



Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated

AFFILIATED WITH SURF LIFE SAVING AUSTRALIA – SYDNEY BRANCH INCORPORATED



Australian Gold Medal Winners – Season 2003-2004

97th Annual Report and Balance Sheet – 2003-2004 Season



“Most Inspirational Member” – 2003-2004



Phil Hamilton – “Most Inspirational Member”

FRONT COVER: AUSTRALIAN GOLD MEDAL WINNERS – SEASON 2003-2004:

Top left – Under-16 Women's Board Relay (left to right): Cassie Davenport, Peta Scanlon, Alexandra Flemming.

Top right – Under-19 Women's Beach Relay Team (left to right): Nicki Jones, Amy Keegan, Jessica Hamilton, Melissa Miles.

Middle right – Open Women's Board Display: Tiarne Smith. Bottom Left – Open Men's Board Race: Nathan Smith.

Bottom right – 60-64 Men's Double Ski & Board Rescue Races: Paul Day and Allan Metti.

Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated

Founded 1907

Officials for the 2003-2004 Season

Patron

W.G. Marshall OAM

Vice Patrons

K.E. English, B.M. Ezzy, G.C. Forshaw, J.H. Hollingdale,

President

A.J. Hanson

Deputy President

K. J. Neilson

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N.T. Johnstone

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A.F. Reid, H.W. Reilly†, R.W. Rigney, J. Saad, K. Schrieber
T.R. Singleton, R. Smith, M.J. Spurway, E.T. Stapleton
G.B. Staunton MBE, R.L. Stedman, C.J. Stephenson
W.A. Swingler, I.B. Swords†, R.P. Tanner, B.K. Thompson
V.R. Thurlow, R. Turner, K. Turner

Life Members

W.F.J. Stroud† (1919), N.W. Cayley† (1920)
C.O.J. Monro† (1923), W.C. Pickering† (1924)
Hon. R.T. Ball† (1924), Hon. J.C. Fitzpatrick† (1924)
J. Garlick† (1924), R.W.S. Harris† (1925)
H.S. Tugwell† (1925), G.P. Rogers† (1925)
J.W. Richardson† (1925), W.J. Bennett† (1925)
R.E. Whitfield† (1926), T.E. Rofe† (1926)
M.J. Farrell† (1926), A.C. Crammond† (1927)
C.H. Crammond† (1927), W.G. Pooley† (1927)
L.V. Puckle† (1927), T. Watson† (1930)
R. Michaelist† (1931), G.L. Durrell† (1932)
J. Dodson† (1934), R. Field† (1936)
L.D.S. McPherson† (1936), F.W. Lewis† (1939)
H.A. Small† (1944), E. Salisbury-Baker† (1944)
A.H. Swadling† (1945), B.G. Pearson† (1949)
A.J. Purcell† (1949), J.H. Borserini† (1950)
D.C. Lucas† (1950), E.C. Sier† (1952)
G.R.M. Challist† (1953), R.C. Miller† (1955)
J.R. Switzer OAM (1956), W.G. Marshall OAM (1958)
R.W. Grant† (1960), K.E. Dunkley† (1960)
H.T. Spurway† (1961), W.R. Buchan (1963)
N.A. Dixon† (1964), R.A. Thompson† (1964)
A. Moseley OAM (1965), W.H. Eady OAM† (1968)
R.J. Simmons† (1970), F.J. Elmer (1970)
I.W. Provan† (1971), F.R. Jordan (1973), R.J. Leix (1976)
D.P. Murray (1977), J.H. Hollingdale (1977)
G.C. Forshaw (1978), J.H. Stansell† (1978)
M.J. Costello (1980), P.G. Banister† (1981)
B.M. Ezzy (1982), I.A. Goode (1985), K.E. English (1987)
W. Halpin (1988), A.J. Hanson (1990), K.S. Morton (1992)
C.R. Gough (1995), R.F. Hitchenson (1995)
J.W. Bentley (1996), A.P. Metti (1997), K.J. Neilson (1998)
L. Macpherson (2001), J.F. Wilson (2001)
B.L. O'Donnell (2003), N.T. Johnstone (2003)

†Deceased

Executive Committee

A.J. Hanson, K. J. Neilson, A.P. Metti,
G.J. Giles, T.R. Smith

Secretary

A.P. Metti

Treasurer

G.J. Giles

Club Captain

T.R. Smith

Vice Captain

M. G. Bruce

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

M.H. Beecroft

I.R.B. Captain

D.J. Wood

Publicity Officer

D.J. Brydson

Social Organiser

D.A. Swingler

House Captain

M.F. Butterfield

Registrar

C.A. Giles

Junior Captain

A.J. Elliott

Committee Members

D.J. Brydson, R.W. Johnson, M.J. Roye,
W. Scanlon, J.V. Zagame

Junior Activities Chairperson

G.G. Holland

Junior Activities Secretary

K.A. Kerr

Chief Instructor

L.J. Hinschen (*Resigned 15.11.03*),
F.M. Elliott (*Elected 21.12.03*)

Deputy Chief Instructor

F.M. Elliott (*Resigned*)

Beach Captain

C.J. Elliott

Board Captain

L.M. Schmalfeldt

Ski Captain

D.S. Metti

Surf Boat Captain

G.J. Allman

Swimming Captain

P.A. MacLachlan

Radio Officer

N. Guthrie

Chief Gear Steward

R.P. Short

First Aid Officers

J.M. Powell

Cadet Captain

J.V. Zagame

Masters Captain

P.J. Meyer

I.R.B. Vice Captain

L. A. Wood

Carnival Co-ordinator

B.H. Maclachlan

Board Vice Captain

D.J. Neilson

Masters Vice Captain

C.J. Elliott

Ski Vice Captain

K.D. Day

Surf Boat Vice Captain

D.A. Hill

Swimming Vice Captain

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Beach Vice Captain

M.A. De Haan

World Team Manager/Coach

K.J. Neilson

House Officer

J.J. MacPherson

Assistant Gear Steward

C.J. Haywood

Race Secretary

F.M. Elliott

Hon. Architects

C. Chetty, G. Robinson

Hon. Auditor

Gabriel & Partners

Hon. Legal Officers

Gibson, Howlin Lawyers, L.F. Saville

Hon. Medical Officers

Dr. H.M. Borkman, Dr. D.C. Collinson,

Dr. R.B. Gates, Dr. R. Jordan

Hon. Swimming Coaches

K.J. Neilson

Hon. Resident Member

M. Fitzgerald

Vehicle Officer

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Judiciary Committee

L.F. Saville (*Convenor*), J.H. Hollingdale, B.M. Ezzy,
D.P. Murray, A.P. Metti

S.L.S.A. Delegates

A.J. Hanson, A.P. Metti

Presentation Night Committee

T.R. Smith, (*Convenor*), K.M. Morris,
N.R. Smith, A.J. Elliott, M.G. Bruce

Sport Complex Committee

N.T. Johnstone (*Convenor*), M.F. Butterfield,
A.P. Metti, J.F. Wilson

Centenary Celebrations Steering Committee

K.J. Neilson, (*Convenor*), M.F. Butterfield,, C.J. Elliott,
B.S. Henderson, G.G. Holland, J.E. Johnson,
N.T. Johnstone, W.G. Marshall OAM, B.L. O'Donnell

200 Club Committee

C.J. Elliott (*Convenor*), R.C. Pinker,
J.V. Zagame, P.W. Hamilton

Bay Shed Development Committee

N.T. Johnstone (*Convenor*), K.E. English, G.C. Forshaw,
A.J. Hanson, J.R. Holt, M.F. Butterfield, G. Robinson,

Cadet Committee

J.V. Zagame

Golf Day Committee

P.A. Lyon (*Convenor*), A.J. Hanson, C.D. Fletcher,
M.F. Butterfield, G.A. Carter

Carnival Committee

G.C. Forshaw (*Convenor*)

Photo and Trophy Committee

B.L. O'Donnell (*Convenor*), J.H. Hollingdale
W.G. Marshall OAM

Shark Island Swim Committee

B.M. Guthrie, (*Convenor*), F.P. Doran, A.J. Hanson,
G.C. Hewett, K.J. Hollingdale, J.H. Hollingdale
K.R. O'Donnell, D.C. Piggott, R. Smith,
C.J. Stephenson, J.F. Wilson

Tour Committee

T.R. Smith (*Convenor*) J.A. Beecroft, A.J. Elliott,
P.W. Hamilton

Social and Ball Committee

D.A. Swingler (*Convenor*)

Melbourne Cup Committee

K.M. Piggott, D.S. Metti, J. Metti,

House Committee

M.F. Butterfield (*Convenor*), M. Fitzgerald, M.P. Banister,
J.L. MacPherson, R.P. Short

Finance and Sponsorship Committee

D.J. Brydson (*Convenor*)
M.F. Butterfield, N.T. Johnstone, G.J. Giles, K.J. Neilson

Coaching and Competition Committee

K.J. Neilson (*Convenor*)

Capers Committee

J.A. Beecroft

Constitution Committee

A.P. Metti, (*Convenor*), B.L. O'Donnell,
F.R. Jordan (*resigned*) P.A. Lyon (*Elected 18.11.02*),
K.R. Maughan (*Elected 18.11.02*)

Food and Beverage Committee

P.W. Hamilton (*Convenor*), J.M. Butterfield, C.D. Fletcher,
N.T. Johnstone, A. P. Metti, R.P. Short

History Committee

W.G. Marshall OAM (*Convenor*), B.S. Henderson,
B.L. O'Donnell, K.R. Suann, J.E. Johnson,
J.E. Salmon, D.A. Spicer, K.E. English, M.G. Bruce

Masters Carnival Committee

C.J. Elliott (*Convenor*), A.J. Elliott, G.J. Giles

Masters Selectors

P.A. Meyer, A.P. Metti, C.J. Elliott

Beach Selectors

C.J. Elliott, M.A. DeHaan, C.D. Giles, I.C. Hipwell, T.R. Smith

Board Selectors

L.A. Schmalfeldt, T.R. Smith, R.C. Garnsey

Boat Selectors

G.J. Allman, D.A. Young, C. Tatham, S.J. Tatham, T.R. Smith

Ski Selectors

D.S. Metti, P.W. Hamilton, K.D. Day, T.R. Smith

Water Selectors

K.J. Neilson, P.A. MacLachlan, T.R. Smith

I.R.B. Selectors

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Ladies Auxiliary

J.E. Hitchenson (*Convenor*),
C.A. Giles (*Secretary*),
F.O. Marshall, (*Vice President*),
K.D. English (*Vice President*)

R & R Coach

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Beach Coach

M.A. DeHaan

Board Coach

R.C. Garnsey

Ski Coach

D.S. Metti

Surf Boat Coach

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March Past Coach

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Head Coach

K.J. Neilson

World Team Manager/Coach

K.J. Neilson

Multi-Discipline Coach

D.A. Spicer

First Aid Coach

J.M. Powell

Junior Activities Group (Crays) Committee

Chairperson: G.G. Holland

Deputy Chairperson: J.V. Zagame

Secretary: K.A. Kerr

Treasurer: R.C. Pinker

Registrar: J.A. Pinker

Award Instructor: C.M. Davenport

Sydney Branch Board of Control

K.C. Bignold, R.B. Bignold, B.R. Bruce, G.J. Bruce,
C.J. Elliott, F.M. Elliott, K.E. English, G.J. Evans,
M.G. Fleming, C. Giles, C.D. Giles, G.J. Giles, D. Golding,
R.C. Hammond, G.G. Holland, W.G. Marshall OAM,
A. Moseley OAM, J.W. Moseley, B.A. Neal, K.J. Neilson,
S. Payne, K.M. Piggott, D. Rayner, I. Sherratt,
J. Sherratt, W.L. Smith

Sutherland Shire Councillors

Mayor: Kevin Schreiber, *Deputy Mayor:* Steve Simpson
Phil Blight, Kent Johns, Magdi Mikhail, Scott Docherty
Lorraine Kelly, David Redmond, Bob Spencer, Jan Forshaw
Kelly Knowles, Valerie Sugden, Melanie Gibbons
Ken McDonell, Marie Simone

Long Service Awards

Our heartiest congratulations are extended to those Members who qualified for SLSA Long Service Awards.

Arthur Buchan (Joined 3.11.40), Bill Hodges (24.11.52) and Ian Formby (3.4.54), join the select group of Members who have completed fifty years membership of the Surf Life Saving Association.

Members achieving the award for twenty-five years of completed membership are Fred Lapham (14.8.78), Peter Casaceli (6.12.78), Kevin Maughan (26.11.79) previously Dee Why SLSC and Richard Ford (14.12.85) previously Elouera SLSC.

Surf Life Saving Association

Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club has continued its long tradition of involvement in the affairs of Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch, Surf Life Saving New South Wales and Surf Life Saving Australia.

During the 2003–2004 Season, the following Members maintained our contribution:

Surf Life Saving Australia

Kate McLellan: Australian Team Representative

Graham Bruce: Carnival Advisory Committee, Referee Masters Championship Carnival

Bill Marshall OAM: Honours Committee, Rules and Qualifications Committee, Editorial Committee SLSA History

Gus Staunton MBE: Member Presidents Board

Surf Life Saving New South Wales

Richard Bignold: Surf Sports Advisor, State Championship Organising Panel

Kevin Neilson: Coaching Advisor, State Team Manager, Board of Surf Sports Coaches Representative

Graham Bruce: Championships Organising Panel

Bill Marshall OAM: History Committee

Chris Giles: Junior Representative Lifesaving Board

Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch

Ken English: President, Life Membership Committee, Selection Committee

G.B. Staunton MBE: Patron

Richard Bignold: Selection Committee Judiciary Committee

Doug Bruce: Manager Sydney Branch Team

Kathie Piggott: Asst. Manager Sydney Branch Team

Cheryl Giles: Board of Junior Activities Registrar

Graham Giles: Board of Junior Activities Treasurer, Finance Committee, Points Recorder

Ron Hammond: Referee – Surfboats

Bill Marshall OAM: Life Membership Committee, Points Recorder

Albert Moseley OAM: Judiciary Committee, Life Membership Committee, Competition Conditions Committee

Richard Garnsey: Coach Sydney Branch Team

Patron's Message

Another season of safe guarding our beach has successfully concluded by applying our motto of "*Vigilance and Service*" and resulting in no lives lost whilst Patrols were on duty.

Rescues performed numbered 35, of which 9 were conducted using the IRB, while 205 preventative actions were recorded, obviating the potential of more serious situations. First aid treatments totalled 121. The total 100% Patrol Attendance Awards were marginally down on the average of recent seasons, however congratulations are due to the 36 Members who achieved this high standard.

The Club's competition team performed excellently reclaiming the State Championship Point score and winning the Sydney Branch Title for the sixth consecutive year.

At the Australian Championships, with a spectacular whirlwind finish, the Club improved on last year's sixth place to grab second in the overall Carnival Pointscore, behind eventual winners Northcliffe.

My congratulations to the whole team – maybe a return to the winner's podium, since our last victory in 1994, is not too far away.

Medals won by the Club for the three major placings at the various Championships were: Branch 71, State 30 and National 14.

A comprehensive list of achievements appears in the latter section of this report and portrays an encouraging depth of talent ready for future development.

Congratulations to all competitors and those dedicated coaches and support staff.

The individual contribution of the Smith siblings Tiarne and Nathan, is worthy of particular mention Club Captain Tiarne claimed a trifecta in winning the Open Women's Board riding event at Branch, State and Australian Championships, while brother Nathan won the Australian Board Championship, State Ironman Champion Title for an unprecedented third successive time and scored first placings in the Branch Open Surf, Ironman and Board Championships. No doubt this impressive personal achievement earned him selection in the Australian Representative Team to contest the National Competition at Rescue 2004 to be held in Viareggio, Italy in September.

At these World Championships, the Club will be represented by a team of 20 Members, including the Management Group and I wish them well in their endeavours.

It was pleasing to note that of 22 nominations submitted for Sydney Branch Excellence Awards, Cronulla won a record number of 13 such accolades. In particular the outstanding rescue performed by Sarah Sowter and Ben Orford gained for the Club the "Rescue of the Year Award" congratulations to all concerned.

The 'Crays' Junior Activity Group continued to carry all before them, winning the State Championship again for the seventh consecutive year and maintained within the structure an efficient and talented group to administer this important surf lifesaving nursery. To Greg Holland and his energetic Committee go my congratulations.

This year the 'Crays' Presentation Event was held at the Sutherland Entertainment Centre, before a well attended audience. The proceedings as usual, were very well conducted and the invitation to the Club's Life Members was much appreciated.

Greg has decided to step aside after four successful terms in office and to him, wife Ann and the family, may I offer sincere thanks on behalf of all Members for their dedicated input and jobs well done.



Bill Marshall OAM – Patron.

An inspection of the Balance Sheet, thoroughly prepared by Treasurer Graham Giles, indicates that while leasing and hiring facilities, donation and fees provide significantly to the Club's income some other projects have made excellent contributions this year. In this respect a record return was realised from the Shark Island Swim Classic and a healthy profit resulted from the popular golf day, both are worthy of mention – even the Apparel Committee is showing a profit, congratulations.

An important decision was made by Management Committee earlier this season to establish a Centenary Celebrations Committee for overseeing the development of a programme to mark Cronulla SLSC's centenary in 2007.

No doubt as time progresses Members will be invited to submit ideas to assist the planning and implementation of this auspicious occasion.

Coincidentally, Surf Life Saving Australia the national hierarchy, will also be involved in similar centenary celebrations having been founded in October 1907 and known then as "The Surf Bathing Association of New South Wales."

To highlight the national importance of this event the Federal Government has recently agreed to a request that SLSC's Centenary Year in 2007 be declared "The Year of the Surf Lifesaver" and has budgeted financial support for the project.

That our Movement has been granted this unique honour is a fitting tribute to our Members, past and present, and provides us with an excellent opportunity to celebrate that glorious past and to consolidate our future aspirations.

Several projects have already been identified including activities at Anzac Cove and Changi, a Lifesaver Relay

around Australia a special coin minted and issue of a stamp, a comprehensive published history of Surf Lifesaving, a film and other media programmes.

Over our recent years our own History Committee has been hard at work compiling information on the hundred years activity of Cronulla SLSC and proposes to launch a book in late 2007.

The Club is deeply saddened to record the passing of esteemed Life Member Bill Eady OAM who succumbed, after a long illness, in March.

His vale which appears in later pages testifies to Bill's magnificent contribution to Cronulla SLSC, Surf Lifesaving generally and the community.

Those who attended his dignified Ashes Scattering at Cronulla on 16 May, will be left with everlasting memories of a loyal friend and colleague.

The Club Management this season has worked extremely hard on matters relating to the Club's leasing facilities and has occupied many hours of executive attention. Hopefully

this time consuming activity will eventually realise considerable benefits to the Club's income.

Over many years of continuing support relations with the Sutherland Shire Council remain cordial and our appreciation is extended to Councillors and Officers for the assistance rendered to our Club.

Finally, may I record thanks to two Executive Officers, Life Members President Allan Hanson and Secretary Allan Metti, who are relinquishing office at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting, for their efforts in coping with the high demands of these important portfolios.

In conclusion, a thank you to all those Members working on the many Sub-Committees that make our Club tick, to the Ladies Auxiliary who provide valuable service when requested and those Sponsors whose contributions of support are greatly appreciated.

Good health, good surfing and good fellowship in Season 2004-05.

Bill Marshall OAM, Patron.

President's Report

After three years as President of this wonderful Club I will be standing down and handing over to a younger, very enthusiastic man who has great knowledge of our Club and Surf Lifesaving. I am satisfied that what I set out to do has now been accomplished, ensuring a very wonderful period following the retirement of Bill Eady OAM as Administrator.

I know that the future of our Club is ensured as we now have a team of experienced Executives and Management Committee, who will be able to share this knowledge with the future generations.

Our Lifesaving record remains – "No Lives Lost" on Cronulla Beach whilst Patrols were on duty – a great achievement that we are determined to continue into the future. I would like to thank all the Patrol Captains and their Members for your efforts in maintaining our proud record.

Congratulations to our "Most Inspirational Member" Phil Hamilton (Philthy), who was a popular choice when he received a standing ovation at our recent Annual Presentation Day. His dedication in doing anything to help the Club was inspirational, particularly the long hours where he was seen to be doing anything and everything. As a Senior Vice-President, he has had an exceptional input into the Management Committee Meetings. The Club has benefited so much from his tireless efforts. Thank you, Phil.



Allan Hanson – President.



"No Lives Lost" whilst Patrols were on duty.

Deputy President/Life Member, Kevin Neilson has put in his usual outstanding effort. He manages to fit so much into his day that even the thought of it makes you feel tired. He is also completing his third year as Deputy President and with that experience he would make an outstanding President. Together with his wife, Sandra, they have ensured that our World Team will be competing at the World Championships in Viareggio, Italy in September this year. I wish them well as we have an outstanding team of young men and women who will represent this Club. I would also like to thank Kevin for assuming some of my Presidential duties at times during the three years.

Life Member, Allan Metti, our Honorary Secretary, thank you for your many hours of support in the daily running of



"Most Inspirational Member" Phil Hamilton.

the Club and your positive contribution to the Club, Executive and Management Committees. On behalf of all Members, I would also like to thank Allan for this year's excellent Annual Report. After three years Allan is also standing down and leaves a proud record of dedication and achievement to our Club.

Graham Giles, our Honorary Treasurer in consultation with our Auditors, Gabriel and Partners, your advice and knowledge has been invaluable. A Treasurer's job is a huge job and the Profit and Loss Report shows another profit for the year and the Club's bank balance, current assets and total assets have all increased since last year.

Tiarne Smith, who in her first year as Club Captain, has had an outstanding competitive year. The Club won the Interclub, Sydney Branch (by 200 points from second-placed Wanda), regained its first place in the NSW Championships with the highest points total ever. Then at the Australian, we had an outstanding result with second place overall (again with the highest points total ever). Thank you Tiarne, your leadership, organizational skills and your competitive results where you created your own record in being the first Member of our Club to win the Sydney Branch, NSW and Australian Board Riding Championships this year, You are an inspiration to us all.

Congratulations and thanks to Vice Captain, Matt Bruce, for organizing the Patrols on our beach so effectively this year. We won the Award for the Best Rescue of the Year, at the Sydney Branch Presentation, when Ben Orford and Sarah Sowter carried out a spectacular rescue at Shark Island in horrendous conditions. The recognition of that rescue, proves just how effective our Patrols are. Congratulations.

Daniel Wood, our IRB Captain, did a magnificent job in co-ordinating our Crews and training new Drivers throughout the year. Daniel is always at the Club maintaining our equipment so that it will always be ready for use at anytime.

Unfortunately, Lisa Hinschen, resigned as Chief Instructor

and once again Fern Elliott stepped in and was elected Chief Instructor. She has had a very busy time with many new Members, including our Cronulla Nippers steadily flowing through to take their place on the beach. To Fern and all her many Instructors who volunteer hours and hours of their time (especially Rob Short who never stops) I thank you sincerely.

The Management and Executive Committees have had a full year characterised by healthy discussion and constructive debate involving many important issues that might only come up every ten years or so. I thank the Members of the Committee for putting the interests of the Club first in all matters. I'd invite you all to stand again and continue your engagement in the management of the Club.

The Cronulla Crays dominated yet again, winning all carnivals, including the NSW Championships for the 7th time in a row, breaking the record number of consecutive victories. The Chairman, Greg Holland and the whole Crays family have worked wonders and we warmly invite them to continue on into the Senior Club with the same spirit of competition and spirit. Congratulations to the past Chairman, Greg Holland and his Committee and welcome to new Chairman and Life Member Ian Goode and his new Committee.

The Shark Island Swim was a very successful event this year with a substantial profit of \$30,000 the best result ever. Congratulations to Bruce Guthrie, the new Convenor, after the resignation of Life Member, John Hollingdale, who held the position for many years and turned the Swim into the outstanding event that it is today. Also thanks to the Club Members who worked so tirelessly at the event.

Frank Doran, the event's major financial Sponsor, made an outstanding personal contribution on the day, working from dawn till dusk in a marvellous display of loyalty and devotion. Thanks, Frank.

The Club's major sponsor, McGrath Real Estate, who have opened an office in Cronulla, presented a cheque for \$10,000 which went to the Cronulla Crays. I know that Members of our Club have had successful real estate negotiations with McGrath's and if we can be of any help to you we are only too willing. We look forward to a lasting relationship between McGrath Real Estate and Cronulla Surf Lifesaving Club.

Paul Moggeridge, the lessee of the Kiosk, has now left after giving notice. Unfortunately, we only had one week to replace him to prevent the place being locked up. Neale Johnstone did a sterling job in finding us a new tenant (at \$8,000 per year extra) for a term of only 12 months which was the extent of the new lease.

The Sutherland Shire Council has now approved our submission to allow spot rezoning that we require to extend the building envelope of the present Kiosk. The D.A. can then be approved and construction can take place in the near future. We should then be in a position to advertise a tender for expressions of interest.

Fortunately, the news from the Cronulla Sports Complex, renamed Cronulla Sports Pavilion, is very favourable. With Les Motto vacating the premises at the end of the financial year, an advertisement for expressions of interest attracted thirty enquiries.

The Complex Committee and the Executive Committee were instructed to select the new Lessee. After many interviews, Elite Training and Coaching was chosen. Leases have been prepared and signed and they have moved into the premises. Neale Johnstone again put in an enormous amount of time which resulted in the Club doubling the rent

and looking at extra income from our new tenants over time. We will make an extra \$200,000 over the next three years.

The Ladies Committee, led by Joy Hitchenson, once again served our Club wonderfully, on numerous occasions. Wanted – new ladies to join this elite Committee and help out the ladies who have been serving our Members and guests for many, many years. You will be most welcome. These ladies are the most admired, respected and appreciated Committee and I thank you.

I would like to thank Kevin Schreiber, Club Vice President, Mayor of the Sutherland Shire and his Councilors, C.E.O. John Rayner, also a Club Member, for their kind support. The exterior of the Club has now been painted and the glass brick tiles have all been replaced. Thanks to the Council Staff for maintaining the Clubhouse and especially, to the Lifeguards, with whom we work so closely on the beach.

Special mention must be given to Hon. Bruce Baird, our Federal Member for Cook and also Club Member, Malcom Kerr – State member for Cronulla and also Club Member, for their ongoing support. I thank you.

Our Honorary Solicitors, Gibson Howlin, Lawyers in Cronulla, deserve special thanks this year for their valued legal advice on a range of important matters. They have saved the Club tens of thousands of dollars with their expertise particularly in the Motto matter and new leases.

Nathan Smith has created a new record being the only man to win the Open Ironman Championship of NSW three years in a row. He is also the only NSW Member of the Australian Team to compete at the World Championships in Italy in September. Congratulations Nathan, on this wonderful achievement.

This year Surf Lifesaving Australian inaugurated their “Hall of Fame” for the first time since their inception. Nine nominations were sent in for consideration of which four were honoured by being inducted. Our Club is very proud of these Members:

Gus Staunton MBE – John Holt

Peter Tibbitts – The Late Dr Ian Mackie AM

A presentation to these Members was made at Broadbeach, at a huge special occasion in March this year where they were officially inducted (see photos and story in this Annual Report).

We intend to invite these very special Members to our AGM on Sunday August 1st, for a special presentation from the Club.

On behalf of all Members I thank Club Patron, Bill Marshall OAM for your contribution during the season and I invite you to stand again as Club Patron next season.

Although this was an excellent year, it was not without its sad time for me when dear friend and Life Member, Bill Eady OAM passed away. He was a legend in our Club and will be sadly missed.

