

Senior Boat Crew — Winning Heat at 1967/68 Australian Championships.

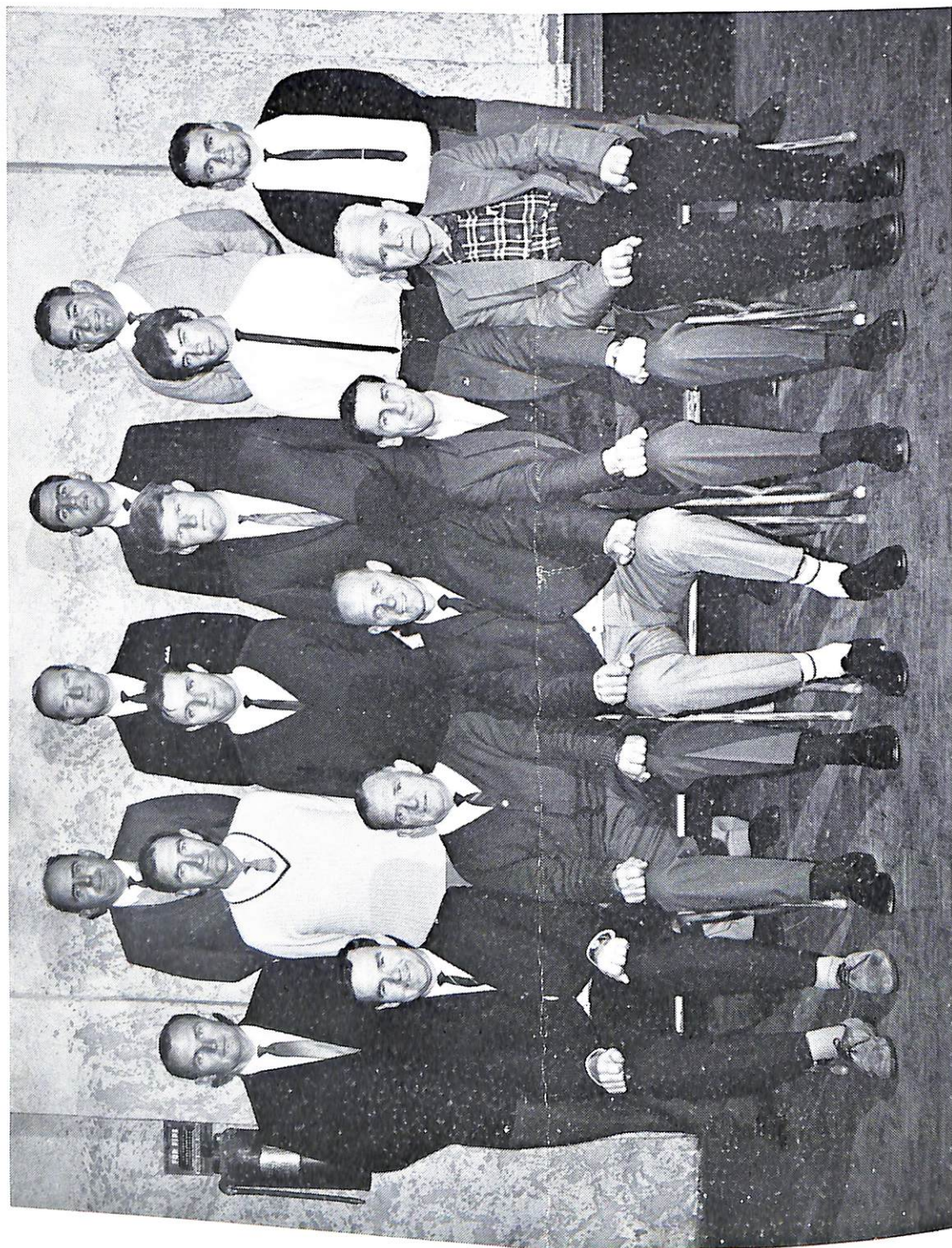


COLLAROY SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

56th Annual Report and Balance Sheet

SEASON 1967-68

To be presented to all members at the Annual General Meeting,
to be held in the Clubhouse, Collaroy Beach,
On Sunday, 11th August, 1968 at 10 a.m.



General Committee 1967-68 (5 members absent).

COLLARROY SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB OFFICIALS, SEASON 1967-68

Patron:

K. S. McWILLIAM, ESQ.

Vice-Patrons:

THE HON. R. W. ASKIN, M.L.A.; MESSRS. J. ARMSTRONG, A. M. EVANS, D. GRAHAM, W. G. JUDGE, R. MORGAN, H. PFAFFLIN, C. PROCTOR, J. RUBINSON, N. TWIGHT, F. WORTHINGTON, THE HON. W. C. WENTWORTH, M.L.A.; R. WRIGHT.

President:

R. N. TWIGHT

Senior Vice-President:

D. GRAHAM

Vice Presidents:

MESSRS. J. BLAIR, V. BRADBURY, W. JOHNMAN, R. KAY, C. J. LYTLE, G. O'FARRELL, K. PARR, L. SENIOR, D. TALBOT.

Hon. Secretary:

W. G. JUDGE

Treasurer:

W. GOODMAN

Hon. Registrar:

C. NEWMAN

Assistant Registrar:

J. FARRELL

Chief Instructor:

A. LEATHLEY

Deputy Chief Instructors:

A. BARTON, M. WATSON (Res. 8.2.68)

Patrol Officer:

B. McCONVILLE

Assistant Patrol Officer:

L. CAMPBELL,
J. HENDERSON (Moved to S.A. Dec. 1967)

Hon. Assistant Secretary:

B. EASTOE

Committeemen:

J. ISON, A. CHAPMAN, W. EDMONDS

Ways and Means Committee:

R. BARKER, W. BRADFORD, G. CARLISLE, A. CHAPMAN, B. CRIPPS, W. GOODMAN, R. WRIGHT, R. BARTON.

Social Committee:

R. BARTON, A. CHAPMAN, J. COCHRANE, E. DIGGENS, G. McNAUGHTON, N. MONTGOMERY, P. MONTGOMERY, T. WHELAN.

Premises Committee:

W. GOODMAN, W. G. JUDGE, B. SMYTH (Res. 14.3.68), R. BARTON (Acting)

Ambulance Officer:

A. E. WHEELER

Hon. Auditor:

J. B. KAIN

Hon. Medical Advisers:

DRS. BAKER, BERNARD, GARRETT, MANSON, PARKER, PRYDE, WADDELL and MANGREVETTEE.

Hon. Legal Advisers:

MESSRS. B. COUSTAN, M. NEWMAN.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership was maintained at the previous year's high level. Most of the new members during the year being Cadets and Juniors, some of whom were from the school squad run early in the season.

COMPARISON TABLE OF TOTAL MEMBERSHIP

	63-64	64-65	65-66	66-67	67-68
Active Senior	57	48	52	54	46
Active Junior	18	8	33	37	46
Cadet	13	6	25	34	23
Absentee	—	—	—	—	5
Active Reserve	32	33	32	38	43
Associates	7	3	10	10	9
Honorary	42	24	16	11	17
Life Members	63	63	63	63	63
Vice-Presidents and Officials	27	28	27	19	20
	<u>259</u>	<u>213</u>	<u>258</u>	<u>266</u>	<u>272</u>

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Thirteen meetings were held during the year, normally on the second Thursday in each month. Separate meetings of the Life Saving Committee and Ways and Means Committee were also held at regular intervals; these Committees relieved the pressure on the General Committee.

The attendances at General Committee meetings were:—

NAME	POSITION	PRESENT	APOLOGIES	ABSENT
R. Twight	President	11	2	—
D. Graham	Deputy President	8	5	—
H. Wright	Vice Patron	10	3	—
W. Judge	Secretary	12	1	—
W. Goodman	Treasurer	10	3	—
B. Cripps	Captain	11	2	—
J. Ellis	Vice Captain	11	2	—
C. Newman	Registrar	12	1	—
J. Farrell	Asst. Registrar (appointed 5.10.67)	9	—	—
B. McConville	Patrol Officer	9	4	—
J. Henderson	Asst. Patrol Officer (Resigned 15.12.67)	2	2	—
L. Campbell	Asst. Patrol Officer (Appointed 15.12.67)	8	1	—
L. Walsh	Gear Steward	11	2	—
A. Leathley	Chief Instructor	12	1	—
M. Watson	Asst. Instructor (Resigned 9.11.67 — Studies)	4	—	—
G. Bruce	Boat Captain	11	2	—
P. Alford	Asst. Boat Captain (Appointed 5.10.67)	9	2	—
D. Ford	Publicity Officer	11	2	—
R. Barton	Social Committee	13	—	—
M. Chapman	Committee	12	1	—
W. Edmonds	Committee	12	1	—
J. Ison	Committee	12	1	—

S.L.S.A.

