

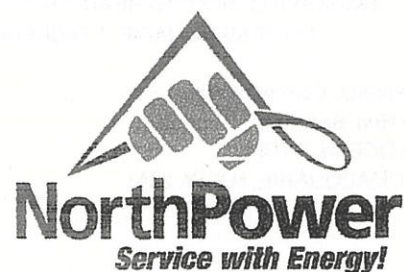
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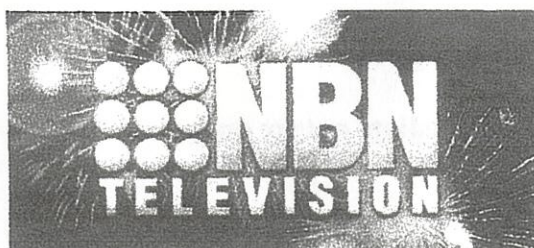
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TO BE HELD AT THE

Telegraph Point Sports Club

Thursday, 13th July, 2000

COMMENCING 7.30 P.M.



Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast Branch Inc

Affiliated Clubs

* MACKSVILLE SCOTTS HEAD * SOUTH WEST ROCKS * HAT HEAD * KEMPSEY CRESCENT HEAD
* PORT MACQUARIE * TACKING POINT * WAUCHOPE BONNY HILLS * CAMDEN HAVEN

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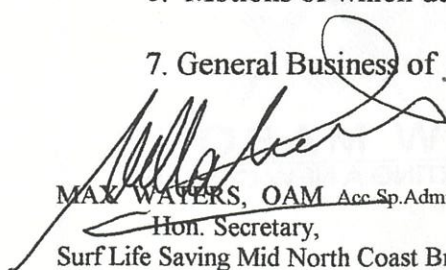
TO: ALL BRANCH OFFICERS
TO: ALL CLUB SECRETARIES & DELEGATES

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, 13th JULY, 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 and Adoption of Officers Annual Reports and Audited Balance Sheet
5. Election of Officers for 2000/2001 Season
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.

28th June, 2000

Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast Branch Inc.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 1999/2000 SEASON

PATRONS: Robert Oakshott MP, Andrew Stoner MP, Mark Vaille MHR,
Garry Nehl MHR, Tom Parkinson (Northpower), W. Richards
(Mayor Hastings Council), Peter Mainey (Mayor Macleay Council),
George Hicks (Mayor Nambucca Shire Council), Paul Harnage
(Sports and Recreation Dept. Lismore), Norman Davis (Masons),
Sid Goddard (Masons).

PRESIDENT: Allan Barlin.

VICE PRESIDENT: Dennis O'Sullivan.

SECRETARY: Max Waters.

ASST. SECRETARY: Alan Newman.

TREASURER: Judy Moran.

PUBLIC OFFICER: Max Waters.

DELEGATE TO SLSNSW: Allan Barlin.

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION OFFICER: Ray Agland.

PUBLICITY OFFICERS: Tony Hayes (n), Max Waters (s).

BRANCH TEAM MANAGER: Murdo Macrea

BRANCH TEAM COACH: left vacant.

BRANCH CHAPERONE: Sheryl Pearson.

MEDICAL OFFICER: Dr. N. Willcocks.

AUDITORS: Wrights Accountants Kempsey.

NOTE: The President and Secretary are ex-officio on the following Committees:

JUDICIARY: To be appointed when required.

MERITORIOUS AWARDS: Bob Smith (Chairman), Dennis O'Sullivan,
Bruce Caldwell, Kevin Ruscoe, Ken Corbett.

CONSTITUTION: Michael Moran (Chairman), Dennis O'Sullivan, Kevin
Ruscoe, Ken Wilson.

FINANCE: Judy Moran (Chairlady), Kevin Ruscoe, Dennis O'Sullivan.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP: Bob Smith (Chairman), Kevin Ruscoe, Bruce Cald-
Well, Ray Agland.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT: Michael Moran, Ken Corbett and One
Representative of each Club.

COMPETITION SELECTION: Hugh Mackay, and One Representative of
each Club.

BOARD OF CONTROL:

DIRECTOR OF LIFE SAVING: Michael Moran. ✓

DIRECTOR OF COMPETITION: Hugh Mackay. ✓

REGISTRAR: Bruce Caldwell. ✓

BOARD SECRETARY: Max Waters. ✓

EDUCATION OFFICER: Ken Corbett ✓ J-VIP ✓

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS:

Louis Ballangarry (SWR) ✓

Alan Newman (MSH) ✓

Tony Hayes (HH) ✓

Tony Hayes (KCH) ✓

Ken Corbett (PM) ✓

Ken Wilson (TP) ✓

John Vipond (WBH) ✓

Bob Smith (CH) ✓

EMERGENCY SERVICES CO-ORDINATOR: Not appointed.

Our Cover:

The "MASTERS" of Wauchope - Bonny Hills Surf Life Saving Club Inc.

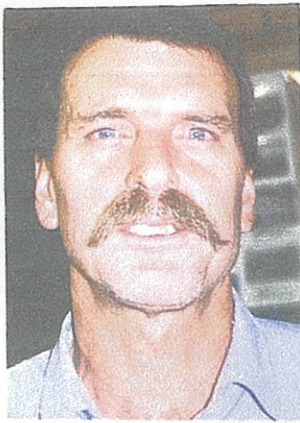
Our cover photo depicts the three "Masters" of Wauchope Bonny Hills Surf Life Saving Club Inc., that operates of Rainbow Beach, Bonny Hills.

The three have 123 years of dedicated service to Surf Life Saving : George Fowler (at left) 36 years, Bob "Beaurepaire" Smith (centre) 38 years, while Bob "Chalkie" Smith (at right) 49 years. The three were photographed at the World Surf Championships held at Manly this year where they competed in the Masters Events with success.

George won two Bronze Medals; "Beaurepaire" Bob secured at Bronze Medal, and "Chalkie" Bob a Silver Medal at the World Championships.

The three have competed successfully over the last few years in Masters Events at Club, Country, State and Australian Championships and the World Titles was "the cream on the cake", an experience that will never be forgotten.

"Chalkie" Bob would be one of the greatest life savers in Australia, having won many Branch, Country, State and Australian Championships in open competition; he has won New South Wales Life Saver of Year on two occasions. Teams coached by him have gone on to win Branch, Country, State and Australian Titles.



President's Report

Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast Branch Inc. (SLSMNC) has experienced an exciting year for 1999/2000.

Some of the highlights:

- * No lives lost while members on patrol. Congratulations to "Cactus" Moran for his "diligence and service" to the cause.
- * Max Waters OAM receiving his Life Membership of Surf Life Saving Australia.
- * Hard working Branch stalwart John Vipond (Camden Haven) receiving his Life Membership of Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast Branch Inc.
- * Another hard working Camden Haven member Doug Grimwood was lost for words (for once) being presented 25 years service badge from Camden Haven.
- * Ray Agland being honoured with a 25 years service badge by Kempsey Crescent Head.
- * Manfred Sonntag was honoured by Wauchope Bonny Hills with a 25 years service badge.
- * Members of SLSMNC, including Scott McDonald (Camden Haven), continuing the education of "inland" schools via Sport and Recreation Department Offices in Tamworth.
- * Several visits from members of Surf Life Saving NSW, including two from former State President John Fraser in his capacity as GST "expert".
- * Branch Life Saver of the Year: Wayne Gill (Wauchope Bonny Hills).
- * Female Life Saver of the Year: Narelle Stokes (Wauchope Bonny Hills).
- * Thanks to hard working members to have the Branch InterBranch team represent SLSMNC at Swansea Belmont under the management of Murdo Macrea.
- * Masters competitors once again shone at various carnivals during the season. Wauchope Bonny Hills trio of "Chalkie" Bob Smith "Beau" Bob Smith and H. G. Fowler collecting 16 medals (6 State medals, 3 Australian medals and 4 World Title medals); Larry Brook (Port Macquarie) 4th place in Iron Man World titles; Macksville Scotts Head 180 years Boat Crew, Gold medal at Australian titles, and many others who achieved goals during the season at carnivals.
- * Kelloggs School League once again successfully held at Flynns Beach.
- * Northpower sponsored "Rookie of the Year", Gavan Hanna, South West Rocks SLSC.
- * Macksville Scotts Head SLSC winning Competition Board for SLSMNC Masons Rescue Challenge.
- * SLSMNC involvement with Port Macquarie Masons presenting a SLS float in the Port Macquarie Easter Festival Parade.
- * I sincerely thank the dedication of the Branch Executive: Max Waters (Secretary), Judy Moran (Treasurer), Bruce Caldwell (Registrar), Hugh Mackay (Director of Competition), Mike Moran (Director of Life Saving), all the Clubs in the Branch, their executive and members, for assistance in making it through my first season as President. Congratulations and well done.
- * To the sponsors of SLSMNC : NSW Government, Hastings Council, Kempsey Shire Council, Nambucca Shire Council, Northpower, NBN Television, the NSW and local members of the Masonic Lodges and many other club supporters, a sincere THANK YOU.