I will conclude by addressing the many Club Members and supporters who, owing to space limitations cannot be individually acknowledged in this report. We all know that in the end, our Club's success is built on your dedicated service and voluntary support. For this, you will always have my thanks and admiration.

Finally, I feel very honoured to have received the Award for “NSW Surf Life Saving Administrator of the Year” and I would like to thank every Member of our Club, for helping to make this possible.

Allan Hanson, President.



Members of the Executive: Allan Metti, Kevin Neilson, Allan Hanson and Tiarne Smith (Graham Giles – absent).



Management Committee 2003-2004

Back row: Dave Swingler, Daryn Metti, Neale Johnstone, Michael Beecroft. Middle row: Amber Elliott, John Zagame, Mal Butterfield, Phil Hamilton, Dave Brydson, Ray Hitchenson, Col Elliott, Brian O'Donnell. Front row: Matt Bruce, Allan Metti, Bill Marshall, Allan Hanson, Kevin Neilson, Tiarne Smith.

Management Committee Meetings (11)

<i>Office Bearer</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Absence</i>	<i>Apology</i>
A. J. Hanson	President	9	—	2
K. J. Neilson	Deputy President	10	—	1
A.P. Metti	Secretary	11	1	1
T.R. Smith	Club Captain	9	1	1
G.J. Giles	Hon. Treasurer	8	—	3
M.G. Bruce	Vice Captain	10	—	1
M.H. Beecroft	Asst. Secretary/Treasurer	11	—	—
C.A. Giles	Registrar	—	—	11
D.J. Wood	IRB Captain	11	—	—
D.J. Brydson	Publicity Officer	6	4	1
D.A. Swingler	Social Organiser	8	2	1
M.F. Butterfield	House Captain	9	2	—
A.J. Elliott	Junior Captain	6	1	4
B.M. Guthrie	Senior Vice President	8	2	1
P.W. Hamilton	Senior Vice President	11	—	—
C.J. Elliott	Senior Vice President	11	—	—
N.T. Johnstone	Senior Vice President	9	1	1
D.S. Metti	Senior Vice President	10	—	1
R.W. Johnson	Committee Person	3	7	1
D.J. Brydson	Committee Person	6	4	1
W. Scanlon	Committee Person	5	6	—
J.V. Zagame	Committee Person	6	4	1
M.J. Roye	Committee Person	5	6	—
G.G. Holland	Junior Activities Chairperson (<i>till May '04</i>)	9	—	1
I.A. Goode	Junior Activities Chairperson (<i>June '04</i>)	1	—	—
K.A. Kerr	Junior Activities Secretary	—	—	11
W.G. Marshall OAM	Patron	10	—	1
J. Bentley	Life Member	1	—	—
B.M. Ezzy	Life Member	1	—	—
I.A. Goode	Life Member	5	—	—
R. F. Hitchenson	Life Member	5	—	—
F.R. Jordan	Life Member	2	—	—
B.L. O'Donnell	Life Member	8	—	3

Ninety-Seventh Annual Report and Balance Sheet – 2003-2004

Once again it is very pleasing to report, “*No Lives Lost*”. This of course, is due to the efforts of our Patrols and with the huge number of 100%-ers making our “*Vigilance and Service*” very meaningful. I am sure that the traditional Snow Trip for our Winning Patrol and 100%ers will be very well received and enjoyed.

This season was different to any I, or those even older than I can recall – no flags up for most of the season due to the beach erosion exposing rocks that most did not know existed. This was a Council decision after obtaining legal advice and one to which we agreed, especially with regard to litigation as it is.

The beach condition did not however, stop our Master's Twilight Carnival, which I thought was the best ever, or the Shark Island Swim – again at least equal to the best ever. Both events were deep water starts with the competitors channelled through the safer part of the beach that still had sand under foot. Congratulations to Col Elliott and his crew for the Master's and Bruce Guthrie and his crew for the Swim, both of whom excelled at their task.

At this point and on behalf of the entire Club, congratulations to our President Allan on being named “State Administrator of the Year. Allan has put in a tremendous amount of time and effort during his Presidency. He was at the Club Office nearly every day during this time.

On the competition front, it is very pleasing to report that we were placed 2nd at the Australian Titles, a great improvement from last year. We were a long way behind the winner, but this is not the place to comment about the “professional” Queensland Clubs. (I suppose I should report that the winner Northcliffe was christened “Cashcliffe”)

Carnivals: A tremendous result and our Competitors, Coaches and Section Leaders are to be highly congratulated. These results could be attained if it was not also for those who patrolled our beach during these Titles and I would like to thank those who selflessly gave of their time. I hope I have not omitted any – Ivan Sherratt, Dave Swingler, Peter Meyer, Jeremy MacPherson, Bobby Johnson, Paul McSweeney, Rob Short, Brian Holman, Scott Faulkner, Perry May, Steve O'Brien, Matt Woods, Peter Irwin, Ian Carter, Michelle Giles, Wendy Smith, Lizzy Lodge, Sandy Curran, Brian Wild, Jenny Pinker, Michael Murray, Brian Dalgarno, Ken Davidson, Bruce Guthrie, Arti Allibrandi, Andrew McDonald, Susie Linke, Richard Pinker, Rob Isaacs, Daniel Kerr.

Our Masters again competed well with wins at the State with many medals of all colours and this year we came away with some Gold from the Australian Titles. The best was Paul Day with three Gold and congratulations to Paul for being named “Sydney Branch Master of the Year.”

Congratulations to our JAC Nippers. They also enjoyed a great win in their major competition – their State Championships. They also won the Sydney Branch Championship.

Thanks again to Paul Lyon and his crew for our Golf Day, another a great success.

Being a Voluntary Organization, we rely heavily on Sponsors and Donors, without whom we would have economical difficulties and to all of our volunteers thanks for your efforts. I cannot mention all as it would be the majority of the Club Members, suffice to say a very big thank you and remember, no matter how small the effort, every little bit helps.

The dedication of the Ladies of our Auxiliary is extraordinary



Allan Metti – Secretary.

and we all thank them for their continued commitment to serving us at our functions.

On behalf of the Club, I would like to thank Council for their continued assistance, this year they replaced the roof on the Complex and continued maintenance on the Club.

As most of you know, the Complex and Kiosk contribute a fair amount into our coffers. As of July this year we welcome the new lessees of the Complex and wish them great success, their plan is to work as close as possible with our Club, especially our competitors to help us gain even greater competitive success.

Thanks to Paul and the staff of the Kiosk for their continued support during the season. Unfortunately Paul had to forego the Kiosk lease and we welcome the new lessees Brandt and Gavin.

The Purcell Room is now generating more and much needed revenue to assist with our future developments such as the Kiosk and we should have good progress with DA approval very soon.

At the AGM **all** positions are up for grabs and again I would like to stress and love to see more young Members taking up positions. We oldies cannot keep the Club going forever.

This will be my last year as Honorary Secretary, I will be away for too much of the next season and I can advise that, with the Office Staff we have, the time required is not overwhelming. Probably 4-6 hours per week, plus a couple of Meetings. The administrative experience this position gives is a great help to anyone wishing to enter an administrative field.

On a more solemn note, we lost a great Member this season, Bill “Ma” Eady OAM. Bill had a long battle with illness, well over a year of in and out of hospital. His knowledge and humour will be greatly missed.

We also lost a gem of a supporter, Dawn Free, mother of Bill Free. Those old enough will remember her from the Public Bar at the Hotel Cecil, where she helped organise the “Cecil Account” which helped many a Club Member.

Allan Metti, Club Secretary.

Club Captain's Report

Surf Club isn't solely based on how many carnivals you win, how many points we accumulate, or how many medals we obtain, its about coming together as a Club, supporting each other, enjoying the lifestyle and having fun.

Competitively, Cronulla Surf Club achieved the best results we have had in 6 years, but this alone does not make a great Surf Club. It is all the Sections from Administration, Patrols, training, coaching, sponsors, Nippers, Committees through to competition which all contribute to bring Cronulla the success it has enjoyed in the past season.

First I'd like to thank the Patrol Members whose dedication and commitment should be applauded. Volunteering your time to patrol the beach for seven months of the year is often seen as a thankless job but you should all feel proud at how you conducted yourselves this season. Although some Patrols lacked Members, the introduction of Patrol Assessments saw improvements throughout the season. Well done to all Patrol Captains, Vice Captains and IRB Drivers, who ensured the high standard of patrolling that Cronulla Beach expects, especially when the beach was closed due to exposed rocks.

Once again the Winning Patrol was won under the Captaincy of Michelle Giles. With predominately the same group of Members, Patrol 2 excelled in all sections of the Patrol Competition. Congratulations to all Members of this Patrol, with special mention to Michelle (Patrol Captain), Gabrielle Vassallo (Vice Captain) and David Swingler (IRB Driver) for not only for their success during the year, but also gaining their 100% Attendance and doing an amazing 80m hours of extra Patrols between them. Well done to Michelle who also received the "Gibson Howlin Lawyers" Award for her time spent instructing and training Members. After winning the "Best Trainee Instructor" last year, Michelle continues to commit her time to other Members and can only be seen as an asset to the Club.

Well done to all 36 Members who gained their 100% Patrol Attendance Award. It is always difficult to dedicate your time during the busy summer months, but it is the commitment of these Members, which enables our Club to provide the continual outstanding service year after year.

Well done to Paul McSweeney, who won this year's "Patrol Person of the Year". Once again the standard of entrants was outstanding and it was great to see all finalists (Elizabeth Langton, Kimberley Short, Dean Stafford and Ashleigh Timbrell) had gained their 100% Patrol Attendance.

A huge thank you to all Section Leaders whose dedication and effort not only over this season but for the past few seasons has brought much success for the Club. Each year your commitment tries to ensure each section performs to their potential and each year it does.

With the compulsory introduction of IRB Crewmen for each Patrol, I'd like to also thank Daniel Wood, Paul McSweeney, Dave Swingler, Michelle Giles, Sarah Sowter, Bruce Guthrie and Ben Orford for their time in co-ordinating the Crewman's Certificate.

Thanks to Fern Elliott, whom in Leisa Hinschen's resignation of Chief Instructor, stepped into the position and continued to the end of the year. We thank both women for their time.

Thanks to Rob Short, whose work around the Club seems to go unnoticed. As Chief Gear Steward, Rob always does an outstanding job guaranteeing that the Patrol equipment is in working condition and maintained during the season.



Tiarne Smith – Club Captain.

As a predominately competitive Club, the performances seen this year were nothing but outstanding. From Interclub to Sydney Branch, to the State Titles, there was no stopping us. Running behind Swansea-Belmont last year seemed to give us the drive to achieve the great results this season. Well done to all those Members who contributed at these carnivals, whether a Gold Medal winning performance, a competitor making up a team, a Coach, a parent – these results are gained not just from a few individuals doing well, but Members coming together and doing our Club proud.

At the Australian Championships, we posted our best result in six years, coming second to the all conquering Northcliffe. We once again won four Gold Medals – two of which were defending their Titles. The U/16 Women's Board Relay (Peta Scanlon, Cassie Davenport and Alex Fleming) proved that last year was no fluke by convincingly winning their final in tricky Kurrawa conditions. The U/19 Women's Beach Relay (Nicki Jones, Melissa Miles, Amy Keegan and Jessica Hamilton) displayed their domination by not only winning for the third time in the row, but also the "B" Team coming in second. Congratulations to all those girls, who I'm sure, will continue to dominate for years to come.

The last two Gold Medals went to competitors who finally improved on their previous second places. Myself, being runner-up for the last two years, had an agonising 30 minute wait to find out that it was third time lucky in the Women's Board Riding. Nathan Smith could finally raise that number one finger confidently, winning the Open Men's Board in style, leading start to finish.

Congratulations to Nathan, who also received the "Tony Purcell Award" who along with his Board win, also finished 4th in the Open Men's Surf Swim, 4th in the Open Men's Surf Teams and 5th in the Open Men's Ironman. These results along with his record breaking feat of three consecutive State Ironman Titles, have contributed to his best season yet.

Thanks to Daniel Wood and Mark Swingler, who provided IRB coverage at the Australian Titles, which enables us to continue to compete at these Championships.



Amber Elliott – Junior Club Captain.

Well done to the JAC for their 7th successive State Titles win. The future remains strong with these young champions, and with their continued support, I can only see Cronulla Surf Club moving forward.

Congratulations to Bruce Guthrie, who's efforts during the season, not only earned him the award for "Most Outstanding Contribution to the IRB Section", but also the "Gibson Howlin Lawyers" Award for fundraising for his work for the Shark Island Swim.

When I took an administration role a few years ago, I didn't realize the amount of work that goes on "behind the scenes". Phil Hamilton fills one of those roles. Whether he is making sure of the smooth operation of the Bar, helping out at Carnivals or helping with the Sunday Races, Phil's aim is to make sure that Cronulla Surf Club runs as efficiently and effectively as possible.

Congratulations to Phil Hamilton – who was awarded this year's "Most Inspirational Member".

Special mention must go to Kevin Neilson. Apart from being one of Surf Lifesaving's greatest Coaches, the amount of hours Kevin contributes each and every year is priceless and how our Club performs is a great testament to Kevin's guidance and support.

As Allan Hanson is retiring as President, we must recognise the time and effort he has contributed over the last two years. Allan, your presence has been appreciated on the beach at carnivals, cheering on the competitors and we also thank you for the administration work you have performed directing our Club into the future.

Lastly to Matt Bruce, thank you for all your work during the year especially when I was away on holidays. Maintaining 12 Patrols is no easy task and with the first year always being the hardest, the next season should be a breeze, we hope.

Once again, thanks to all Members, who made this season yet another triumphant one. Together as a Club, I can only see Cronulla Surf Lifesaving Club continuing toward more success. See you all on the beach next season.

Tiarne Smith, Club Captain.



Matthew Bruce – Club Vice Captain.

Club Vice Captain's Report

Reflecting on the past season – my first as Club Vice Captain – I would have to conclude that the Patrols have done a very good job throughout the year and that I am happy. It hasn't been altogether easy. Our beach has been closed for the majority of the summer due to exposed rocks and we have had very little sand to work with. Couple this with a season largely vacant of a Chief Instructor and the steep learning curve of my position, you can't say we've done bad.

Now as some of you may have gathered, I'm no angel by any means and I don't care about popularity. However I do care about the quality and capability of our Surf Patrols and I do have strong values – and those values, I will uphold without conflict or contradiction.

As a result, some of my methods and practices have not always been popular among the Patrol Members. It is important to remember that the policies being enforced, with strong conviction, are the simple basics of Surf Lifesaving and form the very core of who we are and why we exist as an Organisation. It's been the occasional struggle, however in the end I feel that the focus and mindset of our Patrols is headed in the right direction. Cronulla clearly has some of the best Patrols going around and we want to meet the highest standards.

There have been some fantastic achievements this year, from some absolutely dedicated and professional people. To the two hundred and fifty plus Members that performed Patrols throughout the season, the Club appreciates your efforts. If you're ever short of inspiration, here's a few quickies:

- Michelle Giles, Gabrielle Vassallo and all of Patrol 2 – the Winning Patrol for 2004, who absolutely flogged the pointscore, and were also nominated for "SLSS Patrol of the Year."
- Ben Orford and Sarah Sowter – winners of the "SLSS Rescue of the Year" for a fabulous IRB rescue off Cronulla Point.



Paul McSweeney – “Patrol Person of the Year.”

- Paul McSweeney – “Patrol Person of the Year” future Patrol Captain and an invaluable rookie Instructor for IRB development.
- Awesome hours of attendance from Ivan Sherratt (101.5 hours), Michelle Giles (78.5 hours), Kelly Jury (75 hours) and Davis Swingler (74 hours).
- The Powell Brothers, James and Jason, who could have virtually been the flags in a season where we had none. You can’t knock their dedication.

Then there’s also the thirty-six Members who achieved 100% Rostered Patrol Attendance – an outstanding effort and one that I strongly encourage all members to strive for.

Patrol attendance overall has been good, but not excellent. While some Members have achieved astronomical hours, and others have more than made up their required (25+) per year. It is the rostered dates that, in my opinion, have tarnished the year. While we encourage Voluntary Patrols, it is vitally more important for Members to attend their rostered hours as a priority. This year, only 65 Members (33.5%) attended 80% or more of their Rostered Patrols. Furthermore, out of 196 rostered Members, 59 attended less than half of their Patrols, or roughly 25 hours.

My number one target for next season will be to increase rostered attendance rates, which will also hopefully reduce the practise of Members making up minimum Patrol requirements on Voluntary Patrols. The average number of Patrol Members in attendance for December was 16, as opposed to April where the average attendance had dropped to 9. In the lead-up to the New Year, Patrol Attendance reached record numbers.

We cannot have a situation where Patrols are short of numbers because the Rostered Members have not turned up or organised a substitute. On the other extreme, how can a Patrol Captain be expected to co-ordinate and account for a Patrol of forty five plus Members? Whether or not Patrols continue to be rostered in the current manner

remains to be seen. Chris Giles is Chairing a Committee in the coming months, to look into this very issue. Regardless of the outcome, the attendance of Patrols will be closely monitored to ensure that numbers remain acceptably consistent throughout the entire season.

Shortly after the AGM, every Patrolling Member will receive a report from me, summarising their attendance for the entire 2003-2004 Season. Each report will detail the exact times and total hours that the Member has signed on for all Rostered, Substitute and Voluntary Patrols.

I hope that each Member finds this report useful as an accurate account of their previous season, for identifying areas of improvement in their attendance patterns and to answer questions such as how many hours are needed to meet minimum competition requirements or eligibility for the 100% Attendance Awards, etc.

This is the first year that such detailed reports have been available, thanks to many long nights spent developing a brand new Patrol Management System (PMS). The new system is based on a database, rather than the more manual spreadsheet process that has been used for a number of years. The new PMS allows Patrol Hours to be electronically recorded in seconds, then have a variety of reports and statistical information available instantly. It has been absolutely invaluable at providing a snapshot of this past season’s Patrols.

It is important to note that the PMS is not intended as a substitute for the CPL or the new SLSA System currently in development. Indeed, both systems were created for entirely different purposes. The PMS will hopefully cut down the workload of the Club Captain/Vice Captain in years to come by a matter of days. Furthermore, I am pleased to announce that for the first time ever, all Club Members will be able to access their Patrol Roster, Patrol details, phone list and attendance report from the Club’s Website. This feature will be available once the new Patrol Structure/Rosters are finalised, likely in September or October.

Moving on, I would like to say how very happy I am with the team of people leading our Patrols. The quality and reliability of our Patrol Captains is sound and I believe that there have been no problems gaining the respect of their Patrol Members.

Each and every one of our Patrol Captains, plus many of our Vice Captains, is now accredited with the Silver Medallion Patrol Captains Award, with thirteen being gained in January-February this year. While not compulsory, it is recommended that all Captains obtain this Award and we will continue to educate our Captains in this manner. My thanks go to Matt Scott and Stephen Leahy from SLSS, who ran an excellent course over two nights.

Our Patrols have all benefited from additional IRB Drivers this season, thanks to the hard work of our winter Instructors, who are already busy training more Drivers and Crewmen for the coming season. I believe that the IRB Section is most critical to maintain effective Patrols and without the support of these extra Awards being gained, our Patrols would definitely be feeling the pinch. On the contrary, thanks to their great efforts, we are now in a position where nearly all Patrols have dual rostered IRB Drivers, and we are also aiming to allocate multiple IRB Crewpersons to each Patrol, where we have had great interest in gaining this Award – albeit a lack of Examiners.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Tiarne Smith, Chris Giles, ‘the Allans’, Kevin Neilson, Jim Sherratt and Bill Marshall, for their help and guidance when I needed it. Thanks to Kathy and Annette in the Office for their assistance

when required. Thanks to those who volunteered for Patrols on the State and Aussies weekends, including Branch President Ken English! Thanks to the dedicated Patrol Captains and Vice Captains and all the Members who have put up with my nagging and pestering and 'Patrol Nazism' throughout the year!

Finally, thanks to Michelle Giles, Ivan Sherratt and the Swingers, for helping straighten me out when I needed a nudge. Also to Mick Fitz for looking after the laundering of the new DHL uniforms, Rob Short for looking after the gear, and Jim from Kenrays for making me look good in a Blazer!

I'm looking forward to next year, I can only see things getting better, as Tiarne and myself settle further into our roles and implement better systems to help us along the way. It should be a pearler of a season – I hope everybody supports the proposed Forum to address our competition and development direction, which we hope will take the Club to new heights of success – and I wish everyone the best for the coming summer.

Matthew Bruce, Club Vice Captain.

RESCUES PERFORMED DURING THE YEAR 2003-2004 Statistics

Rescues Tube:	2
Rescues IRB:	9
Rescues Board:	22
Rescues No gear:	1
Rescues Other:	1
Total Rescues:	35
Preventative Actions:	205
First Aid Activity	
Major First Aid:	7
Minor First Aid:	81
Marine Stings:	33
Total First Aid:	121
Lost Kids:	8
Searches:	4



Winning Patrol – Left to right: Liz Langton, Dave Swingle, Michelle Giles, Tim Tardent, Gabrielle Vassallo.



Michelle Giles: "Winning Patrol Captain."

PATROL 2 – COMPETITION WINNERS

Michelle Giles (<i>Captain</i>)	
Gabrielle Vassallo (<i>Vice Captain</i>)	
Dave Swingle (<i>IRB Driver</i>)	
Daniel Partridge	Belinda Dyson
Liz Langton	David Reid
Sally Ridges	Dean Turner
Elyse Isaacs	Troy Weston
Rachael Holland	Chris Cronin
Lisa Hinschen	Colin Cronin
Amber Notley	Daniel Kerr

100% PATROL ATTENDANCE

Rochelle Appleyard	Lara Quealey
Katrina Appleyard	David Reid
Corinne Beinat	Sally Ridges
Lauren Bentley	Jessica Rigg
Liam Cummins	Lauren Rigg
Michael Field *	Crystal Rivera
Jamie Fleming	Lee Schmalfeldt **
Michelle Giles *	Kimberly Short ***
James Hipwell **	Ivan Sherratt
Brent Janssen *	Matthew Sowter
Lucy Keane	Dean Stafford **
David Kerr *	Joshua Sund *
Liz Langton *	David Swingle **
Paul McSweeney	Mark Swingle *
Mathew Miles *	Ashleigh Timbrell *
Melissa Miles	Gabrielle Vassallo
Jason Powell	Luke Wood *
James Powell	Ryan Wood *

** Denotes Consecutive Years*



Lifesaving Committee 2003-2004

Back row: Paul MacLachlan, Gary Allman, Daryn Metti, Michael Beecroft, Rob Short, Chris Giles.

Middle row: Michelle Giles, Ivan Sherratt, Lee Schmalfeldt, Col Elliott, Ben Orford.

Front row: Amber Elliott, Tiarne Smith, Matt Bruce, John Zagame.

PATROL CAPTAINS, VICE CAPTAINS AND I.R.B. DRIVERS

PATROL	CAPTAIN	VICE CAPTAIN	I. R. B. DRIVER
No. 1	Wade McMillican	Gavin Sawtell	Andrew Bennett
No. 2	Michelle Giles	Gabrielle Vassallo	Dave Swingler
No. 3	Paul MacLachlan	Andrew Flaherty	Peter Ryan/Brett Mezen
No. 4	Ben Orford	Emma Orford Kirstie-May Morris	Sarah Sowter
No. 5	Lee Schmalfeldt	Todd Moran	David Bowling
No. 6	Chris Giles	Jai Laphman	Paul McSweeney/Phil Ruxton
No. 7	Ivan Sherratt	Bronni Smith	Dave Staples
No. 8	Brent Janssen	Daniel Neilson	Daniel Wood
No. 9	Keiran Day	Carly Haywood	Mitch Haywood/Nick Guthrie
No. 10	Luke Moran	Amber Elliott	Luke Wood
No. 11	Lisa Boyle	Scott Mackay	Bill Davenport/Peter Proctor
No. 12	Mark Swingler	Dean Stafford	Ian Hipwell/James Hipwell

PATROL COMPETITION SEASON 2003–2004

<i>Patrol No.</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
Patrol Attendance	144	288	24	216	48	240	72	192	264	120	168	96
Meeting Attendance	–	160	–	160	80	100	60	160	140	160	100	80
100% Attendance	168	288	24	264	48	240	72	216	144	120	192	96
Patrol Assessments	24	240	48	84	180	264	144	84	120	288	180	216
Awards Gained	–	288	–	168	96	96	96	216	264	216	192	216
Additional Patrols	85	400	20	280	15	20	280	225	50	80	55	160
Squad Instructors	–	250	–	150	–	–	–	–	–	100	–	–
Resuscitation Champ.	–	50	–	50	–	–	–	–	–	50	–	–
Total	421	1964	116	1372	467	960	724	1093	982	1134	887	864
Place	11	1	12	2	10	6	9	4	5	3	7	8

LIFE SAVING COMMITTEE MEETINGS (8)

Position	Office Bearer	Attend	Absent	Apology
Club Captain	Tiarne Smith	6	2	2
Vice Captain	Matthew Buce	6	2	2
Asst.Secretary/Treas	Michael Beecroft	3	5	—
Chief Instructor	Fern Elliott	1	7	—
Boat Captain	Garry Allman	1	7	4
Board Captain	Lee Schmalfeldt	4	4	2
Beach Captain	Col Elliott	6	2	1
Swim Captain	Paul MacLachlan	—	8	2
Ski Captain	Daryn Metti	7	1	—
Irb Captain	Daniel Wood	8	—	—
Irb Vice Captain	Luke Wood	8	—	—
Chief Gear Steward	Rob Short	7	1	—
Junior Captain	Amber Elliott	3	5	4
Cadet Captain	John Zagame	3	5	1
No 1 Patrol Captain	Wade Millican	—	8	—
No 2 Patrol Captain	Michelle Giles	8	—	—
No 3 Patrol Captain	Paul MacLachlan	—	8	2
No 4 Patrol Captain	Ben Orford	8	—	—
No 5 Patrol Captain	Lee Schmalfeldt	4	4	2
No 6 Patrol Captain	Chris Giles	4	4	4
No 7 Patrol Captain	Ivan Sherratt	3	5	4
No 8 Patrol Captain	Daniel Wood	8	—	—
No 9 Patrol Captain	Keiran Day	7	1	—
No 10 Patrol Captain	Luke Moran	4	4	—
No 11 Patrol Captain	Lisa Boyle	5	3	—
No 12 Patrol Captain	Mark Swingler	4	4	—



100% Patrol Attendance 2003-2004

*Back row: Dean Stafford, Ivan Sherratt, Dave Swingler, Lee Schmalfeldt, Liam Collins, Brent Janssen, James Powell.
 Middle row: Ryan Wood, Liz Langton, Michelle Giles, Gabrielle Vassallo, Jason Powell, Jessica Rigg, Kimberley Short.
 Front row: Jamie Fleming, Matt Sowter, Ashley Timbrell, Lauren Bentley, Lauren Rigg.*

Chief Instructor's Report

At the beginning of the season, I was looking forward to helping the Chief Instructor in the many facets of the job, only to find that she had moved on and we had no one to fill her role. Proficiencies were looming and we needed someone to co-ordinate them, so I became the "Chief" instead of the "Deputy". It was a rewarding learning curve.

The new Proficiency format was very time consuming, but each Member was very accepting of the need to update not only the practical components, but also the theory components of our Rescue Awards. Occupational Health and Safety was introduced, which gave us an understanding of the need to be safe and also to work in a safe environment at all times.

Many Awards were gained throughout the season. Those recipients are listed in this Report. Congratulations to everyone who gained Awards. The dedication you showed you showed at training was exceptional, and very rewarding as an Instructor to see you achieve your goals.