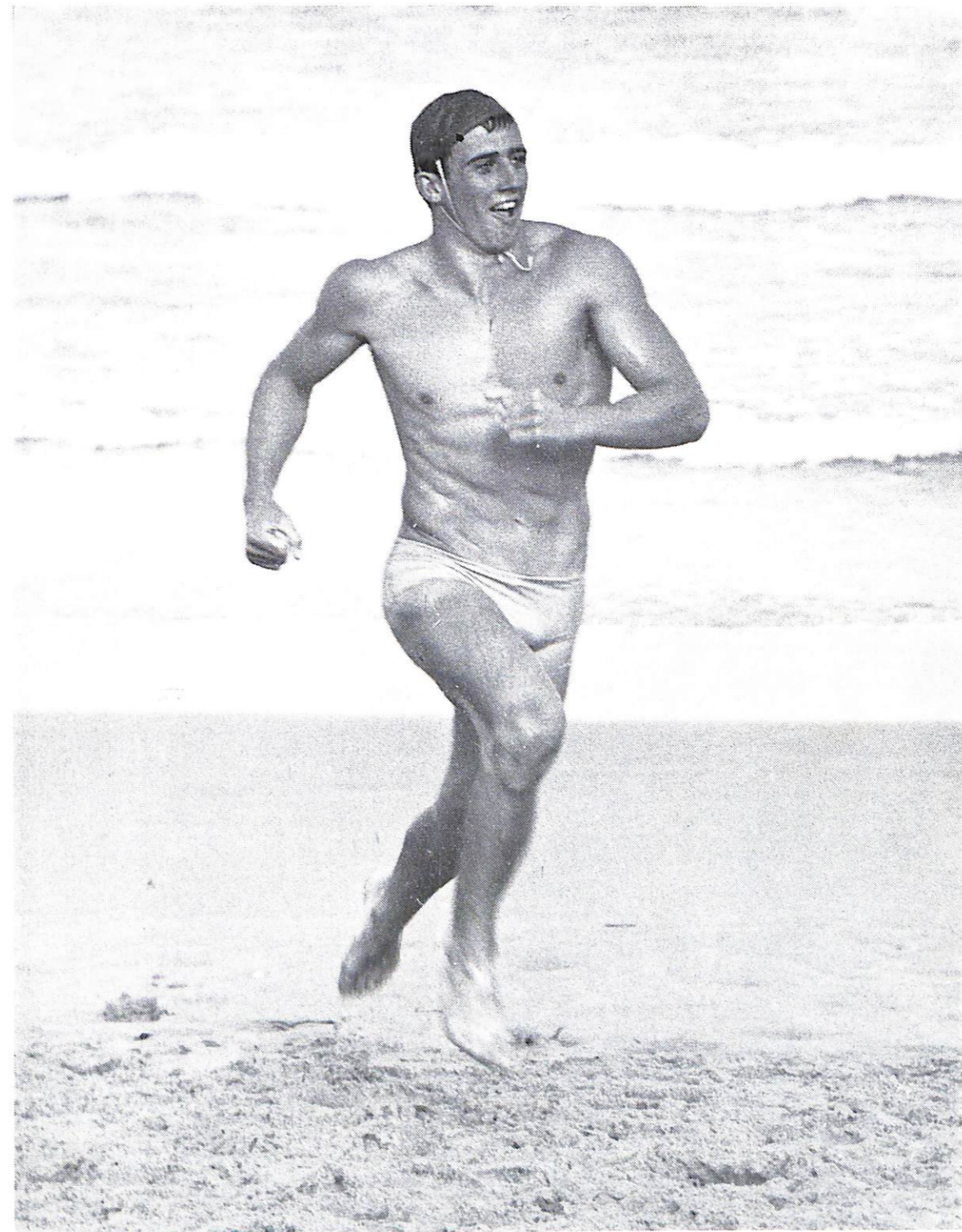
As with previous seasons, most monthly meetings of the Council of the Manly-Warringah Branch were attended by the Club Delegates on the first Tuesday of each month at the Queenscliff Clubhouse. Active Reserve member Hec. McDonald was again elected Branch Superintendent. To the Manly-Warringah Branch, N.S.W. State Centre and National Council, the Club extends appreciation for advice and assistance received throughout the season.

S.L.S.A. AWARDS

Association awards numbering 62 were gained during the season. These consisted of:—

Instructors Certificates	3
Bronze Medallions	27
Qualifying Certificates	32

To each of the above members, the Club extends its congratulations.



Chris Bradford — Australian Open Surf Champion 1967/68. Member of winning Collaroy teams in N.S.W. and Australian Senior Surf Teams Championships 1967/68. Member of Manly-Warringah Branch and N.S.W. State Team 1967/68.

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

It is with considerable pleasure that I submit to you my report for the season 1967/68. The season was exceptionally busy, very eventful and I would say without a doubt most successful for the club in almost every aspect.

I have often made mention of the term "Team-work" previously, and in my opinion it was the high degree of team spirit existing in the Club from the President down to the most junior member which made this season such a memorable one for Collaroy. The Club Office Bearers, members of the various committees and competitive coaches co-operated and worked together in a most harmonious manner, backed to the hilt by the support of the general club members.

Following last year's annual meeting the new committee met very early to settle down for foundation work for the season to come. The first major event facing us was the annual gear inspection, and prior to the actual examination Gear Steward, Laurie Walsh and his main assistant, Lindsay Campbell, put in a tremendous amount of work and it was a common sight to see the gear room light burning late in the evening with Laurie still working steadily and thoroughly on the club's gear. The actual inspection once again proved that Collaroy was not able to win the gear inspection competition. Although Laurie had the gear in great condition and displayed in such a manner which was outstanding to say the least, the Club was docked points for several minor issues, and in my opinion the Examiner's rulings bordered on the ridiculous. If gear is faulty or dangerous the equipment involved should be condemned and points lost, but when points are docked for things which have no bearing on the condition or effectiveness of the gear, the situation becomes farcical.

Laurie was very disappointed not to win the Branch Inspection, but his effort was top class as I have never seen Collaroy gear displayed as well as it was last season. I would like to thank Laurie for a great effort not only for his preparation of the gear but for the maintenance throughout the whole season as well.

Simultaneous with Laurie's preparations for the Gear Inspection the club's patrolling duties had commenced on the long weekend in October and this time the Patrol Committee was fortunate in having a considerable number of members from which to select their patrols. Our only problem was the fact that experience is still lacking, due to the high volume of relatively new members and junior members we have in the club. Nevertheless the Committee was able to roster 10 patrols with an average strength of 9 members per patrol with good all round strength.

As with previous seasons, a club patrol efficiency competition was run and whilst very keenly contested the eventual winners proved to be No. 5 Patrol captained by John Graham. John has been one of our most consistent and reliable Patrol Captains for a number of years and it was pleasing to see John's Patrol win this most important competition.

The Branch also conducted an inter-club patrol efficiency competition and whilst Collaroy was not successful in winning we finished high on the point score list and put in a good all round effort. One of the problems facing the club when patrol numbers build up is the difficulty of educating the greater numbers of members involved. In this respect it is the responsibility of the Patrol Captain to make

sure each and every member of his patrol is proficient in resuscitation techniques and the handbook data essential for correct answering of questions asked by the various Examiners. I would like to see next season's Captains follow this point through more diligently.

Whilst talking about Patrols I would like to take this opportunity to compliment the Club's Patrol Officer for the season, Barry McConville. Barry, as you will remember was a successful Patrol Officer from the previous season and although pressed by business and personal commitments, undertook to do the job for yet another season. Barry was very ably assisted in the early part of the season by John Henderson who acted as Deputy Patrol Officer and following John's business transfer to Adelaide, this position was taken over by Lindsay Campbell. Lindsay is a newer member of the club emanating from one of the Narrabeen High School Squads and has already proved himself to be a most valuable all round club member, and a very willing and conscientious work horse. My personal congratulations go to Barry, John and Lindsay for a job well done.

I would like at this stage to honour the efforts of the various Officer Bearers of the club and the different committees, as these men are the spearhead of the club.

The President, Dick Twight, carried out his duties with the usual Twight dedication we have come to expect. Apart from being a wonderful ambassador for the club and the movement at various functions, Dick's all round life saving ability and surf knowledge is a great asset and there is no doubt in my mind that a considerable degree of the success of our swimmers is owed to the tactics and advice offered by Dick prior to important races.

The Secretary, Wal Judge, as usual, operated in an unobtrusive, but consistent manner. In my opinion the Secretary's job is the most arduous and onerous of any position in a voluntary organisation and is possibly the most underrated job by the club members due to the lack of glamour associated with it. Much work goes on behind the scenes by a Club Secretary, and the club is indeed fortunate in having had the services of Wal Judge for such a long period and my thanks go to Wal for yet another good year.

When I come to talk about your Treasurer, Bill Goodman, I am at a loss for words because what more can be said about a man who has completed 25 consecutive years as Treasurer of your club, is a life member and an Honour Blazer holder. These things speak for themselves.

Vice Captain John Ellis was a tower of strength to me and John's full ability and potential was brought to light during the period of my inaction due to a foot injury suffered at the Ocean Beach Carnival. In this six weeks period John was called on to take over the captaincy of the club, including official duties at the Annual Dinner, and it was pleasing to me to receive reports that John had carried out his job in a most mature and workman-like way.

Words could not adequately describe the job carried out by Chief Instructor Alan Leathley during the season. Not only as Chief Instructor but with the many hundreds of other things Alan did for and with the Club. Reference to the list of award winners is tribute in itself to Alan's activities, but his efforts reach far above the normal level expected of any club office bearer and to Alan go my personal and heart felt thanks for a magnificent job.



Ralph Chequer — Former Australian Champion and Club Captain. Australian Senior Belt Champion 1926/27, 1928/29. Passed away 21.6.67.

Also my congratulations go to the various award winners who I hope will continue their membership of Collaroy for a long time to come.

As most of us know the build-up of the club was greatly assisted several years ago by the concentration by Dick Twight and Alan Leathley on the coaching of boys from the Narrabeen High School for their Bronze Medallion and Qualifying Certificates. We have gained outstanding members from the Narrabeen High project over the last three seasons and once again last year was no exception and the club should give a great deal of thanks to Dick Twight and Alan Leathley and the other members who assisted with the coaching of these boys during their spare time mid-week.

