, Bob Smith, Alan Taylor, Giselle Taylor and Rod Taylor all contributing their services. Wauchope Bonny Hills Surf Life Saving Club continues to donate their IRB, trailer and rescue equipment for these Educational Tours.

* To our Branch representatives namely: Rod McDonagh (South West Rocks Surf Life Saving Club), as Assistant Manager of the N.S.W. Surf Life Saving team touring South Africa; Rod Taylor and wife Giselle (Macksville Scotts Head Surf Life Saving Club), as members of the N.S.W. Country Touring Team to New Zealand.

* Jason Bryant's (Tacking Point Surf Life Saving Club), who made a most heroic rescue on the treacherous Port Macquarie bar, to safely rescue seven people. Jason will be recommended for Bravery Awards for his magnificent and heroic efforts.

* Tony Hayes (South West Rocks Surf Life Saving Club), has been acknowledged for his dedication to Surf Life Saving and will be awarded Life Membership of Surf Life Saving N.S.W. at the 1999/2000 State Championships.

* Ken Corbett (Tacking Point Surf Life Saving Club), who has served Mid North Coast Branch as Branch Super. and Examiner for many years, has been awarded Life Membership of Mid North Coast Branch.

It was a privilege to have our State C.E.O., Paul Smith OAM, as our guest speaker at the Annual Presentation Dinner at Crescent Head

Country Club. Major Awards presented for the evening included:-

- * Branch Male Life Saver of the Year: Manfred Sonntag (WBH).
 - * Branch Female Life Saver of the Year: Sheryl Pearson (SWR).
both were presented with individual awards and had their names engraved on the "Chalkie" Bob Smith Shield.
 - * Mid North Coast Branch Champion Club, Port Macquarie, also easily won the N.S.W. Country Champion Point Score at Tathra.
 - * Camden Haven Club took out the Masons' Rescue Challenge for the second successive year and represented our Branch very well in the Masons' Championship finals at Coogee.
 - * Camden Haven Club also won (by default) the Branch IRB Championship when they were the only Club entered. In fact, they had two teams ready to participate.
 - * The Northpower sponsored "Rookie of the Year" programme was a success, with Dean Kerry, of Hat Head Surf Life Saving Club being selected as Branch "Rookie of the Year". We expect this programme to really take off this coming season when all Clubs realise how beneficial it can be.
 - * The Bill Balkin Memorial Boat Race point score held over the season was won by Macksville Scotts Head Surf Life Saving Club.
 - * Max Waters and two members of Hat Head Surf Life Saving Club (Nicole Webster and Natasha Crilley) flew the flag at the Tamworth Country Music Festival, when with the Masonic Lodges of the Tamworth district, entered a marvellous Surf Life Saving float (IRB, rescue board, rescue tube, patrol flags etc.,) in the two kilometre procession down Peel Street, in front of more than 70,000 spectators.
 - * Max Waters, with two members of Kempsey Crescent Head Surf Life Saving Club (Emma Yabsley and Natalie Cater), conducted a surf and water safety education programme with the children of Primary Schools in the Macleay River region.
 - * Our hard working Registrar and Life Member, Bruce Caldwell has put together a wonderful programme on the newly acquired Branch computer. He has entered every Award gained by Mid North Coast Branch Clubs, together with the Examiners of those Awards. Bruce is endeavouring to gather together the complete history of our Branch and is doing an amazing job in this regard.
- Our thanks go out to the various Clubs, including the JAC's for their assistance throughout the year. At Branch level integration appears to be improving greatly with more and more activities encouraging integration. The success of the Mid North Coast Branch Team at the N.S.W. Inter Branches Championships under the Managership and Coaching of Greg Bell, all augurs well for our future success in competition and member retention.
- From a Life Saving point it is pleasing to report no lives lost, when patrols on duty. Life Saving Director, Mike ("Cactus") Moran is to be congratulated for his endeavours to lift our standing with

Patrol Inspections, and the N.S.W. Life Saving Advisers visiting our Clubs.

The Patrol Efficiency Competition was taken out jointly by our two strongest Clubs, Macksville Scotts Head and Port Macquarie.

Our Masters Competitors representing Clubs from Mid North Coast Branch were well to the fore at N.S.W. and Australian Championships, with Wauchope Bonny Hills Club members, George Fowler, "Beaurepaire" Bob Smith and "Chalkie" Bob Smith, taking out eleven medals at N.S.W. and two medals at the Australian titles. Ritchie Donovan, of Macksville Scotts Head Club also did well at the N.S.W. and Australian titles in the Masters.

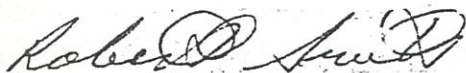
Northern Development Officer, Giselle Taylor (Addison), organised a highly successful Kelloggs' Surf League Education/Competition day at Flynns Beach, Port Macquarie. Schools in the Branch from Macksville to Camden Haven were represented and a great day was had by all. Giselle and all Branch Officials who helped are to be congratulated on their efforts.

In concluding this report I must sincerely thank all Branch Clubs, N.S.W. State Centre and our many friends who sent best wishes to my wife Lyn, and myself, at the time of her battle with cancer. Your thoughts and prayers were answered and she is now progressing well with chemotherapy.

To the Branch Executive, Max Waters (Secretary), Judy Moran (Treasurer), Bruce Caldwell (Registrar), Allan Barlin (Director of Competition), Mike Moran (Director of Life Saving), all Clubs in the Branch and the Club members, my congratulations and sincere thanks for a top season.

This will be my last report as your President as I do not intend standing again until Lyn is well. Thank you for all of your help and assistance over the past years.

To our sponsors N.S.W. State Government, Hasting Municipal Council, Kempsey Shire Council, Nambucca Shire Council, Northpower, Impulse Airlines, N.B.N. Television, the N.S.W and local Members of Masonic Lodges, our sincere thanks.



"Chalkie" Bob Smith,
President.
Season 1998-99.

Surf Life Saving MID NORTH COAST BRANCH INC.

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SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

for the Season 1998-99

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It is pleasing to report another year with "no lives lost on our patrolled beaches". This is something that the Branch, Clubs and Members can be proud of. Once again there were a large number of drownings in New South Wales, both on the coast and inland. It is difficult to understand the attitude of many people who use our wonderful surf and waterways; surely common sense should prevail. We look forward to the coming season, hoping that the number of drownings can be reduced.

A number of our members have been abused by the general public for just doing their job. However, I am certain that these people would not be so abusive should they be placed in a position requiring being rescued. The attitude of "that it won't happen to me" seems to prevail with this type of person.

Preventative actions by many of our life savers, and their skills no doubt have averted many drownings, and I extend my congratulations to all members on a job well done.

Details are given elsewhere in this report of the rescues etc that have been made.

The past season has been a varying one examinations have decreased; competition at carnival has still been good, but the number of competitors has decreased; rescues, preventative actions and first aid still remain on the high list. Next season let us set our sights on an increase in examinations and membership. If we can do this the duties of patrolling and administration by clubs becomes easier.

Sponsored by Northpower a Youth Development Camp was held at Macksville Scotts Head. This was an outstanding success and our thanks must go to the members of Macksville Scotts Head on the wonderful organisation and staging of this Camp.

Northpower's "Rookie of the Year" contest was finalised with three Clubs nominating a candidate each. This was eventually won by Dean Kerry, of Hat Head Surf Life Saving Club. Northpower will be continuing its sponsorship of the "Rookie of the Year" contest next season and it is up to the Clubs to get in, and participate in this event. It is designed to make surf life saving interesting and enjoyable for the younger members.

Again on youth the Branch Under 14, Under 16 and Under 18 carnival was held at Hat Head beach, and proved to be a very successful one. Apart from a number of our Branch Clubs, visitors were present from the Lower and North Coast Branches. More participation by our local Clubs would make this "one of the best junior carnivals" on the coast.

