



"Vigilance & Service"

# 20th Annual Report



## Far South Coast Branch

SURF LIFE-SAVING ASSOCIATION  
OF AUSTRALIA

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ANNUAL MEETING

To be held at the Bermagui Hotel

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SATURDAY, 2nd SEPTEMBER, 1972  
at 2.30 p.m.

SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

FAR SOUTH COAST BRANCH

TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT to be presented to the Annual General Meeting to be held at Bermagui Hotel, Bermagui, on SATURDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER, 1972, commencing at 2.30pm.

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BUSINESS \*

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|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 1. Affiliation and accreditation of delegates ; | 5. Election of Officers ;              |
| 2. Apologies ;                                  | 6. Carnival Dates and programmes ;     |
| 3. Confirmation of Minutes ;                    | 7. Motions of which due notice given ; |
| 4. Presentation of Report and Balance Sheet ;   | 8. General (urgent) business.          |

MAX HOGNO  
HON. BRANCH SECRETARY.

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FAR SOUTH COAST BRANCH

PATRONS \* Members of Electorates  
within Branch  
VICE PATRONS \* Presidents of Mumbulla, Imlay &  
Eurobodalls Shires, Mayor of Bega  
PRESIDENT \* Mr. Ron Chesher ( Moruya )  
SUPERINTENDENT \* Mr. Paul Caddey ( Tathra )  
VICE PRESIDENTS \* Presidents of Affiliated Clubs;  
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT \* Mr. Grahame Nicholson ( Tathra )  
SECRETARY/TREASURER \* Mr. Max Hogno ( Moruya )  
GEAR STEWARD \* Mr. Ken Harris ( Tathra )  
REGISTRAR \* Mr. Ed. Ferderer ( Moruya )  
JUDICIARY \* Messrs. M. Hogno, P. Caddey, R. Harris,  
C. Parberry, J. Henry.  
LIFE MEMBERS \* W. B. Annabel, Esq; J. Caddey, Esq.,  
P. V. Dwyer, Esq; R. C. Chesher, Esq.

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AFFILIATED CLUBS \* Canberra-Bateman's Bay , Moruya,  
Berrigui, Tathra, Pambula.

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## FAR SOUTH COAST BRANCH REPORT

Gentlemen ,

The Branch completed the season with five active senior clubs and three juvenile bodies. At the commencement of the season changes were made to the Branch Constitution to enable the Branch to control the juvenile activities without the formation of a separate body.

The start of the season saw the introduction to the Branch, of an inflatable rubber rescue craft by the Tathra Club. What a boon this craft proved when made available as a duty boat at carnivals. So impressed with the craft at a demonstration early in the season were the townspeople of the tourist village of Narooma that they clubbed together and purchased a similar craft for rescue work, particularly in and around the notorious Wagonga River bar.

Whilst no lives were lost on beaches during patrolled hours, a large number of drownings took place on the Far South Coast, evidence that more and more people are not exercising caution . There was an increase in drownings in boating accidents.

The Branch was successful in moving for the abolition of the Inter Branch Championships, an event long felt by the Branch as having no value, more so with the introduction of a separate Country Branches Championships.

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Once again the Branch sent a contingent north to the Country Championships, thanks to the sum of \$300 being made available by the carnival organisers to partly cover expenses. For the second successive year, the Moruya Club provided the winner of the Cadet Surf Championship.

On the local front, there was a resurgence of competitive spirit, particularly from the Moruya Club which was successful in regaining the Jack G Beale, MLA., Pointscore Trophy, which it had lost to Tathra the previous season. The Moruya Club continued its long run of success in the Patrol Efficiency Competition to take out the BP Rescue Ski, rather narrowly, from Tathra. As the Club had won a similar trophy the previous season, the ski was presented to runners-up, Tathra. Results of the Patrol Competition leave a lot to be desired and it is clearly evident that Clubs are shirking their responsibilities.

Keen rivalry has sprung up in the boat racing field, however, Canberra-Bateman's Bay proved virtually unbeatable in local competition but was strongly challenged by Moruya. The Moruya Club recently took delivery of a new craft, christened the "Ron Chesher" in recognition of twenty years of service to his Club as President, by Branch President Ron. State President Mr. Con Asmussen came to Moruya specially to christen and launch the boat. A "B" boat race was added to carnivals events this season and the Branch Executive hopes that all Clubs will join in the boating revival. Nothing seems to bring excitement to a Carnival like a closely contested boat race.