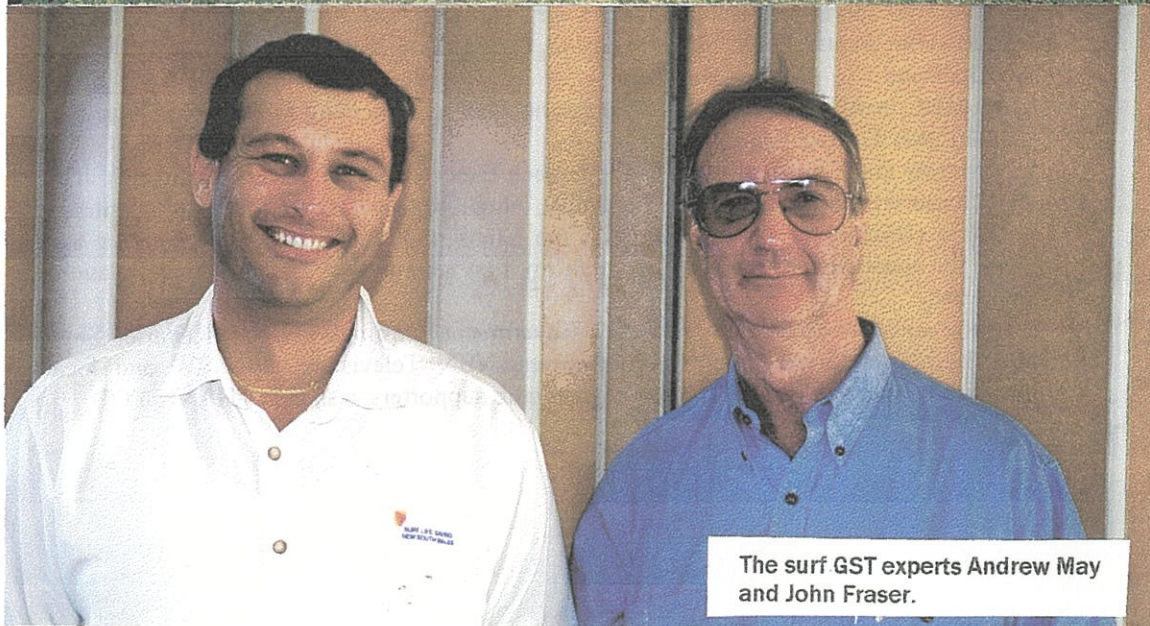
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Some of "the boys" at the hand over of the NBN Television Patrol shades.



Masonic Lodges float in the Port Macquarie Easter Festival Parade.



The surf GST experts Andrew May and John Fraser.

Secretary's Report

No lives lost on our Patrolled beaches can be reported for the 1999-2000 season. This is a great achievement and something that the Branch, Clubs and Members can be proud of. Whilst drownings continue in New South Wales, I feel a re-inforced programme of education must be introduced to overcome this catastrophe.

Preventative actions by our life savers, and their skills no doubt have been the mainstay in keeping our beaches safe.

Unlike last season, the Branch had an increase in examinations; however, our Registrar has issued a warning that unless our Bronze Medallion awards are increased then Clubs could face serious problems with manning patrols in the not too distant future. Carnival competition has remained static with only the Masters events showing any increase in numbers. Of concern to officials is the poor attendance of Under 14, Under 16 and Under 18 competitors for their special carnival. I agree that the timing of this event may have been wrong, but when you look at the carnival programme asked for by the Clubs there leaves very few dates available for the Branch run Under 14, 16, 18's event. Let us remember that it is these members who will be the managers of surf life saving in the future; we should take every opportunity to see that an attractive competitive programme is provided at a time suitable for them. Whilst the programme is probably adequate, let us look to better timing.

Northpower has once again been a force with its sponsorship of the Branch and Clubs; functions run under this sponsorship included the Northpower Youth Development Camp at Macksville Scotts Head for Junior Activity members; and the Northpower "Rookie" Development Day at Hat Head. These were well organized and enjoyed by the young life savers. There could have been a better attendance at Hat Head by both participants and instructors.

The Branch had well over 140 participants in the Northpower "Rookie of the Year" competition with something like eighty completing the programme. All Clubs had a nominee for the final judging; the winner was Gavin Hanna, of South West Rocks Club. Gavin and the other finalists were present at the Branch Dinner and Presentation evening when the announcement of the winner was made. The presentation of a plaque and jacket was made to Gavin by John Sheather representing Northpower. All other participants received a certificate.

NBN Television continue their sponsorship. Prior to the commencement of the season a special afternoon was held on Tacking Point Beach where magnificent Patrol Sun Shades were presented to each Club in our Branch and the Lower North Coast Branch. These Sun Shades have proved invaluable to Clubs in providing necessary "duty of care" to their members. Media coverage has also been forthcoming for most of the Club's and Branch's events, and we look forward to this association continuing.

The New South Wales Masonic Lodges continue to support the Branch with the sponsoring of the Masons Rescue Challenge held at Camden Haven. The event won by Macksville Scotts Head was a thriller, with the winner being decided on the last event. At this function the Branch played host to

eighteen local Lodge members and their wives. It was a pleasant afternoon, enjoyed by all. The day was concluded with refreshments and a barbecue for our official guests, competitors and Branch officials.

At a local level the Lodges at Port Macquarie have again made a financial contribution to the Branch; provided 5000 surf safety tips brochures to the Port Macquarie Motels and Estate Agents for distribution to visitors, and at the Dinner and Presentation Evening a Perpetual Shield and replica were presented to President Allan Barlin for a Point Score Handicap Competition beginning next season. It is hoped that this competition will be an incentive for the smaller clubs.

The Port Macquarie Lodges in conjunction with the Branch entered a life saving float in the annual Easter Festival at Port Macquarie. Thanks to Wauchope Bonny Hills for making gear available, Allan Barlin for delivery and return of same; to Rachael and Sarah Barlin for their part in handing out brochures; and to the Masons who helped construct the float. We didn't win a prize, but the message of surf safety was put before a huge crowd. Already the Masons are planning a bigger and better float for next festival.

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

A North Coast Schools League Carnival was again held at Flynn's Beach, with students from a number of the district high schools attending. The sea did not favour the day, and a number of procedures had to be cancelled. However, all enjoyed themselves and no doubt it will be on again next year.

Very few visits from State Centre Officers this Season. CEO Paul Smith OAM, followed by John Fraser and Andrew May twice on GST matters; and Andrew Chubb and Les Miller (Patrol Captains/Life Support programmes).

The Branch Dinner and Presentation Evening was again held at Crescent Head Country Club with 134 people being in attendance; our largest function yet. The function was well represented by all Clubs as well as a number of our Patrons and special guests. This function is improving each year and is certainly becoming "a must" on the surf social calendar.

The winners of Awards appears in the Director of Competition and Director of Life Saving reports.

A new award this year was the Proficiency Award for Club Secretaries: this was won by Cynthia Smith, of Camden Haven Club.

MEDIA COVERAGE:

Once again the local newspapers, radio stations and television stations within the Branch have been of assistance in recording the activities of our 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:

The majority of Clubs have now held their presentation functions, and have honoured their outstanding members with special awards.

BEACH TO BUSH PROGRAMME:

This programme still continues with Scott McDonald, Camden Haven, taking part in a programme in the North Western part of New South Wales.