The Branch continues to have a close relationship with the Branch Junior Activities Committee; both groups again combining for the Annual Dinner and Presentation function, this year held at Crescent Head.

Two new Examiners were elected at the recent meeting of the Board of Control. Congratulations to Alan Newman, of Macksville Scotts Head Surf Life Saving Club, and Scott MacDonald, of Camden Haven Surf Life Saving Club on attaining this award. Emma Yabsley, of Kempsey Crescent Head Surf Life Saving Club has been nominated and accepted as a Probationary Examiner. Congratulations.

A perusal of our list of Examiners and Probationers shows that we now have forty six members on the Board of Control; unfortunately not all of these members are Proficient or active, and a more concerted effort must be made to increase our active Examiners to lessen the work load on the few who are continually carrying out examinations and attending carnivals. Once again, I urge all Clubs to look at their membership, ascertain if they have any members prepared to present themselves as Examiners, make contact with the Board of Control Secretary, and have their nomination put forward.

Several visits were made to the Branch by members and officers of Surf Life Saving New South Wales, namely Paul Smith, OAM (Chief Executive Officer), Andrew Chubb and Charlene Wellard (State Education Panel), Graham Howard (State Director of Life Saving and Education), David Armstrong (Senior Development Officer), and Giselle Addison (North Coast Development Officer). We thank these officers for their interest and input into our Branch.

Branch Director of Competition, Allan Barlin is to be congratulated on his winning the New South Wales Masons Award of Excellence for Carnival Official of the Year. Allan's efforts over the past year has been tremendous, having not missed a Branch, Country, State or Australian Championship Carnival. Apart from this, Allan also conducted a number of Accreditation Seminars within our Branch. A great effort that may never be emulated.

A North Coast Schools League Carnival was held at Flynn's Beach; this was organised by North Coast Development Officer, Giselle Addison and attended by students from St. Pauls Kempsey, Melville High Kempsey, Kempsey High, Port Macquarie High, Bowraville Central, and Kendall Central. The format was different from last season, with instruction on surf awareness, surf, beach and board riding skills and IRB crewing being given prior to the carnival, by members of the Mid North Coast Branch.

As mentioned earlier, carnivals were held with a decrease in the number of competitors. However, those who did participate did so with distinction; Port Macquarie Club won the overall Point Score at this year's Country Championships; Branch Club members participated in the Country, State and Australian championships.

The Masons Rescue Challenge was held at Camden Haven with four crews taking part. The overall winners were the host club, Camden Haven, who represented the Branch at the State Finals at Coogee. Although unsuccessful at State the team performed well. At Camden Haven the Branch acted as hosts to sixteen Masons and their wives. Details of the competition were explained to the Masons, who expressed their pleasure at being invited to attend.

I have attended Masonic meetings at Laurieton and Kempsey and with President Bob attended a meeting at Port Macquarie, at which details of the Masons "Beach to Bush" sponsorship was explained. These meetings have proved very beneficial for the Branch; we thank the Laurieton and Port Macquarie Lodges for their financial contributions to the Branch of \$900 being a direct donation and the proceeds of a bowls day; Port Macquarie Masons are at present conducting a competition, raising funds to secure sufficient "Ten Surf Safety Hints" brochures to be placed in local motels, as part of Masons community service. This project should benefit Surf Life Saving with education to the general public on surf awareness.

The Branch Dinner and Presentation Evening was held at the Crescent Head Country Club; we had 113 in attendance, the largest ever. Special guest was Paul Smith, OAM,

who gave a brief, but enlightening address on some of the past and future activities of Surf Life Saving New South Wales.

Our Dinner/Presentation function is becoming a great social event each season. 113 this year, and two Clubs were not represented. Let's hope we can get a full Club representation next year. Difficult, I know, but maybe we can organise ourselves better so that functions are not clashing.

Other special guests were: Robert Oakshott MP, Member for Port Macquarie; Andrew Stoner, MP, Member for Oxley and Mrs. Stoner, Garry Nehl, MHR, Member for Cowper and Mrs. Nehl, and representing the Masonic Lodges in our Branch area, Mr. and Mrs. John Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Geoff Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Cummins, and Keith Moore. A welcome was also extended to Life Members, Ray Agland, Tony Hayes, Bob Smith and Max Waters. Mention was also made of the recent Life Membership to Surf Life Saving New South Wales, of Tony Hayes.

SPONSORS:

Our thanks to our sponsors : the New South Wales Masons for their sponsorship to the Surf Rescue Challenge for 1998-99 season. This was won by Camden Haven Surf Life Saving Club in a tricky surf. The local Masons who attended the function were greatly impressed with the competition.

NBN has continued its sponsorship, televising a number of short segments on surf safety hints, and the joining of a surf club. These segments have been appreciated. Towards the end of the season NBN announced that they would be supplying each Club in our Branch with a Patrol Sun Shade. Presentation of these shades has now been scheduled for the commencement of next season. The presentation will be made to representatives of all Branch Clubs at Tacking Point Surf Life Saving Club House to be followed by a barbecue and refreshments. Clubs will be advised of the exact date later.

Northpower's sponsorship is now being fully realised by Club members, with special grants to Clubs and Branch, and the "Rookie" programme. This sponsorship, I believe, is to continue for at least another three seasons. Apart from this assistance, Northpower signage for Club Houses should be in place before next season.

Impulse Airlines are always ready to assist with a flight ticket if needed.

Our thanks to these sponsors.

MEDIA COVERAGE:

All newspapers, radio stations and television stations within the Branch have been of assistance in recording the activities of our surf life saving clubs and members, and the promotion of surf safety hints to the general public.

CONDOLENCE:

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

CLUB DINNERS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Most Clubs have held their annual dinners and presentation evenings. These are great evenings in which to wind up the season and to recognise the services and dedication of members in the cause of surf life saving.

BEACH TO BUSH PROGRAMME:

The "Beach to Bush" programme is expanding with extra time being allocated to visit the schools in the western and north western areas of New South Wales. I have been transferred from the Orange Sports and Recreation area to the Tamworth Sports and Recreation area; however, I did complete one week of lectures in the Orange area this season.

This week commenced at Narromine and concluded at Cobar. Alan Newman, of Macksville Scotts Head Surf Life Saving Club accompanied me on this trip. We spoke to 1008 school children, 45 teachers, 1 Mason, 23 Rotarians, visited 14 schools and gave 16 one hour lectures. Distance travelled was 2064 kilometres.

In the Tamworth area, our President, Bob Smith, accompanied me on the first week which commenced at Narrabri and finished at Barraba, this took in what is known as the Pilliga Region. We spoke to 1023 school children, 61 teachers, 7 parents, 16 Masons, 20 Apexians. Visited 15 schools and gave 18 one hour lectures and travelled 1023 kilometres. The Apex meeting we attended was without a doubt the highlight of this trip. Bob's mother was born in the Bingarra region and the trip to this area was of significant importance to him, having the opportunity to seeing relatives names on the school Honour Roll and talking with relatives at the school.

This was the first time that the "Beach to Bush" programmes for me included high schools. It was difficult to gain the students' interest in some cases, with virtually no questions being asked, due mainly, I feel to "peer" pressure. However, at schools at which we overcame this problem, the questions came very promptly.

The third and fourth weeks were in the north western region of the Tamworth Sports and Recreation area. Surf Life Saving's newly appointed Development Officer, Giselle Addison, accompanied me on the first week; her husband, Rod Taylor, joined us for the second week. The event of the first week was our vehicle being bogged trying to get to Maules Creek School.

This was a big area to cover, commencing at Boggabri and concluding at Brewarrina, a distance of 3825 kilometres. We spoke to 2919 school children, 163 teachers, 4 Masons, 20 Rotarians, visited 17 schools and gave 29 one hour lectures.

Totals for the four week programme: 4950 school children, 269 teachers, 21 Masons, 43 Rotarians, 20 Apexians. visited 46 schools and gave 63 one hour lectures. Distance travelled was 6912 kilometres. Number of people spoken to on surf and water safety was 5310.