We could not have gained so many Awards without the exceptional help of a group of very enthusiastic Instructors. Thank you very much for your time and effort. It is people like you that contribute so much towards making our Surf Club the best in NSW. My thanks are extended to Rob Short, Col Haywood, Jenny Mason, John Zagame, Michelle Giles, Dave Swingler, Amber Elliott, Ben Orford, Bruce Guthrie, Daniel Wood, Ivan Sherratt, Paul McSweeny, David Isaacs, and the many people who helped along the way with the Instructors.

My thanks are also extended to Tony Coffey, who gave me advice and encouragement throughout the season and made my job as Chief Instructor a much easier task.

Fern Elliott, Chief Instructor.

SLSA Awards 2003-2004

Surf Rescue Certificates

Kerr Daniel
Kyriacou George
Mason John
Butcher Jon
Johnson Madeline
Lawton Skye
May Alison
O'Dowd Brogan
Sowter Amy
Tracy Jerico
Wheeler Bianca
Harris Jessica
Keppel Maxwell
O'Regan Nathan
Ryan Shaun
Sawford Rhys
Davies Blake
Isaacs Robert
Wakefield Jarod
Elliott Maddison
Ankudinoff Ashlee
Sara Morgan
McFarlane-Bentley Lauren
Sanders Angela
Laker Matthew

Cruickshank Bonnie
Rochelle Appleyard
Brown Melissa
Carter Jessica
Cole Luke
Lee Jordan
Scanlon Dara
Ward Melanie
Zagame Nicola

Bronze Medallions (52)

Appel Samantha
Beatie Kristie
Hancock Chadd
Quiggan Tamara
Ward Alyce
Beinat Corinne
Fleming Jamie
Shaw Alicia
Wild Bryan
Murray Michael
McDonald Andrew
McMaster Scott
Brown Shane
Wyatt Luke
Miranda Christian
Pinker Jennifer

Kerr David
Rayner Denise
Laurie Megan
Hammond Therese
Williams Wendy
Croucher Rob
Sowter Mathew
Williams Kurt
Wallace Anthony
Beecroft Erin
Orford Adam
Timbrell Ashleigh
Mason Lauren
Robinson Carlie
Parkes Stephen
Stewart Laurant
Aiken Mathew
Hoyle Bridgit
Miles Matthew
Pleasance Katie
Carrett Danielle
Standen Beth
Dinnerville Ashleigh
Shobrook Chloe
Irwin Stephanie
Cure Paul
Gibbons Jordan
Harrison Leanne
Johnson Tara
Mountain Kate
Thomas Zoe
Guthrie Ryan
Keane Lucy
Ridges Sally
Robins Ben
Vosti Mark

Silver Medallion IRB Drivers (4)

Guthrie Nicholas
Haywood Mitchell
Hipwell James
Swingler Mark

Training Officer Certificate IRB (2)

Giles Michelle
Swingler David

Defibrillator Certificate (2)

Guthrie Nicholas
Lodge Simon

Advanced Resuscitation Certificate (5)

Elliott Amber
Faulkner Scott
Miles Melissa
Pinker Richard
Short Kimberley
Zagame John

Training Officer Certificate Bronze Medallion (4)

Elliott Amber
Orford Ben
Zagame John
Mason Jennifer

Silver Medallion Life Support (1)

Guthrie Nicholas

Training Officers Certificate

Advanced Resuscitation Officer (1)

Short Robert

Silver Medallion Patrol Captain (14)

Vassallo Gabrielle

Orford Ben

Boyle Lisa

Schmalfeldt Lee

Bruce Matthew

Wood Daniel

Wood Luke

Neilson Daniel

Elliott Fern

Giles Michelle

Swingler David

Smith Tiarne

Sherratt Ivan

Swingler Mark

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AWARDS GAINED BY THE CLUB SINCE ITS INCEPTION = 5685

Meritorious Awards	11
Examiners Certificates	87
Instructors Certificates	364
Training Officers Certificates	60
Advanced Resuscitation Examiners Certificates	4
Advanced Resuscitation Instructors Certificates	50
Advanced Resuscitation Certificates	433
Bronze Medallions	2850
Surf Rescue Certificate – Examiner	1
Surf Rescue Certificate – Instructor	13
ORB Examiners Certificates	3
ORB Skippers Certificates	8
ORB Drivers Certificates	12
ORB Crewman's Certificates	21
ORB Crewman's Speciality Certificates	1
Helicopter Crewman's Certificates	3
Qualifying Certificates	638
Surf Rescue Certificates	547
Resuscitation Certificates	573
First Aid Certificates	37
First Aid Training Officers Certificates	2
Radio Operator Examiners Certificates	5
Radio Controller's Certificates	1
Radio Operator Instructors Certificates	11
Radio Operator's Certificates	67
IRB Examiners Certificates	3
IRB Instructors Certificates	18
IRB Drivers Silver Medallions	96
IRB Crewman's Certificates	42
JRB Examiners Certificates	1
JRB Instructors Certificates	2
JRB Driver's Certificates	3
JRB Crewman's Certificates	5
JRB Operator's Bronze Medallion Certificates	7
Advanced Life Saving Certificates	2
Patrol Captains Silver Medallions	28
Life Support Silver Medallions	4
Defibrillator Certificate	4

Cronulla-Sutherland District ORB Report

The following is a brief report on the activities of the Cronulla Sutherland Offshore Rescue Boat, and the participation of Members of your Club for the 2003-2004 Season.

The 2003-2004 Season saw the ORB Group being able to provide a valuable Community Service in a variety of areas.

The Group ran for the entire season with five Patrols. This placed a large burden on Group Members as Patrols came thick and fast, especially during the Christmas- New Year period. I record my appreciation to all Members of the Group for their support and dedication.

Ten of our Members gained 100 % Patrol Attendance during the season and each of these spent more than 100 hours on Patrol. When you consider that some of these Members are carrying out Patrol duties with their Clubs as well as on the Offshore Rescue Boat, you get an appreciation of the depth of their commitment to Surf Life Saving.

There were four occasions during the season where the boat was unavailable for Rostered Patrols because Crew Members were not available.

Statistics for the Group's activities for the year are:

Call Out	1
Rescue – Swimmer	10
Rescue – Other	18
Preventive Action	65
First Aid – Minor	16
First Aid – Major (Hospitalisation)	3
Patient Transfer	0
Vessel Assist	13
Value of Vessels Assisted	\$1,523,500
Searches	2

Members of the Cronulla Club who carried out Patrol duties on the Offshore Rescue Boat are listed below.

Name	P/Hours	100%	Call-out	M/Hours
Peter Bennett	6.0		0.0	0.0
Belinda Bruce	52.5		0.0	0.5
Tony Coffey	15.0		0.0	0.0
Michael Corlis	26.0		0.0	3.5
John Cox	14.0		0.0	0.0
Bruce Guthrie	116.5	100%	0.0	0.0
Nicholas Guthrie	113.0	100%	0.0	2.5
Ryan Guthrie	9.0		0.0	0.0
James Hipwell	21.0		0.0	0.0
Simon Lodge	128.5	100%	0.0	3.0
John Moseley	106.5	100%	0.0	43.0
Karen Strickland	13.0		0.0	0.0
Tim Tardent	9.0		0.0	0.0

Member numbers is the major issue, which the Group needs to resolve in the forthcoming season. Currently we are placing an unreasonable burden on a small group of Members to crew the boat. This situation is not sustainable, as we run the risk of losing these dedicated Members due to the high demand on their time.

As well as providing a valuable Life Saving Service, being a part of Offshore 2 also provides many opportunities for enjoyment, and learning of new skills. I would highly commend to the Members of your Club the benefits of becoming a Member of our Group also.

Interested Members can get in touch with us by phoning myself on 9774 1942, or on a Patrol Day by phoning the boat on 0418 299 999, or simply contacting us by radio.

John Moseley.

IRB Section Report

The 2003-2004 Season saw another busy time for the IRB Section. During the season we were able to maintain reliable equipment and train several new IRB Drivers and Crewpersons.

With the changes to the Crewpersons Award last season, the IRB Section has been working hard to ensure each Patrol has a reliable Crewperson. Several squads were started during the season and these will be examined during winter. We will also start several squads during winter. If anyone is interested in doing this course please let me know. Our goal for the next two seasons is to train all Active Bronze Medallion Holders as Crewpersons.

IRB Competition was reintroduced this season on a twelve-month trail after a two-year break. Although we did not compete this season, we will be looking to send teams to the NSW IRB Premiership Series next season.

I would like to thank all of the Drivers and Crewpersons that helped out on Patrols and Water Safety during the season. Without you guys the Club could not function and the beach would not be safe.

A special mention must go to Bruce Guthrie for the work he has done for the IRB Section over the last four years, three of which have been as IRB Captain. For the past four years Bruce has been the Co-ordinator of our Training Squads and I am proud to nominate Bruce Guthrie for the award of "Most Outstanding Contribution to the IRB Section".

I would like to thank my Vice Captain Luke Wood, for the help during the season. I would also like to thank Paul McSweeney, Michelle Giles, David Swingler and anyone else that helped train IRB Drivers and Crewpersons during the season.

Daniel Wood, IRB Captain.



Bruce Guthrie: "Outstanding Contribution to the IRB Section".



IRB Section 2003-2004

Left to right: Matt Bruce, Ivan Sherratt, Michelle Giles, Dave Swingler, Mark Swingler, Bruce Guthrie, Mark Smith, Paul McSweeney.

Rescue of the Year – *Ben Orford and Sarah Sowter*

There was about an hour to go on the second Patrol of the season for Cronulla's Patrol 4, Captained by Ben Orford, Vice Captains Emma Orford and Kirstie-May Morris and IRB Driver Sarah Sowter.

The weather up until now had been sunny and calm, but around 4 pm the southerly came up bringing with it storm clouds. The ocean turned to white caps, the swell picked up and it began to rain. With no one in the water at Cronulla, we packed the tent up and took up beach surveillance from within the Patrol Room. Richard "Bluey" Garnsey the Lifeguard on duty, ran up and told us Offshore-2 received a distress call about a small boat about to be washed onto Shark Island at Blackwoods Beach. He told us to investigate immediately in our IRB. Luckily our IRB was ready and the driver eager. However, with the new rule now in place that only a holder of either a Crewman's Certificate or other IRB Driver could crew the boat, I was forced to leave the beach in the trusted hands of my Vice Captains and crew the IRB.

Proceeding out to sea, we struggled to see anything through the wind and waves, but with communication with Offshore-2, we located the vessel stranded in a small cove surrounded by cliffs and rocks getting hammed by the elements. After seeing that the boat was an inflatable sports-utility type, similar size to the IRB, still able to float but without use of its motor, we devised a plan of attack and coordinated it with Offshore-2 and Sydney Surf by radio.

We drove in as close as we could, dropped off the Crewman (myself) with towrope in hand. I tied an end to the front of the inflatable and the other to the front of the IRB. I then reboarded the IRB at sea and the people being rescued, attempted to launch their boat through the pounding waves. With waves hammering both vessels and the powerful southerly often steering us off course, Sarah and I finally gained control and safely towed the vessel towards the open ocean. Once at sea, we were able to hand the vessel over to Offshore-2, who then towed it around the Port Hacking and dropped it off in the calmer waters.

Running low on fuel and feeling very cold, Sarah and I quickly returned to Cronulla Beach, where we informed Sydney Surf that the rescue had been successful and then we jumped straight into a hot shower.

– Ben Orford, Cronulla S.L.S.C.

Rescue at Cronulla Beach 27 February 2004, 6.30-7.30pm

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of several Members of Surf Life Saving, who assisted swimmers and carried out three rescues at dusk off Cronulla Beach.

Large swells generated by the low-pressure system off the NSW Coast had pounded Cronulla Beach since the Wednesday, ripping sand out of the beach and exposing even more rocks than before. The constant battering had seen a permanent rip cutting across the beach, quickly heading out south past the Point.

The huge swells had seen all but three Sydney Beaches closed. However, the conditions were appealing to many surfboard riders after a three month 'drought', or extremely flat surf. Although dangerous, no amount of warning could keep some swimmers and board riders out of the water.

On this night, these Club Members were all attending the



regular Friday Night Bar at Cronulla SLSC, when a swimmer was predictably sucked 150-200 metres out to sea, off the southern end of the beach.

Kieran Day was the first to respond, after patrons of the Club saw the swimmer struggling from the balcony of the Monro Room. Kieran proceeded to rescue the swimmer on a Rescue Board, but could not safely return to shore. With great difficulty, he managed to paddle the swimmer south, where Club Vice Captain, Matthew Bruce, assisted them out of the water and onto the rocks.

Meanwhile, a further group of swimmers were in difficulty approximately 150 metres off shore, slightly to the north. Kieran Day paddled back out off the rocks, and was joined by another four Members who, although the light was quickly fading, raced into the dangerous seas from the beach. The Cronulla Members were Phil Hamilton and Ivan Sherratt, along with Jeff Brown, a Wanda Member and David Turner (ex-Lifeguard). All five paddlers quickly reached the group, where two of the swimmers required assistance and were brought safely into shore.

With night falling fast, there was speculation of a fourth person floating out to sea with his bodyboard, off the South Cronulla Point. With the darkness encroaching, it was not easy to see as Members combed the seas with binoculars. The IRB, now being prepared by competent drivers Michelle Giles, Keiran Day and Ivan Sherratt, was only moments from launching to investigate, when it was revealed that the bodyboarder had finally managed to get himself ashore – although it took him some time.

The efforts of these Members is greatly appreciated, as they went beyond their call of duty to carry out such rescues outside of Patrol hours, and in such dangerous surf conditions. They themselves were placed at considerable risk. The three rescued swimmers were much obliged and expressed their heartfelt gratitude to each of their rescuers.

As Club Vice Captain and an observer to these events, I also wish to thank each and every one of them.

Matthew Bruce, Club Vice Captain.

Chief Gear Steward's Report

It was another good season with regards to Lifesaving Gear for Cronulla – plenty of gear in good condition which was well looked after by the Members and available all season.

We had a good start with the Annual Gear Inspection. The gear submitted for inspection on 13 September 2003 included:

- 15 Rescue Boards
- Patrol Area And Tents
- 18 Rescue Tubes
- Patrol Uniforms
- 9 Radios
- Board and Tube Stands
- 3 Oxy-Viva Kits
- Signal Flags
- 2 Patrol First Aid Kits
- 3 IRB and 5 Outboard Motors
- 1 Club First Aid Kit
- Boat Trailers
- 8 Spinal Collars
- 8 Resuscitation Mannequins
- Stretcher and Spinal Board
- Examination Scenario Kit

The gear inspected included all equipment managed by the Crays, which is used for Nipper Water Safety. The Gear Storage Areas and Club Premises were also inspected. The Club's surfboats and Belt Lines and Reels were prepared at a later date by the Boat and Swim Sections respectively, in readiness for their use during the season.

The pre-season expenditure on gear was approximately \$2600. This included Board repairs (\$230), Radio servicing (\$300) Oxy-Viva servicing (\$330) and miscellaneous expenditure (\$120). We purchased Patrol Caps (\$310), three new Resuscitation Training Manikins (\$960), two Spinal Collars (\$45) and a Spinal Rescue Board (\$300). The Kingsway Night & Day Pharmacy (Gannons Rd) donated several hundred dollars worth of First-Aid supplies at the start of the season and then backed up for a near complete refill of the First-Aid Kits mid-season. This latter was necessary because of a record First-Aid Season due to the poor condition of the beach. Many thanks to Pharmacists Darryl Knowles and Peter Notaras, whose commitment to the local Community is well known.

Brian McHutchinson, a Nipper Parent, arranged for his company, Rittal to powdercoat the Patrol Frame – and it looks good. Branch Sponsorships provided a new Rescue Board (Coca-Cola) at the start of the season and a new Patrol Tent (DHL) towards the end of the season. I hope that everybody has seen the Patrol Tent on the beach. It is great. It is easily assembled, easily located by the public and the Patrol Members really like it. SLS Australia also obtained a three year sponsorship from DHL, which saw all Clubs' Patrol Uniforms replenished at the start of the season. As a result, we received a complete new supply of uniforms with an approximate value of \$3000.

I thank the Members who helped prepare the Club Gear and premises for the season. These hard workers included Col Haywood, Daniel Wood, Lisa Hinschen, Keiran Day, Darren Metti, Michael Beecroft, Peter Meyer, Mal Butterfield and Neil Johnson. A great effort.

Special mention has to be made of the effort put in again this season by Gear Steward, Col Haywood. Col does most of the running around at the start of the season, dropping



Rob Short, Chief Gear Steward.

off and picking up any equipment requiring service or repair and together we check and prepare all of the gear for inspection. Col is meticulous in what he does and is always reliable in anything he offers to do and makes sure that things are working OK during the season. The gear would not be in the condition it is or as available, if it was not for Col's hard work.

Very little gear was damaged while being used on Patrol or in training this season. The Patrols and Training Squads looked after the gear extremely well during the season. This meant that there were few repairs required and of course this meant that the gear was always available for Patrol and training purposes. As result there was little cost to the Club for repairs and replacement.

Storage space is still a problem in the Club, having been a hot topic for a few seasons now. We have more Rescue Gear, Racing Boards, Skis, Barbecues and Nipper Gear than ever before. We can't complain about our relative wealth, but we have run out of places to put everything. There are a lot of good ideas being floated and a lot of discussion. Let's hope that a solution surfaces soon.

See you next season.

Rob Short, Chief Gear Steward.



The new DHL sponsored Patrol Tent.

Shark Island Swim

Sunday 14th March, 2004

What a fantastic Club event this was! Never have I seen so many Members of any organisation put in so many hours and so much effort to make a community and fundraising event so successful. And wasn't it truly successful on both counts!

The Shark Island Swim Challenge Events are made possible by a team of over 130 people, comprising Club Members, their family and their friends. And a better *Team* function you will be hard pressed to find. The effort put in by the entire working team was fantastic and there are too many people to mention individually, but I would like to sincerely express my gratitude to each and every one of you for your part in making the Swim Events so successful.

The sea was again quite flat for this year's events. The sky was cloudy and the air was warm, the seas were choppy, but a mild 22 to 23 degrees. A wonderful day for the Cronulla Shark Island Swim Challenge! Even though we had a lack of sand, exposed rocks and a beach covered in kelp, we had 753 entrants in the 2.3 km Shark Island Swim Challenge and 180 entrants in the 1.0 km Ocean Fun Swim. A total of 933 entrants.

The 1.0 km Ocean Fun Swim was officially started on time at 9.30 am by triple NSW State Ironman Champion and Club Member, Nathan Smith. This event was fiercely contested by the competitors who entered the swim with ages ranging from 10 to 69. The younger swimmers dominated the results with Hayden Allum being the first Male Swimmer and Cassie Davenport the first Female Swimmer across the line.

The 2.3 km Shark Island Swim Challenge was officially started at 10.30 am by Sharks Coach, Stuart Raper. We had 753 competitors entered in this event and the finish was the closest we could remember. Josh Santacaterina (26.46) won the event, with Grant Cleland (26.50) in second place and Chris Allum in third place (27.42). The first three Female Swimmers to cross the line were Chloe Abbott (29.20), Kelly Boxwell (29.56) and Kristie Ogilvie (30.42).

A special mention needs to be made of Helen Evans – 72 years old – who completed the swim with a time of 45.50, as well as John Kelso and Donald Tierney, both 74 years old – who completed the swim in times of 42.30 and 44.48 respectively. A fantastic swim by all competitors and we congratulate each and every one of you!

This year we had swimmers enter the events from as far a field as the South Coast and North Coast of NSW, Alice Springs, Darwin, Melbourne, New Zealand and the USA. We would like to thank every competitor for joining in the fun and swimming in our events this year. We look forward to seeing you all again around the same time next year.

This year these events raised around \$30,000 in net funds, to be used in all Sections of Club activity and to fund the purchase of our much needed Lifesaving Equipment over the ensuing year – not to mention the outstanding publicity the Club receives within our local and national community.

Our sponsors were again magnificent this year and their generosity in supporting our Surf Lifesaving Activities is appreciated more than we can ever express to them. *Frank Doran from Financial Services Partners (Frank Doran Financial Services)* of Miranda, was again our major sponsor, donating \$6,600 cash, plus supply of the T-shirts for the working party. What a fantastic individual effort Frank, your generosity and help in organising and running this major

fundraising activity for the Club is greatly appreciated. Our other sponsors also added significantly to the financial success of the events. These are: CommInsure, who donated \$5,500 cash – Eyeline, who through Shaun Ryan, have kindly donated the swim caps for the events for many years – HPA, who designed, printed and mailed out our entry forms, as well as mailed out our result certificates – Cadbury Schweppes, who donated Gatorade for the competitors – GC Apparel, who supplied the Shark Island T-shirts at greatly reduced prices – and radio station 2KY-1017, who supported our major sponsors and advertised our events on radio.

I would also like to make mention of the unquestioning help and support provided by Sutherland Shire Council, who regularly assist us through cleaning the beach and surrounding areas and the provision of Lifeguards and their Lifesaving equipment for Water Safety for these events. In addition, this year they spent several days clearing kelp and seaweed, which had been washed onto the beach in the week preceding the events. We could not have conducted the Swims without this help.

The courses for both events were professionally set out, thanks to our early morning team of helpers and the Club's IRB Section, who arrived at 6.00 am to place a total of 20 buoys and markers throughout both courses. These people, led by Daniel Wood and Paul MacSweeney, are always the first to start and the last to finish and certainly deserve a special mention for their selfless efforts.

The organisation of the Events was superb, the deep water start worked extremely well and the Water Safety was second to none – for Water Safety we had the Offshore-2 Rescue Boat with a paramedic on board, 6 IRBs (rubber duckies), 3 Rescue Water Craft (jet skis) and dozens of skis, boards and individual swimmers – all of whom are professionally qualified and proficient. Phil Hamilton was responsible for enrolling, controlling and co-ordinating the Water Safety Activities and carried out his responsibilities exceptionally well – Phil and his team of Water Safety Personnel are to be thoroughly congratulated on a superb result.

The entrants were very complimentary with regard to the quantity and quality of the Water Safety. One competitor contacted us after the Shark Island Swim to say "My thanks to all for making this a great swim and particularly to the young lady board rider who was great company helping me make it to the finish line" – and this was typical of the comments from the event competitors.

Dr. Robyn Jordan was again available on shore to professionally attend to any swimmers or spectators requiring assistance. We are extremely grateful to Robyn for volunteering her services and helping to make this event one of the safest on the Ocean Swim Calendar.

Shirley O'Donnell and her team of helpers worked tirelessly to process the pre-entries and late entries and ensure that swim caps and apparel were distributed as smoothly as possible. Thanks heaps to Shirley and your team.

A special thanks needs to be given to Rob Short and his team of helpers. Rob assisted in the layout of the courses, the set up of the tents and fair stalls and then assisted with Water Safety and the dismantling and clean-up activities. Rob is a great Team Member and provides some comic relief at the appropriate times.

John Wilson and his team of merry men and women performed an enormously successful role in setting up and dismantling the start and finish areas and worked extremely well with limited resources – thanks John and your team.

The procedures and systems for accurately recording and processing the results of our events is a delicate and demanding issue, and I would like to thank and congratulate Wanda SLSC Members Chris Stephenson (and his partner June) and Ron Smith for their expertise and experience in conducting these activities.

Once again Matthew Bruce did a fine job of updating our website – www.sharkislandswim.com.au – with the details regarding race entry, plus a down loadable copy of our entry form, prior to the events taking place. The results of the Shark Island Swim were available on the Cronulla Shark Island Swim website by 4.00 pm on the day of the events.

Thanks also to Ken English, our Announcer and MC – Col Elliott, our Event Referee – Brian Henderson, who designed the Shark Island T-shirts – Allan Hanson, Graham Giles, Kathy Piggott, Michelle Giles and Annette Yazbek, for their unending Office and Administration duties – our quiet achievers.

Two additional people must also be recognised for their huge contribution to the success of these events. Firstly, John Hollingdale, who has been Convenor of these events since 1992-93 Season and has worked tirelessly to ensure their success and assisted and directed me in so many ways this year. Secondly, Ken O'Donnell, who worked non-stop to procure, erect and remove our signs and banners and worked so hard on the day of the events in many different areas. Thank you so much John and Ken.

Finally, I would like to express my enormous gratitude to the Shark Island Swim Committee, who spent many hours throughout the year to organise and conduct these events.

The Committee Members for 2003-2004 were: Frank Doran, Chris Giles, Greg Hewitt, John Hollingdale, Kelly Hollingdale, Ken O'Donnell, Shirley O'Donnell, Dave Piggott, Rob Short, Ron Smith, Chris Stephenson and John Wilson.

Again, we learned a lot from this year's events and next year we will be putting more organisation and emphasis into the following:

- Greater promotion with the Schools and Swim Clubs for the 1.0 km Ocean Fun Swim – we would like to have 500 entrants in this event next year
- A simpler and quicker method for ascertaining the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings in each age category – plus the commencement of the presentation by 12.30 pm
- Greater promotion and publicity for the events
- Increased sponsorship, and
- The introduction of new Team Members to take some of the load off the longer standing Members

Thanks once again to all Club Members, for making the Shark Island Swim Challenge such a success. I am very proud to have such a great team supporting me in so many ways with the running of the Cronulla Shark Island Swim Challenge.

*Bruce Guthrie, Convenor,
Shark Island Swim Committee.*

Cronulla Crays' Report

Congratulations to all the Members of the Cronulla Crays for a most successful and rewarding season.

This season, Cronulla registered 647 Members with waiting lists in many of the Age Groups.

A big thank you to our Registrar, Leonie Murray and Jenny Pinker, our Registrar from last year, who through their fantastic experience and knowledge always helped out wherever needed.

I would also like to thank all those that assisted on Registration Days and throughout the season, with a special thank you to Karen Kerr and Jenny Wild. Your help was very much appreciated.

Congratulations also to all the Members that received their 100% Attendance Awards. These Awards are a result of the commitment and dedication that you consistently show towards Cronulla Crays Nipper Activities.

It's hard to begin a report without first acknowledging the fantastic effort by our kids and their supporters in winning another State Junior Championship. The Cronulla Crays just get stronger each year.

Although some impressive young athletes move on from the U-14s each year to join the Senior Club, our younger Members just step up to fill these Age Group places with similar great results.

At first glance, it's amazing how the back filling of talent all the way down to our U-6s just reoccurs. On closer inspection, however, it becomes clear that the Crays continued success reflects the efforts and dedication of our Club's Coaches and Management.

The 2003-04 Season started early with our Winter Multi-disciplinary Training, organised and conducted by the Senior Club's World Championships Team. The training then continued throughout the season tirelessly lead by our Coaches.

I'd like to express our gratitude for the continued support of our main Sponsors –

- Aquasun
- Beach Constructions
- Bonds
- Maxum Watches
- McDonalds Cronulla
- McGrath Real Estate
- Rittal
- Quest Apartments Cronulla
- and our good mate, Neil Swane

Thanks also to the teams who worked on other fundraising activities such as –

- Crays Shop
- Aquasun Cronulla Carnival
- Seafood Night
- the Coordination of Crays Newsletter

Thanks to all!

We use some of our funding to continually upgrade and make additions to our training, competition and Rescue Equipment. Major items of expenditure this year have been:

- A "Bonds Crays" Rash Shirt for every child
- Six new Foam Nipper Boards
- Three new Board Rescue boards
- Three new Racing Mals and Four new Ski Paddles for Nipper Cadets
- The "Rittal" Representative Team Uniforms.

I'd like to make a special mention about the two charity fundraisers that were run by our U-14s this year.

The first was the "Ice Cream Day", organised by Luke Cole and Nicola Zagame.

This was a fun event that raised over \$500 for Cystic Fibrosis Research.