LACK OF COMMUNICATION/PROTOCOL:

It was unfortunate that on several occasions this season a break down of communications/protocol, existed between the Branch and New South Wales State Centre. Letters written by State Centre Officers at times taking up to fourteen days to reach the Branch. One glaring event was when all clubs were notified that a Patrol Captains/Life Support programme would be held at Tacking Point Surf Club. This programme was arranged by NSW State Centre Officers without consultation with Branch Executive. Only three clubs responded, and in discussion it was agreed that there was a communication breakdown. As Branch Secretary I received notification by letter on Monday, the day after the weekend set down for the course.

This is more compounded when one realises that this matter was discussed at the Branch February meeting, when it was decided that the time and venue set by State Centre was not suitable to members of Branch Clubs (the weekend between the State and Australian Surf Championships) at Lennox Head. At this meeting, at which a State Centre Officer was present, it was decided that the Branch would make application for such a Programme in the off season, at a time suitable to all concerned.

Donation From Northpower

A smiling Branch Deputy President, Dennis O'Sullivan (at right), accepting the Northpower sponsorship cheque from John Sheather at a function held at Tacking Point Surf Club.



ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS:

Attendance at Branch meetings improved slightly from the past season. Nine meetings were held during the season with each Club averaging an attendance of 1.43 representatives. This was an increase from 1.268 last season.

With each Club having two delegates each entitled to attend the results are particularly low; the attendance of the Club Presidents or their proxies helped bring the numbers up. The first figure shown is the average for delegates, the second figure that of the President or Proxy and the final figure the Club's average attendance for each meeting:

Macksville Scotts Head: .88; .33 = 1.21.

South West Rocks: 1.33; .44 = 1.77.

Hat Head: .22; .66 = .88.

Port Macquarie: 1.22; 1.00 = 2.22.

Tacking Point: 1.00; .66 = 1.66.

Wauchope Bonny Hills: 1.55; .66 = 2.21.

Camden Haven: .88; .66 = 1.54.

The attendance from the Executive was good with J. Moran, B. Caldwell, M. Moran, H. Mackay attending all nine meetings; and M. Waters, A. Barlin and D. O'Sullivan attending eight.

Clubs are urged to appoint delegates who will be responsible and attend the monthly meetings. It is from these meetings that Clubs obtain a lot of information relating to life saving activities.

RESCUES FOR THE SEASON:

These were down on the previous season, due no doubt to the milder seas conditions. The following is a break down of rescues performed by the Clubs:

Club	Without Gear	Rescue Tube	Rescue Board	IRB	Other Gear	Total	Prev. Action
Macksville Scotts Head	0	0	0	1	1	2	23
South West Rocks	0	2	0	0	2	4	447
Hat Head	2	0	0	0	0	2	41
Kempsey Crescent Head	0	0	3	4	4	11	135
Port Macquarie	5	5	1	1	1	13	200
Tacking Point	2	3	4	0	0	9	48
Wauchope Bonny Hills	1	2	2	0	0	5	42
Camden Haven	9	1	5	0	0	15	117
TOTALS	19	13	15	6	8	61	890

FIRST AID:

Club members continue to provide first aid to the many people who use our beaches during the summer period. Resuscitation had to be given to two people; the main problem again this season were the number of people treated for marine stings with South West Rocks leading the service with 305.

The break down on first aid is:

Club	Marine Stings	Minor Cases	Major Cases	Resus.	Total
Macksville Scotts Head	0	4	0	0	4
South West Rocks	305	140	2	0	447
Hat Head	29	5	0	0	34
Kempsey Crescent Head	15	7	2	0	24
Port Macquarie	19	28	4	0	51
Tacking Point	44	7	3	0	54
Wauchope Bonny Hills	8	5	1	1	15
Camden Haven	1	12	0	1	14
Totals	421	208	12	2	643

MEMBERSHIP OF CLUBS:

A look at the Membership of the Clubs is alarming with most sectors showing a decrease. As mentioned in the Registrar's Report the number of Bronze Medallion awards has fallen. Clubs must address this situation immediately and strive to increase their membership and awards for next season.

The break down in membership is a little different this season due to the fact that the Annual Summary of Return was altered. Two Clubs failed to give the information of their JAC membership. The following is a break down of membership:

Club	Active	Active Res.	Award	Under 16	JAC	Other	Total
Macksville Scotts Head	81	13	0	32	88	157	37
South West Rocks	55	4	0	19	0	0	78
Hat Head	19	2	2	2	50	32	197
Kempsey Crescent Head	44	1	15	16	98	0	174
Port Macquarie	69	6	6	34	177	54	346
Tacking Point	53	7	0	23	175	168	426
Wauchope Bonny Hills	37	7	59	4	70	19	196
Camden Haven	52	2	34	9	0	0	97
Totals	410	42	116	133	658	430	1905

LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

Life Membership was conferred on long time member and examiner, John Vipond, of the Camden Haven Club. Chairman of the Life Membership Committee, "Chalkie" Bob Smith, made the announcement at the Branch Dinner and presented a "shocked" John with his Life Members Medal.

Congratulations John, a well deserved honour.

SURF LIFE SAVING AUSTRALIA - LIFE MEMBER:

Honours continue to come the way of our Branch Secretary, Max Waters OAM, who received Life Membership of Surf Life Saving Australia in October, 1999. Max was presented with his Life Membership Medal by the President of Surf Life Saving Australia, Alan Whelpton AM, at the Australian Championships at Kurrawa in March 2000.

Incidentally, Alan Whelpton and Max Waters, received their Life Membership Medals to Surf Life Saving New South Wales together at Collaroy in 1974.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE:

It is time that the Branch seriously considers:

- * The appointment of a Youth Development Officer
- * The appointment of a Protocol/Education Officer

to further develop through the Clubs their membership and efficiency.

- * The purchase of Up-Dated Technology Equipment to maximise the efficient day-to-day operations of the Branch.

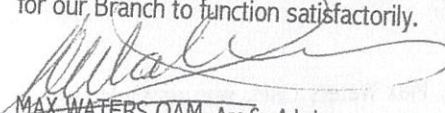
THANKS:

The thanks of the Branch are extended to the following business and organizations for without this support it would be difficult to give the service that the Branch 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 Council, Kempsey Council, Nambucca Shire Council
- * Impulse Airlines
- * NBN Television for its donation, support and promotion of surf life saving
- * Northpower for sponsorship of the Branch and Clubs; especially the "Rookie" programme.
- * Port Macquarie Marine Radio Base for monitoring our radios
- * Radio Stations, MCFM, Star FM, ABC; Regional Newspapers; TV Stations Prime and Ten for their media coverage
- * New South Wales Masons for their sponsorship of the Masons Rescue Challenge, NSW Still Water Rescue Championships, Beach to Bush programme
- * The Masons of Districts 61 and 62 for their continuing support
- * The Branch Members, Club Executive and Club Members, who responded to numerous requests for information and reports
- * To my wife Patricia, for her continued patience and understanding

The duties and time involvement in being Branch Secretary remain similar to previous years, in excess of 1000 hours (at times it seemed much longer); 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.

Hon. Secretary,

Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast Branch Inc.

28th June, 2000



Director of Life Saving

The Clubs have improved with their Patrols; Tacking Point and Hat Head are the big improvers.

Our beaches have been safe and no lives lost where there is a Patrol - although there has been lives lost through drowning on the coastline and inland; this will continue and nothing will change, not even with all the funds provided for television and radio advertisements by the government.

This year we received a visit from Les Miller and Andrew Chubb. This meeting was held at Tacking Point. State Centre seem to get the idea that things are not well in the bush. Three Clubs turned up, Wauchope Bonny Hills, Tacking Point and Camden Haven. Those that didn't turn up, must feel that there Clubs are alright and the three that turned up, also had no complaints.

Awards are up from last season. Bruce Caldwell will have these details; some Club Instructors are burnt out.

Clubs have held their Patrols together in one way or another due to the early start of rugby league and other sports because of the Olympic Games, which is dragging the bush to a standstill.

Clubs in this Branch do not intend to Patrol early next year because of the Games; the season will start at the beginning of the September school holidays if they are still at the normal times; all summer sports are affected with the Games.