Registrar Col Newman and his assistant John Farrell once again had a very full programme. The Club has a very extensive range of events during the season proper and Col handled these in a very capable and efficient way, and I am sure the members appreciated the manner in which the events were conducted and the variety of competition offered to them.

Boat Captain, Graham Bruce, and his Vice Captain Peter Alford maintained the Club's boats in first class condition and the boat sweep team of Graham Bruce, John Brown, and Darryl Ford, brought about the most successful year in competitive boat racing the club has experienced for some time.

Boating has not been one of the strong points of the Club's competitive activities over the previous seasons, but the efforts of the Collaroy crews last season was very very heartening and augurs well for the future.

Apart from his boating activities Darryl Ford in his role of Publicity Officer performed an excellent job and the club's name and news was always prominently featured in local and Sydney press and very often on T.V., notably Channel 10.

The S.L.S.A. Delegates, Barry McConville and John Ellis with the occasional assistance of other club officials performed their difficult and tedious job extremely capably and the committee always received comprehensive and accurate reports of proceedings at branch meetings.

I would now like to make mention of the activities of the various committees in the club. Firstly, the General Committee was always attended by its members and the activities and administration of the club were always keenly and earnestly debated, which of course, is a very healthy sign.

Last season saw the introduction of the Life Saving Committee following the passing of a Notice of Motion at last year's Annual Meeting. I think it is safe to say that the Life Saving Committee proved to be a valuable part of the Club's operation and assisted in streamlining the Club's administration.

Another committee which was innovated for the first time was the Ways and Means Committee.

Mention of the Ways and Means Committee is made elsewhere in this report but without doubt the success of this committee, comprised mainly of senior members of the club with considerable business experience, contributed greatly to the improved position of the club's finances.

The Social Committee under the leadership of Reid Barton also undertook a heavy programme, and whilst certain functions were not as well attended as they could have been the Club members owe a debt of gratitude to Reid and the Social Committee, plus the ladies who assisted at various times.

Another important part of the club's fund raising activities is the 50 Club. The 50 Club is organised by Mick Chapman and without Mick's dedication to this very important and time consuming job the 50 Club would have probably fallen by the way side. Mick's efforts raised a considerable amount of money for the club and my personal thanks go to Mick Chapman for his outstanding and sustained effort.

At this juncture I would like to refer to the Coaches who contributed in no uncertain manner to the degree of success attained by the club in open competition last season.

Firstly, mention must be made of Graham Carlisle, Coach of the Collaroy March Past Team. It is now history that Collaroy for the second successive year won every Championship March Past Competition, plus a large number of other open inter-club carnival events. Graham's reputation has now spread far afield and he is openly acknowledged as Australia's leading March Past Coach and we can only hope that Graham will continue his efforts with the Collaroy teams for many years to come.

Collaroy has had an excellent record, particularly over recent seasons, in beach event competition. Last season the coaching and handling of beach sprint and relay competitors was undertaken by Rob Senior with the Senior and Junior competitors and Bob Langbein Snr, concentrated on the cadet relay team and beach sprinters. Collaroy members were consistent place getters throughout the season in beach relay and sprint events and the results are a tribute to Rob and Bob.

It was particularly pleasing to me to see Rob Senior at work at the N.S.W. and Australian Titles. Robin was like the veritable "mother hen" with his attention to the runners and it was a just reward to see the performances various beach event competitors turned in.

Dick Twight and Alan Leathley were appointed Club R. & R. Coaches for the 1967/68 season and through their dedicated efforts the foundation is undoubtedly laid for the future when we hope to obtain the coveted Senior R. & R. Premiership of Australia.

The success of our boat crews was mentioned earlier and this was undoubtedly due to the regular coaching and training instituted by the respective sweeps, Graham Bruce, John Brown and Daryl Ford.

Speaking generally of the competition side I feel I would be correct in stating that the Club's competitive record last season was the most outstanding in its history. I do not intend to individualise as the competition results are listed elsewhere and in any case space would not permit the covering of every individual outstanding performance because there were so many. All I can say is that I had the pleasure and pride to witness most of them.

The Club gained National, State, Metropolitan and Branch Titles in various events and whilst the performances involved with the winning of these titles were magnificent to say the least let us not forget the host of other competitors who competed for our Club to the greatest extent of their ability and helped to make the Club such a strong force in competition. Quite frequently members helped out by filling in team positions to make sure Collaroy got a start and my personal thanks go to each and every competitor who wore a red cap last season.

To contradict what I said previously about individualising on performances I would like to make mention of the success of various members

of our club who competed at the N.S.W. Malibu Board Riding Championships held on the central coast. As this was a very specialist event it went unnoticed by a large number of our members. Rod McQueen, John Bond, Geoff Moss, and other members of the club competed with distinction at this championship with Geoff Moss emerging as the N.S.W. Junior Malibu Board Riding Champion and his efforts were rewarded with a valuable prize.

Once again the club valued its association with Collaroy Men's Amateur Swimming Club from which body we have obtained many fine members, a lot of whom still belong to both organisations. Both the Swimming Club and the Surf Club were honoured this year by the selection of Mark Anderson in the Australian Olympic Games Team.

Mark is the finest type of competitor and with his modest and unassuming bearing is a credit to his parents, and congratulations of each and every member of our club go to Mark and his parents on his wonderful selection.

The club was also honoured by the selection of various members in representative teams and as details are mentioned elsewhere I will not dwell on this subject except to say that the members involved competed for their various teams with great credit. It is sincerely hoped of course that members of our club are successful in gaining selection for the Australian team to tour South Africa next Summer.

Last season it was Collaroy's turn to conduct the annual rectangular carnival between North Narrabeen, South Narrabeen, Narrabeen and Collaroy Clubs. However due to the unfortunate climatic conditions which severely affected our beach we were unable to run the carnival and were very grateful to the North Narrabeen Club who came to our assistance and took over the running of this popular carnival.

I am pleased to report that the club once again won the rectangular carnival which this time was conducted on a twelve man team basis on similar lines to the Interstate Championships. This method of conducting the rectangular carnival proved very successful and it is my hope that it is incorporated in future carnivals of this nature.

Additionally the club competed with Dee Why and Long Reef Clubs at the annual carnival and Collaroy was again successful although this time by only a very narrow margin to the Dee Why Club who are building up their strength considerably.

In addition to competition at carnivals within the Sydney metropolitan area the club visited Ocean Beach for a carnival earlier in the season and this trip was made by bus. The day was a great success both competitively and socially although I must admit from a personal point of view this was one trip I wish I had not undertaken due to the damage suffered to my foot. The Club also visited the South Coast for a carnival.

Various club members and supporters rendered valuable service to the club throughout the season in many and various ways and in this regard I would like to mention our unofficial ladies auxiliary. Here again I do not propose to individualize but to each and every one of the girls who helped the club at

various functions, in fund raising activities and by their moral support to their respective husbands, families and the club at carnivals, I offer my sincerest thanks.

When presenting a report of this nature it is very difficult to cover every aspect of the club's activities and to remember to thank everyone who assisted the club. To anyone I have missed please accept my apologies for the oversight but please know that your efforts were appreciated.

To sum up the season in retrospect I do not think we would be boasting if we said the club had a great year. This could possibly be an understatement.

Competitively the club record speaks for itself. Administratively the club functioned in an efficient and business like manner.

In respect to lifesaving and patrolling of the beach, which is our main and most important function I feel that this was generally on a highly satisfactory level with possibly some small degree of fall-off in the latter part of the season. Not necessarily in respect of attendance but rather the manner in which the patrols were operated. I did notice a tendency for some patrol members, particularly when large numbers were rostered, to wander away from their patrol location.

Whilst I must take the blame for this laxity I must point out to all members rostered for patrol duties next season that it is your responsibility, whether you are a patrol captain or not, to do your job whilst you are on patrol, and support your patrol captain and the club to your fullest. The patrolling function of any surf club is its prime object and I would like you all to consider the fact that any inattention on your part may cause a life to be lost one day, and this I feel you will agree, is a most frightening thought. Next season observe the motto of the association to its utmost, and I quote "Vigilance and Service".

Gentlemen, as some of you may already know I do not intend standing for the position of Club Captain this coming season. I would like to thank my fellow office bearers over the last three seasons and each and every club member for the wonderful support they have given me during this time.

For my part it was a privilege and an honour to have been the Captain of the Collaroy Club and it is a period of my life which I will never forget.

I have gained tremendous satisfaction and pride from watching the various events unfold themselves over the years and I will look forward to Collaroy rising to greater heights in the future.

Finally, gentlemen let me remind you that we are part of a great surf club and it is up to all of us to do everything in our power to keep it this way.

Thank you all.

B. C. CRIPPS — CAPTAIN.

LIST OF AWARDS

INSTRUCTORS CERTIFICATE

A. R. Barton J. I. Farrell
J. G. Lilley

BRONZE MEDALLION

J. G. Mitchell M. R. Howard
P. F. Nordish S. G. Brown
J. C. Levett J. O. Bennett
J. D. Cottee W. I. Elias
H. P. Armstrong D. Black
R. J. Gale S. A. McBurnie
M. J. O'Neil T. W. Cottee
P. A. Lorant G. K. Wood

P. M. Doherty

NARRABEEN HIGH

M. P. Amster J. H. Lilley
J. Putland G. Williams

FOREST HIGH

L. Jansma R. J. Firth
I. R. Miller K. D. Hambling
G. T. Forde R. Wilcock

QUALIFYING CERTIFICATE

B. C. Browne P. C. Riches
G. C. Browne D. A. Walsh
J. Miles

NARRABEEN HIGH

D. J. Mason M. Yolan
G. R. Field G. J. Marshall
D. R. Sizeland K. W. Lambkin
P. N. Leonard P. B. Hackforth
P. C. Worrell D. L. Tapp
C. P. Mellish W. M. Sym
R. Langelaar S. Hancock
R. A. Paillas S. K. Mingo
R. J. Gartner S. J. Low
S. J. Miller S. C. Witte
S. R. Evans P. M. Ryan
K. Hart W. B. Wood
M. R. McCulloch B. Deladervanche
T. W. Hardie

PATROL OFFICER'S REPORT

We have, once again, completed a season at Collaroy, without a drowning occurring during patrol hours.