LOCAL SCHOOLS EDUCATION:

With a portion of Northpower sponsorship money, and with the approval of Branch President, Bob Smith, I visited, in the company of Emma Yabsley and Natalie Cater, of Kempsey Crescent Head Surf Life Saving Club, thirteen schools in the Macleay region, delivering the message of surf and water safety. The team was very well received and from the comments of the teachers, was a worthy project coming at the right time, just prior to the school holidays. the team spoke to 1359 school children, 20 teachers, 22 members of Lions and Rotary Clubs, visited 13 schools and travelled 900 kilometres.

The local project I feel is one that we should continue with if at all possible. It has been assumed that because people live near the coast, the programme on surf and water safety is not necessary. Let me assure you that the programme was well received by the local children and teachers.

BRANCH AWARDS:

- ✓ Tony Hayes Overall Point Score: Port Macquarie Surf Life Saving Club.
- ✓ J. H. Brown Shield for Water Events: Port Macquarie Surf Life Saving Club.
- ✓ Bill Balkin Boat Point Score Trophy: Macksville Scotts Head Surf Life Saving Club.
- ✓ Open Female Champion: G. Taylor, Macksville Scotts Head Surf Life Saving Club.
- ✓ Open Male Champion: R. Taylor, Macksville Scotts Head Surf Life Saving Club.
- ✓ 18 Years Female Champion: L. Nash, Tacking Point Surf Life Saving Club.
- ✓ 18 Years Male Champion: D. Bell, Macksville Scotts Head Surf Life Saving Club.
- ✓ 16 Years Female Champion: M. Bell, Macksville Scotts Head Surf Life Saving Club.
- ✓ 16 Years Male Champion: C. McMeeking, Port Macquarie Surf Life Saving Club.
- ✓ Over 30 Female Champions: E. Minarick, Macksville Scotts Head Surf Life Saving Club.
- ✓ Over 30 Male Champion: S. Boyle, Macksville Scotts Head Surf Life Saving Club.
- ✓ Over 40 Female Champion: W. Rice, Port Macquarie Surf Life Saving Club.
- ✓ Over 40 Male: R. Donovan, Macksville Scotts Head Surf Life Saving Club.
- ✓ Over 50 Male Champion: H. Langford, Macksville Scotts Head Surf Life Saving Club.
- ✓ Over 60 Male Champion: J. Bell, Macksville Scotts Head Surf Life Saving Club.
- ✓ Female Life Saver of the Year: Sheryl Pearson, South West Rocks Surf Life Saving Club.
- ✓ Male Life Saver of the Year: Manfred Sonntag, Wauchope Bonny Hills Surf Life Saving Club.
- ✓ Northpower "Rookie of the Year": Dean Kerry, Hat Head Surf Life Saving Club.

JAC AWARDS:

- ✓ Branch Champions : Port Macquarie.
- ✓ Handicap Champions: Wauchope Bonny Hills.
- ✓ March Past Champions: South West Rocks.
- ✓ Country Championship Highest Point Score Achievers:
 - ✓ Male: Daniel Pearce, South West Rocks.
 - ✓ Female: Candice McMeeking, Port Macquarie

Branch Nippers of the Year :

- ✓ Male: Robert Rice, Port Macquarie.
- ✓ Female: Lacey Williams, Hat Head.

TAMWORTH STREET PARADE:

At the invitation of the Masonic Lodges' District Grand Inspector of Workings at Tamworth, a float was put together and took part in the Tamworth Country Music Festival Street Parade on the Saturday of the long weekend in January.

The float in the two kilometre procession down the street was witnessed by a crowd in excess of 75,000.

My thanks to Nicole Webster and Natasha Crilley, of Hat Head Surf Life Saving Club and several Masons at Tamworth for assistance in the construction and "manning" of the float. The float depicted the two ladies in the Inflatable Rescue Boat in Patrol Uniform, together with rescue board, rescue tube, patrol flags and signage. Whilst the float did not win the competition, many favourable comments were passed as to its appropriate theme of surf safety.

MEETING ATTENDANCE:

The following is a summary of the attendance of Club Presidents and Delegates to Seven Branch meetings since the Annual General Meeting, and who signed the attendance book :

Date	MSH		SWR		HH		KCH		PM		TP		WBH		CH		JAC
	Pre.	Del.	Pre.	Del.	Pre.	Del.	Pre.	Del.	Pre.	Del.	Pre.	Del.	Pre.	Del.	Pre.	Del.	
11.9.98	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	2
8.10.98	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
12.11.98	0	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
10.12.98	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	1	1	0
13.1.99	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
11.2.99	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	0
8.4.99	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1
TOTAL	4	7	4	6	3	2	3	5	0	11	5	2	4	1	6	8	4
Max.Pos.	7	14	7	14	7	14	7	14	7	14	7	14	7	14	7	14	14
Missed	3	7	3	8	5	12	4	9	7	3	2	12	3	13	1	6	10

The average attendance for each club which includes a Club President and two Club Delegates :

Macksville Scotts Head : 1.571
 South West Rocks: 1.428
 Hat Head: .714
 Kempsey Crescent Head: 1.142
 Port Macquarie: 1.571
 Tacking Point: 1.000
 Wauchope Bonny Hills: .714
 Camden Haven: 2.000

TOTAL 10.144

OVERALL AVERAGE FOR EIGHT CLUBS : 1.268

The above figures do not include the Branch Executive: A. Barlin and B. Caldwell attended all Seven meetings, whilst R. Smith, J. Moran, M. Moran and M. Waters attended Six meetings.

The figures reveal a very poor attendance of Presidents and Delegates to the Branch meetings.

RESCUES:

During the season Club members carried out a number of rescues, rendered first aid and carried out preventative actions. The following figures indicate the services that were rendered by each club.

RESCUES

Club	WITHOUT GEAR	RESCUE TUBE	RESCUE BOARD	I.R.B.	OTHER BOAT	TOTAL	PREV. ACTION	RESUS- CITATION
Macksville Scotts Head	2	0	1	0	2	5	109	1
South West Rocks	8	6	2	0	1	17	298	0
Hat Head	6	0	0	2	0	8	59	0
Kempsey Crescent Head	NO REPORT		NO REPORT		NO REPORT			
Port Macquarie	20	7	3	1	2	33	400	0
Tacking Point	4	1	1	0	0	6	59	0
Wauchope Bonny Hills	12	7	3	5	0	27	284	0
Camden Haven	5	1	6	2	0	14	183	0
TOTALS	57	22	16	10	5	110	1392	1

Compare these figures with those of last year and you will see that: there were 39 more rescues made without gear; 2 less with the rescue tube; 4 less with the rescue board; 3 less with the IRB; 5 more with other gear (surf boat); an increase of 35 rescues overall; and 2 less resuscitation. However, there was a dramatic increase in preventative actions, up by 765.

These increases were due no doubt to what can only be described as a season of atrocious seas.

These figures would be increased with the inclusion of those from Kempsey Crescent Head.

VALUE OF CLUB PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT

With only seven of our eight Branch clubs submitting annual summary of returns it is difficult to obtain a true value of club equipment and premises. The figures submitted by the clubs shows a big increase in equipment to \$523,000 and a modest increase in premises to \$2,622,500.

An estimate of Kempsey Crescent Head Club's equipment would be in the vicinity of \$30,000; whilst the Club premises would be around \$300,000, not included in the above totals.