Monthly activities reports from South West Rocks and four a month sometimes from Tacking Point; these two Clubs appear to be the only ones interested.

I would like to thank all Supervisors, who did their jobs, but there were occasions where I was let down. I would like to see some new Supervisors as

some Supervisors wish to be replaced. I must mention Louis Ballangarry, who had the longest distance to travel, and did not ask for one cent - South West Rocks was his Club.

Once again the Branch Development Day was a success with an improvement in numbers from the junior clubs - only one club did not send any participants.

The Northpower "Rookie" Day was not attended as well as the Development Day; disappointed were the Officials who put this programme together. Let's hope this will improve as it did from the first year. This programme must be held early in the season.

Still have not heard anything about Hat Head's new IRB hull application; I have been informed verbally that it has been handed on to National Council.

During the year a number of Patrol inspections were held by some Supervisors and myself.

Board of Youth Development will need to form a Working Committee to be able to put programmes into place with our Development Camp; the "Rookies" programme also needs more attention.

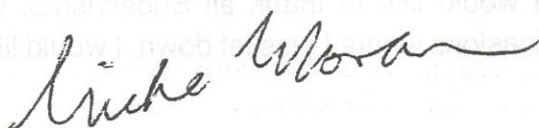
New Awards, Patrol Captains Accreditation, Life Support: Louis Ballangarry and Owen Ragan have been to a Seminar and are the only two accredited for these awards in the Branch. There is to be a change up-date for the First Aid Course.

As I said last year, we are only as good as we can be; we need new members. Some members think that they are there to compete and not do Patrol work. Looking at the Masters' events, I wonder how some of them could do a Proficiency.

I would like to thank all Examiners for their dedication and help to the Clubs and the Branch.

During the year we were to hold a few Board of Control meetings; these did not eventuate, due to extra work load; some members are running their Club's and doing Branch work - examining and carnivals. We must also remember that some of us have families, and most of all we work for a living and have homes and gardens to maintain. Remember we are volunteers and we try to keep the surf movement afloat.

Best wishes for the coming season.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Niche Moran". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned at the bottom right of the page, below the text "Best wishes for the coming season.".



Director of Competition

The first carnival of the season was round 1 of the combined northern branches series hosted by lower North Coast Branch at Black Head. Attendance was poor from most branches and did not improve much for following rounds at South West Rock and Woolgoolga. The final round schedule for Yamba was abandoned mainly due to a total lack of interest by the far North Coast Branch and the series appears to have died a natural death after one season. Congratulations are due to Port Macquarie for attending each of the 3 rounds held and winning the aggregate point score for the series.

The annual School League carnival, held at Flynns Beach on Friday, 5 November, was a little disappointing for the participants due to big seas. Most water events were cancelled and special thanks go to the officials who managed to take a day off work to organise events and instruct the participants in SLS water safety.

Kempsey Crescent Head club rounded up half the village for work parties to ensure a well catered for double carnival on 7 November with a full program for Nippers, Open and veteran competitors. Despite some minor discontent, almost all clubs were happy with the format and at least one double (Jnr/Snr) carnival appears likely to be held each season.

Results Open PM 445 MSH 187 TP 176

Macksville Scotts Head double carnival (Vets/open) on 21, 21 November was again well attended (18 clubs) and was again extremely well catered for by the host club. Congratulations MSH volunteers.

Results Vets MSH 118, Nth Entrance 100, TP 82

Open MSH 216, PM 182, Coffs H 129

Camden Haven hosted the Branch Masons Surf Rescue Challenge on 5 December and it was pleasing to see five clubs participating (plus a second crew from C.H.). Port Macquarie very sportingly handicapped themselves with a brand new motor having a top speed of 3 knots and this seemed to be appreciated by the other clubs. A number of masons from within the Branch attended the carnival to see Macksville Scotts Head take home the major prize of a competition board.

Results MSH 21, CH (B) 17, PM + CH (w) 15

The Masons sponsorship of Surf Life Saving is appreciated by all clubs and the Branch extends its sincere thanks and appreciation to the Masonic lodges in our region both for their general sponsorship and for the excellent competition board trophy for our branch champions.

Hat Head hosted a very poorly attended under 14, 16, 18 carnival on 18 December in conjunction with a weekend youth development camp. One week before Christmas was probably the worst possible time to hold such an event and the branch should give serious consideration to the schedule, format and benefits of future events of this type.

Port Macquarie double (Vets/Open) carnival on 8,9 January was the first for the new millennium and was again well attended by 18 clubs. P.M. narrowly defeated the powerful visiting veterans team from Dixon Park to retain the veterans pointscore trophy. The open carnival was another numbers game with P.M. comfortably winning the pointscore. One of the advantages of a Flynns Beach carnival is the presence of surf boats in the main competition area which always creates spectator interest. Since rounds of boat events alternating with board and ski events definitely adds a little colour and interest to carnivals, the Branch should give consideration to returning to the format of having only one competition area for our carnivals.
Results Open PM 322, MSH 128, WBH 109

MNC Branch Championships were held at Hat Head on 20 February in a small surf. The host club set an example for other clubs in the Branch by setting up both beach and water areas in ample time for the carnival start. Thank you Hat Head. Branch medals and ribbons were presented on the day for 1st, 2nd & 3rd for all events.
Results. PM 402, WBH 237, TP 236, MSH 188

Tacking Point open carnival scheduled for 13 February was postponed due to heavy seas and was subsequently held in April after the state, national and world titles. An April carnival was always going to be risky but the major carnivals roster left TP with no other choice.

In spite of another big and testing surf and in spite of only 3 clubs attending, the carnival was a day of great camaraderie and the 3 special events on the program (dash for cash, quadrathon and 2km beach run) helped make the carnival a success.
Results TP 147, PM 104, SWR 18

Tacking Point carnival was also the venue for the Branch IRB championships. The disappointment of only 2 clubs presenting teams was compensated for by the entertainment value of the competitors. 10 minutes before start time Wauchope Bonny Hills volunteered to demonstrate IRB roll over procedure for the amusement of the dwindling spectator crowd. 40 minutes later the competition began and it was discovered that the restart procedure was not entirely successful. However the WBH driver elected to integrate arm strengthening exercises into his motor starting skills and the carnival proceeded.

The other team (Camden Haven) was obviously becoming a little peeved by the attention seeking tactics of WBH and in a well orchestrated movement in the middle of the break and during the final event, the CH crewman abandoned ship in a desperate attempt to win spectator attention for his team. The CH driver then proceed to entertain the crowd with numerous parallel runs and in and out passes in a tricky surf until, tiring of the lime lights, he retrieved his crewman and finished the event.

Sometimes I am almost convinced that IRB racing crews have finally attained the status of boaties.

Results CH 1st
WBH 2nd

MNC BRANCH TROPHY WINNERS

Aggregate Point Score	Port Macquarie
J H Brown Water Event Point Score	Port Macquarie
Bill Balkin Boat Champion	Draw WHB/MSH
Masons Rescue Challenge	Macksville Scotts Head
Branch IRB Champion:	Camden Haven

Individual Aggregate Carnivals Point Score Champions

Mens U 16	Matt Smith T.P.	Ladies U 16	Nicole Latham P.M.
Mens U 18	Josh Hudson SWR	Ladies U 18	Ellen Curtis MSH
Mens open	Rod Taylor MSH	Ladies open	Giselle Addison MSH
Mens O 30	Tony Hallinan P.M.	Ladies O 30	Vicki Polverino P.M.
Mens O 40	Tony Hudson SWR	Ladies O 40	Maree MacKenzie P.M.
Mens O 50	Beau Bob Smith WBH		
Mens O 60	Chalkie Bob Smith WBH		

Our Branch gear is in need of some replacements due to a combination of old age and savage environment. Murdo Macrae has already taken action on some matters and I thank him for his work and assistance as Branch gear steward for the season.

All clubs should seek to introduce some younger members to the duties of carnival official. There is no truth in the rumour that officials must be over 40.

The branch has a register of 66 carnival officials (senior and JAB) including level 2 (8), level 1 (31), probationary (60), elusive assistant probationary (21).

It is disappointing that the majority of clubs in the Branch appear to have received no contact or assistance from our immediate past Northern Development Office despite the fact that the officer was based in our branch. Carnival attendance indicated that five of the eight clubs in the branch are battling for membership and I do often wonder where and how state centre spend our money.