The second event was the raffle organised by Jacqui Holland. This too was a great idea that was well supported by the whole Club and was capped off by a remarkable donation of \$5000 from David Isaac of (A H Plant Hire).

I really hope that future U-14s continue this effort to support those less fortunate.

My compliments go to John Zagame for all his fundraising activities and sponsorship work.

The 2003-2004 Season has seen a much improved level of proficiency in the disciplines of Surf Lifesaving, especially in Water Events.

The changes to the structure of proficiency attainment which requires all children to be proficient in the water (ie to pass preliminary evaluation, to have completed Run-Swim-Run and to have completed the timed pool swim in the prescribed time) and to enable them to compete in any event in an Interclub Carnival has been well accepted.

The inclusion of the timed pool swim in basic proficiency requirement, has largely resulted in many more children attaining a level of proficiency consistent with the activities appropriate to Junior Surf Lifesaving.

The ongoing Surf Education Program continued, attempting to develop knowledge of Water and Beach skills as well as fostering an understanding of safety and environmental aspects of the beach location.

The U-14 Group Members worked systematically toward the completion of the Surf Rescue Certificate and I congratulate the Age Managers and the many other Club Members, who so generously gave of their time to work with the children in the attainment of the S.R.C Award.

I also thank and congratulate Cathy Davenport and Brian Wild for their time and dedications for ensuring that all aspects of the Nippers qualifications were completed on time.

For Cronulla to achieve a record-breaking seven consecutive years as State Champions, is an outstanding achievement.

Everyone involved in the Club, should be very proud of this great achievement.

I would like to make a few comments regarding the State Carnival this year at Shellharbour. Everyone is aware that it was held under very trying conditions.

Our thanks and congratulations go to the Organising Committee, who had put so much hard work into the Carnival, only to have it fall to pieces before competition had started.

Over the three days of the Carnival, we ended up at four different locations, with the BBQs and Port-a-Loos following the competition.

Families were separated, as they had different children competing in different events at different beaches.

The Water Competitors braved big swells to do us proud in their events.

Competition was stopped on several occasions, to remove missing equipment out of the water as it floated back in.

Competition was also stopped at all locations so that Water Safety could search for a presumed missing 10 year old boy, who it was then discovered had pulled out of the competition on the line. A valuable lesson for all – always inform an Official if you decide to pull out of an event, as you have already been counted.

On the beach our Flaggers and Sprinters started competition so late in the day, that they almost finished competing in the dark.

Initially the Flags Area was a mess with seaweed everywhere. Everyone had to help clean up the area and conduct an Emu Parade, so competition could commence on Friday. But competing in such conditions, our Beach Competitors excelled and wore the Cronulla colours proudly.

Cronulla would not be the team it is without the leadership, encouragement, diplomacy and discipline of our Team Manager Rob Harris and his Assistant, Ian Goode.

This will be my last Chairman's Report on behalf of Cronulla, so let me reflect not only on the past season, but on the past eleven years of Nippers that Ann, Rachael, Jacqui and I have had the privilege and honour of been involved in.

It has been one of the most exciting and challenging periods of our life together.

Surf Lifesaving in Australia is unique. It is the only sport in the world that requires the participant to qualify and participate in an activity outside of the actual sporting activity – being able to save a person's life.

That means by the time each Nipper has completed their Surf Awareness, Surf Certificate and Surf Rescue Certificates, he or she is capable of identifying and participating in the rescue of a person if and when required.

Not bad is it? You go to the beach every week, learn new skills, meet new friends, challenge yourself physically, emotionally and mentally and have the chance to be able to perform the greatest gift you can give – save someone's life.

For our family, Nippers have provided the opportunity of discovering new skills, challenging our relationships and witnessing the highs and lows of parenting.

To me, there is only word that can describe the experiences of the past eleven years of Surf Lifesaving – inspirational.

The guts, the base of that inspiration, come from the reason why we first became involved in Nippers – the kids. You can love them and you can hate them, but in the end they all inspired me.

Inspired me to think outside the square, to examine priorities and to learn that without the care and nurturing of these kids – the future of Australia – our lives would be totally different.

Different – good or better? Who knows? I know that without my involvement in Surf Lifesaving in general and in Cronulla in particular, my life would have been all the poorer.

Cronulla is a Champion Club, a Surf Lifesaving Club with a proud history, a Club with honour and integrity. It is a Family Club.

At our Presentation Ceremony every year, we have the future of the Club – the Nippers, the Club today – the Senior Executive and Australian Champions – and the history and wisdom of the Club – the Life Members. All interwoven to produce a tapestry of fun, excitement, challenges and results. It's an honour to be part of this great institution.

So thanks to each and every one of you. Remember the experiences that we have had, the conversations, the good, the sad and the challenging times. Remember that we do this for our children. To provide to them the best that we can and invest in their future.

Hold onto the past and look to the future. Get involved and make a contribution. You'll love it.

Look after yourself and each other. I'll see you on the beach or "out the back". It is an experience that will remain with me for the rest of my life.

Yours in Surf Lifesaving.

Greg Holland, Chairman – Junior Activities Group.

Snow Trip – 2003-2004

The Annual Snow Trip was looking disappointing when I visited the Perisher Blue website on the previous Monday morning. One strip of sectioned snow on front valley surrounded by grass and rocks is not what 31 Club Members wanted to see. We left Cronulla on Friday afternoon, stopping at Goulburn, where Matt Bruce in his “invisible coat” braved the cold in his t-shirt. Heading into Perisher the bus had to stop to put on the snow chains and the younger boys thought it would be a good idea to start a snow fight and chase Melissa Miles up the highway – I don't think the boys had a chance catching her though.

We arrived at 1am with the snow ploughs hard at work – it looked like the weather forecast for the week was right – there was snow everywhere! Up to Cronulla and a cold Christina Lodge for a few hours sleep before hitting the slopes. Saturday was a day of non-stop snow, ensuring powder runs could be found all day and soften the blow for the beginners. 15 lifts were open and all levels of skiers and boarders were catered for. While the beginners stuck to front valley, the more experienced hit the tracks through the trees and tested themselves with jumps. Everyone retired back to their Lodge after a full day on the snow.

Cronulla Lodge spent the night playing pictionary (yes sounds boring) but it was a laugh a minute at the drawings that were attempted. Special mention goes to David Kerr's “David and Goliath”, Melissa Miles “Tick” and Ashleigh Timbrell's “Dot”. In the Christina Lodge, after devouring our pizzas in less than five minutes, it was a night of laughter, frivolities and green fairies. The ‘older crowd’ decided to hit the town and Ivan Sherratt showed that he can carve up more than front valley when he dazzled everybody on the dancefloor at JAX Nightclub. And throw in a fantastic pickup line to boot!

The next morning we woke to blue skies. The early birds walked up the mountain to get one of the first runs of the day

before the lifts opened. The morning had some great snow before the crowds arrived and the bumps started to appear.

There maybe a few Members investing in helmets next year as Matt Miles said hello with his nose to an ice slab and later to a tree. Same with Liam Cummings, while pushing himself on the jumps, pushed a bit too far and was left with a reminder of his Snow Trip on his nose as well.

Taking advantage of the deep, soft powder, the Boaties spent Sunday morning building a ski jump off the road outside the Lodge. First-time Boarders Dave Swingler and Michelle Giles, managed more bum-time than air-time, however Mark Swingler handled things better and soon came to the conclusion that he couldn't get enough speed and air – so it was time to build a second jump. With a new, steeper approach, Ivan Sherratt managed to clear a whopping 15 metres, with a clearance of 5 metres high!

Matt Bruce wasn't so lucky and managed to finish the day with a spectacular faceplant and a busted nose. James Hipwell, Brent Jansen and the Beachies quickly showed that they can handle a Board, demonstrating their acrobatic skills with somersault jumps.

Daniel Kerr challenged Tiarne Smith to a race down front valley, proclaiming he “would have won” only if he didn't crash and burn half way down. Would have won, I don't think so. After another great day, we headed back to the Lodge and then down to the Skitube, where the bus awaited us. We arrived back at Cronulla, tired and sore but wanting to go back down soon. Thanks to Ian Goode and Bryce Christian for the availability of both Lodges. Their support enables this trip to be such a great weekend. Also thanks to Carol Smith, who organised the food. Congratulations to all Members who were eligible for this trip. All Members always have fun and it is such a great weekend away that I'm sure anyone would encourage Members to try and achieve their 100% Patrol Attendance. Hope to see you next snow season!

Tiarne Smith.

Social Organiser's Report

We had a pretty successful season on many accounts this year with our Competitors, our Patrols, as well as our Social scene, all doing well and having fun.

The Social Committee put on a couple of functions this year, all of which were successful and enjoyable for all. Hopefully next season there will be a few more.

We started the season off by purchasing a 134cm TV, which is in the Monro Room. We bought the television just before Melbourne Cup Day, which meant that we didn't have to spend much money on hiring a big screen TV for the day. It has also been great on Friday nights, where everyone watches the football and has a few drinks with friends.

The Rugby World Cup Final made for a great night in the Monro Room. We had the big screen TV showing the match, with so many people coming that there was standing room only.

It was great to see so many people supporting the Social side of the Club. It was pouring with rain on the night, but there were still people venturing outside to get a sausage from the soaked Chefs on the balcony.

Thanks to all the people that helped out on the night, like the Bar Staff, the Cooks, the Decorators and all the people that helped out with the raffle.

We also opened up the Bar and had a Sausage Sizzle on Australia Day. The Council kindly allowed us to use the

Monro Room on this night (thanks!). We once again had heaps of people supporting this event. It was great to see all the kids running around and watching cartoons on the TV.

The fireworks made for a great finale on the night, when they looked like they were going to fall on our heads. Once again than kyou to all the people who lent a hand on the night.

We are holding a Trivia Night on the 14th of August this year, which I hope will be another great success. We will be advertising this event more as the date comes closer, but hopefully we will get enough people there for the event to be a huge night. If you have any ideas for the night, please contact me, or if you have any ideas for other functions, please let me know so we can organise them for you.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the people that have helped me organise these events throughout the year.

The Social Committee have always been the first ones at the event and always the last ones to leave making sure everything is set up and packed up correctly and cleanly so that Mick doesn't have a dummy spit!!

The Food and Beverage Committee have also been a great help organising enough drinks for each of the functions.

Also all the people that are always around the Club helping in any way possible.

You have made this year much easy for myself and the Committee.

David Swingler.

Cronulla Sports Complex

What a year it has been with lessee Les Motto. After a long legal battle, Les Motto left on the 30th June 2004.

Expressions were called for the Complex and after a long list who had applied, a company called Elite Sports run by Tracie Edmondson, Sean Trindle, Corey Bocking and Cameron Hoban started trading on the 1st July 2004.

With the new lease we have secured a great deal for Club Members using the Gym and Pool. All Club Members are welcome to call down and have a look at the many changes they will be making.

In the lease, the Complex will sponsor the Shark Island Swim, with all swimmers being able to use the whole complex for showers and a warm swim on completion of the race. This will take the Shark Island Swim to a new level.

In the next few months, work will be going on in the Complex to bring it up to speed with many safety issues and maintenance.

Paul Moggeridge has left the Kiosk after nine years and his support to our Club has been unsurpassed. We wish him and his family all the best for the future.

Grant Ovens and Brant Cashman will be taking over the running of the Kiosk for one year. Building of a new Kiosk-Restaurant will begin July 2005.

I would like to thank Geoff Robinson our Club Architect for drawing up the plans for this construction and the Staff at Sutherland Shire Council for their assistance, all of whom have been a great and a pleasure to deal with.

A very special thanks to Reg Gibson and Matt Howland our Club Solicitors, for their work with the many issues and compliances we had.

Thanks to my Committee: Allan Hanson, Allan Metti, Kevin Nelson, Mal Butterfield and also Dave Brydson, whose help with expression of interest on the Complex was invaluable.

Once again this year has been busy, and thank you to all.

Neale Johnstone.

Food & Beverage Committee

Our Glycol draught beer system has been working well this season with great reports from Members and Guests. Dave Mayer has been our prime cellerman, hooking up kegs for our Friday Night Bar and most of our functions in the Purcell Room, where draught beer is very popular. Thanks Dave.

There are now a number of us who are trained up in tapping and maintaining our draught system Fletch, Shorty, Dave Swingler are our back-stays and even Michelle Giles is getting some hands on work in the coolroom!

Michelle has been running our Friday Night Monro Room Bar on a regular basis and doing a great job. She also runs the Raffle, which raised over \$3,100 this year. Dave Swingler is always on hand these nights for some reason and joins in and helps all the time. Thanks Michelle and Dave.

Rob Short controlled all our stock along with Fletch and kept our beer line clear. Rob also introduced more mixed drinks to the Bar for the Ladies and Boaties.

Our Sunday Purcell Room Bar was well down on numbers this year and barely made a profit. We had the BBQ in the Park a number of Sundays for the World Team and the inconsistency may have contributed. We still read out the Sunday Surf Race results along with the Board and Shark Island Ski Race – all Handicapped Events.

The Club needed more portable BBQ's and two new stainless steel with hoods were supplied at almost cost by Greg Wallace (Lifestyle BBQs). His kids are in Nippers and he was extremely obliging. Thanks Greg. Wardy organised the Senior Volunteer Sunday Bar Roster, with most people only needing to help one Sunday for two hours. Greg Holland's Nipper Parents did a great job this season helping us behind the Bar for the first two hours and running the BBQ when it was on the balcony.

Thanks to all our Bar Staff for working functions and taking care of our Club. To my Committee – Darryl Ward, Warren Scanlon, Colin Fletcher, Rob Short and Neale Johnstone, thank you all for your support and hard work.

Phil Hamilton, Convenor.

Golf Day Report

This year's Golf Day, although again successful and well supported, was the most difficult to organize. This occurred, because it's on the same week as the Melbourne Cup. Not many people can organize their business affairs to have two social days off in one week. But with a dedicated Committee of Colin Fletcher, Mal Butterfield, Paul Banister, Greg Holland, and Allan Hanson, no challenge is too great.

Many new golfers joined those who routinely support the day, to make the event truly social and enjoyable.

Many thanks again to the Cronulla Golf Club and their Past President (and Club Member), Trevor Halyard, for enabling us the continued use of the magnificent facility on the day.

In this year's report, I would like to highlight the efforts of Colin Fletcher. All of the Committee are in awe of his enthusiasm, dedication, work ethic and integrity. His cheerful no-nonsense energy warms everyone to their task, with no obstacle being too great for Col. I am aware that this is not the only area Col gives his unselfish time to the Club and for that we are eternally grateful.

To all our supporters again, many thanks and look forward to enjoying your company at this year's event.

Paul Lyon, Convenor.

200 Club

On June 6th 2004, our Members gathered in the Purcell Room to enjoy complimentary food and beverage and a chance to win one of several prizes in the 200 Club. Although entry was maintained at \$30 per double, numbers were down to their lowest level in many years (62 couples). However we still managed a profit of approximately \$1000.

Once again our generous sponsors helped make the day a success. Paul Moggeridge and the Kiosk cooked and carved the beef and prizes were donated by Fitness First, Cronulla Surf Design and Sea Level Restaurant.

Thanks also to our many Members who gave time for the day. The "Auxiliary" headed by Joy Hitchenon for preparing and serving the salads. Cheryl Giles for door duty on the day. Eric Wood for cooking the sausages. My Co-Organiser, Phil Hamilton, for invitations and controlling the Bar roster. Kieran Day, Daniel and Luke Wood, Ross Smith and others for Bar service. John Zagame for organising prizes and our Members for supporting the day.

Prize winners:

Fitness First 3 month pass: Jenny Mason & Wendy Williams.

Sea Level \$100 voucher: Michael Murray.

Cronulla Surf Design \$50 voucher: Ross and Carol Smith.

Col Elliott.

Apparel Committee Report

To our Treasurer's enjoyment and my amazement, we actually made a \$2,200 profit this season. We moved a lot of our old stock plus we had a variety of different shirts and t-shirts available for purchase.

We only bought small amounts and re-ordered only what was moving well with our costumes. We only ordered what sizes were needed and our supplier Tidal kept stock on hand for us.

Most of the credit and hard work goes to Susie Sowter, who sold our stock on Sunday mornings along with her helpers Sharon and the rest of the girls. Apparel was also available through the Office. Cronulla Sharks liked our costumes so much they purchased 50 pairs. They obviously wanted to be associated with Australia's No. 1 Club!

Amber was a great help in organising our Aussie shirts and distributing them at the Touring Team Meeting. Thanks to Kathie Piggott and Annette in the Office, Tiarne Smith and my great Committee Amber Elliott and Susie Sowter.

Phil Hamilton, Convenor.

Kurranulla Swimming Club

This was the 29th Season of the Kurranulla Swimming Club, which swims in the Sports Complex on Wednesday nights at 7.30 pm then adjourn for a de-briefing in the Monro Room at 8.45.

Kurranulla again donated \$500 to the Surf Club in May 2004 and look forward to further exploring the possibility of becoming a Sub-Committee of the Surf Club, when the "General Membership" category is created.

Most of the 80 plus Members are also Members of Cronulla Surf Club.

Handicappers Rob Short and Col Haywood, ensured close races and keenly contested pointscores.

Special events include both Handicap and Age Division Championships, the Annual 10-a-Side Interclub Relay (won by Cronulla Surf Club) and a North Table vs South Table Relay for a "carton of Crownies".

Social highlights included the July Golf Day at Calderwood Valley and the Annual Christmas Picnic and Presentation Day at Gunamatta Park.

Col Elliott, Chairperson.

REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

Congratulations are extended to the following Club Members who were selected in various Representative Teams during the Season:

SYDNEY BRANCH TEAM

SENIORS

Nathan Smith
Ryan Hartup
Mark Simpson
Jeremy Neilson
Kate McLellan
Kirstie-May Morris
Nicki Jones
Peta Scanlon
Cassie Davenport

JUNIORS

Kyle O'Brien
Rachael Cole
Nathan Roye
Zak Abdallaoui
Lauren Davenport
Lachlan Butcher
Elly Graf
Luke Cole
John Mason
Nicola Zagame
Jacqui Holland

NSW STATE TEAM

Nathan Smith
Jeremy Neilson
Luke Cole
Lauren Davenport

AUSTRALIAN TEAM

Kate McLellan



Kate McLellan.

Ladies' Auxiliary Report

During the 2003-04 Season, the Ladies have rallied together for each function we have been called on to cater for – the AGM and 200 Club. This season with the restructuring of the competition scene, Cronulla were without its carnival for the first time that I can remember. The 200 Club asked for assistance and it appeared to be a resounding success.

The Ladies in the Auxiliary for this season were Robyn Ellis, Rhonda Elmer, Kim English, Irene Forshaw, Cheryl Giles (Secretary), Denise Gough, Suzie Linkie, Margaret McFarlane, Faye Marshall (Vice President), Jan Metti, Sandra Neilson, Dianne Provan, Debbie Short and Ann Woods. It is great to see our group is expanding, which makes it easier if some can't attend a function. Many thanks to Dianne and Faye for their help in cleaning the kitchen and doing the shopping. A big thank you to Ray Hitcho for cleaning the floor in the kitchen with a gurney. We would like to think anyone who uses the kitchen, will leave it as clean as the Ladies leave it.

We catered for the scattering of Bill Eady's Ashes in May and it was by far the biggest function we have been called on to do. What a celebration of a good friend's life! Bill's wife Yvonne, was President of the Ladies Auxiliary, when I first joined Cronulla, and over the years we have become firm friends. The Ladies offer their sincere condolences to Yvonne and her family, in their time of great sadness.

Joy Hitchenson, President, Ladies' Auxiliary.



Joy Hitchenson – President, Ladies' Auxiliary.

VALE: BETH LYNCH – Life Member Cronulla SLSC Ladies Auxiliary

The Club is saddened to record the passing of Beth Lynch, a past President of the Ladies Auxiliary, on 4th December 2003.

Beth joined the Auxiliary (Ladies Committee) in 1976-77 Season, at the time when her late husband Russell, and her son Robert, were Members.

Russell unfortunately collapsed and died from a severe heart attack, while competing in the March Past Event at the 1978 Australian Surf Championships, in Kingscliff N.S.W.

While she and her family suffered serious grieving because of this sudden tragedy, Beth was determined to continue her contact with the Committee.

Eventually Beth became President in 1981, and chaired the group for 11 years, retiring in 1992.

Not long after, Beth moved residence to East Gosford on the Central Coast of NSW. Having been awarded Ladies Committee Life Membership in 1986, she kept in contact with Club affairs through the various correspondences and reports.

Beth became eligible to receive the 25 Year Long Service Award, and the presentation of this Badge will be made posthumously, to a Member of her family, at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of the Club.



The Ladies Auxiliary – Left to right: Margaret Bentley, Debbie Short, Fay Marshall, Suzie Linke, Joy Hitchenson, Sandra Neilson, Robin Ellis, Ann Wood.

Births

A Daughter Jade, to Daryn and Kiara Metti

Obituaries

We offer our condolences to the relatives of Members who have passed away during the year and to Members who have suffered Bereavements.

Life Member Bill "Ma" Eady

Dawn Free, Mother of Member, Bill

Joe, Father of John Wilson

Beth Lynch, Life Member Ladies Auxiliary

Patricia Lanser, wife of Long Service Member, Cid

Ian Swords, Vice President

Dave Tibbitts, father of Peter

Jessie Kell, wife of Alan Kell OAM

H.W. Reilly, Vice President,

father of Long Service Member, Wayne

VALE:

William Howarth Eady OAM – Life Member

After a long illness, Bill Eady passed away on 7th April, 2004, while at the Masonic Hospital, Newcastle. He was aged 68.

He was born to Charles and Valetta Eady in Murwillumbah on the Far-North Coast of NSW, on 20th December 1935. Bill was the youngest of the family's three boys and three girls. His dad passed away when Bill was only 18 months old. He commenced his education at Murwillumbah Primary before continuing at the local high school.

At age fourteen, Bill followed his brothers to join the nearby Fingal Rovers SLSC. Bill's brother Bob was that Surf Club's Captain at that time. At age 15, Bill and his mother moved to Sydney, where they set up home at Banksia. At age 16, Bill commenced an apprenticeship at the Garden Island Naval Dockyard and after serving his time, became a qualified Marine Engineer.

Bill Eady joined Cronulla SLSC, as a Junior Member on 21st January 1952 and gained his Bronze Medallion in March of that year. The following season Bill was elected to the position of Junior Patrol Captain and this was the start of a career that was to span some 52 years.

During that time he held many administrative positions within the Club, ranging from Publicity Officer to Club Administrator. Of the many positions that he held within the Club, those that stand out are: four years as Registrar, one year as Club Vice Captain, seven years as Club Captain, four years as Deputy President, 16 years as R & R Coach, nine years as Club Administrator and 26 years on the Management Committee.

Bill's dedication to doing things right was always evident during his lifetime of service to our Club. He was a perfectionist and could always be relied on to see a task through to the end. This quality of service was infectious and he was able to inspire many fellow Members to follow his example of serving the Club as he had. Bill was elevated to Life Membership in 1968 for his outstanding service to the Club.

As well as administration, Bill's love was competing for the Club, and a finer competitor has probably never donned a Cronulla cap. Bill won the Club's Junior Surf and Belt Championships, two Senior Surf Championships, as well as the Resuscitation Championship. His contribution in competing for our Club at the local Interclub carnivals is legendary.

He competed with distinction in R & R, Belt, 12 -A-Side, Surf Relay, Beach Sprint and Beach Flags for many years. Bill also had a successful career competing for the Club at Open Surf Carnivals. He was a talented swimmer, gaining many first placings in Surf and Belt Races. He was a valued Member of our R & R Team for many years and gained a Gold Medal in the State Championships at Swansea-Belmont in 1964, as well as fourth place in the Australian Championships at Collaroy that year. The following season he decided to retire from competing and concentrate on coaching R & R. It had always been his dream to see Cronulla win a Senior R & R Australian Championship. He realised that dream in 1966, when his team won Gold. There wasn't a happier man than Bill Eady on Coolangatta



Beach that day. Not only did Bill coach his own team, but he also passed on his knowledge to other Members of the Club and inspired them to become R & R Coaches as well. In the following years this resulted in our Club winning four Australian Junior R & R Championships.

As well as Bill's love for Surf Life Saving, Bill was a talented football player. He regularly represented St. George Rugby Club in 1st Grade. He played Rugby for our Club prior to Port Hacking being formed and then represented that Club for many years. A fearless tackler and a gifted attacking back, many have said that had he chosen to continue his career in Rugby, Representative Teams were well within his reach. Water Polo was another love of Bill's. He formed, coached and captained a third grade team within our Club. This team went on to win the competition in its inaugural season 1959-60. It was also said that had Bill decided to pursue a water polo career, representative honours may well have also been achieved.

Bill Eady will be remembered for his genuine care for other people. It was this care for others that earned him the nickname of "Ma". Many young men who passed through Cronulla Surf Club during Ma's career owe much to him. Not only was he a great motivator and Coach, he was also a person who earned the respect and admiration of others.

In 1966 Bill married the then Ladies' Committee President, Yvonne Hooke. In 1972 they decided to move to Harrington on the Mid-North Coast of NSW. With fellow Life Members Frank and Rhonda Elmer, they established a Caravan Park. This move proved to be Cronulla's loss and Crowdy Head SLSC's gain. Both Bill and Frank applied the skills that they had learnt at Cronulla to help mould Crowdy Head into the fine Club it is today. Bill served many roles in that Club, including those of President, Treasurer and Secretary.

Bill was rewarded by Crowdy Head SLSC in 1993 when he was elevated to Life Membership.

In 1978 Bill was awarded the Royal Humane Society's Certificate for Bravery for his part in the frightening attempted rescue and subsequent recovery of a person's body from below the Lighthouse at Crowdy Head.

During his time in the small town of Harrington, Bill in his own indomitable style, applied himself to serving the local Community. He was a Foundation Member and President of the local Lions Club and was responsible for motivating the Shire Council to undertake many improvements to the township. He was a Member of numerous Committees within the Community, including those of the Progress Association, Chamber of Commerce and Tourist Association.

Bill's service to Surf Life Saving didn't end here. He went on to become Registrar and Superintendent for the Lower-North Coast Branch for many years and was awarded Branch Life Membership in 1990. He was a Member of the NSW State Centre Council for twelve years. Elected in 1969, Bill was Coach of the NSW State Team for three consecutive years. He was rewarded in 1989 by State Centre for his outstanding contribution and was elevated to Life Membership. In 1990, he was awarded a Citation of Merit by World Life Saving, for distinguished service in promoting Marine Safety and in supporting the humanitarian goal of World Life Saving.

In 1993, the position of Club Administrator became vacant and Bill decided to apply for the position. Thus began another nine years of outstanding service to Cronulla Club. Whilst this was a paid position, he proved himself to be a most dedicated employee of the Club. Bill performed the duties of Administrator in a most efficient way. However it was the work that he did as well as his normal duties that was most appreciated. The many hours that he did outside the call of duty were too many to count. Bill's adaptability, co-operation and faultless integrity were paramount aspects of his governance during this successful period.

The crowning glory of his spectacular and busy life was the bestowal upon him of the Medal of the Order of Australia. This was gazetted in the 2004 Australia Day Honours, for service to Surf Life Saving and the Community, thus making him a most worthy inductee into our Nation's Society of Honour.

On the 10th March 2004, Bill's Funeral Service was held on a small hill beside Crowdy Head Surf Club, overlooking the beach. This was a very moving ceremony which was attended by some 300 people. Our Club hired a coach, and forty of our Members as well as Members from our neighbouring Clubs, made the journey to Crowdy. In addition many past and present Members made their own way there to pay their respects to Bill. A Wake was held in the Crowdy Clubhouse following a private Cremation.