FIRST AID

Club	MARINE ANIMAL STINGS	MINOR CASES	MAJOR CASES	TOTAL
Macksville Scotts Head	11	8	0	20
South West Rocks	138	29	0	167
Hat Head	0	22	0	22
Kempsey Crescent Head	NO REPORT	NO REPORT	NO REPORT	
Port Macquarie	78	33	7	118
Tacking Point	5	13	1	19
Wauchope Bonny Hills	6	7	1	14
Camden Haven	14	4	0	18
TOTALS	252	116	9	378

MEMBERSHIP OF CLUBS

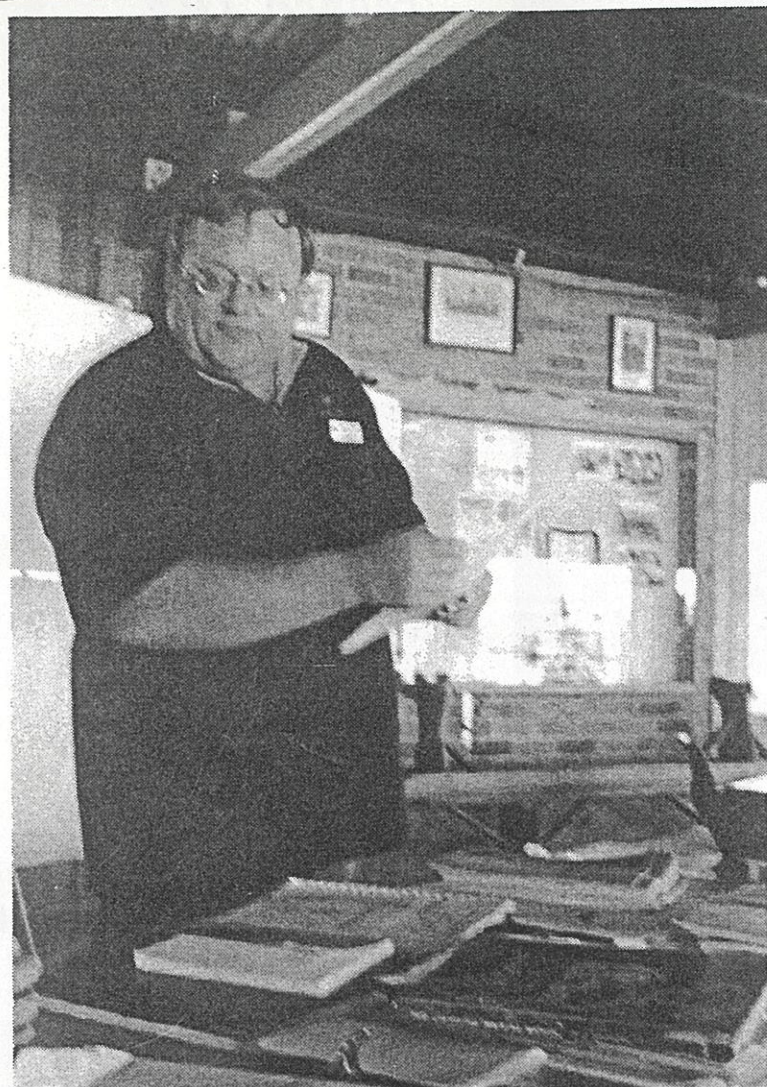
Club	Male	Female	JAC M	JAC F	Act Res M	Act Res F	Other M	Other F	Total M	Total F	GRAND TOTAL
Macksville Scotts Head	96	49	67	45	8	3	0	0	171	97	268
South West Rocks	52	14	52	52	1	0	0	0	105	66	171
Hat Head	19	9	26	22	0	0	0	0	45	31	76
Kempsey Crescent Head		NO REPORT			NO REPORT		NO REPORT				
Port Macquarie	84	27	97	115	6	0	15	0	202	142	344
Tacking Point	42	18	100	105	0	0	2	0	144	123	267
Wauchope Bonny Hills	35	13	13	12	8	1	11	21	67	47	114
Camden Haven	36	21	33	25	0	0	0	0	69	46	115
TOTALS	364	151	388	376	23	4	28	21	803	552	1355



At the Masons' Rescue Challenge

Top photo depicts a number of Districts 61 and 62 Masons at the Surf Rescue Challenge, with Branch President, Bob Smith, at the conclusion of the event; the lower photo shows the successful Camden Haven Surf Life Saving Club's team, proudly displaying the Masons' banner





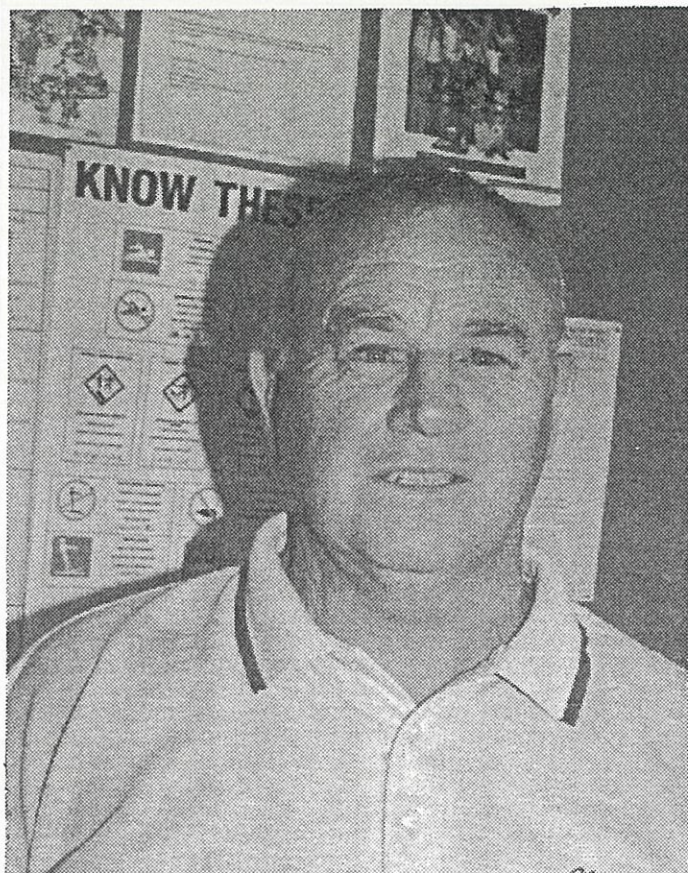
"Chubby" does some talking..

Andrew Chubb, Education Officer, gets down to the task of explaining new examination procedures to members of the Branch at Crescent Head during the season.

Life Saving in Tamworth..

A request from Tamworth Masons saw the float pictured below take part in the Country Music Festival, at Tamworth over the Australia Day weekend.





Branch Life Member....

Pictured (top left), Ken Corbett, of Tacking Point Surf Life Saving Club, who was elected a Life Member of the Branch this year.

State Life Member....

Pictured (below left) Tony Hayes, of South West Rocks Surf Life Saving Club, who was elected a Life Member of SLS New South Wales, this season.

"Rookie of the Year"....

Pictured (below), is Dean Kerry, of Hat Head Surf Life Saving Club, who was selected as the "North-power Rookie of the Year".



THANKS:

The thanks of the Branch are extended to the following businesses and organisations; without this continuing support it would be very difficult for our Branch to continue giving the service that it does:

- * The Australian Government for financial assistance.
- * The New South Wales Government for financial assistance.
- * The New South Wales Department of Sport, Recreation and Racing.
- * 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 support to Branch Clubs.
- * To Impulse Airlines.
- * To NBN Television for their support and promotion of surf life saving.
- * To Northpower for sponsorship of the Branch and Clubs; especially the "Rookie" programme.
- * To Port Macquarie Marine Radio Base (Sea Rescue) for monitoring our radios.
- * To Radio Stations 2MC, and ABC; Regional Newspapers, TV Stations Prime and Ten for their continued publicity.
- * To the New South Wales Masons for their sponsorship of the Surf Rescue Challenge, NSW Still Water Rescue Championships and the Beach to Bush programme.
- * To the Masons of Districts 61 and 62 for their support; particularly to the Laurieton and Port Macquarie Lodges who have raised funds by donation and a bowls day. Port Macquarie Lodges are currently raising funds to have published special Water Safety hints for distribution through local motels.
- * To the Management of Flynn's Beach Caravan Park for providing a free holiday to the the winner of the colouring-in contest.
- * To the Branch and Club Executive who responded to my numerous requests for information and reports.
- * To my wife Patricia, for her continued patience and understanding.