Finally thank you to the clubs who hosted and supported carnivals during the season; thank you to all the carnival officials for making the competition happen; thank you to the Branch sponsors for helping to pay the bills; and thank you to the competitors who have been, almost without exception, very amicable and pleasant to work with.

Hugh Mackay
Director Competition

20 May, 2000

At the World IRB Championships.....

Pictured below is the Camden Haven Surf Life Saving Club's IRB crew that competed at the recent World IRB Championships at Manly. Back row (left to right) Scott McDonald (IRB Captain), James Napper, Matthew Hinton, Ben Hollis, David Hannaford; front row (left to right) Heath Balkin, Shane Baker and Jacqui Smith.



OAM Investiture...

Photographed with His Excellency the Honourable Gordon Samuels AC, Governor of New South Wales, at the Investiture of Order of Australia Medals, at Government House, Sydney, on 24th September, 1999, are from left to right, Max Waters, Jim Switzer and Neil Montgomery. All three received their Awards for services to Surf Life Saving.



Registrar's Report

Awards for the previous season of 1999/2000 have increased by 21. This is due to an increase in IRB Driver Certificates and Surf Rescue Certificates. This is the second season that Bronze Medallions have declined in number.

If this trend continues for the next couple of seasons, some clubs may find it difficult to fulfill their patrol obligations.

At the Annual General Meeting last season each Club was handed a laminated flow chart on procedures regarding the filling out of report forms, namely 14A and 14B. During the past season I have noticed that some Clubs are only sending in ONE COPY of each Form. On the flow chart I asked for both copies of the 14A and 14B to be sent to me. The reason why I have asked for this to happen is that the forms are carbon impregnated and the copy that I receive is quite often very difficult to read, and I do like the correct information to go to NSW State Centre so that when the award comes back to you, the club, everything is correct.

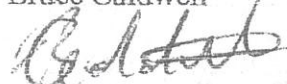
When carrying our Award Up Dates the only awards that I require to be recorded on the 14B are Up Dates for ARC, ARCE, IRBD and IRBE, there is no need to send other award Up Dates.

Please do not hold onto 14A and 14B work cards after examinations have been carried out. SEND THEM IN PROMPTLY. The quicker you send them in, the quicker I can have them endorsed and sent to Sydney.

I would just like to thank the clubs that have sent their paper work in correctly and promptly during the last season; it makes my job that much easier.

Finally, I would like to wish all clubs a successful 2000/2001 season.

Bruce Caldwell



Registrar



AWARDS AND UPDATES FOR 1999/2000 SEASON

AWARDS & UPDATES FOR THE 1999/2000 SEASON ARE UP 21 FROM 1998/99 SEASON.



Treasurer's Report

The 1999-2000 season has been financially better than the previous years. The Branch had an income of \$50,017.03 and an expenditure of \$42,403.06, with a credit result of \$7,613.97, rather than a loss.

This was budgeted for and I would suggest that the Branch hold another Financial Committee meeting at the beginning of the season to control the money in the Branch for the 2000/2001 season.

The Branch really never lost money in the previous season; however, we did have a large quantity of stationery on hand, most of which has been absorbed this season.

With the GST coming into effect from the 1st July, 2000, I would like to see orders for stationery, when current stocks have been sold, being made direct to State Centre by all Clubs. Last season a number of the Clubs were slow to make the payment of their accounts.

Last season I did not account the Clubs for the use of the Carnival Trailer and Gear at Carnivals. This was to be charged for their uses at \$50 for Carnivals and \$25 for Special Events Carnivals.

I would like to thank North Power for their sponsorship of the Branch and also for the Clubs; the Coastline Credit Union for its support for the Inter-Branch Team; the Masonic Lodges of the District for their support of the Masonic Rescue Challenge and other events.

Thanks to Max Waters for the job done as Secretary, which he carries out well, and covers every thing that has to be done; this makes the other Executives of the Branch work load a lot easier. I know this is right, as Max has everything covered for our monthly meetings.

Thanks also to Allan Barlin, as President; he does a marvelous job handling all the Clubs and keeping up to date with the changes in surf life saving.

I wish the Branch all the best for the coming season.

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 1999 to 31st May 2000, comprising of Income & Expenditure Statement and Statement of Funds for the Club. 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 Club 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 as at 31st May 2000 the Statement of Funds and the Income & Expenditure of the Club for the period in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act.

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

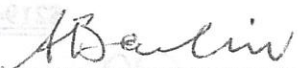
**STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JUNE 1999 TO 31ST MAY 2000**

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


1. (a) present fairly the financial position of Surf Life Saving Association of Australia Mid North Coast Branch Incorporated as at 31st May 2000 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

8th June 2000

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

**ACCUMULATED FUNDS STATEMENT
FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JUNE 1999 TO 31ST MAY 2000**

1999		2000
22461.14	Opening Balance	13953.65
(8507.49)	Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	7991.08
<u>\$13953.65</u>	Accumulated Funds as at 31st May 2000	<u>\$21944.73</u>
Represented By:		
\$3434.18	Cash at Commonwealth Bank	\$10997.21
93.60	Coastline Credit Union Passbook Account	93.34
<u>10425.87</u>	Coastline Credit Union Term Deposit	<u>10854.18</u>
<u>\$13953.65</u>	TOTAL	<u>\$21944.73</u>



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

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE
PERIOD FROM 1ST JUNE 1999 TO 31ST MAY 2000**

RECEIPTS

1999		2000
800.00	Affiliation Fees	800.00
2745.50	Awards	3722.50
35.67	Bank Interest Received - Commonwealth Bank	11.56
439.40	- Coastline Credit Union	428.31
7830.89	Branch Allocation	8589.23
1960.00	Branch Dinner	2040.00
1044.00	Carnival Entry Fees	1136.00
1360.00	Directors & Officers Insurance	1360.00
2005.00	Donations	1422.15
0.00	Interbranch Team	2088.75
2846.50	Manuals & Handbooks	2270.50
8288.00	Public Liability Insurance	10568.00
45.00	Refund/Reimbursements	0.00
0.00	Sundry Fees	67.20
807.50	Secretary's Telephone Reimbursements	1073.20
9000.00	Sponsorship	14000.00
1006.50	Stationery Sales	679.50
0.00	Tee Shirt Sales	200.00
58.50	Trailer Hire	0.00
40272.46	TOTAL RECEIPTS	50456.90



PAYMENTS

1999		2000
4583.60	Awards	4062.30
0.00	Bank Charges	0.26
1992.05	Branch Dinner Expenses	2128.00
1647.00	Carnival Expenses – including entries, ribbons, etc	1040.00
2725.00	Computer Repairs and Maintenance	95.65
1530.00	Directors & Officers Insurance	1530.00
100.00	Donations	0.00
525.50	Education Program Expenses	1250.00
35.00	Filing Fees (Dept Fair Trading)	35.00
90.00	Floral Tributes & Arrangements	312.50
90.00	Freight	10.00
288.00	Hire Expenses – hall, radio & generator	0.00
8155.10	Manuals & Handbooks, etc	775.50
137.10	Mason Rescue Challenge Expenses	243.50
803.74	Meetings & Expenses	302.00
0.00	Plant & Equipment - starting gun & expenses	254.90
178.00	- anchor & buoy ropes	0.00
199.00	- table & chair	0.00
1917.38	Postage, photocopying, printing & stationery	3886.97
9324.00	Public Liability Insurance	11889.00
349.80	Radio Repairs	136.00
171.00	Refund/Overpaid	0.00
727.00	Scrutineering Scales	0.00
137.90	Secretary's Expenses (other than postage, etc)	0.00
1578.70	Secretary's - telephone	2052.30
119.00	- mobile phone	0.00
1747.20	Shirts, Uniforms, Swimmers & Badges	2916.10
8000.00	Sponsorship	6000.00
504.38	Superintendent's - telephone	25.05
0.00	- mobile phone	65.35
800.00	Talented Athlete Program	439.37
0.00	Travelling & Expenses – Interbranch Team	2044.85
324.50	Trailer & Expenses	971.22
<u>48779.95</u>	TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>42465.82</u>
<u>\$(8507.49)</u>	NET PROFIT/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	<u>\$7991.08</u>