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There was a good response to the new Bronze drill, with Clubs reporting much more enthusiasm from squads.

The "Nipper" movement continues to boom in the southern end of the Branch with both Tathra and Pambula having large contingents.

The two newest Clubs in the area, Bermagui and Canberra-Bateman's Bay, have yet to obtain suitable Club premises. Bermagui have little more than a storage shed, whilst Canberra-Bateman's Bay have some facilities for storage and are hopeful for club premises in the new future.

It has again been a pleasure to serve with the Branch Executive, however, response from Clubs within the Branch has been at an all-time low.

The thanks of the Branch are due to our worthy State Centre Delegates, Graeme and Ron . Thanks, fellas.

The Branch would be remiss if it did not record the honour bestowed on State Centre President, Mr.Con.Asmussen, in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours List. Our sincere congratulations, Con, on a job well done.

Max Hognó,

HON. BRANCH SECRETARY.

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## SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Gentlemen,

As in all other branches in the State, the last season saw a completely new system of examination drill which, I feel, was carried out well in this Branch. The four man drill procedure will almost certainly be retained with some adjustments to the methods we used up until February. The awards were good as a result of the new drill with Moruya and Tathra especially having a good season for Bronze Medallions and Qualifying Certificates.

Throughout the season several members were either failed or noted as being not up to the usual very high standard and it was agreed by Examiners on all of these occasions, that the fault lay mostly in instruction, so this is something that we can, and should, put right. Instructors must be sure of their work and have complete control of squads.

I must apologise for the Board of Examiners in having only two rounds of Patrol competition. This was partly due to a delay in starting, and that we did not know that one of the Examiners had not completed his round until it was too late to rectify it.

With regards to the Patrol Competition, Moruya narrowly defeated Tathra and the Examiners were upset at the poor attendance at patrols on most of the beaches. We must realise that our primary job is to protect the public on our beaches before anything else. It is a pity that we are all faced with a mounting problem of recruitment of new members.

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Competition was again keen and carnivals were very good. Unfortunately, Moruya missed their carnival through bad weather, and then lack of interest later in the season. Moruya also competed very well at Forster and again, this trip north was a worthwhile one, showing that our Clubs are up to the standards of other country Clubs.

Finally I would like to say how I, for one, appreciate the great job done by Max Hognö over the past years. Also my thanks go to President Ron, Deputy Graeme and Board Secretary Bill, and each member of the Examiners, for their work over the past season and I sincerely hope they continue to work for the Movement next season as they have done in the past.

PAUL CADDEY,  
BRANCH SUPERINTENDENT.

\*\*\*FROM THE CLUBS\*\*\*

CANBERRA-BATEMAN'S BAY SLSC

During the second year of operations, Club membership doubled that of the first year. The number, however, is poor in comparison to the number of people living in the district in which the Club operates. There was still no response from the members of the old Bateman's Bay Club but we hope that some arrangements can be made in the future.

During the 1971-2 season, despite a very poor summer, the Clubs members took part in no fewer than 30 rescues mainly due to ignorance on the part of the public. During the year, a fair amount of the Clubs were stolen and/or damaged.

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Competition-wise, members really excelled themselves with the boat crew again winning the Branch Championship and representing the Branch at the Inter-Branch Championships. The Club was also fortunate in gaining representatives in the Open Sprint and Open Ski at the same Championships.

It is the feeling of the Committee that if some form of Clubhouse was erected at Malua Bay, the response of the local people and people in Queanbeyan and Canberra would be much greater as they would become more aware of the surf lifesaving Movement.

The Club is aiming for another good season but needs a lot more help financially and membership-wise.

R.S. MORRE  
CLUB PRESIDENT.

### MORUYA SLSC

The completion of the season saw the end of an outstanding one for the Club. There were over fifty active members on our list and upwards of 30 active reserve and associate members. The highlight of the season was the regaining of the Jack Beal Pointscore Trophy with members showing great competitive spirit and determination, both in training and at carnivals. This season could be the beginning of a new era for the Club as over four-fifths of our active members are juniors. These juniors have shown that with a little bit of encouragement and leadership, they have the spirit for which this Club has always been known.

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Some notable achievements during the season were :- Dale Purcall, Country Cadet Branch Champion ; Roger Bunt, runner-up Country Junior Belt Championship ; Colin Chesher, runner-up NSW Pillowfight Championship ; D.Pheeney and B.Craggs, second and third Country Pillowfight Championship. These efforts, coupled with some fine performances in local and other Branch Carnivals, showed the fine competition spirit of the Club. In order to compete at Carnivals this year, members travelled a total distance of approximately 3000 miles. Although unsuccessful in all but one boat race, the "A" boat crew rowed something like 1,000 miles in training.