The duties and time involvement of being Branch Secretary remained similar to last season with an estimated 1040 hours, and this does not include attendance at carnivals and examinations.

Thank you all, for your assistance, co-operation and understanding; without it, it would be impossible for our Branch to function satisfactorily.


MAX WATERS, OAM, Acc.Sp.Admin.

Secretary,
Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast Branch Inc.

25th June, 1999

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

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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 1st June 1998 to 31st May 1999, 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 31st May 1999 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
15th June 1999
Upper Level, 44 Forth Street
KEMPSEY NSW 2440



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

**STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE PERIOD 1st JUNE 1998 TO 31st MAY 1999**

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

1. (a) present fairly the financial position of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia Mid North Coast Branch Incorporated as at 31st May 1999 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

15th June 1999

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

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1st JUNE 1998 TO 31st MAY 1999**

RECEIPTS

1998		1999
820.00	Affiliation Fees	800.00
4,750.00	Awards	2,745.50
2.69	Bank Interest – Commonwealth Bank	35.67
498.14	Bank Interest – Coastline Credit Union	439.40
8,156.00	Branch Allocation	7,830.89
1,650.00	Branch Dinner	1,960.00
700.00	Branch Levy	0.00
1,186.00	Carnival Entry Fees	1,044.00
1,106.00	Directors & Officers Insurance	1,360.00
0.00	Donations	2,005.00
962.00	Manuals & Handbooks	2,846.50
4,283.44	Public Liability Insurance	8,288.00
0.00	Refund/Reimbursements	45.00
1,234.08	Secretary's Telephone Reimbursement	807.50
5,100.00	Sponsorship	9,000.00
596.60	Stationery Sales	1,006.50
0.00	Trailer Hire	58.50
<u>297.50</u>	Training Equipment	<u>0.00</u>
31,342.45	TOTAL	40,272.46



PAYMENTS

4,310.50	Awards	4,583.60
0.29	Bank Charges	0.00
3,031.05	Branch Dinner Expenses	1,992.05
1,793.84	Carnival Expenses – including entries, ribbons, travel, medals	1,647.00
0.00	Computer & Expenses	2,725.00
1,264.00	Directors & Officers Insurance	1,530.00
0.00	Donations	100.00
0.00	Education Program Expenses	525.50
328.78	First Aid Expenses	0.00
0.00	Floral Tributes	90.00
0.00	Freight	90.00
0.00	Hire Expenses – hall, radio and generator	288.00
30.00	Incorporation Fees	35.00
1,520.55	Manuals & Handbooks, etc	8,155.10
0.00	Mason Rescue Challenge Expenses	137.10
44.00	Meetings & Expenses	803.74
0.00	Mobile Phone	119.00
182.90	Photocopying	175.20
761.95	Plant & Equipment – anchor & buoy ropes	178.00
	– table & chair	199.00
4,281.75	Public Liability Insurance	9,324.00
0.00	Radio Repairs	349.80
0.00	Refund/Overpaid	171.00
312.00	Ribbons	0.00
0.00	Scrutineering Scales	727.00
841.75	Secretary's Expenses	137.90
2,315.90	Secretary's Telephone	1,578.70
0.00	Shirts, Uniforms, Swimmers & Badges	1,747.20
0.00	Sponsorship	8,000.00
1,084.55	Stationery, Printing and Postage	1,742.18
817.13	Superintendent's Expenses	504.38
300.00	Talented Athlete Program	800.00
120.00	Training Gear	0.00
41.00	Registration of Trailer & Trailer Expenses	324.50
<u>196.80</u>	Travel Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
23,578.74	TOTAL	48,779.95
<u>\$7,763.71</u>	NET PROFIT/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	<u>(\$8,507.49)</u>



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

**FUNDS STATEMENT
FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1st JUNE 1998 TO 31st MAY 1999**

1998

14,697.43

Opening Balance

7,763.71

Net Profit/(Deficit) for Year

\$22,461.14

1999

22,461.14

(8,507.49)

\$13,953.65

REPRESENTED BY:

12,381.07

Cash at Commonwealth Bank

3,434.18

93.60

Coastline Credit Union Passbook Account

93.60

9,986.47

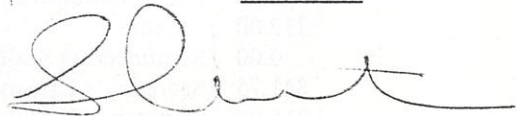
Coastline Credit Union Term Deposit

10,425.87

\$22,461.14

TOTAL

\$13,953.65



SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
MID NORTH COAST BRANCH

BANK RECONCILIATION FROM 1st JUNE 1998 TO 31st MAY 1999

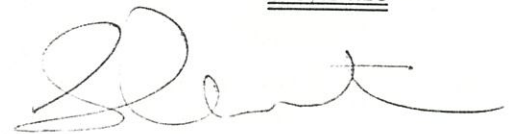
Commonwealth Bank

Account No. 2560 0080 0558

Balance Brought Forward Per Bank Statement	\$12,381.07
Add Receipts	<u>\$39,833.06</u>
	\$52,214.13
Less Payments	<u>\$48,084.10</u>
	\$ 4,130.03
Add Unpresented Deposits	<u>0.00</u>
	\$ 4,130.03
Less Unpresented Cheques	<u>695.85</u>
Bank Balance at 31 st May 1999	<u><u>\$ 3,434.18</u></u>

Cash Book Reconciliation

Opening Balance brought forward	\$12,381.07
Excess Expenses over Income	<u>\$ 8,946.89</u>
Closing Balance 31 st May 1999	<u><u>\$ 3,434.18</u></u>



SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
MID NORTH COAST BRANCH INCORPORATED

COASTLINE CREDIT UNION

Term Deposit No 8817

Term 12 months

Balance 1st June 1998 \$9,986.47

Add Interest 439.40


Balance 31st May 1999 \$10,425.87

Passbook Account No 15635 S1

Balance 1st June 1998 \$93.60

Balance 31st May 1999 \$93.60

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Registrar's Report 1998-99....

MID NORTH COAST BRANCH												
AWARDS AND UPDATES FOR 1998/99 SEASON												
AWARD	CLUB	MSH	SWR	HH	KCH	PM	TP	WBH	CH	TOTAL	97/98	96/97
R.C. / BASIC RC							30			30	1	
R.C./CPR							10			10	2	4
S.L.S.C. / S.R.C.		24	9	6	3	13	7	4	5	71	147	34
S.L.S.C.I.										0		
S.L.S.C.E.										0		1
BRONZE		48	16	4	5	22	7	12	12	126	150	72
T.O.C. / BM		1		1		1				3	6	2
E.C.										0	3	
A.R.C.		9		1		13	8		2	33	26	22
A.R.C.I. / T.RES		1				2			1	4	2	
A.R.C.E/ E.RES		1								1		3
I.R.B.C.									1	1		
I.R.B.D. (SILVER)				1			4		1	6	29	7
I.R.B.I.							1			1	2	1
I.R.B.E.									1	1		
F.A.C./SEN F.A.						2				2	19	1
F.A.I.										0	1	1
F.A.E.										0		
R.O.C.										0	6	3
R.I.C.										0		
R.E.C.										0		
GOLD M. (A.L.S.C.)										0	1	3
SILVER MED LIFE SUPPORT				4						4		
25 YEAR										0		5
50 YEAR										0		
FAC UP DATE								1		1	2	
ARC UP DATE			7		6	24	14	1	14	66	43	62
IRBD UP DATE				3	5	1	3	2	12	26	14	17
ROC UP DATE							2			2		
ALSC UP DATE								1		1		
* C.R.C. / BRC			2							2	39	4
* C.A.R.C.										0	2	2
* C.R.C/C.P.R.			7							7	20	19
* SURF RESCUE										0		
* CRC/CPR UP DATE			13							13		15
* C.A.R.C. UP DATE										0	5	
* C.S.L.S.C.										0		12
* RC/CPR UP DATE										0	4	
TOTAL		84	54	20	19	78	86	21	49	411		
SEASON 1997/98		200	66	9	30	98	39	31	48		524	
SEASON 1996/97			71	20	24	71	50	12	42			290
TOTAL		84	54	20	19	78	86	21	49			
AWARDS & UP DATES			28	3	11	27	19	5	26			
SLSA AWARDS		84	26	17	8	51	67	16	23			
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Director of Life Saving Report 1998-99....