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

**BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT
FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JUNE 1999 TO 31ST MAY 2000**

COMMONWEALTH BANK

Account No. 2560 0080 0558

Balance brought forward per bank statement \$3,434.18

Add Receipts 50,028.59

53,462.77

Add Outstanding Deposits Nil

53,462.77

Less Payments: 40,240.06

13,222.71

Less Outstanding Cheques 2,225.50

Bank Balance as at 31st May 2000 **\$10,997.21**

CASH BOOK RECONCILIATION

Opening Balance brought forward at 1st June 1999 \$3,434.18

Excess Income over Expenses 7,563.03

Cash Book Closing Balance at 31st May 2000 **\$10,997.21**



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

**BANK ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JUNE 1999 TO 31ST MAY 2000**

COASTLINE CREDIT UNION

Term Deposit No. 8817

Term 12 months

Balance 1st June 1999 \$10,425.87

Add Interest Earned 428.31

Balance as at 31st May 2000 **\$10,854.18**

Passbook Account No. 15635 S1

Balance 1st June 1999 \$93.60

Less bank charges .26

Balance as at 31st May 2000 **\$93.34**



This page does not form part of the accounts, however, it is presented for your information.

SURF LIFE SAVING **TACKING POINT INC.**

Tacking Point SLSC celebrated 25 years of lifesaving on Lighthouse Beach in 1999.

This 1999-2000 season has seen an increase in membership at both senior and junior level. We had a record number of awards along with an increase in participation at local, State, Country and Australian carnivals.

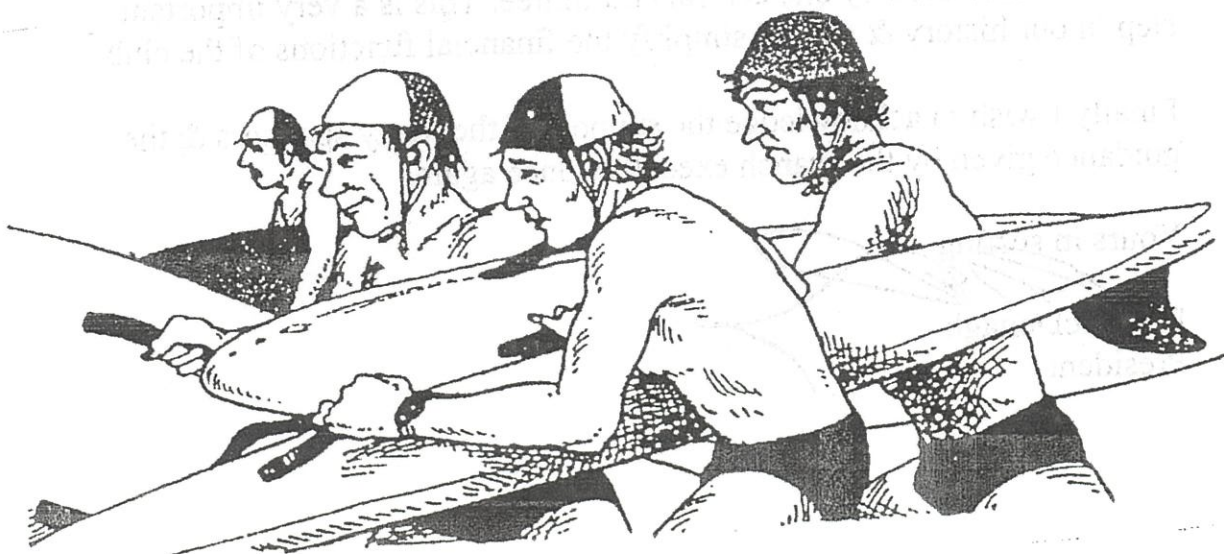
We have increased our Patrol Hours on Saturdays, Sundays, and Public Holidays from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

For the coming season we will have a Beach Patrol Tower, which will be the main focus for all patrol operations, with the added benefit of protecting our Patrol members from the elements.

The future plans of Tacking Point SLSC are to extend the verandah on the ocean side of the Club House; this will make for greater social activities.

The Committee would like to thank all members for their participation in club activities.

We also thank our sponsors for their continuing support.



SOUTH WEST ROCKS SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB Inc.



President:

Secretary:

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SOUTH WEST ROCKS
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Once again South West Rocks SLSC enjoyed a successful season & most importantly no major incidents occurred on either of our patrolled beaches. Approximately 1400 patrol hours were logged, 284 preventative actions, 59 first aid cases & 4 rescues were recorded. As usual these tasks were carried out with efficiency.

This past season has also seen a steady flow of various awards (44) gained by new & existing members. These new awards are vital to the continued growth of our club.

We have a dedicated group of young competitors who travelled to branch, country, state & Australian championships with gold & silver medals won at branch & country levels whilst Daniel Pearce did us proud at the state titles by gaining a bronze in the U16 flags. Gavin Hannah was also rewarded for his efforts by being named as the Northpower Rookie of the Year Mid North Coast. Our JAC members are always a strong force & figured prominently at major carnivals.

On the social scene the club bar & bistro has been trading since September 99 & we have also hosted many functions at the club. This income has enabled us to make constant improvements to the clubhouse & allowed us to purchase rescue & competition such as rescue & racing boards & an IRB during the season.

Next Season it is proposed to amend the constitution & structure of the club, which will involve the seniors & juniors operating under one banner & be administered by one central committee. This is a very important step in our history & should simplify the financial functions of the club.

Finally I wish to acknowledge the support of the many sponsors & the guidance given by the branch executive once again.

Yours in surfing

Rod McDonagh
President

Kempsey Crescent Head S.L.S.C.

ANNUAL REPORT

Kempsey Crescent Head Club had a much improved season. Starting with Registration Day having a great response with juniors and seniors; around one hundred juniors and seventy eight seniors.

Then the Club had the privilege of running a junior/senior carnival with a lot of negativity; however with a lot of support and members putting in a great effort the day was a success, very enjoyable and entertaining.

Patrols were maintained as most of all patrol members were responsible in finding replacements when work and other commitments prevailed. Also with Tim Conomos being successful in obtaining his IRB Driver Certificate this gave all Patrols an IRB driver.

There were not any major rescues; there were a large number of blue bottle stings and a stingray sting, a few oyster cuts, but nothing major.

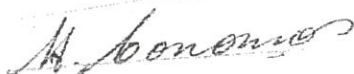
There was one out-of-hours incident where a fisherman was washed from the rocks, and club members were called on to assist with the search; the person was never found.

The club had a number of members gain awards: 1 IRB, 4 SRC, 1BMI, 8 BM, 6 ARC up dates.

Fourteen took part in the Northpower "Rookie" surf life saving programme.

Fund raising was successful with duck races, donations, sponsorships, raffles, BBQ steak dinner and discos.

The season ended with the annual dinner and presentation on Saturday, 3rd June, 2000.



Secretary



SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB Inc.

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SLSC Inc.

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To the Secretary
Mid North Coast branch of
Surf Life Saving

Dear Max

Please find the following a brief summary of the 1999\2000 season.

Once again unpredictable weather and sea conditions prevailed probably reducing the visitation to the Port Macquarie beaches. However patrols were still kept busy performing 13 rescues and over 200 assists. There were four major first aid instances where an ambulance was required and close to 30 minor cases. Stingers were unusually low with only 19 stings recorded.

Instructors were kept busy putting 36 new awards through as well as running extra ARC and proficiency classes.

On the competition front the club is very proud of the achievements this season. Murdo Macrae must take much of the credit for the seasons successes through his work with the under 16s and his organisation skills particularly evident at the NSW Country titles. Paula Stone led the charge for our open competitors while Larry Brook, Tony Hallinan and Hugh Mackay did themselves and the club proud in the veterans.