A new patrol system was implemented during the season and proved to be successful. A patrol roster of eight patrols was given five patrols each during the season. The rest of the patrol hours were filled out with special patrols for carnival days. The members of the special patrols had to do three patrols each during the season. Patrols served efficiently during the season and members were only required to perform six rescues. Other rescues were averted by the vigilance of patrols which stopped trouble before it could begin.

To give added incentive to members for next season, a loan was obtained from State Centre for the purchase of a new surf boat.

In concluding this report I would like to congratulate the Bermagui Club on its efforts during the season and wish them luck for the future. It is hard to keep going with only a few members but the breakthrough must come if you persevere.

DAVE PHEENEY  
CLUB CAPTAIN.

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TATHRA SLSC

The Club records a successful 1971-2 season and we are happy to report that there were no fatalities off our beach this season. We were proud to see our Club members, Club Captain Phil Harris and Terry Nicholson receive their Meritorious Awards for their valiant efforts off Kianinny Bay. We were pleased also at the increase in Bronze Medallions and Qualifying Certificates gained by members.

The inflatable rubber rescue craft purchased by the Club is functioning well after encountering initial difficulties with over-eager operators. The IRB was used to effect rescues off the unpatrolled sections of the beach.

Our congratulations go to the Moruya Club for their success in winning the Pointscore Trophy and Patrol Efficiency Competition, the trophy for which we were fortunate enough to collect as runners-up as Moruya had won a ski last year.

The trip to the Country Championships was greatly enjoyed by the members who participated and the Club is looking forward to future trips. Club members also travelled to the State Championships and other carnivals, enjoying the strong competition and good fellowship both within, and outside, the Branch.

CLEM PARBERRY  
CLUB SECRETARY.

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## PAMBULA SLSC

Committee activities have worked out well on the basis of the older members dealing with matters associated with finance, maintenance and equipment, thus leaving the younger active members responsible for developing greater efficiency in lifesaving and in beach activities.

Our financial deficit of the previous season has been wiped out and the Club can enter the new season with adequate funds in hand. Fund raising is continuing during the winter months and indications are that local support will continue.

It is intended to step up the membership drive, results to date being worthwhile, notably in the increase of social members. With the "Nipper" membership now some 80 strong, pressure will be put on increasing junior and senior active members.

The Club committee has given thought to the following :-

1. Improving Club facilities to include a gymnasium with encouraged wider 'you activities' and to keep senior members interested in fitness ;
  2. Added support for the Nippers and the question of "Nipperettes" is being considered along with a proposal to develop a 'Learn to Swim' pool.
  3. Further effort in providing more well trained members supported by the best equipment available;
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4. Extension of facilities to include a women's change room as a step in increasing active support for the Club as a whole ;
5. Review of insurance cover to ensure that all equipment and premises are adequately covered ;
6. Keeping of equipment in the best condition and acquiring new equipment. The surf boat and trailer have been overhauled.
7. Further repairs and renovations to Club premises in the off-season in preparation for the new.

R.J.GLARY  
HON. SECRETARY.

BERMAGUI SLSC

The Club has completed its first full season since its revival and the season proved somewhat of a struggle. Active membership was not great and the Club failed to compete at many carnivals due to members being required to patrol the home beach.

The Club conducted a carnival which was well attended by Branch clubs and the carnival ran smoothly.

During the season, the Club lost energetic Secretary, Dave Gardiner, who was transferred in his job to colder climates. Dave had been a tower of strength in the reformation of the Club.

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It is hoped that the next season will see the Club more firmly established.

(Contributed)

REPORT OF MANAGER/COACH

The Inter/Branch Championships at Woonona Beach on 5th February was a successful carnival in which the Branch competed competently. Good swims were recorded by the cadets and juniors and all other events were contested strongly by our representatives. There were a few bad points which stuck out on the day, mainly the absence of beach sprinter Spence and part of the Canberra-Bateman's Bay boat crew which was selected to represent the Branch. Only two members of the original crew were in attendance. One Club member who was already in the Branch team was required to row and two replacements were sent by the Club. The two members had not competed at a Carnival and had not trained with the crew. I feel that Bateman's Bay Club should have contacted the Branch so that another boat crew could have been selected. A few team members failed to give assistance and wandered away from the marshalling area.