My first year as Director of Lifesaving for the Mid North Coast, at the beginning of the season it looked as it was going to be a hard year.

I asked State Centre to supply some officers to talk to Camden Haven, Wauchope Bonny Hills, Kempsey Crescent Head and Hat Head, as Camden Haven, Hat Head and Tacking Point asked if they could delete Saturday patrols I granted this to these clubs until the Christmas School holidays Tacking Point and Camden Haven gained more members and rostered patrols for the Saturdays and have continued, I thank Andrew May, David Armstrong and Giselle Taylor for attending the Branch, although our timming with Kempsey Crescent Head went astray.

The second visit was by Andrew Chubb and Charlie Wellard to Crescent Head for the examiners accreditation I was pleased with the attendance as all clubs had representation, this was to explain the new training modules and that all examiners were doing the same thing.

The third visit was by Graham Howard and Robyn Wonson. A Chubb to talk to members of all clubs to assess the relationship between patrols members and those running the clubs, There has been no report on this week end.

During the year there has been a number of patrol inspections, the early ones which were held seem to be a problem within some clubs as the patrols rosters were not in place early enough, as the season progressed patrols improved.

When you look at last season 1997/98 with the amount of awards gained across the movement the Mid North Coast Branch average against other branches were great our Branch percentage was better than most branches.

The movements membership was down last year 1997/98 against the previous year and I feel that this season will show another decline and the smaller clubs will feel the effect I do believe that Cresent Head club will find next season a challenge with the loss of many members this season, I do not know where they will get their numbers from.

Clubs please don't think that getting programmes into schools will be the answer. The most important thing is to get your 13 years to 15 years members to gain their awards and roster them for patrols.

During the year I received monthly reports from some clubs others nil but I did keep in touch with all.

All clubs have gained awards for this season but not as many as last season.

I am not happy with the new MSB/IRB license, I have advised all my club supervisors only to instruct those that have the MSB licence from the Waterways authority, I did do a paper on this and fowarded it to State Centre (I have not had a reply as yet).

I would like to thank my club supervisors Owen Ragan, Louis Ballangarry, Holidaying Tony Hayes, Ken Corbett, Alan Barlin, Hugh McKay, Bob Smith, John Vipond.

The Junior development day was held in March at Scotts Head The Macksville Scotts Head Senior members conducted all sections of the modules, with 55 children from Camden Haven in the South to Scotts Head in the North. The whole club catered for all over the week end thanks to:

Bird eye, David Holdings, Nambucca River Coop, Rainbow Supermarket, Banana Growers Federation, Mellow Yellow, McDonalds Coffs Harbour, Hasting Co-operative, Buttercup bakery, Neville and Sandra Miles, Caltex Service Centre, David Hoffmans meats. Everyone was happy with the week end.

Finally I would like to thank all those examiners who found the time and effort to participate in examing with awards and surf life saving in general

ADDITION TO MY ANNUAL DIRECTOR OF LIFESAVING REPORT

During the year patrol inspection sheets, club activities report, life saving gear inspection reports were handed out to all clubs.

The patrol inspections:

Macksville Scotts Head, Hat Head and Kempsey Crescent Head were inspected more than the other clubs.

Activities Report:

Were received from South West ROcks and Tacking Point clubs.

Life Saving gear inspections reports:

Were received from all clubs except one, I checked this club on one of my inspections.

Proficiency sheets:

I have not received Camden Haven or Crescent Head, the policy will be next year sheets not in by 31/12/99 no competition.

News letters:

South West ROcks kept me up to date and Camden Haven on occassions. All supervisors, club captain, gear stewards, are responsible for their club activities.

Supervisors:

are responsible for the

Gear inspection reports

inconjunction with the club gear stewards.

Supervisors:

are responsible for the patrol inspection reports.

Club Captains\$:

are responsible for the club activities report.

Club newsletters:

and reports are the responsibility of the President or secretary of each club.

I ask all clubs for their patrol log copies from the 1/1/98 to 31/12/98 the only ones I received was from Hat Head thank you Hat Head.

I sent a two page submission re IRB drivers license any MSB licensing to State Centre as I advise this branch after a few months have not received any reply yet, after talking to all concern within this branch IRB examiners will only test those that have gained their MSB through the waterways.

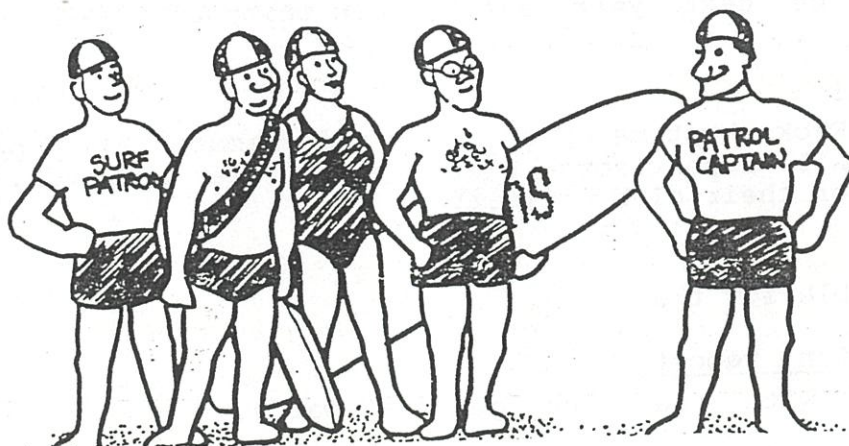
Awards are down this year, against last year and these will continue to decrease and increase from year to year because of a catch up.

I have been happy with the patrols this year but would like a few more inspections.

We are all volunteers we can only try our best in this changing world. We are on our own not being accredited as a rescue unit.

Cactus
Cactus

Mike Moran
Mike Moran



SURF LIFE SAVING MID NORTH COAST
Director of Competition Report 1998-99....

This year has been extremely busy for competitors and officials.

A well attended Level One officials course was held at South West Rocks, those officials attending carnivals during the season will soon receive their badges,

South West Rocks Carnival, a great opener to the season (81 competitors, 8 officials),

Port Macquarie Open Carnival, where the Boat section was incorporated into the overall carnival with boaties being able to compete in other events (if they wished), 95 competitors, 13 officials.

The u14/u18 Carnival at Hat Head was again a resounding success with competitors from the JAC movement able to compete alongside those from the *senior* ranks as well as other branches, 53 competitors, 11 officials.

Macksville Scotts Head held a "monster" weekend of Masters (48 competitors, 9 officials) and Open (136 competitors, 16 officials) carnivals,

Interbranch competition carnival at Shelley Beach where the Mid North Coast Team competed very well, this was the second year for integrated senior/ junior competition, some problems still to be ironed out,

Port Macquarie Veterans Carnival, once again a great carnival, even though another branch did not allow some competitors to attend (55 competitors, 7 officials),

Wauchope Bonny Hills hosted a double round of the North Coast boat series, with a sweeps accreditation course being held following competition on the Sunday,

Tacking Point held their Twenty Fifth Anniversary carnival in very trying conditions (98 competitors, 8 officials),

The Masons Rescue Challenge carnival held at Camden Haven was attended by 3 clubs and a great afternoon was had by all (30 competitors, 4 officials),

Clubs from our Branch attended the Country Titles at Tathra, even though the sea was big, the championships were still held but in the river,

Branch Championships at Bonny Hills were postponed due to big seas but were eventually held over two reasonably successful weekends at Bonny Hills and South West Rocks (126 competitors, 15 officials),

The Branch held a very successful Kellogg School League at Flynn's Beach (112 competitors, 8 officials), thanks to Giselle Addison/Taylor for the organisation,

NSW State Titles at Collnarr (North Narrabeen) where once again some members of our Branch gained medals in Masters and Open,

IRB Championships abandoned due to lack of nominations (one),

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

Congratulations to all competitors who took part throughout the season.