As I will be standing down from this position, I would like to take the opportunity in wishing the new secretary the best of luck

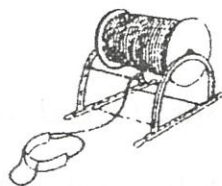
Yours sincerely

James Martin

MACKSVILLE SCOTTS HEAD SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

Incorporated

Patrolling Scotts Head Beach
Mid North Coast NSW Branch
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PO Box 148 MACKSVILLE, NSW, 2447
Phone Club House 02 65 69 8498



President:	Michael (Cactus) Moran
Secretary:	Chris Bell
Treasurer:	Judy Moran
Club Captain:	Ken (Butch) Laverty

Summary of Club Activities for Branch Annual Report 1999/2000

Our Club has had a decline in Membership this year, which is consistent with many Clubs up and down the coast. However, we were able to maintain our Patrol commitments at our usual high standard.

We did not achieve as many awards as we have done in the past. This we hope to rectify in the coming season.

In competition our Over 200 Boat Crew won their event at the Australian Championships. Our Ski Relay qualified from State for the Australian Championships, a first for our Club.

Our commitment at Branch level was disappointing compared to previous years. We have few competitive U/16 members and only two competitive U/18 members, both girls. We were however able to win Branch Champions in the Open Male, Open Female & U/18 Female divisions.

After three attempts we managed to win the Masonic Challenge and special mentioned should be made of our team of Rod Taylor, Lindsay Ainsworth, Todd McKay, Ellen Curtis, Angus Westaway, Melissa & Greg Bell. The competition on the day was extremely close and all participating clubs should be congratulated.

We again staged a very successful Masters & Open Carnival weekend in November with competitors as far away as Sydney attending. This weekend was again sponsored by many of the Business Houses in the Valley and their continued support is much appreciated.

Finally, I would like to thank all our Members who gave up their time this season in helping our Club fulfil it's obligations.

Chris Bell
Secretary





HAT HEAD S.L.S.C. Inc.

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President:

Secretary:

HAT HEAD SURF CLUB ANNUAL REPORT 1999 - 2000

Treasurer: Hat Head Surf Club found the season to be low in membership numbers especially seniors, with the majority of senior members being parents of nippers. The highlight of the season was the amalgamation of senior and juniors into one club operating under the name of Hat Head Surf Club. Committee members were elected so that both sides of the club were equally represented. The new formation of the club has provided many benefits to it's members as the committee represents the entire organisation. More time can be spent else-where as our meetings have been condensed as a result of the amalgamation. Financially the club operates from one bank account with excess funds from last season from the senior and junior accounts combined into a fixed term deposit account.

Patrols were well attended with one being awarded patrol of the year within our branch. Patrol Captain, David Croad, was presented with new shirts for his team as a result of the tremendous effort that was put in during the season. Congratulations to Jack Worthing who deservedly received club person of the year at our presentation dinner. Jack is hardworking, motivated and a well respected member of the Hat Head Surf Club. President, Ian Webster, has displayed leadership and guidance in all aspects of surf club matters with his vast experience gained over many years being involved with Hat Head Surf Club.

Even though our nipper member numbers fall short of many other clubs, we were well represented at all levels within the branch with good results.

Our main source of fundraising are weekly raffles which were well attended by our members. Funds raised were used to renovate the interior of the club house which included lining of the ceiling, fans installed and a fresh coat of paint (in Hat Head Surf Club colours, blue and gold). Off season fundraising will continue to help finance a new I.R.B. for the club.

The 1999 - 2000 season was a success for it's members with much achieved and we look forward to the upcoming season with the hope of recruiting more senior and junior members which will enable the club to strive for greater heights of achievements in the season 2000 - 2001.

Val Doyle-Browne,
Secretary,
Hat Head Surf Club.



CAMDEN HAVEN SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INC.

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ANNUAL REPORT

Camden Haven Surf Club has had a very successful year.

Hours on the Beach	1820
Rescues	13
Preventative	114
First Aid	11

Our First Aid room has been updated from a \$for\$ Sport and Rec Grant. The club has connected to the Internet giving others access via the e-mail. This has proved to be a big asset.

Our membership this season was approximately 80. JAC's had approximately 60 children join and although this number has dropped considerably it was a good enrollment. 1 Junior parent attended the Level 1 Coaching Course.

3 senior members have been successful in obtaining their Liquor Serving License. A course was held earlier in the season.

We still have an ongoing battle with Council re our Sewerage and footpaths. The Thundercats visited the Camden Haven and proved very popular with the spectators and members alike.

One of our young 1st year University students is tackling the Beach Management Plan, and we hope to have it finished later in the year.

The Buttons for SLS Week were a disaster and we have made it known to SLSNSW that we intend to return the balance to them.

Dave Napper visited outlying schools doing Surf Awareness.

3 Sweeps passed their Sweeps Accreditation Course.

Our Rookie program was not as successful this year but our winner deserved the award.

We have had a lot of sponsorship, bit and small from many businesses which all helps in keeping a small club alive.

Fundraising

Our club has done a lot of fundraising this season.

We put on a Mock Shotgun Wedding which was a lot of fun, A Hawaiian Night to raise money for the ladies boat crew and we took part in the Rotary Emergency Services Golf Day. Many raffles were organised to raise money for a number of things including sending the two IRB teams to the World Championships.

Competition

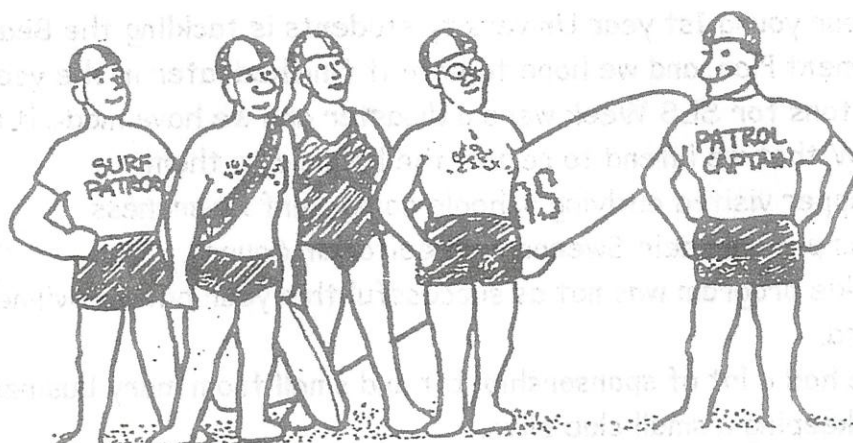
BOATS

The Mens 'A' Crew won the Mid North Coast Boat Premiership again with the Ladies Crew finishing 4th and Veterans Crew 3rd. Congratulations to the teams.

IRB'S

Scott McDonald our Captain, had a very successful year with the IRB's with his hard work the the efforts of his dedicated teams paying off.

They competed in the LNC Branch Championships, the Hawkes Nest Open Carnival where they received a Silver Medal, the Rescue 2000 World Championships, and the MNC Branch Championships which they won. They still have a number of carnivals to compete in before the end of the season.



J.A.C. CHAIRMANS REPORT 1999-2000

The 1999-2000 season finished with good weather and water conditions enabling us to run the three carnivals.

The carnivals for the season were well attended and good conditions helped make each Branch carnival a success, the carnivals were held at Kempsey -Crescent Head, Tacking Point and Macksville -Scotts Head. Thankyou to the members of these clubs for their hard work involved in preparation for these carnivals..

The hard work by clubs involved and all officials made each carnival run smoothly with minimal fuss. To continue to achieve our success we need assistance from you the parents and public to ensure these carnivals run entirely safe for our life savers of the future.

Some of the highlights of the 1999-2000 season.

1. A successful Joint carnival Seniors and Juniors 7/11/99 Kempsey -Crescent Head.
2. Age managers workshop ...8/1/00.
3. The running of Rookie Development Day ..19/12/99 Hat Head.
4. The Junior Development Camp ..6th and 7th March 2000 Mackesville -ScottsHead
5. Level 1 Coaching Course..

The hard work by several people made it possible for these initiatives to take place and thanks to all people at all levels with in all clubs for there efforts throughout the season. Congratulations should also go again to Matt Scott and Elise Dalley both of South West Rocks Club on representing the Mid North Coast Branch for Junior Surf Life Saver of the year. I would like to thank our major sponsor Northpower and all other sponsors that have supported the Mid North Coast Surf Life Saving movement throughout the 1999-2000 season and look forward to their support in 2000-2001 season.

With the 2000/2001 season starting after the Olympics the season should kick of with an early start let all get behind the movement and make it a success.