Three ceremonies were held to scatter Bill's Ashes. The first was held on top of Mount Warning, Murwillumbah, on 13th March 2004, when the immediate family ascended the mountain to return part of Bill to his boyhood locality. The second ceremony was held at Crowdy Head on 18th April 2004. Surfboat Crews from Crowdy Head, Old Bar and Pacific Palms, as well as family and friends were in attendance, to say farewell to someone who had contributed so much to Surf Life Saving in their District.

The final ceremony was held at Cronulla on 16th May

2004. A service was held in the Club Ballroom, where various speakers spoke in glowing terms of Bill's wonderful contribution to our Club.

A flotilla of nine surfboats, representing the four Clubs of Bate Bay, escorted Bill's Ashes to sea, where they were scattered with dignity off the beach he loved so much. The weather and sea conditions were perfect and the large crowd of some four hundred in attendance, was a fitting tribute to the memory of Bill Eady. A traditional Wake was held afterwards in the Purcell Room, where various speakers reminisced on their experiences with Bill throughout his life.

Bill Eady's passing is a huge loss to his family, the Club, the Surf Life Saving Movement and to the Community. He will long be remembered for his outstanding skills as an Administrator, as a great competitor, a great Lifesaver, a motivator, and a Good Bloke.

He was a true Son of Cronulla. He was one of our Finest.

Bill is survived by Yvonne, sons Troy and Adam, daughters Neolie and Tracey, son in-law Dale, daughter in-law Neah, brothers Charles and Robert, sisters Valetta and Ruth and six grandchildren. A sister, Lynette, pre-deceased Bill. The Club extends its sincere and profound sympathy to Bill's extended family.

Barry Ezzy.



Medal of the Order of Australia awarded to William Howarth Eady

2004 Australia Day Honours for Service to Surf Lifesaving & Community

***A posthumous Investiture was conducted at
Government House, Sydney by Professor Marie
Bashir AC, Governor of NSW, on the afternoon
Thursday 20 May in the presence of Yvonne, and
members of the family and the other recipients.***

CRONULLA SLSC

Joined	21 January 1952
Life Membership	1 September 1968
Bronze Medallion	31146 23 March 1952
Instructor's Certificate	Season 1956-1957
Examiner's Certificate	Season 1960-1961
SLSA 50 Year Long Service Award	21 January 2002
Registrar	1956-1960
Deputy President	1969-1972
Club Captain	1961-1968
Club Vice Captain	1960-1961
Secretary/Treasurer	1993-2002
R & R Coach	1956-1972

History Committee Report

Excitement – Anticipation – Tension: These feelings were no doubt felt by our competitors and supporters during the recent 2004 Australian Surf Championships and the 2004 Australian Masters' Championships, which were held at Kurrawa, Queensland.

Our congratulations are extended to all who continued to fill new chapters in our Club's magnificent history.

Of particular historical significance was the win by our Under-19 Women's Beach Relay Team. These champions are: Clare Mallett, Jessica Hamilton, Amy Keegan and Nicole Jones.

The photo below shows the four proud Members of our Club's 1950 Beach Relay Team, following that team's second placing at the Australian Championships, which were held at Coolangatta that year.



Back: (left to right) – Cyril Hickman, Jeff Jones.
Front: (left to right) – Paul Hickman, Bill Marshall.

Jeff Jones unfortunately passed away in 1969, but his bearing, as we can see from this photograph, displays his obvious pride in his Club and in his achievements. There is no doubting the pride that is felt by Jeff's Granddaughter, Nicole Jones, in carrying on those fine efforts on the beach.

Excitement – Anticipation – Tension: These feelings are also being experienced by the members of our History Committee as the Club's Centenary Year approaches.

A Celebration Year Steering Committee has been formed. This Committee includes members of our Management and History committees. We are working towards an exciting year of celebratory events, including the launch of our Centenary Book.

We have approached several book publishers as new ideas and modern printing and publishing methods and styles are investigated.

John Johnson and one of his work colleagues, Les Hewatt, have compiled a proposed Business and Project Plan for the Book's publication.

Some important items of historical significance have been donated to the Club during the year. These include:

- The H. Waddell-Hoban Cup for Pointscore Competition inaugurated in the 1920-21 Season, won on three successive occasions, 1926-29 by Jack Harris – thanks to his son Bruce Harris.
- Two early style vertically striped Club Blazers in relatively good condition. These garments belonged to Jack Begley, a former Junior and Senior Surf Champion of the Club. Tailored in the early 1930s, one of them still bears the name "Farmer & Co." They were donated by Jack's daughter Barbara.
- Three magnificent framed photographs of Cronulla Beach and District – circa pre-1920. Thanks to the family of a former Club Patron, the late C.O.J. Monro.

Members of our History Committee are continuing to write the Club's History with ongoing extensive research being undertaken. This research continues to uncover many amazing, interesting, hilarious and sometimes embarrassing incidents.

Of course *your* submissions in writing, about such incidents, are sought by the History Committee.

And – while you are gathering your thoughts and digging out those old items of interest, start giving some thought to giving a *Title* for the Book. What a claim to fame that would be to see *your* suggestion emblazoned on the front cover!

Please send suggestions for a Title, as well as items of interest to:

History Committee, Cronulla Surf Club,
P.O.Box 8, Cronulla NSW 2230.

Brian O'Donnell.



Cronulla Beach/Park, (circa 1929)

The spacious grounds, terraces, newly established palm trees and Norfolk pines of Cronulla Park 75 years ago, when full length costumes were stipulated for surf bathing and bare chested males frowned upon.

The background skyline shows the magnificent Hotel Cecil and Cecil Ballroom and Cafe fronting the Promenade.

The broad stretch of beach was not lacking sand and provided ample space for people, the odd fishing boat and the Club's clinker-built surfboat "Surf Queen", launched in 1927.

Cadet Report

I am pleased to report on a successful 2003-2004 Season from the Cadet Section.

Our Cadets provided a steady stream of participation in Patrols this year. The patrolling Cadets are developing their Lifesaving skills with the help of the more experienced Members. Our aim is to ensure that we generate adequate numbers to renew our Patrols each season.

In order to reduce the post-Nipper dropout rate, that is a national problem in Surf Life Saving, we introduced some new ideas this season, which were well supported by the kids.

Firstly, our Sunday Cadet Sprint Races and Flags kicked off at the completion of the Crays activities on the beach.

We frequently had more than ten starters and were joined by some very competitive U-14s and even U-13s. I'd like to thank Ray Hitchenson, Mick DeHaan, Michael and Yvette Graf, for their help running these fun activities.

Secondly, the Cadet Double Ski Races were a blast. These races provided a great opportunity to introduce the Cadets to Ski Paddling, in a fun and safe environment. We were consistently launching four Double Skis for this race. How many other Surf Clubs can boast this? Thanks to Phil Hamilton for this initiative.

Thirdly, this year we acquired three new Racing Malibus that have been designed to suit U-14s, to enable them to race in the Sunday Board Races.

These new craft were excellent and our Sunday Board Races were often bursting with U-14s giving our Cadets a run for their money.

While on this subject, I'd like to thank Neil Swane, who donated a new "Run like a Chicken" Racing Malibu and John Fredericks and Paul Hill of Beach Constructions, for their support of the Cadet Section, by sponsoring us with



John Zagame – Cadet Captain.

four Paddles, two Racing Malibus and the new Double Ski, which is used by the Cadets each Sunday.

Congratulations to those who competed at carnivals this year. We achieved outstanding results, that are outlined elsewhere in this Annual Report.

On a personal note, I'd like to thank Ray Hitchenson, Ian Goode and Michael Beecroft, for their help and guidance throughout the season.

I hope we can expand our Cadets Activities next season, with more competition and social events.

John Zagame, Cadet Captain.



Cadet Section – Left to right: Chad Hancock, Jamie Fleming, Matt Sowter, Jeremy Neilson, A.J. Morris, Adam Orford, Luke Zagame, Cassie Davenport, Peta Scanlon, Steven Parkes, Jessica Pinker, John Zagame (Cadet Captain), Katie Pleasance, Alex Fleming.

Swimming Captain's Report

The Swim Section had another outstanding year for Season 2003-2004, with great performances at the Sydney Branch, the State and the Australian Championships.

These performances added to our strong showing at the Premiership Rounds and the Sydney Water Rounds, along with our standout performances at the Interclub.

The State Championships again proved to be fruitful for the Swim Section.

We had wins in the Over-24 Surf Race – Paul Maclachlan, and the U-19 Surf Teams – Mark Simpson, Daniel Neilson, Jeremy Neilson and Jai Lapham.

Second placings went to Ryan Hartup – Open Belt, Daniel Neilson – U-19 Belt, Open Surf Teams – Ryan Hartup, Nathan Smith, Paul Maclachlan and Ben Orford. Third placing's went to Mark Simpson – U-19 Surf Race.

The Australian Titles also gave the Swim Section the chance to flex its muscles with numerous placings.

These included third placings to Paul Maclachlan – Restricted Surf Race and Open Belt Race, and Daniel Neilson – U-19 Belt Race.

Fourth placings went to Nathan Smith – Open Surf Race, Ryan Hartup – Open Belt and the Open Surf Team – Ryan Hartup, Nathan Smith, Paul Maclachlan and Ben Orford.

Next season looks very promising, after strong performances in the Cadet Surf Teams.

Male: third at the State, fourth at the Australian and Female: fourth at the State, fifth at the Australian.

We had creditable performances from our U-19 and Open Female Teams, which were very unlucky not to get in the top six, at both the Australian and State Championships.



Paul Maclachlan – Swimming Captain.

The Swim Section would like to thank all the Belt Teams, as well as Bruce and Dianne Maclachlan, for all their dedication and support to this Section.

Because without all your help, we would never have been so successful this year. Yours in Surfing.

Paul Maclachlan, Swimming Captain.



Swim Section – A.J. Morris, Luke Zagame, Steven Parkes, Alex Fleming, Michelle Collins, Kate McLellan, Daniel Neilson, Andrew Orford, Richard Garnsey, Paul MacLachlan, Dara Scanlon, Nathan Smith, Chad Hancock, Jessica Pinker, Ben Orford, Katie Pleasance, Kelly Jury, Sarah Rayner, Peta Scanlon, Cassie Davenport, Kirstie-May Morris, Emma Orford, Dane Williams, Mark Simpson, Ryan Hartup, Daryn Metti, Jeremy Neilson, Kevin Neilson.

Boat Captain's Report

The 2003-2004 Season saw a continuation and building on the previous season. The year started with an Open Crew in training from September, a Ladies Crew and a Reserve Crew.

Unfortunately, the Open Crew, after competing in the Palm's River Run, ran into more problems than one would find in a Melrose Place script!

Our Women's Crew were pursued and eventually competed for North Cronulla.

On the positive side, we were able to put together an Under-19 Crew as a good starting base for the future. I would like to thank Fern Elliott, Ivan Sherratt and Rob Short in particular, for helping one of our new Junior Rowers achieve his Bronze Medallion in only two weeks. This allowed our Under-19s to compete at the Interclub, Branch, State and the Aussies.

After the demise of the Open and the Ladies, the Section was left with a nucleus of experienced rowers, two Crews were formed and competed in the Reserve Division. Cronulla boats were represented in final rounds at all carnivals entered. The Boat Crews also teamed up with the Board, Ski, Swim and Beach Sections to finish second and third in the Mason's Relay at the Branch and fourth in the State.

Crew Reports

Cronulla Blue – Sweep: Colin Tatham, Stroke: Armon Vanzanten, Second Stroke: Steve Tatham, Second Bow: Matt Bruce, Bow: Dave Staples.

The Blue Reserve Grade Crew had a solid start and to their credit continued to build and improve throughout. Sweep Colin "Chesty" Tatham managed to blend first year Senior Dave Staples, with experienced rowers Matt Bruce, Steve Tatham and Armon Vanzanten. Dave stepped up and met the challenge.



Garry Allman – Boat Captain.

The Blue Reserve Grade Crew finished the season with quality performances.

Best Results: 4th Freshwater, 3rd Coogee, 3rd Branch
2nd Interclub, Semi-Final State, Quarter-Final Aussies
2nd Mason's Relay Branch, 4th Mason's Relay State.



Boat Section – Left to right: Daryn Metti, Col Tatham, Rob Short, Ivan Sherratt, Emma Orford, Jamie Fleming, Gary Allman, Dave Swingler, Michelle Giles, Matt Bruce, Steve Tatham, Armon Vanzanten, Mark Swingler. Kneeling: Kirk Henderson, Mark Chandler, Dave Staples, Ryan Wood.



The Cronulla Blue Reserve Grade Surfboat Crew.

Cronulla White – Sweep: Gary Allman, Stroke: Nathan Hillary, 2nd Stroke: Simon Levings, 2nd Bow: Dave Hill, Bow: Mark Swingler.

The White Reserve Grade Crew had a strong, but interrupted year with many Crew changes. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Ivan Sherratt and Ryan Ferguson, who filled in during the year allowing the White Crew to compete into final rounds at most carnivals. A special mention to Simon Levings, who made a miraculous comeback from a serious car crash, and a burst ulcer, in the first part of the Season.

Best Results: 8th Manly, 2nd Interclub, 7th Branch, 5th Metros, 7th Coogee, Round 5 State and Aussies, 3rd Mason's Relay Branch.

Under-19 Crew – Sweep: Gary Allman, Stroke: Kirk Henderson, 2nd Stroke: Mark Chandler, 2nd Bow: Matt Aiken, Bow: Mitch Elliott.

The Juniors were off to a late start with their first carnival being the Interclub. First year rowers Mark Chandler and Matt Aiken, joined Kirk Henderson and Mitch Elliott from last year's Crew. The Crew continued to increase skills throughout the year. A special mention to Nathan "Fingal" Hillary, who helped the boys out at Sydney Branch Carnivals, allowing the Juniors to compete in the "76" format. This allowed three Juniors to compete, whilst Matt attained his Bronze.

Best Results: 3rd Interclub, 4th Branch, 3rd Metros.

I would like to thank Matt Bruce, Dave Staples and Nathan Hillary, for towing our boats and driving the Club Bus to the Aussies this year.

Nathan Hillary came to us from Fingal Beach in November and has been a fierce competitor and tireless worker for the Section since his arrival.

The Boat Section is off to a flying start for next season with an Open Crew and two Reserve Crews, making the best of the current weather conditions for stroke work and some hard work in the Gym. A Girl's Crew is currently learning to row. Juniors new and current, are both training and learning.

Finally I would like to thank Colin Tatham, for all the repairs to equipment through the year and the development of an excellent Club Training Manual.

Garry Allman, Boat Captain.



Dave Staples: Boatman's Trophy.



The Cronulla White Reserve Grade Surfboat Crew.



The Cronulla Under-19 Surfboat Crew.

Ski Captain's Report

Another year goes by, my last as Ski Captain. This year we have seen an increase in the Section with more girls joining the Section. This has meant some older Members having to move their craft out of the Ski racks to make room for the competitors, as per the criteria we laid down a few years ago. This is good thing, as we would rather have too many Members, than not enough.

Lets start with the Sunday Shark Island Ski Race. Again this year it has grown with an average of 12 Paddlers every week, some weeks we had 20 Paddlers going out and around the Island and back. Thanks to Rob (Max) Walker for doing the handicapping. There seemed to be a lot of handicap changes each week, but the races where still fairly tight. The fastest time around the Island this season was by Mark Simpson at 7'20". This years placings: 1st Paul Day, 2nd Ryan Wood, equal-3rd Kieran Day and Phil Hamilton, 5th Daryn Metti, 6th Daniel Wood, 7th Luke Wood, 8th Emma Orford.

Also this year Phil (Philthy) Hamilton introduced a fun Double Ski Race around whatever cans where out there. This was to encourage our younger Paddlers to get on with someone more experienced and have a paddle on a Ski. Each week we saw all the Doubles available being used, sometimes we had to run two races to cover all the people who wanted to have a paddle. Good work Philthy!

With Double Skis being mentioned, I would like to thank Beach Constructions, for donating \$2000.00 towards a new Double Ski, that will be utilised quite significantly in the years to come. An extra thanks to Beach for also donating \$600.00 towards paddles, which will be available for any



Daryn Metti – Ski Captain.



Ski Section – Left to right: Nathan Smith, Ryan Wood, Daryn Metti, Emma Orford, Ben Orford, Kelly Jury, Sarah Rayner, Ryan Hartup, Mark Simpson, Phil Hamilton, Kirstie-May Morris, Dane Williams, Peta Scanlon, John Zagame, Luke Zagame, Richard Garnsey.



Kelly Jury.

Paddler who does not have their own paddle. These are supposed to stay in the Board & Ski Shed at the Club.

As prefaced last year, U-19 Girls' Competition was in full swing this year. We had some encouraging results during the year with Sarah Sowter, Emma Orford, Sarah Rayner, Kirstie-May Morris and Peta Scanlon, all performing well. All the girls improved over the year with Sarah Sowter going on to win the Branch Titles, with Kirstie-May 3rd, Sarah Rayner 4th and Emma Orford 6th, really showing the depth of our Women Paddlers.

While we are on the Branch Titles, Mark Simpson and Dane Williams finished first and second respectfully in the U-19 Men's Ski. We are now starting to see some younger Paddlers coming through the ranks.

At the State Titles, the Section performed well:

In the Open Men, we had one Relay Team make the semi-final, 2 Paddlers made the 2nd round of the Single Ski, both Men's Doubles went out in the first round and lastly in the Mixed Double, all teams went out in the quarter-finals, after some close finishes.

We had two U-19 guys go round, with one making the semi-final and getting smashed, to not make the final.

The U-19 Women – we had four girls enter with three making the final and placing 8th, 9th and 10th.

Lastly, the Open Women – we had two starters, with one making the final and one getting smashed to miss out. In the final, Kelly showed she can think while racing, to hold back on the winning wave (which had three other girls on it as well), to watch them slew, then paddled over the double-up to come through to win! This is two in a row. Congratulations Kelly.

Another point on the State Titles I would like to make is the way the Kelly Jury and Sarah Sowter paddled in the



Mark Simpson.

Women's Taplin Relay, Kelly kept the A Team up with the leaders, to allow them to come through to win the event. While Sarah had an inspirational paddle, she almost got out three times, only to get knocked off her Ski in the sets. She swam back to the beach each time and kept trying, eventually (after grabbing Kelly's Ski when her rudder bent) managed to get out and around the cans. Sarah is not known as someone who likes the waves, but by finishing this race, she has shown she does not give up. Well done Sarah.

On to the Australians Titles:

Open Men – we had six starters this year out of 550 competitors.

Unfortunately, we all went out in the first round. Most only just missing out on the second round.

The six of us then started in the Ski Relay with Keiran, Luke and Luke (Wood & Elliott) making the quarter-finals, i.e. top 64 teams.

From here Luke and Luke, Philthy and myself started in the Open Double and that was as far as we got.

U-19 Men – we had two starters, Dane and Ryan. Both were hit a bit and did not progress out of the first round.

U-19 Women – we had Sarah, Emma and Kirstie-May start. Emma got hit, but had a good paddle however and did not make it out of the first round. Kirstie-May squeaked through the first round to make the semi-finals, by then surf was up and she was hit quite a few times even breaking her foot strap and did not finish. Sarah made it through the first round, through the semi-final, and into the final where she was one of the few to stay upright on her ski to come a credible 6th, three places better than last year.

Open Women – we had Kelly and Carol start. Both progressing through the 1st round and quarters to the semi-finals. Carol sometimes just squeaking through. In the semis, Carol had a good paddle, but came in 9th to just miss out. Kelly came 5th to qualify for the final. In the final, she was hit badly, but still managed to get around, but not in the top six.

Mixed Double Ski – we had four teams start and we all just missed out on getting through the 1st round.

As you can see from these results, we are still very strong in the Women and staying the same in the Men, but that is for someone else to worry about next year.

I would like to thank all the Members of the Section for their help and support over the past seven or so years. I will miss everything about it apart from the fights over the Ski racks – I am glad that is someone else's problem now!

I wish the Section and the new Ski-Captain, all the best and will be around if any advice is needed.

Daryn Metti, Ski Captain.



Nathan Smith.

Board Captain's Report

Another season has passed and the Board Section has once again, come away with some fantastic results during the year.

Although I do not like to single out individual efforts, I think that it would be remiss of me not mention Nathan Smith's accomplishment at the Australian Championships.

Nathan became only the second person from our Club ever to win an Australian Open Board Race, since Brian Keane won the open Australian Long Board Championship in 1955. In addition he became only the second person along the Bate Bay Beaches, to have won the Open Board Championship. Anyone that saw how close he came to winning at the 2001 Australian Championships, only to come second to Trevor Hendy, will agree that his win was thoroughly deserved this time round. Congratulations on a fantastic result.

This was one of many successes enjoyed by the Section throughout the year and all competitors need to be congratulated for their efforts.

Richard "Bluey" Garnsey and Deacon Spicer, did a great job of preparing our Paddlers throughout the season and their efforts were rewarded at the State and Australian Championships, where the Section had numerous successes.

In the Cadet Girls, we had Erin Beecroft, Cassie Davenport, Alex Fleming, Lauren Mason, Jessica Pinker, Dara Scanlon, Peta Scanlon and Nicola Zagame, who were all competitive throughout the season. Cassie, Alex and Peta took out the Under-16 Women's Surf Board Relay at the State and Australian Championships, which meant that Cronulla had won this event two years straight at Aussies, which shows just how strong this Age Group is. Alex was also unlucky not



Lee Schmalfeldt – Board Captain.



Board Section – Left to right: Luke Zagame, Jamie Fleming, Alex Fleming, Nathan Smith, Richard Garnsey, Paul MacLachlan, Daniel Neilson, Lee Schmalfeldt, Dara Scanlon, Chad Hancock, Jessica Pinker, Ben Orford, Katie Pleasance, Kelly Jury, Sarah Rayner, Peta Scanlon, Kirstie-May Morris, Emma Orford, Ryan Hartup, Tiarne Smith, Mark Simpson, Dane Williams, Cassie Davenport, Jeremy Neilson, Daryn Metti, Peter Meyer.

to medal in her individual race, where she came fifth. Cassie and Peta also took out the Cadet Girl's Board Rescue at the State. All these girls need to be congratulated on a successful season.

In the Cadet Boys, Luke Cole, Chad Hancock, John Mason and Jeremy Neilson, were regulars at carnivals throughout the season and with more experience will make their presence felt next year.

In the Junior Girls, we had Yasmin Campbell, Sarah Rayner, Kirstie-May Morris, and Peta Scanlon, who raced up from the Cadets. All these girls did extremely well all season and Kirstie-May has another two years in this Age Group. We'll look forward to hearing more of her successes in the future.

In the Junior Boys, Daniel Neilson, Jeremy Neilson, Dean Simpson, Mark Simpson and Dane Williams were never far from the lead at most carnivals. Daniel, Dean and Mark came third in the Under-19 Board Relay at the State Championships, and were second at the Australian Championships. In addition, Daniel and Mark won the Under-19 Board Rescue Championships at the State.

Australian Championships – Competing against much older rivals, they managed to hold out for third and were at one point on the winning wave.

In the Open Men, we had Bluey, Ben Orford, Ryan Hartup and Nathan Smith, along with Daniel, Dean, Mark and Dane racing up from the Juniors. Nathan, Mark and Daniel teamed up to place third in the Open Board Relay at the State, which is a fantastic achievement when you consider



Dean Simpson.



Daniel Neilson.



Chad Hancock.



Katie Pleasance.



Peta Scanlon.

Mark and Daniel were racing up from the Juniors.

I would like to thank John Zagame, for looking after the Cadets this season and Kevin Neilson for looking after the Juniors and Opens in my absence at carnivals this season.

I would also like to thank Bill Butterfield, Mal Butterfield, Kieran Day, Neil Johnstone and Phil English for assisting me in getting the Board Trailer ready for the trip to Queensland, after it ended up in the surf last winter. Thanks also go out to the Elliott family for towing the trailer to and from Kurrawa.

Finally, congratulations need to be extended to all other Sections in the Club on combining to place second at the Australian Championships.

Lee Schmalfeldt, Board Captain.

Beach Captain's Report

The "Sandscratchers" continued their tradition of leading the Sections for competitive results and partying hard this season.

We earnt 54 points at State and 32 points at Aussies to again make significant contributions to our Club's success. We were particularly elated to win the inaugural "Alan Whelpton Trophy" for the best Beach Team at the State Championships.

At the Branch Carnival, our competitors won 9 of the 18 Gold Medals available, including a hat-trick to Melissa Miles in Junior Sprint and Flags and Open Flags. Our Club had 11 girls compete in the Junior Girls at Branch. Seven of them made the final 8 in the Sprint and we took Gold and Silver in the Junior Relay. This meant three girls missed a run in the Junior Relay, so they ran in the Open Women's Relay, with one of the Silver Medallists from the Juniors and went on to win the Gold Medal. This meant each of the 11 girls got a Gold or a Silver Medal at the Branch.

Our Cadet Girls continued to show they are ready to enjoy the success of their predecessors, by winning the Branch Relay and gaining Bronze at State and Aussies. The Relay Squad included three Under-15's, two Under-14's and one Under-13. During the season, we welcomed many of the Nippers, and Jacqui Holland, Allison May, Mel Ward, Ashlee Ankudinoff and Maddi Elliott will ensure our girls continue their reign. Indeed, Maddi Elliott may be our Club's youngest Aussie Medallist, after sharing the Bronze Medal in the Cadet Relay.

Laura Hammond displayed maturity and an ability to



Col Elliott – Beach Captain.



Beach Section – Left to right: Mick Dehaan, Tim Tardent, Brent Janssen, Nicki Jones, Steven Parkes, Anthony Lyon, Matt Sowter, Sam Johnson, Laura Hammond, Jamie Fleming, Blake, Alex Fleming, Michael Beecroft, Kneeling: Col Elliott (Beach Captain).

focus beyond her years and won the Beach Pointscore at the Illawarra Carnivals, Gold Medals at the Branch and State for Cadet Flags, and was 5th at the Aussies. Laura has benefited this year from having Jamie McKee to train and compete with and these two girls will be a force for years to come.

Another pleasing aspect in Cadets was the re-emergence of the boys. Last year we did not field a Relay Team in the major carnivals. This year our Squad of Matt Sowter, Matt Miles, Anthony Wallace and Jamie Fleming were joined at State by Nipper, Jordan Lee. Although not individually brilliant, their baton changes were exceptional and the boys got the Bronze Medal at the State. As these boys grow in physique and confidence, they will enjoy further success.

As the saying goes: "No surf's too tough for the Beachies", but we were sorely tested on finals day at the State. We had to count heads during the Flags to be sure none of our competitors were washed away, as the waves swamped the track. In the Sprints, waves washed the lanes between races. Add to this the chaos caused when the Sprint semis were run over 70m then the finals were run over 90m and we have the recipe for discontent.

However, many memorable anecdotes emerged on the day. The spectre of Daniel Partridge, Owen Garnett and James Hipwell being three of the last five in the Junior Boys Flags, was outweighed by the courage of Melissa Miles, who suffered a broken bone and concussion in the Junior Girls Flags, when there were five left. With rubbery legs, we walked her down the track as she assured us of her determination to continue. She then proceeded to beat last year's Silver Medallist at the State and Aussies in a run off, then got through another round to get the Bronze Medal,



Nicki Jones.



Mick DeHaan.



Melissa Miles.



Anthony Lyon, Brent Janssen and Tim Tardent.



Matt Sowter.



Daniel Neilson.



Anthony Lyon.

using just one hand and tolerating intense pain. Mel had to forego two more Medal opportunities by withdrawing from her Sprint semi-final and the final of the Open Flags.