Ken Harris  
MANAGER/COACH.

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PRESIDENTS ADDENDUM

Gentlemen,

This time of the year comes around quickly, and it is a time to start planning for the year ahead.

Looking back, one can help but think that there is room for improvement in some quarters of the Movement in our own Branch. We need leaders to help forge ahead with out work at Club level, more Examiners for the Board and thus relieve the load already being borne by a few willing shoulders.

Spare a thought or two and consider suitable Instructors from within your Clubs who would be good candidates for the Board of Examiners.

An important change was tried last year, that of the four man Bronze frill. I consider this a good move and this coming season will see the adoption of this drill for training of members of the future.

I must, however, sound a warning here ; the new drill must not be taken too lightly as an easy way for the gaining of Bronze medallions, thus lowering the standards set in years gone by.

We are to consider this year, the admission of women to our ranks. As actual members of a Club, serious thought must be given to the question.

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I hope that our Branch will continue to function no worse than in the season past, but maybe somewhat better, and would thank all officers for the fine job they have been doing.

Lets make 1972-3 the year of the Far South Coast.

Thank you one and all for the consideration and support you have given me throughout the season.

Yours in surfing,

RON CHESHER.

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Membership of Clubs

	<u>1970-71</u>		<u>1971-2</u>	
	Active	Otherwise	Active	Otherwise
MORUYA	33	34	46	29
TATHRA	18	68	24	61
PAMBULA	10	9	15	44
BERMAGUI	6	3	11	77
CAN/B.BAY	19	7	21	14

Table of Awards 1971-2

	<u>Instructors</u>	<u>Bronze</u>	<u>Qualifying</u>	<u>Resuscitation</u>
CAN/B.BAY	0	5	0	0
MORUYA	1	8	5	6
BERMAGUI	1	10	0	0
TATHRA	0	3	7	0
PAMBULA	2	6	0	0

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COMPETITION, ETC.

PATROL EFFICIENCY

1st Moruya                      2nd Tathra                      3rd Pambula

POINTSORE TROPHY

1st Moruya                      2nd Tathra                      3rd Canberra-Bate-  
man's Bay.

COUNTRY BRANCH CHAMPIONS

Cadet Surf - D. Purcell (Moruya)

MERITORIOUS AWARDS

F.Harris (Tathra) T.Nicholson (Tathra)

BOARD MEMBERS

P.Caddey (Superintendent) G.Nicholson (Deputy) W.Deveril  
(Secretary) J.Caddey, J.Henry, P.Robinson, J.Nader, D.Pheeney,  
R.Chesher, F.Thomson, G.Parker.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

The accompanying balance sheet will reveal a loss of \$217.44., on the season's activities. Of this amount, almost \$200.00., loss was incurred as a result of the Inter/Branch Carnival for which the subsidy from State Centre amounted to only \$150.00. New equipment purchases added \$115.00., to expenditure.

Halfway through the season, a receipt book was lost or misplaced and, to date, I have not been able to find it. However, records had been written up to the end of December, 1971, and the remainder was written up after most Clubs had co-operated in advising what receipts they held from Branch and what cheques had been forwarded to Branch during the season. From this information, cross-referenced with cheque butts and deposit slips, it was possible to reconcile the books.

A small number of accounts owing by Clubs remain outstanding due to the fact that a lot of checking had to be done of the books before it could be ascertained what had, and had not, been paid. Accounts have been forwarded to the Clubs concerned.

MAX. HOGNO  
HON. TREASURER.

FAR SOUTH COAST BRANCH 1971-2

EXPENDITURE

Country Branches Bus		\$ 475. 00
Travelling expenses		387. 50
Equipment		308. 37
Inter/Branch Accommodation		135. 00
Entry Fees - Inter/Branch	\$ 20. 00	
Country	43. 65	
Juvenile	5. 00	
State	20. 70	
Australian	<u>2. 40</u>	
Delegates Expenses		91. 75
Refreshments - Branch Dinner, etc.		95. 00
Herald Gear Fund Repayments		85. 00
Public Risk Insurance Premiums		80. 00
Printing, etc		80. 00
Affiliations		42. 27
Judges Expenses		25. 00
Handbooks		10. 00
Petty Cash		10. 00
		<u>40. 00</u>
		\$1864. 89
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Amount on Deposit Commonwealth Bank		766. 68
LESS unrepresented cheque		<u>4. 70</u>
On Hand as at 30th June, 1972		\$ <u>761. 98</u>