Fortunately, few rescues had to be effected, owing to the slight to moderate seas which prevailed over most weekends, however, mainly to the vigilance of Patrol Captains and their ability to avert potentially dangerous situations, before they arose.

Some patrol members however tend to become very slack in their duties, simply because the seas appear calm, not realising that poor swimmers can get into difficulties, regardless of the state of the surf. Under these conditions a Patrol Captain who can keep his team members alert and interested in their voluntary work, is to be warmly congratulated.

One who comes readily to mind is John Graham, Captain of Patrol No. 5, who ably assisted by his brother Norm, led his team to a well deserved win in the Inter-Patrol Competition, with a total of 617 points, out of a possible 635 points. Other members of the squad are I. Montgomery, G. Moss, J. Cochran, R. Langbein, G. Browne, S. Cummings and G. Miles. Congratulations on a job well done!

SOCIAL REPORT

It was pleasing to see that more members attended the social functions this year than in previous years. In particular, the junior members and newly turned senior members attended almost all the functions in force.

One of the most successful events of the year was the catering and general setup at the State Championships at Kingscliff Beach on the Far North Coast. A large 12' x 18' tent was set up on the beach for the duration of the titles and this became the mess hall, resting place, change room and in general the Chief Headquarters for our stay there. Fresh pineapple, bananas and pineapple juice were available during the days and lunches and dinners were served at meal times. Particular thanks must go to Allan Leathley and Laurie Walsh for their help

Patrol No. 8 led by B. Eastoe, finished second with 601.5 points and Patrol No. 1, led by R. Barton and Patrol No. 7, led by M. Watson dead heated for third place with 601.0 points.

Results of the Branch Patrol Competition are not yet to hand, but Collaroy, as in recent seasons, performed very creditably and is well up with the leaders.

As was the case in 1966-67, I am much in debt to our Club Captain, Barry Cripps, for his unceasing efforts, also his very able Vice-Captain, John Ellis. Moreover I was very fortunate in having John Henderson appointed Deputy Patrol Officer in the first half of the season, which was very much appreciated. John was transferred to South Australia, by his employers, in December 1967 but a capable and enthusiastic replacement was found in Lindsay Campbell.

To all the above mentioned gentlemen, and to the Committee as a whole, my thanks to you all for making my job a relatively simple one.

B. McCONVILLE,
PATROL OFFICER.

in this project. Also the "girls" were of tremendous help when meals were served.

Other functions held during the year included:

Ocean Beach Carnival.
Stanwell Park Carnival.
Annual Club Dinner.
Four Sunday afternoon (6-9 p.m.) Cabarets.
Victory Celebrations after the State and Australian Titles.
Club Photo Celebration Day.
Australian Titles Victory Dance and Film Night (Special thanks to Darrell Ford and Graham Bruce for the films).

Financially the Social Committee usually lost a small amount on the social functions held but this was more than offset by the two Election Day Raffles and the Lightning Beach Raffles held during the year. Thanks must be given to the efforts of Lindsay Campbell and John Farrell in these raffles.

Additional equipment such as knives, forks, spoons, pots and pans etc. were purchased by the Social Committee during the year and this should make future functions and catering much easier. The funds for this also came from the raffles.

FIRST AID TREATMENT

The Club's Casualty Room was once again manned throughout the season by Mr. A. E. Wheeler, of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, to whom we extend sincere thanks for his most capable assistance. Records show that about 571 surfers received treatment for injuries. The sum of \$55, being a half share of the Casualty Room donations box.

At most of our social functions there was a small group of members that did most of the work and I must thank them for their efforts this year. John Cochrane, Peter Montgomery, John Ison and Wal. Edmonds were of particular help.

Last and by no means least, I must thank Mick Chapman for all the work and effort he has put in this year. Without his help none of the social functions would have been possible.

REID BARTON,
SOCIAL SECRETARY.

PREMISES REPORT

During the early part of 1968 the Club has been able to let both Friday and Saturday nights regularly. This has resulted in the income from the hall lettings rising about \$500 as compared to the previous year; however if these regular lettings can be held a considerable increase should result in the coming season.

During the year Apex Surf Art Union No. 5 was run in order to assist the Club's team to the State Championships at Kingscliff Beach. Nearly \$2,100 was spent on this team of which \$1,808.24 was received from the proceeds of the Art Union early in May. These proceeds being received after 30.4.68 do not appear in the balance sheet for the 1967-68 season. It is also pointed out that at the 30th April an amount of \$1,075 was still to be paid in connection with the same Championships.

With the surplus funds available at the end of the season together with the income from the Hall during the winter, the Committee has put in hand three projects to improve the amenities. The hot water supply is being increased by the installation of a larger unit to replace the old one which is worn out. The facilities for the ladies in the upstairs Hall are being enlarged by the addition of two

was forwarded to the Manly-Warringah Branch of the Brigade.

The Club also extends its appreciation to our Hon. Medical Advisers, who so often assisted in more serious cases where prompt medical attention was required.

additional toilets and an additional area has been given to the Club by the Warringah Shire Council being formerly part of the public dressing sheds. We wish to record our appreciation of the Council's generous gesture, and also for repairing the Clubhouse roof.

During the year Mr. B. Smythe resigned as a member of the Premises Committee as he found that his business commitments prevented him from adequately carrying out his share of the work. Mr. A. Barton has been temporarily acting as a member of the Committee during the last few months, but it is obvious that if the third member of the Committee is to be available when required he should not hold an official position that entails him being tied up with other duties on the beach or in the Clubhouse.

Once again we wish to acknowledge our debt to the Staff of the Odeon Milk Bar for their assistance in running the Hall; to Mrs. Goodman for looking after the bookings, and to Mr. W. Judge, who, as the Club's Caretaker, did an excellent job.

W. GOODMAN,
for Premises Committee.

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the first time for many years the past season has been one in which there has been a reasonable amount of finance available to meet the Club's commitments as they fell due. This has been largely due to the splendid efforts of the Ways and Means Committee which raised nearly \$1,900 and thus obviated the necessity to transfer funds from the Premises Account to the General Account. This has in turn enabled the Premises Committee to carry out further improvements which would not otherwise have been possible. As a result of the Art Union a team was sent to the State Championships at a cost of more than \$2,000.

The past season saw the expenditure of the General Account rise by about \$600, the whole of the extra being spent on new equipment and repairs to existing gear. However income for the year is about \$1,100 higher than last year, resulting in a carry over of almost \$500 which will enable the Club to pay for the Annual Reports, new gear required during the winter in preparation for the coming season and the costs of the presentation which will be held at the end of the winter, without drawing on income properly applicable to the coming season.

W. J. GOODMAN,
HON. TREASURER.



Ways and Means Committee — Back Row: A. Chapman, R. Barton, G. Carlisle, B. Cripps. Front Row: R. Wright, W. Bradford, R. Barker, W. Goodman.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Despite the practical non existence of the beach at times during the season, a full programme of events was conducted, resulting in some very tight finishes. It was pleasing to see so many new faces each week providing the regulars with a higher standard of competition. However, as the results show, only very few members were consistent in their efforts to compete weekly. Performances such as Ian Montgomery's in winning three championships, Paul Booth and Gary Montgomery each with a championship and point score win and easy wins in surf point scores by Mike Bradford (A Grade) and John Levett (C Grade) are well worth mentioning. My congratulations go to all other members who gained places and to those who were not so fortunate — there is always next season.

The Bruce Bartlett Memorial, an annual competition conducted in memory of a great all round surfer, was won by John Bond, who had an excellent knowledge of the Blue Handbook.

A moderate surf provided a photo finish on Sunday, 24th March, when ten crews contested the Bede Brodigan Memorial Boat race. Alan White, a visitor from Triggs Island, W.A., with the help of D. Black, P. Van de Venn, B. Eastoe and M. Munro, was the eventual winner by .2 of a second.

Perhaps the most popular event of the season, the Intra-Club R. & R. was held on 26th November with seven teams lining up. Neil Montgomery's team, with experienced life savers of the calibre of Graham Carlisle, John Ison and Wally Edmonds, outdrilled its opponents to win comfortably after three rounds.

The Annual Beach Football match between the "Young-uns" and "Old-uns", in memory of Barry Woodley, has yet to be played, owing to the present state of the beach. A cricket match, however, was played between these two teams on 3rd December at Griffiths Park, Long Reef, with the "Young-uns" winning by one run, on the first innings.

The Collaroy Cup, an annual 20 x 50 metres relay against the Collaroy Swimming Club this year showed, with a win by 50 metres, why our Club is one of the strongest in the movement.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all those who have made my job so interesting, especially my assistant John Farrell, and hope that the laying of an extra buoy for B. and C. Grade Surf Races made the 1967-68 season a most enjoyable one for you all.