I would take this opportunity to thank all the officials for their assistance at carnivals during the season, club members for setting up, assistance in running and packing up, and the competitors for making life so easy at those carnivals.

A special thank you has to go to my wife Margaret for allowing me to be absent from home on so many occasions and putting up with me when I was at home.

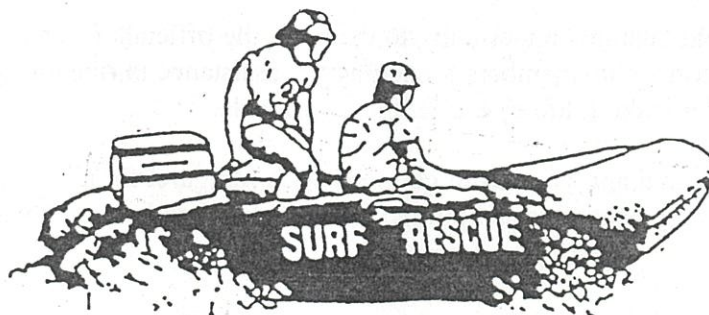
Allan Barlin



Director of Competition and Coaching
May 1999

Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast Carnival Attendance

OFFICIAL			CARNIVAL 98/99													
			SWR	PM	SWR	HH	MSH	MSH	C/H	PM	C/H	TP	PM	PM	WBH	SWR
		L E V	18/10	1/11	8/11	14/11	21/11	22/11	29/11	2/1	17/1	24/1	31/1	5/3	11/4	18/4
Jan	Alden	P				✓		✓								
Ray	Agland	2				✓										
Louis	Ballangarry	1		✓			✓	✓						✓	✓	✓
Allan	Barlin	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Greg	Bell	P		✓	✓		✓	✓							✓	✓
Barbara	Bethe														✓	✓
Kim	Bollen	P		✓												
Lisa	Burg				✓											
Michael	Burg	P			✓											
Cheryl	Buttsworth	P			✓								✓			
Wayne	Buttsworth	P			✓								✓			
Bruce	Caldwell	1	✓	✓				✓				✓		✓	✓	✓
Wayne	Carmady				✓											
Greg	Coleman	P														
Louise	Conn				✓											
Ken	Corbett					✓										
David	Croad	P			✓								✓			
Susan	Croad	P			✓								✓			
Kylie	Davidson	P											✓			
Richard	Donovan	1		✓	✓		✓									
Bruce	Edwards					✓										
Kerry	Fisher	P			✓								✓			
Sue	Greenslade				✓											
Tony	Hallinan											✓				
Tony	Hayes	P														
Pam	Hayes	P														
Diane	Hopper				✓											
Carol	Hosking						✓									
Evelyn	Jacobs				✓								✓			
Maurie	Lonergan							✓								
Hugh	Mackay	P	✓	✓				✓		✓		✓			✓	✓
Leo	Markun				✓											
Rod	McDonagh	2														
Karen	McElwaine				✓											
Don	MacKenzie	P			✓	✓							✓			
Val	MacRae	1		✓	✓								✓			
Murdo	MacRae	P		✓	✓	✓		✓				✓	✓		✓	✓
Phil	Manning	P			✓								✓			
Graeme	Mason	P			✓								✓			
Mike	Moran	2	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				✓				✓
Norm	Morgan	P			✓	✓		✓		✓						



OFFICIAL			CARNIVAL 98/99													
			SWR 18/10	PM 1/11	SWR 8/11	HH 14/11	MSH 21/11	MSH 22/11	C/H 29/11	PM 2/1	C/H 17/1	TP 24/1	PM 31/1	PM 5/3	WBH 11/4	SWR 18/4
Dave	Napper															
Alan	Newman	P					✓	✓							✓	✓
Denis	O'Sullivan	P	✓	✓						✓					✓	
Anne	Pearce	P			✓								✓			
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Roger	Quinn	P	✓										✓		✓	✓
Owen	Ragan													✓		
Steven	Rice	P			✓								✓			
Rick	Rolff	P			✓	✓				✓						
Kevin	Ruscoe	1								✓						
Margeret	Ruscoe	P														
Debbie	Scott	P			✓								✓			
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Ray	Sheldrick	1			✓								✓			
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Mike	Stevenson	P			✓								✓			
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Karen	Young	P											✓			

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S.L.S. Mid North Coast Branch Junior Activities 1998-99 Report

The season commenced with the introduction of a number of new faces to the branch committee. Although at times it can be a daunting task in accepting these positions I have noticed through the season that everyone accepted the challenge and contributed 100% to the promotion of Junior Surf Life Saving in our branch. This has been reflected in the standard of competition coming through the junior ranks.

Prior to the first carnival at South west Rocks our branch conducted an officials course which was well attended by approximately 20 parents representing all branch clubs. It was an even greater success to see that most of the course participants attended and officiated at all carnivals throughout the season. Without this commitment from parents the task of running a successful carnival is impossible, your efforts have been noticed and all I can say is thank you for your contribution throughout the season. Thank you to Graeme Nash, Sheryl Pearson and Alan Barlin for giving their time and knowledge in presenting the Level 1 Officials course.

The carnival season commenced on 8th November 1998 with the first carnival at South West Rocks although weather and surf conditions were fine Blue Bottles caused concern for the water events. Camden Haven on November 29th saw huge seas which required the moving of water events to the protected waters of Pilot Beach. And finally the Branch Championships at Flynns Beach saw events hampered by big seas and an incoming tide. Congratulations to Branch Superintendant Steve Rice although faced with obstacles at each carnival, forward planning and preparation saw each carnival run successfully.

Port Macquarie once again dominated at the Branch Championships by winning the overall pointscore with Wauchope/Bonny Hills taking out the Handicap trophy. South West Rocks were once again successful in winning the March past Trophy. Congratulations to these clubs. Cyril Clarke and Port Macquarie Club again staged a successful Todd Holden Carnival. Thank you and congratulations to Cyril Clarke and Bob Todd for their continued support of the Junior Surf Life Saving movement.

The combined Junior/Senior Interbranch carnival at Shelley Beach was once again well contested by our branch team, unfortunately our efforts were of no avail with no major placing being gained.