Because of Mel's injury, we were left one Runner short for our two Relay Teams, as Kirby Bosden had returned to Sydney thinking her events were over.

Between visits to the First Aid Tent and rushes to the Water Area to get competitors, Mick and I were on the phone to Sydney to get Kirby to return. Her rush to return was rewarded, when she contributed to two Silver Medals in the Junior and Open Relay Teams.

Another memorable moment from the State, was when our management realised there were only two entries in the U-16 March Past, so they late entered our squad of Cadets, who marched proudly for the Club and earnt a Silver Medal.

Our Open Men did not have the success of previous years, but still set the pace in organising and enthusing our squad. Without doubt, the most improved athlete, and a natural leader, is Anthony Lyon. Anthony emerged from the shadow of his mate Brent Janssen this season, and was rewarded with selection in the Sydney Branch Team. His efforts to get 6th in Flags at the State and narrowly miss the final at the Aussies, was testament to the work he has put in over several seasons.

Another Flagger to continue an upward trend was Daniel Partridge. Although Daniel's results of two Bronze Medals at the State and Aussies, leave him tantalizingly close to the Gold he desires. He is gaining in maturity and self control. Unfortunately, Daniel was eliminated in both events for breaking, as was the case in the Open Flags at Aussies, where he came 5th in the semi-final to miss the final by one place. However, this year they weren't nervous breaks, but controlled fast reactions that were detected by Officials, who watch Daniel because of his past record. Tim Tardent added to our trifecta of Flaggers by beating both Anthony and Daniel at the Club Championships, despite having an unhappy season at the major carnivals.

Congratulations to our other Club Champions:

Laura Hammond: Cadet Girl Sprint and flags

Steve Parkes: Cadet Boy Sprint

Matt Sowter: Cadet Boy Flags

Nicki Jones: Junior and Open Girls Sprint

Melissa Miles: Junior and Open Flags

Daniel Partridge: Junior Sprint and Flags

Brent Janssen: Open Sprint

This year, we welcomed a few new Members: Carly Robinson in the Junior Girls and Laurent Stewart in the Open Men, and welcomed the return of Nicole Hodges, Kirby Bosden, Dave Yong and Owen Garnett from injuries and studies. Indeed we must have the most intelligent athletes in Australia, with three of our Junior Boys getting a UAI of over 90.

As I've said before, the success of a Section is not built on the elite athletes alone, it depends on the infrastructure and attitude of each person. People like Kate Beecroft, Josh Sund and Ben Williams always give 100% at training and competition and enthuse all of us. Naturally, Coach Mick deHaan deserves endless praise for his contribution, but so too do mums and dads like Mike Beecroft and Val McKee for supporting their kids.

It's been a pleasure for Mick and I to be associated with such a wonderful group of people and we look forward to sharing your dreams next season.

Col Elliott, Beach Captain.

Multi-Discipline Section

Another good year by our competitors with the high spot being Nathan Smith winning the State Senior Ironman for a third consecutive year.

The first time by any competitor – and he did it in grand style in a good surf. The mass of seaweed did not trouble him. He has admitted that he was very focused for this one and next season his focus will be on the Australian, where this year he got 5th. We wish him the best of luck he has the ability to win it. Although Ryan Hartup and Mark Simpson may have other ideas, as I am sure that is also their goal.

Ryan performed well in both State and Australian with Mark 2nd at State and 5th at Australian. Next season we should see three Cronulla finalists in the Australian Ironman.

Our girls also performed very well with a win at the State in the Open Women's Taplin – Kelly Jury, Sarah Rayner and Kirstie-May Morris. Unfortunately, bad luck in the big sea at Kurrawa, saw them out of a place.

Peta Scanlon showed her surfing prowess by winning the U-16 Ironwomen's Race with a never say die attitude. She kept in touch and got the right wave for a spectacular win.

Cassie Davenport performed very well with a 4th at the Australian U-16 Iron Women's Race.

Many of girls progressed into higher age categories this season so with an extra year's growth, I am sure next year will be their year.

There were many good performances during the year by all of our Multi-Discipline Competitors, and those not mentioned here, could well be in prominence next year, the depth is excellent.



Ryan Hartup.



Mark Simpson.



Multi Discipline Section – Left to right: Alex Fleming, Richard Garnsey, Steven Parkes, Jeremy Neilson, Dara Scanlon, Nathan Smith, Chad Hancock, Jessica Pinker, Ben Orford, Katie Pleasance, Kelly Jury, Sarah Rayner, Peta Scanlon, Cassie Davenport, Kirstie-May Morris, Dane Williams, Mark Simpson, Ryan Hartup, Daryn Metti.

Masters' Report

In the period c.460-400 BC, the Greek historian and general Thucydides stated, *"To famous men all the earth is a sepulchre."* Does this mean that we have to build a stone monument for our latest Gold Medal Winners: Allan Metti and Paul Day?

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate these two super athletes for their success at the 2004 Australian Titles in Kurrawa this year and what an effort, especially Paul who sustained an injury at the State and was not hopeful of competing at the Australian.

While I am on the subject of the State, Cronulla also boasts of having three Gold Medallists in the 150-Plus Ski Relay. Namely Phil Hamilton, Deacon Spicer and Allan Metti. On the day of the NSW State, there was not much surf, so to gain a first placing was a big effort with the conditions available on the day. My arch-enemy Daryn Metti and it hurts me to say this, also went well this year gaining a third placing at the Branch and making the final in the Board at the State. Even our Beach Masters managed to bring home some bacon, but I will not steal the thunder off our illustrious Beach Captain, Col Elliott.

Some of our new Masters Competitors enjoyed themselves at the State this year and I am predicting that Mark Jackson, Andrew McDonald and Scott McMaster, will do good things for the Masters Section next year and I welcome their efforts.

I would also like to predict that next year will be a big year for Cronulla Masters, with a few of our "big guns" returning. Namely: Baden Green, Peter Tibbitts and Greg Stewart. I look forward to leading the Masters again in 2005, to what I think will be the best Season in a long while.

Peter Meyer, Masters' Captain.



Peter Meyer, Masters' Captain.



Masters Section – Left to right: Allan Metti, Mick Dehaan, Daryn Metti, Phil Hamilton, Richard Garnsey, Neale Johnstone, Col Elliott, John Zagame, Kneeling-Peter Meyer.

Seventh Annual Masters' Teams Carnival

On the second Friday in January, our Club hosts the Cronulla Masters' Teams Carnival.

This year we were joined by teams from across Sydney, including Northies, Wanda, Tamarama, Queenscliff, Wamberal, North Narrabeen, Warriewood and South Maroubra.

Over 21 teams of four, meant a crowded beach and the exposed rocks were an added difficulty. As usual, the emphasis was on the competition, rather than the victory.

But the first three teams in each of the two pools were awarded Medals at the after-event festivities, where competitors enjoyed Cronulla's hospitality with complimentary food and drinks.

Many people contribute to making the day a success and I would like to acknowledge the following Club Members for their support:

- Fern, Amber and Maddi Elliott for food preparation and taking entries.
- Kieran Day and Daniel Wood for IRB duties.
- Ken English for Course set-up and Referee duties.
- Graham Giles and Eric Wood for BBQ duties.
- Michelle Giles for Data Entry on the software developed by father Graham. This enables us to have a pointscore print-out at the end of events.

Apart from the social benefits to the Club, the night also realised a profit of over \$500 and increased Bar turnover.

Thanks to all those Club Members who joined in the evening.

Col Elliott.



Allan Metti.



Ken Davidson.

Coaching and Competition

This year saw a return of dominance in our Competitive Sections, which will be important in our future development at the Club.

Our Beach Section was the envy of many Clubs and congratulations must go to the Coaches and Captains who made sure all competitors performed their best.

Congratulations Melissa, Amy, Jessica and Nikki on winning the Australian U-19 Relay.

The Boat Section made inroads into rebuilding for the future, with great results at local carnivals and the State Championships. They are looking forward to improved results in the future.

Swimmers have again shown that consistency will always reap results. Their record throughout the season meant we were always in the money.

The Board Section finished the year with an Australian Champion in Nathan Smith, but the results all season showed the depth and quality of our Members.

Congratulations also to Peta, Cassie and Alex for their win in the Australian U-16 Board Relay and our Club Captain Tiarne, for winning the Australian Open Board Riding.

The Ski Section is on a building programme that will show benefits in the coming season. Their consistency and willingness to help and compete showed true Club spirit.

The Multi-Disciplinary Section had very good results throughout the season and have worked hard for these.

State Champions once again and second at the Australian has left us with no alternative, but to go one better!

With commitment, hard work and planning we will achieve this goal!

Kevin Neilson.



Paul Day.



Daryn Metti.

Sunday Swim Race Secretary's Report

The Sunday Surf Races were again a popular feature on our Club Calendar, with over 170 Members going around the cans at least once during the season and an average roll-up of 47.

Many of our new Bronze holders joined Kurranulla Swimming Club and became regulars in the Masters Surf Swim this season. Welcome to Andrew McDonald, Bryan "Bronzie" Wild, Michael Murray, Denise Rayner, Jenny Pinker, Wendy Williams, Megan Laurie, Therese Hammond and "Motivator" Jenny Mason.

The Handicapping System again ensured close finishes each week and a hotly contested Pointscore in each Age Group. When there are five or more starters in a race, the winner gains 15 seconds, 2nd gains 10 seconds and 3rd gains 5 seconds.

All finishers beyond 6th get 5 seconds back on their handicap. The pointscore system is:

1st = 8 2nd = 5 3rd = 3
4th = 2.5 5th = 2 6th = 1.5

This Season's pointscore winners were:

Cadets:

1st Jessica Pinker 53
2nd Matt Sowter 46

Opens:

1st Keiran Day 44
2nd Corrine Beinat 41

Masters:

1st Andrew McDonald 47
2nd Daryn Metti 37

Veterans:

1st Paul Day 54
2nd Ross Smith 51
Sandy Curran 51

Two minor modifications were made this year after discussion at Lifesaving and Management Meetings.

The "Open" Category now means all Bronze Holders are eligible to compete, including Cadets with their Bronze. The second modification was to spread the Trophy Races through the season, to ensure greater participation and this proved very popular with swimmers.

Trophy Winners must have swum at least twice in the category, prior to the race and can only win one trophy per category per season. This season's winners were:

Ladies Auxiliary Trophy (21.12.03):

Cadets: Luke Zagame

Open: Ryan Hartup

Masters: Steve Pocklington

Veterans: Sandy Curran

President's Trophy (4.1.04):

Cadets: Chad Hancock

Open: Chad Hancock

Masters: Lizzie Lodge

Veterans: John Simpson

Captain's Trophy (22.2.04):

Cadets: Melissa Brown

Open: Mark Franklin

Masters: Michael Murray

Veterans: Barry Ezzy

Brace Relay (28.3.04)

1st Phil Hamilton and Keiran Day

2nd Paul Day and Bruce Baird

3rd Lizzie Lodge and Daryn Metti

Finally, thanks to:

"Max" Walker for organizing the Shark Island Ski Races each week. "Philthy" Phil Hamilton for acting as M.C. at the 1pm speeches. Col Elliott for running the Board Race. The IRB Drivers who set the cans, conducted Water Safety and brought the cans in.

The Monthly Pointscore Winners are tabled at bottom of this page.

Fern Elliott, Race Handicapper.

Handicapped Board Race

The Board Race is conducted every Sunday, immediately after the Surf Swim. The Cadet Section averaged over nine starters, while the Open Race averaged over 14 starters. The same Handicapping System applies as for the Surf Swim.

The Cadet pointscore was closely contested all season between Chad Hancock and Mat Sowter, who is better known as a Flagger.

Cadet Points:

1st	Matt Sowter	42.5
2nd	Chad Hancock	40.5
3rd	Luke Zagame	35.8

The Juniors paddle in the Open Race, but have a separate Annual Award.

Junior Points:

1st	Kirstie-Mae Morris	16
2nd	Yasmin Campbell	9.5
3rd	Emma Orford	7

In the Opens, Scott McMasters was training for his Bronze early in the season and opened a big points lead as he improved.

Open Points:

1st	Scott McMasters	47
2nd	Andrew McDonald	44
3rd	Paul Day	41.5

Col Elliott.

Month	Cadet	Open	Masters	Veterans
October	Jessica Pinker 11	Richard Garnsey 9 Mark Smith 9	Daryn Metti 10	Doug Bruce 13
November	Matt Sowter 20	Corrine Beinat 17	Andrew McDonald 18	Sandy Curran 20
December	Katie Pleasance 16.5	Kieran Day 12.5	Brian Dalgarno 12	Sandy Curran 18.5
January	Luke Cole 17	Kimberley Short 12.5	Lizzie Lodge 18	Lex McPherson 15.5
February	Amy Sowter 9	David Came 10.5 Kieran Day 10.5	Michael Murray 16	Paul Day 19

SLSA “Hall of Fame”

John Robert Holt – *Surf Lifesaving Sport*

- An outstanding competitor in the Surf Race, Board, Ironman and Rescue and Resuscitation (R & R).
- He won a total of five Australian Titles, including two in the Ironman Event.
- John won the first Junior Australian Ironman Championship. He also won the first World Ironman Championship, a Title he held on two occasions.
- He represented Australia in Surf Lifesaving on four occasions.

The Late Dr. Ian Mackie AM – *Surf Lifesaving*

- Honorary Education Officer for four years and Honorary Medical Officer for twelve years. He was instrumental in developing expert panels, which assisted SLSA and World Life Saving in the development of new techniques.
- One of his greatest legacies was the introduction of Advanced Resuscitation techniques into Surf Lifesaving.

Gus Staunton MBE – *Surf Lifesaving Administration*

- Surf Life Saving Sydney Branch Honorary Secretary for twenty years and SLSA National Executive Director for seventeen years, he was a longstanding Administrator.
- He also spent two terms as President of World Life Saving.

Peter Douglas Tibbitts – *Surf Lifesaving Sport*

- An outstanding Surf Belt Swimmer, he won nine Australian Titles in Surf Belt, Rescue and Resuscitation (R & R) and Surf Teams Events.
- He represented Australia in Surf Lifesaving on three occasions.

SLS AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

NSW State Award Winners

Competition Official of the Year:

Graham Evans

Administrator of the Year:

Allan Hanson

Sydney Branch Award Winners

Youth Volunteer of the Year:

Amber Elliott

Rescue of the Year:

Sarah Sowter

Rescue of the Year:

Ben Orford

Under-16 Female Athlete of the Year:

Cassie Davenport

Under-19 Female Athlete of the Year:

Nicki Jones

Open Male Athlete of the Year:

Nathan Smith

Rookie Athlete of the Year:

Laura Hammond

Master Athlete of the Year:

Paul Day

Competition Official of the Year:

Graham Evans



*World Team – Back row: Ben Orford, Daniel Neilson, Kelly Jury, Paul MacLachlan, Jeremy Neilson, Chris Giles.
3rd row: Mark Simpson, Nathan Smith, Ryan Hartup, Steven Parkes, Kevin Neilson.
2nd row: Sandra Neilson, Michelle Collins, Kate McLellan, Emma Orford, Peta Scanlon, Tiarne Smith
Front Mellisa Miles, Kirstie-May Morris, Sarah Rayner.*



Most Improved Member: Anthony Lyons.



Most Improved Cadet Swimmer: Katie Pleasance.



Most Improved Cadet: Chad Hancock.



Most Improved Cadet Board Competitor: Alex Fleming.

Special Awards

The excellent standard of the Nominees for the Club's Special Awards made the task of the Selectors very difficult and the deliberations which ensued are in keeping with the prestige of the Awards.

We extend our congratulations to the Winners and our sincere thanks to the Donors of the Trophies.

Luke Gibson Memorial Trophy

For the Most Inspirational Member

Donor: Jack Gibson OAM

Holder: Kevin Neilson

Winner: Phil Hamilton

Tony Purcell Memorial Trophy

The Member for his/her contribution at the Australian Surf Championships

Donor: The Purcell Family

Holder: Amy Keegan

Winner: Nathan Smith

Most Improved Member

(Senior and Junior)

Donor: Late Keith Dunkley

Holder: Kelly Jury

Winner: Anthony Lyons

Most Improved Cadet

Donor: Baden Green

Holder: Kirstie-May Morris

Winner: Chad Hancock

Most Improved Cadet Swimmer

Donor: Jim Taylor

Holder: Jeremy Neilson

Winner: Katie Pleasance

Most Improved Cadet Board Competitor

Donor: Allan Hanson

Holder: Peta Scanlon

Winner: Alex Fleming

Most Improved Cadet Beach Competitor

Donor: Late Ron Simmons

Holder: Melissa Miles

Winner: Laura Hammond

Patrol Person of the Year

Donor: Late Harold Spurway

Holder: Daniel Wood

Winner: Paul McSweeney

Winning Patrol Captain

Donor: Frank Doran

Holder: Michelle Giles

Winner: Michelle Giles

Best Trainee Instructor

Donor: John Hollingdale

Holder: Michelle Giles

Winner: Jenny Mason

Most Improved Junior Boat Rower

Donor: Fred Lewis Memorial Trophy

Holder: Kirk Henderson

Winner: Mitch Elliott

Boatman's Trophy

Donor: Geoff Forshaw

Holder: Simon Levings

Winner: Dave Staples

Outstanding Contribution to the IRB Section

Donor: Robert Macpherson

Holder: Luke Wood

Winner: Bruce Guthrie

Gibson & Howlin Lawyers Awards

The Member for his/her efforts in enhancing the reputation and standing of the Club

Holder: Chris Giles

Winner: Nathan Smith

The Member for his/her efforts in fundraising for the Club

Holder: John Zagame

Winner: Bruce Guthrie

The Member for his/her efforts in the Instruction and/or Training of Club Members

Holder: Rob Short

Winner: Michelle Giles



Laura Hammond: Most Improved Cadet Beach Competitor.

Club Championships and Competition Winners – 2003-2004

Open Surf Championship

For President's Cup – Holder: Ben Orford

1. Ryan Hartup
2. Ben Orford
3. Stephen Parkes

Open Belt Championship

Donor: Barry Ezzy – Holder: Nathan Smith

1. Paul MacLachlan
2. Ryan Hartup
3. Ben Orford

U/19 Surf Championship

For J. R. Switzer Cup – Holder: Mark Simpson

1. Mark Simpson
2. Daniel Neilson
3. Dean Simpson

U/19 Belt Championship

Donor: Lex Macpherson – Holder: Daniel Neilson

1. Mark Simpson
2. Daniel Neilson
3. Dane Williams

U/16 Surf Championship

Donor: Lance Turbet – Holder: Jeremy Neilson

1. Stephen Parkes
2. Chad Hancock
3. Luke Zagame

Over 30 Surf Championship

Donor: The Late Ian Provan – Holder: Richard Garnsey

1. Richard Garnsey
2. Daryn Metti
3. –

Over 40 Surf Championship

Holder: Mark Franklin

1. Peter Meyer
2. Andrew McDonald
3. –

Over 50 Surf Championship

Holder: Mark Franklin

1. Bruce Baird
2. Don Teimey
3. Paul Day

Resuscitation Championship

Donor: Cronulla Sports Complex – Holder: Daniel Wood
Winner: Michelle Giles

Open Surf Ski Championship

For Glen Dravine Memorial Trophy

Donor: Dravine Family – Holder: Mark Simpson

1. Mark Simpson
2. Luke Wood
3. Ben Orford

Open Malibu Board Championship

Donor: Warren Buchan Senior – Holder: Nathan Smith

1. Dean Simpson
2. Ben Orford
3. Peter Meyer

U/19 Surf Ski Championship

Donor: Graham F. Giles – Holder: Mark Simpson

1. Mark Simpson
2. Dane Williams
3. Dean Simpson



Club Champions – Left to right: Peter Meyer, Richard Garnsey, Matt Sowter, Tim Tardent, Mark Simpson, Cassie Davenport, Paul MacLachlan, Kirstie-May Morris, Ryan Hartup, Peta Scanlon, Steve Parkes, Chad Hancock, Laura Hammond, Nicki Jones.

Club Championships and Competition Winners – 2003-2004

U/19 Malibu Board Championship

Donor: The Late John Ellis – Holder: Mark Simpson

1. Mark Simpson
2. Dean Simpson
3. Daniel Neilson

U/16 Malibu Board Championship

Donor: Graham F. Giles – Holder: Jeremy Neilson

1. Chad Hancock
2. Luke Cole
3. John Mason

Open Beach Sprint Championship

Donor: The Late Jim Stansell – Holder: Brent Janssen

1. Brent Janssen
2. Anthony Lyon
3. Owen Garnett

Open Beach Flags Championships

Holder: Daniel Partridge

1. Tim Tardent
2. Daniel Partridge
3. Anthony Lyon

U/19 Beach Sprint Championship

Holder: Daniel Partridge

1. Daniel Partridge
2. Owen Garnett
3. Corinne Beinat

U/19 Beach Flags Championship

Donor: Ray Hitchenson – Holder: Daniel Partridge

1. Daniel Partridge
2. Daniel Neilson
3. Dane Williams

U/16 Beach Sprint Championship

Donor: Geoff Tattersall – Holder: Mitch Parkes

1. Stephen Parkes
2. Jamie Fleming
3. Matthew Sowter

U/16 Beach Flags Championship

Donor: The Late Sue Ezzy – Holder: Luke Zagame

1. Matthew Sowter
2. Stephen Parkes
3. Mitchell Parkes

Open Ironman Championship

Donor: Kevin Maughan – Holder: Nathan Smith

1. Ryan Hartup
2. Ben Orford
3. Chad Hancock

U/19 Ironman Championship

For Ritchie Walker Memorial Trophy

Donor: Walker Family – Holder: Mark Simpson

1. Mark Simpson
2. Dane Williams
3. Dean Simpson

U/16 Ironman Championship

Holder: Jeremy Neilson

1. Stephen Parkes
2. Chad Hancock
3. Luke Cole

Women's Open Surf Championship

Holder: Emma Hayes

1. Kirstie-May Morris
2. –
3. –

Women's U/19 Surf Championship

Holder: Yasmine Campbell

1. Kirstie-May Morris
2. –
3. –

Women's U/16 Surf Championship

Holder: Kirstie-May Morris

1. Cassie Davenport
2. Peta Scanlon
3. Katie Pleasance

Women's Open Malibu Board Championship

Holder: Kristyl Smith

1. Peta Scanlon
2. Kirstie-May Morris
3. –

Women's U/19 Malibu Board Championship

Holder: Sarah Rayner

1. Kirstie-May Morris
2. –
3. –

Women's U/16 Malibu Board Championship

Holder: Peta Scanlon

1. Peta Scanlon
2. Cassie Davenport
3. Alex Fleming

Women's Open Beach Sprint Championship

Holder: Nicki Jones

1. Nicki Jones
2. Melissa Miles
3. Peta Scanlon

Women's U/19 Beach Sprint Championship

Holder: Nicki Jones

1. Nicki Jones
2. Melissa Miles
3. Amber Elliott

Women's U/16 Beach Sprint Championship

Holder: Kate Beecroft

1. Laura Hammond
2. Alex Fleming
3. Peta Scanlon

Women's Open Beach Flags Championship

Holder: Nicki Jones

1. Melissa Miles
2. Nicki Jones
3. Claire Mallett

Women's U/19 Beach Flags Championship

Holder: Nicki Jones

1. Melissa Miles
2. Nicki Jones
3. Claire Mallett

Club Championships and Competition Winners – 2003-2004

Women's U/16 Beach Flags Championship

Holder: *Jamie McKee*

1. Laura Hammond
2. Alex Fleming
3. Peta Scanlon

Diamond Lady Championship

Holder: *Kristyl Smith*

1. Kirstie-May Morris
2. Peta Scanlon
3. –

U/19 Diamond Lady Championship

Holder: *Sarah Rayner*

1. Kirstie-May Morris
2. –
3. –

U/16 Diamond Lady Championship

Holder: *Kirstie-May Morris*

1. Peta Scanlon
2. Cassie Davenport
3. Katie Pleasance

Womens Open Surf Ski Championship

Holder: *Emma Hayes*

1. Sarah Sowter
2. Kirstie-May Morris
3. Peta Scanlon



Daniel Neilson in action.



Allan Hanson being presented with the "SLSNSW Administrator of the Year" Award on the Presentation Night.

78th CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND DISTRICT INTERCLUB COMPETITION – Season 2003-04

Held at Wanda Beach, Sunday 08/02/04

BILL MARSHALL INTERCLUB TROPHY

Donated: Cronulla–Sutherland District Clubs, 1992–93

Premiership Pointscore

Holder: Wanda SLSC	C	NC	E	W
OPEN 5–PERSON R & R	1	3	2	4
JUNIOR 5–PERSON R & R	2	3	–	4
OPEN BELT RACE TEAMS	3	1	2	4
U/19 BELT RACE TEAMS	3	2	1	4
OPEN MIXED SKI RELAY	4	2	–	3
OPEN BOARD RELAY TEAMS	4	1	2	3
OPEN DOUBLE SKI TEAMS	4	–	3	2
U/19 BOARD RELAY TEAMS	4	–	2	3
OPEN MIXED DOUBLE SKI TEAMS	4	–	2	3
OPEN BEACH SPRINT TEAMS	3	4	1	2
U/16 BOARD RELAY TEAMS	4	1	2	3
U/19 BEACH SPRINT TEAMS	3	2	1	4
U/16 BEACH SPRINT TEAMS	3	4	1	2
MASTERS CRAFT RELAY	3	–	2	4
OPEN BEACH RELAY TEAMS	4	3	1	2
U/19 DOUBLE SKI TEAMS	4	–	2	3
U/19 BEACH RELAY TEAMS	4	3	1.5	1.5
BOARD RESCUE TEAMS	4	2	1	3
U/16 BEACH RELAY TEAMS	1	2	3	4
OPEN BEACH FLAGS TEAMS	2	4	3	1
AGE SURF TEAMS RACE	3	–	2	4
U/19 BEACH FLAGS TEAMS	4	2	1	3
OPEN 12-A-SIDE SURF RELAY	4	2	1	3
U/16 BEACH FLAGS TEAMS	3	4	2	–
OPEN BOAT RACE	4.5	6	1.5	3
RESERVE BOAT RACE	4.5	3	6	1.5
WOMENS BOAT RACE	–	4.5	3	6
OPEN WOMENS SURF TEAMS	2	3	1	4
U/19 SURF TEAMS RACE	3	2	1	4
U/21 BOAT RACE	3	–	6	4.5
U/19 BOAT RACE	3	4.5	1.5	6
U/16 SURF TEAMS RACE	4	–	2	3
VETERAN BOAT RACE	3	6	–	4.5
IRB MASS RESCUE RACE (not held)	–	–	–	–
IRB RESCUE RACE (not held)	–	–	–	–
IRB ASSEMBLY RACE (not held)	–	–	–	–
INTERCLUB RELAY	8	4	2	6
TOTAL POINTS	113	78	62.5	112

Premiership Trophy won by Cronulla

Premiership Placings

First: Cronulla

Second: Wanda

Third: North Cronulla

Fourth: Elouera

SECTIONAL POINTSCORE TROPHIES

“BILL GRAY SHIELD” – Beach Events

Donated by Elouera SLSC 1997–98

Holder: Cronulla	C	NC	E	W
OPEN BEACH SPRINT TEAMS	3	4	1	2
U/19 BEACH SPRINT TEAMS	3	2	1	4
U/16 BEACH SPRINT TEAMS	3	4	1	2
OPEN BEACH RELAY TEAMS	4	3	1	2
U/19 BEACH RELAY TEAMS	4	3	1.5	1.5
U/16 BEACH RELAY TEAMS	1	2	3	4
OPEN BEACH FLAGS TEAMS	2	4	3	1
U/19 BEACH FLAGS TEAMS	4	2	1	3
U/16 BEACH FLAGS TEAMS	3	4	2	–
Shield won by: North Cronulla	27	28	14.5	19.5

“HARRY GIBBONS SHIELD” – Surfboat Events

Donated by Wanda SLSC 1997–98

Holder: North Cronulla	C	NC	E	W
OPEN SURF BOAT RACE	4.5	6	1.5	3
RESERVE SURF BOAT RACE	4.5	3	6	1.5
WOMENS SURF BOAT RACE	–	4.5	3	6
U/21 SURF BOAT RACE	3	–	6	4.5
U/19 SURF BOAT RACE	3	4.5	1.5	6
VETERANS SURF BOAT RACE	3	6	–	4.5
IRB MASS RESCUE RACE (not held)	–	–	–	–
IRB RESCUE RACE (not held)	–	–	–	–
IRB ASSEMBLY RACE (not held)	–	–	–	–
Shield won by: Wanda	18	24	18	25.5

“CRONULLA SLSC SHIELD” – Board and Ski Events

Donated by Cronulla SLSC 1997–98

Holder: Cronulla	C	NC	E	W
OPEN MIXED SKI RELAY	4	2	–	3
OPEN BOARD RELAY TEAMS	4	1	2	3
OPEN DOUBLE SKI TEAMS	4	–	3	2
U/19 BOARD RELAY TEAMS	4	–	2	3
OPEN MIXED DOUBLE SKI TEAMS	4	–	2	3
U/16 BOARD RELAY TEAMS	4	1	2	3
MASTERS CRAFT RELAY	3	–	2	4
U/19 DOUBLE SKI TEAMS	4	–	2	3
BOARD RESCUE TEAMS	4	2	1	3
Shield retained by: Cronulla	35	6	16	27

“R. H. (BOB) JOHNSON SHIELD” – Swimming Events

Donated by North Cronulla SLSC 1997–98

Holder: Wanda	C	NC	E	W
OPEN 5–PERSON R & R	1	3	2	4
JUNIOR 5–PERSON R & R	2	3	–	4
OPEN BELT RACE TEAMS	3	1	2	4
U/19 BELT RACE TEAMS	3	2	1	4
AGE SURF TEAMS RACE	3	–	2	4
OPEN 12–A–SIDE SURF RELAY	4	2	1	3
OPEN WOMENS SURF TEAMS	2	3	1	4
U/19 SURF TEAMS RACE	3	2	1	4
U/16 SURF TEAMS RACE	4	–	2	3
Shield retained by: Wanda	25	16	12	34

FOOTNOTE: Originally allocated to Cronulla Beach, the carnival was eventually held at Wanda Beach due to dangerously exposed rocks at the previously selected venue. A **team** concept applied to the format of **all** events and where appropriate teams consisted of both male and female competitors. Because of a current SLSCA restriction to temporarily suspend IRB Competition, the points for Surf Boat events were factored 1.5.