C. M. NEWMAN,
HON. REGISTRAR.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Open Surf		Junior Surf		Cadet Surf	
	Pts.		Pts.		Pts.
I. Montgomery	19	M. Bradford	18	M. O'Neill	36
R. Cooper	12	I. Montgomery	18	B. Browne	12
J. Cottee	12	T. Hixson	12	G. Browne	7
T. Dawson Memorial		Junior Belt		Novice Surf	
P. Drake	15	J. Finlay	24	G. Montgomery	12
R. Cooper	12	T. Hixson	12	G. Wood	7
J. Finlay	12	G. Wood	10	P. Booth	7
Open Beach Sprint		Junior Beach Sprint		Cadet Beach Sprint	
D. Newman	24	G. Moss	25	R. Langbein	36
P. Booth	18	G. Montgomery	15	W. Montgomery	6
C. Senior	15	N. Fitzgerald	12	J. Miles	6
Iron Man		Malibu Board			
I. Montgomery	25	P. Booth	25		
I. Wallis	18	I. Wallis	21		
P. Booth	16	I. Montgomery	12		
A Grade		B Grade		C Grade	
M. Bradford	37	P. Booth	27	J. Levett	34
J. Cottee	21	J. Farrell	26	J. Ison	27
M. Munro	21	G. Montgomery	25	A. Chapman	26

POINT SCORES

PRE-SEASON

G. Montgomery	36
P. Booth	33
J. Ellis	30

GENERAL EVENTS

B. B. Memorial Boat

A. White (S)
D. Black
P. Van de Ven
B. Eastoe
M. Munro
(24.3.68)

Intra-Club R. & R.

N. Montgomery
G. Carlisle
W. Edmonds
M. Bradford
J. Ison
C. Newman
P. Van de Ven
(26.11.67)

Teams C'ship

P. Booth
P. Morgan
R. Maguire
G. Montgomery
R. Greer
M. Armstrong
(4.2.68)

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Bob Langbein — Undefeated in Cadet Beach Sprints 1967/68. Manly-Warringah Metropolitan and N.S.W. Champion 1967/68.

GENERAL EVENTS (Continued)

Bruce Bartlett Memorial		Christmas Surf	
J. Bond	29½	1. W. Abbott	
G. Moss	26½	2. C. Bradford	
J. Ellis	26½	3. T. Hixson	

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Most Outstanding Member	Most Improved Junior	Non-Winners
G. Montgomery	M. Dixon	J. Ellis
Most Improved Member	Most Outstanding Cadet	
J. Farrell	R. Langbein	

INTER-CLUB COMPETITION

Listed later are the results of Collaroy Competitors at Inter-Club Carnivals throughout the season. However, the list does not tell the full story of the extent of Collaroy's competitive strength. The Club was always very well supported by the number of our Members who wore the red cap and it is this all-round strength in competition and the willingness of Members to participate in events when asked which made the Club the force it was.

For the first time in many seasons, Collaroy Boat Crews were prominent and earned the respect of rival crews. The regular training programmes instituted by sweeps Graham Bruce, John Brown and Daryl Ford played a major part in the all-round improvement.

15-year old Ian Montgomery captured the imagination of the surfing public by his seemingly effortless performances in Iron Man events. The sight of Ian's slender figure perched on Alan Leathley's 30-year old surf-ski caused amazement when 'Inkie' consistently filled places.

Beach event competitors gained many places throughout the season in Beach Sprint, Beach Relay and Musical Flag competitions.

It is the Club's ambition to eventually win the Senior R. & R. Pennant in the not-too-distant future, and performances of our Junior and Senior R. & R. teams throughout the season have laid the foundations for this hope to be fulfilled.

Our surf swimmers must be regarded as the strongest all-round combination in Australia at this stage. This was proved by the winning of both Junior and Senior Surf teams' Championship at the N.S.W. and Australian titles. Also, Chris Bradford's courageous win in the Australian Open Surf Championship, plus the stroke for stroke performances of Juniors Mark Anderson and Tim Hixson in events throughout the season, particularly major titles. Great support was also given, particularly in teams events, by Rick Cooper, Brook Worthington and John Cottee.

It is very heartening for us to know that three of last season's Junior teams competitors will also be Juniors for the coming season, and this fact, plus the addition of new member John Bennett to our swimming strength, we hope will assist Collaroy to maintain its current status.

The March Past Team's record speaks for itself.

WINTER ACTIVITIES

The 1967 season saw Collaroy's Basketball team still battling for a place in the semi-finals. The team was unlucky not to get there, finishing fifth. The 1968 competition is expected to be hard fought and it is possible that with the introduction of a board floor that the competition will be much keener.

In September 1967 Collaroy's captain, W. Goodman, was selected to represent N.S.W. as a referee at the Australian Junior Championships in Melbourne. This honour was gained for the fourth time when he again travelled to Melbourne with the N.S.W. team in May 1968.

FOOTBALL

In the 1967 winter no Beach Competition was run. No Competition has yet been run on the beach in 1968, but the Club has entered C Grade and E

Grade teams in the local Junior Rugby League competition and at the time of printing both teams are well placed in their respective grades.

PLACINGS AT CARNIVALS 1967-68

Date	Day	Beach	Placings
11.11.67	SAT.	OCEAN BEACH	March Past, 1st 8.1 pts.; Cadet B. Sprint, W. Monty; Brace Relay, B. Hill/I. Monty; Jnr. Surf Teams, 1st; B. Sprint, D. Newman 3rd.
9.12.67	SAT.	STANWELL PARK	March Past, 2nd 11.2 pts.
16.12.67	SAT.	AVALON OPEN	Mach past, 1st 3.0 pts.; Jnr. R. & R., 3rd 9.68 pts.; Open Surf, 2nd C. Bradford; Beach Relay, 3rd; Jnr. Belt, 3rd J. Finlay.
26.12.67	TUES.	NTH. NARRABEEN OPEN	March Past, 1st 5.5 pts.; Jnr. R. & R., 2nd 11 pts.; Open Surf 3rd C. Bradford; Cadet B. Relay, 2nd; Open M. Flags, 1st D. Newman; 'B' Open Surf, 1st B. Eastoe, 3rd P. Golden; Cadet B. Sprint, 1st R. Langbein.
1.1.68	MON.	STH. CURL CURL OPEN	March past, 1st 5.5 pts.; Novice Surf, 1st J. Cottee; Cadet B. Sprint, 1st R. Langbein; Cadet M. Flags, 2nd R. Langbein; Iron Man, 2nd I. Montgomery.
6.1.68	SAT.	WANDA OPEN	March past, 1st 6 pts.; Jnr. Belt, 3rd J. Finlay; Iron Man, 2nd I. Montgomery.
13.1.68	SAT.	QUEENSLIFF OPEN	March past, 1st 6.5 pts.; Jnr. Belt, 2nd J. Finlay; Novice Surf, 2nd N. Fitzgerald; Cadet B. Relay, 2nd; Cadet B. Sprint, 1st R. Langbein; Cadet B. Sprint, 2nd Watson.
20.1.68	SAT.	NORTH STEYNE	Jnr. Belt, 1st J. Finlay; Open Surf, 1st C. Bradford; Jnr. Surf Teams, 1st; March Past, 1st 5.5 pts.; Novice Surf, 1st N. Fitzgerald; Iron Man, 2nd I. Montgomery, 3rd B. Eastoe; Sen. Surf Teams, 2nd; Cadet B. Sprint, R. Langbein 1st; Cadet M. Flags, R. Langbein 2nd; Open M. Flags, P. Booth 3rd; Malibu Brace Relay, 2nd; Cadet B. Relay, 1st; Jnr. R. & R., 2nd. 10.78 pts.; Jnr. Boat, 3rd; Jnr. Surf, 2nd I. Montgomery; Chariot Race, 2nd.
27.1.68	SAT.	MANLY OPEN	March Past, 1st 4.5 pts; Open Surf, 1st C. Bradford.
29.1.68	MON.	FRESHWATER	March Past, 1st 8.5 pts.; Cadet B. Sprint, 1st R. Langbein; 'B' Grade Surf, 2nd I. Montgomery; Cadet B. Relay 2nd.
3.2.68	SAT.	MAROUBRA INTER-BRANCH	March Past, 1st 7 pts.; Cadet Surf, 3rd M. O'Neill.
4.2.68	SUN.	MONA VALE M-W BRANCH	March Past, 1st 3 pts.; Open Surf, 1st R. Cooper; Jnr. Boat, 1st; Jnr. Surf, 2nd P. Monty; Jnr. R. & R. 2nd; Sen. B. Relay, 3rd; Cadet Sprint, 1st R. Langbein; Cadet B. Relay, 2nd.
10.2.68	SAT.	LONG REEF OPEN	March Past, 1st 6.5 pts.; Open Surf, C. Bradford, 3rd; Cadet Surf, 1st D. Morshel, 3rd M. O'Neill; Cadet Beach Sprint, 1st R. Langbein.
24.2.68	SAT.	BILGOLA M-W BRANCH	March Past, 1st 7 pts.; Sen. Belt, 1st J. Finlay; Jnr. Boat, 2nd; Sen. B. Relay, 2nd; Iron Man, 2nd I. Montgomery; Sen. Musical Flags, 2nd P. Booth; 3rd D. Newman; Sen. B. Sprint, 2nd D. Newman, 3rd P. Booth; Cadet B. Sprint, R. Langbein 1st.
2.3.68	SAT.	NTH. NARRABEEN M-W BRANCH C'SHIPS.	March Past, 1st 5.7 pts.; Jnr. Belt, 1st J. Finlay; Iron Man, 2nd I. Montgomery, 3rd B. Eastoe; Jnr. Surf, 1st T. Hixson, 2nd M. Anderson, 3rd P. Montgomery; Sen. Surf, 1st C. Bradford, 3rd R. Cooper; Sen. Surf Teams, 1st; Jnr. Surf Teams, 1st; Jnr. Non C'ship. Surf, 2nd M. Howard; Cadet B. Sprint, 1st R. Langbein.
9.3.68	SAT.	BONDI METROP. C'SHIPS.	March Past, 1st 5.0 pts.; Jnr. Surf, 2nd M. Anderson; Jnr. Teams, 1st; Sen. Surf, 2nd, R. Cooper; Sen. Surf Teams, 2nd; Open B. Sprint, 2nd D. Newman; Cadet B. Sprint, 1st R. Langbein; Jnr. Belt, T. Hixson, 3rd; Open B. Relay, 3rd.
17.3.68	SUN.	KINGSCLIFF STATE C'SHIPS.	March Past, 1st 3.0 pts.; Jnr. Surf, 1st M. Anderson, 3rd T. Hixson; Jnr. Surf Teams, 1st 24 pts.; Sen. Surf Teams, 1st 15 pts.; Cadet B. Sprint, R. Langbein, 1st; Open Beach Relay, 3rd.
7.4.68	SUN.	WARRIEWOOD M-W BRANCH	March Past, 1st 3.0 pts.; Sen. R. & R., 1st; Jnr. Surf, M. Anderson, 1st, B. Worthington 3rd; Cadet Surf, 1st M. O'Neill, 2nd J. Miles, 3rd D. Morschell; Sen. Belt, 2nd J. Bennett; Jnr. Belt, 1st, J. Findlay, 2nd T. Hixson; Open B. Sprint, D. Newman 3rd; Open M. Flags, D. Newman, 2nd; Open B. Relay, Jnr. B. Relay, 2nd; Cadet M. Flags, D. Walsh 2nd.
13.4.68	SAT.	NTH. CRONULLA INTER-STATE	March Past, 1st 7.2 pts.
14.4.68	SUN.	AUSTRALIAN C'SHIPS.	March Past, 1st 1.0 pt.; Sen. Surf Teams, 1st; Jnr. Surf Teams, Open Surf, C. Bradford 1st; Jnr. Surf, T. Hixson 3rd.