Yours in Life Saving..

STEVE RICE

Chairman,

M.N.C.J.A.C.



**MID NORTH COAST BRANCH SURF LIFE SAVING
BOARD OF JUNIOR ACTIVITIES
1999/2000 REPORT**

Once again our season has drawn to a close. This season has passed by all to quick due to the increased activity that our branch is currently experiencing.

All clubs have reportedly experienced a growth in membership this season particularly in the younger age groups. It still remains a problem in retaining membership levels over the 12 year old age group however. This is a problem that has been noted from State level down to club level and is currently being addressed with the introduction of the Rookie programme last season and further ideas are being put forward in an effort to generate interest in these age groups. At branch level both the Senior and the Junior movements are working more closely together in an effort to provide a platform for the juniors to move on into the senior ranks with ease and no feeling of being the little fish amongst the older ranks.

Early in the season the Mid North Coast branch hosted a Level one Coaching accreditation course which was well attended by our junior parents. SLSNSW provided excellent lecturers for the intensive weekend course and all the participants left with a feeling of regeneration in being able to provide valuable coaching skills and techniques.

Our Interbranch team was once again showed their presence at the 1999/2000 Carnival. Although our team received only a few major placings in the finals, the level of competition shown by the team members is certainly increasing as each season passes. The acknowledgements for this increase in competitive levels not only lies with the effort that the competitor has put into their events, but also to those people who have taken the time and effort to further the discipline of Surf Life Saving by becoming officials, coaches and chaperones.

Branch superintendent, Steve Rice has done a commendable job in organising our carnivals this season. The development and introduction of a standard carnival programme has seen all our carnivals run on a professional basis with few problems.

Our first carnival of the season at Crescent Head saw a successful combined carnival with the senior movement. Although there were a few reservations in holding a combined carnival the day ran smoothly and the program was completed at a reasonable time. Spectators and competitors all enjoyed the day on the beach with the junior competitors taking advantage of the day to watch and learn from the seniors and masters.

Being the first carnival of the season all clubs were represented in full force and all participants geared up to show their best competitive spirit.

Tacking Point hosted the second carnival and put on some of the best conditions available for a carnival. Again the carnival programme proved its worth by seeing all events contested and completing the day at a reasonable time.

Branch Championships this season were hosted by Tacking Point Club and the weather conditions on the day tried to dampen the spirit of those in attendance. Being the last branch carnival of the season numbers were down, however all events were hotly contested by those in attendance. Congratulations once again goes to Port Macquarie Club for taking out the Overall Branch Championships and to Macksville/Scotts Head who took out the Branch Handicap Pointscore trophy. Although it has taken a long time in coming South West Rocks has had their long running March Past victories come to an end with Wauchope/Bonny Hills taking out the coveted March Past Trophy. Thanks to all those who assisted in this seasons carnivals, no matter in which way or form the the assistance was given whether by officiating, Age manager or work party your assistance is always appreciated by Branch Committee, clubs and competitors.

This seasons Junior Country Titles were held closer to home at Coffs Harbour and the Mid North Coast Clubs were represented in full force. It was pleasing to see that our branch was largely present not only in the competitive arena but also in the large number of officials assisting in the two day carnival. Congratulations to Candice McMeeking and Baden Purnell both from Port Macquarie on acheiving highest female and male points winners from the carnival.

Macksville/Scotts Head again hosted this seasons Development Camp which again was a resounding success. Peter Hull, Mike Moran and their committees are to be congratulated in presenting another interesting and full weekend of activities.

Junior Male and female Life Savers of the Year this season were Elise Dalley and Matt Scott both from South West Rocks. Nominations were received from most clubs in our branch and the task of selecting our branch represetatives was not an easy one. All nominations were worthy of receiving branch nomination to State level.

All things considered our branch experienced a very successful year and my thanks go to the Branch Committee for once again making my job as Branch Secretary that much easier. We have a number of dedicated parents within our ranks that work well at club and branch level. Thank you for your untiring help and advice and I look forward to working together next season in promoting Surf Life Saving to our future Life Savers.

Mike Stevenson
Branch Secretary
Mid Nth Coast Board
of Junior Activities

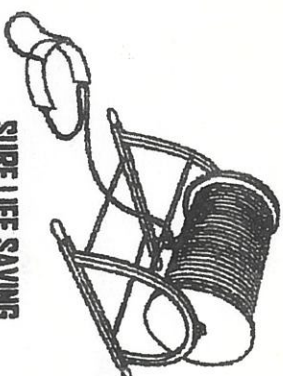
Welcome

TO OUR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS,
VISITORS AND CLUB MEMBERS.

WE HOPE YOU HAVE AN
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EVENING AND A SAFE
JOURNEY HOME.

*The President, Executive and
Members of Surf Life Saving
Mid North Coast Branch Inc.*

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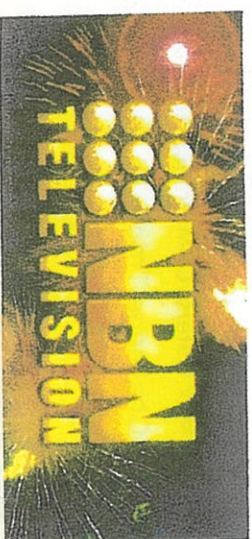
CRESCENT HEAD
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Saturday, 13th May, 2000

commencing at 6.30 p.m.



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NSW MASONS
CHARTING A NEW CENTURY

Presentation of Awards to Point Score Winners

Loyal Toast : Leo Jeffery

Apologies, list of Guests and Visitors : Max Waters, OAM, Life Member

Welcome to Guests and Visitors : Allan Barlin, President SLS MNC

Response : John Bowell, representing Kempsey Shire Council

Toast to Surf Life Saving Mid North Coast Branch Inc. : Robert Oakshott, MP

Response : Allan Barlin, President SLS MNC

Special Presentation by Bob Smith, Life Membership Committee

Presentation of Board of Junior Activities Awards

March Past Award : Wauchope Bonny Hills

Point Score Championship : Port Macquarie

Highest Points Achievers at NSW Junior Country Titles :

Male - Baden Purnell (Port Macquarie); Female - Candice McMeeking (Port Macquarie)

Junior Surf Life Savers of the Year :

Male - Matt Scott (South West Rocks); Female - Elise Dalley (South West Rocks)

Special Awards:

Introduction and Presentation of Northpower "Rookie of the Year"

Presentation by John Sheather representing Northpower

Presentation of Northern Branches Series Carnival Trophy:

Allan Barlin, President SLS MNC

Branch Patrol Inspection Award : Michael Moran, Director of Life Saving SLS MNC

Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation : Bruce Caldwell, Life Member SLSMNC

Presentation of Secretary's Award by Max Waters, OAM Branch Secretary

Presentation of Masons Surf Rescue Challenge Trophy by John Sanders,
DGIW, District No. 62

Over 60 yrs.; Over 50 yrs. : Kevin Ruscoe, Life Member SLS MNC

Over 40 yrs. Male & Female : Neville Roth, representing

Port Macquarie Daylight Masonic Lodge

Over 30 yrs. Male & Female : Tony Hayes, Life Member SLS MNC

Open Male & Female : Judy Moran, Treasurer SLS MNC

Under 18 yrs. Male & Female : Norman Davis, Patron SLS MNC

Under 16 yrs. Male & Female : Dick Ford, representing Lodge Loftus, Kempsey

Perpetual Trophies

Bill Balkin Memorial Boat Trophy : Joy Balkin

John Vipond IRB Trophy : John Vipond

J. H. Brown Shield : Paul Ninness, representing NBN Television

Tony Hayes Carnival Point Score Trophy : Tony Hayes

Special Presentation of Perpetual Trophy by John Sanders, DGIW

Representing Masonic Lodges District No. 62

Response : Allan Barlin, President SLS MNC

Life Savers of the Year

Introduction and Presentation of Female Nominees :

Max Waters, OAM, Life Member SLS MNC

Announcement of Winner & Presentation of Award : Lyn Smith

Introduction and Presentation of Male Nominees :

Max Waters, OAM, Life Member SLS MNC

Announcement of Winner & Presentation of Award : Robert Smith,

Life Member SLS MNC