Australian Championships

Kurrawa, Queensland

Overall Pointscore: 117.5 Points

2nd Place Overall – 1st NSW Club

1st Place

U/16 Womens Board Relay – Peta Scanlon,
Cassie Davenport, Alex Fleming

U/19 Womens Beach Relay – Melissa Miles,
Jessica Hamilton, Amy Keegan, Nicki Jones

Open Mens Board – Nathan Smith

Open Womens Surf Board Riding – Tiarne Smith

2nd Place

U/19 Mens Board Relay – Daniel Neilson,
Dean Simpson, Mark Simpson

U/19 Womens Beach Relay – Natalie Ma, Jenna Brooks,
Nicole Hodges, Claire Mallet

Open Womens Beach Relay – Melissa Miles,
Claire Mallet, Nicki Jones, Jessica Hamilton

3rd Place

U/16 Womens Beach Relay – Laura Hammond,
Jacqui Holland, Maddi Elliott, Jamie McKee

U/19 Mens Surf Belt – Daniel Neilson

U/19 Men Flags – Daniel Partridge

Open Womens Surf Board Rescue –
Kirstie-May Morris, Peta Scanlon

Open Surf Belt – Paul McLachlan

Restricted Surf – Paul McLachlan

Womens Malibu Long Board (equal with Manly) –
Tiarne Smith

4th Place

U/16 Mens Surf Teams – Jeremy Neilson, Chad
Hancock, Stephen Parkes, Luke Zagame

Open Mens Surf – Nathan Smith

Open Mens Surf Teams – Ryan Hartup, Paul McLachlan,
Ben Orford, Nathan Smith

Open Surf Belt – Ryan Hartup

Open Womens Beach Relay – Natalie Ma,
Jenna Brooks, Nicole Hodges, Amy Keegan

U/16 Ironwoman – Cassie Davenport

U/19 Womens Beach Sprint – Nicki Jones

5th Place

U/16 Womens Surf Teams – Cassie Davenport,
Alex Fleming, Katie Pleasance, Nicola Zagame

U/16 Womens Board – Alex Fleming

U/16 Womens Flags – Laura Hammond

U/19 Ironman – Mark Simpson

Open Ironman – Nathan Smith

6th Place

U/19 Mens Surf Teams – Jai Lapham, Daniel Neilson,
Jeremy Neilson, Mark Simpson

U/19 Mens Surf Board Rescue – Daniel Neilson,
Mark Simpson

U/19 Womens Single Ski – Sarah Sowter

U/19 Womens Board Relay – Kirstie-May Morris,
Sarah Rayner, Peta Scanlon

*An additional 10 points was obtained for the Club by Amber
and Madison Elliott, participating in the Opening Parade*

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Australian Masters

Kurrawa, Queensland

1st 60-64 Board Race – Paul Day

1st 60-64 Board Rescue – Allan Metti and Paul Day

1st 60-64 Double Ski – Allan Metti and Paul Day

2nd 60-64 Single Ski – Allan Metti

2nd 60 Years + Ironman – Paul Day

3rd 60 Years + Ironman – Allan Metti

3rd 50-54 Beach Flags – Col Elliott

4th 50-54 Women's Beach Sprint – Chris Mallett

N.S.W. State Championships

Shellharbour 4-6th March, 2004

First Overall Pointscore

1st Placings

U/16 Ironwoman – Peta Scanlon

U/16 Womens Board Relay – Cassie Davenport,
Peta Scanlon, Alex Fleming

U/16 Womens Flags – Laura Hammond

U/19 Mens Surf Teams – Mark Simpson, Jai Lapham,
Daniel Neilson, Jeremy Neilson

U/19 Mens Board Rescue – Mark Simpson,
Daniel Neilson

U/19 Womens Beach Sprint – Nicki Jones

U/19 Womens Beach Relay – Nicki Jones, Claire Mallet,
Amy Keegan, Jessica Hamilton

Open Ironman – Nathan Smith

Open Womens Ski – Kelly Jury

Open Womens Taplin – Kelly Jury,
Peta Scanlon, Sarah Rayner

Open Womens Surf Board Riding – Tiarne Smith

Open Restricted Surf – Paul McLachlan

2nd Placings

U/16 Womens Board – Cassie Davenport

U/16 Womens Surf Teams – Cassie Davenport,
Alex Felmming, Katie Pleasance, Nicola Zagame

U/16 Womens Board Rescue – Cassie Davenport,
Peta Scanlon

U/16 March Past

U/19 Belt – Daniel Neilson

U/19 Ironman – Mark Simpson

U/19 Womens Beach Relay – Natalie Ma, Jenna Brooks,
Nicole Hodges, Kirby Bosden

Open Belt – Ryan Hartup

Open Mens Surf Teams – Nathan Smith,
Paul McLachlan, Ben Orford, Ryan Hartup

Open Womens Beach Relay – Nicki Jones,
Kirby Bosden, Jessica Hamilton, Claire Mallet

3rd Placings

U/16 Mens Surf Teams – Luke Zagame, Chad Hancock,
Jeremy Neilson, Mitch Parkes

U/16 Mens Beach Relay – Jordon Lee, Matthew Sowter,
Jamie Fleming, Anthony Wallace

U/16 Womens Beach Relay – Laura Hammond,
Jamie McKee, Maddi Elliot, Jacqui Holland

U/19 Mens Flags – Daniel Partridge

U/19 Womens Flags – Melissa Miles
U/19 Mens Surf – Mark Simpson
U/19 Mens Board Relay – Dean Simpson,
Mark Simpson, Daniel Neilson
Open Mens Board Relay – Nathan Smith,
Mark Simpson, Daniel Neilson

4th Placings

U/16 Womens Board Rescue – Katie Pleasance,
Alex Fleming
U/19 Womens Board Relay – Yasmine Campbell,
Kirstie-May Morris, Sarah Rayner
U/19 Womens Beach Sprint – Claire Mallet
U/19 Mens Flags – Owen Garnett
Open Womens Board Relay – Kelly Jury,
Kirstie-May Morris, Sarah Rayner
Lifesaver Relay – The Boat Crew, Dean Simpson,
Jeremy Neilson, Nathan Smith,
Kirstie-May Morris, Kelly Jury

5th Placings

U/16 Womens Board – Peta Scanlon
U/19 Mens Board – Mark Simpson
U/19 Mens Flags – James Hipwell

6th Placings

U/19 Womens Board Rescue – Kirstie-May Morris,
Sarah Rayner
U/16 Womens Beach Relay – B Team
Open Mens Flags – Anthony Lyon

N.S.W. Masters

Shellharbour 4-6th March, 2004

1st 60-64 Double Ski – Allan Metti and Paul Day
1st 150 Years Ski Relay – Phil Hamilton,
Deacon Spicer, Allan Metti
2nd 35-39 Rescue Tube – Richard Garnsey
2nd 60 Years + Ironman – Allan Metti
2nd 200 Years Beach Relay – Ray Mallett, Col Elliott,
Michael Beecroft, Ian Carter
3rd 60-64 Surf Race – Allan Metti
3rd 60-64 Board Race – Allan Metti
3rd 45-49 Beach Flags – Col Elliott
3rd 50-54 Ladies Beach Flags – Chris Mallett
3rd 50-54 Ladies Beach Sprint – Chris Mallett
4th 60-64 Board Race – Paul Day
5th 35-39 Surf Race – Richard Garnsey

Sydney Branch Championships

Elouera Beach – 14th February, 2004

1st Overall Pointscore – 616 Points

1st Placings

U/16 Ironwoman – Cassie Davenport
U/16 Women's Surf – Cassie Davenport
U/16 Womens Flags – Laura Hammond
U/16 Womens Board Race – Peta Scanlon
U/16 Womens Board Relay – Peta Scanlon,
Cassie Davenport, Alex Flemming

U/16 Womens Board Rescue – Peta Scanlon,
Cassie Davenport, Jacqui Holland
U/16 Womens Beach Relay – Laura Hammond,
Maddi Elliott, Jamie McKee, Alex Fleming
U/16 Women's Surf Teams – Peta Scanlon,
Cassie Davenport, Nicola Zagame, Katie Pleasance
U/19 Mens Ski – Mark Simpson
U/19 Ironman – Mark Simpson
U/19 Men's Surf – Mark Simpson
U/19 Mens Flags – Owen Garnett
U/19 Women's Flags – Melissa Miles
U/19 Womens Ski – Sarah Sowter
U/19 Womens Beach Sprint – Melissa Miles
U/19 Mens Board – Dean Simpson
U/19 Womens Beach Relay – Nicki Jones
U/19 Double Ski – Mark Simpson, Dane Williams
U/19 Womens Board Rescue – Peta Scanlon,
Kirstie-May Morris
U/19 Mens Board Relay – Daniel Neilson,
Dean Simpson, Mark Simpson
U/19 Mens Board Rescue – Mark Simpson, Daniel Neilson
U/19 Mens Beach Relay –
Open Mens Board – Nathan Smith
Open Ironman – Nathan Smith
Open Men's Surf – Nathan Smith
Open Womens Flags – Melissa Miles
O/24 Surf Race – Richard Garnsey
Open Women's Surf Teams – Kate McLellan,
Michelle Collins, Emma Orford, Kirstie-May Morris
Open Mens Board Rescue – Ben Orford, Daniel Neilson
Open Mens Taplin – Mark Simpson, Daniel Neilson,
Nathan Smith, Ryan Hartup, Ben Orford, Paul McLachlan
Open Mens Board Relay – Dean Simpson,
Mark Simpson, Nathan Smith
Open Men's Surf Teams – Nathan Smith,
Paul McLachlan, Ben Orford, Ryan Hartup
Open Womens Beach Relay – Melissa Miles, Jessica
Hamilton, Claire Mallet, Nicki Jones

2nd Placings

U/16 Ironwoman – Peta Scanlon
U/16 Mens Beach Sprint – Anthony Wallace
U/16 Womens Beach Sprint – Laura Hammond
U/16 Womens Board Race – Alex Fleming
U/16 Men's Surf Team – Chad Hancock,
Stephan Parks, Luke Zagame
U/16 Women's Surf Team – Erin Beecroft, Alex Fleming,
Dara Scanlon, Jessica Pinker
U/16 Womens Board Relay – Erin Beecroft,
Nicola Zagame, Katie Pleasance
U/16 Mens Board Rescue – Stephan Parkes, Chad Hancock
U/16 Womens Board Rescue – Alex Fleming, Katie Pleasance
U/19 Mens Flags – Daniel Partridge
U/19 Mens Ski – Daniel Williams
U/19 Mens Board – Mark Simpson
U/19 Mens Board Relay –
U/19 Womens Beach Relay –
Open Mens Beach Sprint – Brent Janssen

Open Womens Board Relay – Peta Scanlon,
Sarah Rayner, Kirstie-May Morris
Open Mens Board Rescue – Nathan Smith,
Mark Simpson
Open Womens Taplin – Sarah Rayner,
Sarah Sowter, Kirstie-May Morris
Open Belt Race – Paul McLachlan

3rd Placings

U/16 Ironwoman – Katie Pleasance
U/16 Womens Flags – Jamie McKee
U/16 Men's Surf – Stephen Parkes
U/16 Mens Board Relay – Chad Hancock, Luke Cole,
Luke Zagame
U/16 Mens Beach Relay – Anthony Wallace,
Matthew Sowter, Matt Miles, Jamie Fleming
U/16 Womens Board Rescue – Nicola Zagame,
Erin Beecroft
U/19 Womens Ski – Kirstie-May Morris
U/19 Womens Board Race – Sarah Rayner
U/19 Womens Beach Sprint – Jessica Hamilton
U/19 Mens Board – Daniel Neilson
U/19 Mens Beach Sprint – Daniel Partridge
U/19 Ironwoman – Kirstie-May Morris
Open Belt Race – Ben Orford
Open Ironman – Ben Orford
Open Women's Surf Teams – Michelle Collins,
Emma Orford
Open Mens Beach Relay – Daniel Partridge,
Brent Janssen, Anthony Lyon, Josh Sund
Open Womens Beach Relay – Amy Keegan,
Jenna Brooks
Reserve Grade Boat Race – Colin Tatham, Armon
Vanzanten, Steve Tatham, Matt Bruce, Dave Staples

4th Placings

U/16 Mens Flags – Matthew Sowter
U/16 Womens Beach Sprint – Jaime McKee
U/16 Womens Board Race – Katie Pleasance
U/16 Women's Surf Race – Nicola Zagame
U/16 Men's Surf – Luke Zagame
U/16 Ironman – Chad Hancock
U/19 Ironman – Dane Williams
U/19 Womens Beach Sprint – Claire Mallet
U/19 Mens Board – Dane Williams
U/19 Womens Board Race – Kirstie-May Morris
U/19 Women's Surf – Kirstie-May Morris
U/19 Belt Race – Daniel Neilson
U/19 Womens Ski – Sarah Rayner
U/19 Surf Boat Race – Gary Allman (Sweep),
Kirk Henderson, Mark Chandler, Matt Aiken, Mitch Elliott
Open Men's Surf – Ben Orford
Open Ironwoman – Sarah Rayner
Open Womens Board Race – Kirstie-May Morris
Open Mens Taplin – Dean Simpson, Dane Williams,
Keiran Day, Luke Wood, Chad Hancock, Jai Lapham
Open Womens Taplin – Peta Scanlon,
Carol McLachlan, Kate McLellan
Open Men's Board Relay – Dane Williams,
Ryan Hartup, Daniel Neilson

5th Placings

U/16 Mens Flags – Anthony Wallace
U/16 Mens Board – Chad Hancock
U/16 Ironwoman – Alex Fleming
U/19 Belt Race – Jai Lapham
U/19 Surf Race – Jai Lapham
U/19 Womens Beach Sprint – Nicole Jones
Open Mens Flags – Anthony Lyon
Open Womens Board Race – Sarah Rayner

6th Placings

U/16 Mens Board Rescue – Luke Zagame
U/16 Men's Surf Race – Chad Hancock
U/16 Womens Beach Sprint – Maddi Elliott
U/19 Womens Ski – Emma Orford
U/19 Women's Beach Sprint – Amy Keegan
U/19 Mens Beach Sprint – David Tong
Open Mens Beach Sprint – Anthony Lyon
Open Mens Flags – Josh Sund
Open Mens Board – Dean Simpson
Open Women's Surf – Kirstie-May Morris

Sydney Branch Masters

1st Over 50 Beach Sprint – Ray Mallett
1st Over 50 Beach Flags – Ray Mallett
1st Over 45 Ski – Phil Hamilton
1st Over 30 Ski – Daryn Metti



Nathan Smith at the NSW State Titles.



The Reserve Grade White Boat Crew.

Australian and State Championships Action



Daniel Neilson and Mark Simpson.



Mark Simpson.



Maddi Elliott and Amber Elliott.



Alex Fleming.



Dean Simpson and Mark Simpson.



Mark Simpson, Dean Simpson and Daniel Neilson.



Cassie Davenport, Peta Scanlon and Alex Fleming.



Laura Hammond.

Treasurer's Report

I was very pleased with most aspects of our financial affairs and reporting this year. We introduced a new chart of accounts at the beginning of the year. The new chart of accounts flowed from the changes to the chart of accounts that were introduced in the last financial year. We have attempted to keep the accounting system as simple as possible and that's no easy feat with the mixture of voluntary and non-voluntary operations in our Surf Club.

Towards the end of last season we installed on the Club computers the latest version of the accounting software, MYOB. We did further upgrades during the course and at the end of the season. I would like to thank Richard Pinker for the technical support he provided for the new software. The new software considerably reduces the level of our accounting record keeping. We have created individual accounts for the various Sub-Committees. Two examples are the World Team account and State and Aussie Accommodation account. Both these accounts are holding accounts for Members and at the end of the day should have nil or near to nil balances. Both accounts during the course of this season have held amounts up to \$40,000. The individual accounts considerable help in my accountability to the Club and Members in relation to those large amounts of funds. Those accounts have been designed so that any receipt or payment can immediately be traced to our receipt and cheque books. We have also moved from monthly to quarterly Business Activity Statements, which come directly from the MYOB data file. That was a major inconvenience last season. Most of our reporting comes from the MYOB data file.

At the request of the Shark Island Committee, we introduced Eftpos. That proved successful for Shark Island entries. It was very useful for deposits and payments in relation to the Function Room hire and general Membership usage such as State and Aussie accommodation. It was used for payments in relation to the World Team fundraising. Members can now make payments at the Club just by phoning the Office with credit card details. I anticipate it will also be very popular with the payment of Membership Fees at the beginning of the forthcoming season. It has also reduced the amount of cash handling within the Office. There is a cost for Eftpos, but I believe that cost is currently tolerable having regard to the convenience it provides Members and Non-Members. It's a cost that requires revision from time to time. Because of the peculiarity of Eftpos banking where they bundle up the receipts we had to establish an accounting process to handle the Eftpos banking. I must thank Kathie Piggott for the successful design and implementation of that process.

As they appear in the Financial Statements Income and Expenditure is net of GST where items are subject to GST.

Non Reporting entity

Because we are a non-reporting entity we do not provide the same level of financial detail that would appear in the Annual Report of a public company. Where Members want more detail of our financial affairs, that information is available in the Office at any time.

Donations

Please take some time and carefully read through the names of all those individuals that have donated funds to run this Club for the season 2003-04. We look forward to their continued support of the Club.

Membership fees

Our level of membership and Membership Fees remains very stable. That is particularly so in the older membership.



Graham Giles, Treasurer.

Our Club Constitution is silent on the start and end of the membership period for new and existing Members which is a major concern for our Club in terms of our insurance and to a lesser extent accounting for membership fees. I have asked unsuccessfully for that the issue be addressed this season.

Sponsorship

The Club continues to attract major sponsorship. I would like to thank the Shark Island Swim Committee and Junior Activities Committee for their efforts in that fundraising. There was also the DHL sponsorship arranged by SLSA which included cash and new Patrol uniforms.

Monro Room and Purcell Room Bars

If you look at the takings from the Monro Room Bar (Friday Night Bar) and Purcell Room Bar (Sunday Bar) and the beverage costs for the two Bars, the gross return is consistent with the margin we put on the cost of beverages. As I reported to the Management Committee wages for and the cost of cleaning the Purcell Room Bar considerably reduced the net return from the Sunday Bar, however we made a tidy profit from the Friday Night Bar. I would like to recognise and thank the regular patrons of the Friday Night Bar. The installation of the rear projector television in the Monro Room has been well received by Friday Night Bar patrons, particularly in winter with Friday night football. Once again I am also very pleased with the management of those two Bars. Phil Hamilton gets a special mention for organising and training staff, rosters, setting up kegs, etc. He has been ably assisted by Rob Short, who also conducts weekly stock takes of Club beverages. The weekly stock takes ensure that we have adequate controls around Club beverages. That was an area where I had concerns the previous season.

Purcell Room Hire

There was a \$17,000 increase in hire charges from the Purcell Room compared to the previous season. The financial accounts indicate the net result from the Purcell Room hire was \$21,500. However that results includes cleaning charges of \$5,000 from the previous year. So the adjusted result for the year was \$26,500. We deferred payment of the cleaning charges to verify those charges. The hire of the Purcell Room includes two Bar staff. The Bar staff are Members of the Club. Many of our younger Members are Purcell Room Bar staff and they also benefit financially from this Club fundraising source.

The increase in patronage can be directly attributed to the very enthusiastic efforts of Annette Yazbec our Office Assistant (now retired). She is to be commended for her management of the Purcell Room. Her management role included many weekly phone inquiries, organising appointments and inspections of the Function Room, securing the hire of the Function Room, receiving and receipting deposits, bond and final payments, maintaining the hire room diary, ensuring that there were the appropriate police approvals and hire agreement with the Club, maintaining Staff rosters and the payment of wages and the Monday follow up including incident and accident reports. And there was plenty more. She took great pride in this part of her overall role in Office administration.

Sports Complex and Kiosk Leases

The two leases continue to provide very stable long term income streams for the Club. There was a \$7,000 increase in the net result from the Kiosk Lease from a re-negotiation of that lease. The Sports Complex was recently re-leased and that will see a doubling of the turnover from that lease. Obviously that asset has been under performing. There was a slight increase in fees from the hire of the Ballroom which is linked to the Sports Complex Lease. Neale Johnstone is to be commended for his management of the two leases and the negotiation of the new leases.

Interest

Interest received increased from \$1,500 to just over \$5,500 this season. That was achieved by reducing the number of bank accounts and moving excess funds to our Investment Account. In the Balance Sheet there is a Working Account, an Investment Account and a Term Deposit Account.

Club Fundraisers

The Shark Island Swim continues to be our major Club fundraiser. This season we saw Bruce Guthrie take over from John Hollingdale. Bruce, John in a mentoring capacity and their team are to be commended on their efforts. Again we saw a substantial financial improvement in this fundraiser. Eftpos and increases in sponsorship and entry fees to incorporate GST were factors. Not only does the Shark Island Swim raise considerable funds for the Club, but brings many of the Members of the Club together on the day. It's the same co-operative and supportive Club atmosphere that we enjoy at the State and National Tiles. The Golf Day also made a substantial contribution to the Club coffers, well done Paul Lyon and his helpers. Other fundraising activities were the Cronulla Masters Carnival run by Col Elliott and his family, Entertainment Books organised by Daryn Metti, the Rugby Cup Final Night run by Dave Swinger and the Melbourne Cup Afternoon run by Kathie Piggott. Finally the 200 Club, which we now run at the end of the season raised a tidy sum too.

Life Saving

Cronulla Surf Club continues to invest substantially in Lifesaving. The Club spent approximately \$20,000 on Lifesaving, not including insurance. That expenditure included Patrol lunches, cleaning Patrol uniforms, First Aid and Resuscitation materials and equipment, IRB costs and maintenance, Radio maintenance, Rescue Board maintenance and Lifesaving Awards.

Insurance

Our insurance was again very high totalling over \$14,000. This is a cost that is beyond our control. It doesn't make sense that a Voluntary Organisation has to pay insurance for its Active Members to Patrol our Beach.

Competition Costs

Cronulla Surf Club continues to invest substantially in

competition. The Club spent approximately \$39,000 on competition not including insurance. That expenditure included costs of the various competition sections, general carnival costs, carnival entries, competitor subsidies, Aussie and State Carnival costs. This was offset by Carnival Prize money totalling over \$3,000.

Office Administration

The Office Administration that was set up after Bill Eady retired, did not allow for the Treasurer's position. A consequence of that was an accounting bill for last season from our Accountants, Gabriel and Partners, totalling over \$12,500 (and a hell of a lot of hard work by myself and Kathie Piggott last year). Our Accountants very kindly reduced that bill to \$3,000. Another consequence was that we employed Kathie Piggott on a casual basis to do Club payments, accounting entries, and a number of other financial functions this season. That made my job manageable. Kathie has revolutionised the Office Accounting. I now realise how much of Bill Eady's time went into the Treasurer's job. I must also thank Ken Davidson for his assistance this year. Finally it would be remiss not to acknowledge the contribution of Annette Yazbek to Office Administration. When I looked at her statement of duties it ran for over two pages. Finally I would like to thank Andrew McWhirter from Gabriels for the auditing and accounting work performed by his firm.

Our costs of administration are very high. I think the incoming Committee probably needs to review those costs. Costs such as telephone in my view are excessive because of the level of mobile phone usage and that's just one item of expenditure.

Acquisitions and Disposals of Assets

We sold the Club bus and made a tidy profit of \$4,000 on the disposal. We also sold an IRB motor and that also resulted in a profit from the sale. We acquired a Liquor License that is to be used in the future development of the Kiosk. I have already mentioned the rear projection television that was acquired for the Monro Room and was used at the Melbourne Club and Rugby Cup Final functions. With sponsorship from Beach Constructions, we acquired a Ski and two Racing Malibus. We acquired two stainless steel BBQs again at a very good price for use in the Function Room and for other Club activities.

Purcell Room Depreciation

The Purcell Room which has an original cost of just under \$300,000 according to the Club financial records has never been depreciated unlike other Club property. Upon the insistence of the Club Auditors, we are now depreciating that asset at the same rate as other property assets of the Club. The total depreciation for the year is just under \$15,000. I don't know why the Purcell Room had not been depreciated previously, but that severely impacted on the Club profit for the year. It reduced the profit from just over \$20,000 to \$6,122.

Cash at Bank

I think the best measure of financial success is money in the bank. I think that is particularly true with a Surf Club. Have a good look at the Balance Sheet, the cash on hand and amounts due and amounts owing. If you do the sums it's over \$30,000. That is an outstanding achievement by the Management and Members of the Club. That has been achieved after all the other costs including a major asset acquisition in the Liquor Licence (\$7,500). I hope my report above reflects that achievement because it is outstanding. It's a lot of hard work by many Club Members.

Finally, I would like to thank the Members of the Club for the honour of allowing me to be the Treasurer of Cronulla Surf Club for the last two years.