Mark Anderson and Tim Hixson finishing 1st and 2nd in Australian Junior Surf Teams Championship 1967/68. Team members: M. Anderson, T. Hixson, B. Worthington, J. Cottee. Winners of N.S.W. and Australian Junior Surf Teams Championships 1967/68.

NEW SOUTH WALES STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS — KINGSCLIFF BEACH

The decision of the N.S.W. State Centre to allocate the 1967/68 N.S.W. State Championships to Kingscliff Beach on the far North Coast of N.S.W. necessitated travel arrangements of almost the same magnitude as those associated with trips to interstate.

Regarding accommodation, the club decided to utilize the Motel at Coolangatta where the club stayed in 1966 for the Australian Championships. The distance from Coolangatta to Kingscliff Beach was only about eight miles even though Kingscliff and Coolangatta are in different states.

In preliminary organization it was decided that most members would travel to Coolangatta on the Friday before the Championship weekend, and return to Sydney on the Monday following.

The usual fund raising activities were commenced and members were feverishly selling art union tickets at the last minute to cover their travel and accommodation expenses.

As it turned out, a team of 62 members travelled to Coolangatta and Kingscliff for the N.S.W. State Championships, and this proved to be the largest Collaroy team to ever undertake a championship trip. The bulk of the members, approximately 40 in all, arranged to fly directly from Sydney to Coolangatta, with other members travelling via car and other means.

Considerable pre-planning went into the organization of this trip and at this stage I would like to mention the magnificent gesture of Allan Leathley, who offered to drive his truck to Coolangatta plus a trailer which he towed for the purpose of taking reels, surf boards, and surf skis etc. Accompanying Allan on the trip was Social Secretary, Reid Barton who was in charge of catering affairs over the weekend, and the club members gave Allan and Reid a big welcome when they arrived in Coolangatta loaded down, not only with boards, skis and reels etc., but with many pounds of bananas, pineapples, and various other items of food stuffs which they had acquired along the way. In addition Reid and Allan brought a large tent with them which was to be of great value over the weekend and this tent was loaded by the courtesy of one of Mr. Dick Wrights' many friends.

As most members arrived in Coolangatta by mid-day on the Friday various training programmes were organised in the afternoon including R. & R., March Past, and boat training.

During the Friday afternoon a pleasant surprise was received when a telegram advised that Secretary, Wal. Judge had donated \$20 towards the entertainment costs of the week-end. Graham Carlisle also made a similar gesture and I would like to thank both Wal and Graham for their generosity which did a lot towards making the weekend successful socially as well as competitively.

To get down to the serious side of things we awoke on Saturday morning to face the usual and now expected long and drawn out Saturday competition at the N.S.W. Titles. This is the day when eliminations, heats, etc., are carried out and it is a difficult day to say the least.

However conditions were made easier due to the outstanding facilities provided by Reid and Allan who with the assistance of Laurie Walsh and other club members erected the large tent adjacent to the main marshalling area and also set up food handling

facilities. The presence of this tent meant that Collaroy members were able to meet always at a central place and take advantage of rest breaks and at the same time have food provided for them both for lunch and evening meals. I feel the very fact that this tent and the associated facilities were there contributed towards great team spirit in no uncertain manner.

The eliminations conducted over the first day of the carnival went almost to plan for us with the exception of the disqualification of the Junior Boat Crew on a technical point. The Junior A Crew rowed brilliantly to win their heat, and it was a bitter disappointment to John Brown and his crew when the disqualification was announced following an unofficial protest by a rival club sweep.

As mentioned the crew was disqualified on a technical point and although aware of the prior circumstances I did not foresee the possible outcome so I must take full responsibility for this unfortunate incident.

Following the completion of an otherwise generally satisfactory but tiring day members of the team journeyed back to the motel where discussions were held regarding our prospects for the finals. We realised that it would be difficult to win the Viscount Boat once again due to the handicap imposed on us which incidentally was the same as the handicap placed on North Cronulla, last years winners. We did consider however we were a good prospect for the Bank of N.S.W. Reel Trophy which was for a non-handicap points score. We also were hopeful of winning several Titles.

A curfew was imposed on all competitors for the Saturday evening and early nights were the order of the day.

Sunday morning dawned to a bustle of activity with the March Past Team firstly being involved with an early morning training session, and with the carnival programmed such as it was it necessitated certain competitors being at the beach by 8.30 a.m.

Our first thrill of the day occurred when the Senior Surf Teams Championship of N.S.W. started and the Collaroy team of Bradford, Cooper, Anderson and Hixson, performed in magnificent fashion and ran out clear winners.

Shortly after this the Junior Surf Teams Event was conducted and the team selected comprised Anderson, Hickson, Worthington, and John Cottee. As there was only a short time between the Senior and Junior teams this meant that Mark Anderson and Tim Hickson had to double up with only a brief rest period. However Mark and Tim led the field around the buoys with Worthington and Cottee close on their heels, hotly pressed by a group of competitors with Clovelly swimmers prominent. On the swim home it looked like another easy victory for the Collaroy team, however as often happens in surf races a series of waves made up and the whole complexion of the race was changed when waves which carried the middle section of the field caught the Collaroy swimmers past the leaders. However last ditch challenge magnificently and the great efforts of the four Collaroy swimmers in beating the opposition out of the water brought the title to our Club.

However our supporters did go through a mild series of heart attacks as the placings were counted and re-counted when mistakes due to excitement



Tim Hixson — 3rd place N.S.W. and Australian Junior Surf Championships 1967/68. Member of winning Collaroy teams in N.S.W. and Australian Junior and Senior Surf Teams Championships 1967/68.

were made. A careful analysis revealed that Collaroy and the Clovelly Club each had obtained 24 points but as Collaroy had the first four swimmers home the Title was ours.

Although not in order of happenings I would like to make mention of other events in which Collaroy prominently figured.

The various beach event eliminations were being conducted and the final of the Cadet Beach Sprint Championship saw Bob Langbein Jnr. lining up at the start. This great young competitor shows every signs of becoming an Australian Senior Beach Sprint Champion of the future, and his big time temperament should stand him in good stead. Bob had the remarkable record of being unbeaten in the cadet beach sprint competition last season, and won the N.S.W. Title by a very clear margin. It is unfortunate that there is no Australian Cadet Beach Sprint Championship, as I am confident Bob would have added this to his laurels.

The Junior R. & R., following an excellent performance in the heats on Saturday, had qualified for the final but with a most difficult swim involved were not able to finish in a major place. However it is obvious that the members of this team will stand the club in great stead for the future when it is hoped that the same lads will be standing on the dais at a future Australian Championship to receive the Senior R. & R. Championship pennant.

Following the luncheon adjournment during which time the members of our large team congregated at the Collaroy tent to be served lunch by Reid Barton and a group of female helpers, the time for the March Past Championship drew near. The usual prechampionship tension started to become apparent with the butterflies fluttering in quite a few stomachs. The course was a fairly long one although the beach was almost perfect for march past competition, being almost completely flat.

The marshalling for the large number of teams starting in the event was very capably organised by Manly-Warringah Branch Official and Club Member Hector McDonald, and the event soon got underway. Following the completion of the march the teams lined up for the grand parade and then awaited the result. It was a great moment when the result was announced with Collaroy being placed first, and a proud team marched up to receive the very coveted Viscount Reel.

Earlier the Junior Beach Relay Team had qualified for the final and although putting up a gallant effort did not manage to fill a major placing.