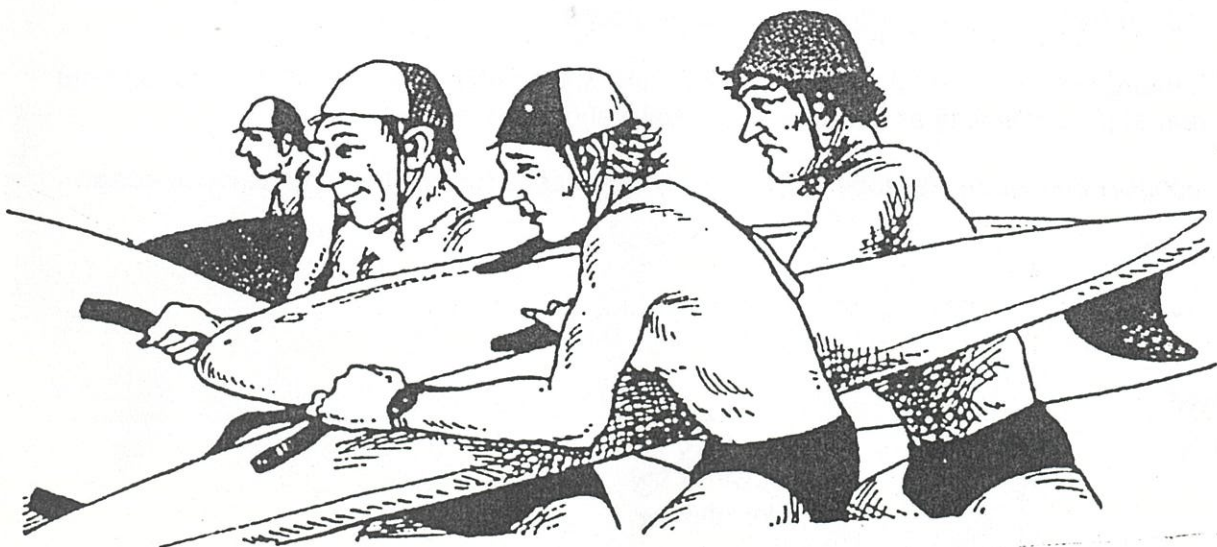
It was encouraging to see that most of our Branch clubs were represented at the Country Junior Surf Titles at Tathra. Although the long distance in travelling was tiring all our branch competitors tried their best with a number making the finals and achieving major placings. Congratulations to Candice McMeeking from Port Macquarie and Daniel Pearce from South West Rocks in achieving the female and male highest pointscore.

With the number of under 14 year competitors that our branch had this season it was disappointing to see that only 2 male and 2 female competitors were nominated for the Junior Lifesaver of the Year. All four nominees were deserving of receiving the Branch nomination, however only two can go on to State. Congratulations to Lacey

Williams of Hat Head and Robert Rice of Port Macquarie although neither succeeded in being named Junior Surf Life Saver they were worthy ambassadors for our branch.

Scotts Head was the venue for this seasons Development Camp. 55 Juniors and a handful of chaperones and managers attended one of the most successful camps held. Peter Hull and the Scotts Head/Macksville Club are to be congratulated on the planning and running of the camp. Mike Moran and his catering staff provided a generous amount and array of meals which will be hard to top at any future camps.

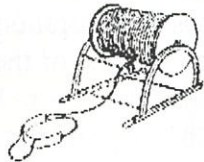
In closing I would like to thank the Branch Executive committee for their assistance throughout the season. Without your dedication and support our branch would not run as successfully as it does. To all Club Delegates and officials, thank you for your support and input, your efforts do not go unrecognised and prove to be a valuable resource in constructively running the mid North Coast Junior Surf Life Saving movement.



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SUMMARY OF CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR BRANCH ANNUAL REPORT.

A very mixed season saw our Club and town become infamous for all the wrong reasons.

- The disappearance and location of a business man (Stan Pascoe) first introduced our area to the City media. He was finally located 4kms from Scotts Head.
- The drowning of a 17 year old boy on our main beach when the beach was unpatrolled.
- A shark attack of a surfer again on our main beach out of patrol hours.
- Finally the arrival of our foreign guests by boat again creating massive interest by City media.
- On a brighter note the Club won \$5,000 courtesy of a Coonamble woman through the Kellogs Nutri Grain National competition held at Manly.

On the Club scene, like most other Clubs in our Branch, we had a decline in membership. This caused a few problems with our patrols, however with the dedicated members we have they were able to cover most of the shortfalls the other members created.

With the closure of our biggest Valley business, Midco, all businesses felt the strain financially, us included through our regular raffles, and through members to a certain degree as some we forced to leave the area for employment.

We lost two long time members in the passing of Phillip Hardge and Bill Bethe through terminal illness. These two were successful in competition in their day, they both held various executive positions and Bill was a Life member. Club members assisted at both funerals.

On the competition front we enjoyed success. We had a Ladies boat crew compete at the State and Australian for the first time. Our beach man Richie Donovan got amongst the medals at State and Country. 4 Club members toured with the NSW Country Team to New Zealand. At Branch level Rod Taylor, Giselle Taylor, David Bell, Melissa Bell, Steve Boyle, Erica Minarik, Richie Donovan, Howard Langford and John Bell all excelled in their various age groups.

Our annual November 2 day carnival was run successfully, and given a round of the North Coast Boat series next year at the same time as our annual carnival it should be a beauty.

Our main supporters and sponsors stood by us again which makes running the Club so much easier.

Yours in Surfing

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Alan Newman'.

ALAN NEWMAN
Hon Secretary.





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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1998-99 SEASON

Firstly, I would like to thank our members for 1,630 voluntary hours on the beach, a top effort for a club with average of 4-6 patrols.

Behind a successful club there is always a hard working committee and I thank them for all their tireless hours.

To be able to be a proficient club means sponsorship and I cannot thank our sponsors enough for their generosity throughout the season.

Competition

Our IRB crews did extremely well taking our the Branch Championships and the Masons Rescue Challenge for 97/98. We wish them good luck in the upcoming Country Titles at Cape Hawke, and also at the State Titles in Narrabeen later in the month.

Our Boat Crews have never stopped trying all season and have enjoyed the competition and had loads of fun.

Regards

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Doug Grimwood



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Membership for the season totalled 45 active patrolling members (including reserves) completing 1460 hours of patrol with 27 rescues and 284 preventative actions. Four (4) members attained 100% patrol with a further seventeen (17) attaining 35 hours or more. Rainbow Beach was closed on 7 occasions with many other occasions having multiple rips along the beach but numbers on the beach made the decision to close the beach difficult.

Awards were once again down on previous years with seventeen for the season, 12 Bronze Medallion, 4 Surf Rescue Certificate and one Advanced Resuscitation Certificate.

The JAC portion of the club have also experienced a drop in numbers but still have been very active. Boasting a membership of 25, many have competed at major carnivals with quite a few successes, including the Branch Handicap Pointscore.

Several "senior" members have competed at major carnivals with success including, George Fowler (2 gold at NSW Titles), Beau Bob Smith (1 gold, 1 silver, 2 bronze at NSW Titles, 3 bronze at Aust Titles), Chalkie Bob Smith (3 at NSW Titles, 1 Bronze at Aust Titles).

Manfred Sonntag - our intrepid treasurer was rewarded for his efforts for the past year (and previous years) by being awarded Branch Lifesaver of the Year, congratulations Manfred.

Chalkie Bob and AB have had a busy season travelling to many carnivals throughout the state to officiate with the result that AB was honoured at a glittering ceremony for the NSW Awards of Excellence gaining nomination and winning Competition Official of the Year.

The club is endeavouring to have the caretakers flat finished by the end of season 99/2000 to free up the bunk room and other parts of the clubhouse.

The club have purchased a new IRB motor and a new Oxy Viva with assistance through NSW Dept of Sport & Recreation Dollar for Dollar and Direct Assistance Grants, and other donations through NSW Gaming & Racing assistance from poker machine takings.

AB

A Barlin
Hon Secretary
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Dear Max

It is with pleasure I submit the following report on the 1998/99 season.

Port Macquarie S.L.S.C. has continued its strong position both on the competitive and lifesaving front.

Despite a season of unpredictable seas that saw many carnivals, club competition and training days either cancelled or postponed, it is relieving to report that no lives were lost at Flynn's beach.

Lifesavers worked hard over the summer performing over 30 rescues and at least 400 preventative actions. Patrols were strong and well attended with more than 30 members gaining 100% attendance.

The Port club has been extremely strong competitively dominating local competition and realising a long term goal in winning the NSW country titles. This success can definitely be attributed to the dedication of our u/16s

We are continuing to enjoy a high retention rate of nippers through into the senior club and this is in no small part due to the hardworking J.A.C. committee. A committee I believe to be the most diligent and high achieving in many years.

Personally I am proud to have been secretary of such a harmonious club and look forward to the challenges ahead both in the surf and out.

Yours in surfing

James Martin

SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB Inc.