Graham Giles, Treasurer.

SPONSORSHIP 2003-2004

We gratefully acknowledge sponsors who have assisted Sections of the Club during the year.

DHL	Patrol Uniforms
Beach Constructions	Skis and Boards
Frank Doran Financial Services	Sunday Surf Race
Frank Doran Financial Services	Shark Island Swim
CommInsure	Shark Island Swim
HPA	Shark Island Swim
AH Pierce (Eyeline)	Shark Island Swim
2KY	Shark Island Swim
Schweppes	Shark Island Swim
GC Apparel	Shark Island Swim
McGrath Real Estate	IRB Section

Thanks and Appreciation

The President, Management Committee and the Members of Cronulla SLSC, wish to extend sincere thanks to the many individuals and organisations, who have rendered material and financial assistance during the past season.

We are indebted and most appreciative for the support we have received from the following, for without their assistance it would be more difficult to effectively carry out our responsibilities on the beach.

- Sutherland Shire Council for their attention to Clubhouse maintenance.
- The Sydney Branch Board of Control and District Supervisors for the conduct of examinations of our members for their Association Awards.
- Hon. Auditors, Gabrielle & Partners for carrying out the audit of the Club's accounts.
- Hon. Legal Advisers, Reg Gibson, and Matt Howlin for their advice on legal matters.
- Vice President Ron Hammond for his assistance with the compilation of this Annual Report.
- Warren Rennie for his help with our printing requirements.
- Vice President Bryce Christian for making available his ski lodge for our winning Patrol and 100% Patrol Attendees.
- Vice President, Jack Gibson OAM for his presentation to the Most Inspirational Member of the Year.
- David Brydson for his continued assistance in administrative matters in particular his interviewing of proposed office manager.
- Bill Sheridan for the use of many of his photographs within this report.
- Brian Salisbury and Tom Payne for their valuable assistance with our insurance requirements.
- Cronulla Polar Bears Winter Swimming Club.
- Those members who provided reports for this Annual Report.
- North Cronulla, Elouera and Wanda Clubs for their support and co-operation throughout the season.
- Caretaker, Mick Fitzgerald for his attention to the cleaning and security of the Clubhouse.
- Cronulla Police for their assistance and advice when required.
- Paul Moggridge from the South Cronulla Beach Kiosk for his support and donation for Patrol Members.
- Vice President, David Knowles of the Kingsway Night and Day Chemist for his supply of First Aid equipment.

- Vice President, Ayman Mubarak for his assistance with all our postage.
- Beach Haven Resort, Kurrawa for the donation of our Touring Team raffle prize.
- Jays Printing for their donation of the raffle tickets of the Australian and World Tour fundraising.

Donations 2003-2004

We gratefully acknowledge the following donors who have assisted us during the year:

Robert Avery	\$40.00
Edward Bramble	\$190.00
Ken Brown	\$10.00
Don Chandler	\$25.00
Mark Chapman	\$10.00
Charles Cleary	\$10.00
Kevin Cox	\$1,500.00
Norman Craig	\$120.00
Cronulla RSL	\$2,500.00
Mark Dewhurst	\$10.00
Nigel Dwyer	\$100.00
Mark Elmer	\$100.00
Valma English	\$1,000.00
Jack Fitzgerald	\$50.00
Pete Fitzgerald	\$10.00
David Goold	\$60.00
Grahame Brooke & Co	\$200.00
Baden Green	\$60.00
John Griffiths	\$40.00
Ron Hammond	\$80.00
Allan Hanson	\$500.00
Greg Hewett	\$30.00
Malcolm Irving	\$300.00
Peter Kerr	\$20.00
Kurranulla Swim Club	\$550.00
Elizabeth Langton	\$10.00
Richard Leckner	\$60.00
Robert Leix	\$125.00
Lisa & John's Covers & Candle Sticks	\$100.00
Lex Macpherson	\$100.00
John Maguire	\$10.00
Marist College Penshurst	\$80.00
Bill Marshall	\$250.00
Metti Family	\$500.00
Miranda Senior Citizens	\$100.00
Garry Morris	\$120.00
Dave & Wendy Moss	\$25.00
Elston Murphy	\$100.00
Brian Norwood	\$60.00
Brian & Phyllis O'Donnell	\$50.00
Bill Pithers	\$100.00
Heiko Preen	\$10.00
Diane Provan	\$50.00
Kevin Quealy	\$20.00
Philip Rayment	\$60.00
John Salmon	\$10.00
Paul Sinclair	\$35.00
South Cronulla Kiosk	\$2,000.00
John Suann	\$50.00
James Taylor	\$110.00
Shane Trujillo	\$20.00
Lance Turbet	\$100.00
Lloyd Webster	\$25.00
Kerry Williams	\$100.00
Richard Wingate	\$300.00
Surf Life Saving New South Wales	\$2,000.00
TOTAL	\$14,195.00

CRONULLA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2004

	2004	2003
Income	\$	\$
200 Club	1,692	0
Annual Ball	0	841
Apparel	8,432	4,823
Beverages – Monro Room Bar	22,863	15,772
Beverages – Sunday Bar	11,738	17,515
Beverages – Coke Machine	882	0
Carnival – Masters	741	-109
Carnival Prize Money	3,060	1,200
Cronulla Carnival	0	3,287
Dividends Received	46	46
Donations	14,449	10,144
Entertainment Books – Ski Section	1,182	-84
Fund Raiser – Melbourne Cup	-172	0
Fund Raiser – Rugby World Cup	532	0
Golf Day	4,677	5,934
Hire of Hall	13,533	12,411
Interest Received	5,341	1,291
Lease – Complex	40,554	30,327
Lease – Kiosk	66,912	60,000
Locker Fees	255	291
Manuals	2,563	677
Membership Fees	21,230	20,760
Monro Room Raffle	3,380	933
Peter Banister Appeal	0	5,143
Profit/Loss on Sale of Assets	3,988	-5,216
Purcell Room Hire	71,120	53,944
Shark Island Swim	30,028	18,738
Sponsors	11,212	1,500
Sunday Bar Raffle	287	0
Sunday Bar Investment	0	17,351
Sundry Income	2,848	4,314
Total Income	343,373	281,833
Expenses	3,000	2,500
Accounting/Audit Fees	1,895	1,479
Annual General Meeting	8,164	8,480
Annual Report	6,213	8,838
Apparel	8,477	6,538
Aussie & State Carnival Expenses	1,098	87
Bank Charges includes Eftpos	16,153	13,497
Beverages – Alcohol	2,110	2,870
Beverages – Non Alcohol	2,824	1,386
Beverages Other	1,047	1,214
Boatshed	2,417	0
Branch capitations	16,515	11,516
Carnival Entries	4,380	0
Competition Expenses – General	3,982	3,900
Cleaning – caretaker	0	293
Council Rates	45,617	35,978
Depreciation	14,204	7,227
Insurance	1,421	1,391
Laundry – Patrol Uniforms	0	4,266
Liquor Licence Expenses	2,825	1,419
Manuals	2,890	3,447
Motor Vehicle/Trailer	481	437
Office – Internet	7,520	6,736
Office – Photocopier	1,237	580
Office – Postage	3,858	1,511
Office – Printing & Stationary	403	77
Office – Other	6,256	6,574
Office – Telephone	5,267	4,173
Patrol Lunches	1,465	0
Photo & Trophy Committee	10,005	6,391
Presentation Night – Club	1,964	818
Presentation Night – State & Branch	10,927	0
Purcell Room – Cleaning	2,416	0
Purcell Room – Other	2,734	4,077
Repairs & Maintenance – General	75	0
Section: Beach	742	2,236
Section: Board	3,817	4,643
Section: Boat	5,491	8,602
Section: IRB	4,815	5,543
Section: Life Saving	0	180
Section: Swim	136	3,550
Section: Ski	3,592	3,968
Snow Trip	8,026	5,225
Subsidies: Competitors	1,287	2,612
Sunday Bar – Crays Share	1,364	0
Sunday Bar – Cleaning etc	10,083	6,501
Sundry Expenses	7,082	6,676
Utilities – Electricity & Gas	460	1,793
Vale' associated costs	45,886	18,699
Wages – Office	3,893	3,003
Wages – Monro Room Bar	33,351	23,634
Wages – Purcell Room	1,700	0
Wages – Sunday Bar	2,768	1,961
Wages – Super – Office	2,918	0
Wages – Super – Purcell Room	0	20,613
World Team 2002	0	20,613
Total Expenses	337,251	267,139
Excess Income over Expenditure	6,122	14,694

CRONULLA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 APRIL 2004

	2004	2003
Current Assets	\$	\$
Cash at Bank (Commonwealth and St George Banks)	249,564	179,359
Cash on Hand	1,092	0
Inventory	9,674	8,368
Sundry Debtors	7,273	2,069
Prepayments	13,209	15,367
Total Current Assets	280,812	205,163
Non Current Assets		
Building, Plant and Equipment		
Buildings and Improvements, at cost	569,797	569,797
Less: accumulated depreciation	100,401	75,984
	469,396	493,813
Plant, Equipment and Motor Vehicles, at cost	269,635	268,858
Less: accumulated depreciation	168,126	151,878
	101,509	116,980
Investments, at deemed cost base – Shares in IAG Ltd	541	541
Liquor licence, at cost	7,500	0
Total Non Current Assets	578,946	611,334
Total Assets	859,758	816,497
Current Liabilities		
Sundry Creditors	22,068	21,696
World Team	36,767	0
Total Current Liabilities	58,835	21,696
Total Liabilities	58,835	21,696
Net assets	800,923	794,801
Members Equity		
Accumulated funds as at 1 May 2003	794,801	780,107
Add: Excess income over expenditure	6,122	14,694
Accumulated funds as at 30 April 2004	800,923	794,801

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 30 APRIL 2004

Note 1 – Accounting Policies

This special purpose financial report has been prepared for distribution to the members to fulfil the Executive Committee's financial reporting requirements under the club's constitution.

The accounting policies used in the preparation of this report, as described below, are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the club's constitution and with previous years and are, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, appropriate to meet the needs of members.

- The financial report has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting for revenue, which is recorded when it is banked, and the accruals basis for expenditure and includes the historical cost convention and the going concern assumption.
- The requirements of Australian Accounting Standards and other professional reporting requirements (UIG Consensus Views), do not have mandatory applicability to the club because, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, it is not a "reporting entity".
- The following significant accounting policies are adopted:
 - Inventory is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value;
 - Depreciation is calculated on the diminishing value method based on the economic life of plant and equipment;
 - The investment is stated at deemed cost base at the date it was received.

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive committee has determined that the club is not a reporting entity and that this is a special purpose financial report was prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Executive the financial report.

- Presents fairly the financial position of Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated as at 30 April, 2004 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
- At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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

Allan J Hanson – President

Graham J Giles – Treasurer

Dated this 19th day of July, 2004

AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

Scope

We have audited the attached special purpose financial report comprising the Statement of Financial Position, Statements of Financial Performance and Notes to the Financial Statements of Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated for the year ended 30 April 2004. The club's Executive Committee is responsible for the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used are consistent with the financial requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (NSW) and of the club's constitution and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the club. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (NSW). We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this 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. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly, in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the Financial Statements. Accounting Standards and other professional reporting requirements (UIG Consensus Views) are not applicable to the basis of accounting adopted by the club.

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

Qualification

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable for the club to maintain an effective system of internal control over donations, subscriptions, sales and fund raising activities until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, our audit in relation to such revenue was limited to amounts recorded.

Qualified Audit Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the above limitation not existed, the financial report presents fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1, the financial position of the club for the year ended 30 April 2004 and its financial performance for the year then ended.

Gabriel & Partners – D.G.Furey, Partner – Cronulla, 19 July 2004

MEMBERSHIP

	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04
Patron, Vice Patrons, President, Deputy President and Senior Vice Presidents	12	12	12
Life Members	27	26	27
Ladies Auxiliary Life Members	6	4	8
Vice Presidents	62	61	72
Senior Active Members	72	90	80
Under-19 Members	59	50	53
Under 16 Members	98	42	76
Active Reserve Members	21	18	14
Long Service (Veteran) Members	266	272	259
Honorary Members	12	10	7
Country Members	25	0	4
Associate Members	87	78	85
	<u>747</u>	<u>663</u>	<u>697</u>
Less those Members in more than one category	-14	-12	-16
	<u>733</u>	<u>651</u>	<u>681</u>

Life Members (27)

J.W. Bentley*
W.R. Buchan**
M.J. Costello**
W.H. Eady OAM†**
F.J. Elmer**
K.E. English*
B.M. Ezzy*
G.C. Forshaw*
I.A. Goode*
C.R. Gough*
W. Halpin*
A.J. Hanson*
R.F. Hitchenson*
J.H. Hollingdale*
N.T. Johnstone*
F.R. Jordan**
R.J. Leix*
L. Macpherson*
W.G. Marshall OAM**
A.P. Metti*
K.S. Morton*
A. Moseley OAM**
D.P. Murray*
K.J. Neilson*
B.L. O'Donnell**
J.R. Switzer OAM**
J.F. Wilson*

Ladies Auxiliary Life Members (8)

Joan Buchan*
Robyn Ellis
Rhonda Elmer*
Sue Ezzy†*
Joy Hitchenson
Beth Lynch†*
Faye Marshall*
Helene Thomson*

Vice Presidents (72)

Q. Abel
J.W. Arthur
B. Baird MHR
M. Banister
B.G. Breadner*
B.J. Briggs*
G.W. Brook
J. Bruce
J.L. Buckham
J.P. Cassidy*
B.A. Christian*
G. Colaco
R. Collins
P.S. Cruickshank
F.A. Daniel
P.S. Duff

F. Doran
C. Durkin
N. Dwyer
C. Ellis
R. Enderby
J. Fredericks
W.R. French
R.E. Gibson
D. Gittus
J.A. Gibson OAM*
D. Grimshaw
T. Halyard
R.C. Hammond*
P. Hill
K.J. Hollingdale
L.F. Holt*
M.G. Howlin
G. Jones
A.B. Kell OAM
M.J. Kerr MLA
L. King
D. Knowles
J. McGrath
C.J. Meldrum*
D. Moss
P. Moggeridge
L. Motto
A. Moubarak
K.F. O'Brien
A.R. Parkes
J. Parsons
J.W. Payne
N. Peacock
F.W. Pengelly OAM*
W.E. Pithers
J.M. Purcell
J.W. Rayner
A.F. Reid
H.W. Reilly†*
R.W. Rigney
J. Saad
K. Schrieber
T.R. Singleton
R.K. Smith
M.J. Spurway
E.T. Stapleton**
G.B. Staunton MBE**
R.L. Stedman
C.J. Stephenson
W.A. Swingler
I.B. Swords†
R.P. Tanner***
B.K. Thompson
V.R. Thurlow
K. Turner
R. Turner

Senior Active (80)

S.R. Agnew
N.M. Barlow
M. Boffa
D.C. Bowling
M.O. Bradley
S.D. Braine
M.G. Bruce
B.J. Brunton
M.J. Collins
L.S. Cummins
P.L. Cure
K.D. Day
B.F. Elliott
L.W. Elliott
P.J. English
A.T. English
R.D. Ferguson
M.J. Field
A.A. Flaherty
M.L. Foley
J.G. Gibbons
C.D. Giles
M.L. Giles
J.R. Green
P.D. Grimshaw
R.B. Hartup
C.B. Haywood
S.J. Hick
N.J. Hilleary
M. Inglis
B.M. Janssen
B. Jennings
S.M. Johnson
K.C. Jury
S.P. Jury
S.J. Keene
S.N. Lanyon
S.N. Lodge
A.P. Lyon
S.G. Mackey
C. MacLachlan
P.A. MacLachlan
A. McDonald
M.J. McGrath
A. McKeown
K. McLellan
M. McLellan
S.I. McMaster
B. Mezen
W.C. Millican
L.M. Moran
T.M. Moran
J.W. Moseley*
A. Murphy
K.J. Neilson

K. Nilan
B.W. Orford
J.S. Powell
J.M. Powell
P. Rey
P.W. Ruxton
P.C. Ryan
L.M. Schmalfeldt
I. Sherratt
A. Shumack
N.R. Smith
T.R. Smith
D.K. Staples
L.C. Stewart
J.N. Sund
M.A. Swingler
D.A. Swingler
T. Tardent
G.R. Vassallo
M.L. Vosti
T.L. Walker
T.A. Weston
L.A. Wood
D.J. Wood
L.M. Wyatt

Under 19 Members (53)

M.O. Aiken
S. Appel
K.M. Beatie
K.M. Beecroft
N. Beinat
C.G. Beinat
L.A. Blair
J.R. Brooks
Y.C. Campbell
M.O. Chandler
A.J. Elliott
M.J. Elliott
O. Garnett
S.J. Goode
N. Guthrie
J.A. Hamilton
A.N. Hartup
M.J. Haywood
K.M. Henderson
J.I. Hipwell
N.K. Hodges
R.J. Johnson
N.E. Jones
A.R. Keegan
J.F. Lapham
R.F. Lyon
N. Ma
C.G. Mallett
M. Miles

C.J. Miranda
K-M. Morris
T.A. Neal
D.J. Neilson
E.K. Orford
D.J. Partridge
P.H. Proctor
T.A. Quiggin
S. Rayner
P.G. Reid
D.R. Reid
B. Robins
C.M. Robinson
D.I. Schmalfeldt
A.T. Shaw
M.W. Simpson
K.A. Smith
S.C. Sowter
D.W. Stafford
A.M. Ward
D.S. Williams
B.M. Williams
S. Winner
D.B. Yong

Under 16 Members (76)

A. Alijagic
K. Appleyard
C.S. Bartels
E.J. Beecroft
K. Bosden
J. Bosden
M. Brown
R. Buchan
D.L. Carrett
J. Carter
L. Cole
C.S. Davenport
C.S. Demech
A.K. Dinnerville
S.L. Famolaro
J.P. Fleming
A. Fleming
H.A. Francis
S.L. Fynn
H.M. Graves
R. Guthrie
T.S. Hamilton
L. Hammond
C.S. Hancock
J. Harris
N. Hipwell
R.C. Holland
J. Holland
B. Hoyle
S.L. Irwin

E.A. Isaacs
T.M. Johnson
L.M. Keane
D.K. Kerr
M.E. Laker
E.P. Langton
K. Latella
S.D. Lawton
J. Lee
L.J. Mason
A. May
L. McFarlane-Bentley
J. McKee
M. Miles
J. Miller
A.J. Morris
J. Neilson
B. O'Dowd
A. Orford
S.P. Parkes
M. Parkes
M.P. Phelan
J.A. Pinker
K.L. Pleasance
B. Powell
L. Quealy
S. Ridges
J.M. Rigg
C.M. Rivera
K.M. Roberts
P.R. Scanlon
D. Scanlon
K. Short
D.M. Simpson
S. Smith
M. Sowter
B.J. Standen
A.J. Timbrell
A. Wallace
M. Ward
J. Weigand
K.M. Williams
K. Williams
R.A. Wood
N. Zagame
L. Zagame

Active Reserve (14)

K.C. Bignold
G.D. Brown
T.A. Duffey
K.J. Grimshaw
K.D. Haywood
M.J. Henderson
J.L. Macpherson
R.A. Macpherson
M.J. Maughan
P.A. McSweeney
S.T. O'Donnell
N.K. Piggott
M.J. Schofield
A.C. Weir

Country (4)

A. Boland
B.R. Bruce
B.A. Elgood
M.C. Elmer

Honorary (7)

H.M. Borkman*
D.C. Collinson*
M. Fitzgerald**
R.B. Gates*
R. Jordan
G.J. Mclean
L.F. Saville

Associates (85)

A.A. Alibrandi
C.A. Barber
J.A. Beecroft
M.H. Beecroft

E.C. Bramble
B.J. Briggs*
S.F. Brown
R.J. Browne*
D.J. Brydson
S.E. Connor
R. Croucher
D. De Kroo*
F.K. Delehedy
A.W. Delehedy
I.J. DeMontfort
L.A. DeMontfort
R.E. Ellis
S.P. Farrelley
M.G. Fleming
G.F. Giles
B.G. Giles
C.A. Giles
J.A. Gilmore
D.A. Gough
T.M. Hammond
G.N. Hancock
R.J. Harris
L.P. Harrison
I.F. Hartup
E.A. Hassall
D.K. Hawkins
J.E. Hitchenson
M. Hourigan
M.J. Jackson
L.L. Keane
J. Keegan
K.A. Kerr
J.M. Kitley
S.A. Klopper
M.L. Laurie
D.C. LeCornu
S.J. Linke
S.T. Mannion
D. Mayer
P.A. McEwan
D.J. McKee
J. McKenzie-Hicks
B.G. Moore
R. Morgan
C.J. Morris
K. Mountain
R. Murray
M.P. Murray
S.P. O'Brien
E. O'Keefe
S.A. O'Keefe
T.M. Partridge
T. Passfield
K.M. Piggott
J.A. Pinker
J.R. Pleasance
D. Provan
D. Rayner
S.J. Ritchie
T.H. Roach
W. Scanlon
A.C. Shipway
K. Smith
S.M. Sowter
R.L. Steel
N.R. Swane
Z.M. Thomas
C. Villanti
J.F. Vincent*
M.D. Vitnell
M.J. Walmsley
A.C. Weir
C.J. Weir
M.G. Wheeler
B.G. Wild
S. Williams
W. Williams
R.J. Wingate
M.C. Woods
A.E. Yazbek

Long Service Veteran (259)

G.J. Allman
T. Appleyard
R.O. Avery**
R.I. Bamber*
M.P. Banister
R.B. Bignold*
K.A. Bowers*
R.R. Bowker
S.C. Boxall
R.F. Bradley
D.E. Braine*
G.J. Braker
R.J. Bridges**
K.J. Brown*
G.J. Bruce*
D.E. Bruce*
W.J. Buchan**
A.J. Buchan**
D.E. Buchan**
B.G. Bucholtz*
R.A. Bugden*
R.W. Burchmore
G.P. Burton*
J.M. Butterfield*
M.F. Butterfield*
D.M. Came
I.W. Carter
G.A. Carter*
P.A. Casaceli*
J.C. Casaceli
D.D. Chandler*
M.W. Chapman*
D.G. Chappelow*
A.E. Clarke
C.W. Cleary**
C.F. Coles
J. Connolly*
R.W. Cooper*
T. Costello
O.F. Coulter**
P.J. Cox
J.C. Cox*
K.J. Cox**
N.P. Craig*
R.P. Craig**
M.P. Cuddihy
R.W. Cullen*
S.L. Curan
B.N. Dalgarno
B.R. Daly
F.R. Daniel*
K. Davidson*
B.F. Davis*
D.J. Day*
P.G. Day
P.M. Day*
P.W. Day*
M.A. Dehaan
T.J. Dehaan
A.R. Diver-Tuck
S. Dixon
F.P. Doran
G.E. Dowd*
A.C. Dudman*
K.E. Eldridge*
F.M. Elliott
C.J. Elliott
G.A. Elliott*
G.F. Evans
S. Faulkner
J.L. Fitzgerald**
K.A. Fleming*
C.D. Fletcher*
D.J. Flynn
R.I. Ford*
I.C. Formby**
M.R. Franklin
R.J. Fraser**
W.A. Free*
A.L. Frith MBE*
R.C. Garnsey
T. Gault
G.J. Giles
H.R. Giles
M.M. Goode
D.J. Goold*

B.J. Green*
J.A. Griffiths**
B.M. Guthrie
T.J. Halyard
P.W. Hamilton
P.J. Hammond
J.M. Hanson
L.A. Hanson
B.A. Hanson
B.J. Hardy*
R.J. Harris
R.R. Hatfield
P.W. Hayes
C.J. Haywood
B.S. Henderson*
G.C. Hewett*
D.A. Hill
I.C. Hipwell
W.R. Hodges**
G.A. Hogarth**
A. Holland
G.G. Holland
B. Hollman
J.R. Holt*
W.W. Hooper
M.W. Hopkins*
B.J. Hughes
M.G. Irving AM**
C. Irwin
P.D. Irwin
D. Isaacs
J.E. Johnson (Jim)
J.E. Johnson (John)**
K. Johnson
P.A. Johnson
R.W. Johnson*
J.M. Jones**
W.S. Jury
G.A. Kendrick
J.K. Kennedy*
P.H. Kerr
B.J. Key*
R.B. Lancaster
C.R. Lanser**
F.D. Lapham*
B.T. Lapham*
E. Larsen
R.S. Latta**
S.J. LeBreton
R.T. Leckner*
E.J. Lodge
R.D. Lord
E.M. Lyon
P.A. Lyon
S.J. Mackay*
B.H. MacLachlan
M.P. Maggio
J.F. Maguire*
R. Mallett
C.F. Mallett
K.J. Manton**
J.J. Mason
W.H. Matthes*
S.M. Maughan
K.R. Maughan*
P. May
L.W. Mayhew**
K.C. McLachlan
R. Meeve
D.S. Metti
P.A. Meyer
G.C. Milton
L.J. Minty*
K.A. Moran
P.M. Moran
R.M. Morey
G.J. Morris*
E.H. Murphy**
L.D. Murray**
S.J. Neilson
A.W. Nelson*
M.T. New
B.A. Norwood*
D.J. O'Brien
M.J. O'Connor
S.J. O'Donnell
K.R. O'Donnell*

M.J. Payne
T.A. Payne*
W.D. Philpott**
D.C. Piggott
R.C. Pinker
S. Pocklington
R.A. Pratt**
H.H. Preen
R.C. Proctor
J. Purcell*
K.P. Quealy*
P.J. Rayment*
J.B. Regan**
W.W. Reilly*
K.I. Robertson*
S.H. Rogers*
J. Rose
P. Rowe
M.J. Royce
J.E. Salmon**
D.G. Saunders
W.F. Sawyer*
A.T. Schofield
L.B. Setco
J. Sherratt*
R.P. Short
P.H. Short
J.B. Silva**
J.W. Simpson
P.S. Sinclair*
R.D. Smith
W.L. Smith
M.D. Smith
R.B. Snell*
M.F. Souter*
M. Sowter
A. Spencer*
D.A. Spicer*
J.M. Starr
W.B. Staunton
J.A. Steele
R.A. Stewart
G.J. Stewart
D.M. Stewart*
A.E. Stirling**
J.A. Stokes
K.M. Strickland
A.L. Strong
K.R. Suann**
J.A. Suann**
W.A. Swingler*
R.S. Syme*
W.D. Syphers
S.J. Tatham
C. Tatham*
J.A. Taylor*
G.J. Telfer
R.G. Telfer*
W.R. Tibbitts
P.D. Tibbitts*
D. Tierney*
L.H. Turbet**
G.K. Vincent**
N.R. Vinson*
R.E. Walker
C. Walker
D.B. Wallbank
K.G. Warburton
D.R. Ward
M. Warzuger
G.R. Watson
L.R. Webster**
K.A. White
S. Wilks
R.A. Williams*
K.R. Williams*
R.S. Wilmington*
E.J. Wood
C.S. Wood*
R.L. Wood*
M.J. Woodruff*
R.E. Woods
A.K. Wrench*
J. Wynne
J.V. Zagame
J.T. Zagame



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For his contribution at the Australian Championships



NATHAN SMITH – "GIBSON HOWLIN LAWYERS AWARD"
For his efforts in enhancing the reputation & standing of the Club



BRUCE GUTHRIE – "GIBSON HOWLIN LAWYERS AWARD"
For his efforts in Fundraising for the Club



MICHELLE GILES – "GIBSON HOWLIN LAWYERS AWARD"
For her efforts in the Instruction & Training of Club Members



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Gus Staunton MBE.



Peter Tibbitts.



John Holt.



The Late Ian Mackie AM.