Doug Newman similarly had qualified for the final of the Senior Beach Sprint and once again Doug, although a comparative veteran ran a great race and was unfortunate in missing out on a placing.

During the afternoon the tide had dropped and considerably changed the sea conditions, and the Junior Surf Race field lined up with quite a number of Collaroy starters being present. Mark Anderson gave a masterly display of surfing, and ran out an easy winner with Tim Hixson filling a very valuable third place.

The Open Beach relay team following brilliant efforts in the heats and semi-final had qualified for the final and this event necessitated a re-run due to a rather controversial incident in the first attempt. In the re-run the Collaroy team put up a magnificent

performance and gained third placing behind Kilcare who turned out to be the eventual winners of the Australian Championship.

By the time the open surf race final was due to start the tide had dropped even further and it became obvious that the conditions favoured competitors with outstanding wading ability. Even though the state of the surf did not favour our competitors both Chris Bradford and Rick Cooper performed in outstanding fashion and gained placings sufficiently high enough to qualify them for the Australian Championships.

At this stage it was obvious that we were not going to be able to overcome our handicap and win the Viscount Boat which was subsequently won by the Bondi Club to whom must go our heartiest congratulations.

However our strong all round performance enabled us to win the Bank of N.S.W. points score competition for which the prize was a fully equipped stainless steel reel including a canvas cover. We were naturally very pleased to win the competition and the reel which is a valuable addition to the club's gear.

When the day ended Collaroy had won five N.S.W. Championships and had been placed in other events as well as qualifying for several other finals. Additionally as mentioned earlier the club also won the Viscount Reel and the Bank of N.S.W. Reel. All in all a wonderful team effort.

A rather exuberant team returned to our motel at Coolangatta where arrangements had been made with the motel owners Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stafford to conduct a celebration function for club members and their friends.

To assist in this regard a former Collaroy resident Mr. Neil Weir, kindly journeyed up from his hotel at Ballina to assist with the provision of liquid refreshments.

Although everyone was very tired at the end of the two day carnival our function was a great success and we had the opportunity to entertain several members from the Board of Examiners, including our own member Neil Montgomery who was beach event starter during the Championship carnival.

Although a few members left for home on the Sunday evening the bulk of our team departed from the motel on Monday by either car or plane, with a small group staying on for a few days.

The motel owner Mr. Bill Stafford indicated his appreciation of the boys behaviour over the weekend by donating a considerable quantity of soft drinks to our junior and cadet members.

The trip to the N.S.W. Titles, was I feel, a great success in every way. Apart from one or two very minor problems the behaviour of the team members was outstanding, and the manner in which they conducted themselves was a credit to Collaroy Club, and the surf life saving movement. At the risk of repeating myself I would stress the point that the outstanding team spirit which exists in the Club was largely responsible for the success of our tour.

As Team Manager I had the utmost co-operation from various members who assisted in the jobs that had to be done, and by the rest of the team.

To all the members of the team I would like to say thank you.

B. C. CRIPPS,
TEAM MANAGER.



Mark Anderson — N.S.W. Junior Surf Champion 1967/68. Member of winning Collaroy teams in N.S.W. and Australian Junior and Senior Surf Teams Championships 1967/68. Member of N.S.W. State Team 1967/68. Selected in Australian Olympic Games Team for Mexico 1968.

COPY OF LETTER FROM COOLANGATTA BEACH MOTEL

Cnr. Marine Parade & Dutton St.
Coolangatta
Gold Coast, Q. 4225
30th March, 1968.

The Secretary,
Collaroy Surf Life Saving Club,
P.O. Box 18,
COLLARROY. 2097.

Dear Sir,

Following on your Club's visit to our Motel, I would like to put on record our thanks, firstly that you chose to stay with us and secondly of the good general behaviour of the boys whilst they were here.

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 1967/68 — NORTH CRONULLA BEACH

The approach of Easter 1968 brought with it the mounting excitement which comes about when the Australian Championships are about to commence.

The fact that the Titles were being held at North Cronulla of course eliminated the usual transport and accommodation arrangements which normally accompany a trip to Australian Titles held interstate.

Before proceeding further with my report I would like to compliment the North Cronulla Club on the manner in which they had prepared the carnival area, and for the general organization and facilities.

Various Collaroy members competed in the events which were held on Good Friday including the Taplin Relay and various board riding events, but no major success was obtained.

Easter Saturday of course heralded the start of the Interstate Championships and Collaroy was represented by Mark Anderson and Chris Bradford as members of the N.S.W. State Team. Both Chris and Mark justified their selection in no uncertain manner, and performed in outstanding fashion. Chris Bradford did scare us considerably however when after the Interstate Senior Teams race he collapsed on the finishing line after putting in the usual big-hearted Bradford effort. Subsequent events however proved that Chris' collapse was only of a temporary nature.

The results of the interstate championship are now history and despite the efforts of the two Collaroy competitors N.S.W. was unable to win the event.

Regarding the Saturday competition in general I feel the most significant thing was the March Past competition. Although Collaroy had been successful on two previous occasions in winning the Australian March Past Championship the team had never been able to win the Interstate March Past conducted on the Saturday. This event, whilst bearing no championship status is usually a guide to the attitude of the judges and an indication of the form of rival teams.

This year the Collaroy team managed to win its first Interstate March Past Event, narrowly defeating Bundaberg and Mereweather although point scoring was exceptionally high for an event of this nature.

On the Saturday the President and myself were rather concerned at the sea conditions prevailing. If the conditions which existed on Saturday had con-

tinued to the Sunday when the inter-club championships were to be held then we would have had a major selection problem posed to us in respect of the Junior Surf Teams Event.

The team which won the N.S.W. Title included John Cottee, a new member of the Club. John's still water experience and record is brilliant but we were very worried about John's relative inexperience in the surf.

However when we arrived at the beach on Sunday morning we found the sea had altered slightly and after considering the distance of the swim we decided to start the team of Mark Anderson, Tim Hixson, Brook Worthington, and John Cottee, with Peter Montgomery as first reserve.

In summing up our prospects for the championship carnival prior to the day we considered that we had a chance to win five titles with an outside chance to win two or three others.

The Junior Surf Teams Championship of Australia was the first event in which Collaroy figured and following careful consideration of the surf conditions Dick Twight instructed the team on the tactics which were to be followed.

As I have stated previously Dick's experience and tactical advice has helped Collaroy win quite a number of major surf events, and the Junior Teams' race was no exception. The Collaroy team, spearheaded by Mark Anderson and Tim Hixson, swam exactly to plan and with the four Collaroy swimmers finishing in the first ten places a clear victory was gained by the Collaroy team. This was the first Australian Surf Teams' Title ever won by Collaroy in its history and naturally excitement was high amongst our supporters.

Collaroy was at this time featuring in heats of the boat races and the Senior A Crew performed very well to win their heat and qualify for the semi-final. Although the crew did not manage to reach the final the club was very proud of their efforts.

The Junior A Crew were once again dogged by misfortune when a week prior to the title Rod McQueen suffered a fracture of the arm which naturally eliminated him from the crew. The stand-in rower, Rus Firth, turned in a fine performance but the crew was unable to make the final.

Beach event heats were also being conducted and as these came to a conclusion the club was pleased to see that Doug Newman, a former Australian Champion, had qualified for yet another Australian beach sprint championship final. Doug has had a remarkable record in championship competition

and although unable to fill a major placing performed with great credit.

Similarly the beach relay team also qualified for the final of the Australian Championship and it was a great thrill for Rob Senior to see his team get this far. Rob worked tremendously hard with the preparation of the team and it was a tribute to Rob's efforts to see the team make the final. Although the team did not manage to win the title it nevertheless performed in great fashion.

One of the first events after lunch was the Senior Surf Teams Championship of Australia and the Collaroy team for this event was Chris Bradford, Rick Cooper, Mark Anderson and Tim Hixson. In the N.S.W. Titles the senior surf teams had a very comfortable win whereas the Junior Team had a tremendous fight due to the fact that waves from the back of the field upset the positions in the race very considerably.

In the Australian Championships the situation was reversed. As mentioned earlier the Junior Team had a relatively easy win but in the Senior Race a series of waves brought competitors from behind the field which altered things considerably.

Prior to the event we considered that main opposition would come from Surfers Paradise, Clovelly, and possibly the Lorne Club of Victoria. When the race started and it was evident early that Collaroy swimmers were following their pre-race tactics to the letter and our swimmers were placed in a very handy position when the field rounded the buoys.

As the field reached the wave area it became obvious that a series of waves were mounting up which were likely to favour the back markers. This became a fact and our safe position became horribly endangered when a number of swimmers caught waves from the back and it appeared as if it was anyone's race.

Our swimmers, realising the need to make every place count, battled strongly to the finish and all four Collaroy swimmers came out well up in the field.

Due to the confused nature of the finish, and with a large number of the competing clubs being placed in the first twenty swimmers, the result was very obscure although we were confident that Collaroy had won.

The result was not to be announced for some time so supporters had to settle down for a nervous wait.

Whilst the Senior Surf Team Championship was being conducted, March Past teams had assembled in the area prior to the start of the title event. Once again coach and sole selector Graham Carlisle was again faced with the difficult job of team selection. Following the last training run on Sunday morning Graham announced to the team that he was not yet able to make a final selection and would not make a decision until just prior to the event.

This point was a tribute to the team as a whole and meant that there was very little between members competing for places in the team.

However Graham finally announced the team approximately 30 minutes before the marshalling time and the team members who were omitted showed their true sportsmanship in assisting the selected members with final preparations.

After the success of the previous day the team was quietly confident, fully realising that this was

the event for which the team had been training for 6 months.

The March Past finally got underway and eventually the team came to a halt to await the result. After a short time we were thrilled to hear the announcement that Collaroy had won the Australian March Past Title with a loss of only one point being a clear three points ahead of the second place getter, South Curl Curl.

The Prime Minister of Australia was present at the carnival to present the trophy and a very proud team marched up to the presentation area. It was a very emotional and moving moment when the National Anthem was played prior to the Prime Minister's speech and the presentation of the trophy to Coach and Team Captain Graham Carlisle.

I might mention at this stage that the result of the Senior Surf Teams Championship was announced just as our March Past Team approached the second marching judge who had docked us severely on the previous day. The team was elated to hear that Collaroy had won the Senior Surf Teams Championship, and this news made them even more determined, with the result that they got past the judge with no points lost.

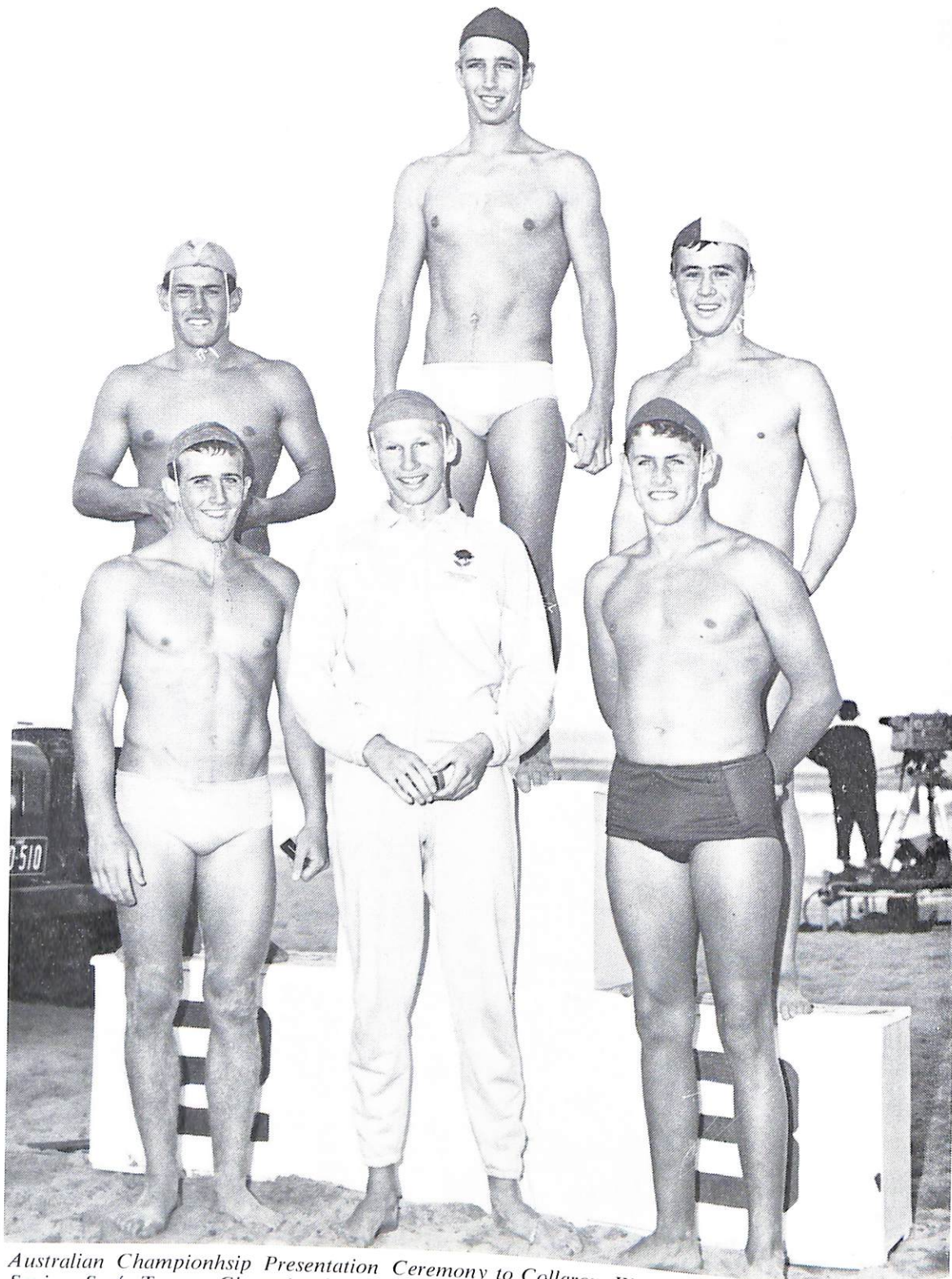
Not long after, the Junior Surf Race field lined up with Collaroy's Mark Anderson and Tim Hixson facing the starter. I would like to make mention at this stage of the fact that both Mark and Tim had previously competed in both the Junior and Senior Surf Teams events and by their wholehearted team spirit in putting in a maximum effort in both events had undoubtedly prejudiced their chances in this individual Title which featured such prominent swimmers as Scot Derwin of Merewether and Graham White of Lorne.

After the start Derwin and White gained a slight break on the field as the swimmers emerged through the break and although Mark and Tim put up a valiant effort it was obvious that their prior competition had taken its toll. Both Collaroy swimmers however pressed the leaders very closely and in fact Tim Hixson managed to swim on to the same wave as Derwin and White. However, the run of the wave did not favour Tim and he gained third place behind White and Derwin in that order. Mark Anderson finished an outstanding fourth so once again the "Red Caps" were placed in very prominent positions.

Another event most worthy of mention was the Cadet Surf Race Championship of Australia which was won by the capable Cronulla cadet Kevin Neilson. Our own Collaroy swimmer Mitchell O'Neil swam a great race and finished a very creditable ninth place.

The final event of the day in which Collaroy figured was the Open Surf Championship of Australia and as mentioned previously we were very concerned at Chris Bradford's chances due to his collapse on the day previously, plus his great swim in the Senior Surf Teams victory.

As the race got underway Graham White emerged from the break with a clear lead over the rest of the field with Chris Bradford being in second place some eight or ten yards behind White. At this stage of the race even the most optimistic of our supporters did not anticipate what was to come. Chris gradually pegged back the lead held by White and had reduced this distance to about five yards when the buoys were negotiated. On the swim home Chris closed the gap even further and it became obvious that he was following instructions closely



Australian Championship Presentation Ceremony to Collaroy. Winners of N.S.W. and Australian Senior Surf Teams Championships 1967/68. Team Members: C. Bradford, R. Cooper, M. Anderson, T. Hixson.

and was in a much better position than White in respect to the run of the waves.

Much to our delight a wave appeared behind Chris and it was a tremendous sight to see the red cap on Bradford's head sliding down the front of the wave.

Amidst scenes of wild excitement in the Collaroy camp Chris burst from the water and crossed the line as winner of the Australian Open Surf Championship. A remarkable feat considering that only last year Chris won the Australian Junior Surf Championship.

As the various presentations were made, a large

PERSONAL

The Committee wishes all those members who joined the ranks of the Benedicts during the year good health, happiness and prosperity.

Births: To all members who have been blessed

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group of excited Collaroy members and supporters gave enthusiastic cheers to our winners.

As the day drew to a close we left the beach with the thrilling realisation that Collaroy had won four Australian Titles and had gained one third placing.

Thus ended another Australian Championship Carnival and members and supporters returned to Collaroy where victory celebrations were held in the Club House and the various happenings of the day were relived many times.

B. C. CRIPPS,
CLUB CAPTAIN.

with family increases, congratulations are extended. Obituary: On behalf of the Club, the Committee wish to express their deepest sympathy to all members who have suffered family bereavements.

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CONCLUSION

The season 1967-68 has been a memorable one for your Club in Carnival competition, Membership, Club competition, Inter Club Carnivals and Club activities generally.

Your Committee Members have devoted considerable time and energy to all Club Administration and feel proud of the results. Reports from the officers of the Club show the splendid results of all sections and all members who participated in helping to keep the Life Saving Movement to the fore are congratulated for the wonderful result.

It is a difficult task to single out any one member of the Committee for special mention as all have worked exceedingly hard, however, I would like to congratulate Chief Instructor Allan Leathley on an outstanding effort and offer my personal thanks and appreciation for his help. This season saw the appointment of two new Committees — Life Saving and Ways and Means. Personnel on the Ways and Means Committee are not necessarily Committee

Members, the work done by both these committees relieved the work of the General Committee very considerably and is greatly appreciated.

Once again Barry Cripps and his Officers by their zeal have kept the Patrol team work at a high level enabling the No Lives Lost while Patrols were on duty sign to be again raised.

All in all 'thanks a lot' to all Committeemen for a job well done.

The Committee desires to thank all members for the support extended during the year and trusts the same interest will be extended to the incoming Committee.

Finally, as Secretary, my thanks to our President and Office Bearers for their help and forbearance during the year, and may I be allowed to express the hope for bigger and better things for the future.

W. G. JUDGE, J.P.
Hon. Secretary.

ADDENDUM

Congratulations are offered to every member for his personal contribution in allowing the club to have such a wonderful season.

The new Ways & Means Committee gave us the depth and experience that have been so sadly lacking and all members of the team can rest assured that their effort is greatly appreciated.

The club has now hit the top in competition.

patrols are sound, and above all we have a wonderful team spirit, the problem now is to retain this standard without the services of champion Club Captain, Barry Cripps who retires after completing a three year term, congratulations Barry.

R. TWIGHT,
President.

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